

# Hidden Subgroup Minicourse - Abelian HSP

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# HSP - the hidden subgroup problem

- $G$  finite group
- $f : G \rightarrow \{\text{objects}\}$  **hides** the subgroup  $H \leq G$ , if
  - $f(x) = f(y) \Leftrightarrow xH = yH$
  - i.e.,  $x$  and  $y$  are in the same left coset of  $H$ .
- In words,  $f$  is constant on the left cosets of  $H$  and takes different values on different cosets.
- $f$  is provided by an oracle (or an efficient algorithm) performing  $|x\rangle|0\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|f(x)\rangle$
- Task: find (generators for)  $H$ .
- Examples:

**Order**  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $f(k) = u^k$   $H = \mathbb{Z}_{n/m}$ , where  $m$  is the order of  $u$ .

**Discrete log**  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $f(k, \ell) = u^k v^{-\ell}$ ,  
 $H = \{(k, \ell) \mid u^k = v^\ell\}$ .

# Coset states 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 |1_G\rangle|0..0\rangle &\rightarrow \text{(usually easy)} \\
 \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{x \in G} |x\rangle|0..0\rangle &\rightarrow \text{(f-oracle)} \\
 \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{x \in G} |x\rangle|f(x)\rangle &= \\
 \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_s \sum_{\substack{x \in G \\ f(x) = s}} |x\rangle|s\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{a \in T} \sum_{x \in H} |ax\rangle|f(a)\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$T$ : left transversal of  $H$ : a set of left coset representatives by  $H$

## Coset states 2

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{a \in T} \sum_{x \in H} |ax\rangle |f(a)\rangle =$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{|G:H|}} \sum_{a \in T} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{|H|}} \sum_{x \in H} |ax\rangle \right) |f(a)\rangle$$

measure/ignore  $f \rightarrow$

$$\text{coset state } |aH\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{|H|}} \sum_{x \in H} |ax\rangle$$

with random  $a \in T$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{|G:H|} \sum_{a \in T} |aH\rangle \langle aH|$$

mixed state,

**the hidden subgroup state**

## Coset states

Coset state (with random  $a \in T$  (random  $a \in G$ ))

$$|aH\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|H|}} \sum_{x \in H} |ax\rangle$$

or

Hidden subgroup state: mixed state with density matrix

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|G:H|} \sum_{a \in T} |aH\rangle \langle aH| \\ &= \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |gH\rangle \langle gH| \end{aligned}$$

# Abelian Fourier sampling 1.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{|H|}} \sum_{x \in H} |ax\rangle \rightarrow \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{|H|}} \sum_{x \in H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{\chi \in \hat{G}} \chi(ax) |\chi\rangle = \\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{\chi \in \hat{G}} \left( \chi(a) \frac{1}{\sqrt{|H|}} \sum_{x \in H} \chi(x) \right) |\chi\rangle \end{aligned}$$

## Abelian Fourier sampling 2.

Coefficient of  $\chi$

$$\frac{\chi(a)}{\sqrt{|G:H|}} \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{x \in H} \chi(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\chi(a)}{\sqrt{|G:H|}} & \text{if } \chi_H = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

orthogonality of  $1_H$  and  $\chi_H$

$$\frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{x \in H} \chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \chi_H = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Probability of  $\chi$ :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{|G:H|} & \text{if } \chi \in H^\perp, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Computing $H$

- $H^\perp = \{\chi \in \hat{G} \mid \chi_H = 1\}$  subgroup of  $\hat{G}$ .
- generating set  $\Gamma$  of  $H^\perp$  collected expectedly in  $O(\log |G|)$  repetitions.
- $H = \{x \in G \mid \chi(x) = 1 \text{ for every } \chi \in \Gamma\}$ . (Solving a system of homogeneous linear congruences.)

## Irreps of abelian groups

$$G = \mathbb{Z}_{m_1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_{m_r} = \{ \underline{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_r) \mid z_i \bmod m_i \}$$

$$m = \text{LCM}(m_1, \dots, m_r), \quad \omega = \sqrt[m]{1} (= e^{2\pi i/m})$$

$$\hat{G} = \{ \chi_{\underline{u}} \mid \underline{u} \in G \}$$

$$\chi_{\underline{u}}(\underline{z}) = \omega^{\sum_{i=1}^r \frac{m}{m_i} u_i z_i} = \omega^{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{z}}$$

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{z} = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{m}{m_i} u_i z_i \bmod m$$

## System of congruences

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{z} &\in H \\ &\iff \\ \underline{z} \cdot \underline{u} &\equiv 0 \pmod{m} \text{ for every } u \text{ s.t. } \chi_u \in H^\perp \\ &\iff \\ \underline{z} \cdot \underline{u} &\equiv 0 \pmod{m} \text{ for every } u \text{ s.t. } \chi_u \in \Gamma \\ &\quad (\text{if } \Gamma \text{ generates } H^\perp) \end{aligned}$$

# Abelian Fourier sampling - without measurement 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G:H|}} \sum_{a \in T} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|H|}} \sum_{x \in H} |ax\rangle |f(a)\rangle \rightarrow \\
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G:H|}} \sum_{a \in T} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|H|}} \sum_{x \in H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{\chi \in \hat{G}} \chi(ax) |\chi\rangle |f(a)\rangle = \\
 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G:H|}} \sum_{a \in T} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{\chi \in \hat{G}} \left( \chi(a) \frac{1}{\sqrt{|H|}} \sum_{x \in H} \chi(x) \right) |\chi\rangle |f(a)\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

## Abelian Fourier sampling - without measurement 2.

Coefficient of  $|\chi\rangle|f(a)\rangle$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{|G:H|}} \frac{\chi(a)}{\sqrt{|G:H|}} \frac{1}{|H|} \sum_{x \in H} \chi(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\chi(a)}{|G:H|} & \text{if } \chi_H = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Probability of  $|\chi\rangle|f(a)\rangle$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{|G:H|^2} & \text{if } \chi \in H^\perp, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## Remarks on Abelian Fourier Sampling

- No need of measuring the value of  $f$
- $f$  can be quantum-state valued.
  - $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^X$  hides  $H$  if:
    - $f$  constant on left cosets of  $H$
    - $f(a) \perp f(b)$  if  $aH \neq bH$
- Fourier sampling finds  $H$  efficiently if  $G$  is abelian and  $f$  hides  $H$ .
- Even the function  $f$  can be different in different steps, only they must hide the same  $H$ .

## Application: small $G'$

- Assume  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^X$  hides  $H$
- New function  $F$  on  $G$ :

$$|F(x)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G'|}} \sum_{y \in G'} |f(xy)\rangle.$$

- Implement  $|x\rangle \rightarrow |x\rangle|F(x)\rangle$ :
  - $G' = \{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$ .
  - $|x\rangle| \text{lex. sorted list of } f(xy_1), \dots, f(xy_m) \rangle \rightarrow$
  - $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}|x\rangle|f(xy_1)\rangle + \dots + |f(xy_m)\rangle$
  - Cost:  $O(m \log m \cdot \text{cost}(f))$

## Small $G'$ 2.

- $|F(x)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G'|}} \sum_{y \in G'} |f(xy)\rangle$ .
  - $F$  hides the subgroup  $HG'$ .
  - $F$  defines a function  $\bar{F}$  on  $G/G'$ .  
( $\bar{F}(\bar{x}) = F(x)$ ,  $x \in \bar{x}$  arbitrary.)
  - Fourier sampling on  $G/G'$  finds generators  $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_\ell$  for  $HG'/G'$ . Set  $\bar{x}_0 = 1_{G'}$
  - Enumerate each  $\bar{x}_i$ , find  $X_i = \bar{x}_i \cap H$  (time  $\ell \cdot |G'|$ .)
  - $\bigcup_{i=0}^{\ell} X_i$  generate  $H$ .
- Why ?



## Why - exercise

*Exercise.*  $N \triangleleft G$ ,  $H \leq G$ ,  $\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_\ell$  generate  $NH/N \Rightarrow (H \cap N) \cup X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_\ell$  generate  $H$ , where  $X_i = H \cap \bar{x}_i$ .

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- $K =$  subgroup generated by  $(H \cap N) \cup X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_\ell$ .
- $K \leq H$ ,
- $K \cap N = H \cap N$ ,
- $KN = HN$ .
- $KN/N \cong K/(K \cap N)$ ,
- $HN/N \cong H/(H \cap N)$  (isomorphism theorem)
- $K/(N \cap K) \cong H/(N \cap H)$ .
- $K = H$ .

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## Reduction scheme

$$N \triangleleft G$$

- Solve the HSP in  $N$  for  $f$ : find  $H \cap N$ .
- Implement  $F(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y \in N} |f(xy)\rangle$
- Solve the HSP in  $G/N$  for  $F$ : find  $NH/N$ .
- For every generator  $\bar{x}_i$  for  $NH/N$  find  $X_i = \bar{x}_i \cap H$ .
- $(H \cap N) \cup \bigcup X_i$  generate  $H$ .  
(By why-exercise)

xxx: critical subtask

# Function value superposition

(for the first critical subtask)

- $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^X$  by oracle, hides  $H, T$  transversal
- Task: compute  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{|T|}} \sum_{x \in T} |f(x)\rangle$  (using the oracle).
- Computing  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{x \in G} |x\rangle |f(x)\rangle$  usually easy.
- An entangled state!!!!
- Wish: "forget" ("disentangle")  $|x\rangle$  from  $|x\rangle |f(x)\rangle$ .

# Fct. val. superpos. and Graph Isomorphism

## permuted graph

$\Gamma$  graph on  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\sigma \in S_n$ ,  
permuted graph  $\sigma(\Gamma)$ , with edges:  
 $(\sigma(i), \sigma(j))$  where  $(i, j)$  edge of  $\Gamma$ .

## Graph isomorphism

$$|\tilde{\Gamma}\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\Gamma|}} \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} |\sigma(\Gamma)\rangle$$

$\Gamma_1 \cong \Gamma_2 \Leftrightarrow |\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle = |\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle$ , otherwise  $|\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle \perp |\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle$ .

Tested with the **swap test**.

## Swap test

 $|0\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle$  Hadamard  $\rightarrow$ 
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)|\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle$  swap if 1  $\rightarrow$ 
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle + |1\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle)$  Hadamard  $\rightarrow$ 

$$\frac{1}{2}|0\rangle(|\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle + |\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle) + \frac{1}{2}|1\rangle(|\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle - |\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle|\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle)$$

$$Prob(|1\rangle|*\rangle) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle = |\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle \\ 1/2 & \text{if } |\tilde{\Gamma}_1\rangle \perp |\tilde{\Gamma}_2\rangle \end{cases}$$

## Intersection with cosets- the second critical subtask

Setting:  $N \triangleleft G$ ,  $f$  hides  $H$ ,  $N \cap H$  known, given  $y \in G$ .

Task: find  $Ny \cap H$

for  $u \in N$ :

$uy \in H \Leftrightarrow xuy \in xH$  for every  $x \in N \Updownarrow$

$f(xuy) = f(x)$  for every  $x \in N$ .

Hidden shift problem in  $N$  with  $f_0(x) = f(xy)$ ,  $f_1(x) = f(x)$ .

Solutions: a right coset of  $H \cap N$  in  $N$ .

### Hidden shift problem

Find  $u$  s. t.  $f_1(x) = f_0(xu)$  for every  $x \in N$ .



# The hidden shift problem

## Hidden shift

Given  $f_0, f_1 : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^X$  such that

$f_0, f_1$  hide subgroups  $H_0$  resp.  $H_1$ .

either  $\exists u \in G$  s.t.  $f_1(x) = f_0(xu)$  for every  $x \in G$ ,

or  $f_1(x) \perp f_0(x')$  for every  $x, x' \in G$ .

Task: Decide and find  $u$  as above (if exists).

Remarks.

- subcases:  $H_0, H_1$  known/unknown.
- $H_1 = H_0^u = uH_0u^{-1}$  for arbitrary solution  $u$ .
- Solutions: a left coset of  $H_0$  (right coset of  $H_1$ ).

Cyclic hidden shift  $\rightarrow$  Dihedral HSPFrom hidden shift problem of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ Find  $u$  s. t.  $f_1(x) = f_0(xu)$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

To Dihedral HSP

Both  $f_0, f_1 : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^X$  hide the same subgroup  $H$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .  
 Either  $f_1(\mathbb{Z}_n) \perp f_0(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  or  $f_1(x) = f_0(xu)$  for some  $u \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

$$D_n = \mathbb{Z}_n \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2; f(x, t) = \begin{cases} f_0(x) & \text{if } t = 0 \\ f_1(x) & \text{if } t = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{implementable version: } |f(x, t)\rangle = \begin{cases} |f_0(x)\rangle |f_1(x)\rangle & \text{if } t = 0 \\ |f_1(x)\rangle |f_0(x)\rangle & \text{if } t = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f \text{ hides } \begin{cases} H \cup uH & \text{if } f_1(x) = f_0(ux) \\ H & \text{if no such } u \end{cases}$$

Dihedral HSP  $\rightarrow$  Cyclic hidden shift

## From Dihedral HSP

$f : D_n = \mathbb{Z}_n \rtimes \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^X$  hides  $H$   $f_t(x) = f(x, t)$

$H = H_0 \cap H_1$   $H_0 =$  hidden subgroup of  $f_H = H \cap \mathbb{Z}_n$ ,

$H_1 = H \cap t\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ :  $(xt) \in H_1 \Leftrightarrow f_1(x) = f(x, 1) = f(x, 0) = f_0(x)$ .

## To hidden shift

Find  $u$  s. t.  $f_1(x) = f_0(xu)$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ .