Lecture 3: Tensor Product Ansatz

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Part I: Introduction

on the blackboard...

Reduced density matrix

* Reduced density matrix of left side: describes system on the left side

$$\rho_A = \operatorname{tr}_B[\rho] = \operatorname{tr}_B[|\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|] = \sum_k \lambda_k |u_k\rangle\langle u_k| \qquad \lambda_k = s_{kk}^2 \qquad \text{probability}$$

- **DMRG**: Keeping the basis states on the left (right) side with largest probabilities gives the best approximation to the exact wave function
- * Entanglement entropy: $S(A) = -tr[\rho_A \log \rho_A] = -\sum \lambda_k \log \lambda_k$

relevant states

Product state: S(A) = -1 log 1 = 0
Maximally entangled state: S(A) = - \sum_k \frac{1}{M} log \frac{1}{M} = log M
relevant states
$$\chi \sim \exp(S)$$

How large is S in a physical state? How does it **scale** with system size?

How many relevant singular values?



bond dimension

Examples for Entanglement spectra

e.g. fractional quantum Hall states (on the sphere)





General (random) state

 $S(L) \sim L^d$ (volume)

Note: Some (critical) ground states have a **logarithmic correction** to the area law **Physical state** (local Hamiltonian)

$$S(L) \sim L^{d-1}$$
 (area law)

ID
$$S(L) = const$$
 $\chi = const$
2D $S(L) \sim \alpha L$ $\chi \sim \exp(\alpha L)$

Entanglement entropy & area law: Proofs (incomplete list)

• Gapped ID systems have an area law! $S(L) < S_{\max} = const(\xi)$

• ID critical system:
$$S(L) = \frac{c}{3} \log(L)$$

- Area law for (quadratic) gapped bosonic systems
- there are gapless systems in 2D with area law (without logarithmic correction)
- 2D free fermion system: $S(L) \sim L \log(L)$
- Area law holds at finite temperature (mutual information) for all local Hamiltonians

Hastings 2007

Vidal, Latorre, Rico, Kitaev 2003 Calabrese & Cardy 2004

Plenio, Eisert, Dreißig, Cramer 2005 Cramer & Eisert 2006

Verstraete, Wolf, Perez-Garcia, Cirac 2006

Wolf 2006, Gioev & Klich 2006 Barthel, Chung, Schollwoeck 2006 Cramer, Eisert, Plenio 2007

Wolf, Verstraete, Hastings, Cirac, 2008

Examples of tensor networks



= some number

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ID MPS

Matrix-product state



Physical indices (lattices sites)

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✓ Reproduces area-law in ID S(L) = const

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Matrix-product state



$$rank(\rho_A) \leq D \longrightarrow S(A) \leq log(D) = const$$

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can we use an MPS?



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!!! Area-law in 2D !!!

 $S(L) \sim L$ $D \sim exp(L)$

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PEPS (TPS)

projected entangled-pair state (tensor product state)



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PEPS:Area law



$S(A) \le L \log D \sim L$

one "thick" bond of dimension D^L



each cut auxiliary bond can contribute (at most) log D to the entanglement entropy

The number of cuts scales with the cut length

 \checkmark Reproduces area-law in 2D

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iPEPS

ID MPS

Matrix-product state

2D

iPEPS

infinite projected entangled-pair state



Jordan, Orus, Vidal, Verstraete, Cirac, PRL (2008)

iPEPS with arbitrary unit cells



here: 4x2 unit cell

Corboz, White, Vidal, Troyer, PRB 84 (2011)

* Run simulations with different unit cell sizes and compare variational energies

Hierarchical tensor networks (TTN/MERA)



tensors at different length scales

Real-space renormalization group transformation



Tree Tensor Network (ID)



relevant
local states

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The MERA (The multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz)

G. Vidal, PRL 99, 220405 (2007) G. Vidal, PRL 101, 110501 (2008)



relevant local states

MERA: Properties



 $\langle \Psi |$

 $\Psi|$

MERA: Contraction



 $\langle \Psi | O | \Psi
angle$

MERA: Contraction



Efficient computation of expectation values of observables!

 $\langle \Psi | O | \Psi
angle$

2D MERA (top view)

Evenbly, Vidal. PRL 102, 180406 (2009)





✓ Accounts for area-
law in 2D systems
$$S(L) \sim L$$

 $\chi_{\tau} = const$



Summary: Tensor network ansatz



A tensor network ansatz is an efficient variational ansatz for "physical" states (GS of local H) where the accuracy can be systematically controlled with the bond dimension

Different tensor networks can reproduce different entanglement entropy scaling:

- ★ MPS: area law in ID
- ★ MERA: log L scaling in ID (critical systems)
- ★ PEPS/iPEPS: area law in 2D
- ★ 2D MERA: area law in 2D
- * branching MERA: beyond area law in 2D (e.g. L log L scaling) (see Evenbly&Vidal)

Reminder: variational wave-function

 $\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle \ge E_0$

the lower the energy the better!

Computational cost

- Leading cost: $\mathcal{O}(D^k)$

MPS:
$$k = 3$$

PEPS: $k \approx 10$
 $N_{var} \sim D^4$
 $cost \sim (N_{var})^{2.5}$

polynomial scaling but large exponent!

• How large does D have to be?



MPS for 2D system: D~exp(W) accurate for cylinders up to a width W~10

Typical size (2D): D=3000 $O(10^7) \text{ params.}$

It depends on the amount of entanglement in the system!



O(10⁴) params.

3 orders of magnitude smaller!

