



Basics of Quantum Information Theory and Quantum Tangent Kernel

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 - Classical vs Quantum: For classical computers, factoring a large number, such as those used in RSA keys (often hundreds of digits), is computationally infeasible and would take billions of years to break with current technology. In contrast, a quantum computer using Shor's Algorithm could factor these numbers in a matter of seconds or minutes.

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- Development: Quantum computing is still in the experimental phase, meaning significant resources are required to build and maintain these systems.
- Overall, the cost of building a quantum computer is in the range of **tens of millions of dollars**, and the technology is still in a nascent stage, meaning the cost could remain high for the next several years until it matures.



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Qubits



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- $\blacksquare |*\rangle \otimes |*\rangle = |*\rangle |*\rangle = |**\rangle$
- Vector Notations: $|0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, standard Qubits. $\langle 0| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\langle 1| = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Dirac notation



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$$\langle a||b\rangle = \langle a|b\rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a = b \\ 0 & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases}$$

 $|a\rangle\langle b|$ has a 1 in the (a,b)-entry and 0 for all other entries.

Pauli matrices



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$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$



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Tensor Product



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Example:						

$$\sigma_{x} \otimes \sigma_{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma_{z} \\ \sigma_{z} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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The fundamental requirement of quantum mechanics is that if we make measurement on |ψ⟩ to see whether it is in |0⟩ or |1⟩, the outcome will be 0 (1) with the probability |α|²(|β|²),

Bloch Sphere



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Definition: Quantum analog of classical bits: exists in superposition states $|\psi\rangle = \alpha |\mathbf{0}\rangle + \beta |\mathbf{1}\rangle$, where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ $= cos(\frac{\theta}{2})|0
angle + e^{i\varphi}sin(\frac{\theta}{2})|1
angle,$ where $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$. Let, $\alpha = r_1 e^{i\theta_1}$ and $\beta = r_2 e^{i\theta_2}$ Then, $r_1^2 + r_2^2 = 1$ and $\theta_1 = \theta_2 + \varphi$ Take, $r_1 = cos(\frac{\theta}{2}), r_2 = sin(\frac{\theta}{2})$



Figure: The Bloch sphere is a geometrical representation of a qubit. Qubits can take as value each point on the surface described by the two angles φ and θ . The pole points are $|0\rangle$ or $|1\rangle$.

Entangled States



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A state $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ written as a tensor product of two vectors as $|\psi\rangle = |\psi_1\rangle \otimes |\psi_2\rangle$ (where $|\psi_a\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_a$) is called a **separable state** or a **tensor product state**.



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Such non-separable states are called **entangled** in quantum theory.

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- Measurements to extract information we need.



Quantum Gates

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The matrix expression of this gate as

$$I = |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



NOT, shift gate

Similarly we introduce

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- $\blacksquare X: |0\rangle \rightarrow |1\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$
- $\blacksquare Y: |0\rangle \rightarrow -|1\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$

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- $\blacksquare Y: |0\rangle \rightarrow -|1\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$
- $\blacksquare Z: |0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow -|1\rangle$

whose matrix representations are

$$X = |1\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle 1| = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_x$$
$$Y = |0\rangle\langle 1| - |1\rangle\langle 0| = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -i\sigma_y$$
$$Z = |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma_z$$
input U output

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• U_{CNOT} : $|00\rangle \rightarrow |00\rangle$, $|01\rangle \rightarrow |01\rangle$, $|10\rangle \rightarrow |11\rangle$ and $|11\rangle \rightarrow |10\rangle$ In the following, we use the standard basis vectors with components



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$$U_{CNOT} = |00\rangle\langle00| + |01\rangle\langle01| + |11\rangle\langle10| + |10\rangle\langle11|$$

= |0\rangle\langle0| \otimes I + |1\rangle\langle1| \otimes X = $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$



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- The action of CNOT on the input state $|i\rangle|j\rangle$ is written as $|i\rangle|i \oplus j\rangle$, where $i \oplus j$ is an addition mod 2,
 - that is, $0 \oplus 0 = 0, 0 \oplus 1 = 1, 1 \oplus 0 = 1$ and $1 \oplus 1 = 0$.



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The explicit form of the CCNOT gate is

$$\mathsf{U}_{\mathit{CCNOT}} = (|00
angle\langle00|+|01
angle\langle01|+|10
angle\langle10|)\otimes\mathit{I}+|11
angle\langle11|\otimes\mathit{X}$$

control bit 1 _____ control bit 2 _____ target bit _____

Hadamard gate



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$$U_H: |0
angle
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angle + |1
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$$J_{H} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \langle 0| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \langle 1| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1\\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

input — H — output

Arithmetic Circuit



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Figure: Wires store numbers and gates represent arithmetic operations, such as addition (+) and multiplication (*)

Example of Quantum Circuit



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Assume the feature map $\phi: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{F}$

For example,
$$\phi\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1\\ x_2\\ x_1x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{F}$$
, where $\begin{pmatrix} x_1\\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathcal{X}$



Figure: Separation may be easier in higher dimensions

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Training dataset $\mathcal{D} = (x_i, y_i)_{i=1}^N$, where x_i is input data and y_i is corresponding teacher data.

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For two data x_i and x_j , we define $K(x_i, x_j) = \langle \phi(x_i), \phi(x_j) \rangle$, where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the inner product on \mathcal{F} .

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First, data are encoded into quantum states by $U_{\phi}(x)$ i.e., $y(x, \theta) = \langle 0^n | U^{\dagger}(x, \theta) OU(x, \theta) | 0^n \rangle$ $= \langle 0^n | U^{\dagger}_{\phi}(x) V^{\dagger}(\theta) OV(\theta) U_{\phi}(x) | 0^n \rangle$ {: $U(x, \theta) = V(\theta) U_{\phi}(x)$ } $= Tr(O(\theta)\rho(x)),$ where weight vector $O(\theta) = V^{\dagger}(\theta) OV(\theta)$ and feature vector $\rho(x) = U_{\phi}(x) | 0^n \rangle \langle 0^n | U^{\dagger}_{\phi}(x)$

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Now the conventional quantum kernel is defined as $K_q(x_i, x_j) = Tr(\rho(x_i)\rho(x_j)) = |\langle \phi(x_i)|\phi(x_j)\rangle|^2$, where $|\phi(x)\rangle = U_{\phi}(x)|0^n\rangle$

Accuracy Compare



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Figure: Comparison between Classical and Quantum Models

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 $f(x_i, \theta) \simeq f(x_i, \theta_0) + \nabla_{\theta} f(x_i, \theta_0)^T (\theta - \theta_0)$, where θ_0 is the initial values of parameters of a neural network.



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- Using this feature map, we define the following neural tangent kernel (NTK): $K_{ntk}(x_i, x_i) = \nabla_{\theta} f(x_i, \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta} f(x_i, \theta_0)$

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Now from K_q and K_{ntk} , we define the following quantum tangent kernel (QTK): $K_{qtk}(x_i, x_j) = \nabla_{\theta} y(x_i, \theta_0)^T \nabla_{\theta} y(x_j, \theta_0),$

where
$$y(x,\theta) = \langle 0^n | U^{\dagger}(x,\theta) O(\theta) U(x,\theta) | 0^n \rangle$$

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First one is a circuit where x is encoded only at the first layer as in the bellow Figure. $U_{shallow}(x, \theta) = V(\theta)U_{\phi}(x)$, where $V(\theta)$ is a parameterized unitary and $U_{\phi}(x)$ is a quantum feature map to encode data.



Figure: The m-qubit ansatz used for numerical simulations. $U_{\phi}(x)$ is the quantum feature map for encoding classical data. $U(\theta_j^{(l)}) \in SU(4)$ is the parameterized unitary of the i-th layer. At the output, we measure the Pauli Z expectation value of the final qubit.

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Next, in order to increase the non-linearity, we consider a multi-layered circuit that alternates between data encoding and a parameterized unitary as shown in the bellow Figure. $U_{deep}(x, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{L} V(\theta_i) U_{\phi}(x)$,



Figure: Quantum circuit that defines deep quantum tangent kernel. $U_{\phi}(x)$ is the feature map and $U(\theta_j^{(i)}) \in SU(4)$ is the parameterized unitary of the i-th layer. To increase the non-linearity of the kernel, the feature map $U_{\phi}(x)$ and the parameterized unitary are iteratively applied. At the output, we measure the Pauli Z expectation value of the final qubit.

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Here, generate the 15,000 samples of the four dimensional input data x_i and its label y_i. They are splitted into 10,000 training and 5000 test data.

Behavior of training losses and training accuracies



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Behavior of training losses and training accuracies for different number of layers during training.





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3 layers 5 layers 10 layers 20 layers 50 layers

0.020

0.005

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Classification accuracy for SVM with three types of kernels. Three SVMs classify the ansatz-generated dataset generated by a quantum circuit for deep QTK

Kernel	Accuracy
Quantum kernel	0.7842
Shallow quantum tangent kernel	0.7484
Deep quantum tangent kernel	0.812

The distribution of outputs



- 0.75

0.50

0.25

0.00

-0.25

-0.50

-0.75

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Figure: The distribution of outputs of the quantum circuit with L = 10 layers which can be interpreted as the conventional quantum kernel method.

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0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00

1.00

0.75

0.50

0.25

-0.25

-0.50

-0.75

-1.00

-1.00

-0.75 -0.50 -0.25

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- Hence, better ansatz constructions and parameter optimization methods are crucially important.

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