Quantum Information Processing

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Physics and Computing

Computing is physical Miniaturization \rightarrow quantum effects

→Quantum Computers

Enables continuing miniaturization
Fundamentally faster algorithms
New computing paradigm

Quantum mechanics

"What I am going to tell you about is what we teach our physics students in the third or fourth year of graduate school... It is my task to convince you not to turn away because you don't understand it. You see my physics students don't understand it. ... That is because I don't understand it. Nobody does. "

Richard Feynman, Nobel Lecture, 1966

Quantum Mechanics

polarized light



















polarized light













polarized light



polarized light































photon gun













photon took path B



photon took path B











Quantum Mechanics

photon gun



photon was in a superposition of path A and B
Superposition

- object in *more* states at *same* time
- Schrödinger's cat: dead and alive
- Experimentally verified:
 - small systems, e.g. photons
 - larger systems, molecules
- Proposed experiment:
 - virus in superposition
 - motion & stillness



Science's breakthrough of the year 2010: The first quantum machine

"Physicists [...] designed the machine—a tiny metal paddle of semiconductor, visible to the naked eye—and coaxed it into dancing with a quantum groove."



Springboard. Scientists achieved the simplest quantum states of motion with this vibrating device, which is as long as a hair is wide



- Quantum mechanics is magic. [Daniel Greenberger]
- Everything we call real is made of things that cannot be regarded as real. [Niels Bohr]
- Those who are not shocked when they first come across quantum theory cannot possibly have understood it. [Niels Bohr]
- If you are not completely confused by quantum mechanics, you do not understand it. [John Wheeler]
- It is safe to say that nobody understands quantum mechanics. [Richard Feynman]
- If [quantum theory] is correct, it signifies the end of physics as a science. [Albert Einstein]
- I do not like [quantum mechanics], and I am sorry I ever had anything to do with it. [Erwin Schrödinger]
- Quantum mechanics makes absolutely no sense. [Roger Penrose]

Quantum Mechanics

- Most complete description of Nature to date
- Superposition principle:
 - "particle can be at two positions at the same time"
- Interference:
 - "particle in superposition can interfere with itself"

Superposition

Classical Bit: 0 or 1 Quantum Bit: Superposition of 0 and 1



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Rule: $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$, α, β are complex numbers.



Qubit



after measurement qubit is 0 or 1

Qubits

- NMR (10 qubits)
- SQUIDS (1 qubit)
- Trapped Ions (7 qubits)
- Solid state





- Bose-Einstein condensate in optical lattices (30 qubits)
- Cavity QED

(3 qubits)



Example

 $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle$

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$$\left|\psi\right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left|0\right\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left|1\right\rangle$$

Measuring ψ: Prob [1] = 1/2 Prob [0] = 1/2 Example

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Measuring ψ: Prob [1] = 1/2 Prob [0] = 1/2

After measurement: with prob 1/2 $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$

with prob 1/2 $|\psi\rangle = |1\rangle$





Quantis – QUANTUM RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR

Although random numbers are required in many applications, their generation is often overlooked. Being deterministic, computers are not capable of producing random numbers. A physical source of randomness is necessary. Quantum physics being intrinsically random, it is natural to exploit a quantum process for such a source. Quantum random number generators have the advantage over conventional randomness sources of being invulnerable to environmental perturbations and of allowing live status verification.

Quantis is a physical random number generator exploiting an elementary quantum optics process. Photons - light particles - are sent one by one onto a semi-transparent mirror and detected. The exclusive events (reflection transmission) are associated to "0" - "1" bit values.





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Measurement:

observe 0 with probability $|\alpha|^2$ observe 1 with probability $|\beta|^2$



basis states



 $|1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0\\1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$

 $|0
angle\otimes|0
angle=|0
angle|0
angle=|00
angle$

Two Qubits

$\alpha_{\alpha_{1}}|00\rangle + \alpha_{\alpha_{2}}|01\rangle + \alpha_{\alpha_{3}}|10\rangle + \alpha_{\alpha_{4}}|11\rangle$

 $|\alpha_1|^2 + |\alpha_2|^2 + |\alpha_3|^2 + |\alpha_4|^2 = 1$

Prob[00] = $|\alpha_1|^2$, Prob[01] = $|\alpha_2|^2$, Prob[10] = $|\alpha_3|^2$, Prob[11] = $|\alpha_4|^2$,

n Qubits



Prob[observing y] = $|\alpha_y|^2$

Dirac Notation



norm 1 vector

• $\langle a| =_{def} |a\rangle^*$

complex conjugate transpose

• $\langle a| = [\overline{a_1} \cdots \overline{a_n}]$

inner product

$$\langle a| = [\overline{a_1} \cdots \overline{a_n}]$$

 $|b\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$

$$\langle a \mid b \rangle = [\overline{a_1} \cdots \overline{a_n}] \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

inner product between $|a\rangle$ and $|b\rangle$

inner product(2)

$$\langle a \mid a \rangle = [\overline{a_1} \cdots \overline{a_n}] \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \overline{a_i} a_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |a_i|^2 = 1$$

Evolution

Evolution

- 1. Postulate: the evolution is a linear operation
- 2. quantum states maped to quantum states
 - 1 & 2 implies that operation is Unitary
- length preserving
- rotations.
- UU* = I. (U* : complex conjugate, transpose)

Hadamard Transform

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \qquad H^* = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H \times H^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$









Hadamard on n qubits

$$|y\rangle \stackrel{H^{\otimes n}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{x \cdot y} |x\rangle$$

 $y = y_1 \dots y_n$

inner product modulo 2

$$|0^n\rangle \stackrel{H^{\otimes n}}{\longleftrightarrow} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle$$

C-not Gate



$$egin{array}{c} |00
angle \mapsto |00
angle \ |01
angle \mapsto |01
angle \ |10
angle \mapsto |11
angle \ |11
angle \mapsto |10
angle \end{array}$$







No Cloning





no cloning

it is not possible to copy an unknown qubit [Wooters & Zurek'82, Dieks'82]



equal only if:
$$\alpha = 0 \& \beta = 1$$
 or
 $\alpha = 1 \& \beta = 0$

Quantum Algorithms





Feynman

Deutsch '85
Quantum Algorithms

- Quantum Program:
 unitary operation
 - measurement

Feynman Deutsch '85

Universal set of Gates



can implement any Unitary operation

Quantum Algorithms

- Quantum Program:
 - unitary operation
 - measurement
- Fast:
 - unitary implemented by polynomially many "H", " $\pi/4$ ", and "C-not"
 - Efficient Quantum Computation: BQP

Early Quantum Algorithms



Deutsch's Algorithm $f: \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ $f(0) \oplus f(1)$



More detail

Parity Problem

 X_0 and X_1

- compute $X_0 \oplus X_1$
- Classically 2 queries
- Quantum 1 query!

Quantum query

- Querying $X_0 \quad |0\rangle \longrightarrow (-1)^{X_0}|0\rangle$
- Querying $X_1 \qquad |1\rangle \longrightarrow (-1)^{X_1}|1\rangle$
- General query:

 $lpha |0
angle + eta |1
angle \longrightarrow \ lpha (-1)^{X_0} |1
angle + eta (-1)^{X_1} |1
angle$

 $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$

Deutsch's Algorithm for Parity $|0\rangle \xrightarrow{H} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|0\rangle + |1\rangle]$



 $\xrightarrow{H} \frac{1}{2} [(-1)^{X_0} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) + (-1)^{X_1} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)]$

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 $\frac{1}{2}[(-1)^{X_0} + (-1)^{X_1}|0\rangle +$ $(-1)^{X_0} - (-1)^{X_1} |1\rangle$

$\frac{1}{2}[(-1)^{X_0}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) + (-1)^{X_1}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)]$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}[(-1)^{X_0} + (-1)^{X_1}|0\rangle + (-1)^{X_0} - (-1)^{X_1}|1\rangle]$$

See only $|0\rangle$

$$X_0 \oplus X_1 = 0$$

 $X_0 = 0 \& X_1 = 0 \text{ or}$
 $X_0 = 1 \& X_1 = 1$

$\frac{1}{2}[(-1)^{X_0}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) + (-1)^{X_1}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)]$

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 $X_0 = 0 \& X_1 = 1 \text{ or }$ See only $|1\rangle$
 $X_0 = 1 \& X_1 = 0$

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 $\begin{array}{ll} X_{0} \oplus X_{1} = 0 & \mbox{See only } \left| 0 \right\rangle \\ X_{0} \oplus X_{1} = 1 & \mbox{See only } \left| 1 \right\rangle \end{array}$

Extension: Constant or Balanced

Deutsch-Jozsa Problem

- Promise on X:
 (1) For all i: X_i = 1 (0) or (constant)
 - (2) $|\{i \mid X_i = 1\}| = |\{j \mid X_j = 0\}|$ (balanced)
- Goal: determine case (1) or (2)
- Classical: N/2 + 1 probes.
- Quantum: 1 probe.

Quantum query

• Querying $X_i \qquad |i\rangle \longrightarrow (-1)^{X_i} |i\rangle$

• General query:

$$\sum_{i} \alpha_{i} |i\rangle \longrightarrow \sum_{i} (-1)^{X_{i}} \alpha_{i} |i\rangle$$

 $\sum_{i} |\alpha_i|^2 = 1$

Deutsch-Jozsa Algorithm

(1)
$$|0^n\rangle \xrightarrow{\mathbf{H}^{\otimes n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} |i\rangle$$

 $\underbrace{\operatorname{Query}}_{i=0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{X_i} |i\rangle$

 $\xrightarrow{\mathbf{H}^{\otimes n}} \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{X_i \oplus (i \cdot j)} |j\rangle$

(3)

(2)

Deutsch-Jozsa cont.

$$\frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{X_i \oplus (i \cdot j)} |j\rangle$$

measure state $|0^n\rangle$

$$\frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{X_i} |0^n\rangle$$

Constant: see $|0^n\rangle$ with prob. 1 Balanced: see $|0^n\rangle$ with prob. 0 Quantum Algorithms

- Deutsch-Jozsa
- Simon's algorithm
- Shor's factoring algorithm
- Grover's search algorithm
- Quantum Random Walk

factorization

- Factor number in prime factors
 87 = 3 * 29
- Classical Computer : Exponential time
- Quantum Computer : Poly-time: n²
- For a 300 digit number
 - Classical: >100 years
 - Quantum: 1 minute



impact

- Safety of modern cryptography based on exponential slowness of factorization
- RSA, electronic commerce, internet...
- \Rightarrow Quantum computer destroys this!

Shor's Algorithm

- factoring a number N reduces to period finding problem: x find smallest r such that x^r mod N = 1
- fast quantum algorithm for period finding
- classical post processing to obtain factor of $\ensuremath{\mathsf{N}}$

Fourier transform

Fourier transform F over Z₂m

$$|y_1 \dots y_m\rangle = \sum_{x=0}^{2^m - 1} e^{\frac{2\pi i x y}{2^m}} |x\rangle$$

Fourier transform over Z₂^m can be efficiently implemented

period finding for x

(1)
$$|0^{m}\rangle|0^{l}\rangle \xrightarrow{F_{2^{m}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{m}}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{m}-1} |j\rangle|0^{l}\rangle$$

(2) query $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}}\sum_{j=0}^{2^m-1}|j\rangle|\mathbf{x}^j modN\rangle$

(3)
$$\frac{F_{2^m}}{\longrightarrow} \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{j=0}^{2^m-1} \sum_{k=0}^{2^m-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i j k}{2^m}} |k\rangle |\mathbf{x}^j modN\rangle$$

Grover's Search Algorithm

search problem

Input N (=2ⁿ) bits (variables):

$$X = X_1 \quad X_2 \quad X_3 \quad \dots \quad X_N$$

- exists/find i such that $X_i = 1$
- Classically $\Omega(N)$ queries (bounded error)
- Quantum $O(\sqrt{N})$ queries

Quantum Random Walk

- Speedup for different search problems:
 - Element Distinctness
 - AND-OR trees
 - pruning of game trees
 - local search algorithms





Alice and Bob



Communication?





Theorem [Holevo'73] Can not compress k classical bits into k-1 qubits



Goal: Compute some function $F(X,Y) \longrightarrow \{0,1\}$ minimizing communication bits.



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Equality



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Question: Can qubits reduce communication for certain F's?

Qubits Can Reduce Cost

Theorem [B-Cleve-Wigderson'98] EQ'(X,Y) = 1 iff X=YPromise $\Delta(X,Y) = N/2 \text{ or } 0$ Hamming Distance

- Need $\Omega(N)$ classical bits.
- Can be done with O(log(N)) qubits.

Reduction to D-J



X₁ X₂ X_N $\mathbf{Y}_1 \mathbf{Y}_2 \dots \mathbf{Y}_N \bigoplus$ $Z_1 Z_2 \dots Z_N$

 $\Delta(X,Y) = N/2$ Z is balanced

 $\Delta(X,Y) = 0$ Z
is constant

The quantum protocol $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}^n}\sum_{i\in\{0,1\}^n}(-1)^{X_i}|i\rangle$

 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}^n} (-1)^{X_i \oplus Y_i} |i\rangle =$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}^n}\sum_{i\in\{0,1\}^n}(-1)^{Z_i}|i\rangle$



Finishes Deutsch-Josza Algorithm

Cost

- Alice sends n= log(N) qubits to Bob
- Bob sends n= log(N) qubits to Alice
- Total cost is 2*log(N)

Classical Lower Bound

Lower Bound

Theorem [Frankl-Rödl'87]* S,T families of N/2 size sets $\subseteq \{1,...,N\}$ for all s,t in S,T : $|s \cap t| \neq N/4$ then: $|S|*|T| \leq 4^{0.96N}$

*\$250 problem of Erdös

Lower Bound

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protocol solving EQ' in $\leq N/100$ bits induces S and T satisfying: $|S|^*|T| \geq 4^{0.99N}$ other quantum algorithms...

Quantum Algorithm



Prob [output = 0] = 1 - Prob [output = 1]















Grover's Algorithm

- Find i such that $X_i = 1$ OR($X_1, ..., X_N$)
- Classical Probabilistic: N/2 queries
- Quantum: $O(\sqrt{N})$ queries
- No promise!

Non-Disjointness

Goal: exists i such that $X_i=1$ and $Y_i=1$?



Disjointness

- Bounded Error probabilistic Ω(N) bits [Kalyanasundaram-Schnitger'87]
- Grover's algorithm + reduction O(log(N)*√N) qubits [BCW'98]
 O(√N) qubits [AA'04]
 Ω (√N) lower bound [Razborov'03]



Apointment Scheduling



Quantum: \sqrt{n} qubits communication Classical: n bits communication

Other Functions

- Exponential gap [Raz'99]
 - O(log(N)) with qubits, Ω (N^{1/4}) bits classically.
 - partial Domain, bounded error
- Exponential gap for other models of communication complexity:
 - limited rounds, SMP etc.
- Quantum Fingerprinting
- Streaming, Learning Theory...

back to physics

Einstein Podolsky Rosen paradox





 $|00\rangle$















Entangled:

 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|00\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|11\rangle \neq (\alpha_1|0\rangle + \beta_1|1\rangle) \otimes (\alpha_2|0\rangle + \beta_2|1\rangle$



if Bob measures: 0/1 with prob. $\frac{1}{2}$

if Alice measures: 0/1 with prob. $\frac{1}{2}$



Alice measures: 0 state will collapse!



Alice measures: 0 state will collapse! Bob's state has changed! he will also measure 0



Alice measures: 1 state will collapse!



Alice measures: 1 state will collapse! Bob's state has changed! he will also measure 1



- 1) At time of measurement a random outcome is produced
 - instantaneous information transfer
- 2) Outcome was already present at time of creation of EPR-pair
 - quantum mechanics is incomplete



1935

Einstein: nothing, including information, can go faster than the speed of light, hence quantum mechanics is incomplete

Communication

Communication?



Teleportation



Teleportation




Classical bits: b₁ b₂



Classical bits: b₁ b₂



 $b_1 b_2$

 $b_1 b_2$





Alice's protocol $|\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle^{-1}$ Η $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ |0
angle |1
angle|1
angle



ce

Alice's protocol H $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle - - \phi$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle_{+} |1\rangle$ $|0\rangle |1\rangle (\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle + |11\rangle) =$ $\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |011\rangle) + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}(|100\rangle + |111\rangle)$

Alice's protocol $|\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle$ ----Η $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle_{+} |1\rangle$ $|0\rangle |1\rangle$ $\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |011\rangle) + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}(|100\rangle + |111\rangle)$ $\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |011\rangle) + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}(|110\rangle + |101\rangle)$

Alice's protocol Η $|\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |0\rangle |1\rangle \longrightarrow$ $|0\rangle |1\rangle$ $\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |011\rangle) + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{2}}(|110\rangle + |101\rangle)$ $\frac{\alpha}{2}(|000\rangle + |100\rangle + |011\rangle + |111\rangle) +$ $\frac{\beta}{2}(|010\rangle - |110\rangle + |001\rangle - |101\rangle)$



Bob's protocol

Alice with prob. $\frac{1}{4}$ in Bob one of:

 $\begin{aligned} |00\rangle(\alpha|0\rangle + \beta|1\rangle) \\ |01\rangle(\alpha|1\rangle + \beta|0\rangle) \\ |10\rangle(\alpha|0\rangle - \beta|1\rangle) \\ |11\rangle(\alpha|1\rangle - \beta|0\rangle) \end{aligned}$

do nothing bit flip phase flip bit flip and phase flip







- Qubit Model can be simulated by EPR model.
- Teleport qubit at cost of 2 classical bits and 1 EPR pair.
- EPR-pairs can reduce communication cost:
 - use qubit protocol +
 - teleportation





Alice can not send *information* to Bob, but she can save *information* for certain communication problems

Other Links

- Quantum Communication Complexity
- Better Non-locality experiments
 - Resistant to noise
 - Resistant to detection loophole
 - Optimality of parameters

Entanglement

- Communincation Complexity
- Cryptography
- Essential for quantum speed up
 - Unentangled quantum alg. can be simulated efficiently
- Quantum interactive games
- Link with Functional Analysis & Grothednieck's constant

The real world & Complexity Theory





real world?





Quantum Cryptography

Quantum key generation

- Quantum mechanical protocol to securely generate secret "random" key between Alice and Bob.
- Unbreakable in combination with Vernam cipher

Bennett



1984

Brassard





Quantum Cryptography secret key generation





Eavesdropper has to disturb qubit! Can be detected by Alice & Bob



Clavis - PLUG & PLAY QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY

Quantum Key Distribution is a technology that exploits a fundamental principle of quantum physics - observation causes perturbation - to exchange cryptographic keys over optical fiber networks with absolute security.



Quantum Crypto

- Impossibility of bit commitment
- Quantum key distribution scheme
- Quantum Coin-flipping
- Quantum string commitment (CWI)
- Quantum Information theory (CWI)
 - much richer field than classical information theory
- Quantum secure positioning (CWI)

Recent Developments

- New Algorithms
 - Pell's equations
 - searching/sorting etc.
 - Matrix problems
- Limitations to quantum computing
- Applications of quantum computing:
 - Physics, foundations of physics
 - classical comp. science & mathematics

Very Recent

- Surprising intrerplay between
 - Nonlocality
 - Communication complexity
 - Approximation algorithms (SDP)
 - Functional analysis
- Studying questions about nonlocality solve 35 year old problem in Banach space theory [Briet,B,Lee,Vidick 09]

Current Challenges

- Implementing more qubits
- New Algorithms
- Better Understanding of power of Quantum Computation
- Other Applications
- Quantum Cryptography
- Nonlocality, SDP, Functional Analysis

Quantum Computing FAQ O: What can Ouantum Information Science do now? A: Allow the building of prototype quantum communications systems whose security against undetected eavesdropping is guaranteed by fundamental laws of physics. Q: When will we have full-scale quantum computer? A: Too early to tell. Maybe 20 years. Q: What could a quantum computer do? A1: Enormously speed up some computations, notably factoring, thereby making many currently used codes insecure. A2: Significantly speed up a much broader class of computations, including the traveling salesman problem, allowing them to be done in the square root of the number of steps a classical computer would require. A3: Allow the efficient simulation of quantum systems, to aid physics and chemistry research. Q: Does a quantum computer speed up all computations equally? A: No. Some are sped up exponentially, some quadratically, and some not at all. O: What else can Quantum Information Science do? A1: Facilitate other tasks involving distributed computing and secrecy. A2: Contribute to better precision measurements and time standards.

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