COURSE: ECE730/QIC890-T36

COURSE TITLE: Quantum Machine Learning

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DESCRIPTION
The course introduces basic classical and quantum machine learning algorithms for solving real-life problems. Classical machine learning algorithms are programmed using Sci-Kit Learn and/or PyTorch/TensorFlow based on Python. The elements of quantum circuits (qubits, single-qubit gates, two-qubit gates, and quantum operators) are introduced. A quantum programming language (one of three options: Qiskit, Pennylane, or #q) is used to implement quantum machine learning algorithms. Then, hybrid classical and quantum algorithms are studied and programmed using quantum simulators and/or real quantum computers through a cloud service such as IBM Q Experience, Amazon Bracket, or Xanadu Pennylane.

COURSE OBJECTIVE
The course is developed for students to
• Learn some basic classical machine learning algorithms;
• Learn quantum versions of classical machine learning algorithms;
• Program classical and quantum machine learning algorithms;
• Apply these techniques to a simple real-life problem as a term project.

Expected Background: Python programming, Some familiarity with basic quantum information processing and basic quantum circuit models. Introduction to classical machine learning

(Tentative) SYLLABUS

1. PART 1: Basic Foundation of Classical and Quantum Programming Interfaces (2 weeks)
   a. Overview of Classical and Quantum Machine Learning
   b. Introduction to Classical Machine Learning Programming
      i. Sci-Kit Learn
   c. Introduction to Quantum Programming
      i. Introduction to Quantum Computing
      ii. Fundamentals of Quantum Algorithms
      iii. Quantum Circuits
      iv. Qiskit/Pennylane

2. PART 2: Classical and Quantum-Inspired Machine Learning Algorithms (7 weeks)
   a. Linear Algebra Subroutines
      i. Classical Fast Fourier Transform
      ii. Quantum Fourier Transform Algorithm
   b. Supervised machine learning algorithms
      i. Classical Support Vector Machines
      ii. Quantum Support Vector Machines
   c. Unsupervised machine learning algorithms
      i. Classical Principal component analysis
      ii. Quantum Principal component analysis
   d. Neural Networks
      i. Classical Neural Networks
      ii. Quantum Neural Networks
PART 3: Hybrid Classical-Quantum Machine Learning Algorithms (2 weeks)
   a. Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm
      i. MAX-Cut problem
   b. Variational Quantum Eigensolver Algorithm
      i. H₂ molecule

TEXTBOOK
None required. Article handouts provided and lecture slides will supplement course lectures.

RESOURCES
Qiskit tutorials for quantum machine learning: https://qiskit.org/learn/course/machine-learning-course/

GRADE DISTRIBUTION
Assignments: 30%
Term Presentation: 20%
Final: 50%

COURSE WEBSITE
The course homepage is on LEARN, where the course syllabus, lecture notes, and assignments are uploaded. Any important updates will be announced as well.

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• 4-5 Assignments: 30%
   Late Policy
   \[ S(t) = S(0) \times (10-t) \times 0.1 \text{ if } t < t_s \text{ or } S(t) = 0 \text{ if } t > t_s, \]
   where \( t = 0 \) is the due date, \( t \) is the turn-in date, and \( t_s \) is the feedback posting date.
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• Mid-term Presentation: 20%
   • Mid-term Presentation (MM/DD/YYYY): 10%
   • Mid-term Report (Due: MM/DD/YYYY): 10%

• Final: 50%
   • Final Oral Presentation MM/DD/YYYY: 25%
   • Final Term Paper (Due: MM/DD/YYYY): 25%

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