

Quantum Algorithm for Traveling Salesman Problem by Shor's Fourier Transform with Ram on Qcengine

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Abstract

A quantum algorithm for the traveling salesman problem by the Shor's Fourier transform with the RAM on the QC Engine, and its example are reported. A route of the shortest distance is decided on turning round n points with fixing a starting point. When the counter routes are excluded, a complexity of a classical computation is $(n - 1)! / 2$ times. In the quantum algorithm by the Shor's Fourier transform with the REM, its search is done by about (several times) $\times \log_2 N$, where N is 2^m [$m = n(n - 1)/2$].

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INTRODUCTION

The traveling salesman problem has been discussed by Watanabe. [1] A quantum algorithm for the traveling salesman problem has been reported by Fujimura. [2] Still more, Fujimura discussed a quantum algorithm for the knapsack problem by the Shor's Fourier transform with the RAM on the QC Engine. [3]

According to my advanced study, when the traveling salesman problem is regarded as a special pattern of the knapsack problem, the complexity of the traveling salesman problem is able to be about (several times) $\times \log_2 N$, where N is 2^m [$m = n(n - 1)/2$].

Therefore, because the quantum algorithm for the traveling salesman problem is

examined by the Shor's Fourier transform with the RAM on the QC Engine, its result is reported.

Traveling Salesman Problem

It is the traveling salesman problem to decide a route that turns round n points in the shortest distance. A complexity of a classical computation is $(n - 1)!/2$ times, because a starting point is fixed and counter routes are excluded. [1, 2]

Quantum Algorithm

It is assumed that n is number of points, m is number of sides ($m = n(n - 1)/2$, and number of data qubits), and j is number of work qubits that included the sum of distances (distance is length between two points.).

First of all, query quantum registers $|x_i\rangle$ [$1 \leq i \leq m$. i and m are integers. m is a number of sides.], work1 quantum registers $|w_{1,j}\rangle$ [$1 \leq j \leq t$. j and t are integers. t is a necessary number for the sum of distances.], work2 quantum registers $|w_{2,p}\rangle$ [$1 \leq p \leq t + 1$. p and t are integers. t is a necessary number for the sum of distances. $+1$ is a qubit for the negative integer. [4]], and ancilla quantum qubits $|a_q\rangle$ [q is a necessary number for decrement with modulus.] are prepared.

Step 1: The distance data $[d(u_i, v_i): i\text{-th distance between } u_i \text{ and } v_i. u_i \neq v_i. u_i \text{ and } v_i \text{ are points.}]$ are introduced to the RAM [4].

Step 2: Each qubit of $|x_i\rangle$, $|w_{1,j}\rangle$, $|w_{2,p}\rangle$, and $|a_q\rangle$ is set $|0\rangle$.

Step 3: The Hadamard gate \boxed{H} [1-9] acts on each qubit of $|x_i\rangle$. It changes them for entangled states.

Step 4: For $|x_i\rangle$, RAM [$i - 1$] [RAM has distance data of $0 \rightarrow (m - 1)$.] is incremented in $|w_{2,p}\rangle$. In a function, $F = \sum_{i=1 \rightarrow m} d(u_i, v_i)x_i$ is computed, where $d(u_i, v_i)$ is i -th distance. This operation makes entangled data base.

Step 5: For $|w_{2,p}\rangle$, $\text{mod}(k)$ [k is a length of a route, and at random.] is done, where $\text{mod}(k)$ is made by subtraction and addition in this program. [4] Therefore, the subtraction and the addition are done by necessary times, where work1 quantum registers are added work2 quantum registers, and the uncompute is done.

Step 6: For $|x_i\rangle$, the quantum Fourier transform (= QFT) [1, 3-7] is done.

Step 7: For $|x_i\rangle$ and $|w_{1,j}\rangle$, the proves are done.

Step 8: For $|x_i\rangle$, the read is done.

Step 9: A number of spikes is estimated by the function (<https://oreilly-qc.github.io?> $p = 12-4$ [4]), where the function `estimate_num_spikes (spike, range)` [`spike`: read value, `range`: 2^m] is used.

Step 10: From candidates of the number of spikes, the repeat period P is obtained.

Step 11: From $P = 2^0x_1 + 2^1x_2 + 2^2x_3 + 2^3x_4 + \dots + 2^{m-1}x_m$, when there is $k = d(u_1, v_1)x_1$

+ $d(u_2, v_2)x_2 + \dots + d(u_m, v_m)x_m$, it is answer [number of combination of necessary distances].

Step 12: The repeating times is $\log_2 N$ [$N = 2^m$] to obtain a minimum length k_{min} . [10]

Example of Numerical Computation

It is assumed that 10 ($= m$) distances are $d(u_1, v_1) = d(1, 2) = 1$, $d(u_2, v_2) = d(2, 3) = 1$, $d(u_3, v_3) = d(3, 4) = 1$, $d(u_4, v_4) = d(4, 5) = 1$, $d(u_5, v_5) = d(5, 1) = 1$, $d(u_6, v_6) = d(1, 3) = 2$, $d(u_7, v_7) = d(1, 4) = 2$, $d(u_8, v_8) = d(2, 4) = 2$, $d(u_9, v_9) = d(2, 5) = 2$, $d(u_{10}, v_{10}) = d(3, 5) = 2$, and the upper bound of the length is 15, and $n = 5$. Furthermore, it is assumed that the $\text{mod}(k_{min}) = \text{mod}(5)$, and query quantum register qubits $i = m = 10$. In this example, when $\text{mod}(5)$ is 0, P is 0, 31, 39, 43, 45, 46, 51, 53, 54, 57, 58, 60, 168, 176, 193, 194, 196, 200, 208, 239, 247, 251, 253, 254, 263, 267, 269, 270, 275, 277, 278, 281, 282, 284, 289, 290, 292, 296, 304, 321, 322, 324, 328, 336, 367, 375, 379, 381, 382, 385, 386, 388, 392, 400, 431, 439, 443, 445, 446, 463, 471, 475, 477, 478, 483, 485, 486, 489, 490, 492, 497, 498, 500, 504, 519, 523, 525, 526, 531, 533, 534, 537, 538, 540, 545, 546, 548, 552, 560, 577, 578, 580, 584, 592, 623, 631, 635, 637, 638, 641, 642, 644, 648, 656, 687, 695, 699, 701, 702, 719, 727, 731, 733, 734, 739, 741, 742, 745, 746, 748, 753, 754, 756, 760, 769, 770, 772, 776, 784, 815, 823, 827, 829, 830, 847, 855, 859, 861, 862, 867, 869, 870, 873, 874, 876, 881, 882, 884, 888, 911, 919, 923, 925, 926, 931, 933, 934, 937, 938, 940, 945, 946, 948, 952, 963, 965, 966, 969, 970, 972, 977, 978, 980, 984, 992, and 1023.

An example of program on the QCEngine is the following.

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10 var a = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2]; // RAM_a, distance data.
20 var query_qubits = 10;
30 var work1_qubits = 4;
40 var work2_qubits = 5;
50 var ancilla_qubits = 3; // subtractions of 3 times are able.
60 qc.reset(query_qubits + work1_qubits + work2_qubits + ancilla_qubits);
70 var query = qint.new(query_qubits, 'query');
80 var work1 = qint.new(work1_qubits, 'work1');
90 var work2 = qint.new(work2_qubits, 'work2');
100 var ancilla = qint.new(ancilla_qubits, 'ancilla');
110 qc.label('q'); // set query
120 query.write(0);
130 query.hadamard();
140 qc.label(' ');
150 qc.label('w1'); // set work1
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160 work1.write(0);
170 qc.label('w2'); // set work2
180 work2.write(0);
190 qc.label('a'); // set ancilla
200 ancilla.write(0);
210 qc.print('RAM before increment: '+a+'¥n');
220 var query31 = 31; // one of query
230 var k = 5; // one of length
240 var work1_0 = 0; // one of work1. one of mod(k). k = 5.
250 qc.label('increment');
260 work2.add(a[0],query.bits(0x1));
270 work2.add(a[1],query.bits(0x2));
280 work2.add(a[2],query.bits(0x4));
290 work2.add(a[3],query.bits(0x8));
300 work2.add(a[4],query.bits(0x10));
310 work2.add(a[5],query.bits(0x20));
320 work2.add(a[6],query.bits(0x40));
330 work2.add(a[7],query.bits(0x80));
340 work2.add(a[8],query.bits(0x100));
350 work2.add(a[9],query.bits(0x200));
360 qc.label('mod(' + k + ')');
370 work2.subtract(k);
380 qc.cnot(ancilla.bits(0x1),work2.bits(0x10));
390 work2.add(k, ancilla.bits(0x1));
400 work2.subtract(k);
410 qc.cnot(ancilla.bits(0x2),work2.bits(0x10));
420 work2.add(k, ancilla.bits(0x2));
430 work2.subtract(k);
440 qc.cnot(ancilla.bits(0x4),work2.bits(0x10));
450 work2.add(k, ancilla.bits(0x4));
460 work1.add(work2);
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470 qc.label('uncompute');
480 work2.subtract(k,ancilla.bits(0x4));
490 qc.cnot(ancilla.bits(0x4),work2.bits(0x10));
500 work2.add(k);
510 work2.subtract(k,ancilla.bits(0x2));
520 qc.cnot(ancilla.bits(0x2),work2.bits(0x10));
530 work2.add(k);
540 work2.subtract(k,ancilla.bits(0x1));
550 qc.cnot(ancilla.bits(0x1),work2.bits(0x10));
560 work2.add(k);
570 work2.subtract(a[9],query.bits(0x200));
580 work2.subtract(a[8],query.bits(0x100));
590 work2.subtract(a[7],query.bits(0x80));
600 work2.subtract(a[6],query.bits(0x40));
610 work2.subtract(a[5],query.bits(0x20));
620 work2.subtract(a[4],query.bits(0x10));
630 work2.subtract(a[3],query.bits(0x8));
640 work2.subtract(a[2],query.bits(0x4));
650 work2.subtract(a[1],query.bits(0x2));
660 work2.subtract(a[0],query.bits(0x1));
670 qc.label('QFT');
680 query.QFT();
690 var prob31 = 0;
700 prob31 += query.peekProbability(query31);
710 // Print output query-Prob
720 qc.print(' Prob_query31: ' + prob31);
730 var prob0 = 0;
740 prob0 += work1.peekProbability(work1_0); // work1_0 = 0
750 // Print output work1-Prob
760 qc.print(' Prob_work1_0: ' + prob0);
770 // read
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780 qc.label('Rq');
790 var b2 = query.read();
800 // Print output result
810 qc.print(' Read query = ' + b2 + '.');
820 // end

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When this program is copied on Programming Quantum Computers <https://oreilly-qc.github.io/#> [free on-line quantum computation simulator QCEngine] [4], you can run it. [Caution!: Please delate the line numbers.]

A result of this program is the following.

The probe value of $|w_{1,j}\rangle = 0 : \approx 0.1992$.

The probe value of $|x_i\rangle = 31 : \approx 0.0004289$.

The example of 10 times test: The read value of $|x_i\rangle = 86, 160, 544, 354, 533, 424, 891, 763, 671, 145$. (= spike)

The candidates of number of spikes are estimated by the function [the function estimate_num_spikes (spike, range) [spike: read value, range: $2^m = 2^{10} = 1024$]:

86 → 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 71, 83, 95, 107, 119, 131, 262, 381, 512 ; 160 → 6, 13, 19, 32, 64, 96, 128, 160, 192, 224, 256, 288, 320, 352, 384, 416, 448, 480, 512, 544, 576, 608, 640, 672, 704, 736, 768, 800, 832 ; 544 → 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 32, 64, 96, 128, 160, 192, 224, 256, 288, 320, 352, 384, 416, 448, 480, 512 ; 354 → 3, 6, 9, 12, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 52, 55, 81, 162, 243, 269, 350, 431, 512 ; 533 → 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 48, 73, 146, 171, 244, 317 ; 424 → 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 29, 58, 70, 99, 128, 256, 384, 512 ; 891 → 8, 15, 23, 46, 54, 77, 154, 231, 348, 385, 462, 539, 562, 639, 716, 793, 870 ; 763 → 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 102, 153, 204, 255, 306, 357, 408, 459, 510, 514, 565, 616, 667, 718 ; 671 → 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 17, 20, 23, 26, 27, 58, 87, 116, 145, 174, 177, 206, 235, 264, 293, 322, 351 ; 145 → 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 57, 64, 71, 78, 85, 92, 99, 106, 113, 226, 339, 482, 565, 572, 685, 798.

When P is 31, $2^0x_1 + 2^1x_2 + 2^2x_3 + 2^3x_4 + 2^4x_5 + 2^5x_6 + 2^6x_7 + 2^7x_8 + 2^8x_9 + 2^9x_{10}$:

$$2^0 \times 1 + 2^1 \times 1 + 2^2 \times 1 + 2^3 \times 1 + 2^4 \times 1 + 2^5 \times 0 + 2^6 \times 0 + 2^7 \times 0 + 2^8 \times 0 + 2^9 \times 0 = 31.$$

There is $d(1, 2)x_1 + d(2, 3)x_2 + d(3, 4)x_3 + d(4, 5)x_4 + d(5, 1)x_5 + d(1, 3)x_6 + d(1, 4)x_7 + d(2, 4)x_8 + d(2, 5)x_9 + d(3, 5)x_{10}$:

$$1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 = 5 (= k_{min}).$$

The repeating times is $\log_2 2^{10} = 10$ [$N = 2^m$, $m = n(n-1)/2 = 5 \times 4/2 = 10$] to obtain a minimum length k_{min} .

For $n = 4$ and $m = 6$:

RAM; $a = [1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2]$, $2^6 = 64$, $\text{mod}(k) = \text{mod}(4)$, where query_qubits = 6, work1_qubits = 4, work2_qubits = 5, query15 = 15, and necessary changes are done.

In this example, when $\text{mod}(4)$ is 0, P is 0, 15, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, 35, 37, 38, 41, 42, 44, 48, and 63.

The probe value of $|w_{1,j}\rangle = 0 : \approx 0.2500$.

The probe value of $|x_i\rangle = 15 : \approx 0.003440$.

The example of 10 times test: The read value of $|x_i\rangle = 20, 47, 29, 0, 63, 35, 3, 0, 19, 59$.

The candidates of number of spikes are estimated by the function [the function estimate_num_spikes (spike, range) [spike: read value, range $2^m = 2^6 = 64$]:

$20 \rightarrow 3, 6, 10, 13, 16, 32$; $47 \rightarrow 4, 8, 11, 15, 30, 34$; $29 \rightarrow 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 22, 33$; $0 \rightarrow$ nothingness; $63 \rightarrow$ nothingness; $35 \rightarrow 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 22, 33$; $3 \rightarrow 21, 43$; $19 \rightarrow 3, 7, 10, 17, 27, 37$; $59 \rightarrow 13, 26, 38, 51$.

When P is 15, $2^0x_1 + 2^1x_2 + 2^2x_3 + 2^3x_4 + 2^4x_5 + 2^5x_6$:

$$2^0 \times 1 + 2^1 \times 1 + 2^2 \times 1 + 2^3 \times 1 + 2^4 \times 0 + 2^5 \times 0 = 15.$$

There is $d(1, 2)x_1 + d(2, 3)x_2 + d(3, 4)x_3 + d(4, 1)x_4 + d(1, 3)x_5 + d(2, 4)x_6$:

$$1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 = 4 (= k_{min}).$$

The repeating times is $\log_2 2^6 = 6$ [$N = 2^m$, $m = n(n-1)/2 = 4 \times 3/2 = 6$] to obtain a minimum length k_{min} .

DISCUSSION

In the knapsack problem, there are many combinations of luggages to obtain a value. In the traveling salesman problem, when the shortest value is obtained, there is only one combination of distances (distance is length between two points).

Therefore, the search is difficult.

In section 4, n points' graph has $m = n(n-1)/2$ bases. And then, in m bases, the shortest combination is selected. When N is 2^m , in the Grover's method, the complexity is $N^{1/2} \log_2 N$, in the Shor's Fourier transform, it is (several times) $\times \log_2 N$.

In $n = 4$, $N^{1/2} \log_2 N = 2^3 \log_2 2^6 = 8 \times 6 = 48$, and (several times) $\times \log_2 N \leq 10 \times 6 = 60$.

In $n = 5$, $N^{1/2} \log_2 N = 2^5 \log_2 2^{10} = 32 \times 10 = 320$, and (several times) $\times \log_2 N \leq 10 \times 10 = 100$.

In this range, the Shor's Fourier transform is less than the complexity of the Grover's method at $n = 5$ and $m = 10$.

SUMMARY

The quantum algorithm for the traveling salesman problem by the Shor's Fourier transform with the RAM on the QCEngine, and its example are reported.

The complexity of this method is (several times) $\times \log_2 N$, where N is 2^m [$m = n(n - 1)/2$].

I will apply this method for other problems.

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