Introduction to Matrix Product States

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Scope

- Area law
- Singular value decomposition
- MPO construction
- Variational optimization (finite- and infinite-size DMRG)
- Entanglement entropy and entanglement spectra
- Boundary conditions
- Excitations
- Abelian symmetries and constraints
- Time evolution
- Outlook

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Area law Why tensor networks work?

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Exponential growth of the Hilbert space $\dim H = d^N$ Exact diagonalization is limited to small clusters.

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Low energy states (local H)



Ground states of local Hamiltonians are less entangled than a random state in the Hilbert space

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Area law



Entanglement entropy: $S_A = -\operatorname{tr}(\rho_A \log \rho_A)$

GS of local Hamiltonians
Area law: $S_A(L) \propto L^{d-1}$ **Random state**
Volume law: $S_A(L) \propto L^d$ 1D: $S_A(L) = \text{const}$
2D: $S_A(L) \propto L$ **Critical state in 1D**
 $S_A(L) \propto \log(L)$

Area law



Our goal:

to diagonalize the Hamiltonian directly in the truncated basis

Number of relevant states $D \propto \exp(S)$

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Graphical notations



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- Summation over connected bonds
- Rank of the resulting tensor = number of open legs

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- Complexity $\prod_{i \in \text{ connected legs}} D_i \cdot \prod_{j \in \text{ open legs}} D_j$
- The order of contraction matters!



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Complexity stays finite!

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SVD

singular values decomposition

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Singular Values Decomposition (SVD)

For any rectangular matrix $M_{i,j}$ exists a decomposition

$$M = U_{i,k} S_{k,k} V_{k,j}^{\dagger}$$

such that:

- $U^{\dagger}U = \mathbb{I}$
- S is a diagonal matrix with non-negative entries • $V^{\dagger}V=\mathbb{I}$



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Schmidt decomposition

• Quantum state:

$$\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j} \Psi_{i,j} |i\rangle_A |j\rangle_B,$$

where $|i\rangle_A$ and $|j\rangle_B$ are orthonormal basis of subsystems A and B.

- Treat $\Psi_{i,j}$ as a matrix and perform SVD
- Schmidt decomposition

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j} \sum_{k} U_{i,k} S_{k,k} V_{k,j}^{\dagger} |i\rangle_A |j\rangle_B$$

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• Area law - D relevant states only

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j} \sum_{k}^{D} U_{i,k} S_{k,k} V_{k,j}^{\dagger} |i\rangle_{A} |j\rangle_{B}$$

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Majumdar-Ghosh chain:

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Figure 24: (color online) MPS for the Majumdar-Gosh state: (a) the superposition of two dimerized states of singlets $|\Phi\rangle$ in (a) can be written in terms of an infinite MPS with 1-site unit cell, with non-zero coefficients as in (b).

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AKLT:
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$$\overbrace{\mathbf{A}^+}^{\text{spin-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \widetilde{A}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & +\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \widetilde{A}^- = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Interestingly, often (always?) exact MPS states corresponds to a disorder point signaling the appearance of incommensurability

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$$c_{\sigma_{1}...\sigma_{L}} = \Psi_{(\sigma_{1}...\sigma_{L-1}),\sigma_{L}}$$

$$= \sum_{a_{L-1}} U_{(\sigma_{1}...\sigma_{L-1}),a_{L-1}} S_{a_{L-1},a_{L-1}} (V^{\dagger})_{a_{L-1},\sigma_{L}}$$

$$= \sum_{a_{L-1}} \Psi_{(\sigma_{1}...\sigma_{L-2}),(\sigma_{L-1}a_{L-1})} B_{a_{L-1}}^{\sigma_{L}}$$

$$= \sum_{a_{L-2},a_{L-1}} U_{(\sigma_{1}...\sigma_{L-2}),a_{L-2}} S_{a_{L-2},a_{L-2}} (V^{\dagger})_{a_{L-2},(\sigma_{L-1}a_{L-1})} B_{a_{L-1}}^{\sigma_{L}}$$

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$$= \sum_{a_{1},...,a_{L-1}} B_{a_{1}}^{\sigma_{1}} B_{a_{1},a_{2}}^{\sigma_{2}} \dots B_{a_{L-2},a_{L-1}}^{\sigma_{L-1}} B_{a_{L-1}}^{\sigma_{L}}.$$

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Normalization

The goal is to find $|\Psi\rangle$ that minimizes the energy:

$$E = \frac{\langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle}$$

If norm is fixed $\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle = 1$, it becomes

 $E = \langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle$

In variational optimization a generalized eigenvalue problem is reduced to a generalized eigenvalue problem:

 $\hat{H}_{eff}|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$ instead of $\hat{H}_{eff}|\psi\rangle = E\hat{N}_{eff}|\psi\rangle$

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MPO Matrix Product Operators



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$$H = \sum_{j} J(S_{j}^{x}S_{j+1}^{x} + S_{j}^{y}S_{j+1}^{y}) + BS_{j}^{z}$$

For a given site j write all possible terms in the Hamiltonian:

$\begin{bmatrix} I \dots I J S_{j-1}^x \\ I \dots I \\ I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_j^x \\ S_j^y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \dots I \\ I \end{bmatrix}$
$IIJS_{j-1}^{s} S_{j}^{s} II$
II $J\check{S}_{i}^{x}$ $S_{i+1}^{x}II$
II JS_{i}^{y} $S_{i+1}^{y}II$
$IJS_i^x S_{i+1}^xI \qquad I \qquad II$
$IJS_i^y S_{i+1}^{y'}I \qquad II$
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$IIJS_{i-1}^x$	S_i^{x}	II
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II	$J\check{S}_{i}^{x}$	$S_{i+1}^{x}II$
II	JS_{j}^{y}	$S_{i+1}^{y}II$
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$IJS_{i}^{y}S_{i+1}^{y}I$	Ι	II
IBS_i^zI	Ι	II
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II	Ι	$IJS_{i}^{y}S_{i+1}^{y}I$
II	Ι	IBS_i^zI

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- Seven non-trivial entries in the MPO
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$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} I...Full...I & & \\ I...IJS_{j-1}^{x} & & \\ I...IJS_{j-1}^{y} & & \\ I...I & & \\ \hline & & I...I & \\ \hline & & I...I & S_{j+1}^{x}I...I & S_{j+1}^{y}I...I & I...Full...I \\ \end{array}$$

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- For a given site j write all possible terms in the Hamiltonian:
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- Fill-in the matrix:



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MPO answers:

$$H = \sum_{j} J(S_{j}^{x}S_{j+1}^{x} + S_{j}^{y}S_{j+1}^{y}) + BS_{j}^{z}$$
$$H_{j} = \begin{pmatrix} I & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ S_{j}^{x} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ S_{j}^{y} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ BS_{j}^{z} & JS_{j}^{x} & JS_{j}^{y} & I \end{pmatrix}$$

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Bulk MPO:

$$H_{j} = \begin{pmatrix} I & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ S_{j}^{x} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ S_{j}^{y} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ BS_{j}^{z} & JS_{j}^{x} & JS_{j}^{y} & I \end{pmatrix}$$

First and last sites:

$$H_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} BS_{j}^{z} & JS_{j}^{x} & JS_{j}^{y} & I \end{pmatrix} \qquad H_{j} = \begin{pmatrix} I \\ S_{j}^{x} \\ S_{j}^{y} \\ BS_{j}^{z} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Exponentially decaying interactions

- Long-range interactions are in general difficult
- ... but there is one exception exponentially decaying potential

$$H = \sum_{j} J(r) S_{j}^{z} S_{j+1}^{z} \qquad \text{with} \qquad J(r) = J e^{-r/\xi} = J \lambda^{r}$$

$$H_j = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} I & \cdot & \cdot \\ S^z & \lambda S_j^z & \cdot \\ \cdot & J\lambda S_j^z & I \end{array}\right)$$

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Exponentially decaying interactions

- Long-range interactions are in general difficult
- ... but there is one exception exponentially decaying potential
- Approximate long-range interactions with exponentials



DMRG / variational MPS

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Group the legs and treat this rank-8 tensor as a matrix

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- Energy
- Entanglement
- Observable of interest:
 - Local magnetization/density
 - Dimerization / local oscillations
 - Distant correlations $\langle O_i O_j \rangle$
 - Extreme values (disorder)
 - ...

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- Local magnetization/density
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Typical energy convergence:



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- Local magnetization/density
- Dimerization / local oscillations
- Extreme values (disorder)
- Energy
- Distant correlations $\langle O_i O_j \rangle$
- Entanglement

DMRG has to converge with respect to BOTH the bond dimension D and the number of iterations!

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Initial guess

- Product state
- Random state
- Infinite-size DMRG

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Infinite-size DMRG



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Infinite-size DMRG



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One-, two- and multi-site DMRG

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?-site DMRG



- Traditionally DMRG is a two-site algorithm.
- Single-site is cheaper by a factor d^2
- Naively the bond dimension in one-site DMRG is fixed
- Now there are now efficient ways to increase it:
 - Hubig et al (PRB 2015)
 - von Delft et al (PRL 2022)
- Multi-site provide stability but they are expensive, though there are tricks like DMRG²

Lanczos algorithm Iterative eigensolver

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Lanczos algorithm

- 1. Let $v_1 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ be an arbitrary vector with Euclidean norm 1.
- 2. Abbreviated initial iteration step:

1. Let
$$w'_1 = Av_1$$
.
2. Let $\alpha_1 = w'^*_1v_1$.
3. Let $w_1 = w'_1 - \alpha_1v_1$.

3. For j = 2, ..., m do:

1. Let $\beta_j = \|w_{j-1}\|$ (also Euclidean norm).

2. If $eta_j
eq 0$, then let $v_j = w_{j-1}/eta_j$,

else pick as v_i an arbitrary vector with Euclidean norm 1 that is orthogonal to all of v_1, \ldots, v_{j-1}

3. Let
$$w'_j = Av_j$$
.
4. Let $\alpha_j = w'^*_j v_j$.
5. Let $w_j = w'_j - \alpha_j v_j - \beta_j v_{j-1}$.
4. Let V be the matrix with columns v_1, \ldots, v_m . Let $T = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_2 & & 0 \\ \beta_2 & \alpha_2 & \beta_3 & & \\ & \beta_3 & \alpha_3 & \ddots & \\ & & \beta_{m-1} & & \\ & & & \beta_{m-1} & & \\ & & & & \beta_{m-1} & & \\ & & & & & \beta_m & & \alpha_m \end{pmatrix}$.

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Lanczos in MPS



- $H_{\rm eff}$ is too expensive
- In Lanczos: $H_{\text{eff}} \cdot v_{\text{guess}}$ much cheaper! (see tutorials)

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Control parameters

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Control parameters

- Bond dimension
- Truncation weight
- Number of sweeps
- Number of Lanczos iterations

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Control parameters

- Bond dimension
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Two main DMRG practices:

- A few Lanczos iterations (≈ 5) + Many sweeps (≈ 100); D increases after the convergence is reached
- D increases every sweep, many Lanczos iterations (≈ 100), a few sweeps (≈ 5).

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Nearest-neighbor correlations $\langle \Psi | \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1} | \Psi \rangle$



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On-site measures $\langle \Psi | O_i | \Psi \rangle$



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Abelian symmetries

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Abelian symmetry



- Assign quantum numbers labels to physical bonds of MPS
- Using fusion rules of the symmetry, find quantum numbers on auxiliary legs
- When local basis is sorted according to the quantum number of states, the MPS takes a block-diagonal form

Abelian symmetry. Examples





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Abelian symmetry. Examples



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Abelian symmetry. Examples



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Abelian symmetry



- Assign quantum numbers labels to physical bonds of MPS
- Using fusion rules of the symmetry, find quantum numbers on auxiliary legs
- When local basis is sorted according to the quantum number of states, the MPS takes a block-diagonal form
- Select the right symmetry sector by matching the right combination of quantum numbers

Not implemented symmetries

Keep your guess in the right sector

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Constraints

Nearest-neighbor blockade: $n_i n_{i+1} = 0$

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Fusion graph for r = 1 Rydberg blockade



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Encoding the r = 1 Rydberg blockade





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Image: A matrix

Fusion graph for Fibonacci anyons



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Fusion graph for Fibonacci anyons



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Entanglement

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Entanglement entropy

$$S_{A|B} = -\text{Tr}\rho_A \log \rho_A = -\sum_{a=1}^D s_a^2 \log s_a^2$$
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subsystem A
subsystem B

• DMRG is a low entangled approximation of a quantum state

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Entanglement entropy



• DMRG is a low entangled approximation of a quantum state



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Entanglement entropy

$$S_{A|B} = -\operatorname{Tr}\rho_A \log \rho_A = -\sum_{a=1}^D s_a^2 \log s_a^2$$
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subsystem A
subsystem B

• DMRG is a low entangled approximation of a quantum state

• But the entanglement can itself be an observable

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Central charge



Entanglement spectra

$$\epsilon_a = -\log_2 s_a^2$$

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Pollmann et al., Phys. Rev. B 81, 064439 $\left(2010\right)$

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- Identify topologically non-trivial phases
- Locate quantum phase transitions

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Conformal towers from entanglement spectrum

Transverse field Ising model



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Boundary conditions

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For periodic chains the entanglement is usually higher than for open ones

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Calabrese-Cardy formulas for critical systems:

$$S_{\rm PBC} = \frac{c}{3} \log\left(\frac{L}{\pi a} \sin\frac{\pi l}{L}\right) + c_1',\tag{8}$$

$$S_{\text{OBC}} = \frac{c}{6} \log \left(\frac{2L}{\pi a} \sin \frac{\pi l}{L} \right) + c_1'/2 + \log \tilde{g}. \tag{9}$$

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Calabrese-Cardy formulas for critical systems.

$$S_{\rm PBC} = \frac{c}{3} \log\left(\frac{L}{\pi a} \sin\frac{\pi l}{L}\right) + c_1',\tag{10}$$

$$S_{\text{OBC}} = \frac{c}{6} \log \left(\frac{2L}{\pi a} \sin \frac{\pi l}{L} \right) + c_1'/2 + \log \tilde{g}. \tag{11}$$

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PBC with MPS



red = lattice; black = tensor network

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Calabrese-Cardy formulas for critical systems. Note: the boundary term \tilde{g}

$$S_{\rm PBC} = \frac{c}{3} \log\left(\frac{L}{\pi a} \sin\frac{\pi l}{L}\right) + c_1',\tag{12}$$

$$S_{\text{OBC}} = \frac{c}{6} \log \left(\frac{2L}{\pi a} \sin \frac{\pi l}{L} \right) + c_1'/2 + \log \tilde{g} \tag{13}$$

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Fixed BC = Lower entanglement



Affleck, Laflorencie, Sorensen, J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. 42 504009 (2009)

Sometimes boundary conditions are unintentionally "fixed" by the model (e.g. Heisenberg chain)

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Non-symmetric BC = different scaling!



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Friedel oscillations

- Response of the system to an impurity
- In the gapped phase it decays exponentially
- At the critical point with the corresponding critical exponent
- Open boundary conditions = impurity
- Prediction by boundary-CFT



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Broken symmetry



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Fixed BC = Friedel oscillations



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Locate phase transitions



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By-path in computing correlations

Distant correlations

 $\langle O_i O_{i+r} \rangle - \langle O_i \rangle \langle O_{i+r} \rangle \propto r^{\eta}$

 $\underset{\rm Friedel \ oscillations}{\Downarrow}$

 $\langle O_r \rangle \propto r^{\eta/2}$

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Extract Luttinger liquid exponents



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Way more accurate in case of disorder and noise



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Excitation spectrum

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The excited state is the 'ground-state' of the different symmetry sector

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Example: Kennedy triplet in Haldane chain

$$H = J \sum_{j} \mathbf{S}_{j} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1}$$





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- ² Conventional DMRG: Mixed states
 - The ground-state is spoiled
 - Heavy memory usage

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- (4) Elementary excitations + plane-wave superposition
 - Translation invariant MPS
 - Not suitable for OBC

$$|\Phi_p^k(B)\rangle = \sum_n \mathrm{e}^{ipn} \underbrace{-A}_{s_{n-2}} \overset{j}{\underset{s_{n-2}}{\overset{j}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\overset{j}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\overset{j}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}}{\underset{s_{n-1}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}$$

Vanderstraeten, Wybo, NC, Verstraete, Mila, PRB (2020)

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Transfer matrix



Zauner et al, New J. Phys. 17 (2015)053002



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- 4 MPS: Domain wall/ special tensor/ transfer matrix
 - Translation invariant MPS

There is a cheaper option:

Sometimes it is sufficient to target multiple eigenstates of the effective Hamiltonian and keep track of the energies as a function of iterations [NC, Mila, Phys.Rev.B 96, 054425 (2017)]

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Effective Hamiltonian



- The Hamiltonian is written in a truncated and rotated basis.
- This basis is selected for the ground state.
- Could this basis be suitable for other low-energy states?

Trivial case - non-truncated MPS

When no truncation is imposed and all basis states are kept in MPS, the DMRG is equivalent to exact diagonalization and one can access the entire spectrum!



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When does it work?

Local impurities

- Localized excitations
- MPS is the same except for a few sites



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Edge states in the Haldane chain



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Exact zero modes in Majorana chain



When correlations are incommensurate the effective coupling between edge states can be continuously tuned $J_{\text{eff}} \propto \cos(q \cdot L)$ Zero modes appear and we can capture them with nearly machine precision!

When does it work?

Critical systems

- Divergent correlation length
- Slow decay of Schmidt values
- Special structure of spectrum

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Transverse field Ising model

$$H = \sum_{i} JS_i^x S_{i+1}^x + hS_i^z$$

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- Critical at h = J/2
- Solved by Jordan-Wigner transformation
- Corresponds to the minimal model (4,3) in CFT

Transverse field Ising model. Excitation spectrum



- 30 states within a single run!
- Flat modes signal convergence

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NC, F. Mila, Phys. Rev. B 96, 054425'17

The convergence is sometimes tricky

4-state Potts with free BC:



NC, SciPost Phys. Core 5, 031 (2022)

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Transverse field Ising model. Excitation spectrum



- Remarkable accuracy for critical system
- Wrong spectrum for gapped system
- promising results or multi-site G Banuls et al. in prep

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Conformally invariant boundary conditions

Ising critical theory:

• Free

• Fixed = $\{\uparrow,\downarrow\}$

Two boundaries - 4 combinations:

• Free-Free $\mathbb{I} + \varepsilon$

• †,† I	$\chi_I(q) = q^{-1/48} \left(1 + q^2 + q^3 + 2q^4 + 2q^5 + 3q^6 + 3q^7 + \dots \right)$
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- \uparrow, \downarrow \mathcal{E} $\chi_{\epsilon}(q) = q^{1/2 1/48} \left(1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + 2q^4 + 2q^5 + 3q^6 + 4q^7 + \ldots \right)$
- Free, \uparrow σ $\chi_{\sigma} = q^{1/16-1/48} \left(1 + q + q^2 + 2q^3 + 2q^4 + 3q^5 + 4q^6 + 5q^7 + \ldots \right)$

BCFT prediction: Cardy, Nuc. Phys. B, 324 581-596, 1989

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Finite-size scaling of the excitation energy



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States are also good!



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Not only for the simplest models: Ising transition in spin-1 chain

$$H_{J_1 J_2 J_3} = J_1 \sum_{j} \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1} + J_2 \sum_{j} \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+2} + J_3 \sum_{j} \left[(\mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1}) (\mathbf{S}_{j+1} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+2}) + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

NC, Affleck, Mila, Phys. Rev. B 93 241108, 2016

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Ising conformal towers in spin-1 chain



- Singlet-triplet gap is **open**
- Critical scaling of the gap in the singlet sector
- N even I conformal tower
- N odd

 ϵ conformal tower

NC, Affleck, Mila, PRB ${\bf 93},$ 241108'16

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There is a reason why it works for CFT

Extracting the Speed of Light from Matrix Product States arXiv:2303.00663v1 [cond-mat.str-el] 1 Mar 2023

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We provide evidence that the spectrum of the local effective Hamiltonian and the transfer operator in inf nitesystem matrix product state simulations are identical up to a global rescaling factor, i.e. the speed of light of the system, when the underlying system is described by a 1+1 dimensional CFT. We provide arguments for this correspondence based on a path integral point of view. This observation turns out to yield very precise estimates for the speed of light in practice, conf rming exact results to high precision where available, but also allowing us to faulty determine the speed of light of the non-integrable, critical SU(2) Heisenberg chains with half-

But it also works for non-CFT



Infinite randomness criticality (disorder)

accuracy about 10^{-8}

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But it also works for non-CFT



Time evolution

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Time evolution: real and imaginary

The goal is to compute action operators:

 e^{-iHt} and $e^{-\beta H}$

$$\begin{split} & \text{First-order Trotter decomposition} \\ & \text{e}^{-\text{i}\hat{H}\tau} = \text{e}^{-\text{i}\hat{h}_{1}\tau}\text{e}^{-\text{i}\hat{h}_{2}\tau}\text{e}^{-\text{i}\hat{h}_{3}\tau}\dots\text{e}^{-\text{i}\hat{h}_{L-3}\tau}\text{e}^{-\text{i}\hat{h}_{L-2}\tau}\text{e}^{-\text{i}\hat{h}_{L-1}\tau} + O(\tau^{2}), \end{split}$$

Second-order Trotter decomposition - better accuracy at no cost

$$\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\hat{H}\tau} = \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\hat{H}_{\mathrm{odd}}\tau/2} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\hat{H}_{\mathrm{even}}\tau} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\hat{H}_{\mathrm{odd}}\tau/2} + O(\tau^3),$$

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$$e^{-i\hat{H}\tau} = e^{-i\hat{H}_{odd}\tau/2} e^{-i\hat{H}_{even}\tau} e^{-i\hat{H}_{odd}\tau/2} + O(\tau^3),$$

For very long i-times quantum state approaches the ground-state:

$$|E_0\rangle = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \frac{e^{-\tau H} |\Psi(0)\rangle}{\sqrt{|\langle \Psi(\tau)|\Psi(\tau)\rangle|}} \qquad \qquad |\Psi(\tau)\rangle = e^{-\tau H} |\Psi(0)\rangle$$

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Time evolution: various ways to apply

Second-order Trotter decomposition - better accuracy at no cost





Time evolution: longer-range terms



One can also use swap-gates, but keep an eye on a complexity! For truly long-range order - TDVP

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Extracting observables



Schollwoeck, Annals of Physics 326, 96 (2011)

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Extracting observables



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Schollwoeck, Annals of Physics 326, 96 (2011)

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Folding

folding of forward and backward timesteps leads to some cancellations in entanglement



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Motivation: Rydberg experiments



Probe quantum phase transitions with Kibble-Zurek mechanism: The faster you sweep the more domain walls you end up with

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Kibble-Zurek and Finite-time scaling



Kibble-Zurek mechanism:

The faster you sweep the more domain walls you end up with Finite-time scaling:

The slower you sweep the latter the order parameter will vanish

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