

Staggered Quantum Walk Algorithm for Element Distinctness

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Section 1

Staggered Quantum Walk Model

Staggered Quantum Walk Model

- We say that a set of disjoint cliques (**polygons or clusters**) $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_T\}$ is a tessellation for a graph G , if the union of these cliques covers all vertices of G .
- A graph is T -tessellable if T is the smallest number of tessellations such that the union of these tessellations covers all edges of the graph.
- Given a graph G with N vertices, we define two or more **tessellations** in G .

Staggered Quantum Walk Model

- Polygons of different overlapping tessellations necessarily share **at least 1 vertex**.

Proposition 1 ((PORTUGAL, 2016))

A graph is 2-tessellable if and only if its clique graph is 2-colorable.

Evolution Operators

- Each polygon defines a **unitary vector** in the Hilbert space \mathcal{H}^N .

$$|\varphi_i\rangle = \sum_{j \in \varphi_i} \psi_{i,j} |j\rangle \quad (1)$$

- Each **tessellation** defines one **unitary operator** as

$$U_i = 2 \left(\sum_{k=0}^{m_i-1} |\varphi_i\rangle \langle \varphi_i| \right) - I \quad (2)$$

where m_i is the number of polygons of the tessellation and I is the identity matrix.

Relation between Staggered model and Szegedy's model

- Quantum walks in 2-**tessellable** graphs, where **just a unique vertex** is shared by polygons of different tessellations can be cast into a quantum walk in Szegedy's model (SZEGEDY, 2004).
- **Every quantum walk** in Szegedy's model can be cast into a quantum walk in Staggered model with overlapping polygons sharing just one vertex. Thus Szegedy's model is a particular case of Staggered model.

Section 2

Algorithm for Element Distinctness

Element Distinctness problem

- Given a list $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$, such that the elements $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{1, \dots, M\}$, we want to find if there are indices $i \neq j$, such that $x_i = x_j$;
- Generalization: $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$, such that the elements $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{1, \dots, M\}$, we want to find if there are k indices $i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_k$ such that $x_{i_1} = \dots = x_{i_k}$.

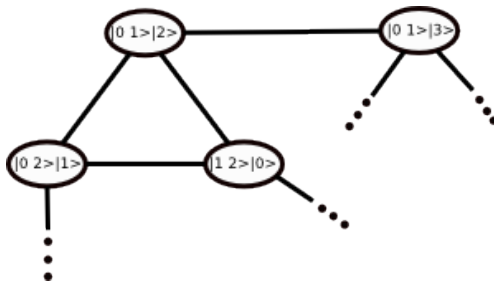
Definitions of Variables

- Let $r = \lfloor N^{k/(k+1)} \rfloor$, where k is the number of collisions;
- S , such that $S \subseteq [N]$ and $|S| = r$, where $[N]$ is the set of indices, and;
- y , such that $y \in [N], y \notin S$.
- For each set S we have $(N - r)$ values y associated.
- Let each pair (S, y) be a vertex for a graph G .
- $|S\rangle|y\rangle$, in the space $\mathcal{H} = \binom{N}{r}(N - r)$, represents the vertices.
- We need $O(r \log N)$ qubits of memory to save these vertices.

Graph Construction

Definition 1

We define a graph G with $\binom{N}{r}(N-r)$ vertices. A vertex v corresponds to a pair (S, y) . Will exist an edge between two vertices v and v' , for $v = (S, y)$ and $v' = (S', y')$, if and only if, either (i) $S' = S$ and $y \neq y'$, or (ii) $S' = S \cup \{y\} \setminus \{y'\}$.



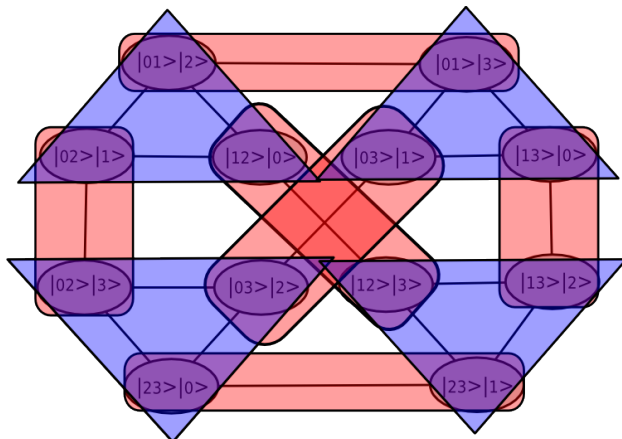
Constructions of the Tessellations

Definition 2

We define two tessellations on graph G . The first one is defined by polygons that cover cliques, where for each pair of vertices (v, v') in those cliques, such that $v = (S, y)$ and $v' = (S', y')$, we have $S = S'$ and $y \neq y'$. The second one is defined for polygons that cover cliques, where for each pair of vertices (v, v') in those cliques, such that $v = (S, y)$ and $v' = (S', y')$, we have $S' = S \cup \{y\} \setminus \{y'\}$.

Example

Let $[N] = [0, 1, 2, 3]$. For $k = 2$, we have $r = 2$.



Some Propositions

Proposition 2

Every graph constructed by Definitions 1 and 2 can be cast into a bipartite graph.

Proposition 3

A graph constructed by Definitions 1 and 2 always has at most 1 vertex in the intersection of two polygons of distinct tessellations.

Algorithm's Evolution Operators

Each tessellation generates a unity operator as

$$U_0 = 2 \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\binom{N}{r}-1} \left(\frac{1}{N-r} |S_i, y\rangle \langle S_i, y| + \sum_{\substack{y' \neq y \\ y' \in S}} \frac{1}{N-r} |S_i, y'\rangle \langle S_i, y'| \right) \right] - I$$

and

$$U_1 = 2 \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\binom{N}{r}-1} \left(\frac{1}{r+1} |S_i, y\rangle \langle S_i, y| + \sum_{\substack{y' \neq y \\ y' \in S}} \frac{1}{r+1} |S'_i, y'\rangle \langle S'_i, y'| \right) \right] - I,$$

where $|S'_i\rangle = |S_i \cup \{y\} \setminus \{y'\}\rangle$.

The Staggered Quantum Algorithm

Algorithm 1: *Element k -distinctness Algorithm (Single-solution)*

1. Generate the uniform superposition

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\binom{N}{r}(N-r)}} \sum_{|S|=r, y \notin S} |S, y\rangle.$$

2. $t_1 = O((N/r)^{k/2})$ times repeat:

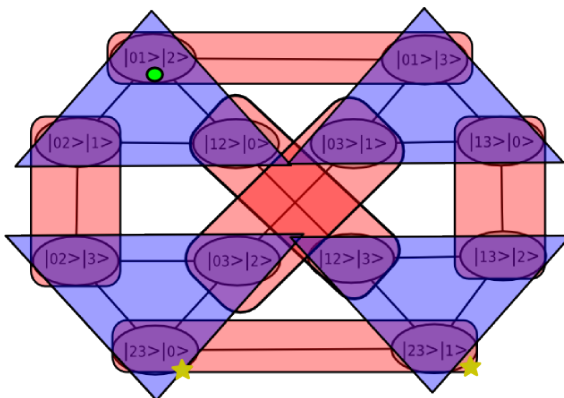
(i) Apply the conditional phase flip ($|S, y\rangle \rightarrow -|S, y\rangle$), such that $x_{i_1} = \dots = x_{i_k}$ for $i_1 \neq \dots \neq i_k$, and $i_1, \dots, i_k \in S$.

(ii) Apply $U_1 U_0$ $t_2 = O(\sqrt{r})$ times.

3. Measure the final state. Check if S contains a k -collision and answer "There is a k -collision" or "There is no k -collision" according to the result.

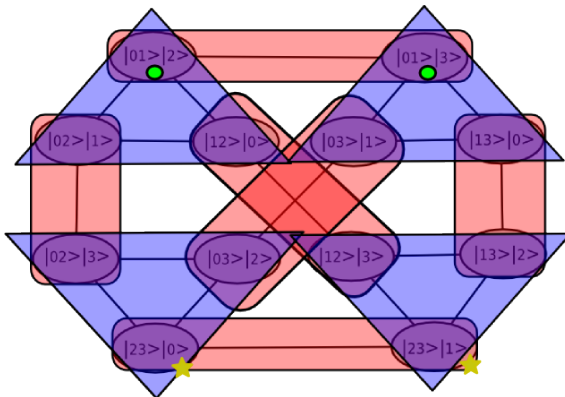
Execution example

For simplicity, let's ignore the superposition supposing that the walker starts at the node $|01\rangle|2\rangle$.



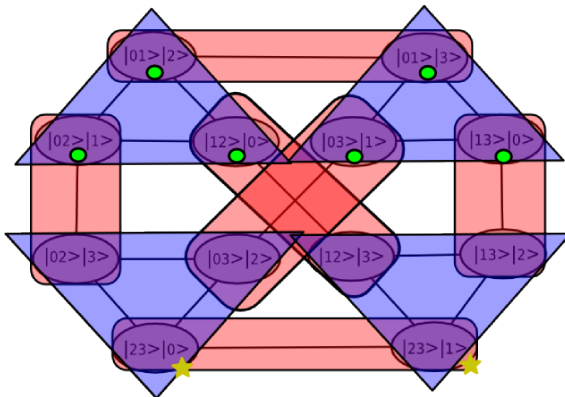
Execution example

We apply the operator U_0 .



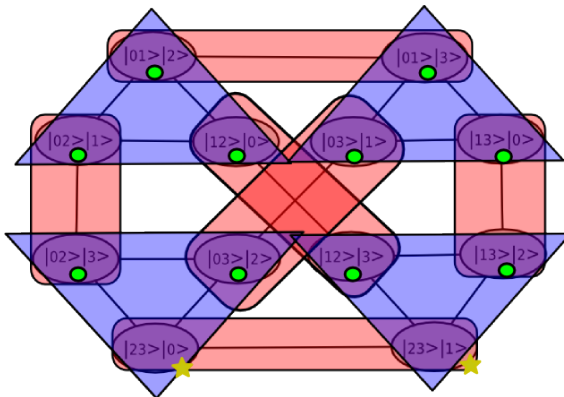
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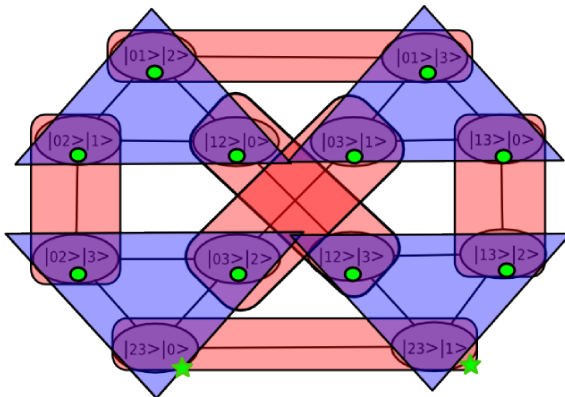
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Correctness and Complexity of Algorithm

- We proved that we can cast the algorithm presented into Ambainis' algorithm for Element Distinctness (AMBAINIS, 2007);
- Ambainis' algorithm uses a quantum walk in a bipartite graph, needing $O(N^{k/(k+1)})$ queries and $O(r(\log N + \log M))$ qubits of memory.

Relation with Ambainis' algorithm

Proposition 4

The initial states of Ambainis' algorithm and the algorithm presented are equivalent.

Proposition 5

The evolution operators of Ambainis' algorithm and the algorithm presented are equivalent.





Proposition 6 ((PORTUGAL et al., 2016))

Every instance of a staggered quantum walk in a 2-tessellable graph with at most one vertex in common in the intersection of two polygons of different tessellations can be cast into a Szegedy's quantum walk.

Final Considerations

- By the previously propositions we can cast the graph presented into a bipartite graph.
- As the initial states and the evolution operators of the both algorithms are equivalent, after T applications of the evolution operators on the initial state, we will reach the same final state.
- Thus, the algorithm presented needs just $O(N^{k/k+1})$ steps of quantum walks to find a answer, however, needing $O(r \log N)$ qubits of memory.

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