

# Improved Synthesis of Restricted Clifford+T Circuits

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# 1. Background

Algorithm: Carrying out a well-defined task.

Compilation: Translating a program to a sequence of elementary quantum gates. Implementation: Mapping unitary operations to physical architectures.

### Restricted Clifford+T Circuits

Quantum circuits over the gate set  $\{X, CX, CCX, K\}$ .

#### The Circuit-Matrix Correspondence

- A family of quantum circuits corresponds to a group of matrices.
- Studying matrix groups is a way to study quantum circuits.

### 2. Preliminaries

The ring of dyadic fractions:  $\mathbb{Z}\left[\frac{1}{2}\right] = \left\{\frac{u}{2q} | u \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{N}\right\}.$ The group of orthogonal dyadic matrices:  $\mathbf{O}_n(\mathbb{Z}\begin{bmatrix}\frac{1}{2}\\ \end{bmatrix})$ , or  $\mathcal{O}_n$ . Denominator exponent k:  $t = \frac{a}{2^k} \in \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . The least denominator exponent lde: The minimal k of t is lde(t).

### Example: $U \in \mathcal{O}_5$ , $\operatorname{Ide}(U) = 2$ .

	<b>万</b> 3/4	<b>1/4</b>	<b>-1/4</b>	1/4	1/ <mark>2</mark> ]		<b>∫</b> 3	1	-1	1	2]	
	1/4	3/4	1/4	-1/4	-1/2		1	3	1	-1	-2	
U =	-1/4	1/4	3/4	1/4	1/2	$=\frac{1}{2^{2}}$	-1	1	3	1	2	



- The algorithm proceeds one column at a time, reducing each column to a corresponding basis vector.
- While outputting a word  $\overrightarrow{G_{\ell}}$  after each iteration, the algorithm recursively acts on the input matrix until it is reduced to the identity matrix I.



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & -1/4 & 1/4 & 3/4 & -1/2 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2^2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Basic Gates

Two-level Operators: 
$$U_{[\alpha,\beta]}$$
  
Let  $U = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,1} & x_{1,2} \\ x_{2,1} & x_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$ . The action of  $U_{[\alpha,\beta]}$ ,  $1 \le \alpha < \beta \le n$ , is defined as  
 $U_{[\alpha,\beta]}v = w$ , where  $\begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} w_{\alpha} \\ w_{\beta} \end{bmatrix} = U \begin{bmatrix} v_{\alpha} \\ v_{\beta} \end{bmatrix}, \\ w_{i} = v_{i}, i \notin \{\alpha,\beta\}. \end{cases}$ 

Example: Construct  $X_{[2,3]}$  by embedding X into a  $4 \times 4$  identity matrix.

	<b>[</b> 1	0	0	0		$\left\lceil v_1 \right\rceil$		$\left\lceil v_{1} \right\rceil$	
<b>V</b> _	0	0	1	0		<i>v</i> <sub>2</sub>		<i>V</i> 3	
$\lambda_{[2,3]} =$	0	1	0	0	such that $\wedge$ [2,3]	V3	=	<i>v</i> <sub>2</sub>	
	0	0	0	1		<i>v</i> <sub>4</sub>		V4	

### 4. Constructive Membership Problem (CMP)

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a group of matrices with entries over some ring,  $S = \{a_1, \ldots, a_k\}$  be a set of generators for  $\mathcal{G}$ .

 $\forall U \in \mathcal{G}$ , find a sequence of generators  $a_1, \ldots, a_\ell$  such that  $a_1 \cdot \ldots \cdot a_\ell = U$ . • The smaller the  $\ell$ , the better the solution.

$$\overrightarrow{G_{\ell}} \cdots \overrightarrow{G_{1}}M = \mathbb{I} \Longrightarrow M = \overrightarrow{G_{1}}^{-1} \cdots \overrightarrow{G_{\ell}}^{-1}$$

### 6. The Global Synthesis Algorithm for $\mathcal{L}_8$ : O(k)

Define a global synthesis for  $\mathcal{L}_8$ . Then, leverage this to find a global synthesis for  $\mathcal{O}_8$ .

#### Orthogonal Scaled Dyadic Matrices

 $\mathcal{L}_8$  is the group of  $\mathbf{8} \times \mathbf{8}$  orthogonal matrices of the form  $M/\sqrt{2}^k$ , where M is an integer matrix and k is a nonnegative integer.

 $\cdot \mathcal{O}_8 \subset \mathcal{L}_{8}$ .  $\cdot \mathcal{F} = \{(-1)_{[\alpha]}, X_{[\alpha,\beta]}, I_4 \otimes H : 1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq 8\} \text{ generates } \mathcal{L}_8.$ · Let  $U \in \mathcal{L}_n$ . Write  $U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^k}}M$  with k minimal. The residue mod 2 of M is called the **binary pattern** of U, denoted as  $\overline{U}$ .

Example:  $U, V \in \mathcal{L}_8$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{O}_8$ , but  $V \notin \mathcal{O}_8$ 

- Weight Lemma: Let  $U \in \mathcal{L}_n$  and  $\operatorname{Ide}_{\sqrt{2}}(U) = k \ge 2$ . Let u be an arbitrary column vector in  $\overline{U}$ . Then  $|\{u_i; u_i = 1, 1 \le i \le n\}| \equiv 0(4)$ . In other words, in each column of  $\overline{U}$ , the **1**'s occur in quadruples.
- Collision Lemma: Let  $U \in \mathcal{L}_n$  and  $\operatorname{Ide}_{\sqrt{2}}(U) = k > 0$ . Any two distinct columns in  $\overline{U}$  must have evenly many **1**'s in common.
- Pattern Theorem: There exists a set  $\mathcal{P}$  of 14 binary patterns such that if  $U \in \mathcal{L}_8$  and  $\operatorname{Ide}(U) \geq 2, \overline{U} \in \mathcal{P}.$

Up to row and column permutations, as well as taking transpose.

• Patterns  $A \sim K$  are either row-paired or column-paired.  $\exists P \in S_8$  such that  $\operatorname{Ide}_{\sqrt{2}}(U(P(I \otimes H))) < \operatorname{Ide}_{\sqrt{2}}(U)$ .

- A solution is optimal if the sequence is a shortest possible sequence.
- The algorithm to solve CMP is called the **exact synthesis algorithm**.

#### The Circuit-Matrix Correspondence (Amy et al., 2020)

Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{(-1)_{[\alpha]}, X_{[\alpha,\beta]}, K_{[\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta]} : 1 \le \alpha < \beta < \gamma < \delta \le n\}.$ • U can be exactly represented by a circuit over  $\{X, CX, CCX, K\}$  iff  $U \in \mathcal{O}_n$ . • U can be exactly represented by a circuit over  $\mathcal{T}$  iff  $U \in \mathcal{O}_n$ .

## 5. The Local Synthesis Algorithm: $O(2^nk)$





• Patterns $L \sim N$ are neither row-paired nor column-paired.																										
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	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0		0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 7. The Global Synthesis Algorithm for $\mathcal{O}_8$ : O(k)

**Intuition:** Commuting  $I \otimes H$  with an element in  $\mathcal{T}$  adds O(1) gates.

 $(I \otimes H)(I \otimes H) = \epsilon$  $(I \otimes H)(-1)_{[1]} = (-1)_{[1]}X_{[1,2]}(-1)_{[1]}(I \otimes H)$  $(I \otimes H)X_{[a,a+1]} = (-1)^{a+1}_{[a+1]}X^a_{[a,a+1]}K^a_{[a-1,a,a+1,a+2]}(I \otimes H)$  $(I \otimes H)K_{[1,2,3,4]} = K_{[1,2,3,4]}(I \otimes H)$