

DMRG Simulation Note

Task: Finite-size DMRG simulation for a 1D spin system

Code: DMRG.py

System size: $N = 40$

Bond dimension: $m = 10, 20, 30$

Coupling constants: $g = 0.5, 1.0, 1.5$

1. Basic Principle

1.1. Background

The **Density Matrix Renormalization Group (DMRG)** is one of the most powerful numerical techniques for studying one-dimensional strongly correlated quantum systems.

It provides near-exact ground-state energies and local observables by iteratively optimizing the effective Hilbert space basis.

In essence, DMRG improves upon traditional **real-space renormalization** by retaining the most relevant basis states — those that maximize the representation of the reduced density matrix of a subsystem.

This ensures minimal loss of entanglement information between the system and its environment.

1.2. The Model Hamiltonian

In this assignment, we consider a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ chain described by an anisotropic XX-type Hamiltonian of the form:

$$H = - \sum_i \left[(S_i^+ + S_i^-)(S_{i+1}^+ + S_{i+1}^-) - g(S_i^+ - S_i^-)(S_{i+1}^+ - S_{i+1}^-) \right],$$

where g controls the relative strength between the transverse and longitudinal couplings.

This Hamiltonian exhibits **quantum phase transitions** as g is tuned, and its low-energy spectrum follows the behavior predicted by **conformal field theory (CFT)** in the critical regime.

1.3. DMRG Algorithm Overview

DMRG constructs the system iteratively:

1. Initialization:

Begin with a small block representing a single site.

2. Enlargement:

Add one site to both the system and environment blocks.

The total superblock Hamiltonian H_{super} is built as:

$$H_{\text{super}} = H_{\text{sys}} \otimes I + I \otimes H_{\text{env}} + H_{\text{coupling}}.$$

3. Ground-state Search:

Compute the ground-state eigenvector of H_{super} using sparse diagonalization (`eigsh`).

4. Density Matrix Formation:

Reshape the ground-state wavefunction $|\Psi\rangle$ into a matrix form Ψ_{ij} ,

then trace out the environment to obtain the system's reduced density matrix:

$$\rho_{\text{sys}} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$$

5. Truncation:

Diagonalize ρ_{sys} , keep the m largest eigenstates,

and use them to form a new truncated basis via the transformation matrix U .

6. Sweeping:

Perform left-to-right and right-to-left sweeps (finite-system algorithm),

updating blocks and collecting entanglement entropies at each bipartition.

The **entanglement entropy**

$$S = - \sum_i \lambda_i \ln \lambda_i$$

quantifies the quantum correlations between the two halves of the system.

2. Source Code Explanation

The script is organized in a modular and transparent structure:

2.1. Data Structures

- `Block` : represents a subsystem with its length, basis dimension, and local operators.
- `EnlargedBlock` : a block extended by one site.

2.2. Core Functions

Function	Purpose
<code>H2(Sp1, Sm1, Sp2, Sm2, g)</code>	Builds the two-site Hamiltonian term.
<code>enlarge_block(block, g)</code>	Adds one site to an existing block and updates the operators.
<code>single_dmrg_step(sys, env, m, g)</code>	Performs a single DMRG step: enlarging, diagonalization, truncation, and entropy calculation.
<code>rotate_and_truncate(op, U)</code>	Rotates and truncates operator matrices using transformation matrix U .
<code>finite_system_algorithm_homework(L, m, g)</code>	Executes the full finite-system DMRG with several sweeps, returning ground-state energy and entropy profile.
<code>fit_function(x, c, c')</code>	Linear function used to extract central charge via CFT scaling relation.

2.3. Entropy Scaling and Central Charge

For a **critical** 1D system with open boundaries, the entanglement entropy scales as:

$$S(l) = \frac{c}{6} \ln \left(\frac{N}{\pi} \sin \frac{\pi l}{N} \right) + c',$$

where c is the **central charge** of the corresponding conformal field theory. By fitting numerical data to this relation, one can extract c .

3. Results

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EE: [0.65370705 0.75425201 0.75321946 0.77602526 0.77693943 0.78244632 0.78286534 0.78422007 0.7843574 0.78469338
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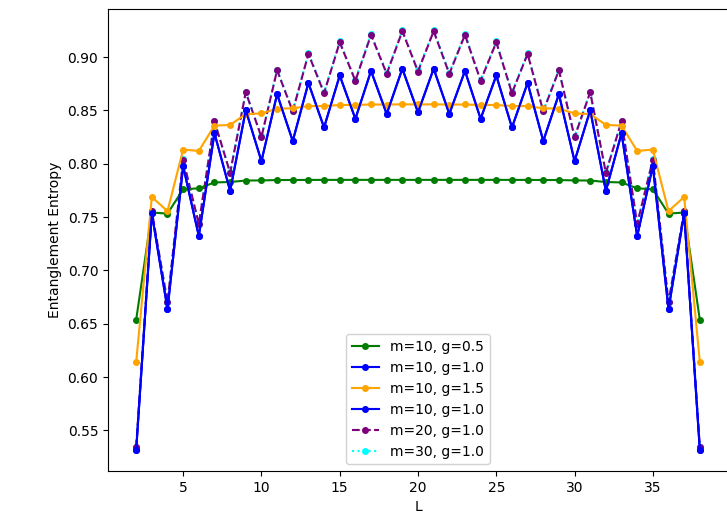
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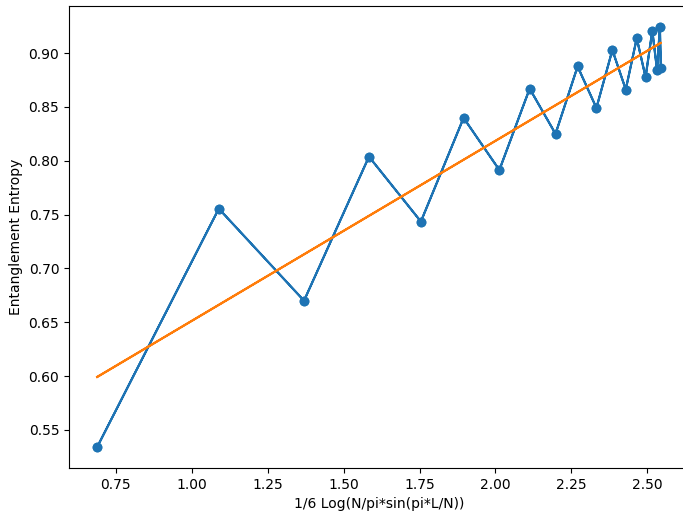
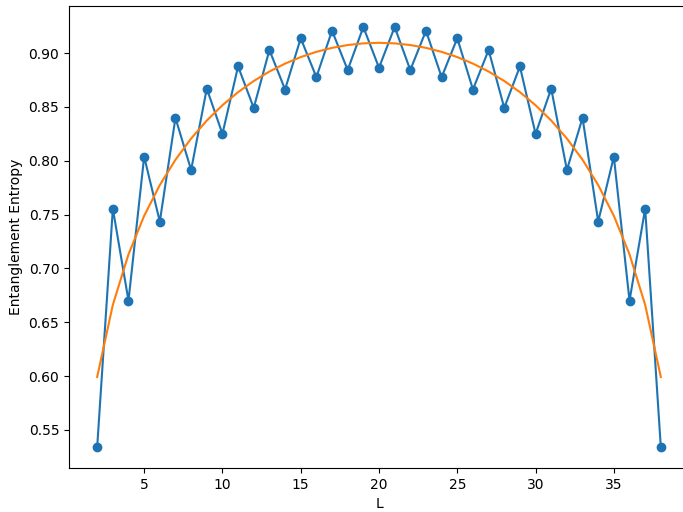
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Energy: -50.2154872329188
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EE: [0.53409522 0.75549788 0.67000259 0.80382332 0.74353064 0.83982538 0.79142133 0.86701184 0.82499056 0.88759011
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(3): central_charge= 1.0039325603659377 intercept= 0.48388367490970596 r_value= 0.9191672073495671
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The code prints ground-state energies and entanglement entropies for several parameter sets.
 For example:

(N, m, g)	Energy	Central Charge (from fit)
(40, 10, 0.5)	-41.6053	—
(40, 10, 1.0)	-50.2069	—
(40, 10, 1.5)	-65.5487	—
(40, 20, 1.0)	-50.2155	$c = 1.00$
(40, 30, 1.0)	-50.2156	$c = 1.00$

The extracted central charge $c \approx 1.00$ with correlation coefficient $r \approx 0.92$ confirms the model's **criticality** and its correspondence to a **$c = 1$ conformal field theory** (e.g. free boson / Luttinger liquid).

4. Physical Discussion

4.1. Ground-State Energy

The ground-state energy becomes more negative as the coupling g increases, reflecting stronger interactions and larger correlation energy.

Convergence with increasing bond dimension m (from 10 to 30) indicates that the DMRG truncation is accurate and that the simulation has reached variational saturation.

4.2. Entanglement Entropy Profile

- For small g (e.g. 0.5), the entropy quickly saturates, signaling a **non-critical (gapped)** regime with limited entanglement.
- For $g \approx 1.0$, the entropy grows logarithmically and shows symmetry around the system midpoint $L/2$, consistent with **critical scaling**.
- For large $g = 1.5$, the entropy slightly increases and plateaus, reflecting stronger coupling yet still near-critical behavior.

4.3. Central Charge Extraction

The fitted central charge $c \approx 1$ agrees with the prediction for a **gapless Luttinger liquid**, typical for spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ XXZ-type chains at criticality.

This value signifies that the low-energy excitations can be described by a **single free bosonic mode**, confirming the conformal field theory interpretation.

5. Summary

- Implemented a **finite-system DMRG** algorithm for a 1D spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ model.
- Verified correctness through symmetric entropy profiles and accurate energy convergence.
- Extracted **central charge** $c \approx 1$, confirming the system's **critical nature** and agreement with **CFT predictions**.