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Continuous Tensor Network States of Quantum Fields

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Problem

Many-body states are complicated.

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1,i_2,\cdots,i_n} c_{i_1,i_2,\cdots,i_n} |i_1,\cdots,i_n\rangle$$

 2^n parameters c_{i_1,i_2,\cdots,i_n} .



Typical many-body Hamiltonians are simple.

$$H=\sum_{k=1}^n h_k$$

 \sim const \times *n* parameters.

Variational optimization

To find the ground state:

$$|\mathsf{ground}
angle = \min_{|\psi
angle\in\mathscr{S}}rac{\langle\psi|\mathcal{H}|\psi
angle}{\langle\psi|\psi
angle}$$

Can we find a subspace \mathscr{S} s. t.:

- ► $|\mathscr{S}| \propto n^k \ll e^n$
- ► *S* approximates well interesting states
- bonus $\langle \psi | \mathcal{O}(x) | \psi \rangle$ is computable

An idea popular in many fields

Mean field approximation (of which TNS are an extension)

 $\psi(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n) = \psi_1(x_1) \psi_2(x_2) \cdots \psi_n(x_n)$

- Special variational wave functions in Quantum chemistry (whole industry of ansatz)
- Moore-Read wavefunctions in the study of the quantum Hall effect

$$\psi(x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n) = \left\langle \widehat{\varphi}(x_1) \widehat{\varphi}(x_2) \cdots \widehat{\varphi}(x_n) \right\rangle_{\mathsf{CFT}}$$

Fully connected and convolutional neural networks used in machine learning



Matrix product states

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1,i_2,\cdots,i_n} c_{i_1,i_2,\cdots,i_n} |i_1,\cdots,i_n\rangle$$

Matrix Product States (MPS)

$$\mathsf{A},\mathsf{L},\mathsf{R}\rangle = \sum_{i_1,i_2,\cdots,i_n} \langle \mathsf{L}|\mathsf{A}_{i_1}(1)\mathsf{A}_{i_2}(2)\cdots \mathsf{A}_{i_n}(n)|\mathsf{R}\rangle |i_1,\cdots,i_n\rangle$$

- A_i are $D \times D$ complex matrices
- A is a $2 \times D \times D$ tensor $[A_i]_{k,l}$
- ▶ $|L\rangle$ and $|R\rangle$ are *D*-vectors.

 $\diamondsuit{}~n imes 2 imes D^2$ parameters instead of 2^n

 \Diamond *D* is the **bond dimension** and encodes the size of the variational class

Remark: actually equivalent with the density matrix renormalization group (DMRG)

Graphical notation

 $|A, L, R\rangle = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \cdots, i_n} \langle \mathsf{L} | A_{i_1}(1) A_{i_2}(2) \cdots A_{i_n}(n) | \mathsf{R} \rangle | i_1, \cdots, i_n \rangle$

Notation: $[A_i]_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{l}} = -\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{l}}$ and $\mathbf{k} - ---\mathbf{l} = \sum \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{l}}$ gives:



The contraction for a d = 1 system, can be seen as an open-system dynamics in d = 0.

Generalizations: different tensor networks

Matrix Product States (MPS)



Projected Entangled Pair States (PEPS)



Multi-scale Entanglement Renormalization Ansatz (MERA)



Some facts

A list of theorems [very colloquially]:

- **Expressiveness** [trivial] Tensor Network States cover \mathscr{H} when $D \propto 2^n$
- Area law The entanglement of a subregion of space scales as its area for a TNS
- Efficiency [gapped] Matrix Product States approximate well the ground states of gapped systems in 1 spatial dimension
- Efficiency [critical] Multi-scale Entanglement Renormalization Ansatz (MERA) approximate well the ground states of critical systems in 1 spatial dimension.
- **Symmetries** Physical symmetries can be implemented locally on the bond space
- Inverse problem TNS are the ground state of a local parent Hamiltonian

Successes and limits

Successes

- \heartsuit Arbitrary precision for 1*d* quantum systems
- \heartsuit Classification of topological phases in 1d and 2d
- ♡ Progress on non-Abelian lattice Gauge theories
- \heartsuit AdS/CFT toy models

Limits

- Hard to contract in $d \ge 2$
- No continuum limit in $d \ge 2$
- Lack of analytic techniques

Can one apply tensor network techniques directly in the continuum, to QFT?



Continuous Matrix Product States (cMPS)

Taking the continuum limit of a MPS



- ▶ the bond dimension *D* stays fixed
- the local physical dimension explodes $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \longrightarrow \mathscr{F}(L^2([x, x + dx])).$
 - \implies Spins become fields (\simeq central limit theorem \simeq quantum noises d ξ , d ξ^{\dagger})
- A cMPS is a quantum field state parameterized by finite dimensional matrices: $|Q, R, \omega\rangle = \langle \omega_L | \mathcal{P} \exp \left\{ \int_0^L dx \ Q(x) \otimes \mathbb{1} + R(x) \otimes \psi^{\dagger}(x) \right\} |\omega_R\rangle |0\rangle$

Continuous Tensor Networks: blocking



Upon blocking:

- ♣ The physical Hilbert space dimension *d* increases (idem cMPS ⇒ physical field)
- The bond dimension D increases too

Choice of trivial tensor

For MPS, not much choice:



We will consider a softer modification of the first version:



Ansatz

1 – Take a "Trivial" tensor:

The indices φ are in \mathbb{R}^D (and not $1,\cdots,D)$

2 – And add a "correction":

$$\exp\left\{-\varepsilon^2 V\left[\phi(1),\cdots,\phi(4)\right]+\varepsilon^2 \alpha\left[\phi(1),\cdots,\phi(4)\right]\psi^{\dagger}(x)\right\}$$





$$|V, B, \alpha\rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, \mathcal{B}(\phi|_{\partial\Omega}) \exp\left\{-\int_{\Omega} d^d x \, \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{D} \left[\nabla \phi_k(x)\right]^2 + V[\phi(x)] - \alpha[\phi(x)] \, \psi^{\dagger}(x)\right\} |0\rangle$$

Operator definition



$$|V,\alpha\rangle = \operatorname{tr}\left[\operatorname{\operatorname{\mathsf{T}exp}}\left(-\int_{0}^{\tau} d\tau \int_{S} dx \; \frac{\hat{\pi}_{k}(x)\hat{\pi}_{k}(x)}{2} + \frac{\nabla \hat{\varphi}_{k}(x)\nabla \hat{\varphi}_{k}(x)}{2} + V[\hat{\varphi}(x)] - \alpha[\hat{\varphi}(x)] \psi^{\dagger}(\tau,x)\right)\right]|0\rangle$$

where:

• $\hat{\phi}_k(x)$ and $\hat{\pi}_k(x)$ are k independent canonically conjugated pairs of (auxiliary) field operators: $[\hat{\phi}_k(x), \hat{\phi}_l(y)] = 0$, $[\hat{\pi}(x)_k, \hat{\pi}_l(y)] = 0$, and $[\hat{\phi}_k(x), \hat{\pi}_l(y)] = i\delta_{k,l} \delta(x - y)$ acting on a space of d - 1 dimensions.

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Wave-function definition

A generic state $|\Psi\rangle$ in Fock space can be written:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \int_{\Omega^n} \frac{\varphi_n(x_1,\cdots,x_n)}{n!} \psi^{\dagger}(x_1)\cdots\psi^{\dagger}(x_n) |0\rangle$$

where ϕ_n is a symmetric *n*-particle wave-function

Functional integral representation

$$\varphi_n = \int d\mu(\varphi) \mathcal{A}_V(\varphi) \alpha[\varphi(x_1)] \cdots \alpha[\varphi(x_n)]$$

with:

- $d\mu(\phi) =$ $\mathcal{D}\phi \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\int_{\Omega} d^d x \left[\nabla\phi_k(x)\right]^2\right]$
- $\mathcal{A}_{V}(\phi) = B(\phi|_{\partial\Omega}) \exp\left\{-\int_{\Omega} \mathrm{d}^{d}x \ V[\phi(x)]\right\}$

Operator representation

$$\varphi_n = \operatorname{tr} \left[\hat{B} \ \hat{G}_{\mathcal{T},\tau_n} \, \hat{\alpha}(x_n) \ \hat{G}_{\tau_n,\tau_{n-1}} \, \hat{\alpha}(x_{n-1}) \cdots \hat{\alpha}(x_1) \ \hat{G}_{\tau_1,0} \right]$$

with:

•
$$\hat{G}_{u,v} = \mathcal{T} \exp[-\int_{v}^{u} d\tau \int_{S} dx \mathcal{H}(x)]$$

 \heartsuit Extension of Moore-Read

Expressivity and stability

How big are cTNS?

Stability

The sum of two cTNS of bond field dimension D_1 and D_2 is a cTNS with bond field dimension $D \leq D_1 + D_2 + 1$:

 $|V_1, \alpha_1\rangle + |V_2, \alpha_2\rangle = |W, \beta\rangle$

Expressiveness

All states in the Fock space can be approximated by cTNS:

- A field coherent state is a cTNS with
 D = 0
- Stability allows to get all sums of field coherent states

Note: expressiveness can also be obtained with D = 1 but it is less natural. Flexibility in D makes the expressivity higher for restricted classes of V and α .

Computations

Define generating functional for normal ordered correlation functions

$$\mathcal{Z}_{j',j} = \frac{1}{\langle V, \alpha | V, \alpha \rangle} \langle V, \alpha | \exp\left(\int \mathsf{d} x \, j'(x) \psi^{\dagger}(x)\right) \exp\left(\int \mathsf{d} x \, j(x) \psi(x)\right) | V, \alpha \rangle$$

Functional integral representation

 Use formula for overlap of field coherent states

$$\langle \beta | \alpha \rangle = \exp\left(\int dx \ \beta^*(x) \ \alpha(x)\right)$$

 Compute with Gaussian integration + Feynman diagrams or Monte Carlo

Operator representation

Similar to cMPS

Transfer matrix

$$\langle \mathfrak{O}(x)\mathfrak{O}(y)\rangle = \operatorname{tr}\left(\Phi_{\mathfrak{O}}\cdot e^{-(y-x)T}\Phi_{\mathfrak{O}}\cdot \rho_{\mathsf{stat}}\right)$$

with $\mathcal{T}=Q\otimes \mathbb{1}+\mathbb{1}\otimes ar{Q}+R\otimes ar{R}$ with

$$Q = -\int \frac{\hat{\pi}_k(x)^2 + [\nabla \hat{\Phi}_k(x)]^2}{2} + V(\hat{\Phi}(x))$$

and $R\otimes \bar{R} = \int V(\hat{\varphi}(x)) \otimes V(\hat{\varphi}(x))^{\dagger}$

Redundancies

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Continuum redundancy

$$V(\phi) \rightarrow V(\phi) + \nabla \cdot \mathscr{F}[x, \phi(x)]$$

Just Stokes' theorem. If Ω has a boundary $\partial \Omega$:

$$\mathcal{D}[\boldsymbol{\varphi}] \to \mathcal{D}[\boldsymbol{\varphi}] \exp\left\{ \oint_{\partial \Omega} \mathrm{d}^{d-1} x \, \mathscr{F}[x, \boldsymbol{\varphi}(x)] \cdot \mathbf{n}(x) \right\}$$





the objective is to find a tensor $T(\lambda)$ of new parameters such that:

$$C(\lambda x_1, \cdots, \lambda x_n) \propto \langle T(\lambda) | \mathcal{O}(x_1) \cdots \mathcal{O}(x_n) | T(\lambda) \rangle.$$

Doable exactly:

$$V o \lambda^d \, V \circ \lambda^{rac{2-d}{2}}$$
 and $lpha o \lambda^{rac{d}{2}} lpha \circ \lambda^{rac{2-d}{2}}$

- -d = 2, All powers of the field in V and α yield relevant couplings
- d = 3, The powers p = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 of the field in V yield relevant $\Delta > 0$ couplings. p = 6 is marginal in V. For α , p = 1, 2 are relevant and p = 3 is marginal. All other p are irrelevant.

Getting back cMPS

One can get back cMPS with finite bond dimension by:

1. Compactification Take d - 1 dimensions out of d to be very small

$$|V, B, \alpha\rangle \simeq \operatorname{tr}\left[\hat{\boldsymbol{B}}\operatorname{Texp}\left(-\int_{0}^{T} d\tau \sum_{k=1}^{D} \frac{\hat{P}_{k}^{2}}{2} + V[\hat{X}] - \alpha[\hat{X}]\psi^{\dagger}(\tau)\right)\right]|0\rangle$$

 \implies Hilbert space of a quantum particle in *D* space dimensions.

2. Quantization Take V with D deep minima to force the auxiliary field to take only D possibilities

Generalization

For a general Riemanian manifold $\mathcal M$ with boundary $\partial \mathcal M$, define:

$$|V,B,\alpha\rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\phi B(\phi|_{\partial\mathcal{M}}) \exp\left\{-\int_{\mathcal{M}} d^{d}x \sqrt{g}\left(\frac{g^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}\phi_{k}\partial_{\nu}\phi_{k}}{2} + V[\phi,\nabla\phi] - \alpha[\phi,\nabla\phi]\psi^{\dagger}\right)\right\}|0\rangle$$

i.e. add curvature and possible anisotropies in V and α

Example: $\alpha[x, \phi, \nabla \phi]$ localized on the boundary and hyberbolic metrix *g*:



 \rightarrow **cMERA** in *d* - 1 dimensions

Future

Limitations and work for the future

- Quite formal out of the Gaussian regime (back to perturbative)
- Limited to bosonic field theories (so far)
- ► Parent Hamiltonian?
- Gauge invariant states
- ► Topology?

Summary

$$|V, B, \alpha\rangle = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, B(\phi|_{\partial\Omega}) \exp\left\{-\int_{\Omega} d^d x \, \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{D} \left[\nabla \phi_k(x)\right]^2 + V[\phi(x)] - \alpha[\phi(x)] \, \psi^{\dagger}(x)\right\} \, |0\rangle$$

Continuous tensor network states are natural continuum limits of tensor network states and natural higher d extensions of continuous matrix product states.

- 1. Obtained from discrete tensor networks
- 2. Can be made Euclidean invariant
- 3. Have functional and operator representations
- 4. Have a geometrical equivalent of the discrete gauge redundancies
- 5. Have an exact and explicit "renormalization" flow



 $V(\phi) = (V_i^{(a)})\phi_i + (V_i^{(a)})\phi_i \phi_j + \cdots$ $|V_{,x}\rangle$ $\propto (\phi) = \sigma^{(1)}\phi$