

# Grover's algorithm with mistakes

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## Main quantum algorithm classes:

- Based upon Shor's quantum Fourier transform
- Based upon Grover's algorithm

# Grover's algorithm (Lov Grover, 1996)

## Input:

- An unsorted database with  $n$  entries;
- A unique element in the database that satisfies a certain property.

## Output:

The index of this element.

# Grover's algorithm

## Input:

A function  $f : \{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\} \mapsto \{0, 1\}$  satisfying:

- $f(i) = 1$
- $f(j) = 0$  where  $j \neq i$ .

$i$  corresponds to an element from the database that is a solution to our search problem.

## Output:

$i$

## Oracle transformation:

$$O : |i\rangle \mapsto -|i\rangle$$

$$O : |j\rangle \mapsto |j\rangle \text{ if } j \neq i$$

# Grover's algorithm

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2-n}{n} & \frac{2}{n} & \frac{2}{n} & \cdots \\ \frac{2}{n} & \frac{2-n}{n} & \frac{2}{n} & \cdots \\ \frac{2}{n} & \frac{2}{n} & \frac{2-n}{n} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

## Procedure:

- Prepare the initial state - a uniform superposition of all basis states,

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} |1\rangle + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} |n-1\rangle,$$

- Apply the  $DO$  transformation  $O(\sqrt{n})$  times,
- Measure the final state in the computational basis.

# Grover's algorithm

## Input:

A function  $f : \{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\} \mapsto \{0, 1\}$  satisfying:

- $f(i) = 1$  for  $k$  elements
- $f(j) = 0$  for  $n - k$  elements

## Output:

$i$ , such that  $f(i) = 1$ .



# Grover's algorithm

## Procedure:

- Prepare the initial state - a uniform superposition of all basis states,
- Apply the  $DO$  transformation  $O(\sqrt{\frac{n}{k}})$  times,
- Measure the final state in the computational basis.

**Note:** In the classical case the time complexity for a search algorithm -  $O(\frac{n}{k})$

## Oracle transformation:

$$O' : |i\rangle \mapsto |i\rangle \text{ if } f(i) = 0$$

$$O' : |i\rangle \mapsto |i\rangle \text{ with probability } p \text{ if } f(i) = 1$$

$$O' : |i\rangle \mapsto -|i\rangle \text{ with probability } 1 - p \text{ if } f(i) = 1$$

# Grover's algorithm with mistakes

## Procedure:

- Prepare the initial state - a uniform superposition of all basis states,
- Apply the  $DO'$  transformation  $O\left(\frac{n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$  times,
- Measure the final state in the computational basis.

Probability of success:  $t$ , such that  $\left| \frac{k}{k+1} - t \right| < \epsilon$ .

**Oracle transformation:**

$$O' : |i\rangle \mapsto |i\rangle \text{ if } f(i) = 0$$

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$$O'_{2r} = O'_{2r+1}$$

# Modified Grover's algorithm with mistakes

## Procedure:

- Prepare the initial state - a uniform superposition of all basis states,
- Apply the  $DO'$  transformation  $O(\sqrt{\frac{n}{k}})$  times,
- Measure the final state in the computational basis.

Probability of success:  $1 - o(1)$ .

## Density matrix of a pure state $|\psi\rangle$

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle \langle\psi|$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} |0\rangle + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle\psi| = (|\psi\rangle)^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle \langle\psi| = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Density matrix of an ensemble of pure states

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |\psi_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|,$$

where  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$

# Methods (Density matrix)

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= p_1 |\psi_1\rangle \langle \psi_1| + p_2 |\psi_2\rangle \langle \psi_2| = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{3}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



## Application of a unitary matrix

$$\rho \mapsto U\rho U^\dagger$$

$A_r$  transformation:

$$A_r |r\rangle = -|r\rangle$$

$$A_r |j\rangle = |j\rangle \text{ if } j \neq r$$

**Sign shifts for states**  $|r_1\rangle, |r_2\rangle, \dots, |r_j\rangle$ :

$$\rho \mapsto A_{r_1} \dots A_{r_j} \rho A_{r_j} \dots A_{r_1}$$

# Methods (Frobenius norm)

$$\|M\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} |m_{ij}|^2}$$

$\|MU\|_F = \|UM\|_F = \|M\|_F$  if  $U$  is a unitary matrix.

# Methods (Proof of convergence)

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} |0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} |1\rangle + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} |n-1\rangle$$

$$\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{n} & \dots & \frac{1}{n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{n} & \dots & \frac{1}{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Application of the  $O'$  transformation:**

$$O' : \rho \mapsto p^k \rho + \sum_r p^{k-1} (1-p) A_r \rho A_r + \\ + \sum_{1 \leq r < t \leq k} p^{k-2} (1-p)^2 A_r A_t \rho A_t A_r + \dots$$

**Application of the  $DO'$  transformation:**

$$DO' : \rho \mapsto D[p^k \rho + \sum_r p^{k-1} (1-p) A_r \rho A_r + \\ + \sum_{1 \leq r < t \leq k} p^{k-2} (1-p)^2 A_r A_t \rho A_t A_r + \dots] D$$

# Methods (Proof of convergence)

Solution states - the first  $k$  basis states.

$$\rho = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c & \dots & c \\ b & a & b & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b & b & a & c & \dots & c \\ c & \dots & c & d & \dots & d \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c & \dots & c & d & \dots & d \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{k+1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{k+1} & 0 & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{k+1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \frac{1}{(n-k)(k+1)} & \dots & \frac{1}{(n-k)(k+1)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \frac{1}{(n-k)(k+1)} & \dots & \frac{1}{(n-k)(k+1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Methods (Proof of convergence)

**Application of the  $O'$  transformation:**

$$\rho \mapsto p^k \rho + \sum_r p^{k-1} (1-p) A_r \rho A_r + \\ + \sum_{1 \leq r < t \leq k} p^{k-2} (1-p)^2 A_r A_t \rho A_t A_r + \dots$$

$a \mapsto a$  (Transformation  $A_t$  does not change diagonal entries.)

$$b \mapsto b(2p-1)^2$$

$$c \mapsto c(2p-1)$$

$d \mapsto d$  ( $A_t$  acts only on the first  $k$  basis states.)

# Methods (Proof of convergence)

$$b \mapsto b \sum_{s=0}^k \left[ p^{k-s} (1-p)^s \left( \binom{k-2}{s} + \binom{k-2}{s-2} - 2 \binom{k-2}{s-1} \right) \right]$$

$$\sum_{s=0}^k \left[ p^{k-s} (1-p)^s \left( \binom{k-2}{s} + \binom{k-2}{s-2} - 2 \binom{k-2}{s-1} \right) \right] = (2p-1)^2$$

# Methods (Proof of convergence)

$$c \mapsto c \sum_{s=0}^k \left[ p^{k-s} (1-p)^s \left( \binom{k-1}{s} - \binom{k-1}{s-1} \right) \right]$$

$$\sum_{s=0}^k \left[ p^{k-s} (1-p)^s \left( \binom{k-1}{s} - \binom{k-1}{s-1} \right) \right] = 2p - 1$$



# Methods (Proof of convergence)

The Frobenius norm before an application of the oracle transformation:

$$\|\rho\|^2 = ka^2 + (n-k)^2d^2 + 2k(n-k)c^2 + k(k-1)b^2$$

The Frobenius norm after an application of the oracle transformation:

$$\|\rho\|^2 = ka^2 + (n-k)^2d^2 + 2k(n-k)c^2(2p-1)^2 + k(k-1)b^2(2p-1)^4$$

Because  $\lim \|\rho\|$  exists, it follows that  $b \rightarrow 0$ ,  $c \rightarrow 0$ .

# Methods (Proof of convergence)

Because  $b$  and  $c$  converges to 0,  $\rho$  converges to

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & a & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & d & \dots & d \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & d & \dots & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = ?$$

$$ka + (n - k)d = 1$$

$$a = \frac{1 - (n - k)d}{k}$$

# Methods (Proof of convergence)

$$\rho \mapsto D\rho D$$

The upper right value of  $D\rho D$ :

$$\frac{2(n-2k)(d(k+1)(n-k)-1)}{kn^2}$$

Because  $\lim \rho = \lim D\rho D$ , it follows that

$$\frac{2(n-2k)(d(k+1)(n-k)-1)}{kn^2} = 0$$

$$d = \frac{1}{(k+1)(n-k)}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{k+1}$$

**Questions?**