

Syllabus and Bibliography: Quantum Machine Learning (QML) short course

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Course structure

• Introduction to Quantum Computing (QC)

In the first session of the course we provide a general introduction to the field of Quantum Computing (QC). This introduction is based on a number of resources with a complete presentation of the techniques and goals of the field. Among these references the book [1] is the classic references. Additional material can be found in [2] and [3]. The selection of the topics aims to provide a general presentation of the potential resources available to perform QC from a Theoretical perspective. A general introduction to Quantum Machine Learning can be found in Refs [4, 5].

For a general introduction to Adiabatic Quantum computation the review in [6] is a complete resource. The review [7] provides a detailed introduction to Measurement based QC.

Topics covered in this session include:

- Introduction, QC paradigms: gate-based QC, Adiabatic QC, Measurement-based QC
- Quantum circuits, gates
- Gate decomposition
- Quantum Algorithms

• Quantum Encodings

As a first incursion into Quantum Machine Learning, in this section we cover the different encodings available to use Quantum states to represent a dataset. A basic and general introduction is available in Chapter 4 in [8], and references therein.

Topics covered in this session include:

- Basis encodings
- Superposition for basis encodings
- Amplitude amplification
- Search algorithm

• Quantum Neural Networks: Variational Methods

Ref [9] and references therein is a complete introduction to Variational Methods for QC by some of the original authors. Also, Chapter 5 in [8] offers a detailed discussion of the methodology and potential uses.

Topics covered in this session include:

- Variational eigensolvers
- Adapt-VQE
- Variational Methods for QML

- **Restricted Boltzman Machines (RBM)**

Chapter 8 in [8] includes a basic introduction to RBM and their training. Also, Refs [10, 11] offer a good introduction and details about the training of RBM using Quantum annealers.

Topics covered in this session include:

- Training
- Objective functions
- Quantum RBM

- **Quantum devices based on different technologies**

This part of the course deals with the Hardware implementations of Quantum computers in Physical systems. The approaches are diverse, using a collection of different Quantum systems to codify and process information.

The technologies introduces in this section are:

- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)
- Photonic devices
- Ion traps
- Superconducting circuits

For NMR a good review is [12]. Photonic devices are introduced in detail in [13] and references therein. Quantum Computers and operations with ions are reviewed in [14]. Finally, a good introduction to QC with Superconducting circuits is [15].

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