

Consider an operator acting on N-site chain:

$$\hat{O} = |\bar{\sigma}'\rangle O_{\bar{\sigma}'\bar{\sigma}} \langle \bar{\sigma}|$$

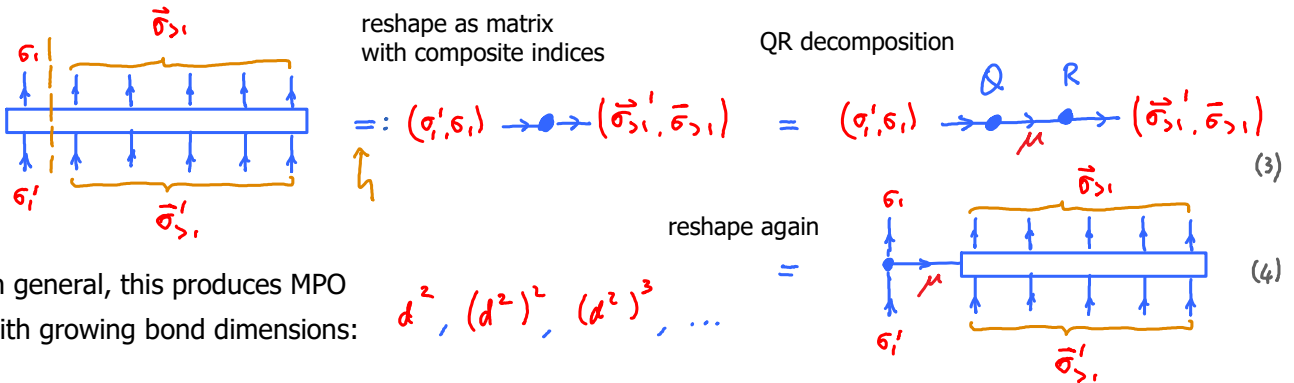
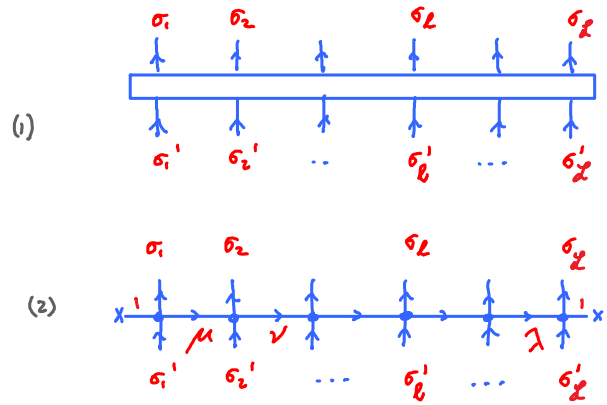
It can always be written as

'matrix product operator' (MPO),

$$\hat{O} = |\bar{\sigma}'\rangle W_{\mu\sigma_1}^{\sigma'_1} W_{\nu\sigma_2}^{\sigma'_2} \dots W_{\lambda\sigma_N}^{\sigma'_N} \langle \bar{\sigma}|$$

$$\equiv |\bar{\sigma}'\rangle \prod_l W_{\mu\sigma_l}^{\sigma'_l} \langle \bar{\sigma}|$$

using a sequence of QR decompositions:

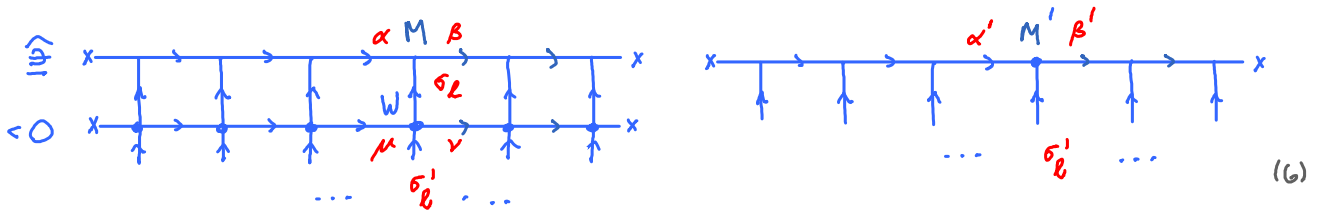


In general, this produces MPO with growing bond dimensions:

$$d^2, (d^2)^2, (d^2)^3, \dots$$

But for short-ranged Hamiltonians, bond dimension is typically very small, $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

1. Applying MPO to MPS yields MPS $|\psi'\rangle = \hat{O}|\psi\rangle$ (5)



$$|\psi\rangle = |\bar{\sigma}\rangle \prod_l M_{[\sigma]}^{\alpha\beta} \beta_{\sigma} \quad (7)$$

$$|\psi'\rangle = \hat{O}|\psi\rangle = |\bar{\sigma}'\rangle \prod_l M'_{[\sigma']}^{\alpha'\beta'} \beta'_{\sigma'} \quad (8)$$

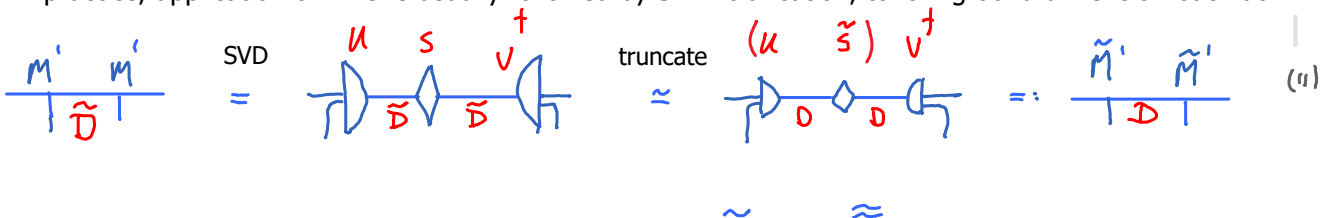
$$M'^{\alpha'\sigma'}_{\beta'} = W_{\nu\sigma}^{\mu\sigma'} M^{\alpha\sigma}_{\beta}$$

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with composite indices, $\alpha'_l = (\alpha, \mu)$, $\beta'_l = (\beta, \nu)$

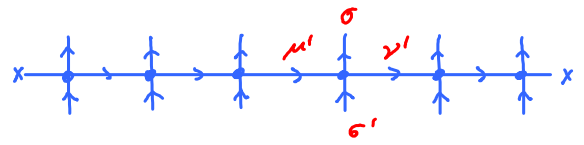
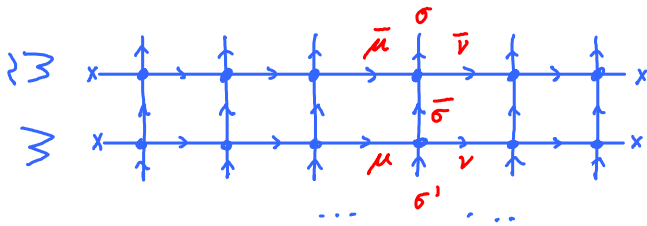
of increased dimension: $\tilde{D}_{M'} = \underline{D}_W \cdot D_M$ (10)

In practice, application of MPO is usually followed by SVD+truncation, to 'bring bond dimension back down':



Multiplication of MPOs

$$W \tilde{W} = \tilde{\tilde{W}} \quad (12)$$



$$\tilde{\tilde{W}}^{\mu'\sigma'}_{\nu'\sigma} = W^{\mu\sigma'}_{\nu\sigma} \underbrace{\tilde{W}^{\bar{\mu}\bar{\sigma}}_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\sigma}}}_{\text{contracted}}$$

$$\hat{W}^{\mu'\sigma'}_{\nu'\sigma} = \begin{matrix} \sigma \\ \mu' \rightarrow \leftarrow \nu' \\ \sigma' \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \tilde{W}^{\bar{\mu}\bar{\sigma}}_{\bar{\nu}\bar{\sigma}} \\ \mu \rightarrow \leftarrow \nu \\ W^{\mu\sigma'}_{\nu\sigma} \end{matrix} \quad (13)$$

with composite indices, $\begin{matrix} \mu' = (\mu, \bar{\mu}) \\ \nu' = (\nu, \bar{\nu}) \end{matrix}$, of increased dimension: $D_{\tilde{\tilde{W}}} = D_W \cdot D_{\tilde{W}}$ (14)

In practice, such a multiplication is typically followed by SVD+truncation.

Addition of MPOs $\hat{O} + \hat{\tilde{O}}$

Let $\hat{O} = |\bar{\sigma}'\rangle \prod_l W^{\sigma'_l}_{\sigma_l} |\bar{\sigma}\rangle$ $\hat{\tilde{O}} = |\bar{\sigma}'\rangle \prod_l \tilde{W}^{\sigma'_l}_{\sigma_l} |\bar{\sigma}\rangle$ (15)

$$\hat{O} + \hat{\tilde{O}} = |\bar{\sigma}'\rangle [W W \dots W + \tilde{W} \tilde{W} \dots \tilde{W}] |\bar{\sigma}\rangle \quad (16)$$

$$= |\bar{\sigma}'\rangle \text{Tr} \left(\begin{matrix} W & \tilde{W} \\ \tilde{W} & W \end{matrix} \right) \dots \left(\begin{matrix} W & \tilde{W} \\ \tilde{W} & W \end{matrix} \right) |\bar{\sigma}\rangle = \text{MPO in enlarged space} \quad (17)$$

Sum of single-site operators

Let $\hat{O} = \sum_l \hat{O}_{[l]}$ with single-site operators $\hat{O}_{[l]} = \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \sigma_{[l]} \\ \uparrow \end{matrix}$ (MPS-I.1.22) (18)

MPO representation:

$$= (0 \ 1) \prod_{l=1}^N \hat{W}_{[l]} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{W}_{[l]} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[l]} & 0 \\ \hat{O}_{[l]} & \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[l]} \end{pmatrix} \quad (19)$$

Check for N=2:

$$= (0 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[1]} & 0 \\ \hat{O}_{[1]} & \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[1]} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[2]} & 0 \\ \hat{O}_{[2]} & \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[2]} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

$$= (0 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[1]} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[2]} & 0 \\ \hat{O}_{[1]} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[2]} + \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[1]} \otimes \hat{O}_{[2]} & \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[1]} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[2]} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{O}_{[1]} \otimes \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[2]} + \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[1]} \otimes \hat{O}_{[2]} \quad (21)$$

Matrix elements of W have direct-product structure:

$$W^{\mu\sigma'_2}_{\nu\sigma_2} = \begin{pmatrix} (\hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[1]})^{\sigma'_2}_{\sigma_2} & 0 \\ (\hat{O}_{[1]})^{\sigma'_2}_{\sigma_2} & \hat{\mathbf{1}}_{[1]}^{\sigma'_2}_{\sigma_2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mu \\ \nu \end{matrix} \quad (22)$$

2. MPO representation of Heisenberg Hamiltonian

MPS-IV.2

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \left[J^z \hat{S}_l^z \hat{S}_{l+1}^z + \frac{1}{2} J \hat{S}_l^+ \hat{S}_{l+1}^- + \frac{1}{2} J \hat{S}_l^- \hat{S}_{l+1}^+ \right] - \sum_{l=1}^L h S_l^z$$

is shorthand for

$$= J^z \hat{S}_1^z \otimes \hat{S}_2^z \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} + J^z \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{S}_2^z \otimes \hat{S}_3^z \otimes \dots \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} + \dots$$

Contains sum of one- and two-site operators. How can we bring this into the form of an MPO?

Solution: introduced operator-valued matrices, whose product reproduces the above form!

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} &= \langle \bar{\sigma}^i | H \hat{\sigma}_i^i | \bar{\sigma}^i \rangle =: \prod_l \hat{W}_{[l]} = \text{matrix product of one-site operators} \\ &=: \left(\hat{W}_{[1]} \right)_\mu \left(\hat{W}_{[2]} \right)_\nu \otimes \dots \otimes \left(\hat{W}_{[N]} \right)_\lambda \\ &=: \left(| \bar{\sigma}_1^i \rangle W_{[1]}^{\mu \sigma_1^i} \langle \bar{\sigma}_1^i | \right) \otimes \left(| \bar{\sigma}_2^i \rangle W_{[2]}^{\nu \sigma_2^i} \langle \bar{\sigma}_2^i | \right) \otimes \dots \otimes \left(| \bar{\sigma}_N^i \rangle W_{[N]}^{\lambda \sigma_N^i} \langle \bar{\sigma}_N^i | \right) \end{aligned}$$

Each $\hat{W}_{[l]}$ acts only on site l ; their matrix product gives the full MPO.

$$W_{[l]}^{\sigma_l^i \sigma_l}$$

Viewed from any given bond, the string of operators in each term of \hat{H} can be in one of 5 'states': (mutually exclusive)

$\hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes -h S^z \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}}$	state 1: only $\hat{\mathbb{1}}$ to the right
$\hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^- \otimes \hat{S}^+ \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}}$	state 2: one \hat{S}^+ just to the right
$\hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^+ \otimes \hat{S}^- \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}}$	state 3: one \hat{S}^- just to the right
$\hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes J^z \hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^+ \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}}$	state 4: one \hat{S}^z just to the right
$\hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes J^z \hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^- \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}}$	state 5: only $\hat{\mathbb{1}}$ to the left

(i.e. one $-h S^z$ or completed interaction somewhere to the right)

Build matrix whose element ij implements 'transition' from 'state' j to i on its left:

<p>Site 1: $\hat{W}_{[1]}$</p> <p>row vector</p> $= \left[-h S^z, \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^-, \frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^+, J^z S^z, \mathbb{1} \right]$ <p>last row of $\hat{W}_{[l]}$</p>	<p>Sites $1 < l < L$: $W_{[l]}$</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>$\hat{\mathbb{1}}$</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>\hat{S}^+</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>\hat{S}^-</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>\hat{S}^z</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>$-h S^z$</td> <td>$\frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^-$</td> <td>$\frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^+$</td> <td>$J^z \hat{S}^z$</td> <td>$\hat{\mathbb{1}}$</td> </tr> </table>		1	2	3	4	5	1	$\hat{\mathbb{1}}$	0				2	\hat{S}^+	0				3	\hat{S}^-	0				4	\hat{S}^z	0	0	0	0	5	$-h S^z$	$\frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^-$	$\frac{1}{2} \hat{S}^+$	$J^z \hat{S}^z$	$\hat{\mathbb{1}}$	<p>Site L: $\hat{W}_{[L]}$</p> <p>column vector</p> $\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbb{1}} \\ \hat{S}^+ \\ \hat{S}^- \\ \hat{S}^z \\ -h S^z \end{pmatrix}$ <p>first column of $\hat{W}_{[l]}$</p>
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$\hat{W}_{[1]}^\mu W_{[2]}^\nu =$

Key properties:

$$\hat{W}_{[1]}^I \hat{W}_{[2]}^\mu = \hat{H}_{1,2} \otimes \mathbb{1}_2 + \hat{H}_{1,2} + \mathbb{1}_1 \otimes \hat{H}_2$$

$$\hat{W}_{[L-1]}^I \hat{W}_{[L]}^\mu = \hat{H}_{L-1,L} \otimes \mathbb{1}_L + \hat{H}_{L-1,L} + \mathbb{1}_{L-1} \otimes \hat{H}_L$$

$$\hat{W}_{[L]}^I \hat{W}_{[L+1]}^\mu = \hat{H}_{L,L+1} \otimes \mathbb{1}_{L+1} + \hat{H}_{L,L+1} + \mathbb{1}_L \otimes \hat{H}_{L+1}$$

Check: multiplying out a product of such $\hat{W}_{[k]}$'s yields desired result:

$$\hat{W}_{[1]} \hat{W}_{[2]} \hat{W}_{[3]} \hat{W}_{[4]} =$$

$$\hat{W}_{[1]} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbb{1}} & 0 \\ \hat{S}^+ & 0 \\ \hat{S}^- & 0 \\ \hat{S}^z & 0 \\ -h\hat{S}^z & \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^- & \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^+ & J^z\hat{S}^z & \hat{\mathbb{1}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbb{1}} & 0 \\ \hat{S}^+ & 0 \\ \hat{S}^- & 0 \\ \hat{S}^z & 0 \\ -h\hat{S}^z & \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^- & \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^+ & J^z\hat{S}^z & \hat{\mathbb{1}} \end{pmatrix} \hat{W}_{[4]}$$

elements 1,2 and 1,3 and 1,4, couple to site 1, building the interaction between sites 1 and 2

$$= \hat{W}_{[1]} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \\ \hat{S}^+ \otimes \mathbb{1} \\ \hat{S}^- \otimes \mathbb{1} \\ \hat{S}^z \otimes \mathbb{1} \\ (-h\hat{S}^z \otimes \mathbb{1} + \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^- \hat{S}^+ + \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^+ \hat{S}^- + J^z\hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^z + \mathbb{1} \otimes (-h\hat{S}^z)) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} \otimes \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^- & \mathbb{1} \otimes \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^+ & \mathbb{1} \otimes J^z\hat{S}^z & \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix} \hat{W}_{[4]}$$

element 5,1 contains the full Hamiltonian for sites 2 and 3, excluding terms involving sites 1 and 4.

elements 5,2 and 5,3 and 5,4 couple to site 4, building the interaction between sites 3 and 4

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -h\hat{S}^z & \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^- & \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^+ & J^z\hat{S}^z & \mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbb{1}} \\ \hat{S}^+ \\ \hat{S}^- \\ \hat{S}^z \\ -h\hat{S}^z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left[-h\hat{S}^z \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} + \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^- \otimes \hat{S}^+ \otimes \mathbb{1} + \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^+ \otimes \hat{S}^- \otimes \mathbb{1} + J^z\hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^z \otimes \mathbb{1} \right] \otimes \mathbb{1}$$

$$+ \mathbb{1} \otimes \left(-h\hat{S}^z \right) \otimes \mathbb{1} + \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^- \otimes \hat{S}^+ + \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^+ \otimes \hat{S}^- + J^z\hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^z + \mathbb{1} \otimes (-h\hat{S}^z) \otimes \mathbb{1}$$

$$+ \mathbb{1} \otimes \left[\mathbb{1} \otimes \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^- \otimes \hat{S}^+ + \mathbb{1} \otimes \frac{J}{2}\hat{S}^+ \otimes \hat{S}^- + \mathbb{1} \otimes J^z\hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^z + \mathbb{1} \otimes (-h\hat{S}^z) \right]$$

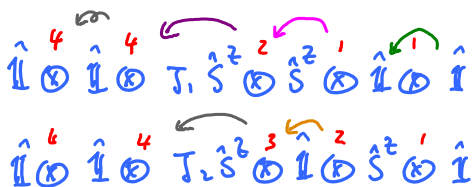
$$+ \mathbb{1} \otimes (-\mathcal{L}\hat{S}^z) \otimes \mathbb{1} + \frac{J}{2} \hat{S}^- \otimes \hat{S}^+ + \frac{J}{2} \hat{S}^+ \otimes \hat{S}^- + J^2 \hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^z + \mathbb{1} \otimes (-\mathcal{L}\hat{S}^z) \otimes \mathbb{1}$$

$$+ \mathbb{1} \otimes \left[\mathbb{1} \otimes \frac{J}{2} \hat{S}^- \otimes \hat{S}^+ + \mathbb{1} \otimes \frac{J}{2} \hat{S}^+ \otimes \hat{S}^- + \mathbb{1} \otimes J^2 \hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^z + \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes (-\mathcal{L}\hat{S}_2^z) \right]$$

= full Hamiltonian for 4 sites! ✓

Longer-ranged interactions

$$\hat{H} = J_1 \sum_l \hat{S}_l^z \hat{S}_{l+1}^z + J_2 \sum_l \hat{S}_l^z \hat{S}_{l+2}^z$$



state 1: only $\mathbb{1}$ to the right

state 2: one \hat{S}^z just to the right

state 3: one $\hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{S}^z$ just to the right

state 4: completed interaction somewhere to the right

$$\hat{W}_{[2]} = \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbb{1}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hat{S}^z & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mathbb{1}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_1 \hat{S}^z & J_2 \hat{S}^z & \hat{\mathbb{1}} \end{pmatrix} \times$$

$$\hat{W}_{[2]} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbb{1}} \\ \hat{S}^z \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{column } 1 \text{ of } \hat{W}_{[2]}$$

$$\hat{W}_{[1]} = (0, J_1 \hat{S}^z, J_2 \hat{S}^z, \hat{\mathbb{1}})$$

= row 4 of $\hat{W}_{[2]}$

Check:

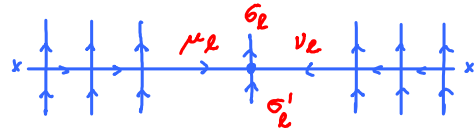
$$\hat{W}_{[1]} \hat{W}_{[2]} \hat{W}_{[3]} = \hat{W}_{[1]} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbb{1}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hat{S}^z & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{\mathbb{1}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_1 \hat{S}^z & J_2 \hat{S}^z & \hat{\mathbb{1}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbb{1}} \\ \hat{S}^z \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (0, J_1 \hat{S}^z, J_2 \hat{S}^z, \hat{\mathbb{1}}) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \\ \hat{S}_2 \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \\ \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{S}^z \\ 0 + J_1 \hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^z + 0 + 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

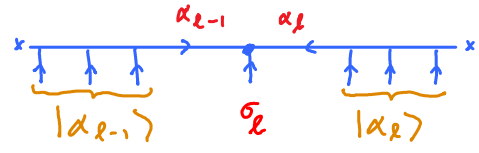
$$= J_1 \hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} + J_2 \hat{S}^z \otimes \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes \hat{S}^z + \hat{\mathbb{1}} \otimes J_1 \hat{S}_2 \otimes \hat{S}_2 \quad \checkmark$$

How does an MPO act on an MPS in mixed-canonical representation w.r.t. site l ? Consider

$$\hat{O} = |\bar{\sigma}'\rangle \prod_l W_{[\ell]}^{\sigma'_l} \sigma_l \langle \bar{\sigma} | \quad (1)$$



$$|\psi\rangle = \underbrace{|\alpha_l\rangle |\sigma_l\rangle |\alpha_{l-1}\rangle}_{\equiv |a\rangle} M^{\alpha_{l-1} \sigma_l \alpha_l} \quad (2)$$

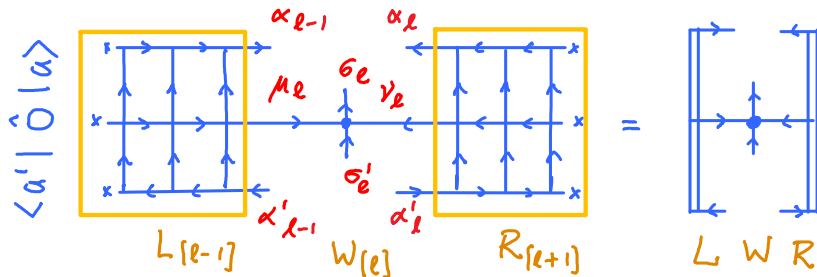


Here $\{|a\rangle\}$ form a basis for the mixed-canonical representation. Express operator in this basis:

$$\hat{O} = |a'\rangle O^{a'}_a \langle a | \quad , \quad \text{with matrix elements} \quad O^{a'}_a = \langle a' | \hat{O} | a \rangle \quad (3)$$

then $|\psi'\rangle = \hat{O} |\psi\rangle = |a'\rangle M^{a'}$, with components $M^{a'} = O^{a'}_a M^a$ (4)

$$O^{a'}_a = \langle a' | \hat{O} | a \rangle$$



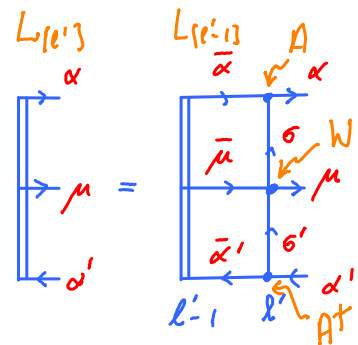
(5)

$$= L_{[l-1]}^{\alpha'_{l-1}} \underbrace{M_{\alpha_{l-1}}^{\alpha'_{l-1}}}_{W_{[l]}} M_{\sigma'_l}^{\sigma_l} \underbrace{R_{[l+1]}^{\alpha_l}}_{\nu_l \alpha_l}$$

(6)

L can be computed iteratively, for $l' \leq l-1$:
(Similarly for R, for $l' \geq l+1$)

$$L_{[l'] }^{\alpha'} \mu \alpha = A_{[l']}^{\dagger \alpha'} \sigma'_{\bar{\alpha}'} L_{[l'-1]}^{\bar{\alpha}'} \bar{\mu} \bar{\alpha} A_{[l']}^{\bar{\alpha} \sigma} \alpha W_{[l']}^{\bar{\mu} \sigma'} \mu \sigma \quad (7)$$



For efficient computation, perform sums in this order:

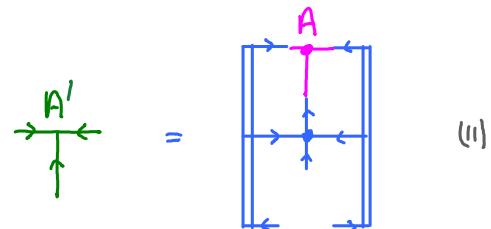
1. Sum over $\bar{\alpha}'$ for fixed $\sigma', \alpha', \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\mu}$ at cost $D \cdot (d D^2 D_w)$ (8)

2. Sum over $\bar{\mu}, \sigma'$ for fixed $\alpha', \bar{\alpha}, \mu, \sigma$ at cost $(D_w d) \cdot (D^2 D_w d)$ (9)

3. Sum over $\bar{\alpha}, \sigma$ for fixed α', α, μ at cost $(D d) \cdot (D^2 D_w)$ (10)

The application of MPO to MPS is then represented as:

$$A^{a'} = O^{a'}_a A^a$$



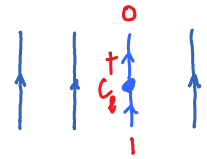
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4. MPS representation of Fermi sea

key idea: [Silvi2013]
 we follow compact discussion of [Wu2020]
 further applications: [Jin2020, Jin2020a]

MPS-IV.3

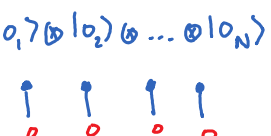
Consider a system of non-interacting fermions defined on sites $\ell = 1, \dots, N$,

with local basis $|0_\ell\rangle \in \{|0_\ell\rangle, |1_\ell\rangle\}$ and $|1_\ell\rangle = c_\ell^\dagger |0_\ell\rangle$ 

described by a quadratic Hamiltonian,

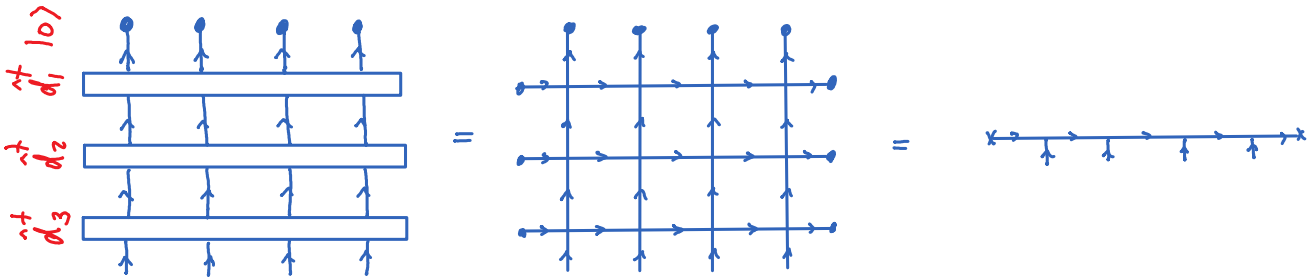
$$\hat{H} = \hat{c}_\ell^\dagger h_\ell^{e'} \hat{c}_\ell = \hat{c}_{\ell'}^\dagger (\underbrace{U D U^\dagger}_{\text{diagonal}})^{\ell'} \hat{c}_\ell = \sum_\alpha \varepsilon_\alpha \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger \hat{d}_\alpha$$

with eigenenergies ε_α and eigenmodes $\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger = \hat{c}_\ell^\dagger U^{\ell'}_\alpha$.

Filled Fermi sea of M particles: $|F\rangle = \prod_{\alpha=1}^M \hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger |0\rangle$  vacuum state (all sites empty) bond dim. = 1

Goal: express this state as an MPS!

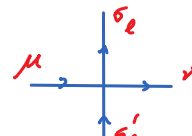
Strategy: express each \hat{d}_α^\dagger as an MPO, sequentially apply these to vacuum state.



MPO representation of \hat{d}_α^\dagger : (similar to MPS-IV.1.19)

$$\hat{d}_\alpha^\dagger = \sum_\ell \hat{c}_\ell^\dagger U_\alpha^\ell \quad \text{with single-site operators} \quad \hat{c}_\ell^\dagger \stackrel{\text{(MPS-I.1.22)}}{=} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ | \\ \uparrow \\ \downarrow \\ \ell \end{array}$$

$$= (0 \ 1) \prod_{\ell=1}^M \hat{W}_{(\ell)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{W}_{(\ell)} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{z}_{(\ell)} & 0 \\ \hat{c}_\ell^\dagger U_\alpha^\ell & \hat{1}_{(\ell)} \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix elements: $W_{(\ell)}^{\mu \sigma'_e \nu \sigma_e} = \begin{pmatrix} (\hat{z})^{\sigma'_e \sigma_e} & 0 \\ (c^\dagger)^{\sigma'_e \sigma_e} U_\alpha^\ell & (\hat{1})^{\sigma'_e \sigma_e} \end{pmatrix}^{\mu \nu} = \begin{pmatrix} (1 \ -1) & 0 \\ (0 \ 0) U_\alpha^\ell & (1 \ 1) \end{pmatrix}$ 

When computing $\hat{d}_M^\dagger \dots \hat{d}_2^\dagger \hat{d}_1^\dagger |0\rangle$ a truncation is needed after each application of an MPO to an MPS. If the U_α^ℓ coefficients have similar magnitudes throughout the chain (i.e. when varying ℓ for fixed α), then application of \hat{d}_α^\dagger substantially modifies the matrices of the MPS on all lattice sites, hence subsequent

truncation is likely to introduce considerable errors.

To avoid this, it is advisable to express the d_α^\dagger through 'Wannier orbitals' that are more localized in space, in that they diagonalize the projection, \tilde{X} , of the position operator \hat{X} into the space of occupied orbitals [Kivelson1982]:

position operator: $\hat{X} = \sum_{l=1}^N j c_j^\dagger c_j$ its projection: $\tilde{X}^{\alpha' \alpha} = \langle 0 | d_{\alpha'}^\dagger \hat{X} d_\alpha | 0 \rangle$

Diagonalize: $\tilde{D} = B^\dagger \tilde{X} B$, define Wannier orbitals
 diagonal with $B^{-1} = B^\dagger$ unitary

$$\begin{cases} f_r = d_\alpha B_r^\alpha \\ f_r^\dagger = d_\alpha^\dagger \overline{B_r^\alpha} = c_\ell^\dagger U_\alpha^\ell \overline{B_r^\alpha} \end{cases}$$

(then $\langle 0 | f_{r'}^\dagger \hat{X} f_r | 0 \rangle = B_{r'}^{\dagger \alpha'} \langle 0 | d_{\alpha'}^\dagger \hat{X} d_\alpha | 0 \rangle B_r^\alpha = B_{r'}^{\dagger \alpha'} \tilde{X}^{\alpha' \alpha} B_r^\alpha = D_{r' r}^{\alpha' \alpha}$ is diagonal)

Now, express the Fermi sea through Wannier orbitals, using $d_\alpha^\dagger = f_r^\dagger B_r^\alpha$

$$|F\rangle = d_M^\dagger \dots d_2^\dagger d_1^\dagger |0\rangle = (f_{r_M}^\dagger B_{r_M}^\alpha) \dots (f_{r_2}^\dagger B_{r_2}^\alpha) (f_{r_1}^\dagger B_{r_1}^\alpha) |0\rangle$$

$$= \underbrace{B_{r_M}^\alpha \dots B_{r_2}^\alpha B_{r_1}^\alpha}_{\det B^\dagger = 1 \text{ (since B is unitary)}} \varepsilon_{r_M \dots r_2 r_1} f_M^\dagger \dots f_2^\dagger f_1^\dagger |0\rangle$$

$$= \prod_{r=1}^M f_r^\dagger |0\rangle = \prod_{r=1}^M c_\ell^\dagger (U \bar{B})_\ell^r |0\rangle$$

due to Pauli principle, only those terms survive for which all r-indices are different. In each surviving term, rearrange all f_r^\dagger 's into canonical N, ..., 2, 1 order, keeping track of minus signs using a fully antisymmetric Levi-Civita symbol, $\varepsilon_{\dots i \dots j \dots} = -\varepsilon_{\dots j \dots i \dots}$

Truncation errors are much reduced when using an MPO representation for the f operators:

$$f_r^\dagger = (0 \ 1) \prod_{\ell=1}^M \hat{W}_{[r\ell]} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{W}_{[r\ell]} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{z}_{r\ell} & 0 \\ \hat{c}_\ell^\dagger (U \bar{B})_\ell^r & \hat{1}_{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

In practice, truncation errors have been found to be smallest [Wu2020] if the parton operators are applied in an 'left-meets-right' order (first apply left-most, then right-most, then proceed inwards):

e.g. for even N: $|F\rangle = f_{N/2}^\dagger f_{N/2-1}^\dagger \dots f_{N-1}^\dagger f_2^\dagger f_N^\dagger f_1^\dagger |0\rangle$