

Quantum Algorithms and Feynman Integrals

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**The quantum algorithmic
schema to be discussed in this
talk were developed to be tools
and aids for the creation of
future quantum algorithms.**

This talk is based on:

- **Lomonaco & Kauffman, Quantum Hidden Subgroup Algorithms: A Mathematical Perspective, AMS, CONM/305, (2002).**

<http://xxx.lanl.gov/abs/quant-ph/0201095>

- **Lomonaco & Kauffman, A Continuous Variable Shor Algorithm,**

<http://xxx.lanl.gov/abs/quant-ph/0210141>

- **Lomonaco & Kauffman, Continuous Variable Quantum Algorithm Schema, (in preparation).**

Outline

Part 1. A quantum algorithm on the reals \mathbb{R}

Part 2a. A quantum algorithm on the circle \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z}

Part 2b. The dual quantum algorithm

Part 3. Quantum algorithms based on Feynman path integrals.

Part 1

**Lomonaco & Kauffman, A Continuous
Variable Shor Algorithm,**

<http://xxx.lanl.gov/abs/quant-ph/0210141>

A Continuous Variable Shor Algorithm

Continuous Variable Quantum Algorithms

- **Continuous Variable Grover Algorithm**

Pati, Braunstein, & Lloyd

Quant-ph/0002082

- **Continuous Variable Deutsch-Jozsa Algorithm**

Pati & Braunstein

Quant-ph/0207108

This Talk is Related to

- **Hallgren, Sean, Polynomial-Time Quantum Algorithm for Pell's equation and the Principal Ideal Problem**
- **Hales, Lisa, thesis**

The Quantum Hidden Subgroup Paper Shows how to create a Meta Algorithm



We now create a

Continuous Variable Shor Algorithm

Recall that Shor's algorithm reduces to the task of finding the period P of a function

$$\varphi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \bmod N$$

So a CV Shor algorithm should be a HSG algorithm that finds the period P of a function of the form

$$\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Needed

Mathematical Machinery

On the reals \mathbb{R} , we need

- The Dirac Delta function $\delta(x)$

- We will also need the generalized function

$$\delta_P(x) = \frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(x - \frac{n}{P}\right)$$

Rigged Hilbert Spaces, a.k.a., Gelfand Triplets

- $H_{\mathbb{R}}$ denotes the rigged Hilbert space with orthonormal basis

$$\{ |x\rangle : x \in \mathbb{R} \}, \text{ i.e., } \langle x | y \rangle = \delta(x - y)$$

- The elements of $H_{\mathbb{R}}$ are formal integrals of the form

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) |x\rangle$$

- $H_{\mathbb{C}}$ denotes the rigged Hilbert space with orthonormal basis

$$\{|y\rangle : y \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

- $H_{\mathbb{R}} \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}}$ denotes the rigged Hilbert space with orthonormal basis

$$\{|x\rangle|y\rangle : x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ \& } y \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

If x_0 is a constant, we define

$$|x_0\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \delta(x - x_0) |x\rangle$$

Hence,

$$\langle y_0 | x_0 \rangle = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } x_0 = y_0 \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle x_0 | y_0 \rangle \\
&= \left(\int dx \delta(x - x_0) \langle x | \right) \left(\int dy \delta(y - y_0) |y\rangle \right) \\
&= \int dx \delta(x - x_0) \left(\int dy \delta(y - y_0) \langle y | x \rangle \right) \\
&= \int dx \delta(x - x_0) \left(\int dy \delta(y - y_0) \delta(y - x) \right) \\
&= \int dx \delta(x - x_0) \left(\int dy \delta(y - y_0) \delta(x - y_0) \right) \\
&= \int dx \delta(x - x_0) \delta(x - y_0) \int dy \delta(y - y_0) \\
&= \int dx \delta_{x_0 y_0} \delta(x - x_0) \int dy \delta(y - y_0) = \delta_{x_0 y_0}
\end{aligned}$$

Fourier Analysis on \mathbb{R}

Let $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an admissible periodic function of minimum period P .

Problem: In general, φ is neither L^1 nor L^2 nor of compact support. So the usual literature on Fourier analysis does not apply .

Remark: One definition of admissible function is one that is Lebesgue integrable on every closed subinterval of \mathbb{R} . But there are other definitions that also will work.

To circumvent this problem we extend the definition of the Fourier transform to period P admissible functions φ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\varphi}(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x) \\ &:= \delta_P(y) \int_0^P dx e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\delta_P(y) = \frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta\left(y - \frac{n}{P}\right)$$

It can be verified that $\varphi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{2\pi ixy} \hat{\varphi}(y)$

Motivation for above Definition

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{nP}^{(n+1)P} dx e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x) \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^P dx e^{-2\pi i(x+nP)y} \varphi(x+nP) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi inPy} \int_0^P dx e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x) \\ &= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|P|} \delta\left(y - \frac{m}{P}\right) \int_0^P dx e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x) = \delta_P(y) \int_0^P dx e^{-2\pi ixy} \varphi(x) \end{aligned}$$

Motivation (Cont.)

where, in the context of distributions, we have used the fact that

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i n P y}$$

is, for every m , the Fourier series expansion of

$$\frac{1}{|P|} \delta\left(y - \frac{m}{P}\right)$$

on the interval

$$\left[\frac{m}{P}, \frac{m+1}{P}\right) = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R} : \frac{m}{P} \leq y < \frac{m+1}{P} \right\}$$

Let $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an admissible function of minimum period P .

We will now create a continuous variable Shor algorithm to find the period P when P is an integer.

After that, we will extend the algorithm to one that can determine the period P when P is rational. Finally, we will extend the algorithm to one that finds irrational periods.

Let $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an admissible function of minimum period P .

We will assume that φ is one-to one on its fundamental domain $[0, P)$

•Step 0. Initialize

$$|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle \in H_{\mathbb{R}} \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}}$$

•Step 1. Apply $F^{-1} \otimes 1$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{2\pi i x \cdot 0} |x\rangle|0\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx |x\rangle|0\rangle$$

•Step 2. Apply $U_{\varphi} : |x\rangle|u\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|u + \varphi(x)\rangle$

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx |x\rangle|\varphi(x)\rangle$$

- **Step 3. Apply $F \otimes 1$**

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi_3\rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\pi ixy} |y\rangle |\varphi(x)\rangle \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy |y\rangle \delta_P(y) \int_0^{P^-} dx e^{-2\pi ixy} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{n}{P} \right\rangle \left(\frac{1}{P} \int_0^{P^-} dx e^{-2\pi ix \frac{n}{P}} |\varphi(x)\rangle \right) \\
 &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{n}{P} \right\rangle \left| \Omega \left(\frac{n}{P} \right) \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

•Step 4. **Measure**

$$|\psi_3\rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \frac{n}{P} \right\rangle \left| \Omega \left(\frac{n}{P} \right) \right\rangle$$

with respect to the observable

$$A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \frac{\lfloor Qy \rfloor}{Q} |y\rangle\langle y|$$

to produce a random eigenvalue m/Q ,
where $\lfloor Qy \rfloor$ is the greatest integer
 $\leq Qy$

Spectral Decomposition of Observable A

$$A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy \frac{\lfloor Qy \rfloor}{Q} |y\rangle\langle y|$$
$$= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{m}{Q} \right) \mathbf{P}_m$$

where

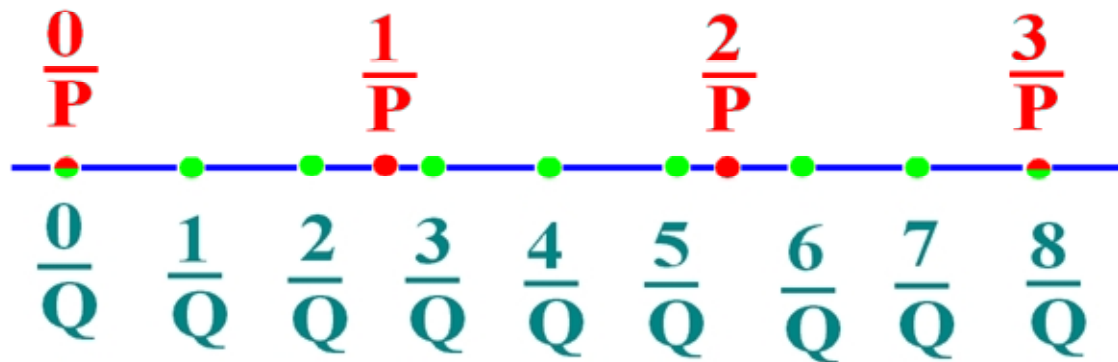
$$\mathbf{P}_m = \int_{\frac{m}{Q}}^{\frac{m+1}{Q}} dy |y\rangle\langle y| = \left| \frac{m+1}{Q} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{m+1}{Q} \right|$$

Meas. always produces an eigenvalue m/Q for which there exists an integer n such that

$$\frac{m}{Q} \leq \frac{n}{P} < \frac{m+1}{Q}$$

We seek the unknown n/P

Unknown multiples of
the reciprocal period



Eigenvalues

If $Q \geq 2P^2$, then n/P is a convergent of the continued fraction expansion of the known eigenvalue m/Q .

Thus, the continued fraction recursion can be used to determine the period P .

Finding Rational Periods

The above algorithm can be extended to an algorithm for finding rational periods

$$P = a / b, \quad \gcd(a, b) = 1$$

Key Ideas:

• Run the quantum part of the above algorithm (Steps 0 – 4) twice to produce two eigenvalues

$$m_1 / Q \quad \text{and} \quad m_2 / Q$$

• If $Q \geq 2a^2$, then these eigenvalues respectively will have unique convergents of the form

$$\frac{n_1 b}{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{n_2 b}{a}$$

Key Ideas (Cont.):

• If the following **Condition A** is satisfied

$$\gcd(n_1, n_2) = 1, \gcd(n_1, a) = 1, \gcd(n_2, a) = 1$$

then the reciprocal period is

$$\frac{1}{P} = \frac{\gcd(n_1 b, n_2 b)}{a}$$

This expression can be computed as follows:

• Step A. For each convergent p_{1k} / q_{1k} of m_1 / Q , select (if it exists) a convergent $p_{2\ell} / q_{2\ell}$ of m_2 / Q which has the same denominator

$$(q = q_{1k} = q_{2\ell})$$

Key Ideas (Cont.):

- Step B. **After making this selection, construct the corresponding rational**

$$\underline{\gcd(p_{1k}, p_{2\ell})}$$

q

- Step C. **Test to see if it is a reciprocal period.**
- **If not, repeat Steps A through C until the reciprocal period is found, output the reciprocal period, and STOP.**

Key Ideas (Cont.):

- The probability that **Condition A** is satisfied is

$$\Omega\left(\left(\frac{1}{\lg \lg Q}\right)^2\right)$$

- Hence, on average, all of the above **need to be repeated**

$$O\left((\lg \lg Q)^2\right)$$

times to find the reciprocal period.

Finding Irrational Periods

If we assume that the map φ is **continuous**, then the same procedure can be used to find an irrational period to any degree of desired precision.

Continuity is needed for determining whether or not a rational is sufficiently close to the unknown irrational period.

Implementation

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Double Dare!!

Implement This

Part 2a

**Lomonaco & Kauffman, Continuous
Variable Quantum Algorithm Schema,
(in preparation).**

**Schema for Continuous Variable
Quantum Algorithms
on the**

Circle

Rigged Hilbert Space

- $H_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}}$ denotes the rigged Hilbert space on \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} with orthonormal basis

$$\{ |x\rangle : x \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \}, \text{ i.e., } \langle x | y \rangle = \delta(x - y)$$

- The elements of $H_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}}$ are formal integrals of the form

$$\oint dx f(x) |x\rangle$$

Finally, let $H_{\mathbb{Z}}$ denote the space of formal sums

$$\left\{ \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n |n\rangle : a_n \in \mathbb{C} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

with orthonormal basis

$$\{|n\rangle : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Periodic Admissible Functions on \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}

Let $f : \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an admissible periodic function of minimum rational period $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$

Proposition: If $\alpha = a_1 / a_2$ with $\gcd(a_1, a_2) = 1$, then $1/a_2$ is also a period of f .

Remark: Hence, the minimum rational period is the reciprocal of an integer modulo 1.

•Step 0. Initialize $|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle \in H_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}}$

•Step 1. Apply $F^{-1} \otimes 1$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \oint dx e^{2\pi i x \cdot 0} |x\rangle|0\rangle = \oint dx |x\rangle|0\rangle \in H_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}}$$

•Step 2. Apply $U_{\varphi} : |x\rangle|u\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|u + \varphi(x)\rangle$

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \oint dx |x\rangle|\varphi(x)\rangle$$

- **Step 3. Apply** $F \otimes 1$

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_3\rangle &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \oint dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |n\rangle |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle \oint dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \in H_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}} \end{aligned}$$

Letting $x_m = x - \frac{m}{a}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \oint dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle &= \sum_{m=0}^{a-1} \int_{\frac{m}{a}}^{\frac{m+1}{a}} dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{a-1} \int_0^{\frac{1}{a}} dx_m e^{-2\pi i n \left(x_m + \frac{m}{a}\right)} \left| \varphi\left(x_m + \frac{m}{a}\right) \right\rangle \\
 &= \left(\sum_{m=0}^{a-1} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n m}{a}} \right) \int_0^{\frac{1}{a}} dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

But
$$\sum_{m=0}^{a-1} e^{-\frac{2\pi i n m}{a}} = a \delta_{n=0 \bmod a} = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } n = 0 \bmod a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_3\rangle &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle \oint dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle \delta_{n=0 \bmod a} \int_0^{1/a} dx e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} |\ell a\rangle \left(\int_0^{1/a} dx e^{-2\pi i \ell a x} |\varphi(x)\rangle \right) \\ &= \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} |\ell a\rangle |\Omega(\ell a)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

•Step 4. **Measure**

$$|\psi_3\rangle = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} |\ell a\rangle |\Omega(\ell a)\rangle$$

with respect to the observable

$$A = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} n |n\rangle \langle n|$$

to produce a random eigenvalue ℓa

Part 2b

The

Dual

Algorithm

Needed

Mathematical Machinery

- Dirac Delta function $\delta(x)$ on \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}
- For P a non-zero integer, we will also need on \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} the generalized function

$$\delta_P(x) = \frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{n=0}^{P-1} \delta\left(x - \frac{n}{P}\right)$$

Periodic Functions on \mathbb{Z}

Let $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be periodic function of minimum period P .

•Step 0. Initialize $|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle \in H_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}}$

•Step 1. Apply $F^{-1} \otimes 1$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i n \cdot 0} |n\rangle|0\rangle = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle|0\rangle \in H_{\mathbb{Z}} \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}}$$

•Step 2. Apply $U_\varphi : |n\rangle|u\rangle \mapsto |n\rangle|u + \varphi(n)\rangle$

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} |n\rangle|\varphi(n)\rangle$$

- **Step 3. Apply $F \otimes 1$**

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi_3\rangle &= \oint dx |x\rangle \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-2\pi i n x} |\varphi(n)\rangle \in H_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}} \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}} \\
 &= \oint dx |x\rangle \sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{n_0=0}^{P-1} e^{-2\pi i (n_1 P + n_0) x} |\varphi(n_1 P + n_0)\rangle \\
 &= \oint dx |x\rangle \left(\sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-2\pi i n_1 P x} \right) \sum_{n_0=0}^{P-1} e^{-2\pi i n_0 x} |\varphi(n_0)\rangle \\
 &= \oint dx |x\rangle \delta_P(x) \sum_{n_0=0}^{P-1} e^{-2\pi i n_0 x} |\varphi(n_0)\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{P-1} \left| \frac{n}{P} \right\rangle \left(\frac{1}{P} \sum_{n_0=0}^{P-1} e^{-2\pi i n_0 x} |\varphi(n_0)\rangle \right) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{P-1} \left| \frac{n}{P} \right\rangle \left| \Omega \left(\frac{n}{P} \right) \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

•Step 4. Measure

$$|\psi_3\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{P-1} \left| \frac{n}{P} \right\rangle \left| \Omega \left(\frac{n}{P} \right) \right\rangle$$

with respect to the observable

$$A = \oint dy \frac{\lfloor Qy \rfloor}{Q} |y\rangle\langle y|$$

to produce a random eigenvalue m/Q and then proceed to find the corresponding n/P using the continued fraction recursion.

(We assume $Q \geq 2P^2$)

Part 3

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Quantum Algorithms
based on Feynman path
integrals

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Caveat Emptor

The **functional integral** quantum algorithm given in the following slides was developed in the spirit of Feynman's non-mathematically rigorous description of functional integrals. Many of the steps given below are yet to be justified with the cutting edge of mathematical rigor.

The Space **Paths**

Paths = all continuous paths $x : [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$
which are L^2 with respect to the inner product

$$x \bullet y = \int_0^1 ds x(s) y(s)$$

Paths is a vector space over \mathbb{R} with respect to

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\lambda x)(s) = \lambda x(s) \\ (x + y)(s) = x(s) + y(s) \end{array} \right.$$

The Problem to be Solved

Let $\varphi : \text{Paths} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a functional with a hidden subspace V of Paths such that

$$\varphi(x + v) = \varphi(x) \quad \forall v \in V$$

Objective. Create a quantum algorithm that finds the hidden subspace V .

The Ambient Rigged Hilbert Space

Let H_{Paths} be the rigged Hilbert space with orthonormal basis ,

$$\{ |x\rangle : x \in Paths \}$$

and with bracket product

$$\langle x | y \rangle = \delta(x - y)$$

Parenthetical Remark

Please note that *Paths* can be written as the following disjoint union:

$$\mathit{Paths} = \bigcup_{v \in V} (v + V^\perp)$$

•Step 0. Initialize $|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle|0\rangle \in H_{Paths} \otimes H_{\mathbb{C}}$

•Step 1. Apply $F^{-1} \otimes 1$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \int_{Paths} Dx e^{2\pi i x \cdot 0} |x\rangle|0\rangle = \int_{Paths} Dx |x\rangle|0\rangle$$

•Step 2. Apply $U_{\varphi} : |x\rangle|u\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|u + \varphi(x)\rangle$

$$|\psi_2\rangle = \int_{Paths} Dx |x\rangle|\varphi(x)\rangle$$

- **Step 3. Apply $F \otimes 1$**

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_3\rangle &= \int_{\text{Paths}} D y \int_{\text{Paths}} D x e^{-2\pi i x \cdot y} |y\rangle |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \int_{\text{Paths}} D y |y\rangle \int_{\text{Paths}} D x e^{-2\pi i x \cdot y} |\varphi(x)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\text{Paths}} D\mathbf{x} e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}} |\varphi(\mathbf{x})\rangle &= \int_V D\mathbf{v} \int_{\mathbf{v}+V^\perp} D\mathbf{x} e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}} |\varphi(\mathbf{x})\rangle \\ &= \int_V D\mathbf{v} \int_{V^\perp} D\mathbf{x} e^{-2\pi i (\mathbf{v}+\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{y}} |\varphi(\mathbf{v}+\mathbf{x})\rangle \\ &= \int_V D\mathbf{v} e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{y}} \int_{V^\perp} D\mathbf{x} e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y}} |\varphi(\mathbf{x})\rangle \end{aligned}$$

However,
$$\int_V Dv e^{-2\pi i v \cdot y} = \int_{V^\perp} Du \delta(y - u)$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_3\rangle &= \int_{\text{Paths}_n} Dy |y\rangle \int_V Dv e^{-2\pi i v \cdot y} \int_{V^\perp} Dx e^{-2\pi i x \cdot y} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \int_{\text{Paths}_n} Dy |y\rangle \int_{V^\perp} Du \delta(y - u) \int_{V^\perp} Dx e^{-2\pi i x \cdot y} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \int_{V^\perp} Du |u\rangle \int_{V^\perp} Dx e^{-2\pi i x \cdot u} |\varphi(x)\rangle \\ &= \int_{V^\perp} Du |u\rangle |\Omega(u)\rangle \end{aligned}$$

•Step 4. Measure

$$|\psi_3\rangle = \int_{V^\perp} D u |u\rangle |\Omega(u)\rangle$$

with respect to the observable

$$A = \int_{\text{Paths}} D w w |w\rangle \langle w|$$

to produce a random element of V^\perp

Question

Can the above path integral quantum algorithm be modified in such a way as to create a quantum algorithm for the Jones polynomial ?

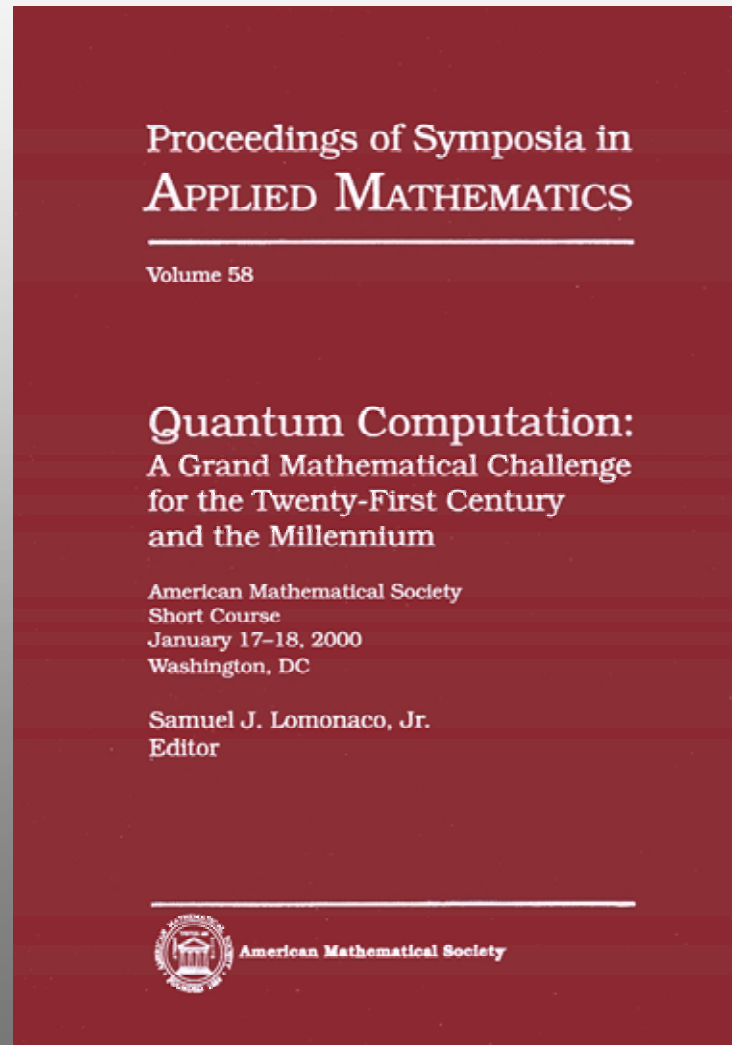
I.e., can it be modified by replacing *Paths* by the space of gauge connections, and by making suitable modifications?

$$\int DA \psi(A) W_K(A)$$

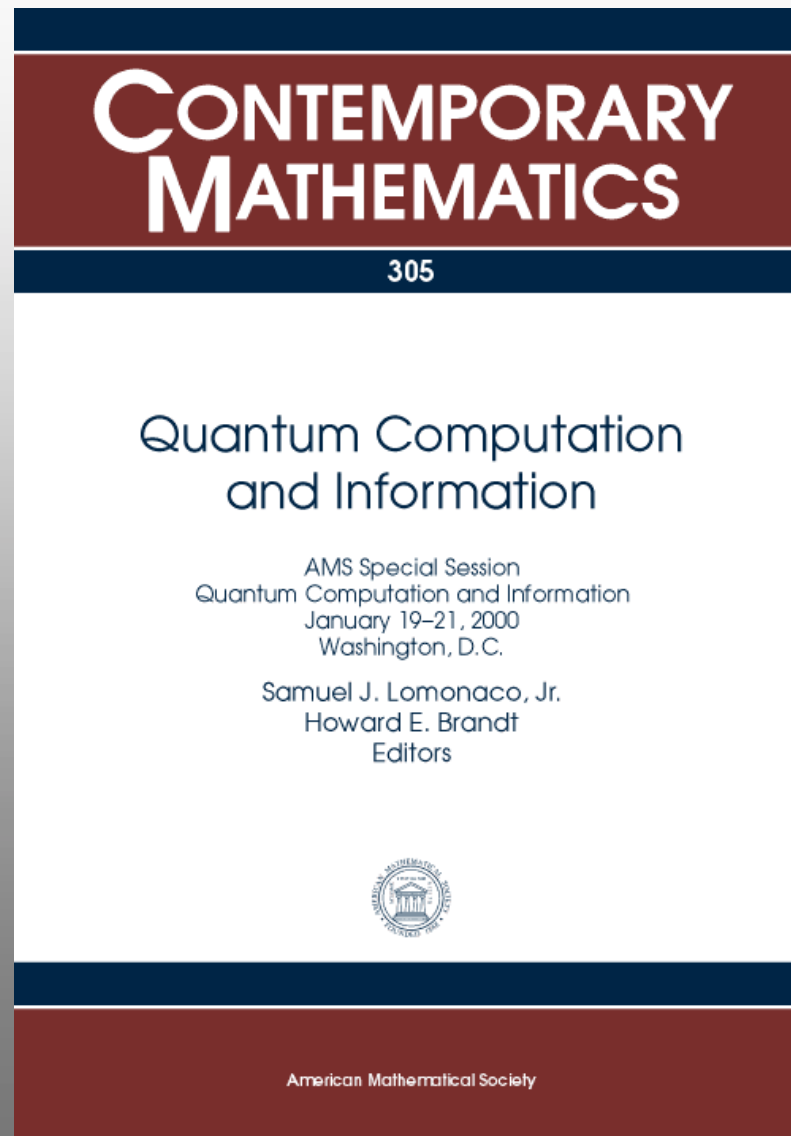
where $W_K(A)$ is the Wilson loop

$$W_K(A) = \text{tr} \left(P \exp \left(\oint_K A \right) \right)$$

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