

# Modelling quantum states using normalizing flows



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Partial Derivative Eigenvalue equation:

$$H(x_1, x_2, \dots) \Psi_i(x_1, x_2, \dots) = \left[-\frac{1}{2}\Delta_i^2 + N_i\right]$$

- Generally not solvable due to high degree of freedom.
- Need of numerical approximations.
  - Basis expansion:

$$\Psi_i(x_1, x_2, \dots) = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots}^{N}$$

How can we improve this approximation?

#### **Time Independent Schrödinger Equation in Molecules**

 $V(x_1, x_2, \dots) ] \Psi_i(x_1, x_2, \dots) = E_i \Psi_i(x_1, x_2, \dots)$ 

 $\sum_{i_{1},i_{2},...} \phi_{i_{1}}(x_{1}) \phi_{i_{2}}(x_{2}) \dots$ ..=0



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• We can apply numerical approximations for integrals in support space. How?

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- Very precise integrals. Memory usage scales approximately as N<sup>dim</sup>, so very useful for low dimensional problems.
- Drawback: during training, wave function is only studied at quadrature points. Resulting eigenfunction is biased.





- $q_{\alpha} \sim |\phi_i^A(q)|^2$ . Then any integral can be approximated by:  $<\phi_i^A | f(q) | \phi_j^A > = \left[ \rho_i(q) \frac{f(q)}{d^4} \right]$
- number and divide the training process in minibatches of m points.
- freedom.

 Starting from a point in space, create a Markov Chain that accepts points based on a density. Using  $\rho_i(q) = |\phi_i^A(q)|^2$  as our density, we obtain a distribution of points

$$\frac{d\psi_j^A(q)}{d\phi_i^A(q)} \simeq \frac{1}{M} \sum_{\substack{q_\alpha \sim |\phi_i^A(q)|^2}}^M \frac{f(q_\alpha)\phi_j^A(q_\alpha)}{\phi_i^A(q_\alpha)}$$

• The integral can cover all the space during training. To do so, choose M to be a big

• The memory usage scales now as  $M \cdot dim$ , of which only  $m \cdot dim$  enter the training at the same time. Thus, it is more efficient for problems with many intrinsic degree of



#### **Results**



- Outperform the convergence of classical basis expansion w.r.t. number of basis functions.
- Convergence for many excited states.
- Tested for vibrational and electronic states.



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• In the basis expansion approximation, initial condition is given by:

 $\Psi_0(x) =$ 

in small time steps at each time:

$$c_i(t) = \sum_{j}^{N} e^{\langle \phi_i(x) | H(x; t - \Delta t) | \phi_j(x) \rangle} c_j(t - \Delta t)$$

#### **Time Dependent Schrödinger Equation**

$$\ldots; t) = = i\partial_t \Psi(x_1, x_2, \ldots; t)$$

With boundary condition:  $\Psi(x_1, x_2, \ldots; t = t_0) = \Psi_0(x_1, x_2, \ldots)$ 

$$\sum_{i}^{N} c_i(t_0)\phi_i(x)$$

Then, our approximation to the wave function is given by propagating the coefficients

The approximation only holds for small time steps and a big number of basis functions.



- Can we use a similar strategy to solve a time dependent equation?
  - Hopefully! Using recurrent Neural Networks each for one time step:



• We again create an augmented basis at each time:

$$\phi_i^A(q,t) = \phi_i^A(q,t)$$

And our approximation to the wave function: •

 $\Psi^A(q,t)$  =

### **Time Dependent Schrödinger Equation**

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