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QUBO 4 QAOA: Quantum **A**pproximate Optimization **A**lgorithm

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Material de Consulta

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- ▶ Fred Glover, Gary Kochenberger, Yu Du;
Quantum Bridge Analytics I: A Tutorial on Formulating and Using
QUBO Models
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1811.11538.pdf>
- ▶ Qiskit Summer School 2021: [5.2 – Introduction to QAOA and Applications](#)
- ▶ Qiskit Summer School 2021: [Lab2 – Introduction to Variational Algorithms](#)

Combinatorial Optimization

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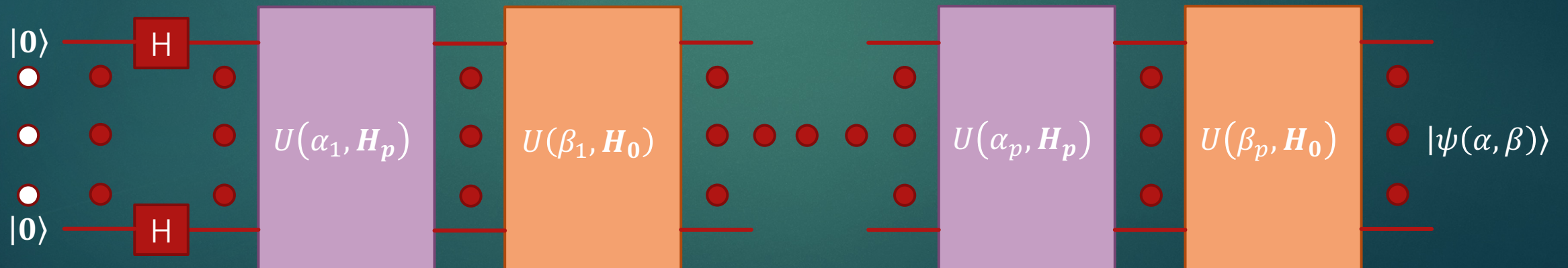
- ▶ Combinatorial optimization problems:
finding an optimal object out of a finite set of objects.
- ▶ Our formulation:
finding optimal bit strings, $z = \{0,1\}^{\otimes n}$, out of a set of finite bitstrings
- ▶ These problems are NP-hard

QAOA operator

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- ▶ Let \mathbf{H}_0 be the mixer Hamiltonian and \mathbf{H}_p be the problem Hamiltonian
- ▶ Then $U(\beta, \mathbf{H}_0) = e^{-i\beta\mathbf{H}_0}$ and $U(\alpha, \mathbf{H}_p) = e^{-i\alpha\mathbf{H}_p}$ are the unitaries, with α and β capturing both time evolution and the $\frac{1}{p}$ term associated with trotterization
- ▶ Finally we get:

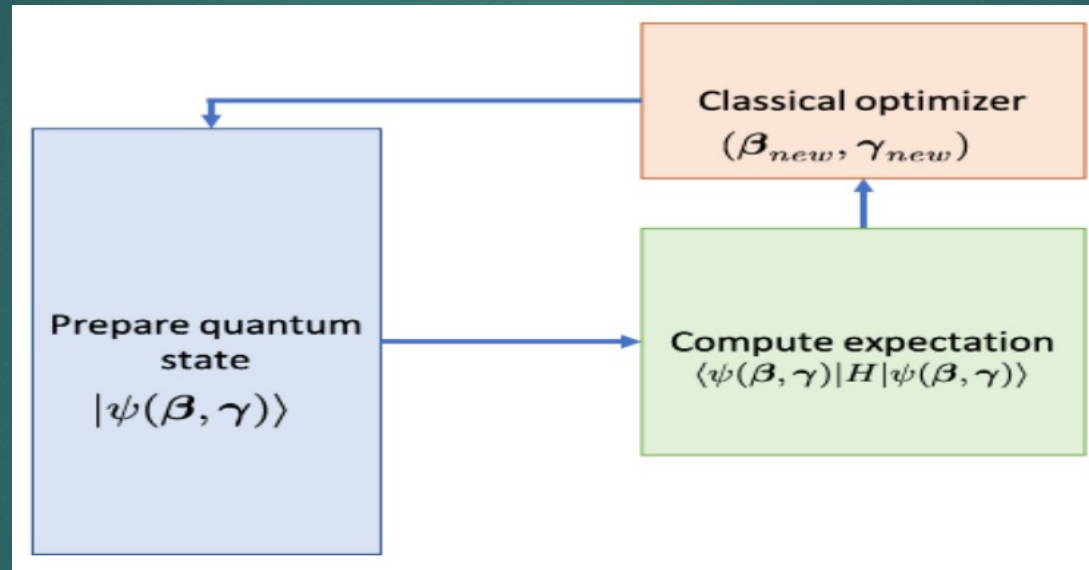
$$|\psi(\alpha, \beta)\rangle = U(\beta_p, \mathbf{H}_0)U(\alpha_p, \mathbf{H}_p) \cdots U(\beta_1, \mathbf{H}_0)U(\alpha_1, \mathbf{H}_p)H|0\rangle$$



QAOA: overall

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- find (α^*, β^*) such that the expectation of H_p is minimized:
$$|\psi(\alpha^*, \beta^*)\rangle = \underset{\alpha, \beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \langle \psi(\alpha, \beta) | H_p | \psi(\alpha, \beta) \rangle$$



- sample basis states $|z\rangle$ from $|\psi(\alpha^*, \beta^*)\rangle$ to find a solution

Problem Statement

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- ▶ We want to use near term quantum hardware to solve classical combinatorial optimization problems
- ▶ Adiabatic Computing (in general) and QAOA (in particular) seem like good candidates to investigate whether a quantum advantage can be unleashed
- ▶ But how do we transform a classical combinatorial problem into the specification of an Hamiltonian suitable for the QAOA framework?

Problem Statement

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- ▶ It has been found that the framework of **Quadratic Unconstrained Binary Optimization (QUBO)** can embrace a wide set of important combinatorial optimization problems
- ▶ Once formulated as a QUBO these problems can be efficiently solved using QUBO solvers, including QAOA within the quantum context
- ▶ QUBO is a special case of Quadratic Programming

Quadratic Programming

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► $\min_x (x^T Q x + c^T x), \quad x \in R^N, \quad c \in R^N, \quad Q \in R^{N \times N}$

► subject to

- $Ax \leq b$ linear constraints
- $x^T Q x + c^T x \leq r_i$ quadratic constraints
- $l_j \leq x_j \leq u_j$ range constraints

QUBO – Quadratic Unconstrained Binary Optimization

▶ $\min_z (z^T Q z + c^T z), \quad z \in \{0,1\}^n, \quad c \in R^N, \quad Q \in R^{N \times N}$

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▶ Binary variables

▶ no variable constraints

- ▶ although linear constraints $Ax = b$ can be supported

QUBO – Basic definitions

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- ▶ $\min_z (z^T Q z + c^T z), \quad z \in \{0,1\}^n, \quad c \in R^N, \quad Q \in R^{N \times N}$
- ▶ $c \in R^N$, is a vector containing the coefficients of the linear terms of the objective function, i.e. c_i is the coefficient of the term z_i
- ▶ $Q \in R^{N \times N}$, is a square symmetric matrix containing the coefficients of the quadratic terms of the objective function, i.e. q_{ij} is the coefficient of the term $z_i z_j$
- ▶ Q is symmetric since $z_i z_j = z_j z_i$, for binary variables z_t
 - ▶ If Q is not given on a symmetric form it can always be made symmetric by redefining it:

$$q_{ij} = (q_{ij} + q_{ji})/2, \quad \forall i, j; j \neq i$$

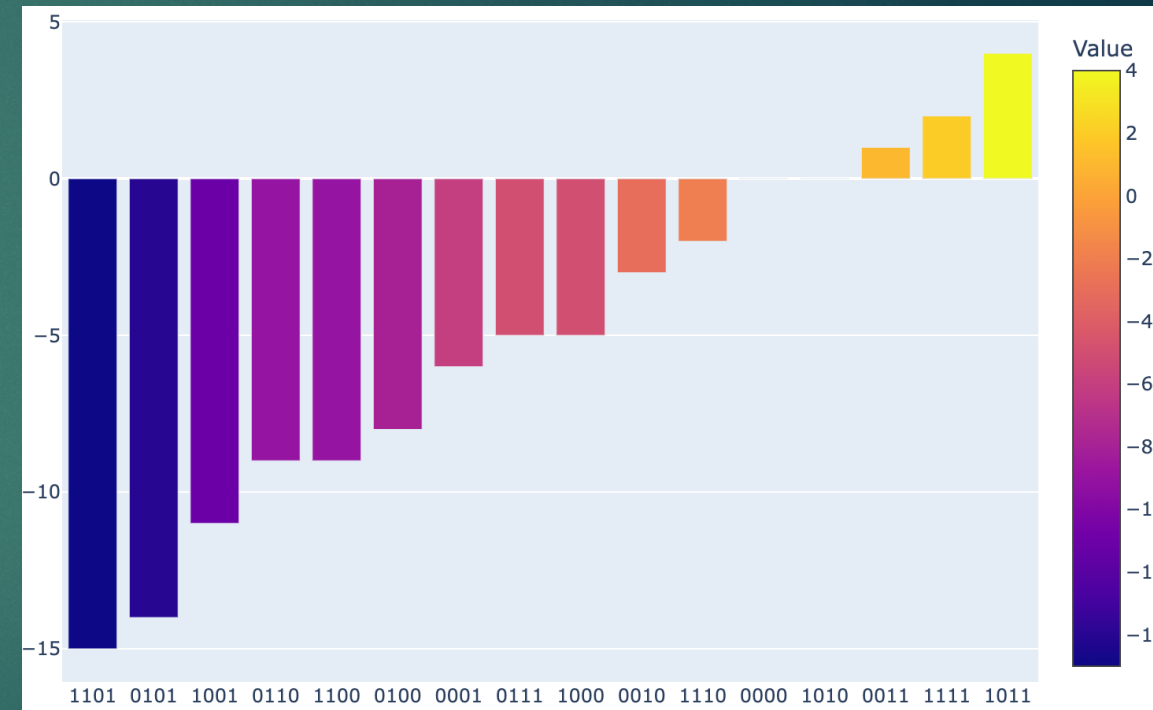
QUBO – Basic example I

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$$\min_z \underbrace{(-5z_1 - 8z_2 - 3z_3 - 6z_4)}_{\text{linear}} + \underbrace{(4z_1z_2 + 8z_1z_3 + 2z_2z_3 + 10z_3z_4)}_{\text{quadratic}}$$

We can evaluate $f(z)$ for $\forall z$, obtaining

$$\min_z \left(\begin{Bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} -5 & -8 & -3 & -6 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{Bmatrix} \right)$$



From QUBO to QAOA

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$$C(z) = \sum_{i=1, j=1, i \neq j}^n z_i q_{ij} z_j + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i z_i$$



$$H_p = \sum_{i=1, j=1, i \neq j}^n \frac{1}{4} q_{ij} Z_i Z_j - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \left(c_i + \sum_{j=1}^n q_{ij} \right) Z_i + \underbrace{\left(\sum_{i=1, j=1, i \neq j}^n \frac{q_{ij}}{4} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c_i}{2} \right)}_{\text{Drop}}$$

The Hamiltonian is given by a sum of Pauli Z's, as expected

QUBO – Basic example I

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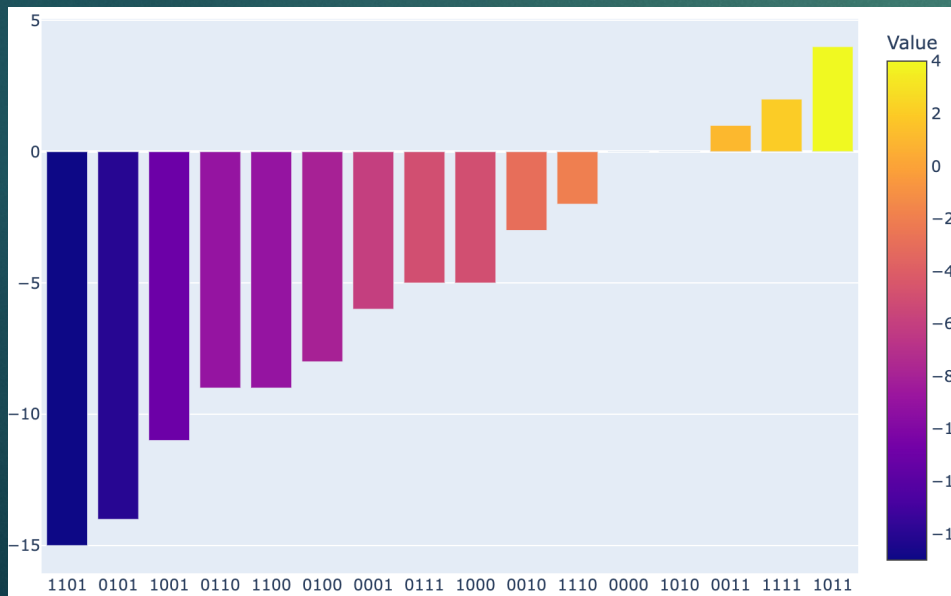
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QUBO – Basic example I

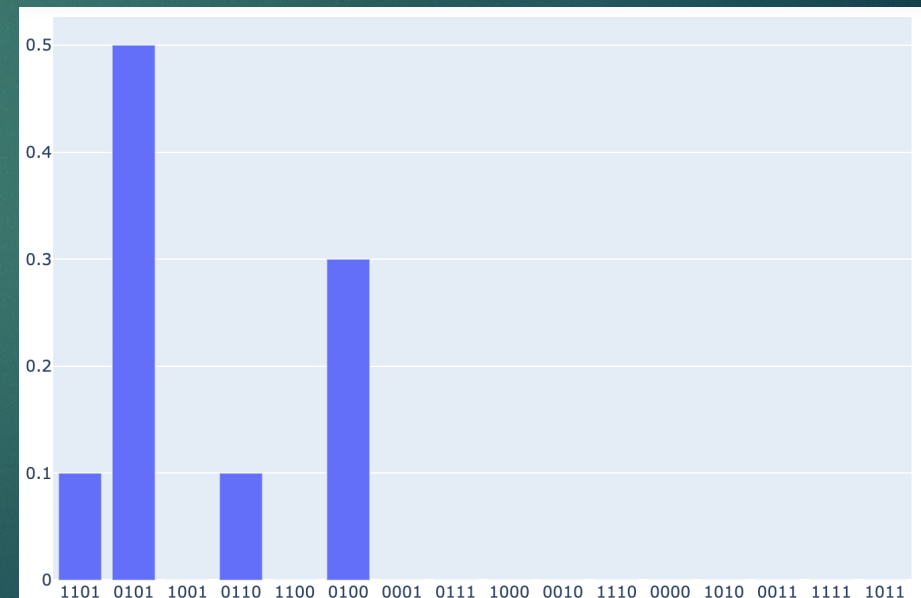
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$$U(\alpha_t, H_p) = e^{-i\alpha_t H_p} = R_{Z_1 Z_2}(\alpha_t) * R_{Z_1 Z_3}(2 \alpha_t) * R_{Z_2 Z_3}(0.5 \alpha_t) * R_{Z_3 Z_4}(2.5 \alpha_t) * \\ * R_{Z_1}(0.5 \alpha_t) * R_{Z_2}(-2.5 \alpha_t) * R_{Z_3}(3.5 \alpha_t) * R_{Z_4}(-0.5 \alpha_t)$$



$p=2$

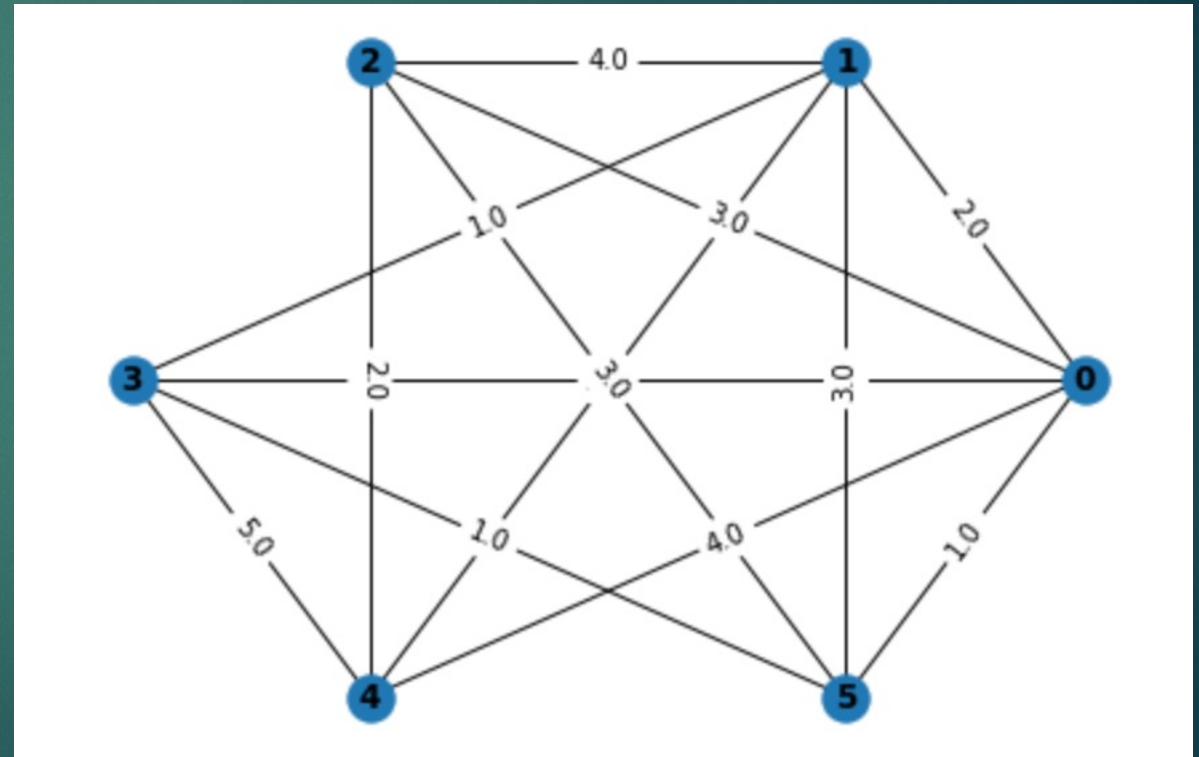


QUBO – MaxCut

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- ▶ Given the weighted adjacency matrix of a graph cut it onto two subgraphs, such that the cut is maximal

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w=np.array([[0., 2., 3., 2., 4., 1.],  
            [2., 0., 4., 1., 1., 3.],  
            [3., 4., 0., 0., 2., 3.],  
            [2., 1., 0., 0., 5., 1.],  
            [4., 1., 2., 5., 0., 0.],  
            [1., 3., 3., 1., 0., 0.]])
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QUBO – MaxCut

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- ▶ The cost function is given by :

$$C(z) = \sum_{i,j,i \neq j}^n w_{ij} * z_i(1 - z_j) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad C(z) = \sum_{i,j,i \neq j}^n w_{ij} * z_i - \sum_{i,j,i \neq j}^n w_{ij} * z_i z_j$$

- ▶ spinning the sign to convert to a minimization problem

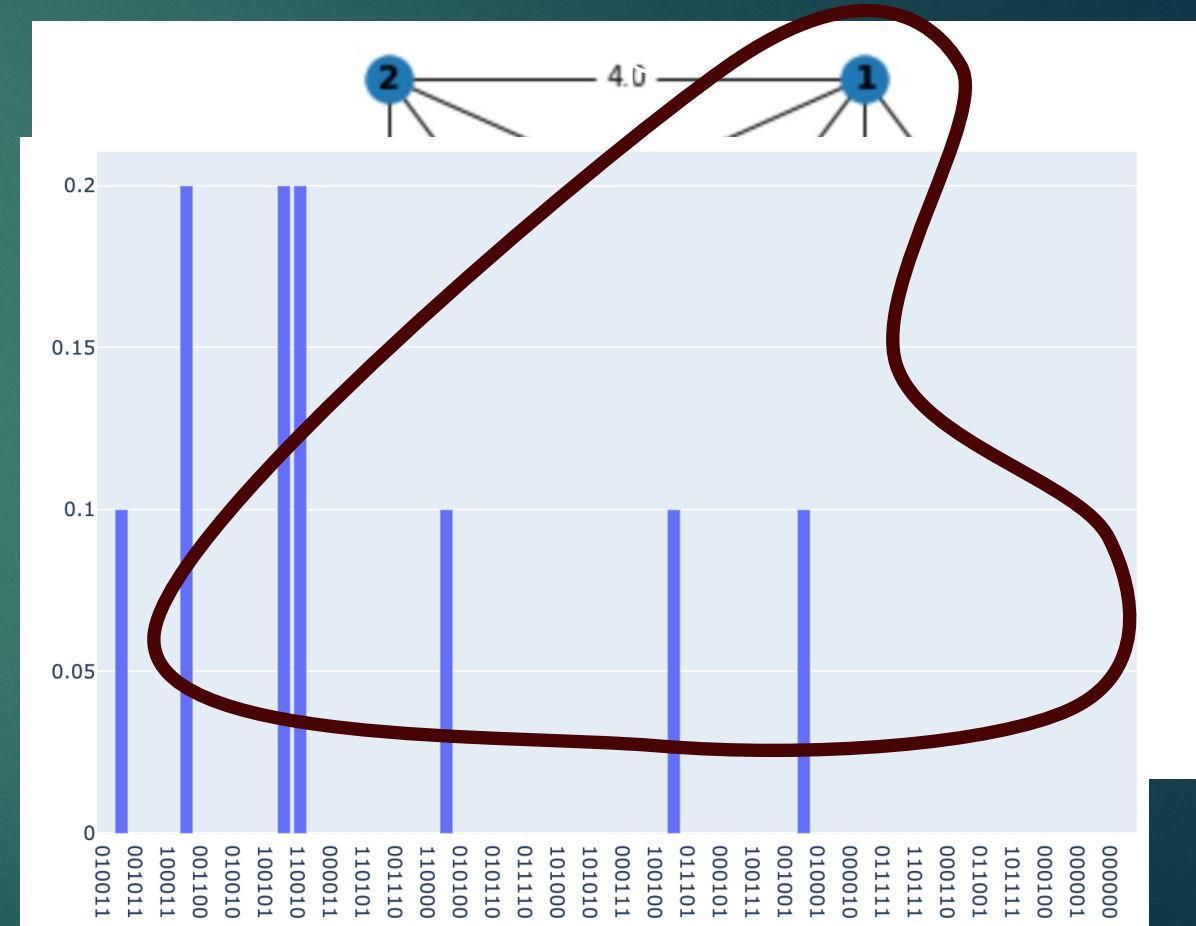
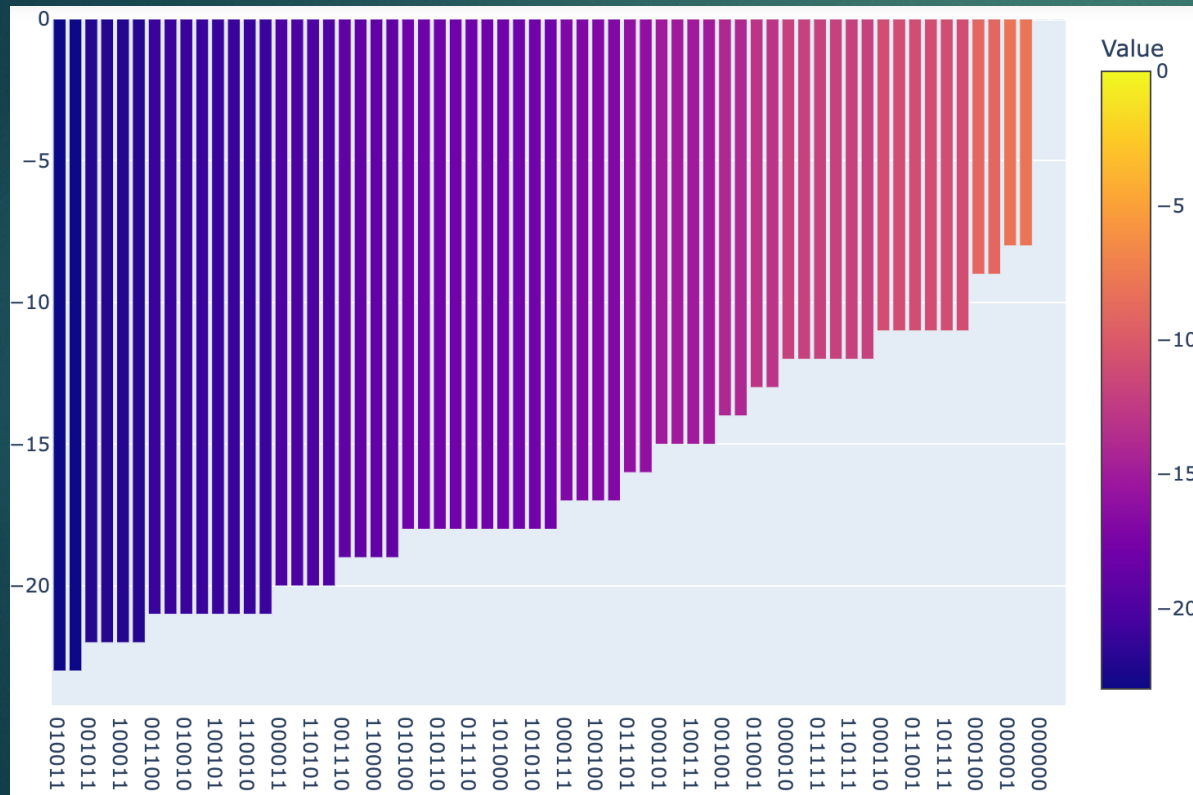
$$C(z) = \sum_{i,j,i \neq j}^n -w_{ij} * z_i + \sum_{i,j,i \neq j}^n w_{ij} * z_i z_j$$

- ▶ write in the QUBO representation

$$c_i = \sum_{j=1}^n -w_{ij} \quad q_{ij} = w_{ij}, \quad i \neq j$$

QUBO – MaxCut

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QUBO – Number Partitioning

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- ▶ Given a set \mathcal{S} of numbers partition to into two disjoint subsets, \mathcal{S}_0 and \mathcal{S}_1 , such that the sum of their elements is minimal:

$$\min \left| \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}_0} s - \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}_1} s \right|$$

- ▶ Let $\mathcal{S} = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ and $z_i \in \{0,1\}, i = 1 \dots n$ indicate to which subset s_i belong to
- ▶ $\text{sum } \mathcal{S}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i * z_i$; $\text{sum } \mathcal{S}_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i - \sum_{i=1}^n s_i * z_i$
- ▶ Let $S = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i$ then $\text{sum } \mathcal{S}_0 - \text{sum } \mathcal{S}_1 = S - \sum_{i=1}^n s_i * z_i$
- ▶ Let our objective function be

$$C(z) = \left(S - \sum_{i=1}^n s_i * z_i \right)^2$$

QUBO – Number Partitioning

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$$C(z) = \left(S - \sum_{i=1}^n s_i * z_i \right)^2$$

$$C(z) = S^2 - 2S \sum_{i=1}^n s_i * z_i + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n s_i * z_i \right)^2$$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n s_i * z_i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 * z_i + \sum_{i,j=1, i \neq j}^n 2s_i s_j * z_i z_j \quad z_i^2 = z_i, z_i \in \{0,1\}$$

$$C(z) = S^2 - 2S \sum_{i=1}^n s_i * z_i + \sum_{i=1}^n s_i^2 * z_i + \sum_{i,j=1, i \neq j}^n 2s_i s_j * z_i z_j$$

$$C(z) = S^2 + 4 \sum_{i=1}^n s_i (s_i - S) * z_i + 8 \sum_{i,j=1, i \neq j}^n s_i s_j * z_i z_j$$

QUBO – Number Partitioning

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$$\min_z C(z) = \min_z \left(\sum_{i=1}^n s_i(s_i - S) * z_i + 2 \sum_{i,j=1, i \neq j}^n s_i s_j * z_i z_j \right)$$

$$c_i = s_i(s_i - S) \quad q_{ij} = s_i s_j$$

Let $\mathcal{S} = \{25, 7, 13, 31, 42, 17, 21, 10\}$

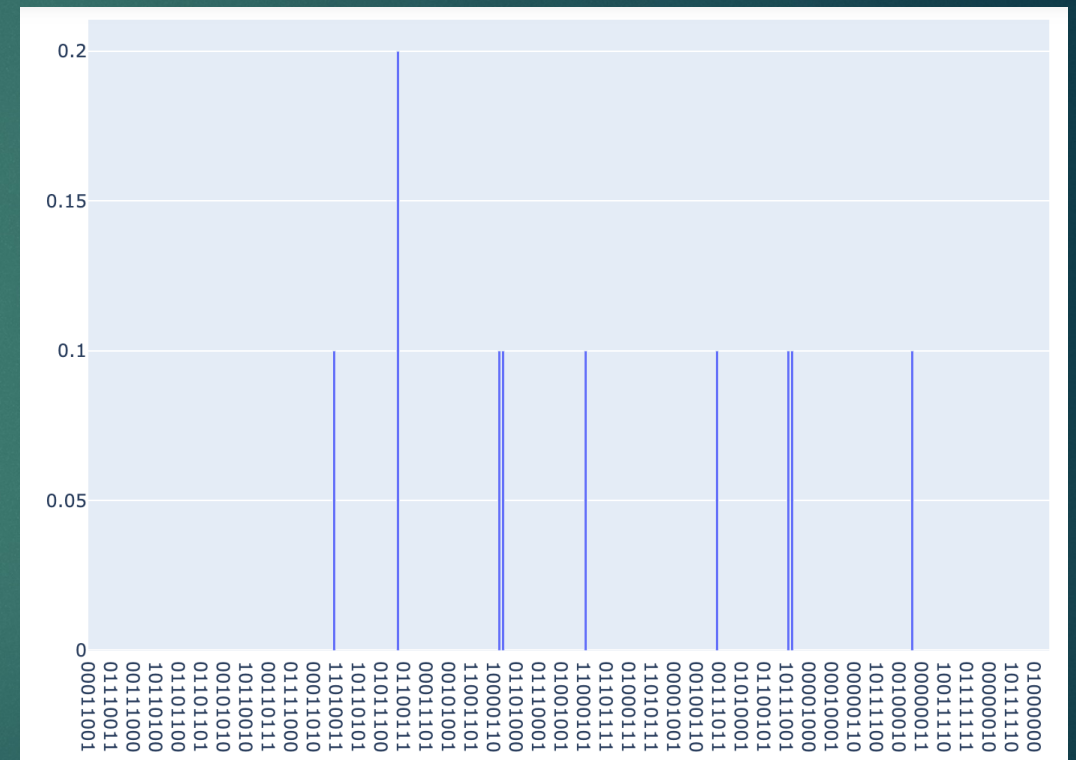
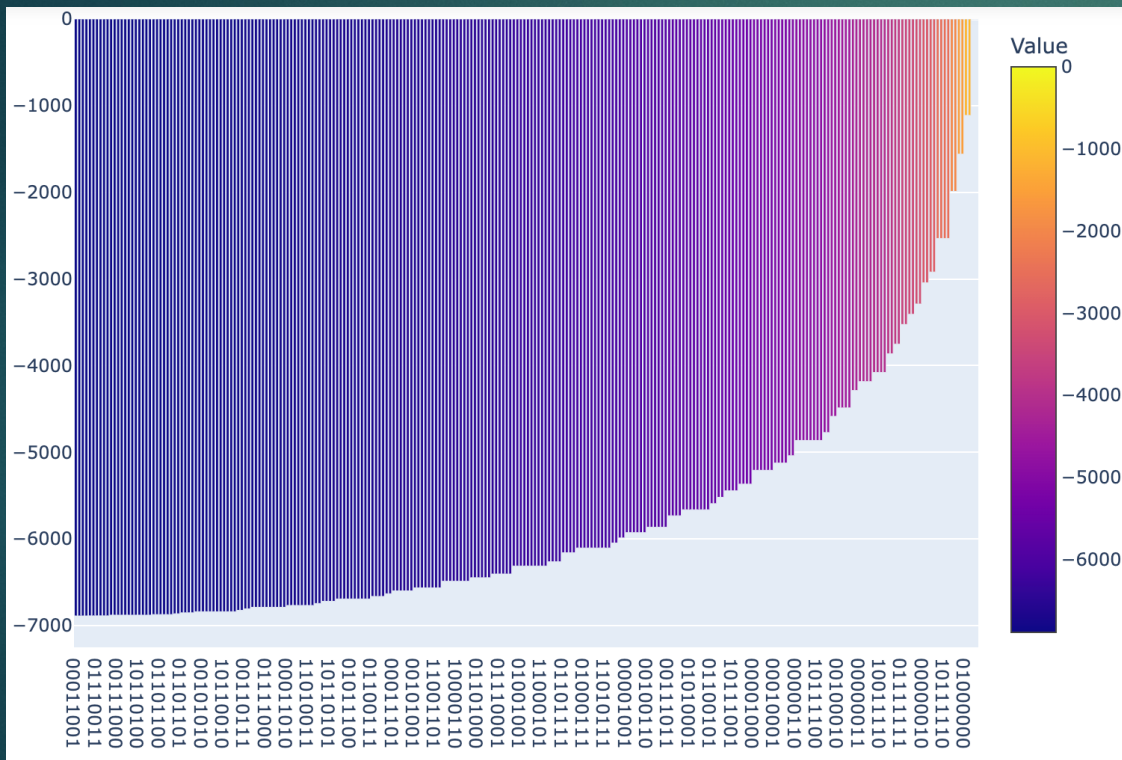
One optimal solution:

- ▶ $z = \{0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1\}$
- ▶ $\mathcal{S}_0 = \{25, 7, 13, 17, 21\}; \text{sum} = 80$
- ▶ $\mathcal{S}_1 = \{31, 41, 10\}; \text{sum} = 81$

QUBO – Number Partitioning

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$p=2$



QUBO with linear equality constraints

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- ▶ Consider a QUBO $z^T Q' z + c'^T z$
- ▶ subject to M constraints of the form $A_m z = b_m$
- ▶ Each constraint m can be converted into a quadratic constraint of the form:
$$P \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (a_{mi} z_i) - b_m \right)^2 = P \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (a_{mi}^2 - 2a_{mi} b_m) z_i + \sum_{i,j=1, j \neq i}^n (2a_{mi} a_{mj}) z_i z_j + b_m^2 \right]$$
- ▶ The quadratic constraints are added to the original QUBO to build a “constrained” QUBO

QUBO with linear equality constraints

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$$\min_z (20z_1 + 5z_2 + 7z_3 + 10z_4)$$

s.t.

$$10z_1 + 5z_2 + 5z_3 + 5z_4 = 10$$

► $P=1$

$$\min_z \left(\begin{array}{l} 20z_1 + 5z_2 + 7z_3 + 10z_4 - 100z_1 - 75z_2 - 75z_3 - 75z_4 + \\ 100z_1z_2 + 100z_1z_3 + 100z_1z_4 + \\ 50z_2z_3 + 50z_2z_4 + 50z_3z_4 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\min_z \left(\begin{array}{l} -90z_1 - 70z_2 - 68z_3 - 65z_4 + \\ 100z_1z_2 + 100z_1z_3 + 100z_1z_4 + \\ 50z_2z_3 + 50z_2z_4 + 50z_3z_4 \end{array} \right)$$

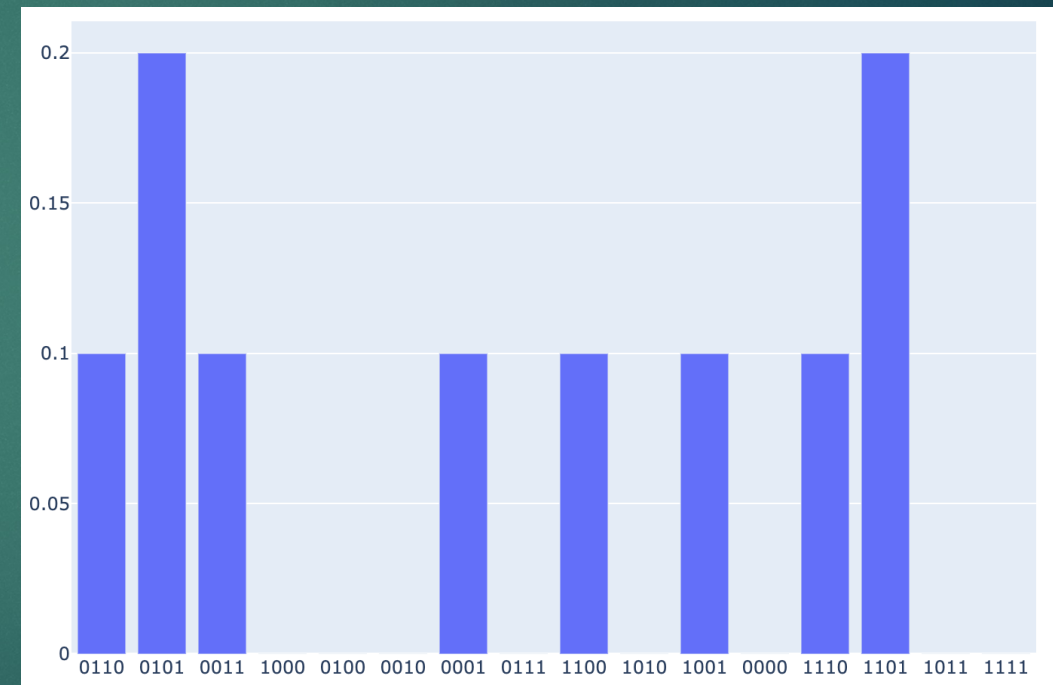
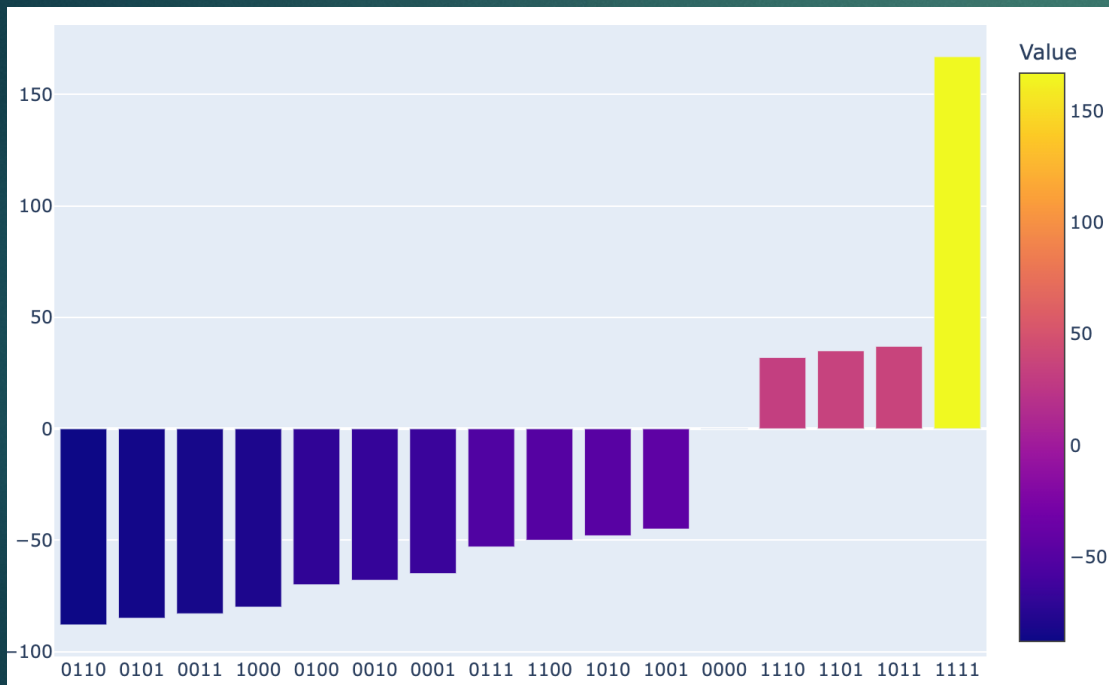
QUBO with linear equality constraints

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$$\min_z (20z_1 + 5z_2 + 7z_3 + 10z_4)$$

$$\text{s.t. } 10z_1 + 5z_2 + 5z_3 + 5z_4 = 10$$

$$p=2; P=1$$



0110: min = 12 ; constraint 10=10

0101: min = 15 ; constraint 10=10