



# The Quantum IO Monad

## *QIO*

Alexander S. Green  
[asg@cs.nott.ac.uk](mailto:asg@cs.nott.ac.uk)

Foundations of Programming Group,  
School of Computer Science & IT,  
University of Nottingham



# Quantum Computation

- Quantum computation uses Qubits .



# Quantum Computation

- Quantum computation uses Qubits .
- Qubits have 2 base states (  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  ), but can exist in a *superposition* of both states simultaneously, until measured.



# Quantum Computation

- Quantum computation uses Qubits .
- Qubits have 2 base states (  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$  ), but can exist in a *superposition* of both states simultaneously, until measured.
- Multiple qubits can become entangled, meaning that an n-qubit system has  $2^n$  base states, and can be in a superposition of all these  $2^n$  states.



# Quantum Computation

- For example, a 2 qubit system has the base states  $|00\rangle$  ,  $|01\rangle$  ,  $|10\rangle$  , and  $|11\rangle$  .



# Quantum Computation

- For example, a 2 qubit system has the base states  $|00\rangle$  ,  $|01\rangle$  ,  $|10\rangle$  , and  $|11\rangle$  .
- An arbitrary state (  $|\phi\rangle$  ) can be described by  $|\phi\rangle = \alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle + \delta |11\rangle$  where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbf{C}$  are the complex amplitudes of each base state.



# Quantum Computation

- For example, a 2 qubit system has the base states  $|00\rangle$  ,  $|01\rangle$  ,  $|10\rangle$  , and  $|11\rangle$  .
- An arbitrary state (  $|\phi\rangle$  ) can be described by  $|\phi\rangle = \alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle + \delta |11\rangle$  where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbf{C}$  are the complex amplitudes of each base state.
- When measured the state collapses into one of the base states. Where the probability of it collapsing into each state is  $|\alpha|^2$  ,  $|\beta|^2$  ,  $|\gamma|^2$  or  $|\delta|^2$  respectively.



# Quantum Computation

- For example, a 2 qubit system has the base states  $|00\rangle$  ,  $|01\rangle$  ,  $|10\rangle$  , and  $|11\rangle$  .
- An arbitrary state (  $|\phi\rangle$  ) can be described by  $|\phi\rangle = \alpha |00\rangle + \beta |01\rangle + \gamma |10\rangle + \delta |11\rangle$  where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \in \mathbf{C}$  are the complex amplitudes of each base state.
- When measured the state collapses into one of the base states. Where the probability of it collapsing into each state is  $|\alpha|^2$  ,  $|\beta|^2$  ,  $|\gamma|^2$  or  $|\delta|^2$  respectively.
- Thus the condition that  $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 + |\gamma|^2 + |\delta|^2 = 1$  always holds.





# Quantum Computation

- Quantum algorithms are designed to take advantage of these entangled states.



# Quantum Computation

- Quantum algorithms are designed to take advantage of these entangled states.
- Shor's algorithm, is a quantum algorithm for factoring large numbers. It has an exponential speed up over the fastest known classical algorithm.



# Quantum Computation

- Quantum algorithms are designed to take advantage of these entangled states.
- Shor's algorithm, is a quantum algorithm for factoring large numbers. It has an exponential speed up over the fastest known classical algorithm.
- Grover's algorithm, is a quantum algorithm for searching an unsorted database. It has quadratic speed up over the linear search, which is provably the fastest classical algorithm.



# Quantum Computation

- Quantum algorithms are designed to take advantage of these entangled states.
- Shor's algorithm, is a quantum algorithm for factoring large numbers. It has an exponential speed up over the fastest known classical algorithm.
- Grover's algorithm, is a quantum algorithm for searching an unsorted database. It has quadratic speed up over the linear search, which is provably the fastest classical algorithm.
- Arbitrary qubit states cannot be copied, however they may teleported to another qubit using entangled pairs known as Bell states.

# Haskell



- We'd like to introduce Quantum Computation to Functional Programmers.

# Haskell



- We'd like to introduce Quantum Computation to Functional Programmers.
- and Functional Programming to the Quantum community!

# Haskell



- We'd like to introduce Quantum Computation to Functional Programmers.
- and Functional Programming to the Quantum community!
- Haskell is a **Pure** functional programming language, and thus introduces **Monads** to encapsulate effects.

# Haskell



- We'd like to introduce Quantum Computation to Functional Programmers.
- and Functional Programming to the Quantum community!
- Haskell is a **Pure** functional programming language, and thus introduces **Monads** to encapsulate effects.
- For example, the IO Monad.



# Monads



**class** *Monad* *m* **where**

$(\gg=) \in m\ a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow m\ b) \rightarrow m\ b$

$return \in a \rightarrow m\ a$

such that the following equations hold

$return\ a \gg= f = f\ a$

$c \gg= return = c$

$(c \gg= f) \gg= g = c \gg= \lambda a \rightarrow f\ a \gg= g$



# The IO Monad

- All IO in Haskell takes place within the IO Monad.



# The IO Monad

- All IO in Haskell takes place within the IO Monad.
- For example, echoing a Character to the Screen

*getChar* ∈ IO Char

*putChar* ∈ Char → IO ()

*echo* ∈ IO ()

*echo* = *getChar* >>= (λ*c* → *putChar* *c*) >> *echo*



# The IO Monad

- All IO in Haskell takes place within the IO Monad.
- For example, echoing a Character to the Screen

$$getChar \in IO \ Char$$
$$putChar \in Char \rightarrow IO \ ()$$
$$echo \in IO \ ()$$
$$echo = getChar \gg (\lambda c \rightarrow putChar \ c) > > echo$$

- Haskell provides syntactic sugar for Monadic Programming. (in the form of do notation)

$$echo = \mathbf{do} \ c \leftarrow getChar$$
$$putChar \ c$$
$$echo$$



# The QIO Monad

- We'd like to think of a quantum computer as a classical computer, along with a register of qubits.



# The QIO Monad

- We'd like to think of a quantum computer as a classical computer, along with a register of qubits.
- The quantum register would execute any quantum parts of a computation.



# The QIO Monad

- We'd like to think of a quantum computer as a classical computer, along with a register of qubits.
- The quantum register would execute any quantum parts of a computation.
- However, quantum registers don't exist (yet?)!!!



# The QIO Monad

- We'd like to think of a quantum computer as a classical computer, along with a register of qubits.
- The quantum register would execute any quantum parts of a computation.
- However, quantum registers don't exist (yet?)!!!
- So the QIO Monad can be used to encapsulate the behaviour that would be given by a quantum register.





# The QIO Monad

- We can use the QIO Monad to construct Quantum Computations



# The QIO Monad

- We can use the QIO Monad to construct Quantum Computations
- The QIO Monad has two ways of evaluating a Quantum Computation.



# The QIO Monad

- We can use the QIO Monad to construct Quantum Computations
- The QIO Monad has two ways of evaluating a Quantum Computation.
- The first uses a random number generator to measure the qubits, so the outcome is equivalent to running the quantum computation.



# The QIO Monad

- We can use the QIO Monad to construct Quantum Computations
- The QIO Monad has two ways of evaluating a Quantum Computation.
- The first uses a random number generator to measure the qubits, so the outcome is equivalent to running the quantum computation.
- The second gives the state of the quantum register after evaluating the program, e.g. a list of probabilities of the base states that could be reached on measuring.



# The QIO Monad

- We can use the QIO Monad to construct Quantum Computations
- The QIO Monad has two ways of evaluating a Quantum Computation.
- The first uses a random number generator to measure the qubits, so the outcome is equivalent to running the quantum computation.
- The second gives the state of the quantum register after evaluating the program, e.g. a list of probabilities of the base states that could be reached on measuring.
- A quantum computation can be constructed in the QIO Monad (using `do` notation), and then evaluated using either of the available evaluators.



# QIO Computations

$rbit \in QIO\ Bool$

$rbit = \mathbf{do} \ x \leftarrow mkQbit$

$\quad applyU \ (rotate\ x\ rh)$

$\quad b \leftarrow meas\ x$

$\quad return\ b$



# QIO Computations

```
bell ∈ QIO (Bool, Bool)  
bell = do x ← mkQbit  
         applyU (rotate x rh)  
         y ← mkQbit  
         applyU (x | rotate y rx)  
         b ← meas x  
         c ← meas y  
         return (b, c)
```

# The future of the QIO monad



The University of  
**Nottingham**

- Now that we have created the QIO Monad, we would like to come up with larger examples, including implementations of Shor's and Grover's algorithms.



# The future of the QIO monad



- Now that we have created the QIO Monad, we would like to come up with larger examples, including implementations of Shor's and Grover's algorithms.
- It should also be possible to use larger quantum data structures than individual qubits, creating them in the same way that classical data structures are defined from classical bits.

# The future of the QIO monad



- Now that we have created the QIO Monad, we would like to come up with larger examples, including implementations of Shor's and Grover's algorithms.
- It should also be possible to use larger quantum data structures than individual qubits, creating them in the same way that classical data structures are defined from classical bits.
- It should also be possible to construct QIO programs from QML programs.

# The End



The University of  
**Nottingham**

Thank you all for listening!