

Outline:

- Order-finding (period of modular exponentiation)
 - Shor's algorithm.
- ▷ Shor's algorithm → Classically transformed into "order-finding" problem
→ apply Quantum order-finding algorithm.
- ▷ Quantum order-finding algorithm { Quantum Phase Estimation → Inverse QFT
Continuous fractions algorithm

Basics of number theory

(I) • For N integer

① 1

② prime number 2, 3, 5

③ composite number $p \times q$, $p, q \neq 1$

• For any integer N , we have the following decomposition.

$$N = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n} \quad (\text{fundamental theorem of arithmetic})$$

Example $N = 84$

$$2 \overline{) 84}$$

$$2 \overline{) 42}$$

$$3 \overline{) 21}$$

$$7$$

$$84 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 7^1$$

Seive N check all prime $1 < p \leq \sqrt{N}$

• **Factoring:** Given $N = pq$, output p, q .

• gcd of N and M

▷ $a|b$ means b is divisible by a

Example $3|9$, $2|8$, ...

▷ Let $a|M$, $a|N$ a is called common divisor of M and N , the largest such a is greatest common divisor $\gcd(M, N)$

$$\gcd(M, N) | M, \quad \gcd(M, N) | N$$

▷ If $\gcd(M, N) = 1$, M, N coprime.

(II) Modular arithmetic (motivation of order-finding)

• Def Given integer $N > 1$, called a modulus; two integers a, b are called congruent modulo N , if N is a divisor of their difference

$$N | (a - b) \text{ (or } \exists \text{ integer } k \text{ such that } a - b = k \cdot N \text{),}$$

• Congruence modulo N

$$a \equiv b \pmod{N}$$

▷ b is the remainder when dividing a by N

▷ Example ① $\frac{28}{5} = 5 \dots 3$

$$5 \times 5 + 3$$

$$28 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$28 - 3 = 5 \times 5$$

② $\frac{19}{3} = 6 \dots 1$

$$3 \times 6 + 1$$

$$19 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

• Modular arithmetic

▷ Fix $N > 1$ integer, the remainder can only be

0, 1, ..., N-1

▷ Fix a, N

$$a \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$$

$$a \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

⋮

$$a \equiv N-1 \pmod{N}$$

• Modular exponentiation

▷ motivation:

$$2^0 \pmod{7} = 1 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^1 \pmod{7} = 2 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^2 \pmod{7} = 4 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^3 \pmod{7} = 8 \pmod{7} = 1 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^4 \pmod{7} = 16 \pmod{7} = 2 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^5 \pmod{7} = 32 \pmod{7} = 4 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^6 \pmod{7} = 64 \pmod{7} = 1 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^7 \pmod{7} = 128 \pmod{7} = 2 \pmod{7},$$

$$2^8 \pmod{7} = 256 \pmod{7} = 4 \pmod{7},$$

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 6\}$$

$$= \mathbb{Z}_7$$

Def Fix a and N (modulus), find the smallest $r > 0$ such that $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$

This r is called the *order* of a modulo N .

Remark ① $(\mathbb{Z}_N, +)$ is a group

② (\mathbb{Z}_N, \cdot) is not a group in general.

\mathbb{Z}_N^* is a group of order $\varphi(N)$.

Claim: ① For a, N integers, and a, N coprime, $\gcd(a, N) = 1$.

There always exist an r such that

$$a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}.$$

② The order of a modulo N must satisfy $1 \leq r \leq N$.

Claim (not crucial for us here):

① Fermat's little theorem: p prime, a is arbitrary integer
then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Proof: Group theory

② Generalized Fermat's little theorem: a, N coprime,
then $a^{\varphi(N)} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ \rightsquigarrow order of a modulo N

$\star \varphi(N)$ is the Euler function

must divide $\varphi(N)$

the number of positive integers that is coprime with N

Example. ① $\varphi(p) = p-1$

② $\varphi(3) = 2$

$a=1, a=2$ ~~$a=3$~~
 $N=3 \quad N=3 \quad N=3$

③ $\varphi(10) = 4$

$a=1$ ✓	$a=2$ ✗	$a=3$ ✓	$a=4$ ✗	$a=5$ ✗	$a=6$ ✗
$a=7$ ✓	$a=8$ ✗	$a=9$ ✓	$a=10$ ✗		

\star For $N=7, a=2 \quad \varphi(7) = 6$

$$2^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\varphi(N) = \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\alpha_j-1} (p_j-1)$$

$$N = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$$

• modular exponentiation period

$\hookrightarrow \bullet \varphi(ab) = \varphi(a) \cdot \varphi(b)$
if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$

\triangleright Claim: $a \equiv x \pmod{N}$
 $b \equiv y \pmod{N}$ } \Rightarrow

$$a \cdot b \equiv x \cdot y \pmod{N}$$

$\star !!!$

$$a = lN + x$$

$$b = kN + y$$

$$a \cdot b = (lN + x) \cdot (kN + y)$$

$$= klN^2 + lyN + xkN + xy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \triangleright a^0 &\equiv x_0 \pmod{N} & x_0 &= 1 \\ a^1 &\equiv x_1 \pmod{N} \\ &\vdots \\ a^{N-1} &\equiv x_{N-1} \pmod{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^r &\equiv 1 \pmod{N} \\ a^{\varphi(N)} &\equiv 1 \pmod{N} \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r \mid \varphi(N)$$

otherwise $\varphi(N) = kr + s \quad 0 \leq s < r$

$$\begin{aligned} a^{\varphi(N)} &\equiv a^{kr} \cdot a^s \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \\ &\equiv 1 \cdot a^s \pmod{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^s \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \quad \text{contradiction.}$$

\triangleright Claim: there is a period $a^n \pmod{N}$ for n .
the period is the order r .

Proof: $a^0 \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \quad x_0 = 1$

$$a^1 \equiv x_1 \pmod{N}$$

\vdots

$$a^{r-1} \equiv x_{r-1} \pmod{N}$$

$$a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \quad x_r = 1$$

$$a^{r+1} \equiv a^r \cdot a^1 \pmod{N} \equiv x_r \cdot x_1 \equiv x_1$$

$$a^{r+2} \equiv a^r \cdot a^2 \pmod{N} \equiv x_r \cdot x_2 \equiv x_2$$

$$a^{r+3} \equiv \dots$$

\vdots

period = order

Quantum order-finding algorithm

(I) Problem: modular exponentiation period-finding problem.

Given a, N such that $\gcd(a, N) = 1$

Find the order r

$$a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

(II) Classical solution:

Repeating square method

- input some n and calculate

$$a^n \equiv X_n \pmod{N}$$

Difficulty: calculating X_n

- Example. $91 = a$ $N = 131$, $n = 43$

$$91^{43} \equiv X_{43} \pmod{131}$$

$$X_{43} = ?$$

$$43 = 101011_2$$

$$= 1 \cdot 2^5 + 0 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0$$

$$= 1 \cdot 32 + 0 \cdot 16 + 1 \cdot 8 + 0 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1.$$

$$91^{43} \pmod{131} = 91^{1 \cdot 32 + 0 \cdot 16 + 1 \cdot 8 + 0 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1} \pmod{131}$$

$$= 91^{1 \cdot 32} 91^{0 \cdot 16} 91^{1 \cdot 8} 91^{0 \cdot 4} 91^{1 \cdot 2} 91^{1 \cdot 1} \pmod{131}$$

$$= (91^{32})^1 (91^{16})^0 (91^8)^1 (91^4)^0 (91^2)^1 (91^1)^1 \pmod{131}$$

$$91^1 \pmod{131} = 91 \pmod{131},$$

$$91^2 \pmod{131} = 8281 \pmod{131} = 28 \pmod{131},$$

$$91^4 \pmod{131} = (91^2)^2 \pmod{131} = 28^2 \pmod{131} = 784 \pmod{131} = 129 \pmod{131},$$

$$91^8 \pmod{131} = (91^4)^2 \pmod{131} = 129^2 \pmod{131} = 16641 \pmod{131} = 4 \pmod{131},$$

$$91^{16} \pmod{131} = (91^8)^2 \pmod{131} = 4^2 \pmod{131} = 16 \pmod{131},$$

$$91^{32} \pmod{131} = (91^{16})^2 \pmod{131} = 16^2 \pmod{131} = 256 \pmod{131} = 125 \pmod{131}.$$

$$91^{43} \pmod{131} = (125)^1 (16)^0 (4)^1 (129)^0 (28)^1 (91)^1 \pmod{131}$$

$$= 125 \cdot 4 \cdot 28 \cdot 91 \pmod{131}$$

$$= 1274000 \pmod{131}$$

$$= 25 \pmod{131}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
125 \cdot 4 \cdot 28 \cdot 91 \bmod 131 &= 125(4(28 \cdot 91)) \bmod 131 \\
&= 125(4(2548)) \bmod 131 \\
&= 125(4(59)) \bmod 131 \\
&= 125(236) \bmod 131 \\
&= 125(105) \bmod 131 \\
&= 13125 \bmod 131 \\
&= 25 \bmod 131.
\end{aligned}$$

(III) Quantum order-finding algorithm.

- Procedure:
- ① Quantum phase estimation $\theta = \frac{s}{r}$
 - ② From phase to obtain the order r via continuous fractions

(a) Map the order into phase

★ • Unitary operation:

Fix a, N construct a unitary operation $\gcd(a, N) = 1$
 $U_{a,N} |y\rangle = |a \cdot y \pmod{N}\rangle \quad y = 0, \dots, N-1$

• Exercise: Show that $U_{a,N}$ is unitary

$$N=5 \quad a=2$$

$$|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle \quad 0$$

$$|1\rangle \rightarrow |2 \times 1\rangle = |2\rangle \quad 2$$

$$|2\rangle \rightarrow |2 \times 2\rangle = |4\rangle \quad 4$$

$$|3\rangle \rightarrow |2 \times 3\rangle = |6\rangle = |1\rangle \quad 1$$

$$|4\rangle \rightarrow |2 \times 4\rangle = |8\rangle = |3\rangle \quad 3$$

one-to-one and orthogonal

Only need to show that $U_{a,N}$ is one-to-one.

▷ To show $U_{a,N} |y_1\rangle \neq U_{a,N} |y_2\rangle$ if $y_1 \not\equiv y_2 \pmod{N}$

assume that

$$ay_1 \equiv ay_2 \pmod{N}$$

$$ay_1 - ay_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow N \mid a(y_1 - y_2)$$

$$\text{since } \gcd(N, a) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow N \mid (y_1 - y_2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y_1 \equiv y_2 \pmod{N}$$

- Suppose the order is r

$$U^0|1\rangle = |1 \bmod N\rangle = |a^0 \bmod N\rangle,$$

$$U^1|1\rangle = |a \bmod N\rangle = |a^1 \bmod N\rangle,$$

$$U^2|1\rangle = |a^2 \bmod N\rangle,$$

$$U^3|1\rangle = |a^3 \bmod N\rangle,$$

\vdots

$$U^r|1\rangle = |a^r \bmod N\rangle = |a^0 \bmod N\rangle.$$

★ • Eigenstates of $U_{a, N}$

$$\begin{aligned} |v_s\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s(0)/r} |a^0 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(1)/r} |a^1 \bmod N\rangle + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s(r-2)/r} |a^{r-2} \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(r-1)/r} |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} e^{-2\pi i s k/r} |a^k \bmod N\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{eigenvalues: } \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i s}{r}\right)$$

$$s = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
U|v_s\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} e^{-2\pi i s k/r} U|a^k \bmod N\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s(0)/r} U|a^0 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(1)/r} U|a^1 \bmod N\rangle + \dots \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s(r-2)/r} U|a^{r-2} \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(r-1)/r} U|a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s(0)/r} |a^1 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(1)/r} |a^2 \bmod N\rangle + \dots \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s(r-2)/r} |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(r-1)/r} \underbrace{|a^r \bmod N\rangle}_{|a^0 \bmod N\rangle} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s(r-1)/r} |a^0 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(0)/r} |a^1 \bmod N\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s(1)/r} |a^2 \bmod N\rangle + \dots + e^{-2\pi i s(r-2)/r} |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by $1 = e^0 = e^{2\pi i s/r - 2\pi i s/r} = e^{2\pi i s/r} e^{-2\pi i s/r}$, this becomes

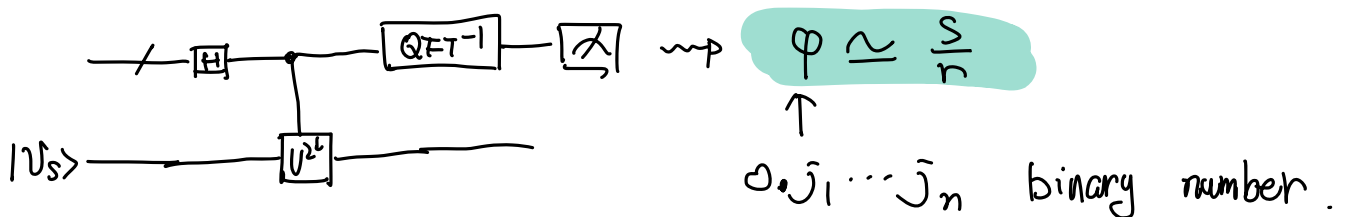
$$\begin{aligned}
U|v_s\rangle &= e^{2\pi i s/r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s(r)/r} |a^0 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(1)/r} |a^1 \bmod N\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s(2)/r} |a^2 \bmod N\rangle + \dots + e^{-2\pi i s(r-1)/r} |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Note the first coefficient $e^{-2\pi i s(r)/r} = e^{-2\pi i s} = 1$ since s is an integer, and since $e^{-2\pi i s(0)/r} = 1$, the is equation can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
U|v_s\rangle &= e^{2\pi i s/r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \left(e^{-2\pi i s(0)/r} |a^0 \bmod N\rangle + e^{-2\pi i s(1)/r} |a^1 \bmod N\rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. + e^{-2\pi i s(2)/r} |a^2 \bmod N\rangle + \dots + e^{-2\pi i s(r-1)/r} |a^{r-1} \bmod N\rangle \right) \\
&= e^{2\pi i s/r} |v_s\rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $|v_s\rangle$ is an eigenvector of U with eigenvalue $e^{2\pi i s/r}$.

(b) phase estimation of $U_{a,N}$, $|v_s\rangle$



(c) Obtain the order r from $\varphi = 0.\bar{j}_1 \dots \bar{j}_n \approx \frac{p}{q}$

continued fractions (approximate arbitrary $\frac{p}{q}$)

$$[a_0, \dots, a_M] \equiv a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{\dots + \frac{1}{a_M}}}}$$

- 0th order $[a_0] = a_0$

- 1st order $[a_0, a_1] = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1}$

- 2nd order $[a_0, a_1, a_2] = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2}}$

⋮

• Now, we have $\varphi = 0.\bar{j}_1 \dots \bar{j}_n \approx \frac{p}{q}$

To find r , notice that $r < N$

Find best expression of

$$\varphi = 0.\bar{j}_1 \dots \bar{j}_n = \frac{p}{q} \quad r < N$$

• Example. $\varphi = 0.1562 = \frac{1562}{10000} = 0 + \frac{1562}{10000}$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{\frac{10000}{1562}}$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{628}{1562}}$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{\frac{1562}{628}}}$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{306}{628}}}$$

$$0.1562 = 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{19 + \frac{1}{8}}}}}$$

$$\approx \frac{s}{r}$$

Now suppose that $N = 7$ we have $r < N$.

$$\text{0th convergent} = [0] = 0,$$

$$\text{1st convergent} = [0, 6] = 0 + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6},$$

$$\text{2nd convergent} = [0, 6, 2] = 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{13},$$

$$\text{3rd convergent} = [0, 6, 2, 2] = 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{5}{32},$$

$$\text{4rd convergent} = [0, 6, 2, 2, 19] = 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{19}}}} = \frac{97}{621},$$

$$\text{5th convergent} = [0, 6, 2, 2, 19, 8] = 0 + \frac{1}{6 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{19 + \frac{1}{8}}}}} = \frac{781}{5000}.$$

Shor's algorithm

(I) RSA cryptosystem. (Rivest, Shamir, Adleman)

$$N = pq \quad \text{Euler function } \varphi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

▷ choose $e < \varphi(N)$ and $\gcd(e, \varphi(N)) = 1$
public key (e, N)

▷ Euler theorem: If $\gcd(x, N) = 1 \exists y$ such that
 $xy \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$

▷ Since $\gcd(e, \varphi(N)) = 1$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{secret key} & d = e^{-1} \\ (d, N) & d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(N)} \end{array}$$

▷ encryption: $a^e \equiv b \pmod{N}$ ↗ a is secret message

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{decryption:} \\ b^d \equiv a^{ed} \equiv a^{k\varphi(N) + 1} \pmod{N} \\ \equiv a \pmod{N} \end{array}$$

If for arbitrary $N = pq$, we can find p, q , then we can directly hack it !! (Shor's algorithm).

(II) Shor's algorithm

• Problem. Input $N = p \cdot q$
Output p, q

• Shor's algorithm.

(a) Classically transform the factoring problem into an order-finding prob.

① Pick arbitrary $1 < a < N$.

calculate $\gcd(a, N)$

If: (i) $\gcd(a, N) = p \neq 1$ done!

(ii) $\gcd(a, N) = 1$ step ②

②. Find order of a modulo N .

If: (i) r is odd, go back to step ①

and choose different a

(ii) r is even, calculate $a^{\frac{r}{2}} \pmod{N}$

{ if " $= N-1$ " go back to step ①

{ if " $\neq N-1$ " go to step ③

The reason will become clear later.

③. r even

$$a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

$$(a^r - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$$

$$a^r - 1 = kN = kpg$$

$$(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1)(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1) = kpg$$

Since p, g are prime numbers,

$$1. \underbrace{(a^{r/2} - 1)}_c \underbrace{(a^{r/2} + 1)}_{dpg} = kpg,$$

$$2. \underbrace{(a^{r/2} - 1)}_{cp} \underbrace{(a^{r/2} + 1)}_{dg} = kpg,$$

$$3. \underbrace{(a^{r/2} - 1)}_{cpq} \underbrace{(a^{r/2} + 1)}_d = kpg.$$

Since $(a^{\frac{r}{2}} - 1) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{N}$

$(a^{\frac{r}{2}} + 1) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{N}$

1 and 3 are impossible

Proof. suppose $(a^{\frac{n}{2}} - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^{\frac{n}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

contradiction with the definition of n

suppose $(a^{\frac{n}{2}} + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^{\frac{n}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{N}$$

$$\equiv N-1 \pmod{N}$$

This is not true because in step ②

we have assume that this is not true.

$$\textcircled{4} \quad p = \gcd(a^{\frac{n}{2}} - 1, N)$$

$$q = \gcd(a^{\frac{n}{2}} + 1, N)$$