

MPS.6 Iterative diagonalization

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Consider spin-1/2 chain:
$$\hat{H}^L = \sum_{\ell=1}^L \hat{S}_\ell \cdot \vec{h}_\ell + \sum_{\ell=1}^{L-1} \hat{S}_\ell \cdot \hat{S}_{\ell+1} \quad (1)$$

SU(2) spin algebra for each site ℓ (suppressing site indices in Eqs. (2-4):

$$[\hat{S}_i, \hat{S}_j] = \varepsilon_{ijk} \hat{S}_k \quad (2a), \quad S_i^\dagger = S_i, \quad \hat{S}_\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{S}_x \pm i\hat{S}_y) = \hat{S}_\mp^\dagger := \hat{S}_\mp^\dagger \quad (2b)$$

$$\stackrel{(2a,b)}{\Rightarrow} [\hat{S}_-, \hat{S}_+] = \hat{S}_z, \quad [\hat{S}_z, \hat{S}_\pm] = \pm \hat{S}_\pm$$
 useful convention to achieve covariant notation (2c)

$$\hat{S}_\ell \cdot \hat{S}_{\ell+1} = \hat{S}_x \hat{S}_x + \hat{S}_y \hat{S}_y + \hat{S}_z \hat{S}_z \stackrel{(2b)}{=} \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_- + \hat{S}_- \hat{S}_+ + \hat{S}_z \hat{S}_z$$
 site ℓ , site $\ell+1$ sum on $\alpha \in \{+, z, -\}$ implied! (3a)

write this covariant notation:
$$= \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_+^\dagger + \hat{S}_- \hat{S}_-^\dagger + \hat{S}_z \hat{S}_z = \hat{S}_\alpha \hat{S}_\alpha^\dagger \quad (3b)$$

with operator triplets:
$$\hat{S}_\alpha \in \{\hat{S}_+, \hat{S}_z, \hat{S}_-\}, \quad \hat{S}_\alpha^\dagger \in \{\hat{S}_+^\dagger, \hat{S}_z^\dagger, \hat{S}_-^\dagger\} \quad (4)$$

In the basis $\{|\vec{\sigma}\rangle\} = \{|\sigma_1\rangle|\sigma_2\rangle\dots|\sigma_L\rangle\}$, the Hamiltonian can be expressed as

$$\hat{H}^L = |\vec{\sigma}\rangle H_{\vec{\sigma}'\vec{\sigma}} |\vec{\sigma}'\rangle$$
 (5)
 'no hat' means 'matrix representation'

$H_{\vec{\sigma}'\vec{\sigma}}$ is a linear map acting on a direct product space: $V^{\otimes L} := V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes \dots \otimes V_L$

where V_ℓ is the 2-dimensional representation space of site ℓ .

\hat{H}^L is a sum of single-site and two-site terms.

On-site terms:
$$\hat{S}_{a\ell} = |\sigma'_\ell\rangle [S_a]_{\sigma'_\ell \sigma_\ell} |\sigma_\ell\rangle$$
 (6)

Matrix representation in V_ℓ :
$$[S_a]_{\sigma'_\ell \sigma_\ell} = \langle \sigma'_\ell | \hat{S}_{a\ell} | \sigma_\ell \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} [S_a]_{\uparrow\uparrow} & [S_a]_{\uparrow\downarrow} \\ [S_a]_{\downarrow\uparrow} & [S_a]_{\downarrow\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$S_+ = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Nearest-neighbor interactions, acting on direct product space, $|\sigma_\ell\rangle \otimes |\sigma_{\ell+1}\rangle$:

$$\hat{S}_{a\ell} \otimes \hat{S}_{a\ell+1}^\dagger = |\sigma'_\ell\rangle |\sigma'_{\ell+1}\rangle [S_a]_{\sigma'_\ell \sigma_\ell} [S_a^\dagger]_{\sigma'_{\ell+1} \sigma_{\ell+1}} |\sigma_\ell\rangle |\sigma_{\ell+1}\rangle$$
 (9)


We define the 3-leg tensors $\langle \langle \langle$ with index placements matching those of \square tensors for wavefunctions:

$$\begin{matrix} \alpha & \alpha+1 & \dots & \alpha & \alpha+1 & \dots & \alpha & \alpha+1 \end{matrix}$$

We define the 3-leg tensors S, S^\dagger with index placements matching those of A tensors for wavefunctions: incoming upstairs, outgoing downstairs (fly in, roll out), with α (by convention) as middle index.

Diagonalize site 1

Matrix acting on ψ_1 :

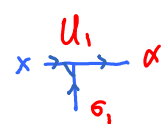
$$H_1 = \underbrace{S_{\alpha_1}^\dagger}_{\text{chain of length 1}} \cdot \underbrace{h_1^\alpha}_{\text{site index: } l=1} = U_1 D_1 U_1^\dagger \quad (10)$$


$D_1 = U_1^\dagger H_1 U_1$ is diagonal, with matrix elements

$$[D_1]_{\alpha'}^{\alpha} = [U_1^\dagger]_{\sigma_1'}^{\alpha'} [H_1]_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_1'} [U_1]_{\alpha}^{\sigma_1} \quad (11)$$


Eigenvectors of the matrix H_1 are given by column vectors of the matrix $[U_1]_{\alpha}^{\sigma_1}$:

Eigenstates of operator \hat{H}_1 are given by: $|\alpha\rangle = |\sigma_1\rangle [U_1]_{\alpha}^{\sigma_1}$ (13)



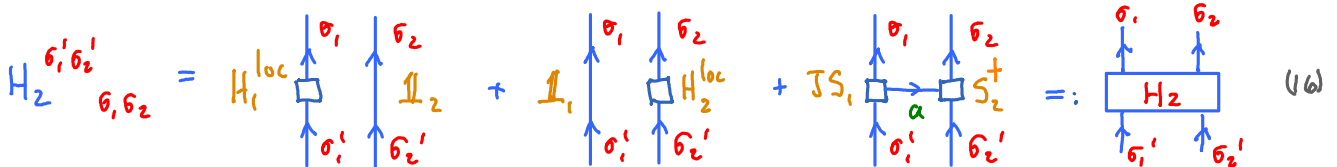
Add site 2

Diagonalize H_2 in enlarged Hilbert space, $\mathcal{H}_{(2)} = \text{span}\{|\sigma_1\rangle|\sigma_2\rangle\}$ (14)

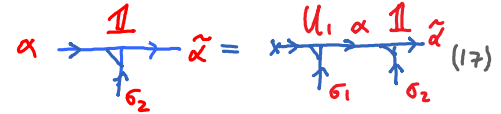
Matrix acting on $\psi_1 \otimes \psi_2$:

$$H_2 = \underbrace{\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{h}_1}_{H_1^{loc}} \otimes \mathbb{1}_2 + \mathbb{1}_1 \otimes \underbrace{\vec{S}_2 \cdot \vec{h}_2}_{H_2^{loc}} + \underbrace{J S_{\alpha_1} \otimes S_{\alpha_2}^\dagger}_{H_{12}^{loc}} \quad (15)$$

Matrix representation in $\mathcal{V}_1 \otimes \mathcal{V}_2$ corresponding to 'local' basis, $\{|\sigma_1\rangle|\sigma_2\rangle\}$:

$$H_2^{\sigma_1, \sigma_2'} = H_1^{loc} \otimes \mathbb{1}_2 + \mathbb{1}_1 \otimes H_2^{loc} + JS_1 \otimes S_2^\dagger =: H_2 \quad (16)$$


We seek matrix representation in $\mathcal{V}_1 \otimes \mathcal{V}_2$ corresponding to enlarged, 'site-1-diagonal' basis, defined as

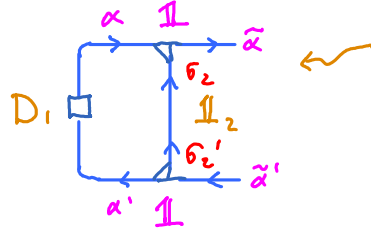
$$|\tilde{\alpha}\rangle \equiv |\alpha, \sigma_2\rangle \equiv |\alpha\rangle |\sigma_2\rangle = |\sigma_1\rangle |\sigma_2\rangle U_1^{\sigma_1, \alpha} \quad \alpha \rightarrow \tilde{\alpha} = \alpha \xrightarrow{\mathbb{1}} \tilde{\alpha} \quad (17)$$


$$\hat{H}_2 = |\tilde{\alpha}\rangle H_2^{\tilde{\alpha}'} \langle \tilde{\alpha} |, \quad H_2^{\tilde{\alpha}'} = \langle \tilde{\alpha}' | \hat{H}_2 | \tilde{\alpha} \rangle = \langle \tilde{\alpha}' | \sigma_1', \sigma_2' \rangle H_2^{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 | \tilde{\alpha} \rangle$$

To this end, attach U_1^\dagger, U_1 to in/out legs of site 1, and $\mathbb{1}, \mathbb{1}$ to in/out legs of site 2:



$$H_2 = H_1^{loc} + H_2^{loc} + JS_1 \quad (18)$$



First term is already diagonal. But other terms are not.

Note: the 'triangles' on ∇, \perp suffice to fully specify all arrow direction, hence arrows can be omitted (will often be done in later lectures).

Now diagonalize H_2 in this enlarged basis: $H_2 = U_2 D_2 U_2^\dagger \quad (19)$

$D_2 = U_2^\dagger H_2 U_2$ is diagonal, with matrix elements

$$[D_2]_{\beta\beta'}^{\alpha\alpha'} = [U_2^\dagger]_{\alpha\alpha'}^{\beta\beta'} [H_2]_{\alpha\alpha'}^{\beta\beta'} [U_2]_{\beta\beta'}^{\alpha\alpha'}$$

$$D_2 = U_2 D_2 U_2^\dagger \quad (20)$$

Eigenvectors of matrix H_2 are given by column vectors of the matrix $[U_2]_{\beta}^{\tilde{\alpha}} = [U_2]^{\alpha\sigma_2}_{\beta}$:

Eigenstates of the operator \hat{H}_2 :

$$|\beta\rangle = |\tilde{\alpha}\rangle [U_2]_{\beta}^{\tilde{\alpha}} = |\alpha\rangle |\sigma_2\rangle [U_2]^{\alpha\sigma_2}_{\beta} = |\sigma_1\rangle |\sigma_2\rangle [U_1]_{\alpha}^{\sigma_1} [U_2]^{\alpha\sigma_2}_{\beta} \quad (21)$$

$$\rightarrow \beta = \alpha \begin{matrix} U_2 \\ \uparrow \\ \sigma_2 \end{matrix} \beta = \begin{matrix} U_1 & U_2 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 \end{matrix} \beta \quad (22)$$

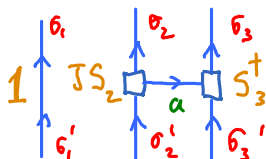
Add site 3

Transform each term involving new site into the 'enlarged, site-12-diagonal basis', defined as

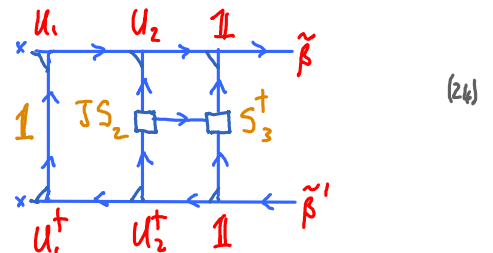
$$|\tilde{\beta}\rangle \equiv |\beta\sigma_3\rangle \equiv |\beta\rangle |\sigma_3\rangle \quad \beta \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \perp \\ \uparrow \\ \sigma_3 \end{matrix} \tilde{\beta} = \begin{matrix} U_1 & U_2 & \perp \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \sigma_1 & \sigma_2 & \sigma_3 \end{matrix} \tilde{\beta} \quad (23)$$

For example, spin-spin interaction, H_{23}^{int} :

Local basis:



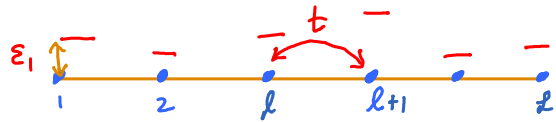
enlarged, site-12-diagonal basis:



Then diagonalize in this basis: $H_3 = U_3 D_3 U_3^\dagger$, etc. (25)

At each iteration, Hilbert space grows by a factor of 2. Eventually, truncations will be needed...!

Consider tight-binding chain of spinless fermions:



$$\hat{H} = \sum_{l=1}^L \epsilon_l \hat{c}_l^\dagger \hat{c}_l + \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} t_l (\hat{c}_l^\dagger \hat{c}_{l+1} + \hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger \hat{c}_l) \quad (1)$$

Goal: find matrix representation for this Hamiltonian, acting in direct product space $V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes \dots \otimes V_L$, while respecting fermionic minus signs:

$$\{\hat{c}_l, \hat{c}_{l'}\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{c}_l^\dagger, \hat{c}_{l'}^\dagger\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{c}_l^\dagger, \hat{c}_{l'}\} = \delta_{ll'} \quad (2)$$

First consider a single site (dropping the site index l):

Hilbert space: $\text{span}\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$, local index: $n = \sigma \in \{0, 1\}$ (local occupancy)

$$\text{Operator action: } \hat{c}^\dagger |0\rangle = |1\rangle, \quad \hat{c}^\dagger |1\rangle = 0 \quad (3a)$$

$$\hat{c} |0\rangle = 0, \quad \hat{c} |1\rangle = |0\rangle \quad (3b)$$

The operators $\hat{c}^\dagger = |\sigma'\rangle \langle \sigma|$ and $\hat{c} = |\sigma\rangle \langle \sigma'|$

$$\text{have matrix representations in } V: \quad C^{\dagger \sigma'}_{\sigma} = \langle \sigma' | \hat{c}^\dagger | \sigma \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \langle 0 | & \langle 1 | \\ \langle 0 | & \langle 1 | \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C^{\dagger \sigma'}_{\sigma} \quad (4a)$$

$$C^{\sigma'}_{\sigma} = \langle \sigma' | \hat{c} | \sigma \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C^{\sigma'}_{\sigma} \quad (4b)$$

Shorthand: we write $\hat{c}^\dagger \doteq C^\dagger, \hat{c} \doteq C$ where \doteq means 'is represented by'

lower case denotes operator in Fock space upper case denotes matrix in 2-dim space V

$$\text{Check: } C^\dagger C + C C^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1} \quad (5)$$

$$C^\dagger C^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

For the number operator, $\hat{n} := \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c}$ the matrix representation in V reads:

$$n := C^\dagger C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - Z) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{where } Z := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is representation of } \hat{z} = 1 - 2\hat{n} = (-1)^{\hat{n}} \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Useful relations: } \hat{c} \hat{z} = -\hat{z} \hat{c}, \quad \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{z} = -\hat{z} \hat{c}^\dagger \quad (9)$$

'commuting \hat{c} or \hat{c}^\dagger past \hat{z} produces a sign'

[exercise: check this algebraically, using matrix representations!]

Intuitive reason: \hat{c} and \hat{c}^\dagger both change \hat{n} -eigenvalue by one, hence change sign of $(-1)^{\hat{n}}$.

For example:
$$\hat{c}^\dagger (-1)^{\hat{n}} = \hat{c}^\dagger = -(-1)^{\hat{n}} \hat{c}^\dagger \quad (10a)$$
 non-zero only when acting on $|0\rangle = (-1)^0 = 1$ $= (-1)^1 = -1$

Similarly:
$$\hat{c} (-1)^{\hat{n}} = -\hat{c} = -(-1)^{\hat{n}} \hat{c} \quad (10b)$$
 non-zero only when acting on $|1\rangle = (-1)^1 = -1$ $= (-1)^0 = 1$

Now consider a chain of spinless fermions:

Complication: fermionic operators on different sites anticommute: $c_l c_{l'}^\dagger = -c_{l'}^\dagger c_l$ for $l \neq l'$

Hilbert space: $\text{span} \{ |\vec{n}\rangle_{\mathcal{L}} = |n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{\mathcal{L}}\rangle \}$, $n_l \in \{0, 1\}$ (11)

Define canonical ordering: fill states from right to left:

$$|n_1, \dots, n_{\mathcal{L}}, \dots, n_{\mathcal{L}}\rangle = (\hat{c}_1^\dagger)^{n_1} \dots (\hat{c}_l^\dagger)^{n_l} \dots (\hat{c}_{\mathcal{L}}^\dagger)^{n_{\mathcal{L}}} |Vac\rangle \quad (12)$$

Now consider:

$$\hat{c}_l^\dagger |n_1, \dots, 0, \dots, n_{\mathcal{L}}\rangle = (-1)^{n_1 + \dots + n_{l-1}} (\hat{c}_1^\dagger)^{n_1} \dots \underbrace{c_l^\dagger (\hat{c}_l^\dagger)^0}_{(\hat{c}_l^\dagger)^1} \dots (\hat{c}_{\mathcal{L}}^\dagger)^{n_{\mathcal{L}}} |Vac\rangle \quad (13)$$

$$= (-1)^{n_l^<} |n_1, \dots, 1, \dots, n_{\mathcal{L}}\rangle, \quad n_l^< = \sum_{l'=1}^{l-1} n_{l'} \quad (14)$$

$$c_l |n_1, \dots, 1, \dots, n_{\mathcal{L}}\rangle = (-1)^{n_1 + \dots + n_{l-1}} (\hat{c}_1^\dagger)^{n_1} \dots \underbrace{c_l (\hat{c}_l^\dagger)^1}_{(\hat{c}_l^\dagger)^0} \dots (\hat{c}_{\mathcal{L}}^\dagger)^{n_{\mathcal{L}}} |Vac\rangle \quad (15)$$

$$= (-1)^{n_l^<} |n_1, \dots, 0, \dots, n_{\mathcal{L}}\rangle \quad (16)$$

To keep track of such signs, matrix representations in $V^{\otimes \mathcal{L}} = V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes \dots \otimes V_{\mathcal{L}}$ need extra 'sign counters', tracking fermion numbers:

$$\hat{c}_l^\dagger \doteq z_1 \otimes \dots \otimes z_{l-1} \otimes C_l^\dagger \otimes \mathbb{1}_{l+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{L}} \doteq z_l^< C_l^\dagger \quad (21)$$

$$\hat{c}_l \doteq z_1 \otimes \dots \otimes z_{l-1} \otimes C_l \otimes \mathbb{1}_{l+1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{L}} \doteq z_l^< C_l \quad (22)$$

'Jordan-Wigner transformation'

with
$$z_l^< := \prod_{\otimes l' < l} z_{l'} \quad \text{'Z-string'} \quad (23)$$

Consider chain of spinful fermions. Site index: $l = 1, \dots, L$, spin index: $s \in \{\uparrow, \downarrow\} := \{+, -\}$

$$\{\hat{c}_{ls}, \hat{c}_{l's'}\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{c}_{ls}^\dagger, \hat{c}_{l's'}^\dagger\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{c}_{ls}^\dagger, \hat{c}_{l's'}\} = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{ss'} \quad (1)$$

Define canonical order for fully filled state: $\hat{c}_{1\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{1\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{2\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{2\downarrow}^\dagger \dots \hat{c}_{L\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{L\downarrow}^\dagger |Vac\rangle$ (2)

First consider a single site (dropping the index l):

Hilbert space: $= \text{span}\{|0\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle, |\uparrow\rangle, |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle\}$, local index: $\sigma \in \{0, \downarrow, \uparrow, \uparrow\downarrow\}$ (3)

constructed via: $|0\rangle \equiv |Vac\rangle, \quad |\downarrow\rangle \equiv \hat{c}_{\downarrow}^\dagger |0\rangle,$ (4)

$$|\uparrow\rangle \equiv \hat{c}_{\uparrow}^\dagger |0\rangle, \quad |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \equiv \hat{c}_{\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\downarrow}^\dagger |0\rangle = \hat{c}_{\uparrow}^\dagger |\downarrow\rangle = -\hat{c}_{\downarrow}^\dagger |\uparrow\rangle$$
 (5)

To deal with minus signs, introduce $\hat{z}_s := (-1)^{\hat{n}_s} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \hat{n}_s)$ $s \in \{\uparrow, \downarrow\}$ (6)

$\hat{z}_s \leftarrow \hat{c}_s^\dagger \hat{c}_s$

We seek a matrix representation of $\hat{c}_s^\dagger, \hat{c}_s, \hat{z}_s$ in direct product space $\tilde{V} := V_\uparrow \otimes V_\downarrow$. (7)

(Matrices acting in this space will carry tildes.)

$$\hat{z}_\uparrow \doteq z_\uparrow \otimes \mathbf{1}_\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1(1) & 0(1) \\ 0(1) & -1(1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{z}_\uparrow$$
 (8)

$$\hat{z}_\downarrow \doteq \mathbf{1}_\uparrow \otimes z_\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{z}_\downarrow$$
 (9)

$$\hat{z}_\uparrow \hat{z}_\downarrow \doteq z_\uparrow \otimes z_\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{z}$$
 (10)

$$\hat{c}_\uparrow^\dagger \doteq C_\uparrow^\dagger \otimes \mathbf{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{c}_\uparrow^\dagger$$

$$\hat{c}_\uparrow \doteq C_\uparrow \otimes \mathbf{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{c}_\uparrow$$
 (11)

$$\hat{c}_\downarrow^\dagger \doteq z_\uparrow \otimes C_\downarrow^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 0 \\ & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{c}_\downarrow^\dagger$$
 (12)

$$\hat{c}_\downarrow \doteq z_\uparrow \otimes C_\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ & 0 & -1 \\ & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{c}_\downarrow$$
 (12)

$$\hat{C}_\downarrow \doteq z_\uparrow \otimes C_\downarrow = (1 \ -1) \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) =: \tilde{C}_\downarrow \quad (12)$$

The factors \tilde{Z}_s guarantee correct signs. For example $\tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \tilde{C}_\downarrow = -\tilde{C}_\downarrow \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger$:
 (fully analogous to MPS-II.1.17)

$$\tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \tilde{C}_\downarrow = -\tilde{C}_\downarrow \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \quad (13)$$

Algebraic check:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & | & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & | & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

Remark: for spinful fermions (in contrast to spinless fermions, compare MPS-II.28), we have

$$\tilde{C}_s^\dagger \tilde{Z} \neq \tilde{C}_s^\dagger \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{Z} \tilde{C}_s \neq \tilde{C}_s \quad (15)$$

For example, consider $s = \uparrow$; action in $\tilde{V} = V_\uparrow \otimes V_\downarrow$:

$$\tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \tilde{Z} = \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \tilde{Z} = \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \tilde{Z} \neq \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \tilde{Z} = \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \quad (16)$$

Now consider a chain of spinful fermions (analogous to spinless case, with \tilde{V}_ℓ instead of V_ℓ).

Each $\hat{C}_{\ell s}$ or $\hat{C}_{\ell s}^\dagger$ must produce sign change when moved past any $\hat{C}_{\ell' s}$ or $\hat{C}_{\ell' s}^\dagger$ with $\ell' > \ell$.

So, define the following matrix representations in $\tilde{V}^{\otimes \ell} = \tilde{V}_1 \otimes \tilde{V}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{V}_\ell$:

$$\hat{C}_\ell^\dagger \doteq \tilde{Z}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{Z}_{\ell-1} \otimes \tilde{C}_\ell^\dagger \otimes 1_{\ell+1} \otimes \dots \quad 1_\ell \equiv z_\ell^< \tilde{C}_\ell^\dagger \quad (17)$$

$$\hat{C}_\ell \doteq \tilde{Z}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{Z}_{\ell-1} \otimes \tilde{C}_\ell \otimes 1_{\ell+1} \otimes \dots \quad 1_\ell \equiv z_\ell^< \tilde{C}_\ell \quad (18)$$

'Jordan-Wigner transformation'

$$\text{with } \tilde{Z}_\ell^< \equiv \prod_{\otimes \ell' < \ell} \tilde{Z}_{\ell'} = \prod_{\otimes \ell' < \ell} z_{\uparrow \ell'} \otimes z_{\downarrow \ell'} \quad \text{'Z-string'} \quad (19)$$

In bilinear combinations, most (but not all!) of the \tilde{Z} 's cancel.

Example: hopping term $\hat{C}_{\ell s}^\dagger \hat{C}_{\ell-1 s}$: (sum over s implied)

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & 1 & 2 & \dots & l-2 & l-1 & l & l+1 & \dots & l \\
 \hat{C}_s^{\dagger} \hat{C}_s^{l-1} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \dots & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \tilde{C}_s \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 1 \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{C}_s^{\dagger} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 1 \\ \uparrow \\ 1 \end{array} & \dots & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 1 \\ \uparrow \\ 1 \end{array} \\
 & & & & & & & \text{here Z's cancel} & &
 \end{array} \tag{20}$$

$$= \begin{array}{cccccccc}
 \uparrow & \uparrow & \dots & \uparrow & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \tilde{C}_s \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 1 \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{C}_s^{\dagger} \end{array} & \uparrow & \dots & \uparrow
 \end{array} \tag{21}$$

initial charge: $l-1$ l Similarly: $l-1$ l final charge: $l-1$ l

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \tilde{C}_s \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{C}_s^{\dagger} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \tilde{z} \\ \uparrow \\ \tilde{C}_s \end{array} \\
 \text{final charge: } 0 & 1 & \text{final charge: } 1 & 0
 \end{array}$$

bond \rightarrow indicates spin sum \sum_s

$$\hat{C}_{l-1}^{\dagger} \hat{C}_{ls} = \tag{22}$$

Arrow convention for virtual bonds of creation/annihilation operators:

'charge conservation' holds for each operator, i.e. total charge in = total charge out. (23)

Annihilation operator: outgoing -1 or incoming $+1$

Creation operator: incoming -1 or outgoing $+1$