

Simple quantum algorithms

5.1 Deutsch Algorithm

Let $f : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. We want to decide whether $f(0) = f(1)$ or $f(0) \neq f(1)$ using one U_f evaluation.

Step 1 $|\psi_0\rangle = (H \otimes H)|01\rangle = (1/2)(|00\rangle - |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle)$.

Step 2 Let $U_f : |x, y\rangle \mapsto |x, y \oplus f(x)\rangle$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_1\rangle &= U_f |\psi_0\rangle \\ &= (1/2)(|0, f(0)\rangle - |0, 1 \oplus f(0)\rangle + |1, f(1)\rangle - |1, 1 \oplus f(1)\rangle) \\ &= (1/2)(|0, f(0)\rangle - |0, \neg f(0)\rangle + |1, f(1)\rangle - |1, \neg f(1)\rangle). \end{aligned}$$

Step 3 $|\psi_2\rangle = (H \otimes I_2)|\psi_1\rangle = \gamma[(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)(|f(0)\rangle - |\neg f(0)\rangle) + (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)(|f(1)\rangle - |\neg f(1)\rangle)]$.

Step 4 Measure the first qubit of $|\psi_2\rangle$:

Case 1. If $f(0) = f(1)$, then $|\psi_2\rangle = |0\rangle(|f(0)\rangle - |\neg f(0)\rangle)$ and we get the measurement

Case 2. If $f(0) \neq f(1)$, then $|\psi_2\rangle = |1\rangle(|f(0)\rangle - |\neg f(0)\rangle)$ and we get the measurement

5.2 Deutsch-Jozsa Algorithm and Bernstein-Vazirani Algorithm

Let $S_n = \{0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$ and $f : S_n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. We want to decide whether f is constant or balanced.

Step 0 $|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle^{\otimes n} |1\rangle$

Step 1 $|\psi_1\rangle = (W_{n+1})|\psi_0\rangle = \gamma(\sum_x |x\rangle)(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$.

Step 2 Let $U_f : |x\rangle|c\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|c + f(x)\rangle$ and set

$$|\psi_2\rangle = U_f|\psi_1\rangle = \gamma \sum_x |x\rangle (|f(x) - \neg f(x)\rangle) = \gamma \sum_x (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

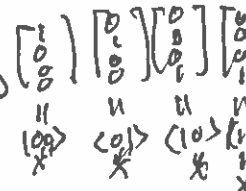
The first equality follows from the fact that $f(x) + (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$ always equals $|f(x) - \neg f(x)\rangle$.

For the second inequality, if $f(x) = 0$ then $|x\rangle(f(x) - \neg f(x)) = |x\rangle(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) = (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$, and if $f(x) = 1$ then $|x\rangle(f(x) - \neg f(x)) = |x\rangle(|1\rangle - |0\rangle) = (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$.

Step 3 $|\psi_3\rangle = (W_n \otimes I_2)|\psi_2\rangle = \gamma \left(\sum_{x,y} (-1)^{f(x)} (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle \right) (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$.

To see the equality, we need to show that $W_n \sum_x |x\rangle = \sum_{x,y} (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle$. Note that the rows of W_n are $|y_0\rangle, \dots, |y_N\rangle$ with $|y_r\rangle = |r\rangle$. We can label the entries of $|v\rangle = W_n(\sum_x |x\rangle)$ using $|r\rangle$. Then, the first entry of $|v\rangle$ is the sum of the first entries of $W_n|0\rangle, W_n|1\rangle, \dots, W_n|N\rangle$ and equals $\sum_x (-1)^{x \cdot 0}$; the second entry of $|v\rangle$ is the sum of the second entries of $W_n|0\rangle, \dots, W_n|N\rangle$ and equals $\sum_x (-1)^{x \cdot 1}$, so that the r th entry of $|v\rangle$ is the sum of the r th entries of $W_n|0\rangle, W_n|1\rangle, \dots, W_n|N\rangle$ and equals $\sum_x (-1)^{x \cdot r}$. Renaming r as y , we see the equality. For example, if $n = 2$,

$$W_2 \sum_x |x\rangle = \sum_x \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} |x\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_x (-1)^{y_0 \cdot x} \\ \sum_x (-1)^{y_1 \cdot x} \\ \sum_x (-1)^{y_2 \cdot x} \\ \sum_x (-1)^{y_3 \cdot x} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{x,y} (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle$$



Step 4 Measure the first n qubits.

Case 1. If f is constant, then $|\psi_3\rangle = \gamma |0\rangle^{\otimes n} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$.

Case 2. If f is balanced, then the probability of the measurement of the first n -qubits equal $|y\rangle = |0 \dots 0\rangle$ is proportional to $\sum_x (-1)^{f(x)} (-1)^{x \cdot 0} = \sum_x (-1)^{f(x)} = 0$ because half of the $f(x)$ values are 0 and the rest are 1.

Bernstein-Vazirani algorithm

Suppose $f(x) = c \cdot x$. Then the above algorithm will give c in the last step.

5.3 Simon Algorithm

Let $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$. Determine the nonzero $p \in \{0, 1\}^n$ if $f(x \oplus p) = f(x)$. 2^n

1. Set $|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle$ in $\mathbb{C}^N \otimes \mathbb{C}^N$ with $N = 2^n$. Then use the Walsh-Hadamard transformation W_n to get

$$|\psi_1\rangle = (W_n \otimes I)|\psi_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle|0\rangle, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}}.$$

2. Use U_f and n controlled-NOT gates with control qubits $f_k(x)$ to get

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_x |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline 2^n$$

3. Apply measurement $f(x_0)$ to the second state to get

$$|\psi_3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|x_0\rangle + |x_0 + p\rangle) |f(x_0)\rangle.$$

$$\frac{|00\rangle + |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

4. Apply $W_n \otimes I$ again to get

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_4\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_x (-1)^{x \cdot y} |y\rangle |f(x_0)\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_y (-1)^{x_0 \cdot y} [1 + (-1)^{p \cdot y}] |y\rangle |f(x_0)\rangle \\ &= \eta \sqrt{2} \sum_{p \cdot y = 0} (-1)^{x_0 \cdot y} |y\rangle |f(x_0)\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

5. Measure the first state to get $|y\rangle$ such that $p \cdot y = 0$.

The only states $|y\rangle$ with positive probability in the sum are those satisfying $p \cdot y = 0$. Thus, a measurement will always yield such a vector $y_1 = (y_{11} \dots y_{1n})$.

Repeat this to get linearly independent y_1, \dots, y_n such that $p \cdot y_j = 0$ for all j , i.e., we have a linear system

$$(y_{ij})(p_0, \dots, p_{n-1})^t = (0, \dots, 0)^t.$$

We need to do it in $O(n)$ attempts with a good probability. Then solve for p .

$$W_n \sum_x |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is a generalizations of the use of Hadamard gate to compute $W_n \sum_x |x\rangle$ and $W_n \sum_x |f(x)\rangle$.

Replace W_n by $K \doteq K(i,j)$

6.1 Quantum Integral Transform

Let $S_n = \{0, \dots, N-1\}$ with $N = 2^n$ and let K be an $N \times N$ complex matrix with entries $K(i,j)$ with $i, j \in S_n$. Then K is a QIT transform converting $f = (f(0), \dots, f(N-1))^t$ to

$\tilde{f} = (\tilde{f}(0), \dots, \tilde{f}(N-1))^t$ by $\tilde{f} = Kf$.

$$K^{-1} \hat{f} = \hat{f} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{f}(0) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{f}(N-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

If K is unitary (invertible) then

$f = K^\dagger \tilde{f}$ (respectively, $f = K^{-1} \tilde{f}$).

Proposition If $U|x\rangle = K|y\rangle$, then

$$U \left[\sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} f(x)|x\rangle \right] = \sum_{y=0}^{2^n-1} \tilde{f}(y)|y\rangle.$$

$$U \begin{bmatrix} f(0) \\ f(1) \\ \vdots \\ f(N-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}(0) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{f}(N-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

6.2 Quantum Fourier Transform

Suppose $N = 2^n$, $w_n = e^{2\pi i/N} / \sqrt{N}$ and $K = K(x, y)$ with $K(x, y) = (w_n^{-xy})$.

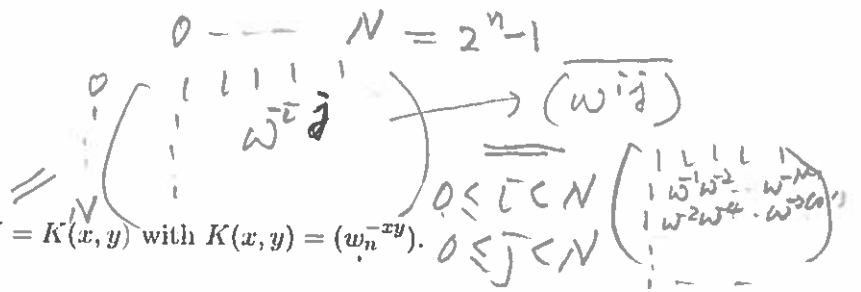
Then $\tilde{f} = Kf$ is a commonly used QFT.

Example When $n = 1, 2$.

$$n=1, N=2 \quad w_n = -1$$

$$K(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{0 \cdot 0} & (-1)^{0 \cdot 1} \\ (-1)^{1 \cdot 0} & (-1)^{1 \cdot 1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$y = 0 \quad 1$

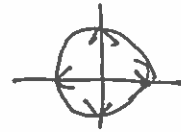


$$n=2, N=4, \quad w_n = i$$

$$K(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} (i)^{0 \cdot 0} & (i)^{0 \cdot 1} & (i)^{0 \cdot 2} & (i)^{0 \cdot 3} \\ (i)^{1 \cdot 0} & (i)^{1 \cdot 1} & (i)^{1 \cdot 2} & (i)^{1 \cdot 3} \\ (i)^{2 \cdot 0} & (i)^{2 \cdot 1} & (i)^{2 \cdot 2} & (i)^{2 \cdot 3} \\ (i)^{3 \cdot 0} & (i)^{3 \cdot 1} & (i)^{3 \cdot 2} & (i)^{3 \cdot 3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & +i \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 & w^3 \\ 1 & w^2 & w^4 & w^8 \\ 1 & w^3 & w^6 & w \end{bmatrix}$$

$$i^{2 \cdot 0}, i^{2 \cdot 1}, i^{2 \cdot 2}, i^{2 \cdot 3}$$

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6.3 Application of QFT to period finding

This is an essential component in the Shor's algorithm.

For a periodic function, $f : S_n \rightarrow S_n$, where $S_n = \mathbb{Z}_2^n$, we want to detect $P \in S_n$ such that

$$f(x) = f(x + P) \quad \text{for all } x \in S_n.$$

$= (1, \dots, P_n)$

Example Let $n = 3, P = 2; f(0) = f(2) = f(4) = f(6) = a, f(1) = f(3) = f(5) = f(7) = b.$

Step 1. Prepare $|\Psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle \in S_3 \otimes S_3.$ $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Step 2. Apply $W_3 \otimes I_8$ to $|\Psi_0\rangle$ and the oracle U_f to get $|\Psi\rangle = \gamma \sum_x |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle.$

Step 3. Apply $F = [e^{-2\pi i xy/8}] \otimes I_n$ to $|\Psi\rangle$ to get

$$|\Psi'\rangle = \gamma \sum_{x,y} e^{-2\pi i xy/8} |y, f(x)\rangle$$

$$= \begin{cases} \gamma |0\rangle [|f(0)\rangle + |f(1)\rangle + \dots + |f(7)\rangle] & (y=0) \\ \gamma |1\rangle [|f(0)\rangle + e^{-2\pi i/8} |f(1)\rangle + \dots + e^{-2\pi i 7/8} |f(7)\rangle] & (y=1) \\ \dots & \dots \\ \gamma |7\rangle [|f(0)\rangle + e^{-14\pi i/8} |f(1)\rangle + \dots + e^{-14\pi i 7/8} |f(7)\rangle] & (y=7) \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (|0, a\rangle + |0, b\rangle + |4, a\rangle + e^{-i\pi} |4, b\rangle).$$

Step 4. Measurement of the first register gives 0, 4. So the period is 2.

Remark In general, the observed value of the first register is one of

$$\frac{1}{P} k \cdot 2^n, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, P-1.$$

Remark :

After getting $\sum_x |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle$, we want to get a vector $\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$ so that one of some of the entries can tell us the answer we want.

$= \{(0, \dots, 0), \dots, (1, \dots, 1)\}$
 $= \{|0, \dots, 0\rangle, \dots, |1, \dots, 1\rangle\}$

6.4 Implementation of QFT

We need the controlled B_{jk} gate corresponds to $U_{jk}|x, y\rangle = e^{-i\theta_{jk}xy}|x, y\rangle$ for $|x, y\rangle \in S_2$, and the Swap gate.

Proposition QFT can be implemented using $O(n^2)$ elementary gates.

6.5 Walsh-Hadamard Transform

The kernel $W_n = ((-1)^{xy})$ defines the discrete integral transform

$$\tilde{f}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{xy} f(x).$$

6.6 Selective Phase Rotation Transform

The kernel $\text{diag}(\theta_0, \dots, \theta_{N-1})$ defines the transform

$$\tilde{f}(y) = \sum e^{i\theta_x} \delta_{xy} f(x) = e^{i\theta_y} f(y).$$

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Let $f : S_n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ be defined by

$C^4 \approx C^2 \otimes C^2$

$|100\rangle, |101\rangle, |1\phi 0\rangle, |111\rangle$

$z = |101\rangle$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = z, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq z. \end{cases}$$

$I - 2|z\rangle\langle z| = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$

Step 1 Define the reflection R_f such that $R_f = I - 2|z\rangle\langle z|$. We have

$$R_f f = \sum_x f(x) R_f |x\rangle = \sum_x (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle \rightarrow (I - 2|z\rangle\langle z|) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2 Construct $D = -I + 2|\varphi_0\rangle\langle\varphi_0|$ with $|\varphi_0\rangle = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} |x\rangle / \sqrt{N}$. $= \frac{2}{N} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} - I_N$

Step 3 Construct $U_f = DR_f$ and its action on $|\varphi\rangle = \sum_x w_x |x\rangle$ with $\sum_x |w_x|^2 = 1$. Then

$$U_f^k |\varphi_0\rangle = a_k |z\rangle + b_k \sum_{x \neq z} |x\rangle \rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{N} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} - I_N \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

such that $a_0 = b_0 = 1/\sqrt{N}$. For $k \geq 1$ we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_k \\ b_k \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{N} \begin{pmatrix} N-2 & 2(N-1) \\ -2 & N-2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{k-1} \\ b_{k-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Here note that $U_f [b_k, \dots, b_k, a_k, b_k, \dots, b_k]^t = [b_{k+1}, \dots, b_{k+1}, a_{k+1}, b_{k+1}, \dots, b_{k+1}]^t$.

Let $c_k = \sqrt{N-1} b_k$. If $(a_0, c_0) = (1, \sqrt{N-1}) / \sqrt{N} = (\sin \theta, \cos \theta)$, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_k \\ c_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ -\sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{k-1} \\ c_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin[(2k+1)\theta] \\ \cos[(2k+1)\theta] \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 4 Maximize $P_{z,k}^2 = a_k^2$ by putting $(2k+1)\theta \approx \pi/2$. For large N we have $m = \lfloor \pi/4\theta \rfloor$ so that $m = O(\sqrt{N})$.

$|\varphi_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow z \quad \therefore a_0 = b_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$

$|v_{k+1}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{bmatrix} b_{k-1} \\ b_{k-1} \\ a_{k-1} \\ b_{k-1} \\ b_{k-1} \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow z$

Then $\left(\frac{2}{N} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} - I_N \right) \begin{pmatrix} b_{k-1} \\ b_{k-1} \\ a_{k-1} \\ b_{k-1} \\ b_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{N} \begin{pmatrix} (N-1)b_{k-1} - a_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ (N-1)b_{k-1} - a_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} b_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ -a_{k-1} \\ b_{k-1} \\ b_{k-1} \end{pmatrix}$