

Analyzing Quantum Many-Body Systems with ITensor and PastaQ

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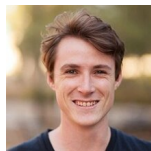
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# Construct from a Vector
```

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```
1 (Zp + Zm)/√2
2 (dag(Zp) * Xp)
3 (dag(Zp) * Xp)[]
4 inner(Zp, Xp)
5 norm(Xp)
```

```
# ≈ Xp
# ≈ ITensor(1/√2)
# ≈ 1/√2
# ≈ 1/√2
# ≈ 1
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1 Zp = state("Z+", i)
2 Zm = state("Z-", i)
3 Xp = state("X+", i)
4 Xm = state("X-", i)
```

```
# ITensor([1 0], i)
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# (Zp + Zm)/√2
# (Zp - Zm)/√2
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3 inner(Zp, iXm)
4 inner(Zm, iXm)
```

```
#  $\approx \text{im} * X_m$ 

#  $\approx \text{im}/\sqrt{2}$ 
#  $\approx -\text{im}/\sqrt{2}$ 
```

Tutorial: Priming

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2 j = Index(2)
3
4 i == j
```

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1 i
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3 prime(i)
4 i'
5 i == i'
6 noprime(i')
```

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```
1 Z = ITensor(i', i)
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3 Z[i'=>2, i=>2] = -1
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1 z = [
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3     0 -1
4 ]
5
6 Z = ITensor(z, i', dag(i))
7
8 Z = op("Z", i)
```

```
# Matrix representation
# of Z
```

```
# Convert to ITensor
```

```
# Use predefined definition
```

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```
1  Z = op("Z", i)
2  X = op("X", i)
3
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2 XZp == Zm
3 XZp == Zm'
4 noprime(XZp) == Zm
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[TODO: Add visualization of inner product]

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1 XZp = X * Zp
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3 inner(Zm, XZp)
4
5 inner(Zm', XZp)
6 inner(Zp', XZp)
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```

```
1 apply(X, Zp) == Zm
2
3 (dag(Zm)' * X * Zp)[]
4 inner(Zm', X, Zp)
```

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3
4 i1 == i2
5
6 ZpZm = ITensor(i1, i2)
7 ZpZm[i1=>1, i2=>2] = 1
```

```
# (dim=2|id=505|"S=1/2")
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# false

#  $|Z+\rangle_1|Z-\rangle_2 = |Z+Z-\rangle$ 
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8 ZmZp = Zm1 * Zp2
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#  $|Z+\rangle_1$ 
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#  $|Z-Z+\rangle = |Z-\rangle_1|Z+\rangle_2$ 
```

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4
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1 inner(Cat, Cat)
2 inner(ZpZm, Cat)
3
4 U, S, V = svd(ZmZp, i1)
5 s = diag(S)
6
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8 s = diag(S)
```

≈ 1

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3   i1=>2, i2=>1] = -1
4 # ...
```

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2 X1 = op("X", i1)
3 Z1 = op("Z", i1)
4 # ...
5
6 XX = X1 * X2
7 ZI = Z1 * Id2
8 IZ = Id1 * Z2
9
10 h = 1.0
11 H = -XX + h * (ZI + IZ)
```

```
# Alternative:
# Build from single-site
# operators.
# Less error-prone.
```

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```
1 ZpZp = Zp1 * Zp2
2
3
4
5 (dag(ZpZp)' * H * ZpZp)[]
6 inner(ZpZp', H, ZpZp)
7 inner(ZpZp, apply(H, ZpZp))
```

```
# Expectation value:
#  $\langle H \rangle = \langle Z+Z+ | H | Z+Z+ \rangle$ 
```

```
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```
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2 diag(D)
```

```
#  $\approx [-\sqrt{5} \ -1 \ 1 \ \sqrt{5}]$ 
```

Tutorial: Custom two-site operators

```
1 import ITensors: op
2
3 function op(
4     ::OpName "CRy",
5     ::SiteType "S=1/2";
6      $\theta$ 
7 )
8     c = cos( $\theta/2$ )
9     s = sin( $\theta/2$ )
10    return [
11        1 0 0 0
12        0 1 0 0
13        0 0 c -s
14        0 0 s  c
15    ]
16 end
```

```
# Controlled-Ry (CRy)
# rotation gate

# CRy( $\theta$ )
```

Tutorial: Custom two-site operators

[TODO: Add visualization of CH|ZpZm>]

```
1 CH = op("CRy", i1, i2;  
2        $\theta=\pi/2$ )
```

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```
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2  
3 CH_Xm = apply(CH, ZpZm)  
4  
5 CH_Xm  $\approx$  Zp1 * Xm2
```

```
#  $|Z+Z-\rangle = |Z+\rangle_1 |Z-\rangle_2$   
#  $\text{CH}|Z+Z-\rangle = |Z+X-\rangle$   
# true
```

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```
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```
1 function minimize(f, f, x;
2   nsteps,  $\gamma$ )
3   for n in 1:nsteps
4      $x = x - \gamma * f(x)$ 
5   end
6   return x
7 end
```

```
# Simple gradient descent.
# Must provide function  $f(x)$ 
# to minimize and  $\partial f(x)$ ,
# the gradient of  $f$  at  $x$ .

#  $\gamma$  is the gradient
# descent step size.
```

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```
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2
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4
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7
```

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3
4
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```
# Minimize:
#
#  $\mathbf{E}(\psi) = \langle \psi | \mathbf{H} | \psi \rangle / \langle \psi | \psi \rangle$ 
#
# (-1, 4)
# (-2.236068, 4.2766287e-6)
#  $\approx (-\sqrt{5}, 0)$ 
```

Tutorial: Two-site circuit optimization

```
1  function op(  
2      ::OpName "U",  
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4       $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$   
5  )  
6      c1 = cos( $\theta_1/2$ )  
7      s1 = sin( $\theta_1/2$ )  
8      c2 = cos( $\theta_2/2$ )  
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10     return [  
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```
# Circuit optimization.  
#  
# Note: This is a Matchgate.  
# We could do this  
# with free fermions.
```

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2
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6                   $\theta_1=\theta_1, \theta_2=\theta_2)$ 
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8      return inner( $\psi_\theta'$ , H,  $\psi_\theta$ )
9  end
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# References state:
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4
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```

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```
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3
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8       $\psi_\theta = \text{apply}(U_\theta, \psi_0)$ 
9      return -abs(inner( $\psi, \psi_\theta$ ))
10 end
```

```
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# Target state:
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3                   $\text{nsteps}=50, \gamma=0.1)$ 
4
5   $\text{F}(\theta_0), \text{norm}(\partial \text{F}(\theta_0))$ 
```

```
#  $\text{F}(\theta_0), \text{norm}(\partial \text{F}(\theta_0)) =$ 
#    $(-0.5, 0.5)$ 

#  $\text{F}(\theta), \text{norm}(\partial \text{F}(\theta)) =$ 
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