# Shadows of Quantum Machine Learning

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#### Quantum machine learning models



- ✓ Chen *et al., IEEE* 2020
- ✓ Jerbietal., 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  $\log_{g}$

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

## Makinguse of QML

#### Training phase



#### **Deployment phase**

#### Evaluate the model $f_{\theta}$ on new data points $\boldsymbol{x}$



**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:

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

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

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

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

**Flipped model** 

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







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# Shadows of flipped models





Classical poly-time

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{\omega}(\mathbf{\theta}) \end{array} - \tilde{f}_{\mathbf{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) \end{array}$$

Shadowing phase

**Deployment phase** 

E.g., for flipped models:



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

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:



## A view from complexity theory



# 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





Generation of quantum advice

**BPP/qgenpoly:** 

 $(\subset BPP/poly = P/poly)$ 

BPP computation aided by advice

## Non Fourier shadow models?

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

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

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

Take:



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

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

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

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

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

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

Shadowing phase

**Evaluation phase** 

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#### Generalization performance

• Learning performance:

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

# Flipping bounds

#### • Lower bound:



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

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

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