# Quantum Computing based on Tensor Products DFT and Factorization of Integers

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$$\llbracket 0, n-1 \rrbracket = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}.$$

Given  $f : [0, n-1] \to \mathbb{C}$  its discrete Fourier transform is  $\hat{f} : [0, n-1] \to \mathbb{C}$ 

$$\forall j \in [[0, n-1]]: \hat{f}(j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i j k}{n}\right) f(k). \qquad [i = \sqrt{-1}]$$



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$$\mathbf{f}=\sum_{j=0}^{n-1}f(j)\mathbf{e}_{j}\in\mathbb{C}^{n},$$

its discrete Fourier transform is

$$\mathsf{DFT}(\mathbf{f}) = \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \hat{f}(j) \mathbf{e}_j \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

DFT is linear transform and, w.r.t. the canonical basis, it is represented by the unitary matrix DFT =  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left( \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i j k}{n}\right) \right)_{ik}$ 

DFT<sup>*H*</sup> coincides with DFT except that the exponents in each entry have sign "–".



In particular,

$$\forall j \in \llbracket 0, n-1 \rrbracket : \mathsf{DFT}(\mathbf{e}_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i j k}{n}\right) \mathbf{e}_k. \tag{1}$$

and obviously,

$$\mathsf{DFT}(\mathbf{f}) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(j) \, \mathsf{DFT}(\mathbf{e}_j). \tag{2}$$

Now, let us assume that  $n = 2^{\nu}$  is a power of 2.

DFT can be calculated by fast Fourier transform FFT. This is a typical procedure of time complexity  $O(v2^v) = O(n \log n)$ .

Through the inherent parallelism of quantum computing the procedure can be reduced to time complexity O(v).



Let us observe that, on one side,  $\mathbb{H}_{\nu} = \mathbb{C}^{n}$ , and by identifying each  $j \in [[0, 2^{\nu} - 1]]$  with  $\varepsilon_{j} = \varepsilon_{j,\nu-1} \cdots \varepsilon_{j,1} \varepsilon_{j,0}$ :

$$\mathsf{DFT}(\mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_j}) = \bigotimes_{k=0}^{\nu-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \mathbf{e}_0 + \exp\left(\frac{\pi i j}{2^k}\right) \mathbf{e}_1 \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \mathbf{e}_0 + \exp\left(\frac{\pi i j}{2^0}\right) \mathbf{e}_1 \right) \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \mathbf{e}_0 + \exp\left(\frac{\pi i j}{2^1}\right) \mathbf{e}_1 \right) \otimes \cdots \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \mathbf{e}_0 + \exp\left(\frac{\pi i j}{2^{\nu-1}}\right) \mathbf{e}_1 \right) \quad (3)$$

The products appearing in this tensor product suggest the operators  $Q_k : \mathbb{H}_1 \to \mathbb{H}_1$  and their "controlled" versions:

$$Q_{k} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \exp\left(\frac{\pi i}{2^{k}}\right) \end{bmatrix} , \quad Q_{kj}^{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \exp\left(\pi i \frac{j}{2^{k}}\right) \end{bmatrix}.$$



Thus, for instance, if j = 1 then  $Q_{k1}^c = Q_k$  while if j = 0 then  $Q_{k0}^c = I$ . For  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{e}_0 + \mathbf{e}_1) = H(\mathbf{e}_0), \ Q_{kj}^c(\mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{e}_0 + \exp(\pi i \frac{j}{2^k})\mathbf{e}_1)$ . Each  $j \in [[0, 2^{\nu} - 1]]$  is represented by  $\varepsilon_j$ . Then,  $\forall \ell \in [[0, \nu - 1]], \ \frac{\varepsilon_{j,\ell}2^{\ell}}{2^k} = \frac{\varepsilon_{j,\ell}}{2^{k-\ell}}$ .

$$\exp\left(\pi i \frac{j}{2^{k}}\right) = \exp\left(\pi i \frac{\sum_{\ell=0}^{\nu-1} \varepsilon_{j,\ell} 2^{\ell}}{2^{k}}\right) = \prod_{\ell=0}^{\nu-1} \exp\left(\pi i \frac{\varepsilon_{j,\ell}}{2^{k-\ell}}\right)$$

and consequently,

$$Q_{kj}^c = Q_{k-\nu+1,\varepsilon_{j,\nu-1}}^c \circ \cdots \circ Q_{k-1,\varepsilon_{j,1}}^c \circ Q_{k,\varepsilon_{j,0}}^c.$$

Since *k* ranges from 0 to  $\nu - 1$  there will be required  $2(2\nu - 1)$  gates  $Q_{\kappa\varepsilon}^c$ ,  $\kappa \in [-(\nu - 1), \nu - 1], \varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$ . Whenever  $j < 2^{\nu_1}$ , with  $\nu_1 \le \nu$ , all digits with indexes  $\nu_1 - 1$  or  $\nu - 1$  have value 0, hence the corresponding controlled gates are the identity map.

For each  $(j, k) \in [[0, 2^{\nu} - 1]] \times [[0, \nu - 1]]$ ,

$$P_{jk} = Q_{k-\nu_1+1,\varepsilon_{j,\nu_1-1}}^c \circ \cdots \circ Q_{k-1,\varepsilon_{j,1}}^c \circ Q_{k,\varepsilon_{j,0}}^c,$$
(4)

where  $v_1 = \lceil \log_2 j \rceil + 1$ . Then:  $P_{jk}(\mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \mathbf{e}_0 + \exp\left(\pi i \frac{J}{2^k}\right) \mathbf{e}_1 \right)$ . For a fixed  $j \in [\![0, 2^{\nu} - 1]\!]$ , for each  $k = 0, \dots, \nu - 1$ ,  $P_{jk}(\mathbf{x}_0)$  at the right of eq. (3) will appear in an order left to right w.r.t. eq. (3). Then:

$$Q_{0,\varepsilon_{j,0}}^{c}(\mathbf{x}_{0}) = P_{j0}(\mathbf{x}_{0})$$

$$Q_{1,\varepsilon_{j,0}}^{c} \circ Q_{0,\varepsilon_{j,1}}^{c}(\mathbf{x}_{0}) = P_{j1}(\mathbf{x}_{0})$$

$$Q_{2,\varepsilon_{j,0}}^{c} \circ Q_{1,\varepsilon_{j,1}}^{c} \circ Q_{0,\varepsilon_{j,2}}^{c}(\mathbf{x}_{0}) = P_{j2}(\mathbf{x}_{0})$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$Q_{\nu-1,\varepsilon_{j,0}}^{c} \circ \cdots \circ Q_{2,\varepsilon_{j,\nu-3}}^{c} \circ Q_{1,\varepsilon_{j,\nu-2}}^{c} \circ Q_{0,\varepsilon_{j,\nu-1}}^{c}(\mathbf{x}_{0}) = P_{j,\nu-1}(\mathbf{x}_{0})$$



For each  $k \in [[0, \nu - 1]]$ , the  $Q_{\ell,\varepsilon_{j,k-\ell}}^c$ , with  $\ell = 0, ..., k$ , are applied consecutively and they are selecting the digits in the base-2 representation of *j* going from the most significant till the least significant. Henceforth, it is necessary to apply the reverse operator to switch the bits order in each  $j \in [[0, 2^{\nu} - 1]]$ . Each bit  $\varepsilon$  is represented by the basic vector  $\mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon}$ . Consequently, each

controlled operator  $Q_{k,\varepsilon}^c$ , with domain in  $\mathbb{H}_1$  can be identified with the operator  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto Q^{c2}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon})$  where

$$Q^{c2} = (I \otimes Q_k) \circ C \circ (I \otimes Q_k^H) \circ C \circ (Q_k \otimes I).$$
(5)



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Input. n = 2^{\nu}, \mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{C}^n = \mathbb{H}_{\nu}.
     Output. \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \mathsf{DFT}(\mathbf{f}) \in \mathbb{H}_{\nu}.
Procedure DFT(n, f)
                         • Let \mathbf{x}_0 := H(\mathbf{e}_0).
                         2 For each i \in [0, 2^{\nu} - 1], or equivalently, for each
                               (\varepsilon_{i,\nu-1}\cdots\varepsilon_{i,1}\varepsilon_{i,0}) \in \{0,1\}^{\nu}, do (in parallel):
                                   • For each k \in [0, v - 1] do (in parallel):
                                     • Let \delta := R_k(\varepsilon_i|_{\nu}) be the reverse of the chain consisting of
                                         the (k + 1) less significant bits.
                                     2 Let \mathbf{y}_{ik} := \mathbf{x}_0.
                                     3 For \ell = 0 to k do { \mathbf{y}_{ik} := Q^{c2}(\mathbf{y}_{ik}, \mathbf{e}_{\delta_{i\ell}}) (see eq. (5)) }
                                  2 Let \mathbf{y}_i := \mathbf{y}_{i0} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbf{y}_{i,\nu-1} (see eq. (3)).
                         Output as result \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \sum_{i=0}^{2^{\nu}-1} f_i \mathbf{y}_i.
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## Modular multiplicative groups

- For n, m ∈ Z, its greatest common divisor is d = gcd(n, m) where d divides n and m and any other common divisor divides also d.
- Euclid's Algorithm calculates, for two given n and m, d = gcd(n, m) and express as d = an + bm, with  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- *n* and *m* are relative prime if gcd(n, m) = 1.
- $\Phi(n) = \{m \in [[1, n]] | \gcd(n, m) = 1\}.$
- $\phi(n) = \operatorname{card}(\Phi(n))$ : Euler's function at *n*.
- $(\Phi(n),$  multiplication modulo n) is a group of order  $\phi(n)$ .
- If  $m \in \Phi(n)$  then  $m^{\phi(n)} = 1 \mod n$ .
- For each integer  $m \in \Phi(n)$  there exists a minimal element *r*, divisor of  $\phi(n)$ , such that  $m^r = 1 \mod n$ . Such an *r* is the order of *m* in  $\Phi(n)$ .

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#### Let *n* be an integer to be factored

- Select an integer m such that 1 < m < n.
- If gcd(n, m) = d > 1, then *d* is a non-trivial factor of *n*.
- 3 Otherwise,  $m \in \Phi(n)$ .
  - If *m* has an even order *r*, then  $k = m^{\frac{r}{2}}$  will be such that  $k^2 = 1 \mod n$ , and  $(k-1)(k+1) = 0 \mod n$ .
  - By calculating gcd(n, k 1) and gcd(n, k + 1), one gets non-trivial factors of n.



#### First problem

Find an element of even order in  $\Phi(n)$ 

If *m* is chosen randomly, the probability that *m* has even order is  $1 - \frac{1}{2^{\ell}}$  where  $\ell$  is the number of prime factors in *n*.

Hence, the probability that after *k* attempts the sought witnessing number has not been found is  $2^{-k\ell}$  and this tends to zero quickly as *k* increases.



## **Biggest problem**

Calculate the order of a current element *m* in  $\Phi(n)$ 

Let  $v = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ , v is the size of *n*.  $O(n) = O(2^v)$ , thus an exhaustive procedure has exponential complexity with respect to the input size. Shor's algorithm is based over a polynomial-time procedure in v to calculate the order of an element.



Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\nu = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  be its size. Let  $\kappa$  s.t.  $n^2 \le 2^{\kappa} < 2n^2$ , i.e.  $\kappa = \lceil 2 \log_2 n \rceil$ . There will be necessary to use  $\kappa + \nu$  qubits and all calculations will lie in  $\mathbb{H}_{\kappa+\nu} = \mathbb{H}_{\kappa} \otimes \mathbb{H}_{\nu}$ , of dimension  $2^{\kappa+\nu} = 2^{\kappa} \cdot 2^{\nu}$ .  $\forall m \in \Phi(n), \text{ let } V_m : \mathbb{H}_{\kappa+\nu} \to \mathbb{H}_{\kappa+\nu},$  $V_m : \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_i} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_i} \mapsto \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_i} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{f(i,i,m)}}$ (6)where  $f(i, j, m) = (j + m^i) \mod n$ . f is r-periodic w.r.t. its first argument i.



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#### Elements whose Order is a Power of 2

Suppose  $m \in \Phi(n)$  whose order *r* is a power of 2. Let  $P_1 = H^{\otimes \kappa} \otimes I^{\otimes \nu}$ ,  $H, I : \mathbb{H}_1 \to \mathbb{H}_1$  Hadamard's operator and identity.

$$P_1(\mathbf{e_0}\otimes\mathbf{e_0})=rac{1}{\sqrt{2^\kappa}}\sum_{arepsilon\in\{0,1\}^\kappa}\mathbf{e}_arepsilon\otimes\mathbf{e_0}.$$

Let's write  $\mathbf{s}_1 = P_1(\mathbf{e_0} \otimes \mathbf{e_0})$ . By applying  $V_m$ ,

$$V_m(\mathbf{s}_1) = rac{1}{\sqrt{2^{\kappa}}} \sum_{i=0}^{2^{\kappa}-1} \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_i} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{f(i,0,m)}}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{s}_2 = V_m(\mathbf{s}_1)$ . Let  $J_j = \{i | 0 \le i \le 2^{\kappa} - 1 : i = j \mod r\}$ .  $\llbracket 0, 2^{\kappa} - 1 \rrbracket = \bigcup_{j=0}^{r-1} J_j$ , and each set  $J_j$  has cardinality  $s = \frac{2^{\kappa}}{r} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus

$$\mathbf{s}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{\kappa}}} \sum_{j=0}^{r-1} \left( \sum_{i \in J_j} \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_i} \right) \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m^j}}$$

By a Measurement, it is chosen a vector  $\mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_i} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m_{j_0}}}$ ,  $i \in J_{j_0}$ , for a fixed  $j_0 \leq r$ , with probability  $\frac{r}{2^{\kappa}}$ . The corresponding state is

$$\mathbf{s}_{3} = \sum_{i=0}^{2^{\kappa}-1} g(i) \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{i}} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m^{j_{0}}}}.$$
(8)

where  $g: i \mapsto \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2^{\kappa}}} & \text{if } i \in J_{j_0} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \notin J_{j_0} \end{cases}$  is also *r*-periodic.  $\hat{g}$  is periodic, with period proportional to  $\frac{1}{r}$ . On other side:

$$\check{\mathbf{s}_{3}} = \mathsf{DFT}^{H}(\mathbf{s}_{3}) = \sqrt{\frac{r}{2^{\kappa}}} \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{\kappa}}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{2^{\kappa}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i\ell}{2^{\kappa}} (kr+j_{0})\right) \mathbf{e}_{\ell} \right) \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m^{j_{0}}}},$$

and, by interchanging the summation order we get:

$$\mathbf{s}_{4} = \check{\mathbf{s}_{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^{2^{\kappa}-1} \left( \frac{1}{s} \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i \ell k}{s}\right) \right) \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i \ell j_{0}}{2^{\kappa}}\right) \mathbf{e}_{\ell} \right) \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m}j_{0}}.$$

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Since  $\exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i \ell}{s}\right)$  is a *s*-th root of unit,  $\frac{1}{s} \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i \ell k}{s}\right)$  is either 1 or 0 depending on whether  $\ell$  has the form  $\ell = ts$ , with t = 0, ..., r - 1.

$$\mathbf{s}_{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left( \sum_{t=0}^{r-1} \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i t j_{0}}{r}\right) \mathbf{e}_{\frac{2^{\kappa}t}{r}} \right) \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m} j_{0}}.$$
(10)

By a measurement it is obtained  $\frac{2^{k}t_{0}}{r}$ , with  $t_{0} \in [[0, r-1]]$ , each with probability  $r^{-1}$ .

If  $t_0 = 0$ , then it is not possible to obtain any information about *r* and the procedure should be repeated.

Otherwise, it is obtained the rational value  $\frac{r_0}{r_1} = \frac{t_0}{r}$ . The values  $r_0$  and  $r_1$  are known, but till this point neither  $t_0$  nor r are known. Nevertheless, a fortiori  $r_1$  should divide r. Thus, the quantum algorithm should be applied once more with  $m_1 = m^{r_1}$  as input. In a recursive way, the factorization  $r = r_1 r_2 \cdots r_p$  is got, containing at most  $\log_2 r$  factors.



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Input.  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \Phi(n)$  of order a power of 2.

Output. *r* such that r|o(m).

Procedure DivisorOrderPower2(n, m)

• Let 
$$v := \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$$
,  $\kappa := 2v$ .

- 2 Let  $V_m : \mathbb{H}_{\kappa+\nu} \to \mathbb{H}_{\kappa+\nu}$  be defined as in eq. (6).
- 3 Let  $\mathbf{s}_1 := (H^{\otimes \kappa} \otimes I^{\otimes \nu})(\mathbf{e}_0 \otimes \mathbf{e}_0).$
- Let  $s_2 := V_m(s_1)$ .
- Subscript{Solution} Let  $\mathbf{s}_3 := \sum_{i=0}^{2^{\kappa}-1} g(i) \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_i} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m^{j_0}}}$  be the equivalent state to "take a measurement" in  $\mathbf{s}_2$ . *g* is determined by eq. (8).
- Let  $\mathbf{s}_4 := \text{IDFT}(2^{\kappa}, \mathbf{s}_3)$ .
- Let  $\mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_k} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m_0}}$  be a measurement of  $\mathbf{s}_4$ .
- If k == 0 then repeat from step 3. Else, let  $\frac{r_0}{r_1} = \frac{k}{2^{\kappa}}$  and output as result  $r_1$ .



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Input. n \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \Phi(n) of order a power of 2.
   Output. r such that r = o(m).
Procedure OrderPower2(n, m)
               • Initially r := 1 and m_1 := m.
               2 Repeat
                     let r<sub>1</sub> := DivisorOrderPower2(n, m<sub>1</sub>);
                     2 update r := r \cdot r_1;
                     3 update m_1 := m_1^{r_1} \mod n.
                   until r_1 == 1.
                   Output r.
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### **Elements with Arbitrary Order**

Let us drop the assumption that order *r* is a power of 2. As before, let  $V_m$  be defined as in eq. (6):  $\mathbf{s}_1 = (H^{\otimes \kappa} \otimes I^{\otimes \nu})(\mathbf{e}_0 \otimes \mathbf{e}_0)$  and

$$\mathbf{s}_{2} = V_{m}(\mathbf{s}_{1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{\kappa}}} \sum_{j=0}^{r-1} \left( \sum_{i \in J_{j}} \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{i}} \right) \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m^{j}}}.$$
 (11)

where the sets  $J_j$  are equivalence classes, but in the current case their cardinalities may differ. If  $u = 2^{\kappa} \mod r$  and  $s = (2^{\kappa} - u)/r$  then u classes will have s + 1 elements and the remaining classes will have s elements. Let  $s_j = s + 1$  for j = 1, ..., u and  $s_j = s$  for j = u + 1, ..., r - 1, 0. Then the state after taking a measurement, as in eq. (8), is, for some  $j_0 \in [[0, r - 1]]$ :

$$\mathbf{s}_{3} = \sum_{i=0}^{2^{\kappa}-1} g(i) \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{i}} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m^{j_{0}}}}.$$
 (12)

where  $g: i \mapsto \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_{j_0}}} & \text{if } i \in J_{j_0} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \notin J_{j_0} \end{cases}$ 

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$$\mathbf{s}_{4} = \check{\mathbf{s}_{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{\kappa}}} \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^{2^{\kappa}-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_{j_{0}}}} \sum_{k=0}^{s_{j_{0}}-1} e^{\left(-\frac{2\pi i\ell kr}{2^{\kappa}}\right)} \right) e^{\left(-\frac{2\pi i\ell j_{0}}{2^{\kappa}}\right)} \mathbf{e}_{\ell} \right) \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m^{j_{0}}}}.$$
 (13)

The coefficients involving the inner summation never will be zero (since *r* does not divide  $2^{\kappa}$ , there is no "complete sample" of  $s_{j_0}$ -th roots of unit). In a measurement for the first qubit, the probability to choose  $\mathbf{e}_{\ell} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{-i_0}}$  is

$$m{P}(\ell) = rac{1}{\sqrt{2^\kappa s_{j_0}}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{s_{j_0}-1} \exp\left(-rac{2\pi i \ell k r}{2^\kappa}
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ight|^2$$

and the maxima of those values correspond to  $\ell = \text{ClosestInteger}\left(\frac{k2^{\kappa}}{r}\right)$ . Suppose that after a measurement, it is chosen  $\mathbf{e}_{\ell_k} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{m^{j_0}}}$ , with  $\ell_k = \text{ClosestInteger}\left(\frac{k2^{\kappa}}{r}\right)$ . Then, when divided by  $2^{\kappa}$  we get  $\frac{\ell_k}{2^{\kappa}} \sim \frac{k}{r}$ , and from here we should know r.



If  $\frac{p}{a} \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ , its continued fraction is

$$\frac{p}{q} = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{\dots + \frac{1}{a_v}}} = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_v]$$
(14)

where  $a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_v \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$ . For each  $w \le v$ ,  $[a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_w]$  is the *w*-th convergent of  $\frac{p}{q}$ , and is a rational approximation of  $\frac{p}{q}$ .



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## **Continued Fractions Algorithm**

Input.  $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Output.  $[a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_v]$ : continued fraction representing  $\frac{p}{a} \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Procedure ContinuedFraction $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$ 

• Initially lst := [] (the empty list) and  $xcurr := \frac{p}{a}$ .

- While the denominator of xcurr is greater than 1 do
  - Let i := IntegerPart(xcurr);

2 let express 
$$\frac{p_1}{q_1} = xcurr;$$

• update xcurr := 
$$\frac{q_1}{p_1 - iq_1}$$
;

• update 
$$lst := lst * [i]$$
.

• Update lst := lst \* [xcurr].

Output Ist.



Input.  $n \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \Phi(n)$ . Output. r such that r|o(m). Procedure DivisorOrder(n, m) • Let  $v := \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ ,  $\kappa = \lceil 2 \log_2 n \rceil$ . 2 Let  $V_m : \mathbb{H}_{\kappa+\nu} \to \mathbb{H}_{\kappa+\nu}$  as in eq. (6). 3 Let  $\mathbf{s}_1 := (H^{\otimes \kappa} \otimes I^{\otimes \nu})(\mathbf{e}_0 \otimes \mathbf{e}_0).$ • Let  $s_2 := V_m(s_1)$ . **5** Let  $\mathbf{s}_3 := \sum_{i=0}^{2^{\kappa}-1} g(i) \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_i} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{-i}}$  be the state equivalent to "take a measurement" in  $\mathbf{s}_2$ , g is as in eq. (12). • Let  $\mathbf{s}_4 := \text{IDFT}(2^{\kappa}, \mathbf{s}_3)$ . • Let  $\mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{\ell_k}} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{\varepsilon_{\min}}$  a measurement of  $\mathbf{s}_4$ .



## If $\ell_k == 0$ then repeat from step 3. Else

- Let  $[a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_v] := \text{ContinuedFraction}\left(\frac{\ell_k}{2^\kappa}\right);$
- 2 Let  $[c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_v]$  be the convergents list; and
- output the list of denominators less than *n* of those convergents.

From the obtained divisors of orders, it is possible to find the orders themselves in a similar manner as was sketched in the procedure OrderPower2, but in this case it is necessary to track all divisors provided by the above procedure DivisorOrder.

