## Clique Homology is $Q M A_{1}$-hard

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The homology problem


Input: a (efficient description of a) simplicial complex $K$ and an integer, $l$
Output: yes if $K$ has an 1 -dimensional hole, no otherwise

Why is this problem interesting?

- It has applications for topological data analysis - a practically useful problem! (Li et al, 2016)
- There is a quantum algorithm for a closely related problem - can that algorithm be dequantised? (Lloyd et al, 2014)


## What's known about its

 complexily?- The problem was first defined formally in 2002 (Kaibel-Pfetsch, 2002)
- It is known to be NP-hard and retains its hardness when restricted to clique complexes (Adamaszek-Stacho, 2016) and when restricted to clique dense complexes (Lloyd-Schmidhuber 2022)
- A similar problem for general chain complexes was shown to be QMA 1 -hard last year (Crichigno-Cade, 2021)



## Our main results

Homology is QMA -hard, and retains its hardness when restricted to clique complexes and to clique dense complexes.


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Why should this (seemingly classical problem) be related to quantum complexity classes?


Can we use this relationship to achieve quantum advantage for problems related to homology?

Outline of calk

- Overview of simplicial homology
- Quantum K-SAT
- Our reduction from quantum K-SAT to homology
- Quantum advantage for topological data analysis?

Simplicial homology

Simplicial homology

simplicial complexes are formed by gluing along faces


## Boundary operator

$$
\partial_{n}\left[x_{0} x_{1} \cdots x_{n}\right]=\sum_{i=0}^{n}(-1)^{i}\left[x_{0} \cdots \hat{x}_{i} \cdots x_{n}\right]
$$

delete $i^{\text {th }}$ vertex


## Properties of the boundary operator

- Cycles dolt have boundaries: $\partial_{p} c=0$
- The boundary of a boundary vanishes: $\partial_{p-1} \partial_{p}=0$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\underbrace{\overbrace{1}}_{x_{1}} \overbrace{x_{2}}^{x_{3}}) & =\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & - \\
x_{1} & x_{2}
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & - \\
x_{2} & 0 \\
x_{3}
\end{array}\right)+\left(\begin{array}{ll}
0 & - \\
x_{3} & x_{1}
\end{array}\right) \\
& =0
\end{aligned}
$$

## Holes in simplicial complexes

A hole, c:

- is a cycle, $\partial_{p} c=0 \longrightarrow c \in \operatorname{ker}\left(\partial_{p}\right)$
- isnt a boundary $c \neq \partial_{p+1} v \longrightarrow c \nsubseteq \operatorname{Im}\left(\partial_{p+1}\right)$



## Homology groups

Given a simplicial complex, $K$, with boundary operator $\partial$ define:

$$
H_{p}(K):=\frac{\operatorname{ker}\left(\partial_{p}\right)}{\operatorname{Im}\left(\partial_{p+1}\right)}
$$

Given a simplicial complex, $K$, and an integer, $p$, decide if $H_{p}(K) \neq 0$ or $H_{p}(K)=0$

## Independence \& clique complexes

- The independence (clique) complex $I(G)(C l(G))$ of a graph is the simplicial complex defined by its independent sets (cliques)
- We are interested in clique complexes, but $C l(G)=I(\bar{G})$
 and in the reduction we focus on independence complexes

Quancum K-SAT and QMA1

## Complexily class QMA1

Definition $2\left(\right.$ QMA $\left._{1}\right)$. A promise problem $L_{\text {yes }} \cup L_{\mathrm{no}} \subset\{0,1\}^{*}$ is contained in $\mathrm{QMA}_{1}$ if and only if there exists a uniform polynomial-size quantum circuit family $U_{X}$ over the gate set $\mathcal{G}$ such that If $X \in L_{\text {yes }}$ there exists a state $|W\rangle$ such that AP $\left(U_{X},|W\rangle\right)=1$ (perfect completeness). If $X \in L_{\text {no }}$ then $\operatorname{AP}\left(U_{X},|W\rangle\right) \leq \frac{1}{3}$ for any state $|W\rangle$ (soundness).


## Complexity class QMA

A common choice of universal gate set is:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{G}=\{\widehat{H}, T, \mathrm{CNOT}\}, \\
\widehat{H}=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 1 \\
1 & -1
\end{array}\right), \quad T=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 0 \\
0 & e^{\frac{i \pi}{4}}
\end{array}\right), \quad \mathrm{CNOT}=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

However any set $\{$ CNOT, U\} is universal if $U$ is basis changing. We choose \{CNOT, U, Toffoli\} where:

$$
U=\frac{1}{6}\left(\begin{array}{cc}
3 & 4 \\
-4 & 3
\end{array}\right) \text { "Pythagorean gate" }
$$

(Rational coefficients - important later)

Quantumk-SAT
[Bravyi, 2006]

Given set of $n$-quit, $k$-local projectors

$$
H=\sum_{a} \prod_{a} \quad a=(1, \ldots, m=\text { poly }(n))
$$

decide if

$$
\begin{array}{lc}
H|\psi\rangle=0 & \text { or }
\end{array} \begin{gathered}
H|H| \psi\rangle \geqslant \varepsilon \\
\text { for some }|\psi\rangle \\
\text { YES }
\end{gathered}
$$

promised one is the case.

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Given a $Q M A_{1}$ verification circuit Ux construct a Hamiltonian:

$$
H_{X}=\sum_{a} \Pi_{a}\left(U_{X}\right)
$$

Such that:

- if $X \in L_{\text {Yes, }} H_{X} \mid \psi_{\text {hist }}>=0$
- if $X \in L_{N o},<\psi\left|H_{X}\right| \psi>\geq \epsilon \forall \psi$



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## Quantum 4-SAT is QMA-complete

The Hamiltonian $H_{X}=H_{\text {in }}+H_{\text {clock }}+H_{\text {prop }}+H_{\text {out }}$

$$
\sum_{n}
$$



In order to reduce from quantum k-SAT to homology we need to encode the following projectors into an independence complex:


## Reduclion from quankum K-SAT to homology

## Proof idea

- Construct a graph where the independence complex has $2^{n}(n-1)$ dimensional holes

$2 n$ holes!
- Construct gadgets which 'fill in' hotes corresponding to the projectors in quantum K-SAT
- Build up the graph corresponding to $H_{X}$ - any remaining holes are satisfying solutions to quantum $k$-SAT


## Constructing the holes

Consider $n$ disconnected Eriangles:


The independence complex, $\Sigma_{n}=I\left(G_{n}\right)$, has dimension $n$ and:

$$
H_{0}\left(\Sigma_{n}\right)=\mathbb{C}
$$

$$
H_{n-1}\left(\Sigma_{n}\right)=\left(\mathbb{C}^{2}\right)^{\otimes n}
$$

$$
H_{i}\left(\Sigma_{n}\right)=0 \forall i \neq 0, n-1
$$

Hilbert space of $n$ qubits!

## Constructing 2 qubit projectors



Constructing 2 quit projectors
We have $H_{1}\left(\Sigma_{n}\right)=\mathbb{C}^{4}$ and can choose a basis:

$$
|00\rangle=\left[x_{1} x_{2}\right]+\left[x_{2} a_{1}\right]+\left[a_{1} a_{2}\right]+\left[a_{2} x_{1}\right] a_{a_{2}}^{0}
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|11\rangle=\left[x_{1} x_{2}\right]+\left[x_{2} b_{1}\right]+\left[b_{1} b_{2}\right]+\left[b_{2} x_{1}\right] a_{a_{2}}^{0}
$$

## Constructing 2 qubit projectors

Consider the classical projector $\Pi=|00><00|$, we need to fill in the cycle corresponding to |oos:


The same process works for the other computational basis states. For the entangled states things get a little more complicated..


So, we created $\epsilon_{2}^{\prime}=$
 such that:

$$
\begin{gathered}
H_{1}\left(I\left(G_{2}^{\prime}\right)\right) \\
\operatorname{span}\{|01\rangle,|10\rangle,|00\rangle+|11\rangle\}
\end{gathered}
$$

Space of satisfying solutions to

$$
=
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\pi|\psi\rangle=0 \\
\bigcap_{\pi=(|100\rangle-|11\rangle)((000 \mid-\langle 111)}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Taking slock...

| Term in $H_{\text {Bravyi }}$ | Penalizes state $\left\|\psi_{s}\right\rangle$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $H_{\text {prop,t }}^{\prime}$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{2}} \text { \| }}$ \|10> | $\|11\rangle-\|00\rangle)$ |
| $H_{\text {prop,t }}($ CNOT $)$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\|01\rangle$ | $\|10\rangle-\|01\rangle)$ |
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| $H_{\text {prop,t }}\left(U_{\text {Pyth. }}\right)$ | $\frac{1}{5 \sqrt{2}}(-5\|010\rangle+3\|100\rangle-4\|101\rangle)$ |  |
| $H_{\text {prop,t }}(\mathrm{CNOT})$ | $\left.\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\|1\rangle\|101\rangle-\|010\rangle\right)$ |  |
| $H_{\text {prop,t }}($ Toffoli) | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\|11\rangle(\|101\rangle-\|010\rangle)$ |  |
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This corresponds to this new graph

## Constructing three qubit projectors

To fill in entangled projectors we have to fill take linear combinations of voids, as we did in the 2-qubit case:

$|101\rangle-|010\rangle$

Constructing three qubit projectors

Again we do this by
adding mediakors, and connecting them to the faces surrounding the void to fill in.


Constructing three qubit projectors


## Taking slock...

## Just the Pychagorean gate left!

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $H_{\text {prop,t }}^{\prime}$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}} \left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { \| }\end{aligned}\right.$ | $\|11\rangle-\|00\rangle)$ |  |
| $H_{\text {prop, },}(\mathrm{CNOT})$ | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{ }{ }^{\prime}\|01\rangle}$ | $\|10\rangle$ - \|01 $\rangle$ ) |  |
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The Pythagorean projectors are the most technical challenging gadgets to construct:

$$
|\psi>=-5| 011>+4|100>+3| 101>
$$



A-cycle


[C]:


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We can then glue the A faces along the shared face with opposite orientation:

## This is implemenked by chis graph!



## Summing up...

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## Putting everything together...

Clique / independence homology are $Q M A_{1}$-hard with the graph, $G$, given as input.

We also show that the problem remains QUA 1 -hard when restricted to cliquedense complexes.

## Future work

Can we pin down the complexity more?
A promise version of the problem is contained in QMA - but it's not clear that our initial construction satisfies the promise.

We are working on a new construction that does satisfy the promise - should appear shortly!


## Fukure work

## Quankum advankage for TDA?

