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Determining Constants in Shor's Discrete Log Algorithm over Z_p

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We compute the number of gates and laser pulses required in Shor's algorithm for finding r in the equation $g^r = x \pmod{p}$ where p is a prime, and g and x are given elements of the multiplicative group Z_p^* . Because the discrete logarithm algorithm is similar to the factoring algorithm we may utilize gates designed for use in factoring. We use the gate configurations and pulse counts found in [1] and [2]. We use the notation of [2] in which [a, b, c, d, e] indicates a use of a Not gates, b controlled-Not gates, ccontrolled-controlled-Not gates, d controlled-controlled-Not gates, and e controlled-controlled-controlled-controlled-Not gates. Similarly [a, b, c]will indicate an analogous gate structure where the control bits are limited to 2 controls (as in the *basic machine model* to be discussed below). Recall a k-controlled-Not gate requires 2k + 3 pulses.

Let p be an L-bit prime. We first prepare the state

$$\frac{1}{2^L-1}\sum_{a,b=0}^{2^L-1}|a,b>$$

which requires 2L qubits for register storage and one pulse for each bit. We next prepare the state

$$\sum_{a,b=0}^{2^{L}-1} |a,b,S(a),S(b) >$$

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where S(x) = 0 if $x \le p - 2$ and S(x) = 1 otherwise. The S comparison function may be computed by reversing the plain adder network in [1]. This gate requires [0, 4L - 1, 4L - 2], 48L - 19 pulses, and two qubits to store the comparison results. We observe these latter two bits and restart the entire process if we obtain a 1 in either bit. If we observe 0 in both registers we then know that we have created the state

$$\frac{1}{p-1}\sum_{a=0}^{p-2}\sum_{b=0}^{p-2}|a,b>.$$

To this point we have used 2L+2 qubits, 50L-19 pulses, and a gate structure of [0, 4L-1, 4L-2]. The next state we create is

$$\frac{1}{p-1}\sum_{a=0}^{p-2}\sum_{b=0}^{p-2} |a,b,g^ax^{-b}(mod \ p) > .$$

The requirements for modular exponentiation are varied according to timespace tradeoffs and whether or not we permit 3-controlled-Not gates and 4-controlled-Not gates in our machine (enhanced machine model) or restrict the control bit structure to 2-controlled-Not (basic machine model). We summarize here the results listed in [2] for convenience. The pairs of equations below give the gate structure and pulse count for the average case complexity for exponentiation modulo p, denoted [EXPP], where the number of scratch bits is listed in the subscript. For example, the first equation gives the gate count for exponentiation modulo p assuming the enhanced machine model and 2L + 1 qubits of scratch space and is therefore denoted $[EXPP]_{enhanced,2L+1}^{ave gates}$. The second equation gives the pulse count for exponentiation mod p assuming the enhanced machine model and 2L + 1 qubits of scratch space and is therefore denoted $[EXPP]_{enhanced,2L+1}^{ave gutses}$.

$$\begin{split} [EXPP]^{ave \; gates}_{enhanced, 2L+1} &= (L-1)[10L^2 - 14L + 4, 4L^2 + 8L - 12, 17L^2 - 36L + 22, 3L^2 - 3, 2L^2 - 4L + 2] \\ &+ [2, L/2 + 1, 0, 0, 0] \\ [EXPP]^{ave \; pulses}_{enhanced, 2L+1} &= (L-1)(198L^2 - 270L + 93) + 5L/2 + 7 \\ [EXPP]^{ave \; gates}_{enhanced, 2L+2} &= (L-1)[10L^2 - 14L + 4, 5L^2 + 10L - 14, 19L^2 - 34L + 21, 2L^2 - 4L + 2, 0] \\ &+ [2, L/2 + 1, 0, 0, 0] \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} [EXPP]_{enhanced,2L+2}^{ave \ pulses} &= (L-1)(186L^2 - 238L + 99) + 5L/2 + 7 \\ [EXPP]_{basic,2L+3}^{ave \ gates} &= (L-1)[10L^2 - 14L + 4, 7L^2 + 6L - 12, 23L^2 - 42L + 25] + [2, L/2 + 1, 0] \\ &= [EXPP]_{basic,2L+3}^{ave \ pulses} = (L-1)(206L^2 - 278L + 119) + 5L/2 + 7 \\ [EXPP]_{basic,2L+2}^{ave \ gates} &= (L-1)[10L^2 - 14L + 4, 5L^2 + 10L - 14, 27L^2 - 50L + 29] + [2, L/2 + 1, 0] \\ &= [EXPP]_{basic,2L+2}^{ave \ pulses} = (L-1)(224L^2 - 314L + 137) + 5L/2 + 7 \\ [EXPP]_{basic,2L+1}^{ave \ gates} = (L-1)[10L^2 - 14L + 4, 4L^2 + 8L - 12, 49L^2 - 76L + 30] + [2, L/2 + 1, 0] \\ &= [EXPP]_{basic,2L+1}^{ave \ pulses} = (L-1)(373L^2 - 506L + 154) + 5L/2 + 7 \end{split}$$

Notice that to produce the desired state it seems we must do *two* modular exponentiations and then multiply the results. A more efficient technique involves modifying the standard exponentiation circuit, which is a series of conditional multiplications, to produce a circuit that directly produces $g^a x^{-b} (mod \ p)$ on input *a* and *b* by cascading *all* the conditional multiplications from both exponentiation calculations. In other words (using the notation from [1] we calculate

$$g^{a}x^{-b}(mod \ p) = g^{\sum_{i}a_{i}2^{i}}x^{-\sum_{j}b_{j}2^{j}} = \prod_{i}g^{a_{i}2^{i}}\prod_{j}x^{-b_{j}2^{j}}.$$

Therefore we may compute the contents of the third register for the price of two modular exponentiations so that the above counts must be doubled once the machine model and scratch space has been designated. Let us say that we have decided on T scratch bits and a machine model yielding a count for modular exponentiation of $[\overline{a}]$ gates and P pulses. Then to this point we have used 3L + 2 + T scratch bits, 2P + 50L - 19 pulses and a gate count of $[0, 4L - 1, 4L - 2] + 2[\overline{a}]$.

Finally we perform a Fourier transform A_q , on each of the first two registers to yield the state:

$$\frac{1}{(p-1)q}\sum_{a,b=0}^{p-2}\sum_{c,d=0}^{q-1}exp(\frac{2\pi i}{q}(ac+bd))|c,d,g^ax^{-b}(mod\ p)>.$$

Here q is the power of 2 such that p < q < 2p, i.e. $q = 2^{L}$. The operation A_q requires (L+1)(2(L+1)-1) laser pulses so the final number of pulses is now $2P + 2L^2 + 53L - 18$.

The following chart lists the storage and pulse requirements assuming the enhanced machine model with 2L + 2 scratch qubits.

L	qubits	pulses
100	504	$3.64 imes 10^8$
500	2504	$4.3 imes 10^{10}$
1000	5004	3.71×10^{11}

For comparison, note that the estimates in [2] for factoring a 500 bit number require 2501 qubits of storage and about 3×10^8 laser pulses.

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