

# Finding Problems with Potential Quantum Supremacy using Graphs.

Rodney F. Franco<sup>1</sup>

Universidad Nacional de Asunción, ASU

Sebastián A. Grillo<sup>2</sup>

Universidad Nacional de Asunción, Universidad Autónoma de Asunción, ASU

The main motivation for developing quantum algorithms is their advantage over classical counterparts. In a query complexity model we wish to compute a boolean function  $f : S \rightarrow T$ , where  $S \subseteq \Sigma^n$  and  $T$  is a finite set [2]. It is possible to discover new problems with quantum advantage searching for second-degree linear polynomials, bounded between 0 and 1, which have a high  $L_1$  norm [3]. This situation can be represented by defining an optimization problem, where  $L_1$  is maximized for a proposed formulation of single-query quantum algorithms (which we denote as WDG). In this sense, in Theorem 1 an iterative method was presented, which produces a sequence of algorithms with increasing spectral norm  $L_1$  from algorithms with spectral norm  $L_1$  greater than 1. These contributions are detailed in the following paragraphs.

We say that a polynomial  $p$  approximates a function  $f$  with error bounded by  $\epsilon$ , if  $|p(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ . Furthermore, we know that if there exist a  $\epsilon < \frac{1}{2}$  and a  $\epsilon' < \frac{1}{2}$ , such that a partial boolean function  $f$  can be approximated by a *degree* - 2 polynomial with error bounded by  $\epsilon$  if and only if  $f$  is computable by a  $1 - \text{query}$  quantum algorithm with error bounded by  $\epsilon'$  [1].

For each  $b \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , we can define  $\chi_b : \{1, -1\}^n \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  such that  $\chi_b(x) = \prod_i b_i x_i$ . This family of functions is an orthonormal basis of the function space  $f : \{1, -1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  [4].

Given  $p : \{1, -1\}^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$  a multilinear polynomial of degree at most two, then  $p$  has a unique representation

$$p = \sum_{b \in \{0, 1\}^n} \alpha_b \chi_b, \quad (1)$$

such that  $|b| \leq 2$ .

Given this, we define a graph with no multiple edges  $G(V, E)$ , where  $V$  and  $E$  are the sets of vertices and edges respectively and denote  $\omega : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in \{1, -1\}^{n+1}$  (considering the ancilla bit  $x_0 = 1$ ), we call  $D = (G, \omega)$  Weighted dynamical graph (**WDG**) and define

$$g_D(x) = \sum_{e \in E} s(e, x) \omega(e), \quad (2)$$

the value of  $D$  over  $x$ , where if  $e = (v_i, v_j)$ , then  $s(e, x) = x_i x_j$  and if  $e = (v_i)$ , then  $s(e, x) = x_0 x_i$ . And associated to  $D$  we define a  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  real matrix  $M^D$  such that: (i) if  $i = 0$  and  $i \neq j$ , then  $M_{i,j}^D = \frac{1}{2} \omega(\{j\})$ , (ii) if  $j = 0$  and  $i \neq j$ , then  $M_{i,j}^D = \frac{1}{2} \omega(\{i\})$ , (iii) if  $i = j$ , then  $M_{i,j}^D = 0$ , and (iv) if  $i, j > 0$ , then  $M_{i,j}^D = M_{j,i}^D = \frac{1}{2} \omega(\{i, j\})$ . Where

$$g_D(x) = x M^D x^t. \quad (3)$$

---

<sup>1</sup>rfrancot@pol.una.py

<sup>2</sup>sgrillo@uaa.edu.py

The optimization problem we discussed earlier is defined here as follows:

**Definition 1.** Let  $f$  be a function such that  $f : S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $S \subset \{1, -1\}^n$ . Considering a **WDG**  $D = (G, \omega)$  and given some  $\epsilon > 0$ : Find  $C$  and  $\omega$  that maximize

$$\sum_{e \in E} |\omega(e)|. \quad (4)$$

subject to: (i)  $|g_D(x) - f(x) + C| < \epsilon$  for each  $x \in S$ , and (ii)  $\delta(D) = 1$ . Where

$$\delta(D) = \max_{x \in \{-1, 1\}^n} g_D(x) - \min_{x \in \{-1, 1\}^n} g_D(x). \quad (5)$$

Where the equation 4 is the norm  $L_1$  in the **WDG**. Now, consider the following terms:

- $D$  and  $D'$  be WGDs such that  $f(x) = (xM^D x^t + K)$  and  $f'(y) = (yM^{D'} y^t + K')$  for  $K, K' \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $S \subset \{1, -1\}^n$  and  $T \subset \{1, -1\}^m$ , where  $f : S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $f' : T \rightarrow [0, 1]$  respectively.
- Denote  $S^+ = \{x \in S : f(x) = 1\}$ ,  $S^- = \{x \in S : f(x) = 0\}$ ,  $T^+ = \{y \in T : f'(y) = 1\}$  and  $T^- = \{y \in T : f'(y) = 0\}$ .

if  $L(f)$  be the fourier  $L_1$  norm of  $f$  over its descomposition on functions  $\chi_b$ , we state the following theorem

**Theorem 1.** There is a **WDG**  $D''$  such that i)  $L(g_{D''}) = (L(g_D) + |K|)(L(g_{D'}) + |K'|) - |KK'|$  and ii)  $g_{D''}(x) = f''(x) + K''$  for  $x \in ((S^+ \otimes T^+) \cup (S^- \otimes T^-) \cup (S^+ \otimes T^-) \cup (S^- \otimes T^+))$  and some  $K'' \in \mathbb{R}$ . Where  $f'' : \{1, -1\}^{nm} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfies (a)  $f''(\omega) = 1$  if  $\omega \in (S^+ \otimes T^+)$ , and (b)  $f''(\omega) = 0$  if  $\omega \in ((S^+ \otimes T^-) \cup (S^- \otimes T^+) \cup (S^- \otimes T^-))$ .

Here we show a relatively simple framework for problem search where single-query quantum algorithms can have potential advantage over classical decision trees. A possible strategy for developing quantum algorithms is to first solve the optimization problem using generic optimization methods, in order to generalize the algorithm through a sequence of **WDGs** obtained by applying the Theorem 1.

## Acknowledgments

This work was supported by the CONACYT, Paraguay, under Grant PINV01-397. The authors of this work are part of the RIPAISC network (525RT0174) funded by the CYTED.

## References

- [1] S. Aaronson, A. Ambainis, J. Iraids, M. Kokainis, and J. Smotrovs. “Polynomials, quantum query complexity, and Grothendieck’s inequality”. In: **arXiv preprint arXiv:1511.08682** (2015).
- [2] H. Barnum, M. Saks, and M. Szegedy. “Quantum query complexity and semi-definite programming”. In: **18th IEEE Annual Conference on Computational Complexity, 2003. Proceedings.** IEEE. 2003, pp. 179–193. DOI: 10.1109/CCC.2003.1214419.
- [3] S. Alberto Grillo and F. de Lima Marquezino. “Fourier 1-norm and quantum speed-up”. In: **Quantum Information Processing** 18.4 (2019), p. 99. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11128-019-2208-7>.
- [4] R. O’Donnell. **Analysis of boolean functions.** Cambridge University Press, 2014. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/CB09781139814782>.