

Q-SATyrus: Mapping Neuro-symbolic Reasoning into an Adiabatic Quantum Computer

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Abstract. Much has been promised about quantum computing accelerators, but few actual commercial technologies have been made available so far. The D-Wave Computers Series constitutes one family of adiabatic quantum computers, based on energy minimization techniques that are considered suitable for solving discrete optimization problems. This work shows a path to explore these machines in order to perform neuro-symbolic reasoning, by specifying it a set of pseudo-Boolean constraints and associating their satisfiability to energy minimization. Also introduced is the platform Q-SATyrus, a spin-off of the original project SATyrus. Q-SATyrus is under development in order to systematically address such mappings.

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1 Q-SATyrus : Considering Adiabatic Quantum Computing for Neuro-symbolic Reasoning

Based on the adiabatic theorem, adiabatic quantum computing performs some calculations that some consider being a kind of quantum computing [1]. The Canadian company D-Wave Systems, founded in 1999, has developed a family of adiabatic computers, the newest one, the D-Wave 2000Q™ system, with 2000 qubits [2][3][4].

In D-WAVE systems, there are binary variables, named qubits q_i in $\{0, 1\}$. Each qubit may have an associated *weight* a_i (same as the threshold of Artificial Neural Networks [5]) and a pair of qubits q_i and q_j have their mutual influence named *coupler* (same as the binary weight of Artificial Neural Networks [5]) and represented by b_{ij} [6]. The general specification for the problem solved by a D-WAVE system is given by equation (1), which represents the objective function to be minimized. Is also worth noting that the same equation (1) represents an artificial neural network with symmetric binary connections [5].

$$\min O(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{q}) = \sum a_i q_i + \sum b_{ij} q_i q_j \quad (1)$$

By converting propositional satisfiability into energy minimization [7], some works specified limited depth proofs, among them it is possible to cite [8], [9], [10] and [11].

Works [9], [10] and [11] led to the construction of the SATyrus platform other more traditional optimization problems as well as some of their combinations were also mapped to SATyrus [12], [13], [14], [15], [16]. It should be pointed out that the mappings issued by SATyrus do not generate only binary connections energy equations. However, it is possible to convert higher-order connections into a set of binary ones together with additional units [17]. Q-SATyrus will provide the necessary intermediate conversion of energy minimization with higher-order connections to the one with corresponding global minima with binary connections. Also, although the works on binders [18], [19] and [20] were implemented in conventional computing, it is possible to map their solution to adiabatic computing.

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