

# PQC Function Evaluation

## Weeks 1-3

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# Background

- Hayes 2023<sup>1</sup> presents a scheme to encode a complex vector  $\mathbf{h} = \{\tilde{A}_j e^{i\Psi(j)} | 0 \leq j < N\}$  as the state

$$|h\rangle = \frac{1}{|\tilde{A}|} \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \tilde{A}(j) e^{i\Psi(j)} |j\rangle, \quad (1)$$

using  $n = \lceil \log_2 N \rceil$  qubits

- This requires operators  $\hat{U}_A$  and  $\hat{U}_\Psi$  such that

$$\hat{U}_A |0\rangle^{\otimes n} = \frac{1}{|\tilde{A}|} \sum_{j=0}^{2^n-1} \tilde{A}(j) |j\rangle, \quad (2)$$

$$\hat{U}_\Psi |j\rangle = e^{i\Psi(j)} |j\rangle \quad (3)$$

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<sup>1</sup><https://arxiv.org/pdf/2306.11073>

- $\hat{U}_\Psi$  is constructed via an operator  $\hat{Q}_\Psi$  that performs **function evaluation** in an ancilla register:

$$\hat{Q}_\Psi |j\rangle |0\rangle_a^{\otimes m} = |j\rangle |\Psi'(j)\rangle_a, \quad (4)$$

with  $\Psi'(j) \equiv \Psi(j)/2\pi$

- Currently,  $\hat{Q}_\Psi$  is implemented using gate-intensive *linear piecewise functions (LPF)*

## Aim

Implement  $\hat{Q}_\Psi$  in a gate-efficient way using a parametrised quantum circuit (PQC)

## Remark

The  $n$ -qubit register containing the  $|j\rangle$  and the  $m$ -qubit register containing the  $|\Psi'(j)\rangle$  will be referred to as the **input register** and **target register**, respectively.

# Approach: a QCNN

- A *quantum convolutional neural network* (QCNN) is used to tackle the problem
- A QCNN is a parametrised quantum circuit involving multiple layers
- Two types of network layers are implemented:
  - Convolutional layers (CL) involve multi-qubit entanglement gates
  - Input layers (IL)<sup>2</sup> involve controlled single-qubit operations on target qubits
- Input qubits only appear as controls throughout the QCNN

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<sup>2</sup>Replacing the conventional QCNN *pooling layers*

# Convolutional Layers (CLs)

- Each CL involves the cascaded application of a **two-qubit operator** on the target register
- A general two-qubit operator involves 15 parameters
- To reduce the parameter space, the **three-parameter gate**

$$\mathcal{N}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \exp(i[\alpha X \otimes X + \beta Y \otimes Y + \gamma Z \otimes Z]) \quad (5)$$

is applied, at the cost of restricting the search space

- This can be decomposed<sup>3</sup> into 3  $CX$ , 3  $R_z$ , and 2  $R_y$  gates
- A two-parameter real version,  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{R}}(\lambda, \mu)$ , can be obtained by removing the  $R_z$

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<sup>3</sup><https://arxiv.org/pdf/quant-ph/0308006>

# Convolutional Layers (CLs)

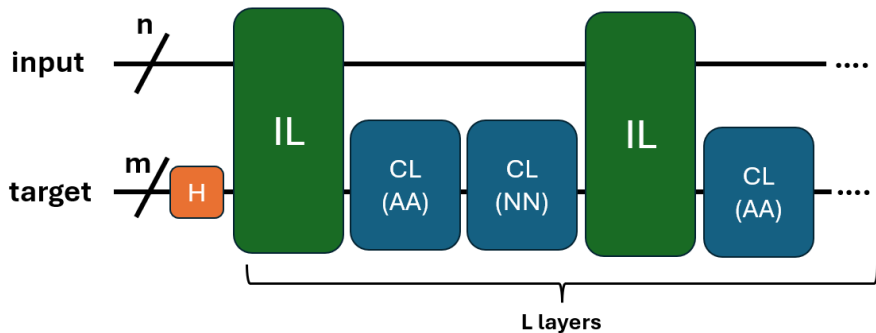
- Two types of convolutional layers are implemented:
  - **Neighbour-to-neighbour / linear CLs**: the  $\mathcal{N}$  (or  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{R}}$ ) gate is applied to neighbouring target qubits
  - **All-to-all / quadratic CLs**: the  $\mathcal{N}$  (or  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbb{R}}$ ) gate is applied to all combinations of target qubits
- The  $\mathcal{N}$ -gate cost of neighbour-to-neighbour (NN) layers is  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  while that of all-to-all (AA) layers is  $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$
- Currently, the QCNN uses alternating linear and quadratic CLs



# Input Layers (ILs)

- ILs, replacing pooling layers, feed information about the input register into the target register
- An IL involves a sequence of controlled generic single-qubit rotations (*CU3 gates*) on the target qubits, with input qubits as controls
- For an IL producing states with *real* amplitudes, the *CU3* gates are replaced with *CR<sub>y</sub> gates*
- Each input qubit controls precisely one *CU3/CR<sub>y</sub>* operation, resulting in an  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  gate cost (no CX gates!)
- ILs are inserted after every second convolutional layer, alternating between control states 0 and 1

# Summary: QCNN Structure



# Training the QCNN

ADD SUBSECTIONS: SEQUENTIAL, SUPERPOSITION, ASIDE:  
AMPLITUDES (maybe put the aside as a footnote for superposition)..  
.. add smth about challenges ??