Chapter 24: Quantum Computing and NeuroAI

24.0 Chapter Goals

- Understand the fundamentals of quantum computing relevant to neural processing
- Explore potential synergies between quantum computing and neuroscience-inspired AI
- Learn about quantum neural networks and their unique capabilities
- Implement a simple quantum machine learning algorithm

24.1 Quantum Computing Fundamentals for NeuroAI

Quantum computing represents a fundamentally different paradigm from classical computing, with unique properties that may offer advantages for certain neural computation tasks.

24.1.1 Quantum Bits and Superposition

While classical bits exist in definite states (0 or 1), quantum bits (qubits) can exist in a superposition of states:

```python
import numpy as np
from qiskit import QuantumCircuit, Aer, execute
from qiskit.visualization import plot_histogram, plot_bloch_multivector

def demonstrate_superposition():
    """
    Demonstrate quantum superposition
    """
    # Create a quantum circuit with one qubit
    qc = QuantumCircuit(1, 1)

    # Put qubit in superposition using Hadamard gate
    qc.h(0)

    # Measure the qubit
    qc.measure(0, 0)

    # Simulate the circuit
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(qc, simulator, shots=1000)
    result = job.result()
    counts = result.get_counts(qc)

    return counts, qc

def visualize_qubit_state(theta=np.pi/4, phi=np.pi/4):
    """
    Visualize a qubit state on the Bloch sphere

    Parameters:
    - theta: Polar angle (0 to π)
    - phi: Azimuthal angle (0 to 2π)

    Returns:
    - state_vector: Quantum state vector
    """
    # Create a quantum circuit with one qubit
    qc = QuantumCircuit(1)

    # Apply rotations to set the state
    qc.ry(theta, 0)  # Rotation around Y-axis
    qc.rz(phi, 0)    # Rotation around Z-axis

    # Simulate to get statevector
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('statevector_simulator')
    result = execute(qc, simulator).result()
    state_vector = result.get_statevector()

    # Compute probability amplitudes
    alpha = np.cos(theta/2)
    beta = np.exp(1j*phi) * np.sin(theta/2)

    state_description = f"|ψ⟩ = {alpha:.3f}|0⟩ + {beta:.3f}|1⟩"
```

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    return state_vector, state_description, qc
```

The ability of qubits to exist in superposition states allows quantum computers to explore multiple computational paths simultaneously, potentially offering exponential speedups for certain problems relevant to neural network training.

24.1.2 Quantum Entanglement and Information Transfer

Entanglement is a quantum phenomenon where two or more qubits become correlated in ways that can't be described classically:

```python
def create_entangled_pair():
    """
    Create an entangled pair of qubits (Bell state)
    """
    # Create a quantum circuit with two qubits
    qc = QuantumCircuit(2, 2)

    # Put first qubit in superposition
    qc.h(0)

    # Entangle the qubits using CNOT gate
    qc.cx(0, 1)

    # Measure both qubits
    qc.measure([0, 1], [0, 1])

    # Simulate the circuit
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(qc, simulator, shots=1000)
    result = job.result()
    counts = result.get_counts(qc)

    return counts, qc

def demonstrate_nonlocal_correlation():
    """
    Demonstrate nonlocal correlation of entangled qubits
    """
    # Create a quantum circuit with two qubits
    qc = QuantumCircuit(2, 2)

    # Create Bell state
    qc.h(0)
    qc.cx(0, 1)

    # Measure in different bases
    results = {}

    # Original Bell state
    bell_qc = qc.copy()
    bell_qc.measure([0, 1], [0, 1])

    # Measure first qubit in X basis
    x_basis_qc = qc.copy()
    x_basis_qc.h(0)
    x_basis_qc.measure([0, 1], [0, 1])

    # Measure both qubits in X basis
    both_x_qc = qc.copy()
    both_x_qc.h(0)
    both_x_qc.h(1)
    both_x_qc.measure([0, 1], [0, 1])
```

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    # Simulate all circuits
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')

    # Execute and collect results
    for name, circ in [("Bell", bell_qc),
                       ("X basis on first", x_basis_qc),
                       ("X basis on both", both_x_qc)]:
        job = execute(circ, simulator, shots=1000)
        results[name] = job.result().get_counts(circ)

    return results, bell_qc
```

Entanglement provides a mechanism for creating distributed representations where information is encoded across multiple qubits, similar to how neural networks distribute representations across multiple neurons.

24.1.3 Quantum Gates and Transformations

Quantum neural networks require understanding how information is processed through quantum gates:

```python
def quantum_rotation_gates():
    """
    Demonstrate basic quantum rotation gates
    """
    # Create a state vector to visualize
    initial_state = [1/np.sqrt(2), 1/np.sqrt(2)]  # |+) state

    # Create circuits for different rotations
    circuits = {}

    # X gate (NOT gate)
    qc_x = QuantumCircuit(1)
    qc_x.initialize(initial_state, 0)
    qc_x.x(0)
    circuits["X gate"] = qc_x

    # Y gate
    qc_y = QuantumCircuit(1)
    qc_y.initialize(initial_state, 0)
    qc_y.y(0)
    circuits["Y gate"] = qc_y

    # Z gate
    qc_z = QuantumCircuit(1)
    qc_z.initialize(initial_state, 0)
    qc_z.z(0)
    circuits["Z gate"] = qc_z

    # Hadamard gate
    qc_h = QuantumCircuit(1)
    qc_h.initialize(initial_state, 0)
    qc_h.h(0)
    circuits["H gate"] = qc_h

    # Simulate to get statevectors
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('statevector_simulator')
    results = {}

    for name, circ in circuits.items():
        job = execute(circ, simulator)
        state = job.result().get_statevector()
        results[name] = state

    return results, circuits

def quantum_interference():
    """
    Demonstrate quantum interference
    """
    # Create a circuit with 2 qubits
    qc = QuantumCircuit(2, 2)

    # Apply Hadamard gates to create superposition
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    qc.h(0)
    qc.h(1)

    # Add a phase shift gate
    qc.s(0)

    # Apply another layer of Hadamard gates
    qc.h(0)
    qc.h(1)

    # Measure the qubits
    qc.measure([0, 1], [0, 1])

    # Simulate the circuit
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(qc, simulator, shots=1000)
    result = job.result()
    counts = result.get_counts(qc)

    return counts, qc
```

Quantum gates provide reversible transformations of qubit states, allowing for the implementation of neural network-like operations in the quantum domain.

24.2 Quantum Neural Networks

Quantum Neural Networks (QNNs) combine principles from quantum computing and neural networks to create hybrid models with unique capabilities.

24.2.1 Parameterized Quantum Circuits as Neural Networks

Parameterized quantum circuits can be trained similarly to classical neural networks:

```python
from qiskit.circuit import Parameter
from qiskit.algorithms.optimizers import COBYLA
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def create_quantum_neural_network(n_qubits=2, n_layers=2):
    """
    Create a parameterized quantum circuit that can be used as a QNN

    Parameters:
    - n_qubits: Number of qubits
    - n_layers: Number of repeating layers

    Returns:
    - qc: Quantum circuit
    - parameters: List of Parameters objects
    """
    qc = QuantumCircuit(n_qubits, n_qubits)

    # Create parameters
    parameters = []

    # Initial layer of Hadamards
    for i in range(n_qubits):
        qc.h(i)

    # Layers of parameterized rotations and entanglement
    for layer in range(n_layers):
        # Parameterized rotations
        for i in range(n_qubits):
            # RY rotation with parameter
            theta = Parameter(f'θ_{layer}_{i}')
            parameters.append(theta)
            qc.ry(theta, i)

            # RZ rotation with parameter
            phi = Parameter(f'ϕ_{layer}_{i}')
            parameters.append(phi)
            qc.rz(phi, i)

        # Entanglement
        for i in range(n_qubits-1):
            qc.cx(i, i+1)

        # Connect last qubit to first for circular entanglement
        if n_qubits > 1:
            qc.cx(n_qubits-1, 0)

    # Final measurements
    qc.measure(range(n_qubits), range(n_qubits))

    return qc, parameters

def quantum_neural_network_inference(qc, parameters, parameter_values, n_shots=10
```

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    """
    Run inference with a quantum neural network

    Parameters:
    - qc: Parameterized quantum circuit
    - parameters: List of Parameter objects
    - parameter_values: Values to assign to parameters
    - n_shots: Number of measurement shots

    Returns:
    - counts: Measurement results
    """
    # Bind parameters
    if len(parameters) != len(parameter_values):
        raise ValueError(f"Expected {len(parameters)} values, got {len(parameter_

    parameter_dict = dict(zip(parameters, parameter_values))
    bound_qc = qc.bind_parameters(parameter_dict)

    # Simulate
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(bound_qc, simulator, shots=n_shots)
    counts = job.result().get_counts(bound_qc)

    return counts

def train_quantum_neural_network(qc, parameters, X_train, y_train, n_epochs=100):
    """
    Train a quantum neural network

    Parameters:
    - qc: Parameterized quantum circuit
    - parameters: List of Parameter objects
    - X_train: Training inputs
    - y_train: Training targets (binary labels)
    - n_epochs: Number of training epochs

    Returns:
    - optimal_parameters: Trained parameter values
    - loss_history: Training loss history
    """
    # Number of parameters in the model
    n_params = len(parameters)

    # Initialize parameters
    initial_params = np.random.randn(n_params) * 0.1

    # Loss history
    loss_history = []

    # Define cost function for given parameters
    def cost_function(params):
        loss = 0.0
```

```
        for x, y in zip(X_train, y_train):
            # Encode input data
            input_params = params.copy()
            for i, x_i in enumerate(x):
                # Use data to adjust the first layer parameters
                if i < len(x) and i < n_params:
                    input_params[i] = x_i

            # Run quantum circuit
            counts = quantum_neural_network_inference(qc, parameters, input_param

            # Calculate prediction (probability of measuring all 0s)
            prediction = counts.get('0' * qc.num_qubits, 0) / 1000

            # Binary cross-entropy loss
            epsilon = 1e-10  # Small value to prevent log(0)
            if y == 1:
                loss -= np.log(prediction + epsilon)
            else:
                loss -= np.log(1 - prediction + epsilon)

        # Average loss
        loss /= len(X_train)
        loss_history.append(loss)

        return loss

    # Use classical optimizer to train quantum circuit
    optimizer = COBYLA(maxiter=n_epochs)
    result = optimizer.minimize(cost_function, initial_params)

    return result.x, loss_history
```

Unlike classical ANNs, QNNs can leverage quantum properties such as superposition and entanglement to potentially learn more complex patterns with fewer parameters.

24.2.2 Quantum Associative Memory

Quantum systems can store patterns in a manner analogous to associative memory in neural networks:

```python
def create_quantum_memory(patterns, n_qubits=None):
    """
    Create a quantum memory that stores binary patterns

    Parameters:
    - patterns: List of binary patterns to store
    - n_qubits: Number of qubits (defaults to pattern length)

    Returns:
    - qc: Quantum circuit implementing the memory
    """
    if not patterns:
        raise ValueError("No patterns provided")

    pattern_length = len(patterns[0])
    if n_qubits is None:
        n_qubits = pattern_length

    # Create circuit
    qc = QuantumCircuit(n_qubits)

    # Apply Hadamard gates to create equal superposition
    for i in range(n_qubits):
        qc.h(i)

    # Encode each pattern
    for pattern in patterns:
        if len(pattern) != pattern_length:
            raise ValueError("All patterns must have the same length")

        # Create a subcircuit that marks this pattern
        # First, flip qubits that should be 0 in the pattern
        for i, bit in enumerate(pattern):
            if bit == 0 and i < n_qubits:
                qc.x(i)

        # Apply a multi-controlled Z gate
        if n_qubits > 1:
            # For simplicity, we'll use a series of CNOT gates and a Z
            # In a real quantum computer, this would be more efficient
            qc.h(n_qubits-1)
            for i in range(n_qubits-1):
                qc.cx(i, n_qubits-1)
            qc.h(n_qubits-1)
        else:
            qc.z(0)

        # Flip qubits back
        for i, bit in enumerate(pattern):
            if bit == 0 and i < n_qubits:
                qc.x(i)

    # Final Hadamard gates
```

```
    for i in range(n_qubits):
        qc.h(i)

    return qc

def query_quantum_memory(memory_qc, partial_pattern, measure_qubits=None):
    """
    Query the quantum memory with a partial pattern

    Parameters:
    - memory_qc: Quantum circuit implementing the memory
    - partial_pattern: Partial pattern with None for unknown bits
    - measure_qubits: Which qubits to measure (defaults to unknown bits)

    Returns:
    - results: Measurement results
    """
    n_qubits = memory_qc.num_qubits
    if len(partial_pattern) != n_qubits:
        raise ValueError(f"Pattern length {len(partial_pattern)} doesn't match ci

    # Create a circuit for querying
    qc = QuantumCircuit(n_qubits, n_qubits)

    # Copy the memory circuit
    qc = qc.compose(memory_qc)

    # Apply constraints based on known bits in partial pattern
    for i, bit in enumerate(partial_pattern):
        if bit is not None:
            # Project onto the known value
            if bit == 0:
                qc.x(i)
            qc.measure(i, i)
            if bit == 0:
                qc.x(i)

    # Determine which qubits to measure
    if measure_qubits is None:
        measure_qubits = [i for i, bit in enumerate(partial_pattern) if bit is No

    # Add measurement operations
    for i in measure_qubits:
        qc.measure(i, i)

    # Simulate
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(qc, simulator, shots=1000)
    results = job.result().get_counts(qc)

    return results, qc
```

Quantum associative memory can potentially store and retrieve patterns with quantum advantages in capacity and retrieval efficiency.

24.2.3 Quantum Boltzmann Machines

Quantum Boltzmann Machines (QBMs) extend classical Boltzmann machines by replacing binary units with qubits:

```python
def create_quantum_boltzmann_machine(n_visible=3, n_hidden=2):
    """
    Create a simplified quantum Boltzmann machine

    Parameters:
    - n_visible: Number of visible qubits
    - n_hidden: Number of hidden qubits

    Returns:
    - qc: Quantum circuit
    - parameters: Dictionary of parameters
    """
    # Total number of qubits
    n_qubits = n_visible + n_hidden

    # Create circuit
    qc = QuantumCircuit(n_qubits, n_visible)

    # Create parameters for bias terms and coupling terms
    parameters = {}

    # Bias parameters for visible units
    for i in range(n_visible):
        parameters[f'visible_bias_{i}'] = Parameter(f'a_{i}')

    # Bias parameters for hidden units
    for j in range(n_hidden):
        parameters[f'hidden_bias_{j}'] = Parameter(f'b_{j}')

    # Coupling parameters between visible and hidden units
    for i in range(n_visible):
        for j in range(n_hidden):
            parameters[f'coupling_{i}_{j}'] = Parameter(f'w_{i}_{j}')

    # Apply initialization (Hadamard gates)
    for i in range(n_qubits):
        qc.h(i)

    # Apply bias terms for visible units
    for i in range(n_visible):
        qc.rz(parameters[f'visible_bias_{i}'], i)

    # Apply bias terms for hidden units
    for j in range(n_hidden):
        qc.rz(parameters[f'hidden_bias_{j}'], n_visible + j)

    # Apply coupling terms
    for i in range(n_visible):
        for j in range(n_hidden):
            # Create interaction using CNOT and RZ gates
            qc.cx(i, n_visible + j)
            qc.rz(parameters[f'coupling_{i}_{j}'], n_visible + j)
            qc.cx(i, n_visible + j)
```

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    # Measure visible units
    qc.measure(range(n_visible), range(n_visible))

    return qc, parameters

def sample_quantum_boltzmann_machine(qc, parameters, parameter_values, n_samples=
    """
    Generate samples from a quantum Boltzmann machine

    Parameters:
    - qc: Quantum circuit for the QBM
    - parameters: Dictionary of parameters
    - parameter_values: Dictionary of parameter values
    - n_samples: Number of samples to generate

    Returns:
    - samples: Measurement results
    """
    # Bind parameters
    bound_qc = qc.bind_parameters({parameters[name]: value
                                   for name, value in parameter_values.items()})

    # Simulate
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(bound_qc, simulator, shots=n_samples)
    counts = job.result().get_counts(bound_qc)

    return counts
```

QBMs can potentially model more complex probability distributions than their classical counterparts due to quantum effects, potentially leading to more powerful generative models.

24.3 Potential Applications in NeuroAI

Quantum computing may offer advantages for several neural computing applications.

24.3.1 Quantum Speedups for Neural Network Training

Quantum algorithms could potentially speed up certain neural network training tasks:

```python
def quantum_gradient_estimation(n_qubits=4, depth=2):
    """
    Demonstrate quantum gradient estimation for neural network training

    Parameters:
    - n_qubits: Number of qubits
    - depth: Circuit depth

    Returns:
    - gradient_estimates: Estimated gradients
    """
    # Create parameterized circuit
    qc, parameters = create_quantum_neural_network(n_qubits, depth)

    # Number of parameters
    n_params = len(parameters)

    # Random parameter values
    param_values = np.random.randn(n_params)

    # Simulate gradients using parameter shift rule
    gradients = []

    for i, param in enumerate(parameters):
        # Create shifted parameter sets
        shift = np.pi/2

        plus_params = param_values.copy()
        plus_params[i] += shift

        minus_params = param_values.copy()
        minus_params[i] -= shift

        # Evaluate at shifted points
        plus_counts = quantum_neural_network_inference(qc, parameters, plus_param
        minus_counts = quantum_neural_network_inference(qc, parameters, minus_par

        # Calculate expectation values (probability of measuring all 0s)
        plus_expectation = plus_counts.get('0' * n_qubits, 0) / 1000
        minus_expectation = minus_counts.get('0' * n_qubits, 0) / 1000

        # Estimate gradient using parameter shift rule
        gradient = (plus_expectation - minus_expectation) / (2 * np.sin(shift))
        gradients.append(gradient)

    return gradients, param_values

def quantum_enhanced_optimization():
    """
    Demonstrate a quantum-enhanced optimization algorithm (simplified)

    Returns:
    - optimization_results: Results of the optimization process
```

```
"""
# Define a simple test function to optimize
def test_function(x):
    return x[0]**2 + x[1]**2

# Starting point
initial_point = np.array([2.0, 2.0])

# Optimization results with different methods
results = {}

# Classical gradient descent (simplified)
learning_rate = 0.1
current_point = initial_point.copy()
classical_trajectory = [current_point.copy()]

for i in range(20):
    # Calculate gradient
    gradient = np.array([2*current_point[0], 2*current_point[1]])

    # Update
    current_point = current_point - learning_rate * gradient
    classical_trajectory.append(current_point.copy())

results['classical'] = {
    'final_point': current_point,
    'final_value': test_function(current_point),
    'trajectory': np.array(classical_trajectory)
}

# Quantum-inspired optimization (simplified simulation)
# In reality, this would use quantum amplitude estimation or QAE
current_point = initial_point.copy()
quantum_trajectory = [current_point.copy()]

# Simulate quantum advantage with larger initial steps
# that then adapt with a learning scheduler
for i in range(20):
    # Calculate gradient (with simulated quantum advantage)
    gradient = np.array([2*current_point[0], 2*current_point[1]])

    # Add quantum noise which can help escape local minima
    if i < 10:
        noise = np.random.normal(0, 0.5, size=2)
        gradient += noise

    # Adaptive learning rate (simulating quantum advantage)
    adaptive_lr = learning_rate * (1.0 / (1.0 + 0.1 * i))

    # Update
    current_point = current_point - adaptive_lr * gradient
    quantum_trajectory.append(current_point.copy())

results['quantum'] = {
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        'final_point': current_point,
        'final_value': test_function(current_point),
        'trajectory': np.array(quantum_trajectory)
    }

    return results
```

Quantum algorithms like the Quantum Amplitude Estimation (QAE) could provide quadratic speedups for gradient estimation in neural network training.

24.3.2 Quantum-Enhanced Feature Spaces

Quantum circuits can map classical data into higher-dimensional feature spaces, similar to kernel methods in classical machine learning:

```
def quantum_kernel(x1, x2, n_qubits=4):
    """
    Compute a quantum kernel between two data points

    Parameters:
    - x1, x2: Data points
    - n_qubits: Number of qubits

    Returns:
    - kernel_value: Kernel similarity
    """
    # Normalize input vectors
    x1 = x1 / np.linalg.norm(x1)
    x2 = x2 / np.linalg.norm(x2)

    # Create a circuit with n_qubits
    qc = QuantumCircuit(n_qubits)

    # Define a feature map circuit
    def feature_map(x, qc, qubits):
        # First layer of Hadamards
        for q in qubits:
            qc.h(q)

        # Feature mapping layer 1
        for i, q in enumerate(qubits):
            if i < len(x):
                qc.rz(x[i], q)

        # Entanglement
        for i in range(len(qubits)-1):
            qc.cx(qubits[i], qubits[i+1])

        # Feature mapping layer 2
        for i, q in enumerate(qubits):
            if i < len(x):
                qc.rz(x[i] ** 2, q)

    # Create test circuits
    qc1 = QuantumCircuit(n_qubits)
    feature_map(x1, qc1, range(n_qubits))

    qc2 = QuantumCircuit(n_qubits)
    feature_map(x2, qc2, range(n_qubits))

    # Create a circuit to compute their overlap
    # We can take advantage of the fact that K(x,y) = |⟨ϕ(x)|ϕ(y)⟩|²
    qc = qc1.copy()
    # Apply inverse of second feature map
    qc = qc.compose(qc2.inverse())

    # Simulate
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('statevector_simulator')
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    job = execute(qc, simulator)
    state = job.result().get_statevector()

    # Kernel value is probability of measuring all zeros
    kernel_value = np.abs(state[0])**2

    return kernel_value, qc

def quantum_kernel_matrix(X, n_qubits=4):
    """
    Compute quantum kernel matrix for a dataset

    Parameters:
    - X: Dataset
    - n_qubits: Number of qubits

    Returns:
    - kernel_matrix: Matrix of kernel values
    """
    n_samples = len(X)
    kernel_matrix = np.zeros((n_samples, n_samples))

    for i in range(n_samples):
        for j in range(i, n_samples):
            kernel_value, _ = quantum_kernel(X[i], X[j], n_qubits)
            kernel_matrix[i, j] = kernel_value
            kernel_matrix[j, i] = kernel_value  # Symmetric

    return kernel_matrix

def quantum_enhanced_classification(X_train, y_train, X_test, n_qubits=4):
    """
    Perform classification using a quantum kernel

    Parameters:
    - X_train: Training data
    - y_train: Training labels
    - X_test: Test data
    - n_qubits: Number of qubits

    Returns:
    - predictions: Predicted labels for test data
    """
    from sklearn.svm import SVC

    # Compute kernel matrix for training data
    train_kernel = quantum_kernel_matrix(X_train, n_qubits)

    # Train a classifier with the precomputed kernel
    svc = SVC(kernel='precomputed')
    svc.fit(train_kernel, y_train)

    # Compute kernel between test and training points
    test_kernel = np.zeros((len(X_test), len(X_train)))
```

```
    for i, x_test in enumerate(X_test):
        for j, x_train in enumerate(X_train):
            kernel_value, _ = quantum_kernel(x_test, x_train, n_qubits)
            test_kernel[i, j] = kernel_value

    # Predict using the trained model
    predictions = svc.predict(test_kernel)

    return predictions
```

The ability to implicitly work in an exponentially large feature space is a unique advantage of quantum computers for machine learning tasks.

24.3.3 Quantum-Inspired Classical Algorithms

Quantum principles can also inspire new classical algorithms for neural networks:

```
def tensor_network_layer(input_tensor, weight_tensor):
    """
    Implement a tensor network layer for neural networks

    Parameters:
    - input_tensor: Input data tensor
    - weight_tensor: Weight tensor

    Returns:
    - output_tensor: Output after tensor contraction
    """
    # Contract along appropriate dimensions
    output_tensor = np.tensordot(input_tensor, weight_tensor, axes=1)

    return output_tensor

class TensorNetworkModel:
    def __init__(self, input_dim, hidden_dim, output_dim):
        """
        Simple tensor network model inspired by quantum computing

        Parameters:
        - input_dim: Input dimension
        - hidden_dim: Hidden dimension
        - output_dim: Output dimension
        """
        self.input_dim = input_dim
        self.hidden_dim = hidden_dim
        self.output_dim = output_dim

        # Initialize weights as tensors
        self.W1 = np.random.randn(input_dim, hidden_dim) / np.sqrt(input_dim)
        self.W2 = np.random.randn(hidden_dim, output_dim) / np.sqrt(hidden_dim)

    def forward(self, x):
        """
        Forward pass through the network

        Parameters:
        - x: Input data

        Returns:
        - output: Network output
        """
        # First layer
        h = tensor_network_layer(x, self.W1)
        h = np.tanh(h)  # Nonlinearity

        # Second layer
        output = tensor_network_layer(h, self.W2)

        return output
```

```
    def train(self, X_train, y_train, learning_rate=0.01, n_epochs=100):
        """
        Train the tensor network model

        Parameters:
        - X_train: Training inputs
        - y_train: Training targets
        - learning_rate: Learning rate
        - n_epochs: Number of training epochs

        Returns:
        - loss_history: Training loss history
        """
        loss_history = []

        for epoch in range(n_epochs):
            total_loss = 0

            # Shuffle training data
            indices = np.random.permutation(len(X_train))
            X_shuffled = X_train[indices]
            y_shuffled = y_train[indices]

            for x, y in zip(X_shuffled, y_shuffled):
                # Forward pass
                output = self.forward(x)

                # Compute loss (mean squared error)
                loss = np.mean((output - y) ** 2)
                total_loss += loss

                # Backward pass (simplified gradient descent)
                # In a real implementation, backpropagation would be used

                # Output layer gradients
                d_output = 2 * (output - y) / len(output)
                d_W2 = np.outer(np.tanh(tensor_network_layer(x, self.W1)), d_outp

                # Hidden layer gradients
                d_hidden = np.dot(d_output, self.W2.T)
                d_hidden_input = d_hidden * (1 - np.tanh(tensor_network_layer(x,
                d_W1 = np.outer(x, d_hidden_input)

                # Update weights
                self.W2 -= learning_rate * d_W2
                self.W1 -= learning_rate * d_W1

            # Average loss for the epoch
            avg_loss = total_loss / len(X_train)
            loss_history.append(avg_loss)

            if epoch % 10 == 0:
                print(f"Epoch {epoch}, Loss: {avg_loss:.6f}")
```

```
        return loss_history
```

Tensor networks, inspired by quantum physics, offer efficient ways to represent and manipulate high-dimensional data, potentially leading to more powerful classical neural networks.

24.4 Challenges and Open Questions

While quantum computing shows promise for neural network applications, several challenges remain.

24.4.1 Quantum Decoherence and Error Correction

Quantum systems are fragile and susceptible to environmental noise:

```
def demonstrate_decoherence(noise_level=0.1):
    """
    Demonstrate quantum decoherence effects

    Parameters:
    - noise_level: Level of simulated noise

    Returns:
    - results: Simulation results with different noise levels
    """
    results = {}

    # Create a simple circuit that should maintain coherence
    qc = QuantumCircuit(2, 2)
    qc.h(0)
    qc.cx(0, 1)  # Create Bell state
    qc.h(0)
    qc.measure([0, 1], [0, 1])

    # Noise-free simulation
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(qc, simulator, shots=1000)
    counts = job.result().get_counts(qc)
    results['ideal'] = counts

    # Simulate with noise
    from qiskit.providers.aer.noise import NoiseModel
    from qiskit.providers.aer.noise.errors import pauli_error, depolarizing_error

    # Create a noise model
    noise_model = NoiseModel()

    # Bit flip errors
    error_prob = noise_level
    bit_flip = pauli_error([('X', error_prob), ('I', 1 - error_prob)])
    noise_model.add_all_qubit_quantum_error(bit_flip, ['h', 'cx'])

    # Depolarizing error (general quantum noise)
    depol_error = depolarizing_error(noise_level, 1)
    noise_model.add_all_qubit_quantum_error(depol_error, ['h', 'cx'])

    # Simulate with noise
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(qc, simulator, shots=1000, noise_model=noise_model)
    counts = job.result().get_counts(qc)
    results['noisy'] = counts

    return results, qc
```

Quantum error correction and fault-tolerant quantum computing are essential for practical quantum neural networks, but they require significant qubit overhead.

24.4.2 Quantum-Classical Interfaces

Efficient data transfer between classical and quantum systems is a key challenge:

```python
def quantum_classical_interface_demo(classical_data, n_qubits=4):
    """
    Demonstrate the quantum-classical interface

    Parameters:
    - classical_data: Classical data to encode
    - n_qubits: Number of qubits

    Returns:
    - results: Results of quantum processing
    """
    # Normalize and prepare classical data
    if len(classical_data) > n_qubits:
        print(f"Warning: Data dimension ({len(classical_data)}) exceeds qubit cou

    # Normalize data
    norm_data = classical_data / np.linalg.norm(classical_data)

    # Create encoding circuit
    qc = QuantumCircuit(n_qubits, n_qubits)

    # Amplitude encoding (simplified)
    # In reality, this would require more complex circuits for arbitrary data
    for i, value in enumerate(norm_data):
        if i < n_qubits:
            qc.ry(2 * np.arcsin(value), i)

    # Apply entanglement
    for i in range(n_qubits-1):
        qc.cx(i, i+1)

    # Apply a parameterized rotation (quantum processing)
    theta = np.pi/4
    for i in range(n_qubits):
        qc.rz(theta, i)

    # Measure all qubits
    qc.measure(range(n_qubits), range(n_qubits))

    # Simulate
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(qc, simulator, shots=1000)
    counts = job.result().get_counts(qc)

    # Process results (decode)
    # Here we simply return the measurement results
    # In a real application, we would need to post-process these results

    return counts, qc

def batch_quantum_processing(data_batch, n_qubits=4):
    """
    Demonstrate batch processing for quantum-classical interface
```

```
    Parameters:
    - data_batch: Batch of classical data
    - n_qubits: Number of qubits

    Returns:
    - results: Results of batch processing
    """
    results = []
    circuits = []

    # Create a quantum circuit for each data point
    for data_point in data_batch:
        # Encode data
        qc = QuantumCircuit(n_qubits, n_qubits)

        # Simplified amplitude encoding
        norm_data = data_point / np.linalg.norm(data_point)
        for i, value in enumerate(norm_data):
            if i < n_qubits:
                qc.ry(2 * np.arcsin(value), i)

        # Apply quantum processing
        for i in range(n_qubits-1):
            qc.cx(i, i+1)

        for i in range(n_qubits):
            qc.rz(np.pi/4, i)

        # Measure
        qc.measure(range(n_qubits), range(n_qubits))

        circuits.append(qc)

    # Batch execution
    simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
    job = execute(circuits, simulator, shots=1000)

    # Extract results
    for i in range(len(circuits)):
        counts = job.result().get_counts(circuits[i])
        results.append(counts)

    return results
```

Efficient data encoding and result extraction are critical bottlenecks for quantum neural networks, as they often require exponential resources in the classical-quantum interface.

24.4.3 Quantum Machine Learning Theory

We need better theoretical understanding of when quantum neural networks offer advantages:

```python
def quantum_classical_expressivity_comparison(n_qubits=4, n_layers=2):
    """
    Compare expressivity of quantum vs classical neural networks

    Parameters:
    - n_qubits: Number of qubits in quantum circuit
    - n_layers: Number of layers in both networks

    Returns:
    - expressivity_metrics: Metrics comparing expressivity
    """
    # Create a parameterized quantum circuit
    qc, parameters = create_quantum_neural_network(n_qubits, n_layers)
    n_params_quantum = len(parameters)

    # Calculate state space dimension
    quantum_state_dim = 2**n_qubits

    # Create a classical neural network with similar parameter count
    import torch.nn as nn

    # Design classical network to have similar parameter count
    hidden_dim = int(np.sqrt(n_params_quantum))

    classical_model = nn.Sequential(
        nn.Linear(n_qubits, hidden_dim),
        nn.ReLU(),
        nn.Linear(hidden_dim, hidden_dim),
        nn.ReLU(),
        nn.Linear(hidden_dim, 1)
    )

    # Count parameters in classical model
    n_params_classical = sum(p.numel() for p in classical_model.parameters())

    # Calculate classical network's representational capacity
    # (simplified metric)
    classical_capacity = hidden_dim**2

    # Compare expressivity
    expressivity_metrics = {
        "quantum_parameters": n_params_quantum,
        "classical_parameters": n_params_classical,
        "quantum_state_space_dimension": quantum_state_dim,
        "classical_capacity": classical_capacity,
        "quantum_advantage_ratio": quantum_state_dim / n_params_quantum,
        "classical_ratio": classical_capacity / n_params_classical
    }

    return expressivity_metrics
```

The promise of quantum neural networks lies in their potentially exponential expressivity with respect to parameter count, but theoretical guarantees are still being developed.

24.5 Code Lab: Implementing a Quantum-Enhanced Neural Network

Let’s implement a simple hybrid quantum-classical neural network for a classification task:

```
import numpy as np
from qiskit import QuantumCircuit, Aer, execute
from qiskit.circuit import Parameter
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

class QuantumEnhancedNN:
    def __init__(self, n_qubits=4, n_layers=2):
        """
        Hybrid quantum-classical neural network

        Parameters:
        - n_qubits: Number of qubits in quantum circuit
        - n_layers: Number of layers in quantum circuit
        """
        self.n_qubits = n_qubits
        self.n_layers = n_layers

        # Create quantum circuit
        self.qc, self.parameters = self._create_quantum_circuit()
        self.n_params = len(self.parameters)

        # Initialize parameters randomly
        self.param_values = np.random.randn(self.n_params) * 0.1

        # Classical post-processing layer
        self.classical_weight = np.random.randn(1) * 0.1
        self.classical_bias = np.random.randn(1) * 0.1

        # Training history
        self.loss_history = []

    def _create_quantum_circuit(self):
        """Create parameterized quantum circuit"""
        qc = QuantumCircuit(self.n_qubits, 1)

        # Create parameters
        parameters = []

        # Initial Hadamard layer
        for i in range(self.n_qubits):
            qc.h(i)

        # Parameterized layers
        for layer in range(self.n_layers):
            # Rotation gates with parameters
            for i in range(self.n_qubits):
                theta = Parameter(f'θ_{layer}_{i}')
                parameters.append(theta)
                qc.ry(theta, i)

            # Entanglement
            for i in range(self.n_qubits - 1):
                qc.cx(i, i+1)
```

```
            # Connect last qubit to first (circular entanglement)
            if self.n_qubits > 1:
                qc.cx(self.n_qubits-1, 0)

        # Measure expectation value of first qubit
        qc.measure(0, 0)

        return qc, parameters

    def _encode_input(self, x):
        """
        Encode classical input into quantum circuit parameters

        Parameters:
        - x: Input data point

        Returns:
        - circuit_params: Parameters for quantum circuit
        """
        # Use input data to set parameters of first layer
        circuit_params = self.param_values.copy()

        # Encode data into the first layer parameters
        for i, feature in enumerate(x):
            if i < self.n_qubits:
                # Scale feature to appropriate range
                scaled_feature = feature * np.pi  # Scale to [0, π]
                circuit_params[i] = scaled_feature

        return circuit_params

    def _quantum_forward(self, x):
        """
        Run quantum circuit with encoded input

        Parameters:
        - x: Input data point

        Returns:
        - expectation: Expectation value of measurement
        """
        # Encode input into circuit parameters
        circuit_params = self._encode_input(x)

        # Create parameter dictionary
        param_dict = dict(zip(self.parameters, circuit_params))

        # Bind parameters
        bound_qc = self.qc.bind_parameters(param_dict)

        # Execute circuit
        simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
        job = execute(bound_qc, simulator, shots=1000)
```

```
        result = job.result()
        counts = result.get_counts(bound_qc)

        # Calculate expectation value
        expectation = counts.get('0', 0) / 1000  # Probability of measuring 0

        return expectation

    def forward(self, x):
        """
        Forward pass through hybrid network

        Parameters:
        - x: Input data point

        Returns:
        - output: Network output
        """
        # Quantum layer
        quantum_output = self._quantum_forward(x)

        # Classical post-processing
        output = quantum_output * self.classical_weight + self.classical_bias

        return output

    def train(self, X_train, y_train, learning_rate=0.01, n_epochs=100):
        """
        Train the hybrid quantum-classical network

        Parameters:
        - X_train: Training inputs
        - y_train: Training targets (binary)
        - learning_rate: Learning rate
        - n_epochs: Number of training epochs
        """
        for epoch in range(n_epochs):
            epoch_loss = 0.0

            # Process each training example
            for x, y in zip(X_train, y_train):
                # Forward pass
                pred = self.forward(x)

                # Binary cross entropy loss
                epsilon = 1e-10  # Small value to prevent log(0)
                if y == 1:
                    loss = -np.log(pred + epsilon)
                else:
                    loss = -np.log(1 - pred + epsilon)

                epoch_loss += loss

                # Parameter shift method for quantum gradients
```

```
                quantum_gradients = self._quantum_gradients(x, y)

                # Update quantum parameters
                self.param_values -= learning_rate * np.array(quantum_gradients)

                # Update classical parameters
                quantum_output = self._quantum_forward(x)

                # Gradient for classical weight
                if y == 1:
                    d_weight = -quantum_output / (pred + epsilon)
                else:
                    d_weight = quantum_output / (1 - pred + epsilon)

                # Gradient for classical bias
                if y == 1:
                    d_bias = -1 / (pred + epsilon)
                else:
                    d_bias = 1 / (1 - pred + epsilon)

                # Update classical parameters
                self.classical_weight -= learning_rate * d_weight
                self.classical_bias -= learning_rate * d_bias

            # Record average loss
            avg_loss = epoch_loss / len(X_train)
            self.loss_history.append(avg_loss)

            if epoch % 10 == 0:
                print(f"Epoch {epoch}: Loss = {avg_loss:.4f}")

    def _quantum_gradients(self, x, y):
        """
        Calculate gradients for quantum parameters using parameter shift rule

        Parameters:
        - x: Input data point
        - y: Target output

        Returns:
        - gradients: List of gradients for quantum parameters
        """
        gradients = []

        for i in range(self.n_params):
            # Create shifted parameter sets
            shift = np.pi/2

            plus_params = self.param_values.copy()
            plus_params[i] += shift

            minus_params = self.param_values.copy()
            minus_params[i] -= shift
```

```
            # Encode input
            circuit_params_plus = plus_params.copy()
            circuit_params_minus = minus_params.copy()

            for j, feature in enumerate(x):
                if j < self.n_qubits:
                    scaled_feature = feature * np.pi
                    circuit_params_plus[j] = scaled_feature
                    circuit_params_minus[j] = scaled_feature

            # Evaluate at shifted points
            plus_dict = dict(zip(self.parameters, circuit_params_plus))
            minus_dict = dict(zip(self.parameters, circuit_params_minus))

            # Bind parameters
            plus_qc = self.qc.bind_parameters(plus_dict)
            minus_qc = self.qc.bind_parameters(minus_dict)

            # Execute circuits
            simulator = Aer.get_backend('qasm_simulator')
            job_plus = execute(plus_qc, simulator, shots=1000)
            job_minus = execute(minus_qc, simulator, shots=1000)

            counts_plus = job_plus.result().get_counts(plus_qc)
            counts_minus = job_minus.result().get_counts(minus_qc)

            # Calculate expectation values
            expect_plus = counts_plus.get('0', 0) / 1000
            expect_minus = counts_minus.get('0', 0) / 1000

            # Calculate classical outputs
            output_plus = expect_plus * self.classical_weight + self.classical_bi
            output_minus = expect_minus * self.classical_weight + self.classical_

            # Calculate losses
            epsilon = 1e-10
            if y == 1:
                loss_plus = -np.log(output_plus + epsilon)
                loss_minus = -np.log(output_minus + epsilon)
            else:
                loss_plus = -np.log(1 - output_plus + epsilon)
                loss_minus = -np.log(1 - output_minus + epsilon)

            # Estimate gradient using parameter shift rule
            gradient = (loss_plus - loss_minus) / (2 * np.sin(shift))
            gradients.append(gradient)

        return gradients

    def predict(self, X_test, threshold=0.5):
        """
        Make predictions for test data

        Parameters:
```

```
        - X_test: Test inputs
        - threshold: Classification threshold

        Returns:
        - predictions: Binary predictions
        """
        predictions = []

        for x in X_test:
            output = self.forward(x)
            prediction = 1 if output >= threshold else 0
            predictions.append(prediction)

        return np.array(predictions)

    def plot_loss(self):
        """Plot training loss history"""
        plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
        plt.plot(self.loss_history)
        plt.xlabel('Epoch')
        plt.ylabel('Loss')
        plt.title('Training Loss')
        plt.grid(True)
        return plt

# Example usage:
def run_quantum_classification_demo():
    """Run a demo of quantum-enhanced classification"""
    # Generate synthetic binary classification data
    np.random.seed(42)
    n_samples = 20
    n_features = 2

    # Create two clusters
    X_0 = np.random.normal(0, 1, (n_samples//2, n_features))
    X_1 = np.random.normal(3, 1, (n_samples//2, n_features))

    X = np.vstack([X_0, X_1])
    y = np.array([0] * (n_samples//2) + [1] * (n_samples//2))

    # Normalize features
    X = (X - X.mean(axis=0)) / X.std(axis=0)

    # Create and train quantum model
    model = QuantumEnhancedNN(n_qubits=2, n_layers=2)
    model.train(X, y, learning_rate=0.05, n_epochs=50)

    # Plot decision boundary
    x_min, x_max = X[:, 0].min() - 1, X[:, 0].max() + 1
    y_min, y_max = X[:, 1].min() - 1, X[:, 1].max() + 1
    xx, yy = np.meshgrid(np.arange(x_min, x_max, 0.1),
                         np.arange(y_min, y_max, 0.1))

    # Make predictions for grid points
```

```
    Z = np.array([model.forward(np.array([x, y])) for x, y in zip(xx.ravel(), yy.
    Z = Z.reshape(xx.shape)

    # Plot
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
    plt.contourf(xx, yy, Z, alpha=0.8, cmap=plt.cm.RdBu)
    plt.scatter(X[:, 0], X[:, 1], c=y, edgecolors='k', cmap=plt.cm.RdBu)
    plt.xlabel('Feature 1')
    plt.ylabel('Feature 2')
    plt.title('Quantum-Enhanced Neural Network Decision Boundary')

    # Plot training loss
    loss_fig = model.plot_loss()

    return model, loss_fig

# Run the demo
# model, loss_fig = run_quantum_classification_demo()
```

This hybrid approach combines quantum computing's potential advantages with classical neural network techniques, offering a practical path forward as quantum hardware continues to improve.

24.6 Take-aways

- **Quantum computing offers unique capabilities** for neural network processing through superposition, entanglement, and quantum parallelism
- **Quantum Neural Networks** can potentially represent complex functions with fewer parameters than classical counterparts
- **Quantum kernels** allow classical data to be mapped into exponentially large feature spaces
- **Hybrid quantum-classical approaches** currently offer the most practical path forward
- **Significant challenges remain**, including quantum error correction, efficient data encoding, and clear theoretical understanding of quantum advantages
- **The field is rapidly evolving** with new algorithms, hardware, and theoretical insights

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