

BAD HONNEF LECTURE 1

'QUANTUM ALGORITHMIC TECHNIQUES'

PROBLEM: "imaginary time evolution"

First: real time evolution

~ Schrödinger's equation

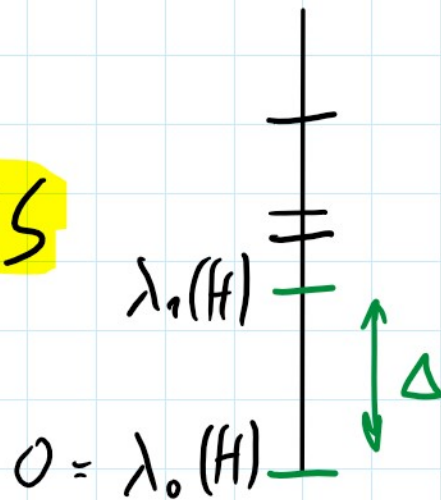
$$\partial_t |\psi_t\rangle = -iH |\psi_t\rangle, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$|\psi_0\rangle \mapsto |\psi_t\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi_0\rangle$$

~ quantum dynamics

However, often interested in

GROUND STATES



? prepare ground state of Hamiltonian H



|| imaginary time evolution

$$t \rightsquigarrow -it$$

$$H = \sum \lambda_j(H) |v_j\rangle\langle v_j|$$

$$e^{-iHt} \rightsquigarrow e^{-tH} = \sum e^{-t\lambda_j(H)} |v_j\rangle\langle v_j|$$

$$\sim |v_0\rangle\langle v_0| \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\approx |v_0\rangle\langle v_0| \text{ for } t \gg \frac{1}{\Delta}.$$

So, given $|\psi_0\rangle$ with $\langle\psi_0|v_0\rangle \neq 0$,

$$e^{-tH} |\psi_0\rangle \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} |v_0\rangle\langle v_0| \psi_0\rangle \sim |v_0\rangle.$$

? How to implement e^{-tH} ?



real time evolution

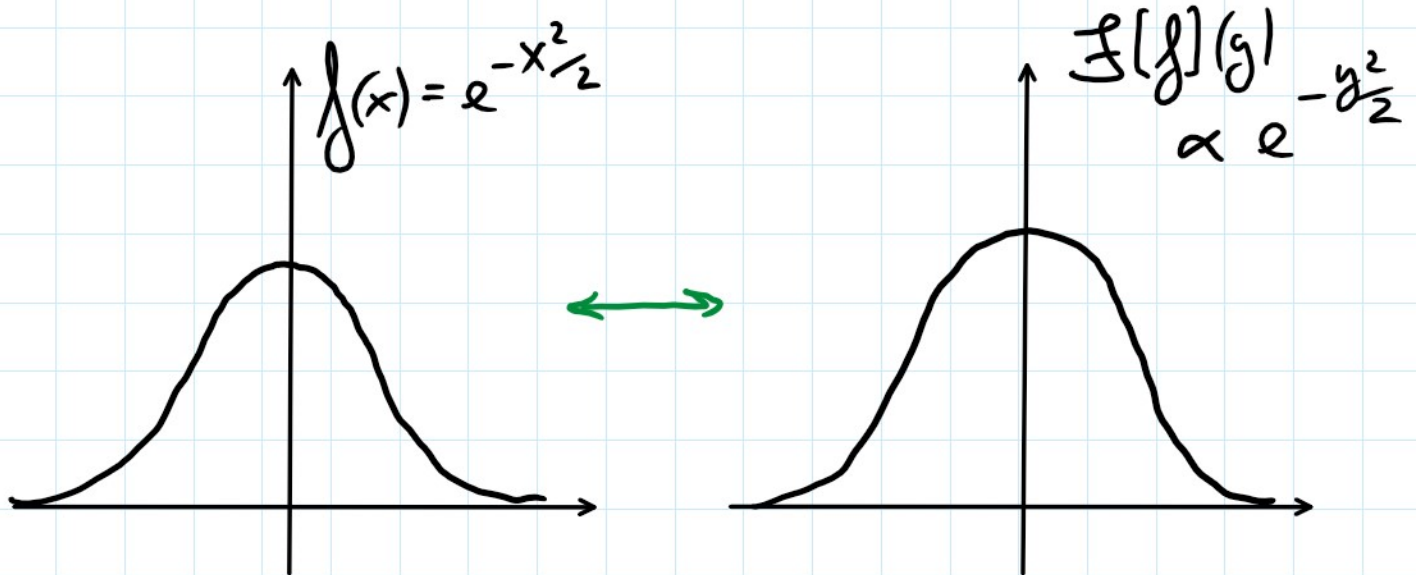
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"linear combination of unitaries"

↳ uses elementary Fourier analysis

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(or "Hubbard-Stratonovich transform"):



$$\text{i.e., } e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-ixy}$$

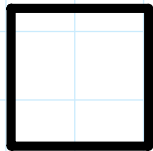
$$x = \sqrt{2t} H$$

$$e^{-tH^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-iy\sqrt{2t}H}$$

(imaginary, nonunitary) ↓ linear combination (real, unitary)

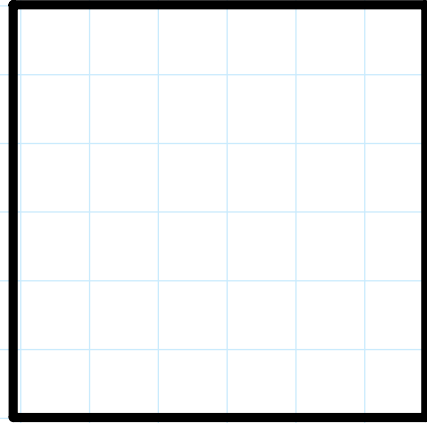
* LINEAR COMBINATION OF UNITARIES:

auxiliary system



\otimes

primary system



state $|N\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle$

//

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/4}} \int dy e^{-y^2/4} |y\rangle = \text{"Gaussian state"}$$

$$\text{Hamiltonian } H' = \hat{y} \otimes H$$

$$\int dy y |y\rangle\langle y| = \text{"position operator"}$$

$\int dy |y\rangle\langle y| X |y\rangle = \text{"position operator"}$

$$\text{s.t. } e^{-itH'} (|y\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle)$$

$$= |y\rangle \otimes (e^{-it_y H} |\psi\rangle)$$

$\hookrightarrow H' = \text{"controlled"} - H$

LEMMA:

$$(|N\rangle\langle N| \otimes \mathbb{1}) e^{-i\sqrt{2}tH'} (|N\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle)$$

$$= |N\rangle \otimes (e^{-tH^2} |\psi\rangle).$$

postselection after measurement $\{|N\rangle, |N^\perp\rangle, \dots\}$,
success probability $\|e^{-tH^2} |\psi\rangle\|_2^2$

Proof:

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/4}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} |y\rangle |\psi\rangle$$

$$(|N\rangle\langle N| \otimes \mathbb{1}) e^{-i\sqrt{2}tH} (|N\rangle \otimes |\psi\rangle)$$

$$= (|N\rangle\langle N| \otimes \mathbb{1}) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/4}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-iy\sqrt{2}tH} |y\rangle |\psi\rangle$$

$$= |N\rangle \otimes \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int dy e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-iy\sqrt{2}tH} |\psi\rangle \right)$$

$e^{-tH^2} |\psi\rangle$

□

More general (and discrete):

$$\text{if } \begin{cases} cU = \sum_t |X(t)\rangle \otimes U^t \\ |\chi\rangle = \sum_t \sqrt{\lambda(t)} |t\rangle \end{cases} \quad (\lambda(t) \geq 0, \sum \lambda(t) = 1)$$

$$|f\rangle = \sum_E \sqrt{f(E)} |E\rangle \quad (f(E) \geq 0, \sum f(E) = 1)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f | X | f \rangle &= \langle f | U | \psi_0 \rangle \\ &= \langle f | \left(\sum f(E) U^E | \psi_0 \rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= LCU.$$



(2ND) PROBLEM:

HAMILTONIAN SIMULATION

! quantum computers expected to be

DIGITAL

(discrete time, space)

gates

qubits

? integrate continuous Schrödinger equation?

$$|\psi_0\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{(time)}} |\psi_t\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi_0\rangle$$

↓

LCU?

$$e^{-iHt} = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-it)^k}{k!} H^k$$

↳ discrete,

$R=0$ $K:$

↳ discrete,
but nonunitary!

→ use "BLOCK ENCODING" of H ,
($\|H\| < 1$)

unitary $U = \begin{bmatrix} H & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$

$$= |0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes H + \dots$$

s.t. $(|0\rangle\langle 0| \otimes \mathbb{1}) U |\psi\rangle |0\rangle$

$$= |0\rangle (H|\psi\rangle)$$

postselection,
success probability

$$\|H|\psi\rangle\|_2^2$$

$$\|H|4\rangle\|_2$$

→ implements H !
What about H^k ?

$$\text{Let } U = \begin{bmatrix} H & R \\ L & D \end{bmatrix},$$

assume U is "reflection":

$$U^2 = \mathbb{1} = \begin{bmatrix} H^2 + RL & HR + RD \\ LH + DL & LR + D^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\begin{matrix} = \mathbb{1} & = 0 \\ = 0 & = \mathbb{1} \end{matrix}$

Then

$$U \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1} & \\ & -\mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} U = \begin{bmatrix} H & R \\ L & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H & R \\ -L & -D \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 U \begin{bmatrix} & -\mathbb{1} \\ & \end{bmatrix} U &= \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & L & D \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -L & -D \\ & \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} H^2 - RL & HR - RD \\ LH - DL & LR - D^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\stackrel{RL = \mathbb{1} - H^2}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 2H^2 - \mathbb{1} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

So $\mathbb{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$, $U = \begin{bmatrix} H & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1} & \\ & -\mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} U \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1} & \\ & -\mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} U = \begin{bmatrix} 2H^2 - \mathbb{1} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

CLAIM: (exercise)

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1} & \\ & -\mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} U \right)^k = \begin{bmatrix} T_k(H) & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

↓

k-th Chebyshev poly
= basis for polynomials

Now, rewrite

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{-itH} & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum \alpha_k T_k(H) & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sum \alpha_k \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{1} & \\ & -\mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} U \right)^k$$

= LCU. "easy" to implement

? How to obtain block encoding

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} H & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

U

→ exercise.