Efficient pseudorandomness and computational hardness with simple graph states

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Hardness of sampling

<u>e.g.</u>IQP..



Sampling Dx, impossible classically efficiently, if

i) the polynomial hierarchy does not collapseii) average case version of hard problem also hardiii) output not too peaked (anti-concentration)

Benchmark for quantum technologies

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 $U|\varphi\rangle \sim I$

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Comparing input output with random unitaries can estimate noise/properties of Γ

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$$U \otimes U^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \left| \phi^{\scriptscriptstyle -} \right\rangle \stackrel{?}{=} \left| \phi^{\scriptscriptstyle -} \right\rangle$$

Singlet the only state invariant under $U \otimes U^{\rm +}$

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→ approx. with finite distribution e.g. t-design $\{p_i, U_i\}_{i=1...K}$

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Our approach

Use measurement only to generate randomness (see also [Plato, Plenio, Dahlsten '08])

-> fixed state followed by fixed measurements





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• *Efficient* construction *E*-approximate t-designs using random circuits

[Brandao, Horodecki, Harrow '12] (HBB)

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- Use to build BHH efficient approximate t-designs
- Instances of hard problems

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Graph gadget



For fixed measurement angles

- Uniformly samples from $\left\{ U_{i} \right\}$
- $\{U_i\}$ is universal on SU(4)
- $\{U_i\}$ contains elements and their inverses

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t-designs on regular lattices, proof sketch...



Then proof follows similar to [Bradao, Harrow, Horodecki '12]

- restatement as Hamiltonian gap problem
- detectability lemma [Aharanov, Arad, Vazirani, Landau, '11]

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Hardness of sampling



[Hangleiter, Bermejo-Vega, M. Schwarz, J. Eisert '18] [Bermejo-Vega, Hangleiter, Schwarz, Raussendorf, Eisert '18]

• Assuming

Conjecture 1: Polyomial hierarchy does not collapse to the third level Conjecture 2: Associated worst case #P hard prob, is average case hard

A classical computer cannot sample from the output distribution up to l_1 -norm error $\frac{1}{22}$ in time O(poly(nk)))

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- Contains universal gate set -> #P hard in worst case [Van den Nest '08], [Aaronson, Chen '16]
- 2-designs anticoncentrate [Hangleiter, Bermejo-Vega, M. Schwarz, J. Eisert '18]
- Standard proofs for sampling hardness via Stockmeyer (e.g. [Bermejo-Vega, Hangleiter, Schwarz, Raussendorf, Eisert '18])

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Connection to Jones Polynomials

Standard map

Circuits - Jones Polynomials

[Kitaev '05] [Wocjan, Yard '06] [Aharonov, Arad '06]

• Approximating our circuits approximates associated Jones Polynomials (see also [Fujii, Morimae '13])

Approximating, up to relative error, the Jones polynomial over the plat closure of braids formed of a length $l \ge O(n^{3.97})$ of compositions of generators of the braid group of 4nstrands (and their inverses) is #P -hard.

• Alternative form of conjecture

Circuit picture



• Constant depth t-designs and quantum speedup

Scattering...



• 4-designs efficiently thermalise [Muller et al '15]

Conclusions and perspectives

- Fixed measurement hardness and approximate t-design
- Constant depth circuits
- Simplest examples well implementable now
- Many techniques for verified versions (verified sampling, t-design generation)

Applications

- Demonstration of certified quantum computational advantage
- Scattering / thermalisation / scrambling
- Benchmarking [R. Alexander, P. Turner, S. Bartlett PRA 2016]
- Cryptography?

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Thank you!





