Shadows of Quantum Machine Learning

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Quantum machine learning models

ü Jerbi *et al., NeurIPS* 2021

Promising empirical performance

Jerbi, Gyurik, Marshall, Briegel & Dunjko*,* **Parametrized quantum policies for reinforcement learning**, NeurIPS 2021

Provable quantum advantage

• Learning tasks with a **provable** quantum advantage over any classical learner:

Theorem (informal). There exist learning tasks where:

- 1. Quantum agents can achieve close-to-optimal performance with high prob.
- 2. Classical agents cannot achieve a performance (much) better than random, under hardness of \log_a

Liu, Arunachalam & Temme, **A rigorous and robust quantum speed-up in supervised machine learning**, Nature Physics (2021)

Making use of QML

Training phase Constanting phase Constanting phase Deployment phase

Evaluate the model f_{θ} on new data points x

Problem: evaluation still needs a quantum computer!

Shadow models

Main question:

Can we design QML models that are **trained** on a **quantum computer**, but,

after data collection (or "shadowing") phase,

can later be **evaluated** on new data **classically**?

Classical surrogates

An existing proposal:

Based on Fourier representation of quantum models:

$$
f_{\theta}(x) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} c_{\omega}(\theta) e^{-i\omega \cdot x}, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^d
$$

Simply learn the coefficients $c_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})!$ Sample complexity: $\tilde{O} \left(\frac{\omega_M^{-d} \, ||O||^2_{\infty}}{c^2} \right)$ ε^2 To guarantee: $\left| \tilde{f}_{\theta}(x) - f_{\theta}(x) \right| \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ Max frequency

But also suggests that surrogate trained directly can outperform!

Schreiber, Eisert & Meyer, **Classical surrogates for quantum learning models**. PRL (2023)

Shadow models

Main questions (revisited):

- Q1. Can shadow models achieve a **quantum advantage** over entirely classical (classically trained and classically evaluated) models?
	- Q2. Do there exist quantum models that **do not admit shadow models**?

QML models are linear models

Jerbi, …, Briegel & Dunjko*,* **Quantum machine learning beyond kernel methods**. Nature Communications (2023)

From explicit model to flipped model

Explicit model

 $f_{\theta}(x) = Tr[\rho(x)O(\theta)]$

Flipped model

 $f_{\theta}(x) = Tr[\rho(\theta)O(x)]$

 $\rho(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ $0(x)$

 $\rho(x)$

 $O(\theta)$

 $\rho(\theta) = |\psi(\theta)\rangle\langle\psi(\theta)|$ $O(x) = U^{\dagger}(x)O_xU(x)$

Shadows of flipped models

Classical poly-time

$$
\begin{array}{c}\n x \\
 \omega(\theta)\n\end{array}\n\begin{array}{c}\n G\n\end{array}\n\begin{array}{c}\n\end{array}\n\int \tilde{f}_{\theta}(x)
$$

Shadowing phase

Deployment

E.g., for flipped models:

Construct a classical shadow $\hat{\rho}(\theta) = \omega(\theta)$ That allows to estimate $\tilde{f}_{\theta}(x) \approx \text{Tr}[\rho(\theta)O(x)]$ for a certain family $\{O(x)\}_x$

Huang, Kueng & Preskill, **Predicting many properties of quantum states from very few measurements**, Nature Physics (2020)

Q1: Quantum advantage with shadow models

- Cannot construct a shadow model for the discrete-log learning task
- Flipping leads to non-classicallyevaluatable $O(x)$

◦ Turn instead to another learning task:

Q2: Limitations of shadow models

Easy to construct a universal model for BQP:

If this BQP-complete model is in BPP/qgenpoly \implies BQP \subseteq P/poly Very unlikely Similarly,

If any model for DLP is in BPP/qgenpoly \implies DLP \subseteq P/poly Very unlikely

A view from complexity theory

 $\omega(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

X

(O

BPP/qgenpoly: $(C BPP/poly = P/poly)$

Generation of quantum advice

 $W_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})$

 $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$

BPP computation aided by advice

 \mathcal{A}

 $\tilde{f}_{\theta}(x)$

Non Fourier shadow models?

◦ Bonus question: do there exist models that are not efficiently Fourier shadowfiable?

Black-box queries of $f_{\theta}(x)$ (up to add. error) to learn the coefficients $c_{\omega}(\theta)$

$$
f_{\theta}(x) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} c_{\omega}(\theta) e^{-i\omega \cdot x}, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^n
$$

Take:

To guarantee: $\left| \tilde{f}_{\theta}(x) - f_{\theta}(x) \right| \leq 1/4 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Sample complexity:
$$
\Omega(2^n)
$$
 v.s. $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{\omega_M^n \|\mathcal{O}\|_{\infty}^2}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$

Easy to see for
$$
x \in \left\{0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right\}^n
$$
, it's a Grover oracle.

 $f_y(x) = \text{Tr}[\rho(x)O(y)], \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \{0,1\}^n$ $\rho(\boldsymbol{x}) = \bigotimes_{i=1}^n R_{\mathcal{Y}}(x_i) |0\rangle\langle 0|R_{\mathcal{Y}}^{\dagger}(x_i)$ $O(y) = |y\rangle\langle y|$ or, e.g., $O(y) = U_{DLP}|y\rangle\langle y|U_{DLP}^{\dagger}$

But trivially shadowfiable when flipped!

All shadowfiable models are shadowfiable flipped models

- Bonus answer: Flipped models are shadow-universal
- Proof:

Summary

Main questions:

Q1. Can shadow models achieve a **quantum advantage** over entirely classical models?

Q2. Do there exist quantum models that **do not admit shadow models**?

◦ How do (shadowfiable) flipped models do in practice?

Outlook

◦ New designs for shadow models?

Classical poly-time

 $-\tilde{f}_{\theta}(x)$

Shadowing phase

Evaluation phase

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Generalization performance

◦ Learning performance:

$$
\hat{\mathcal{L}}(f_{\theta}) \qquad v.s. \qquad \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}(f_{\theta})
$$
\nTraining loss

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$$
\max_{m \in \{1, \ldots, M\}} |f_{\theta}(x^{(m)}) - g(x^{(m)})|
$$
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$$
\text{For a flipped model:}
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$$
f_{\theta}(x) = \text{Tr}[\rho(\theta)O(x)]
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\text{For } \hat{\mathcal{L}}(f_{\theta}) = \eta,
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$$
\text{if the training set size } M \geq \tilde{O}\left(\frac{n||O||_{\infty}}{\varepsilon(\gamma - \eta)^{2}}\right)
$$
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$$
\text{then } \mathcal{L}_{\gamma}(f_{\theta}) \leq \varepsilon
$$

Aaronson*,* **The Learnability of Quantum States**. Proceedings of Royal Society A (2007)

Flipping bounds

◦ **Lower bound:**

There exist explicit models $Tr[\rho(x)O(\theta)]$, with $||O||_1 = d$ and $n = O(\log d)$ qubits,

such that, for any flipped model $Tr [\rho'(\theta) O'(\mathbf{x})]$, if

$$
\text{Tr}[\rho(\mathbf{x})O(\boldsymbol{\theta})] - \text{Tr}[\rho'(\boldsymbol{\theta})O'(\mathbf{x})]| \le \varepsilon, \forall \mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}
$$

then $m || O' ||_{\infty}^2 \ge \Omega \left(d^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon \right)^2 \right)$

◦ **Upper bound:**

We give an exact procedure ($\varepsilon = 0$) that uses $m = n + 1$ qubits and guarantees $||O||_{\infty} = ||O||_1$. Based on a renormalization of $O(\theta)$ and importance sampling.