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NAVIGATING $U(2)$ WITH
GOLDEN GATES

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CLASSICAL COMPUTING CIRCUIT MODEL

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SINGLE BIT $x \in \{0, 1\}$

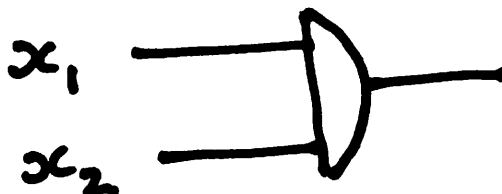
• ONE BIT NOT GATE

$\sim x$



• TWO BIT AND GATE

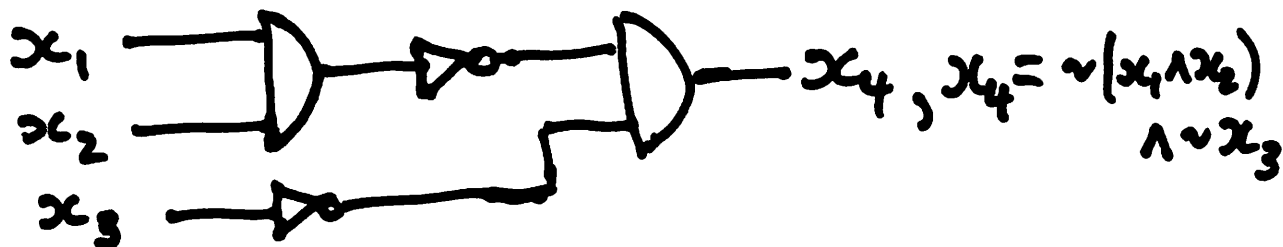
$x_1 \wedge x_2$,



AN n -BIT CIRCUIT IS A BOOLEAN FUNCTION

$$f: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

EG:



THE GATES {NOT, AND} ARE UNIVERSAL;
EVERY f CAN BE EXPRESSED AS A CIRCUIT
USING THESE GATES.

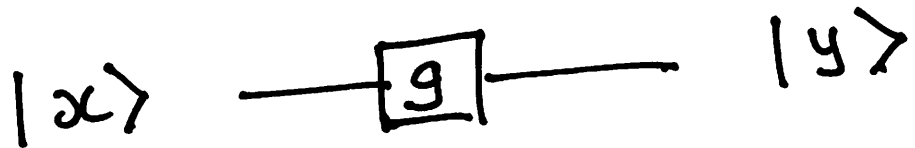
• THE SIZE OF A CIRCUIT IS ITS
COMPLEXITY.

THEORETICAL QUANTUM COMPUTING

A SINGLE QUBIT STATE IS A UNIT VECTOR ψ IN \mathbb{C}^2

$$\psi = (\psi_1, \psi_2), \quad |\psi|^2 = \psi_1 \bar{\psi}_1 + \psi_2 \bar{\psi}_2 = 1$$

A ONE BIT QUANTUM GATE IS AN ELEMENT $g \in U(2)$ (OR $SU(2)$, $PU(2) := G$) ACTING ON ψ 'S



$U(2)$ IS THE GROUP OF 2×2 UNITARY MATRICES

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix}, \quad g^* = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\alpha} & \bar{\beta} \\ \bar{\gamma} & \bar{\delta} \end{bmatrix}; \quad gg^* = I$$

$$SU(2): \quad g = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\bar{\beta} & \bar{\alpha} \end{bmatrix}, \quad |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

n -QUBITS ARE VECTORS IN $(\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes n}$
VECTOR SPACE OF DIMENSION 2^n

• TWO BIT QUANTUM GATE

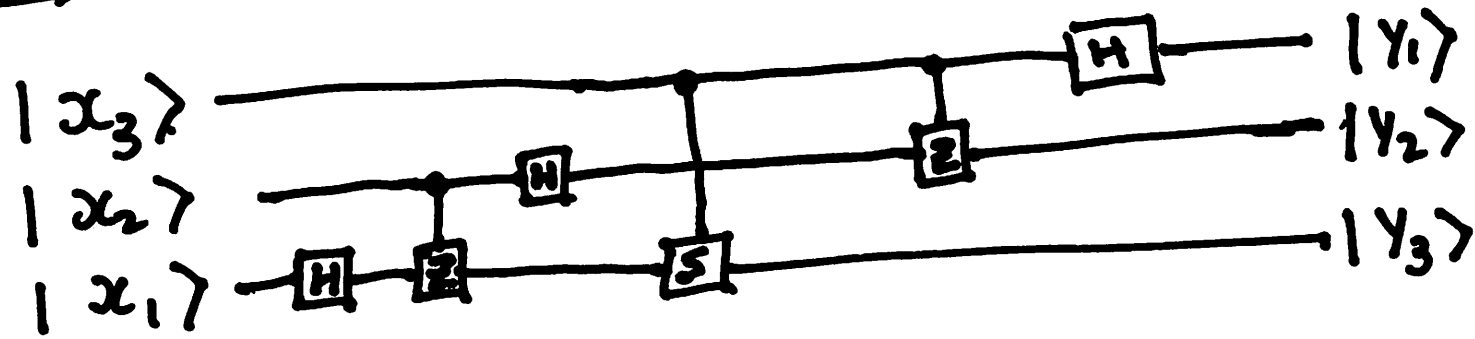
XOR (OR CNOT) ON BASIS $e_0 \otimes e_0, e_0 \otimes e_1, e_1 \otimes e_0, e_1 \otimes e_1$

$$XOR = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \begin{array}{c} |x_1\rangle \\ |x_2\rangle \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} |y_1\rangle \\ |y_2\rangle \end{array}$$

The diagram shows two horizontal wires. The top wire is labeled $|x_1\rangle$ on the left and $|y_1\rangle$ on the right. The bottom wire is labeled $|x_2\rangle$ on the left and $|y_2\rangle$ on the right. A control dot is on the top wire, and a target box labeled 'X' is on the bottom wire. To the right of the diagram is the matrix $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

THE ONE BIT GATES $g \in G$, TOGETHER WITH XOR ARE UNIVERSAL FOR QUANTUM COMPUTING. THAT IS ANY $g \in U(2^n)$ CAN BE EXPRESSED AS A CIRCUIT IN THESE.

EG: THREE BIT QUANTUM FOURIER TRANSFORM



HADAMARD	$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	
PAULI	$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
PAULI	$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
PAULI	$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	
PHASE	$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$	

THESE ELEMENT GENERATE THE CLIFFORD GROUP C_{24} OF ORDER 24 IN G .

ALLOWING ONLY A FINITE SET OF GATES WE HAVE TO SETTLE WITH A TOPOLOGICALLY DENSE UNIVERSAL GATE SET.

DISTANCE BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF G

$$d_G^2(g, h) = 1 - \frac{|\text{TRACE}(g^* h)|}{2}$$

$$d(gy, hy) = d(yg, yh) = d(g, h) \text{ FOR } y \in G.$$

WE MEASURE APPROXIMATION IN G (OR $U(2^n)$) WITH THIS DISTANCE. WE ALSO USE THE CORRESPONDING VOLUME ON G WHICH IS INVARIANT, $\text{VOL}(A) = \text{VOL}(Ay) = \text{VOL}(yA), y \in G$.

$$\bullet \quad g \in \text{SU}(2), \quad g = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + ix_2 & x_3 + ix_4 \\ -x_3 + ix_4 & x_1 - ix_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = 1$$

AND THE IDENTIFICATION

$$g \longleftrightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in S^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^4$$

OF $\text{SU}(2)$ AND S^3 PRESERVES DISTANCE AND VOLUME.

C_{24} IS NOT DENSE IN G .

MOST TREATMENTS ADD THE "T-GATE"

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{"} \frac{\pi}{8} \text{-GATE"}$$

C_{24} PLUS T GENERATE A DENSE SUBGROUP AND ARE AN EXAMPLE OF A GOLDEN GATE SET. (KLIUCHNIKOV-MASLOV-MOSCA).

$F = \{C_{24}, T, \text{XOR}\}$ IS UNIVERSAL AND HAS SOME OPTIMAL PROPERTIES.

• THE T-GATE IS CONSIDERED EXPENSIVE IN CIRCUITS IN G FROM VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW INCLUDING FAULT TOLERANCE.

\Rightarrow THE COMPLEXITY OF A CIRCUIT IN $C_{24} + T$ IS THE T-COUNT, IE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS OF T .

SU(2) DOUBLE COVERS SO(3)

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$$g \in \text{SU}(2), g = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\bar{\beta} & \alpha \end{bmatrix}, \text{TRACE}(g) = 0 \iff$$

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} ix_2 & x_3 + ix_4 \\ -x_3 + ix_4 & -ix_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(x_2, x_3, x_4) \iff \text{trace}(g) = 0$$

$$x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = 1$$

$$(x_2, x_3, x_4) \longrightarrow g^* \begin{bmatrix} ix_2 & x_3 + ix_4 \\ -x_3 + ix_4 & -ix_2 \end{bmatrix} g$$

gives a rotation in (x_2, x_3, x_4) ,
call it $\pi(g)$. $\pi(g) \in \text{SO}(3)$

$$\text{SU}(2) \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{SO}(3).$$

$C_{24} \rightarrow$ ROTATIONS OF A CUBE.

SOLOVAY-KITAEV THEOREM:

GIVEN A, B TOPOLOGICAL GENERATORS
OF G , FOR $\epsilon > 0$ AND $g \in G$ ONE CAN
FIND A WORD $W(A, B)$ OF LENGTH
 $O((\log 1/\epsilon)^c)$ AND IN AS MANY STEPS
S.T. $d(W, g) < \epsilon$ (HERE $c \approx 4$).

THIS GIVES A CRUDE BUT REASONABLY
EFFICIENT ALGORITHM TO NAVIGATE G .

BASIC PROBLEM; OPTIMAL GENERATORS FOR G : 18

GIVEN A FINITE SUBGROUP C OF G TO FIND AN INVOLUTION T ($T^2 = 1$) SUCH THAT $F = C \cup \{T\}$ GENERATES G TOPOLOGICALLY OPTIMALLY IN TERM OF COVERING G WITH SMALL T -COUNT, AND WITH AN EFFICIENT NAVIGATION ALGORITHM.

THE CIRCUITS $S_F(t)$ IN THE GATES F WITH T -COUNT t ARE OF THE FORM

$$C_1 T C_2 T \dots C_t T, \quad C_j \in C$$
$$|S_F(t)| = |C|^2 (|C| - 1)^{t-1}; t \geq 1$$

THE PROPERTIES THAT WE WANT ARE

(I) $S_F(t)$, $t \leq k$ ARE DISTINCT ELEMENTS IN G .

(II). IF $N_F(k) = \left| \bigcup_{t \leq k} S_F(t) \right|$, THEN THESE $N(k)$ POINTS SHOULD COVER G ESSENTIALLY OPTIMALLY. IF B IS A BALL CENTERED AT $I \in G$ THEN

$$\bigcup_{t \leq k} \bigcup_{g \in S_F(t)} B_g \text{ COVERS } G.$$

FOR THIS TO HAPPEN WE NEED

$$\text{Vol}(B) N_F(k) \geq 1.$$

WE RELAX THIS A LITTLE, REQUIRING THAT IF $\text{Vol}(B) N_F(k) \rightarrow \infty$ VERY SLOWLY THEN WE (ALMOST) COVER G .

(III) NAVIGATION: GIVEN $x \in G$ AND A BALL B CENTERED AT x , FIND EFFICIENTLY (IE IN $\text{POLY } k$) A

$$g \in \left[\bigcup_{t \leq k} S_F(t) \right] \cap B, \text{ IF SUCH EXISTS.}$$

PLATONIC SOLIDS

TETRAHEDRON

FIRE



4 FACES
4 POINTS
6 EDGES



$180^\circ \times 4$

720° DEGREES

OCTAHEDRON

AIR



8 FACES
6 POINTS
12 EDGES

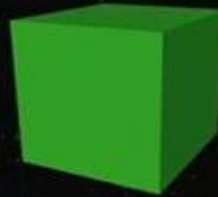


$180^\circ \times 8$

1440° DEGREES

HEXAHEDRON

EARTH



6 FACES
8 POINTS
12 EDGES



$360^\circ \times 6$

2160° DEGREES

ICOSAHEDRON

WATER



20 FACES
12 POINTS
30 EDGES



$180^\circ \times 20$

3600° DEGREES

DODECAHEDRON

AETHER



12 FACES
20 POINTS
30 EDGES



$540^\circ \times 12$

6480° DEGREES

THE (INTERESTING) FINITE SUBGROUPS
OF G ARISE AS THE ⁵ROTATIONAL
SYMMETRIES OF THE Δ PLATONIC SOLIDS.

TETRAHEDRON , A_4 $|A_4| = 12$

CUBE / OCTAHEDRON , S_4 $|S_4| = 24$

DODECAHEDRON /
ICOSAHEDRON. , A_5 $|A_5| = 60$.

SUPER-GOLDEN GATES (PARZANCHEVSKI-S):

(1) CUBE , PAULI GROUP.

$$C_4 = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle, \quad T_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1-i \\ 1+i & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) MINIMAL CLIFFORD (OCTAHEDRON).

$$C_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -i & -i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad T_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 1+i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) TETRAHEDRON , HURWITZ

$$C_{12} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle, \quad T_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1-i \\ 1+i & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

4) OCTAHEDRON, CLIFFORD

$$C_{24} = \langle 5, H \rangle, \quad T_{24} = \begin{pmatrix} -1-\sqrt{2} & 2-\sqrt{2}+i \\ 2-\sqrt{2}-i & 1+\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

5) ICOSAHEDRON, KLEIN GROUP.

$$C_{60} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \phi - i/\phi \\ \phi + i/\phi & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ (GOLDEN RATIO)}, \quad T_{60} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+\phi & 1-i \\ 1+i & -2-\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

THEOREM :

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THESE SUPER GATE SETS SATISFY
(I), (II) AND PART OF (III).

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MORE PRECISELY CONCERNING NAVIGATION(III)

IF $g \in G$ IS DIAGONAL AND ONE
CAN FACTOR INTEGERS EFFICIENTLY, THEN
THERE IS A HEURISTIC EFFICIENT
ALGORITHM (ROSS-SELINGER) WHICH
FINDS THE SHORTEST CIRCUIT WITH
 $k \leq k$ BEST APPROXIMATING g . ON THE
OTHER HAND IF g IS A GENERAL
ELEMENT IN G THEN FINDING THE
SHORTEST CIRCUIT APPROXIMATING g IS
ESSENTIALLY NP-COMPLETE!

NEVER-THE-LESS A CIRCUIT
3-TIMES LONGER THAN THE
SHORTEST ONE CAN BE FOUND EFFICIENTLY.

THE ANALOGOUS ONE DIMENSIONAL PROBLEM: 13

WHAT IS THE BEST GENERATOR OF $U(1)$?

$$U(1) = \{ e^{2\pi i \theta} : 0 \leq \theta < 1 \bmod 1 \}$$

R_α THE ROTATION BY α , FOR $k \geq 1$,

$$S_\alpha(k) = R_\alpha, R_\alpha^2, \dots, R_\alpha^k \quad \text{I.E.}$$

$$\alpha, 2\alpha, \dots, k\alpha \bmod 1.$$

WANT THE LARGEST GAP BETWEEN THESE TO BE AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE.

$$L_k(\alpha) := \max_{I \cap S_\alpha(k) = \emptyset} |I|, \quad I \text{ INTERVAL IN } U(1).$$

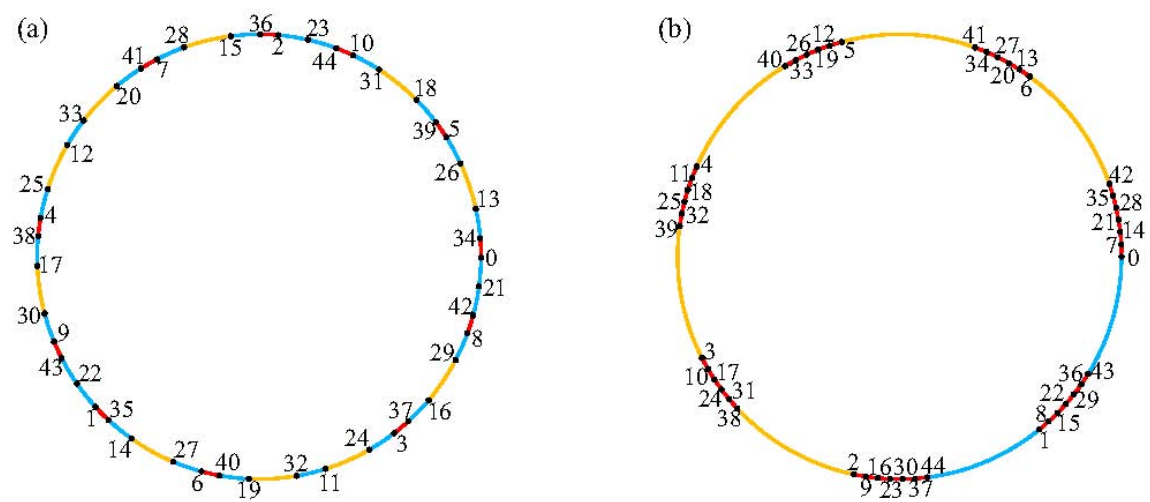


Figure 1. (a) The first 45 iterates of $x = 0$ under R_ϕ for $\phi = (\sqrt{5} - 1)/2$. (b) The first 45 iterates of $x = 0$ under R_θ for $\theta = 4 - \pi$. Iterates are labelled and arcs between consecutive points in each orbit are colored according to their relative length.

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THEOREM (R. GRAHAM / VAN LINDT , V. SÓ'S) 1/4

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} k L_{\alpha}(k) \geq 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

WITH EQUALITY IF $\alpha = \phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$.

ONE CAN APPLY EUCLID'S ALGORITHM/
~~AND~~ CONTINUED FRACTIONS TO FIND
THE BEST $n\alpha$, $n \leq k$ APPROXIMATING
ANY GIVEN $\beta \in U(1)$ (EFFICIENTLY
IE $\text{POLY}(\log k)$ STEPS).

SO R_{ϕ} IS THE BEST GENERATOR
OF $U(1)$.

SOME INGREDIENTS IN THE ANALYSIS: 15

WE SAW THAT

$$SU(2) \xleftrightarrow{\text{ISOMETRIC}} S^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = 1$$

THE ARITHMETIC SET UP FOR THESE
GOLDEN GATES IS SO THAT THE WORDS
IN F OF T-COUNT t CORRESPOND
TO SOLUTIONS IN INTEGERS TO

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = p^t \quad (*)$$

HERE $p = 3$ FOR C_4
 $p = 11$ FOR C_{12}

FOR C_{24} $(*)$ IS TO BE SOLVED IN
INTEGERS IN $\theta = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ AND $p = \sqrt{2}$; $\text{NORM}(p) = 23$
 $p \in \theta$

FOR C_{60} $(*)$ IS TO BE SOLVED
IN θ THE INTEGERS IN $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$, p IS IN θ
 $\text{N}(p) = 59$.

PROBLEM (II) BECOMES ONE OF VERY ^[16]
STRONG APPROXIMATION FOR

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = n$$

LET THE INTEGER SOLUTIONS
BE $S(n)$, $|S(n)| = N(n) (\approx n)$

PROJECT THESE $N(n)$ POINTS
ONTO S^3
 $x \rightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}}$, $x \in S(n)$.

HOW WELL DO THESE $N(n)$
POINTS COVER S^3 ?

OPTIMALLY IN THE SENSE
OF (II) !

RELIES ON THE RAMANUJAN
CONJECTURES = DELIGNE'S THEOREM.

FOR THE NAVIGATION WE NEED TO
FIND SOLUTIONS TO SUMS OF SQUARES

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

IT IS SOLVABLE IFF $n = p_1^{e_1} \cdots p_k^{e_k}$
WITH e_j EVEN WHEN $p_j \equiv 3(4)$.

CAN WE FIND A SOLUTION EFFICIENTLY,
IE IN $\text{POLY}(\log n)$ STEPS?

• FOR $p \equiv 1(4)$ A PRIME
SCHOOF GIVES A $(\log p)^9$ ALGORITHM
TO FIND x_1 AND x_2 .

HENCE IF WE CAN FACTOR n
EFFICIENTLY WE CAN SOLVE (1)
EFFICIENTLY BY SIMPLY MULTIPLYING
THE SOLUTIONS IN $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$.

NOTE: WHILE FACTORING IS NOT KNOWN TO BE EFFICIENT (I.E. IN \mathbb{P}) THERE IS NO THEORETICAL EVIDENCE THAT IT IS NOT IN \mathbb{P} . A QUANTUM COMPUTER CAN FACTOR EFFICIENTLY (SHOR'S THEOREM) SO WE MIGHT WANT TO AVOID FACTORING IN BUILDING EFFICIENT GATES. THE ROSS-SELINGER ALGORITHM FOR NAVIGATING TO DIAGONAL $\exists \in G$ WILL YIELD A SOLUTION WHICH ^{HAS A} $\lambda(1+o(1))$ TIMES LONGER T-COUNT THAN THE OPTIMAL, WITHOUT APPEALING TO FACTORING.

IF WE ADD TO THE QUADRATIC DIOPHANTINE PROBLEM (1) A SIMPLE APPROXIMATION CONDITION THINGS CHANGE DRAMATICALLY.

• THE TASK: GIVEN $n \in \mathbb{N}$,
 $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$ FIND INTEGERS x_1, x_2 S.T.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1^2 + x_2^2 &= n \\ \alpha \leq x_1/x_2 &\leq \beta \end{aligned} \right\}$$

IS NP-COMPLETE!

IDEA OF PROOF: REDUCE TO SUBSUM
 PROBLEM GIVEN t_1, \dots, t_m, l INTEGERS
 IS THERE $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m, \varepsilon_j = 0, 1$ S.T.

$$\varepsilon_1 t_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_m t_m = l.$$

EXPLOIT n 's OF THE FORM $p_1 p_2 \dots p_m$
 p_j 's SMALL.

THE MOST DIFFICULT PART
 OF THE NAVIGATION ALGORITHM
 IS TO SOLVE:

TASK: GIVEN $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\bar{z} \in S^3$
 AND A BALL B CENTERED AT \bar{z} ,
 FIND $x \in S(n)$ (IF SUCH EXISTS)
 SUCH THAT $\tilde{x} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}} \in B$.

THE TASK IS NP-COMPLETE, BUT
 IF $\bar{z} = (\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}_3, \bar{z}_4)$ HAS TWO OF ITS
 CO-ORDINATES EQUAL TO 0 ("DIAGONAL")
 THEN ASSUMING THAT ONE CAN FACTOR
 EFFICIENTLY THE ABOVE TASK CAN
 BE DONE EFFICIENTLY.

THE ALGORITHM USES A
 CONVEX INTEGER PROGRAM IN
 FIXED DIMENSION (2 AND 4)
 WHICH IS IN \mathbb{P} (LENSTRA)
 AND ALSO SCHOOF'S ALGORITHM.

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THE LAST STEP IN THE ALGORITHM
INVOLVES FACTORING AN ELEMENT

$$\gamma \in \Gamma = \langle C, T \rangle$$

INTO A WORD WITH MINIMAL T-COUNT.

THE KEY POINT IS THAT THESE
SUPER GATES ARE SET UP SO THAT
THERE IS AN EXPLICIT HOMOMORPHISM

$$\Gamma \longrightarrow \text{PGL}(2, \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

($p = |C| - 1$) AND SUCH THAT Γ

Γ ACTS SIMPLY TRANSITIVELY ON THE
EDGES OF THE $|C|$ -REGULAR TREE.

$$X = \text{PGL}(2, \mathbb{Q}_p) / \text{PGL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

THE T-COUNT CORRESPONDING TO DISTANCE
MOVED ON THE TREE.

THE MIRACLE OF THESE
GATES IS THIS SIMPLE TRANSITIVE
ACTION AND THERE ARE ONLY FINITELY MANY
SUCH Γ 'S.