

Tensor decomposition and entanglement entropy

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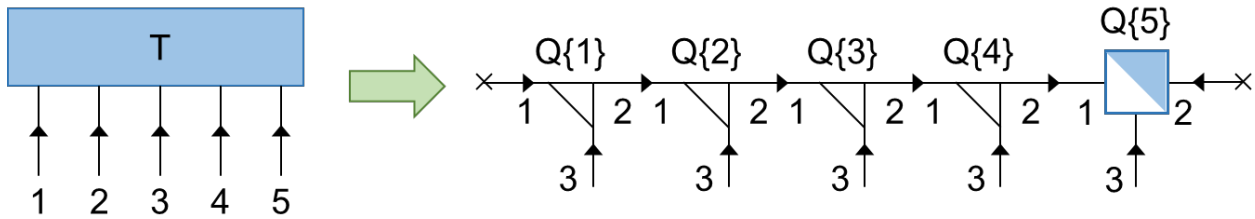
In this tutorial, we will decompose a high-rank tensor into a matrix product state (MPS) that consists of rank-2 and -3 tensors, by using the QR decomposition or the singular value decomposition (SVD).

Let's define a rank-5 tensor acting onto five subsystems, whose dimensions are 2, 3, 2, 3, and 4, respectively.

```
clear
sz = [2 3 2 3 4]; % local space dimensions
T = reshape(1:prod(sz),sz); % rank-5 tensor
T = T/norm(T(:)); % normalize
```

Here T is normalized by its norm. Note that, for the computation of the norm, it's necessary to take a linearized form of the tensor by using $(:)$.

I will demonstrate the decomposition of the tensor "from left to right", i.e., decomposing a tensor for the first leg, then for the second, and so on, by using the QR decomposition:



The numbers next to the tensor legs indicate the order of the legs. A left-unitary matrix obtained after the n -th QR decomposition are reshaped and stored in the n -th cell $Q\{n\}$. At the last iteration (i.e., the fourth iteration), we dump the remaining tensor into $Q\{5\}$. For $Q\{1\}$ and $Q\{5\}$, we assign the dummy legs of dimension 1, indicated by the x symbols at the ends. By introducing the dummy legs, we can treat all the tensors $Q\{n\}$ as rank-3, which simplifies the code writing.

```
Q = cell(1,numel(sz));
R = T; % temporary tensor to be QR-decomposed
szl = 1; % the bond dimension of the left leg of Q{n} to be obtained after
% the QR decomposition at iteration n; for n = 1, szl = 1 for the dummy leg
for it = (1:(numel(sz)-1))
    R = reshape(R,[szl*sz(it), prod(sz(it+1:end))]);
    [Q{it},R] = qr(R,0);
    Q{it} = reshape(Q{it},[szl, sz(it), numel(Q{it})/szl/sz(it)]);
    szl = size(Q{it},3); % update the bond dimension
    R = reshape(R,[szl,sz(it+1:end)]);
end
Q{end} = R;
```

Note we use the thin QR decomposition by setting the second input argument to `qr` as `0`.

Check the dimensions of tensors in the MPS.

Q

Q = 1x5 cell

	1	2	3	4	5
1	1x2x2 double	2x3x6 double	6x2x12 double	12x3x4 double	4x4 double

Note that the MATLAB automatically truncates the trailing singleton dimension, so the dummy leg dimension of $Q\{5\}$ is not displayed.

Exercise (a): Check the integrity of the tensor decomposition

Contract the tensors $Q\{1\}, \dots, Q\{5\}$ to make a rank-5 tensor again. Check whether the contraction result is the same as the original tensor T.

Exercise (b): Entanglement entropies for different bipartitions

Compute the entanglement entropy $S_{A/B}$ for the following three ways of bipartitioning the tensor T's five legs into two sets, A and B:

- (i) $A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{3, 4, 5\};$
- (ii) $A = \{1, 3\}, B = \{2, 4, 5\};$
- (iii) $A = \{1, 5\}, B = \{2, 3, 4\}.$

Exercise (c): Use the SVD for the tensor decomposition and compute the entanglement entropy

Let's consider the same tensor T defined above. Apply the series of the SVD from left to right to decompose T into an MPS, represented by a cell array M.

1. At each step n of the SVD, compute the entanglement entropy $S_n = -\sum_i s_i^2 \log_2(s_i^2)$ by using the singular values $\{s_i\}$. What are the values of S_n for different iterations?
2. After the SVD, truncate the decomposed components associated with the singular values smaller than the double precision accuracy limit eps. How do the size of tensors $M\{n\}$ differ from the above results $Q\{n\}$?
3. Similarly as in Exercise (a), check whether the contraction of $M\{n\}$'s reproduce the original tensor T.