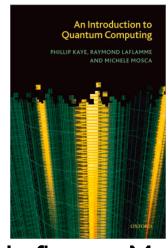
### **Spring'19 CSCE 440/640**

# Quantum Algorithms

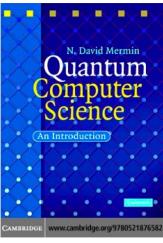


## CSCE 440/640 Quantum Algorithms

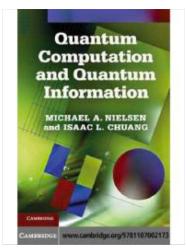
- Instructor: Prof. Fang Song @ HRBB 427B
- Email: fang.song "AT" tamu.edu. Start your subject line with "S19-QC"
- **Lectures**: M/W 5:45 7pm @ HRBB 126
- Office hours: T 3 5 pm and by appointment
- **Texts**: no required one. Use online notes. Some books as supplements.



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## **Main Topics**

- Basic formalism (3 weeks)
  - Qubits, measurement, entanglement
- Important quantum algorithms (5 weeks)
  - Deutsch, Simon's, Kitaev's phase estimation, Shor's factorization, Grover's search
- Quantum information theory (4 weeks)
  - Mixed state, error correction, entropy
- Selected advanced topics and project presentations (3 weeks)

## **Objectives**

• Understanding (the beauty of) the quantum computing paradigm

Ability to analyze basic quantum algorithms and applications

- Establishing a theoretical foundation to become a critical reader
  - Even better, a researcher in this field

## Prerequisite

## Comfortable with **READING** & **WRITING** *Mathematical* **proofs**

#### Useful skills:

- Algorithm analysis: big O, poly-time, ...
- Linear algebra: vector, matrix, eigenvalue, linear transformation, ...
- Probability: random variable, independence, expectation, ...

#### No clue about these?

- Study review materials and HW I to get you up to speed (more later)
- Still no clue afterwards? Reconsider if this class suits you

## **Policy**

- Homework: 40%.
  - 5 assignments.
  - Only PDF format accepted. Typeset (LaTeX source file provided) or Scan clearly.
  - Late homework subject to penalty: 20%(<1d), 40%(1-2d), 60(2-3d), 100%(>3d)
  - Collaboration encouraged. Must write up individually and list collaborators!
- Project: 30%.
  - Small groups (2-3).
  - Proposal (5%), in-class presentation (15%) and final report (10%).
- Mid-term exam: 20%.
- Participation: 10%.

## **Policy**



#### **Academic Integrity**

"An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do."

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- Academic accommodations
  - Contact me and the Disability Services (<a href="http://disability.tamu.edu">http://disability.tamu.edu</a>)

#### How to succeed in this class?

- Commitment and open mind
  - Dare to think differently, and work hard
- Study the reading materials in advance
  - Main source: lecture notes posted online
  - Supplement: KLM book and other resources
- Ask a lot of questions!
- Form study groups

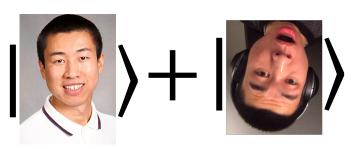
## What to do till you see me in person?

- W 01/16/19: cancelled due to QIP conference (hope to see you there someday)
- M 01/21/19: MLK day, no class
- W 01/23/19: we will see each other in person

No worries,
I have
To-Do's
to keep you entertained

## In case you are anxious to see me

• How I look (in a quantum world) and sound (classically)



A short intro video on Youtube

What I do?

**Quantum-safe Cryptography**Guarding cybersecurity against
quantum attacks

Quantum Algorithms Solving hard problems on quantum computers

**Quantum complexity theory, etc.**Boundary of quantum computing?

## To-do #0: course webpage

You've probably accomplished it already. Congrats!

- Familiarize yourself with it
  - https://fangsong.info/teaching/s19\_4640\_qc/
- "Schedule" page
  - Post reading materials and assignments
- "Resource" page contains useful and extended materials

#### Check regularly!

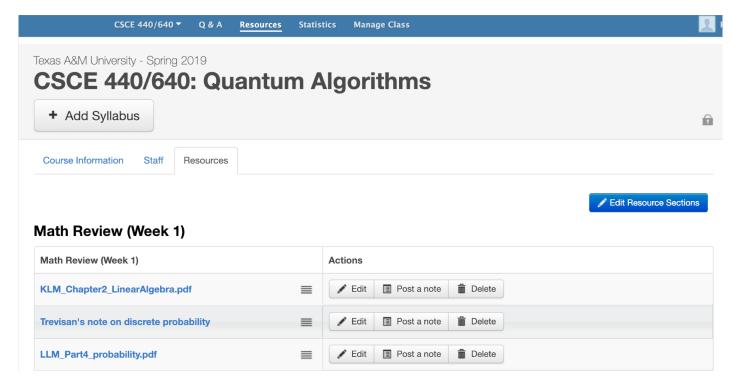
#### To-do #1: Piazza



- Enroll on Piazza
  - <a href="https://piazza.com/tamu/spring2019/csce440640/home">https://piazza.com/tamu/spring2019/csce440640/home</a>
  - Extra credit: upload a headshot
  - Will use extensively for discussion and communication
- Post a public note introducing yourself
  - Bio, interest and strength, reason for taking this class, etc.
- Due January 20, 11:59pm

#### To-do #2: math review

- Study the materials posted on Piazza
  - Under "Resources" tag
    → Math Review (Week I)
  - Need not to read all



• How to know if you are ready? Try Homework 1

## To-do #3: get started on HW1

- Practice on linear algebra, probability, algorithms
  - Download PDF at course webpage https://fangsong.info/teaching/s19\_4640\_qc/s19\_4640\_hw1.pdf
  - TeX file available if you want to typeset your solutions in LaTeX
- Feel challenging? Revisit the study materials (#2)
- Discuss in groups and on Piazza

## To-do #4: get to know each other

- You will need to form a group for the course project
  - 2 3 people
  - Can mix undergrad. & grad students
  - Details to be announced

- It's very helpful to form a study group as well
- Suggestion: Use M/W lecture time to mingle!
  - In addition to Piazza posts