Why The Following Doesn't Give Log-Local, Constant Gap Hamiltonian?

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1 New Approach.

Consider the following promise problem:

Definition 1.1. Given a constant $\alpha \in (0,1)$ and k-local Hamiltonian H overt n qubits it is promised that either for any quantum states $\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \geq b$ or:

- 1. There exists $|\psi\rangle$ such that $\langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle\leq a$
- 2. For any $w \subset [n]$, $|w| < \alpha n$ the state $|\phi\rangle = |\psi\rangle|_w = Tr_w(|\psi\rangle)$ has energy at most $\langle \phi|H|\phi|\rangle \le a + \frac{b-a}{2}$

Note that if $b - a \in 1/poly(n)$ then the deciding which of the case holds is a problem in **QMA**. We will name that complexity class by: Class.

Claim 1.1. $qPCP \subset Class$. [COMMENT] For the claim to be true we have to pick w from a subset of qubits such any of them supports at most O(1) local terms. That requirement is problematic since the clock qubits are involved in all terms. We will have to overcome that issue.

Proof. Index the local terms of the Hamiltonian by H_i , and consider it's action on $|\phi\rangle$ as define in Definition 1.1. If H_i isn't supported on w then it contributes the same energy as it would contribute to $|\psi\rangle$. In the other case, when H_i act on qubits in w we bound it's contribution from above by $||H_i|| = 1$. Since any qubit supports at most c = O(1) local terms, We can bound $|\phi\rangle$ energy by $a + \frac{1}{m}c \cdot w$, Therefore taking $\alpha = \frac{(b-a)}{2c} \cdot \frac{n}{m}$, which is constant, gives the requirements.

Claim 1.2. There exists a constant $\alpha \in (0,1)$ such for sufficiently large n there is a function $f: [n^2] \to [n]$ and a partition (not disjoin) $A_1, A_2, A_3..., A_l$ such that:

- 1. $f(A_i) = \{f(x) : x \in A_i\} = [n]$
- 2. for all $i, j \in [n]$ either $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ or $|A_i \cap A_j| > (1 \alpha)n$.
- 3. for any A_i there exactly n A_i such $A_i \cap A_i \neq \emptyset$.

Remark 1.1. A weaker version of Claim 1.2 for vanishing α can be got easily using products, i.e define $f_2 : [n^4] \to [n^2]$ as $f = f_1 \times f_1$ where f_1 is a solution for n. Then one can easily concludes that a solution for $\langle n_0, \alpha_0 \rangle$ immediately implies a solution for

$$\langle n_0^{\frac{\log(1-\alpha)}{\log(1-\alpha_0)}}, \alpha \rangle$$

[COMMENT] The number of the groups is $4n^2$ where what's needed is $2n^2$. I don't know how to prove Claim 1.2 and don't sure weather is it even correct.

Claim 1.3. Class is qPCP-Hard.

Proof. Let H be the Hamiltonian of given Class instance. Let's obtained from it the following Hamiltonian H' over n^2 qubits. Using Claim 1.2 associate for each A_i a copy of H when H acts on any $x \in A_i$ as same as the canonical H acts on f(x). Now assuming H's energy $\geq b$, i.e the first case. Then the H' assigns at least $l \cdot b$ energy for any state. On the other hand, If H belongs to the first case then we have that turning on the ground state of each local term gives $l \cdot (a + n \cdot \frac{b-a}{2})$. ([COMMENT] For that we have also to assume that $H_i \cap H_j \cap H_k = \emptyset$).

Thus H''s (normalized) gap is at least:

$$n \cdot \frac{b-a}{2}$$

So the above is a mistake, the gap is $b-a-n\cdot\frac{b-a}{2}$ which is less than b-a, namely we didn't amplified the gap.

2 Several Hamiltonians Constructions.

Definition 2.1. Let $C = U_T U_{T-1} \dots U_0$ be a quantum circuit. Denote by Z(C) the random variable circuit that is obtained by the following random process: Z(C) is the chain of $X_S X_{S-1} \dots X_0$ such that $X_0 = U_0$, $X_S = U_T$ and X_i is defined recursively. If $X_{i-1} = U_j$ for j > 0, then X_i is chosen uniformly from $\{U_{j+1}, U_j^{\dagger}\}$. We will call any circuit that can be a result of such a process a C-Zigzag.

Definition 2.2. Let $C = U_T U_{T-1} ... U_0$ be a quantum circuit. We will name any Hamiltonian that can be obtained by the following random process as a C-hashed. First, we chain C with itself $\Theta(T)$ times as follows:

$$\rightarrow CC^{\dagger}CC^{\dagger}CC^{\dagger}C..C^{\dagger}CC^{\dagger}CC^{\dagger}C$$

Now, any local terms in the propagation Hamiltonian will be at the form of:

$$I - \frac{1}{\Lambda} \left(U_i \left| t + 1 + 2T \cdot m' \right\rangle \left\langle t + 2T \cdot m \right| + U_{i+1}^{\dagger} \left| t + 1 + 2T \cdot m \right\rangle \left\langle t + 1 + 2T \cdot m' \right| \right)$$

where Δ is the degree of the vertex associated with $|t+2T\cdot m\rangle$ in the adjacency graph (where each time coordinate is associated with a vertex and two vertices are connected only if there is a check that verifies their consistency with each other). We choose the local terms such that the adjacency graph has uniform degree and Δ is a constant number.

Definition 2.3. The C-hashed-Zigzag Hamiltonian will be the mixed of the two technics above. Given circuit C we first generate a C-Zigzag circuit from it, denote it by C' with length T' and then we apply the hash reduction, but this time we also allow connection at the form:

$$U_i |t+1+2T'\cdot m'\rangle \langle t'+2T'\cdot m|$$

where the $U_t..U_0 = U_{t'}..U_0$ in C' (basically, in time t' we have returned to the state at time t).

Definition 2.4. We will say that the following Hamiltonian is a C-multilayers if it can be obtained by the follow process. For a given graph G, any local term in H_{prop} will have the following form:

$$I - \frac{1}{\Delta} \left(U_i \left| u, t+1 \right\rangle \left\langle v, t \right| + U_{i+1}^{\dagger} \left| v, t \right\rangle \left\langle u, t+1 \right| \right)$$

Where v, u are connected vertices in G. In some sanse, any pair of adjoint layers (belongs to consective time step) are form 'expander graph' (Yet, the total expansion of the obtained graph is still low).

Definition 2.5. Let C a quantum circuit, and let $P: C \times s \to C$ be a function which given a quantum circuit C and a seed s maps the circuit into another circuits. We will think about P as a mapping ideal circuits to those which might run in the end. We will say that C_f is a P-fault tolerece verision of C if for any state such that $C \mid \psi \rangle$ measure 1 with high probability, it holds that $P(C_f, s) \mid \psi \rangle$ measure string $\overline{1}$ (on which we think as logical 1) with high probability.

Claim 2.1. Let $C_f = U_T U_{T-1} ... U_0$ be a P-fault tolereance circuit verision of circuit C. Than for any t < T it holds that:

$$||P\left(U_{1}^{\dagger}U_{2}^{\dagger}..U_{t}^{\dagger},s\right)P\left(U_{t}..U_{2}U_{1},s'\right) - I||_{op} < 1/poly(T)$$

3 What we would like to have:

Consider the LPS expander on n vertices and denote $t \sim l$ if t is adjacent to l. Let $M_{\Delta} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ be the matrix defined by the product: [COMMENT] Such M_{Δ} dosn't exists.

$$\langle u|M_{\Delta}|l\rangle^* \langle l+1|M_{\Delta}|t-1\rangle \langle t|M_{\Delta}|v\rangle = \mathbf{1}_{t\sim l}\mathbf{1}_{u=t}\mathbf{1}_{v=l}$$

Given the Hamiltonian $H_{\text{init}} + m \cdot 2I - H_{\text{prop}} + H_{\text{end}}$, consider the Hamiltonian $\alpha H_{\text{init}} + m \cdot 22\Delta I - H_{\text{prop}} M_{\Delta} H_{\text{prop}} + \beta H_{\text{end}}$. Denote H_{prop} by $U_1 \otimes |2\rangle \langle 1| + U_2^{\dagger} \otimes |1\rangle \langle 2| + \cdots$. Now let $\Lambda_{t,l}$ be defined such that:

$$\Lambda_{l,t}^{\dagger} U_l^{\dagger} U_t \Lambda_{t,l} = U_l U_{l-1} ... U_{t+1} U_t$$

And consider the diagonalization $W^{\dagger}H_{\text{prop}}M_{\Delta}H_{\text{prop}}W$. Where:

$$W = \sum \Lambda_{t,l} U_{t-1} U_{t-2} ... U_1 \otimes |t\rangle \langle t| M_{\Delta} |l\rangle \langle t|$$

$$\Rightarrow W^{\dagger} = \sum U_1^{\dagger} U_2^{\dagger} ... U_{t-1}^{\dagger} \Lambda_{t,l}^{\dagger} \otimes |t\rangle \langle t| M_{\Delta} |l\rangle^* \langle t|$$

Notice that:

$$\begin{split} W^{\dagger}U_{l}^{\dagger}U_{t}\left|l\right\rangle\left\langle l+1\right|M_{\Delta}\left|t-1\right\rangle\left\langle t\right|W = \\ W^{\dagger}U_{l}U_{t}\left|l+1\right\rangle\left\langle l\right|M_{\Delta}\left|t\right\rangle\left\langle t\right|\left|t\right\rangle\left\langle t\right|M_{\Delta}\left|v\right\rangle\left\langle t\right|\Lambda_{t,v}U_{t-1}U_{t-2}..U_{1} = \\ U_{1}^{\dagger}U_{2}^{\dagger}..\Lambda_{l,u}^{\dagger}U_{l-1}^{\dagger}U_{t}\Lambda_{t,l}U_{t-1}..U_{1}\left|l\right\rangle\left\langle l\right|M_{\Delta}\left|u\right\rangle^{*}\left\langle l\right|\left|l\right\rangle\left\langle l+1\right|M_{\Delta}\left|t-1\right\rangle\left\langle t\right|\left|t\right\rangle\left\langle t\right|M_{\Delta}\left|v\right\rangle\left|l\right\rangle\left\langle t\right| \\ U_{1}^{\dagger}..U_{l}^{\dagger}\Lambda_{l,t}^{\dagger}U_{l}^{\dagger}U_{t}\Lambda_{t,l}U_{t-1}..U_{1}\left|l\right\rangle\left\langle t\right| = \left|l\right\rangle\left\langle t\right| \\ \Rightarrow W^{\dagger}H_{\mathrm{prop}}M_{\Delta}H_{\mathrm{prop}}W = \sum_{i\sim j}\left|i\right\rangle\left\langle j\right| \end{split}$$

And the history state will look like:

$$|\eta\rangle = \sum \Lambda_{t,l} U_{t-1} U_{t-2} ... U_1 |x_0\rangle \otimes |t\rangle \langle t| M_{\Delta} |l\rangle$$

4 Lets change it a little bit.

Mabye we should define Λ to be depands on a single paramter, namely Λ_t and:

$$\Lambda_l^{\dagger} U_l^{\dagger} U_t \Lambda_t = U_l U_{l-1} ... U_{t+1}$$

That wil allow us to group terms, and if

$$\sum_{v,u} \langle u|D|l\rangle^* \langle l+1|M_{\Delta}|t-1\rangle \langle t|D|v\rangle = \mathbf{1}_{t\sim l}$$

Then we win. So now we ask wheter there exsits such D, M_{Δ} and Λ_t 's. (Or approximation).

Claim 4.1. There are such Λ 's and they given by:

$$\Lambda_l^{\dagger} = U_l \Lambda_{l-1}^{\dagger} U_{l-1}^{\dagger} U_l$$

Proof. By induction, assume existness for any $l, t \leq l-1$, namely $\Lambda_{l-1} = U_{l-1}^{\dagger} U_{l-2} \Lambda_{l-2} U_{l-1}^{\dagger}$. Then:

$$\begin{split} \Lambda_l^\dagger U_l^\dagger U_t \Lambda_t = & \Lambda_l^\dagger U_l^\dagger U_{l-1} U_{l-1}^\dagger U_t \Lambda_t \\ & \Lambda_l^\dagger U_l^\dagger U_{l-1} \Lambda_{l-1} \Lambda_{l-1}^\dagger U_{l-1}^\dagger U_t \Lambda_t = \Lambda_l^\dagger U_l^\dagger U_{l-1} \Lambda_{l-1} \cdot \ U_{l-1}..U_{t+1} = \\ & U_l U_{l-1}..U_{t+1} = \\ & \Rightarrow \Lambda_l^\dagger = U_l \Lambda_{l-1}^\dagger U_{l-1}^\dagger U_l \end{split}$$

What about defining $\tilde{D} = \langle t | \mathbf{1}_{t \sim l} | l \rangle$, $D = \tilde{D}/det(D)$ and $\langle l + 1 | M_{\Delta} | t - 1 \rangle = \mathbf{1}_{t \sim l} 1/\Delta^2$?

5 Ideas.

- 1. M_{Δ} has to be unitar (and not just hermitan).
- 2. H_{init} and H_{end} are the critical terms and deserve more gentle treatment.

6 Constant Clock.

We can encode the time by unarity encoding. namely $|t\rangle = |1^t000..\rangle$. Then the check $|l\rangle \langle t|$ replaced by the check $|1_l0\rangle \langle 1_t0|$. And we also add checks for the validity of the input $|*10*1\rangle \langle *10*1|$ that add a quaderic number of checks.

7 Using the classical LTC as hmiltonian

The idea of looking for a quantum LTC code through a construction of CSS code just committed to failure as approximating the ground state of local commute Hamiltonian sets on the expanders is in NP. Yet that fact also gives hope that using the classical LTC codes, as non-commute Hamiltonian on expanders, as they are as quantum Hamiltonian might yield a Hamiltonian which approximates it is in QMA. Let $H_X = J_0I - \mathcal{T}(V^+, C_A \otimes C_B)H_Z = J_0I - \mathcal{T}(V^+, C_A^{\perp} \otimes C_B^{\perp})$. Here the notation H_X is used to describe Hamiltonia and not a parity check matrix. Denote $H = H_X + H_Z$.

Definition 7.1. Consider the Hamitonain above, over $\frac{1}{4}\Delta^2 n$ qubits, the decion problem q-c-LTC[a, b] is to answer wheter there exsits state $|\psi\rangle$ such that $\langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle\leq a$ or that for any state the $\langle\psi|H|\psi\rangle\geq b$.

Claim 7.1. q-c-LTC[a, b] in QMA.

Proof. By definition the problem is Local Hamiltonian with polynomial gap. \Box

Claim 7.2. q-c-LTC[a, b] in quantum PCP.

$$\langle \psi | H_X + H_Z | \psi \rangle \ge \kappa d (\psi, C_X) + \kappa d (\psi, C_Z)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle \varphi | + \langle \psi |) H \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\varphi \rangle + |\psi \rangle)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_X | \varphi \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \psi | H_Z | \psi \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_X | \psi \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_Z | \psi \rangle +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \langle \psi | H_X | \psi \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_Z | \varphi \rangle$$

$$= a + \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_X | \psi \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_Z | \psi \rangle$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \langle \psi | H_X | \psi \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_Z | \varphi \rangle$$

$$\ge a + \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_X | \psi \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_Z | \psi \rangle$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \kappa d (C_X, \psi) + \frac{1}{2} \kappa d (C_Z, \varphi)$$

$$\ge a + \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_X | \psi \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \varphi | H_Z | \psi \rangle$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \kappa d (C_X, \psi) + \frac{1}{2} \kappa d (C_Z, \varphi)$$

$$\Pr\left[\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \ge b\right] \le \delta$$

Suppose that $\Pr[\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \geq b] \leq \delta$, So at most δ of the vertices has energy greater than b and at least $1-\delta$ of the vertices has energy less than a. We will say that good vertex is a negative vertex that sibiling only to one positive vertex which doesn't pass the test. We will say that a normal vertex is a positive non-passing vertex that adjoint only to good vertices. What can we say about the normal vertices?

Claim 7.3. Let $x \in \mathbb{F}_2^{\Delta}$ and denote by H_x the Hamiltonian which on the ith coordinate applay X if $x_i = 1$ and identity otherwise. And let $c(x) \in [\Delta, \rho\Delta, \delta\Delta]$ be the codeword obtained by encoding x. Then $H_x \leq H_{c(x)}$.

$$\sum H_{x_i} \to \sum_{|I|=m} \prod_{x^i \in I} H_{x_i} \to \sum_{|I|=m} H_{\sum_{x_i \in I} x_i}$$

$$\to \sum_{|I|=m} H_{c\left(\sum_{x_i \in I} x_i\right)} \to \sum_{|I|=m} H_{\sum_{z_i} z_i}$$

8 Exersices.

Exercise 8.1 (Beasd on Free Games). Consider the following protocol, First we measure k arbitrary qubits in the Fourier base, then we take only the bits measured zero.. [COMMENT] somthing here is wrong.

Definition 8.1. BellQMA protocol is a QMA varition when the Arthur is restricted to perform only non adaptive and untangled measurments and classical computation.

Claim 8.1. There is a BellQMA protocol which, given a 3-SAT instance with m clauses, uses $\Theta(\sqrt{m})$ Merlines, each of them sends $Q(\log m)$ quabits. The protocol has a completeness $1 - \exp(-\Omega(\sqrt{m}))$ and soundness $1 - \Omega(1)$.

Bottom line, They shown that the entangled measurment is not necessary.

Definition 8.2. Given state $|\psi\rangle$ over n qubits. Let $|\psi^{(i)}\rangle$ be one qubit state defined as $|\psi^{(i)}\rangle = (\langle 0|\psi\rangle) |0\rangle + (\langle 1|\psi\rangle) |1\rangle$. In addition, define the state $|\psi\rangle^{-i}$ to be the state over n-1 qubits, obtained by tracing out the ith qubit. We will abuse the notation and denote by $|\psi^{-i}\rangle \otimes |\psi^{(i)}\rangle$ the results by stacking in the qubit of $|\psi^{(i)}\rangle$ in the ith position.

Claim 8.2. Denote by H_f the k-local Hamiltonian obtained by applying Kitaev reduction on a fault tolerant circuit, with gap $b-a \ge 1/\text{poly}(n)$. And suppose there is a state $|\psi\rangle$ over n qubits with energy lower than a. Then for any $i \in [n]$ it holds that

$$\langle |\psi^{-i}\rangle \otimes |\psi^{(i)}\rangle |H_f| |\psi^{-i}\rangle \otimes |\psi^{(i)}\rangle \rangle < a$$

Definition 8.3. Given H_f Consider the Hamiltonian H_f' over 2n qubits defined by summing local terms H_j such that either H_j is a local term of H_f or that there exist H_i in H_f such that H_i equavilance to H_j on k-1 nontrival coordinates, and in addition, let $l \in [n]$ be the kth nontrivial qubit been act by H_i and denote the by U the corresponding operation applyied by it, namely $H_i^{(l)} = U$. Then $H_i^{(l+n)} = U$.

Claim 8.3. If H_f has a, b-gap, So is H'_f . Furthmore H'_f has the same locality.

Definition 8.4. Let H be a local Hamiltonian and consider the a qunbit q. Denote by H(q) the set of the local terms in H act nontrivially on q. Now we will define the q, ζ -majority-term relative to H, $M[H, q, \zeta]$, to be the k^2 Hamiltonian defined by:

$$\langle \psi | M[H,q,\zeta] | \psi \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & \mathbf{Pr}_{H_i \sim H(q)} \left[\langle \psi | H_i | \psi \rangle \geq 1 \right] \geq \zeta \\ 0 & \mathbf{Pr}_{H_i \sim H(q)} \left[\langle \psi | H_i | \psi \rangle \geq 1 \right] < \zeta \end{cases}$$

Claim 8.4. There is a f(k)-time algorithm that compute $M[H, q, \zeta]$ where f(k) is a function of k, namely doesn't depend on n.

Definition 8.5. Let H be a k-local, Denote by $M[H,\zeta]$ the ζ -majority Hamiltonian relative to H to be:

$$M[H,\zeta] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q \in [n]} M[H,q,\zeta]$$

Claim 8.5. There exist ζ such that $M[H,\zeta]$ is k^2 local Hamiltonian with $1\frac{1}{2}$ gap.

Proof. Suppose that H has a state $|\psi\rangle$ with energy below a. Then:

$$\begin{split} \langle \psi | M[H,q,\zeta] | \psi \rangle &= \mathbf{E}_{\sim q} \left[\langle \psi | M[H,q,\zeta] | \psi \rangle \right] \\ &= \mathbf{E}_{\sim q} \left[\mathbf{Pr}_{H_i \sim H(q)} \left[\langle \psi | H_i | \psi \rangle \geq 1 \right] \geq \zeta \right] \\ &\leq \frac{\mathbf{E}_{\sim q} \left[\mathbf{E}_{H_i \sim H(q)} \left[\langle \psi | H_i | \psi \rangle | q \right] \right]}{\zeta} \\ &\leq \frac{\mathbf{E}_{H_i \sim H} \left[\langle \psi | H_i | \psi \rangle \right]}{\zeta} \leq \frac{a}{\zeta} \end{split}$$

Frathmore consider the case in which for every state it holds that $\langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \geq b$, and denote by α the portion of the qubits which see lass than ζk energy around them, then:

$$\begin{split} \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{H_i \in H} \langle \psi | H_i | \psi \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{m \cdot k} \sum_{q \in [n]} \sum_{H_i \in H(q)} \langle \psi | H_i | \psi \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{n \cdot k_2} \sum_{q \in [n]} \sum_{H_i \in H(q)} \langle \psi | H_i | \psi \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n \cdot k_2} n \cdot k_2 \left(\alpha \zeta + (1 - \alpha) \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha \leq \frac{1 - b}{1 - \zeta} \end{split}$$

$$\langle \psi | M[H,q,\zeta] | \psi \rangle = \mathbf{E}_{\sim q} \left[\langle \psi | M[H,q,\zeta] | \psi \rangle \right]$$