

Quantum-PEFT: Ultra parameter-efficient fine-tuning

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Introduction

- Parameter-efficient fine-tuning (**PEFT**) is a cost-effective framework for downstream task to specialize pre-trained large foundation models.
- Low-rank adaptation (**LoRA**)^[1] variants achieve excellent performance.
- We propose a novel framework, named **Quantum-PEFT**, that leverages quantum unitary parameterizations, achieving orders-of-magnitudes higher compression rates over state-of-the-art PEFT methods.

Quantum-Inspired Machine Learning

- Quantum machine learning (QML) is an emerging framework leveraging quantum processing units (QPUs) for AI tasks.
- QML realizes ultra-efficient operations due to exponential expressivity.
- We introduce generalized QML framework based on alternating RY/CZ simplified two-design ansatz^[2].

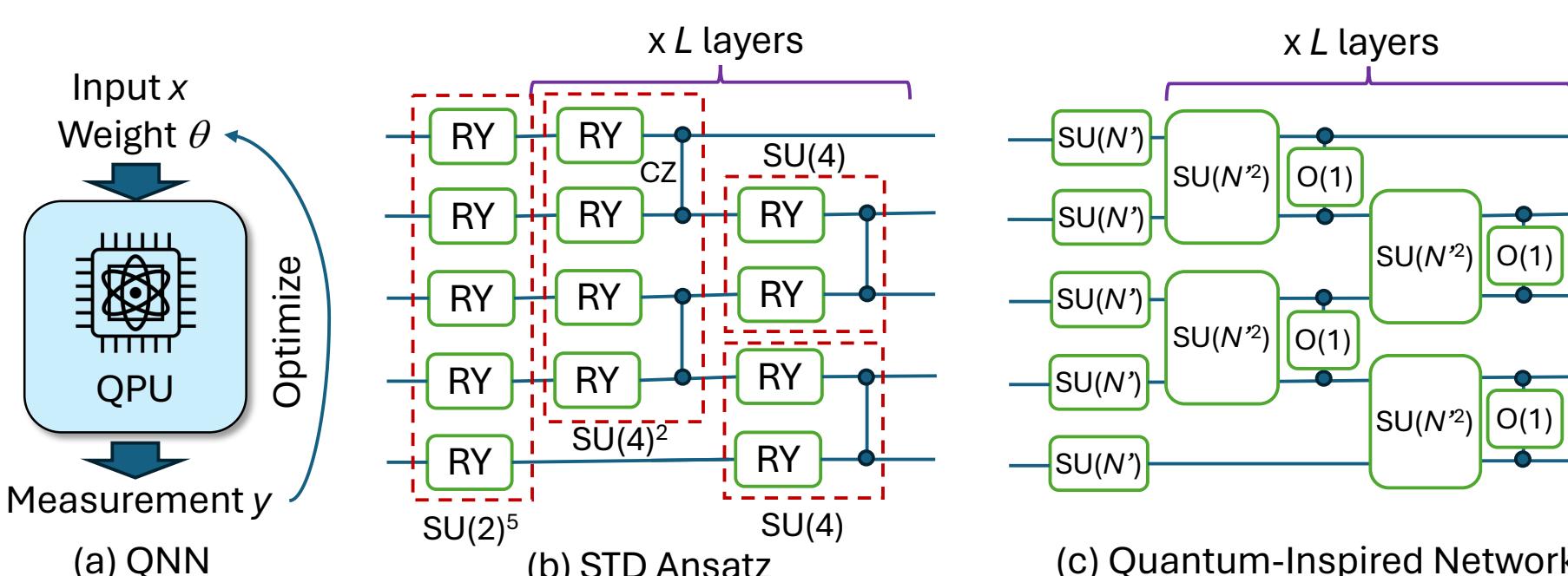


Figure 1: QML: (a) General pipeline for quantum neural network (QNN), embedding classical data x and variational parameters θ to control measurement y . (b) Simplified two-design ansatz. (c) Generalized quantum-inspired network.

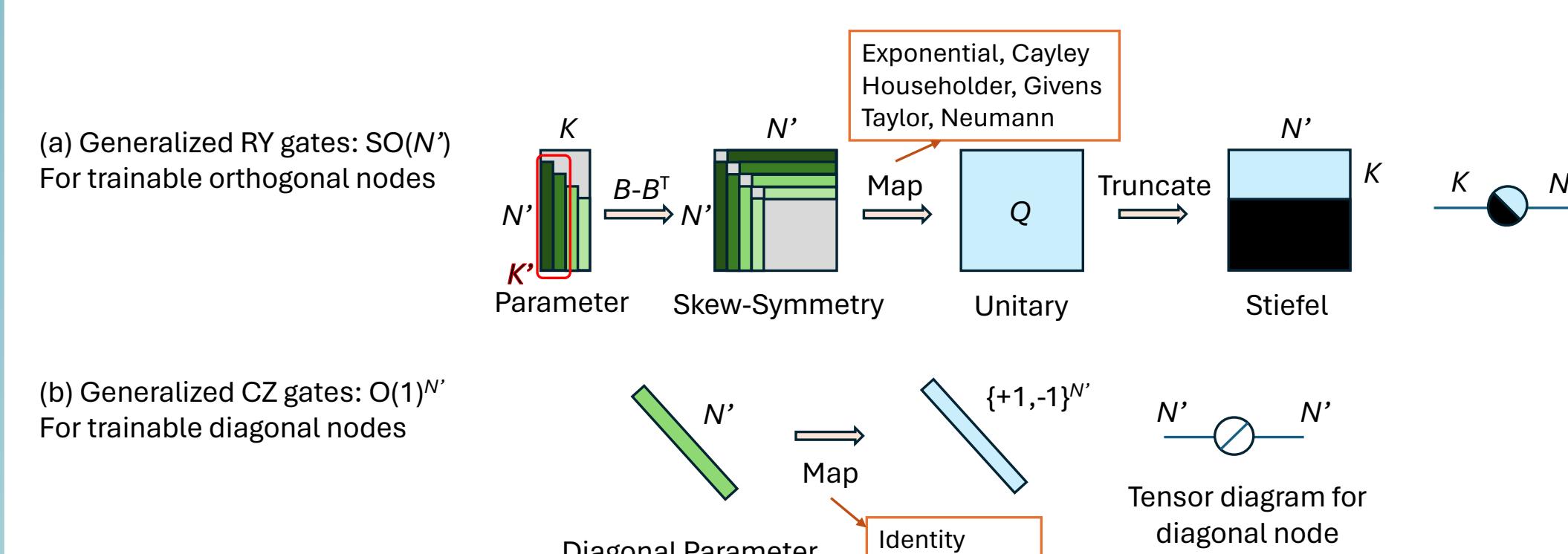


Figure 2: Proposed modules with corresponding tensor diagrams: (a) generalized RY modules for orthogonal nodes on Stiefel manifold $\mathcal{V}_K(N')$; (b) generalized CZ modules for diagonal nodes on either $O(1)^{N'}$ or $\mathbb{R}^{N'}$. Top K' columns are trainable parameters in B as intrinsic rank.

Quantum-PEFT

- Pauli parameterization enables logarithmically fewer number of trainable parameters.

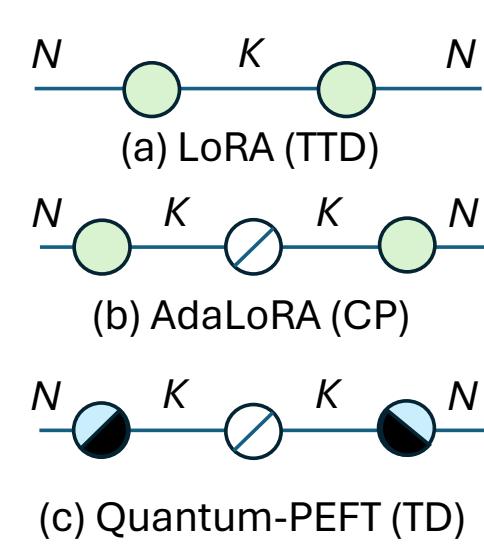


Figure 3: Tensor diagram of LoRA variants.

Table 1: Comparison of different PEFT methods and their computational requirements.

Method	# Trainable Parameters
LoRA (TTD)	$2NK$
AdaLoRA (CP)	$2NK + K$
Quantum-PEFT (TD: Q_T)	$2NK - K^2$
Quantum-PEFT (TD: Q_P)	$2(2L + 1) \log_2(N) + K$

Mixed-Precision Tensor Network

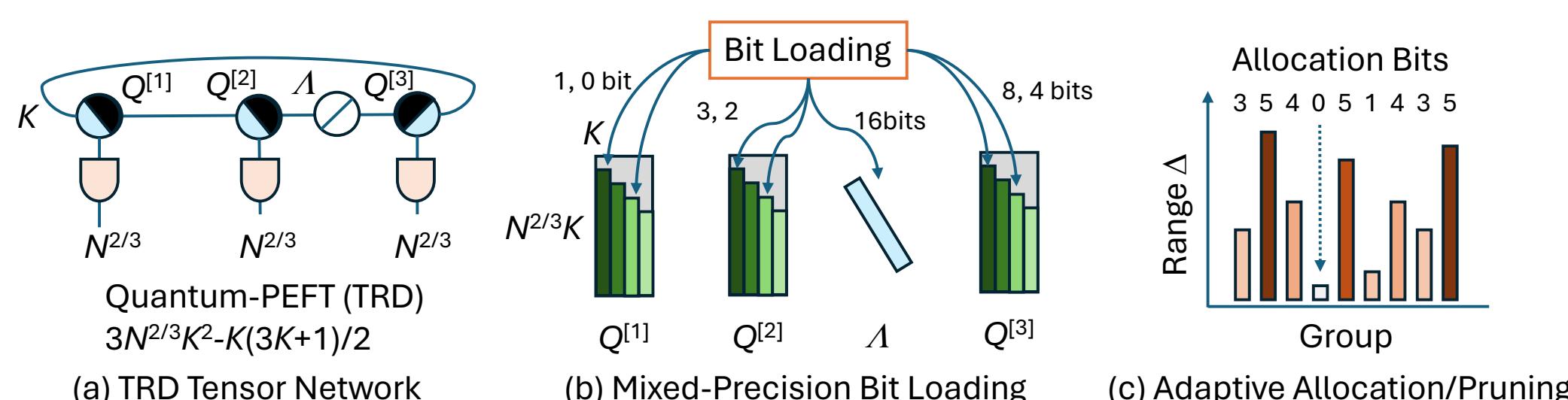


Figure 4: Mixed-precision Quantum-PEFT in 3-dimensional TRD tensor network. Each tensor node and tensor parameter can have non-uniform bit assignments. Adaptive bit loading depends on group range Δ . Assignment of 0 bit corresponds to adaptive structural pruning.

Experiments

- 3 transfer learning tasks:** LLM GLUE benchmark^[4]; E2E challenge^[5]; ImageNet to CIFAR10 classification.
- 3 foundation models:** DeBERTaV3^[6]; GPT2 Medium^[7]; ViT^[8].
- 5 baseline methods:** LoRA^[1]; AdaLoRA^[3]; BitFit^[9]; HAdapter^[10]; PAdapter^[11].

Results

- Quantum-PEFT shows competitive performance with extremely fewer number of trainable parameters.
- Quantization and mixed-precision Quantum-PEFT keep good performance over full-precision PEFT.

Table 2: Results with DeBERTaV3 base on GLUE benchmark. We present the Matthew's correlation for CoLA, the average correlation for STS-B, and the accuracy for other tasks. In each column, the best-performing PEFT approach is highlighted in **bold** and the second best is underlined.

Method	# Trainable Parameters	SST-2	CoLA	RTE	MRPC	STS-B
FT	184M	95.63	69.19	83.75	89.46	91.60
BitFit	0.1M	94.84	66.96	78.70	87.75	91.35
HAdapter	0.61M	95.30	67.87	85.56	89.22	91.30
PAdapter	0.60M	95.53	<u>69.48</u>	84.12	89.22	91.52
HAdapter	0.31M	95.41	67.65	83.39	89.25	91.31
PAdapter	0.30M	94.72	69.06	84.48	89.71	91.38
LoRA	0.33M	94.95	68.71	85.56	89.71	91.68
AdaLoRA	0.32M	95.80	70.04	87.36	90.44	91.63
Quantum-PEFT	0.013M	95.85	67.85	<u>86.57</u>	90.78	91.06

Table 3: Results for different adaptation methods on the E2E benchmark and GPT2 Medium model. Quantum-PEFT achieves similar performance as LoRA with 4 times less trainable parameters.

Method	# Trainable Parameters	BLEU	NIST	METEOR	ROUGE-L	CIDEr
FT	354.92M	68.2	8.62	46.2	71.0	2.47
AdaLoRA	0.38M	64.64	8.38	43.49	65.90	2.18
LoRA	0.39M	66.88	8.55	45.48	68.40	2.31
Quantum-PEFT	0.098M	67.46	8.58	45.02	67.36	2.31

Table 4: Results for ViT transfer learning from ImageNet-21k to CIFAR10. Base ViT is quantized with 3 bits.

Method	Original	FT	LoRA _{K=1}	LoRA _{K=2}	LoRA _{K=4}	Quantum-PEFT
# Parameters	—	85.81M	0.037M	0.074M	0.147M	0.007M
Accuracy	76.21%	98.05%	98.14%	98.30%	98.39%	98.46%

Table 5: Quantization impact on Lie parameters with Taylor parameterization for ViT transfer learning from ImageNet-21k to CIFAR10. Base ViT is not quantized.

Quantization	FP32	INT8	INT4	INT3	INT2	INT1
# Bits per parameter	32	8.25	4.25	3.25	2.25	1.25
Accuracy (Uniform Bit Loading)	98.81%	98.79%	98.78%	98.75%	98.67%	97.96%
Accuracy (Adaptive Bit Loading)	98.81%	98.78%	98.87%	98.80%	98.77%	98.64%

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