Challenges in Synthesizing Quantum Computers

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Agenda

- News of the day: 2012 Physics Nobel Prize!
- What is a Quantum Computer?
- Power of Quantum Computers
- Synthesis of QCs
 - Minterm based
 - Fredkin gate based Programmable Quantum Logic block
 - Nearest Neighbour constraints
 - Fault models and Error
- Concluding Remarks

Major drivers of QC







• Computers are getting smaller (and faster) and reaching a point where "classical" physics is no longer a sufficient model for the laws of physics – 32nm chips expected next year!

- Classical laws for resistors, capacitors also change below 50nm
- Quantum mechanical laws can speed up computational processes by massive parallelism
- Reversible logic can beat switching power dissipation crisis in nanometer lcs
- Key difference with classical architecture: storage & processing

What is a Quantum Computer?

A quantum computer is any device for computation that makes *direct use* of distinctively quantum mechanical phenomena, such as superposition and entanglement, to perform operations on data.

Are not present-day computers quantum? No! Difference lies in storage and processing

Computation & Physical Systems

ComputerInput

Rules

Output

Physical System **Initial State** (Preparation) Physical Laws (Laws) of Motion) Final State (Observation with measuring instruments)

Description of a Quantum Physical System

- A State, of which our knowledge may be incomplete.
- A Set of Observables --- features that can be measured.
- Each observable has a spectrum specific to a universe.
- This spectrum is discrete.
- An observable may have different values in different universes in which it is being measured.
- Measurement of observable and their spectra are invariant features of a quantum system.

Qubits

- A **qubit**, also called qbit, is the basic unit of information in a quantum computer
- Physically may be
 - spin state of an electron may be up (\uparrow) or (\downarrow) down
 - polarization state of a photon may be vertical (\uparrow) or horizontal (\leftrightarrow)
 - Two quantum mechanical states represented by standard quantum mechanics ket notation $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$





A qubit in the | 1 > state A qubit in the | 0 > state

• A quantum state $|\Psi\rangle$ can be superposed : $|\Psi\rangle = a | 0 \rangle + b | 1 \rangle$ - where *a* and *b* are the complex amplitudes representing the probabilities of state |0> and |1> and $|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$

In matrix notation a qbit is denoted by:





Computation with Qubits

Classical Computation

Data unit: bit () = `1' = `0'

Valid states: x = '0' or '1'



Quantum Computation

Data unit: qubit $|1\rangle$ $|0\rangle$

Valid states: $|\psi\rangle = c_1|0\rangle + c_2|1\rangle$



How do qubits affect computation?



State of a Quantum Computer

The maximum possible number of states depends on the number of qubits --- n qubits represent 2ⁿ states.

A 2-qubit vector can simultaneously represent the states 00, 01, 10, 11 and the probability of their occurrence depends on the complex amplitude values.

■ 2-qubit State vector (superposition): $-\psi = C_0 |00> + C_1|01> + C_2|10> + C_3|11>$ where $\Sigma_i |C_i|^2 = 1$

Hence comes the concept of *quantum register* of M qubits holding 2^M simultaneous values.

 If we perform an operation on the register, all the values are being operated on simultaneously which leads to quantum parallelism.

A Quantum Register

Input register **Output register** b1 1000> a, |000> $a_1 F(|000>)$ a₂ |001 > $a_2 F(|001>)$ $b_2 |001>$ $a_3 F(1010>)$ b₃ |010> a₃ |010> b₄ |011> a₄ |011> $a_4 F(1011>)$ a₅ 100> $b_5 |100>$ $a_5 F(|100>)$ a6 101> $a_6 F(|101>)$ b₆ |101> b₇ |110> $a_7 F(|110>)$ a₇ 1110> a₈ |111> b₈|111> a₈ F(|111>)



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Quantum Operators and Quantum Gates

- A quantum logic gate means a closed-system evolution of the n-qubit state space H_n
 - no information is gained or lost during this evolution
- If $|\Psi\rangle$ is a state vector in H_n , the logic operation can be represented by • $|\Psi\rangle \rightarrow U |\Psi\rangle$ for some unitary $2^n \times 2^n$ matrix U
- Any manipulations on qubits, have to be performed by unitary operations
- A quantum network consists of quantum logic gates whose computational steps are synchronized in time
- A new state can be obtained by operating a unitary operator |U> on the vector space $|\Psi>$

Single Qubit Gates

NOT Gate ¬

Represented by the matrix U_{NOT} :



$$\neg |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} |1\rangle$$
$$\neg |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = |0\rangle$$

Hadamard operator defined by the unitary

matrix H=



H |0> = 1/√2 (|0> + |1>) H |1> = 1/√2 (|0> - |1>)

Hadamard operator produces a superposition of two qbits

Phase Gate defined by the unitary matrix

U =

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{i(\alpha-\frac{\beta}{2}-\frac{\delta}{2})}\cos\frac{\gamma}{2} & -e^{i(\alpha-\frac{\beta}{2}+\frac{\delta}{2})}\sin\frac{\gamma}{2} \\ e^{i(\alpha+\frac{\beta}{2}-\frac{\delta}{2})}\sin\frac{\gamma}{2} & e^{i(\alpha+\frac{\beta}{2}+\frac{\delta}{2})}\cos\frac{\gamma}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Two & Three Qubit gates

Controlled NOT gate

- Operates on two qbits : control and target qbits
- The target qbit is inverted if the controlling qbit is |1>.
- Logically CNOT(a,b) \leftrightarrow (a ,a \oplus b).



Swap Gate

- Used swapping the two i/p qbits.
- Built with CNOT gates



Toffoli Gate

- It is a three qbit universal gate.
- The logical operations of AND, OR and NOT can be performed



Typical Quantum gates



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Quantum Circuit



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Example Circuit – contd.



Entanglement

- Strange quantum correlation that does not have a classical analog.
- $\Psi_{\text{entngl}} = 1/\sqrt{2}(|0_10_2> \pm |1_11_2>).$
- The quantum state cannot be factored.
- When the first qubit is measured to yield either |0> or |1> then the second qubit is determined with no uncertainty.
- Used in quantum communication over a classical channel.



Reversible Logic



The NOT gate is reversible



The AND gate is irreversible
 the AND gate erases input information.

Need for Reversible Logic

Landauer proved that the usage of traditional irreversible circuits leads to power dissipation.

Bennet showed that a circuit consisting of only reversible gates does not dissipate power.

Applications like digital signal processing, computer graphics, cryptography, reconfigurable computing, etc. demand the preservation of input data.

Some Interesting Consequences

Reversibility

Since quantum mechanics is reversible (dynamics are unitary), quantum computation is reversible.

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No cloning theorem

It is impossible to exactly copy an unknown quantum state

The power of QC

Deutsch's oracle problem (1985) Given a classical black box function f(x), can you tell whether f(0) = f(1) evaluating f(x) only once? Yes

Cryptography	#digits	Ctime/Qctime
 Factorization 	50	1s/1hr
 Discrete Logarithm – Shor 	100	2.5days
 Secure systems 	200	19000yrs./42 days
Database (unstructured) Search	2000	age of universe/0.5 yr.

- O(sqrt (n)) algorithm for n entries Grover
- Simulation of dynamic quantum mechanical systems with exponential growth of Hilbert space dimensionality
 - Quantum Chemistry
- Recent spurt in new quantum algorithms: Quantum Algorithm Zoo
 - Algebraic and number-theoretic mostly superpolynomial speed-up
 - Oracular problems
 - Approximation algorithms

Computational Complexity Class



BQP: Bounded error quantum polynomial time complexity Relation with Polynomial Hierarchy and Alternating Turing machines

Timeline of Quantum Computing

- 1970s : reversibility, quantum information theory
- 1980s: Feyman's proposal, Toffoli gate and universal set
- 1990s:
 - entanglement based secure communication,
 - Shor's factoring,
 - CNOT with trapped ion,
 - Grover's search
 - 2-qbit NMR, 3-qbit NMR, execution of Grover's
- 2000: 5-qbit NMR, 7 qbit NMR

- 2001: execution of Shor's on 15 with 10^18 identical molecules
- 2002: Roadmap
- 2005: chip with quantum dot
- 2006: 12-qbit QC benchmarked, 2D ion trap
- 2007: 16-qbit QC (Feb)
- 2008: 128-qbit QC being tested
- 2009: Qbits transmitted at meter scale, ms life; Qproc
- 2010: Spintronics
- 2012: Superconductors

Technology as of now

- NMR not scalable
- Ion trap
- Quantum Dots
- Superconductors
- Photons
- Neutral atoms

Building Quantum Computers

Computer Science Algorithm design + Complexity Analysis

Physics

Theory +

Technology

Computer Engineering

Synthesis Methodologies + CAD tools

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Di Vincenzo's Criteria

A scalable system with characterized qubits.

The ability to initialize qubits in a simple state like |00....>.

Qubits must be sufficiently isolated from the environment to avoid decoherence.

Long relevance decoherence time >> gate operation time.

Universal set of quantum gates.

Measurement of qubits would be reliable.



Cost Metrics for Quantum Logic Synthesis

Gate complexity»Number

Depends on # inputs and technology:
» Eg. for NMR based QCs:
» 1 qbit - 2,
» 2-qbit - 5,
» 3 qbit - 25

- Fault model and Error performance

Methods of Synthesis

Bottom-up

- Binary logic decision diagram based
- Quantum gate/operator identities
 - Reduction of gate complexity by using quantum logic identities
- Reed-Muller decomposition of reversible logic
 » Effect of Polarity on gate count
 » Nearest neighbour constraints between the control and the target gbits

Methods of Synthesis

Top-down

– Hierarchical synthesis with building blocks

Decomposition into unitary matrices
 » Eg. Perkowski's genetic algorithm

» Template based moves

Minterm based Quantum Boolean Circuit (QBC) Synthesis



QBC for $f_1(x_0, x_1, x_2) = \overline{x_2 x_1} x_0 + x_2 \overline{x_1} x_0 + x_2 x_1 \overline{x_0} + x_2 x_1 x_0$ using minterm gates m1, m2, m3 and m4



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Minterm Based Synthesis of Benchmarks





Reed Muller Representation

A boolean function f of n variables can be expressed in the Reed Muller form using XOR, AND and NOT (Akers 1959): $f(\mathbf{x}_{0}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n-1}) = \bigoplus \sum_{i=0}^{2^{n}-1} b_{i} . \varphi_{i} ;$

where $b_i \epsilon (0,1)$ and $\Phi_i = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} x_k$ and $\exists x_k \quad \Delta \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k \quad \mathbf{X}_k$

- Φ_i are known as product terms and b_i determines whether a product term is present or not.
- The XOR operation is indicated by \oplus and multiplication is assumed to be the AND operation.
- The canonical Reed Muller expression can be classified as **Positive Polarity Reed** • Muller (PPRM), where all the variables are un-complemented.
- In a **Fixed Polarity Reed Muller (FPRM)** expression, for each variable in \mathcal{X}_{k} either $\chi(not both)$ appear throughout. or
- If both χ_k and χ_k appear, then it is called a Generalized Reed Muller (GRM) expression.

Nearest Neighbor Synthesis

- Younnes and Miller (2003) has mentioned about the interaction between the adjacent only qubits for the practical implementation of QBC.
- J-coupling force is required to perform multi-qubit logic operations and this works effectively only between the adjacent qubits.
- Nearest neighbor relationship between the control and the target qubits is truly justified due to the limitation of the J-coupling force.
- Bringing the control and the target qubits of any quantum gate on adjacent lines in a quantum gate network which is called the **nearest neighbor configuration**.
- SWAP gates play a key role .

Placement Rule for Nearest Neighbor Configuration

Placement Rule: The C²NOT and CNOT gates which work on the same target qbit and have at least one control qbit common, should be adjacent. SWAP gates are used.



(a) Nearest neighbor circuit using

individual templates of C²NOT (4,3,1), CNOT(4,1) and CNOT (3,1) gates



(b) Minimized nearest neighbor circuit using the templates of $C^2NOT(4,3,1) + CNOT(4,1)$ and CNOT (3,1)

Minimize overhead (# SWAP gates): Ordering input qubits, position of target qubit line

Nearest Neighbor Synthesis Rules

- Rule 1: For a C²NOT gate with indices of its input lines (ctrl1,ctrl2,target) in a QBC, the number of pairs of SWAP gates required is s_t + s_b, where s_t is max{(ctrl1 target-2),0} and s_b is max{(ctrl2 target 1),0}.
- Rule 2: For a CNOT gate with indices of its input lines (ctrl, target) in a QBC, the number of pairs of SWAP gates required is s_c where s_c is max{(ctrl target 1),0}.
- Rule 3: If the top-control qubit of a C²NOT gate and the control qubit of a CNOT gate are on the same qubit line in a QBC, then the number of pairs of SWAP gates required is one more than that required for the C²NOT gate alone.
- Rule 4: If the bottom-control qubit of a C²NOT gate and the control qubit of a CNOT gate in a QBC are on the same line then the total SWAP gate requirement is same as that of the C²NOT gate alone.
- Rule 5: The C²NOT and CNOT gates which work on the same target qubit and have at least one control qubit common, should be adjacent.

Linear Nearest Neighbor Synthesis for multi-target QBC by Graph Partitioning





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Over Revlib benchmarks, mean reduction in QC is 46.6%, and 17.5% over method by Wille et al.

Amlan Chakrabarti, Susmita Sur-Kolay, Ayan Chaudhury: Linear Nearest Neighbor Synthesis of Reversible Circuits by Graph Partitioning CoRR abs/1112.0564: (2011)

Fredkin gate based synthesis

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Can realize

- AND, OR, NOT,
- 2-to-1 multiplexer
- Multiplexer network
- garbage-free versions



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Fredkin gate based Programmable Quantum Logic Block or PLAQ





FPAND: Garbage-free programmable AND

FPOR: Garbage-free programmable OR



Garbage-free programmable QPLA for Majority3 with FPAND plane and FPOR plane

Chakrabarti and Sur-Kolay: IJCSES'09

Gate-Level Error Model

Types of Errors: Bit flip or phase flip or both

NOT:



TOP-CNOT (top-control):

	- 00	01 10) = -11	
00	I-p	P	0	0
01	p	1-p	0	0
10	0	0	Р	1-p
11	0	0	1-p	Р

	Input — 0	
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \notin 0 > -11 >)$	р	1-p
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ (0>+11>)	1-p	р

BOT-CNOT (bottom-control):

	00	01	10 11	
00	1-p	0	Р	0
01	0	Р	0	1-p
10	Р	0	1-p	0
11	0	1-p	0	Р

Error Computation Method

A Quantum circuit with 4 gate levels

Matlab Program for this Quantum Circuit:

```
function example_array = example(p)
L1= kron (topcnot(p),eye(2,2));
L2= CNOT3_1(p);
L3= toffoli(p));
L4=kron (kron(my_not(p),eye(2,2)), my_not(p));
example array = L4*L3*L2*L1;
```



Error performance of the adder circuits

A. Chakrabarti and S. Sur-Kolay, "Designing Quantum Adder Circuits and Evaluating Their Error Performance", Proc. IEEE International Conference on Electronic Design 08, Penang, Malyasia, December 2008.

Need efficient methods

lon trap

Qchip

Qchip bus

NMR Spin

Quatum dot switches

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28 qubit chip

128 qubit chip

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Our Recent Contributions*

- Synthesis of quantum computers with reduced gate cost and delay
 - Quantum Boolean circuits
 - » Quantum registers, adders, multiplexers
 - » Programmable Quantum Boolean circuits with Fredkin gates
 - Reversible logic
 - » Top-down: Decomposition approach
 - » Bottom-up: Reed-Muller approach
- Physical constraints
 - Nearest Neighbour Placement Rules for Quantum gates
- Methodology for computation of error
- Synthesis of Multi-valued Quantum Logic
- Efficient Simulation of QCs

Upcoming Research Issues

- Physical Machine Description specific quantum library generation
 - Each of the PMDs have a variability in terms of basic quantum operations they support, so PMD specific quantum operator library needs to be created.

Quantum error coding and correction schemes

 Efficient schemes are needed having less overhead, absolute need for quantum computing in reality.

Quantum control

 Efficient control on the quantum operations is required for successful quantum computing.

Model of a quantum finite state machine
 Halting problem for QTMs !?

Concluding remarks

Need efficient synthesis methods Efficient simulators Programming models Testing and verification More real-life applications - eg. Quantum cryptography in Swiss ballot boxes

Technological progress and Scalability

The Ultimate Computer: Mass 1 kg, Volume: 1 litre Max. $E = mc^2 = 9 \times 10^{16} J$ Max. Speed (ops) = 5 x 10⁵⁰ Error rate: 10⁻⁸ at 6 x 10⁸ K temp. *Courtesy: Stolze, Suter*

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