Space-bounded quantum state testing via space-efficient quantum singular value transformation

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What is quantum state testing

Task: Quantum state testing (with two-sided error).

Given two quantum devices Q_0 and Q_1 that prepare poly(n)-qubit quantum (mixed) states $\rho_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$ and $\rho_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N}$, respectively, which may be viewed as "sample access" to ρ_0 and ρ_1 . Decide whether $dist(\rho_0, \rho_1) \leq \epsilon_1$ or $dist(\rho_0, \rho_1) \geq \epsilon_2$.

The one-sided error variant and the classical counterpart are as follows:

- Quantum state certification [Bădescu-O'Donnell-Wright'19]: Given "sample access" to ρ₀ and ρ₁, decide whether ρ₀ = ρ₁ or dist(ρ₀, ρ₁) ≥ ε.
- ▶ Distribution testing (a.k.a. closeness testing of distributions, see [Canonne'20]): Given sample accesses to probability distributions D₀ and D₁, decide whether dist(D₀, D₁) ≤ ε₁ or dist(D₀, D₁) ≥ ε₂.

Typical goal: Minimize the number of copies (*sample complexity*) of ρ_0 and ρ_1 . **In this work:** Viewing quantum state testing as a computational (promise) problem.

Quantum state testing w.r.t. various distance-like measures

	Quantum	Classical
ℓ_1 norm	trace distance $\operatorname{td}(ho_0, ho_1):=rac{1}{2} ho_0- ho_1 $	total variation distance (a.k.a. statistical distance)
ℓ_2 norm	Hilbert-Schmidt distance $\operatorname{HS}^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) := \frac{1}{2}(\rho_0 - \rho_1)^2$	Euclidean distance
Entropy	von Neumann entropy $S(ho):=-{ m Tr}(ho\ln ho)$	Shannon entropy
Jensen-Shannon divergence	Quantum Jensen-Shannon divergence $\begin{aligned} &QJS_2(\rho_0,\rho_1):=S_2\Big(\frac{\rho_0+\rho_1}{2}\Big)-\frac{S_2(\rho_0)+S_2(\rho_1)}{2}\\ &\text{where }S_2(\rho):=-\mathrm{Tr}(\rho\log_2\rho)\\ \end{aligned}$	Jensen-Shannon divergence

Classical and quantum distance-like measures that are considered:

<u>**Remark.**</u> Quantum Jensen-Shannon divergence can be viewed as a *distance version* of the quantum (von Neumann) entropy difference.

Main result: Space-bounded state certification (one-sided error scenario)

Task 1.1 (Space-bounded quantum state certification). Given two polynomial-size $O(\log n)$ -qubit quantum circuits Q_0 and Q_1 that prepare $O(\log n)$ -qubit quantum (mixed) states ρ_0 and ρ_1 , respectively, with access to their "source codes". Decide whether $\rho_0 = \rho_1$ or dist $(\rho_0, \rho_1) \ge \alpha$.

Theorem 1.2 (Space-bounded quantum state certification is $coRQ_UL$ -complete).The following space-bounded quantum state certification problems are $coRQ_UL$ -complete. For any $\alpha(n) \ge 1/poly(n)$, decide whether

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$$\overline{\text{CERTQSD}}_{\text{log}}$$
: $\rho_0 = \rho_1 \text{ or } \operatorname{td}(\rho_0, \rho_1) \ge \alpha(n)$;

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$$\overline{\text{CERTQHS}}_{\text{log}}$$
: $\rho_0 = \rho_1 \text{ or } \text{HS}^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) \ge \alpha(n).$

<u>**Remark**</u>. coRQ_UL is a complexity class with *perfect completeness*, namely the acceptance probability $p_{acc} = 1$ for *yes* instances whereas $p_{acc} \leq 1/2$ for *no* instances.

Main result: Space-bounded quantum state testing (two-sided error scenario)

Task 1.3 (Space-bounded quantum state testing). Given two *polynomial-size* $O(\log n)$ -qubit quantum circuits Q_0 and Q_1 that prepare $O(\log n)$ -qubit quantum (mixed) states ρ_0 and ρ_1 , respectively, with access to their "source codes". Decide whether $\operatorname{dist}(\rho_0, \rho_1) \leq \beta$ or $\operatorname{dist}(\rho_0, \rho_1) \geq \alpha$.

Theorem 1.4 (Space-bounded quantum state testing is BQL-complete). The following (log)space-bounded quantum state testing problems are BQL-complete. For any α, β s.t. $\alpha(n) - \beta(n) \ge 1/\text{poly}(n)$ or any $g(n) \ge 1/\text{poly}(n)$, decide whether

- GAPQSD_{log}: $td(\rho_0, \rho_1) \ge \alpha$ or $td(\rho_0, \rho_1) \le \beta$;
- $@ GAPQED_{log}: S(\rho_0) S(\rho_1) \ge g \text{ or } S(\rho_1) S(\rho_0) \ge g;$
- $\textbf{ S} \ \mathrm{GAPQJS}_{\mathsf{log}} \text{: } \ \mathrm{QJS}_2(\rho_0,\rho_1) \geq \alpha \ \text{or} \ \mathrm{QJS}_2(\rho_0,\rho_1) \leq \beta;$
- $GAPQHS_{log}: HS^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) \ge \alpha \text{ or } HS^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) \le \beta.$

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BQL and $\mathsf{BQ}_\mathsf{U}\mathsf{L}$: Two-sided error space-bounded quantum computation

BQL (and BQ_UL if only allow *unitary* gates), defined in [Watrous'99, Watrous'03], captures quantum computation that performs by a *logspace-uniform* $O(\log n)$ -qubit quantum circuit. This class admits the following properties:

- ▶ Quadratic advantage in space (?): BQL \subseteq DSPACE[log²(n)] [Wat99, Wat03].
- ► Gateset-indep.: Space-efficient Solovay-Kitaev theorem [van Melkebeek-Watson'12].
- Error reduction for BQUL [Fefferman-Kobayashi-Lin-Morimae-Nishimura'16].
- Intermediate measurements are useless: $BQL = BQ_UL$ [Fefferman-Remscrim'21].

History of the only family of (natural) BQL-complete problem:

- Inverting a well-conditioned matrix is in BQL [Ta-Shma'13], whereas it only has DSPACE[log²(n)] containment without the help of quantum.
- Inverting a well-conditioned matrix is BQUL-complete [Fefferman-Lin'18].
- A well-conditioned version of DET*-complete problems are BQL-complete [Fefferman-Remscrim'21], such as well-conditioned integer determinant, well-conditioned matrix powering, well-conditioned iterative matrix product.

Takeaway. This work (Theorem 1.4) presents a new family of natural BQL-complete problems that emerge from quantum property testing.

$\mathsf{RQ}_\mathsf{U}\mathsf{L}$ and $\mathsf{co}\mathsf{RQ}_\mathsf{U}\mathsf{L}$: One-sided error space-bounded quantum computation

RQ_UL and coRQ_UL, defined in [Watrous'01], capture *one-sided error* quantum computation that performs by a *logspace-uniform* $O(\log n)$ -qubit quantum circuits. These classes admit the following properties:

- Error reduction for RQ_UL and coRQ_UL [Watrous'01].
- ▶ Gateset-dependence which is because of perfect completeness or soundness.
- ▶ Undirected graph connectivity (USTCON) is in $RQ_UL \cap coRQ_UL$ [Watrous'01], although USTCON is actually in L [Reingold'08].

Open problems on $\mathsf{RQ}_\mathsf{U}\mathsf{L}$ and $\mathsf{coRQ}_\mathsf{U}\mathsf{L}$:

A (natural) complete problem for the class RQ_UL or coRQ_UL remains unknown. A "verification" version of well-conditioned iterative matrix product problem is coRQL-hard [Fefferman-Remscrim'21] while there is no containment (hard direction).

►
$$RQ_UL \stackrel{?}{=} RQL$$
 and $coRQ_UL \stackrel{?}{=} coRQL$.

Takeaway. This work (Theorem 1.2) demonstrates the first family of natural $coRQ_UL$ -complete problems that arise from quantum property testing as well.

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Time-bounded quantum state testing: ℓ_1 norm scenario

Task 3.1 (Time-bounded quantum state testing). Given two *polynomial-size* quantum circuits Q_0 and Q_1 that prepare poly(n)-qubit quantum (mixed) states ρ_0 and ρ_1 , respectively, with access to their "source codes". Decide whether $dist(\rho_0, \rho_1) \leq \beta$ or $dist(\rho_0, \rho_1) \geq \alpha$.

Time-bounded distribution testing. Given two efficiently samplable distributions D_0 and D_1 (prepared by circuits), decide whether $dist(D_0, D_1) \le \beta$ or $dist(D_0, D_1) \ge \alpha$.

Computational hardness of these tasks with respect to ℓ_1 norm:

- Statistical Difference Problem (SDP) is SZK-complete when constant α² − β > 0 [Sahai-Vadhan'03, Goldreich-Sahai-Vadhan'98].
- Quantum State Distinguishability Problem (QSDP) is QSZK-complete when constant α² − β > 0 [Watrous'02, Watrous'09].
- ▶ Open problem: (α,β)-QSDP is in QSZK when α(n) − β(n) ≥ 1/poly(n). Recent progress: [Berman-Degwekar-Rothblum-Vasudevan'19] (classical) and [Liu'23] (quantum).

Structural complexity-theoretic results regarding QSZK:

- ▶ $BQP \subseteq QSZK \subseteq QIP(2) \subseteq PSPACE$ [Watrous'02, Watrous'09].
- ► $\exists \mathcal{O} \text{ s.t. } \mathsf{QSZK}^{\mathcal{O}} \not\subseteq \mathsf{PP}^{\mathcal{O}}$ [Bouland-Chen-Holden-Thaler-Vasudevan'19].

Time-bounded quantum state testing: ℓ_2 norm scenario

Proposition 3.2 [BCWdW01, RASW23]. Quantum Hilbert-Schmidt distance problem, namely time-bounded quantum state testing w.r.t. ℓ_2 norm, is BQP-complete.

<u>BQP containment</u>. As all three terms in $HS^2(\rho_0, \rho_1) = \frac{1}{2}Tr(\rho_0^2) + \frac{1}{2}Tr(\rho_1^2) - Tr(\rho_0\rho_1)$ can be estimated by the SWAP test [Buhrman-Cleve-Watrous-de Wolf'01], we have a hybrid algorithm succeeds w.p. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}HS^2(\rho_0, \rho_1)$:

- 1 Toss two random coins $r_0, r_1 \in \{0, 1\}$;
- **@** Perform the SWAP test on quantum states according to r_0 and r_1 .

 $\begin{array}{l} \underline{\mathsf{BQP}} \text{ hardness (adapted from [Rethinasamy-Agarwal-Sharma-Wilde'23])}. \\ \hline \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{C}$



By defining two pure states $\rho_0 := |\bar{0}\rangle \langle \bar{0}| \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0|_{\mathsf{F}}$ and $\rho_1 := C'_x (|\bar{0}\rangle \langle \bar{0}| \otimes |0\rangle \langle 0|_{\mathsf{F}}) (C'_x)^{\dagger}$, we have $\Pr[C'_x | \operatorname{accepts}] = \operatorname{Tr}(\rho_0 \rho_1) = 1 - \operatorname{HS}^2(\rho_0, \rho_1)$.

Computational hardness of time-bounded testing depends on distance

Computational hardness of Task 3.1: a "dichotomy" theorem

- Time-bounded state testing w.r.t. l₁ norm or entropy difference (QSZK-complete) is seemingly *much harder* than only preparing these states (in BQP).
- Time-bounded state testing w.r.t. l₂ norm (BQP-complete) is computationally as easy as just preparing these states (in BQP).

Interestingly, the computational hardness "dichotomy" is linkded to the dependence of the sample complexity for distribution testing and state testing on the *dimension* N:

	$\ell_1 {\sf norm}$	ℓ_2 norm	Entropy
Classical	$\operatorname{poly}(N, 1/\epsilon)$	$\operatorname{poly}(1/\epsilon)$	$\operatorname{poly}(N, 1/\epsilon)$
sample complexity	[CDVV14]	[CDVV14]	[JVHW15, WY16]
Quantum	$\operatorname{poly}(N, 1/\epsilon)$	$\operatorname{poly}(1/\epsilon)$	$\operatorname{poly}(N, 1/\epsilon)$
sample complexity	[BOW19]	[BOW19]	[AISW20, OW21]

Summary: Time-bounded and space-bounded quantum state testing

Computational hardness of time-bounded and space-bounded quantum state testing:

	ℓ_1 norm	ℓ_2 norm	Entropy
Classical	SZK-complete*	BPP-complete	SZK-complete
Time-bounded	[SV03,GSV98]	Folklore	[GV99,GSV98]
Quantum	QSZK-complete*	BQP-complete	QSZK-complete
Time-bounded	[Wat02,Wat09]	[BCWdW01, RASW23]	[BASTS10]
Classical	PDL hard [†]	BPL-complete [†]	BPL-complete [†]
Space-bounded	DPL-nard	Folklore	Implied by [ABIS19]
Quantum	BQL-complete	BQL-complete	BQL-complete
Space-bounded	This work	[BCWdW01] and this work	This work

<u>**Remark**</u>^{\dagger}. Space-bounded distribution testing can be viewed as a "white-box" version of *streaming distribution testing* with i.i.d. samples.

Takeaways. For space-bounded state testing and certification problems, the computational hardness of these problems is *as easy as* just preparing quantum states, which is *independent of the choice* of aforementioned distance-like measures.

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Quantum singular value transformation in a nutshell

QSVT [Gilyén-Su-Low-Wiebe'19] is a systematic approach to (time-efficiently) manipulating singular values $\{\sigma_i\}_i$ of an Hermitian matrix A using a corresponding projected unitary encoding $A = \Pi U \Pi$ for orthogonal projectors Π and Π .

Quantum singular value transformation, revisited

Given a singular value decomposition $A = \sum_i \sigma_i |\tilde{\psi}_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|$ associated with an s(n)-qubit projected unitary encoding, we can approximately implement a QSVT $f^{(SV)}(A) = \sum_i f(\sigma_i) |\tilde{\psi}_i\rangle \langle \psi_i|$ by employing a polynomial P_d of degree $d = O\left(\frac{1}{\delta} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ satisfying that

 $\begin{array}{l} \blacktriangleright \ P_d \text{ well-approximates } f \text{ on the interval of interest } \mathcal{I}:\\ \max_{x\in\mathcal{I}\setminus\mathcal{I}_\delta}|P_d(x)-f(x)|\leq\epsilon \text{ where } \mathcal{I}_\delta\subseteq\mathcal{I}\subseteq[-1,1] \text{ and typically } \mathcal{I}_\delta:=(-\delta,\delta). \end{array}$

▶
$$P_d$$
 is bounded: $\max_{x \in [-1,1]} |P_d(x)| \le 1$.

Moreover, all coefficients of P_d (namely, *classical pre-processing*) can be computed in deterministic poly(d) time (and thus space). Hence, the transformation $P_d^{(SV)}(A)$ can be implemented by a poly(d)-size quantum circuit acts on $O(\max\{\log d, s(n)\})$ qubits.

Remark. Quantum circuit implementation in QSVT is already space-efficient!

Space-efficient quantum singular value transformation

Question 4.1 (Space-efficient QSVT). Can we implement a degree-d QSVT for any $\overline{s(n)}$ -qubit projected unitary encoding with $d \leq 2^{O(s(n))}$, using only O(s(n)) space in both classical pre-processing and quantum circuit implementation?

Theorem 4.2 (Space-bounded QSVT, [Metger-Yuen'23]). Implement a degree-d QSVT associated with sign function or square-root function for any $O(\log n)$ qubit block-encoding with $d \leq poly(n)$ requires $O(poly \log n)$ space for classical pre-processing and $O(\log n)$ qubits in quantum circuit implementation.

<u>Remark.</u> Theorem 4.2 can be easily extended to continuous functions bounded on [-1, 1].

Theorem 4.3 (Space-efficient QSVT, This work). Implement a degree-d QSVT associated with *piecewise-smooth functions* for any $O(\log n)$ qubit *bitstring indexed* encoding with $d \leq \operatorname{poly}(n)$ requires (randomized) $O(\log n)$ space for classical pre-processing and $O(\log n)$ qubits in quantum circuit implementation. Moreover, the implementation requires $O(d^2 ||\mathbf{c}||_1)$ uses of $U, U^{\dagger}, C_{\Pi} \text{NOT}, C_{\Pi} \text{NOT},$ among with other gates, where c is the coeffs of Chebyshev interpolation polynomial.

E.g. Normalized log function $\ln_{\beta}(x) := \frac{2\ln(1/x)}{2\ln(2/\beta)}$ on the interval $\mathcal{I} = [\beta, 1]$ for any $\beta \ge 1/\text{poly}(n)$.

Space-efficient quantum singular value transformation: Proof sketch

Bounded functions. We mainly follow the construction in [MY23]:

Near-minimax approximation by Chebyshev interpolation [Powell'67]

For any continuous function $f: [-1,1] \to \mathbb{R}$, if there is a degree-d polynomial P_d satisfying $\max_{x \in [-1,1]} |f(x) - P_d(x)| \le \epsilon$, then we have a Chebyshev interpolation polynomial $\hat{P}_d := \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^d c_k T_k$, where $c_k := \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x) T_k(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$ and T_k is the k-th Chebyshev polynomial (of the first kind), such that $\max_{x \in [-1,1]} |\hat{P}_d(x) - f(x)| \le O(\epsilon \log d)$.

- ${\rm 0}$ Space-efficient QSVT implementation for $T_k^{\rm (SV)}(\tilde{\Pi} U\Pi)$ [GSLW19]
- **@** For any bounded functions, any coefficient c_k is space-efficiently computable by the standard numerical integral technique. \longrightarrow A careful analysis is required!
- ${\it (i)}$ Implement $\hat{P}_d^{\rm (SV)}(\tilde{\Pi} U \Pi)$ from $T_k^{\rm (SV)}(\tilde{\Pi} U \Pi)$ by LCU

[Berry-Childs-Cleve-Kothari-Somma'15]

 \longrightarrow Query complexity $O(d^2)$ and the operator norm of $\hat{P}_d(\tilde{\Pi} U \Pi)$ is at most $\|\mathbf{c}\|_1$

@ Renormalizing the resulting (bitstring indexed) encoding $\hat{P}_d^{\rm (SV)}(\tilde{\Pi} U \Pi)$

 \longrightarrow Query complexity $O(d^2 \|\mathbf{c}\|_1)$ where $\|\mathbf{c}\|_1 \leq O(d)$ in general.

<u>Piecewise-smooth functions.</u> We adapt the construction (i.e., a reduction to a linear combination of bounded functions) in [van Apeldoorn-Gilyén-Gribling-de Wolf'20].

♣ We thus reduce the main challenge to stochastic matrix powering problem, essential for the BPL vs. L problem [Saks-Zhou'99, Cohen-Doron-Sberlo-Ta-Shma'23, Putterman-Pyre'23].

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Proof overview: two-sided error scenario

Proof of Theorem 1.4 (1): $GAPQSD_{log} \in BQL$. Inspired by the approach in

[Gilyén-Poremba'22, Wang-Zhang'23], note that $\operatorname{sgn}(x) \approx_{\epsilon,\delta} P_d^{\operatorname{sgn}}(x)$ and $\operatorname{td}(\rho_0,\rho_1) = \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{Tr}|\rho_0 - \rho_1| = \frac{1}{2}\left(\operatorname{Tr}\left(\operatorname{sgn}^{(\operatorname{SV})}(\frac{\rho_0 - \rho_1}{2})\rho_0\right) - \operatorname{Tr}\left(\operatorname{sgn}^{(\operatorname{SV})}(\frac{\rho_0 - \rho_1}{2})\right)\rho_1\right).$ We consider the following quantum tester $\mathcal{T}(Q_i, U_{\rho_-}, P_d^{\operatorname{sgn}})$ where $\rho_- := \frac{\rho_0 - \rho_1}{2}$:



Here, Q_i prepares a purification of the state ρ_i for $i \in \{0,1\}$, and ρ_- is block-encoded in U_{ρ_-} . We say that the tester \mathcal{T} accepts if the measurement outcome is "0".

By using the space-efficient QSVT (Theorem 4.3) associated with a bounded approx polynomial P_d^{sgn} of sgn, we implement $U_{P_d^{\text{sgn}}(\frac{\rho_0-\rho_1}{2})}$. Consequently, the "acceptance probability" of ρ_i is $\Pr[\mathcal{T}(Q_i, U_{\rho_-}, P_d^{\text{sgn}}) | \operatorname{accepts}] = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \operatorname{Tr}\left(P_d^{\text{sgn}}(\frac{\rho_0-\rho_1}{2})\right)\rho_i\right)$.

Therefore, for $i \in \{0,1\}$, it suffices to estimate $\operatorname{Tr}\left(P_d^{\operatorname{sgn}}(\frac{\rho_0-\rho_1}{2})\rho_i\right) \pm \varepsilon$ with high probability using $O(1/\varepsilon^2)$ sequential repetitions.

Proof overview: one-sided error scenario

Proof of Theorem 1.2 (1): $\overline{\mathrm{CERTQSD}}_{\mathsf{log}} \in \mathsf{coRQ}_{\mathsf{U}}\mathsf{L}.$

Our construction is mainly based on the previous quantum tester $\mathcal{T}(Q_i, U_{\rho_-}, P_d^{sgn})$, then achieving perfect completeness by standard techniques.

4 We first notice that our space-efficient QSVT in Theorem 4.3 preserves the parity. In particular, the QSVT implementation associated with \hat{P}_d^{sgn} satisfies $\hat{P}_d^{\text{sgn}}(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$. This enables us to construct the algorithm \mathcal{A} specified below:

♦ For yes instances $(\rho_0 = \rho_1)$, we thus have $\Pr[\mathcal{T}(Q_i, U_{\rho_-}, P_d^{sgn}) | accepts] = \frac{1}{2}$. Then we obtain an algorithm \mathcal{A} accept with certainty via exact amplitude amplification [Boyer-Brassard-Høyer-Tapp'98, Brassard-Høyer-Mosca-Tapp'02].

♦ For *no* instances
$$(td(\rho_0, \rho_1) \ge \alpha)$$
, we have

 $|\Pr[\mathcal{T}(Q_i, U_{\rho_-}, P_d^{\mathrm{sgn}}) | \operatorname{accepts}] - \frac{1}{2}| \ge \Omega(\alpha).$

By a direct (still, a bit complicated) calculation, we can make sure the algorithm \mathcal{A} accepts w.p. at most $1 - \Omega(\alpha^2)$.

Finally, we conclude a coRQ_UL containment from A by applying *error reduction* for coRQ_UL, which can be deduced from our space-efficient QSVT (Theorem 4.3).

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Conclusions and open problems

Take-home messages on our work

 $\label{eq:space-bounded} \begin{array}{l} \textbf{\textbf{9} Space-bounded quantum state certification problems w.r.t. trace distance and } \\ \textbf{\textbf{Hilbert-Schmidt distance are coRQ}_{U}L\text{-complete (Theorem 1.2)}. \end{array}$

This is the *first* family of natural $coRQ_UL$ -complete problem!

- Space-bounded quantum state testing problems w.r.t. common distance-like measures (i.e., trace distance, squared Hilbert-Schmidt distance, quantum entropy difference, quantum Jensen-Shannon divergence) are BQL-complete (Theorem 1.4).
- Quantum singular value transformation on bitstring indexed encoding can be done in *quantum logspace*, with a *randomized* classical pre-processing (Theorem 4.3).

Open problems

- Space-efficient QSVT with O(d) queries instead of O(d² ||c||₁) in Theorem 4.3, as well as make the pre-processing deterministic rather than randomized.
- Are space-bounded state testings with respect to other (proper) quantum analogs
 of symmetric f-divergence also in BQL?
- Is space-bounded distribution testing problem w.r.t. the *total variation distance* BPL-complete? What about the streaming distribution testing counterpart?

Thanks!