

Quantum Propagation

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In this paper I present an algorithm for simulating quantum functions, by quantum propagation.

A quantum binary function f is non-deterministic with a complex probabilistic existential path:

$$f : () \rightarrow \mathbb{B}^n \quad \exists_{pc} f : \mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

A partial observation g of f is a deterministic function that removes some information:

$$g \cdot f \quad g : \mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}^m \quad m < n$$

The probabilistic existential path of $g \cdot f$ is computing by summing over complex probability amplitudes and taking the norm squared. The norm squared can be written as a product:

$$|x|^2 \Leftrightarrow x \cdot x^*$$

Now, since x is a sum of complex probability amplitudes, one can expand the product:

$$(\sum_i \{x_i\})(\sum_j \{x_j\})^* = \sum_{i,j} \{x_i x_j^*\}$$

From n amplitudes, this forms n^2 basis vectors, which are symmetric since $x_i x_j^* = x_j x_i^*$. These are still complex numbers, only their sum has a zero imaginary component.

Instead of summing over outcomes, one can pick a random basis vector $x_i x_j^*$ such that:

$$g(i) = g(j) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (i, j) : [g] [eq] \text{ true}$$

The random basis vector is added to the corresponding outcome.

This is the basic principle for simulating quantum functions using this technique.

- Probabilities can be computed directly by summing over propagated basis vectors
- In the limit, this sum converges toward a real probability for each outcome
- At any given instant, every outcome is equally probable if f is semi quantum

For example, if $f : () \rightarrow \mathbb{B}^2$ and $\text{and} : \mathbb{B}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$, there are two outcomes:

$[f] [\text{and}] \text{ false}$	00	01	10	$3^2 = 9$
$[f] [\text{and}] \text{ true}$	11			$1^2 = 1$

Even $[f] [\text{and}] \text{ false}$ seems to happen 9 times as often as $[f] [\text{and}] \text{ true}$,

it is correct to just sum this up, because the equation $|x|^2 = x \cdot x^*$ also holds for sums.

In the limit, this converges toward a real probability when normalized $|x|^2 / (|x|^2 + |y|^2)$.

When the sample size is short, there can be non-zero outcomes that converges to zero probability.

Also, the deviation of $P(x)$ for small sample sizes affects the corresponding $P(y)$.