

Hands-on DMRG methods with  
**ITENSOR**

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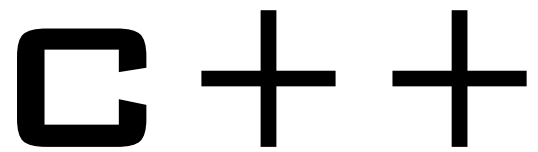
C++ library for tensor network wavefunctions

Includes tensor classes, matrix product states, DMRG

Useful for “post DMRG” methods:

- MPS algorithms (time evolution, METTS)
- MERA
- PEPS

Contains both complete algorithms and  
“building blocks” - customizable at every level



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Basic data types:

```
int i = 5;
```

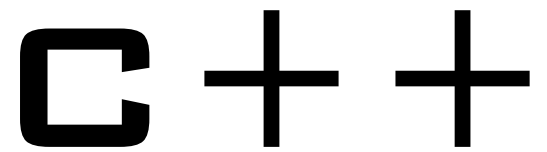
```
Real r = 2.3456;
```

```
string s = "some string";
```

Printing:

```
println(i); //prints "5"
```

```
println(r); //prints "2.3456"
```



User defined types (objects)

Construct an object of type MyClass:

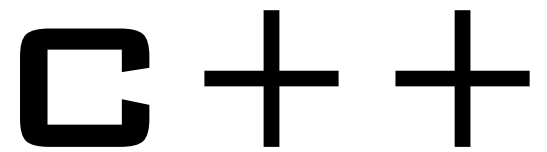
```
MyClass m("MyClass m", 5);
```

Objects define various methods:

```
m.doThing();
```

```
m.setValue(6);
```

```
println(m.name());
```



Some objects can be called like functions:

```
FType f;  
  
int j = f(5);
```

Other objects can be used like numbers:

```
Numerical x(1.), y(2.);  
  
Numerical r = x + y;  
  
println(r.value()); //prints 3
```

**01 ONE SITE**

Start with a single-site wavefunction,  
for example a spin 1/2.

Single-site basis:

$$|s=1\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle$$

$$|s=2\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle$$

Most general wavefunction for a spin 1/2:

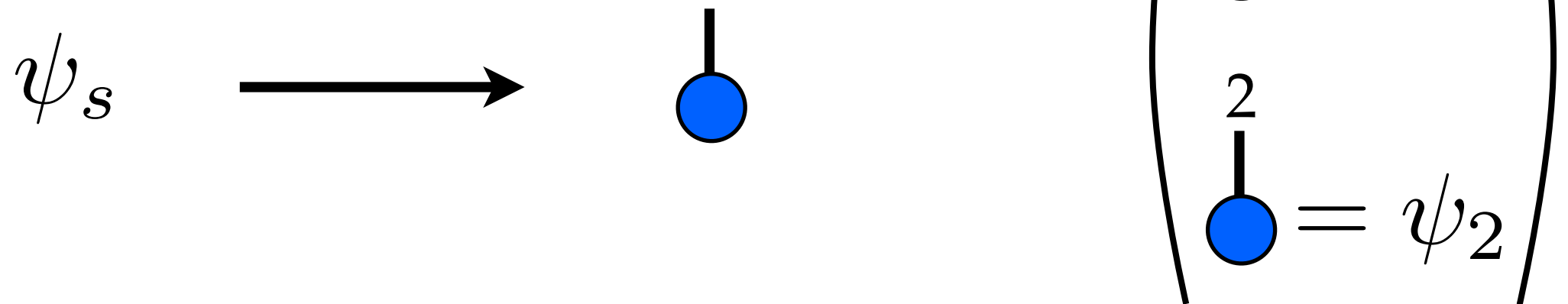
$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{s=1}^2 \psi_s |s\rangle$$

The  $\psi_s$  are complex numbers.

Slight abuse of notation, may refer to either  $|\psi\rangle$  or  $\psi_s$  as the wavefunction.



Single-site wavefunction as a tensor:

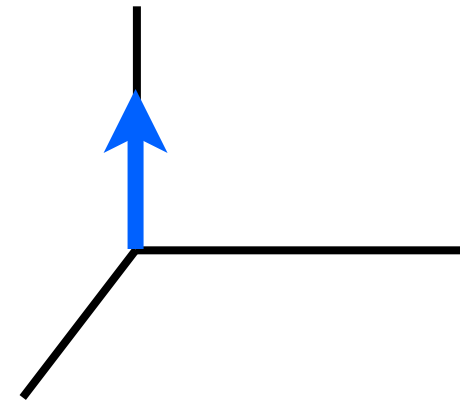


## USING ITENSOR:

```
Index s("s",2);  
// "s" gives the name of the Index when printed  
// 2 is the dimension/range of the Index  
  
ITensor psi(s); //default initialized to zero
```

Now initialize  $\psi_s$ . First choose  $|\psi\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle$

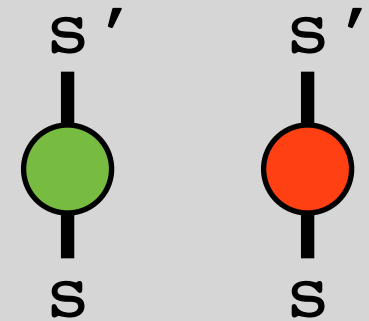
1  
● = 1



```
Index s("s",2);
ITensor psi(s); // Prints:
                  // psi =
psi(s(1)) = 1; // ITensor r=1: s/Link-79180:2
                // (1) 1.000000000000
PrintData(psi);
```

Make some operators:

```
ITensor Sz(s,prime(s));  
ITensor Sx(s,prime(s));
```



New ITensors start out full out zeros

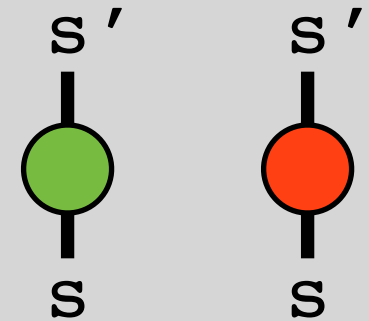
What does “prime” mean?

`prime(s)` returns copy of `s` with a “prime level” of 1

Could use different indices (say `s` and `t`),  
but `s'` convenient - can easily remove prime later

Our operators:

```
ITensor Sz(s,prime(s)),  
         Sx(s,prime(s));
```



Set their components:

```
commaInit(Sz,s,prime(s)) = 0.5, 0.0,  
                           0.0,-0.5;
```

```
commaInit(Sx,s,prime(s)) = 0.0, 0.5,  
                           0.5, 0.0;
```

Let's multiply  $\hat{S}_x |\psi\rangle$

$$(\hat{S}_x)_{s'}^s \psi_s = \begin{array}{c} s' \\ | \\ \text{green circle} \\ | \\ \text{blue circle} \\ s \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} s' \\ | \\ \text{purple circle} \end{array}$$

In code,

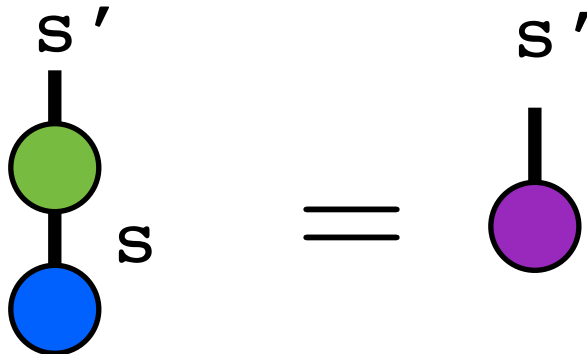
```
ITensor phi = Sx * psi;
```

Easy!

\* operator contracts matching indices.

Indices  $s$  and  $s'$  don't match because of different prime levels.

What state is  $\phi$  ?

$$(\hat{S}_x)_{s' s} \psi_s =$$


```
ITensor phi = Sx * psi;  
PrintData(phi);
```

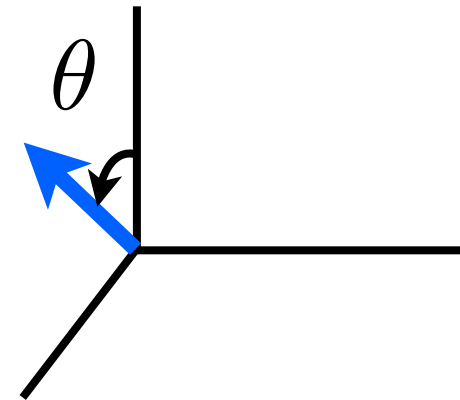
Prints:

```
phi =  
ITensor r = 1: s' /Link' -#####:2  
  (2) 0.50000
```

More interesting  $\psi_s$ : choose  $\theta = \pi/4$  and

$$\overset{1}{\bullet} = \cos \theta/2$$

$$\overset{2}{\bullet} = \sin \theta/2$$



```
Real theta = Pi/4;           // Prints:
                               // psi =
psi(s(1)) = cos(theta/2);    // ITensor r = 1:
psi(s(2)) = sin(theta/2);    //      s/Link-1185:2
                               // (1) 0.9238795325
PrintData(psi);              // (2) 0.3826834324
```

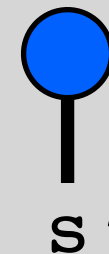
Diagrammatically, measurements (expectation values) look like:



$$\langle \psi | \hat{S}_z | \psi \rangle$$

For convenience, make:

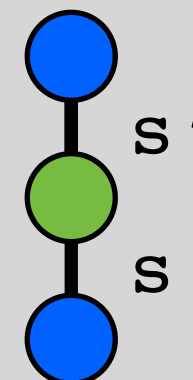
```
ITensor cpsi = dag(prime(psi));
```



Calculate expectation values:

```
Real zz = (cpsi * Sz * psi).toReal();
```

```
Real xx = (cpsi * Sx * psi).toReal();
```





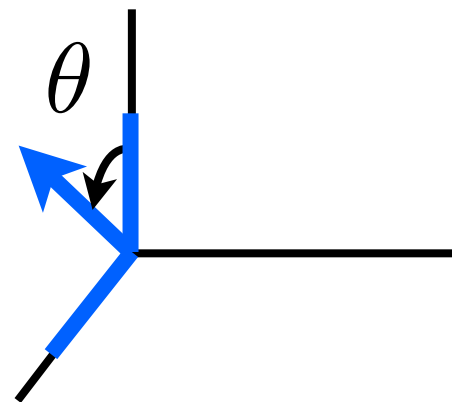
```
Real zz = (cpsi * Sz * psi).toReal();  
Real xx = (cpsi * Sx * psi).toReal();
```

Printing the results,

```
println("<Sz> = ", zz);  
println("<Sx> = ", xx);
```

we get the output

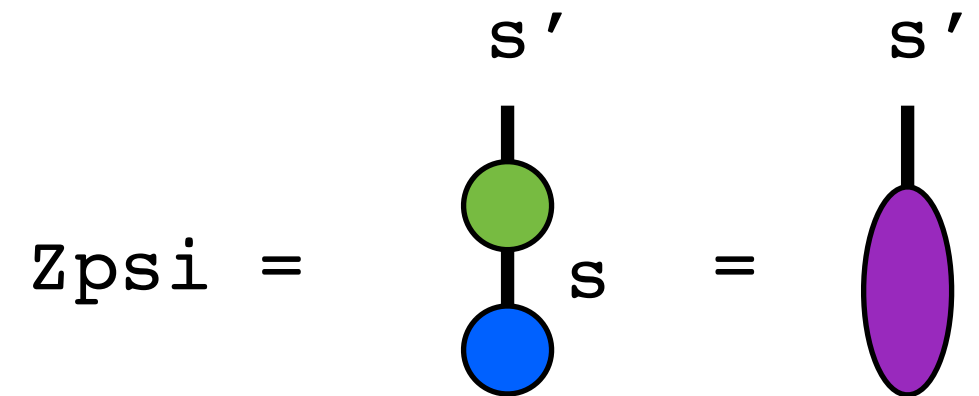
```
<Sz> = 0.35355  
<Sx> = 0.35355
```



$$\sqrt{(0.35355)^2 + (0.35355)^2} = 1/2 \quad \checkmark$$

Take a closer look at the tensor contractions:

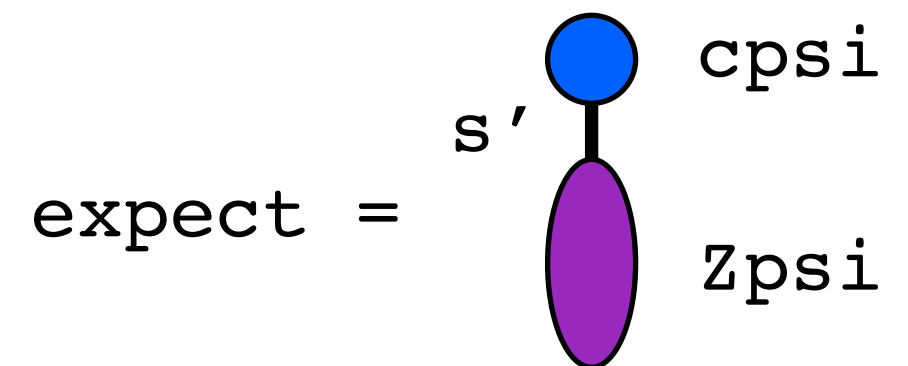
```
ITensor Zpsi = Sz * psi;
```



Index s matches, so it's automatically contracted.

$Z\psi_i$  and  $c\psi_i$  share Index  $s'$   
\* contracts it, leaving a scalar ITensor

```
ITensor expect = cpsi * Zpsi;  
Real zz = expect.toReal();
```



## Review:

- Construct an Index using `Index a("a", 4);`

- Construct ITensor using indices a, b, c

```
ITensor T(a,b,c);
```

- Set ITensor components using

```
T(a(2),b(1),c(3)) = 5;
```

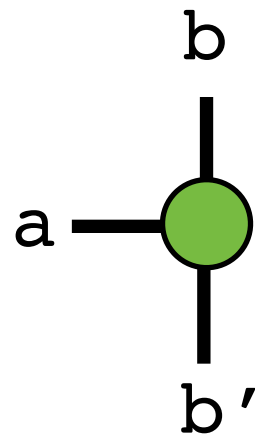
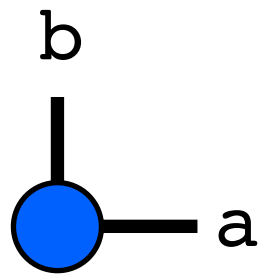
- We can prime an Index  $b \longrightarrow b'$  using

```
prime(b)
```

- The `*` operator automatically contracts matching Index pairs

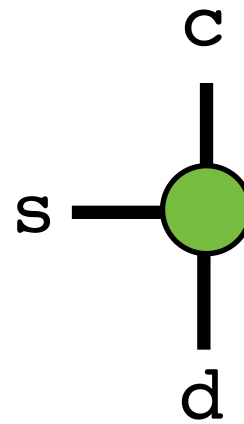
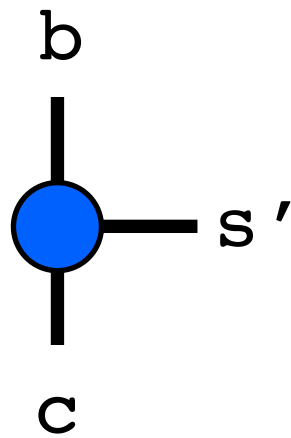
Quiz:

If we  $*$  the following tensors,  
how many indices remain?



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how many indices remain?



Code hands-on session:

```
<library folder>/tutorial/01_one_site
```

1. Compile by typing “**make**” then run by typing “**./one**”

2. Change psi to be an eigenstate of  $S_x$       $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle)$

3. Compute overlap of  $|\psi\rangle$  with  $|\phi\rangle = \hat{S}_x|\psi\rangle$  :

```
Real olap = (dag(phi)*psi).toReal();
```

Try also normalizing  $|\phi\rangle$  first using the code

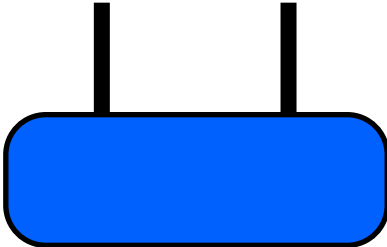
```
phi *= 1/phi.norm();
```

**02 Two Sites**

Most general two-spin wavefunction is

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1, s_2}^2 \psi_{s_1 s_2} |s_1\rangle |s_2\rangle$$

Amplitudes a rank-2 tensor

$$\psi_{s_1 s_2} =$$




Let's make a singlet

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 2 \\ | \quad | \\ \text{blue box} \end{array} = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 2 \quad 1 \\ | \quad | \\ \text{blue box} \end{array} = -1/\sqrt{2}$$

## USING ITENSOR:

```
Index s1("s1",2,Site), s2("s2",2,Site);
ITensor psi(s1,s2); //default initialized to zero
psi(s1(1),s2(2)) = 1./sqrt(2);
psi(s1(2),s2(1)) = -1./sqrt(2);
```

Why **Site** tag in Index constructor?

```
Index s1("s1",2,Site),  
      s2("s2",2,Site);
```

Two Index types: **Link** (default) and **Site**.

Useful for priming just one type of Index, for example.

Let's make the Heisenberg Hamiltonian  $\hat{H} = \mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2$

$$\hat{H} = S_1^z S_2^z + \frac{1}{2} S_1^+ S_2^- + \frac{1}{2} S_1^- S_2^+$$

First create operators, for example  $S^+$

```
ITensor Sp1(s1,prime(s1));  
commaInit(Sp1,s1,prime(s1)) = 0, 1,  
                                0, 0;
```

Multiply and add operators to make H:

```
ITensor H = Sz1*Sz2 + 0.5*Sp1*Sm2 + 0.5*Sm1*Sp2;
```

# Tensor form of H

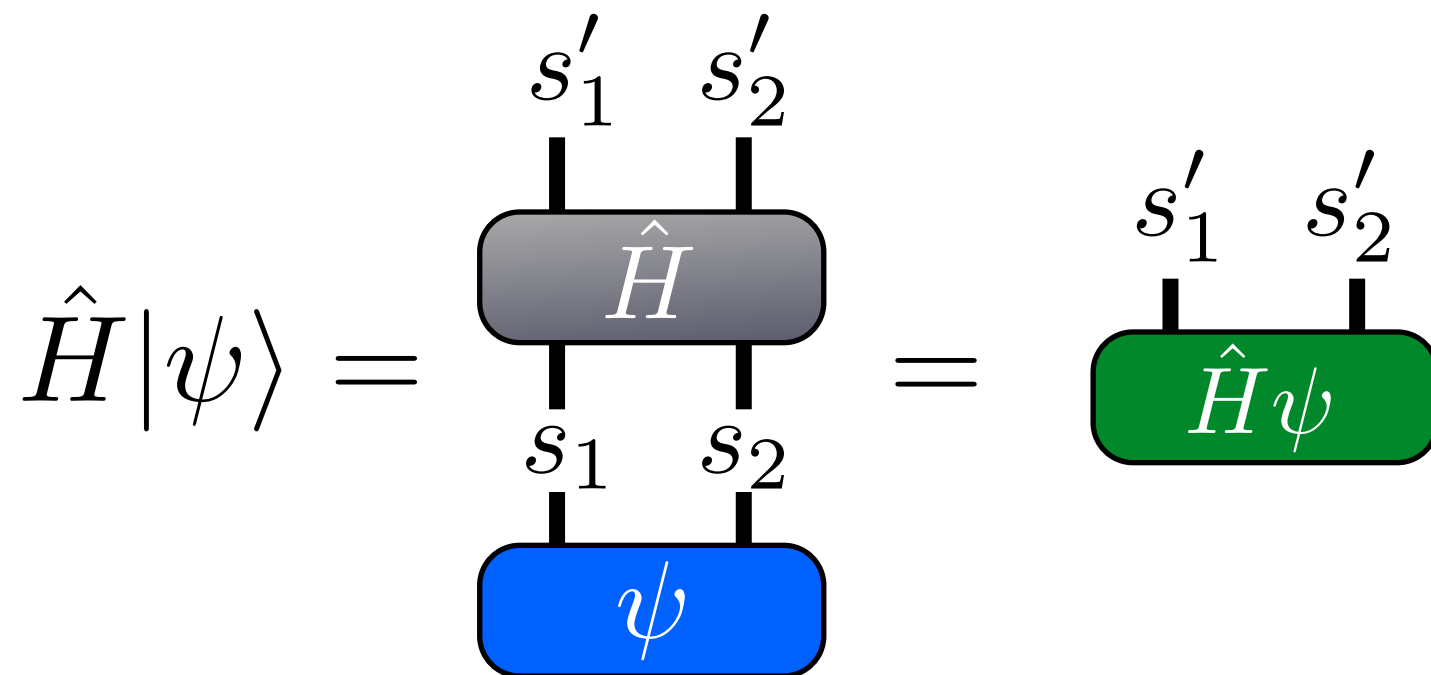
$$\hat{H} = \text{blue circle} + \frac{1}{2} \text{green circle} + \frac{1}{2} \text{red circle}$$

$$= \text{gray box}$$

## Showing Index labels

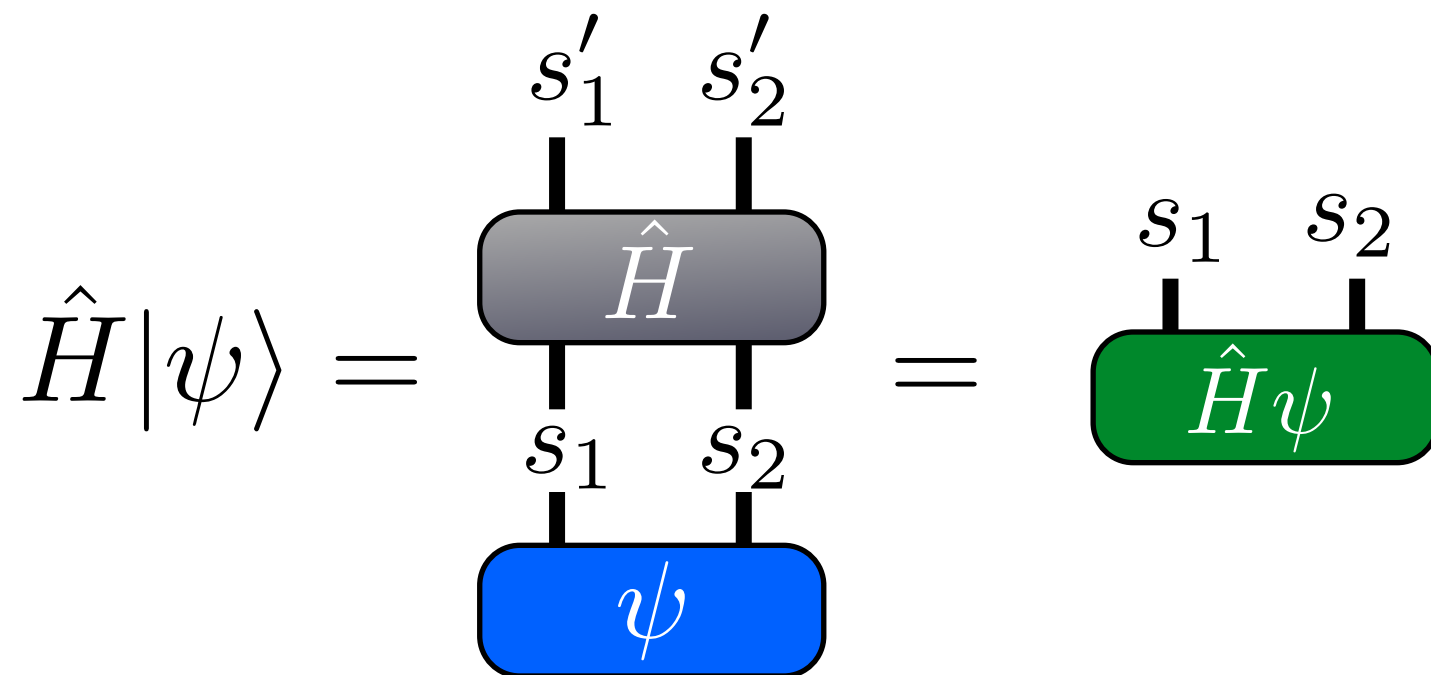
$$\hat{H} = \text{gray box with labels } s_1, s_2, s'_1, s'_2$$

Compute singlet energy with this Hamiltonian:



```
ITensor Hpsi = H * psi;
```

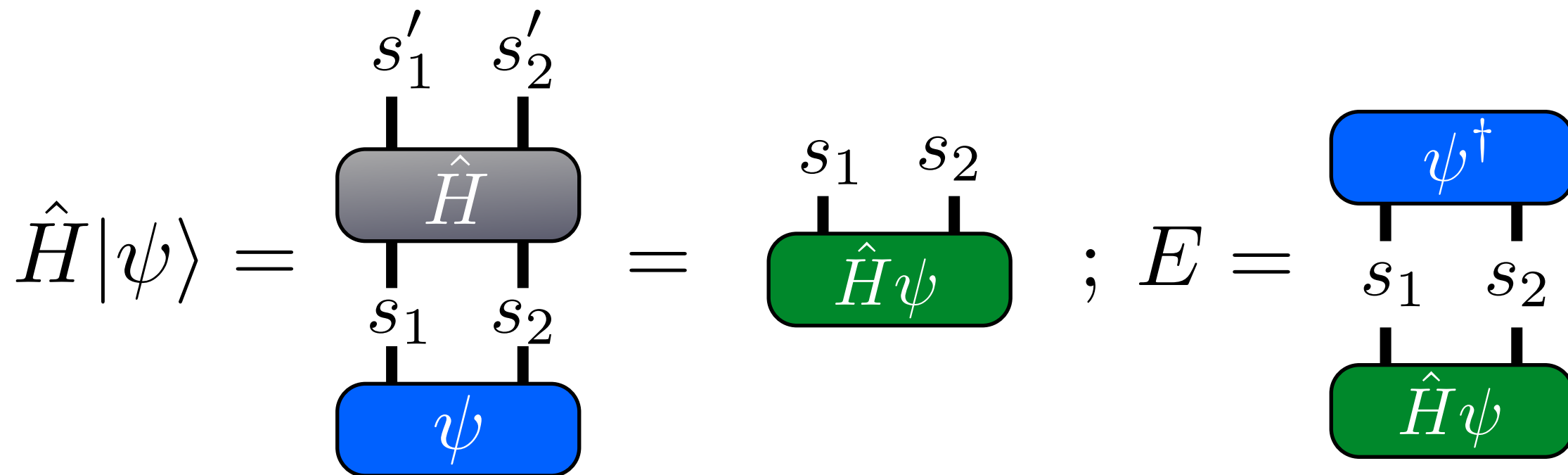
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```
ITensor Hpsi = H * psi;
```

```
Hpsi.mapprime(1,0);
```

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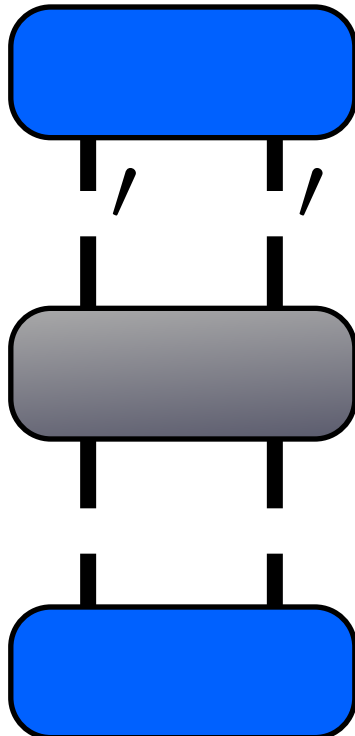
```
Real E = (dag(psi) * Hpsi).toReal();
```

```
Print(E);
```

```
//Prints:
```

```
//E = -0.75
```

Or compute energy in one shot:

$$E_{\text{sing}} = \frac{\text{dag}(\text{prime}(\psi))}{\psi}$$


```
Real E = (dag(prime(psi)) * H * psi).toReal();  
Print(E);  
//Prints:  
//E = -0.75
```



We'll use imaginary time evolution to find this Hamiltonian's ground state

$$e^{-\beta H/2} |0\rangle \propto |\Psi_0\rangle$$

<library folder>/tutorial/02\_two\_sites

1. Read through `two.cc`, compile and run by typing “`make two`” then run by typing “`./two`”
2. Open `imag_tevo1.cc` and implement the code to make  $e^{-\beta H}$  using a Taylor series (summed using a recursive formula)
3. Try increasing  $\beta$ , compile, and re-run the code until it converges to the ground state

Solution for missing code (near line 120 of `imag_tevol.cc`):

```
for(int ord = max_order-1; ord >= 1; --ord)
{
    expH = expH * (x/ord);
    expH.mapprime(2,1);
    expH += I;
}
```

□ 3 SVD

The density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) works with a variational wavefunction known as a **matrix product state** (MPS).

Matrix product states arise from compressing one-dimensional wavefunctions through the **singular-value decomposition** (SVD).

Let's see how this works...

Recall:  
Singular-value decomposition

Given rectangular (4x3) matrix M

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0.435839 & 0.223707 & 0.10 \\ 0.435839 & 0.223707 & -0.10 \\ 0.223707 & 0.435839 & 0.10 \\ 0.223707 & 0.435839 & -0.10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can decompose as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.300 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.200 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.300 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.200 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B}
 \end{array}$$

Matrices A and B one-sided unitaries (isometries):

$$A^\dagger A = \mathbf{1}$$

$$BB^\dagger = \mathbf{1}$$

D diagonal

Elements of D can be chosen:

- (I) Real
- (II) Positive semi-definite
- (III) Decreasing order

Keep fewer and fewer elements of D:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B} \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{array} \right] & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.300 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.200 \end{array} \right] & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 \\
 = \mathbf{M} = & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.435839 & 0.223707 & 0.10 \\ 0.435839 & 0.223707 & -0.10 \\ 0.223707 & 0.435839 & 0.10 \\ 0.223707 & 0.435839 & -0.10 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

$$||M - M||^2 = 0$$

Keep fewer and fewer elements of D:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{A} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{D} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{B} \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.300 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 \\
 = M_2 = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.435839 & 0.223707 & 0 \\ 0.435839 & 0.223707 & 0 \\ 0.223707 & 0.435839 & 0 \\ 0.223707 & 0.435839 & 0 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

$$||M_2 - M||^2 = 0.04 = (0.2)^2$$



Keep fewer and fewer elements of D:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{A} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{D} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{B} \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\
 \\
 = M_3 = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.329773 & 0.329773 & 0 \\ 0.329773 & 0.329773 & 0 \\ 0.329773 & 0.329773 & 0 \\ 0.329773 & 0.329773 & 0 \end{array} \right]
 \end{array}$$

$$||M_3 - M||^2 = 0.13 = (0.3)^2 + (0.2)^2$$

Keep fewer and fewer elements of D:

$$\begin{matrix} & \mathbf{A} & & \mathbf{D} & & \mathbf{B} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{array} \right] & & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] & & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]
 \end{matrix}$$

$$= M_3 =$$

Truncating SVD =

Controlled approximation  
for M

$$||M_3 - M||^2 = 0.13 = (0.3)^2 + (0.2)^2$$

Recall:

Most general two-spin wavefunction

$$\psi_{s_1 s_2} = \text{[Diagram: A blue rounded rectangle with two vertical lines extending upwards from its top edge. The left vertical line is labeled } s_1 \text{ and the right vertical line is labeled } s_2 \text{.]}$$

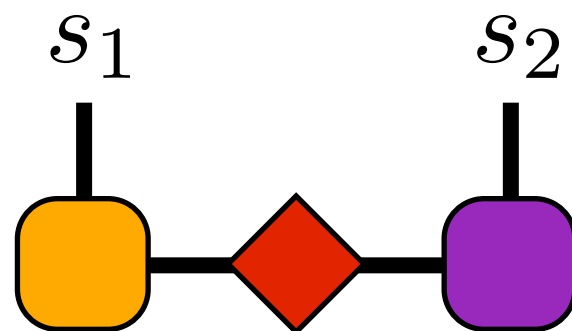
Can treat as a matrix:

$$\psi_{s_1 s_2} = \text{[Diagram: A blue rounded rectangle with a horizontal line extending to the left from its left edge, labeled } s_1, \text{ and a horizontal line extending to the right from its right edge, labeled } s_2 \text{.]}$$

SVD this matrix:

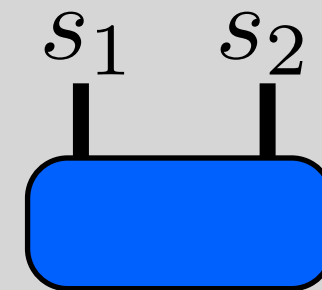
$$\psi_{s_1 s_2} = s_1 \text{---} \text{[blue box]} \text{---} s_2$$
$$= s_1 \text{---} \underset{\text{A}}{\text{[yellow box]}} \text{---} \underset{\text{D}}{\text{[red diamond]}} \text{---} \underset{\text{B}}{\text{[purple box]}} \text{---} s_2$$

Bend lines back to look like wavefunction:



## USING ITENSOR:

```
//Say we have a two-site ITensor psi
```



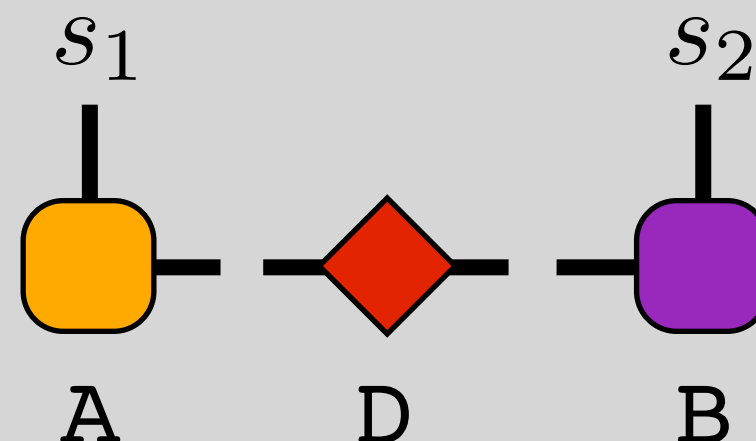
```
//Declare ITensors
```

```
//to hold results
```

```
ITensor A(s1),D,B;    //Indices of psi present  
                       //on A remain, others  
                       //put onto B
```

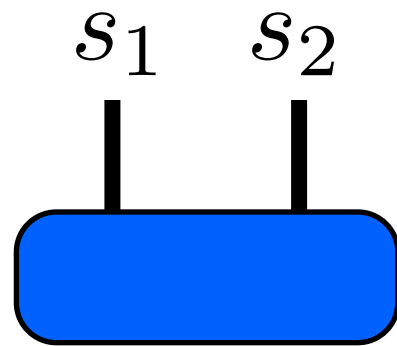
```
//Call svd method
```

```
svd(psi,A,D,B);
```



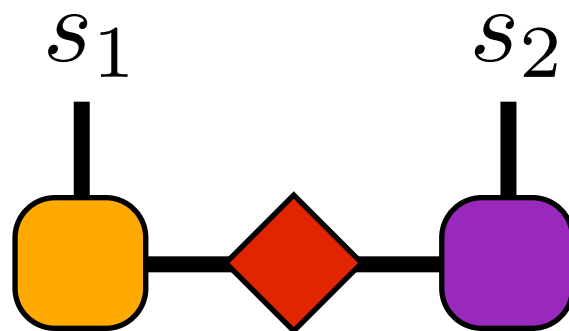
What have we gained from SVD?

Generic two-spin wavefunction (say spin  $S$ ):



$(2S+1)^2$  parameters  
Not clear which parameters  
important, unimportant

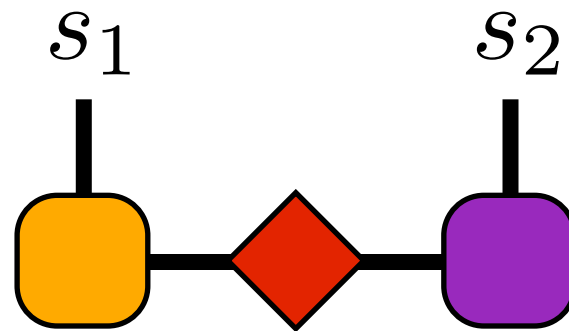
Compressed wavefunction:



SVD tells us which parameters  
are important, might be very few!

Later see that # parameters also scales much better

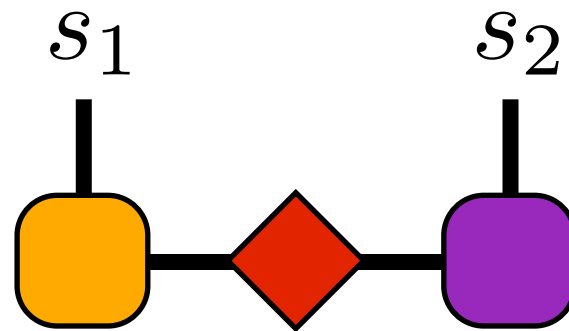
This form of wavefunction known as **matrix product state** (MPS)



Why? Amplitude a product of matrices:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1, \alpha, \alpha', s_2} A_{s_1 \alpha} D_{\alpha \alpha'} B_{\alpha' s_2} |s_1\rangle |s_2\rangle$$

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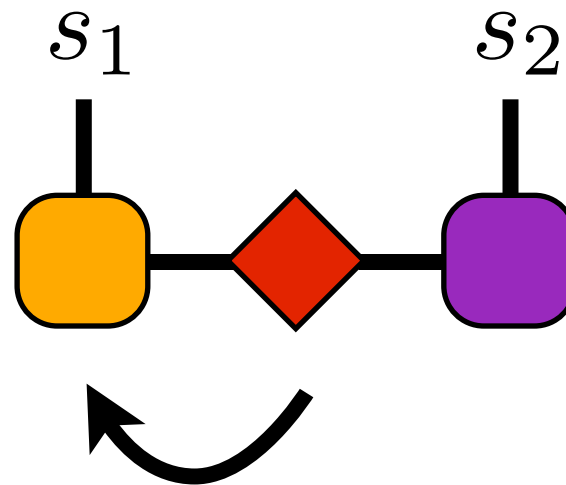


Canonical form

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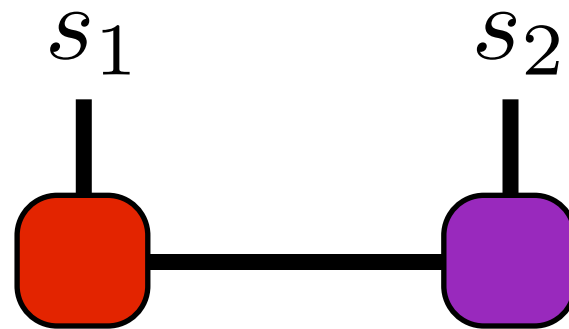
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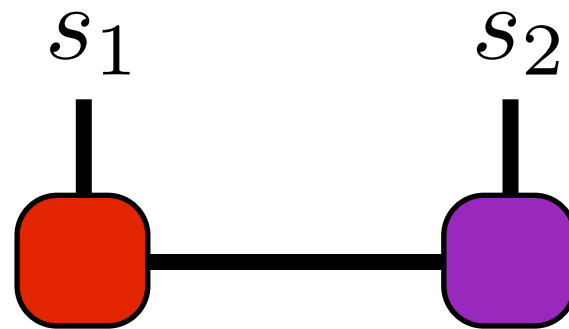
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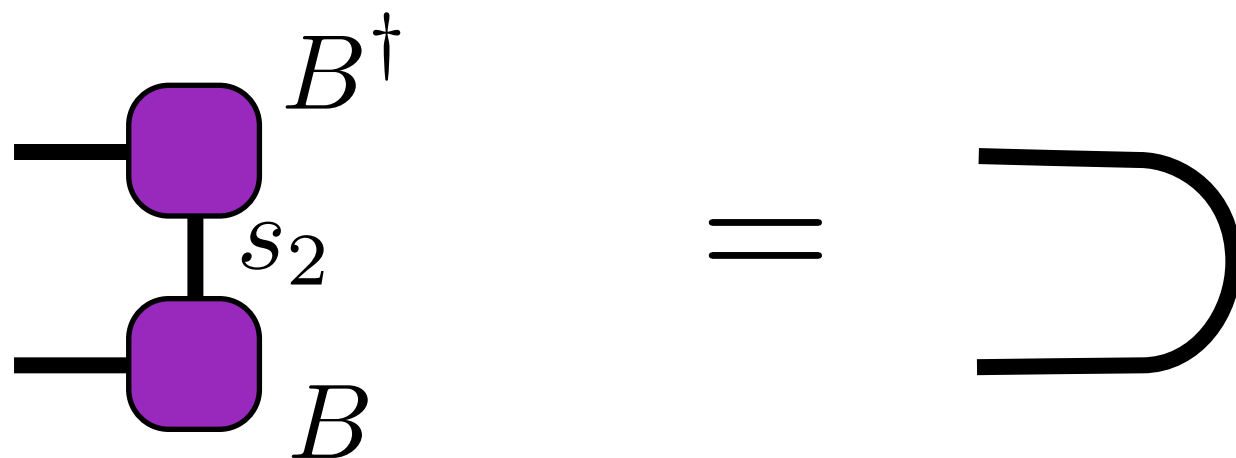
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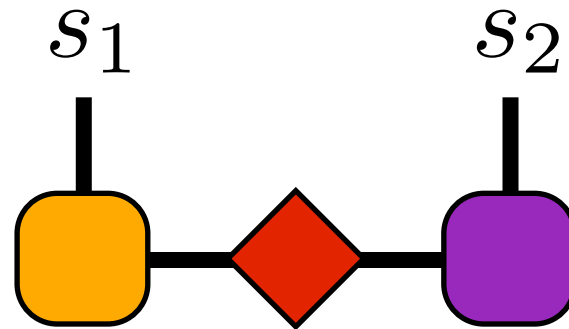


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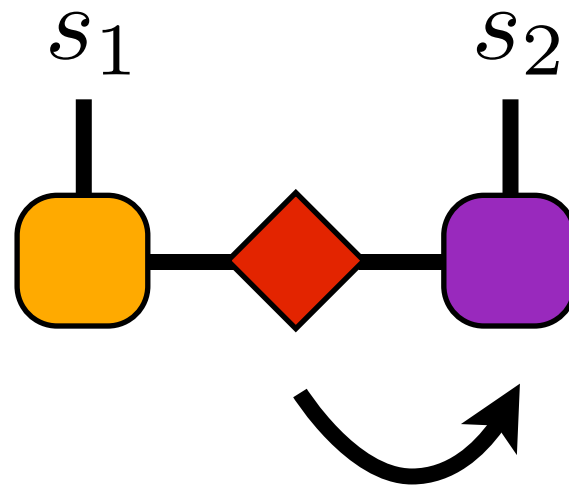
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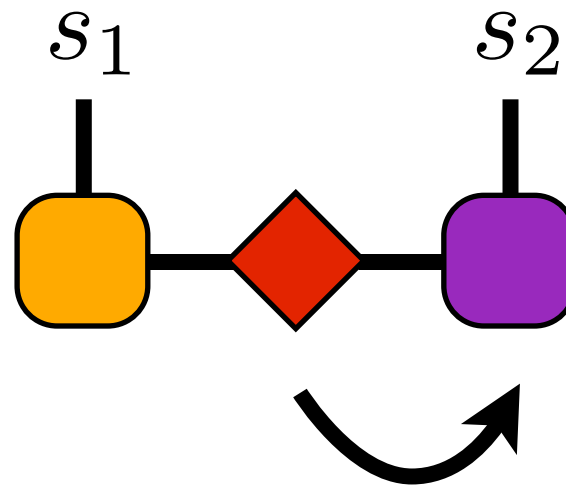
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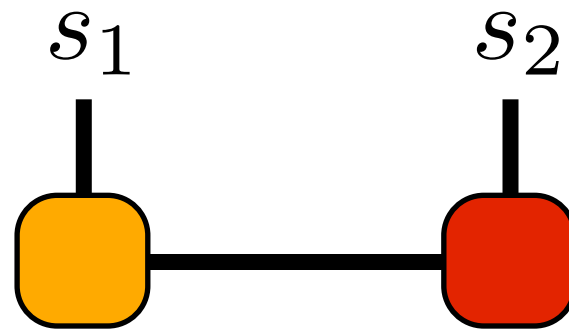
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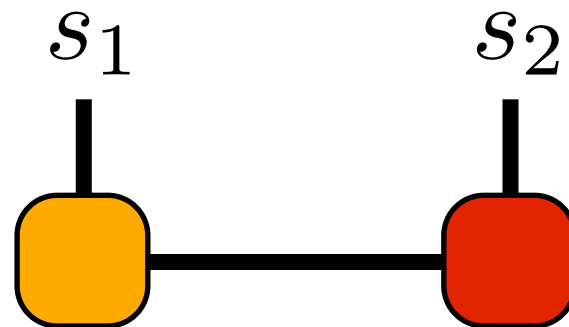
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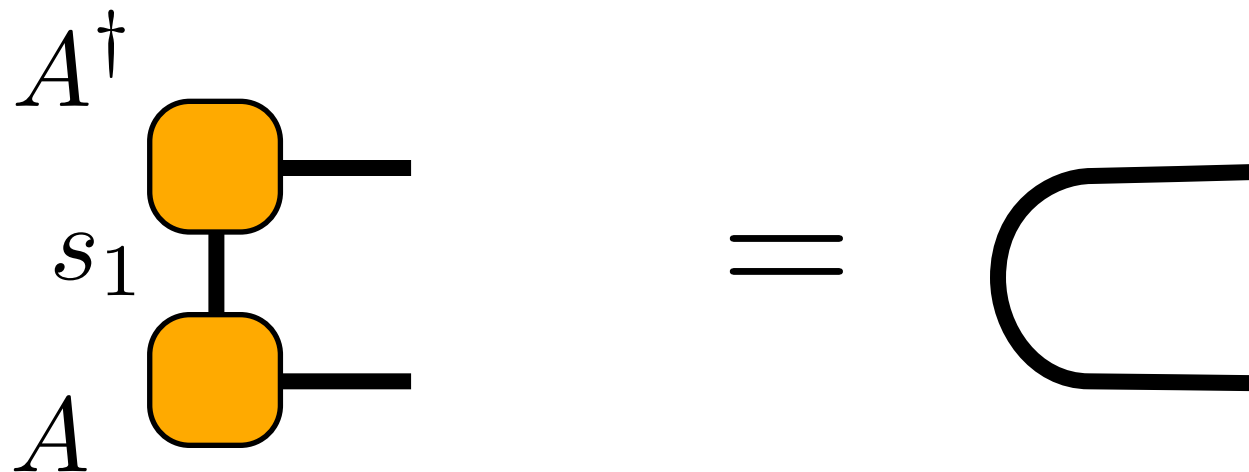
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We'll use the SVD to study the entanglement of a two-site wavefunction

<library folder>/tutorial/03\_svd

1. Read through **svd.cc**; compile; and run

2. Make a *normalized* wavefunction that is the sum  
 $(1 - \text{mix}) * \text{prod} + \text{mix} * \text{sing}$

3. SVD this wavefunction

```
ITensor A(s1), D, B;  
Spectrum spec = svd(psi, A, D, B);
```

3. Compute the entanglement entropy using the eigenvalue spectrum “spec” returned by svd.

$n^{\text{th}}$  eigenvalue:

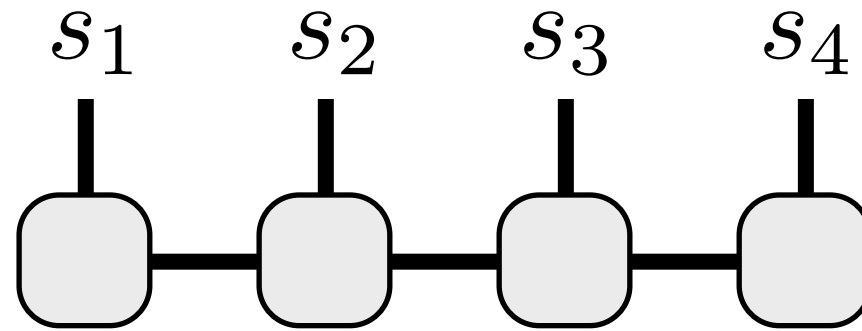
```
spec.eig(n);
```

number of eigenvalues:

```
spec.numEigsKept();
```

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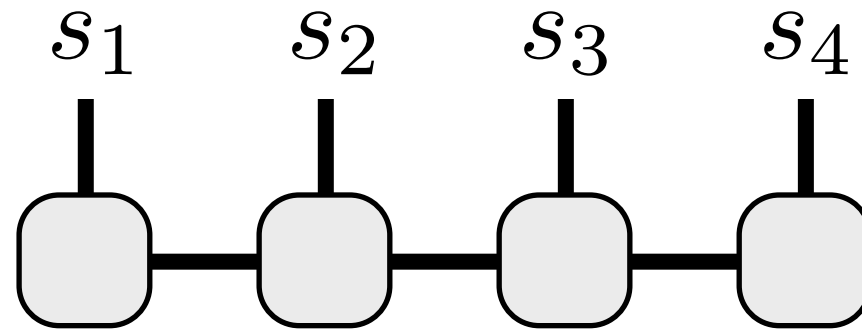
Say we have a 4-site MPS.  
What can we do with it?



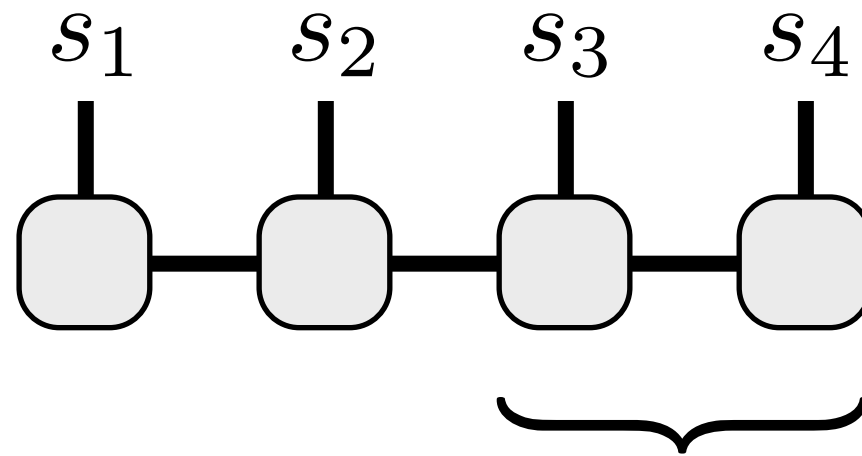
Depends on the gauge!

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\{s\}, \{\alpha\}} M_{\alpha_1}^{s_1} M_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}^{s_2} M_{\alpha_2 \alpha_3}^{s_3} M_{\alpha_3}^{s_4} |s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4\rangle$$

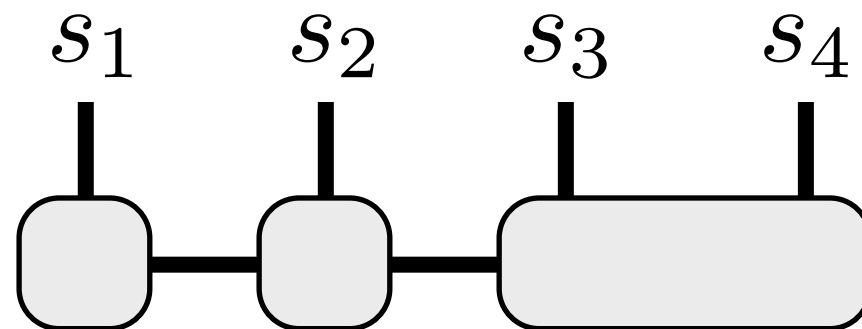
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Put it in a useful gauge:



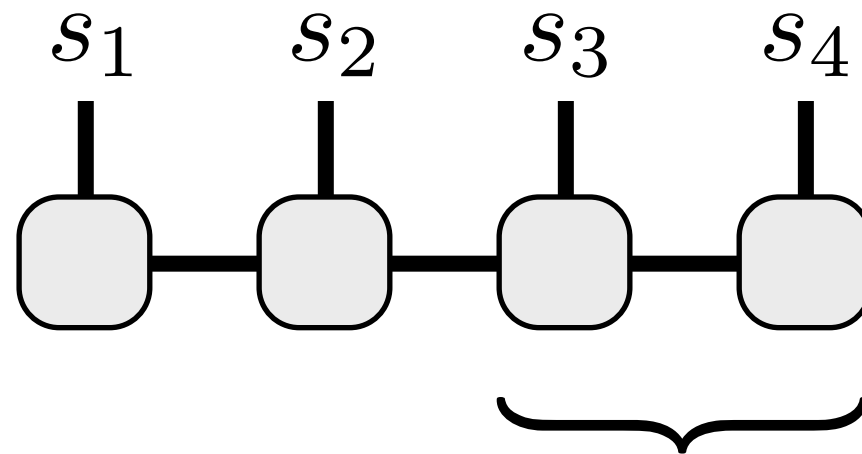
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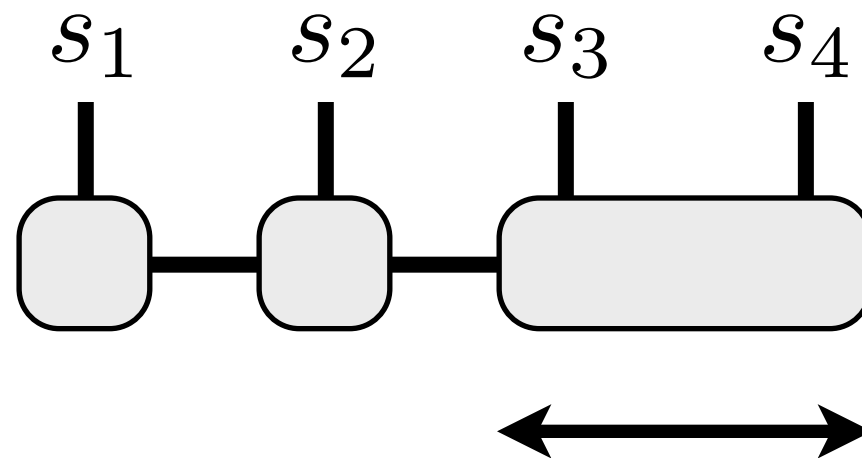
Contract



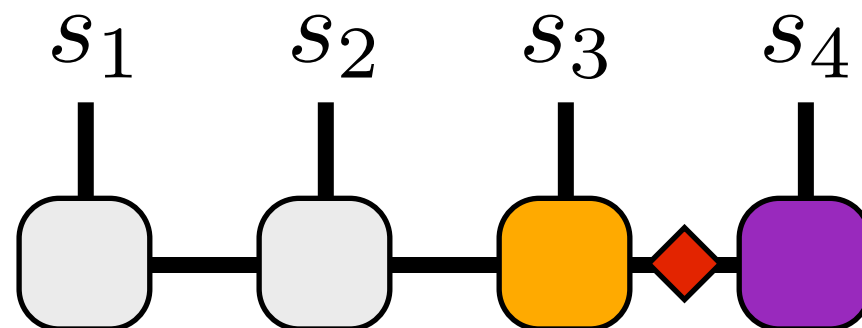
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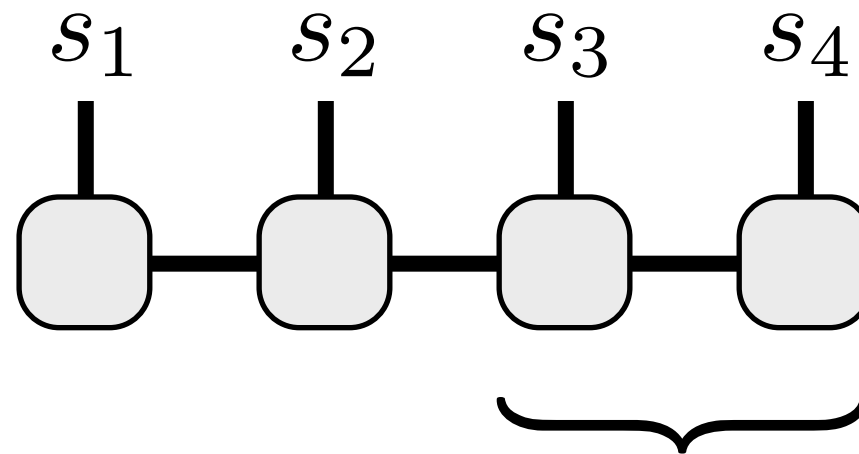
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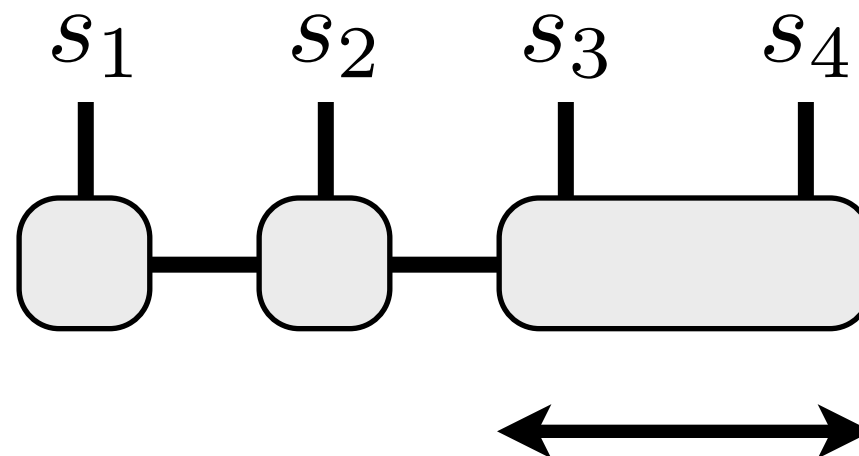
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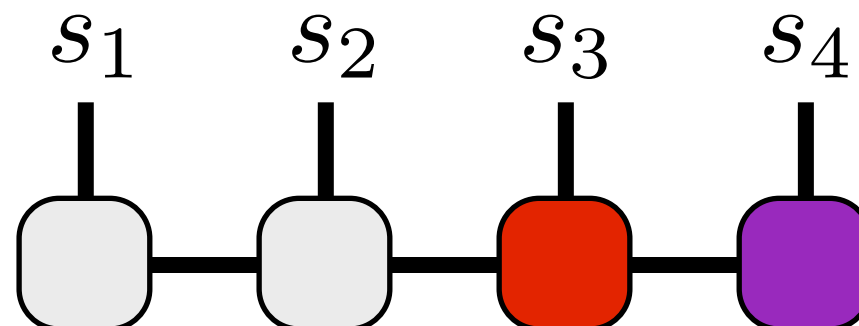
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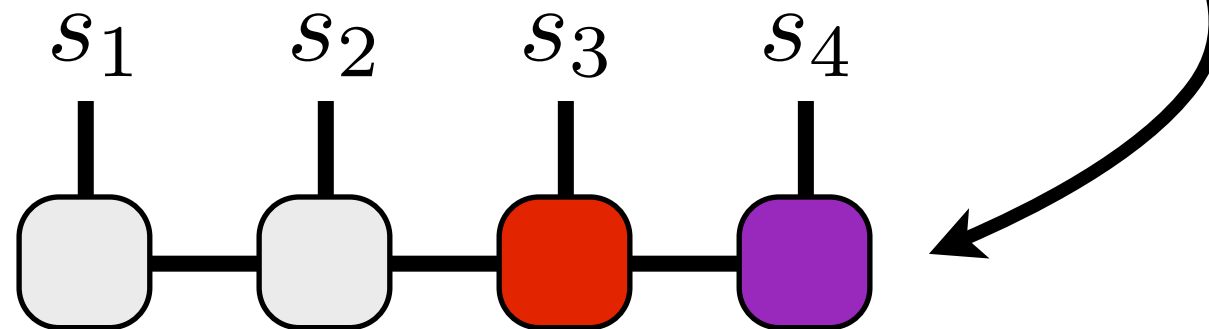


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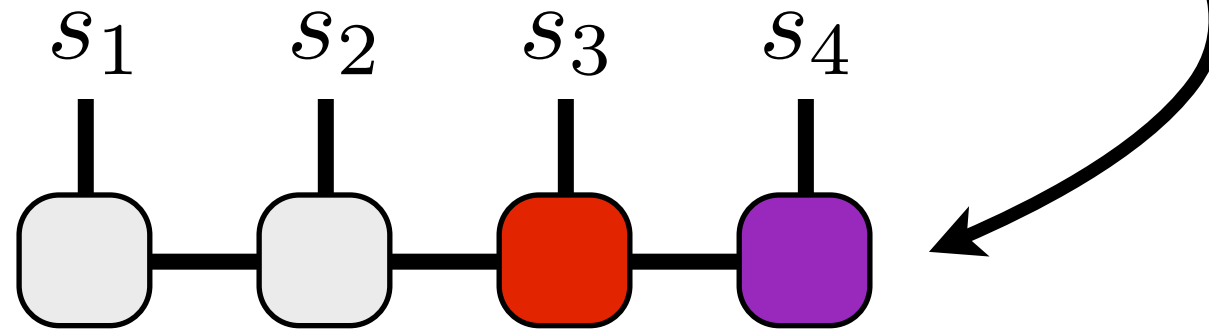
Group (AD) B

Note that site 4 tensor now right orthogonal

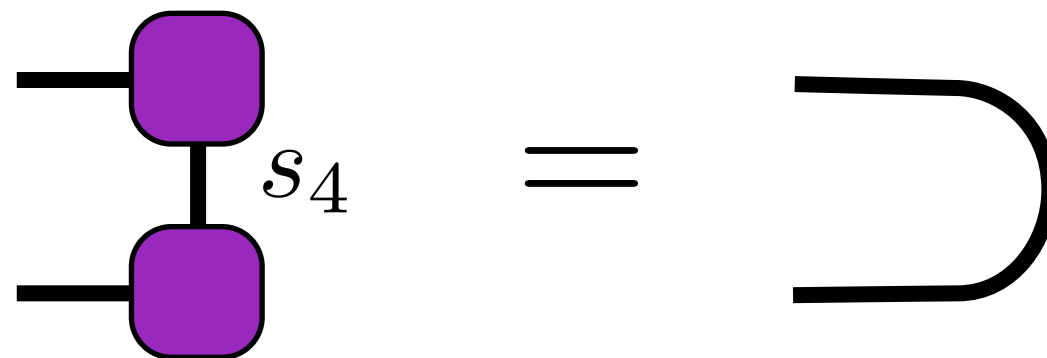




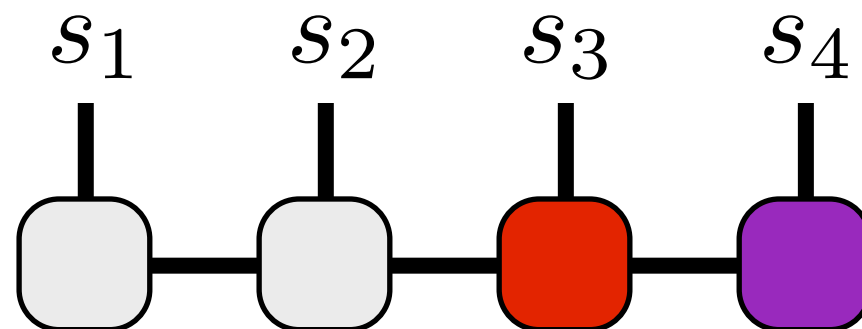
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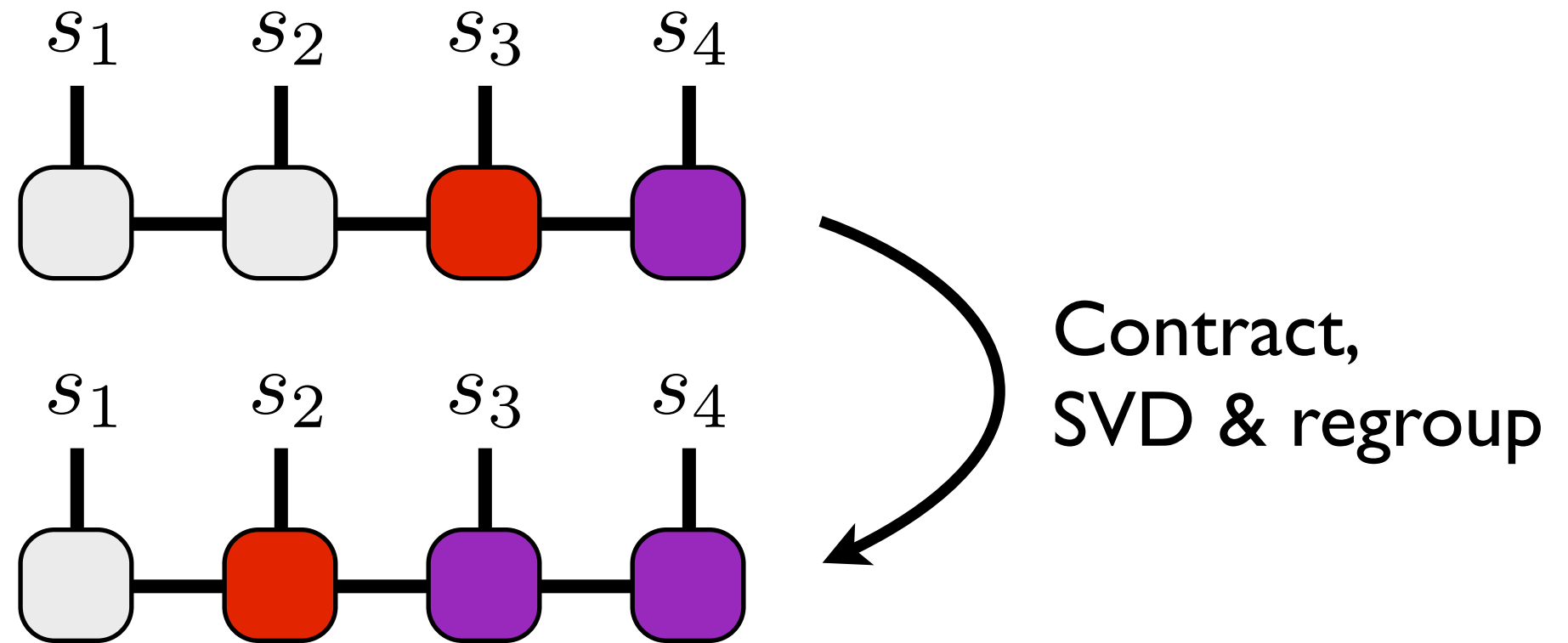
Recall this means



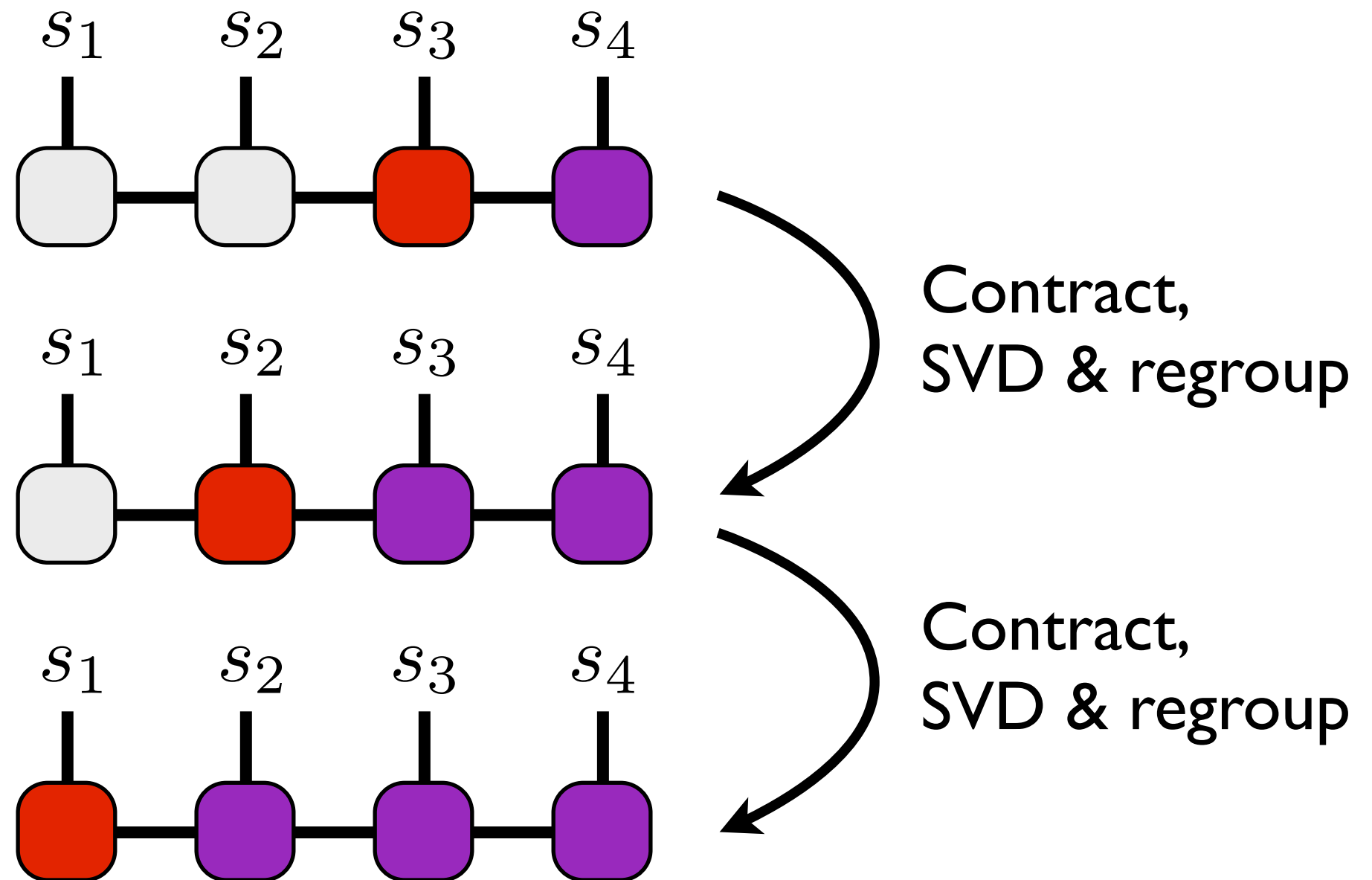
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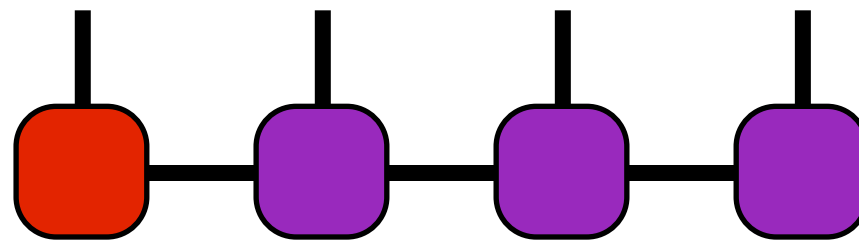


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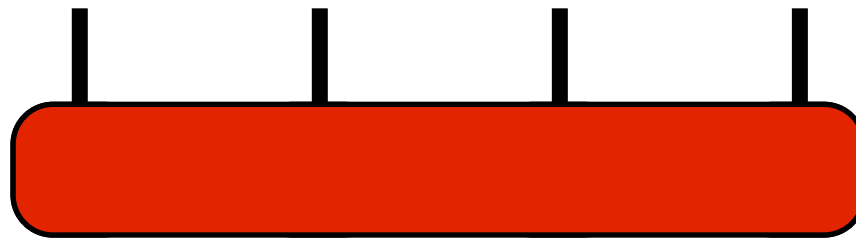


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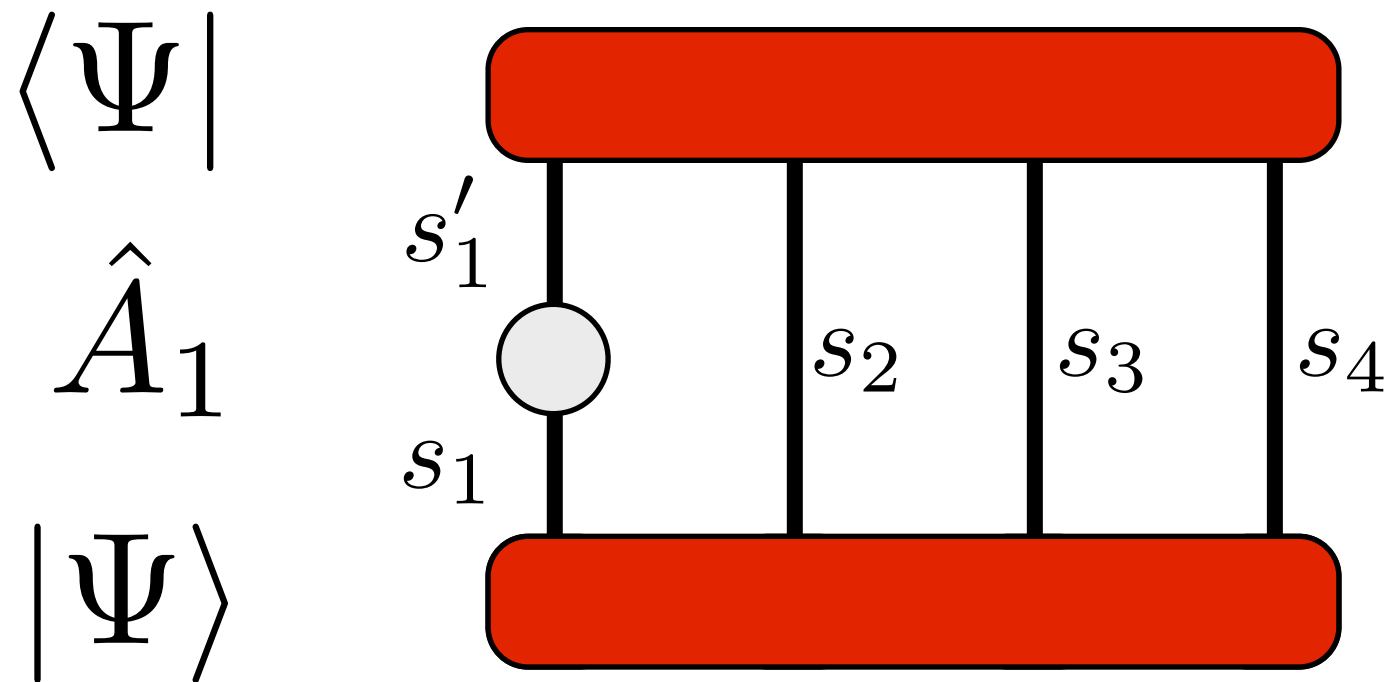
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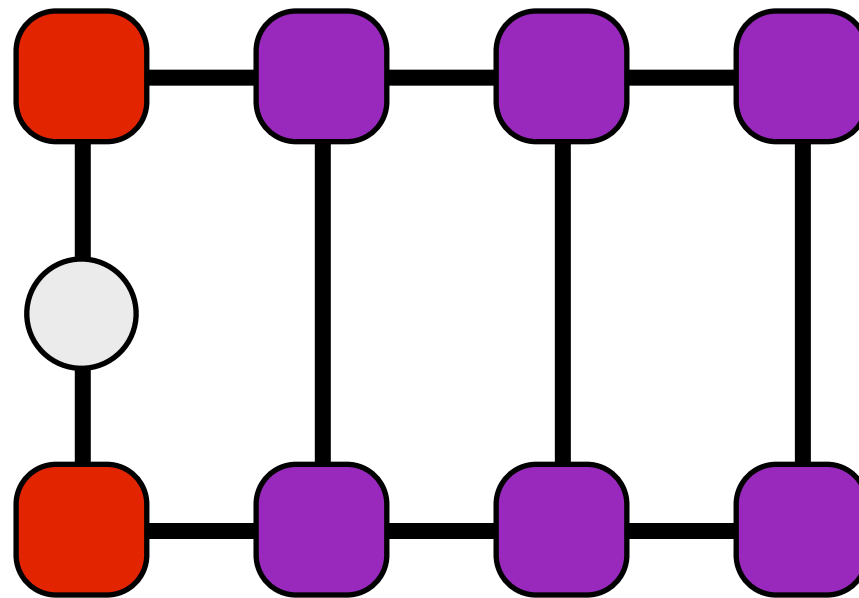
Cost scales  
exponentially!  
 $2^4$  in this case

$$\langle \hat{A}_1 \rangle = \sum_{\{s\}} \bar{\psi}_{s'_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} A_{s'_1 s_1} \psi_{s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4}$$

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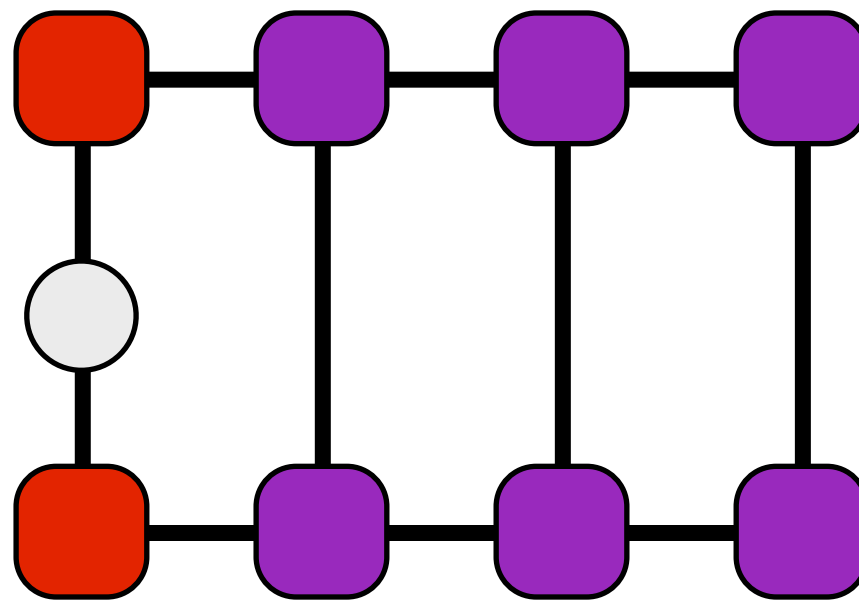




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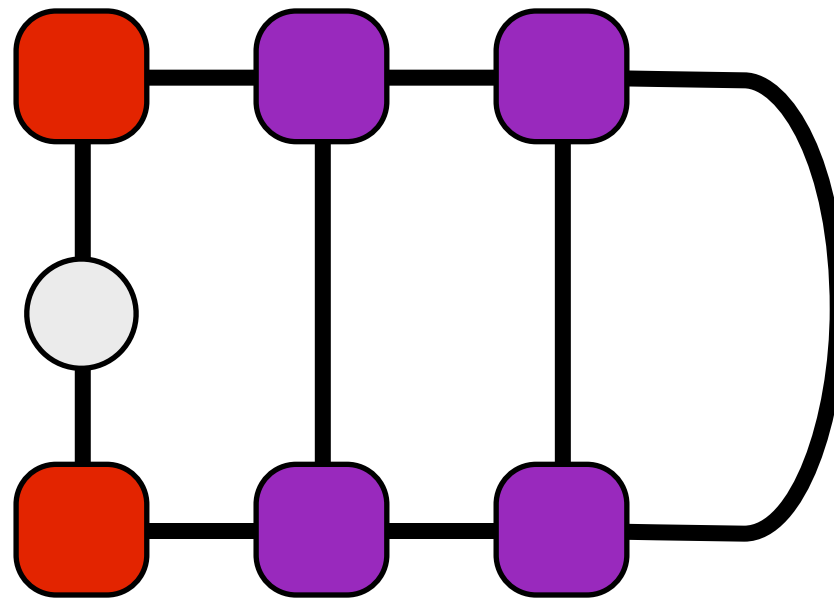


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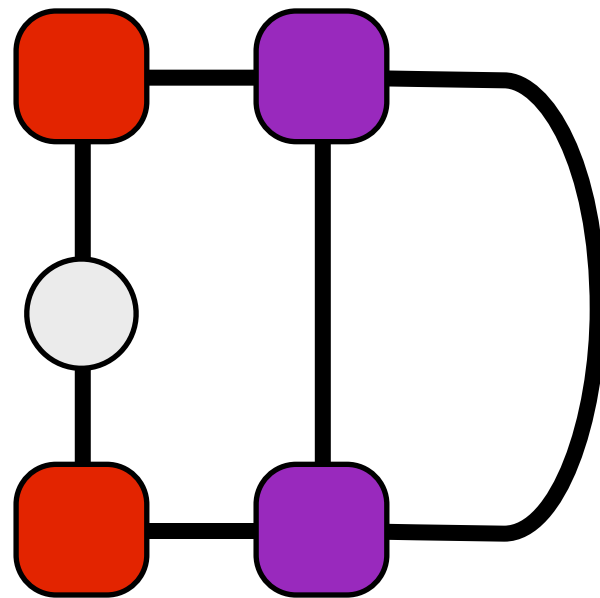


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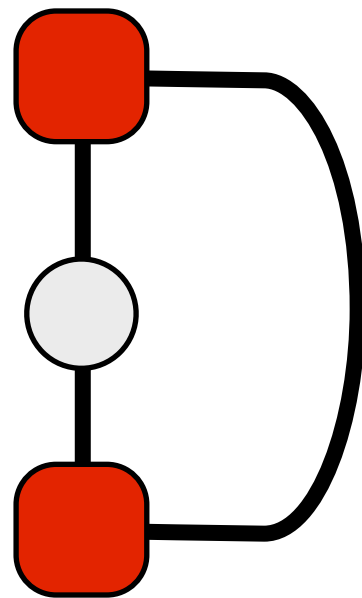


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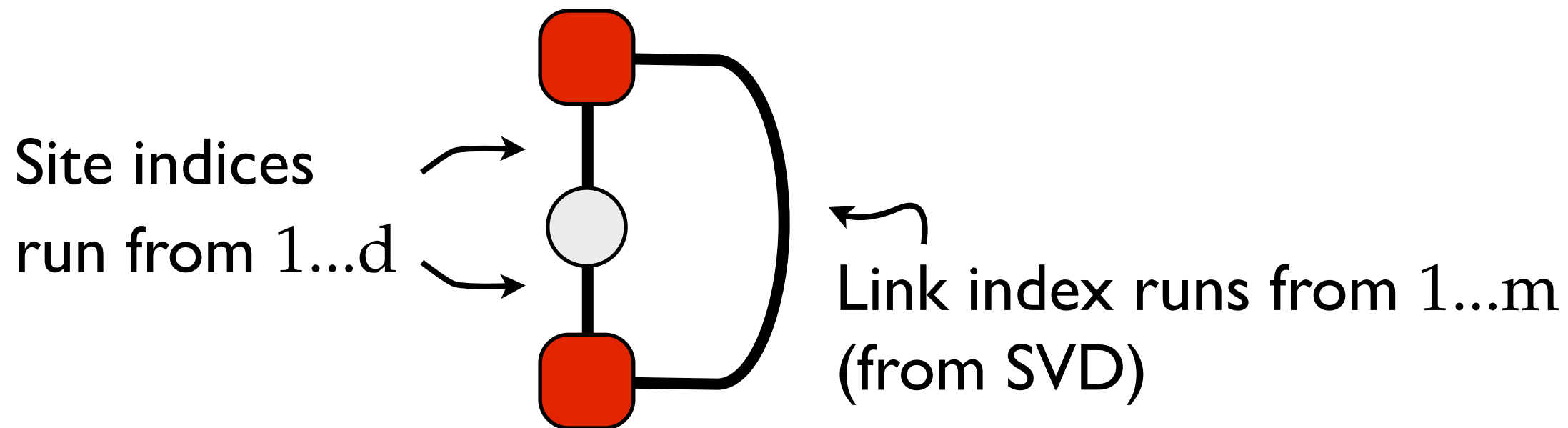
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How much simpler a computation?

Choose always  $\leq m$  singular values  
in each SVD



Computational cost  $\sim d^2 m$  (compared to  $d^4$ )

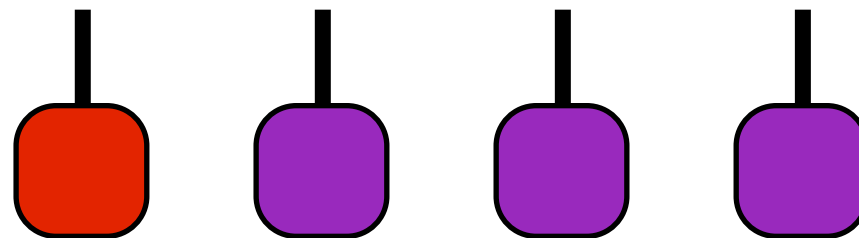
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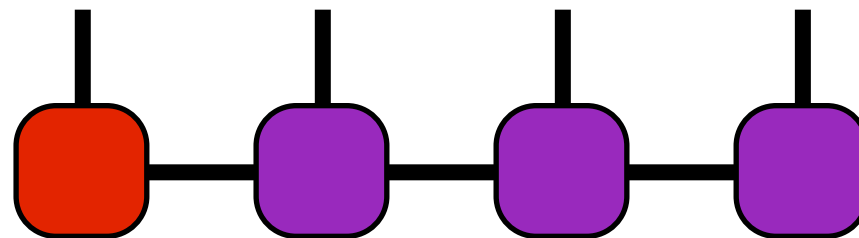
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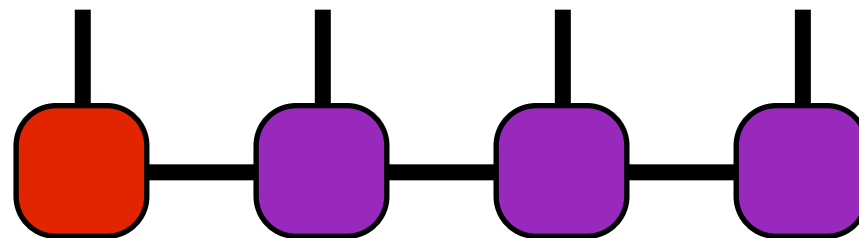
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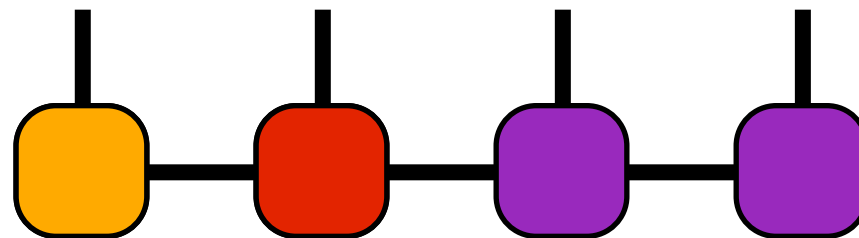
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psi.position(2);
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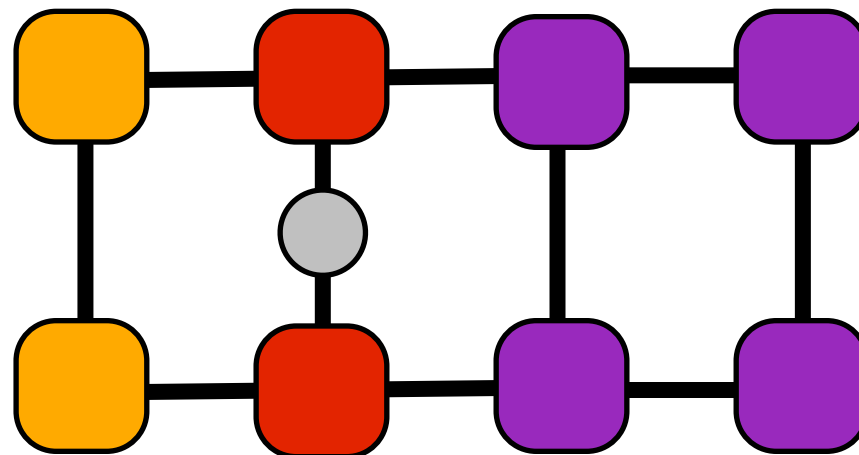
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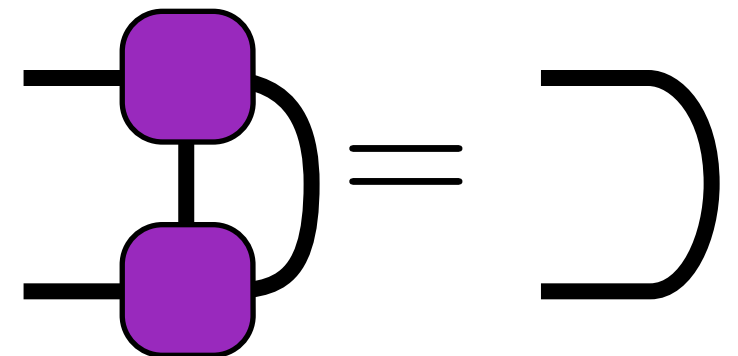
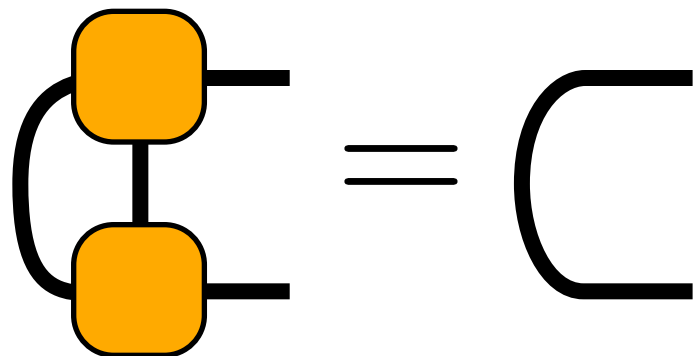


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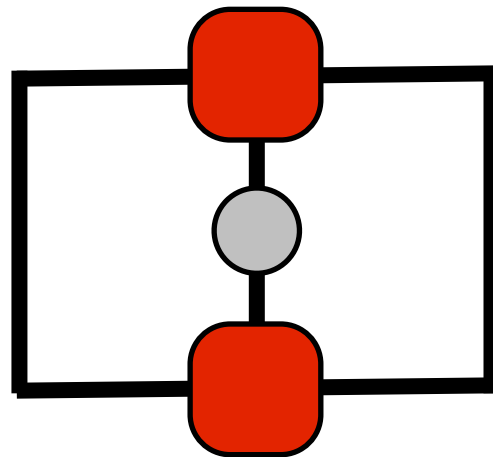


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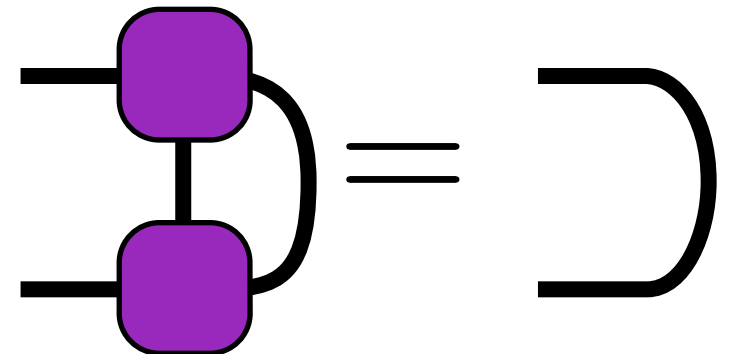
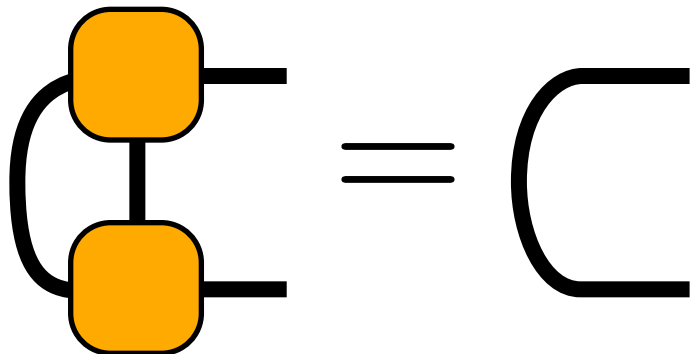


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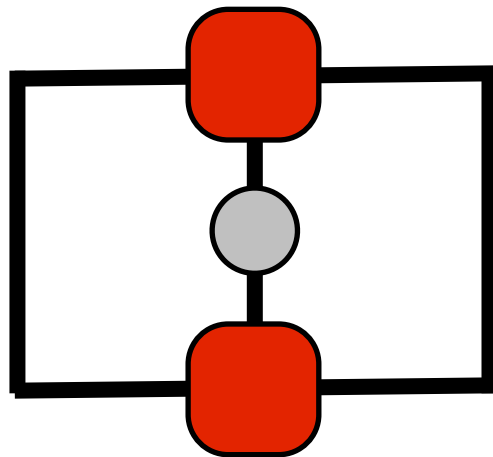


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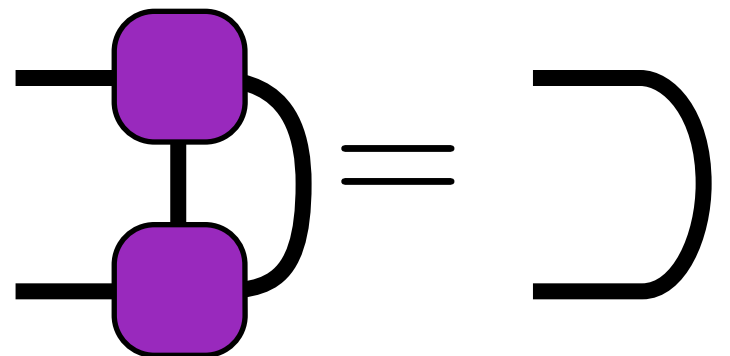
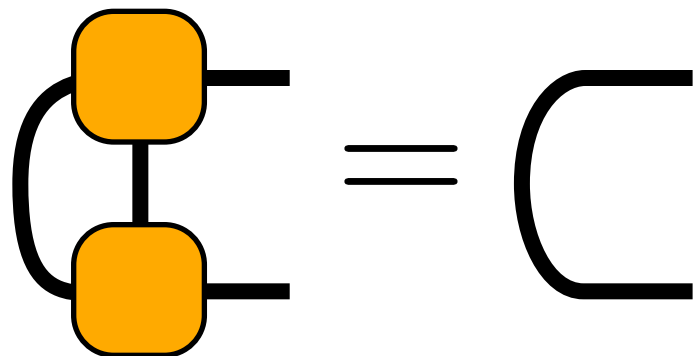


## MEASURING AN MPS USING ITENSOR:

```
//Measure Sz on second site  
Real sz_expect = (dag(prime(psi.A(2),Site))  
                  * sites.op("Sz",2)  
                  * psi.A(2)).toReal());
```



Recall:



We'll measure the dimer order of the  $J_1$ - $J_2$  model

`<library folder>/tutorial/04_mps`

1. Read through `j1j2.cc`; compile; and run

2. Call `psi.position(N/2);` to gauge the MPS to site  $N/2$

3. Measure  $\hat{B}_{N/2} = \mathbf{S}_{N/2} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{N/2+1}$

```
ITensor wf = psi.A(N/2)*psi.A(N/2+1);
```

```
Real b = (dag(prime(wf,Site))*B(sites,N/2)*wf).toReal();
```

4. Repeat for bonds  $(N/2-1)$  and  $(N/2+1)$ . (Don't forget to call `psi.position(b);` to include the “gauge center”  $b$  in each bond!!) Use to compute and save dimer order parameter:

$$D = \langle \hat{B}_{N/2} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{B}_{N/2-1} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{B}_{N/2+1} \rangle$$

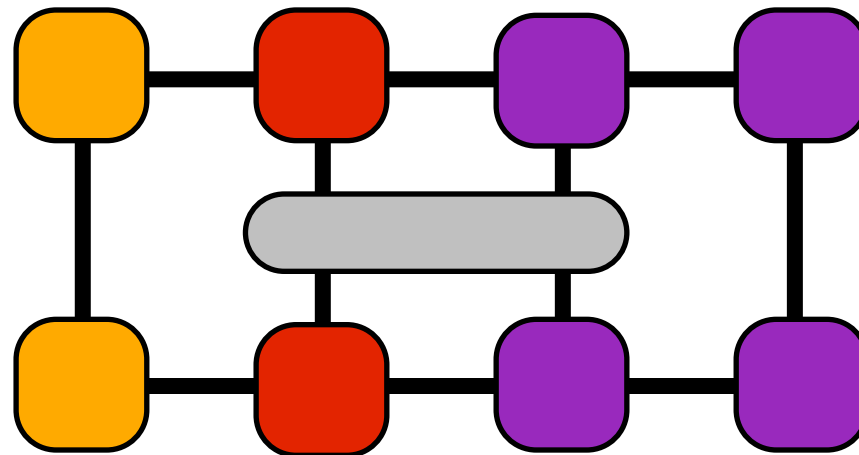
## Solution for missing code (near line 40 of j1j2.cc):

```
psi.position(N/2-1);  
ITensor wf = psi.A(N/2-1)*psi.A(N/2);  
val += -0.5*(dag(prime(wf,Site))*B(sites,N/2-1)*wf).toReal();  
  
psi.position(N/2);  
wf = psi.A(N/2)*psi.A(N/2+1);  
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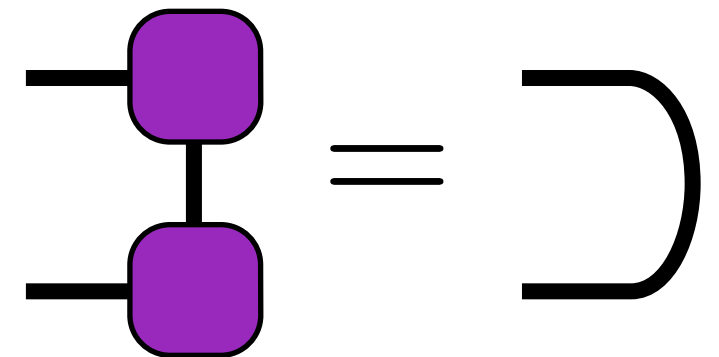
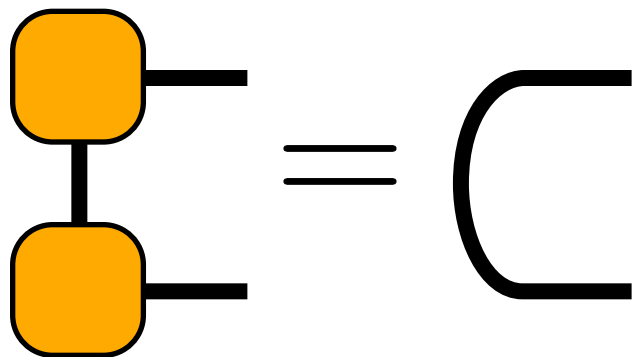
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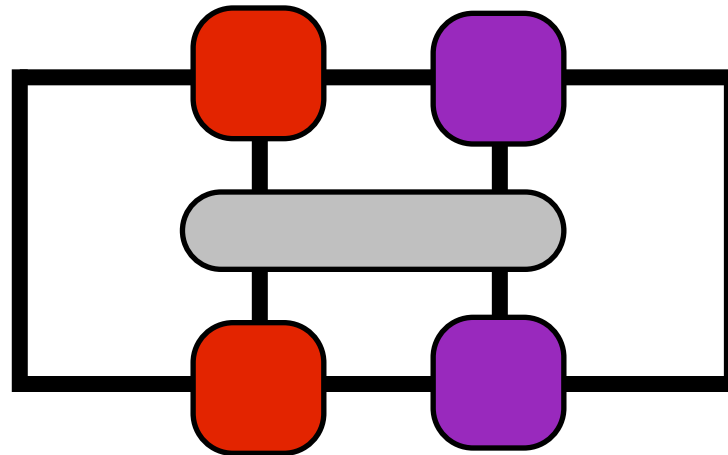
Just as we can measure one-site operators,  
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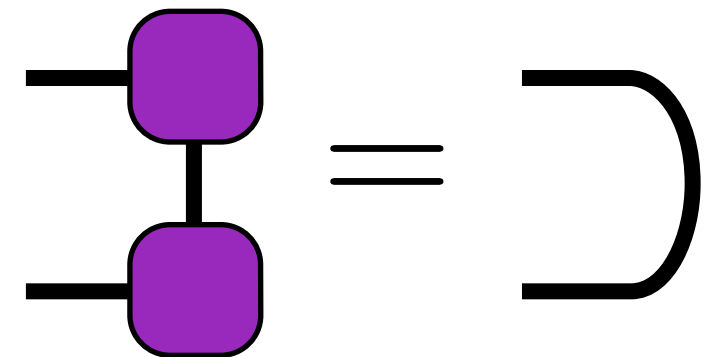
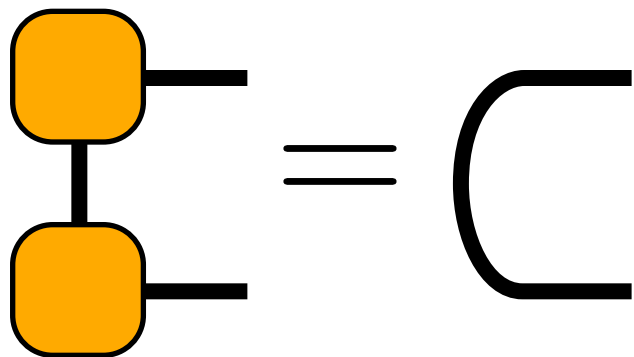
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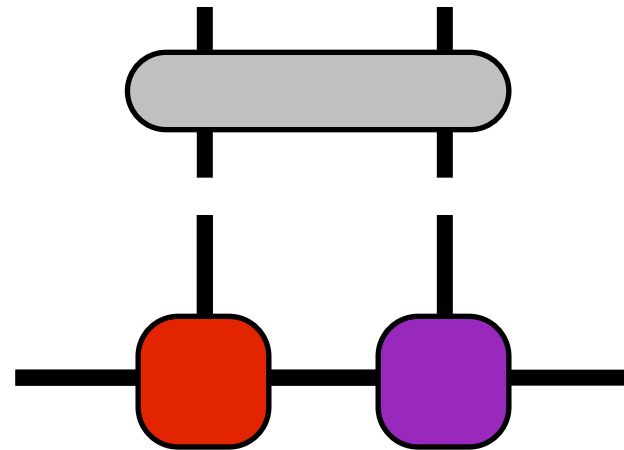
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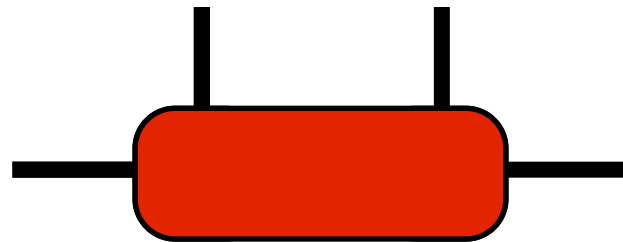
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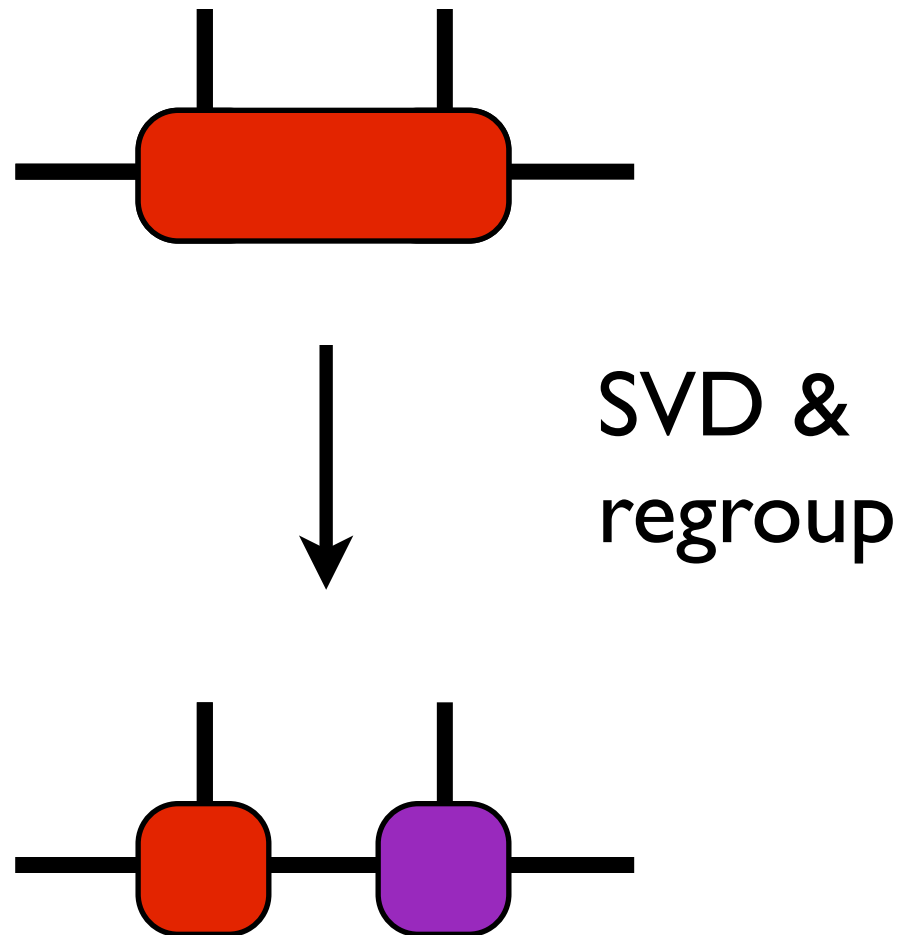
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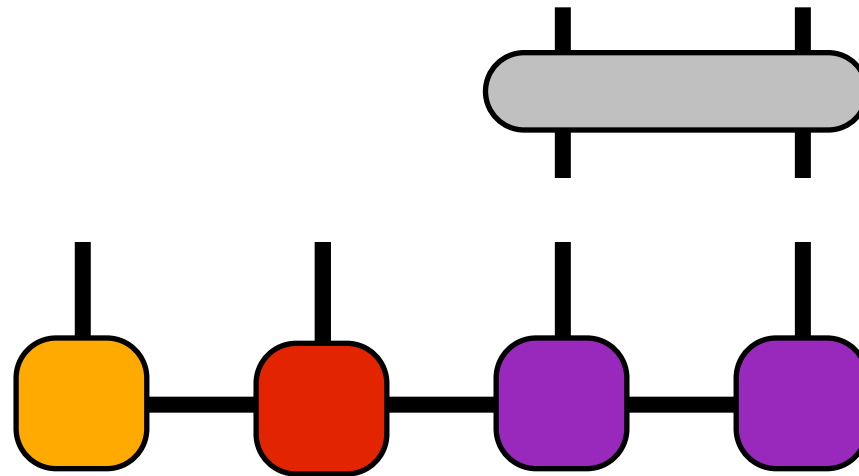
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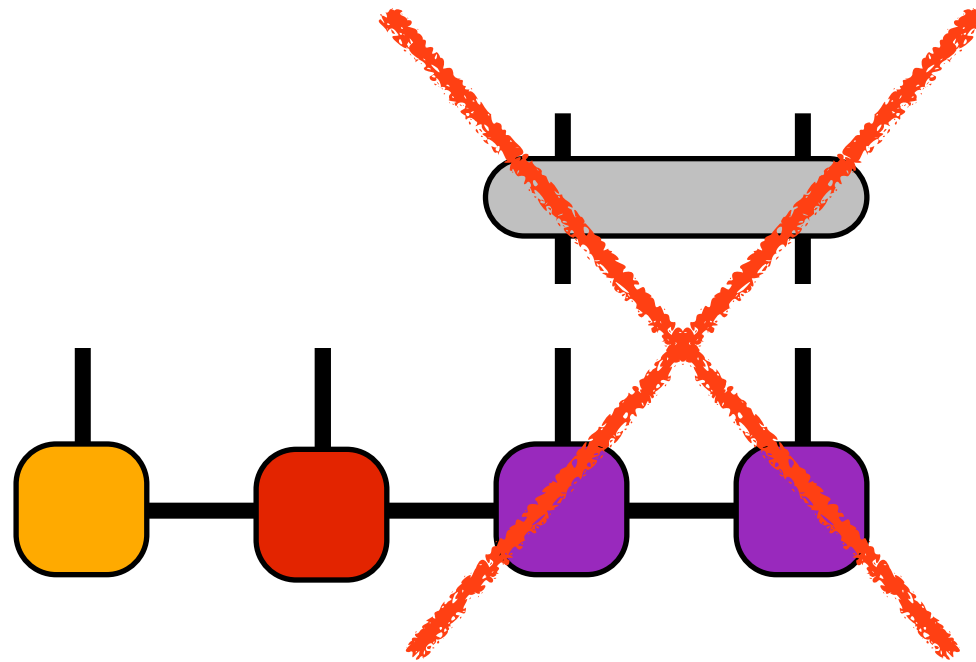


Would NOT be ok on another bond without regauging



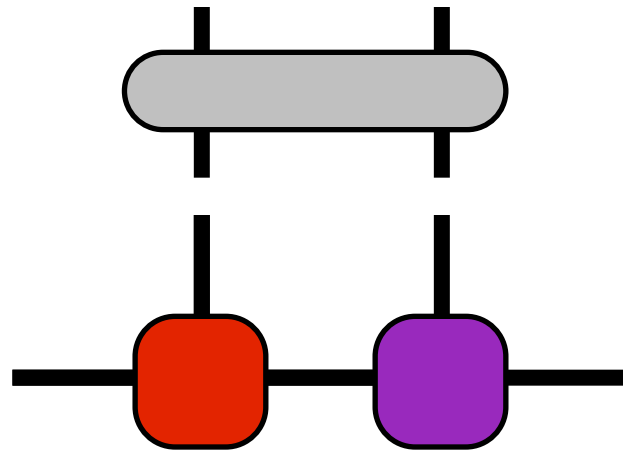
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Q: What can we do with this capability?



A: For short-ranged Hamiltonians, can time evolve



Trick is to use Trotter decomposition

Useful for Hamiltonians of the form

$$H = H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + \dots$$

For example

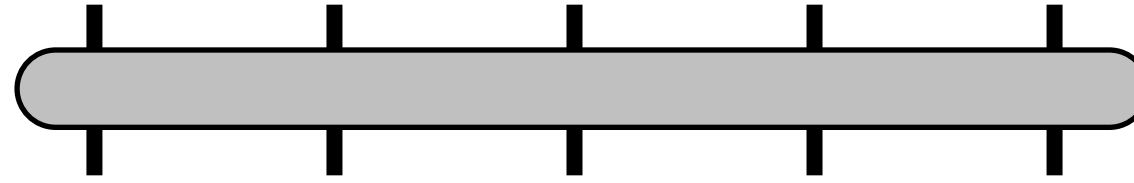
$$H = \sum_j \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1}$$

$$= (\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2) + (\mathbf{S}_2 \cdot \mathbf{S}_3) + (\mathbf{S}_3 \cdot \mathbf{S}_4)$$

For a small time step  $\tau$

$$e^{-\tau H} \simeq e^{-\tau H_1/2} e^{-\tau H_2/2} e^{-\tau H_3/2} \dots$$
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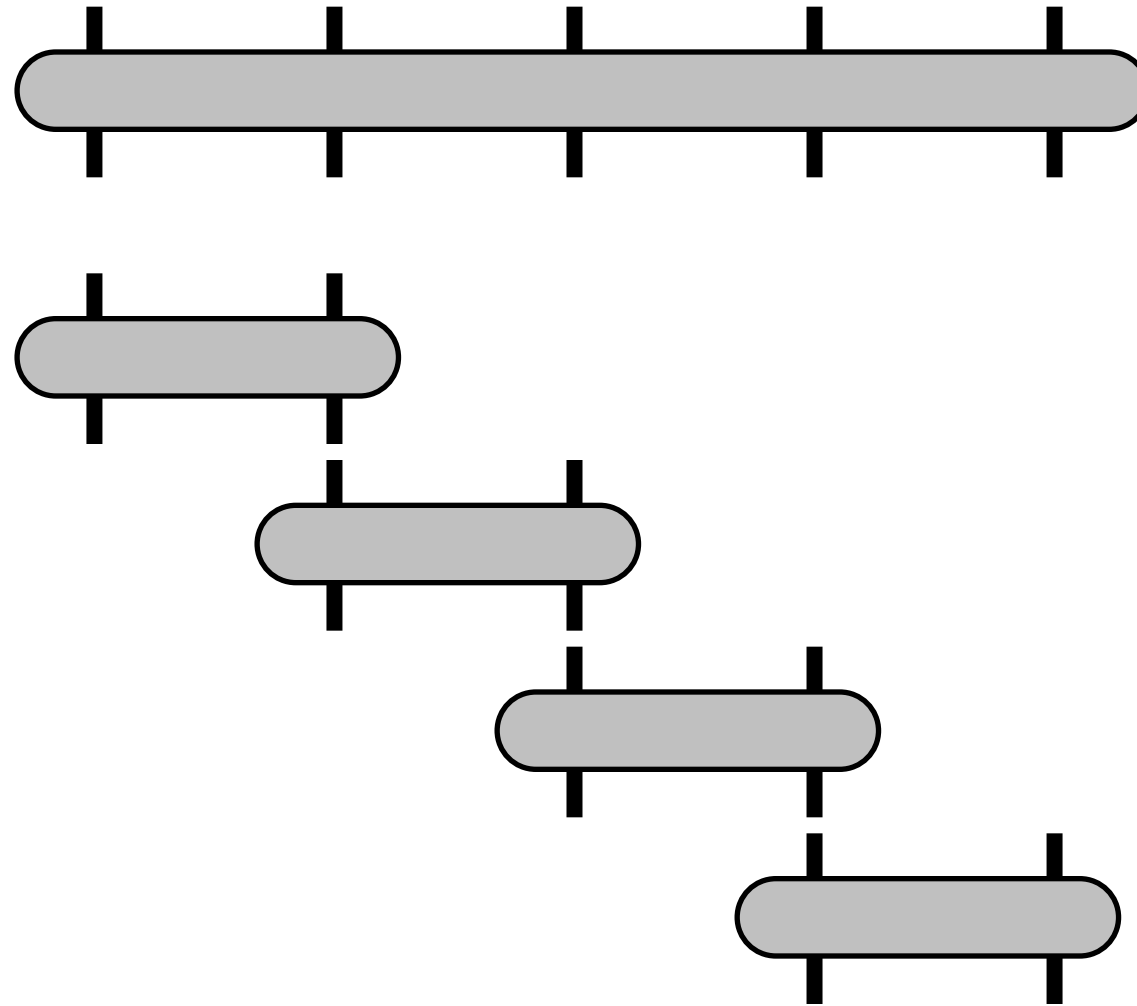
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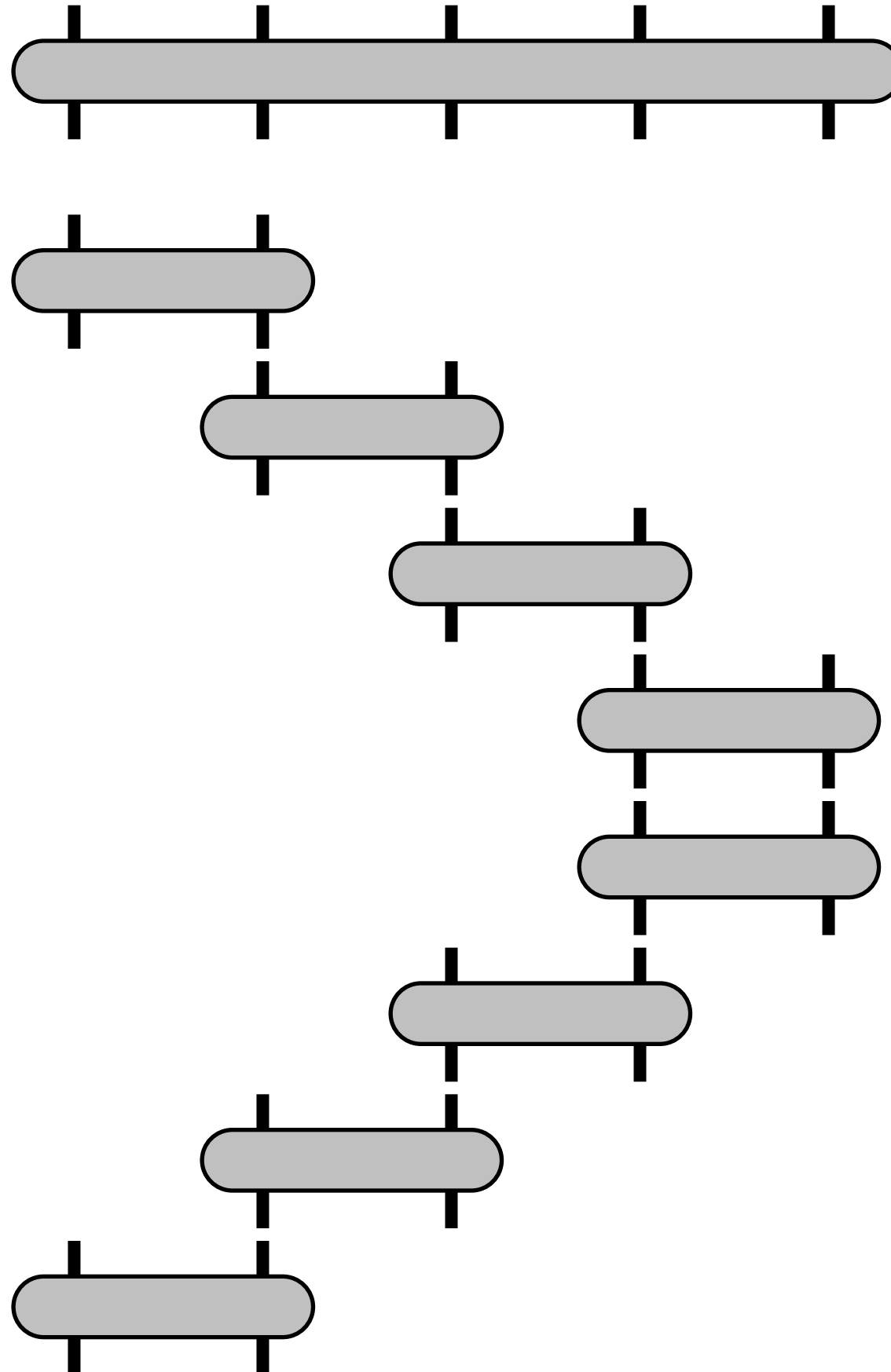
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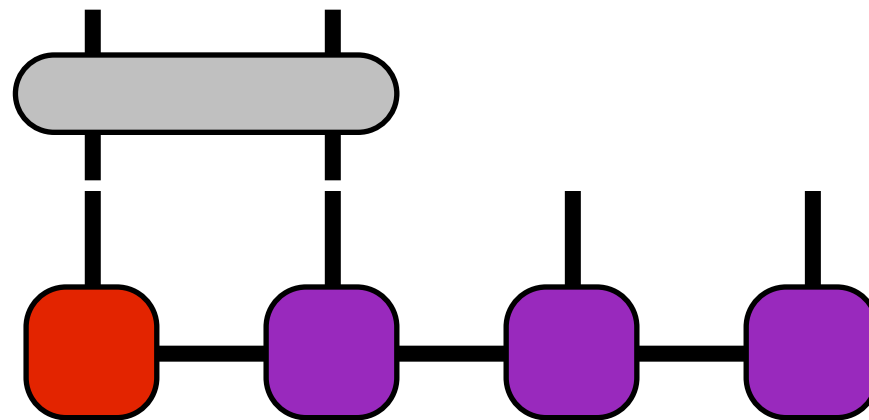


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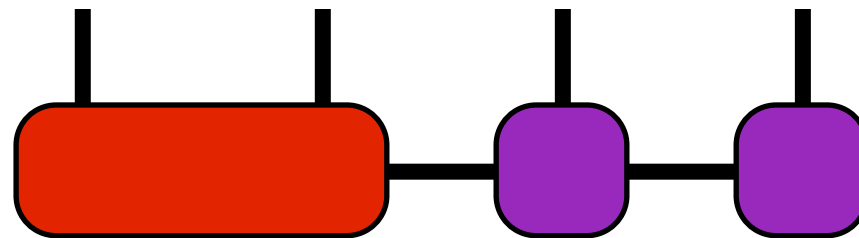
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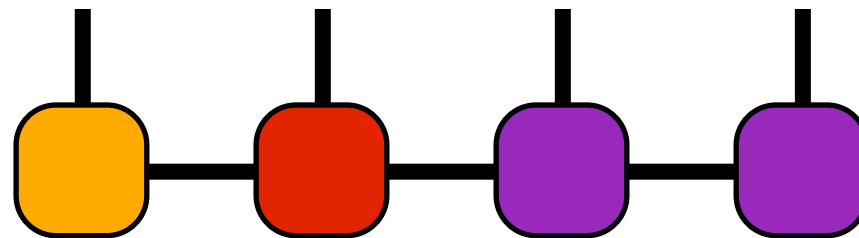
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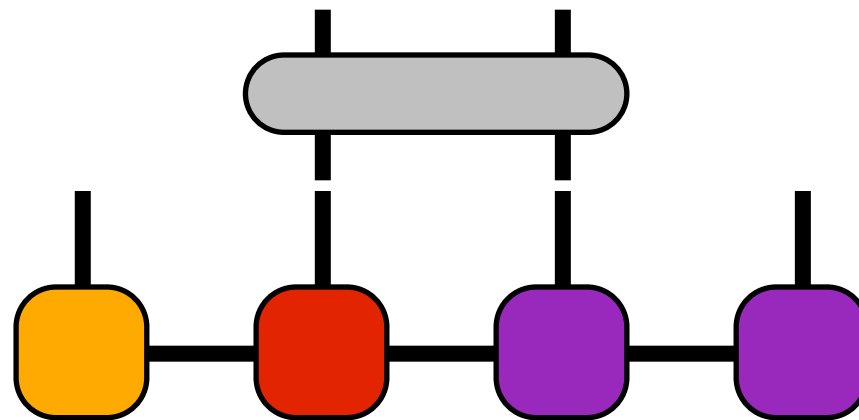


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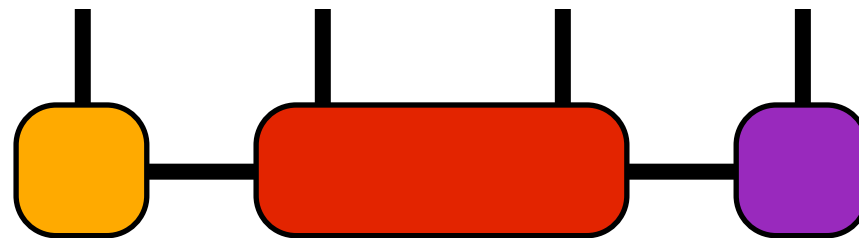




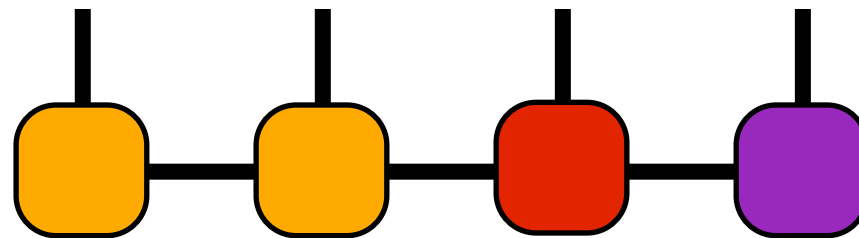
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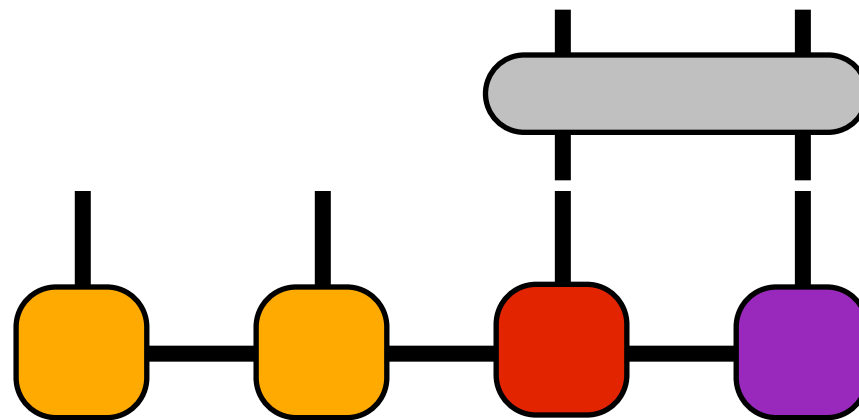
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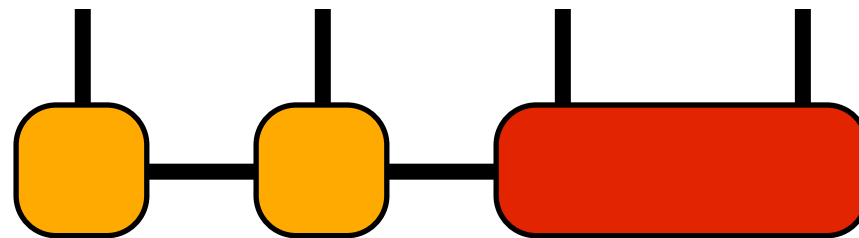
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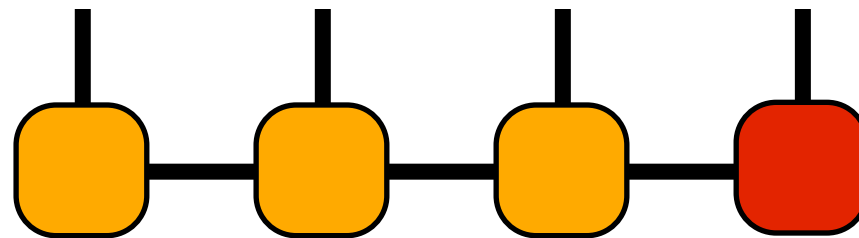
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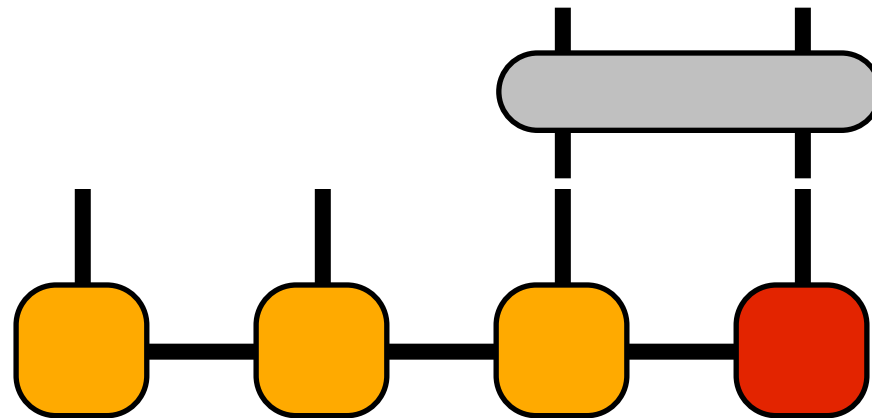
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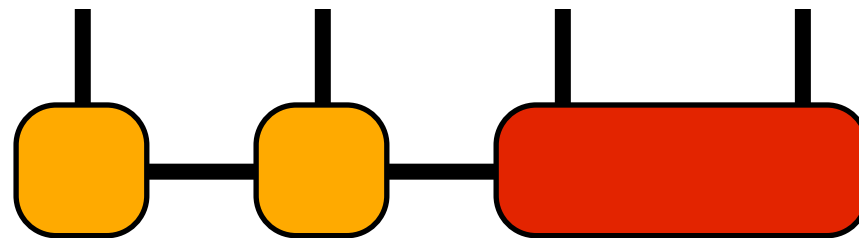
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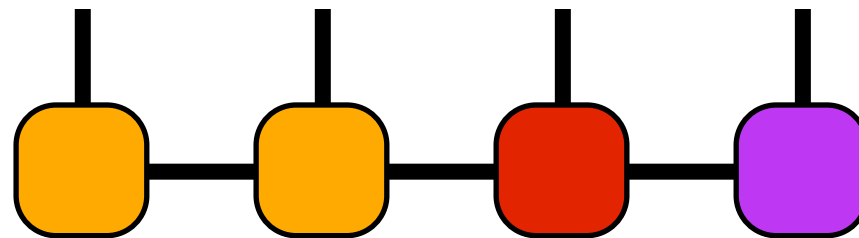


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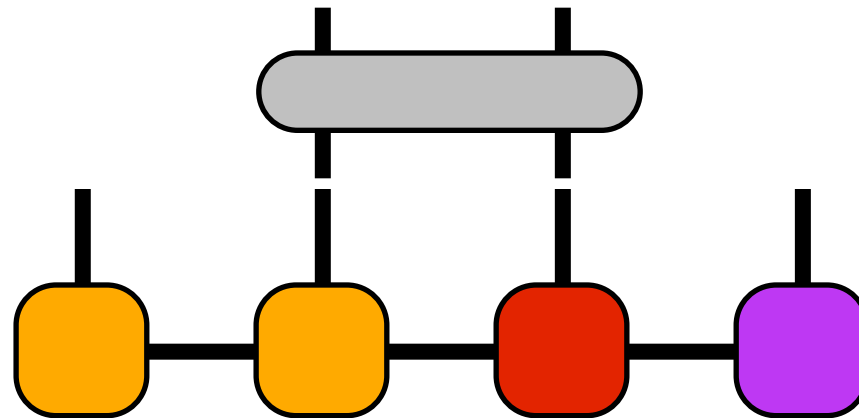




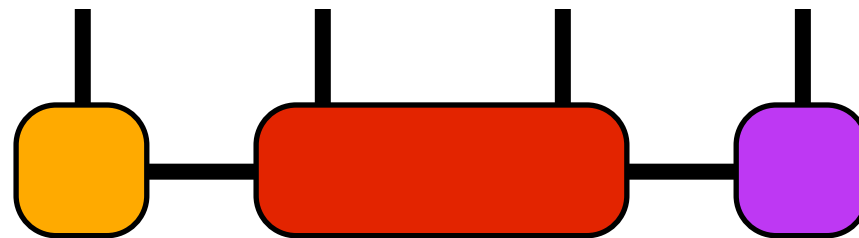
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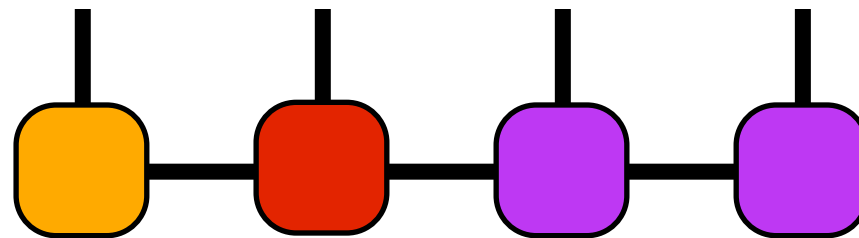
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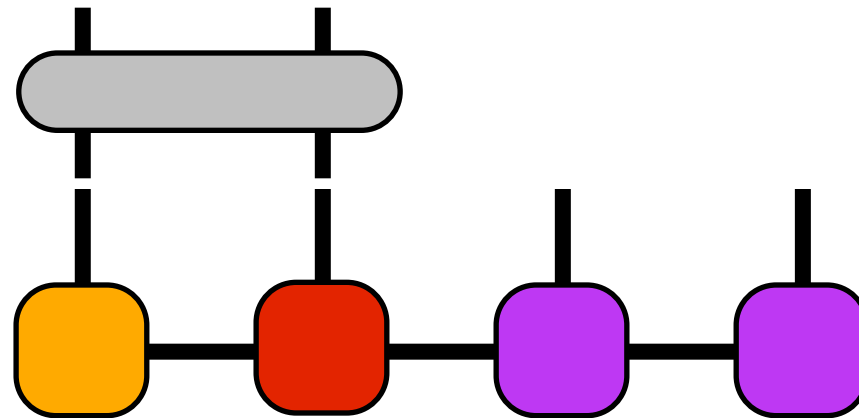
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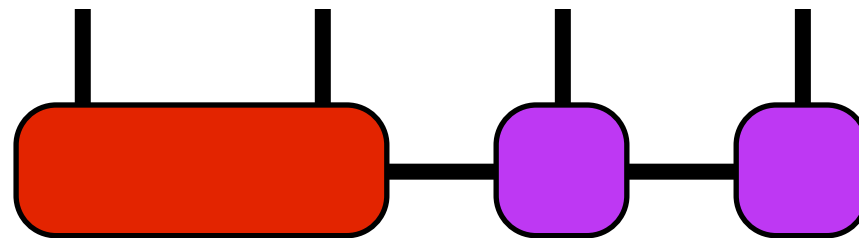
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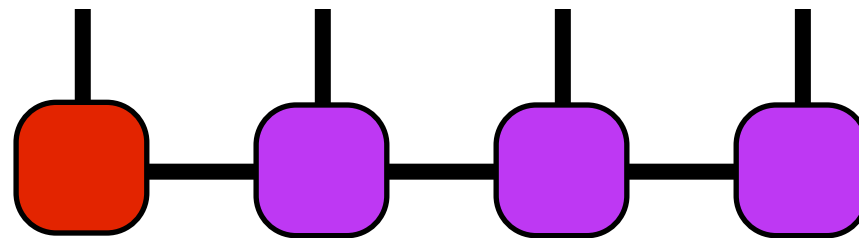
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Interesting applications:

$$|\psi'\rangle = e^{-\tau H} |\psi\rangle$$

If  $\tau$  real (imaginary time evolution), enough steps will give **ground state**

If  $\tau$  imaginary, evolve in real time, study **dynamics** [1]

Evolving through imaginary time  $\beta/2 = 1/(2T)$   
simulates **finite temperature** [2]

[1] White, Feiguin PRL **93**, 076401 (2004)

[2] White PRL **102**, 190601 (2009)



We'll implement time evolution for the Heisenberg chain

`<library folder>/tutorial/05_gates`

1. Read through **`gates.cc`**; compile; and run

2. Apply the gate `G` to the MPS bond tensor `AA`.

The gate `G` can be multiplied times `AA` as if it's an `ITensor`.

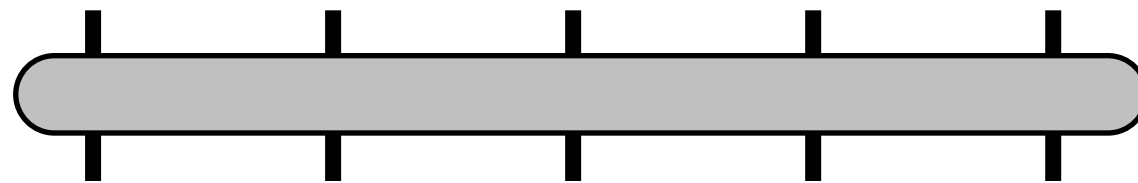
3. Reset the prime level back to zero using `AA's .noprime( )` class method.

3. Try increasing the total time “`ttotal`” to imaginary time evolve toward the ground state.

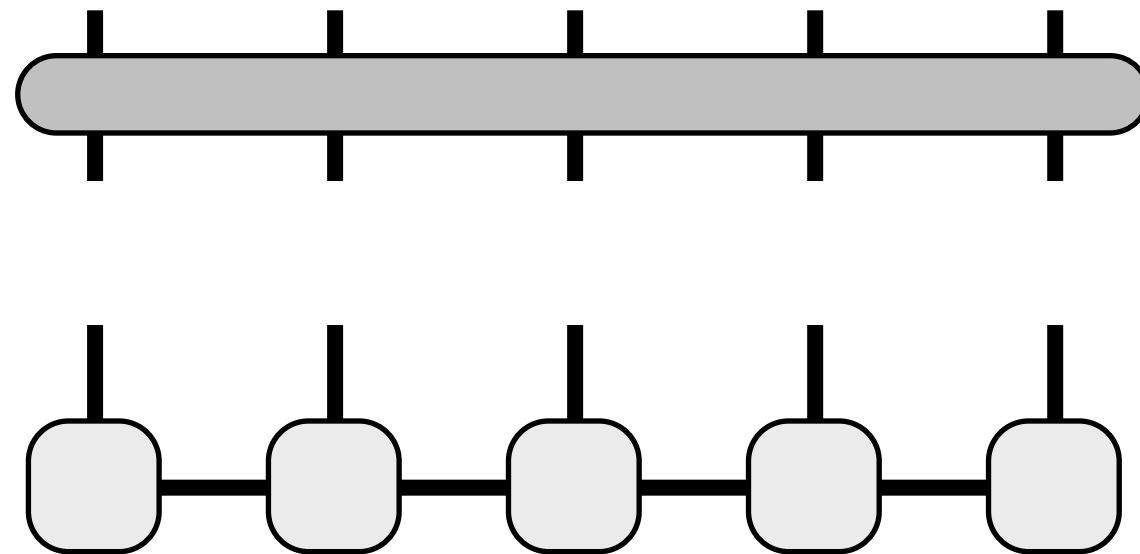
(Exact energy for 20 sites:  $E_0 = -8.6824733317$ )

05 MPO

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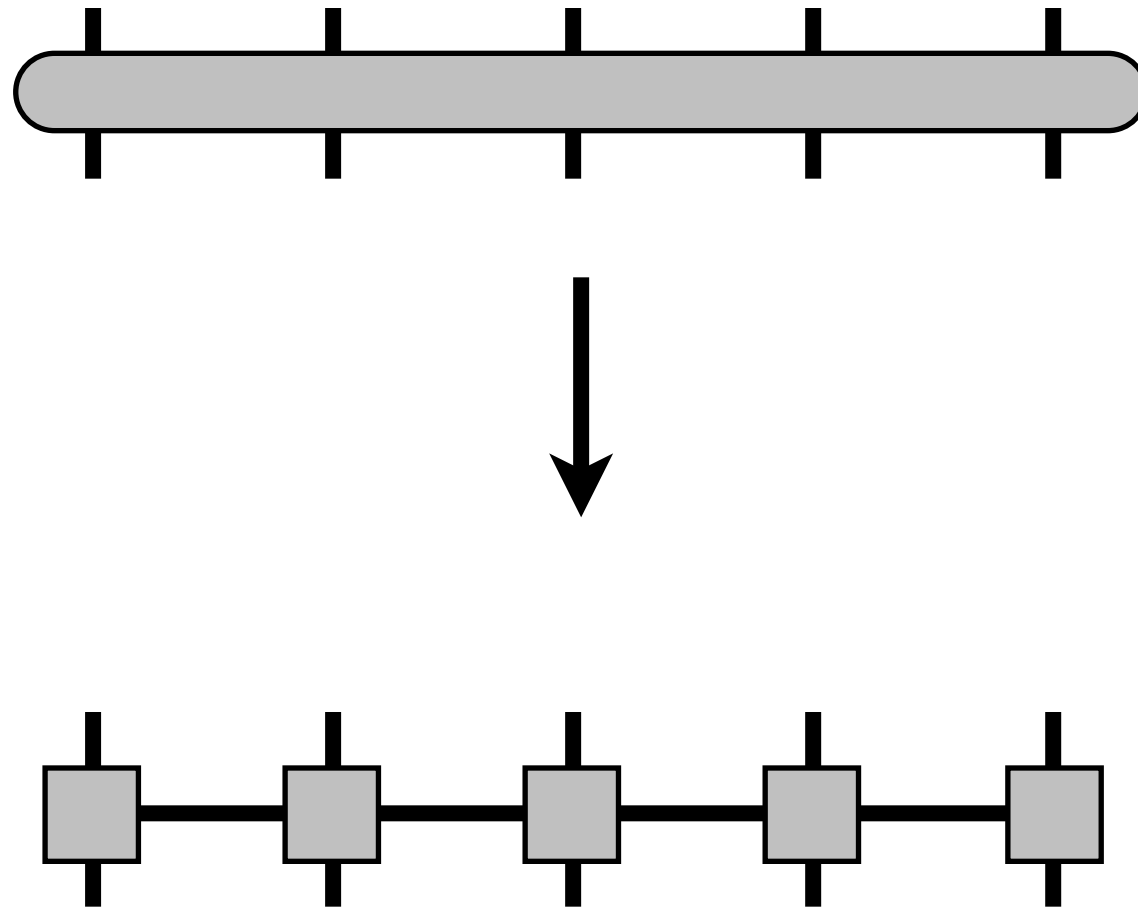
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$$\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle$$

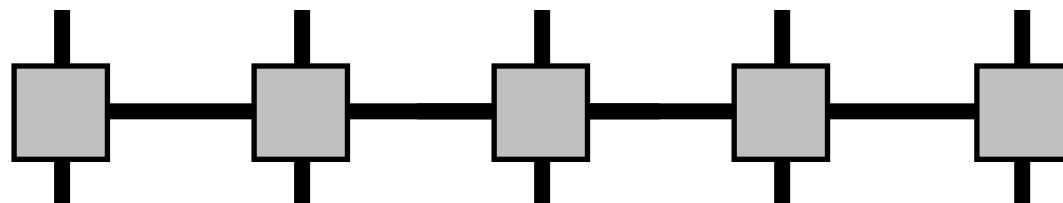
Does a 1d Hamiltonian have a local form/factorization like an MPS?

Want something like

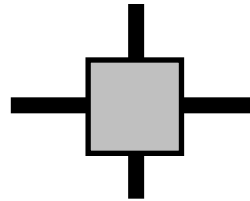


Operator (H) as product of “matrices”  
matrix product operator

Focus on just one tensor

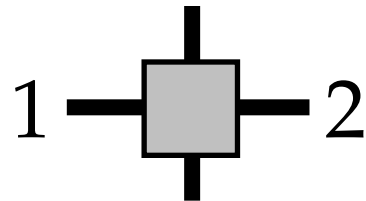


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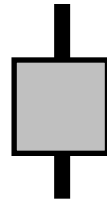
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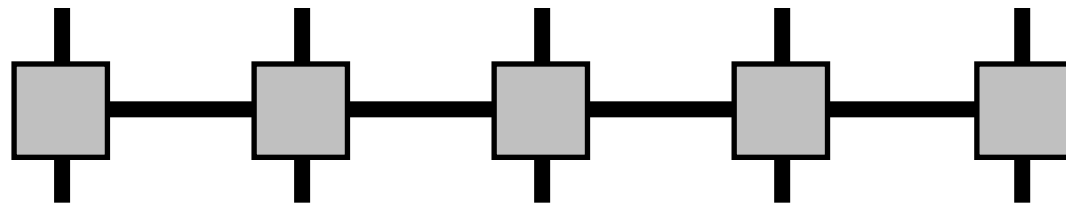
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Hamiltonians can be written

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} & \\ \hat{\sigma}^z & \hat{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} & \\ \hat{\sigma}^z & \hat{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



→ Each tensor a matrix of site operators!

Multiply out

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} & \\ \hat{\sigma}^z & \hat{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} & \\ \hat{\sigma}^z & \hat{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\sigma}^z & \hat{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} \\ \hat{\sigma}^z \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_1^z \otimes \hat{I}_2 + \hat{I}_1 \otimes \hat{\sigma}_2^z$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} & \\ \hat{\sigma}^z & \hat{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} & \\ \hat{\sigma}^z & \hat{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This Hamiltonian is

$$H = \sum_i \hat{\sigma}_i^z$$

## More complicated example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}^T \quad 3 \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} & & \\ \hat{\sigma}^z & 0 & \\ -h\hat{\sigma}^x & \hat{\sigma}^z & \hat{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{I} & & \\ \hat{\sigma}^z & 0 & \\ -h\hat{\sigma}^x & \hat{\sigma}^z & \hat{I} \end{bmatrix} 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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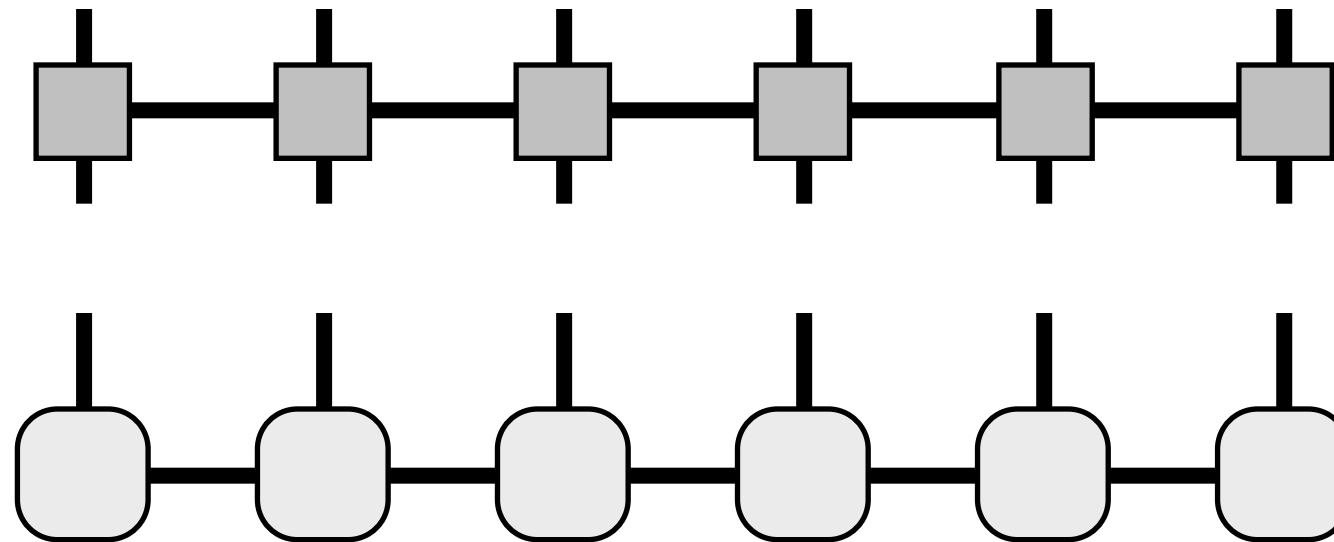
$$\hat{H} = \sum_j \hat{\sigma}_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z - h\hat{\sigma}_j^x$$

**05 DMRG**

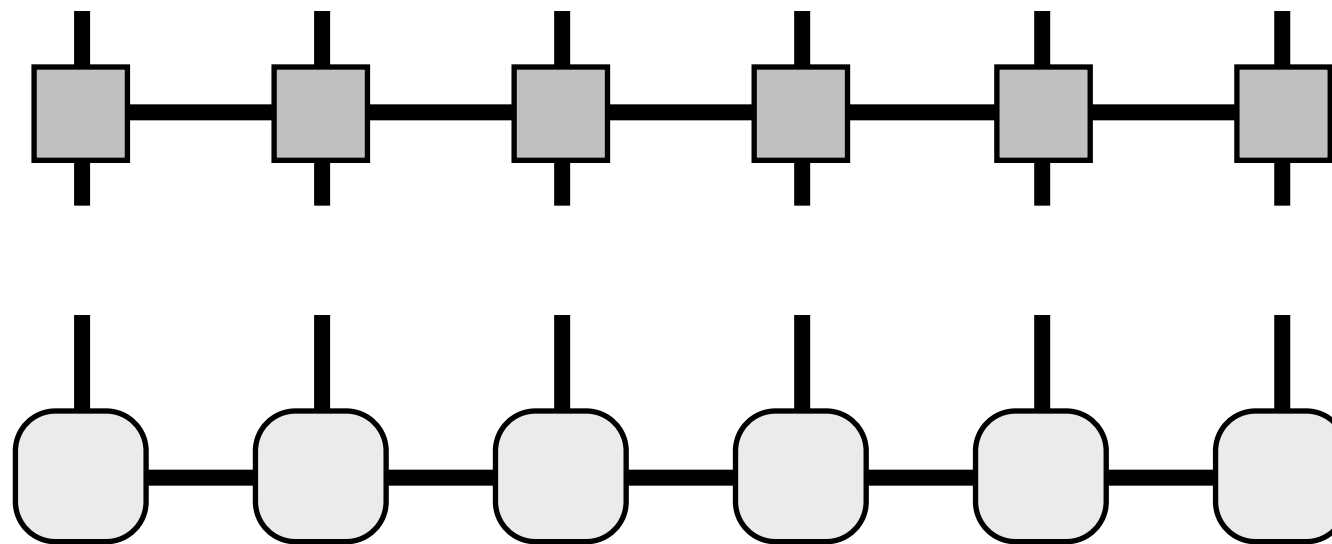
DMRG is the best method for finding ground states of 1d Hamiltonians

Want to solve  $H|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$

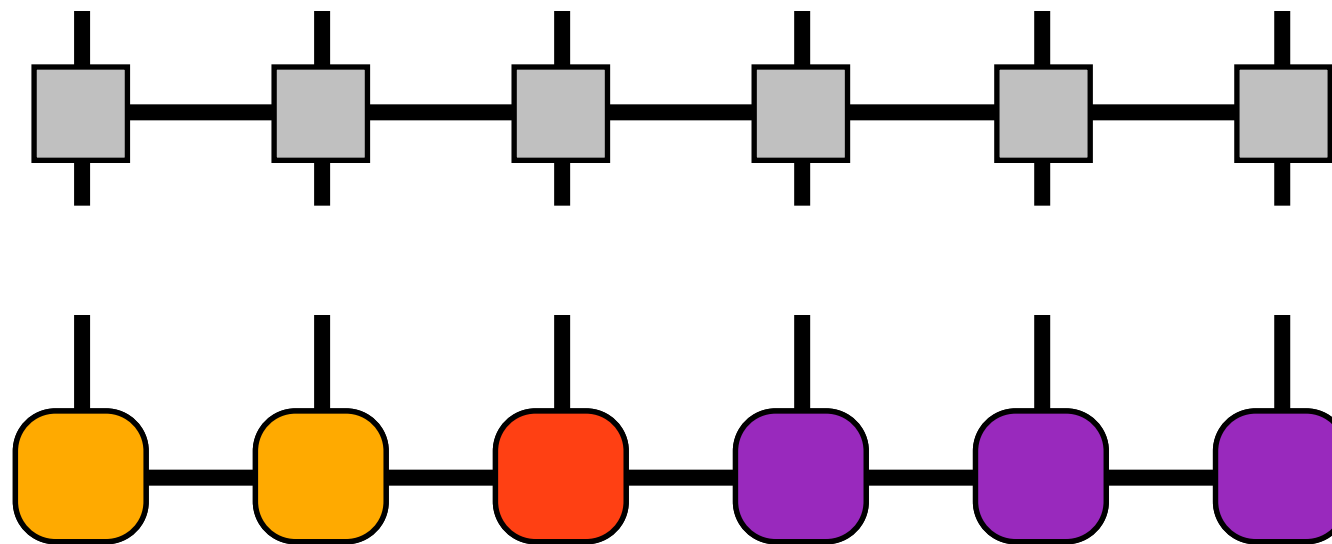
Think of H as MPO



Important: MPS should be in definite gauge  
i.e. most tensors unitary

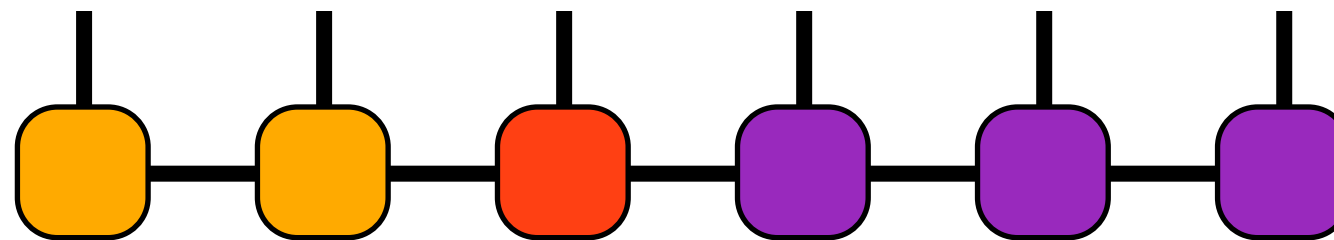


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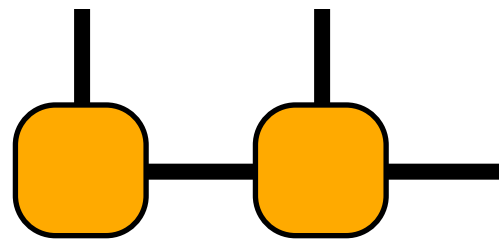




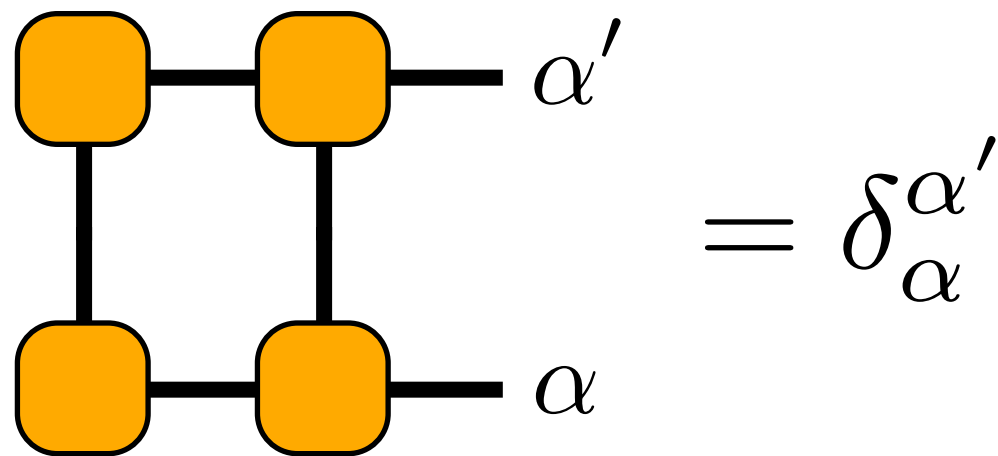
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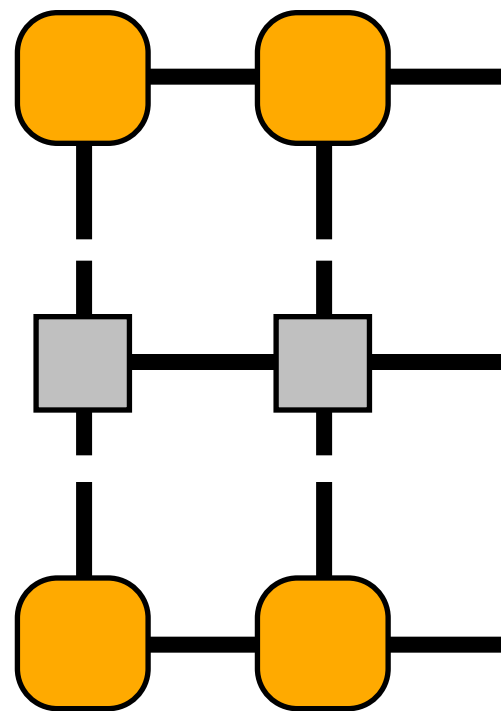
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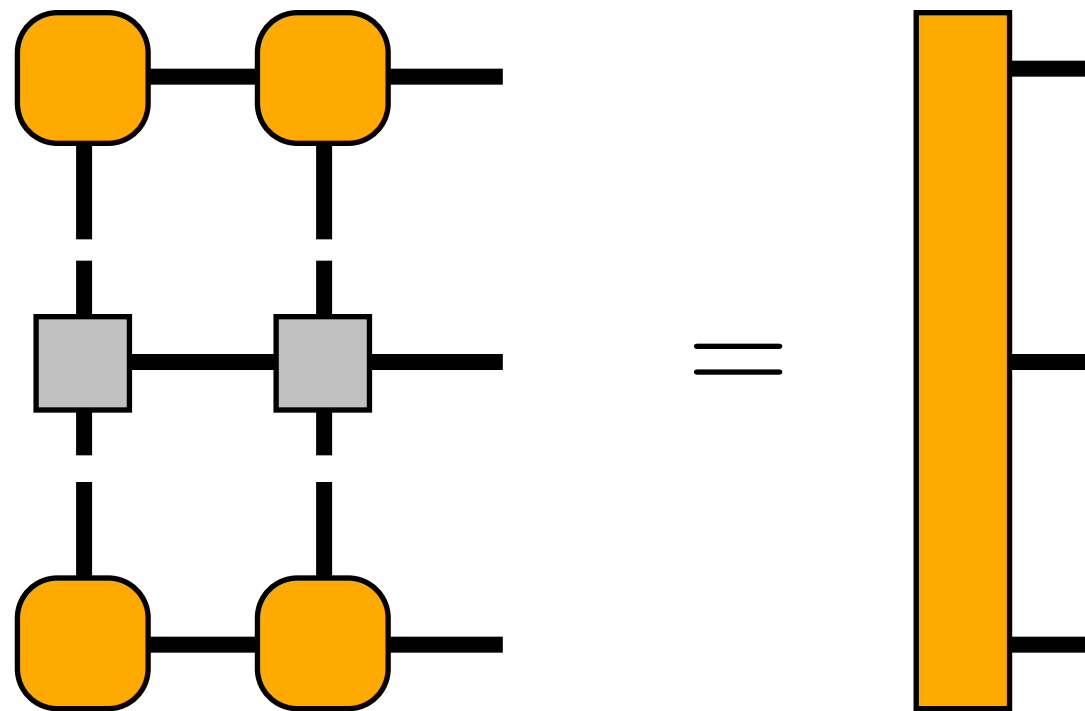
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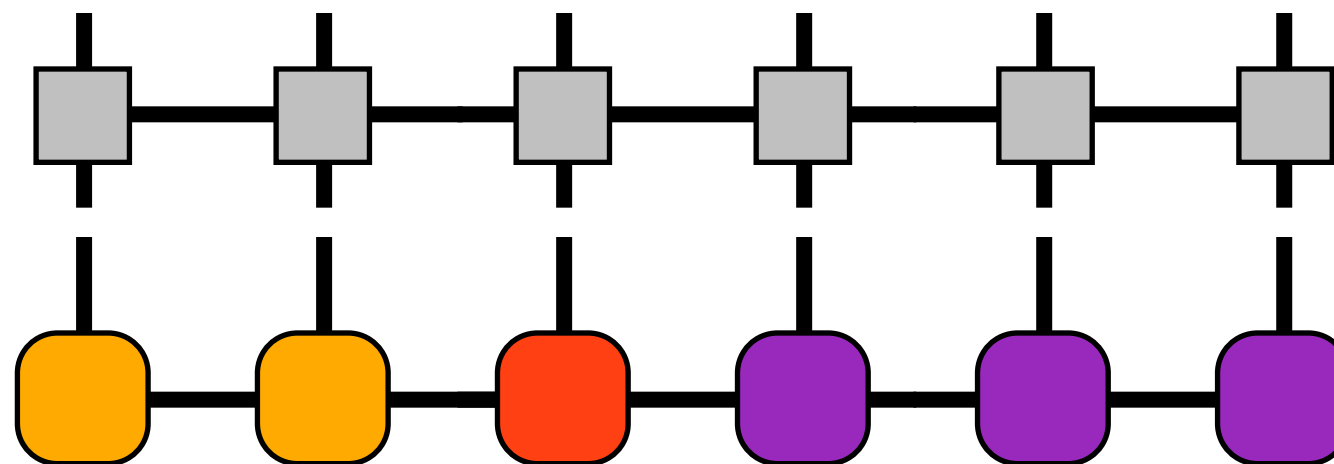
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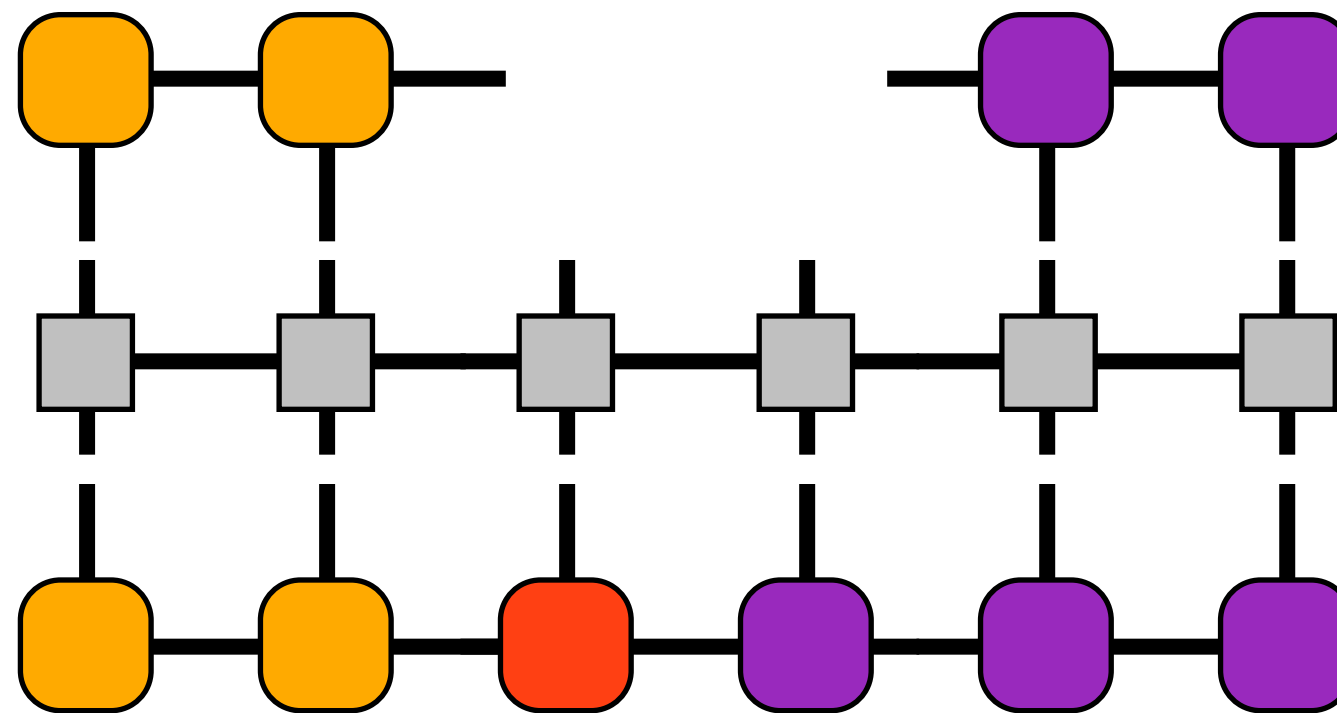
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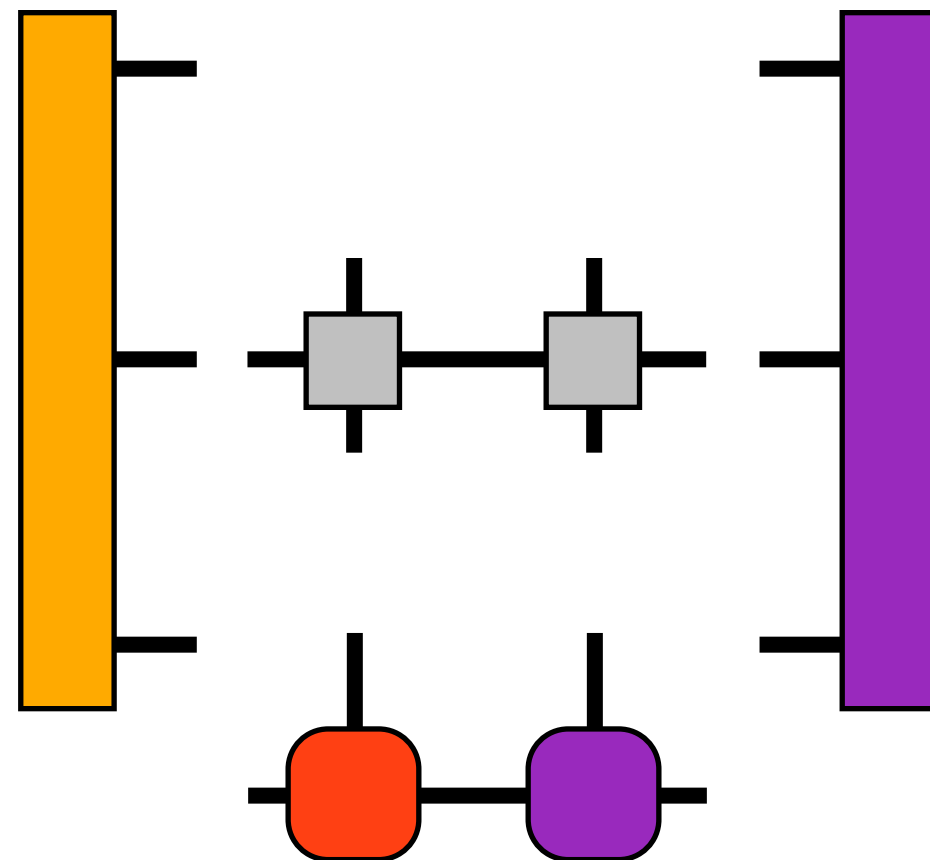
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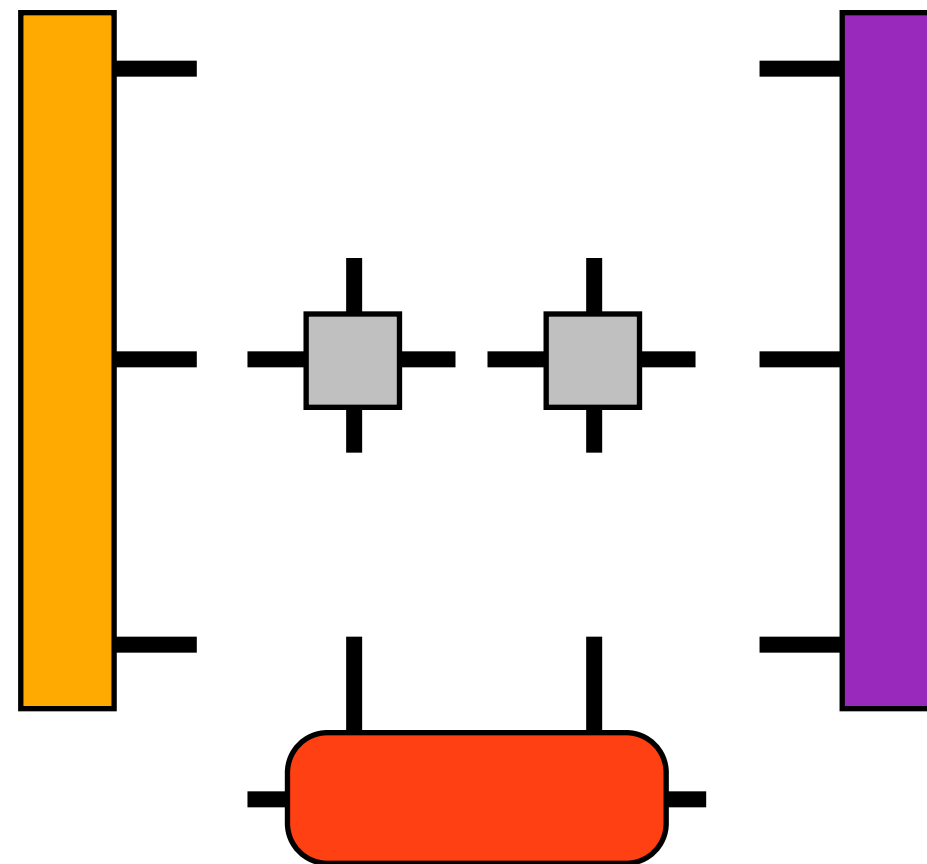


$$\tilde{H}|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle = \tilde{E}|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle$$



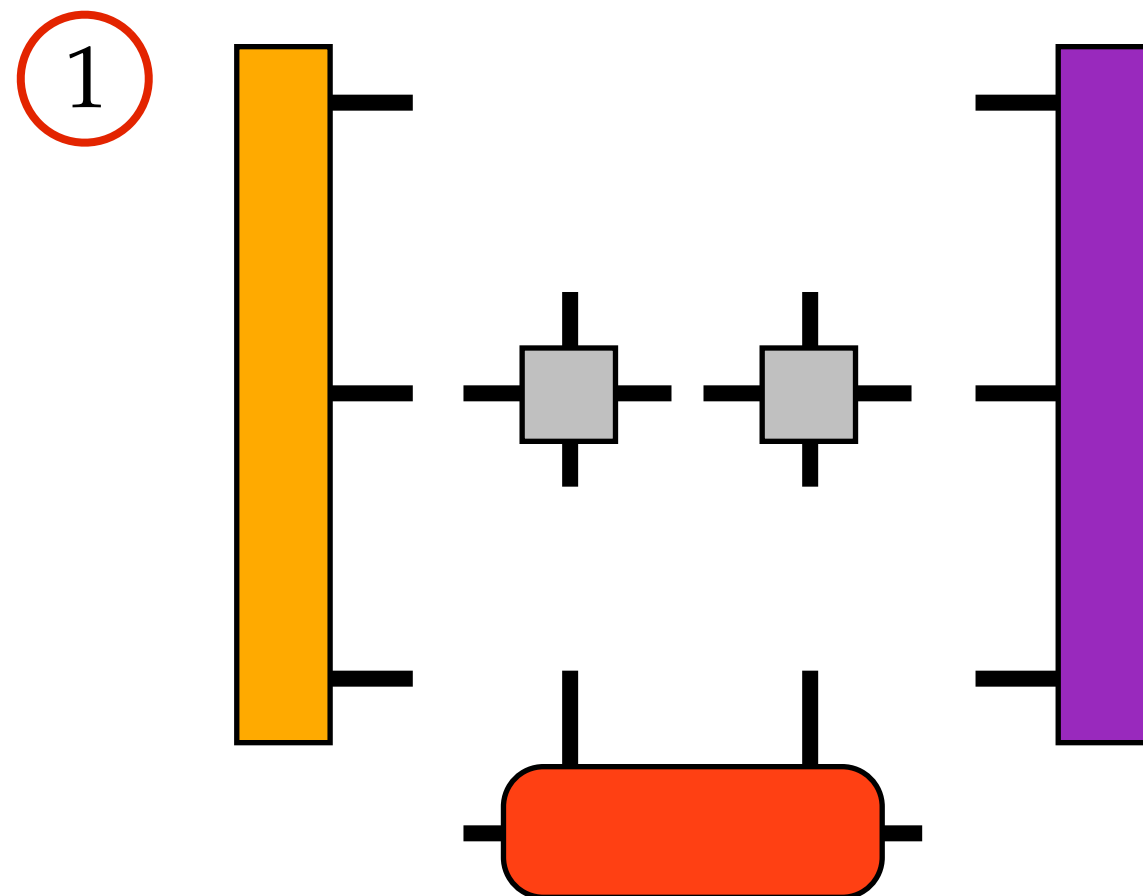
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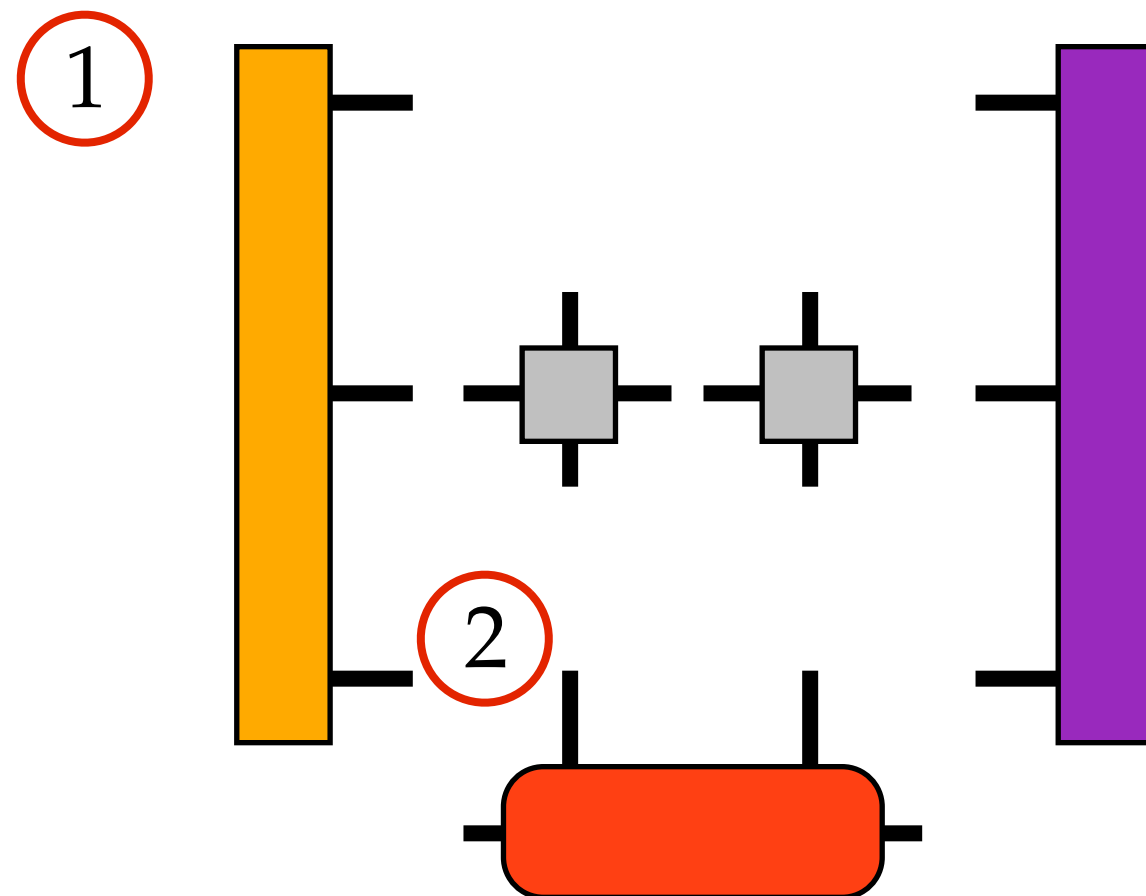
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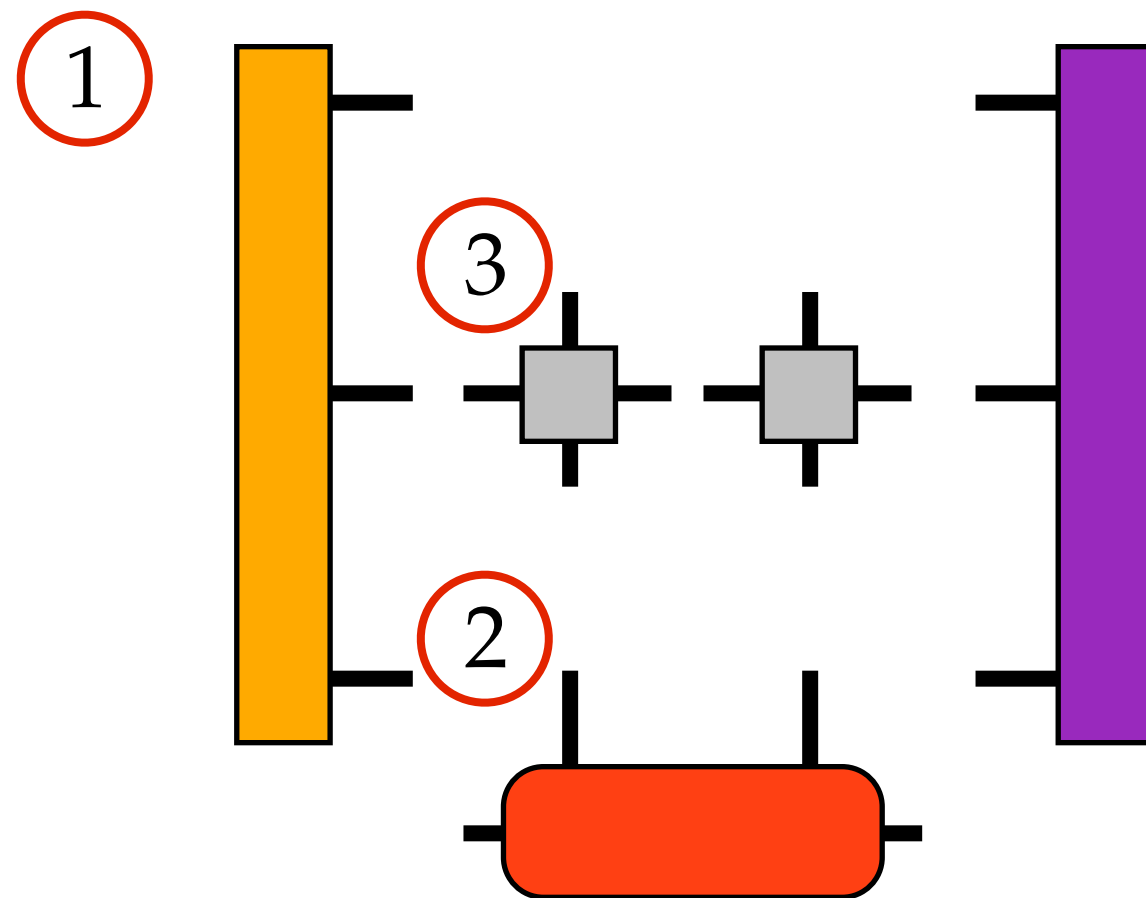


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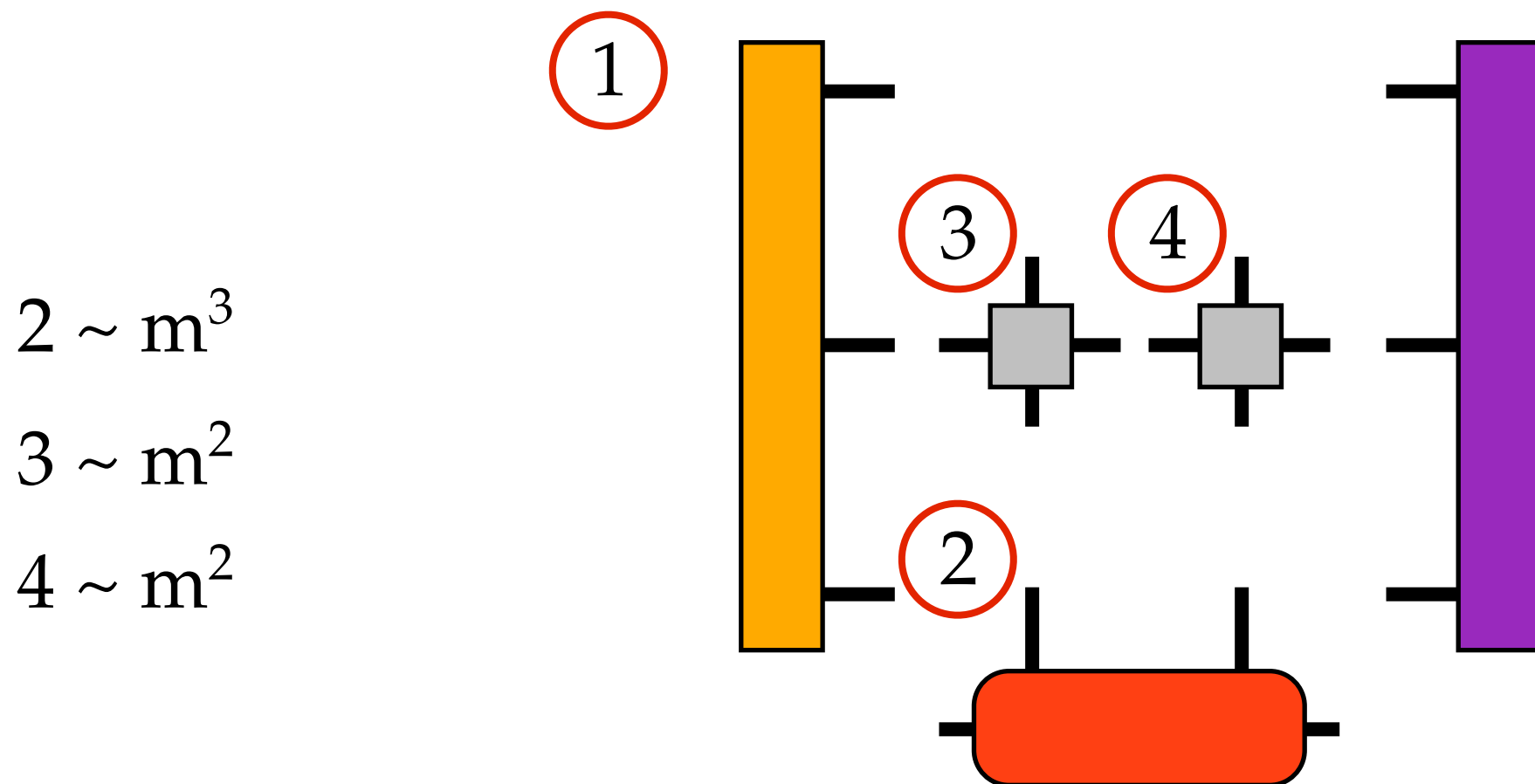
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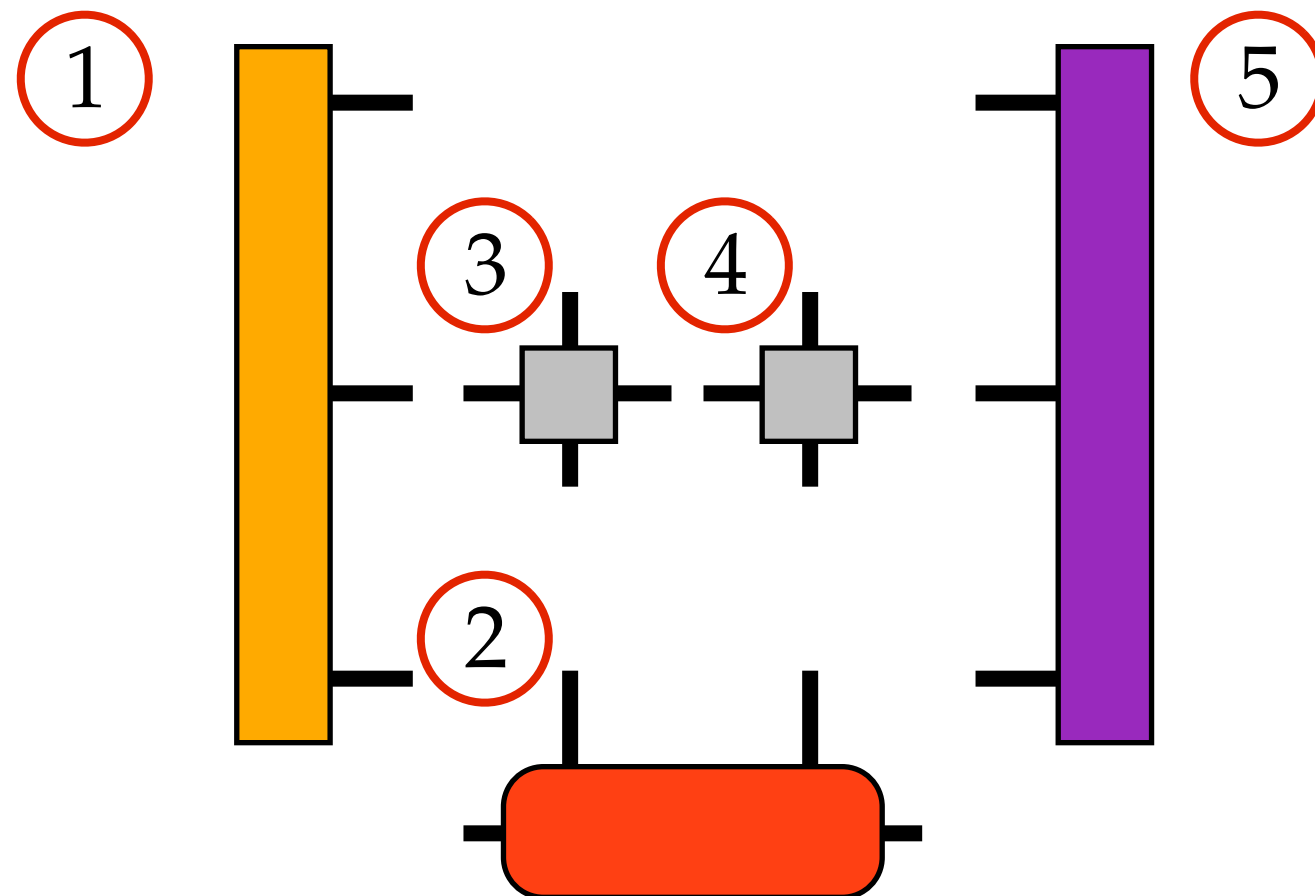
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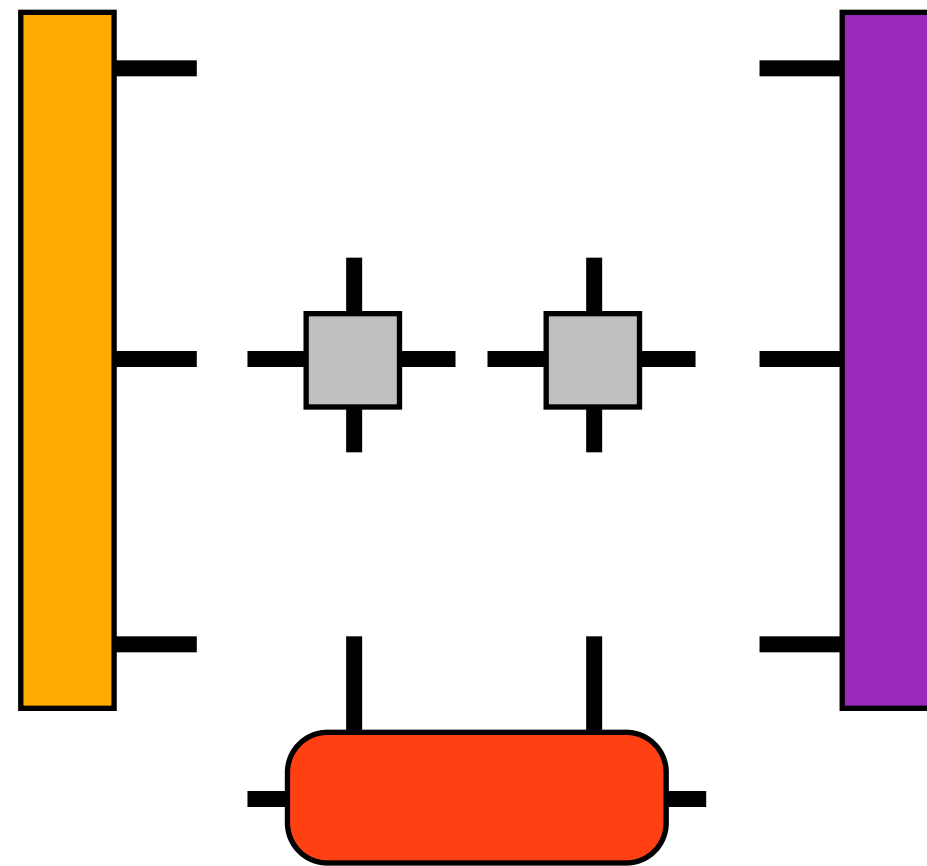
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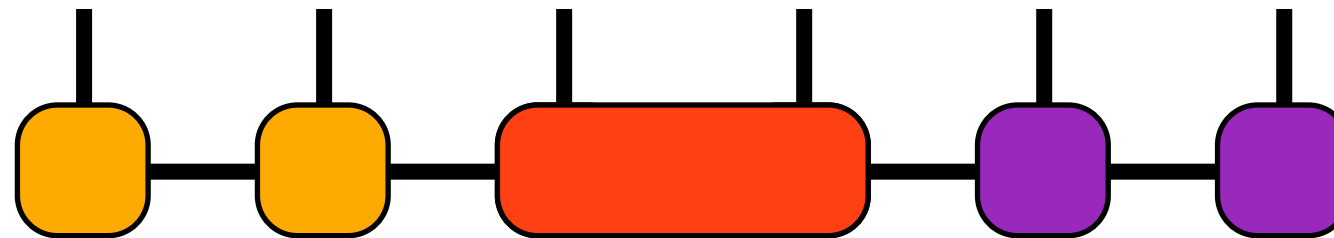


Use Lanczos/Davidson to solve  
(sparse matrix eigensolver)



Now, with improved wavefunction,  
shift orthogonality center  
(using SVD)

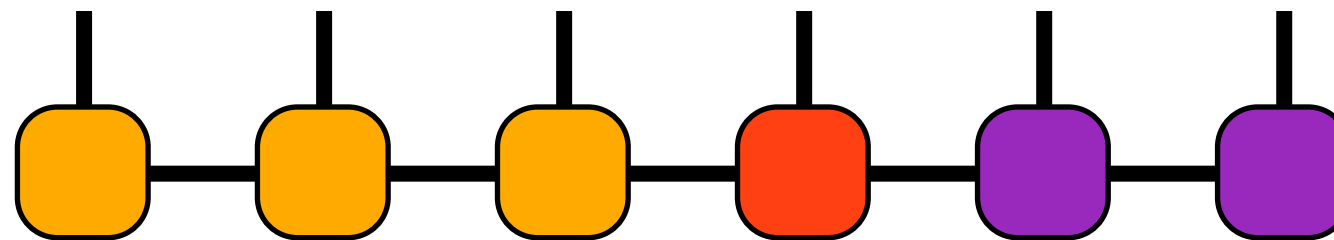
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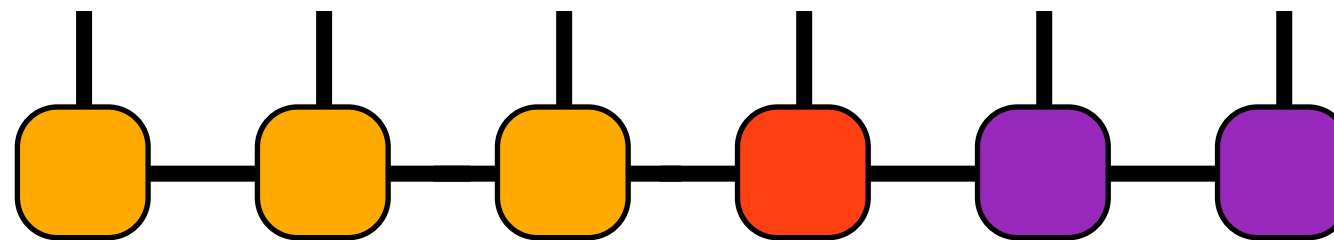


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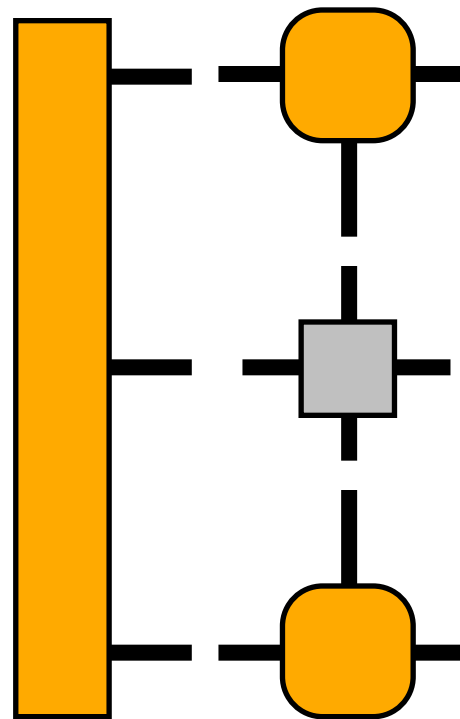
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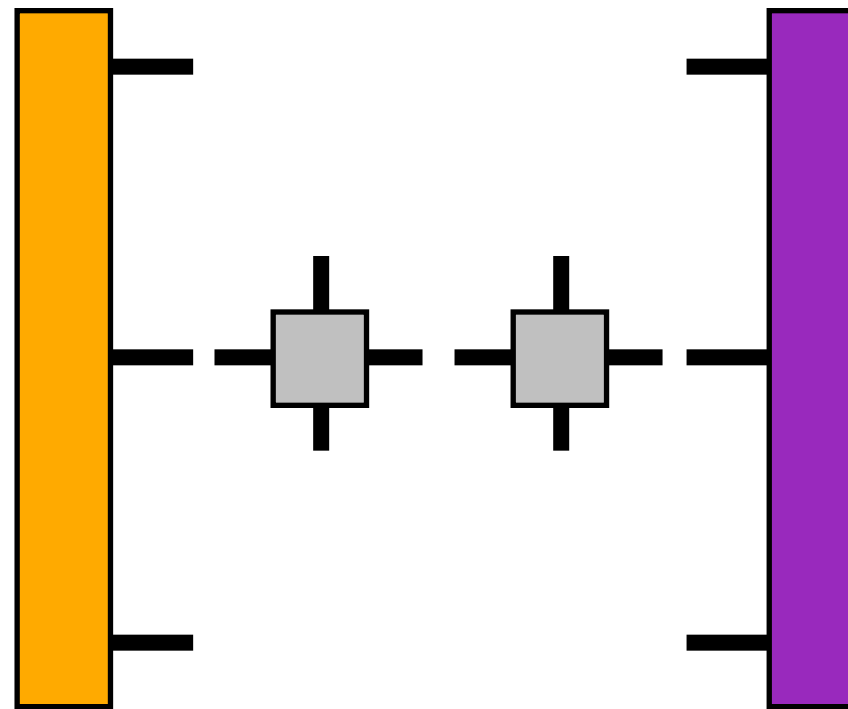


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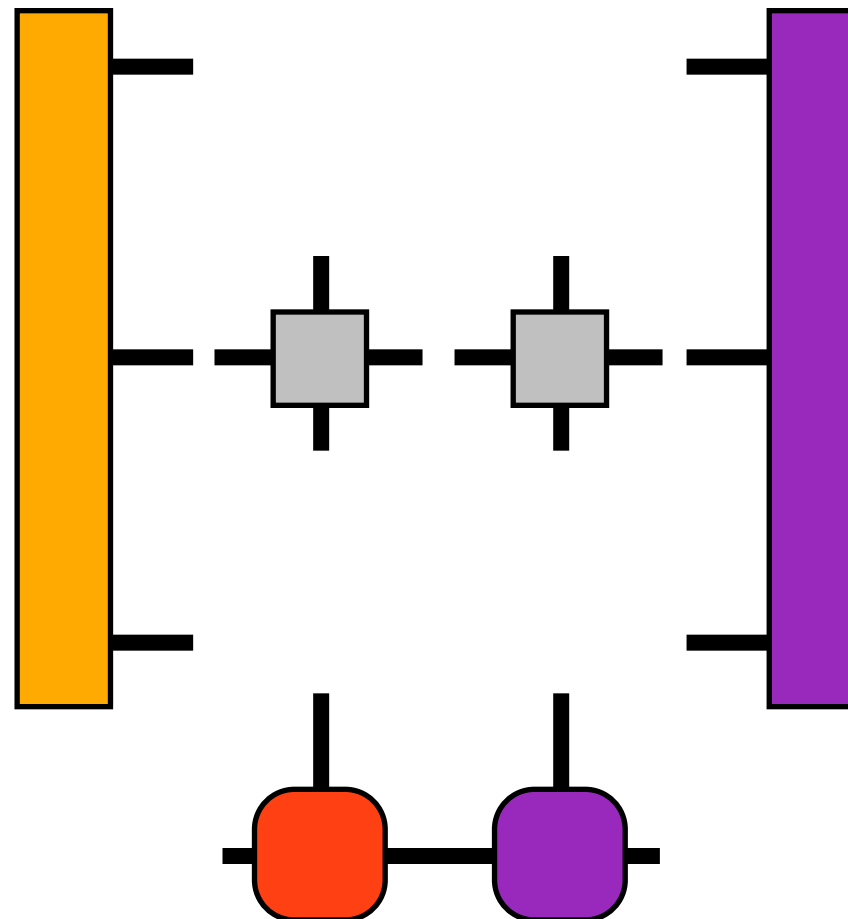


Grow projected Hamiltonian

Recover older projected Hamiltonian  
saved in memory

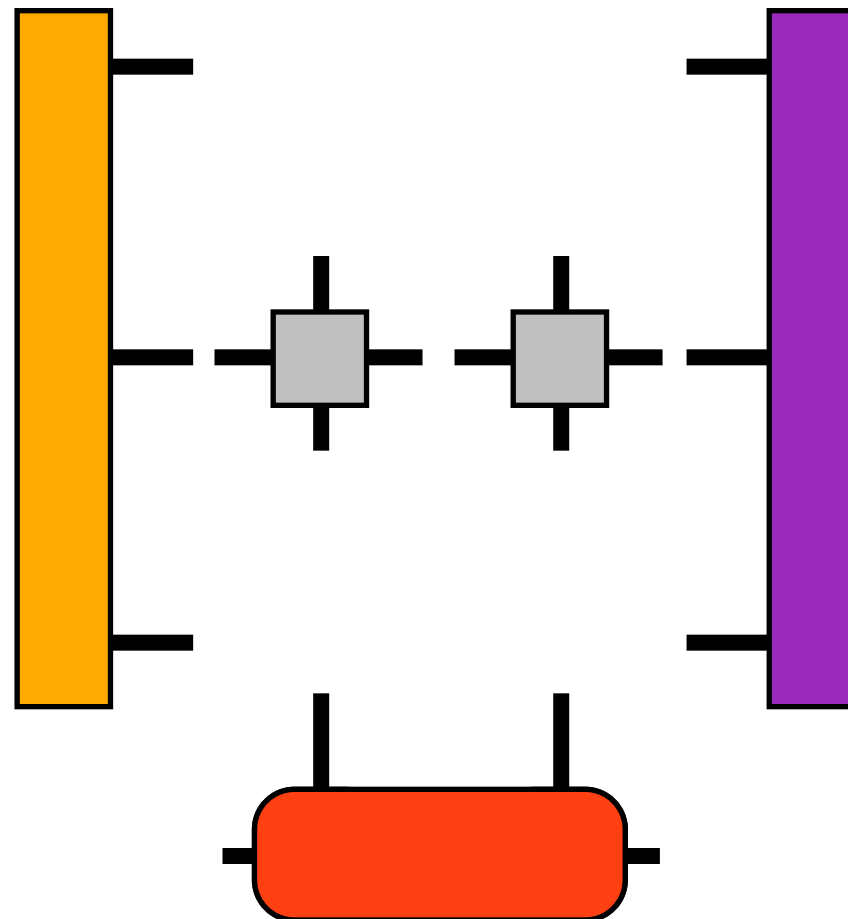


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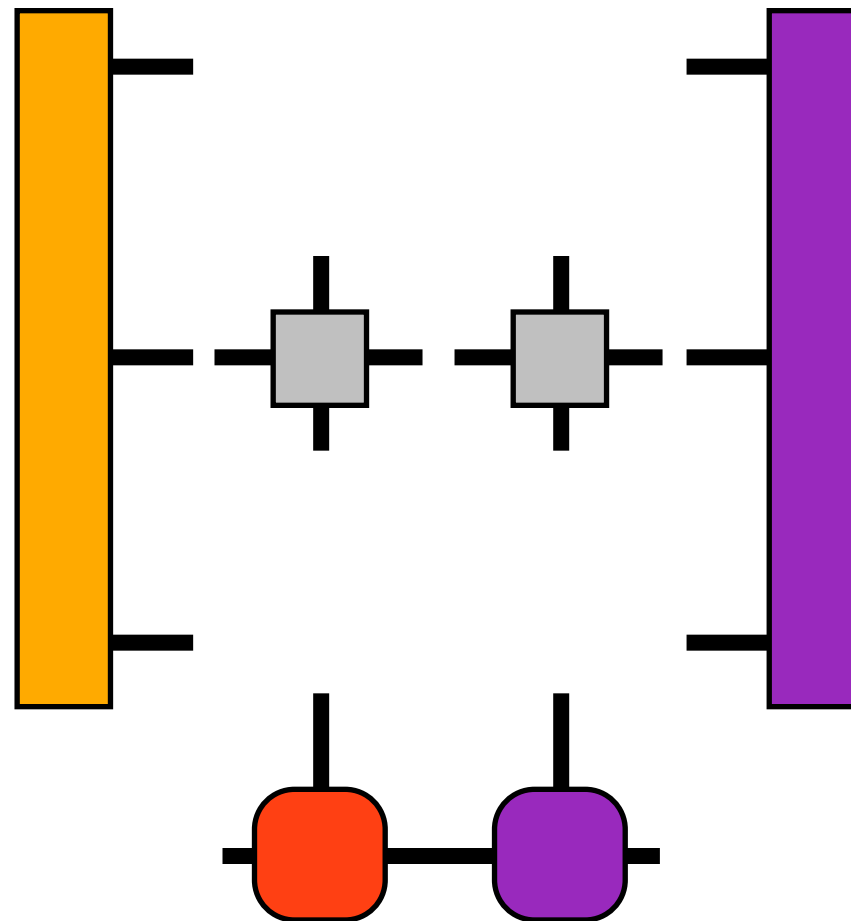
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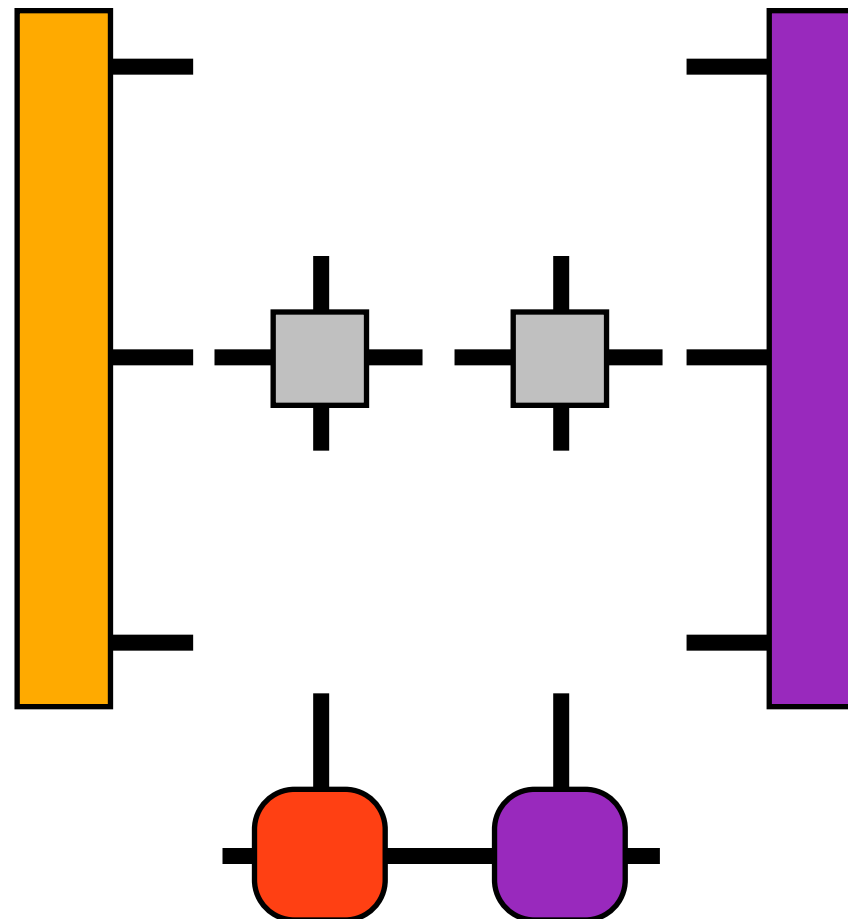


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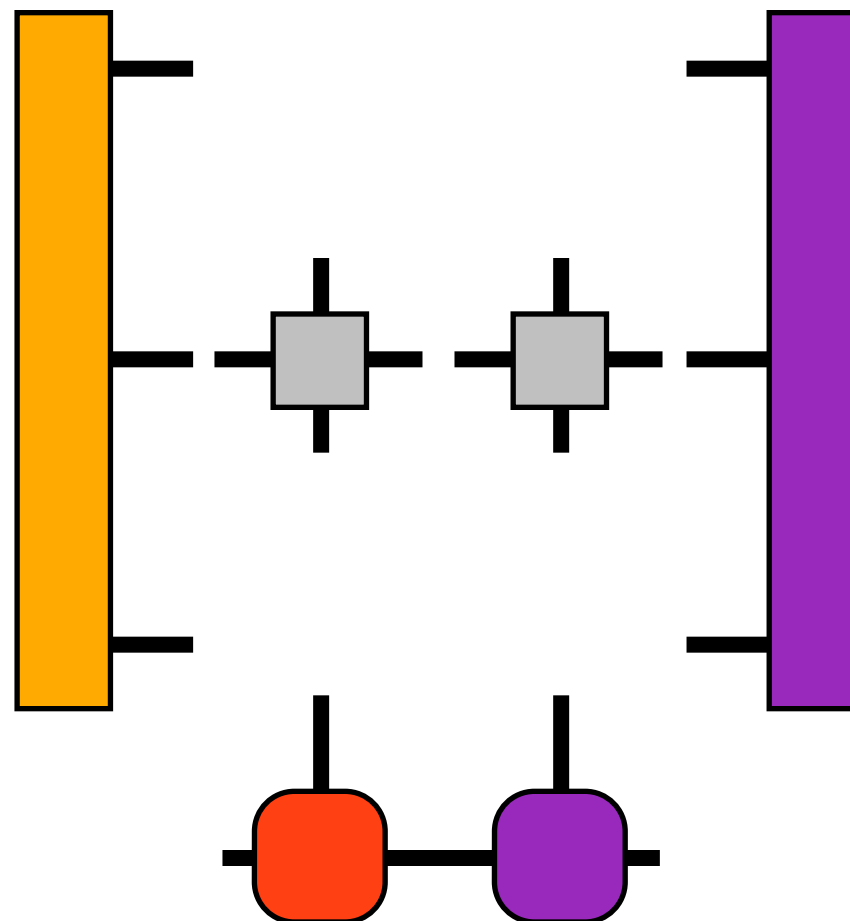
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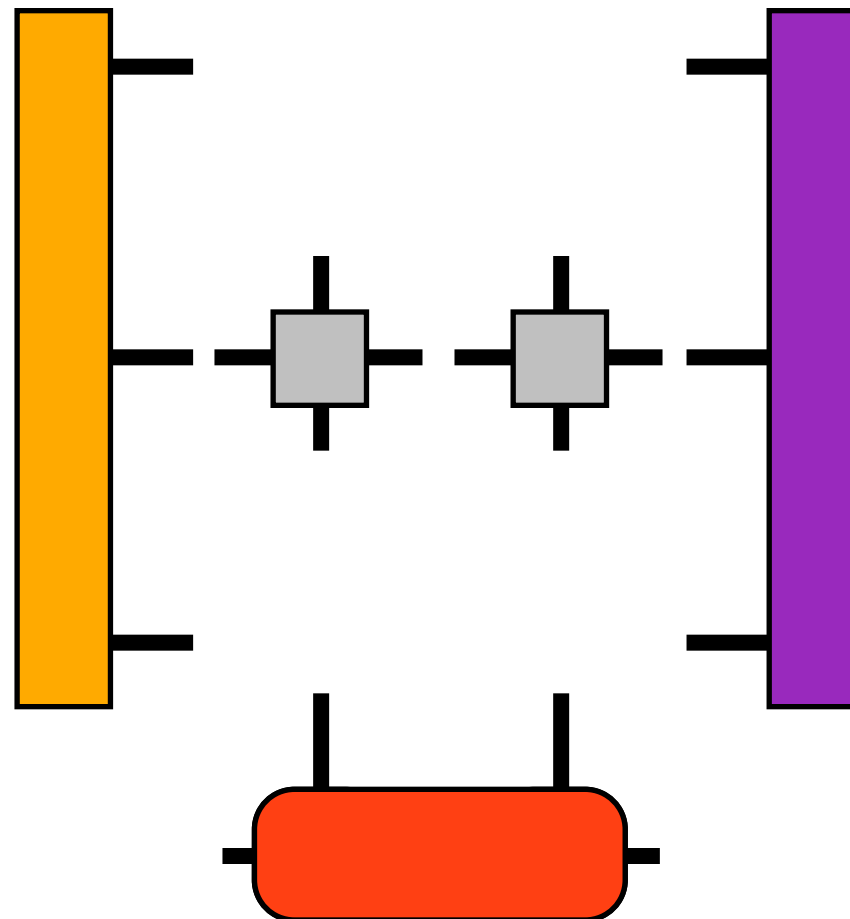
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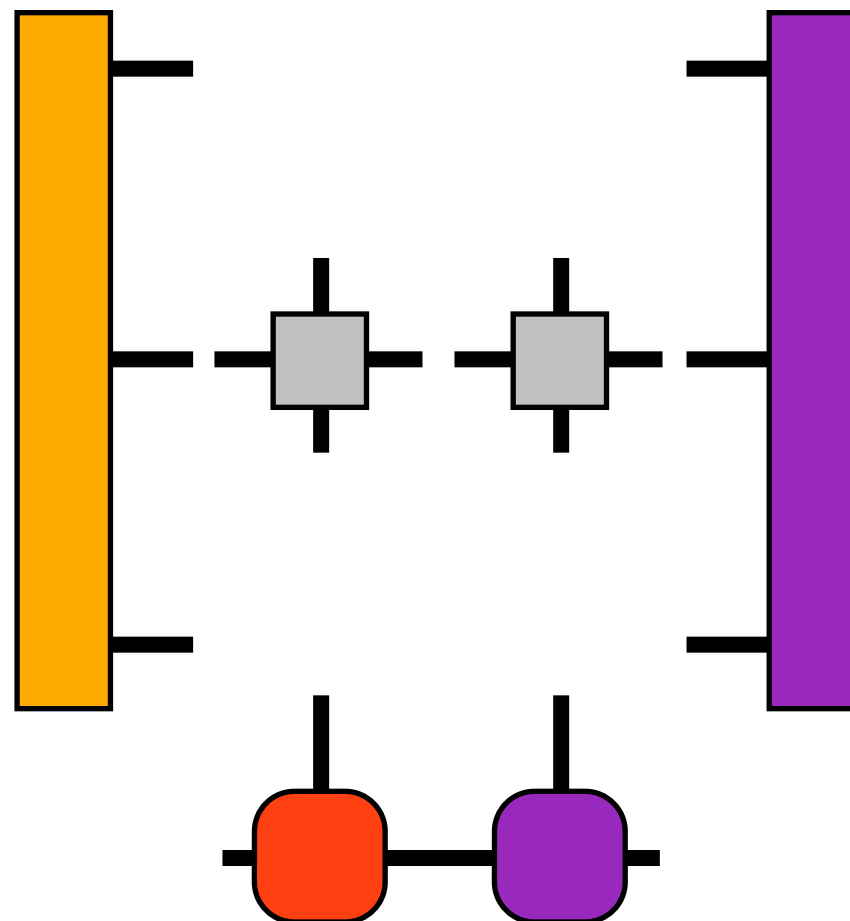
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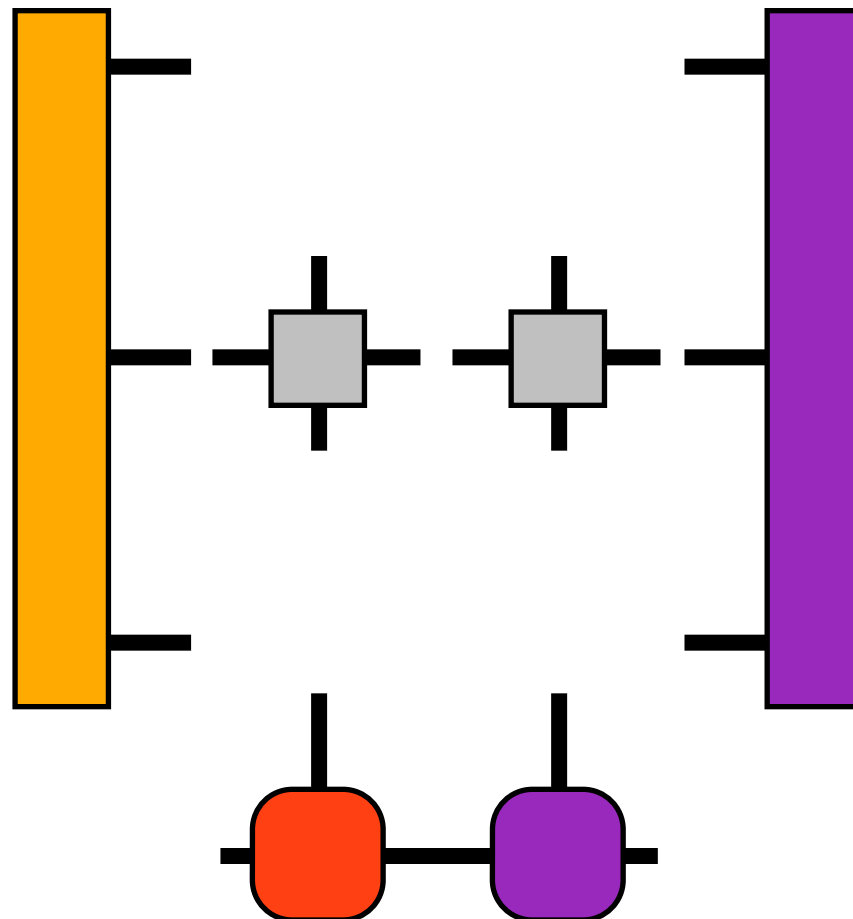
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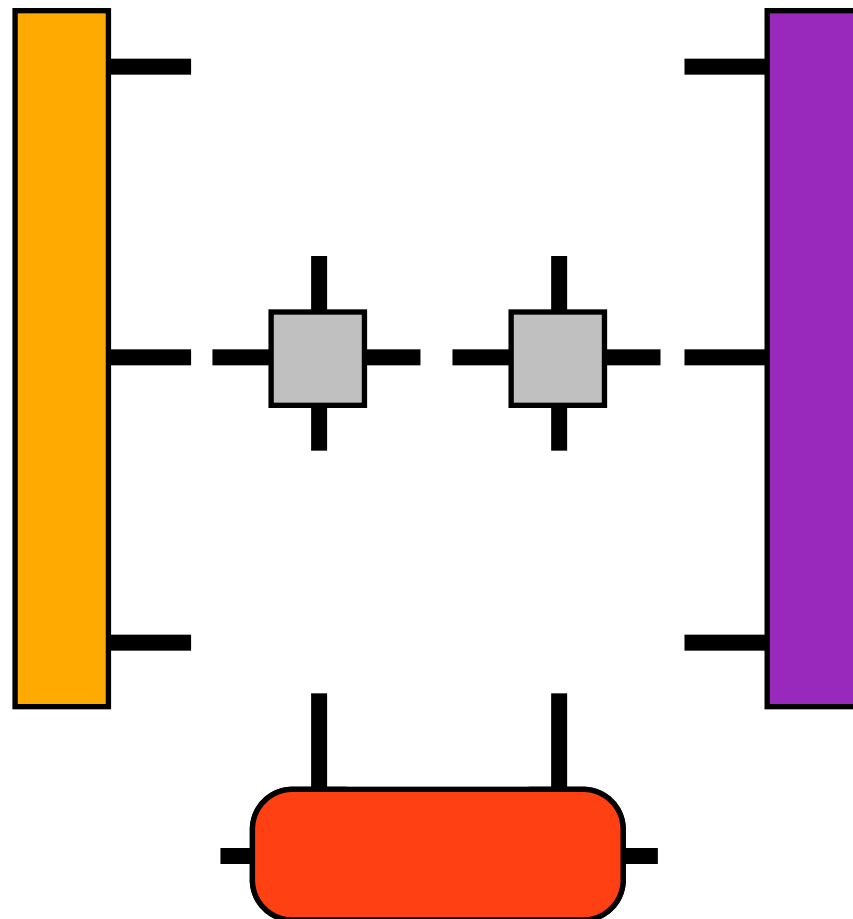
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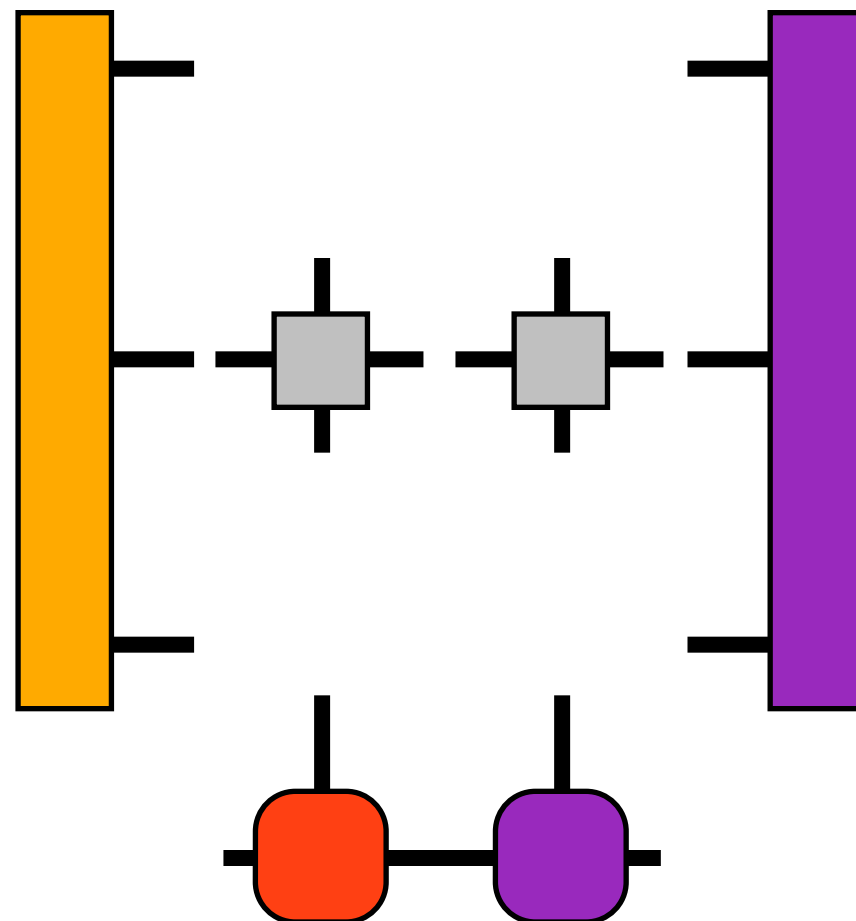
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We'll implement a key missing step of the DMRG algorithm

<library folder>/tutorial/06\_DMRG

1. Read through **dmrg.cc**; compile; and run

2. SVD the two-site tensor  $\phi$  into factors A, D, B

The last argument to `svd` should be “opts” to pass through parameters controlling truncation:

```
svd(phi, ... , opts);
```

3. Multiply the singular-value tensor D back into A or B as appropriate to shift orthogonality center of MPS.

4. Add code to print out the energy at each step (or even to measure other local operators).