

Optimal Bounds for Quantum Learning via Information Theory

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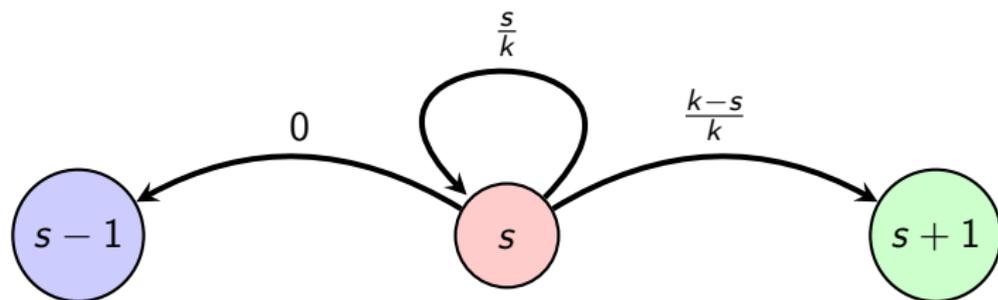
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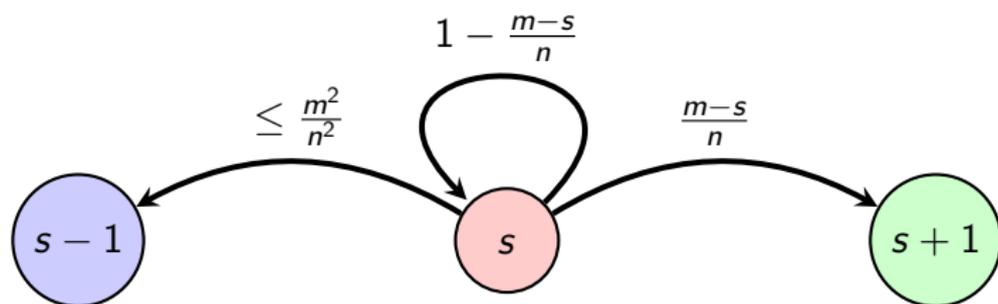
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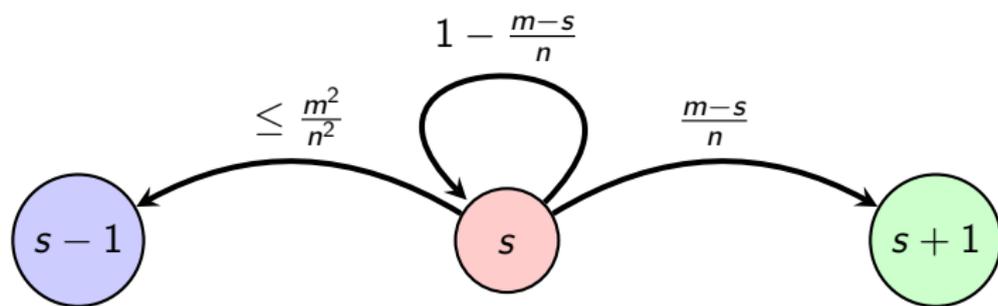
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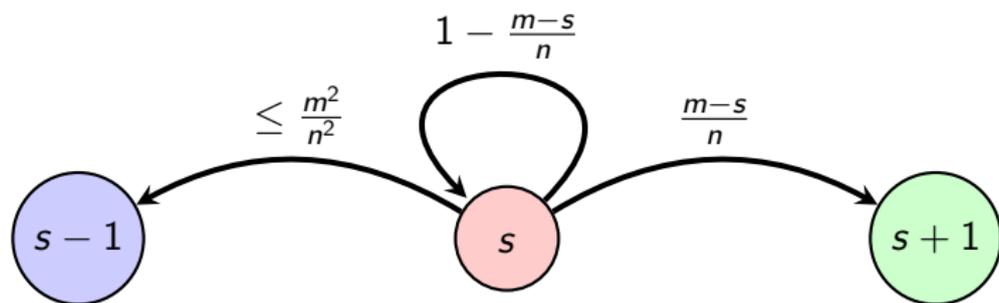
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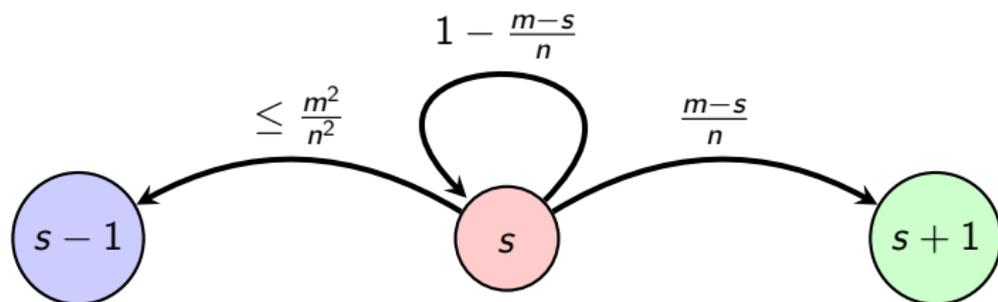


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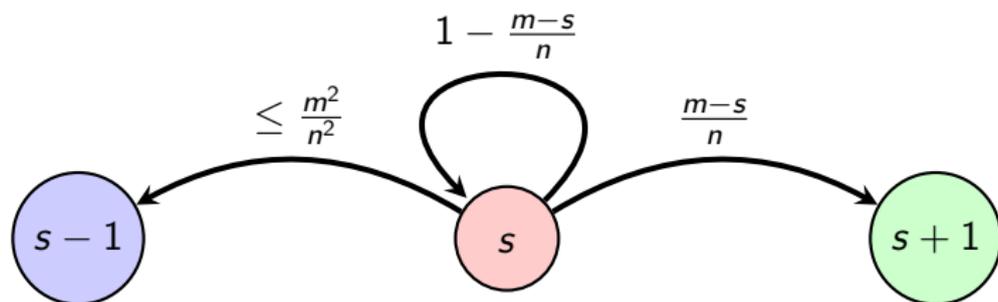


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Conclusion and Additional Points

- Quantum PAC learning lower bounds using information theory
- Quantum Agnostic learning very similar to PAC learning
- Can try to use this method on other problems considered in [AdW18]
- Doesn't work directly on Quantum Coupon Collector
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Thank You!

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