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Hamiltonian Simulation

Or solving the 1-D wave equation using quantum computing





Hamiltonian Simulation Or solving the Schrödinger equation

Time-dependent Schrödinger equation

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Remark:

If we are able to implement e^{-iHt} as a quantum gate, we can solve the time-dependent Schrödinger equation.



Hamiltonian Simulation Definition

Problem formalisation:

Given an Hamiltonian matrix H, a time t, a precision ϵ and a basis of several quantum gates, find a sequence of quantum gates $U = U_1 \dots U_n$ picked from the given basis that approximates the unitary matrix e^{-iHt} such that

$$\left| \left| e^{-iHt} - U \right| \right|_{\mathsf{sp}} \leqslant \epsilon.$$



Wave equation solver

According to Costa, Jordan, and Ostrander¹, the wave equation

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\phi = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\phi$$

+ boundary conditions

+ initial conditions

+ fixed propagation speed c = 1.

can be solved by simulating the action of a specific Hamiltonian to a quantum state encoding the initial state.

¹Pedro C. S. Costa, Stephen Jordan, and Aaron Ostrander. "Quantum algorithm for simulating the wave equation". In: *Physical Review A* 99 (1 Jan. 2019). Phys. Rev. A 99, 012323 (2019). DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevA.99.012323. eprint: 1711.05394v1. URL: http://arxiv.org/abs/1711.05394v1.

Implementing Hamiltonian simulation





Implementing Hamiltonian simulation Step 1

Simulation of the Hamiltonian by decomposing ${\cal H}$ into a sum of 1-sparse Hamiltonians

$$H = H_1 + H_2$$





Implementing Hamiltonian simulation

Encode each H_i with an oracle

Required procedures:

- Quantum adder
- Quantum constant comparator
- Quantum logic gates (AND, OR, ...)

Step 2



Implementing Hamiltonian simulation Step 3

Simulate each H_j separately





Implementing Hamiltonian simulation

```
1
      def simulate_unsigned_integer_weighted_hamiltonian(
 2
          O: Oracle, n: int, int_size: int, time: float
 3
      ) -> NamedRoutine:
 \mathbf{4}
          r""" [Documentation...] """
 \mathbf{5}
          oracle_ancilla_size = 0.arity - (n + n + int_size)
 6
          # Aliases to make the code more readable.
7
          x = list(range(0, n))
 8
          m = list(range(n, 2 * n))
 9
          v = list(range(2 * n, 2 * n + int size))
10
          p = 2 * n + int size
11
          a = list(range(2 * n + int_size + 1, 2 * n + int_size + 1 + oracle_ancilla_size))
12
13
          routine = NamedBoutine(
14
              "simulate_unsigned_integer_weighted_hamiltonian",
15
              arity=2 * n + int_size + 1 + oracle_ancilla_size,
16
          )
17
18
          routine.protected_apply(0, x, m, v, a)
19
          routine protected apply(A(n), x, m, p)
20
21
          routine.apply(exp_ZFt(int_size, time), p, v)
22
23
          routine.protected_apply(A(n).dag(), x, m, p)
24
          routine.protected_apply(0.dag(), x, m, v, a)
25
26
          return routine
```

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Step 3'



Implementing Hamiltonian simulation Step 4

Approximate e^{-iHt} with e^{-iH_1t} and e^{-iH_2t} First-order approximation formula:

$$e^{-iHt} = S_2(t) + \mathcal{O}\left(|t|^3\right)$$

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n-qubit state space





Implementing Hamiltonian simulation Step 5

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Quantum wave equation solver





Quantum wave equation solver

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Hamiltonian Simulation





Default values

The default values used for each graph are:

- $\blacktriangleright \ \mbox{Precision} \ \left| \left| e^{-iHt} U \right| \right|_{\rm sp} \leqslant \epsilon = 10^{-5}$
- Order of the product-formula used $PF_{\text{order}} = 1$
- Simulation physical time t = 1









Quantum wave equation solver





Execution time estimation

- Hardware gate time are available online (at least for IBM chips).
- ▶ We averaged CNOT execution time over all the circuit.
- ► We ignored topology and number of qubits issues.











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Conclusion







- Hamiltonian simulation algorithm implemented
- Quantum wave equation solver implemented
- QLM is an ideal tool to test algorithms without all the hardware-related issues (noise, reliability, submition queues, ...)



- Towards a "Q-BLAS" library (PhD started in November 2019)
- Focus on linear algebra and partial differential equation solving (with a quantum computer)



Thank you for your attention! Any question?

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