

Variational quantum algorithms and Quantum Machine Learning

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Simulating quantum systems on quantum computer





Static: ground-state

$$\hat{H}\left|\psi\right\rangle=E\left|\psi\right\rangle$$

Dynamics: the time-evolution operator

$$i\hbarrac{d}{dt}\ket{\psi(t)}=\hat{H}\ket{\psi(t)}$$
 $\psi(t)
angle=e^{-i\hat{H}t}\ket{\psi(0)}$, constant \hat{H}

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Grows by precision of φ and U.

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Noise-resilient algorithms

Error mitigation

From variational method to VQE

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classical optimisation over α via $\frac{\partial E(\vec{\alpha})}{\partial \alpha_j} = 0$

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VQE framework



 $\min_{\vec{\alpha}} \left< \phi(\vec{\alpha}) \right| H \left| \phi(\vec{\alpha}) \right>$

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- Classical optimisation over $\vec{\alpha}$
- Some noise can be handled by automatic adjustment of $\vec{\alpha}$

VQE framework





$$H_{\vec{R}} = -\sum_{i} \frac{\nabla_{R_{i}}^{2}}{2M_{i}} - \sum_{i} \frac{\nabla_{r_{i}}^{2}}{2} - \sum_{i,j} \frac{Z_{i}}{|R_{i} - r_{j}|} + \sum_{i,j>i} \frac{Z_{i}Z_{j}}{|R_{i} - R_{j}|} + \sum_{i,j>i} \frac{1}{|r_{i} - r_{j}|}$$







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Jordan-Wigner mapping

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Hartree-Fock

1-electron orbitals: $\{\varphi_j(\vec{r}) = \sum_k c_k \phi_k(\vec{r})\} \rightarrow \text{self-consistent field}$

Occupation state: Slater determinant of Spin orbitals $\{\varphi_j(\vec{r})_{\uparrow}, \varphi_j(\vec{r})_{\downarrow}\}$

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|1
angle 0| = (X - iY)/2 and |0
angle 1| = (X + iY)/2

$$H'=\sum_k c_k P_k$$

Others: Bravyi-Kitaev, Parity

Or stick to the first quantisation (2105.12767v3)

Spatial electronic configuration of He2 using grid method



www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.abo7484

VQE framework



Parameter training: $\vec{\alpha}$

Steepest gradient

descent

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Imaginary-time evolution²/ Quantum natural gradient

$$\vec{\alpha}' = \vec{\alpha} - \lambda F^{-1} G$$

 $F_{ij} = 4 \operatorname{Re} \left[\langle \partial_i \psi(\vec{\alpha}) | \partial_j \psi(\vec{\alpha}) \rangle - \langle \partial_i \psi(\vec{\alpha}) | \psi(\vec{\alpha}) \rangle \langle \psi(\vec{\alpha}) | \partial_i \psi(\vec{\alpha}) \rangle \right]$



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Training: ansatz ϕ

- Fixed ansatz
- Hardware-efficient ansatz
- Adaptive ansatz





 $\{R\sigma_j(\alpha), C_i(R\sigma_j(\alpha))\}\$

 $\{e^{\hat{T}-\hat{T}^{\dagger}}\}$

Bond-dissociation curve



³https://www.nature.com/articles/nature23879

VQE + error mitigation



⁵https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-019-1040-7



Dynamical simulation



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e.g., H_2 has 15 Pauli terms, H_2O has > 1500 Pauli terms

Trotterisation vs VQA



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Dynamics simulation via VQA: compiling the propagators $e^{-i\alpha P_j}$



Compilation

Goal: synthesise circuit ${\mathcal C}$ that approximates U



$$|\psi\rangle \sim |\psi'\rangle \iff \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} U = I$$

For all $|\psi\rangle$

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Cost: $1 - |\langle \Phi | (\mathcal{C}^{\dagger} U \otimes I) | \Phi \rangle|^2$ Cost= $0 \iff \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} U = I$

Trotterisation vs VQA on H₂ dynamics



Exp $(-iH\Delta t)$ for *H*₂ Gates: { $R\sigma(\alpha), C(R\sigma(\alpha))$ }, σ are Paulis

⁶ https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.11246



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VQA on QML differs in the presence of data training

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Machine learning: Kernel method

Classification problem: distinguishing two sets of data



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Kernel $\kappa(x^j, x)$, similarity measure between data points x^j and x classifier using kernel κ :

$$y = \sigma(\sum_{j} y^{j} \kappa(x^{j}, x))$$

Machine learning: Feature map

Expanding the feature space: map the data into a larger space Example: SVM (support vector machine)



$$\mathcal{F}: \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Classifier model is defined on the feature space

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Feature map Φ

$$(X) \longrightarrow \Phi(x) \longrightarrow f(\Phi(x);\theta) \longrightarrow (Y)$$

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Examples:

• Binary encoding:

$$x = (1,0,1) \mapsto X \otimes I \otimes X \ket{000}$$

• Amplitude encoding is exponentially more compact but hard to prepare

$$x\mapsto \sum_{j}x_{j}\left|j\right\rangle$$

• Rotation angle encoding

$$x\mapsto \bigotimes_j Rx(x_j)|0\ldots 0\rangle$$

Variational circuits in QML model



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Variational quantum classifier⁹



 8 Havlíček, Vojtěch, et al. "Supervised learning with quantum-enhanced feature spaces." Nature 567.7747 (2019): 209-212.

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