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This problem occurs in diverse tasks

- Shor's algorithm
- Determining n° of solutions in unstructured search

Previous problem uses an important subroutine called

Quantum Fourier Transform (QFT)

Essentially a <u>change-of-basis</u> operation which encodes information of computational basis states in local phases

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Exercise

Use Bloch sphere to study $QFT_2 |x\rangle$. Specifically note that

- previously, info. of |x> encoded by vectors pointing to the poles; now is encoded by vectors in the xz-plane
- for every <u>w2-rotation</u> on the second qubit there are *two* such rotations on the first qubit

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In order to derive a circuit for QFT_2 , we calculate

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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 QFT_n (*in lieu* of QFT_3) which suggests a recursive defn. for the general QFT circuit

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General QFT Circuit



swaps positions of qubits by doing +1 in base n

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

Thus complexity of QFT is polynomial

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Examples with n = 1 and n = 2

$$\begin{aligned} QFT_1 |x\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + \omega_1^x |1\rangle) \\ QFT_2 |x\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} (|00\rangle + \omega_2^x |01\rangle + \omega_2^{2 \cdot x} |10\rangle + \omega_2^{3 \cdot x} |11\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

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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Examples

$$\ket{10}\ket{y}\mapsto \ket{10}\left(UU\ket{y}\right)$$
 and $\ket{00}\ket{y}\mapsto \ket{00}\ket{y}$

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Note that the multi-controlled operation uses n 'simply'-controlled rotations U^{2^i}

Take a unitary U with an eigenvector $|\psi\rangle$ whose eigenvalue is $e^{i2\pi\cdot\phi}$ ϕ is equal to one of the following values $\left\{0\cdot\frac{1}{4},1\cdot\frac{1}{4},2\cdot\frac{1}{4},3\cdot\frac{1}{4}\right\}$ Take a unitary U with an eigenvector $|\psi\rangle$ whose eigenvalue is $e^{i2\pi\cdot\phi}$ ϕ is equal to one of the following values $\left\{0\cdot\frac{1}{4},1\cdot\frac{1}{4},2\cdot\frac{1}{4},3\cdot\frac{1}{4}\right\}$ In order to discover ϕ we use the circuit



Another Example



$$\begin{split} |0\rangle |0\rangle \\ \stackrel{H^{\otimes 2}}{\mapsto} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle) \\ \stackrel{\text{ctrl. }U}{\mapsto} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} (|00\rangle + e^{i2\pi\phi} |01\rangle + e^{i2\pi\phi\cdot 2} |10\rangle + e^{i2\pi\phi\cdot 3} |11\rangle) \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} (|00\rangle + e^{i2\pi\times\cdot\frac{1}{4}} |01\rangle + e^{i2\pi\times\cdot\frac{1}{4}\cdot 2} |10\rangle + e^{i2\pi\times\cdot\frac{1}{4}\cdot 3} |11\rangle) \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2}} (|00\rangle + \omega_2^{\mathsf{x}} |01\rangle + \omega_2^{\mathsf{x}\cdot 2} |10\rangle + \omega_2^{\mathsf{x}\cdot 3} |11\rangle) \\ \stackrel{QFT_2^{-1}}{\mapsto} |\mathsf{x}\rangle \end{split}$$

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



encodes x in local phases (in the form of rotations)

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n 'Hadamards' + *n* 'simply'-controlled gates + n^2 gates for QFT_n^{-1}

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To answer the previous question, we will use the following explicit defn. of QFT^{-1}

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Prove that QFT_n^{-1} is indeed the inverse of QFT_n

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Computing again the Output

$$\begin{split} |0\rangle \\ \stackrel{H^{\otimes n}}{\mapsto} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle + \dots + |2^{n} - 1\rangle) \\ \stackrel{\text{ctrl. } U}{\mapsto} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \Big(|0\rangle + e^{i2\pi\phi\cdot1} |1\rangle + \dots + e^{i2\pi\phi\cdot2^{n-1}} |2^{n} - 1\rangle \Big) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \Big(|0\rangle + e^{i2\pi(k\cdot\frac{1}{2^{n}} + \epsilon)\cdot1} |1\rangle + \dots + e^{i2\pi(k\cdot\frac{1}{2^{n}} + \epsilon)\cdot2^{n-1}} |2^{n} - 1\rangle \Big) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i2\pi(k\cdot\frac{1}{2^{n}} + \epsilon)\cdotj} |j\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i2\pi k\cdot\frac{1}{2^{n}}\cdotj} e^{i2\pi\epsilon\cdot j} |j\rangle \\ \stackrel{QFT^{-1}}{\mapsto} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i2\pi k\cdot\frac{1}{2^{n}}\cdotj} e^{i2\pi\epsilon\cdot j} \Big(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n}}} \sum_{l=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{-i2\pi j\cdot\frac{1}{2^{n}}\cdot l} |l\rangle \Big) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i2\pi k\cdot\frac{1}{2^{n}}\cdot j} e^{i2\pi\epsilon\cdot j} \Big(\sum_{l=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{-i2\pi j\cdot\frac{1}{2^{n}}\cdot l} |l\rangle \Big) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n}-1} \sum_{l=0}^{2^{n}-1} e^{i2\pi\epsilon\cdot j} e^{i2\pi j\cdot\frac{1}{2^{n}}\cdot (k-l)} |l\rangle \end{split}$$

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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!

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Recall
$$\left|\frac{1}{2^{n}}\frac{1-e^{i2\pi\epsilon^{2^{n}}}}{1-e^{i2\pi\epsilon}}\right|^{2}$$
 is the probability of measuring $|k\rangle$
 $\left|\frac{1}{2^{n}}\frac{1-e^{i2\pi\epsilon^{2^{n}}}}{1-e^{i2\pi\epsilon^{2^{n}}}}\right|^{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)^{2}\frac{\left|1-e^{i2\pi\epsilon^{2^{n}}}\right|^{2}}{\left|1-e^{i2\pi\epsilon^{2^{n}}}\right|^{2}}$ {Prev. Thm. (a)}
 $\geq \left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)^{2}\frac{\left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\cdot 2\pi\epsilon^{2^{n}}\right)^{2}}{(2\pi\epsilon)^{2}}$ {Prev. Thm. (b)}
 $\geq \left(\frac{1}{2^{n}}\right)^{2}\frac{\left(\frac{4\epsilon^{2^{n}}}{2\pi\epsilon^{2^{n}}}\right)^{2}}{(2\pi\epsilon)^{2}}$ {Prev. Thm. (b)}
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Introduction

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Performance

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Recall the Spectral Theorem

How does QPE behave in this setting?

Take a unitary U with eigenvectors $|\psi_1\rangle, \ldots, |\psi_N\rangle$ and associated eigenstates $e^{i2\pi\phi_1}, \ldots, e^{i2\pi\phi_N}$

Define $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} (|\psi_1\rangle + \cdots + |\psi_N\rangle)$ and consider the circuit



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Exercise 1

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

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left(\left| k_1 \right\rangle \left| \psi_1 \right\rangle + \dots + \left| k_N \right\rangle \left| \psi_N \right\rangle \right) \qquad \left(\phi_i = k_i \cdot \frac{1}{2^n} \right)$$

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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 ϕ_i with probability $\geq \frac{4}{\pi^2}$

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