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strong promises

and eigenvalue gaps



3 running the clock

precise/faulty, qubit/qudit, sequential/parallel



questions & warnings









1 Hamiltonians and their eigenvalue gaps





1 Hamiltonians and their ground states



high **?**

1 The QMA protocol



Is there an acceptable witness for this circuit?

Is some local Hamiltonian (nearly) frustration-free?

1 The QMA protocol



Is there an acceptable witness for this circuit?

Does some local Hamiltonian have a low ground energy?

























Using the usual circuit encoding clock construction based ideas?



1 Small eigenvalue gaps ... small promise gaps



geometric lemma

$$\lambda_0 \ge \sin^2 \frac{\vartheta}{2} \times \min(\Delta_A, \Delta_B)$$



a Heisenberg XXX spin-1 chain (AKLT)

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} X_j X_{j+1} + Y_j Y_{j+1} + Z_j Z_{j+1}$$

a biased walk in 1D

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \left(|j\rangle - B|j+1\rangle \right) \left(\langle j| - B\langle j+1| \right)$$





Degeneracy: help or trouble?





the history state ground

2 Snapshots of a computation



Locally comparing strings.



Locally comparing products.



Locally comparing entangled states?



UGH!



















2 The data & the clock: locally comparing related states



2 The history state



 $\begin{aligned} |\psi_{hist}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T+1}} \sum_{t=0}^{T} |\varphi_t\rangle \otimes |t\rangle \\ U_t \cdots U_1 |\varphi_0\rangle \end{aligned}$

2 The history state: a ground state



 $U_t \cdots U_1 |\varphi_0\rangle$





a clock workshop



- dynamic: a system that ticks local ticks (transitions)
- static: a unique ground state the uniform tick superposition





identifiable states









transitions
$$T_{st} = |s\rangle \langle t| + |t\rangle \langle s|$$

projections $P_{st} = \frac{1}{2} (|s\rangle - |t\rangle) (\langle s| - \langle t|$
Hamiltonian $H = \sum_{\langle s,t\rangle} P_{st}$
the ground state $|1\rangle + |2\rangle + |3\rangle + \cdots$









 $|10\rangle\langle01|+|01\rangle\langle10|$

- transitions 2-local
- identification
- projections get a superposition for the ground state

$$|01 - 10\rangle \langle 01 - 10\rangle$$

 $|1\rangle\langle 1|$

 invariant subspaces & tuning a given number of excitations tuning for a single excitation: prefer 1, hate 11








- clock checking $|01\rangle\langle01|$ 2-local
- identification

 $|10\rangle\langle10|$



- clock checking $|01\rangle\langle01|$ 2-local
- identification
- $|10\rangle\langle10|$
- projections $|100-110
 angle\langle 100-110|$
- a single domain wall: fix the ends a unique ground state



 $10000 \! + \! 11000 \! + \! 11100 \! + \! 11100$

3 The DW clock in Kitaev's 5-local Hamiltonian



- clock checking $|01\rangle\langle01|$ 2-local
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 angle\langle 100-110|$

interacting
 with data
 5-local

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(|t+1\rangle \langle t+1| + |t\rangle \langle t| \right) -\frac{1}{2} \left(U_{t+1} \otimes |t+1\rangle \langle t| + U_{t+1}^{\dagger} \otimes |t\rangle \langle t+1| \right)$$



3 The history state: a line of states

a projector Hamiltonian kernel: the uniform superposition

$$|t+1\rangle\langle t+1|+|t\rangle\langle t|$$

- $U_{t+1}\otimes|t+1\rangle\langle t|$
- $U_{t+1}^{\dagger}\otimes|t\rangle\langle t+1|$

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi_t\rangle \otimes |t\rangle \\ \varphi_{t+1}\rangle \otimes |t+1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\left|\psi_{hist}\right\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T+1}} \sum_{t=0}^{T} \left|\varphi_{t}\right\rangle \otimes \left|t\right\rangle$$

endpoints: ancilla initialization/final acceptance







ground state



lower bound on the ground state energy

good clock states

not clock states

history states

non-uniform superpositions

history states



a polynomially small gap

 $\Delta = O\left(L^{-2}\right)$

history states





initialized history states



accepted states







accepted states



YES some proof is likely (1- ϵ) accepted

energy of the history $\leq \frac{\epsilon}{L+1}$

projections & gadgets

3 Lower locality for the price of bad transitions

the domain wall



projections now just 1-local

$$|1-0\rangle\langle 1-0|$$

clock checks2-local, STRONG



the ground state is close to

 $10000 \! + \! 11000 \! + \! 11100 \! + \! 11100$

3 The projection lemma to estimate eigenvalues



Lemma 1 Let $H = H_1 + H_2$ be the sum of two Hamiltonians operating on some Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = S + S^{\perp}$. The Hamiltonian H_2 is such that S is a zero eigenspace and the eigenvectors in S^{\perp} have eigenvalue at least $J > 2||H_1||$. Then,

$$\lambda(H_1|_{\mathcal{S}}) - \frac{\|H_1\|^2}{J - 2\|H_1\|} \le \lambda(H) \le \lambda(H_1|_{\mathcal{S}})$$

3 The projection lemma to estimate eigenvalues



$$|01\rangle\langle 01$$

$$|1-0
angle \langle 1-0|$$
 +

3 The projection lemma to estimate eigenvalues



$$|1-0
angle\langle 1-0|+$$

3 Lower locality (3-LH) for the price of bad transitions

the domain wall

- non-projector $|10\rangle\langle10|_{1,2}+|10\rangle\langle10|_{2,3}-X_2$ 2-local terms
- clock checks
 2-local, BIG $|01\rangle\langle01|$

• from 5- to 3-local Hamiltonian [Kempe, Regev] $|10\rangle\langle 10|_{1,2} + |10\rangle\langle 10|_{2,3} - |1\rangle\langle 0|_2 \otimes U - |0\rangle\langle 1|_2 \otimes U^{\dagger}$ restricted to good clocks: qw on a line

3 Further decreasing locality: a "3 from 2" gadget



- strongly coupled ancillas (a new energy scale)
- perturbation theory

$$G'(z) = \left(z\mathbb{I} - H'\right)^{-1}$$



 $S=\mathrm{span}\left\{|000\rangle,|111\rangle\right\}$

[Kempe, Kitaev, Regev '03]

3 Further decreasing locality: a "3 from 2" gadget



- strongly coupled ancillas (a new energy scale)
- perturbation theory gives us an effective Hamiltonian

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} V & V^2 & V^3 \\ \\ \text{projection} & \text{unwanted} & \text{the effective} \\ \text{lemma} & (\text{subtract}) & \text{3-local term} \end{array}$$



 $H' = H + V_{||H|| \gg ||V||}$

 $S = \operatorname{span} \{ |000\rangle, |111\rangle \}$

[Kempe, Kitaev, Regev '03]

3 STRONG local fields, OK interactions



- strongly bound a single ancilla no superstrong interactions
- perturbation theory gives us an effective Hamiltonian

 $V|_{S}$ $V^{2}|_{S}$ $V^{3}|_{S}$ projection unwanted the effective lemma (subtract) 3-local term



special cases (Z-basis) exact gadgets! [Jacob Biamonte 0801.3800] 3 "Strengthening", intermediary gadgets?

classically easy: copy









locality & dimensionality



clock/work registers [KKR03, OT05]

constant degree geometric locality

a geometric clock



[AGIK07] moving data in 1D

3 Moving a special site: the qutrit surfer



3 Constructing local, geometric clocks: moving the data

telling "time"
 by where
 the data is



carrying/moving data?
 larger qudits (local dim.)
 larger locality

internal states ... dual-rail [Childs Gosset Webb 13]





2 Making a good local clock

 identifiable states domain-wall structure
 local transitions
 easily checkable bad states





 different geometry? simpler terms? locality/qudits? beyond linear? larger (promise) gaps?





program particles diffuse above data special states stand in their way



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BQP in 1D with a trans. invariant, time independent LH computational basis programmable

a nonlinear clock, polynomial expected runtime

3 A local, sequential geometric clock in 2D

2D "sequential" evaluation [Aharonov van Dam Kempe Landau Lloyd Regev 04]



Forbidden	Guarantees that
$\bigcirc \oplus, \bigcirc \oplus, \bigcirc \otimes$	○ is to the right of all other qubits
$\bigcirc \otimes, \bigcirc \otimes, \bigcirc \otimes$	\otimes is to the left of all other qubits
$\bigcirc \otimes, \otimes \bigcirc$	\bigcirc and \bigotimes are not horizontally adjacent
DD, DD,	
(D, D)	only one of $()$, $()$ per row
$\bigcirc, \bigcirc, \bigcirc, \otimes$ $\textcircled{0}, \textcircled{0}, \textcircled{0}$	only () above ()
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\bigcirc, \bigotimes \otimes, \bigcirc	\bigcirc and \bigotimes are not vertically adjacent
\bigcirc , \bigotimes	no () below () and no () below ()

universality of adiabatic QC 2-local interactions, d=6 qudits

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3 Another geometric clock in 2D: a string on a torus

2D "parallelized" evaluation

[Mizel Lidar 06] [Janzing 07] [Breuckmann Terhal 13]



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QMA-complete 4-local operations b,b⁺ fermions, spin or d=4 (spin 3/2) particle # tuning (motivation: AQC)

promise gap: proven N⁻³D⁻³, conjectured N⁻²D⁻²=L⁻²

- 3 Constructing local, geometric clocks in 1D
 - moving the data with2-local interactions

$$(|s\rangle - |t\rangle) (\langle s| - \langle t|)$$

888

$$\begin{split} \left| XY \right\rangle \left\langle XY \right|_{j,j+1} + \left| ZW \right\rangle \left\langle ZW \right|_{k,k+1} \\ - \left| PQ \right\rangle \left\langle NO \right|_{i,i+1} - \left| NO \right\rangle \left\langle PQ \right|_{i,i+1} \end{split}$$

higher local dimension: qudits
 carry the data
 mark transitions
 detect bad states



the **power** of **quantum** systems on a line

[Aharonov, Gottesman, Irani, Kempe]











1 LH in 1D (2-local) with qudits

unique state progression

every legal state goes to exactly 2 states

clairvoyance

allowed but illegal states evolve to forbidden ones

• the promise gap: L^{-3}

 an entangled ground state special case: NP-hard [Schuch]



1 LH in 1D: more space = smaller qudits

unique state progression

every legal state goes to exactly 2 states





 bad but detectable transitions



1 2-local Hamiltonian is QMA-complete



[Oliveira, Terhal '05]

a global minimum





[Hallgren, N, Narayanaswami '13]







[Gosset, N. '13]



[Eldar, Regev '08]



Clock Constructing 2



















2 clocks: 2D clock progression





















CNOT: 3-local needs initialization



■ two clocks



■ two clocks



add non-commuting (data) operations







■ like a railroad switch... with a single active site ensured



3 Can a clock be shorter than unary?



 a qutrit surfer on a cycle: 2C states



3 A smaller clock using two coupled cogs



3 A smaller clock using two coupled cogs



3 A smaller clock using two coupled cogs



- 2 cogs of length C give us $(2C)^2$ clock states
- transitions: 4-local, gates: 6-local (can be improved)
- the promise gap for a circuit with L gates: still L^{-2}





[Martin Schwarz]

equivalence of the two formulations? [AAV13]

LH with a fractional promise gap



translating the *random* small verification to a LH?

look at a few qubits of a proof

locally checking the (expected) very entangled states?

[D.Aharonov, L.Eldar]

3 Questions about the qPCP conjecture

- clock constructions have a 1/poly promise gap consistent, effective interaction strengthening? error-correction/detection based quantum gadgets?
- direct Hamiltonian methods?
 beyond the history state? [Itai Arad]

 $M := \mathbb{I} - H/m$ $\operatorname{Tr}(M^{\ell}) \quad \Gamma = 1/\operatorname{poly}(n)$ $\ell = \Omega(mn/\Gamma)$

an interactive protocol to check the trace:

 ρ_{1} $\rho_{2}, |\psi_{1}\rangle$ $\rho_{3}, |\psi_{1}\rangle|\psi_{2}\rangle$ $|\psi_{1}\rangle$ $|\psi_{2}\rangle$

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