

THE AMPLIFIED QUANTUM FOURIER TRANSFORM (AMPLIFIED-QFT)

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we show how to use Grover's algorithm to amplify and enhance the period finding capability of the quantum Fourier Transform (QFT).

In particular, we create a quantum algorithm, called the **Amplified-QFT algorithm**, which solves the following problem:

The Local Period Finding Problem: Let $\mathcal{L} = \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$ be a set of N labels, and let A be a subset of M labels of period P , i.e., a subset of the form

$$A = \{j : j = s + rP, r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M-1\},$$

where $P \leq \sqrt{N}$ and $M \ll N$ and M is assumed known. Given a binary oracle $f : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ which is 1 on A and 0 elsewhere (i.e., which is the characteristic function of A), find the period P .

The Amplified-QFT algorithm which solves this problem consists of three steps. **Step 1:** Apply Grover's algorithm without measurement to amplify the amplitudes of the M labels of the set A . **Step 2:** Apply the QFT to the resulting state. **Step 3:** Measurement.

We compare the probabilities of success of three algorithms that can be used to recover the period P : (1) Amplified-QFT (2) QFT and (3) QHS algorithms. Let the set $S_{ALG} = \{y : |\frac{y}{N} - \frac{d}{P}| \leq \frac{1}{2P^2}, (d, P) = 1\}$ be the set of "successful" y 's. That is S_{ALG} consists of those y 's which can be measured after applying one of the three algorithms denoted by ALG and from which the period P can be recovered by the method of continued fractions. We show that

$$\frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \geq \frac{\Pr(S_{Amplified-QFT})}{\Pr(S_{QFT})} \geq \frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2$$

and

$$\frac{N}{2M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \geq \frac{\Pr(S_{Amplified-QFT})}{\Pr(S_{QHS})} \geq \frac{N}{2M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2$$

This shows that the Amplified-QFT is approximately $\frac{N}{4M}$ times more successful than the QFT and is $\frac{N}{2M}$ times more successful than the QHS. In addition it also shows that the QFT is 2 times more successful than the QHS in this problem. However, the success of the Amplified-QFT algorithm comes with a penalty of an increased work factor of $O(\sqrt{\frac{N}{M}})$. We also show how to recover the offset s and to test whether the pair of values (s, P) is correct.

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1. Introduction

We investigate the Amplified Quantum Fourier Transform (Amplified-QFT) algorithm which solves the following problem with a run time complexity of

$$O(\sqrt{N/M} \log(N) + \log(N)):$$

The Local Period Finding Problem: Let $\mathcal{L} = \{0, 1, \dots, N - 1\}$ be a set of N labels, and let A be a subset of M labels of period P , i.e., a subset of the form

$$A = \{j : j = s + rP, r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M - 1\} ,$$

where $P \leq \sqrt{N}$ and $M \ll N$ and M is assumed known. Given a binary oracle $f : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ which is 1 on A and 0 elsewhere (i.e., which is the characteristic function of A), find the period P . The problem is to determine the period P .

The Amplified-QFT begins by first applying Grover's algorithm (without the last measurement step) to the state $|0\rangle$. This procedure, known as amplitude amplification, uniformly increases the magnitude of the amplitude of the M labels in the set A while uniformly decreasing the magnitude of the amplitude of the remaining $N - M$ labels. The second step applies the quantum Fourier transform (QFT). The third and final step measures the resulting state in order to produce a y from which the period P can be recovered by the method of continued fractions.

In addition we compare the Amplified-QFT algorithm and with the generic QFT when applied to the Oracle. We also compare the Amplified-QFT to the Quantum Hidden Subgroup (QHS) algorithm when applied to the Oracle. In the tables below,

we summarize our results, comparing the probability of measuring a y in the final state arrived at after applying one of the three algorithms- Amplified-QFT, QFT and QHS, where $\sin \theta = \sqrt{M/N}$ and $k = \lfloor \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \rfloor$:

Case 1 (Amplified-QFT):

The probability $\Pr(y)$ is given exactly by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \cos^2 2k\theta & \text{if } y = 0 \\ \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta & \text{if } Py = 0 \pmod N, y \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{M^2} \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)} & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod N \text{ and } MPy \neq 0 \pmod N \\ 0 & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod N \text{ and } MPy = 0 \pmod N \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

Case 2 (QFT):

The probability $\Pr(y)$ is given exactly by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (1 - \frac{2M}{N})^2 & \text{if } y = 0 \\ 4\frac{M^2}{N^2} & \text{if } Py = 0 \pmod N, y \neq 0 \\ \frac{4}{N^2} \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)} & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod N \text{ and } MPy \neq 0 \pmod N \\ 0 & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod N \text{ and } MPy = 0 \pmod N \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

Let y be fixed such that either

1. $Py = 0 \pmod N, y \neq 0$ or
2. $Py \neq 0 \pmod N$ and $MPy \neq 0 \pmod N$

and define $\Pr \text{Ratio}(y) = \Pr(y)_{\text{Amplified-QFT}} / \Pr(y)_{\text{QFT}}$ then we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) &\geq \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \geq \frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2 \\ &\implies \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \approx \frac{N}{4M} \end{aligned}$$

Case 3 (QHS):

The probability $\Pr(y)$ is given exactly by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 - \frac{2M(N-M)}{N^2} & \text{if } y = 0 \\ \frac{2M^2}{N^2} & \text{if } Py = 0 \pmod N, y \neq 0 \\ \frac{2}{N^2} \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)} & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod N \text{ and } MPy \neq 0 \pmod N \\ 0 & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod N \text{ and } MPy = 0 \pmod N \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

Let y be fixed such that either

1. $P y = 0 \pmod N, y \neq 0$ or
2. $P y \neq 0 \pmod N$ and $M P y \neq 0 \pmod N$

and define $\text{Pr Ratio}(y) = \text{Pr}(y)_{\text{Amplified-QFT}} / \text{Pr}(y)_{\text{QHS}}$ then we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N}{2M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) &\geq \text{Pr Ratio}(y) \geq \frac{N}{2M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2 \\ &\implies \text{Pr Ratio}(y) \approx \frac{N}{2M} \end{aligned}$$

Let $S_{ALG} = \{y : |\frac{y}{N} - \frac{d}{P}| \leq \frac{1}{2P^2}, (d, P) = 1\}$ be the set of "successful" y 's. That is S_{ALG} consists of those y 's which can be measured after applying one of the three algorithms denoted by ALG and from which the period P can be recovered by the method of continued fractions. Note that the set S_{ALG} is the same for each algorithm. However the probability of this set varies with each algorithm. We can see from the following that given y_1 and y_2 , whose probability ratios satisfy the same inequality, we can add their probabilities to get a new ratio that satisfies the same inequality. In this way we can add probabilities over a set on the numerator and denominator and maintain the inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} A > \frac{P(y_1)}{Q(y_1)} > B \text{ and } A > \frac{P(y_2)}{Q(y_2)} > B \\ \implies A > \frac{P(y_1) + P(y_2)}{Q(y_1) + Q(y_2)} > B \end{aligned}$$

We see from the cases given above that

$$\frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \geq \frac{\text{Pr}(S_{\text{Amplified-QFT}})}{\text{Pr}(S_{\text{QFT}})} \geq \frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2$$

where the difference between the upper bound and lower bound is exactly 1 and that

$$\frac{N}{2M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \geq \frac{\text{Pr}(S_{\text{Amplified-QFT}})}{\text{Pr}(S_{\text{QHS}})} \geq \frac{N}{2M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2$$

where the difference between the upper bound and lower bound is exactly 2.

This shows that the Amplified-QFT is approximately $\frac{N}{4M}$ times more successful than the QFT and $\frac{N}{2M}$ times more successful than the QHS when $M \ll N$. In addition it also shows that the QFT is 2 times more successful than the QHS in this problem. However, the success of the Amplified-QFT algorithms comes at an increase in work factor of $O(\sqrt{\frac{N}{M}})$. We note that in the case that P is a prime number that $(d, P) = 1$ is met trivially. However when P is composite the algorithms may need to be rerun several times until $(d, P) = 1$ is satisfied.

Towards the end of the paper we show how to test whether a putative value of P , given s is known, can be tested to see if it is the correct value. We also investigate the case where s is unknown but is from a small known set of values such that the values of s can be exhausted over on a classical computer. We also show how s can be recovered by using a quantum algorithm using amplitude amplification followed by a measurement.

2. The Three Step Amplified-QFT algorithm

Problem: We are given a binary valued Oracle $f(x)$ on N labels $\{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$, where $N = 2^n$, which takes the value 1 on a periodic subset $A = \{j : j = s + rP, r = 0, 1, \dots, M-1\}$ of M labels, where s is a non-negative integer called the offset. We wish to determine the period P with the smallest number of queries of the Oracle.

The Amplified-QFT algorithm is defined by the following three step procedure.

Step 1: Apply all of Grover's algorithm in its entirety except for the last measurement step to the starting state $|0\rangle$. The resulting state is given by $|\psi_k\rangle$ >

(ref[4], ref[7],ref[1]) where $k = \left\lfloor \frac{\pi}{4 \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{M/N})} \right\rfloor$:

$$|\psi_k\rangle = a_k \sum_{z \in A} |z\rangle + b_k \sum_{z \notin A} |z\rangle$$

where

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sin(2k+1)\theta, b_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-M}} \cos(2k+1)\theta$$

are the appropriate amplitudes of the states and where

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{M/N}, \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - M/N}$$

Now we have , ref[7],

$$\begin{aligned} k = \left\lfloor \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \right\rfloor &\implies \frac{\pi}{4\theta} - 1 \leq k \leq \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \implies \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \leq (2k+1)\theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} + \theta \\ &\implies \sin \theta = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) \geq \cos(2k+1)\theta \geq \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta\right) = -\sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the total probability of the N-M labels that are not in A is

$$\begin{aligned} (N-M) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N-M}} \cos(2k+1)\theta \right)^2 &= \cos^2(2k+1)\theta \\ &\implies \cos^2(2k+1)\theta \leq \sin^2 \theta = \sin^2(\sin^{-1}(\sqrt{\frac{M}{N}})) \\ &\implies \cos^2(2k+1)\theta \leq \frac{M}{N} \end{aligned}$$

whereas the total probability of the M labels in A is

$$\begin{aligned} M \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sin(2k+1)\theta \right)^2 &= \sin^2(2k+1)\theta = 1 - \cos^2(2k+1)\theta \\ &\implies \sin^2(2k+1)\theta \geq 1 - \frac{M}{N} \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: The QFT performs the following action

$$|z\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} e^{-2\pi i z y / N} |y\rangle$$

After the application of the QFT to the state $|\psi_k\rangle$, letting $\omega = e^{-2\pi i / N}$, we have

$$|\phi_k\rangle = \frac{a_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \in A} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} |y\rangle + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \notin A} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} |y\rangle$$

After interchanging the order of summation, we have

$$|\phi_k\rangle = \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \left[\frac{a_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \in A} \omega^{zy} + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \notin A} \omega^{zy} \right] |y\rangle$$

Step 3: Measure with respect to the standard basis to yield a integer $y \in \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$ from which we can determine the period P using the continued fraction method.

3. Analysis of the Amplified-QFT Algorithm

We calculate the $\Pr(y)$ for the following cases:

- a) $y = 0$
- b) $Py = 0 \pmod{N}$ and $y \neq 0$
- c) $Py \neq 0 \pmod{N}$

The amplitude $\text{Amp}(y)$ of $|y\rangle$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amp}(y) &= \frac{a_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \in A} \omega^{zy} + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \notin A} \omega^{zy} \\ &= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \in A} \omega^{zy} + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} \\ &= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{(s+rP)y} + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} \\ &= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} \end{aligned}$$

3.1. Amplified-QFT Analysis: $y=0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amp}(y) &= \frac{a_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \in A} \omega^{zy} + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \notin A} \omega^{zy} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} (Ma_k + (N-M)b_k) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[\frac{M}{\sqrt{M}} \sin(2k+1)\theta + \frac{N-M}{\sqrt{N-M}} \cos(2k+1)\theta \right] \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{M}{N}} \sin(2k+1)\theta + \sqrt{1 - \frac{M}{N}} \cos(2k+1)\theta \\ &= \sin\theta \sin(2k+1)\theta + \cos\theta \cos(2k+1)\theta \\ &= \cos(2k\theta) \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\Pr(y=0) = \cos^2(2k\theta)$$

3.2. **Amplified-QFT Analysis:** $Py = 0 \pmod N, y \neq 0$. Using the fact that

$$\sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} = \frac{1 - \omega^{Ny}}{1 - \omega^y} = 0, w^y \neq 1$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amp}(y) &= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} \\ &= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} \\ &= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} M \\ &= \frac{Mw^{sy}}{\sqrt{NM}} \sin(2k+1)\theta - \frac{Mw^{sy}}{\sqrt{N(N-M)}} \cos(2k+1)\theta \\ &= \omega^{sy} \sqrt{\frac{M}{N}} (\sin(2k+1)\theta) - \sqrt{\frac{M/N}{1-M/N}} \cos(2k+1)\theta \\ &= \omega^{sy} \sqrt{\frac{M}{N}} (\sin(2k+1)\theta) - \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \cos(2k+1)\theta \\ &= \omega^{sy} \tan \theta \sin 2k\theta \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\text{Pr}(y) = \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta$$

Using $k = \lfloor \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \rfloor \implies \frac{\pi}{4\theta} - 1 \leq k \leq \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \implies \frac{\pi}{2} - 2\theta \leq 2k\theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \implies \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2\theta) \leq \sin 2k\theta \leq 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} &\geq \text{Pr}(y) = \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \geq \tan^2 \theta \sin^2(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2\theta) \\ &\implies \frac{M}{N} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{M}{N}} \geq \text{Pr}(y) \geq \tan^2 \theta \sin^2(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2\theta) \\ &\implies \frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M}\right) \geq \text{Pr}(y) \geq \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} \cos^2 2\theta \\ &\implies \frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M}\right) \geq \text{Pr}(y) \geq \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} (2 \cos^2 \theta - 1)^2 \\ &\implies \frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M}\right) \geq \text{Pr}(y) \geq \frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

3.3. Amplified-QFT Analysis: $P_y \neq 0 \pmod N$. Making use of the previous results we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Amp}(y) &= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} \\
&= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} \\
&= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} \left[\frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{M} \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} M \left[\frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{M} \omega^{sy} \tan \theta \sin 2k\theta \left[\frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Making use of the following identity

$$|1 - e^{i\theta}|^2 = 4 \sin^2(\theta/2)$$

we have

$$\left| \frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right|^2 = \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)}$$

and so

$$\text{Pr}(y) = \frac{1}{M^2} \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)}$$

Using the previous result $\frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \geq \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \geq \frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(\frac{N-2M}{N} \right)^2$ and letting $R = \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{M^2} \frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) R &\geq \text{Pr}(y) \geq \frac{1}{M^2} \frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2 R \text{ and so} \\
\frac{1}{NM} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) R &\geq \text{Pr}(y) \geq \frac{1}{NM} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2 R
\end{aligned}$$

We notice that if in addition $MPy = 0 \pmod N$ then $\text{Pr}(y) = 0$.

3.4. Amplified-QFT Summary. The probability $\text{Pr}(y)$ is given exactly by

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll}
\cos^2 2k\theta & \text{if } y = 0 \\
\tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta & \text{if } Py = 0 \pmod N, y \neq 0 \\
\frac{1}{M^2} \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)} & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod N \text{ and } MPy \neq 0 \pmod N \\
0 & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod N \text{ and } MPy = 0 \pmod N \text{ otherwise}
\end{array} \right\}$$

4. Applying the QFT to the Oracle.

In this section we just apply the QFT to the binary Oracle f , which is 1 on A and 0 elsewhere.

We begin with the following state

$$|\xi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} |z\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

and apply the unitary transform for f , U_f , to this state which performs the following action:

$$U_f |z\rangle |c\rangle = |z\rangle |c \oplus f(z)\rangle$$

to get the state $|\psi\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= U_f \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} |z\rangle \otimes \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[(-1) \sum_{z \in A} |z\rangle + \sum_{z \notin A} |z\rangle \right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[(-2) \sum_{z \in A} |z\rangle + \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} |z\rangle \right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Next we apply the QFT to try to find the period P , dropping $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$. The QFT applies the following action:

$$|z\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} |y\rangle$$

to get

$$|\phi\rangle = \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \left[\frac{(-2)}{N} \sum_{z \in A} \omega^{zy} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} \right] |y\rangle$$

4.1. QFT Analysis: $y = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} Amp(y) &= \frac{(-2)}{N} \sum_{z \in A} \omega^{zy} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} \\ &= \frac{(-2)M}{N} + \frac{N}{N} \\ &= 1 - \frac{2M}{N} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, in the QFT case, we have $\Pr(y = 0)$ is very close to 1 and is given by

$$\Pr(y = 0) = 1 - \frac{4M}{N} + 4\frac{M^2}{N^2} = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N}\right)^2$$

whereas in the Amplified-QFT case we have $\Pr(y = 0)$ is given by

$$\Pr(y = 0) = \cos^2 2k\theta$$

4.2. QFT Analysis: $Py = 0 \pmod N, y \neq 0$. Using the fact that

$$\sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} = \frac{1 - \omega^{Ny}}{1 - \omega^y} = 0$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amp}(y) &= \frac{-2}{N} \sum_{z \in A} \omega^{zy} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} \\ &= \frac{-2}{N} \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} \\ &= \frac{-2M}{N} \omega^{sy} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore in the QFT case we have $\Pr(y)$ is given by

$$\Pr(y) = 4 \frac{M^2}{N^2}$$

whereas in the Amplified-QFT case we have $\Pr(y)$ is given by

$$\Pr(y) = \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta$$

We can determine how the increase in amplitude varies with the number of iterations k of the Grover step in the Amplified-QFT by examining the ratio of the amplitudes of the Amplified-QFT case and QFT case. This ratio is given exactly by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AmpRatio}(y) &= \frac{\frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} M}{\frac{-2M}{N} \omega^{sy}} \\ &= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{-2} \sqrt{N} \\ &= \frac{1}{-2} \left[\sqrt{\frac{N}{M}} \sin(2k+1)\theta - \sqrt{\frac{N}{N-M}} \cos(2k+1)\theta \right] \\ &= \frac{N}{-2M} \tan \theta \sin 2k\theta \end{aligned}$$

Using $k = \lfloor \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \rfloor$ and making use of $\frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \geq \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \geq \frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(\frac{N-2M}{N} \right)^2$, we have the following inequality for the $\Pr \text{Ratio}(y)$, the increase in the probability due to amplification:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) &\geq \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \geq \frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2 \\ &\implies \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \approx \frac{N}{4M} \end{aligned}$$

4.3. **QFT Analysis:** $Py \neq 0 \pmod N$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amp}(y) &= \frac{-2}{N} \sum_{z \in A} \omega^{zy} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \omega^{zy} \\ &= \frac{-2}{N} w^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} \\ &= \frac{-2}{N} w^{sy} \left[\frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right] \\ &= \frac{-2}{N} w^{sy} \left[\frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Once again, making use of the following identity

$$|1 - e^{i\theta}|^2 = 4 \sin^2(\theta/2)$$

in the QFT case, we have $\text{Pr}(y)$ is given by

$$\text{Pr}(y) = \frac{4}{N^2} \left[\frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)} \right]$$

whereas in the Amplified-QFT case we have $\text{Pr}(y)$ is given by

$$\text{Pr}(y) = \frac{1}{M^2} \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)}$$

We notice that if in addition $MPy = 0 \pmod N$ then $\text{Pr}(y) = 0$.

The ratio of the amplitudes of the Amplified-QFT case and QFT case is given exactly by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{AmpRatio}(y) &= \frac{\frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \omega^{sy} \left[\frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right]}{\frac{-2}{N} w^{sy} \left[\frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right]} \\ &= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{-2} \sqrt{N} \\ &= \frac{1}{-2} \left[\sqrt{\frac{N}{M}} \sin(2k+1)\theta - \sqrt{\frac{N}{N-M}} \cos(2k+1)\theta \right] \\ &= \frac{N}{-2M} \tan \theta \sin 2k\theta \end{aligned}$$

We note that this ratio is the same as in that given in the previous section and is independent of y . The variables in this ratio do not depend in anyway on the QFT.

As in the previous section, we have the following inequality for the $\text{Pr Ratio}(y)$, the increase in the probability due to amplification when $k = \lfloor \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \rfloor$ and making use of $\frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \geq \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \geq \frac{M}{N} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(\frac{N-2M}{N} \right)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) &\geq \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \geq \frac{N}{4M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2 \\ &\implies \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \approx \frac{N}{4M} \end{aligned}$$

4.4. **QFT Summary.** The probability $\Pr(y)$ is given exactly by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2 & \text{if } y = 0 \\ 4 \frac{M^2}{N^2} & \text{if } Py = 0 \pmod{N}, y \neq 0 \\ \frac{4}{N^2} \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)} & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod{N} \text{ and } MPy \neq 0 \pmod{N} \\ 0 & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod{N} \text{ and } MPy = 0 \pmod{N} \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

5. Applying the QHS to the Oracle

The Quantum Hidden Subgroup algorithm (QHS) algorithm is a two register algorithm as follows (see ref[13] for details). We begin with $|0\rangle|0\rangle$ where the first register is n qubits and the second register is 1 qubit and apply the Hadamard transform to the first register to get a uniform superposition state, followed by the unitary transformation for the Oracle f to get:

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle$$

Next we apply the QFT to the first register to get

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \omega^{xy} |y\rangle |f(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \omega^{xy} |y\rangle |f(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{N} |y\rangle \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \omega^{xy} |f(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \frac{\| |\Gamma(y)\rangle \|}{N} |y\rangle \frac{|\Gamma(y)\rangle}{\| |\Gamma(y)\rangle \|} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} |\Gamma(y)\rangle &= \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \omega^{xy} |f(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{x \in A} \omega^{xy} |1\rangle + \sum_{x \notin A} \omega^{xy} |0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

and where

$$\|\Gamma(y) >\|^2 = \left| \sum_{x \in A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 + \left| \sum_{x \notin A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2$$

Next we make a measurement to get y and find that the probability of this measurement is

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(y) &= \frac{\|\Gamma(y) >\|^2}{N^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \in A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \notin A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

The state that we end up in is of the form

$$|\phi\rangle = |y\rangle \frac{|\Gamma(y) >\rangle}{\|\Gamma(y) >\|}$$

So now we are interested in the probability of measuring y in the usual cases in order to recover the period P .

5.1. QHS Analysis: $y = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(y) &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \in A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \notin A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{M^2}{N^2} + \frac{(N-M)^2}{N^2} = \frac{M^2 + N^2 - 2NM + M^2}{N^2} \\ &= 1 - \frac{2M(N-M)}{N^2} \end{aligned}$$

whereas in the Amplified-QFT case we have $\Pr(y = 0)$ is given by

$$\Pr(y = 0) = \cos^2 2k\theta$$

5.2. QHS Analysis: $Py = 0 \pmod N, y \neq 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(y) &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \in A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \notin A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \notin A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left| -\omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{2M^2}{N^2} \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that

$$\sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \omega^{xy} = 0$$

In the Amplified-QFT case we have $\Pr(y)$ is given by

$$\Pr(y) = \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta$$

By comparing the results of the QHS and the Amplified-QFT algorithms we have the following inequality for the $\Pr \text{Ratio}(y) = \Pr(y)_{\text{Amplified-QFT}} / \Pr(y)_{\text{QHS}}$, the increase in the probability due to amplification when $k = \lfloor \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \rfloor$ and making use of $\frac{M}{N}(\frac{N}{N-M}) \geq \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \geq \frac{M}{N}(\frac{N}{N-M})(\frac{N-2M}{N})^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N}{2M}(\frac{N}{N-M}) &\geq \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \geq \frac{N}{2M}(\frac{N}{N-M})(1 - \frac{2M}{N})^2 \\ &\implies \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \approx \frac{N}{2M} \end{aligned}$$

5.3. QHS Analysis: $P_y \neq 0 \pmod N$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(y) &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \in A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \notin A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \sum_{x \notin A} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left| -\omega^{sy} \sum_{r=0}^{M-1} \omega^{rPy} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \omega^{xy} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \left| \omega^{sy} \left[\frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right] \right|^2 + \frac{1}{N^2} \left| -\omega^{sy} \left[\frac{1 - \omega^{MPy}}{1 - \omega^{Py}} \right] \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{N^2} \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)} \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that

$$\sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \omega^{xy} = 0$$

and that

$$|1 - e^{i\theta}|^2 = 4 \sin^2(\theta/2)$$

In the Amplified-QFT case we have $\Pr(y)$ is given by

$$\Pr(y) = \frac{1}{M^2} \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)}$$

We notice that if in addition $MPy = 0 \pmod N$ then $\Pr(y) = 0$.

By comparing the results of the QHS and the Amplified-QFT algorithms we have the following inequality for the $\Pr \text{Ratio}(y) = \Pr(y)_{\text{Amplified-QFT}} / \Pr(y)_{\text{QHS}}$, the increase in the probability due to amplification when $k = \lfloor \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \rfloor$ and making use of $\frac{M}{N}(\frac{N}{N-M}) \geq \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \geq \frac{M}{N}(\frac{N}{N-M})(\frac{N-2M}{N})^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N}{2M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) &\geq \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \geq \frac{N}{2M} \left(\frac{N}{N-M} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2M}{N} \right)^2 \\ &\implies \Pr \text{Ratio}(y) \approx \frac{N}{2M} \end{aligned}$$

5.4. **QHS Summary.** The $\Pr(y)$ in the QHS case is:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 - \frac{2M(N-M)}{N^2} & \text{if } y = 0 \\ \frac{2M^2}{N^2} & \text{if } Py = 0 \pmod{N}, y \neq 0 \\ \frac{2}{N^2} \frac{\sin^2(\pi MPy/N)}{\sin^2(\pi Py/N)} & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod{N} \text{ and } MPy \neq 0 \pmod{N} \\ 0 & \text{if } Py \neq 0 \pmod{N} \text{ and } MPy = 0 \pmod{N} \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

6. Recovering the Period P from an Observation y

As in Shor's algorithm, we use the continued fraction expansion of y/N to find the period P , where y is a measured value such that y/N is close to d/P and $(d, P) = 1$. See ref[2] and ref[3] for details which we provide below.

Let $\{a\}_N$ be the residue of $a \pmod{N}$ of smallest magnitude such that $-N/2 < \{a\}_N < N/2$. Let $S_N = \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$, $S_P = \{d \in S_N : 0 \leq d < P\}$ and $Y = \{y \in S_N : |Py| \leq P/2\}$. Then the map $Y \rightarrow S_P$ given by $y \rightarrow d = d(y) = \text{round}(Py/N)$ with inverse $y = y(d) = \text{round}(Nd/P)$ is a bijection and $\{Py\}_N = Py - Nd(y)$. In addition the following two sets are in 1-1 correspondence $\{y/N : y \in Y\}$ and $\{d/P : 0 \leq d < P\}$.

We make use of the following theorem from the theory of continued fractions ref[5] (Theorem 184 p.153):

Theorem 1. *Let x be a real number and let a and b be integers with $b > 0$. If $|x - \frac{a}{b}| \leq \frac{1}{2b^2}$ then the rational a/b is a convergent of the continued fraction expansion of x .*

Corollary 1. *If $P^2 \leq N$ and $|\{Py\}_N| \leq \frac{P}{2}$ then $d(y)/P$ is a convergent of the continued fraction expansion of y/N .*

Proof. Since $\{Py\}_N = Py - Nd(y)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Py - Nd(y)| &\leq \frac{P}{2} \text{ or} \\ \left| \frac{y}{N} - \frac{d(y)}{P} \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2N} \leq \frac{1}{2P^2} \end{aligned}$$

and we can apply Theorem 1 so that d/P is a convergent of the continued fraction expansion of y/N . \square

Since we know y and N we can find the continued fraction expansion of y/N . However we also need that $(d, P) = 1$ in order that d/P is a convergent and enabling us to read off P directly. The probability that $(d, P) = 1$ is $\varphi(P)/P$ where $\varphi(P)$ is Euler's totient function. If P is prime we get $(d, P) = 1$ trivially.

By making use of the following Theorem it can be shown that $\frac{\varphi(P)}{P} \geq \frac{e^{-\gamma} - \epsilon(P)}{\ln 2} \frac{1}{\ln \ln N}$, where $\epsilon(P)$ is a monotone decreasing sequence converging to zero.

Theorem 2. $\liminf \frac{\varphi(N)}{N/\ln \ln N} = e^{-\gamma}$

where $\gamma = 0.57721566$ is Euler's constant and where $e^{-\gamma} = 0.5614594836$.

This may cause us to repeat the experiment $\Omega(\frac{1}{\ln \ln N})$ times in order to get $(d, P) = 1$.

We note that we needed to add a condition on the period P that $P^2 \leq N$ or $P \leq \sqrt{N}$ in order for the proof of the corollary to work.

6.1. Testing if $P_1 = P$ when s is known or is 0. We can easily test if $s = 0$ by checking to see if $f(0) = 1$.

Now given a putative value of the period P_1 and a known offset or shift s , how can we test whether $P_1 = P$?

Assuming we have access to the Oracle to test individual values, we can confirm $f(s) = 1$ since s is known. We will show that if $f(s+P_1) = 1$ and $f(s+(M-1)P_1) = 1$ then $P_1 = P$.

Case 1: If $P_1 > P$ then $s + (M-1)P_1 > s + (M-1)P$. But $s + (M-1)P$ is the largest index x such that $f(x) = 1$. Therefore if $P_1 > P$ we must have $f(s + (M-1)P_1) = 0$.

Case 2: If $0 < P_1 < P$ then $s < s + P_1 < s + P$ but between s and P there are no other values x such that $f(x) = 1$. Therefore if $0 < P_1 < P$ we must have $f(s + P_1) = 0$.

Therefore if $f(s) = 1, f(s + P_1) = 1$ and $f(s + (M-1)P_1) = 1$ we must have $P_1 = P$.

6.2. Testing if $(s_1, P_1) = (s, P)$ when s is from a small known set and $s \neq 0$. If we assume s is unknown and $s \neq 0$ but is from a small known set of possible values such that we can exhaust over this set on a classical computer and we are given a putative value of the period P_1 , how can we test whether a pair of values (s_1, P_1) is the correct pair (s, P) ?

We need only test whether $f(s_1) = 1, f(s_1 + P_1) = 1$ and $f(s_1 + (M-1)P_1) = 1$ where M is assumed known.

Case 1: If $s_1 < s$ then $f(s_1) = 0$ since s is the smallest index x with $f(x) = 1$.

Case 2: If $s_1 > s$ and $f(s_1) = 1$ then $s_1 = s + rP$ with $r > 0$. If $f(s_1 + P_1) = 1$ then $s_1 + P_1 = s + tP = s_1 + (t-r)P$ with $t > r > 0$. Hence $P_1 = (t-r)P > 0$. If $f(s_1 + (M-1)P_1) = 1$ then $s_1 + (M-1)P_1 = s + rP + (M-1)(t-r)P > s + (M-1)P$ which is the largest index x with $f(x) = 1$. Therefore $f(s_1 + (M-1)P_1) = 0$.

Hence if $f(s_1) = 1, f(s_1 + P_1) = 1$ and $f(s_1 + (M-1)P_1) = 1$ we must have $s_1 = s$ and then by following the case when s is known we must also have $P_1 = P$.

Therefore if one or more of the values $f(s_1), f(s_1 + P_1), f(s_1 + (M-1)P_1)$ is zero, either s_1 or P_1 is wrong. For a given P_1 we must exhaust over all possible values of s before we can be sure that $P_1 \neq P$. For in the case that $P_1 \neq P$, we will have for every possible s_1 that at least one of the values $f(s_1), f(s_1 + P_1), f(s_1 + (M-1)P_1)$ is zero. In such a case we must try another putative P_1 .

6.3. Finding $s \neq 0$ using a Quantum Computer. We can assume $s \neq 0$ as the case $s = 0$ is trivial and was considered above. Let $s = \alpha + \beta P$ where $\alpha = s \bmod P$ so that $0 \leq \alpha \leq P-1$ and $0 \leq \alpha + \beta P + (M-1)P \leq N-1$.

We assume we are given the correct value of P . If P is wrong, it will be detected in the algorithm.

Step 1:

We create an initial superposition on N values

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} |x\rangle$$

and apply the Oracle f and put this into the amplitude. We then apply Grover without measurement to amplify the amplitudes and we have the following state

$$|\psi_1\rangle = a_k \sum_{x \in A} |x\rangle + b_k \sum_{x \notin A} |x\rangle$$

where

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sin(2k+1)\theta, b_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-M}} \cos(2k+1)\theta$$

are the appropriate amplitudes of the states and where

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{M/N}, \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - M/N}$$

Next we measure the register and with probability exceeding $1 - M/N$ we will measure a value $x_1 \in A$ where $x_1 = s + r_1P$ with $0 \leq r_1 \leq M - 1$. Note that the total probability of the set A is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(x \in A) &= M \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \sin(2k+1)\theta \right)^2 = \sin^2(2k+1)\theta = 1 - \cos^2(2k+1)\theta \\ \implies \Pr(x \in A) &= \sin^2(2k+1)\theta \geq 1 - \frac{M}{N} \end{aligned}$$

Now using our measured value $x_1 = s + r_1P$ with $0 \leq r_1 \leq M - 1$ we check that $f(x_1) = 1$ and $f(x_1 - P) = 1$. If $f(x_1 - P) = 0$ then either the value of P we are using is wrong or we have $r_1 = 0$ and $x_1 = s$. If we test $f(s) = 1$, $f(s + P) = 1$ and $f(s + (M - 1)P) = 1$ then we have the correct P and s otherwise P is wrong. So assuming $f(x_1 - P) = 1$ we must have either the correct P or a multiple of P . We can use the procedure in Step 2 or Step 2' to find s . The method in Step 2 uses the Exact Quantum Counting algorithm to find s (See ref[11] for details). The method in Step 2' uses a method of decreasing sequence of measurements to find s .

Step 2 (using the Exact Quantum Counting algorithm):

Let T be such that $T \geq M$ is the smallest power of 2 greater than M . We form a superposition

$$|\varphi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{x=0}^{T-1} |x\rangle |0\rangle$$

and apply the function $g(x) = \text{Max}(0, x_1 - (x + 1)P)$ where $x_1 = s + r_1P$ is our measured value, with $0 \leq r_1 \leq M - 1$ and put the values of $g(x)$ into the second register to get

$$|\varphi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{x=0}^{T-1} |x\rangle |g(x)\rangle$$

Notice that as x increases from 0, $g(x)$ is a decreasing sequence $s + rP$ with $r = (r_1 - x - 1)$. When $g(x)$ dips below 0 we set $g(x) = 0$ to ensure $g(x) \geq 0$. Now we apply f to $g(x)$ and put the results into the amplitude to get

$$|\varphi_3 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{x=0}^{T-1} (-1)^{f(g(x))} |x \rangle |g(x) \rangle$$

Notice that $f(g(x)) = 1$ when $s \leq g(x) < s + r_1P$ and is 0 elsewhere. We apply the exact quantum counting algorithm which determines how many values $f(g(x)) = 1$. Let this total be R . If P is correct we expect $R = r_1$ and we can determine $s = x_1 - RP = s + r_1P - RP$. We can then test if we have the correct pair of values s, P by testing whether $f(s) = 1$, $f(s + P) = 1$ and $f(s + (M - 1)P) = 1$. If this test fails then P must be an incorrect value and we must repeat the period finding algorithm.

We use Theorem 8.3.4 of ref[11]: The Exact Quantum Counting algorithm requires an expected number of applications of U_f in $O(\sqrt{(R + 1)(T - R + 1)})$ and outputs the correct value R with probability at least $2/3$.

Step 2' (decreasing sequence of measurements method):

Let T be such that $T \geq M$ is the smallest power of 2 greater than M . We form a superposition

$$|\varphi_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{x=0}^{T-1} |x \rangle |0 \rangle$$

and apply the function $g(x) = \text{Max}(0, x_1 - (x + 1)P)$ where $x_1 = s + r_1P$ with $0 \leq r_1 \leq M - 1$ and put these values into the second register to get

$$|\varphi_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{x=0}^{T-1} |x \rangle |g(x) \rangle$$

Notice that as x increases from 0, $g(x)$ is a decreasing sequence $s + rP$ with $r = (r_1 - x - 1)$. When $g(x)$ dips below 0 we set $g(x) = 0$ to ensure $g(x) \geq 0$. Now we apply f to $g(x)$ and put the results into the third register and then into the amplitude.

$$|\varphi_3 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \sum_{x=0}^{T-1} (-1)^{f(g(x))} |x \rangle |g(x) \rangle$$

Notice that $f(g(x)) = 1$ when $s \leq g(x) < s + r_1P$ and is 0 elsewhere.

We then run Grover without measurement to amplify the amplitudes and measure the second register containing $g(x)$.

With probability close to 1 we will measure a new value $x_2 = s + r_2P$ with $0 \leq r_2 < r_1$. We test the values $f(x_2) = 1$ and $f(x_2 - P) = 1$. If $f(x_2 - P) = 0$ then either the value of P we are using is wrong or we have $r_2 = 0$ and $x_2 = s$. If we test $f(s) = 1$, $f(s + P) = 1$ and $f(s + (M - 1)P) = 1$ then we have the correct P and s otherwise P is wrong. So assuming $f(x_2 - P) = 1$ we must have either the correct P or a multiple of P . We repeat this algorithm and go to Step 2' replacing the value x_1 in the function $g(x)$ with x_2 etc. As we repeat the algorithm we will measure a decreasing sequence of values x_1, x_2, \dots that converges to s . This

procedure will eventually terminate with the correct pair of values P and s or we will determine that we have been using an incorrect value of P and we must repeat the quantum algorithm for finding putative P and repeat the process.

How many times do we expect to repeat Step 2? When we make our first measurement we expect $r_1 = M/2$. For our second measurement we expect $r_2 = r_1/2$ etc. Therefore we expect to repeat this algorithm $O(\ln_2(M))$ times.

7. Replacing the QFT With a General Unitary Transform U

In general, if we had any Oracle f which is 1 on a set of labels A and 0 elsewhere and we replaced the QFT with any unitary transform U which performs the following

$$|z \rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \alpha(z, y) |y \rangle$$

we can compute the $AmpRatio(y) = \frac{Amplitude(Amplified-U)}{Amplitude(U)}$ as follows. As before, we have the following state after applying U_f :

$$|\psi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[(-2) \sum_{z \in A} |z \rangle + \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} |z \rangle \right]$$

Next we apply the general unitary transform U to obtain the state

$$U|\psi \rangle = \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \left[\frac{(-2)}{N} \sum_{z \in A} \alpha(z, y) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \alpha(z, y) \right] |y \rangle$$

In the Amplified-U case we apply Grover without measurement followed by U we obtain the state

$$|\phi_k \rangle = \sum_{y=0}^{N-1} \left[\frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \in A} \alpha(z, y) + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \alpha(z, y) \right] |y \rangle$$

If $\sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \alpha(z, y) = 0$ and $\sum_{z \in A} \alpha(z, y) \neq 0$ we get the same $AmpRatio(y)$ formula that we obtained when $U = QFT$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{AmpRatio}(y) &= \frac{\frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \in A} \alpha(z, y) + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \alpha(z, y)}{\frac{(-2)}{N} \sum_{z \in A} \alpha(z, y) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z=0}^{N-1} \alpha(z, y)} \\
&= \frac{\frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{z \in A} \alpha(z, y)}{\frac{(-2)}{N} \sum_{z \in A} \alpha(z, y)} \\
&= \frac{\frac{(a_k - b_k)}{\sqrt{N}}}{\frac{(-2)}{N}} \\
&= \frac{(a_k - b_k)}{-2} \sqrt{N} \\
&= \frac{1}{-2} \left[\sqrt{\frac{N}{M}} \sin(2k+1)\theta - \sqrt{\frac{N}{N-M}} \cos(2k+1)\theta \right] \\
&= \frac{N}{-2M} \tan \theta \sin 2k\theta
\end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$\text{Pr Ratio}(y) = \frac{N^2}{4M^2} \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta$$

As in the case when $U=QFT$, we have the following inequality for the $\text{Pr Ratio}(y)$ for a general U , the increase in the probability due to amplification when $k = \lfloor \frac{\pi}{4\theta} \rfloor$ and making use of $\frac{M}{N} (\frac{N}{N-M}) \geq \tan^2 \theta \sin^2 2k\theta \geq \frac{M}{N} (\frac{N}{N-M}) (\frac{N-2M}{N})^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{N}{4M} (\frac{N}{N-M}) &\geq \text{Pr Ratio}(y) \geq \frac{N}{4M} (\frac{N}{N-M}) (1 - \frac{2M}{N})^2 \\
&\implies \text{Pr Ratio}(y) \approx \frac{N}{4M}
\end{aligned}$$

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