

Implementing QFT_n
(1 ≤ n ≤ ∞)

$x = x_h 2^m + x_l$
 $x_h \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^m}$
 $x_l \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-m}}$

Given $x \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ $|e_n(x)\rangle = e^{2\pi i x^2 / 2^n}$

$$\text{QFT}_n |x\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n} e_n(x, y) |y\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_y e_n((x_h 2^m + x_l) y) |y\rangle$$

$y = y_h 2^{n-m} + y_l$
 $y_h \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^m}$
 $y_l \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-m}}$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_y e_n(x_h 2^m y) e_n(x_l y) |y\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_y e_n(x_h y_h 2^m) e_n(x_l y_l) |y\rangle$$

Recall: $P_{n,m} |a\rangle |b\rangle = e_n(ab) |a, b\rangle$
 $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^m}$ - $b \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-m}}$

Run circuit above:

$$|x\rangle = |x_h\rangle \otimes |x_l\rangle$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{QFT}_{n-m}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n-m}}} \sum_{y_l \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-m}}} e_n(x_l y_l) |y_l\rangle |x_l\rangle$$

$$\xrightarrow{P_{n,m}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n-m}}} \sum_{y_l \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-m}}} e_n(x_h y_h) e_n(x_l y_l) |y_h\rangle |y_l\rangle$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{QFT}_m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{y_h \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^m}} e_n(x_h y_h) e_n(x_l y_l) |y_h\rangle |y_l\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{y_h, y_l} e_n(x_h y_h) e_n(x_l y_l) |y_h\rangle |y_l\rangle$$

SWAP \rightarrow $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_y e_n(x, y) |y\rangle$
 $\text{QFT}_n |x\rangle \checkmark$

Implementing $P_{n,m}$:
Use gates of the following form
$$P(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2\pi i \theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Use controlled $P(\theta)$ gates for $\theta = 2^{-k}$ ($k > 0$)

$$C-P(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2\pi i \theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Apply $P_{n,m}$ to $|a\rangle |b\rangle$

assuming $\begin{cases} a = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^m} \\ b = b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-m} \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^{n-m}} \end{cases}$

$$\frac{a}{2^m} = 0.a_1 a_2 \dots a_m = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j 2^{-j}$$

$$\frac{b}{2^{n-m}} = 0.b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-m} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-m} b_k 2^{-k}$$

multiply:

$$\frac{ab}{2^n} = \sum_{j,k} a_j b_k 2^{-j-k}$$

$$e_n(ab) = e^{2\pi i \sum_{j,k} a_j b_k 2^{-j-k}}$$

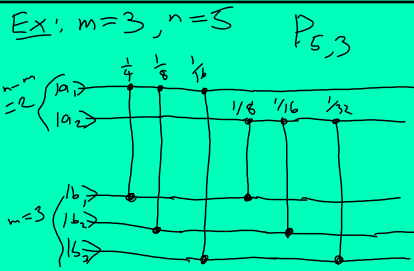
$$= e^{2\pi i \sum_{j,k} a_j b_k 2^{-j-k}}$$

$$= \prod_{j,k} e^{2\pi i a_j b_k 2^{-j-k}}$$

$$= \prod_{j,k} e_{j+k}(a_j b_k)$$

so $P_{n,m} |a\rangle |b\rangle = e_n(ab) |a\rangle |b\rangle$

$$= \left(\prod_{j,k} e_{j+k}(a_j b_k) \right) |a\rangle |b\rangle$$



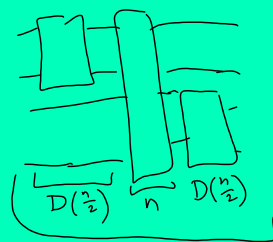
Same pattern holds for any m, n : gate connecting top qubits always has $\theta = \frac{1}{4}$; as each connection moves down in the register (either one), divide θ by 2.

By applying $C-P(\theta)$ gates on disjoint pairs of qubits simultaneously (i.e., on the same layer) can reduce the depth of the $P_{n,m}$ circuit to $O(n)$ (instead of $O(n^2)$)

Shor's original implementation: $m = n-1$ each time, [depth is asymptotically n^2]

"Divide & conquer" decomp (i.e., $m \approx \frac{n}{2}$ each time)

Depth $D(n)$ is given by a recurrence:



$$D(n) = 2D\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$$

$$\therefore D(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$$

Do better?

Shor's algo will work for an approximate QFT

If $\theta \ll 1$, $P(\theta) \approx I$

Can approximate QFT by throwing out all $C-P(\theta)$ gates

where $\theta > \frac{1}{n^2}$ (versus $\frac{1}{2}$)
 $\frac{1}{2 \cdot \lg n}$

$P_{n,m}$ can be approx now with a depth $O(\lg n)$ circuit.