

# Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT)

QFT is effectively a change of basis

Computational basis  $|x\rangle$   $\text{QFT}|x\rangle = |\tilde{x}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y}{N}} |y\rangle$

$|x\rangle \in \{0, 1\}^n$   $N = 2^n$

$|x\rangle \in \{0, 1\}^2$   $\underbrace{00, 01, 10, 11}_{2^2}$

1 qubit:  $\text{QFT}|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{y=0}^1 e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot 0 \cdot y}{2}} |y\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) = |+\rangle$

$x \in \{0, 1\}$   $N = 2$   $n = 1$   $\text{QFT}|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{y=0}^1 e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot 1 \cdot y}{2}} |y\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + e^{\pi i} |1\rangle)$   
 $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = |-\rangle$

QFT for 1 qubit is Hadamard transform  $H|0\rangle = |+\rangle$   
 $H|1\rangle = |-\rangle$

$n = 3$ :  $|\tilde{x}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \sum_{y=0}^7 e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y}{2^3}} |y\rangle$

$\sum_{y=0}^7 \equiv \sum_{y_1=0}^1 \sum_{y_2=0}^1 \dots \sum_{y_8=0}^1$

$|y\rangle = |y_1 y_2 \dots y_8\rangle = |y_1\rangle \otimes |y_2\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |y_8\rangle$

$|\tilde{x}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \sum_{y_1=0}^1 \sum_{y_2=0}^1 \dots \sum_{y_8=0}^1 e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y}{2^3}} |y_1 y_2 \dots y_8\rangle$

$|\tilde{x}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y}{N}} |y\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y}{N}} |y_1 y_2 \dots y_n\rangle$

$|y\rangle = |y_1 y_2 \dots y_n\rangle = |0100110\rangle$

$1101 \equiv 2^3 \cdot 1 + 2^2 \cdot 1 + 2^1 \cdot 0 + 2^0 \cdot 1$   
 $= 2^{n-1} \cdot y_1 + 2^{n-2} \cdot y_2 + \dots + 2^0 \cdot y_n$   
 $= \sum_{k=1}^n y_k \cdot 2^{n-k}$

$N = 2^n$

$e^{x_1 + x_2 + x_3} = e^{x_1} \cdot e^{x_2} \cdot e^{x_3} \dots$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x}{N} \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{n-k} \cdot y_k} |y_1 y_2 \dots y_n\rangle$   
 $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x}{2^n} \sum_{k=1}^n 2^{n-k} \cdot y_k} |y_1 y_2 \dots y_n\rangle$   
 $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} e^{2\pi i \cdot x \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \cdot y_k}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sum_{y=0}^1 e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y/2} |y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n y_k/2^k} |y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \prod_{k=1}^n e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y_k/2^k} |y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sum_{y_1=0}^1 \sum_{y_2=0}^1 \dots \sum_{y_n=0}^1 \prod_{k=1}^n e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y_k/2^k} |y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \prod_{k=1}^n \sum_{y_k=0}^1 e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y_k/2^k} |y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\rangle
\end{aligned}
\quad \left. \begin{aligned} e^{\sum_i x_i} &= \prod_i e^{x_i} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Take  $n=2$  :

$$\sum_{y_1=0}^1 \sum_{y_2=0}^1 e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y_1/2} |y_1, y_2\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot 0/2} |00\rangle + e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot 0/2} |01\rangle + e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot 1/2} |10\rangle + e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot 1/2} |11\rangle \\
&= |00\rangle + |01\rangle + e^{i \cdot \pi \cdot x} |10\rangle + e^{i \cdot \pi \cdot x} |11\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$x = |00\rangle = 0 \Rightarrow |00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = |01\rangle = 1 \Rightarrow |00\rangle + |01\rangle - |10\rangle - |11\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \cdot \sum_{y_1=0}^1 \sum_{y_2=0}^1 \dots \sum_{y_n=0}^1 \prod_{k=1}^n e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y_k/2^k} |y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\rangle \dots (i) \dots$$

Coefficients :

$$\begin{aligned}
|000\dots 0\rangle &= 1 \\
|000\dots 01\rangle &= e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^n} \\
|000\dots 11\rangle &= e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^{n-1}} \cdot e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^n} \\
&\vdots \\
|11\dots 1\rangle &= e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^1} \cdot e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^2} \dots e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^n}
\end{aligned}
\quad \left. \begin{aligned} y_j=0 &\Rightarrow e^{2\pi i \cdot x \cdot y_j/2^k} = 1 \\ y_n=1 &\Rightarrow e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^n} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

CLAIM : (i) =  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \cdot (|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^1} |1\rangle) \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^2} |1\rangle) \otimes \dots \otimes (|0\rangle + e^{2\pi i \cdot x/2^n} |1\rangle)$

Coefficients:  $|00\dots 0\rangle = 1$

$|00\dots 01\rangle = e^{2\pi i \cdot x / 2^n}$

$|00\dots 11\rangle = e^{2\pi i \cdot x / 2^{n-1}} \cdot e^{2\pi i \cdot x / 2^n}$

$\vdots$

$|11\dots 1\rangle = e^{2\pi i \cdot x / 2^1} \cdot e^{2\pi i \cdot x / 2^2} \dots e^{2\pi i \cdot x / 2^n}$

$|x\rangle = |x_1\rangle \otimes |x_2\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |x_n\rangle$

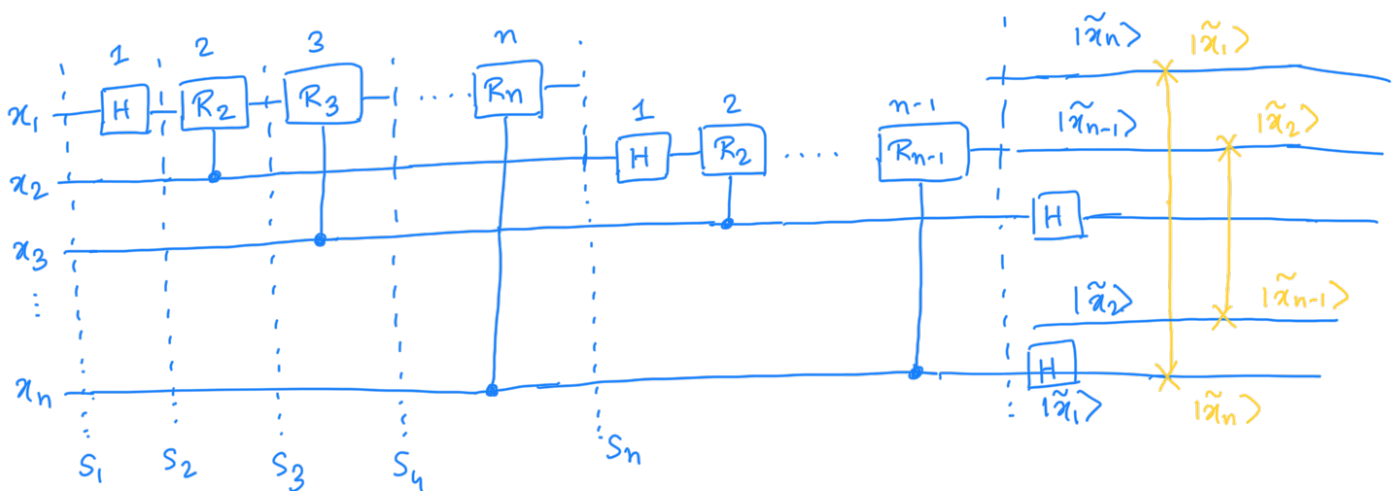
QFT  $\downarrow$

$|\tilde{x}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left( |0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x}{2^1}} |1\rangle \right) \otimes \left( |0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x}{2^2}} |1\rangle \right) \otimes \dots \otimes \left( |0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x}{2^n}} |1\rangle \right) \checkmark$

1)  $H|x_k\rangle \begin{cases} x_k=0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \\ x_k=1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \end{cases} \left\{ \frac{|0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x_k}{2}} |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} \checkmark$

2)  $R_k|x_j\rangle = e^{\frac{2\pi i \cdot x_j}{2^k}} |x_j\rangle \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} x_j=0 \rightarrow |0\rangle \\ x_j=1 \rightarrow e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^k}} |1\rangle \end{array} \right.$

$R_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^k}} \end{bmatrix}$



$S_0: |x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_n\rangle$

$S_1: \left( |0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2} \cdot x_1} |1\rangle \right) \otimes |x_2\rangle |x_3\rangle \dots |x_n\rangle$

$|x_1\rangle |x_2\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Swap}} |x_2\rangle |x_1\rangle$



$$S_2: (|0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2} \cdot x_1} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^2} \cdot x_2} |1\rangle) \otimes |x_2 x_3 \dots x_n\rangle$$

$$S_3: (|0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2} \cdot x_1} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^2} \cdot x_2} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^3} \cdot x_3} |1\rangle) \otimes |x_2 x_3 \dots x_n\rangle$$

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$$S_n: (|0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2} \cdot x_1} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^2} \cdot x_2} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^3} \cdot x_3} \dots e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^n} \cdot x_n} |1\rangle) \otimes |x_2 x_3 \dots x_n\rangle$$

$$= (|0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2} \cdot x_1 + \frac{2\pi i}{2^2} \cdot x_2 + \dots + \frac{2\pi i}{2^n} \cdot x_n} |1\rangle) \otimes |x_2 x_3 \dots x_n\rangle$$

$$= (|0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^n} \cdot [2^{n-1} \cdot x_1 + 2^{n-2} \cdot x_2 + \dots + 2^0 \cdot x_n]} |1\rangle) \otimes |x_2 x_3 \dots x_n\rangle$$

$$= \underline{(|0\rangle + e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^n} \cdot x} |1\rangle)} \otimes |x_2 x_3 \dots x_n\rangle$$

$$\# \text{ gates} = n + (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$+ \frac{n}{2} \text{ swap gates}$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{n}{2} = \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} = \frac{n^2}{2} + n = O(n^2) \text{ gates}$$

$$2^n = N \Rightarrow n = \log N \Rightarrow O((\log N)^2) \text{ gates}$$

Classical

Fast Fourier Transform :  $O(N \log N)$

$(\log N)^2 \rightarrow$  roughly savings by a factor of  $N = 2^n$

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exponential saving