






## Quantum Computing

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**Overview**  
Four Talks

Elementary



- ✓ • A Rosetta Stone for Quantum Computation
- ✓ • Three Quantum Algorithms
- Quantum Hidden Subgroup Algorithms
- An Entangled Tale of Quantum Entanglement

Advanced

## Lecture 3

# Continuous Quantum Hidden Subgroup Algorithms





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### Existing Quantum Algorithms

- Hidden Subgroup Algorithms - Shor-Like Algorithms
- Amplitude amplification - Grover-Like Algorithms
- Quantum Algorithms Simulating Quantum Systems
- Sipser's Algorithm
- Adiabatic Algorithms ???

### Some Existing HSA's

- Hidden subgroup algorithms
  - Deutsch-Jozsa
  - Simon
  - Shor
  - Legendre symbol
  - Hallgen
  - Various Non-abel. Algorithms
  - Others

### We will now discuss the following Six HSA's

- Continuous Shor on  $\mathbb{R}$
- Wandering Shor
- Lift of Shor to  $\mathbb{Z}$
- HSA on Circle
- Dual Shor HSA
- HSA for Functional Integrals

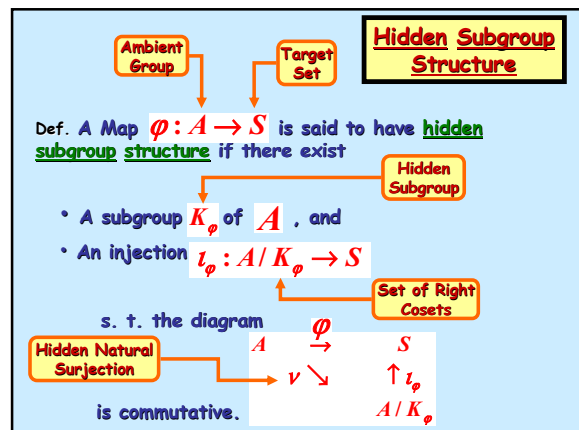
### These Six Algorithms Can Be Found in the Following Three Papers

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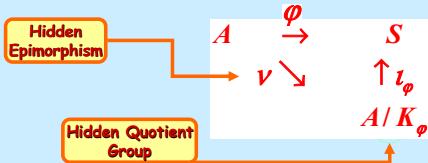
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# Hidden Subgroup Algorithms



### Hidden Subgroup Structure (Cont.)



If  $K_\varphi$  is an invariant subgroup of  $A$ , then

$$H_\varphi = A / K_\varphi$$

is a group, and  $\nu: A \rightarrow A / K_\varphi$  is an epimorphism

### Origin of QHS Algorithms

Shor's Quantum factoring algorithm reduces the task of factoring an integer  $N$  to the task of finding the period  $P$  of a function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z} &\xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{Z} \bmod N \\ n &\mapsto a^n \bmod N \end{aligned}$$

Kitaev observed that finding the period  $P$  is equivalent to finding the subgroup  $P\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}$ , i.e., the kernel of  $\varphi$ .

### Quantum Hidden Subgroup Algorithms

Quantum Algorithm	Ambient Gp $A$	Hidden Subgp $K_\varphi$
Deutsch-Jozsa	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$K_\varphi = \begin{cases} \{0\} \\ \mathbb{Z}_2 \end{cases}$
Simon	$\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$	$K_\varphi \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$
Shor Factoring	$\mathbb{Z}$	$K_\varphi = P\mathbb{Z}$

### The Hidden Subgroup Problem (HSP)

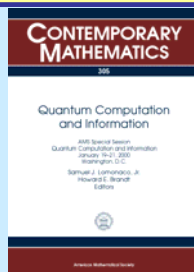
Given a map

$$\varphi: A \rightarrow S$$

with hidden subgroup structure, determine the hidden subgroup  $K_\varphi$  of the ambient group  $A$ . An algorithm solving this problem is called a hidden subgroup algorithm (HSA)

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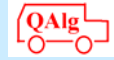
The Quantum Hidden Subgroup Paper Shows how to create a

### Meta Algorithm

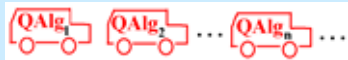


**An Analogy**

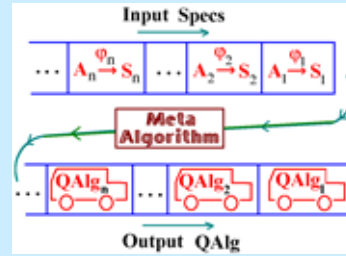
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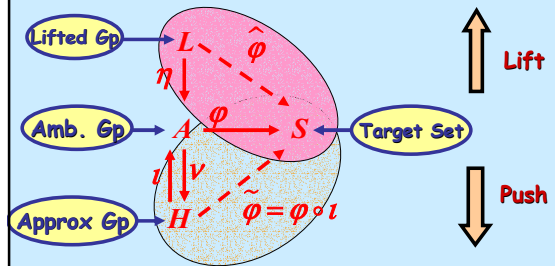
**Quantum Version of Henry Ford's Assembly Line**



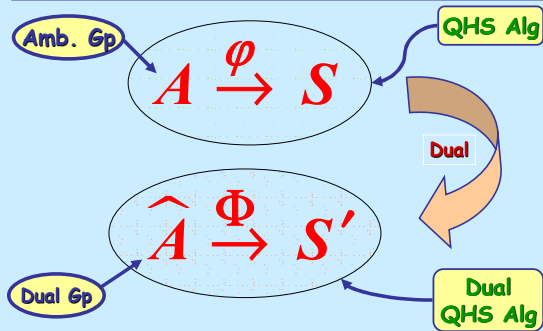
**Three Methods for Creating New Quantum Algorithms**

**Two Ways to Create New Quantum Algorithms**  
*Lifting and Pushing*

Given  $\varphi: A \rightarrow S$



**A 3rd Way to Create New Quantum Algorithms**  
*Duality*



**Summary**  
**3 Ways to create New Quantum Algorithms**

- Lifting
- Pushing
- Duality

**Hidden Subgroup Algorithms**

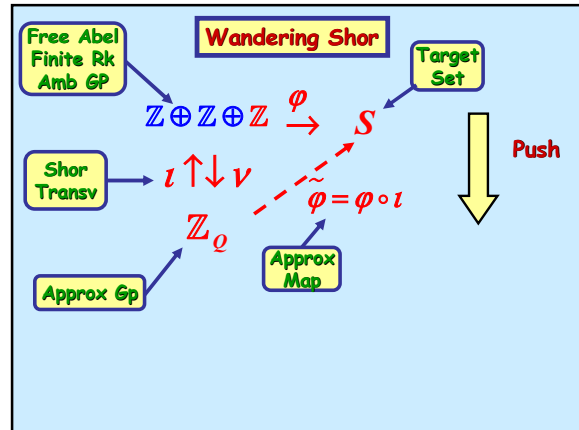
**Some Past Algorithms**

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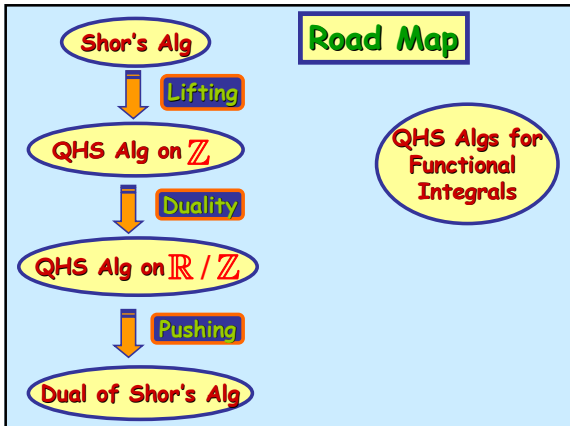


**Key Idea:** Lifting of discrete algorithms to a continuous groups

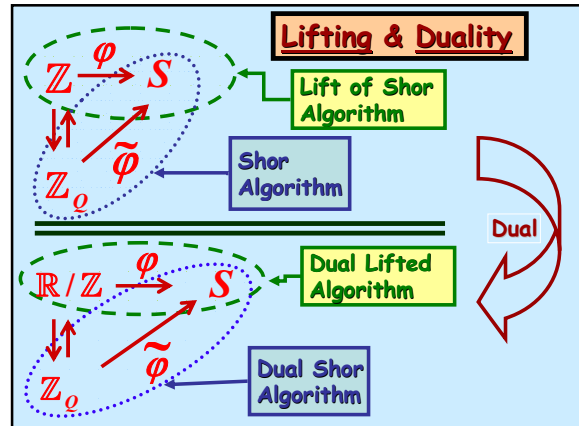
**Three Recent QHS Algorithms**

- A quantum algorithm on the Circle
- A quantum algorithm dual to Shor's algorithm
- A highly speculative quantum algorithm for functional integrals  
 $\Rightarrow$ ? Quantum algorithm for the Jones polynomial

**Road Map**



**Lifting & Duality**



## A Lifting of Shor's Quantum Factoring Algorithm to Integers $\mathbb{Z}$

### A Momentary Digression

## Fourier Analysis on the Circle

### The Circle as a Group

The **circle group** can be viewed as

- A **multiplicative group**, i.e., as the unit circle in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$

$$\{e^{2\pi i x} : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$e^{2\pi i x} \cdot e^{2\pi i y} = e^{2\pi i (x+y)}$$

where  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the additive group of reals.

### The Circle as a Group

The **circle group** can *also* be viewed as

- An **additive group**, i.e., as

$$\mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z} = \text{reals mod } 1$$

$$x + y \text{ mod } 1$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the additive group of integers.

### The Character Group

The **character group**  $\widehat{A}$  of an abelian group  $A$  is defined as

$$\widehat{A} = \text{Hom}(A, \text{Circle})$$

$$= \{\chi : A \rightarrow \text{Circle} : \chi \text{ a morphism}\}$$

with group operation (in multiplicative notation),

$$(\chi_1 \circ \chi_2)(a) = \chi_1(a) \cdot \chi_2(a)$$

or (in additive notation) as

$$(\chi_1 + \chi_2)(a) = \chi_1(a) + \chi_2(a)$$

### The Character Groups of $\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z}$

- The character group of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is

$$\widehat{\mathbb{Z}} = \{\chi_x : n \mapsto e^{2\pi i n x} : x \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z}$$

- The character group of  $\mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z}$  is

$$\widehat{\mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z}} \cong \{\chi_n : x \mapsto e^{2\pi i n x} : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\cong \{\chi_n : x \mapsto nx \text{ mod } 1 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \mathbb{Z}$$

Discrete

$$\mathbb{Z} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z}$$

Continuous

### Fourier Analysis on the Circle $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$

The *Fourier transform* of  $f: \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is defined as the map

$$\widehat{f}: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

given by

$$\widehat{f}(n) = \oint dx e^{-2\pi i n x} f(x)$$

The *inverse Fourier transform* is defined as

$$f(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i n x} \widehat{f}(n)$$

### Needed Mathematical Machinery

- Dirac Delta function  $\delta(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$
- For  $P$  a non-zero integer, we will also need on  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  the generalized function

$$\delta_P(x) = \frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{n=0}^{P-1} \delta\left(x - \frac{n}{P}\right)$$

### Rigged Hilbert Space

- $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}}$  denotes the rigged Hilbert space on  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  with orthonormal basis

$$\{|x\rangle: x \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}\}, \text{ i.e., } \langle x|y\rangle = \delta(x-y)$$

- The elements of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}}$  are formal integrals of the form

$$\oint dx f(x) |x\rangle$$

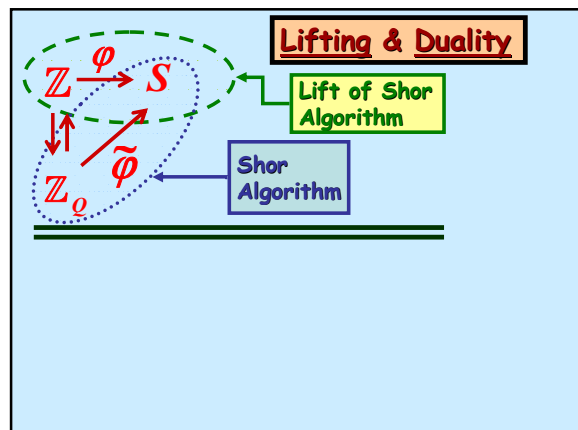
Finally, let  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}}$  denote the space of formal sums

$$\left\{ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n |n\rangle : a_n \in \mathbb{C} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

with orthonormal basis

$$\{|n\rangle: n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

## A Lifting of Shor's Quantum Factoring Algorithm to Integers $\mathbb{Z}$



### Periodic Functions on $\mathbb{Z}$

Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be periodic function with hidden minimum period  $P$ .

**OBJECTIVE:**

Find  $P$

- Step 0. Initialize

$$|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$$

- Step 1. Apply  $\mathcal{F}^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{1}$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i n \cdot 0} |n\rangle|0\rangle = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle|0\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$$

- Step 2. Apply  $U_\varphi: |n\rangle|u\rangle \mapsto |n\rangle|u + \varphi(n)\rangle$

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle|\varphi(n)\rangle$$

- Step 3. Apply  $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathbf{1}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_3\rangle &= \oint dx |x\rangle \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(n)\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}} \\ &= \oint dx |x\rangle \sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{n_0=0}^{P-1} e^{-2\pi i (n_1 P + n_0) x} |\varphi(n_1 P + n_0)\rangle \\ &= \oint dx |x\rangle \left( \sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-2\pi i n_1 P x} \right) \sum_{n_0=0}^{P-1} e^{-2\pi i n_0 x} |\varphi(n_0)\rangle \\ &= \oint dx |x\rangle \delta_P(x) \sum_{n_0=0}^{P-1} e^{-2\pi i n_0 x} |\varphi(n_0)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{P-1} \frac{n}{P} \left( \frac{1}{P} \sum_{n_0=0}^{P-1} e^{-2\pi i n_0 x} |\varphi(n_0)\rangle \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{P-1} \frac{n}{P} \left| \Omega\left(\frac{n}{P}\right) \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Step 4. Measure

$$|\psi_3\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{P-1} \frac{n}{P} \left| \Omega\left(\frac{n}{P}\right) \right\rangle$$

with respect to the observable

$$\mathcal{O} = \oint dy \lfloor \frac{Qy}{P} \rfloor |y\rangle\langle y|$$

to produce a random eigenvalue  $m/Q$  and then proceed to find the corresponding  $n/P$  using the continued fraction recursion. (We assume  $Q \geq 2P^2$ )

## The Actual Un-Lifted Shor Algorithm

### The Actual (Un-Lifted) Shor Algorithm

Make the following approximations by selecting a sufficiently large integer  $Q$ :

$$\mathbb{Z} \approx \mathbb{Z}_Q = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} : 0 \leq k < Q\}$$

$$\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \approx \mathbb{Z}_Q = \left\{ \frac{r}{Q} \bmod 1 : r = 0, 1, \dots, Q-1 \right\}$$

$$\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \approx \tilde{\varphi}: \mathbb{Z}_Q \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$\tilde{\varphi}$  is only approximately periodic!



Run the algorithm in

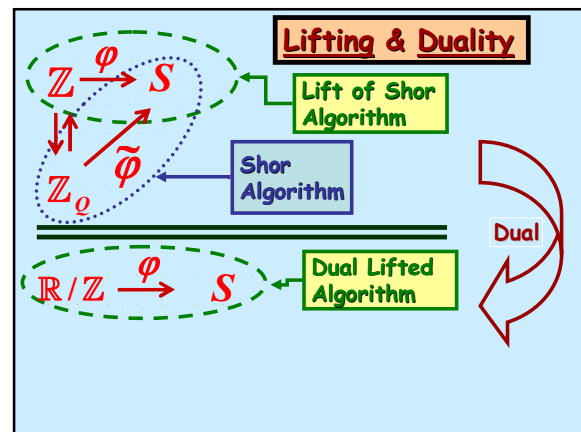
$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}_Q} \otimes \mathcal{H}_S$$

and measure the observable

$$\mathcal{O} = \sum_{r=0}^{Q-1} \frac{r}{Q} \left| \frac{r}{Q} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{r}{Q} \right|$$

## A Quantum Hidden Subgroup Algorithm on the Circle

## The Dual Algorithm on the Circle



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### Periodic Admissible Functions on $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be an admissible periodic function of minimum rational period  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$

**Proposition:**

Let  $\alpha = a_1/a_2$  (with  $\gcd(a_1, a_2) = 1$ ) be a period of  $f$ . Then  $1/a_2$  is also a period of  $f$ .

**Remark:** Hence, the minimum rational period is always the reciprocal of an integer modulo 1.

• Step 0. Initialize

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• Step 1. Apply  $\mathcal{F}^{-1} \otimes 1$

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• Step 2. Apply  $U_{\varphi}: |x\rangle|u\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|u + \varphi(x)\rangle$

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• Step 3. Apply  $\mathcal{F} \otimes 1$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_3\rangle &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \oint dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |n\rangle|\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle \oint dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}} \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $x_m = x - \frac{m}{a}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \oint dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle &= \sum_{m=0}^{a-1} \int_{\frac{m}{a}}^{\frac{m+1}{a}} dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{a-1} \int_0^{\frac{1}{a}} dx_m e^{-2\pi i n (x_m + \frac{m}{a})} \left| \varphi\left(x_m + \frac{m}{a}\right) \right\rangle \\ &= \left( \sum_{m=0}^{a-1} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n m}{a}} \right) \int_0^{\frac{1}{a}} dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

But  $\sum_{m=0}^{a-1} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n m}{a}} = a \delta_{n=0 \bmod a} = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } n = 0 \bmod a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_3\rangle &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle \oint dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle \delta_{n=0 \bmod a} \int_0^{\frac{1}{a}} dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} |\ell a\rangle \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{a}} dx e^{-2\pi i \ell a x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \right) \\ &= \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} |\ell a\rangle |\Omega(\ell a)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

• Step 4. Measure

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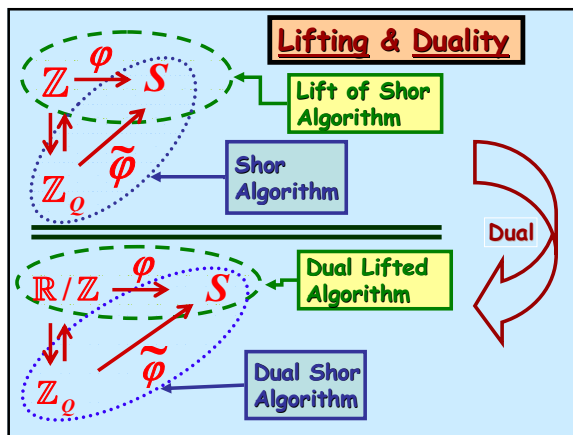
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The  
corresponding  
discrete  
algorithm

The Algorithmic Dual  
of  
Shor's Quantum  
Factoring Algorithm



We now create a corresponding  
discrete algorithm

The approximations are:

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Run the algorithm in

$$\mathcal{H}_{Z_0} \otimes \mathcal{H}_S$$

and measure the observable

$$\mathcal{O} = \sum_{k=0}^{Q-1} k |k\rangle \langle k|$$

Quantum Algorithms based on  
Feynman Functional integrals

**Caveat Emptor**

The following algorithm is **highly speculative**.

In the spirit of Feynman, the following quantum algorithm is based on functional integrals whose existence is difficult to determine, let alone approximate.

### The Space Paths

**Paths** = all continuous paths  $x: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  which are  $L^2$  with respect to the inner product

$$x \cdot y = \int_0^1 ds x(s) \cdot y(s)$$

**Paths** is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with respect to

$$\begin{cases} (\lambda x)(s) &= \lambda x(s) \\ (x+y)(s) &= x(s) + y(s) \end{cases}$$

### The Problem to be Solved

Let  $\varphi: \text{Paths} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a functional with a hidden subspace  $V$  of **Paths** such that

$$\varphi(x+v) = \varphi(x) \quad \forall v \in V$$

**Objective.** Create a quantum algorithm that finds the hidden subspace  $V$ .

### The Ambient Rigged Hilbert Space

Let  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{paths}}$  be the rigged Hilbert space with orthonormal basis ,

$$\{|x\rangle : x \in \text{Paths}\}$$

and with bracket product

$$\langle x | y \rangle = \delta(x - y)$$

### Parenthetical Remark

Please note that **Paths** can be written as the following disjoint union:

$$\text{Paths} = \bigcup_{v \in V} (v + V^\perp)$$

• Step 0. Initialize  $|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{paths}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{C}}$

• Step 1. Apply  $\mathcal{F}^{-1} \otimes 1$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \int_{\text{Paths}} \mathcal{D}x e^{2\pi i x \cdot 0} |x\rangle |0\rangle = \int_{\text{Paths}} \mathcal{D}x |x\rangle |0\rangle$$

• Step 2. Apply  $U_\varphi : |x\rangle|u\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|u + \varphi(x)\rangle$

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \int_{\text{Paths}} \mathcal{D}x |x\rangle |\varphi(x)\rangle$$

• Step 3. Apply  $\mathcal{F} \otimes 1$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_3\rangle &= \int_{\text{Paths}} \mathcal{D}y \int_{\text{Paths}} \mathcal{D}x e^{-2\pi i y \cdot y} |y\rangle |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \int_{\text{Paths}} \mathcal{D}y |y\rangle \int_{\text{Paths}} \mathcal{D}x e^{-2\pi i y \cdot y} |\varphi(x)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\text{Paths}} \mathcal{D}x e^{-2\pi i v \cdot y} |\varphi(x)\rangle &= \int_V \mathcal{D}v \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}x e^{-2\pi i v \cdot y} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \int_V \mathcal{D}v \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}x e^{-2\pi i (v+x) \cdot y} |\varphi(v+x)\rangle \\ &= \int_V \mathcal{D}v e^{-2\pi i v \cdot y} \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}x e^{-2\pi i x \cdot y} |\varphi(x)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

However,

$$\int_V \mathcal{D}v e^{-2\pi i v \cdot y} = \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}u \delta(y-u)$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_3\rangle &= \int_{\text{Paths}_n} \mathcal{D}y |y\rangle \int_V \mathcal{D}v e^{-2\pi i v \cdot y} \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}x e^{-2\pi i x \cdot y} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \int_{\text{Paths}_n} \mathcal{D}y |y\rangle \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}u \delta(y-u) \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}x e^{-2\pi i x \cdot y} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}u |u\rangle \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}x e^{-2\pi i x \cdot u} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}u |u\rangle |\Omega(u)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

•Step 4. Measure

$$|\psi_3\rangle = \int_{V^\perp} \mathcal{D}u |u\rangle |\Omega(u)\rangle$$

with respect to the observable

$$A = \int_{\text{Paths}} \mathcal{D}w w |w\rangle \langle w|$$

to produce a random element of  $V^\perp$

## Question

Can the above path integral quantum algorithm be modified in such a way as to create a quantum algorithm for the Jones polynomial?

I.e., can it be modified by replacing *Paths* by the **space of gauge connections**, and by making suitable modifications?

$$\hat{\psi}(K) = \int \mathcal{D}A \psi(A) \mathcal{W}_K(A)$$

where  $\mathcal{W}_K(A)$  is the Wilson loop

$$\mathcal{W}_K(A) = \text{tr} \left( P \exp \left( \oint_K A \right) \right)$$



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