

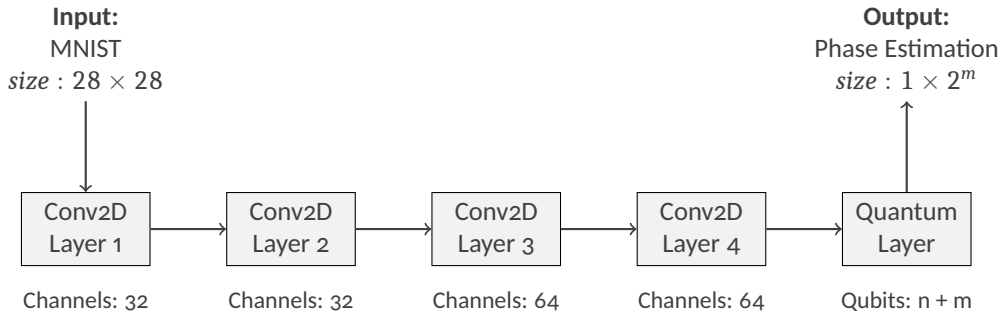
MNIST Classification with Quantum Phase Estimation

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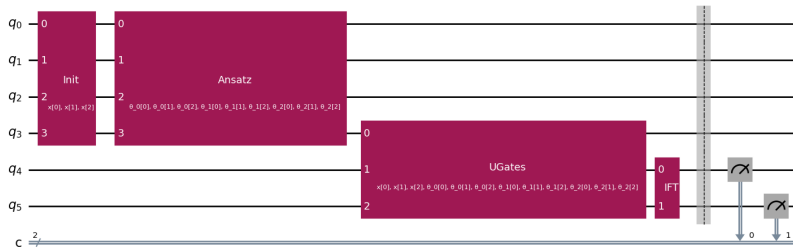


The Conv2D layers extract features from images and build their embedding to pass to the quantum layer.

Quantum Layer structure

2 Quantum Layer

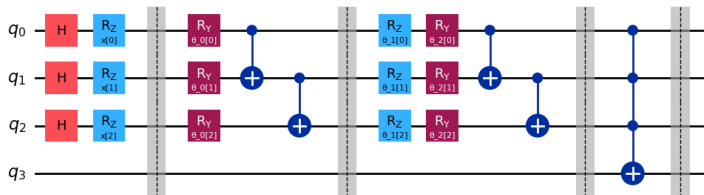
The final quantum layer is made of four main blocks:



Initialization + Ansatz

2 Quantum Layer

It is made of n qubits and has the below architecture:



The number of iterations ($R_z + R_y$ gates on each qubit) can be arbitrary set. The state on the last qubit can be written as:

$$|\psi\rangle = a|1\rangle + b|0\rangle \quad (1)$$

U Matrix

2 Quantum Layer

In order to apply the QPE, it is crucial to build a unitary gate such that:

$$U|\psi\rangle = e^{-i2\pi\phi}|\psi\rangle \quad (2)$$

$$U = V\Lambda V^\dagger \quad \text{where} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} b & -a^* \\ a & b^* \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i2\pi\phi} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i2\pi\phi} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(2\pi\phi) - ic \sin(2\pi\phi) & 2ia^*b \sin(2\pi\phi) \\ 2iab^* \sin(2\pi\phi) & \cos(2\pi\phi) + ic \sin(2\pi\phi) \end{bmatrix}, \quad c = |b|^2 - |a|^2 = \frac{2^m - 2}{2^m} \quad (4)$$

U can be written as a composition of standard gates, $R_z + U_3$:

$$U = U_3 R_z = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-i\alpha} \cos \theta & -e^{i(\alpha+\lambda)} \sin \theta \\ e^{i(\beta-\alpha)} \sin \theta & e^{i(\alpha+\beta+\lambda)} \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

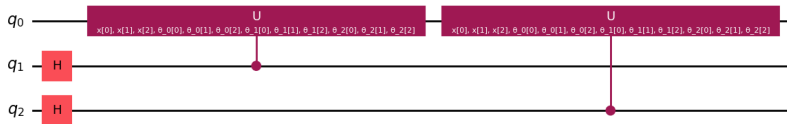
Comparing equations 4 and 5, all the angles can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \arctan [c \tan(2\pi\phi)], & \theta &= \arccos \left(\frac{\cos(2\pi\phi)}{\cos \alpha} \right) \\ \lambda &= -\alpha + \arctan(\cot \phi), & \beta &= -\lambda \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

U Gate

2 Quantum Layer

Knowing U allows us to build the UGate block; it is made of m qubits.



An arbitrary function can be chosen for the global phase ψ . Here:

$$\phi = \sum_{\text{weights}} \omega_i^2 + \sum_{\text{inputs}} x_i^2 \quad (7)$$

QPE Gate

2 Quantum Layer

At the end of the circuit, a IFT gate is applied to measure the global phase ϕ . This gate produces a state (on the last m qubits) of the form:

$$|\psi_{IFT}\rangle = \sum_x \alpha_x |x\rangle \quad \text{where} \quad \alpha_x = \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_k e^{-i2\pi k(\phi - \phi_x)} \quad (8)$$

The probability of measuring a state $|x\rangle$ is then:

$$P_x = \frac{1}{2^{2m}} \left(\frac{\sin(2^m \pi(\phi - \phi_x))}{\sin(\pi(\phi - \phi_x))} \right)^2 \quad (9)$$

Training losses

3 Training

The network is trained in two different steps:

- **Triplet-loss:**

$$L_T = \sum_{inputs} \max [0, d(anchor, pos) - d(anchor, neg) + margin] + \lambda \Omega \quad (10)$$

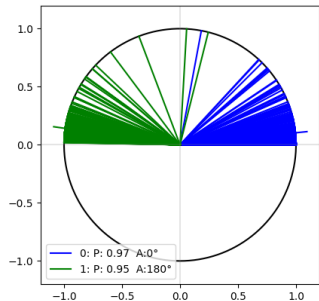
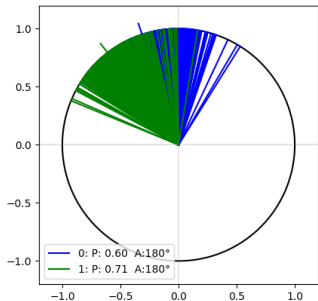
where d is the KL-divergence and $\Omega = -\min_{i \neq j} ||c_i - c_j||^2$.

- **CrossEntropy loss:**

$$L_C = - \sum_i \ln(x_i[argmax(x_i)]) \quad (11)$$

0-1 Digits

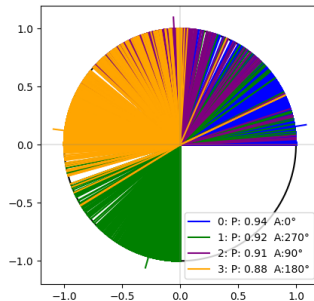
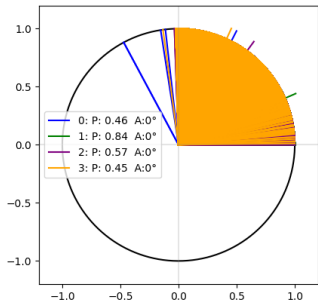
4 Results



- qubits for eval: 7
- qubits for pe: 1
- iterations: 5
- Train-set length: 1200
- Accuracy: 0.998

0-3 Digits

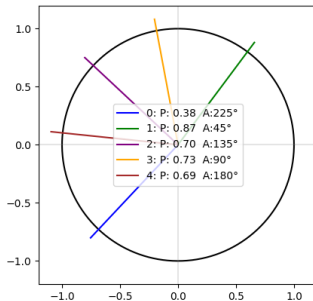
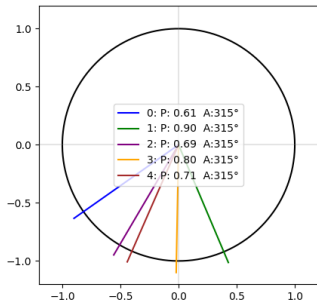
4 Results



- qubits for eval: 7
- qubits for pe: 2
- iterations: 5
- Train-set: 1200
- Accuracy: 0.985

0-4 Digits

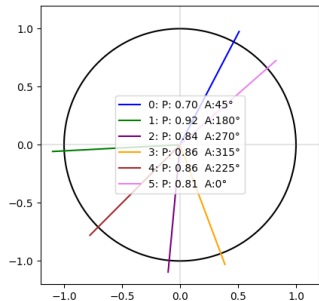
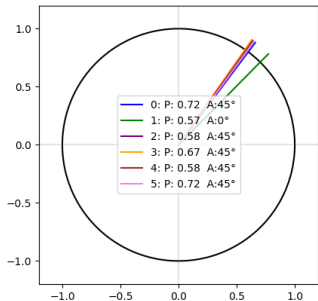
4 Results



- qubits for eval: 7
- qubits for pe: 3
- iterations: 5
- Train-set: 6000
- Accuracy: 0.920

0-5 Digits

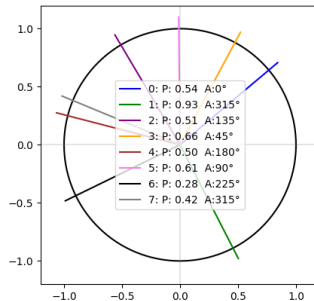
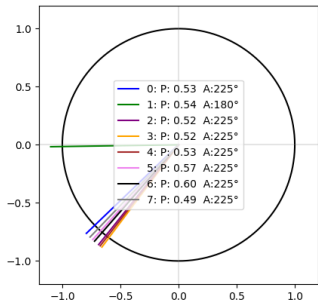
4 Results



- qubits for eval: 7
- qubits for pe: 3
- iterations: 5
- Train-set: 15000
- Accuracy: 0.907

0-7 Digits

4 Results



- qubits for eval: 7
- qubits for pe: 3
- iterations: 5
- Train-set: 33600
- Accuracy: 0.601