

A quantum-assisted algorithm for sampling applications in machine learning

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QUANTUM ►ENHANCED OPTIMIZATION

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Unsupervised learning (generative models)

Example application: Image reconstruction





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Learn the "best" model distribution that can generate the same kind of data.



Example application: Image reconstruction





Supervised learning (discriminative models)





Outline

• Why is it hard and interesting to sample from a Boltzmann distribution? Why, in principle, is it possible to do classical Gibbs sampling with a quantum annealer?



• How to do it experimentally? Results on our quantum-assisted learning (QuALe) algorithm for sampling applications. Feasibility question.



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• Overcoming the "curse of limited connectivity" in hardware. How to work with general probabilistic graphical models beyond RBM? How to cope with noisy devices and future directions.



General BMs



Deep architectures



Unsupervised learning relies on sampling

"Unsupervised learning [... has] been overshadowed by the successes of purely supervised learning. [... We] expect **unsupervised learning to become far more important in the longer term**. Human and animal learning is largely unsupervised: we discover the structure of the world by observing it, not by being told the name of every object."

LeCun, Bengio, Hinton, Deep Learning, Nature 2015

"In the context of the deep learning approach to undirected modeling, it is rare to use any approach other than Gibbs sampling. **Improved sampling techniques are one possible research frontier.**"

Goodfellow, Bengio, Courville, *Deep Learning*, book in preparation for MIT Press, 2016

"Most of the previous work in **generative models** has focused on variants of **Boltzmann Machines** [...] While these models **are very powerful**, each iteration of **training requires a computationally costly step of MCMC** to approximate derivatives of an intractable partition function (normalization constant), making it **difficult to scale** them **to large datasets**."

Mansimov, Parisotto, Ba, Salakhutdinov, under review for ICLR 2016



Restricted Boltzmann Machines and Beyond



RBM's:

$$E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} w_{ij} h_i v_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_j v_j - \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i h_i$$

such that

$$p(\boldsymbol{h}|\boldsymbol{v}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(h_i|\boldsymbol{v}) \text{ and } p(\boldsymbol{v}|\boldsymbol{h}) = \prod_{j=1}^{m} p(v_j|\boldsymbol{h}).$$

Model:

$$p(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} e^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})},$$

Training Method: Stochastic gradient ascent

$$\sum_{\boldsymbol{v}\in S} \frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{v})}{\partial w_{ij}} \propto \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{\text{data}} - \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{\text{model}}$$

$$= \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{p(\boldsymbol{h}|\boldsymbol{v})q(\boldsymbol{v})} - \langle v_i h_j \rangle_{p(\boldsymbol{h},\boldsymbol{v})}$$

Computationally bottleneck

Foundational Theory of Quantum Annealing



Simulated Annealing

(Kirkpatrick et al., 1983)

- Algorithm: Start with a high temperature. Slowly reduce the intensity of these thermal fluctuations aiming for low cost configs..
- Transitions between states are over the barrier and due to thermal fluctuation



Quantum Annealing

(Finnila et al., 1994, Kadawaki and Nishimori, 1998, Farhi et.al., 2001)



tunneling

superposition

- Algorithm: Start with large amplitude A(T) responsible for quantum fluctuations. Then, slowly turn it off while turning on the cost function amplitude, B(T).
- Transitions between states due to quantum fluctuations (tunneling)

 $H(au) = A(au)H_b + B(au)H_p$ $H_p = \sum_{1 \le i \le N}^N h_i \sigma_i^z + \sum_{1 \le i < j \le N}^N J_{ij} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z$

> E({z}): Free energy Surface (cost funct.)

{z}=configurations in solutions space



E({z}, T=1)

Final states: bit strings encoding the solution.



D-Wave System Capability

1) As a discrete optimization solver:



Potential NASA applications: planning, scheduling, fault diagnosis, graph analysis, communication networks, etc.

Also, quantum ML work by Google/DW.

QUBO: Quadratic Unconstrained Binary Optimization (Ising model in physics jargon).

2) As a physical device to sample from Boltzmann distribution:

$$P_{Boltzmann} \propto \exp[-\xi(s_1,...,s_N)/T_{eff}]$$

RBM Hidden units

Computationally bottleneck

Widely used in unsupervised learning

Early work:

Bian et al. 2010. The Ising model: teaching an old problem new tricks.

Recent work:

Raymond et al. 2016. Global warming: Temperature estimation in annealers.

Our recent work: Benedetti et al. PRA, 94, 022308 (2015)

- We provide a robust algorithm to estimate the effective temperature of problem instances in quantum annealers.
- Algorithm uses the same samples that will be used for the estimation of the gradient



Why sampling from classical Gibbs?

2) As a physical device to sample from Boltzmann distribution:





Quantum-Assisted Learning Vs. Contrastive Divergence

Bars and Stripes dataset



Fisher and Igel. Pattern Recognition, 47, 25 (2014)

Embedding on the D-Wave 2X

(b)

Pixel blocks

embedding

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Benedetti et al. PRA, 94, 022308



Non-trivial and correlated variations in the temperature





Added features: Restart from CD-k





Comparison with pseudo-likelihood



Benedetti et al. PRA, 94, 022308



Overcoming the curse of limited connectivity



7 logical (visible) variables



18 physical qubits



Overcoming the curse of limited connectivity in physical devices.



42 fully-connected logical (visible) variables

How do we train this 794 qubit problem? (How do we analyze the (Gibbs) samples from this physical model?

Immediate solution: Keep an eye on a paper coming out with a new gray-model approach for training noisy QA.

Benedetti et al. In preparation.



794 physical qubits





OptDigits Datasets

Dataset: Optical Recognition of Handwritten Digits (OptDigits)



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original

corrupted

Dataset: Optical Recognition of Handwritten Digits (OptDigits)





original



After 1 learning iter.

- Experimental realization of quantum-assisted learning algorithm on 794 qubits, for a 42 fully-connected model.
- Fully unsupervised learning and generative model on a digit.

Dataset: Optical Recognition of Handwritten Digits (OptDigits)





original





After 100 learning iters.

- Experimental realization of quantum-assisted learning algorithm on 794 qubits, for a 42 fully-connected model.
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Overcoming the curse of limited connectivity in hardware.



46 fully-connected logical (visible) variables

42 for pixels + 4 to one-hot encode the class (only digits 1-4)

Are the results from this training on 917 qubit experiment meaningful? Is the model capable of generating digits, as expected?

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917 physical qubits



Human or (quantum) machine? (Turing test)





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Quantum-assisted unsupervised: artificial model





Ongoing research directions

Possible further boosting protocols by considering models to account explicitly for the noise in the quantum device.

Numerical simulations show that main limitation of current quantum annealers for Boltzmann machines applications is its sparse connectivity.

Extensions to deep learning architectures.

How "Boltzmannian" need the samples to be for QuALE to work.

Inference by using quantum distributions, such as those coming from future generation quantum computing technologies.

Is quantum tunneling, or any other quantum computational resource, relevant for machine learning/sampling applications? Can it be any faster than MCMC? Is it possible to achieve quantum supremacy in this domain?



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Support slides