



# Breaking RSA encryption-Shor's Algorithm

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# Come see us!

- Alexandra Kolla/ Graeme Smith: Friday 3:00-4:00 pm, JILA X317.
- Ariel Shlosberg: Tu/Th 2:00-4:00pm, DUANG2B90 (physics help room)
- Steven Kordonowy: Th 11am-12pm, ECAE 124.
- Matteo Wilczak: Wednesday, 1-2pm, DUANG2B90 (physics help room)

# Last Class

- Period finding, DFT, QFT

# Today

- Finish Period finding

# The problem

- One is told that  $f$  is periodic under ordinary addition,  $f(y) = f(x)$ , if  $y = kr + x$ , for any integer  $k$ .
- i.e  $x$  and  $y$  differ by an integral multiple or period  $r$ .
- The problem is to find the period  $r$ .

# DFT

- Let  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/N}$  a primitive N-th root of unity
- $f = (f(0), f(1), \dots, f(N - 1))$  a function
- The Discrete Fourier Transform of  $f$  is defined as

$$F = (F(0), F(1), \dots, F(N - 1))$$

- Where  $F(k) = \sum_n \omega^{kn} f(n)$

# QFT

- Say we have  $n$  qubits. (So  $2^n$  possible basis vectors).

- $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{2^n}}$

- $U_{FT} |x\rangle_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_y \omega^{xy} |y\rangle_n$

# QFT

- $f = (f(0), f(1), \dots, f(N - 1)), N = 2^n$
- $f = \sum_x f(x) |x\rangle_n$
- $U_{FT}(\sum_x f(x) |x\rangle_n) = \sum_y F(y) |y\rangle_n$
- $F(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_x \omega^{xy} f(x)$
- So  $U_{FT}(\sum_x f(x) |x\rangle_n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_y \sum_x \omega^{xy} f(x) |y\rangle_n$



# QFT in matrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} F(0) \\ F(1) \\ \dots \\ F(N-1) \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 & \dots & \omega^{M-2} & \omega^{M-1} \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \dots & \dots & \omega^{2(M-1)} \\ 1 & \omega^j & \omega^{2j} & \dots & \dots & \omega^{(M-1)j} \\ 1 & \omega^{M-1} & \omega^{2(M-1)} & \dots & \dots & \omega^{(M-1)(M-1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f(0) \\ f(1) \\ \dots \\ f(N-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

# QFT in matrix form

- Suggests an  $N^2$  algorithm. Classical FFT is performed in  $O(N \log N)$  steps
- Quantum FT exponentially faster,  $O(\log^2 N)$  !
- Wait, how can an algorithm run in time less than the size of input??

# Smaller than input size?

We know that no algorithm can run in time less than linear in the input size  $n$ , since it at least has to read the input in  $\Omega(n)$  time.

How can the QFT run in time  $\log N$ ?

A) Quantum computers achieve exponential speedup

B) QFT does not need to read the whole input like binary search

C) Input size is actually  $\log N$

D) Some serious magic happening

# QFT in matrix form

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- Quantum FT exponentially faster,  $O(\log^2 N)$  !
- Wait, how can an algorithm run in time less than the size of input??
- Classical FFT always outputs the whole Fourier transform. While Quantum FT is more like Sampling. Measure  $F(k)$  with some probability.

# The Algorithm

- 1) Prepare:  $(H^{\otimes n} \otimes I) |0\rangle_n |0\rangle_{n_0} = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{0 < x \leq 2^n} |x\rangle_n |0\rangle_n$

- 2) Single application of oracle (can be done efficiently for our f):

$$U_f \left( \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{0 < x \leq 2^n} |x\rangle_n |0\rangle_{n_0} \right) = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{0 < x \leq 2^n} |x\rangle_n |f(x)\rangle_{n_0}$$

- 3) Measure output register: If I get some value of f, say  $f(x_0)$ , then input register is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} (\sum_k |x_0 + kr\rangle)$

# The Algorithm

- 4) Apply QFT to  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} (\sum_k |x_0 + kr\rangle)$

# How many multiples of $r$ ?

Assume that  $r$  divides  $N$ .

The superposition  $(\sum_k |x_0 + kr\rangle)$  consists of how many different multiples of  $r$ ?

A)  $N$

B)  $N/r$

C)  $r$

D) It depends on  $x_0$

# The Algorithm

- Assume, for now, that  $r$  divides  $N$ .
- The superposition  $(\sum_k |x_0 + kr\rangle)$  consists of  $N/r$  different multiples of  $r$ .
- So my state after collapse is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{N}{r}}} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{N}{r}-1} |x_0 + kr\rangle \right)$$



# The Algorithm

- Theorem:

Suppose the input to QFT is periodic with period  $r$ , for some  $r$  that divides  $N$ . Then the output will be a multiple of  $N/r$ , and it is equally likely to be any of the  $r$  multiples of  $N/r$ .

- Now we repeat the experiment a few times and take GCD of all the indices returned, we get  $N/r$  (and thus  $r$ ) w.h.p.

# The Algorithm

- 4) Apply QFT to  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{N}{r}}} \sum_j |x_0 + jr\rangle$ . First

assume  $x_0 = 0$ .

- Claim (ex. in class):

If  $|a\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{N}{r}}} (\sum_j |jr\rangle)$  then

$$U_{FT}(|a\rangle) = |\beta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left( \sum_{j=0 \text{ to } r-1} \left| \frac{jN}{r} \right\rangle \right)$$

# Sums of roots of unity.

What is the sum  $1 + \omega^{jr} + \omega^{2jr} + \omega^{3jr} + \dots + \omega^{(\frac{N}{r}-1)jr}$ , where  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/N}$

A)  $N/r-1$

B) 0

C) 1

D) It depends on  $jr \bmod (N)$