

Applying Variational Circuits in Deep Learning Architectures for Improving Discriminative Power of Speaker Identification Embeddings

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Intro

- **Variational Circuits:** are parameter-dependent quantum circuits that can be optimized by a classical computer with regard to a given objective [1]
- **Embeddings:** are functions that maps classical data into quantum states that can be acted upon by quantum operations for quantum information processing.

Background of Study

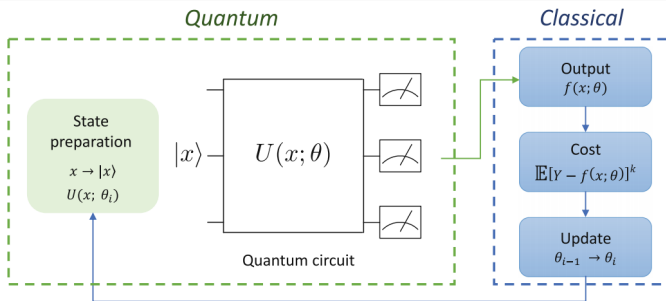


Fig. 1. Scheme of a hybrid quantum-classical algorithm for supervised learning. The quantum variational circuit is depicted in green, while the classical component is represented in blue. (Color figure online)

Problem Statement

- Modern dataset is constantly increasing and classical Machine learning algorithms in the near future will suffer computational bottlenecks, thus the pressure to innovate machine learning is fast increasing everyday [2].
- At the time of writing, there's no quantum application to audio data.

Purpose of the research

- Investigate the influence of quantum variational circuits on the generalization power of deep learning architectures (ResNet18) on speaker embeddings.
- We investigate using photonic quantum circuits.

Limitation of Study

- Limited number of qumodes.
- No perfect quantum hardware available, thus we have to make use of Near term quantum computers that have limited qumodes.
- The current photonic quantum computer available in the world is not yet ready for machine learning tasks.
- The overhead of simulating quantum algorithms on classical devices is very high and slow.
- Coming up with quantum algorithms that outperform classical computers is very difficult since the laws of physics restricts our access to information stored in quantum systems [4].

Definition of Terms

- Qubits or Qumodes or Wires
- Gates
- Circuits
- Fourier transform
- FFT - Fast Fourier Transform
- MFCC - Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients
- STFT - Short Time Fourier Transform
- Spectrogram

Audio img

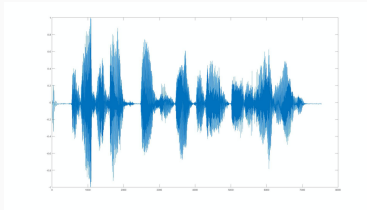


Figure 1: Raw audio waveform

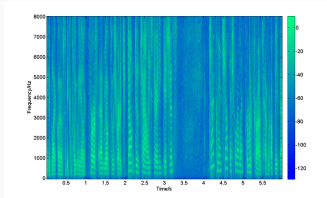


Figure 2: Spectrogram

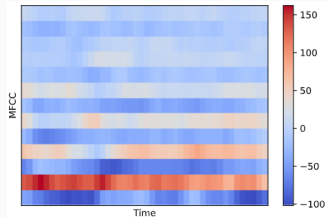


Figure 3: MFCC

Review

Transfer Learning Hybrid Neural Network [6]

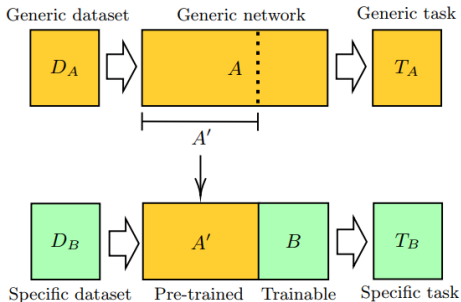


FIG. 1. General representation of the *transfer learning* method, where each of the neural networks A and B can be either classical or quantum. Network A is pre-trained on a dataset D_A and for a task T_A . A reduced network A' , obtained by removing some of the final layers of A , is used as a fixed feature extractor. The second network B , usually much smaller than A' , is optimized on the specific dataset D_B and for the specific task T_B .

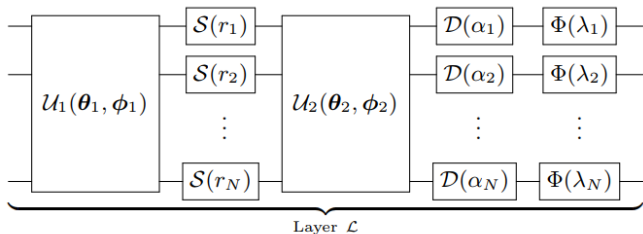
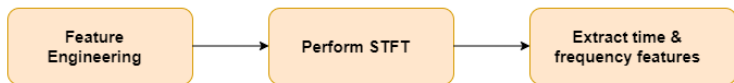


FIG. 1. The circuit structure for a single layer of a CV quantum neural network: an interferometer, local squeeze gates, a second interferometer, local displacements, and finally local non-Gaussian gates. The first four components carry out an affine transformation, followed by a final nonlinear transformation.

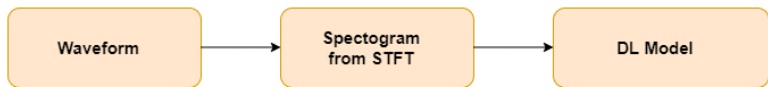
Deep Learning for Audio Signal Signal Processing [5]

- Deep learning has enabled practical applications in signal processing often outperforming traditional signal processing techniques on a large scale.
- Raw audio samples form a one-dimensional time series signal, which is different from images (2-D).
- Unlike images, audio signals have to be studied sequentially and in chronological order (audio-specific solutions).

Traditional ML Preprocessing pipeline for Audio data



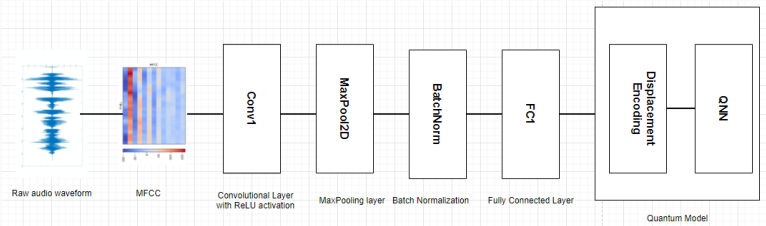
Deep Learning pipeline for Audio data



Methodology

Architectural Design

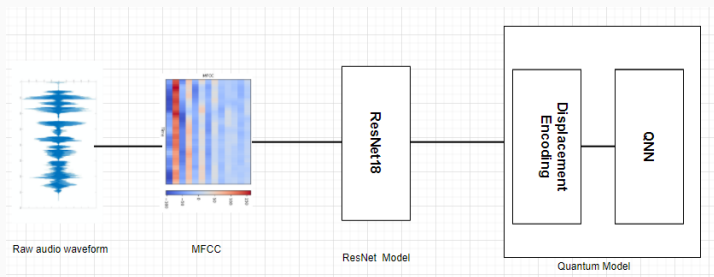
• CNN + QNN:



Architectural Design

- **ResNet18 + QNN:**

- Up-Sample the audio to required input of the RESNET (3, 224, 224).
- Replace the output to the required number of classes of the speaker dataset.



Experiment and Results

- Librosa was used to preprocess audio data.
- Experiments were conducted using Pytorch-Lightning.
- The quantum experiments were run using pennylane on the strawberryfields simulator.
- Future experiments could include running on actual strawberryfields hardware.

- The best method to encode data into a Quantum circuit is still an open research question.
- Data was encoded using the **Displacement** encoding.

- **Research Experiment(Audio) Data**

- Experiment with Speaker Dataset from kaggle originally containing **5** famous speakers with duration **1** second and sample rate **16kHz**
- 2 speakers Nelson Mandela and Benjamin Netanyahu were selected for the experiment.
- **25%** of data for test and **20%** of remaining for validation

Table 1: Initial Results

ResNet18	CNN + QNN	ResNet18 + QNN
98%	92%	[74%]

Latest Updates

- Mixed two audio data using process called mix-up (create a form of superposition)

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x} &= \lambda x_i + (1 - \lambda)x_j, & \text{where } x_i, x_j \text{ are raw input vectors} \\ \tilde{y} &= \lambda y_i + (1 - \lambda)y_j, & \text{where } y_i, y_j \text{ are one-hot label encodings}\end{aligned}$$

- Accuracy improved in the quantum models

Table 2: Results




Exp	CNN + QNN	ResNet18 + QNN
Validation	98%	99%
Test	100%	100%

- Paper presented at ICDSA 2021 and proceedings will be published in SCOPUS Indexed Springer Book Series

Conclusion

- Quantum advantage in prediction accuracy is still possible
-more investigations are needed to justify this claim.
- Eventhough there is still a lot of work to do, quantum machine learning remains a very promising emerging field of research.





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Questions?