

Answers to Exercises in Quantum Computation IV

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Answer 1. (Generalized Phase Flip Trick)

(a) We have $A_4 : |\varphi_4\rangle \mapsto i|\varphi_4\rangle$ as is shown by

$$\begin{aligned} A_4(|\varphi_4\rangle) &= A_4\left(\frac{1}{2}(|0\rangle - i|1\rangle - |2\rangle + i|3\rangle)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(|1\rangle - i|2\rangle - |3\rangle + i|0\rangle) \\ &= i \cdot \frac{1}{2}(|0\rangle - i|1\rangle - |2\rangle + i|3\rangle). \end{aligned}$$

(b) By applying A_4 t times we get $A_4^t : |\varphi_4\rangle \mapsto (i)^t |\varphi_4\rangle$.

(c) It is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} A_n(|\varphi_n\rangle) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e^{-2\pi i j/n} A_n(|j\rangle) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e^{-2\pi i j/n} |j+1\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_n} e^{-2\pi i (j-1)/n} |j\rangle \\ &= e^{2\pi i/n} |\varphi_n\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by repetition, $A_n^t : |\varphi_n\rangle \mapsto e^{2\pi i t/n} |\varphi_n\rangle$.

Answer 2. (Fourier Squared)

(a) $\text{Four}_N \cdot \text{Four}_N : |x\rangle \mapsto |-x\rangle$, as is shown by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Four}_N \cdot \text{Four}_N(|x\rangle) &\mapsto \text{Four}_N \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{Z}_N} \zeta_N^{xy} |y\rangle \right) \\ &\mapsto \frac{1}{N} \sum_{y,z \in \mathbb{Z}_N} \zeta_N^{xy} \zeta_N^{yz} |z\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{z \in \mathbb{Z}_N} \left(\sum_{y \in \mathbb{Z}_N} \zeta_N^{y(x+z)} \right) |z\rangle \\ &= |-x\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ with $\zeta_N := \exp(2\pi i/N)$, where we used $\sum_y \zeta_N^{y(x+z)} = 0$ if $x+z \neq 0 \pmod N$ and $\sum_y \zeta_N^{y(x+z)} = N$ if $x+z = 0 \pmod N$.

Answer 3. (Factoring 35)

(a) The numbers $x \in \{0, \dots, 34\}$ that are co-prime with respect to 35 are all but those that are divisible by 5 or 7, which is the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34\}$.

(b) For the 24 values $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{35}$ that are co-prime with respect to 35, the orders r are listed in the table below (where $\text{order}(x)$ is the smallest positive integer such that $x^r = 1 \pmod{35}$).

(c) Of the 21 orders r that are even, the table below lists the values $x^{r/2} \pmod{35}$. To find potential non-trivial factors of 35, we calculate for the 21 relevant values x (with even orders r),

the greatest common divisors $\text{gcd}_- := \text{gcd}(x^{r/2} - 1, 35)$ and $\text{gcd}_+ := \text{gcd}(x^{r/2} + 1, 35)$. It turns out that 18 of the gcd cases give the non-trivial factors of 35 (namely 5 and 7). Hence, in total, 18 of the 35 values $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{35}$ (which is $18/35 \times 100 \approx 51\%$) are successful in the sense that x is co-prime with 35, the order $r = \text{order}(x)$ is even, and the values $\text{gcd}(x^{r/2} + 1, 35)$ and $\text{gcd}(x^{r/2} - 1, 35)$ give non-trivial factors of 35.

co-primes x	$r = \text{order}(x)$	$x^{r/2}$	gcd_-	gcd_+	success
1	1	.			
2	12	29	7	5	✓
3	12	29	7	5	✓
4	6	29	7	5	✓
6	2	6	5	7	✓
8	4	29	7	5	✓
9	6	29	7	5	✓
11	3	.			
12	12	29	7	5	✓
13	4	29	7	5	✓
16	3	.			
17	12	29	7	5	✓
18	12	29	7	5	✓
19	6	34	1	35	
22	4	29	7	5	✓
23	12	29	7	5	✓
24	6	34	1	35	
26	6	6	5	7	✓
27	4	29	7	5	✓
29	2	29	7	5	✓
31	6	6	5	7	✓
32	12	29	7	5	✓
33	12	29	7	5	✓
34	2	34	1	35	