

Simulation of Quantum Systems with Time-Evolving Block Decimation

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Theory

- 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

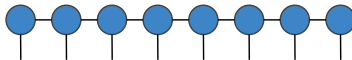
$$|\Psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle = e^{-i\hat{H}\Delta t} |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

- 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 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

$$|\Psi\rangle = A_1^{\mu_1} A_{\mu_1,2}^{\mu_2} \cdots A_{\mu_{N-2},N-1}^{\mu_{N-1}} A_{\mu_{N-1},N} |12 \cdots N\rangle$$

where $A_{\mu_{i-1},i}^{\mu_i}$ tensors have physical dimension $i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ and **auxiliary dimension** $\mu_i \in \{1, \dots, \chi\}$

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

How does one evolve MPS in time without **breaking structure**?

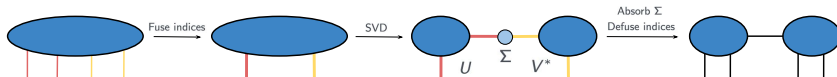
Factoring Quantum State into MPS



- 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

The diagram shows the SVD factorization of a matrix M into three matrices: U , Σ , and V^* . Matrix M is a 4x4 grid of light blue squares. Matrix U is a 4x4 grid of light green squares. Matrix Σ is a 4x4 grid with a diagonal of red squares and zeros elsewhere. Matrix V^* is a 4x4 grid of light purple squares. The equation is $M = U \Sigma V^*$.

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



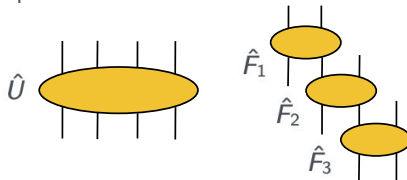
- SVD is driver behind simulating MPS quantum systems, allowing MPS structure to be preserved at each iteration. To keep bond dimension constant, singular values must be **truncated**

Time-Evolving Block Decimation

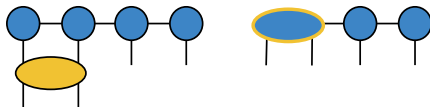


- Method for evolving quantum system while efficiently truncating large Hilbert space
- Also called **t-DMRG**, it evolves state using local gate operators and uses SVD to factorize back into MPS structure. The steps are:

- ① Factor time evolution operator $\hat{U} : d^N \rightarrow d^N$ into two-site gates $\hat{F}_i : d^2 \rightarrow d^2$



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



- ③ Use SVD to factor state back into MPS form, truncating to bond dimension χ



- ④ Repeat for each pair of neighbors and time step

- 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 $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$:

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

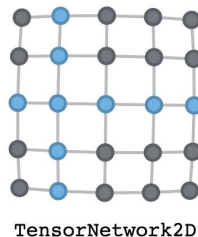
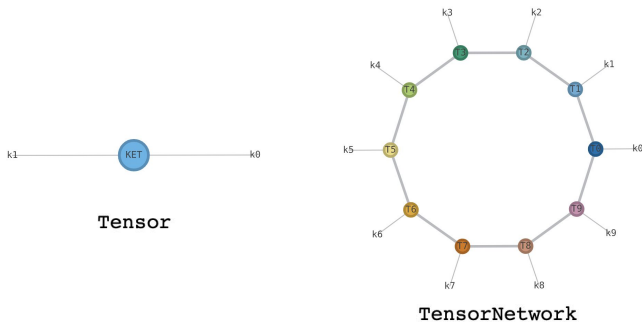
- Higher orders can be built by continuing to factor Hamiltonian into finer time steps. For example, **second-order Suzuki-Trotter** comes with $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$ error:

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

- 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

Code Development

- 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

```
class MatrixProductState:
    """Class representing a matrix product state with given number of states."""

    def __init__(
        self, d: int, N: int, bond_dim: int, states: Optional[List[np.array]] = None, rng_seed: Optional[int] = 0
    ):
        """Initialize the MPS.

        Args:
            d: Dimension of each state
            N: Number of states
            bond_dim: Bond dimension between states
            states: Optional states to initialize with
            rng_seed: Number to seed random number generator

        """
        self.d = d
        self.N = N
        self.bond_dim = bond_dim

        self.data = []

        if not states:
            np.random.seed(rng_seed)

            states = []
            states.append(np.random.rand(d, bond_dim))

            for i in range(1, N - 1):
                states.append(np.random.rand(bond_dim, d, bond_dim))

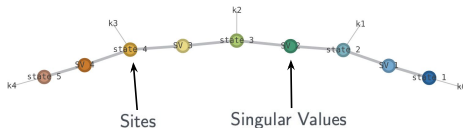
            states.append(np.random.rand(bond_dim, d))

        # create left-most state
        self.data.append(qtn.Tensor(states[0], inds=["k", "i0"], tags=["state 1"]))

        for i in range(1, N - 1):
            self.data.append(
                qtn.Tensor(np.eye(bond_dim, bond_dim), inds=[f"i{2 + (i - 1)*3}", f"i{2 + i - 1}*3"], tags=[f"SV {i+1}"])
            )
            self.data.append(
                qtn.Tensor(states[i], inds=[f"i{2 * i - 1}", f"i{k(i+1)", f"i{2 * i}*3"], tags=[f"state {i + 1}"])
            )

        # create right-most state
        self.data.append(
            qtn.Tensor(np.eye(bond_dim, bond_dim), inds=[f"i{2 * (N - 2)*3}", f"i{2 * N - 3}*3"], tags=[f"SV {N - 1}"])
        )
        self.data.append(qtn.Tensor(states[N - 1], inds=[f"i{2 * N - 3}", f"i{k(N - 1)*3}], tags=[f"state {N}"]))

        self.normalize()
```



Contains methods for

Generating density matrix tensor

Computing magnetization

Calculating entropy

Extracting wavefunction

Implementing Hamiltonians



Local and global Hamiltonians implemented to evolve state and compute energy

```
class LocalHamiltonian:
    """Base class for representing local Hamiltonians."""

    def __init__(self, d: int, N: int):
        """Initialize local Hamiltonian.

        Args:
            d: Number of dimensions
            N: Number of sites

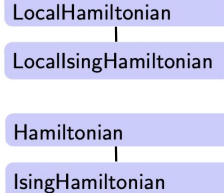
        """
        self.d = d
        self.N = N
        self.hamiltonians = np.zeros((N - 1, d ** 2, d ** 2))
```

```
class Hamiltonian:
    """Base class for representing general Hamiltonians."""

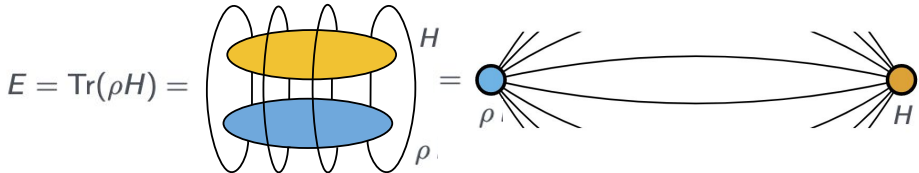
    def __init__(self, d: int, N: int):
        """Initialize Hamiltonian.

        Args:
            d: Number of dimensions
            N: Number of sites

        """
        self.d = d
        self.N = N
        self.hamiltonian = np.zeros((d ** N, d ** N))
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Global Hamiltonian is contracted with density matrix to compute energy



Implementation of TEBD Algorithm



TEBD class accepts MatrixProductState object and implements step method that applies gate on every pair of states

Apply Gate

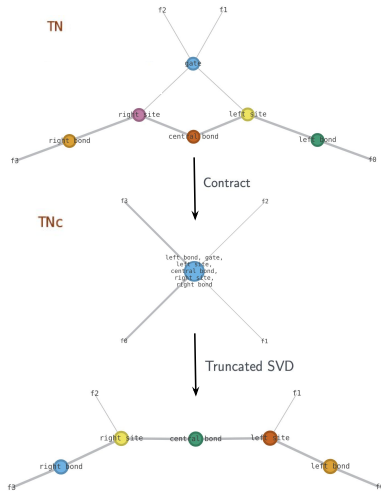
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left_bond_T = qtn.Tensor(left_bond_data, inds=('f0', 'k1'), tags=['left bond'])
left_site_T = qtn.Tensor(left_site_data, inds=('k1', 'k2', 'k3'), tags=['left site'])
central_bond_T = qtn.Tensor(central_bond_data, inds=('k3', 'k4'), tags=['central bond'])
right_site_T = qtn.Tensor(right_site_data, inds=('k4', 'k5', 'k6'), tags=['right site'])
right_bond_T = qtn.Tensor(right_bond_data, inds=('k6', 'f3'), tags=['right bond'])
gate_T = qtn.Tensor(gate, inds=('f1', 'f2', 'k2', 'k5'), tags=['gate'])

# contract with gate
TN = left_bond_T & gate_T & left_site_T & central_bond_T & right_site_T & right_bond_T
TNc = TN ^ ...

# perform SVD
nshape = [self.d * left_site.data.shape[0], self.d * right_site.data.shape[2]]
utemp, stemp, vhtemp = LA.svd(TNc.data.reshape(nshape), full_matrices=False)

# truncate to reduced dimension
chitemp = min(self.bond_dim, len(stemp))
utemp = utemp[:, range(chitemp)].reshape(left_site.data.shape[0], self.d * chitemp)
vhtemp = vhtemp[range(chitemp), :].reshape(chitemp * self.d, right_site.data.shape[2])

# remove environment weights to form new MPS tensors A and B
left_site.modify(data=(LA.inv(left_bond_data) @ utemp).reshape(left_site.data.shape[0], self.d, chitemp))
right_site.modify(data=(vhtemp @ LA.inv(right_bond_data)).reshape(chitemp, self.d, right_site.data.shape[2]))
central_bond.modify(data=np.diag(stemp[range(chitemp)] / LA.norm(stemp[range(chitemp)]))
```



- Main execution function accepts model, model parameters, and other run parameters
- Bond dimension across chain evolves over first few iterations due to SVD
- Time complexity scales like $\mathcal{O}(\chi^3 d^3 N N_{\text{iter}})$

Run TEBD

Inputs:

model, model_params, N , χ , Δt , N_{iter} , mid_steps, observables, print_to_stdout, evol_type, st_order, initial_state, rng_seed

$d = 2$

```
if initial_state == "random":
    MPS = MatrixProductState(d=d, N=N, bond_dim=bond_dim, rng_seed=rng_seed)
else:
    MPS = MatrixProductState.init_from_state(initial_state)

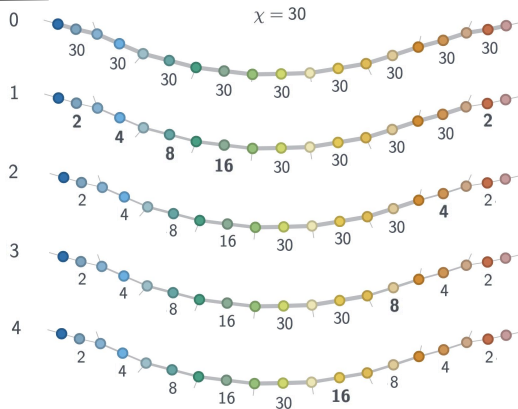
# create Hamiltonians
if model == "ising":
    loc_ham = LocalIsingHamiltonian(N=N, **model_params)
    glob_ham = IsingHamiltonian(N=N, **model_params)
elif model == "heisenberg":
    loc_ham = LocalHeisenbergHamiltonian(N=N, **model_params)
    glob_ham = HeisenbergHamiltonian(N=N, **model_params)
else:
    raise Exception(f"Model {model} not supported")

# create TEBD object
tebd_obj = TEBD(MPS, loc_ham, glob_ham, bond_dim=bond_dim, evol_type=evol_type, st_order=st_order)

# run algorithm
observables_at_midsteps = tebd_obj.sweep(tau, num_iter, mid_steps, observables, print_to_stdout)

return observables_at_midsteps
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Iteration

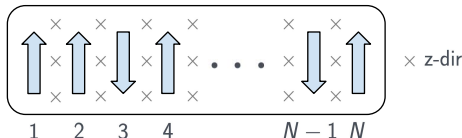


Results

- TEBD can be applied to **quantum Ising model**, a quantum system composed of N spin-1/2 particles on one-dimensional lattice in presence of external magnetic field:

$$\hat{H} = J \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^z$$

where J is coupling between neighboring spins and λ is coupling to magnetic field

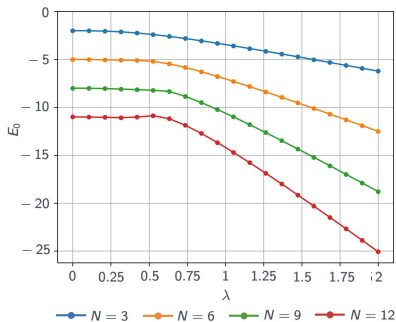
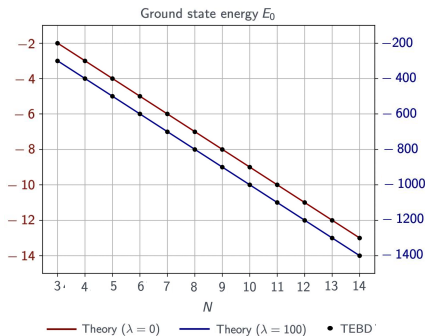


- When $\lambda = 0$, all spins align when $J < 0$ (**ferromagnetic**) and anti-align when $J > 0$ (**antiferromagnetic**). The ground state is two-fold degenerate with energy $-N + 1$
- When $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, spins align to magnetic field and ground-state energy is $-\lambda N$

Ground State Energy



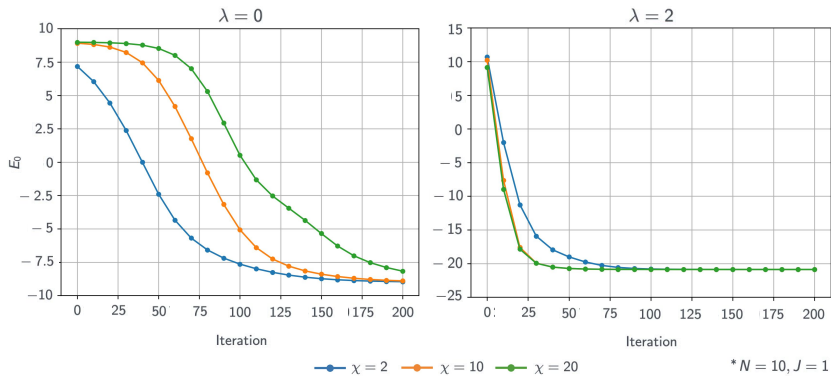
- Ground state energy E_0 can be determined by simulating system using TEBD
- In following experiments, TEBD was run for 500 iterations with a timestep of $\Delta t = 0.01$ and $\chi = 2$. The initial state was random, but was the same across all values of N . Results are robust to choice of χ
- TEBD reproduces E_0 reported in Assignment 7. Results match theoretical expectation very well: $E_0 = -N + 1$ for $\lambda = 0$ and $E_0 = -\lambda N$ for large λ



Effect of Bond Dimension



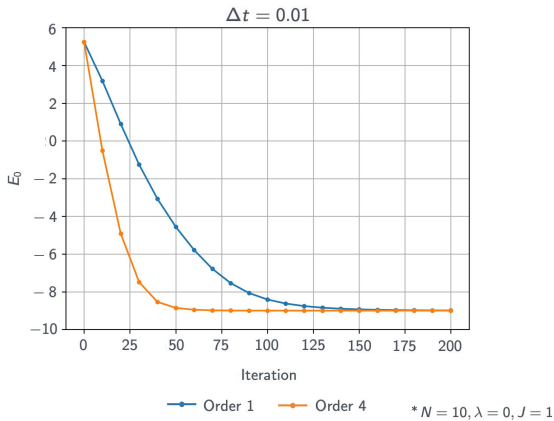
- Increasing bond dimension χ allows model to capture more entanglement, but it takes longer to converge when λ is small since entanglement is low
- When λ is beyond critical point, larger χ leads to faster convergence since degree of entanglement is higher



Effect of Suzuki-Trotter Order



- Increasing the order of Suzuki-Trotter decomposition improves convergence rate
- Error of first order is $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$ while error of fourth order is $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$

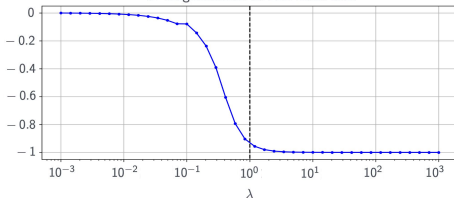


- Magnetization computed for site i along direction j using the magnetic operator:

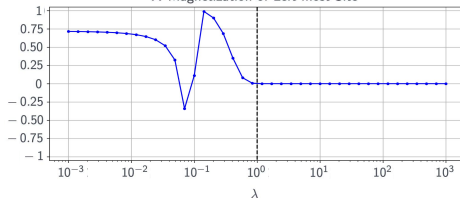
$$M_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{1}_{i-1} \otimes \sigma_i^j \otimes \mathbb{1}_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{1}_N$$

- Average magnetization is given by $\langle M_{ij} \rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho M_{ij}) = \langle \Psi | M_{ij} | \Psi \rangle$
- When λ is low, magnetization along Z is zero as spins have equal probability of being \uparrow or \downarrow . When λ increases, approaching phase transition at $\lambda = 1$, spins align to magnetic field and $\langle M_{1Z} \rangle = 0$
- When Z magnetization is -1 , average X magnetization is zero as Z -polarized qubit has equal probability of being \leftarrow or \rightarrow

Z Magnetization of Left-most Site



X Magnetization of Left-most Site



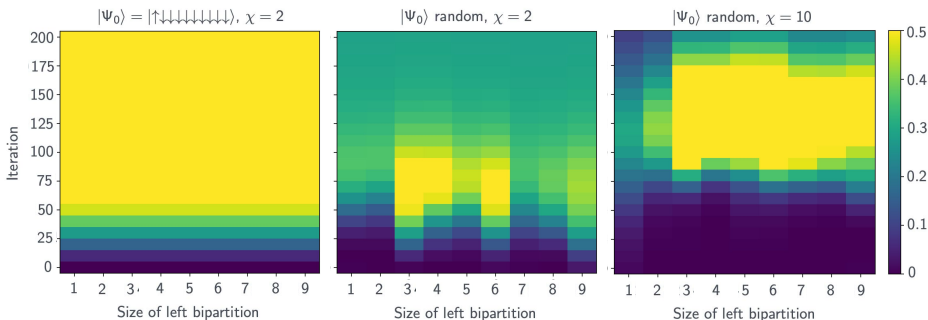
Entanglement Entropy



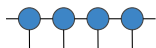
- Entropy of left bipartition computed by contracting density matrix tensor:

$$S = -\text{Tr}(\rho_L \log \rho_L) \text{ where } \rho_L = \text{Tr}_R \rho =$$

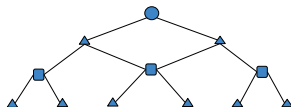
- For specific initial state $|\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$, entropy starts uniform and grows uniformly
- For random state, entropy grows and spreads unevenly before becoming uniform. With bigger bond dimension χ , entropy across the chain persists for longer






Conclusion



- Time-evolving block decimation is a powerful method of simulating many-body quantum systems using matrix product states
- Through efficient truncation of Hilbert space, algorithm remains computationally tractable while capturing some degree of entanglement
- TEBD can be applied to weakly-coupled one-dimensional quantum systems like Ising or Heisenberg models
- Similar techniques can be used applied using different tensor network structures, like tree tensor networks (e.g., t-MERA)



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