Simulation of Quantum Systems with Time-Evolving Block Decimation

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Simulating Quantum Systems



■ To study a quantum system, one has to solve Schrodinger equation

$$\hat{H}|\Psi(t)\rangle = i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\Psi(t)\rangle$$

 One method involves direct numerical integration, where initial state is updated using time evolution operator

$$|\Psi(t+\Delta t)
angle = e^{-i\hat{H}\Delta t} |\Psi(t)
angle$$

- This requires solving system of equations at every time that scales with system size, but in many-body problems, system size is **exponential** in number of sites, *N*
- In tensor network notation, general N-body system is shown on left. Mean-field ansatz on right greatly simplifies computation, but it ignores entanglement





How does one preserve entanglement while remaining computationally tractable?

Matrix Product States



 Matrix product states generalize mean-field ansatz to allow for entanglement between sites. Graphically,



where bond between sites has fixed bond dimension χ . When $\chi=1$, mean-field approximation recovered

■ Wavefunction is given by

$$|\Psi\rangle = A_1^{\mu_1} A_{\mu_1,2}^{\mu_2} \cdots A_{\mu_{N-2},N-1}^{\mu_{N-1}} A_{\mu_{N-1},N} \, |1 \, 2 \cdots N\rangle$$

where $A^{\mu_i}_{\mu_{i-1},i}$ tensors have physical dimension $i\in\{1,\ldots,d\}$ and auxiliary dimension $\mu_i\in\{1,\ldots,\chi\}$

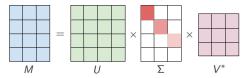
■ Number of states scales like $Nd\chi^2$, which is **polynomial** in N

How does one evolve MPS in time without breaking structure?

Factoring Quantum State into MPS



- An arbitrary quantum state can be factored as an MPS using matrix factorization technique called singular value decomposition
- SVD generalizes eigendecomposition, finding two orthonormal bases u_i , w_i and singular values σ_i such that matrix is factorized into $M = U\Sigma V^*$, with U, V unitary



■ SVD can be used to successively factor an MPS using following process:

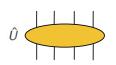


 SVD is driver behind simulating MPS quantum systems, allowing MPS structure to be preserved at each iteration. To keep bond dimension constant, singular values must be truncated

Time-Evolving Block Decimation

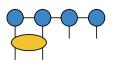


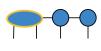
- Method for evolving quantum system while efficiently truncating large Hilbert space
- Also called t-DMRG, it evolves state using local gate operators and uses SVD to factorize back into MPS structure. The steps are:
- ① Factor time evolution operator $\hat{U}: d^N \to d^N$ into two-site gates $\hat{F}_i: d^2 \to d^2$

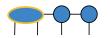




② Apply first gate to first two sites, contracting indices to produce new state









Repeat for each pair of neighbors and time step

Suzuki-Trotter Decomposition



- Approximate decomposition of Hamiltonian based on Baker-Campbell-Hausdorff formula that reduces time and storage complexity of applying time evolution operator
- Hamiltonian \hat{H} can be decomposed into odd and even operators:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i} \hat{h}_{i,i+1} = \sum_{i \text{ odd}} \hat{h}_{i,i+1} + \sum_{i \text{ even}} \hat{h}_{i,i+1} \equiv \hat{H}_{\text{odd}} + \hat{H}_{\text{even}}$$

■ In first-order Suzuki-Trotter, commutator is ignored, leading to error $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$:

$$\hat{\textit{U}} = e^{-i\hat{\textit{H}}_{\Delta t}} = e^{-i\hat{\textit{H}}_{even}\Delta t} e^{-i\hat{\textit{H}}_{odd}\Delta t} e^{-i\left[\hat{\textit{H}}_{even},\hat{\textit{H}}_{odd}\right]\Delta t^2} \approx e^{-i\hat{\textit{H}}_{even}\Delta t} e^{-i\hat{\textit{H}}_{odd}\Delta t} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$$

■ Higher orders can be built by continuing to factor Hamiltonian into finer time steps. For example, **second-order Suzuki-Trotter** comes with $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$ error:

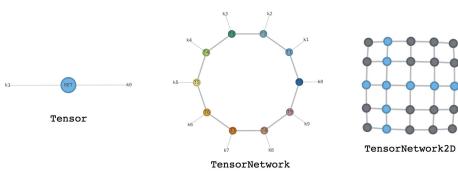
$$\hat{U} pprox e^{-i\hat{H}_{\mathsf{even}}\Delta t/2} e^{-i\hat{H}_{\mathsf{odd}}\Delta t} e^{-i\hat{H}_{\mathsf{even}}\Delta t/2} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$$

■ When applied to time steps $T/\Delta t$, errors of ST1 and ST2 are $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$ and $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$, respectively. ST2 has lower error but requires more operations

QUIMB: Quantum Computing in Python



 Contains tools for working with tensors and tensor networks, including contracting, optimizing, and drawing them

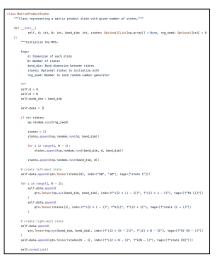


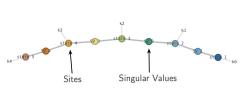
■ Although it supports more complicated geometries and algorithms, only the basic Tensor and TensorNetwork classes were used

Implementing Matrix Product States



Class used in TEBD algorithm to model basic MPS structure, initializing, contracting, and computing observables from it





Contains methods for

Generating density matrix tensor

Computing magnetization

Calculating entropy

Extracting wavefunction

TEBD



Ground State Energy



Magnetization



Entanglement Entropy



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