

Figure 1: Classification of the input vector x'

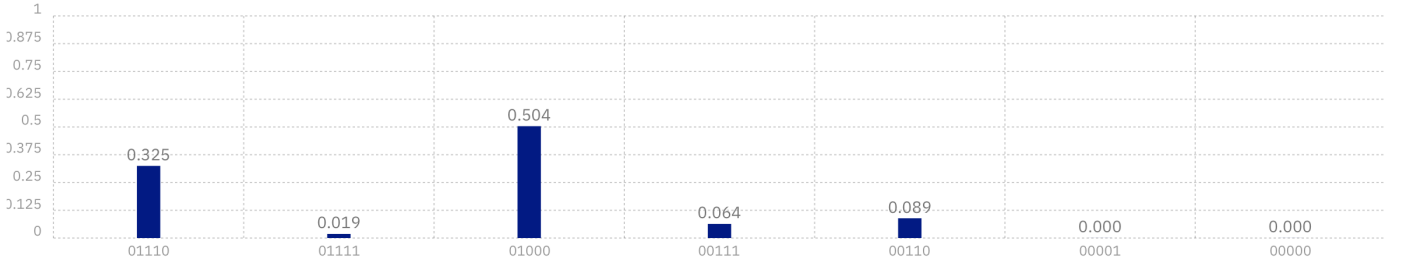


Figure 2: Classification of the input vector x''

Source code (specific to `ibmqx2`) from Mark Fingerhuth at https://github.com/markf94/ibmq_code_epl_119_60002 copied here on Overleaf.

Note that IBM machine displays qubits in reverse order:

$$|q_4, q_3, q_2 = \text{class}, q_1, q_0 = \text{ancilla}\rangle$$

The algorithm includes a post-selection conditional on the ancilla qubit being 0. This means we need to discard results where the ancilla is 1 reducing the relevant space to quantum states $|01110\rangle, |01000\rangle, |00110\rangle, |00000\rangle$. This creates a normalizing constant:

$$Z = \Pr(|01110\rangle) + \Pr(|01000\rangle) + \Pr(|00110\rangle) + \Pr(|00000\rangle)$$

Classification of the input vector x' .

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= 0.267 + 0.417 + 0.007 + 0.036 = 0.727 \\ \Pr(|c\rangle = |0\rangle) &= \frac{\Pr(|01000\rangle) + \Pr(|00000\rangle)}{Z} = \frac{0.417 + 0.036}{Z} = 0.623 \\ \Pr(|c\rangle = |1\rangle) &= \frac{\Pr(|01110\rangle) + \Pr(|00110\rangle)}{Z} = \frac{0.267 + 0.007}{Z} = 0.377 \end{aligned}$$

Classification of the input vector x'' .

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= 0.325 + 0.504 + 0.089 + 0 = 0.918 \\ \Pr(|c\rangle = |0\rangle) &= \frac{\Pr(|01000\rangle) + \Pr(|00000\rangle)}{Z} = \frac{0.504 + 0}{Z} = 0.549 \\ \Pr(|c\rangle = |1\rangle) &= \frac{\Pr(|01110\rangle) + \Pr(|00110\rangle)}{Z} = \frac{0.325 + 0.089}{Z} = 0.451 \end{aligned}$$

1 Building the quantum circuit

The objective of the state preparation is to build the following quantum state:

$$|\mathcal{D}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2MC}} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} |m\rangle_{\beta} (|0\rangle_{\alpha} |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_{\gamma} + |1\rangle_{\alpha} |\psi_{\mathbf{x}''}\rangle_{\gamma}) |y^m\rangle_{\delta} \quad (1)$$

containing $M = 2$ training examples and where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ respectively stand for the ancilla, index, data and class qubits. For clarity and hints about how to actually prepare the state it is useful to expand as:

$$|\mathcal{D}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2MC}} [|0\rangle_\beta (|0\rangle_\alpha |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma + |1\rangle_\alpha |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma) |y^0\rangle_\delta + |1\rangle_\beta (|0\rangle_\alpha |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma + |1\rangle_\alpha |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^1}\rangle_\gamma) |y^1\rangle_\delta]$$

Vectors to be loaded are:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle &= -0.549|0\rangle + 0.836|1\rangle \\ |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle &= |1\rangle \\ |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^1}\rangle &= 0.789|0\rangle + 0.615|1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

The first step consists in bringing the ancilla and the index qubits in a superposition state. This allows to load the first input as entangled with both ancilla and index effectively creating 2 copies of the input vector:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{D}\rangle &= |0\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha \\ &\sim |0\rangle_\gamma (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

The next step is to load the test vector \mathbf{x}' . In this case, we want to entangle the vector only in the case that the ancilla qubit is $|1\rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CR}_y(\alpha; \theta, \gamma) &\sim |0\rangle_\gamma (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle \right)_\gamma (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha \\ &\sim |0\rangle_\gamma (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha \\ &\sim (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta (|0\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\theta \approx 2 \arctan_2(0.835754, -0.549104) \approx 4.304$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_\alpha &\sim (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta (|0\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha) \\ &\sim |0\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |0\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha \\ \text{Toffoli}(\alpha, \beta; \gamma) &\sim |0\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |1\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha \\ &\sim |0\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha \\ X_\beta \text{ cute trick...} &\sim |0\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

The trick moves the first training vector $|\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle$ to the $|0\rangle$ state of the index qubit β . This allows us to now apply another Toffoli gate to load the second vector into the $|1\rangle$ state of the index and doesn't change anything on the test vector $|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle$ since it is already entangled with a index qubit β that is in a superposition state.

$$\begin{aligned} X_\beta \text{ cute trick...} &\sim |0\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)_\beta |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha \\ &\sim |0\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha \\ \text{Toffoli}(\alpha, \beta; \gamma) &\sim |1\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha \\ \text{CR}_y(\beta; -\theta, \gamma) &\sim (R_y(-\theta)|1\rangle)_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + (R_y(-\theta)|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle)_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha \\ \text{Toffoli}(\alpha, \beta; \gamma) &\sim \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle \right)_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + (R_y(\theta)|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle)_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

The trick above is that $(R_y(-\theta)|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle)_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha$ is unaffected by the second Toffoli gate since the ancilla is in state $|0\rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CR}_y(\beta; \theta, \gamma) &\sim \left[R_y(\theta) \left(\cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} |1\rangle \right) \right]_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + (R_y(\theta)R_y(-\theta)|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle)_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha \\ &\sim (\cos \theta |0\rangle + \sin \theta |1\rangle)_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle)_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha \\ &\sim |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^1}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\theta \approx \arctan_2(0.61489, 0.78861) \approx 0.662$$

We are now in a position to introduce the class qubit δ . We should simply condition it to be in state $|1\rangle$ when the index qubit β is also in state $|1\rangle$ and to leave it to $|0\rangle$ otherwise.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sim (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}^1}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha) |0\rangle_\delta \\
\text{CX}(\delta; \beta) & \sim (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha) |0\rangle_\delta + (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}^1}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |1\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\beta |0\rangle_\alpha) |1\rangle_\delta \\
& \sim |0\rangle_\beta (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\alpha) |0\rangle_\delta + |1\rangle_\beta (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^1}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\alpha) |1\rangle_\delta \\
& = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2M}} \left(|0\rangle_\beta (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\alpha) |0\rangle_\delta + |1\rangle_\beta (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^1}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\alpha) |1\rangle_\delta \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Now that the state has been prepared we can finally run the algorithm which consists in applying a single Hadamard gate to the ancilla qubit.

$$\begin{aligned}
H(\alpha) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{M}} \left(|0\rangle_\beta (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'+\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}^0}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\alpha) |0\rangle_\delta + |1\rangle_\beta (|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'+\mathbf{x}^1}\rangle_\gamma |0\rangle_\alpha + |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}^1}\rangle_\gamma |1\rangle_\alpha) |1\rangle_\delta \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{M}} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} |m\rangle_\beta (|0\rangle_\alpha |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'+\mathbf{x}^m}\rangle_\gamma + |1\rangle_\alpha |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}^m}\rangle_\gamma) |y^m\rangle_\delta
\end{aligned}$$

where $|\psi_{\mathbf{x}'\pm\mathbf{x}^m}\rangle = |\psi_{\mathbf{x}'}\rangle \pm |\psi_{\mathbf{x}^m}\rangle$. Now we can perform a conditional measurement based on the value of the ancilla qubit:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr(|\alpha\rangle = |0\rangle_\alpha) &= \frac{1}{4M} (|\mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{x}^0|^2 + |\mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{x}^1|^2) \\
\Pr(|\alpha\rangle = |1\rangle_\alpha) &= \frac{1}{4M} (|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}^0|^2 + |\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}^1|^2)
\end{aligned}$$

TODO: Maybe remove completely the notation $|\psi_{\mathbf{x}}\rangle_\gamma$ to simply $|\mathbf{x}\rangle_\gamma = \mathbf{x}_0|0\rangle_\gamma + \mathbf{x}_1|1\rangle_\gamma$. It would also help explain better the final superposition with Hadamard gate.

Therefore if the ancilla is measured $|\alpha\rangle = |0\rangle$, the post-measurement quantum state is now given by:

$$|\mathcal{D}\rangle_{|\alpha\rangle=|0\rangle_\alpha} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{M}\Pr(|\alpha\rangle = |0\rangle_\alpha)} \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} |m\rangle_\beta |\mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{x}^m\rangle_\gamma |y^m\rangle_\delta \quad (2)$$

This normalized state can be viewed as a weighted sum:

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= \frac{1}{4Mp_{\text{acc}}} \sum_m |\mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{x}^m|^2 \\
1 &= \frac{1}{Mp_{\text{acc}}} \sum_m \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} |\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}^m|^2 \right) \\
1 &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{Mp_{\text{acc}}} \sum_{m|y^m=0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} |\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}^m|^2 \right)}_{\Pr(\tilde{y}=0)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{Mp_{\text{acc}}} \sum_{m|y^m=1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} |\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}^m|^2 \right)}_{\Pr(\tilde{y}=1)}
\end{aligned}$$

where:

$$\Pr(\tilde{y} = 0) = \frac{1}{4Mp_{\text{acc}}} \sum_{m|y^m=0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} |\mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{x}^m|^2 \right) \quad (3)$$

Clearly, if the more the input vector is “closer” to the training input labeled as belonging to class 0, the more the value of $\Pr(\tilde{y} = 0)$ rises. Because of the normalization of the post-measurement quantum state above, it is clear that if we find $\Pr(\tilde{y} = 0) > 0.5$, the prediction is 0 otherwise we should predict class 1. This is achieving exactly the same effect as the original classifier. Running the quantum circuit gives us an experimental value for $\Pr(\tilde{y} = 0)$ and the LHS gives us confirmation that this value indeed corresponds to the classification task we defined originally.