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A Computer Science Perspective on the Foundations of Quantum Computing

A few CS concepts (to get in the right state of mind)

Key CS Concept I Notation

What is?

MCMLXXXIII * DCCXIII

- Complexity of algorithms depends on the notation used
- for errors, etc.

1979 ACM Turing Award Lecture

Delivered at ACM '79, Detroit, Oct. 29, 1979

Notation as a Tool of Thought

Kenneth E. Iverson IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center

• Not to speak of readability, ease of understanding, maintainability, potential

Key CS Concept II Encoding

Example: complex numbers "uninteresting" as they can be efficiently encoded

 \cdots

$$
V = \begin{pmatrix} a+ib \\ c+id \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mapsto \qquad V^{\mathbb{R}} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ -d \\ c \end{pmatrix}
$$

$$
M = \begin{pmatrix} a+ib & \cdots \\ \cdots \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mapsto \qquad M^{\mathbb{R}} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \\ \cdots \end{pmatrix}
$$

Key CS Concept III **Symbolic execution**

power a $0 = 1$ power a $n = a * power a (n-1)$

-- Normal execution power $2 \ 3 = 8$

power a $3 = a * a * a * 1$

2. Solve the Equation of Motion where $F = 0$

Solve the equation of motion using dsolve in the case of no external forces where the initial conditions of unit displacement and zero velocity.

 $vel = diff(x, t);$ cond = $[x(0) == 1, vel(0) == 0]$; $eq = subs(eq, F, 0);$ $sol = dsolve(eq, cond)$

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\text{sol} &= \\
& \frac{-t\left(\frac{\gamma}{2} - \frac{\sigma_1}{2}\right)}{2\sigma_1} \left(\gamma + \sigma_1\right) - \frac{e^{-t\left(\frac{\gamma}{2} + \frac{\sigma_1}{2}\right)}(\gamma - \sigma_1)}{2\sigma_1}\n\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\sigma_1 = \sqrt{(\gamma - 2\omega_0)(\gamma + 2\omega_0)}
$$

-- Symbolic execution / Partial evaluation

Key Concept IV **Encapsulation; Representation Independence**

Amazon insists Just Walk Out isn't secretly run by workers watching you shop

Amazon says human reviewers only annotate shopping data for its cashierless tech.

Select all squares with traffic lights If there are none, click skip

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Key CS Concept V Complexity Bounds

- Sorting a deck of 52 cards:
	- Find the Ace of spades, put it in position 1
	- Find the King of spades, put it in position 2
	- Find the Queen of spaces, put it in position 3
- Worst-case complexity: $52 + 51 + 50 + ... = 1378$ comparisons
- If deck had N cards, $O(N^2)$ 2

Quantum Sorting

with probability at most $\epsilon > 0$ requires at least

$$
\left(1-2\sqrt{\epsilon(1-\epsilon)}\right)\frac{N}{2\pi}(H_N-1)
$$
 (2)

 $\frac{N}{2\pi}(\ln(N)-1) \approx 0.110 N \log_2 N$ comparisons.

- Quantum advantage for sorting?
- Absolutely not
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Theorem 2. Any comparison-based quantum algorithm for sorting that errs

comparisons. In particular, any exact quantum algorithm requires more than

• There exist other classical sorting algorithms with O(*NlogN*) complexity

Integer Factorization

• When the numbers are sufficiently large, no efficient non-quantum integer

factorization algorithm is known.

• However, it has not been proven that such an algorithm does not exist.

Worst Case

It has been 42 years since Feynman envisioned the use of quantum devices to efficiently simulate physics.

It has been 27 years since Shor developed a quantum polynomial-time prime factorization algorithm.

Despite impressive technological advances in the design and realization of quantum devices, there is yet not a single conclusive demonstration of a computational quantum advantage.

Why CS Perspective?

• Pragmatic: Reuse huge computational infrastructure to perform simulations, experiments, explore algorithms, and develop applications.

• Foundational: Examine the boundary between classical and quantum computing to

gain insights about potential sources of quantum advantage

• Retrospective: As early as 1992, some CS researchers predicted "a physics revolution is brewing in CS." Anytime now ???

Everything can be encoded using Toffoli and Hadamard

Formal Result

Theorem 1 (Shi / Aharonov).

for quantum computing.

By computationally universal, we mean the set can simulate, to within ϵ -error, an arbitrary quantum circuit of n qubits and t gates with only polylogarithmic overhead in $(n, t, 1/\epsilon)$.

The set consisting of just the **Toffoli** and **Hadamard** gates is computationally universal

The Hadamard Mystery

Hadamard ≃ QFT

An Approximate Fourier Transform Useful in Quantum Factoring

We define an approximate version of the Fourier transform on 2**L elements, which is computationally attractive in a certain setting, and which may find application to the problem of factoring integers with a quantum computer as is currently under investigation by Peter Shor.

By: Don Coppersmith

Published in: RC19642 in 1996

One conclusion:

The difference is all about Hadamard

Or if you prefer:

It's all about QFT (the Quantum Fourier Transform)

Focus on the Essence

• The Toffoli gate (CCX) is just a reference to (reversible) classical computing.

- Easy!
- The Hadamard gate (H) is a reference to any or all of the following:
	- the (quantum) Fourier transform,
	- a change of basis (from Z basis to X basis and back),
	- a square root of the boolean negation gate (the X gate)
	- or perhaps another perspective?

Plan

- Start with a "good" model of reversible classical computing
- Explore ways to express Hadamard-like functionality

Textbook Quantum Algorithms

Circuits for Hidden Subgroup Problems

Class includes Deutsch-Jozsa, Bernstein-Vazirani, Simon, Grover and Shor algorithms

- Hadamard only after initialization
- Hadamard on $|0\rangle$ only
- QFT (generalized Hadamard) only before measurement

How Hadamard is actually used

- After initialization to introduce a uniform superposition
- Before measurement to extract spectral properties
- No uses of Hadamard in the middle !

Example Factor 15 by computing period of 4*^x* mod 15

Bottom 3 qubits can be measured as: 001 so input to QFT = $|000\rangle + |010\rangle + |100\rangle + |110\rangle$ (period = 2) 100 so input to QFT = $|001\rangle + |011\rangle + |101\rangle + |111\rangle$ (period = 2)

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- $|000001\rangle + |001000\rangle + |010001\rangle + |011000\rangle + |100001\rangle + |101000\rangle + |110001\rangle + |111000\rangle$
- $|000001\rangle + |001100\rangle + |010001\rangle + |011100\rangle + |100001\rangle + |101100\rangle + |110001\rangle + |111100\rangle$
- $(|000001\rangle + |010001\rangle + |100001\rangle + |110001\rangle) + (|001100\rangle + |011100\rangle + |101100\rangle + |111100\rangle)$

Symbolic Execution ?

- $H|0\rangle$ creates a unknown boolean variable
- We can compute symbolically, e.g.,

• Initial and final conditions will constrain the variable

 $(\neg\neg x) \rightsquigarrow x$ $(\neg(x \vee y)) \quad \leadsto \quad ((\neg x) \wedge (\neg y))$ $(\neg(x \land y)) \quad \leadsto \quad ((\neg x) \lor (\neg y))$ $(x \wedge (y \vee z)) \rightarrow (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z))$ $((x \vee y) \wedge z) \rightarrow ((x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge z))$

•
$$
CX(a, b) = (a, a \oplus b)
$$

Example: symbolic execution Factor 15 by computing period of 4*^x* mod 15

 $\langle x_2 x_1 x_0 001 \rangle$ ⇐ $|x_2x_1x_0x_001\rangle$ ⇐ $|x_2x_1x_0x_00x_0\rangle$

Boundary conditions:

- $x_0 = 0$
- \cdot 0 $=$ 0
- $x_0 = 0$

Input to QFT:

 x_2x_10

Period is 2 (even numbers)

Retrodictive Classical Execution

Instead of conventional forward execution:

- Run with one fixed input to determine a possible value for output register
- Run backwards with symbols for input register
- Use initial conditions to constrain symbolic values

(b) Retrodictive Flow


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> runRetroShor Nothing (Just 4) (Just
n=8; a=4Generalized Toffoli Gates with 3 cont
Generalized Toffoli Gates with 2 cont
Generalized Toffoli Gates with 1 cont
1 \oplus x_0 = 1X_0 = 0> runRetroShor Nothing Nothing (Just
n=8; a=11Generalized Toffoli Gates with 3 cont
Generalized Toffoli Gates with 2 cont
Generalized Toffoli Gates with 1 cont
x0 = 0x0 = 0> runRetroShor Nothing Nothing (Just
n=12; a=37Generalized Toffoli Gates with 3 cont
Generalized Toffoli Gates with 2 cont
Generalized Toffoli Gates with 1 cont
1 \oplus x_0 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_0x_1x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_1Χ1 Φ ΧΘΧ2 Φ Χ1Χ2 Φ Χ1Χ3 Φ ΧΘΧ1Χ3 Φ ΧΘ
X_0X_1 \oplus X_2 \oplus X_1X_2 \oplus X_0X_3 \oplus X_0X_1X_3 = 0
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Boolean + Fourier: Classic CS topic Connections to learning; many roadblocks and open problems

CSE 291 - Fourier analysis of boolean functions (Winter 2017)

Time: Mondays & Wednesdays 5:00-6:20pm Room: CSE (EBU3B) 4258 Instructor: Shachar Lovett, email: slovett@ucsd.edu

Overview:

Fourier analysis is a powerful tool used to study boolean f applications in computer science, for example in learning theor cryptography, complexity theory and more. This class will mathematical background, as well as explore many applications.

COMP 760 (Fall 2011): Harmonic Analysis of Boolean Functions

Instructor's contact: See Here Lectures: MW 11:35-12:55 in McConnell Engineering Building 103 (Starting from tomorrow, Wednesday, the class is 11:35-12:55) **Office Hours:** By appointment (hatami at cs mcgill ca)

Course description:

This course is intended for graduate students in theoretical computer science or mathematics. Its purpose is to study Boolean functions via Fourier analytic tools. This analytic approach plays an essential role in modern theoretical computer science and combinatorics (e.g. in circuit complexity, hardness of approximation, machine learning, communication complexity, graph theory), and it is the key to understanding many fundamental concepts such as pseudo-randomness.

Characterize H using Categorical Semantics

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 $if v = w$ otherwise

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 $if v = w$ otherwise

…

 $if v = w$ otherwise

Hidden representation false true not copy … Public state $v = false$ |0⟩ $v = Xv$ return v ⊗ v return v $\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{if } v = w \\ \text{undefined} & & \text{otherwise} \end{array}$ otherwise $|1\rangle$ —————————————————————— inv copy (v,w) Public interface { false, true, not, copy, inv copy, ...}

Hidden representation false true not copy … Public state $v = false$ $| + \rangle$ $v = Zv$ return v ⊗ v return v $\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{if } v = w \\ \text{undefined} & & \text{otherwise} \end{array}$ otherwise $| - \rangle$ —————————————————————— inv copy (v,w) Public interface { false, true, not, copy, inv copy, ...}

false

true

not

copy

…

——————————————————————— Public state Public interface which are the set, copy

Hidden representation

0

1

 $V =$

return (v,0)

inv copy (v,w)

 ${\color{red} x}$ if ${\color{red} v} = {\color{red} w}$

red otherwis otherwise

Hidden Implementation must satisfy Equations I

Equation II Hidden Implementation must satisfy

It is Quantum!

and:

 $[copy_z]: |i\rangle \mapsto |ii\rangle$ $[copy_x] : | \pm \rangle \mapsto | \pm \pm \rangle$

THEOREM 27 (CANONICITY). If a categorical semantics $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ for $\langle \Pi \diamondsuit \rangle$ in Contraction satisfies the classical structure laws and the execution laws (defined in Prop. 24) and the complementarity law (Def. 26), then it must be the semantics of Sec. 7.3 with the semantics of x_{ϕ} being the Hadamard gate

$$
\llbracket zero \rrbracket = |0\rangle
$$

$$
\llbracket assertZero \rrbracket = \langle 0|
$$

Vanishing Po

Two instances of ADT Bool with unknown representation but constrained to satisfy some equations

Allow interleaving of the two languages

Hadamard from Square Roots

Clocked Digital Computation

- Simplified view of processor
- Clock defines smallest unit of time
- Every operation takes one or more clock cycle
- In particular, boolean negation takes one clock cycle

= Rise transition time transition time tphl = Propagation delay high-low tplh = Propagation delay low-high

Half a clock cycle?

- What if we split the action of the NOT gate in two steps
- Some operations take a full clock cycle
- Some take half a clock cycle
- Allow asynchronous interleaving

Formally… Take a reversible classical programming language, extend it with:

 $iso ::= \cdots | v | v I | w | w I$

 $(E1)$ $v^2 \leftrightarrow_2 x$ $(E2)$ w⁸ \leftrightarrow ₂ 1

(E3) $V \circ (id + w^2) \circ V \leftrightarrow_2 unit i^{\times} l \circ W^2 \times ((id + w^2) \circ V \circ (id + w^2)) \circ unit e^{\times} l$

It's Quantum again

with maps $\omega: I \to I$ and $V: I \oplus I \to I \oplus I$ satisfying the equations:

exponents are iterated sequential compositions, and $S: I \oplus I \to I \oplus I$ is defined as $S = id \oplus \omega^2$.

terms representing Gaussian Clifford+T circuits. Then $\llbracket c_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket$ iff $\llbracket c_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket$.

Definition of the Quantum Model. The model consists of a rig groupoid $(C, \otimes, \oplus, O, I)$ equipped

(E1) $\omega^8 = id$ (E2) $V^2 = \sigma_{\oplus}$ (E3) $V \circ S \circ V = \omega^2 \bullet S \circ V \circ S$

where \circ is sequential composition, \bullet is scalar multiplication (cf. Def. 4), σ_{\oplus} is the symmetry on $I \oplus I$,

THEOREM 25 (FULL ABSTRACTION FOR GAUSSIAN CLIFFORD+T CIRCUITS). Let c_1 and c_2 be $\sqrt{\Pi}$

Conclusions

Immediate Consequences

• Programming quantum computers can leverage a lot of the infrastructure of

- classical programming
- Teaching quantum computing should be possible by appealing to just classical notions
- Tantalizing connections to well-established to classical notions
- New CS perspectives
- Quantum advantage ???

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X in $\ddot{\mathbf{e}}$ f \blacksquare emacy" gap: achieving real-time antum circuit using a new

h Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and https://doi.org/10.1145/3458817.3487399

Quantum Advantage?

Still no clue!

But:

Ability to efficiently switch representation from Z-booleans to X-booleans

and back would be sufficient

Having multiple execution threads going at different speeds is known to provide speedups

(Some of) The Details

The Algebraic Nature of CCX

- CCX operates on collections of booleans.
- What are 'booleans' ?
- What do we mean by 'collections' ?

Booleans represent Choices

- A boolean represents a choice between two atomic values
- Generalize to zero or more choices among arbitrary values
- 0 represents 'no choice' and + introduces a choice between two alternatives
- τ ::= 0| $\tau + \tau$
- Choice is a **commutative monoid**

$$
\tau + 0
$$

\n $\tau_1 + \tau_2$
\n $\tau_1 + (\tau_2 + \tau_3)$

Collections / Registers / Tuples / Records

- Collections represent one or more 'thing' next to each other
- τ ::= 0| τ + τ | 1| τ * τ
- Another **commutative monoid**

$$
\tau * 1
$$

\n $\tau_1 * \tau_2$
\n $\tau_1 * (\tau_2 * \tau_3)$

= T_2 * T_1
= T_1 * $(T_2$ * $T_3)$

Distributivity !

- \bullet cake and (tea or coffee) $=$ (cake and tea) or (cake and coffee)
- cake or (tea and coffee) \neq (cake or tea) and (cake or coffee)
- We get a **commutative rig** (ring without negatives)

$$
T * 0 = 0
$$

\n
$$
T * (T_1 + T_2) = (T * T_1) + (T * T_2)
$$

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$$
T + 1 = 1
$$

\n
$$
T + (T_1 * T_2) \neq (T + T_1) * (T + T_2)
$$

Put it all Together in Category Theory: Symmetric Rig Groupoid A programming language Π_0 and a logic Π_1 for reasoning about programs

$$
\frac{c \cdot v_1 \leftrightarrow v_2}{inv c \cdot b_2 \leftrightarrow b_1}
$$
\n
$$
\frac{c_1 \cdot v_1 \leftrightarrow v_2}{c_1 \times c_2 \cdot b_1 \times b_2 \leftrightarrow b_3 \times b_4}
$$

Programming in Π_0

- ctrl $c = dist$; $(id + id \times c)$; factor
- $X = swap^+$
- $CX = ctri X$
- $CCX = ctrCX$

$$

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neg1 neg2 neg3 neg4 neg5 : BOOL -BOOL
neg_1 = swap_+neg_2 = id \rightarrow \circ \text{swap}neg_3 = swap_+ \circ swap_+ \circ swap_+neg_4 = swap_+ \circ id \leftrightarrownegs = uniti*l \circ swap* \circ (swap+ \circ id\hookrightarrow \circ swap* \circ unite*l
neg_6 = unit_2 \cdot r \circ (swap_+ \{ONE\} \{ONE\} \circ id_+) \circ unite \cdot rnegEx: negs \Leftrightarrow neg_1negEx = (unitix1 \circ (swap * \circ ((swap * \circ id))))\Leftrightarrow ( id\Leftrightarrow \Box assoc\odotl )
               (uniti*l \circ ((swap* \circ (swap+ \circ id\rightarrow) \circ (swap* \circ unite*l)))
                  \Leftrightarrow ( id \Leftrightarrow \Box ( swapl \star \Leftrightarrow \Box id \Leftrightarrow ) \rightarrow(uniti*l \circ (((id\leftrightarrow \circ swap+) \circ swap*) \circ (swap* \circ unite*l)))
                  \Leftrightarrow ( id\Leftrightarrow \Box assoc\circr )
               (uniti*l \circ ((id \leftrightarrow \circ swap+) \circ (swap* \circ (swap* \circ unite*l))))
                  ⇔( id⇔ ⊡ (id⇔ ⊡ assoc⊚l) )
               (uniti*l \circ ((id \leftrightarrow \circ swap+) \circ ((swap* \circ swap*) \circ unite*l)))
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                  \leftrightarrow( id\leftrightarrow \Box (id\leftrightarrow \Box idl\odotl) )
               (uniti*l \circ ((id\leftrightarrow \circ swap+) \circ unite*l))
                   \Leftrightarrow \langle assoc\odotl \rangle((unit i * 1 \circ (id \rightarrow \bullet \, swap_))) \circ unit e * 1)⇔( unitil*⇔l ⊡ id⇔ )
               ((swap_0 \otimes uniti*1) \otimes unite*1)\Leftrightarrow \langle assocor \rangle(swap_+ \circ (unit i * 1 \circ unit e * 1))\Leftrightarrow ( id\Leftrightarrow \Box linv\odot\Box )
               (swap_+ \circ id_+)\leftrightarrow ( idr@l )
               swap + \equiv
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Meta-Theoretical Results

• Thm: Π_0 is universal for classical reversible circuits.

• Thm: Π_1 is sound and complete with respect to permutations on finite sets

- For Π we use the symmetric rig groupoid of finite sets and bijections
- For \leftrightarrow we rotate the reference semantics by $\begin{pmatrix} \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{pmatrix}$ for some ϕ
- We still just have two individual copies of the classical reversible language Π
- In one copy, the "booleans" are the usual booleans
- In the other copy, the "booleans" have a non-standard representation but this is completely invisible to the outside.

What Happened?

- Each copy of Π internalizes a choice of basis
- Modulo global phase, the required equation forces one copy to use the Z basis and the other copy to use the X basis
- Algebraic presentation of *complementarity*
- The move from one language to the other is Hadamard
- All of that is hidden
- What is exposed is two classical languages and one equation that governs their interaction

Reasoning

 $minus \mathsf{Z}\equiv plus = begin$ $(minus \gg> Z)$ $\equiv \langle$ id $\equiv \rangle$ $((plus \gg > H) \gg > H)$ $plus$

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minusZ \equiv plus: (minus >>> Z) \equiv plus
  \equiv ((assoc>>>l \odot assoc>>>l) \rangle; (id ) \odot pull<sup>r</sup> assoc>>>l \rangle((\n  (plus >>> H) >>> X) >>> (H >>> H) >>> X >>> H)\equiv \langle id \rangle;\langle (hadInv \rangle;\langle id \rangle \odot idl>>l \rangle((\n  (plus >>> H) >>> X) >>> X >>> H)\equiv \, pull<sup>r</sup> assoc>>>1 \,
  ((plus \gg> H) \gg>(X \gg> X) \gg(H)\equiv \langle cancel' hadInv \rangle
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Recall: Symmetric Rig Groupoid A programming language Π_0 and a logic Π_1 for reasoning about programs

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\frac{\overbrace{\text{inv } c : b_2 \leftrightarrow b_1}_{c_1 \times c_2 : b_1 \times b_2 \leftrightarrow b_2}_{c_1 \times c_2 : b_1 \times b_2 \leftrightarrow b_3 \times b_4}
$$

Add two terms and three equations It's Quantum again!

 $iso ::= \cdots |$ V | VI | W | V

 V : W :

 $(E1)$ $v^2 \leftrightarrow_2 x$ $(E2)$ w⁸ \leftrightarrow ₂ 1

Syntax

Equations

(E3) v $\frac{1}{9}$ (id + w²) $\frac{1}{9}$ v \leftrightarrow ₂ uniti[×]l $\frac{1}{9}$ w² × ((id + w²) $\frac{1}{9}$ v $\frac{1}{9}$ (id + w²)) $\frac{1}{9}$ unite[×]l