# Quantum Neural Network Simulation Project Proposal

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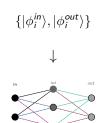


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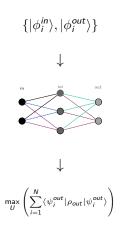
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This is a reasonable set of data since the most general quantum network will apply an arbitrary unitary gate, and hence the most general circuit should be able to approximate such actions.

### **Architecture**

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And, hence, a total circuit of L layers returns  $\rho_{out}$ , defined below, for some given input state  $\rho_{in}$ .

$$\rho_{\mathrm{out}} = \epsilon^{\mathrm{out}} \left( \epsilon^{L} \left( \epsilon^{L-1} \left( ... \epsilon^{1} \left( \rho_{\mathrm{in}} \right) ... \right) \right) \right)$$

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3. The partial trace over the  $(\ell-1)$ th layer's Hilbert space is taken, resulting in the output state  $\rho_\ell$  of the  $\ell$ -th layer.

$$\rho_\ell = \mathsf{Tr}_{\ell-1}[\rho_\ell'']$$

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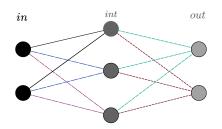
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For input mixed states, we may replace the above with an averaged fidelity between output and target states of the form:

$$C = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \mathsf{Tr} \left[ \sqrt{\sqrt{\rho_i} \rho_i^{\mathsf{out}} \sqrt{\rho_i}} \right] \right)^2$$

### **Training**

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Training may be performed by evolving each unitary via the following map:

$$U_m^\ell o e^{i\varepsilon K_m^\ell} U_m^\ell$$

which is parameterized by the step size  $\varepsilon$ , and where  $K_\ell^m$  is derived from the derivative of the cost function and takes the following form:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{K}_{m}^{\ell} &= \eta \frac{2^{m_{\ell}-1}}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathrm{Tr}_{\neg \ell} \bigg[ \left( \prod_{n=0}^{m-1} U_{m-n}^{\ell} \right) \left( \left( |0\rangle^{\otimes m_{\ell}} \langle 0|^{\otimes m_{\ell}} \right)_{\ell} \otimes \rho_{i}^{\ell-1} \right) \left( \prod_{n=1}^{m} U_{m}^{\ell \dagger} \right), \\ & \left( \prod_{n=m+1}^{m_{\ell}} U_{n}^{\ell \dagger} \right) \left( \sigma_{i}^{\ell} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{\ell-1} \right) \left( \prod_{n=1}^{m_{\ell}-(m+1)} U_{m_{\ell}-n}^{\ell} \right) \bigg] \end{split}$$

where the square brackets denote a commutator and  $\sigma_i^\ell = \mathcal{F}^{\ell+1}(\dots \mathcal{F}^{out}(\rho_i^{out})\dots)$  is the adjoint channel to the layer-to-layer transition map  $\epsilon^\ell$  for layer  $\ell$ .

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Goals will include the following:

- 1 Define auxilary functions in an appropriate manner (partial trace, concatenated unitary actions, etc.)
- 2 Define layer-to-layer transition maps of arbitrary qubit size
- 3 Define arbitrary depth layer composition (network of arbitrary depth)
- 4 Define appropriate cost function
- 5 Implement corresponding training scheme
- 6 Test on set(s) of data
  - (a) Compare performance on different underlying unitaries
  - (b) Compare performance for data set size used in training
  - (c) (time permitting) Compare performance on noisy data

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