

Notes on Lower Bounds on Ground-State Energies of Local Hamiltonians through the Renormalization Group

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Relaxation method: Using locality to obtain lower bound

(1) First relaxation: Truncating the hierarchy

(2) Second relaxation: Applying coarse-graining to the constraints

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\psi \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \psi | H | \psi \rangle \\ &= \min_{\psi \in \mathcal{H}} \sum_i \langle \psi | h_i | \psi \rangle \\ &= \min_{\{\rho_i\} \leftarrow \psi} \sum_i \text{Tr}(h_i \rho_i) \end{aligned}$$

plugging in the locality, the H is the sum of local terms, with identity act on the rest of the system. Then write down it in terms of the reduced density matrix on the corresponding subsets of particles.

Constraint: " $\{\rho_i\} \leftarrow \psi$ " \Leftrightarrow there exists a state $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$ such that ρ_i are its reduced states. (**Intractable**)

Specify a weaker constraint, erase some constraints and get **non-physical states**. So the solution is not physical but mathematically a rigorous lower bound

$$\geq \min_{\{\rho_i\} \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_i \text{Tr}(h_i \rho_i) \quad (\text{Relaxation})$$

where

$$H = \sum_i h_i, h_i = h_{a_i} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{a_i^c}$$

(ρ_i is local reduced density matrix on the patch where h_i acts)

In order to obtain the exact local energy, there is a problem, because all these states on the different patches should be compatible with the global quantum state.

Are they compatible with global quantum state? It is a hard to verify and it is a problem called quantum marginal problem.

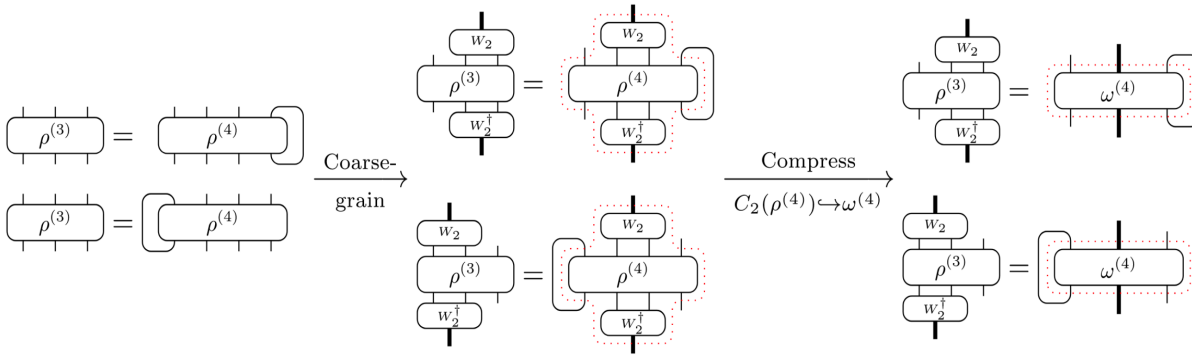
Rephrasing the ground-state-energy problem as a hierarchy of semidefinite constraints (We want to find the minimum energy density of a translation-invariant Hamiltonian consisting of an identical nearest-neighbor interaction term h , acting on every pair of consecutive spins on an infinite chain) :

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{TI}} &:= \min_{\rho^{(2)}, \psi_{\text{TI}}} \text{Tr}(h \rho^{(2)}) \\ \text{s.t. } &\rho^{(2)} \geq 0, \quad \text{Tr}(\rho^{(2)}) = 1, \\ &\rho^{(2)} \leftarrow \psi_{\text{TI}} \end{aligned}$$

restrict $\rho^{(2)}$ to be compatible with a global translation-invariant (TI) state

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{(m-1)} \leftarrow \rho^{(m)} &\Leftrightarrow \rho^{(m-1)} = \text{Tr}_L(\rho^{(m)}) = \text{Tr}_R(\rho^{(m)}) \\ \text{Tr}_L(\rho^{(m)}) &= \text{Tr}_R(\rho^{(m)}) \quad (\text{LTI condition}) \end{aligned}$$

Iterative Coarse-Graining scheme



Notice that after the coarse-graining, $\rho^{(3)}$ is related only to the image of $\rho^{(4)}$ under the coarse-graining map $C_2(\rho^{(4)}) = (\mathbf{I} \otimes W_2 \otimes \mathbf{I})\rho^{(4)}(\mathbf{I} \otimes W_2^\dagger \otimes \mathbf{I})$. We can therefore encode the coarse-grained constraints using a smaller-dimensional variable $\omega^{(4)}$.

According to the spirit of coarse-graining, a site s' after renormalization should correspond to several sites $\{s\} \equiv \mathcal{B} \subset \mathcal{L}$ (referred to as a block) before renormalization.

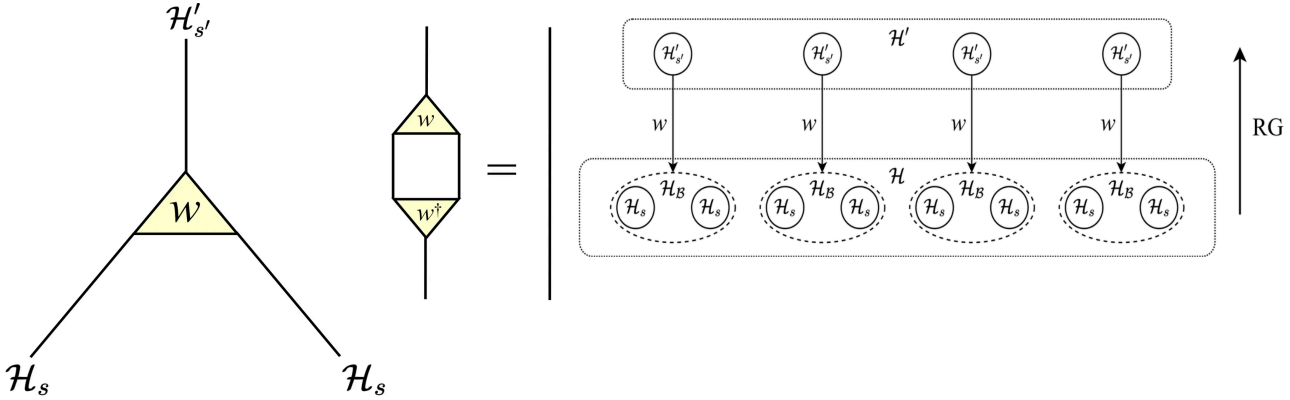


Figure 1

The specific approach is to connect their Hilbert space through a linear mapping.

$$w : \mathcal{H}'_{s'} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{B}} = \bigotimes_{s \in \mathcal{B}} \mathcal{H}_s$$

It is called an "isometry", such that $w^\dagger w = 1$, **Figure 1** is its tensor network graph.

The original lattice is divided into different blocks, where each block \mathcal{B} corresponds to a $w_{\mathcal{B}}$. By mapping each block, the original quantum state can be "coarse-grained" into a new state in a subspace.

$$W = \bigotimes_{\mathcal{B}} w_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi'\rangle = W|\Psi\rangle$$

Therefore, w is to select a subspace reasonably $\mathcal{H}'_{s'}$, such that the projected $|\Psi'\rangle$ contains all the relevant properties of $|\Psi\rangle$.

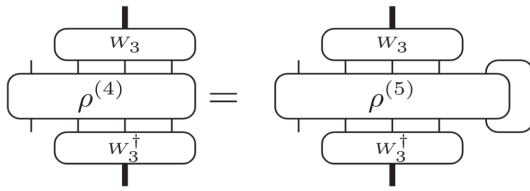


Figure 2

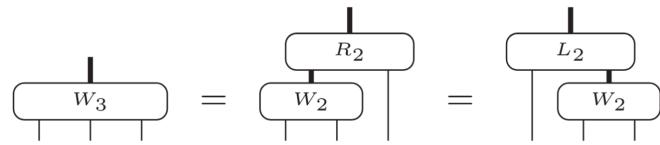
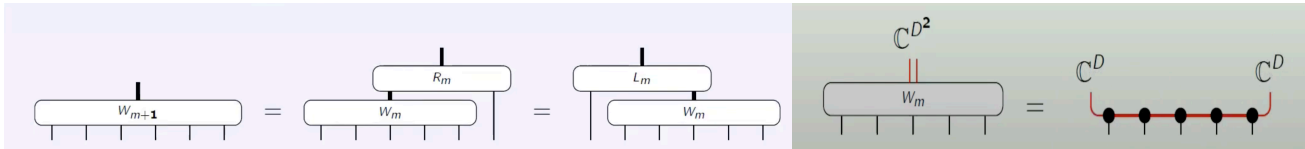


Figure 3

The coarse-graining maps W_3 and W_2 are related as **Figure 2**, if we require the existence of two additional coarse-graining maps, L_2 and R_2 , that act on the output of W_2 together with an additional spin on the left or right side, respectively. Given maps that satisfy **Figure 3**.

An ansatz for the coarse-graining maps: matrix product states



We can use different coarse-graining scheme to construct block spin, here is adding one spin at one time, using MPS to contract m copies of the same rank-3 tensor.

W_{m+1} is equal to add one tensor on the left or right.