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NAVIGATING PU(Z) WITH

GOLDEN GATES

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# A PRACTICE PROBLEM U(1)

$$G = U(1) = \{ z \in \mathbb{C}^* : z\bar{z} = zz^* = 1 \}$$

$$\cong \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} ; \theta \rightarrow e^{2\pi i \theta}$$

SEEK THE BEST TOPOLOGICAL GENERATOR OF G.

$R_\alpha : \theta \mapsto \theta + \alpha$ , ROTATION BY  $\alpha$

$\langle R_\alpha \rangle$  THE GROUP GENERATED BY  $R_\alpha$

$$R_\alpha^j = R_{j\alpha}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k,$$

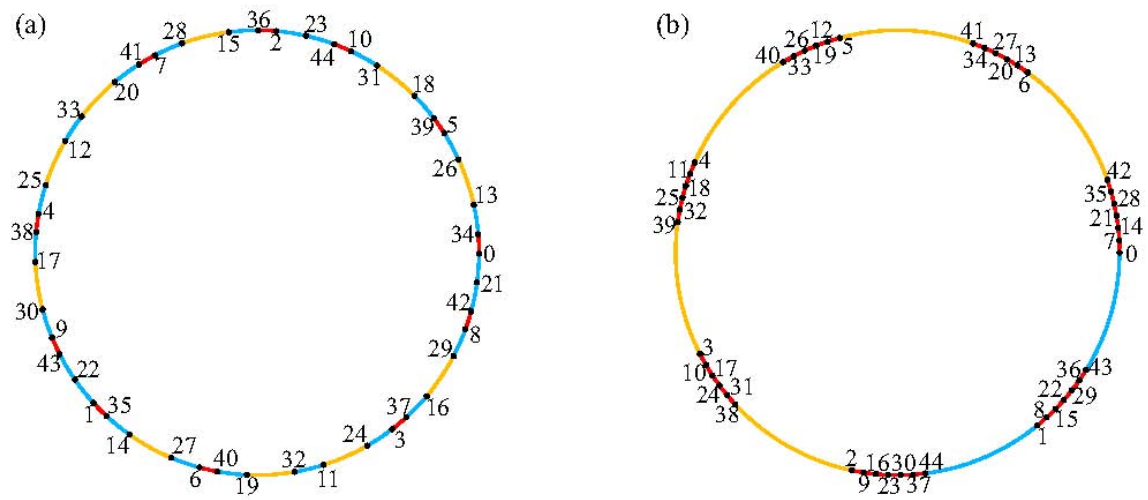
$\overline{\langle R_\alpha \rangle} = G$  IFF  $\alpha$  IS IRRATIONAL.

HOW WELL DOES  $R_\alpha^j, j = 1, \dots, k$  COVER G?

$$L_k(\alpha) := \max_{I \subset G} |I| \quad \text{I-INTERVAL}$$

$$I \cap \{ \alpha, 2\alpha, \dots, k\alpha \} = \emptyset$$

CLEARLY  $L_k(\alpha) \geq 1/k$



**Figure 1.** (a) The first 45 iterates of  $x = 0$  under  $R_\phi$  for  $\phi = (\sqrt{5} - 1)/2$ . (b) The first 45 iterates of  $x = 0$  under  $R_\theta$  for  $\theta = 4 - \pi$ . Iterates are labelled and arcs between consecutive points in each orbit are colored according to their relative length.

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THEOREM (GRAHAM / VAN LINDT, V. SÖS):

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} k L_\alpha(k) \geq 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}},$$

WITH EQUALITY IFF)  $\alpha = \phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

MOREOVER GIVEN  $I \subset \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z}$  AN INTERVAL  
DETERMINE IF THERE IS  $1 \leq j \leq k$  WITH  
 $j\phi \in I$ ?

ONE CAN USE EUCLID'S ALGORITHM  
FOR GCD'S TO ANSWER THIS IN  
POLYLOG(k) STEPS!

$\Rightarrow R_\phi$  IS THE OPTIMAL  
TOPOLOGICAL GENERATOR OF  $U(1)$

AND ONE CAN NAVIGATE EFFICIENTLY  
WITH  $R_\phi$ .

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OUR PROBLEM IS TO DO THE SAME  
FOR  $G = SU(2)$  OR  $PU(2)$ .

$$G = SU(2) = \{ g \in GL_2 : gg^* = I, \det g = 1 \}$$

$$(PU(2) = U(2) / \text{SCALAR MATRICES})$$

$G$  IS A TOPOLOGICAL (COMPACT) GROUP  
WITH BI-INVARIANT METRIC

$$d_G^2(g, h) = 1 - \frac{|\text{trace}(g^*h)|}{2}$$

$$d_G(gy, hy) = d_G(yg, yh) = d_G(g, h)$$

$g, h, y \in G.$

$VOL_G$  IS THE CORRESPONDING INVARIANT  
HAAR MEASURE ON  $G$

$$VOL(G) = 1, VOL(Ag) = VOL(gA) = VOL(A).$$

• OUR AIM IS TO GIVE OPTIMAL TOPOLOGICAL  
GENERATORS OF  $G$  AND TO NAVIGATE  
EFFICIENTLY.

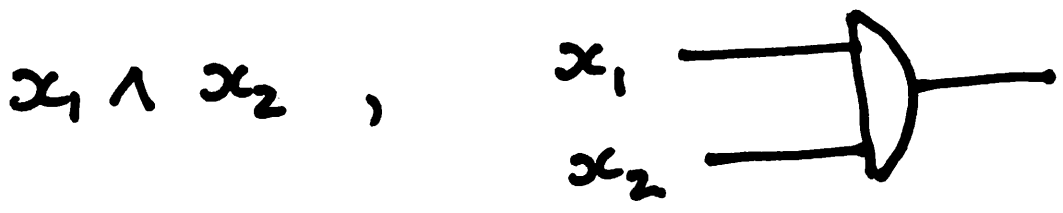
# CLASSICAL COMPUTING CIRCUIT MODEL

SINGLE BIT  $x \in \{0, 1\}$

• ONE BIT NOT GATE



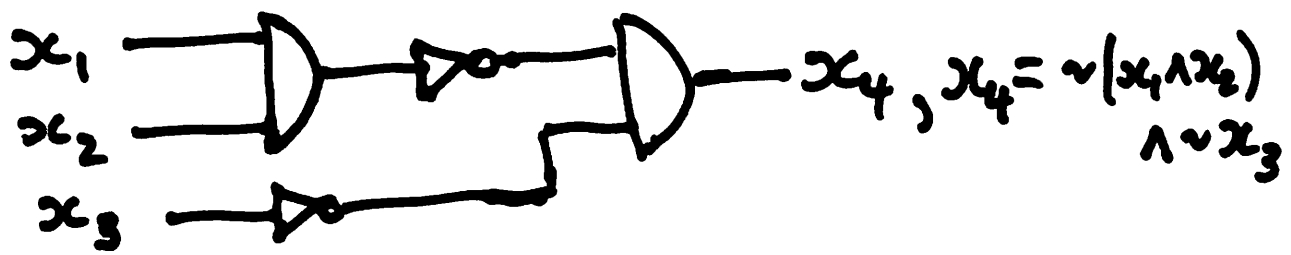
• TWO BIT AND GATE



AN  $n$ -BIT CIRCUIT IS A BOOLEAN FUNCTION

$$f: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

EG:



THE GATES { NOT, AND } ARE UNIVERSAL;  
EVERY  $f$  CAN BE EXPRESSED AS A CIRCUIT  
USING THESE GATES.

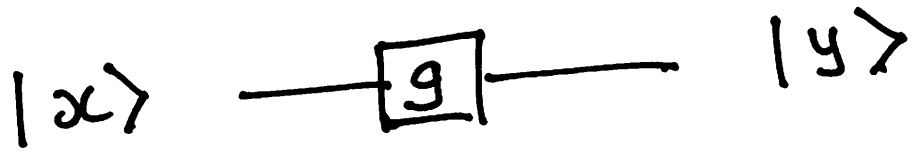
• THE SIZE OF A CIRCUIT IS ITS COMPLEXITY.

# THEORETICAL QUANTUM COMPUTING

A SINGLE QUBIT STATE IS A UNIT VECTOR  $\psi$  IN  $\mathbb{C}^2$

$$\psi = (\psi_1, \psi_2), \quad |\psi|^2 = \psi_1 \bar{\psi}_1 + \psi_2 \bar{\psi}_2 = 1$$

A ONE BIT QUANTUM GATE IS AN ELEMENT  $g \in U(2)$  (OR  $SU(2)$ ,  $PU(2) := G$ ) ACTING ON  $\psi$ 'S



$U(2)$  IS THE GROUP OF  $2 \times 2$  UNITARY MATRICES

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix}, \quad g^* = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\alpha} & \bar{\beta} \\ \bar{\gamma} & \bar{\delta} \end{bmatrix}; \quad gg^* = I$$

$$SU(2): \quad g = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\bar{\beta} & \bar{\alpha} \end{bmatrix}, \quad |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$$

$n$ -QUBITS ARE VECTORS IN  $(\mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes n}$   
VECTOR SPACE OF DIMENSION  $2^n$

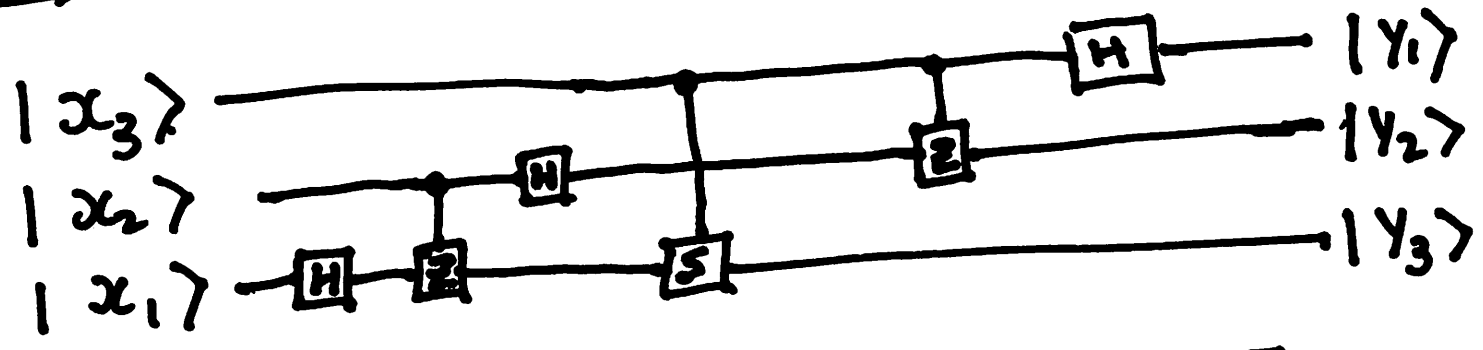
• TWO BIT QUANTUM GATE






XOR (OR CNOT) ON BASIS  $e_0 \otimes e_0, e_0 \otimes e_1, e_1 \otimes e_0, e_1 \otimes e_1$

XOR =  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix};$   $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

THE ONE BIT GATES  $g \in G$ , TOGETHER WITH XOR ARE UNIVERSAL FOR QUANTUM COMPUTING. THAT IS ANY  $g \in U(2^n)$  CAN BE EXPRESSED AS A CIRCUIT IN THESE.

EG: THREE BIT QUANTUM FOURIER TRANSFORM



HADAMARD	$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	
PAULI	$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
PAULI	$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
PAULI	$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	
PHASE	$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$	

THESE ELEMENT GENERATE THE CLIFFORD GROUP  $C_{24}$  OF ORDER 24 IN  $G$ .



$C_{24}$  IS NOT DENSE IN  $G$ . 16

MOST TREATMENTS ADD THE "T-GATE"

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\pi/4} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{"} \frac{\pi}{8} \text{-GATE"}$$

$C_{24}$  PLUS  $T$  GENERATE A DENSE SUBGROUP AND ARE AN EXAMPLE OF A GOLDEN GATE SET (KLIUCHNIKOV-MASLOV-MOSCA).

$F = \{C_{24}, T, \text{XOR}\}$  IS UNIVERSAL AND HAS SOME OPTIMAL PROPERTIES.

• THE T-GATE IS CONSIDERED EXPENSIVE IN CIRCUITS IN  $G$  FROM VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW INCLUDING FAULT TOLERANCE.

$\Rightarrow$  THE COMPLEXITY OF A CIRCUIT IN  $C_{24} + T$  IS THE T-COUNT, IE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS OF  $T$ .

# SU(2) DOUBLE COVERS SO(3)

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$$g \in \text{SU}(2), g = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ -\bar{\beta} & \alpha \end{bmatrix}, \text{TRACE}(g) = 0 \iff$$

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} ix_2 & x_3 + ix_4 \\ -x_3 + ix_4 & -ix_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(x_2, x_3, x_4) \iff \text{trace}(g) = 0$$

$$x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = 1$$

$$(x_2, x_3, x_4) \longrightarrow g^* \begin{bmatrix} ix_2 & x_3 + ix_4 \\ -x_3 + ix_4 & -ix_2 \end{bmatrix} g$$

gives a rotation in  $(x_2, x_3, x_4)$ ,  
call it  $\pi(g)$ .  $\pi(g) \in \text{SO}(3)$

$$\text{SU}(2) \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{SO}(3)$$

$C_{24} \rightarrow$  ROTATIONS OF A CUBE.

## SOLOVAY-KITAEV THEOREM:

GIVEN  $A, B$  TOPOLOGICAL GENERATORS  
OF  $G$ , FOR  $\epsilon > 0$  AND  $g \in G$  ONE CAN  
FIND A WORD  $w(A, B)$  OF LENGTH  
 $O((\log 1/\epsilon)^c)$  AND IN AS MANY STEPS  
S.T.  $d(w, g) < \epsilon$  (HERE  $c \approx 4$ ).

THIS GIVES A CRUDE BUT REASONABLY  
EFFICIENT ALGORITHM TO NAVIGATE  $G$ .

# BASIC PROBLEM; OPTIMAL GENERATORS FOR G: 18

GIVEN A FINITE SUBGROUP  $C$  OF  $G$  TO FIND AN INVOLUTION  $T$  ( $T^2 = 1$ ) SUCH THAT  $F = C \cup \{T\}$  GENERATES  $G$  TOPOLOGICALLY OPTIMALLY IN TERM OF COVERING  $G$  WITH SMALL  $T$ -COUNT, AND WITH AN EFFICIENT NAVIGATION ALGORITHM.

THE CIRCUITS  $S_F(t)$  IN THE GATES  $F$  WITH  $T$ -COUNT  $t$  ARE OF THE FORM

$$C_1 T C_2 T \dots C_t T, \quad C_j \in C$$

$$|S_F(t)| = |C|^2 (|C| - 1)^{t-1}; t \geq 1$$

THE PROPERTIES THAT WE WANT ARE

(I)  $S_F(t)$ ,  $t \leq k$  ARE DISTINCT ELEMENTS IN  $G$ .

(II). IF  $N_F(k) = \left| \bigcup_{t \leq k} S_F(t) \right|$ , THEN THESE  $N(k)$  POINTS SHOULD COVER  $G$  ESSENTIALLY OPTIMALLY. IF  $B$  IS A BALL CENTERED AT  $I \in G$  THEN

$$\bigcup_{t \leq k} \bigcup_{g \in S_F(t)} B_g \text{ COVERS } G.$$

FOR THIS TO HAPPEN WE NEED

$$\text{Vol}(B) N_F(k) \geq 1.$$

WE RELAX THIS A LITTLE, REQUIRING THAT IF  $\text{Vol}(B) N_F(k) \rightarrow \infty$  VERY SLOWLY THEN WE (ALMOST) COVER  $G$ .

(III) NAVIGATION: GIVEN  $x \in G$  AND A BALL  $B$  CENTERED AT  $x$ , FIND EFFICIENTLY (IE IN POLY  $k$ ) A

$$g \in \left[ \bigcup_{t \leq k} S_F(t) \right] \cap B, \text{ IF SUCH EXISTS.}$$

# PLATONIC SOLIDS

TETRAHEDRON  
FIRE



4 FACES  
4 POINTS  
6 EDGES



$180^\circ \times 4$

720° DEGREES

OCTAHEDRON  
AIR



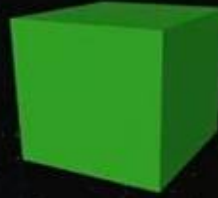
8 FACES  
6 POINTS  
12 EDGES



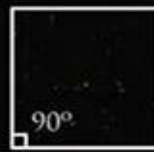
$180^\circ \times 8$

1440° DEGREES

HEXAHEDRON  
EARTH



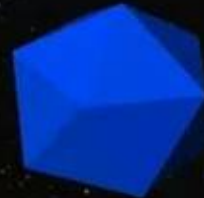
6 FACES  
8 POINTS  
12 EDGES



$360^\circ \times 6$

2160° DEGREES

ICOSAHEDRON  
WATER



20 FACES  
12 POINTS  
30 EDGES



$180^\circ \times 20$

3600° DEGREES

DODECAHEDRON  
AETHER



12 FACES  
20 POINTS  
30 EDGES



$540^\circ \times 12$

6480° DEGREES

THE (INTERESTING) FINITE SUBGROUPS OF  $G$  ARISE AS THE  $5$  ROTATIONAL SYMMETRIES OF THE  $\Delta$  PLATONIC SOLIDS.

TETRAHEDRON,  $A_4$   $|A_4| = 12$

CUBE/OCTAHEDRON,  $S_4$   $|S_4| = 24$

DODECAHEDRON/ICOSAHEDRON,  $A_5$   $|A_5| = 60$ .

SUPER-GOLDEN GATES (PARZANCHEVSKI-S):

(1) CUBE, PAULI GROUP.

$$C_4 = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle, T_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1-i \\ 2+i & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) MINIMAL CLIFFORD (OCTAHEDRON).

$$C_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -i & -i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix} \right\}, T_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ 2+i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) TETRAHEDRON, HURWITZ

$$C_{12} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle, T_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1-i \\ 1+i & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

4) OCTAHEDRON, CLIFFORD

$$C_{24} = \langle 5, H \rangle, \quad T_{24} = \begin{pmatrix} -1-\sqrt{2} & 2-\sqrt{2}+i \\ 2-\sqrt{2}-i & 1+\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

5) ICOSAHEDRON, KLEIN GROUP.

$$C_{60} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ i & -i \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \phi - i/\phi \\ \phi + i/\phi & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ (GOLDEN RATIO)}, \quad T_{60} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+\phi & 1-i \\ 1+i & -2-\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

## THEOREM :

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THESE SUPER GATE SETS SATISFY (I), (II) AND PART OF (III).

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MORE PRECISELY CONCERNING NAVIGATION (III)

IF  $g \in G$  IS DIAGONAL AND ONE CAN FACTOR INTEGERS EFFICIENTLY, THEN

THERE IS A HEURISTIC EFFICIENT ALGORITHM (ROSS-SELINGER) WHICH FINDS THE SHORTEST CIRCUIT WITH  $k \leq k$  BEST APPROXIMATING  $g$ . ON THE

OTHER HAND IF  $g$  IS A GENERAL ELEMENT IN  $G$  THEN FINDING THE SHORTEST CIRCUIT APPROXIMATING  $g$  IS ESSENTIALLY NP-COMPLETE!

NEVER-THE-LESS A CIRCUIT 3-TIMES LONGER THAN THE SHORTEST ONE CAN BE FOUND EFFICIENTLY.



SOME INGREDIENTS IN THE ANALYSIS: 15

WE SAW THAT

$$SU(2) \xleftrightarrow{\text{ISOMETRIC}} S^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = 1$$

THE ARITHMETIC SET UP FOR THESE GOLDEN GATES IS SO THAT THE WORDS IN  $F$  OF T-COUNT  $t$  CORRESPOND TO SOLUTIONS IN INTEGERS TO

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = p^t \quad \text{---} (*)$$

HERE  $p = 3$  FOR  $C_4$   
 $p = 11$  FOR  $C_{12}$

FOR  $C_{24}$  (\*) IS TO BE SOLVED IN INTEGERS IN  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  AND  $\mathcal{P} = \sqrt{2}$ ;  $\text{NORM}(\mathcal{P}) = 2$   
 $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{O}$

FOR  $C_{60}$  (\*) IS TO BE SOLVED IN  $\mathcal{O}$  THE INTEGERS IN  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{5})$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  IS IN  $\mathcal{O}$   
 $\text{N}(\mathcal{P}) = 59$ .

PROBLEM (II) BECOMES ONE OF VERY 16  
STRONG APPROXIMATION FOR

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = n$$

LET THE INTEGER SOLUTIONS  
BE  $S(n)$ ,  $|S(n)| = N(n) (\approx n)$

PROJECT THESE  $N(n)$  POINTS  
ONTO  $S^3$   
 $x \rightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}}$ ,  $x \in S(n)$ .

HOW WELL DO THESE  $N(n)$   
POINTS COVER  $S^3$ ?

OPTIMALLY IN THE SENSE  
OF (II) !

RELIES ON THE RAMANUJAN  
CONJECTURES = DELIGNE'S THEOREM.

FOR THE NAVIGATION WE NEED TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO SUMS OF SQUARES

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

IT IS SOLVABLE IFF  $n = p_1^{e_1} \dots p_k^{e_k}$  WITH  $e_j$  EVEN WHEN  $p_j \equiv 3(4)$ .

CAN WE FIND A SOLUTION EFFICIENTLY, IE IN  $POLY(\log n)$  STEPS?

• FOR  $p \equiv 1(4)$  A PRIME SCHOOF GIVES A  $(\log p)^9$  ALGORITHM TO FIND  $x_1$  AND  $x_2$ .

HENCE IF WE CAN FACTOR  $n$  EFFICIENTLY WE CAN SOLVE (1) EFFICIENTLY BY SIMPLY MULTIPLYING THE SOLUTIONS IN  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$ .

NOTE: WHILE FACTORING IS NOT KNOWN TO BE EFFICIENT (I.E. IN  $\mathcal{P}$ ) THERE IS NO THEORETICAL EVIDENCE THAT IT IS NOT IN  $\mathcal{P}$ . A QUANTUM COMPUTER CAN FACTOR EFFICIENTLY (SHOR'S THEOREM) SO WE MIGHT WANT TO AVOID FACTORING IN BUILDING EFFICIENT GATES. THE ROSS-SELINGER ALGORITHM FOR NAVIGATING TO DIAGONAL  $\exists g \in G$  WILL YIELD A SOLUTION WHICH <sup>HAS A</sup>  $\lambda(1+o(1))$  TIMES LONGER T-COUNT THAN THE OPTIMAL, WITHOUT APPEALING TO FACTORING.

IF WE ADD TO THE QUADRATIC DIOPHANTINE PROBLEM (1) A SIMPLE APPROXIMATION CONDITION THINGS CHANGE DRAMATICALLY.

• THE TASK: GIVEN  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
 $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$  FIND INTEGERS  $x_1, x_2$  S.T.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1^2 + x_2^2 &= n \\ \alpha \leq x_1/x_2 &\leq \beta \end{aligned} \right\}$$

IS NP-COMPLETE!

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IDEA OF PROOF: REDUCE TO SUBSUM  
PROBLEM GIVEN  $t_1, \dots, t_m, l$  INTEGERS  
IS THERE  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_m, \epsilon_j = 0, 1$  S.T.  
 $\epsilon_1 t_1 + \dots + \epsilon_m t_m = l$ .

EXPLOIT  $n$ 'S OF THE FORM  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_m$   
 $p_j$ 'S SMALL.

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THE MOST DIFFICULT PART  
OF THE NAVIGATION ALGORITHM  
IS TO SOLVE:

TASK: GIVEN  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\bar{z} \in S^3$   
 AND A BALL  $B$  CENTERED AT  $\bar{z}$ ,  
 FIND  $x \in S(n)$  (IF SUCH EXISTS)  
 SUCH THAT  $\tilde{z} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{n}} \in B$ .

THE TASK IS NP-COMPLETE, BUT  
 IF  $\bar{z} = (\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}_3, \bar{z}_4)$  HAS TWO OF ITS  
 CO-ORDINATES EQUAL TO 0 ("DIAGONAL")  
 THEN ASSUMING THAT ONE CAN FACTOR  
 EFFICIENTLY THE ABOVE TASK CAN  
 BE DONE EFFICIENTLY.

THE ALGORITHM USES A  
 CONVEX INTEGER PROGRAM IN  
 FIXED DIMENSION (2 AND 4)  
 WHICH IS IN  $\mathcal{P}$  (LENSTRA)  
 AND ALSO SCHOOF'S ALGORITHM.

THE LAST STEP IN THE ALGORITHM INVOLVES FACTORING AN ELEMENT

$$\gamma \in \Gamma = \langle C, T \rangle$$

INTO A WORD WITH MINIMAL T-COUNT.

THE KEY POINT IS THAT THESE SUPER GATES ARE SET UP SO THAT THERE IS AN EXPLICIT HOMOMORPHISM

$$\Gamma \longrightarrow \text{PGL}(2, \mathbb{Q}_p)$$

( $p = |C| - 1$ ) AND SUCH THAT  $\Gamma$

$\Gamma$  ACTS SIMPLY TRANSITIVELY ON THE EDGES OF THE  $|C|$ -REGULAR TREE.

$$X = \text{PGL}(2, \mathbb{Q}_p) / \text{PGL}(2, \mathbb{Z}_p).$$

THE T-COUNT CORRESPONDING TO DISTANCE MOVED ON THE TREE.

THE MIRACLE OF THESE GATES IS THIS SIMPLE TRANSITIVE ACTION AND THERE ARE ONLY FINITELY MANY SUCH  $\Gamma$ 'S.