## Quantum Phase Estimation

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This problem occurs in diverse tasks

- Shor's algorithm
- Determining $n^{o}$ of solutions in unstructured search


## A Certain Subroutine

Previous problem uses an important subroutine called

## Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT)

Essentially a change-of-basis operation which encodes information of computational basis states in local phases

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Let $\omega_{1}=e^{i 2 \pi \frac{1}{2}}$. Show that $Q F T_{1}|x\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|0\rangle+\omega_{1}^{1 \cdot x}|1\rangle\right)$
angle of $\pi$ radians

## QFT: 2 Qubits

Let $\omega_{2}=e^{i 2 \pi \frac{1}{4}}$

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& Q F T_{2}|00\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|0\rangle+\omega_{2}^{2 \cdot 0}|1\rangle\right) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|0\rangle+\omega_{2}^{1 \cdot 0}|1\rangle\right) \\
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Use Bloch sphere to study $Q F T_{2}|x\rangle$. Specifically note that

- previously, info. of $|x\rangle$ encoded by vectors pointing to the poles; now is encoded by vectors in the $x z$-plane
- for every $\omega_{2}$-rotation on the second qubit there are two such rotations on the first qubit


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swaps positions of qubits

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\end{aligned}
$$

Actually, it is now easy to extrapolate the general defn. of QFT

$$
Q F T_{n}|x\rangle=\left(|0\rangle+\omega_{n}^{2^{n-1} \cdot x}|1\rangle\right) \otimes \cdots \otimes\left(|0\rangle+\omega_{n}^{2^{0} \cdot x}|1\rangle\right)
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N.B. In both equations above we drop the normalisation factor $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ in each state to make notation easier on the eyes

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Calculation easily extends to $Q F T_{n}$ (in lieu of $Q F T_{3}$ ) which suggests a recursive defn. for the general QFT circuit

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& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} i+\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i \\
& =\frac{(n+1) n}{2}+\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \\
& \approx \frac{n^{2}}{2}+\frac{n^{2}}{2} \\
& =n^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus complexity of QFT is polynomial

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Examples with $n=1$ and $n=2$

$$
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& Q F T_{1}|x\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(|0\rangle+\omega_{1}^{x}|1\rangle\right) \\
& Q F T_{2}|x\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{2}}}\left(|00\rangle+\omega_{2}^{x}|01\rangle+\omega_{2}^{2 \cdot x}|10\rangle+\omega_{2}^{3 \cdot x}|11\rangle\right)
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## Exercises

## Exercise 1

Show that both definitions of QFT coincide when $n=2$

## Exercise 2

Can you show that both definitions coincide for arbitrary $n$ ?

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This is obtained via the circuit


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## Examples

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|10\rangle|y\rangle \mapsto|10\rangle(U U|y\rangle) \text { and }|00\rangle|y\rangle \mapsto|00\rangle|y\rangle
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Note that the multi-controlled operation uses $n$ 'simply'-controlled rotations $U^{2^{i}}$

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$|0\rangle|0\rangle$

$$
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& \stackrel{H^{\otimes 2}}{\mapsto} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{2}}}(|00\rangle+|01\rangle+|10\rangle+|11\rangle) \\
& \stackrel{\text { ctrr. }}{\mapsto} U \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{2}}}\left(|00\rangle+e^{i 2 \pi \phi}|01\rangle+e^{i 2 \pi \phi \cdot 2}|10\rangle+e^{i 2 \pi \phi \cdot 3}|11\rangle\right) \\
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## Exercise

Prove that the circuit returns $x$ with $\phi=x \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n}}$

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Show that $Q F T_{n}|0\rangle=H^{\otimes n}|0\rangle$. Note that this allows to rewrite the previous circuit in the one below


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$n$ 'Hadamards' $+n$ 'simply'-controlled gates $+n^{2}$ gates for $Q F T_{n}^{-1}$

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Q F T_{n}^{-1}|x\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{k=0}^{2^{n}-1} \omega_{n}^{-x \cdot k}|k\rangle
$$

## Exercise

Prove that $Q F T_{n}^{-1}$ is indeed the inverse of $Q F T_{n}$

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Recall the QPE circuit


## Computing again the Output

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& \stackrel{H^{\otimes n}}{\mapsto} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}}\left(|0\rangle+|1\rangle+\cdots+\left|2^{n}-1\right\rangle\right) \\
& \xrightarrow{\operatorname{ctr|}}{ }^{U} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}}\left(|0\rangle+e^{i 2 \pi \phi \cdot 1}|1\rangle+\cdots+e^{i 2 \pi \phi \cdot 2^{n-1}}\left|2^{n}-1\right\rangle\right) \\
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& =\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i 2 \pi\left(k \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n}}+\epsilon\right) \cdot j}|j\rangle \\
& =\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i 2 \pi \kappa \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n}} \cdot j} e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon \cdot j}|j\rangle \\
& \left.\stackrel{\text { QFT-1 }}{\longrightarrow} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i 2 \pi k \cdot \frac{1}{2 n} \cdot j} e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon \cdot j}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{l=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{\left.-i 2 \pi j \cdot \frac{1}{2 n} \cdot \right\rvert\,}| |\right\rangle\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{\left.2^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i 2 \pi k \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n}} \cdot j} e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon \cdot j}\left(\sum_{l=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{\left.-i 2 \pi \cdot \frac{1}{2 n} \cdot \right\rvert\,}| |\right\rangle\right)} \\
& \left.=\frac{1}{2^{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} \sum_{l=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon \cdot j} e^{i 2 \pi j \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n}} \cdot(k-l)}| |\right\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

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We proceed with the assumption $\epsilon \neq 0$

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## Theorem

Let $d^{E}$ and $d^{a}$ be respectively the Euclidean distance and arc length between 1 and $e^{i \theta}$. Then (a) $d^{E} \leq d^{a}$ and (b) if $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ we have $\frac{d^{a}}{d^{E}} \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

## Finally!

Recall $\left|\frac{1}{2^{n}} \frac{1-e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon 2^{n}}}{1-e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon}}\right|^{2}$ is the probability of measuring $|k\rangle$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|\frac{1}{2^{n}} \frac{1-e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon 2^{n}}}{1-e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon}}\right|^{2} & =\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)^{2} \frac{\left|1-e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon 2^{n}}\right|^{2}}{\left|1-e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon}\right|^{2}} \\
& \geq\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)^{2} \frac{\left|1-e^{i 2 \pi \epsilon 2^{n}}\right|^{2}}{(2 \pi \epsilon)^{2}} \quad \quad \text { \{Prev. Thm. (a) \}} \\
& \geq\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)^{2} \frac{\left(\frac{2}{\pi} \cdot 2 \pi \epsilon 2^{n}\right)^{2}}{(2 \pi \epsilon)^{2}} \quad \quad \text { SPrev. Thm. (b) \} } \\
& =\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)^{2} \frac{\left(4 \epsilon 2^{n}\right)^{2}}{(2 \pi \epsilon)^{2}} \\
& =\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)^{2} \frac{\left(2 \cdot 2^{n}\right)^{2}}{\pi^{2}}=\frac{2^{2}}{\pi^{2}}=\frac{4}{\pi^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## QPE + Superposition of eigenvectors

Take a unitary $U$ with eigenvectors $\left|\psi_{1}\right\rangle, \ldots,\left|\psi_{N}\right\rangle$ and associated eigenstates $e^{i 2 \pi \phi_{1}}, \ldots, e^{i 2 \pi \phi_{N}}$

Define $|\psi\rangle=\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(\left|\psi_{1}\right\rangle+\cdots+\left|\psi_{N}\right\rangle\right)$ and consider the circuit


## QPE + Superposition of eigenvectors



## Exercise 1

Show that if $\forall i \leq N . \phi_{i} \in\left\{0 \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n}}, \ldots, 2^{n}-1 \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n}}\right\}$ then the circuit's output is

$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(\left|k_{1}\right\rangle\left|\psi_{1}\right\rangle+\cdots+\left|k_{N}\right\rangle\left|\psi_{N}\right\rangle\right) \quad\left(\phi_{i}=k_{i} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)
$$

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## Exercise 2

Show that in general the circuit's output is

$$
\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\left(\left|\tilde{\phi}_{1}\right\rangle\left|\psi_{1}\right\rangle+\cdots+\left|\tilde{\phi}_{N}\right\rangle\left|\psi_{N}\right\rangle\right)
$$

where each $\tilde{\phi}_{i}$ is the best $n$-bit approximation of $\phi_{i}$ with probability $\geq \frac{4}{\pi^{2}}$

