

Infinite PEPS (iPEPS): corner transfer matrix (CTM)

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In this tutorial, we implement the symmetric variant of the corner transfer matrix renormalization group (CTMRG) for the infinite PEPS on a square lattice, with a 1 x 1 unit cell.

PEPS representation of the classical Ising model

Here we consider the classical Ising model on a square lattice in the thermodynamic limit. We can construct an iPEPS (which is a *quantum* state) that can describe the *classical* partition function, following the recipe given in Eqs. (32)–(35) and Fig. 27 of Orus2014 [[R. Orús, Ann. Phys. 349, 117 \(2014\)](#)].

The iPEPS represents an unnormalized state $|\psi(\beta)\rangle = e^{-\beta\hat{H}/2} \otimes_i (|\uparrow\rangle_i + |\downarrow\rangle_i)$, where a product state is evolved in imaginary time via the Hamiltonian $\hat{H} = -\sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \hat{\sigma}_{z,i} \hat{\sigma}_{z,j}$. Here i and j are the lattice site coordinates. Note that here we use a different normalization of $|\psi(\beta)\rangle$, compared to Eq. (32) of Orus2014. Then the squared norm of the state, $\langle\psi(\beta)|\psi(\beta)\rangle$, equals to the partition function of the classical Ising model.

We can construct a rank-5 tensor for the 1 x 1 unit cell of the PEPS, as explained in Fig. 27 of Orus2014.

```
clear
beta = 0.4; % inverse temperature

% rank-3 tensor in the second line of Fig. 27 of Orus2014
M1 = zeros(2,2,2); % leg order: down-up-right (or left)
M1(:,:,1) = sqrt(cosh(beta/2))*eye(2);
M1(:,:,2) = sqrt(sinh(beta/2))*diag([1;-1]);
M1 = permute(M1,[1 3 2]);

% contract four rank-3 tensors
M = M1;
for itl = (1:3)
    M = contract(M,2+itl,2+itl,M1,3,1);
end
% project the last leg onto |up>+|down>
M = contract(M,6,6,[1;1],2,1);
% permute so that the legs are left-up-physical-down-right
M = permute(M,[2 3 1 4 5]);
```

By construction, the tensor M is symmetric under exchanging bond legs.

By using the symmetric CTMRG, we can compute the squared norm of the iPEPS per site, $\langle\psi(\beta)|\psi(\beta)\rangle^{1/N}$, which leads to the free energy per site, $F = -\beta^{-1} \ln(\langle\psi(\beta)|\psi(\beta)\rangle^{1/N})$. Below we will compare the CTMRG result of F with the exact one,

$$-\beta F = \frac{\ln 2}{2} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi dx \ln [\cosh^2 2\beta + \sinh 2\beta \sqrt{\sinh^2 2\beta + \sinh^{-2} 2\beta - 2 \cos 2x}],$$

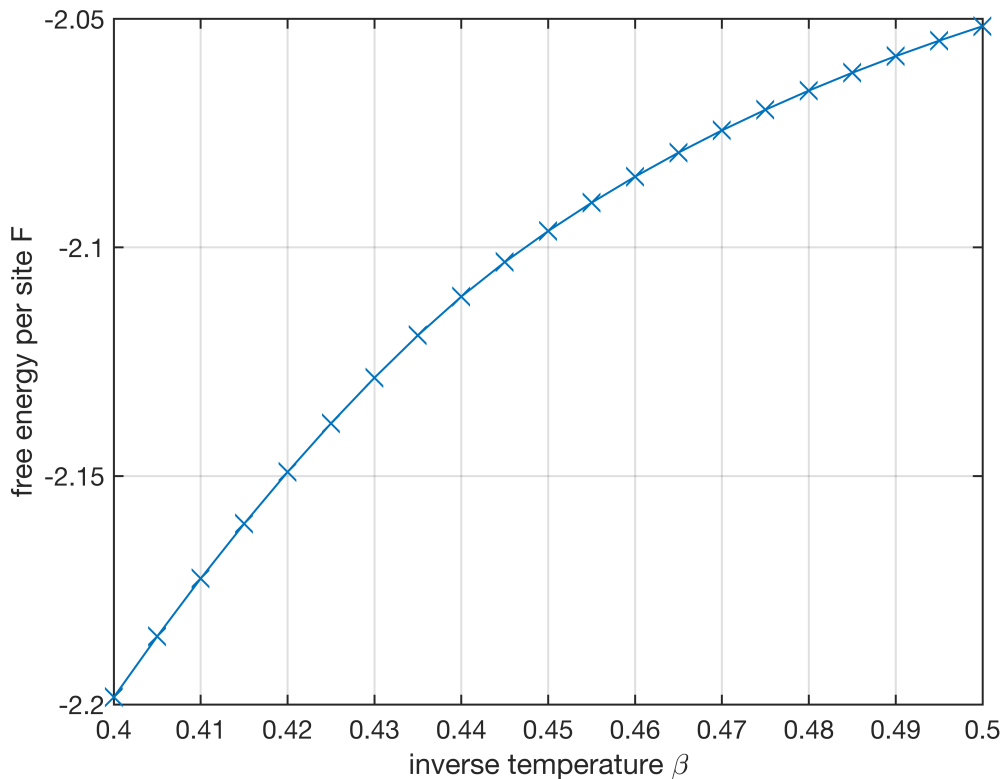
where the integration can be performed numerically. Here the equation is taken from the [Wikipedia page on Onsager's solution of the square-lattice Ising model](#).

For a range of inverse temperature, we compute and plot the exact results of the free energy per site.

```
betas = (0.4:5e-3:0.5).';
Fexact = zeros(numel(betas),1);

for itb = (1:numel(betas))
    Fexact(itb) = -(log(2)/2 + (1/2/pi)*integral(@(x) ...
        log(cosh(2*betas(itb))^2 + sinh(2*betas(itb))* ...
        sqrt(sinh(2*betas(itb))^2 + sinh(2*betas(itb))^(2) ...
        - 2*cos(2*x))), 0,pi))/betas(itb);
end

figure;
plot(betas,Fexact,'LineWidth',1,'Marker','x','MarkerSize',12);
set(gca,'LineWidth',1,'FontSize',13);
grid on;
xlabel('inverse temperature \beta');
ylabel('free energy per site F');
```



Exercise (a): Complete the function for the symmetric CTMRG

There is a function `symCTMRG_Ex.m`, which is in the same sub-directory with this script. It is supposed to perform the symmetric CTMRG calculation on an iPEPS on a square lattice, which is defined by using a 1×1 unit cell. Due to the inversion symmetries, there are only one independent corner tensor and one independent transfer tensor. Complete the parts enclosed by the comments `TODO (start)` and `TODO (end)`.

Now we perform the CTMRG calculations.

```
Nkeep = 20;
Fctm = zeros(numel(betas),1);
Cvs = cell(numel(betas),1); % information on the corner tensors

for itb = (1:numel(betas))
    M1 = zeros(2,2,2);
    M1(:,:,1) = sqrt(cosh(betas(itb)/2))*eye(2);
    M1(:,:,2) = sqrt(sinh(betas(itb)/2))*diag([1;-1]);
    M1 = permute(M1,[1 3 2]);

    % contract four rank-3 tensors
    M = M1;
    for itl = (1:3)
        M = contract(M,2+itl,2+itl,M1,3,1);
    end
    % project the last leg onto |up>+|down>
    M = contract(M,6,6,[1;1],2,1);
    % permute so that the legs are left-up-physical-down-right
    M = permute(M,[2 3 1 4 5]);

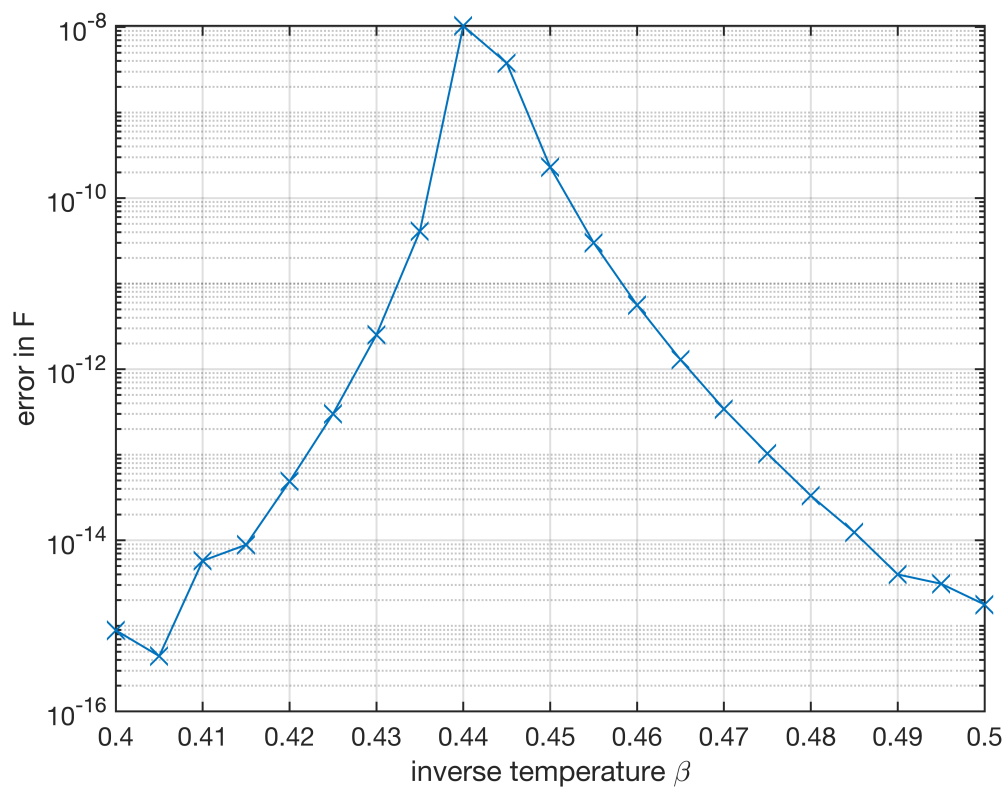
    [~, ~, sqnorm, Cvs{itb}] = symCTMRG_Ex (M,Nkeep);
    Fctm(itb) = -log(sqnorm)/betas(itb);
end
```

```
22-11-16 00:55:17 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
22-11-16 00:55:17 | Converged after #97
Elapsed time: 0.1312s, CPU time: 1.36s, Avg # of cores: 10.36
22-11-16 00:55:17 | Memory usage : 4.17GiB
22-11-16 00:55:17 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
22-11-16 00:55:17 | Converged after #109
Elapsed time: 0.1282s, CPU time: 1.5s, Avg # of cores: 11.7
22-11-16 00:55:17 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
22-11-16 00:55:17 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
22-11-16 00:55:18 | Converged after #126
Elapsed time: 0.1496s, CPU time: 1.76s, Avg # of cores: 11.77
22-11-16 00:55:18 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
22-11-16 00:55:18 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
22-11-16 00:55:18 | Converged after #149
Elapsed time: 0.1766s, CPU time: 2.1s, Avg # of cores: 11.89
22-11-16 00:55:18 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
22-11-16 00:55:18 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
22-11-16 00:55:18 | Converged after #182
Elapsed time: 0.2282s, CPU time: 2.81s, Avg # of cores: 12.31
22-11-16 00:55:18 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
22-11-16 00:55:18 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
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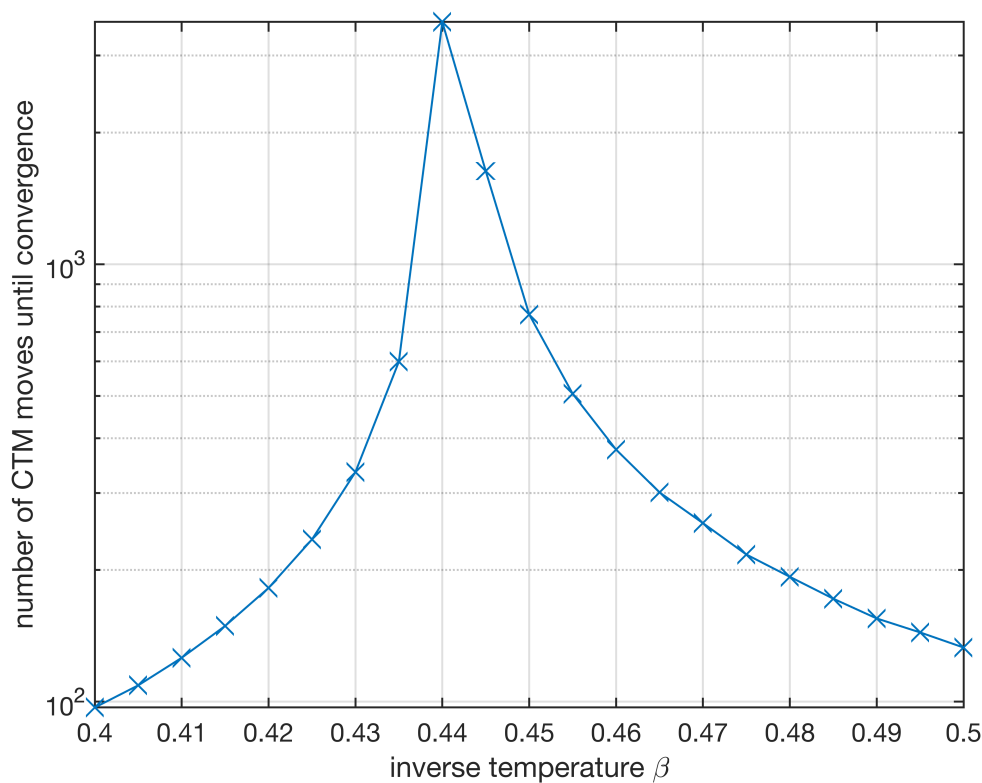
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 Elapsed time: 0.2828s, CPU time: 3.36s, Avg # of cores: 11.88
 22-11-16 00:55:18 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:18 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:19 | Converged after #335
 Elapsed time: 0.398s, CPU time: 5.36s, Avg # of cores: 13.47
 22-11-16 00:55:19 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:19 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:19 | Converged after #599
 Elapsed time: 0.6589s, CPU time: 8s, Avg # of cores: 12.14
 22-11-16 00:55:19 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:19 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:24 | Converged after #3581
 Elapsed time: 4.085s, CPU time: 50.3s, Avg # of cores: 12.31
 22-11-16 00:55:24 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:24 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:25 | Converged after #1633
 Elapsed time: 1.861s, CPU time: 22.65s, Avg # of cores: 12.17
 22-11-16 00:55:25 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:25 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:26 | Converged after #768
 Elapsed time: 0.9466s, CPU time: 12.3s, Avg # of cores: 12.99
 22-11-16 00:55:26 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:26 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:27 | Converged after #506
 Elapsed time: 0.6162s, CPU time: 8.27s, Avg # of cores: 13.42
 22-11-16 00:55:27 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:27 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:27 | Converged after #377
 Elapsed time: 0.4674s, CPU time: 6.19s, Avg # of cores: 13.24
 22-11-16 00:55:27 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:27 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:28 | Converged after #301
 Elapsed time: 0.3484s, CPU time: 4.54s, Avg # of cores: 13.03
 22-11-16 00:55:28 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:28 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:28 | Converged after #256
 Elapsed time: 0.2987s, CPU time: 3.63s, Avg # of cores: 12.15
 22-11-16 00:55:28 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:28 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:28 | Converged after #217
 Elapsed time: 0.2431s, CPU time: 2.91s, Avg # of cores: 11.97
 22-11-16 00:55:28 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:28 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Converged after #193
 Elapsed time: 0.2274s, CPU time: 2.69s, Avg # of cores: 11.83
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Converged after #172
 Elapsed time: 0.1949s, CPU time: 2.31s, Avg # of cores: 11.85
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Converged after #155
 Elapsed time: 0.1718s, CPU time: 2.08s, Avg # of cores: 12.1
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Converged after #144
 Elapsed time: 0.1594s, CPU time: 1.91s, Avg # of cores: 11.98
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Symmetric CTMRG with Nkeep = 20
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Converged after #133
 Elapsed time: 0.1398s, CPU time: 1.67s, Avg # of cores: 11.95
 22-11-16 00:55:29 | Memory usage : 4.18GiB

We find that the error of the CTMRG result is largest and also the convergence is slowest near $\beta = 0.44$.

```
figure;
plot(betas,abs(Fctm-Fexact),'LineWidth',1,'Marker','x','MarkerSize',12);
set(gca,'YScale','log','LineWidth',1,'FontSize',13);
grid on;
xlabel('inverse temperature \beta');
ylabel('error in F');
```



```
figure;
plot(betas,cellfun(@(x) size(x,2), Cvs),'LineWidth',1,'Marker','x','MarkerSize',12);
set(gca,'YScale','log','LineWidth',1,'FontSize',13);
grid on;
xlabel('inverse temperature \beta');
ylabel('number of CTM moves until convergence');
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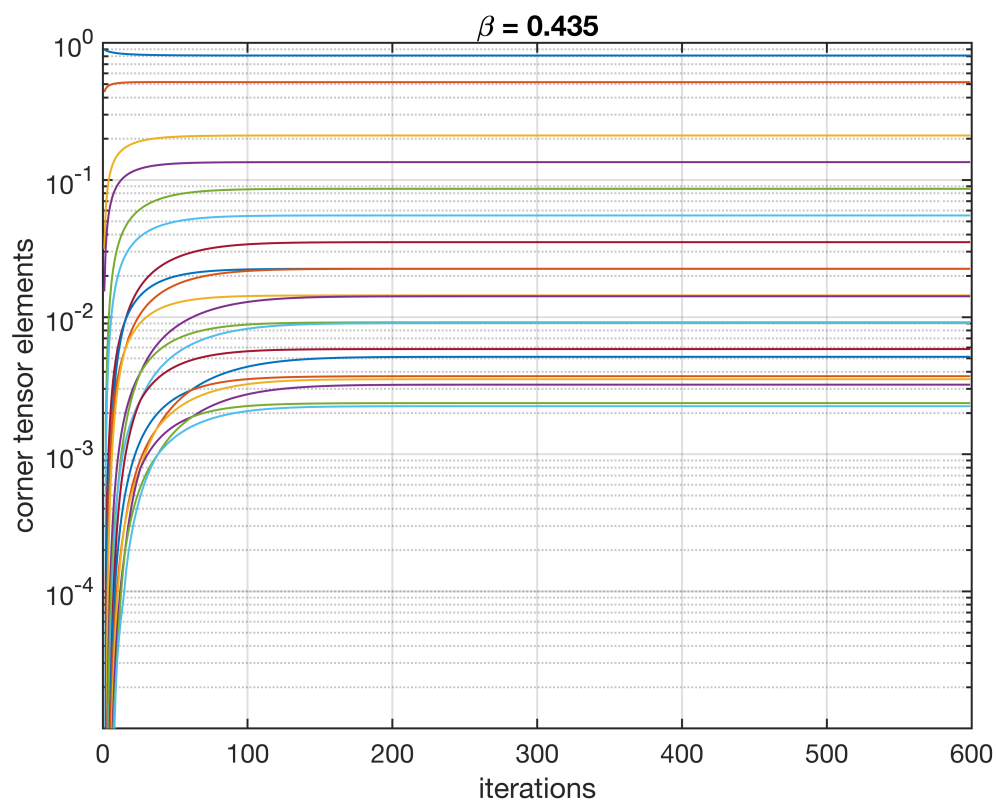
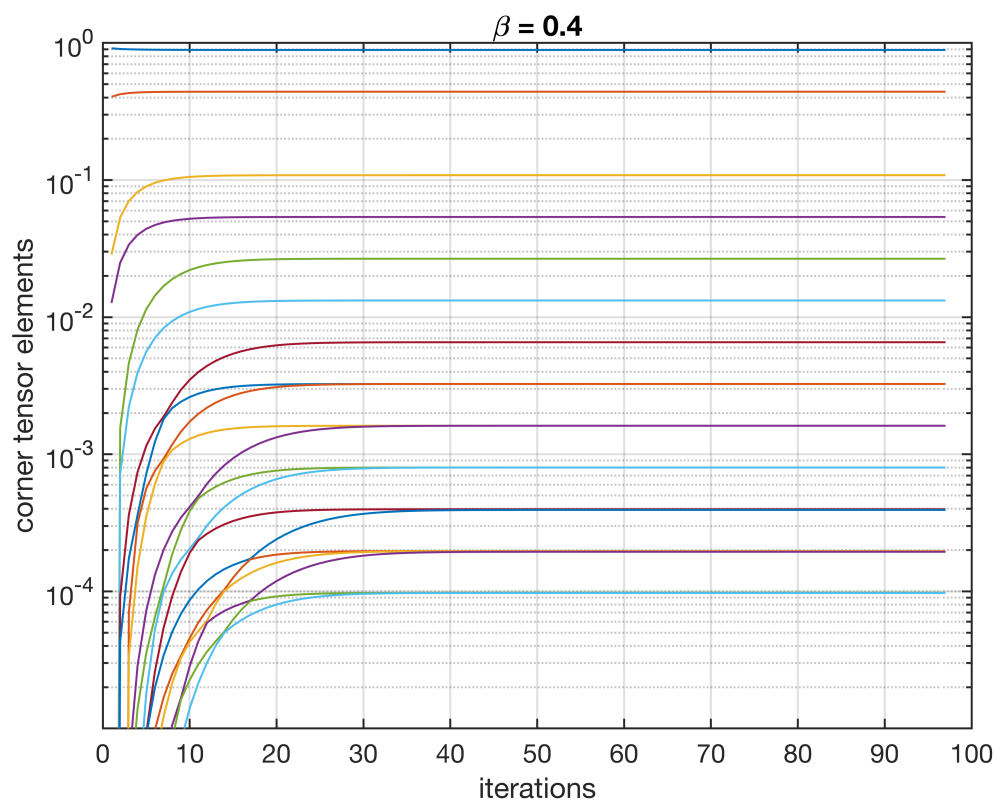
What happens near $\beta = 0.44$? Actually, there is a (classical) phase transition at $\beta_c = \ln(1 + \sqrt{2})/2$ at which correlation functions become polynomially decaying, i.e., long-ranged. As a result, the PEPS becomes strongly entangled if its parameter β is close to β_c .

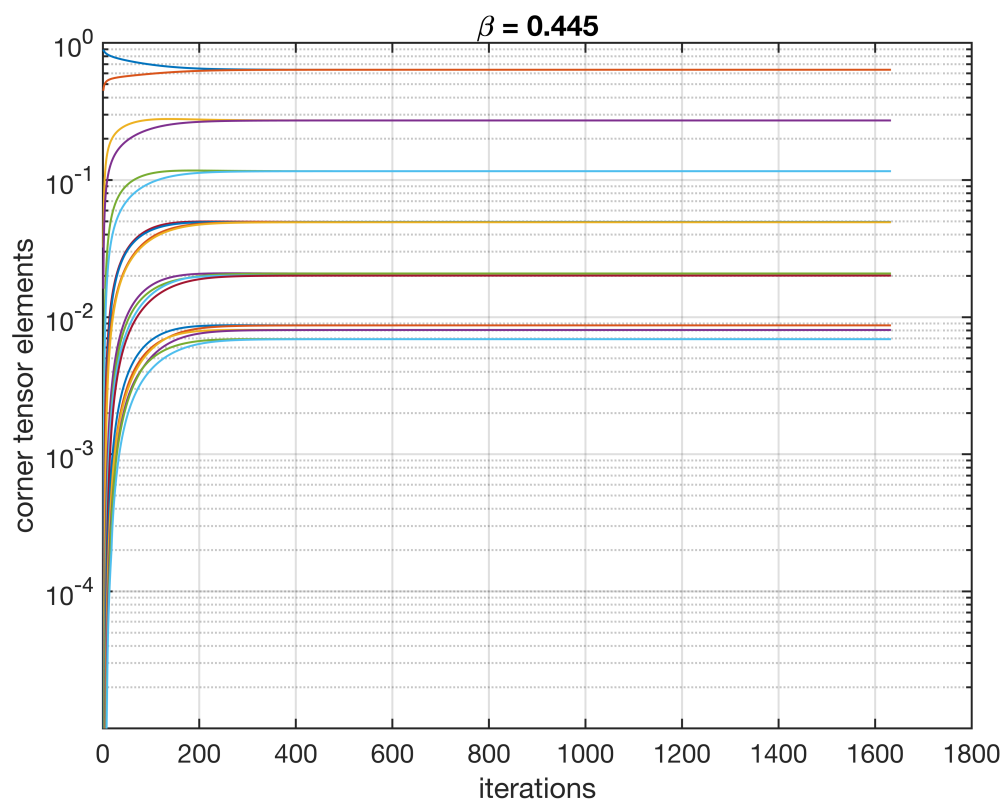
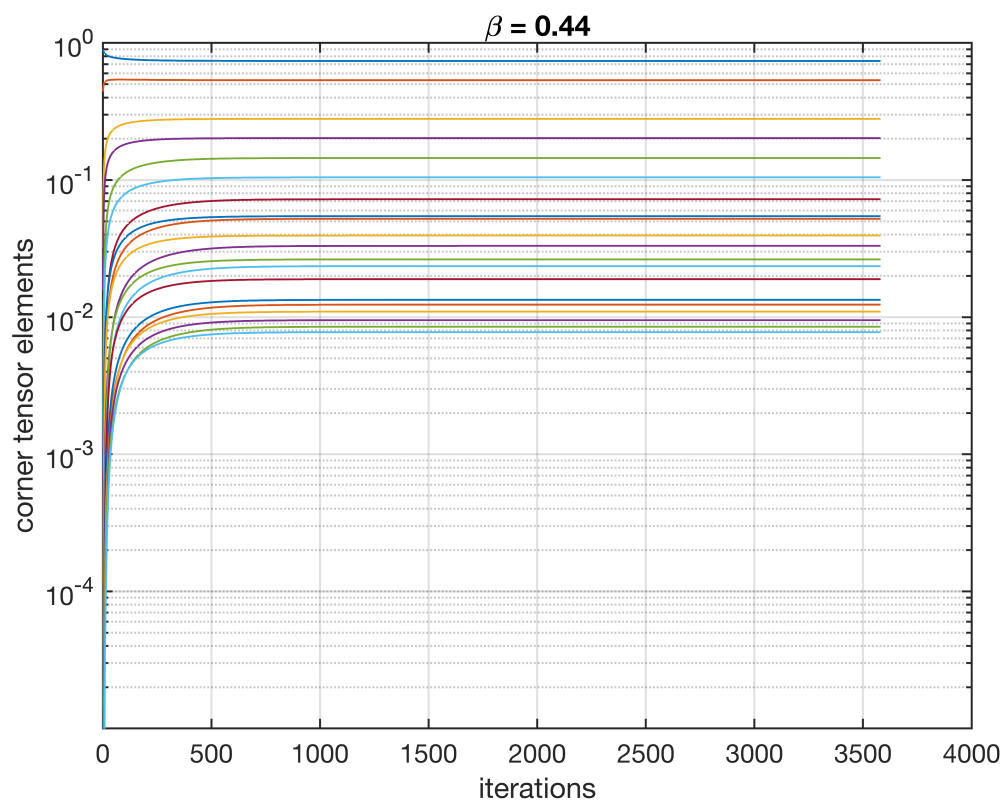
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fprintf('%0.7g\n', log(1+sqrt(2))/2);
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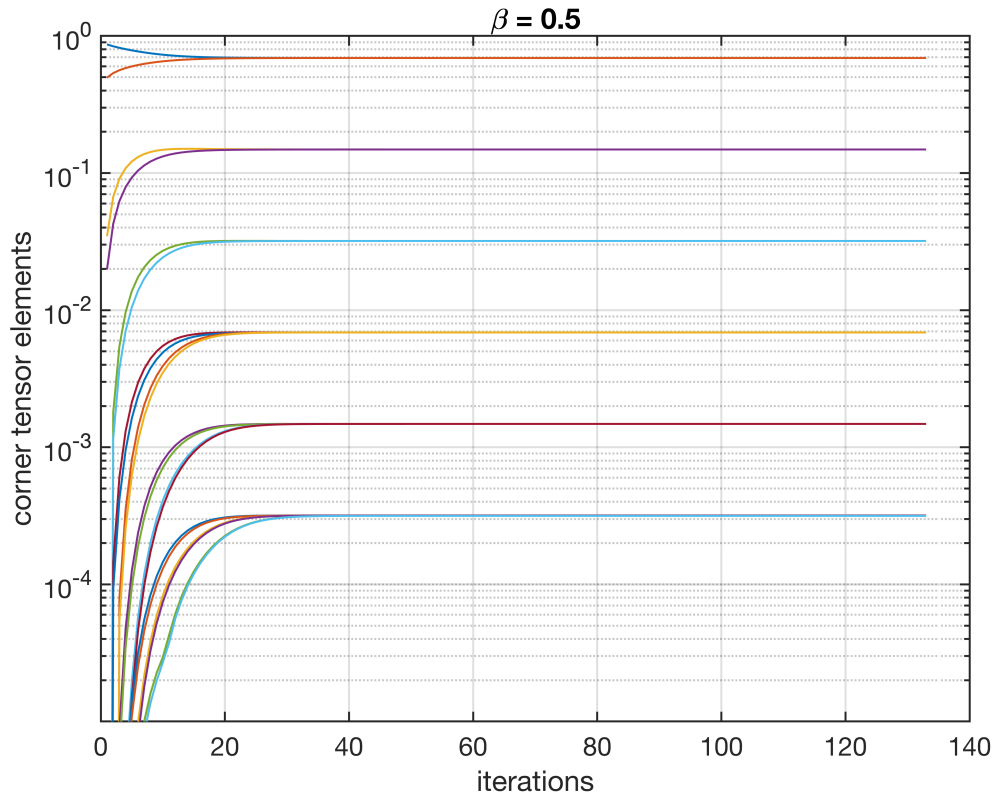
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0.4406868
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The diagonal elements (or equivalently, eigenvalues) of the corner tensor also reflect the phase transition. Let's plot how those elements converge with iterations, for different values of β .

```
itbs = [1 8 9 10 21];
for itb = itbs
    figure;
    plot(1:size(Cvs{itb},2)).', Cvs{itb}.', 'LineWidth', 1);
    set(gca, 'YScale', 'log', 'LineWidth', 1, 'FontSize', 13);
    grid on;
    xlabel('iterations');
    ylabel('corner tensor elements');
    ylim([1e-5 1]);
    title(['\beta = ', sprintf('%0.4g', betas(itb))]);
end
```







We see the following features:

- The largest eigenvalues are non-degenerate for $\beta < \beta_c$, while there are even-fold degeneracies for $\beta > \beta_c$.
- For given β separated from β_c , the eigenvalues are exponentially decaying, so only a small number of the largest eigenvalues dominate. On the other hand, for $\beta \approx \beta_c$, the eigenvalues don't decay quickly and many of them are important; hence larger error and longer time to converge.