

*CLOUD COMPUTING FOR
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Introduction

Quantum computer and Cloud computing

- Cloud based quantum computing
 - Quantum processor through cloud
 - Many industry starts to develop system
 - Ex) Amazon Braket, Xanadu Quantum Cloud
 - Cloud computing helps quantum computing
- Is there a method for quantum computer to help cloud computing?
 - Maybe solving Important problem for cloud service
 - Which is hard to solve in classical computer

Introduction

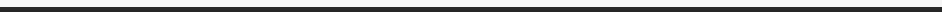
Importance of Bin Packing Problem (BPP)

- Cloud service with the multi-server
 - Important to make operation costs down
 - Have to use energy efficiently
- Solving the Bin packing problem^[1]
 - jobs can be efficiently allocated to machines for cloud service
 - Bin packing problem is an Np-hard problem so it's difficult to solve classically
- Goal of this project
 - Solve bin packing problems using several quantum optimization algorithms for cloud computing
 - Compare results form algorithms

Introduction

Project Plan

- Solve BPP Problem
 - In classical way
 - Using Gourbi Optimizer
 - Quantum way
 - Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm
 - Quantum Alternating Operator Ansatz
 - Feedback-based Quantum Optimization
 - Compare Result
- Expected result
 - Classical algorithm will solve much faster because problem is very small
 - FALQON maybe efficient because no need of extra optimizer



Method

Problem

Description

BPP

- Bin Packing Problem (BPP)
 - Optimization problem
 - Pack (n) items with different size (w) to finite number (u) of bins size C
- Mathematical formulation of BPP [2]

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \sum_{i=1}^u y_i \\ & \text{subject to } \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_{ij} < c y_i \quad (i = 1 \dots u) \\ & \sum_{i=1}^u x_{ij} = 1 \quad (j = 1 \dots n) \\ & x_{ij}, y_i \in \{0,1\} \end{aligned}$$

Method

Classical algorithm

- BPP is Binary Linear Programming (NP-Hard)
- Change Problem to Quadratic Unconstraint Binary Optimization
 - Change inequality constraint to equality constraint using extra variable
 - Add constraint to cost function with penalty term
- Using Gurobi optimizer ^[3]
 - Cutting plane
 - Branch and Bound
 - Branch and cut
- Performance
 - Fast solve for small size problem
 - Hard to solve in big size

Method

Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA)

- Quantum Algorithm for combinatorial optimization
 - Find state minimize $\langle \psi(\beta, \gamma) | H_C | \psi(\beta, \gamma) \rangle$
 - Make state in quantum circuit and optimize using classical algorithm
- Method (Ansatz) [4]
 - $|\psi(\beta, \gamma)\rangle = U_B(\beta_p)U_C(\gamma_p) \dots U_B(\beta_1)U_C(\gamma_1)|s\rangle$
 - $U_B(\beta_k) = e^{-i\beta_k H_B \Delta t}, U_C(\gamma_p) = e^{-i\gamma H_C}$
 - H_B : Mixer Hamiltonian
 - H_C : Problem Hamiltonian express cost function
- Implementation to problem
 - Using problem as QUBO formulation
 - Change binary variable (0,1) to 1, -1 variable
 - Optimize parameter using classical ADAM optimizer

Method

Quantum Alternating Operator Ansatz

- More general class of quantum state
 - Can dealing with optimization problem with constraints
- Method (Ansatz) [5]
 - $|\psi(\beta, \gamma)\rangle = U_B(\beta_p)U_C(\gamma_p) \dots U_B(\beta_1)U_C(\gamma_1)|s\rangle$
 - Almost same formula with QAOA
 - Mixer makes state only in feasible subspace
 - Initial state to single feasible solution (satisfy constraint)
- Impetration to problem
 - constraint \rightarrow mixer operator (Don't have to convert in QUBO)
 - Ex) for constraint $x_a + x_b = 1$
 - $|1\rangle\langle 0|_a \otimes |0\rangle\langle 1|_b + |0\rangle\langle 1|_a \otimes |1\rangle\langle 0|_b$
 - Because one of x_a or x_b have to be 1
 - Train Variable and see

Method

Feedback- based Quantum Optimization (FALQON)

- Quantum Optimization algorithm using Quantum way optimization method
 - Don't need extra classical optimizer
- Method [6]
 - $|\psi(\beta)\rangle_k = U_B(\beta_k)U_C \dots U_B(\beta_1)U_C|+\rangle$
 - $U_B(\beta_k) = e^{-i\beta_k H_B \Delta t}, U_C = e^{-iH_C \Delta t}$
 - Recursively calculating β_1 to β_l
 - $\beta_{k+1} = -\langle\psi_k|i[H_B, H_C]|\psi_k\rangle$
- Implementation to problem
 - Convert problem to QUBO formulation
 - Repeat iteration to find optimal solution

Simulation

Toy model

- Problem
 - 2 bin with size 3 each
 - Work a (size 1) + work b (size 2)
- Index formulation
 - 10 bit to express whole problem
 - 0,1 bit -> if each bin(1st and 2nd) are used
 - 2,3 bit -> if each work (1st and 2nd) are in 1st bin
 - 4,5 bit -> if each work (1st and 2nd) are in 2nd bin
 - 6,7,8,9 -> extra variable for inequality constraint
- Optimal solution
 - Work a and b into first or second bit (using 1 bin)
 - [1011000000] : All work in 1st bin
 - [0100110000] : All work in 2nd bin

Simulation

Classical Result

- Simulation method
 - Use python for problem generation
 - Calculate using personal computer
 - Use Gurobi (gurobipy) for classical optimizer
- Gurobi result
 - [1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0] (optimal solution)
 - 0.01621 second
 - Get optimal solution directly in very small amount of time



Simulation

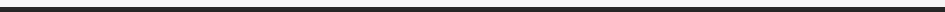
How to Compare Quantum Algorithms

- If using bigger depth or iteration, performance of optimization will also increase
 - QAOA : time = depth X Iteration
 - Assuming no time needed for classical optimization
 - Falcon : time = depth(depth+1)/2
 - Assuming time for unitary is same for all algorithm
- Hard to compare
 - Different optimization method
 - Classical for QAOA vs Quantum for FALQON
 - Same # of variable is X
- Select Parameter
 - QAOA : depth 10, Iteration 500 -> 5000
 - FALCON : depth 100 -> 5000

Simulation

Quantum Result

- Simulation Method
 - Use python for problem generation
 - PennyLane for circuit implementation
 - Use personal computer to train (same as classical)
 - To compare time of algorithms
 - Verify solution using Amazon Web Services – SV1
 - Not using real hardware because comparing performance of algorithm is goal of this project
- QAOA result
 - [0100110000] (Optimal1 and max prob): 0.0172
 - [1011000000] (Optimal2): 0.0159
 - Find optimal state with high probability
 - Time : 467 sec



Simulation

Quantum Result

- QAO Ansatz Result
 - [0110010101] (Max prob): 0.02647
 - [0100110000] (Optimal1): 0.01145
 - [1011000000] (Optimal2): 0.00776
 - Fail to find solution
 - Time for training : 430 sec
- FALQON Result
 - [0000000000] (Max prob): 0.0148
 - [0100110000] (Optimal1): 0.01375
 - [1011000000] (Optimal2): 0.01375
 - Optimal1 + Optimal2 > Max
 - Get optimal state for high probability
 - Time : 128.5 sec

Conclusion

Discussion

- Comparison of Quantum Algorithm
 - Time need in classical simulator
 - QAOA > QAO Ansatz > FALCON
 - Performance
 - QAOA (find solution) > FALQON > QAO Ansatz
 - For small size Bpp problem, using QAOA is better than others
 - Comparison of Classical and quantum
 - Classical algorithm find solution much faster
 - Classical algorithm is accurate (can find optimal solution)
 - Reason of low performance in Quantum algorithm
 - Stop iteration to fast because of fair comparison
 - Need to tune Hyperparameter
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Conclusion

Future work

- Try solving bigger problem
 - For toy problem, classical algorithm was better
 - Compare performance and find scalability
 - Maybe beneficial for quantum
 - Try different quantum algorithms
 - Other Extensions of QAOAs
 - Durr – Hoyer algorithm (Quadratic speed up)
 - Try to solve more realistic problem
 - For cloud computing, Bin Packing with Chance Constraints(BPCC) is more realistic^[9]
 - Solve harder version of BPP using quantum
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