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Quantum Computation - Exam

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A quantum compiler has a different role from a compiler on a classical computer for a language like C. A compiler on a classical computer translates a high-level language to machine code. A quantum programming language is already low-level, working at the level of quantum logical gates. So what does a quantum compiler actually do?



Converts the gates used to the gates available on the hardware.



Creates a pulse sequence to control the quantum processing unit.



Maps multi-qubit operations to the connectivity structure of the qubits in the hardware.



Decomposes user-defined unitary operations to elementary gates.



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Imagine that you want to apply a CNOT where qubit 0 controls qubit 1. The hardware, however, can only implement the CZ gate defined as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It can also implement any single-qubit gate. How would you map CNOT to this quantum computer?

- ☐ Apply an X gate on qubit 1, apply CZ where qubit 0 controls qubit 1. Then apply X on qubit 1 again.
- ☐ Apply an X gate on qubit 0, apply CZ where qubit 0 controls qubit 1. Then apply X on qubit 1.
- ☒ Apply an H gate on qubit 1, apply CZ where qubit 0 controls qubit 1. Then apply H on qubit 1 again.
- ☐ Apply an Z gate on qubit 0, apply CZ where qubit 0 controls qubit 1. Then apply Z on qubit 0 again.

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The $R_y(\theta)$ gate is defined as $\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & -\sin(\theta/2) \\ \sin(\theta/2) & \cos(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix}$. What is the outcome if we apply this gate with $\theta = \pi$ on $|1\rangle$

☐ $|0\rangle$ ☐ $|1\rangle$ ☒ $-|0\rangle$ ☐ $(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ Enviar

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We evolve the Hamiltonian $H = \sigma^Z$ on a single qubit for some time t and we would like to reverse it. What's the corresponding U^\dagger ?

☐ $\exp(-i\sigma^Z t)$ ☒ $\exp(i\sigma^Z t)$ ☐ $\exp(-i\sigma^{Z\dagger} t)$ Enviar

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Numerical Input

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We perform annealing with a linear schedule and we know that the minimum gap for $H(t)$ for any t during the transition is 0.2. What's the approximate speed limit?



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In adiabatic quantum computing and quantum annealing, we typically start annealing with the Hamiltonian $H = \sum_i \sigma_i^X$, which is just the transverse field on all sites. Why?

☒ It is a non-interacting system, so each site has an independent ground state, making it easy to achieve.

☐ The transverse field is easily switched to the external field in the classical Ising model.

☐ This Hamiltonian ensures a linear schedule for the adiabatic transition.

☒ The ground state is the uniform superposition, allowing the exploration of the solution space of the classical Ising model.



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Numerical Input

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What is the largest n for which you can embed a K_n complete graph in a single unit cell in a Chimera graph?

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Multiple Choice

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A quantum annealer gives some value as the lowest energy solution out of a thousand samples. How do you know it is optimal?

☐ It is always optimal, since the annealer follows the adiabatic pathway.

☒ We don't know. We can only compare it to the best known classical solution.

☐ It is easy to verify exactly with a polynomial time classical algorithm.

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Superconducting architectures are...

☒ The most popular target for implementations.

☒ Use silicon-based fabrication.

☐ Can have arbitrary connectivity between qubits.

☐ Have a long coherence time.



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In the Trotterization of the adiabatic transition, we alternate the time evolution between the mixer and target Hamiltonians, so the overall evolution is written as $U \approx U(H_0, \beta_0) U(H_1, \gamma_0) \dots U(H_0, \beta_p) U(H_1, \gamma_p)$. What is the role of γ_i and β_i ?

☐ The coupling and field strengths of the target and the mixer Hamiltonians.

☒ The length of time evolution for the two Hamiltonians at each step.

☐ They are hyperparameter not affected by optimization.



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The p parameter in QAOA...

☐ Is optimized over.

☒ Controls the accuracy of the approximation.

☒ Controls the depth of the circuit.

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What's the temperature in the approximate Boltzmann distribution if you perform quantum annealing at finite temperature?

☐ The temperature that should be of the dilation refrigerator.

☒ It is an effective temperature that you have to calculate based on the samples.

☐ It is an effective temperature that you choose depending on the thermal state you want to sample.



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You are preparing the thermal state of the mixer Hamiltonian in the quantum approximate thermalization protocol. The inverse temperature β is infinite. What's the starting state before you run QAOA?

☐ $|\psi\rangle = \sqrt{2 \cosh 1/T} \sum_{z \in -, +} e^{-z/T} |z\rangle \otimes |z\rangle$

☒ The uniform superposition.

☐ $\mathbb{I}/2$.



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