Quantum circuit

Ryuhei Mori

Tokyo Institute of Technology

26, Oct., 2021

Boolean circuit

- Boolean function $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$.
- Boolean circuit is a model of computation of a Boolean functions which consists of logic gates.

Universality of {AND, OR, NOT}

Theorem

For any Boolean function $f: \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$, there is a Boolean circuit with AND, OR and NOT gates computing f.

Proof.

The proof is an induction on n. Theorem is trivial for n = 1. Assume that Theorem holds for Boolean functions $n \le k - 1$.

$$f(x_1,\ldots,x_k)=(x_k\wedge f(x_1,\ldots,x_{k-1},1))\vee (\overline{x_k}\wedge f(x_1,\ldots,x_{k-1},0)).$$

Size of Boolean circuits

Size of Boolean circuit := # of AND/OR gates in the Boolean circuit.

Let C(f) be a smallest size of Boolean circuit computing $f: \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$.

Let $s(n) := \max_{f : \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}} C(f)$.

$$f(x_{1},...,x_{n}) = (x_{n} \wedge f(x_{1},...,x_{n-1},1)) \vee (\overline{x_{n}} \wedge f(x_{1},...,x_{n-1},0))$$

$$s(n) \leq c + 2s(n-1)$$

$$\frac{s(n)}{2^{n}} \leq \frac{c}{2^{n}} + \frac{s(n-1)}{2^{n-1}}$$

$$\leq c \left(\frac{1}{2^{n}} + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2}\right) + s(0) \leq c + s(0)$$

 $s(n) = O(2^n).$

Lower bound of size of Boolean circuits

The number of Boolean functions with n variables is 2^{2^n} .

The number of Boolean circuits of size s is at most

$$(8(n+s)^2)^s.$$

This means

$$(8(n+s(n))^2)^{s(n)} \ge 2^{2^n}$$

$$\iff s(n)\log(8(n+s(n))^2) \ge 2^n$$

$$\implies s(n) \ge \frac{2^n}{3n} \quad \text{for sufficiently large } n.$$

In fact,
$$s(n) = \frac{2^n}{n}(1 + o(1))$$
.

Quantum circuit

- Quantum circuit is a model of computation of Boolean functions which consists of quantum gates.
- Single qubit gate: X gate, Y gate, Z gate, H gate, $S := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{bmatrix}$ gate X
- Two qubit gate: CNOT gate ______
- Three qubit gate: Toffoli gate



"Classical computation" by a quantum circuit

Lemma

For any function $f: \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$, there is a quantum circuit on n+1+w qubits which consists of X, CNOT and Toffoli gates for U satisfying

$$U|x\rangle|y\rangle|0\rangle^{\otimes w}=|x\rangle|y\oplus f(x)\rangle|0\rangle^{\otimes w}$$

for all $x \in \{0,1\}^n$, $y \in \{0,1\}$. Here, the number w of working qubits (ancilla) is at most C(f) + 1 and the number g of quantum gates is at most O(C(f)).

A sketch of a proof.

Translate a Boolean circuit to a quantum circuit.

Universality of a quantum circuit

Theorem (Universality of finite gate set)

For any unitary matrix $U \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^{2^n})$ and $\epsilon > 0$, there is a quantum circuit with X, Y, Z, H, S, CNOT, Toffoli gates computing \widetilde{U} satisfying $\|U - \widetilde{U}\| < \epsilon$.

Proof.

In the next lecture.

Oracle model

- Input is given by an oracle.
- Classical oracle: oracle gate $i \mapsto x_i$.
- Quantum oracle: quantum oracle gate $U|i\rangle |y\rangle = |i\rangle |y \oplus x_i\rangle$.
- Query complexity: the number of oracle calls.
- Circuit size: the number of total quantum gates.

Deutsch-Jozsa problem

- There is a hidden Boolean function $f: \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$ that is a constant or balanced.
- Quantum oracle $U_f |x\rangle |y\rangle = |x\rangle |y \oplus f(x)\rangle$.
- Goal is to determine whether f is constant or balanced.
- Classical deterministic algorithm needs $2^{n-1} + 1$ oracle calls.
- Deutsch–Jozsa algorithm solves this problem by single oracle call (and O(n) gates).

Deutsch-Jozsa algoritnm

The probability of outcome

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{2^{n}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^{n}} \sum_{z \in \{0,1\}^{n}} (-1)^{f(x)} (-1)^{\langle x,z \rangle} |z\rangle |1\rangle \\ &= \sum_{z \in \{0,1\}^{n}} \left(\frac{1}{2^{n}} \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^{n}} (-1)^{f(x)} (-1)^{\langle x,z \rangle} \right) |z\rangle |1\rangle \end{split}$$

The coefficient of $|0\rangle^{\otimes n}|1\rangle$ is $S:=\frac{1}{2^n}\sum_x (-1)^{f(x)}$. Here, $S^2=1$ if f(x) is constant, and $S^2=0$ if f(x) is balanced.

In the Deutsch–Jozsa algorithm, the first n qubits are measured and output "constant" if all-zero is measured, and output "balanced", otherwise.

Assignments

 $oldsymbol{0}$ Describe quantum circuits computing the following Boolean functions, i.e., quantum circuit U satisfies

$$U|x\rangle|y\rangle|0\rangle^{\otimes w}=|x\rangle|y\oplus f(x)\rangle|0\rangle^{\otimes w}$$

for some w.

- $A f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) := x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3 \oplus x_4.$
- **B** $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) := x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge x_3 \wedge x_4$.
- $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) := (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_3 \vee x_4).$
- **1** $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) := \text{Majority of } x_1, x_2 \text{ and } x_3.$
- ② (Advanced) For fixed $S \subseteq \{1, 2, ..., n\}$, a Boolean function f is either $g_a(x) = a + \sum_{i \in S} x_i \mod 2$ for $a \in \{0, 1\}$ or h(x) satisfying $\sum_x (-1)^{g_0(x) + h(x)} = 0$. Show quantum algorithm that distinguishes the two cases $f(x) = g_0(x)$ or $g_1(x)$ and f(x) = h(x) for h(x) satisfying the above condition.