# Quantum algorithms for searching, resampling, and hidden shift problems 

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## Outline

1. Quantum algorithms for searching
2. Quantum rejection sampling
3. Boolean hidden shift problem

## Previous work

- [arXiv:1004.2721] Adiabatic condition and the quantum hitting time of Markov chains
Hari Krovi, Maris Ozols, Jérémie Roland
- Phys. Rev. A, vol. 82(2), pp. 022333 (2010)
- [arXiv:1002.2419] Finding is as easy as detecting for quantum walks

Hari Krovi, Frédéric Magniez, Maris Ozols, Jérémie Roland

- Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 6198, pp. 540-551 (2010)
- ICALP 2010
- QIP 2011 (featured talk)
- [arXiv:1009.1195] Entanglement can increase asymptotic rates of zero-error classical communication over classical channels
Debbie Leung, Laura Mancinska, William Matthews, Maris Ozols, Aidan Roy
- Communications in Mathematical Physics (submitted)
- QIP 2011 (featured talk)
- [arXiv:1103.2774] Quantum rejection sampling

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- QIP 2012 (invited talk)
- ITCS 2012

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Hitting time
$\mathrm{HT}(P, M)=$ expected $\#$ steps of $P$ to reach any $x \in M$

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Interpolation

- $P(s)=(1-s) P+s P^{\prime}$
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1. Prepare $|\pi\rangle$
2. Project onto $\left|\pi\left(s^{*}\right)\right\rangle=\frac{\left|\pi_{U}\right\rangle+\left|\pi_{M}\right\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$
3. Measure current vertex


## The main result

Theorem
Let $P$ be a reversible, ergodic Markov chain on a set $X$ and $M \subseteq X$ be a set of marked elements. A quantum algorithm can find an element in $M$ within $\sqrt{\mathrm{HT}(P, M)}$ steps

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Proof idea: Algorithm is based on amplitude amplification, but the lower bound is based on a hybrid argument

## Applications

Implicit use

- synthesis of quantum states [Grover, 2000]
- linear systems of equations [Harrow, Hassidim and Lloyd 2009]
- fast amplification of QMA [Nagaj, Wocjan, Zhang, 2009]

New applications

- speed up quantum Metropolis sampling algorithm by [Temme, Osborne, Vollbrecht, Poulin, Verstraete, 2011]
- new quantum algorithm for the hidden shift problem of any Boolean function

New applications by others

- preparing PEPS states [Schwarz, Temme, Verstraete, 2011]


## Boolean hidden shift problem

## Motivation

Hidden shift and subgroup problems


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- Equivalent to Grover's search: $\Theta\left(\sqrt{2^{n}}\right)$



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Three approaches

1. Grover-like [Grover'00] / quantum rejection sampling [ORR'11]
2. Pretty good measurement
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Success probability:

$$
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## Algorithm 2: Pros / cons

## Performance

- Bent functions: $O(1)$
- Random functions: $O(1)$
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- For some $t \leq n$ all amplitudes will be non-zero!


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and $I_{f}:=\min _{w} I_{f}(w)$

## Summary

## Comparison

|  | delta | bent | random | $\hat{F}(w)=0$ issues |
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