Universal approximation and error bounds for quantum neural networks

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Circuit construction: Define the following gates acting on a single qubit

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{U}_{1}^{(i)} &:= \mathbf{H} \, \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}} \left(-b^{i} \right) \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}} \left(-a^{i}_{d} \mathbf{x}_{d} \right) \cdots \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}} \left(-a^{i}_{1} \mathbf{x}_{1} \right) \mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{z}}(\alpha) := \begin{pmatrix} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \frac{\alpha}{2}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \frac{\alpha}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{U}_{2}^{(i)} &:= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \left(\frac{\gamma^{i}}{2} \right) & -\sin \left(\frac{\gamma^{i}}{2} \right) \\ \sin \left(\frac{\gamma^{i}}{2} \right) & \cos \left(\frac{\gamma^{i}}{2} \right) \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

with H the Hadamard gate. Now let $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that $\log_2(4n + n_0) \in \mathbb{N}$, write $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{a}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{b}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(i)})_{i=1,...,n} \in \boldsymbol{\Theta} := (\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \times [0, 2\pi])^n$ and define



Let $N = 4n + n_0$ and $\mathbb{V} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ a unitary matrix that maps $|0\rangle^{\otimes n}$ to the state $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |4i\rangle$. Then we consider $|0\rangle^{\otimes n} - \mathbb{V} - \mathbb{U}(\theta, \mathbf{x})$

Thank you!