

# CS6846 – Quantum Algorithms and Cryptography

## Hidden Subgroup Problem



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Goal:

Bernstein Vazirani :  $F : \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

$$F(x) = \langle x; s \rangle \pmod 2$$

$\hookrightarrow$  secret  $s$ .

Want  $s$ .

Simon's :  $F : \{0,1\}^N \rightarrow \{0,1\}^N$

$L$  periodic

$$F(x) = F(x \oplus L) \text{ o.w. distinct}$$

Goal: Find  $L$ .

Period Finding:  $F : \mathbb{Z}_N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$

$$F(x) = F(x+L) = F(x+2L) \dots$$

Goal:  
Find  $L$ .

Think of range as colours.

- Quantum Algo:
- 1) Prepare superposition of inputs.
  - 2) Apply  $f$ .
  - 3). Measure function register  
get single random colour.
  - 4) Apply QFT
  - 5) Measure & get clues.
  - 6). Use clues to find solution.

## Hidden Subgp Problem.

Example:  $\mathbb{Z}_{24} = \{0, 1, \dots, 23\}$

Operation:  $+ \text{ mod } 24$ .

Let  $H = \{0, 4, 8, 12, \dots, 20\}$

Cosets of  $H$ :

$$1 + H = \{1, 5, 9, \dots, 21\}$$

$$2 + H = \{2, 6, 10, \dots\}$$

$$3 + H = \{3, 7, \dots\}$$

Problem: Given  $F: \mathbb{Z}_{24} \rightarrow \text{Colours, "H periodic"}$   
Find  $H$ .

Is HSP solvable efficiently using quantum?

Yes, if group is commutative

Don't know

otherwise.

non-commutative

↳ Simon's  
Bernstein-Vazirani  
Shors

↳ Lattice Problems  
(Shortest vector Problem)

Graph Isomorphism

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Finite Group: A set  $G$  with a binary operation  $\circ: G \times G \rightarrow G$  s.t.

1) Associativity

$(x \circ (y \circ z))$  makes sense

2. Identity  $e$

$$e \circ x = x \circ e = x$$

3. Inverse :  $\forall x \in G, \exists x' \in G$   
s.t.  $x \circ x' = x' \circ x = e.$

Subgroup: subset which is also a group.

Non-Commutative Groups:

- Symmetric group  $S_n.$

$G$ : set of all permutations  $\pi$

where  $\pi: \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}.$

group operation: composition.

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \rightarrow 2 \\ 2 \rightarrow 1 \\ 3 \rightarrow 3 \\ \pi_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} 1 \rightarrow 2 \\ 2 \rightarrow 3 \\ 3 \rightarrow 1 \\ \pi_2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\pi_1 \circ \pi_2 \neq \pi_2 \circ \pi_1$$

Identity? Identity permutation.

Inverse ✓. Associativity ✓.

Dihedral Group:

$G$ : permutations  $\pi : \{1, 2, \dots, N\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$   
 that are "self isomorphisms" of an  
 $N$  cycle graph.



$N-1$  non-trivial rotations

$N$  reflections

$A_N$  is a subgroup of  $S_N$  generated by  
 a rotation  $1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 3, \dots, n \rightarrow 1$   
 & reflection  $1 \rightarrow n, n \rightarrow 1$   
 $2 \rightarrow n-1, n-1 \rightarrow 2$  and so on

Coset of  $H$  is denoted by  $x \circ H$ .

-  $|xH| = |H| \quad \forall x \in G$

- cosets of  $H$  partition  $G$ .



Let  $F: G \rightarrow \text{colours}$ ,  $F$  is  $H$ -periodic

if - for each coset  $x \circ H$ ,

$F$  has the same colour on all elements

-  $F$  gives different colours to different cosets.

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Simons:  $G = \mathbb{F}_2^n$ .

$H = \{0, L\}$

Cosets:  $\{x, x \oplus L\}$ .

Bernstein-Vazirani :

$$G = F_2^n$$

$$H = \{x : \langle x, s \rangle = 0 \pmod{2}\}$$

only one other coset

$$\{x : \langle x, s \rangle = 1 \pmod{2}\}.$$

Period Finding over  $(\mathbb{Z}_N, +)$ :

$H$  is generated by  $L$

$$\{0, L, 2L, \dots\}$$

Cosets translates  $\{x + L, x + 2L, \dots\}$ .