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Entanglement In Many-Body Systems

Why study quantum entanglement in many-body systems ?

- A powerful theoretical probe for quantum many-body systems: Characterization of universal properties (topological phases, critical points, many-body localization,...)
- Useful to construct new algorithms to efficiently simulate quantum many-body states in a computer (TEBD, DMRG, TNS, MERA,...)

• Core of **quantum information** processing

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Bipartite entanglement



Product state (=non-entangled):

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|\uparrow\rangle_A + |\downarrow\rangle_A) (|\uparrow\rangle_B + |\downarrow\rangle_B) \longrightarrow S = 0$$

Entangled state $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(|\uparrow\rangle_A |\downarrow\rangle_B + |\downarrow\rangle_A |\uparrow\rangle_B \right) \longrightarrow S = \log 2$

Entanglement entropy as a measure for the amount of entanglement: $S = -\text{Tr}\rho_A \log \rho_A \text{ with } \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|$

Bipartite entanglement

A generic quantum state has a d^L dimensional Hilbert space $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_L} \psi_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_L} |j_1\rangle |j_2\rangle \dots |j_L\rangle$, $j_n = 1 \dots d$

Decompose a state into a superposition of product states (Schmidt decomposition)



$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j} C_{i,j} |i\rangle_A \otimes |j\rangle_B = \sum_{\alpha} \Lambda_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle_A \otimes |\alpha\rangle_B, \ \langle \alpha |\alpha'\rangle = \delta_{\alpha\alpha'}$$

Entanglement entropy as a measure for the amount of entanglement $S = -\sum_{\alpha} \Lambda_{\alpha}^2 \log \Lambda_{\alpha}^2$

Bipartite entanglement

Area law for ground states of local (gapped) Hamiltonians [Srednicki '93] $H|\psi_0\rangle = E_0|\psi_0\rangle$



Entanglement



All ground states live in a tiny corner of the Hilbert space!
Efficient compression by discarding small Schmidt values

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Complexity of a quantum many-body problem

Many-body Hilbert space

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Full diagonalization up to ~20 sites
Sparse methods up to ~30 sites

Compression of quantum states

Example:
$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{N_A} \sum_{j=1}^{N_B} C_{ij} |i\rangle_A |j\rangle_B = \sum_{\gamma} \lambda_{\gamma} |\phi_{\gamma}\rangle_A |\phi_{\gamma}\rangle_B$$

Matrix can represent an image (array of pixel)



Reconstruction of the matrix (image) from a small number of Schmidt states (SVD):



Compression of quantum states



Important features visible already for < 16 states!

Compression of quantum states

Exact for $\chi = 1$ state!

[Mondrian]

https://colab.research.google.com/drive/I_4V66KqRXHMR-CQI18eqkQBu9EZqw2KM#scrollTo=hKqe82w-U-NM

Matrix-Product States

Many-body Hilbert space

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Matrix-Product States: Reduction of #variables $d^L \rightarrow L d\chi^2$ (subsequent SVDs on each bond)

$$\psi_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_L} \approx \sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{L-1}} A^{j_1}_{\alpha_1} A^{j_2}_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} \dots A^{j_L}_{\alpha_{L-1}} \qquad \alpha_j = 1 \dots \chi$$

Diagrammatic representation

Matrix-Product States

Simple examples of MPS...

Neel state
$$|\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\ldots\rangle$$

$$M^{[2n-1]\uparrow} = M^{[2n]\downarrow} = (1)$$
 $M^{[2n-1]\downarrow} = M^{[2n]\uparrow} = (0)$

Dimerized state
$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \end{pmatrix} \otimes \cdots \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

 $M^{[2n-1]\uparrow} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M^{[2n-1]\downarrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M^{[2n]\uparrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M^{[2n]\downarrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

From now on: Leave out site indices!

$$|\psi\rangle: \qquad \cdots \frac{A^{[1]} A^{[2]} A^{[3]} A^{[4]} A^{[5]} A^{[6]} A^{[7]}}{\Upsilon \Upsilon \Upsilon \Upsilon \Upsilon \Upsilon} \cdots$$

MPS is not unique

 $\rightarrow \tilde{A}^{i_n}$ describes the same state!

Choose a convenient representation in Canonical Form: Bond index corresponds to Schmidt decomposition! [Vidal '03]

 $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\chi} \Lambda_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle_L \otimes |\alpha\rangle_R \quad \text{with} \quad \langle \alpha |\alpha'\rangle = \delta_{\alpha\alpha'}$

Write tensor $A^{i_n}_{\alpha\beta}$ as product of

Schmidt states in terms of the MPS:

$$|\alpha\rangle_{L} = \cdots \xrightarrow{\Lambda} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\alpha}{\xrightarrow{}} \frac{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\alpha}{\xrightarrow{}} \frac{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \frac{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Lambda}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{} } \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow{}} \stackrel{\Gamma}{\xrightarrow$$

Orthogonality:

$$\langle \alpha \, | \, \alpha \, \rangle_R = \delta_{\alpha \! \alpha} \equiv$$



Efficient evaluation of **expectation values**:



Assume we have a Hamiltonian of the form

$$H = \sum_{j} h^{[j,j+1]}$$

Time evolution in real time

$$|\psi_t\rangle = \exp(-iHt)|\psi_{t=0}\rangle$$

Time evolution in imaginary time

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} \frac{\exp(-H\tau)|\psi_i\rangle}{||\exp(-H\tau)|\psi_i\rangle||}$$

Consider a Hamiltonian
$$H = \sum_{j} h^{[j,j+1]}$$
 [Vidal '03]

Decompose the Hamiltonian as H=F+G

 $F \equiv \sum_{\text{even } j} F^{[j]} \equiv \sum_{\text{even } j} h^{[j,j+1]}$ $G \equiv \sum_{\text{odd } j} G^{[j]} \equiv \sum_{\text{odd } j} h^{[j,j+1]}$ $F \qquad F \qquad G \qquad F \qquad G$

We observe $[F^{[r]}, F^{[r']}] = 0$ $([G^{[r]}, G^{[r']}] = 0)$ but $[G, F] \neq 0$

Apply Suzuki-Trotter decomposition of order p
$$\exp\left(-i(F+G)\delta t\right)\approx f_p\left[\exp(-F\delta t),\exp(-G\delta t)\right]$$
with $f_1(x,y)=xy$, $f_2(x,y)=x^{1/2}yx^{1/2}$, etc.

Two chains of two-site gates

$$U_F = \prod_{\text{even } r} \exp(-iF^{[r]}\delta t)$$
$$U_G = \prod_{\text{odd } r} \exp(-iG^{[r]}\delta t)$$

Each gate affects the state only locally

Time Evolving Block Decimation algorithm (TEBD)



How do we get the original form back?

Time Evolving Block Decimation (TEBD) algorithm [Vidal '03]



Translationally invariant, infinite systems!

Assume that $|\psi\rangle$ is translational invariant and $L = \infty$: infinite TEBD (**iTEBD**)

Partially break translational symmetry to simulate the action of the gates

$$\Gamma^{[2r]} = \Gamma^A, \ \lambda^{[2r]} = \lambda^A, \ \Gamma^{[2r+1]} = \Gamma^B, \ \lambda^{[2r+1]} = \lambda^B$$



iTEBD toy code:

https://colab.research.google.com/drive/IG_8r4lfiCYKHLmhrFKH4NT4Q2ZWdTNRT

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Matter occurs in different phases

Gapped quantum phases (T = 0): Two Hamiltonians are in the same phase if a path of gapped Hamiltonians connects them



Gapped phases completely classified in ID [Chen et al.'12]

Spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB)



Local order parameter in SSB Phase: Landau theory of phase transitions

Symmetry-protected topological (SPT)

Haldane phase in a spin-1 chain: $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$, time reversal, ... $H = \sum_j \vec{S_j} \cdot \vec{S_{j+1}} + D \sum_j (S_j^z)^2$



Classified by "Symmetry fractionalization"

[FP,Turner, Berg, Oshikawa '10, Chen et al. '11; Schuch et al '11]

Symmetry fractionalization

Spin-I Heisenberg chain $H = \sum_{j} \vec{S}_{j} \cdot \vec{S}_{j+1}$

- Haldane phase: Gapped and no symmetry breaking [Haldane '83]
- ▶ Spin-1/2 excitations at the edges [Affleck et al. '88]



Haldane phase protected by... Spin rotation $(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$, Time reversal, Inversion symmetry

FP, A.M. Turner, E. Berg, and M. Oshikawa, Phys. Rev. B 81, 064439 (2010).

Local Hamiltonian and gapped ground state $|\psi_0\rangle$: Symmetric under $g,h\in G$



Bulk: Linear on-site representation $u_g u_h = u_{gh}$ (e.g., spin-1) Boundary: Projective representations $U_g U_h = e^{i\phi(g,h)}U_{gh}$ (e.g., spin-1/2)

Classified by the second cohomology $H^2[G, U(1)]$ [Schur 1911]

Classification of symmetry protected topological phases [see also Chen et al.'11; Schuch et al'11]

Which symmetries can stabilize topological phases?

- Example \mathbb{Z}_n : Rotation about single axis $R^n = \mathbb{1} \Rightarrow U_R^n = e^{i\phi}\mathbb{1}$ - Redefining $\tilde{U}_R = e^{-i\phi/n}U_R$ removes any phase
- Example $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$: Rotation about two axes

$$R_x R_z = R_z R_x \Rightarrow U_x U_z = e^{i\phi_{xz}} U_z U_x$$

- Phases $\phi_{xz} = 0, \pi$ cannot be gauged away: **Distinct topological phases**



 $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ symmetry protects the Haldane phase

 $|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle|0\rangle$

Schmidt states have 'artificial edges'



Projective representations U_g can be directly extracted

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Entanglement spectrum $\epsilon_{\alpha} = -\log \Lambda_{\alpha}^2$



$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \Lambda_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle_{A} \otimes |\alpha\rangle_{B}$$
...

 Even fold degeneracy in the Haldane phase! (similar to Kramer DG)

$$U_x U_z = e^{i\phi_{xz}} U_z U_x$$

 $\phi_{xz} = 0, \pi$

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Critical Systems with Conformal Invariance

Critical points with **conformal invariance**: mapping onto field theories in 1+1 dimensions [di Francesco et al. 1997]

- Invariance under infinite dimensional symmetry group (all holomorphic functions)
- Linearly dispersing excitation with velocity u

Invariance under such a large class of functions places a lot of constraints on properties

Free energy density [Affleck '86]

$$F(T) = E_0 - \frac{\pi c T^2}{6u}$$

c is the number of critical excitations

Critical Systems with Conformal Invariance

Scaling relation for the block entropy in critical systems with conformal invariance [Holzhey et al.'94]

$$S = \frac{c}{3} \log \ell + \text{const.}$$



ullet Entanglement entropy diverges logarithmically as $\mathscr{C} o \infty$

Half chain entropy is

$$S = \frac{c}{6} \log L + \text{const} \,.$$



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Python 3 library for simulations <u>https://github.com/tenpy/tenpy</u>



from tenpy.networks.mps import MPS
from tenpy.models.spins import SpinModel
from tenpy.algorithms import dmrg

```
M = SpinModel({"S":1,"L": 16,"bc_MPS": "finite",
                 "Jx": 0,"Jy": 0,"Jz": 0,"D":2})
psi = MPS.from_product_state(M.lat.mps_sites(), [1]*16, "finite")
dmrg_params = {"trunc_params": {"chi_max": 30, "svd_min": 1.e-10}}
info = dmrg.run(psi, M, dmrg_params)
print("S[j] =", psi.entanglement_entropy())
```

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