# Quantum Diffusion Kernels, Symmetries, Groups

Jue Xu\*

### June 19, 2022

#### Abstract

We discuss the quantum analogue of diffusion kernels on graphs. prove the quantum speedup in terms of groups and symmetries.

# Contents

1	Introduction	
	1.1 Preliminary and Notations	
2	Diffusion Kernels and Continuous-Time Quantum Random Walk	
	2.1 Classical diffusion kernels on graphs	
	2.2 Continuous-time quantum random walk	
	2.3 Relation and examples	
	2.4 Quantum Machine Learning	
3	Provable Quantum Speedups	
	3.1 Symmetries, graph properties, and quantum speedups	
	3.2 Group, invariance, symmetries, physical systems	
4	Experiments	
	4.1 Datasets	
5	Discussion and Conclusion	
$\mathbf{R}$	ferences	
A	Machine Learning, Group Theory, and Lagrangian	
	A.1 Kernel trick in machine learning	
	A.2 Group theory and symmetries	
	A.3 Lagrangian formalism	

# 1 Introduction

group theoretical methods in machine learning by Kondor [Kon08]. diffusion kernel on graphs [KL02] Many insightful and powerful models, like adiabatic quantum computation [Far+00], quantum random walks [Chi04]

<sup>\*</sup>juexu@cs.umd.edu

#### 1.1 Preliminary and Notations

# 2 Diffusion Kernels and Continuous-Time Quantum Random Walk

#### 2.1 Classical diffusion kernels on graphs

[KL02] a kernel function (mapping)  $\mathcal{K}: \Omega \times \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ , a mapping  $\phi: \Omega \mapsto \mathcal{H}_K$ 

$$\mathcal{K}(x, x') = \langle \phi(x), \phi(x') \rangle \tag{1}$$

with Euclidean space  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^m$ 

**Definition 1** (Kernel). A function  $\mathcal{K}$  is a valid kernel (in machine learning) if and only if? the matrix  $\mathcal{K}(x,x')$  is symmetric and positive semi-definite.

**Definition 2** (Graph Laplacian). Given a graph G = (V, E), its adjacency matrix  $\hat{A}$  is defined as

$$\hat{A}(v,v') := \begin{cases} 1, & (v,v') \in E \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (2)

With  $\hat{A}$  at hand, the graph Laplacian is defined as

$$\hat{\mathfrak{L}} := \hat{A} - \hat{D} \tag{3}$$

where  $\hat{D}_{vv} := \mathsf{deg}(v)$  is its diagonal degree of (vertex v) matrix. discrete version of (continuous) Laplacian operator

**Lemma 1.** exponential of i.e.,  $e^{\beta \hat{H}}$  is a valid kernel

The continuous-time random walk on G is defined as the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}p_j(t) = \sum_{k \in V} \hat{\mathfrak{L}}_{jk} \ p_k(t),\tag{4}$$

where  $p_j(t)$  denotes the probability associated with vertex j at time t and  $\hat{\mathfrak{L}}$  is Graph Laplacian. Since the columns of L sum to 0

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \sum_{j \in V} p_j(t) = \sum_{j,k \in V} \hat{\mathfrak{L}}_{jk} p_k(t) = 0$$
 (5)

which shows that an initially normalized distribution remains normalized: the evolution of the continuoustime random walk for any time t is a stochastic process. random walk, heat equation

#### 2.2 Continuous-time quantum random walk

The continuous-time quantum random walk [CFG02] is the quantum analogue of classical diffusion (continuous-time random walk). It is a direct observation that Eq. (4) is very similar to the time-dependent (evolution) schrodinger equation with a Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$ 

$$i\hbar \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} |\psi\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi\rangle \tag{6}$$

except that it lacks the factor of  $i\hbar$ .

#### 2.3 Relation and examples

#### 2.3.1 Ring (closed line)

kernel? quantum propagation

$$\langle z_F | e^{-it\hat{H}_0} | z_I \rangle = \sum_{p=1}^N e^{-it2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}p\right) + i\frac{2\pi}{N}p(z_I - z_F)}$$

$$\tag{7}$$

$$\approx e^{2it}(-i)^d J_d(2t) \tag{8}$$

**Remark 1.** The random walk on this graph starting from the origin (in either continuous or discrete time) typically moves a distance proportional to  $\sqrt{t}$  in time t. In contrast, the quantum random walk evolves as a wave packet with speed 2.

#### 2.3.2 Hyercube

### 2.4 Quantum Machine Learning

# 3 Provable Quantum Speedups

**Theorem 1** ([Chi+03]). There exists exponential separation with respect to query complexity in the adjacency matrix model

[Zhe+22]

#### 3.1 Symmetries, graph properties, and quantum speedups

symmetric functions rule out exponential speedup [Ben+20]

#### 3.2 Group, invariance, symmetries, physical systems

[Gli+21] group theory, [Kon08]; symmetries in physics [Bog+20]; equivariant CNN [Zhe+22]

## 4 Experiments

#### 4.1 Datasets

#### 5 Discussion and Conclusion

# References

- [Ben+20] Shalev Ben-David et al. Symmetries, Graph Properties, and Quantum Speedups. 2020 IEEE 61st Annu. Symp. Found. Comput. Sci. FOCS (Nov. 2020), pp. 649–660. arXiv: 2006.12760 (cit. on p. 3).
- [Bog+20] Alexander Bogatskiy et al. Lorentz Group Equivariant Neural Network for Particle Physics. Proceedings of the 37th International Conference on Machine Learning. International Conference on Machine Learning. PMLR, Nov. 21, 2020, pp. 992–1002 (cit. on p. 3).
- [CFG02] Andrew M. Childs, Edward Farhi, and Sam Gutmann. An Example of the Difference between Quantum and Classical Random Walks. Quantum Inf. Process. 1.1/2 (2002), pp. 35–43. arXiv: quant-ph/0103020 (cit. on p. 2).

- [Chi+03] Andrew M. Childs et al. Exponential Algorithmic Speedup by Quantum Walk. Proc. Thirty-Fifth ACM Symp. Theory Comput. STOC 03 (2003), p. 59. arXiv: quant-ph/0209131 (cit. on p. 3).
- [Chi04] Andrew MacGregor Childs. "Quantum Information Processing in Continuous Time". Thesis. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2004 (cit. on p. 1).
- [Far+00] Edward Farhi et al. "Quantum Computation by Adiabatic Evolution". Jan. 28, 2000. arXiv: quant-ph/0001106 (cit. on p. 1).
- [Gli+21] Jennifer R. Glick et al. "Covariant Quantum Kernels for Data with Group Structure". May 7, 2021. arXiv: 2105.03406 [quant-ph] (cit. on p. 3).
- [KL02] Risi Imre Kondor and John Lafferty. Diffusion Kernels on Graphs and Other Discrete Structures (2002), p. 8 (cit. on pp. 1, 2).
- [Kon08] Risi Kondor. "Group Theoretical Methods in Machine Learning". Thesis. Columbia University, 2008 (cit. on pp. 1, 3).
- [Xu21] Jue Xu. "On Lagrangian Formalism of Quantum Computation". Dec. 7, 2021. arXiv: 2112. 04892 [quant-ph] (cit. on p. 4).
- [Zhe+22] Han Zheng et al. "Speeding up Learning Quantum States through Group Equivariant Convolutional Quantum Ans\"atze". Jan. 20, 2022. arXiv: 2112.07611 [math-ph, physics:quant-ph, stat] (cit. on p. 3).

# A Machine Learning, Group Theory, and Lagrangian

- A.1 Kernel trick in machine learning
- A.1.1 SVM and Kernel
- A.1.2 Quantum machine learning
- A.2 Group theory and symmetries
- A.3 Lagrangian formalism

[Xu21]