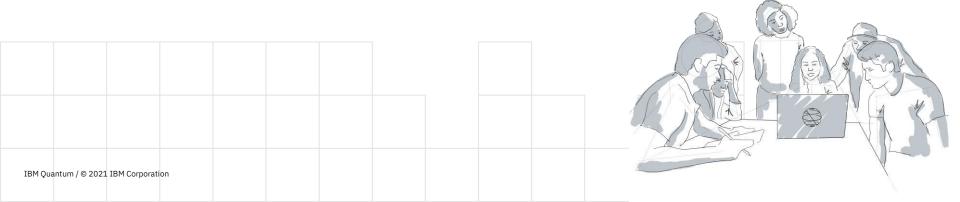
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Expand qiskit-neko testing

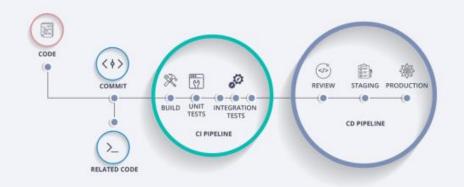


Qiskit-neko

- New effort to add a proper integration test suite to the overall giskit project.
- Designed to be run in CI to ensure that a proposed change to any qiskit project doesn't break backwards compatibility or break an interface that another qiskit project is currently using.

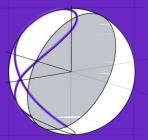




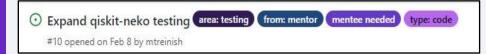


Initial Problem Statement

- Add tests for different sub sections of qiskit such as circuits, nature, machine learning and visualizations.
- Start running qiskit-neko in CI with proper integration with qiskit.



Delivered



- Added a few tests covering the qiskitmachine learning classes. Namely,
 - Quantum Neural Networks (Using OPFlow)
 - Quantum Neural Networks (Using TwoLayer)
 - Variational Quantum Classifier
- Added a github action to automate running neko in other major qiskit repositories such as terra and nature

Neko is up and running!





Qiskit-neko has been integrated into **qiskit-terra**, **qiskit-aer**, **qiskit-machine-learning** and **qiskit-experiments**.

Workflow



Basic Prep:

- Understood the code base of qiskit-neko.
- Refined unittest and CI skills through documentations.

Initial PR:

- Initiated and merged (Added ML tests #3) to add tests on qiskit machine learning.
- Added tests related to QNN and VQC based on the tutorials.

Adding Github Action:

Initiated and merged (Added Action to Run Tests #5) to add a custom action for automated running of neko tests.

Integration with Qiskit

The repo has been incorporated under the qiskit framework with the addition of the action in other major qiskit repos.

Challenges

And what I learnt from them...



 Not experienced enough with software development practices and github actions.

Understood the thought process that goes behind writing tests + Gained knowledge about github actions and workflows.

 Creating threshold testing conditions for qiskit machine learning where circuits are measured probabilistically giving different answers in each iteration.

Learnt how to tackle this problem by using the delta parameter.

```
qnn1_forward = qnn1.forward(input1, weights1)
qnn1_backward = qnn1.backward(input1, weights1)

self.assertAlmostEqual(qnn1_forward[0][0], 0.08242345, delta=0.1)
self.assertAlmostEqual(qnn1_backward[1][0][0], [0.2970094], delta=0.1)
```



