Simulations of quantum walks on regular graphs

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- Quantum algorithms for solving search problems.
- Generalization of classical random graph walks.
- Vastly different behaviour.
- Random choice = quantum coin toss.

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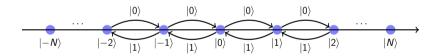
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Evolution

Quantum operators = unitary matrices.

- Flipping the coin.
- 2 Stepping according to the result.



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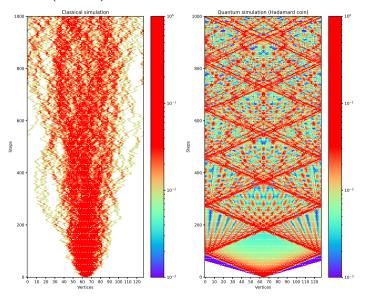
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Walk in 1 dimension (Circle)



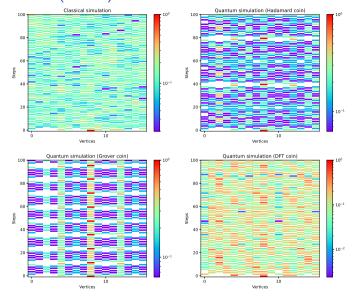
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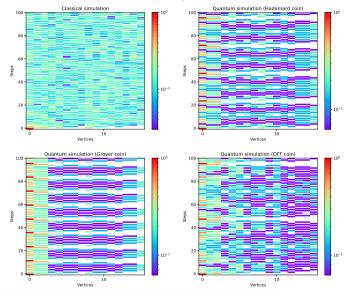
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- (Coin toss operator)

Walk in 2 dimensions (Torus)



Walk in higher dimensions (Hypercube)



Current limitations and future plans

- Current state: coined walks, no errors.
- Simulator in Python, report probability distribution, and various properties (eigenvalues and eigenvectors, graphs on hitting and mixing times).
- Future plans:
 - Szegedy walks.
 - Simulating noise.
 - ▶ Moving to C++, memory optimization techniques.
 - ▶ The Latex document is too long \rightarrow website.

Software

• github.com/nemkin/quantum-walk (open source, MIT license)