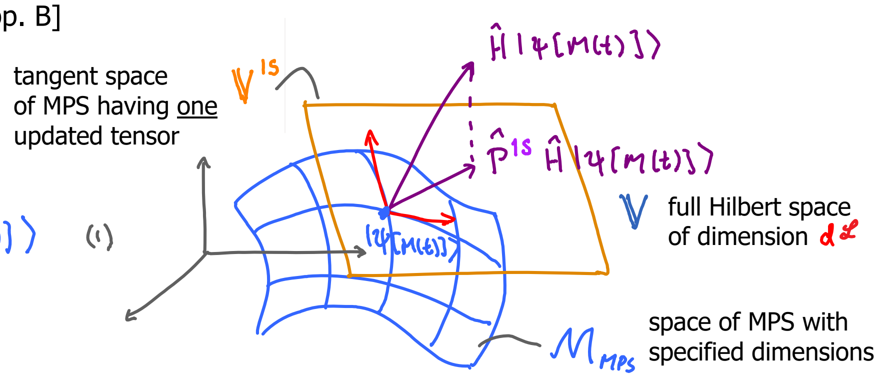
Time-dependent variational principle (TDVP)

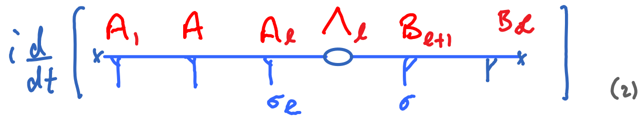
We consider time evolution using 'time-dependent variational principle' (TDVP)

1. 1-site TDVP [Haegeman2016, App. B]

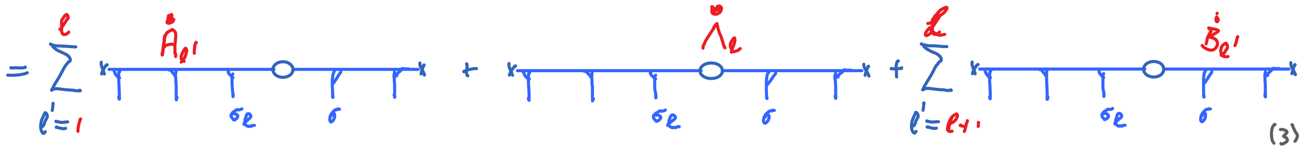
Schrödinger equation for MPS:



$$i\frac{d}{dt}|\Psi[M(t)]\rangle = \hat H|\Psi[M(t)]\rangle \quad (1)$$



if we insist on using MPS with fixed bond dimensions, left side has following form:



Each term differs from $|\Psi(t)\rangle$ by precisely one site tensor or one bond tensor, so left side is a state in the tangent space, $\mathbb{V}^{1s}$ of $|\Psi(t)\rangle$. But right side of (1) is not, since

since $H|\Psi(t)\rangle$ can have larger bond dimensions than $|\Psi(t)\rangle$.

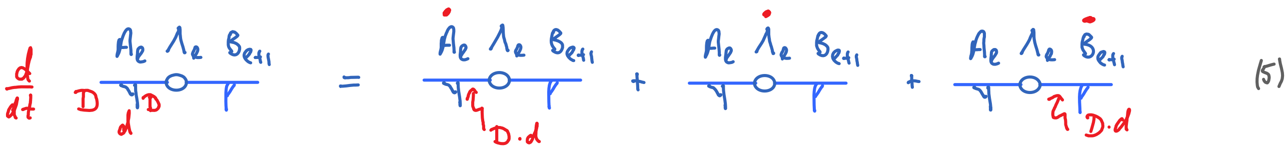
So, project right side of (1) to $\mathbb{V}^{1s}$:

$$i\frac{d}{dt}|\Psi[M(t)]\rangle \simeq P^{1s}\hat H|\psi[M(t)]\rangle \quad (4)$$

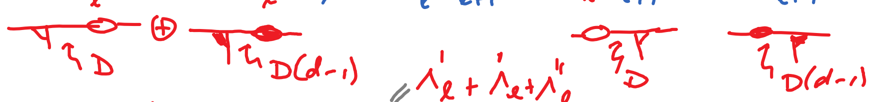
tangent space approximation

Left and right sides of (4) are structurally consistent. To see this, consider bond ℓ

Left side of (4) contains:

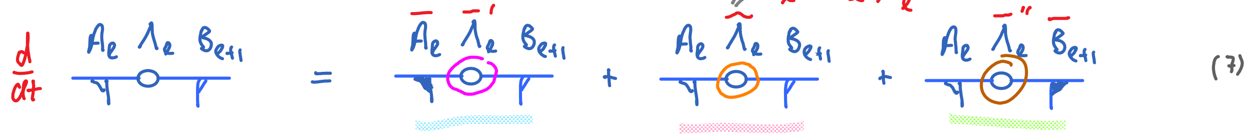


Decompose: $\dot A_\ell \Lambda_\ell = A_\ell \Lambda'_\ell + \bar A_\ell \bar\Lambda'_\ell$, $\Lambda_\ell \dot B_{\ell+1} = \Lambda''_\ell B_{\ell+1} + \bar\Lambda'' \bar B_{\ell+1}$ (6)

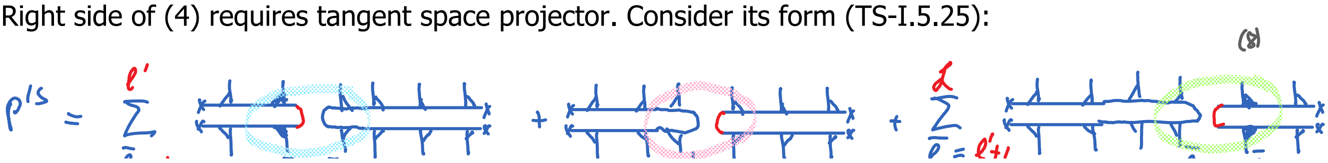


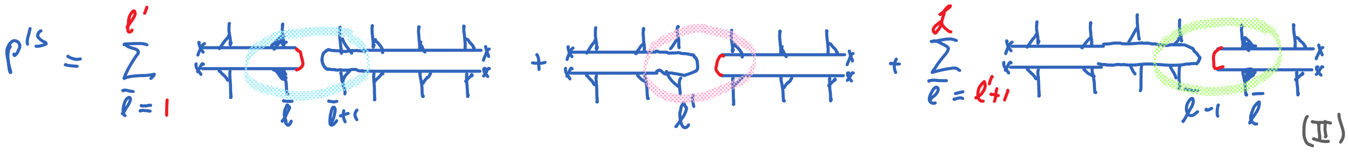
Then we find:

$\tilde\Lambda_\ell = \Lambda'_\ell + \dot\Lambda_\ell + \Lambda''_\ell$



Right side of (4) requires tangent space projector. Consider its form (TS-I.5.25):





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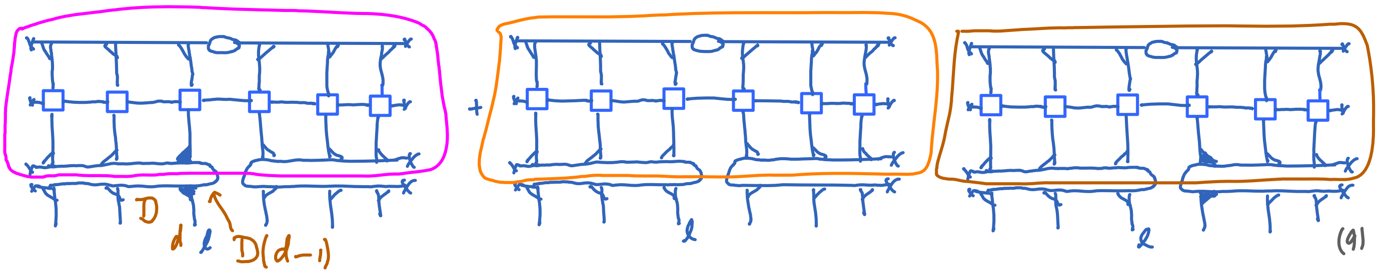
The three terms with $\bar{\ell} = \ell$, $\ell' = \ell$, $\bar{\ell} = \ell+1$, applied to $\hat{H}|\Psi(t)\rangle$, yield



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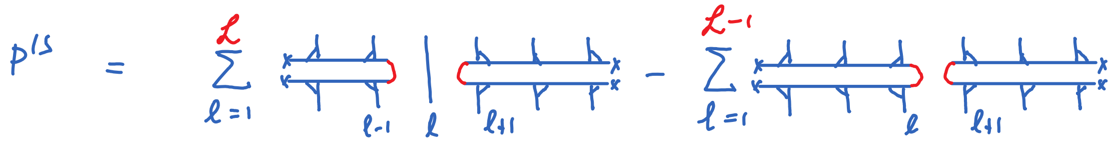
matching structure of (7). Thus, P^{1s}, applied to $H|\Psi(t)\rangle$, yields terms of precisely the right structure!

To integrate projected Schrödinger eq. (4), we write tangent space projector in the form (TS.5.26):



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and write (4) as

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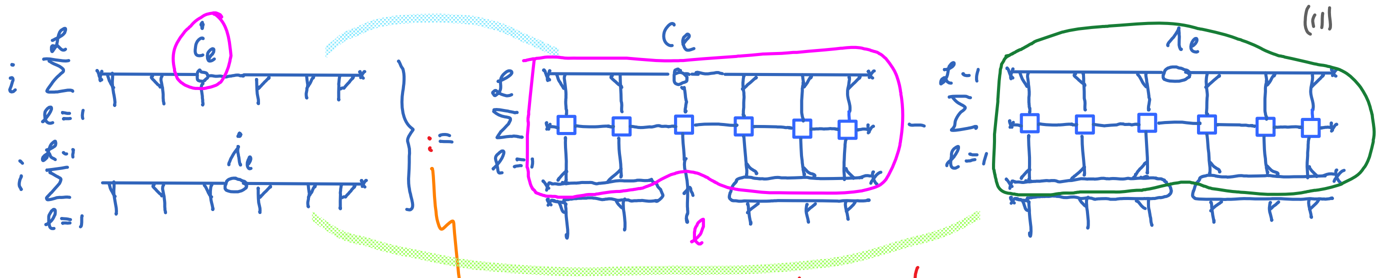

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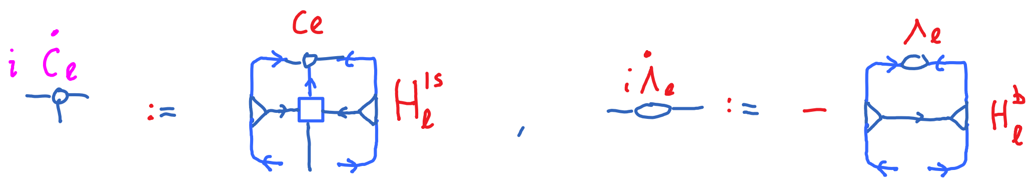

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In site-canonical form, site ℓ involves two terms linear in C_ℓ : $\quad i\dot{C}_\ell(t) = H^{1s}_\ell C_\ell(t)$ (13)

Their contribution can be integrated exactly: replace $C_\ell(t)$ by $\quad C_\ell(t+\tau) = e^{-iH^{1s}_\ell \tau} C_\ell(t)$ (14)

forward time step

In bond-canonical form, site ℓ involves two terms linear in Λ_ℓ : $\quad -i\dot{\Lambda}_\ell(t) = H^{b}_\ell \Lambda_\ell(t)$ (15)

Their contribution can be integrated exactly: replace $\Lambda_\ell(t)$ by $\quad \Lambda_\ell(t-\tau) = e^{iH^{b}_\ell \tau}\Lambda_\ell(t)$ (16)

In practice, $e^{-iH^{1s}_\ell \tau} C_\ell$ and $e^{iH^{b}_\ell \tau} \Lambda_\ell$ are computed by using Krylov methods.

Build a Krylov space by applying H^{1s}_ℓ multiple times to C_ℓ, set up the tridiagonal representation $[H^{1s}_\ell]_{Krylov}$ of H^{1s}_ℓ in this basis, then compute the matrix exponential in this basis, and apply result to C_ℓ. Likewise for H^b_ℓ and Λ_ℓ.

To successively update entire chains, alternate between site- and bond-canonical form, propagating forward or backward in time with H^{1s}_ℓ or H^b_ℓ, respectively:

1. Forward sweep, for $\ell = 1, \dots, \mathcal{L}-1$, starting from $\overset{C_1(t) :=}{B_1(t)} B_2(t) \dots B_{\mathcal{L}}(t)$ (17)

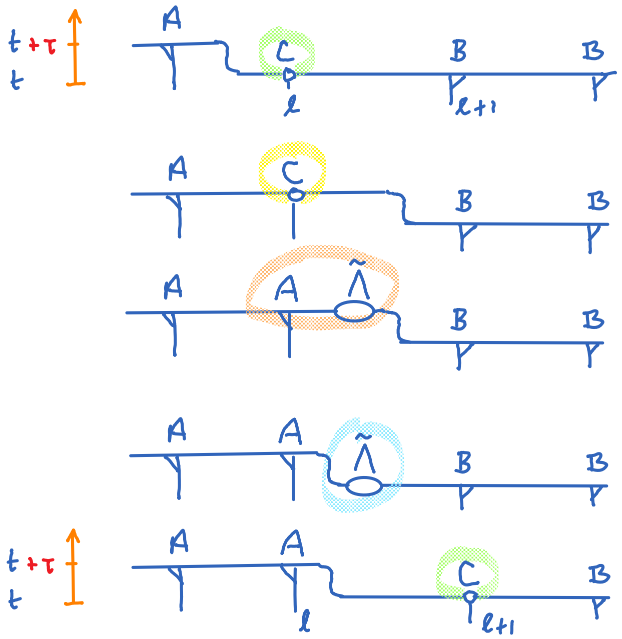
$$C_\ell(t)\, B_{\ell+1}(t)$$

$$\xrightarrow[1(a)]{H^{1s}_\ell} \underbrace{C_\ell(t+\tau)}_{1(b)} B_{\ell+1}(t)$$

$$= A_\ell(t+\tau)\, \tilde{\Lambda}_\ell(t+\tau)\, B_{\ell+1}(t)$$

$$\xrightarrow[1(c)]{H^b_\ell} A_\ell(t+\tau)\, \underbrace{\tilde{\Lambda}_\ell(t)\, B_{\ell+1}(t)}_{1(d)}$$

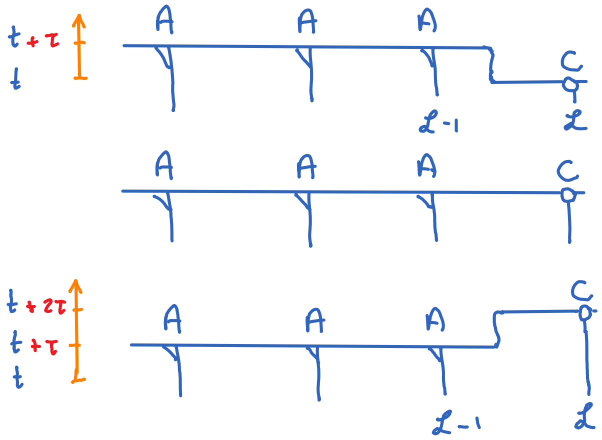
$$= A_\ell(t+\tau)\, C_{\ell+1}(t) \qquad (18)$$



until we reach last site, and MPS described by $A_1(t+\tau) \dots A_{\mathcal{L}-1}(t+\tau)\, C_{\mathcal{L}}(t)$ (19)

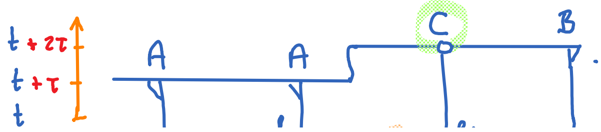
2. Turn around:

$$C_{\mathcal{L}}(t) \xrightarrow[2(a)]{H^{1s}_{\mathcal{L}}} C_{\mathcal{L}}(t+\tau) \xrightarrow[2(b)]{H^{1s}_{\mathcal{L}}} C_{\mathcal{L}}(t+2\tau) \qquad (20)$$



3. Backward sweep, for $\ell = \mathcal{L}-1, \dots, 1$, starting from $A_1(t+\tau) \dots A_{\mathcal{L}-1}(t+\tau)\, C_{\mathcal{L}}(t+2\tau)$ (21)

$$A_\ell(t+\tau)\, C_{\ell+1}(t+2\tau)$$



$$A_\ell(t+\tau)\,C_{\ell+1}(t+2\tau)$$

$$\underset{3(a)}{=} A_\ell(t+\tau)\,\tilde{\Lambda}_\ell(t+2\tau)\,B_{\ell+1}(t+2\tau)$$

$$\xrightarrow[3(b)]{H^b_\ell} \underbrace{A_\ell(t+\tau)\,\underbrace{\hat{\Lambda}_\ell(t+\tau)}_{3(c)}}\,B_{\ell+1}(t+2\tau)$$

$$= C_\ell(t+\tau)\,B_{\ell+1}(t+2\tau)$$

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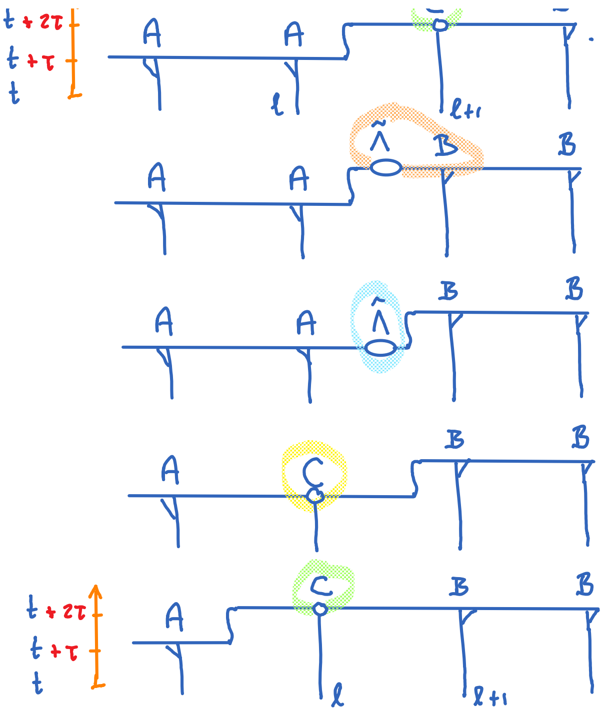


until we reach first site, and MPS described by $C_1(t+2\tau)\,B_2(t+2\tau)\ldots B_{\mathcal{L}}(t+2\tau)$ (23)

The scheme described above involves 'one-site updates'. This has the (major!) drawback (as in one-site DMRG), that it is not possible to dynamically explore different symmetry sectors. To overcome this drawback, a 'two-site update' version of tangent space methods can be set up [Haegemann2016, App. C].

A systematic comparison of various MPS-based time evolution schemes has been performed in [Paeckel2019]. Conclusion: 2-site-update tangent space scheme is most accurate!

A scheme for doing 1-site TDVP while nevertheless expanding bonds, called 'controlled bond expansion (CBE), was proposed in [Li2022] (see next lecture!).

2. 2-site projectors P^{2s}

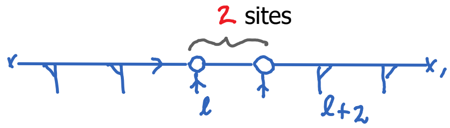
TDVP.2

The construction of tangent space $\mathbb{V}^{1s}$ and its projector P^{1s} can be generalized to n sites [Gleis2022a].

We focus on $n = 2$ (but general case is analogous). Define space of 2-site variations:

$\mathbb{V}^{2\perp}$

$\mathbb{V}^{2s}$ = span of all states $|\Psi'\rangle$ differing from $|\Psi\rangle$ on ~~precisely~~ precisely 0, 1 or 2 neighboring sites

$$= \mathrm{span}\left\{ |\Psi'\rangle = \right.$$  $$\left. , \ \ell \in [1, \mathscr{L}-1] \right\} \qquad (1)$$

formal definition: $= \mathrm{span}\left\{ \mathrm{im}\left(P^{2s}_\ell\right) \mid \ell \in [1, \mathscr{L}-1] \right\}$ (2)

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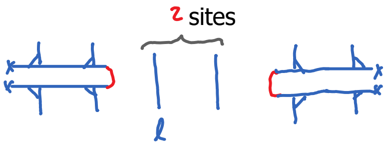
Recall:

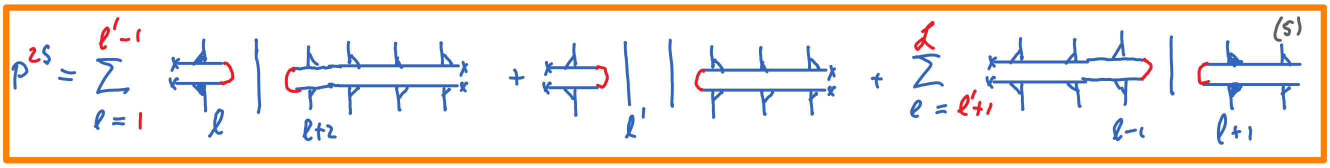
local 2s projector: $\ell \in [1, \mathscr{L}-1]$

$\hat{P}^{2s}_\ell =$ (TS-I.4.9)  (3)

Global 2s projector $\hat{P}^{2s}$, such that $\mathbb{V}^{2s} = \mathrm{im}(P^{2s})$, can be found with a Gram-Schmidt scheme analogous to our construction of $\hat{P}^{1s}$, see [Gleis2022a]:

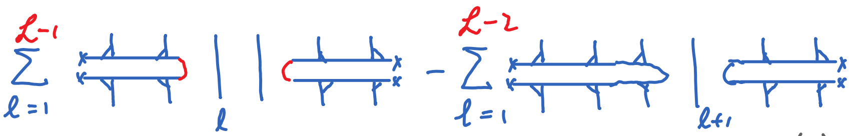
compare (TS-I.5.22)

$$P^{2s} := \sum_{\ell=1}^{\ell'-1} \underbrace{P^{2s}_{\ell<}}_{P^{2s}_\ell - P^{1s}_{\ell+1} = P^{DK}_{\ell,\ell+2}} + P^{2s}_{\ell'} + \sum_{\ell=\ell'+1}^{\mathscr{L}-1} \underbrace{P^{2s}_{\ell>}}_{P^{2s}_\ell - P^{1s}_\ell = P^{KD}_{\ell-1,\ell+1}} \quad \text{for any } \ell' \in [1, \mathscr{L}-1] \qquad (4)$$



All summands are mutually orthogonal, ensuring that $(P^{2s})^2 = P^{2s}$, and that $P^{2s} P^{2s}_{\ell'} = P^{2s}_{\ell'}$. (6)

Alternative expression:
compare (TS.5.26)

$$P^{2s} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathscr{L}-1} P^{2s}_\ell - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathscr{L}-2} P^{1s}_{\ell+1} =$$  (7)

This projector is used for 2-site TDVP (see TS-II.3)

Orthogonal n-site projectors

For any given MPS $|\Psi[M]\rangle$, full Hilbert space of chain can be decomposed into mutually orthogonal subspaces:

$$\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{V}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{V}_{\mathcal{L}} = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\mathcal{L}} \mathbb{V}^{n\perp} \qquad (8)$$

with $\mathbb{V}^{0\perp} := \mathbb{V}^{0s} := \mathrm{span}\{|\Psi\rangle\}$ (9)

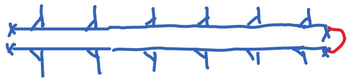
'irreducible' $\mathbb{V}^{n\perp}$ is complement of $\mathbb{V}^{(n-1)s}$ in $\mathbb{V}^{ns} = \mathbb{V}^{(n-1)s} \oplus \mathbb{V}^{n\perp}$ (10)

= span of states differing from $|\Psi\rangle$ on n contiguous sites, not expressible through subsets of $n' < n$ sites

Correspondingly, identity can be decomposed as:

$$\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{V}} = \mathbb{1}_d^{\otimes \mathcal{L}} = \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\mathcal{L}} P^{n\perp}}_{\text{completeness}} , \qquad \underbrace{P^{n\perp} P^{n'\perp} = \delta^{nn'} P^{n\perp}}_{\text{orthogonality}} \qquad (11)$$

where $P^{\perp n}$ is defined as the projector having $\mathbb{V}^{n\perp}$ as image: $\mathrm{im}(P^{n\perp}) = \mathbb{V}^{n\perp}$ (12)

$$P^{0\perp} = P^{0s} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = $$  (13)

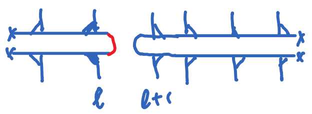
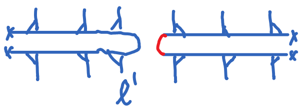
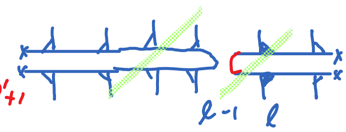
$n \geq 1$: $P^{n\perp} := P^{ns}(\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{V}} - P^{(n-1)s}) = P^{ns} - P^{(n-1)s}$ (14)

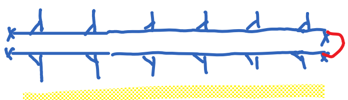
since $\mathbb{V}^{(n-1)s} \subset \mathbb{V}^{ns} \Rightarrow \mathrm{im}(P^{(n-1)s}) \subset \mathrm{im}(P^{ns})$

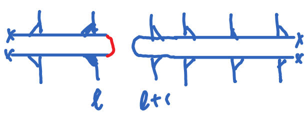
$\Rightarrow P^{ns} P^{(n-1)s} = P^{(n-1)s}$

Consider n=1:

$$P^{1\perp} = P^{1s} - P^{0s}$$

(TS-I.5.26) $= \sum_{\ell=1}^{\ell'}$  $+$  $+ \sum_{\ell=\ell'+1}^{\mathcal{L}}$ 

choose $\ell' = \mathcal{L}$ $\quad -$  (15)

$= \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathcal{L}}$  $= \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathcal{L}} P^{DK}_{\ell,\ell+1}$ projects onto all 1-site variations orthogonal to $|\Psi\rangle$ (16)

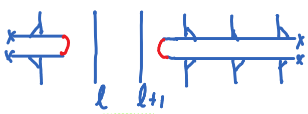
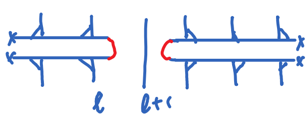
Consider n=2:

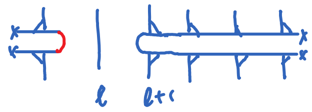
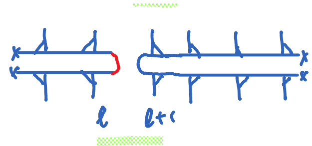
$$P^{2\perp} = P^{2s} - P^{1s} \overset{(7)}{=} \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathcal{L}-1} P^{2s}_{\ell} - \sum_{\ell=2}^{\mathcal{L}-1} P^{1s}_{\ell} \right) \overset{(I.10)}{-} \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathcal{L}} P^{1s}_{\ell} - \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathcal{L}-1} \underset{\overset{\|}{P^{0s}_{\ell+1}}}{P^{b}_{\ell}} \right) \qquad (17)$$

(TS.4.17)

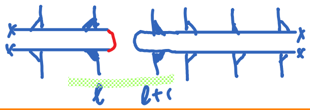
move $P^{1s}_{\mathcal{L}}$ from 3rd to 2nd term

$$= \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathcal{L}-1} \left(P^{2s}_{\ell} - P^{1s}_{\ell+1} - P^{1s}_{\ell} + P^{0s}_{\ell+1} \right) \qquad (18)$$

$= \sum_{\ell=1}^{\mathcal{L}-1} \Big($  $-$ 

$-$  $+$  $\Big)$ (19)

(TS.3.28)

$= \sum_{l=1}^{\mathcal{L}-1}$  $= \sum_{l=1}^{\mathcal{L}-1} P^{DD}_{l,l+1}$

very important result! (20)

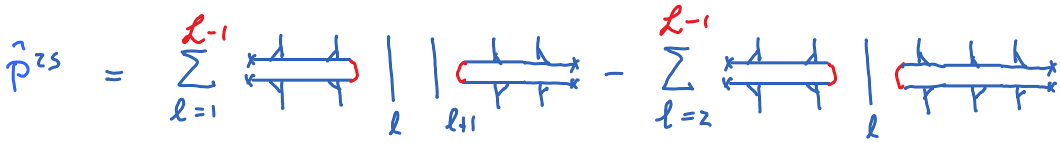
3. 2-site TDVP (optional)

[Haegeman2016, Sec. V & App. C]

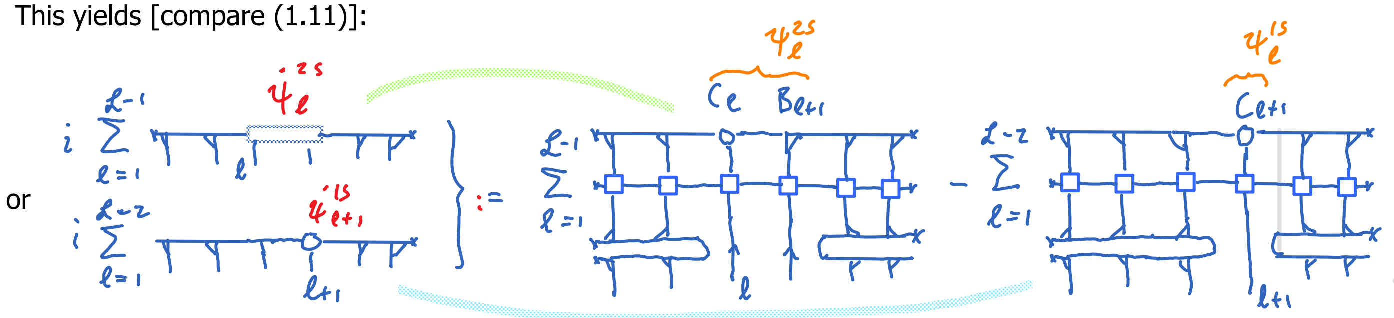
2-site tangent space methods are analogous to 1-site methods, but use a 2-site projector. There is a conceptual difference, though: the main reason for using 2-site schemes is that they allow sectors with new quantum numbers to be introduced if the action of H requires this. However, states with different ranges of quantum numbers live in different manifolds, hence this procedure 'cannot easily be captured in a smooth evolution described using a differential equation. However, like most numerical integration schemes, the aforementioned algorithm is intrinsically discrete by choosing a time step, and it poses no problem to formulate an analogous two-site algorithm'. [Haegeman2016, Sec. V]. In other words: the tangent space approach is conceptually not as clean for the 2-site as for the 1-site scheme.

Schrödinger equation, projected onto 2-site tangent space, now takes the form

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\psi[M(t)]\rangle = \hat{P}^{2s} \hat{H} |\psi[M(t)]\rangle$$



This yields [compare (1.11)]:



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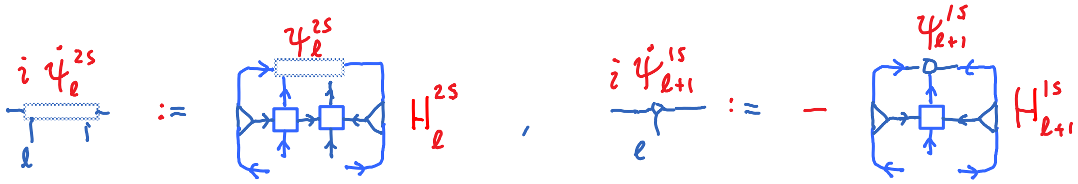

Right side is sum of terms, each linear in a factor appearing on the left. Can be integrated one site at a time:

In 2-site-canonical form, site ℓ involves two terms linear in ψ^{2s}_ℓ : $i\,\dot{\psi}^{2s}_\ell(t) = H^{2s}_\ell\, \psi^{2s}_\ell(t)$ (10)

Their contribution can be integrated exactly: replace $\psi^{2s}_\ell(t)$ by $\psi^{2s}_\ell(t+\tau) = e^{-iH^{2s}_\ell \tau}\, \psi^{2s}_\ell(t)$ (11)

forward time step

In 1-site-canonical form, site $\ell+1$ involves two terms linear in $\psi^{1s}_{\ell+1}$: $i\,\dot{\psi}^{1s}_{\ell+1}(t) = -H^{1s}_{\ell+1}\, \psi^{1s}_{\ell+1}(t)$ (12)

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backward(!) time step

To successively update entire chains, alternate between 2-site- and 1-site-canonical form,
propagating forward or backward in time with H^{2s}_{ℓ} or H^{1s}_{ℓ}, respectively (analogously to 1-site scheme).

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