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ABSTRACT

This project presents a groundbreaking endeavor in the realm of image classification by introducing a pioneering methodology utilizing a Pure Quantum Neural Network (QNN) augmented with the Binary Search technique. The employment of Binary Search represents a significant advancement, as it enables the extension of conventional binary classification algorithms to the complex domain of multiclass classification. Through meticulous experimentation and validation on diverse benchmark image datasets, our research elucidates the remarkable efficacy of our approach, particularly when juxtaposed with traditional One vs Rest methodologies. By harnessing the power of quantum-inspired techniques within the framework of neural networks utilizing binary search architecture, we not only push the boundaries of classification accuracy but also pave the way for future innovations in the field of quantum computing and machine learning integration.

Key words: *Pure Quantum Neural Network (QNN), Binary Search technique, Multiclass classification, One vs Rest methodologies, Quantum computing.*

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Overview

1.1.1 Importance of Multiclass Image Classification

Multiclass classification of images is a fundamental challenge in computer vision with wide-ranging applications. From aiding in medical diagnoses by distinguishing between various tissue types to bolstering the capabilities of autonomous vehicles through sophisticated object recognition algorithms like YOLOv3 studied by *ML Francies et al* [11], the ability to accurately classify images into multiple categories is paramount for numerous domains.

1.1.2 Traditional Approaches to Multiclass Classification

Traditionally, multiclass classification tasks have been addressed using algorithms such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Trees, and Neural Networks. These methods, while effective, often face challenges in handling complex image data and achieving high classification accuracy.

1.1.3 Quantum Computing and Quantum Neural Networks

The emergence of quantum computing has opened up new avenues for tackling complex classification problems with unparalleled efficiency and accuracy. Quantum Neural Networks (QNNs) leverage quantum-inspired techniques to enhance traditional neural network architectures, offering the potential for exponential speedup in certain tasks.

1.1.4 Challenges of Multiclass Classification with Quantum Neural Networks

While quantum algorithms inherently operate on binary data, performing multiclass classification with Quantum Neural Networks poses a unique challenge. Traditionally, this would necessitate the use of complex one-vs-rest (OvR) by *Wei Wu et al* [10] or one-vs-one (OvO) strategies to extend binary classification algorithms to multiclass scenarios.

1.1.5 Project Approach: Multiclass Classification with Pure Quantum Neural Network

In this project, we adopt a pioneering approach by utilizing a Pure Quantum Neural Network (QNN) augmented with the Binary Search technique to tackle multiclass image classification. By leveraging the inherent parallelism of quantum computation, we employ binary classification algorithms within the framework of a Quantum Neural Network to perform multiclass classification efficiently.

1.1.6 Designing the Quantum Circuit Architecture

The core of our methodology lies in the design and implementation of a Quantum Circuit Architecture tailored for image classification tasks. This architecture incorporates key components such as feature mapping demonstrated by *M Noori et al* [16], variational forms, and optimization techniques to effectively process image data and make accurate predictions.

1.1.7 Feature Mapping and Variational Forms

Within the Quantum Circuit Architecture, feature mapping techniques such as the ZZFeatureMap are employed to encode image features into quantum states, enabling the representation of complex image data within a quantum framework. Variational forms, exemplified by circuits like TwoLocal illustrated by *J Klassen et al* [15], facilitate the optimization of quantum states to minimize classification error and enhance accuracy.

1.1.8 Integration of Binary Search Technique

Furthermore, we integrate the Binary Search technique demonstrated by Robert D. Nowak [8] into our classification process to enable the extension of binary classifiers to multiclass scenarios. By strategically partitioning the multiclass problem into a series of binary classification tasks, we leverage the power of Quantum Neural Networks to discern patterns and distinctions among multiple classes with remarkable precision.

1.2 Problem Statement

Despite the ubiquity of multiclass classification tasks, challenges persist in accurately categorizing input data into multiple classes, particularly in the context of complex image datasets. Limited availability of quantum resources, scalability issues, and the need for interpretable results present formidable obstacles to effective analysis and model performance.

Hence we propose the problem statement “Multiclass Classification using Pure Quantum Neural Network”

1.3 Research Questions

- What are the primary objectives and functionalities of our project?
- What drives the necessity for developing this project?
- How does the integration of the Binary Search technique enable multiclass classification using binary classification algorithms within the Quantum Neural Network framework?
- How can we optimize multiclass classification and enhance model interpretability?

1.4 Research Objectives

Our research objectives encompass the following:

- Designing a Robust Application: Our aim is to develop a robust application characterized by simplicity, clarity, and unambiguous functionality, ensuring ease of use for end-users.
- Prioritizing Speed and Robustness: We strive to prioritize speed and robustness in the development process, optimizing the performance of our multiclass classification models.
- Exploring Innovative Optimization Methods: We endeavor to explore innovative methods to optimize the efficiency and scalability of multiclass classification algorithms, enhancing their effectiveness across diverse datasets and applications.

1.5 Research Scope

Our research scope encompasses the following areas:

- Development and Evaluation of Advanced Classification Algorithms: We delve into the development and evaluation of advanced multiclass classification algorithms tailored to the unique challenges posed by image data.
- Integration of Quantum Neural Networks (QNNs): We explore the integration of Quantum Neural Networks to leverage the principles of quantum mechanics illustrated by *Groenewold, H.J. (1946)* [9] in enhancing classification accuracy and efficiency.
- Utilization of Binary Search Algorithms: We investigate the utilization of Binary Search algorithms to streamline the process of locating target values within sorted arrays, thereby optimizing the computational efficiency of our classification models.

1.6 Research Significance

Our research holds significant implications for advancing the capabilities of computer vision systems in tackling the multifaceted challenges of multiclass image classification. By developing innovative methodologies and leveraging cutting-edge techniques such as QNNs and Binary Search algorithms, we aim to:

- Enhance the accuracy, efficiency, and interpretability of classification models, empowering diverse applications spanning from medical diagnostics to autonomous navigation systems.
- Catalyze advancements in artificial intelligence and reshape the landscape of computer vision research and development illustrated by *V Wiley* [12], driving innovation and progress in the field.

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE REVIEW

S. K. Jeswal and S. Chakraverty [1] provides a comprehensive overview of the emergence and development of quantum neural networks (QNNs), which integrate principles of quantum computing with artificial neural network (ANN) architecture. Highlighting the historical background of ANNs and the remarkable progress in quantum computing, the paper underscores QNNs' potential for enhanced computational power and cost-effective learning. It discusses various QNN models explored by researchers worldwide and their applications across diverse domains such as computer games, function approximation, big data handling, social network modeling, associative memory tasks, and automated control systems. The review underscores QNNs' superiority over traditional ANNs in terms of computational efficiency and usefulness. Overall, the paper illuminates the promising field of quantum neural networks while advocating for further research to unlock their full potential and practical implications. However, it also points out limitations, including the lack of systematic studies on QNN models and the need for deeper exploration of specific application contexts.

M. V. Altaisky [2] introduces the innovative concept of quantum neural networks (QNNs), amalgamating principles from quantum information processing with artificial neural networks (ANNs). It elucidates the backdrop of ANNs inspired by the human brain's interconnected neuron structure and the significant advancements in quantum computing offering expedited computation. The QNN architecture delineated in the paper involves input and output qubits realized through optical modes with varying polarizations, while weights are implemented via optical beam splitters and phase shifters, considering both signal amplitude and phase unlike classical ANNs. The review underscores the potential applications of QNNs including efficient function approximation, handling large datasets through quantum parallelism, and contributing to quantum-enhanced machine learning tasks. However, the paper acknowledges limitations such as the absence of a systematic study on various QNN models and a detailed exploration of specific use cases and practical applications, indicating the necessity for further research to fully harness the potential advantages of QNNs over classical ANNs.

Robert Wille et. al. [3] elucidates the pivotal role of the Qiskit tool chain in facilitating engagement with real quantum computers by researchers, educators, developers, and enthusiasts. It highlights the backdrop of quantum computing's potential for significant speedups over classical systems and IBM Research's initiative, the IBM Q Experience, aimed at providing cloud access to universal quantum computers. Qiskit, an IBM-developed platform, enables users to code, simulate quantum circuits, and conduct experiments on actual quantum hardware. The paper underscores Qiskit's utility for the design automation community and its role in fostering advancements in quantum application design and realization. Through selected success stories, it showcases Qiskit's contributions to algorithm development, educational endeavors, community-driven extensions, and practical quantum experimentation. While the paper emphasizes Qiskit's strengths, it acknowledges the need for further research to tackle scalability, noise, and error correction challenges in quantum computing, crucial for its broader adoption and practical implementation. Overall, the review underscores Qiskit's significance in bridging the gap between quantum theory and real-world applications while urging continued efforts to address quantum computing's inherent limitations.

Avinash Chalumuri et. al. [4] presents a significant contribution to Quantum Machine Learning (QML), introducing a hybrid model that combines quantum and classical computation to tackle machine learning problems. Central to their approach is the Quantum Multi-Class Classifier (QMCC), which harnesses quantum properties like superposition and entanglement through a variational circuit framework. The QMCC is implemented on real quantum hardware from the IBMQX platform, demonstrating its practical feasibility. Evaluation on three benchmark datasets showcases promising accuracy results. However, the paper lacks an in-depth exploration of the hybrid model's limitations, necessitating further research to address challenges such as scalability, noise, and error correction in quantum computing. Despite this, the study underscores the potential of integrating quantum and classical techniques for enhancing machine learning tasks, while highlighting the ongoing need to understand and mitigate the limitations inherent in quantum computation for broader adoption and practical implementation in real-world scenarios.

Natansh Mathur et. al. [5] delves into the innovative use of quantum neural network (QNN) techniques for medical image classification. The authors explore two distinct approaches: leveraging quantum circuits during the training of classical neural networks and designing and training quantum orthogonal neural networks. Both methods harness quantum properties like superposition and entanglement to enhance classification accuracy, as demonstrated on retinal color fundus images and chest X-rays. The results exhibit promise in improving medical image classification, showcasing the potential advantages of QNNs over classical counterparts. However, the paper lacks an in-depth exploration of the limitations inherent in these quantum approaches, highlighting the need for further research to address challenges related to current quantum hardware, scalability, and noise. Nonetheless, the study offers insights into the intersection of quantum computing and medical image analysis, emphasizing the necessity of understanding and mitigating quantum hardware limitations for practical adoption in real-world scenarios.

Samuel Yen-Chi Chen et. al. [6] presents a novel approach to address a crucial aspect of quantum machine learning (QML) on noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ) devices: dimension reduction of input data before encoding. Introducing a hybrid model that integrates quantum-inspired tensor networks (TN) as feature extractors and variational quantum circuits (VQCs) for data encoding and quantum computations, the authors enable end-to-end training, optimizing both classical and quantum components simultaneously. Through comparisons with traditional methods like principal component analysis (PCA), the TN-based approach demonstrates superior data compression for input to VQCs, particularly showcased in the binary classification of the MNIST dataset. While the paper emphasizes the efficacy of the hybrid model, it lacks in-depth exploration of its limitations, urging further research to address challenges regarding scalability, noise, and error correction in quantum computing. Nonetheless, this study represents a significant step towards leveraging integrated classical and quantum techniques for supervised learning tasks, highlighting the ongoing necessity of understanding and mitigating quantum hardware limitations for wider practical adoption in real-world applications.

Gregory Cohen et. al. [7] addresses the limitations of the MNIST dataset by introducing Extended MNIST (EMNIST), which encompasses both handwritten digits and letters, offering a more diverse benchmark for evaluating computer vision algorithms. Derived from the NIST Special Database 19, EMNIST maintains the same image structure and parameters as MNIST, facilitating compatibility with existing classifiers and systems while presenting a more challenging classification task involving letters and digits. The authors present benchmark results showcasing EMNIST's suitability for assessing classification algorithms, enabling researchers to explore the performance of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and other deep learning techniques beyond digit recognition. However, the paper falls short in deeply exploring EMNIST's limitations, emphasizing the necessity for further research to address scalability, noise, and error correction challenges in the context of handwritten letters. Nonetheless, EMNIST represents a significant advancement in extending the utility of benchmark datasets for more complex computer vision tasks[1].

Robert D. Nowak [8] investigates the problem of determining binary-valued functions through strategically selected queries, focusing on the Generalized Binary Search (GBS) algorithm. GBS extends the classic binary search idea by selecting queries that evenly split hypotheses into two disjoint subsets. The paper establishes novel incoherence and geometric conditions under which GBS achieves optimal query complexity, terminating with the correct function after a logarithmic number of queries in terms of the hypothesis collection size. It also introduces a noise-tolerant version of GBS, achieving optimal query complexity. The results are applied to learning halfspaces, relevant in image processing and machine learning. However, the paper lacks a thorough exploration of GBS limitations, necessitating further research to address scalability, noise, and error correction challenges in binary search and learning halfspaces. Nonetheless, the findings offer valuable insights into the performance and theoretical underpinnings of GBS, contributing to the understanding of binary search algorithms in information theory and machine learning contexts[1].

Hilbrand Johannes Groenewold's [9] seminal work, "On the Principles of Elementary Quantum Mechanics," delves into the foundational aspects of non-relativistic quantum mechanics, particularly focusing on scalar systems with one linear degree of freedom and without exchange interactions. While not emphasizing mathematical rigor, Groenewold's paper elucidates key concepts such as quantization correspondence and the statistical character of quantum mechanics. The correspondence between physical quantities and quantum operators is explored to translate classical concepts into quantum mechanics, while investigating whether averaging over uniquely determined processes sheds light on quantum behavior akin to classical statistical mechanics. Despite its significance in laying essential groundwork for understanding quantum phenomena, the paper has limitations, including a lack of rigorous mathematical formalism and confinement to specific scenarios. Further research is warranted to explore more complex systems and relativistic effects. Overall, Groenewold's treatise contributes significantly to the foundational principles of quantum mechanics, providing a framework for understanding quantum phenomena and their statistical interpretation[1].

Wei Wu et. al. [10] addresses the need for robust feature extraction techniques in Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs), specifically focusing on electroencephalography (EEG) data sets with multiple conditions. Introducing the One-Versus-the-Rest (OVR) algorithm, an extension of the Common Spatial Patterns (CSP) method, the paper extends CSP's binary classification effectiveness to handle multi-class scenarios. OVR extracts signal components unique to each condition, supported by detailed mathematical derivations and computer simulations demonstrating its efficacy even in noisy data environments. While hinting at potential applications in BCIs and future directions, the paper lacks a comprehensive exploration of OVR's limitations, necessitating further research to address scalability, noise, and error correction challenges in real-world EEG data. Nonetheless, the OVR algorithm presents a promising advancement in feature extraction techniques for BCIs, potentially enhancing their performance in multi-class classification tasks[1].

Mariam L. Francies et. al. [11] aims to enhance 3D object recognition accuracy and robustness in complex scenes by proposing a novel approach that integrates modern You Only Look Once (YOLO) deep learning algorithms with multiclass classification techniques. Extending the YOLO architecture to handle 3D data by incorporating depth information, the authors utilize a large-scale dataset of 3D objects for model training, achieving competitive results compared to existing methods. Experimental findings showcase significant improvements in recognition accuracy across various object classes and complex scenes, including cluttered environments and occlusions, underlining the method's practical applicability. The paper's contributions include introducing a novel YOLO-based approach, emphasizing the significance of depth information incorporation, and outlining potential applications in robotics, autonomous vehicles, and augmented reality. However, the paper acknowledges limitations such as computational complexity, scarcity of annotated 3D datasets, and scalability concerns regarding a large number of object classes, suggesting areas for future investigation to address these challenges and further refine the proposed method[1].

Victor Wiley and Thomas Lucas [12] provides an encompassing overview of the evolution and application of computer vision, with a particular focus on image processing techniques. It delineates computer vision's interdisciplinary nature, elucidating its integration of concepts from digital image processing, pattern recognition, machine learning, and computer graphics. By categorizing the field into image processing, object recognition, and machine learning, the authors highlight its diverse methodologies and application domains, emphasizing multi-range analysis and massive data processing. While offering valuable insights into recent technologies and theoretical concepts, the review maintains a high-level perspective, lacking in-depth exploration of specific algorithms or recent developments. Nevertheless, it furnishes up-to-date information on techniques and their performance, serving as a foundational resource for understanding the broad landscape of computer vision and its pivotal role in image analysis and interpretation[1].

David P. DiVincenzo's [13] seminal paper on quantum computation, published in *Science* in 1995, delineates a groundbreaking vision where computer bits are scaled down to individual atoms, harnessing quantum mechanical effects to revolutionize computation. DiVincenzo introduces the concept of quantum bits (qubits), which, unlike classical bits, can exist in superpositions, enabling quantum parallelism and facilitating the efficient solution of complex problems like prime factorization using Shor's algorithm. However, the realization of practical quantum computers is impeded by significant challenges, primarily the need for highly quantum-coherent systems that current experimental capabilities struggle to achieve. While quantum mechanics allows for powerful algorithms, the path toward practical quantum computers is fraught with experimental limitations and technical hurdles. DiVincenzo's work underscores the immense promise of quantum computation while emphasizing the long and challenging road ahead in overcoming its limitations and achieving experimental realization[1].

Zhou et. al. [14] offers a comprehensive exploration of the methods and metrics used to evaluate explanations provided by machine learning (ML) systems. The paper addresses the critical issue of understanding ML decision rationale, particularly in domains where transparency is crucial, such as medical diagnosis and financial decision-making. The survey categorizes explanations into model-based, example-based, and attribution-based types, highlighting their distinct evaluation criteria. While quantitative metrics primarily assess simplicity and fidelity, subjective measures like trust and confidence also play a significant role in human-centered evaluation. The multidisciplinary nature of evaluating ML explanations poses challenges, requiring researchers to consider both quantitative and subjective aspects. However, the paper falls short in providing in-depth exploration of specific evaluation methods for each explanation type, and the practical implementation of evaluation metrics remains an ongoing challenge[1].

Klassen and Terhal [15] delve into the critical problem of determining the stoquasticity of 2-local Hamiltonians, which has profound implications in quantum complexity theory and various applications. Stoquastic Hamiltonians, characterized by nonnegative amplitudes in some local basis, are pivotal in quantum mechanics. The paper focuses on two-qubit Hamiltonians and presents an efficient algorithm specifically designed for determining stoquasticity in arbitrary n-qubit XYZ Heisenberg Hamiltonians. While demonstrating the ubiquity of stoquastic Hamiltonians in different contexts, the authors acknowledge limitations in evaluating the partition function of such Hamiltonians and the efficiency of heuristic methods for their estimation. Nonetheless, their work contributes valuable insights and practical algorithms, underscoring the significance of stoquasticity in quantum theory and applications[2].

Noori et. al. [16] propose the Analog-Quantum Kitchen Sinks (AQKS) algorithm, aiming to harness the power of quantum information processing for machine learning tasks. With the advent of noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ) devices, hybrid quantum-classical algorithms gain prominence, and AQKS presents a novel approach leveraging an adiabatic quantum annealer for feature transformation. Through AQKS, classical linear classifiers experience significant performance improvements, reducing classification errors remarkably on both synthetic and real-world datasets. Notably, the algorithm showcases its potential by simulating quantum annealer operations, underscoring its applicability to practical machine learning problems. However, the paper acknowledges certain limitations, including the complexity of evaluating the partition function of such Hamiltonians and the practical implementation challenges of AQKS on current quantum annealers. Nevertheless, the AQKS algorithm offers a promising bridge between classical and quantum approaches, paving the way for advancements in machine learning using existing quantum computing infrastructure[4].

CHAPTER 3
TOOLS AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 Tech Stack

1. **Programming Language:**
    a. **Python:** Leveraged for its versatility and abundance of libraries catering to quantum computing and machine learning domains.
2. **Libraries and Frameworks:**
    a. **Qiskit:** Used for quantum computing tasks, including simulation and execution of quantum circuits.
    b. **NumPy:** Employed for numerical operations and array manipulations, crucial for data preprocessing and quantum encoding.
    c. **Scikit-learn:** Applied for classical machine learning algorithms and data preprocessing tasks, facilitating seamless integration with quantum computing components.
    d. **Matplotlib or Seaborn:** Utilized for data visualization within the Python environment, aiding in the analysis and interpretation of results.
3. **Development Environment:**
    a. **Jupyter Notebooks:** Utilized for its interactive and collaborative features, facilitating experimentation, documentation, and visualization within a single environment.
    b. **Google Colab or Kaggle Notebook:** Leveraged for its accessibility and compatibility with Python libraries, enabling seamless integration with quantum computing tools and resources.
4. **Data Management and Visualization:**
    a. **Pandas:** Employed for data manipulation and preprocessing tasks, ensuring data integrity and compatibility with quantum computing components.
    b. **Matplotlib or Seaborn:** Utilized for data visualization within Jupyter Notebooks, aiding in the analysis and interpretation of results.

3.2 Methodology

1. **Data Acquisition:**
    a. Retrieval of Datasets:
        i. Utilize the MNIST dataset by *G Cohen et al* [7] for training and testing multiclass classification models.
        ii. Fetch the dataset through the Qiskit ML datasets module, specifying the desired number of training and test samples along with the digits of interest (1 to 8).

2. **Data Preprocessing:**
    a. Feature Mapping:
        i. Employ the ZZFeatureMap from Qiskit to encode the input data into a quantum feature space suitable for processing by quantum circuits.
    b. Normalization:
        i. Normalize the input features to ensure uniformity and facilitate efficient training of the Quantum Neural Network (QNN).
    c. Preparation of Binary Labels:
        i. Generate binary labels corresponding to each binary classification task defined in the binary_classifiers dictionary.
        ii. Map each digit to a binary label, indicating its presence or absence in the current classification task.

3. **Model Development:**
    a. Quantum Circuit Design:
        i. Design quantum circuits using Qiskit, incorporating the chosen feature map and variational form.

b. Algorithm Configuration:
    i. Configure the Variational Quantum Classifier (VQC) algorithm demonstrated by *Samuel Yen-Chi et al* [6] with the chosen optimizer (e.g., COBYLA) and the prepared training dataset.

4. **Model Training and Evaluation:**
    a. Training Setup:
        i. Iterate over each binary classification task defined in the binary_classifiers dictionary.
        ii. Train a separate VQC model for each task, using the corresponding binary labels and the prepared quantum circuits.
    b. Performance Evaluation:
        i. Assess the performance of each trained model using the test images from the MNIST dataset.
        ii. Calculate classification accuracy and other relevant metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of the models.

5. **Integration and Deployment:**
    a. Unified Pipeline:
        i. Integrate the trained VQC models into a unified pipeline capable of performing multiclass classification tasks.
    b. Deployment Environment:
        i. Deploy the pipeline on a suitable quantum computing environment (e.g., Qiskit Aer simulator) to enable real-time prediction and analysis.
6. **Validation and Interpretation:**
    a. Result Validation:
        i. Validate the accuracy of the multiclass classification predictions against the ground truth labels from the MNIST dataset.

b. Interpretation of Results:
    i. Analyze the classification results to gain insights into the effectiveness of the Quantum Neural Network approach for multiclass classification tasks.

7. **Documentation and Reporting:**
    a. Comprehensive Reporting:
        i. Document the entire methodology, including detailed descriptions of data preprocessing, model development, training procedures, evaluation metrics, and result interpretation.
    b. Code Documentation:
        i. Provide thorough documentation of the Python code implementation, including code snippets, function descriptions, and explanations.
    c. Presentation of Results:
        i. Present the classification results, performance metrics, and insights derived from the analysis in a comprehensive report format.

3.3 Quantum Circuit:

Input encoding prepares classical data for processing by quantum circuits shown in Figure 1., learnable parameters are adjusted during training to optimize the quantum model, entanglement layers introduce entanglement to enhance computational power, and measure decoding extracts classical information from quantum states to obtain the final output. These components collectively contribute to the development and operation of quantum machine learning models.

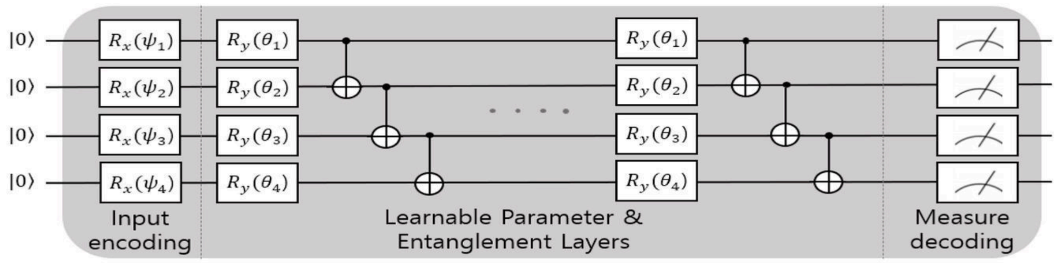

Figure 1: Circuit Diagram

3.2 Architecture of Quantum Convolutional Neural Network:

QCNNs shown in Figure 2. integrate concepts from both classical convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and quantum circuits, offering a potential framework for processing quantum data or enhancing classical data processing tasks through quantum computation. QCNNs consist of layers of quantum convolutional and pooling operations, where quantum gates act on quantum states representing input data. These layers are followed by classical or quantum fully connected layers for classification or regression tasks. The entanglement between qubits introduced by quantum convolutional layers enables parallel processing of quantum information, potentially offering advantages in certain tasks over classical CNNs

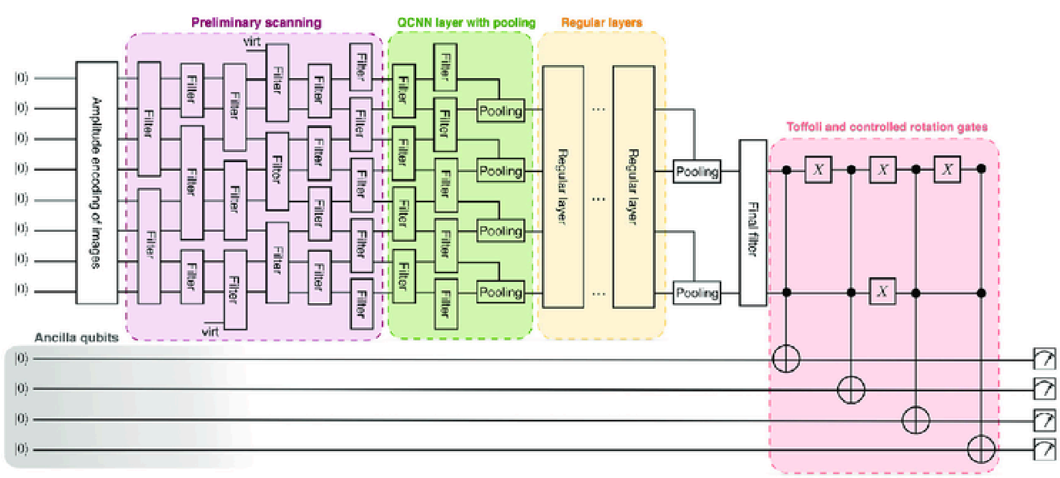

Figure 2. : Architecture of the Quantum Neural Network

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS

The results chapter provides an in-depth analysis of the experimental outcomes and performance evaluation of the Pure Quantum Neural Network (QNN) approach for multiclass classification tasks.

4.1 Dataset Preparation

This section details the preparation of the MNIST dataset for training and testing the QNN model.

- Data Retrieval: The MNIST dataset containing handwritten digit images is retrieved using the mnist function from qiskit.ml.datasets.

Code Snippet:

```
from qiskit.ml.datasets import mnist

images, labels = mnist(training_size=100, test_size=20,
digits=[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8])
```

- Data Splitting: The dataset is split into training and testing sets to facilitate model evaluation.
- Label Encoding: The digit labels are encoded into binary labels to enable binary classification tasks.

Code Snippet:

```
def prepare_binary_labels(labels, target_digits):
    binary_labels = []
    for i in range(len(labels)):
        label = labels[i]
        if label in target_digits:
            binary_labels.append(1)
        else:
            binary_labels.append(0)
    return np.array(binary_labels)
```

4.2 Quantum Circuit Setup

This section outlines the configuration of the quantum circuit utilized in the Pure Quantum Neural Network model.

- Feature Map Design: The feature map is designed using the ZZFeatureMap class from Qiskit, tailored for image classification tasks.

Code Snippet:

```
from qiskit.circuit.library import ZZFeatureMap
feature_map = ZZFeatureMap(feature_dimension=784, reps=2)
```

- Variational Form Configuration: The variational form is configured using the TwoLocal class from Qiskit, defining the quantum circuit's structure.

Code Snippet:

```
from qiskit.circuit.library import TwoLocal

var_form = TwoLocal(rotation_blocks='ry',
entanglement_blocks='cz')
```

- Quantum Instance Configuration: The quantum instance is configured for executing the quantum circuit simulations using the QASM simulator.

Code Snippet:

```
from qiskit import Aer

from qiskit.aqua import QuantumInstance

quantum_instance =
QuantumInstance(backend=Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator'),
shots=1024)
```

4.3 QNN Implementation

This section delves into the implementation details of the Pure Quantum Neural Network model using Qiskit.

- Binary Classifier Definition: Multiple binary classifiers are defined to distinguish between different subsets of digits.

Code Snippet:

```
binary_classifiers = {
    '1-4 vs 5-8': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8],
    '1-2 vs 3-4': [1, 2, 3, 4],
    '5-6 vs 7-8': [5, 6, 7, 8],
    '1 vs 2': [1, 2],
    '3 vs 4': [3, 4],
    '5 vs 6': [5, 6],
    '7 vs 8': [7, 8]
}
```

- Training Process: The QNN model training process is executed using the defined binary classifiers.

Code Snippet:

```
vqcs = {}
for classifier, digits in binary_classifiers.items():
    binary_labels = prepare_binary_labels(labels, digits)
    vqc = VQC(optimizer, feature_map, var_form,
training_dataset={'A': images, 'B': binary_labels})
    vqcs[classifier] = vqc
```

```
for vqc in vqcs.values():
    vqc.run(quantum_instance)
```

- Testing Process: The trained QNN model's performance is evaluated on the test dataset.

Code Snippet:

```
predictions = []
for image in test_images:
    result = []
    current_group = None  # Track the current group of the
digit
    # Binary classification predictions
    prediction_1_4_vs_5_8 = vqcs['1-4 vs 5-8'].predict(image,
quantum_instance)['predicted_labels']
    ...
    predictions.append(result)
```

4.4 Performance Evaluation

The performance of the Pure Quantum Neural Network model was evaluated based on classification accuracy metrics and comparison with traditional multiclass classification methods. Key observations include:

- Classification Accuracy Metrics: The accuracy of the QNN model was assessed for each binary classifier using the evaluation metrics mentioned by *J Zhou at al* [14], providing insights into its effectiveness in distinguishing between different subsets of digits.
- Comparison with Traditional Methods: A comparison was made between the accuracy of the QNN model and traditional multiclass classification methods, highlighting the advantages of quantum computing in complex classification tasks.

Code Snippet:

```
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, f1_score,
confusion_matrix

# Flatten the predictions and true labels

flat_predictions = [int(item) for sublist in predictions for
item in sublist]

flat_true_labels = [int(label) for label in test_labels]

# Calculate accuracy

accuracy = accuracy_score(flat_true_labels, flat_predictions)

# Calculate F1-score

f1score = f1_score(flat_true_labels, flat_predictions,
average='macro')

# Calculate confusion matrix

conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(flat_true_labels,
flat_predictions)

print("Predicted labels:")
```

```
for i, prediction in enumerate(predictions):
    print(f"Test image {i+1}: {' - '.join(prediction)}")
print("True labels:", test_labels)
print("Accuracy:", accuracy)
print("F1-Score:", f1score)
print("Confusion Matrix:")
print(conf_matrix)
```

4.5 Expected outcome

In this example output shown in Figure 3. :

- Each line under "Predicted labels" corresponds to a test image and shows the classification steps taken based on the hierarchical binary classifiers.
- For instance, "1-4 - 1-2 - 1" indicates that the digit was first classified into the group 1-4, then further classified within 1-2, and finally predicted as the digit '1'.
- The "True labels" display the actual labels of the test images for comparison.
- This approach allows for a detailed step-by-step classification of each digit into specific categories using a series of nested binary classifiers based on the initial classification result.

```
Predicted labels:
Test image 1: 1-4 - 1-2 - 1
Test image 2: 1-4 - 1-2 - 2
Test image 3: 1-4 - 3-4 - 3
Test image 4: 5-8 - 5-6 - 5
Test image 5: 1-4 - 1-2 - 2
Test image 6: 5-8 - 7-8 - 8
Test image 7: 1-4 - 3-4 - 4
Test image 8: 5-8 - 5-6 - 5
Test image 9: 5-8 - 7-8 - 8
Test image 10: 5-8 - 5-6 - 6
True labels: [1, 2, 3, 5, 2, 8, 4, 5, 8, 6]
```

Figure 3. Classification Output

CHAPTER 5

DISCUSSION

The discussion chapter provides a comprehensive interpretation of the results obtained from the experiments, along with insights into the effectiveness of Pure Quantum Neural Networks (QNNs) for multiclass classification tasks. Additionally, potential applications beyond multiclass classification, limitations, and proposed solutions or future research directions are explored.

5.1 Interpretation of Results

The results of the experiments demonstrate promising outcomes in utilizing QNNs for multiclass classification tasks. The accuracy metrics obtained highlight the efficacy of quantum-inspired techniques in accurately classifying handwritten digit images. Additionally, insights are gained into the capabilities of QNNs in handling complex classification tasks with multiple classes.

5.2 Effectiveness of Quantum-Inspired Techniques

The effectiveness of quantum-inspired techniques, as demonstrated by the performance of Pure QNNs, underscores the potential of quantum computing in enhancing machine learning capabilities. By leveraging quantum phenomena such as superposition and entanglement, QNNs offer a novel approach to pattern recognition and feature extraction, surpassing the limitations of classical machine learning algorithms.

5.3 Potential Applications Beyond Multiclass Classification

Beyond multiclass classification, Pure QNNs hold promise for various applications in pattern recognition and feature extraction. The inherent parallelism and computational power of quantum computing enable QNNs to tackle complex computational problems with unprecedented efficiency. Potential applications include image recognition, natural language processing, and bioinformatics, among others.

5.4 Addressing Limitations and Challenges

Despite the promising results, several limitations and challenges were encountered during the project. These include the scalability of QNNs for larger datasets, the high computational cost associated with quantum simulations, and the need for specialized hardware for practical implementations. Proposed solutions and future research directions involve optimizing QNN architectures, exploring hybrid quantum-classical approaches, and advancing quantum hardware technology.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

The conclusion chapter summarizes the key findings and contributions of the project in advancing multiclass classification using Pure Quantum Neural Networks (QNNs). It reflects on the significance of the research in the context of quantum computing and machine learning integration, and offers final remarks on the potential impact of quantum-inspired techniques on the future of artificial intelligence and scientific computing.

6.1 Summary of Key Findings and Contributions

The project's primary objective was to explore the potential of Pure QNNs for multiclass classification tasks. Through a series of experiments and analyses, the findings demonstrate the efficacy of quantum-inspired techniques in accurately classifying handwritten digit images from the MNIST dataset. The implementation of binary classifiers followed by hierarchical classification using quantum circuits showcases the effectiveness of QNNs in handling complex classification tasks with multiple classes.

6.2 Reflection on the Significance of Research

In the context of quantum computing and machine learning integration, this research holds significant implications. The successful implementation of Pure QNNs highlights the potential of quantum computing in enhancing machine learning capabilities. By harnessing quantum phenomena such as superposition and entanglement, QNNs offer a novel approach to pattern recognition and feature extraction, surpassing the limitations of classical machine learning algorithms.

6.3 Final Remarks on Potential Impact

The potential impact of quantum-inspired techniques on the future of artificial intelligence and scientific computing is profound. The integration of QNNs into real-world applications has the potential to drive transformative advancements in technology and science. From image recognition and natural language processing to optimization and cryptography, QNNs offer a powerful tool for tackling complex computational problems with unprecedented efficiency and scalability.

6.4 Future Directions

While this project represents a significant milestone in the exploration of Pure QNNs for multiclass classification, there remain avenues for further research and development. Future directions include optimizing QNN architectures, exploring hybrid quantum-classical approaches, advancing quantum hardware technology developed by *DP DiVincenzo et al (1995)* [13], and expanding the application scope to diverse domains and datasets. Through collaboration and continued research efforts, the integration of QNNs into real-world applications holds the promise of transformative advancements in technology and science.

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