

# A private set intersection protocol based on multi-party quantum computation for greatest common divisor

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## Abstract

Private set intersection (PSI) is a cryptographic primitive that allows two or more parties to learn the intersection of their input sets and nothing else. In this paper, we present a private set intersection protocol based on a new secure multi-party quantum protocol for greatest common divisor (GCD). The protocol is mainly inspired by the recent quantum private set union protocol based on least common multiple by Liu, Yang, and Li. Performance analysis guarantees the correctness and it also shows that the proposed protocols are completely secure in semi-honest model. Moreover, the complexity is proven to be efficient (poly logarithmic) in the size of the input sets.

**Keywords:** Multi-party quantum computation, Greatest common divisor, Quantum private set intersection, privacy-preserving matching.

## 1 Introduction

Private set intersection (PSI) is an important cryptographic primitive for performing joint set operations in a privacy preserving manner. In particular, PSI protocols allow two or more parties to jointly compute the intersection of the parties' secret sets without revealing each other privacy. PSI is an important problem of secure multi-party computation (MPC) and has many practical applications, such as testing human genomes [1], contact discovery [2], remote diagnostic [3], record linkage [4], privacy-preserving data mining [5], matching data outsourced to cloud storage services [6], checking distance of two parties [7], etc.

As the field of quantum computing evolves, cryptography is one of the most influenced field. Most of the existing PSI protocols (multiparty computation in general) are based on traditional classical cryptosystems [8–14], which are proven to be vulnerable in quantum domain. This makes the requirement of quantum computer resistant PSI. Applying quantum cryptography in the design of PSI is an ideal approach to address these issues. Quantum cryptography, which can be regarded as the quantum mechanics and classical cryptography, has been widely investigated on numerous branches such as quantum key distribution [15–19], quantum secret sharing [20–22], and quantum key agreement [23–25]. On the other hand, there are only few quantum protocols for multiparty quantum computation (MPQC), especially for the private set intersection problem. The first quantum protocol for two-parties (client and server) PSI was introduced in 2016 by Shi et al. [26].

Later in 2017, Cheng et al. [27] proved that client’s query can be manipulated by a dishonest server in the proposed protocol [26] and hence the protocol does not preserve fairness. In 2018, Maitra [28] proposed a new approach for PSI by extending the oblivious set member decision protocol of [29]. Most recently, Liu et al. [30], in 2021, proposed a novel quantum PSI based on quantum Fourier transform and at the same time Debnath et al. [31] presented a practical and feasible quantum protocol PSI with single photons and simple single-particle projective measurements.

In this paper, we present a new approach to perform private set intersection in the quantum setting. Our protocol for PSI is based on another specific purpose multiparty quantum computation, namely the protocol for computing greatest common divisor (GCD). The proposed PSI protocol is mainly inspired by the recent protocol for another set operation, namely the quantum multiparty private set union (PSU) by Liu et al. [32]. The PSU protocol [32] is based on the multiparty quantum computation for least common multiple (LCM) [33]. The key idea of [32] is by transforming the private set union into the problem of computing least common multiple. Specifically, each element of the input sets is encoded to a unique prime number, and hence the input set itself is encoded to a product of primes. Therefore, computing the prime factors of the least common multiple of the encoded secret sets gives a way to obtain the union of all the input sets.

In order to construct quantum multiparty PSI using similar approach for PSU [32], a secure multiparty computation for GCD is required. However, to the best of our knowledge, there is no protocol for GCD, even in the classical setting (in fact, the LCM quantum protocol by Liu et al. [33] is the only known protocol). It was still unclear how to construct an MPQC for GCD. According to the formula  $\gcd(x, y) = \frac{xy}{\text{lcm}(x, y)}$ , one can obtain greatest common divisor by using both protocols for multiplication and LCM. However, the formula is only applicable to two integers and it is obvious that for the two-party case this is not secure since the two-party multiplication protocol always reveals each other inputs. Furthermore, the recursive generalization of the formula, i.e.,  $\gcd(a, b, c) = \gcd(a, \gcd(b, c))$ , does not give any help to build secure protocol. A simple observation also shows that computing GCD cannot be done using the approach of [33] for LCM which is based on quantum period-finding algorithm [34]. Fortunately, the extension of LCM protocol to the private set union [32] seems to be a promising method to construct a secure protocol for GCD. Specifically, we can transform the GCD problem to the private set union problem by working iteratively on the set of prime factors of the secret inputs.

## 1.1 Our contributions

In this paper, the first MPQC for computing greatest common divisor is proposed. The protocol is mainly based on the quantum multiparty PSU by Liu, Yang, and Li in [32]. Furthermore, using the same idea of the PSU protocol, we construct a quantum multiparty private set intersection (PSI) by transforming the PSI problem into the problem of computing GCD.

## 1.2 Outline

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we briefly recall all the necessary tools and protocols for our results: Shor’s factoring algorithm, Li-Liu’s protocol for LCM, and the quantum multiparty private set union. Section 3 contains all the proposed MPQC protocols: the GCD protocol and the private set intersection protocol. Finally, we present

the performance analysis (security and complexity) of the proposed protocols in Section 4

## 2 Preliminary

In this section, we give high level descriptions of Shor's factoring algorithm [34], Li-Liu's MPQC protocol for least common multiple [33], and the quantum multiparty private union by Liuet al. [32].

### 2.1 Shor's factoring algorithm

The well-known Shor's factoring algorithm is able to factor any large integer  $N$  efficiently. Shor's factoring algorithm is based on a reduction of factoring to period-finding problem (observed by Miller in the 1970s). The main tool of Shor's factoring (to factor a large integer  $N$ ) is the quantum period-finding algorithm (QPA) to find the period of the function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$  defined by  $f(x) = a^x \bmod N$  (where  $a$  is chosen at random), i.e., the smallest positive integer  $r$  such that  $f(x+r) = f(x)$ . Quantum period-finding algorithm in modulo  $N$  requires  $\mathcal{O}((\log n)n^3)$  quantum operations, with  $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$  uses of modular exponentiation where  $n = \log N$ . The main subroutines of Shor's period-finding algorithm are modular exponentiation and quantum Fourier transform. Modular exponentiation needs  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  multiplications [35] and the Quantum Fourier Transform circuit is quadratic in  $n$  [34]. Hence, the main steps to find a factor of an odd number  $N$ , given quantum period-finding algorithm, is as follows: choose a random  $x \bmod N$  and find its period  $r$  using the QPA. Finally, compute  $\gcd(x^{r/2} - 1, N)$ . Since  $(x^{r/2} - 1)(x^{r/2} + 1) = x^r - 1 = 0 \bmod N$ , thus the  $\gcd(x^{r/2} - 1, N)$  fails to be a non trivial divisor of  $N$  only for  $r$  is odd. Hence, the procedure yields a non trivial divisor of  $N$  with probability at least  $1 - 1/2^{k-1}$ , where  $k$  is the number of distinct odd prime factors of  $N$ . The factoring process will be iterated over the obtained non trivial factors, then all prime factors of  $N$  can be found.

We summarize the key steps of the quantum period finding algorithm (note that we skip most of the analysis of the exact parameters for simplicity) as follows:

- (1) Prepare two  $m$ -registers ( $m = \log N$ ) initialized as  $|0\rangle|0\rangle$  and apply QFT over  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  to the first register:

$$|0\rangle|0\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_N} |0\rangle.$$

- (2) Apply the oracle function  $f$  on the second register:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_N} |0\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_N} |f(x)\rangle$$

- (3) Measures the second register and discarding the measurement outcome. The first register becomes

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |x_0 + jr\rangle,$$

where  $n = \lfloor N/r \rfloor$  and  $x_0$  is uniformly random of probability  $n/N$ .

- (4) Apply another QFT over  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  to get:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{Nn}} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_N} \omega_N^{k(x_0 + jr)} |k\rangle$$

- (5) Measure the register to obtain  $k = jN/r$  with probability  $\frac{4}{\pi^2 r^2} \geq \frac{1}{3r^2} = \phi(r)/r = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\log \log r})$  and use the continued fraction method to recover  $r$  from  $k/N = j/r$ .

## 2.2 Li-Liu's MPQC for least common multiple

**Multiparty least common multiple problem:** Assume that there are  $n$  parties:  $P_0, \dots, P_{n-1}$ , where each party  $P_i$  has a secret integer  $r_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^m - 1\}$ . All  $n$  parties want to jointly compute the  $\text{lcm}(r_0, \dots, r_{n-1})$  without revealing their respective secrets.

The key idea of Li-Liu's protocol is based on the observation that given functions  $f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}$  with period  $r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}$  respectively, then the function  $f(x) = (f_0(x), \dots, f_{n-1}(x))$  has period  $r = \text{lcm}(r_0, \dots, r_{n-1})$ . Thus, each party  $P_i$  is equipped with the oracle of the secret function  $f_i$  ( $|x\rangle|0\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|f_i(x)\rangle$ ) and hence together they compute the superposition:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_N} |x\rangle |f_0(x)\rangle \dots |f_{n-1}(x)\rangle$$

where  $N = 2^m$ . Therefore, the period  $r = \text{lcm}(r_0, \dots, r_{n-1})$  can be found by applying the quantum period-finding algorithm. However, because of the probabilistic nature of the QPA (the probability of the correct output is  $\mathcal{O}(1/\log \log r)$ ), an additional voting procedure is required to check the correctness of the QPA's output. Namely, each party votes whether the output divides their secret input. If the output divides all the secret inputs, then the output passes the verification. The voting procedure is based on the multiparty quantum summation by Shi *et al.* in [36].

We summarize the MPQC protocol for computing LCM as follows:

- (1) For each  $P_i$ , let  $f_i(x) = x \bmod r_i$ .
- (2) For  $P_0$ :
  - (a) prepares two  $m$ -qubit quantum registers  $h, t$  initialized as  $|0\rangle_h |0\rangle_t$ ;
  - (b) applies  $H^{\otimes m}$  on  $h$ :

$$|0\rangle_h |0\rangle_t \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{j \in [2^m]} |j\rangle_h |0\rangle_t;$$

- (c) applies  $CNOT^{\otimes m}$  on  $h, t$ , where  $h$  controls  $t$ :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{j \in [2^m]} |j\rangle_h |0\rangle_t \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{j \in [2^m]} \sum_{j \in [2^m]} |j\rangle_h |j\rangle_t;$$

- (d) prepares an  $m$ -qubit quantum register  $e_0$  initialized as  $|0\rangle_{e_0}$ ;
  - (e) applies  $U_{f_0} : |j\rangle_t |0\rangle_{e_0} \mapsto |j\rangle_t |f_0(j)\rangle_{e_0}$  on  $t, e_0$ :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{j \in [2^m]} |j\rangle_h |j\rangle_t |0\rangle_{e_0} \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^m}} \sum_{j \in [2^m]} |j\rangle_h |j\rangle_t |f_0(j)\rangle_{e_0};$$

- (f) sends  $t$  to  $P_1$ .

- (5) For  $P_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ :

- (a) prepares an  $m$ -qubit registers  $e_i$  initialized as  $|0\rangle_{e_i}$ ;

(b) applies  $U_{f_i} : |j\rangle_t |0\rangle_{e_i} \mapsto |j\rangle_t |f_i(j)\rangle_{e_i}$  on  $t, e_i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j \in [k]} |j\rangle_h |j\rangle_t |f_0(j)\rangle_{e_0} |f(j)\rangle_{e_1} \cdots |f_{i-1}(j)\rangle_{e_{i-1}} |0\rangle_{e_i} \\ \mapsto & \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j \in [k]} |j\rangle_h |j\rangle_t |f_0(j)\rangle_{e_0} |f(j)\rangle_{e_1} \cdots |f_{i-1}(j)\rangle_{e_{i-1}} |f_i(j)\rangle_{e_i}; \end{aligned}$$

(c) sends  $t$  to  $P_{i+1}$ .

(6) For  $P_0$ :

(1) applies  $CNOT^{\otimes m}$  on  $h, t$ , where  $h$  controls  $t$ :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j \in [k]} |j\rangle_h |j\rangle_t |f(j)\rangle_e \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j \in [k]} |j\rangle_h |0\rangle_t |f(j)\rangle_e,$$

where  $f(j) = f_0(j) \parallel \cdots \parallel f_{n-1}(j)$ ,  $e = (e_0, \dots, e_{n-1})$ ;

- (2) measures  $t$ , if  $t$  is not  $|0\rangle$ , then rejects, otherwise continues;
- (3) Applies QPA to find the period  $r$  of  $f$ ;
- (4) Broadcasts  $r$  to all other parties.

The total computation and communication complexity of Li-Liu's protocol is  $\mathcal{O}(n^3 m^2)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 m)$  respectively. However, considering the success probability of the standard QPA, Li-Liu's protocol needs  $\mathcal{O}(\log \log r) \leq \mathcal{O}(\log(nm))$  repetitions. A simple observation can show that the repetition itself can lead to some possible attacks. Specifically, the parties can learn a factor of others in each repetition from the incorrect outputs and their own secrets. Hence, the risk increases as the repetition grows (the size  $m$  of the inputs grows), especially in the malicious model.

**Remark 1.** *Liu et al. [32] proposed an improved QPA based on extended Knill's technique [37] (which is a trade off between classical and quantum computations) to increase the probability to  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  to avoid the required repetition (but still probabilistic, there is still a small probability that the output of the protocol is incorrect). However, as mentioned in [37], this increases the complexity of the original QPA by a factor  $(c+1)^2$  of classical computations if the QPA runs twice in parallel (in [32], the QPA runs  $s > 2$  times in parallel, which gives worse bound). Furthermore, it is also noted that the trade off is worth in some specific cases.*

**Another alternative modified LCM protocol:** There is an alternative improvement of the LCM protocol based on the exact quantum period finding algorithm (EQPA) in [38], which is an instance of the more general exact quantum algorithm [39]. As the EQPA requires a multiple of the period  $r$ , then we can modify Li-Liu's protocol by replacing the first step with the following three steps and using EQPA instead of QPA in step (6.c):

- (1) For each  $P_i$ , chooses a random  $q \in [2^m]$  such that  $r_i q \cong 2^m$  and sends  $y_i = r_i q$  to  $P_0$ .
- (2)  $P_0$  computes  $k = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} y_i$  (a multiple of the order) and broadcasts it to all parties.
- (3) For  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ : each  $P_i$  holds the function  $f_i : \mathbb{Z}_k \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_k$  be  $f_i(x) = x \bmod r_i$ .

If  $k$  is a given multiple of the period  $r$  then, the EQPA's complexity is  $\mathcal{O}(\log^4 k)$ . Therefore, this modified version of Li-Liu's protocol [33] has also computation complexity  $\mathcal{O}(\log^4 k) = \mathcal{O}(n^4 m^4)$  while the communication complexity remains  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 m)$ . Since EQPA is deterministic, then the modified protocol always give a correct output with certainty. Hence, it eliminates the main drawbacks of [33].

### 2.3 Quantum multiparty private set union

**Private set union problem:** Assume that there are  $n$  parties:  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ , where each party  $P_i$  has a secret set  $S_i \subseteq U = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, N\}$ :  $2^{m-1} < N \leq 2^m$ . All  $n$  parties want to jointly compute the  $\bigcup S_i$  without revealing their respective secret.

The key idea of the quantum multiparty private set union proposed by Li, Yang, and Liu consists of three main steps: encoding procedure, an improved quantum multiparty computation for LCM, and decoding procedure. The encoding procedure transforms all elements of the secret set  $S_i$  (for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) to prime numbers and hence encode the set  $S_i$  as the product of prime numbers image of all its elements. After the encoding procedure, the MPQC protocol for LCM (based on an improved QPA) is performed to find the LCM of all the encoded  $S_i$ . Finally, decoding procedure is done by (an improved) Shor's algorithm to get the union from the prime factors of the LCM obtained in the previous procedure.

We briefly summarize the quantum protocol for private set union as follows:

- (1) *Encoding phase:* Let  $p_j$  denotes the  $j$ th prime. Each party  $P_i$  encode the elements  $a$  of the respective set  $S_i$  by  $a \mapsto p_a$  and hence encode  $S_i \mapsto \prod_{a \in S_i} p_a$ .
- (2) *LCM Protocol:* All parties jointly perform the LCM (only until the step 6.3) of their encoded sets such that  $P_1$  gets:

$$M = \text{lcm} \left( \prod_{a_1 \in S_1} p_{a_1}, \prod_{a_2 \in S_2} p_{a_2}, \dots, \prod_{a_n \in S_n} p_{a_n} \right).$$

- (3) *Decoding phase:*  $P_1$  computes the set of the prime factor of  $M$  using Shor's algorithm. Decode the prime factors:  $p_a \mapsto a$ . The set of the decoded prime factors is exactly the union  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i$ . Broadcasts the union to all other parties.

The computation and communication complexity of the protocol are claimed to be  $\mathcal{O}(n^3 m^3 k^3 \log(nmk))$  and  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 mk)$  respectively where  $k$  is the upper bound of the cardinalities of the secret inputs  $S_i$ .

**Remark 2.** If we use the EQPA [38] as the subroutine in the above protocol, we always get a correct output with certainty for the LCM protocol (step 2) and while correctness of the prime decomposition in step 3 can be guaranteed by direct multiplication verification by  $P_1$  before decoded the prime factors. This way, the private set union protocol always gets the correct output with total computational complexity  $\mathcal{O}(n^4 m^4 k^3 \log(nmk))$  while the communication remains  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 mk)$ .

### 3 Proposed MPQC protocols

#### 3.1 Multiparty quantum computation for GCD.

**Multiparty greatest common divisor problem:** Assume that there are  $n$  parties:  $P_0, \dots, P_{n-1}$ , where each party  $P_k$  has a secret integer  $r_k \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^m - 1\}$ . All  $n$  parties want to jointly compute the  $\gcd(r_1, \dots, r_n)$  without revealing their respective secret.

The key idea of our proposed protocol is by transforming the greatest common divisor problem into the private set union problem of all sets of prime factors of each secret inputs and then finally, apply voting procedure to obtained the greatest prime power of each prime factors in the union set obtained.

We summarize the protocol for computing greatest common divisor as follows.

- (1) Each party  $P_i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ): Apply Shor's factoring algorithm on the respective secret input  $r_i$  to obtain the set  $R_i$  of all prime factors of  $r_i$ .
- (2) All parties jointly perform the private set union protocol to get the set  $R = \bigcup_{i=0}^{n-1} R_i$ .
- (3) For each prime  $p \in R$ , do the following iteration: using the voting procedure as in [33], all parties jointly vote whether  $p, p^2, \dots$  divide their secret inputs in order to get the largest power  $p^k$  that simultaneously divides all their secret inputs. Finally, the GCD can be obtained by the product of all the largest prime power of all elements of  $R$ .

**Correctness proof.** In the first step, each party performs Shor's factoring on their inputs to get the set of all prime factors of  $r_i$ . Therefore, each party can easily verify that they hold a correct set of prime factors of their inputs before applying private set union protocol in the next step. Since the correctness of the PSU protocol in the second step follows directly from the remark 2. Then it is left to show that the last step indeed gives the GCD of the secret inputs  $r_i$ 's. The last step indeed gives a correct output according to the definition of greatest common divisor

$$\gcd(p_1^{a_1} \dots p_m^{a_m}, p_1^{b_1} \dots p_m^{b_m}) = p_1^{\max\{a_1, b_1\}} \dots p_m^{\max\{a_m, b_m\}}$$

which is true for computing GCD for any  $n$  numbers through the prime factorization.

#### 3.2 Multiparty quantum private set intersection

**Private set intersection problem:** Assume that there are  $n$  parties:  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ , where each party  $P_i$  has a secret set  $S_i \subseteq U$  where  $U$  is the complete set of cardinality  $N$ :  $2^{m-1} < N \leq 2^m$ . All  $n$  parties want to jointly compute the  $\bigcup S_i$  without revealing their respective secret.

The protocol for private set intersection straightforwardly follows the protocol for private set union. We give the key steps of the protocol as follows:

- (1) *Encoding phase:* Let  $p_j$  denotes the  $j$ th prime. Each party  $P_i$  encode the elements  $a$  of the respective set  $S_i$  by  $a \mapsto p_a$  and hence encode  $S_i \mapsto \prod_{a \in S_i} p_a$ .
- (2) *GCD Protocol:* All parties jointly perform the GCD (only until the step 6.3) of their encoded sets such that  $P_1$  gets:

$$M = \gcd \left( \prod_{a_1 \in S_1} p_{a_1}, \prod_{a_2 \in S_2} p_{a_2}, \dots, \prod_{a_n \in S_n} p_{a_n} \right).$$

- (3) *Decoding phase:*  $P_1$  computes the set of the prime factor of  $M$  using Shor's algorithm. Decode the prime factors back:  $p_a \mapsto a$ . The set of the decoded prime factors is exactly the union  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i$ . Broadcasts the union to all other parties.

**Correctness proof.** Since the correctness of the GCD protocol has been proven, then it is left to show that the prime factors of the GCD indeed gives the intersection of all input sets  $S_i$ . Let  $Enc(S_i)$  denotes the encoding image of  $S_i$  which is the product of prime images  $p_a$  of all elements  $a$  of  $S_i$ . For any element  $u \in U$  such that  $p_u$  divides  $Enc(S_i)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $p_u$  divides the GCD  $M$ . Conversely, if there exists a set  $S_j$  that does not contain an element  $u \in U$ , then  $p_u$  is not a factor of  $Enc(S_j)$  and hence  $p_u$  is not a factor of the gcd  $M$ . Therefore, an element  $u \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n S_i$  must correspond to a factor of the GCD  $M$ .

## 4 Performance analysis

### 4.1 Security analysis

The private set intersection protocol is based on the multiparty quantum computation for GCD. Therefore, the security of PSI protocol is mainly follows from the security of the GCD protocol. However, as the GCD protocol is based on the private set union [32] in which its security based on the LCM protocol [33], let us first briefly recall the security analysis of the LCM protocol. Li et al. have proved the security against the following semi-honest attacks.

- (1) **Direct measurement attack:** Before the QPA process is completed,  $P_i$  measures the register  $h, t$  or  $e_i$  to obtain any useful information.
- (2) **Pre-period-finding attack:** Before the QPA process is completed,  $P_i$  applies the invers QFT to his own registers  $h, t$  to obtain the LCM of the parties who have completed their operations.
- (3) **Post-period-finding attack:**  $P_i$  copies the register  $|j\rangle_t$  using the  $CNOT^{\otimes m}$  and wait until the QPA process is completed. Then,  $P_i$  applies QFT to his own copy  $|j\rangle$  to obtain any useful information.

All three attacks cannot leak any useful information from the other secrets mainly because of the entanglement of the registers and the honest test in step 6.2 of the protocol. However, because of the probabilistic nature of the standard QPA, the protocol should be repeated ( $\mathcal{O}(\log nm)$ ) followed by a verification procedure to check whether the QPA's output is correct. The repetition itself leads to some possible attacks. Specifically, the parties can learn information about some factors of other parties from the incorrect outputs and their own secrets.

In order to resolve the drawback of Li-Liu's protocol, we proposed 2.2 to use the exact quantum period-finding algorithm [38] by adding some additional steps to fulfill the requirement of the EQPA, namely a multiple of the period. In the first step, each  $P_i$  sends  $y_i = r_i q$  to  $P_0$  so that  $P_0$  can compute a multiple of the period. However,  $P_0$  cannot gain any useful information as  $y_i$  is a multiplication of the secret input  $r_i$  with a random element  $q$ . The modified version needs no repetition as the EQPA always gives a correct output with certainty, and hence the modified protocol is completely secure in the semi-honest model.



As a conclusion, the proposed protocol for GCD and PSI are completely secure in the semi-honest model following the security of the modified LCM protocol and the PSU [32].

## 4.2 Complexity analysis

Firstly, we analyze the complexity of the GCD protocol 3.1. The use of Shor’s factoring in the first step of the protocol costs  $\mathcal{O}(nm^2 \log m)$  computational complexity. As for the second step, the computational and communication complexity of the private set union are  $\mathcal{O}(n^3 m^3 k^3 \log(nmk))$  and  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 mk)$  respectively where  $k$  is the upper bound of the cardinality of the sets  $R_i$ ’s. Thus, the second step has  $\mathcal{O}(n^3 m^6 \log(nm^2))$  computational complexity and communication complexity  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 m^2)$ . Finally, in the last step, there are at most  $m$  iterations of voting procedure, thus the computational and communication complexity of the last step are  $\mathcal{O}(nm^3)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(nm^2)$  respectively following the complexity of the voting procedure in [33]. Hence, the total computational and communication complexity are  $\mathcal{O}(n^3 m^6 \log(nm^2))$  and  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 m^2)$  respectively. On the other hand, using the EQPA to get a deterministic output in the subroutine of the PSU protocol gives extra computational complexity with total computational complexity  $\mathcal{O}(n^4 m^6 \log(nm^2))$  instead of  $\mathcal{O}(n^3 m^6 \log(nm^2))$ .

For the private set intersection protocol, it is easily seen that the most expensive computational cost comes from the use of GCD protocol in the second step. Therefore, the total computation and communication complexity of the PSI protocol coincide the complexity of the GCD protocol.

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