Development of a Transformed based architecture to solve the Time Independent Many Electron Schrodinger Equation

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Abstract

With accurate solutions to the many electron Schrodinger equation all the chemistry could be derived from first principles. Try to find analytical is prohibitively hard due the intrinsic relations between each component on a molecule (electrons and protons). Recently Deep Learning approaches had been used like the FermiNet and Pauli Net but they lack of of scalables architectures such that maintain the acceptables errors even on large molecules.
In this work I develop the a architecture based on the Transformer to tackle this problems.

Introduction

The success of deep Learning across different fields like protein folding Jumper et al. (2021), visual modeling Dosovitskiy et al. (2021), and PDEs solvers Raissi et al. (2019) has sparked great interest from the scientific community to apply DL methods to their fields.

specifically finding a good aproximmation for the Quantum Many-Body wave eqaution the is one of those places where have shown that deep learning could overpass traditional methods Luo & Clark (2019) , Qiao et al. (2020), but there is still many challenges specifically, the computational power needed for large molecules becomes prohibitively expensive.

Tackling that problem the Transformer architecture had demonstrate that scaling laws are not so much complicated for him. Cite

Motivated for that in this work I develop a transformer architecture called Psifomer. von Glehn et al. (2023)

Objectives

- Obtain a model which is able to approximate the ground state state energy of the carbon atom.
- Compare our model with another state of the art methods to solve the many electrons Schrodinger equation respect the ground state energy.
- Prove empirically computational efficiency supremacy over traditional methods.

Overview

This work is structured as follow:
The theoretical framework introduces the foundations of quantum many-body theory, the structure of the Schrodinger equation for many electrons like also foundational concepts of Deep Learning, the Transformer architecture and Fermi Net a architecture that use Neural Networks to solve the problem and this work is built up on.
The concepts presented in this section provide the physical and mathematical context for the proposed model.

The part where the model itself is introduced.

The methodology section details a brief construction of the **Psiformer** and the environment which is going to be use.

Theoretical Framework

In order to solve the problem we have to grasp the physics laws that our solution have to follow,

The Schrodinger Equation

The Schrodinger equation was presented in a series of publication made it by Schrodinger in the year 1916. He derived the time dependent equation:
We search the complex ψ function called **wave function**, $|\psi|^2$ is a probability distribution telling the probability of find a particle (electron) is a specific position.
This function is rule by the equation:

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\psi$$

i is the complex unit, $\hbar$ is the Reduced Planck Constant equals to

The $\hat{H}$ is a Hermitian linear operator called the Hamiltonian which represents the total energy of the system

$$\hat{H} = \vec{P} + V(x)$$

Where $\vec{P}$ is the Linear Momentum Operator V the potential energy of the system.
$\vec{P}$ takes the form of: Zettili (2009)

$$-\frac{1}{2}\sum\nabla^2$$

And V depends on the specific system.

The time independent form could be derived from the time dependent form.

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi$$

Where E is the total energy of the system.

The many electron Schrodinger Equation

In quantum chemistry is regular used atomic units, the unit of distance is the Bohr Radious and the unit of energy is Hartree (Ha).

In its time-independent form the Schrodinger equation can be written as a eigenfunction equation.

$$\hat{H}\psi(\mathbf{x}_0, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n) = E\psi(\mathbf{x}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n)$$

Where $\mathbf{x}_i = \{\mathbf{r}_i, \sigma\}$, $\mathbf{r}_i$ is the position of each electron and protons and $\sigma \in \{\uparrow . \downarrow\}$ is the spin.
In this case the potential energy of the system we have to consider the repulsion between the electrons.

$$U = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{|r_i - r_j|}$$

The attraction between protons and electrons.

$$U = -\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{eZ_i}{|r_i - R_i|}$$

Where Z_i is the atomic number.
And the repulsion between protons.

$$U = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{Z_i Z_j}{|Z_i - Z_j|}$$

Thus the potential energy is the sum of those three terms.
To avoid write those constants each time we use atomic Atomic Units.
The Hamiltonian using the Quantum Chemistry units becomes:

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2}\sum \nabla^2 + \sum \frac{1}{|r_i - r_j|} - \sum \frac{Z_I}{|r_i - R_I|} + \sum \frac{Z_I Z_J}{|R_i - R_j|}$$

Now the Fermi Dirac Statistics tell us that this solution of this equation should be **anti symmetric** this is:

$$\psi(\ldots, \mathbf{x}_i, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_j, \ldots) = -\psi(\ldots, \mathbf{x}_j, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_i, \ldots)$$

The potential energy becomes infinite when two electrons overlap , this could be formalized via the Kato Cusp Conditions, a Jastrow factor $\exp(\mathcal{J})$. The explicit form of $\mathcal{J}$ depends on the.

$$\lim_{l \to 0} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r_{iI}} \right) = -Z\psi(r_{iI} = 0)$$

$$\lim_{l \to 0} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r_{ij}} \right) = \frac{1}{2}\psi(r_{ij} = 0)$$

Where $r_{iI}(r_{ij})$ is an electron-nuclear (electron-electron) distance, Z_I is the nuclear charge of the I-th nucleous and ave implies a spherical averaging over all directions.

Approximating a solution

Find possible solution in the traditional way is prohibitively hard. So what people have doing and it seem that it becomes a success is guess that solution and using another techniques to improve the solution, to this guess solution we called **Ansatz**.

Once that you have your Ansatz, which normally depends on depends on certain parameters.

Variational Monte Carlo

Once that you guess an **Ansatz** you optimize using the **rayleight quotient**.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = \frac{\int d\mathbf{r} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \hat{H} \psi(\mathbf{r})}{\int d\mathbf{r} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \psi(\mathbf{r})}$$

So how we optimized this. Here appears Variational Quantum Monte Carlo.

Which can be re-written as:

$$E_L(x) = \Psi_\theta^{-1}(x) \hat{H} \Psi_\theta(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\theta = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \Psi_\theta^2}[E_L(x)]$$

And here we use Metropolis algorithm to work in real life.

Using Deep Learning

They are a quite example of it.

examples Shang et al. (2025) Related work

Multi Layer Perceptron

A MLP is a nonlinear function $\mathcal{F} : \mathbb{R}^{\text{in}} \to \mathbb{R}^{\text{out}}$. Nielsen (2015)

A MLP could be see it like the composition of L layers, the first layer is called the input layers, the last output layer and the intermediates hidden layers.

Let $\mathbf{z}^{(l)}$ be a affine map of the follow form. $l \in \{L, L-1, \ldots, 2\}$

$$\mathbf{z}^{(l)} = \mathbf{W}^{(l)}\mathbf{a}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l)}$$

Where $\mathbf{W}^{(l)}$ is the weight matrix and $\mathbf{b}^{(l)}$ the bias vector of the l layer.

Let $\sigma^{(l)}$ be a nonlinear function of the l layers (typically Softmax, Relu, Tanh.)

$$f^{(l)} = \sigma^{(l)} \circ \mathbf{z}^{(l)}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = f^{(L)} \circ f^{(L-1)} \circ \cdots \circ f^{(1)}$$

For our paremeters:

$$\{\mathbf{W}^{(l)}, \mathbf{b}^{(l)}\}_{l=2}^{L} = \theta$$

You train the MLP with a training data set using backpropatation a loss function anda optimizer. Additionally you can use regularization techniques to improve the performance of the MLP:

RNN

Fermi Net

A very important work for us is: Fermi Net Pfau et al. (2020) it uses different MLP to learn the forms of the orbitals. Their ansatz is: Fermi Net

$$\psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_n) = \sum_k \omega_k \det[\mathbf{\Phi}^k]$$

With:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \phi_1^k(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & \phi_1^k(\mathbf{x}_n) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \phi_n^k(\mathbf{x}_1) & \cdots & \phi_n^k(\mathbf{x}_n) \end{vmatrix} = \det[\phi_i^k(\mathbf{x}_j)] = \det[\mathbf{\Phi}^k]$$

The elements of the determinant are obtained via

$\alpha \in \{\uparrow, \downarrow\}$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{\ell\alpha} \leftarrow \text{concatenate}(\mathbf{r}_i^\alpha - \mathbf{R}_I, |\mathbf{r}_i^\alpha - \mathbf{R}_I| \; \forall \; I)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{ij}^{\ell\alpha\beta} \leftarrow \text{concatenate}(\mathbf{r}_i^\alpha - \mathbf{r}_j^\beta, |\mathbf{r}_i^\alpha - \mathbf{r}_j^\beta| \; \forall \; j, \beta)$$

$$\left(\mathbf{h}_i^{\ell\alpha}, \frac{1}{n^\uparrow}\sum_{j=1}^{n^\uparrow}\mathbf{h}_j^{\ell\uparrow}, \frac{1}{n^\downarrow}\sum_{j=1}^{n^\downarrow}\mathbf{h}_j^{\ell\downarrow}, \frac{1}{n^\uparrow}\sum_{j=1}^{n^\uparrow}\mathbf{h}_{ij}^{\ell\alpha\uparrow}, \frac{1}{n^\downarrow}\sum_{j=1}^{n^\downarrow}\mathbf{h}_{ij}^{\ell\alpha\downarrow}\right)$$
$$= \left(\mathbf{h}_i^{\ell\alpha}, \mathbf{g}^{\ell\uparrow}, \mathbf{g}^{\ell\downarrow}, \mathbf{g}_i^{\ell\alpha\uparrow}, \mathbf{g}_i^{\ell\alpha\downarrow}\right) = \mathbf{f}_i^{\ell\alpha},$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{\ell+1\alpha} = \tanh\left(\mathbf{V}^\ell \mathbf{f}_i^{\ell\alpha} + \mathbf{b}^\ell\right) + \mathbf{h}_i^{\ell\alpha}$$
$$\mathbf{h}_{ij}^{\ell+1\alpha\beta} = \tanh\left(\mathbf{W}^\ell \mathbf{h}_{ij}^{\ell\alpha\beta} + \mathbf{c}^\ell\right) + \mathbf{h}_{ij}^{\ell\alpha\beta}$$

$$\phi_i^{k\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_j^\alpha; \{\mathbf{r}_{/j}^\alpha\}; \{\mathbf{r}^{\bar{\alpha}}\}) = \left(\mathbf{w}_i^{k\alpha}\cdot\mathbf{h}_j^{L\alpha} + g_i^{k\alpha}\right)$$
$$\sum_m \pi_{im}^{k\alpha}\exp\left(-|\mathbf{\Sigma}_{im}^{k\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_j^\alpha - \mathbf{R}_m)|\right),$$

$$\phi_i^{k\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_j^\alpha; \{\mathbf{r}_{/j}^\alpha\}; \{\mathbf{r}^{\bar{\alpha}}\}) = (\mathbf{w}_i^{k\alpha}\cdot\mathbf{h}_j^{L\alpha} + g_i^{k\alpha})\sum_m \pi_{im}^{k\alpha}\exp\left(-\left|\Sigma_{im}^{k\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_j^\alpha - \mathbf{R}_m)\right|\right)$$

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OBJ

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_1^\uparrow, \ldots, \mathbf{r}_{n^\downarrow}^\downarrow) = \sum_k \omega_k \Big(\det\left[\phi_i^{k\uparrow}(\mathbf{r}_j^\uparrow; \{\mathbf{r}_{/j}^\uparrow\}; \{\mathbf{r}^\downarrow\})\right]$$
$$\det\left[\phi_i^{k\downarrow}(\mathbf{r}_j^\downarrow; \{\mathbf{r}_{/j}^\downarrow\}); \{\mathbf{r}^\uparrow\};\right]\Big).$$

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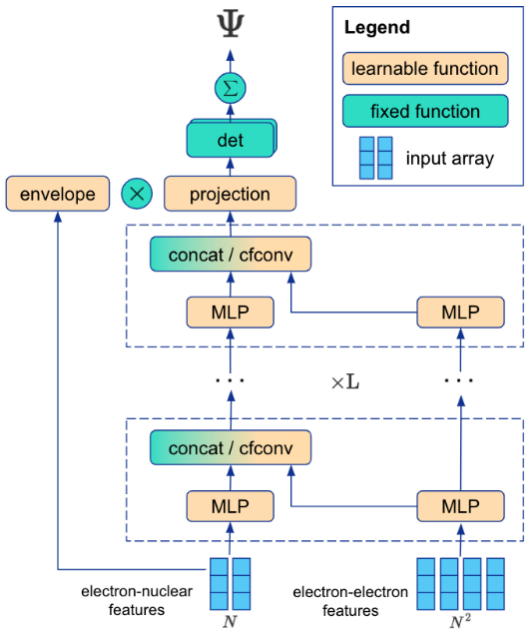

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Motivated for the antisymmetry and the Kato cusp conditions our **Ansatz** take the form of: [

Transformers

There exist several architectures that I can use Recurrent Neural Network, Long Short Term Memory.

Vaswani et al. (2017)

Recurrent Neural Network are: Recurrent Neural Network
And long short term memory are: Long Short Memory

Why on earth I would use Transformer? They are extremely good finding relations between its elements. And the best is that scale well due its Transform Architecture

Attention mechanism appear with Bahdanau et al. (2014) but it didn't work so:

- Attention mechanism
- Self attention mechanism on one head
- Multi-head attention

$$\mathbf{o}_{t,i} = \sum_{j=1}^{t} \text{Softmax}\left(\frac{\mathbf{q}_{t,i}^T \mathbf{k}_{j,i}}{\sqrt{d_h}}\right)\mathbf{v}_{j,i}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_t = W^O[\mathbf{o}_{t,1}; \mathbf{o}_{t,2}; \ldots; \mathbf{o}_{t,n_h}]$$

Psi Former

Psi Former Ansatz. von Glehn et al. (2023)

$$\Psi_\theta(\mathbf{x}) = \exp(\mathcal{J}_\theta(\mathbf{x})) \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{det}}} \det[\mathbf{\Phi}_\theta^k(x)]$$

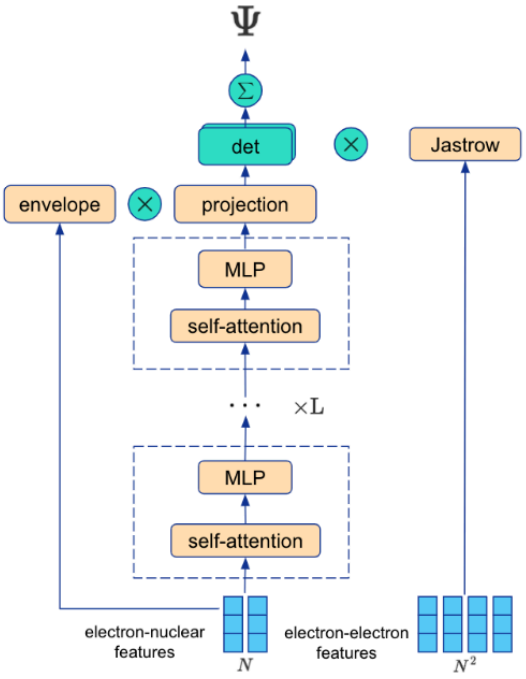
Where $\mathcal{J}_\theta$ is the Jastrow Factor for si Former and Φ are orbitals.

Where $\mathcal{J}_\theta : (\mathbb{R}^3 \times \{\uparrow, \downarrow\})^n \to \mathbb{R}$

- So the question is how you define the outputs of that functions:
- Jastrow Factor

$$\mathcal{J}_\theta(x) = \sum_{i<j;\sigma_i=\sigma_j} -\frac{1}{4}\frac{\alpha_{par}^2}{\alpha_{par}+|\mathbf{r}_i-\mathbf{r}_j|} + \sum_{i,j;\sigma_i\neq\sigma_j} -\frac{1}{2}\frac{\alpha_{anti}^2}{\alpha_{anti}+|\mathbf{r}_i-\mathbf{r}_j|}$$

Architecture



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Loss function

We are going to take the Rayleigh Quotient like Expectation Value like loss function.

Optimizer

Kroenecker factored Approximate Curvature

Flow of the architecture

First compute:

$$v_h = [\mathrm{SelfAttn}(\mathbf{h}_1^l, \ldots, \mathbf{h}_N^\ell; \mathbf{W}_q^{\ell h}, \mathbf{W}_k^{\ell h}, \mathbf{W}_v^{\ell h})]$$

Start with:

$$\mathbf{W}_o^\ell \mathrm{concat}_h[\mathrm{SelfAttn}(\mathbf{h}_1^l, \ldots, \mathbf{h}_N^\ell; \mathbf{W}_q^{\ell h}, \mathbf{W}_k^{\ell h}, \mathbf{W}_v^{\ell h})]$$

With it you can obtain you hidden states, and then how you use it

With them you create the orbital for neural network fermi net

And you have it.

Methodology

To implement the code, the choose of the library is important.

The three options to implement this kind of matter are JAX, Tensor Flow and pytorch, each one with his advantages and disadvantages.

Environment

For this project we are going to be using Pytorch due his user-friendly and support. Python. with UV

Training

Due the high computational power needed we are going to using GPUS and of course CUDA.

Is clear that we are going to use virtual GPUS, for that matter we have two option or well use a GPU via SSH or directly using services like Azure , Colab, or anothers matters.

The election of the GPU is not trivial. use TPUS are not a bad idea.

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Excerpt

Transformers are monsters finding relations between what you give them. Is tempting use them for emulate the relations between electrons and protons. How you can first encode the information of the electron's positions and second the attraction and repulsion between the particles?