Quantum algorithms for machine learning and optimization

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Abstract:

The theories of machine learning and optimization answer foundational questions in computer science and lead to new algorithms for practical applications. While these topics have been extensively studied in the context of classical computing, their quantum counterparts are far from well-understood. In this talk, I will introduce my research that bridges the gap between the fields of quantum computing and theoretical machine learning. To be more specific, I will briefly introduce some of my recent developments on quantum advantages for machine learning and optimization, including classification (ICML 2019), convex optimization (QIP 2019), generative adversarial networks (NeurIPS 2019), semidefinite programming (QIP 2019), etc. I will also introduce limitations of quantum computers by giving quantum-inspired classical machine learning algorithms.

About the Speaker:

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