



Quantum Computing and Non-Linear Integer Optimization

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Solve Real Problems Using Cool Math!

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Practical

Models and Methods

- **MINLP algorithms**
- CP algorithms
- Infinitesimal Perturbation Analysis
- **Randomized Algorithms**
- Queuing Games
- Large Deviation Approximation
- Machine Learning
- Graph Theory
- **Algebraic Geometry**

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innovative methods to optimize supply
chain systems

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What Next?



What can quantum computing do for us in service of non-linear integer optimization?



Vocabulary

- Qubits, Spin, Superposition, Entanglement
- Adiabatic Quantum Computing, Gate/Circuit model
- Ising model, Quantum annealing
- Spectral gap (“anti-crossing”)
- Quadratic Unconstrained Binary Optimization (QUBO)
- Embedding and Compiling
- Test sets, Graver Basis, Augmentation
- Computational Algebraic Geometry, Toric Varieties
- Chimera, Pegasus

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Getting acquainted

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- **D-Wave.** Introduction to the D-Wave Quantum Hardware.
- **Papers** by Farhi, Lloyd, Aaronson, Aharonov, Preskill...and their co-authors



Key concepts from my earlier research

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Spectral Gap drives worst-case complexity of algorithm

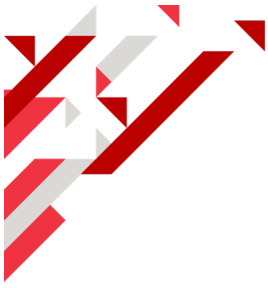
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Test sets, deep connection between integer programming and computational algebraic geometry



Hybrid Quantum Classical Algorithms

- Step 0 Think Differently
Reframe OR models (INLP) to Physics models (**Ising**)
- Step 1 (Classical)
Embed **QUBO** into Quantum Hardware
- Step 2 (Quantum)
Degenerate solution(s) found
- Step 3 (Classical)
Recover from **chain breaks** and post-process



Background Material

Adiabatic Quantum Computing (AQC)
Ising Model
D-Wave 2000Q

Test Sets in Optimization
Graver Basis



Adiabatic quantum computation (AQC) solves optimization problems of the form

$$(\mathcal{P}) : \operatorname{argmin}_{(y_0, \dots, y_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{B}^m} f(y_0, \dots, y_{m-1}),$$

where $\mathbf{B} = \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}$ and f is a polynomial function.

Each binary variable y is mapped into a quantum spin (or a qubit).

Each monomial in f defines a many body interaction (or coupling) between the involved spins.

When f is quadratic, it is a **quadratic unconstrained binary optimization (QUBO)**.

So: the solution of the problem (P) sits on the ground state (the eigenvector of lowest energy) of the quantum system.

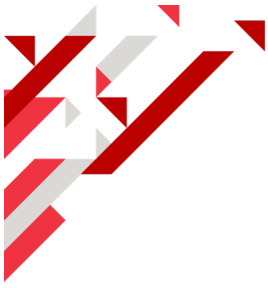


AQC finds the ground state through **adiabatic quantum evolution** that slowly evolves the ground state of the initial known system into the sought ground state of the problem:

$$H(s) = (1 - s)H_{initial} + sH_{problem}.$$

The **slow time** $s = t/T$ goes from 0 to 1 (where T is the effective total time of the adiabatic evolution).

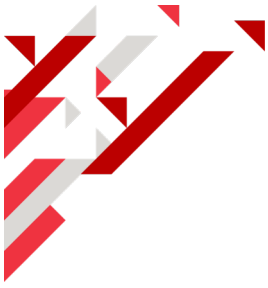
In practice, s could be replaced by a good $g(s)$, for improved performance as it affects the minimum **spectral gap** of the resulting $H(g(s))$.



Only the restricted class of **Ising spin glass** Hamiltonians is currently physically realized.

The quantum system is constituted of a set of spins that are arranged in a **graph X where only local 2-body interactions, along the edges of X ,** are allowed.

Note that, with the restriction to Ising architecture, **AQC is no longer universal.**



$$H_{(\mathcal{P})} = \sum_{i \in \mathbf{Vertices}(X)} h_i \sigma_i^3 + \sum_{ij \in \mathbf{Edges}(X)} J_{ij} \sigma_i^3 \sigma_j^3,$$

with

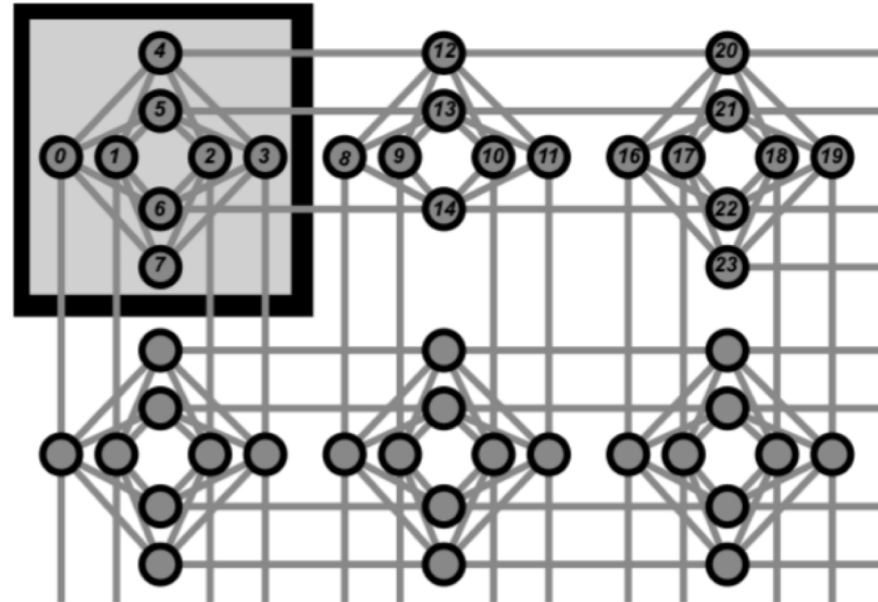
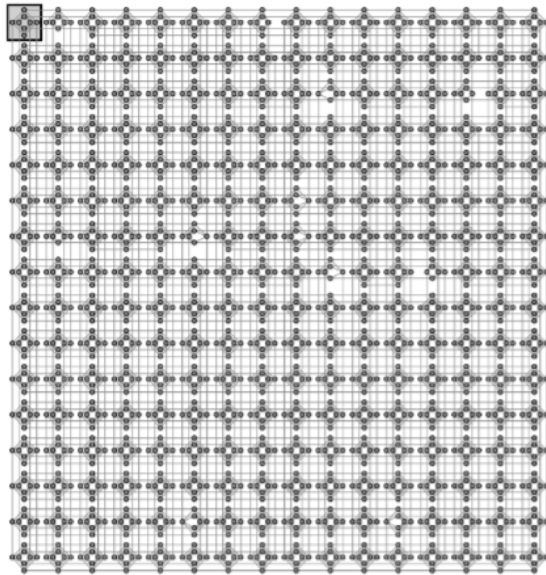
$$\sigma_i^3 = I \otimes \dots \otimes \sigma^3 \otimes \dots \otimes I \quad \text{where } I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \sigma^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

With different coupling strengths J , the aggregated interaction is, in general, very complicated.

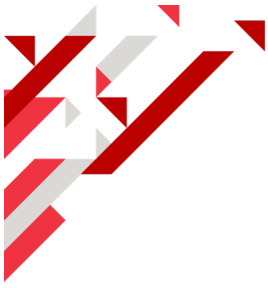
Computing the ground state of $H(P)$ is *hard* but computing the ground state of the initial Hamiltonian is trivial.



D-Wave 2000Q



Cross representation of Chimera $4 \times 16 \times 16$, the graph of D-Wave Systems 2000Q processor. Qubits are arranged in 16×16 blocks (or cells). Each block is a 4×4 bipartite graph. Qubits have restricted connectivity along the edges where each qubits can interact with at most six neighbors. The missing vertices or edges are faulty qubits or couplers.



$$(\mathcal{P}_\star) : \operatorname{argmin}_{(y_0, \dots, y_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{B}^m} y_0 \sum_{i=1}^8 c_i y_i.$$

Vertex **y_0** has degree 8; Chimera's max degree is 6.

We **blow up** the *singular* vertex **y_0** into a *chain*.

Need many such chains, making **embedding** a hard problem.

Chains have a tendency to break in practice.

Two choices are (a) what annealing time to use (b) how best to post-process broken chains (*majority vote* or *minimize energy*)?



Problem Embedded into Chimera



Figure 2: The logical graph of the objective function in (\mathcal{P}_\star)

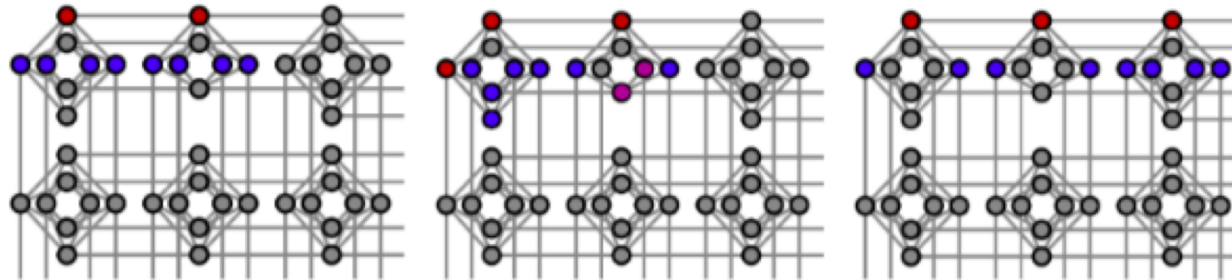


Figure 3: Three different examples of embeddings of the logical graph 2 inside Chimera. In all cases, the red chains of qubits represent the logical qubit y_0 . The remaining qubits are represented with 1-chain (i.e., a physical qubit) in blue, except for the middle picture, where y_7 is represented by the purple 2-chain.



Chain Breaking



Figure 2: The logical graph of the objective function in (\mathcal{P}_*)

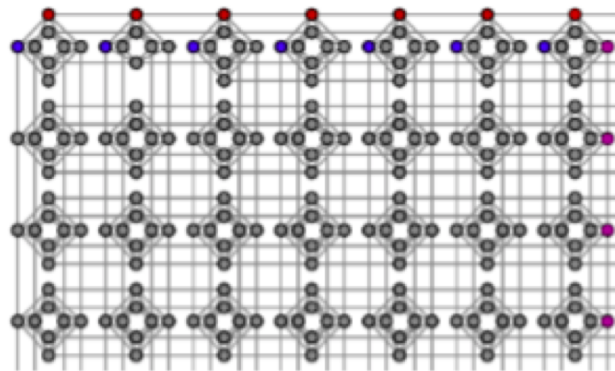


Figure 6: The depicted minor embedding (for the problem $(\mathcal{P})_*$) has two long chains that don't persist through the adiabatic evolution (in D-Wave). In this case, the quantum processor fails to return an answer.



Test Sets in Optimization

- Nonlinear integer program:

$$(IP)_{A,b,l,u,f} : \min \left\{ f(x) : Ax = b, x \in \mathbb{Z}^n, l \leq x \leq u \right\}$$
$$A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}, b \in \mathbb{Z}^m, l, u \in \mathbb{Z}^n, f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

- Can be solved via *augmentation procedure*:
 1. Start from a feasible solution
 2. Search for **augmentation direction** to improve
 3. If none exists, we are at an optimal solution.



Graver Basis of Matrix A

- Graver Basis is the finite set of conformal minimal elements of:

$$\mathcal{L}^*(A) = \left\{ x \mid Ax = \mathbf{0}, \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \quad A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n} \right\} \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$$

- Partial order:

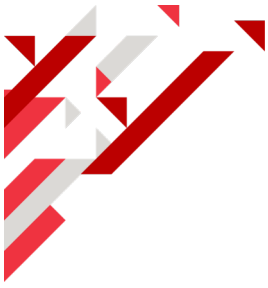
$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad x \sqsubseteq y \quad s.t. \quad x_i y_i \geq 0 \quad \& \quad |x_i| \leq |y_i| \quad \forall \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- x is conformal minimal to y : $x \sqsubseteq y$



Graver Basis is Test Set for:

- $\min cx$, Linear
- $\max f(Wx), W \in \mathbb{Z}^{d \times n}, f$ convex on \mathbb{Z}^d
- $\min \sum f_i(x_i), f_i$ convex (separable convex)
- $\min \|x - x_0\|_p$
- Some other nonlinear costs



Graver Basis via Quantum Annealing

**QUBO for Kernel
Sampling the Kernel
Post-processing Near-Optimal Solutions
Computational Results**

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Hybrid Quantum- Classical Graver

1. Finding the lattice kernel $\mathcal{L}^*(A)$ using many reads of quantum annealer : need a QUBO
2. Filtering conformal \sqsubseteq minimal elements by comparisons, using classical methods
3. Repeating (1) and (2) while *adjusting* the “QUBO” variables in each run *adaptively*



QUBO for Kernel

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \quad \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}$$

$$\min \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}_I \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_I = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_i & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- Integer to binary transformation: $x_i = \mathbf{e}_i^T X_i$

$$X_i^T = \begin{bmatrix} X_{i,1} & X_{i,2} & \dots & X_{i,k_i} \end{bmatrix} \in \{0,1\}^{k_i}$$

- Binary encoding: $\mathbf{e}_i^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2^0 & 2^1 & \dots & 2^{k_i} \end{bmatrix}$

- Unary encoding: $\mathbf{e}_i^T = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{k_i}$



QUBO for Kernel....

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{E}\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} Lx_1 \\ Lx_2 \\ \vdots \\ Lx_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1^T & \mathbf{0}^T & \dots & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \mathbf{0}^T & \mathbf{e}_2^T & \dots & \mathbf{0}^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0}^T & \mathbf{0}^T & \dots & \mathbf{e}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{bmatrix}$$

(L is the lower bound vector)

- QUBO:

$$\min \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Q}_B \mathbf{X} \quad , \quad \mathbf{Q}_B = \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{Q}_I \mathbf{E} + \text{diag}(2\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{Q}_I \mathbf{E})$$

$$\mathbf{X} \in \{0,1\}^{nk} \quad , \quad \mathbf{Q}_I = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$$



Sampling for Kernel

- Each anneal starts with an independent uniform superposition (10000 per D-Wave call):

$$|\hat{0}\rangle = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n} |i\rangle$$

- Symmetry in QUBO (for arbitrary A) implies similar spread in valleys
- Techniques:
 - Random column permutation
 - Adaptive resource allocation chases the non-extracted solutions



Post Processing

Experimental observation:

- Majority ($\sim 90\%$) of sub-optimal solutions have *small* overall sum-errors: most **near-optimal!**
- **Post-processing:** Systematic pairwise error vector addition and subtraction to yield zero columns of these near-optimal solutions
- Overall numerical complexity low (and polynomial) by limiting range of errors post-processed



Post Processing: Analysis

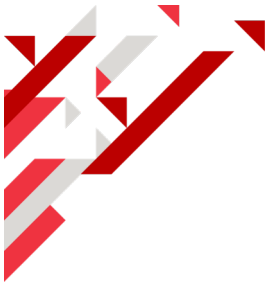
- Optimal and suboptimal percentages for various sizes

	(2x5)	(3x5)	(3x6)	(3x7)	(4x8)	(5x8)	Overall
0	15	12	10	13	12	9	11.8
1	24	28	26	31	30	33	28.7
2	31	28	27	24	21	25	26.0
3	20	21	25	19	20	17	20.3
4	7	8	10	9	9	8	8.5
5	2	1	0	3	4	5	2.5
≥ 6	1	2	2	1	4	3	2.2



Computational Experience

- For all matrices that have a small span of integral values (± 4) the Graver basis acquired with less than 7 calls.
- All embeddable ($m \times 16$) *binary matrices* Graver basis acquired in less than 5 calls.
- The quantum approach performs very well for narrow truncated band, i.e. $\{-1, 0, 1\}$, attractive as test set for nonlinear combinatorial or low span integer programming.



Non-Linear Integer Optimization on D-Wave

**QUBO for Feasible Solution(s)
Hybrid Quantum-Classical Algorithm
Computational Results**

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QUBO for Feasible Solutions

• $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b} \qquad l \leq \mathbf{x} \leq u$

$$\min \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Q}_B \mathbf{X}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_B = \mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{Q}_I \mathbf{E} + 2 \mathit{diag} \left[\left(\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{Q}_I - \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{A} \right) \mathbf{E} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{X} \in \{0,1\}^{nk}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_I = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$$

- Using adaptive centering and encoding width for feasibility bound
- Results in **many feasible solutions!**



Hybrid Quantum-Classical Optimization

1. Calculate Graver Basis
2. Find Initial Feasible Solution(s) (Quantum)
3. Augmentation: Improve feasible solutions (Classical)



Capital Budgeting

- Important canonical Finance problem
- μ_i expected return
- σ_i variance
- ϵ risk
- Graver Basis in 1 D-Wave call (1 bit encoding)

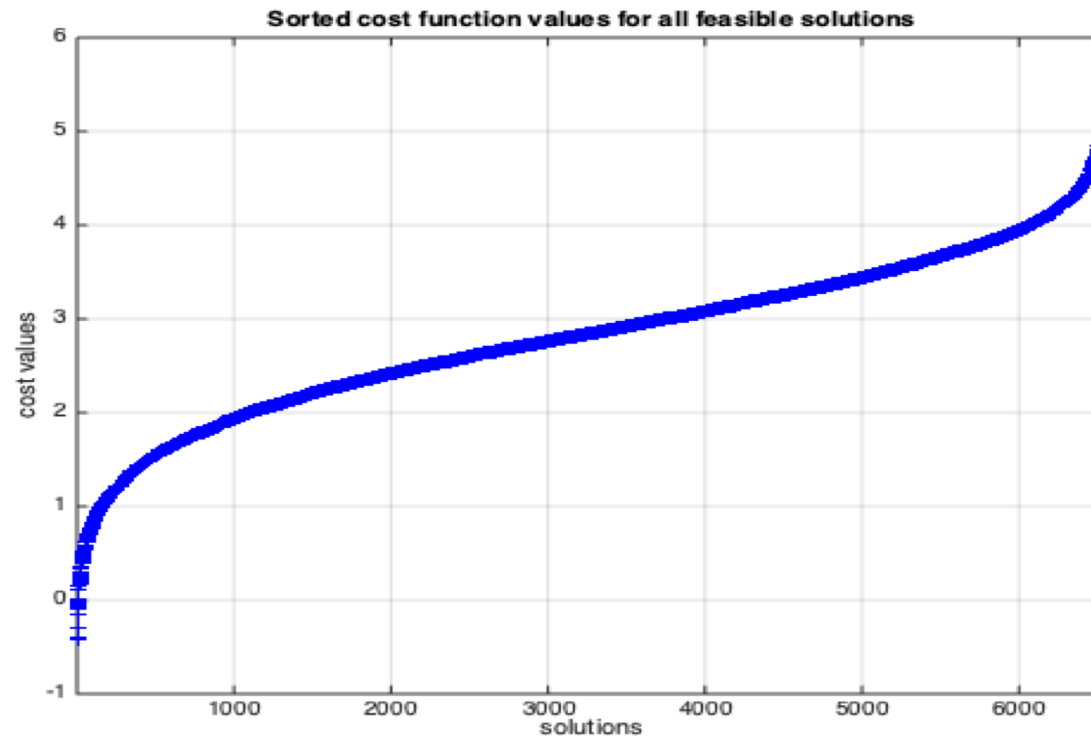
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min -\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i x_i + \sqrt{\frac{1-\epsilon}{\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 x_i^2} \\ Ax = b \quad , \quad x \in \{0,1\}^n \end{array} \right.$$

$$A \in M_{5 \times 50}(\{0, \dots, t\}) \quad \mu \in [0,1]^{50 \times 1} \quad \sigma \in [0, \mu_i]^{50 \times 1}$$

when $t = 1$ we have: $\mathcal{G}(A) \in M_{50 \times 304}(\{-1, 0, +1\})$



~ 6500 Solutions in One Call!



- From any feasible point in $\sim 24-30$ augmenting steps reach optimal cost = -3.69

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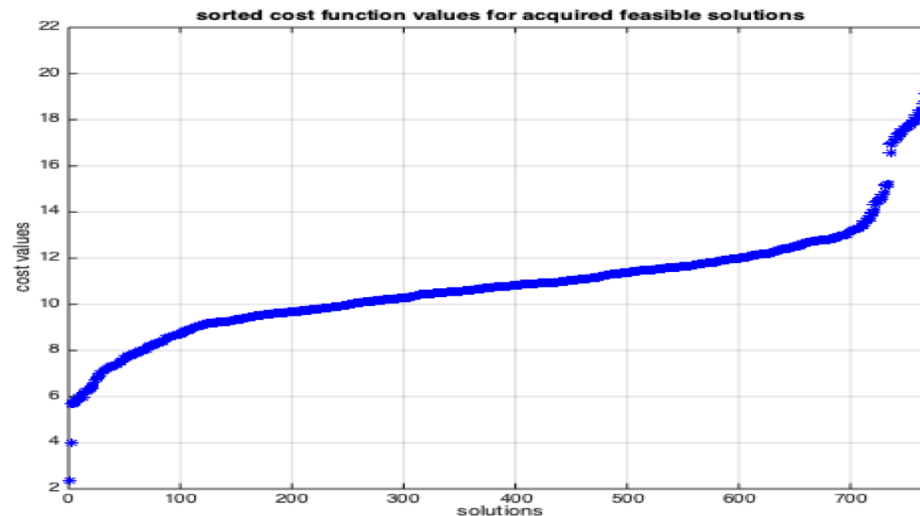
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Non-binary Integer Variables

- Low span integer $x \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}^n$
 $A \in M_{5 \times 50} (\{0, 1\})$ $\mu \in [0, 1]^{25 \times 1}$ $\sigma \in [0, \mu_i]^{25 \times 1}$
- 2 Bit Encoding
- $\mathcal{G}(A) \in M_{25 \times 616} (\{-4, \dots, +4\})$ in 2 D-Wave calls
- 773 feasible solutions in one D-Wave call



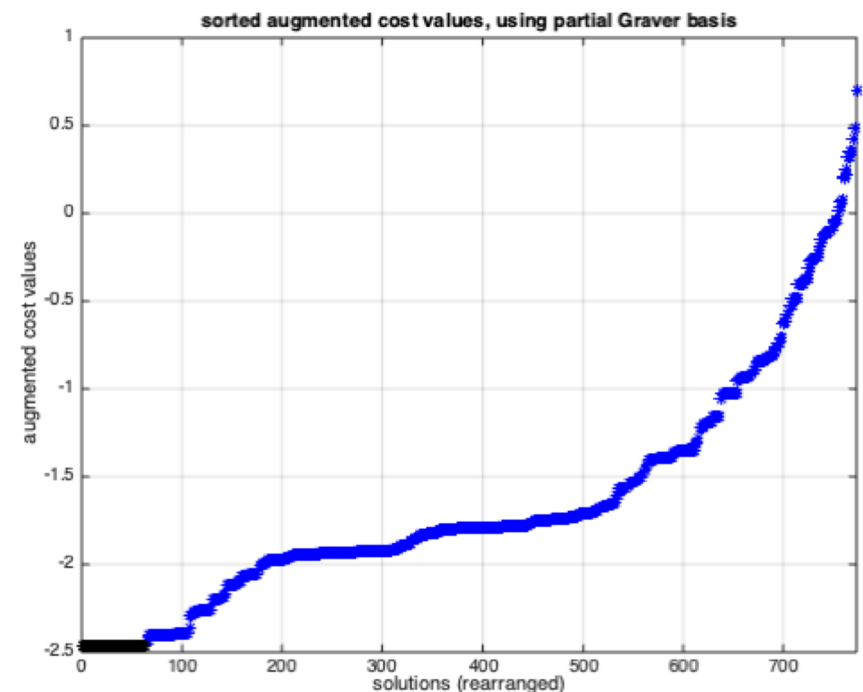


Augmenting...

- From any feasible points in ~ 20 -34 augmenting steps, reach global optimal cost = -2.46
- **Partial Graver Basis:** One D-Wave call only

$$\mathcal{G}^P(A) \in M_{25 \times 418} (\{-4, \dots, +4\})$$

- *64 out of 773 feasible starting points end up at global solutions.*





How to Surpass Best-in-Class Classical Methods?



Gurobi Optimizer 8.0

- Random $A \in M_{5 \times 50} (\{0, \dots, t\})$
- "terms" designates cardinality of set of \mathbf{J} values

$$\begin{array}{l}
 t = 1 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.2 \text{ sec} \\ 6 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right. \quad
 t = 10 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 16 \text{ sec} \\ 230 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right. \quad
 t = 20 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3 \text{ min} \\ 620 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right. \\
 t = 40 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 21 \text{ min} \\ 1030 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right. \quad
 t = 50 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 75 \text{ min} \\ 1070 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right. \quad
 t = 100 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} > 8 \text{ hours} \\ 1190 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

- D-Wave: Chimera but improved coupler precision to handle more unique \mathbf{J} elements for 0-1 matrices.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} t = 1 \\ A^{20 \times 80} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 135 \text{ sec} \\ 13 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right. \quad
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t = 1 \\ A^{25 \times 100} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sim 2 \text{ hours} \\ 15 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right. \quad
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t = 1 \\ A^{30 \times 120} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} > 3 \text{ hours} \\ 16 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right.$$



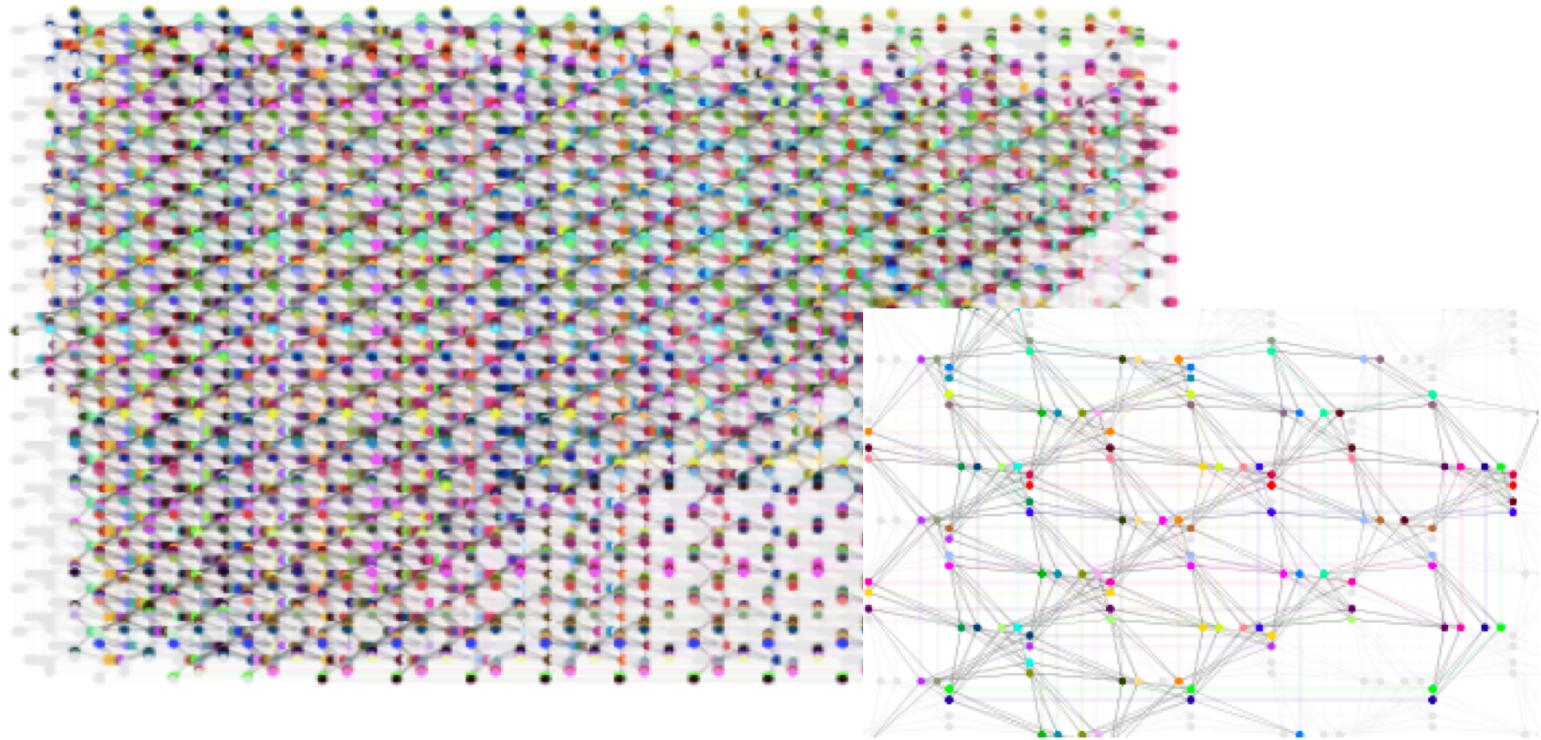
How and Where to Surpass?

- If **coupler precision** doubles, with the same number of qubits and connectivity, we can be competitive on 0-1 problems and $\{0, \dots, t\}$ matrices of size 50.
- **Pegasus** can embed a size 180 problem with shorter chains, should surpass Gurobi on $\{0, 1\}$ matrices of sizes 120 to 180, without an increase in precision.
- An order of magnitude increase in **maximum number of anneals per call**.
- Global optimization with **difficult convex** (and non-convex) objective functions?



Embedding in Pegasus

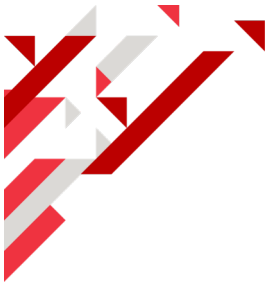
- Complete graph of size 170
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Computational Algebraic Geometry, Grobner Basis of Toric Varieties, Fiber bundles...
- **Analyzing Quantum Speedup** (arXiv:1811.00675)
Spectral gap in Adiabatic Evolution via Morse Homology. Gauss-Bonnet Theorem, Cerf Theory...
- **Non-linear Integer Optimization** (arXiv:1902.04215)
Geometry of Numbers, Test-Sets, Graver Basis..



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