

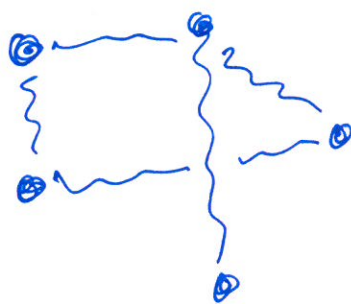
# Learning a (very) quantum Hamiltonian from local measurements.

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## Setup:

### Quantum Hamiltonians:



$$H = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} h_{ij}$$

$h_{ij}$  - Interaction energy between qubits  $i, j$ .

Eigenstates  $|\psi_0\rangle, |\psi_1\rangle, \dots$

Eigenvalues:  $\epsilon_0 \leq \epsilon_1 \leq \dots$

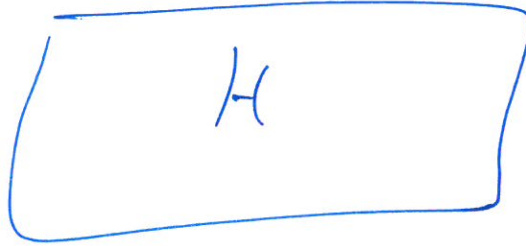
It is relevant mainly in two setups:

(i) Dynamics:  $|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi(0)\rangle$

(ii) Thermodynamics  $\rho_T = \frac{1}{Z_T} e^{-\frac{1}{T}H}$   $Z_T = \text{Tr}(e^{-\frac{1}{T}H})$

# Main Problem:

Learn  $H$  from  
local measurements.



(\*) Experiments

(\*) Verification of quantum Hardware.

Sometimes the quantum problem  
may turn out to be easier than  
the classical Problem.

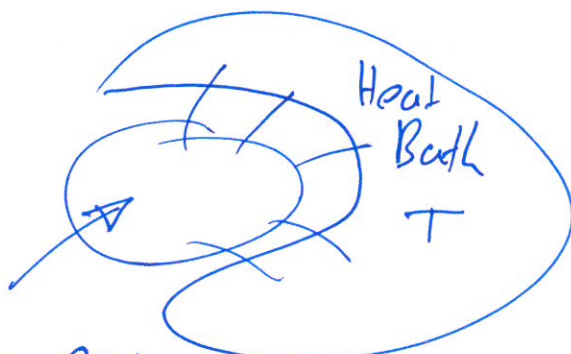
Two setups:

$$(-) |\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi(0)\rangle$$

Sample.



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Sampling from  $p$ .



$$\frac{1}{Z} e^{-\frac{1}{T} H}$$

Gibbs state.

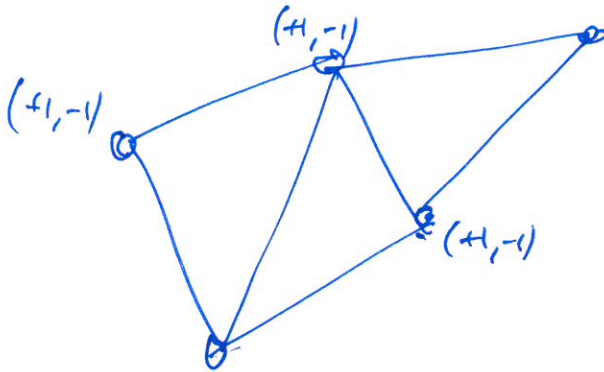
Note: when  $T \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\rho \rightarrow |\phi_0 \times \phi_0|$

because:  $\rho = \frac{1}{Z} [e^{-\frac{1}{T} E_0} |\phi_0 \times \phi_0| + e^{-\frac{1}{T} E_1} |\phi_1 \times \phi_1| + \dots]$

## Classical Problem:

Learning of Boltzmann Machines

(special case of Graphical models,  
AKA Markov Random Fields (MRF))



$$G = (V, E)$$

$$H_{\text{Ising}}(\vec{z}) = \sum_{ij} w_{ij} z_i z_j + \sum_i \theta_i z_i$$

$$P_{\omega}(\vec{z}_1, \dots, \vec{z}_n) = \frac{1}{Z(\omega)} e^{H_{\text{Ising}}(\vec{z})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z(\omega, \theta)} e^{H_{\text{Ising}}(\vec{z})} = \Phi_1(\vec{z}_1, \vec{z}_2) \cdot \Phi_2(\vec{z}_2, \vec{z}_3) \cdot \dots$$

$$\eta \equiv \min \{ |w_{ij}|, |\theta_i| \}$$

$$\lambda \equiv \max_i \left\{ \sum_{j \in N(i)} |w_{ij}| + |\theta_i| \right\}$$

$d$  - maximal  
local degree  
of the  
graph.



Can we learn  $H$  (and the underlying graph  $G=(V,E)$ ) from  $N$  samples?  
How many samples are needed?

Information - Theoretic Lower-Bound!

(Santharam & Wainwright 2009)

To learn the underlying Graph, one needs at least exponential.

$$N = \frac{e^{(1/4)} d \eta \log(\frac{nd}{4} - 1)}{178 e^{\frac{3\eta}{2}}}$$



Family of graphs  $G_{rs} \rightarrow$  remove  $(r,s)$  from  $G$ .

# Upper bounds

Algorithm by Klivans & Meka (2017)

arXiv:1706.06274

A multiplicative-update based alg that is able to recover  $W, \Theta$  and reconstruct  $G$

with

$$N = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \cdot \log\left(\frac{n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$$

with failure prob  $p > 0$ .

$$\text{Prob}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{\sum_{i,j} W_{ij} z_i z_j + \sum_i \Theta_i z_i}$$

To learn  $\{W_{ij}, \Theta_i\}$  we can focus on specific  $i$

$$Y \equiv \frac{1-z_i}{2} \in \{0,1\} \quad \vec{X} \equiv (z_j \mid j \neq i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Prob}(Y=1 \mid \vec{X}) = \mathbb{E}(Y \mid \vec{X} = \vec{x}) = \sigma(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + \Theta)$$

Where  $\sigma(s) \equiv \frac{1}{1+e^{-s}}$  - sigmoid function.

$$\Theta = -\theta_i \quad \bar{\omega} = \{\omega_{ij} \mid i \neq j\}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Learning  $\omega_{ij}, \theta_i$  can be done if  
we learn  $\bar{\omega}, \bar{\theta}$  by sampling  
random variables  $(Y, \bar{X})$  that dist'  
according to  $\mathbb{P}(Y | \bar{X} = \bar{x}) = \sigma(\bar{\omega} \cdot \bar{x} + \bar{\theta})$

Going to the quantum world.

$$H_{\text{classic}}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \sum_{i,j} \omega_{ij} z_i z_j + \sum_i \theta_i z_i$$

$$= \langle z_1, \dots, z_n | \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} \omega_{ij} z_i z_j + \sum_i \theta_i z_i}_{H_{\text{classic}}} | z_1, \dots, z_n \rangle$$

$$\text{Prob}(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \langle z_1, \dots, z_n | \underbrace{\frac{1}{Z}}_P e^{H_{\text{classic}}} | z_1, \dots, z_n \rangle$$

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$$H_Q = \sum_{ij} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \omega_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \sigma_i^\alpha \otimes \sigma_j^\beta + \sum_i \sum_{\alpha} \theta_i^\alpha \sigma_i^\alpha$$

$$\sigma^\alpha = \{X, Y, Z\} \leftarrow \text{Pauli Matrices.}$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{Z} e^{H_Q}$$

We can sample  $\rho$  in different bases  $\rightarrow \{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$   
 $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$

etc...

For example:  $\text{Prob}(0, 0, +, -) =$

$$= \langle 0|_K \langle 0|_K \langle +|_K \langle -| \rho | 0 \rangle | 0 \rangle | + \rangle | - \rangle$$

Can we use these local measurements  
to learn  $\{\omega_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}, \theta_i^\alpha\}$ ?

No longer have the closed form

$$\text{Prob} = \mathbb{P}(\dots) \dots$$



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# Our Approach

$$H_Q = \sum_{ij} \sum_{\alpha\beta} \omega_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \Gamma_i^\alpha \otimes \Gamma_j^\beta + \sum_i \sum_{\alpha} \theta_i^\alpha \Gamma_i^\alpha$$

$$M = O(n^2)$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m S_m$$

$$S_m \in \{\Gamma_i^\alpha, \Gamma_i^\alpha \otimes \Gamma_j^\beta\}$$

Let  $A$  be an observable and  $\rho$  a state  
s.t.  $[H, \rho] = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then: } 0 &= \text{Tr}(A [H, \rho]) = \text{Tr}(\rho [A, H]) = \\ &= \langle [A, H] \rangle = \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \langle [A, S_m] \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Pick  $L > M$  observables (Local)

$$\forall A_\ell: \sum_{m=1}^M \omega_m \langle [A_\ell, S_m] \rangle = 0$$

$$\boxed{\nexists \omega = 0.}$$



$$K = \begin{pmatrix} & & -g \\ & \leftarrow m \rightarrow & \\ & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $L$   
 $\downarrow$

When  $L > m$ , we expect the equation  $K\omega = 0$  to have a unique solution.

Alg:

- ① Generate enough samples to estimate  $K_{em} = \langle [A_e, s_m] \rangle$  to high accuracy.
- ② Invert  $K\omega = 0$ .

Analysis:

Define  $T = K^T \cdot K = m \times m$  PSD.

It has eigenvalues:  $\lambda_0 = 0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots$   
 eigenstates:  $|c_0\rangle, |c_1\rangle, |c_2\rangle, \dots$

If we estimate  $K$  using  $N$  samples then what we actually have is

$$K' = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^N K^{(s)}$$

entries are single measurement results.

$$K' = K + E$$

$$\Rightarrow T' = K'^T K' = (K+E)^T (K+E)$$

$$= K^T K + \underbrace{K^T E + E^T K + E^T E}_{\text{perturbation}}$$

$$\equiv T + V \leftarrow \text{Perturbation.}$$

$$\Rightarrow |c'_0\rangle - |c_0\rangle = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i \neq 0} \frac{|c_i x_{ci}|}{\lambda_i - \lambda_0} V \right)^k |c_0\rangle$$

Thm. (Matrix Chernoff bound)

To get  $\frac{\| |c'_0\rangle - |c_0\rangle \|}{\|c_0\|} \leq \delta$  with Prob  $> \frac{1}{2}$

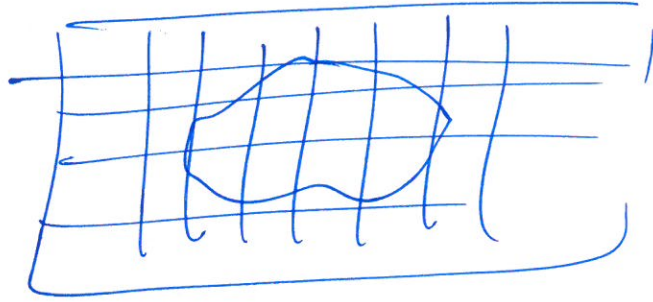
it is enough to use

$$N = O\left(\frac{M^2 L \log(L)}{\lambda_1 \delta^2}\right) \text{ samples.}$$

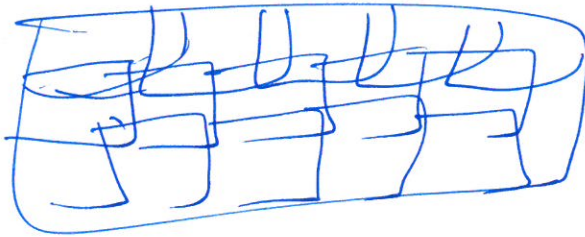
$\Rightarrow$  If the spectral gap  $\lambda_1 > 0$  is  $\Omega(\text{poly}(n))$ , we have a Polynomial complexity.

## Further comments.

- ⊗ If  $H$  is on a grid w. n.n. interactions

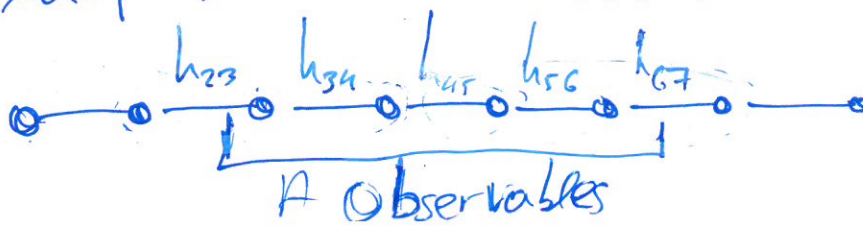


Then if we have a patch  $L$   
 we can recover  $H_L$  only using measurements  
 of observables in  $L$ .  $\rightarrow$  Linear time  
 reconstruction



- ⊗ We can always take the observables  
 $A_L$  to be local, so  $[A_L, S_m]$  is  
 also local.

- ⊗ For example, on a chain:



If we consider all possible observables  $A$

then:  $K_{em} = \text{Tr}(\rho [A_e, S_m])$

Take  $\{A_e\}$   
to be an orthonormal basis.  $\downarrow$

$$= \text{Tr}(A_e [S_m, \rho])$$

$$\Rightarrow [S_m, \rho] = \sum_e K_{em} A_e$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow T_{mm'} &= \sum_e (K_{em}^\dagger)_{m'e} K_{em} = \\ &= \text{Tr}([S_m, \rho]^\dagger [S_{m'}, \rho]) \end{aligned}$$

If  $\rho = |e\rangle\langle e|$

$$[S_m, \rho] = S_m |e\rangle\langle e| - |e\rangle\langle e| S_m$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}([S_m, \rho]^\dagger [S_{m'}, \rho]) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Tr}((|e\rangle\langle e| S_m - S_m |e\rangle\langle e|)^\dagger (S_{m'} |e\rangle\langle e| - |e\rangle\langle e| S_{m'})) \\ &= 2 [\langle e | S_m S_{m'} | e \rangle - \langle e | S_{m'} S_m | e \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \sum c_m S_m$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle e | H^2 | e \rangle - (\langle e | H | e \rangle)^2 = 0.$$



This was the starting point of

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Qi and Ranard (2017)} \\ \text{Chertkov and Clark (2018)} \\ \text{Greiter, Schnells and Thomale (2018)} \end{array} \right.$$

We can also do dynamics:

$$\rho(t) = e^{-iHt} \rho(0) e^{iHt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho(t) = -i[H, \rho(t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{\text{avg}}(T) \equiv \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \rho(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow [\rho_{\text{avg}}, H] &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T [\rho(t), H] dt = \\ &= -i \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \frac{d}{dt} \rho(t) dt = -i \frac{1}{T} [\rho(T) - \rho(0)] \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$