Towards a quantum LINPACK benchmark

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How many quantum computers will we need?

Finally we have a few quantum computers

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.
–Thomas Watson, president of IBM, 1943

In 2019, there are around 2 billion computers in the world (estimate).

Prediction is very difficult, especially if it’s about the future.
–Niels Bohr (also attributed to others)
Let us make some prediction: there will be say, 10000 quantum computers
How to select the TOP500 quantum computers?

First, how to do the job for classical supercomputers?

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<th>Rank</th>
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<th>Power (Kw)</th>
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<td>RIKEN Center for Computational Science</td>
<td>Supercomputer Fugaku</td>
<td>7,299,072</td>
<td>415,530.8</td>
<td>513,854.7</td>
<td>28,335</td>
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<td>DOD/SCI/Univ. of Illinois</td>
<td>Summit</td>
<td>2,416,592</td>
<td>148,490.0</td>
<td>200,794.9</td>
<td>10,996</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>DE/ESS/LLNL</td>
<td>Sierra</td>
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<td>125,712.0</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi</td>
<td>Sunway TaihuLight</td>
<td>10,649,600</td>
<td>93,614.6</td>
<td>125,635.9</td>
<td>15,371</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>National Super Computer Center in Guangzhou</td>
<td>Tianhe-2F FEP Cluster</td>
<td>4,981,706</td>
<td>61,444.3</td>
<td>100,678.7</td>
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NEWS
Japan Captures TOP500 Crown with Arm-Powered Supercomputer

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FRANKFURT, Germany; BERKELEY, Calif.; and KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The 55th edition of the TOP500 saw some significant additions to the list, spearheaded by a new number one system from Japan. The latest rankings also reflect a steady growth in aggregate performance and power efficiency.

The new top system, Fugaku, turned in a High Performance Linpack (HPL) result of 415.5 petaflops, besting the now second-place Summit system by a factor of 2.8x. Fugaku, is powered by Fujitsu’s 48-core A64FX SoC, becoming the first number one system on the list to be powered by ARM processors. In single or further reduced precision, which are often used in machine learning and AI applications, Fugaku’s peak performance is over 1,000 petaflops (1 exaflops). The new system is installed at RIKEN Center for Computational Science (R-CCS) in Kobe, Japan.

What is LINPACK? Why LINPACK?

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1 https://www.top500.org/, 55th edition of the TOP500, June 2020
LINPACK benchmark

- Interested in using supercomputers for scientific computing (instead of e.g. recognizing cats, but maybe now it is difficult to distinguish the two..)

- Solving linear systems: building block for numerous scientific computing applications

- LINPACK: Solve $Ax = b$ with dense, random matrices. No obvious applications. Supremacy?

- Controversial over its effectiveness since early days. Alternative benchmarks have been proposed\(^1\). Still solving linear systems with some random sparsity patterns.

- Has been used to define TOP500 since its debut in 1993.

- **Quantum LINPACK benchmark**?

\(^1\) Why Linpack no longer works as well as it once did. (link)
Climbing the Quantum Mount Everest

Quantum advantage

Quantum LINPACK benchmark

STEPS away

Quantum supremacy
Quantum linear system problem (QLSP)

- Use quantum computers to solve

\[ |x\rangle \propto A^{-1} |b\rangle. \]

- How to get the information in \( A, |b\rangle \) into a quantum computer? read-in problem.

- \( \kappa \): condition number of \( A = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\| \); \( \epsilon \): target accuracy.

- Proper assumptions on \( A \) (e.g. \( d \)-sparse) so that oracles cost \( \text{poly}(n) \), while \( A \in \mathbb{C}^{2^n \times 2^n} \). (Potentially) exponential speedup.
Compare the complexities of QLSP solvers

**Significant progress** in the past few years: **Near-optimal** complexity matching lower bounds.

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<th>Remark</th>
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<td>HHL, (Harrow-Hassidim-Lloyd, 2009)</td>
<td>$\tilde{O}(\kappa^2/\epsilon)$</td>
<td>w. VTAA, complexity becomes $\tilde{O}(\kappa/\epsilon^3)$ (Ambainis 2010)</td>
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<td>Linear combination of unitaries (LCU), (Childs-Kothari-Somma, 2017)</td>
<td>$\tilde{O}(\kappa^2\text{polylog}(1/\epsilon))$</td>
<td>w. VTAA, complexity becomes $\tilde{O}(\kappa\text{poly log}(1/\epsilon))$</td>
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<td>Quantum singular value transformation (QSVT) (Gilyén-Su-Low-Wiebe, 2019)</td>
<td>$\tilde{O}(\kappa^2 \log(1/\epsilon))$</td>
<td>Queries the RHS only $\tilde{O}(\kappa)$ times</td>
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<td>Randomization method (RM) (Subasi-Somma-Orsucci, 2019)</td>
<td>$\tilde{O}(\kappa/\epsilon)$</td>
<td>Prepares a mixed state; w. repeated phase estimation, complexity becomes $\tilde{O}(\kappa\text{poly log}(1/\epsilon))$</td>
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<td>Time-optimal adiabatic quantum computing (AQC(exp)) (An-L., 2019, 1909.05500)</td>
<td>$\tilde{O}(\kappa\text{poly log}(1/\epsilon))$</td>
<td>No need for any amplitude amplification. Use time-dependent Hamiltonian simulation.</td>
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<td>Eigenstate filtering (L.-Tong, 2019, 1910.14596)</td>
<td>$\tilde{O}(\kappa \log(1/\epsilon))$</td>
<td>No need for any amplitude amplification. Does not rely on any complex subroutines.</td>
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Quantum benchmark problem

- All these algorithms require full fault-tolerant computers to get anywhere.

- Getting the matrix into quantum computer alone (using e.g. LCU) can be prohibitively expensive on near-term devices.

- Will likely remain so for some time for real applications.

- Quantum LINPACK benchmark is different: do we really need / want to generate random numbers classically and get them into quantum computers say via QRAM?
Idea: from the success of Google’s supremacy circuit

- A big random, unitary matrix, almost drawn from Haar measure.
- Linear algebra usually works with non-unitary matrices.
- How about taking the upper-left diagonal block $n$-qubit matrix of the $(n + 1)$-qubit unitary matrix (can be random)?

$$U_A = \begin{pmatrix} A & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$$

- **FACT**: It can represent in principle any $n$-qubit matrix (up to scaling)!
- Block-encoding (Gilyén-Su-Low-Wiebe, 2019)
- RAndom Circuit Block-Encoded Matrix (RACBEM)
• A very **flexible** way to construct a non-unitary matrix with respect to **any** coupling map of the quantum architecture.

• Take upper-left diagonal block: measure one-qubit.

\[ A = (\langle 0 | \otimes I_n) U_A (|0 \rangle \otimes I_n) \]
Error of RACBEM on IBM Q

Relative error in success probability of obtaining $A|0^n\rangle$ for different number of system qubits, on the 5-qubit backend ibmq_burlington, and 15-qubit backend ibmq_16_melbourne.
Representing matrix functions, say $f(A) = A^{-1}$

- General quantum singular value transformation circuit (QSVT) (Gilyén-Su-Low-Wiebe, 2019). Always even order polynomial, and 1 extra ancilla qubit.

- Follow the natural layout of the quantum circuit. Can run without even calling a transpiler.

- **Applications**: Linear systems, time series, spectral measure, thermal energy ... with Hermitian-RACBEM.

- How to obtain the phase factors: optimization based approach to get > 10000 phase factors

Solving linear system on IBM Q and QVM

Compute $\|\mathbf{x}^{-1} |0^n\rangle\|_2^2$. (sigma: noise level on QVM)

Well conditioned linear system
Time series (no Trotter)

\[ s(t) = \langle \psi | e^{i\mathcal{H}t} | \psi \rangle \]

QVM:
Spectral measure

\[ s(E) = \langle \psi | \delta(\mathcal{H} - E) | \psi \rangle \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \langle \psi | (\mathcal{H} - E - i\eta)^{-1} | \psi \rangle \]

QVM:
Thermal energy

\[ E(\beta) = \frac{\text{Tr}[\mathcal{H} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}}]}{\text{Tr}[e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}}]} \]

IBM Q (left) and QVM (right)

1 Use the minimally entangled typical thermal state (METTS) algorithm (White, 2009) (Motta et al, 2020)
Conclusion

• Linear system with (Hermitian-)RACBEM: Quantum LINPACK benchmark

• Uses a supremacy circuit as building block.

• Can be easily engineered w.r.t. almost any architecture.

• Maybe only steps away from the supremacy test.

• Hardness? Each $U_A$ is already hard..

• More quantitative ways to measure success and classical hardness: cross-entropy test etc.
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Two issues of RACBEM

- Not Hermitian.
- Matrix becomes increasingly singular as $n$ increases.
Fixing both issues: Hermitian-RACBEM

- Simple quantum singular value transformation circuit (QSVT) (Gilyén-Su-Low-Wiebe, 2019) of degree 2.

- Explicit formulation of the Hermitian matrix by tracing out 2 ancilla (the extra ancilla can be reused later).

\[ \tilde{\mathbf{H}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \sin(2\varphi_0) \sin \varphi_1 \end{bmatrix} A^\dagger A + \cos(2\varphi_0 - \varphi_1). \]

- Fully adjustable condition number.

- This is the really useful thing.