

# 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

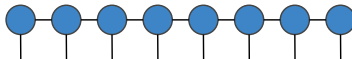
$$|\Psi(t + \Delta t)\rangle = e^{-i\hat{H}\Delta t} |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

- 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**  $\chi$ . When  $\chi = 1$ , mean-field approximation recovered

- Wavefunction is given by

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

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**?

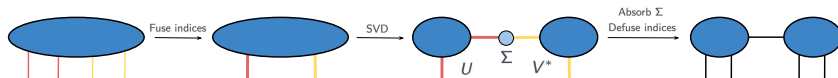
# Factoring Quantum State into MPS



- 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  $u_i, v_i$  and singular values  $\sigma_i$  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:  $U$ ,  $\Sigma$ , and  $V^*$ . Matrix  $M$  is a 4x4 grid of blue squares. Matrix  $U$  is a 4x4 grid of green squares. Matrix  $\Sigma$  is a 4x4 grid of white squares with a diagonal of red squares. Matrix  $V^*$  is a 4x4 grid of purple squares. The equation is  $M = U \Sigma V^*$ .

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



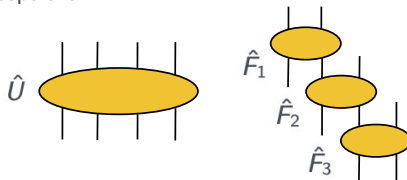
- SVD is driver behind simulating MPS quantum systems, allowing MPS structure to be preserved at each iteration. To keep bond dimension constant, singular values must be **truncated**

# Time-Evolving Block Decimation

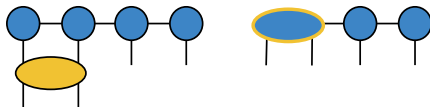


- Method for evolving quantum system while efficiently truncating large Hilbert space
- Also called **t-DMRG**, it evolves state using local gate operators and uses SVD to factorize back into MPS structure. The steps are:

- ① Factor time evolution operator  $\hat{U} : d^N \rightarrow d^N$  into two-site gates  $\hat{F}_i : d^2 \rightarrow d^2$  using Suzuki-Trotter decomposition (next slide)



- 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  $\chi$



- 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:

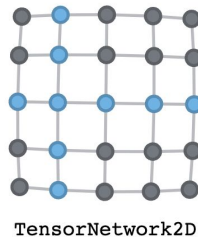
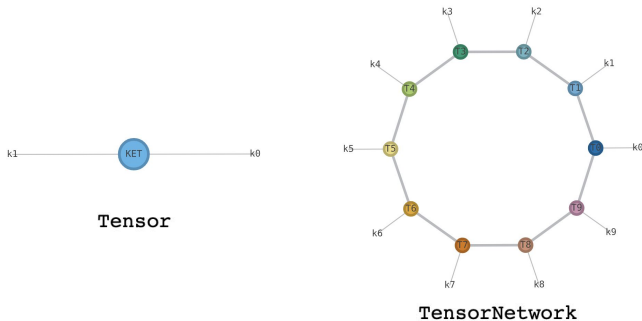
$$\hat{U} \approx e^{-i\hat{H}_{\text{even}}\Delta t/2} e^{-i\hat{H}_{\text{odd}}\Delta t} e^{-i\hat{H}_{\text{even}}\Delta t/2} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$$

- 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.randn(d, bond_dim))

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

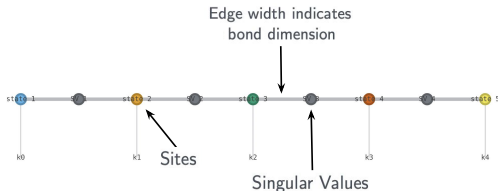
            states.append(np.random.randn(bond_dim, d))

        # create left-most state
        self.data.append(qtn.Tensor(states[0], inds=["k0", "l0"], tags=["state 1"]))

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

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

        self.normalize()
```



Contains methods for

Generating density matrix tensor

Computing magnetization

Calculating entropy

Extracting wavefunction

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))
```

LocalHamiltonian



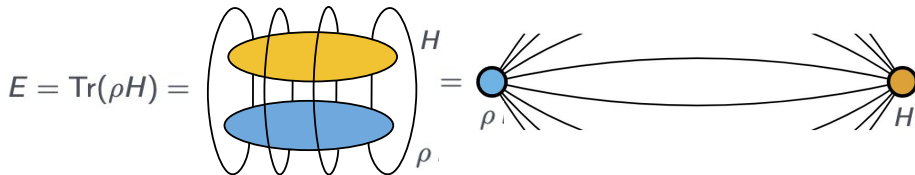
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Hamiltonian

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Global Hamiltonian is contracted with density matrix to compute energy



# Implementing TEBD Algorithm



TEBD class accepts `MatrixProductState` and `Hamiltonian` objects and implements step method that applies gate on every pair of states from left to right

## Apply Gate

### Inputs:

`gate`, `left_site`, `right_site`, `left_bond`,  
`central_bond`, `right_bond`

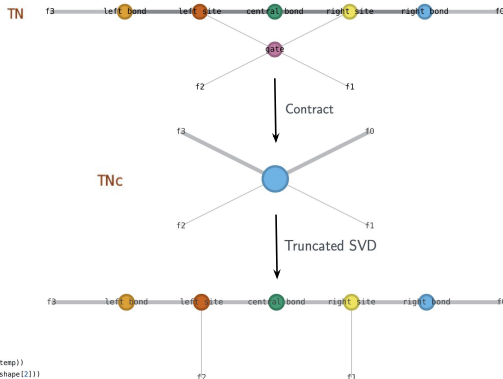
```
left_bond_T = qtn.Tensor(left_bond.data, inds=('f0', 'k1'), tags=['left bond'])
left_site_T = qtn.Tensor(left_site.data, inds=('k1', 'k2', 'k3'), tags=['left site'])
central_bond_T = qtn.Tensor(central_bond.data, inds=('k3', 'k4'), tags=['central bond'])
right_site_T = qtn.Tensor(right_site.data, 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, vtemp = 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)
vtemp = vtemp[range(chitemp), :].reshape(chitemp * self.d, right_site.data.shape[2])

# remove environment weights to form new MPS tensors
left_site.modify(data=(LA.inv(left_bond.data) @ utemp).reshape(left_site.data.shape[0], self.d, chitemp))
right_site.modify(data=(vtemp @ 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,  $N$ ,  $\chi$ ,  $\Delta t$ ,  $N_{\text{iter}}$ , mid\_steps, observables, print\_to\_stdout, evol\_type, st\_order, initial\_state, rng\_seed

```
d = 2

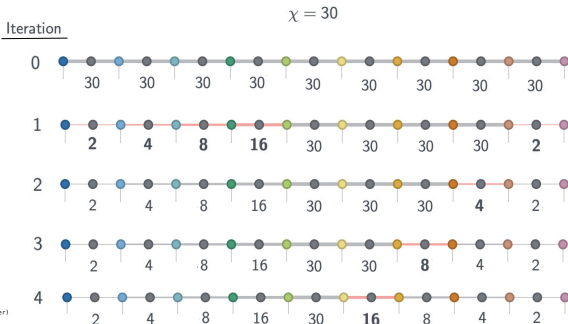
if initial_state == "random":
    MPS = MatrixProductState(d=d, N=N, bond_dim=bond_dim, rng_seed=rng_seed)
else:
    MPS = MatrixProductState.init_from_state(initial_state)

# 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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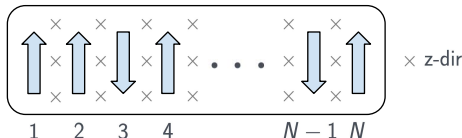


# Results

- 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:

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

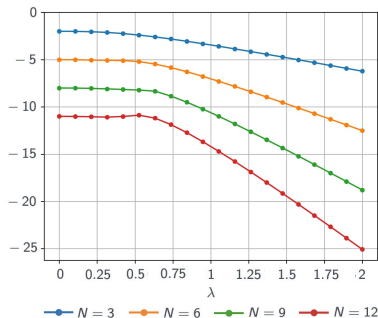
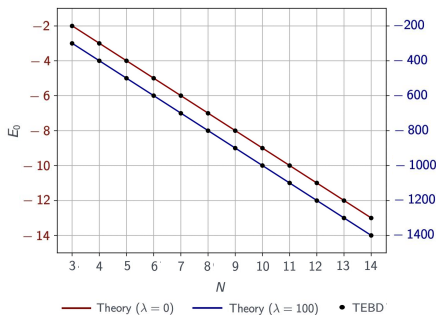
where  $J$  is coupling between neighboring spins and  $\lambda$  is coupling to magnetic field



- 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  $-\lambda N$



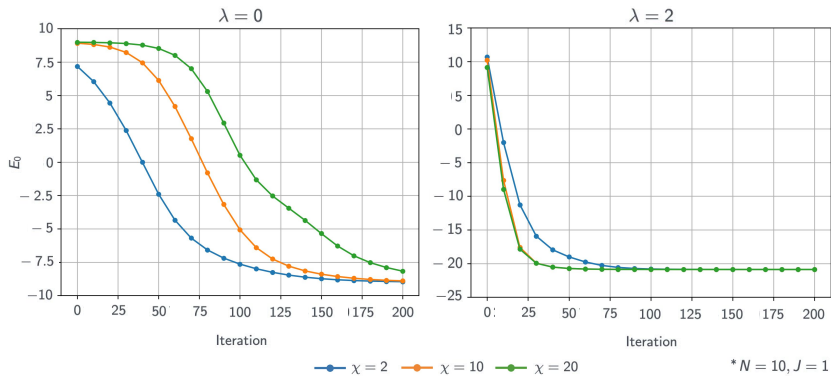
- Ground state energy  $E_0$  can be determined by simulating system using TEBD
- In following experiments, TEBD was run for 500 iterations with a timestep of  $\Delta t = 0.01$  and  $\chi = 2$ . The initial state was random, but was the same across all values of  $N$ . Results are robust to choice of  $\chi$
- 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  $\lambda$



# Effect of Bond Dimension



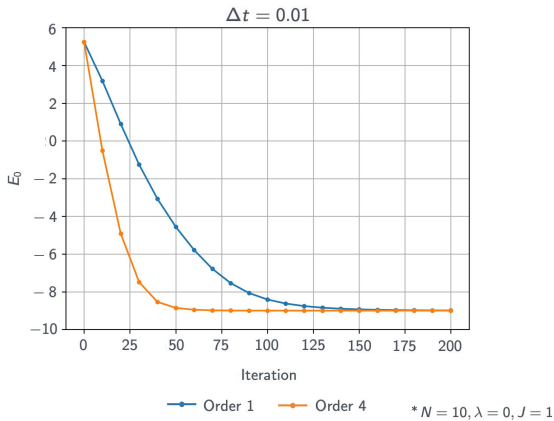
- Increasing bond dimension  $\chi$  allows model to capture more entanglement, but it takes longer to converge when  $\lambda$  is small since long-range order is low
- When  $\lambda$  is beyond critical point, larger  $\chi$  leads to faster convergence since degree of long-range order is higher



# 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  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$

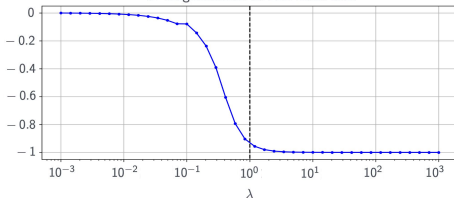


- Magnetization computed for site  $i$  along direction  $j$  using the magnetic operator:

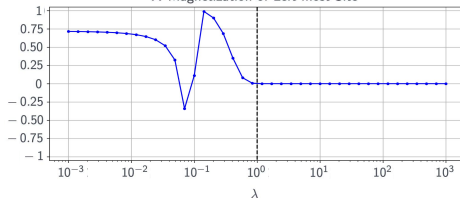
$$M_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{1}_{i-1} \otimes \sigma_i^j \otimes \mathbb{1}_{i+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{1}_N$$

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



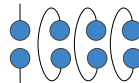
$X$  Magnetization of Left-most Site



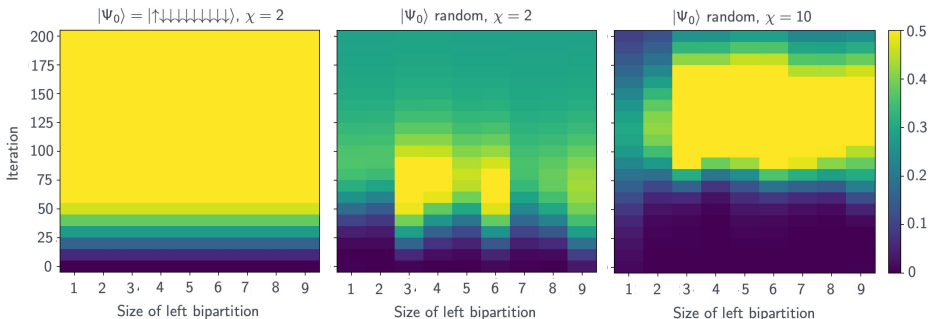
# Entanglement Entropy



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

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


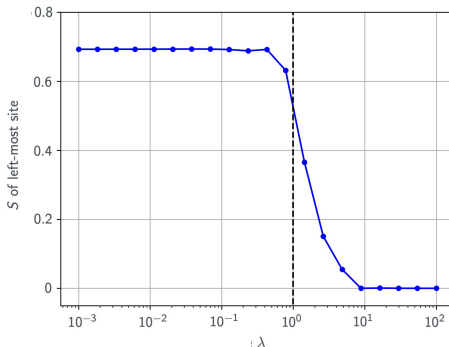
- For specific initial state  $|\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$ , entropy starts uniform and grows uniformly
- For random state, entropy grows and spreads unevenly before becoming uniform. With bigger bond dimension  $\chi$ , entropy across the chain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



# Entanglement Entropy at Criticality



- When  $\lambda$  is low, entanglement entropy of left-most site is high because ground state is degenerate
- When  $\lambda$  exceeds critical value, entropy decreases as all spins align to magnetic field, eliminating degeneracy and creating pure reduced state



# 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 applied using different tensor network structures, like tree tensor networks (e.g., t-MERA)





# Appendix

- TEBD is based on concept of maximizing **fidelity** of reconstruction between MPS structure and evolved state at each time  $t$ :

$$\mathcal{F}^* = \max_{\Psi \in M} \langle \Psi | U_t | \Psi \rangle - \lambda (\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle - 1)$$

where  $M$  is space of MPS tensors, and second term helps to normalize the state

- Graphically, fidelity is represented by

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{Diagram 1} - \lambda \left( \text{Diagram 2} - \mathbb{1} \right)$$

Diagram 1: A 2x4 grid of blue circles. The two circles in the second column from the left are connected by a horizontal yellow oval.

Diagram 2: A 2x4 grid of blue circles. The two circles in the second column from the left are connected by a vertical line.

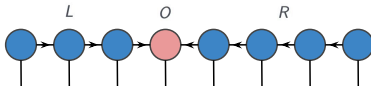
- This can be solved using **gradient descent** by differentiating  $\mathcal{F}$  with respect to every tensor. For example, differentiating with respect to the third tensor leads to

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial \text{Tensor 3}} = \text{Diagram 3} - \lambda \text{Diagram 4} = 0$$

Diagram 3: A 2x4 grid of blue circles. The two circles in the second column from the left are connected by a horizontal yellow oval. A small blue circle with a dot is positioned below the first column.

Diagram 4: A 2x4 grid of blue circles. The two circles in the second column from the left are connected by a vertical line.





- Tensor  $O$  is **center of orthogonality** if every branch connected to  $O$  is isometry between its legs and index connected to  $O$ . For example,  $O$  in the tensor network



is center of orthogonality if

$$L^\dagger L = \begin{array}{c} \text{L} \\ \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ | & | & | \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ | & | & | \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{array} \\ \text{L}^\dagger \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \bullet \\ | \end{array} = \mathbb{1} \quad \text{and} \quad R^\dagger R = \begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ | & | & | \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ | & | & | \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{array} \\ \text{R}^\dagger \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} | \\ \bullet \\ | \end{array} = \mathbb{1}$$

- This can be done by finding the principal square roots of  $L^\dagger L$  and  $R^\dagger R$  and reabsorbing them into  $O$  and left and right branches, respectively
- Orthogonality centers are important in TEBD because decomposing tensor  $O$  with SVD minimizes **global** error of decomposition if  $O$  is center of orthogonality

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