# Computational physics

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#### Contents

Quantum Monte Carlo

- When quantum effects become important?
- Near absolute zero temperature, where quantum fluctuations, arising from Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, dominate the systems behavior, i.e., if

$$\hbar\omega > k_B T, \tag{1}$$

where  $\omega$  is the characteristic frequency of quantum oscillations,  $\hbar$  is the Plank constant and  $k_B T$  is the thermal energy.

▶ When the interparticle distance (N particles in volume V) is less than the thermal de Broglie wavelength, i.e.,

$$\left(\frac{V}{N}\right)^{1/3} \le \lambda_{th} = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2\pi m k_B T}}$$
(2)

in the case of a nonrelativistic free particles with mass *m*. In this case the gas will obey Bose-Einstein statistics or Fermi-Dirac statistics, whichever is appropriate.

- Connection between statistical mechanics and quantum mechanics.
- Boltzmann weight:  $\rho = \exp(-\beta \mathcal{H})$
- ► Formal solution of the Schrödinger equation  $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{\mathcal{H}} |\psi(t)\rangle$  is time evolution operator, or propagator,  $\hat{U}(t) = \exp\left(\frac{-i\hat{\mathcal{H}}t}{\hbar}\right)$ .
- Isomorphism:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}\rho & \leftrightarrow & \hat{U} \\ \beta & \leftrightarrow & \frac{it}{\hbar} \end{array}$$

(3)

In quantum statistical mechanics the the partition function is

$$\mathcal{Z} = \mathsf{Tr}\left[e^{-\beta\hat{\mathcal{H}}}\right] \tag{4}$$

with inverse temperature  $\beta = 1/k_BT$ .

► Trace can be computed using a complete orthonormal set of basis states {|\(\chi\_i\)}\)} such that

$$\langle \chi_i | \chi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$
 and  $\sum_i |\chi_i\rangle \langle \chi_i | = \hat{\mathbb{1}}$  (5)

and partition function becomes

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{i} \left\langle \chi_{i} \left| e^{-\beta \hat{\mathcal{H}}} \right| \chi_{i} \right\rangle$$
(6)

• If  $|\chi_i\rangle$  is are also the eigenstates of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ , i.e.,  $\hat{\mathcal{H}} |\chi_i\rangle = E_i |\chi_i\rangle$ , it follows that

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{i} e^{-\beta E_{i}} \tag{7}$$

► The thermal expectation value of an observable X is

$$\langle X \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \operatorname{Tr} \left[ \hat{X} e^{-\beta \hat{\mathcal{H}}} \right]$$
 (8)

• If  $\{|\chi_i\rangle\}$  are orthonormal eigenstates of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ 

$$\langle X \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \sum_{i} \left\langle \chi_{i} \left| \hat{X} \right| \chi_{i} \right\rangle e^{-\beta E_{i}}, \tag{9}$$

which is reminiscent of an classical expectation value.

- If the eigenenergies and eigenstates of *Ĥ* are known the problem of sampling the partition function *Z* is identical to the classical problem.
- In most cases, *Ĥ* is not explicitly diagonalizable and the challenge is to construct a numerical method to calculate e<sup>-βĤ</sup>.

- If *Ĥ* is not explicitly diagonalizable it is yet often possible to break *Ĥ* in to a sum of two trivaly diagonalizable pieces, for example, kinetic <sup>p̂</sup>/<sub>2m</sub> and potential energy V(**x̂**).
- Trotter-Suzuki method is based on this assumption and uses the following identity

$$e^{\lambda(A+B)} = \lim_{m \to \infty} \left( e^{\lambda \frac{A}{m}} e^{\lambda \frac{B}{m}} \right)^m, \qquad (10)$$

where A and B are operators.

• Eq.(10) can be verified using Taylor expansion:

$$e^{\lambda rac{(A+B)}{m}} = 1 + rac{\lambda}{m} (A+B) + rac{1}{2} rac{\lambda^2}{m^2} (A^2 + AB + BA + B^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(rac{\lambda^3}{m^3}
ight)$$

and

$$e^{\lambda \frac{A}{m}}e^{\lambda \frac{B}{m}} = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{m}(A+B) + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\lambda^2}{m^2}(A^2 + 2AB + B^2) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\lambda^3}{m^3}\right)$$

▶ Both expressions match up to terms of order  $O\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{m^2} \| [A, B] \|\right)$ and for large *m* 

$$e^{\lambda(A+B)} \approx \left(e^{\lambda \frac{A}{m}} e^{\lambda \frac{B}{m}}\right)^m$$
 (11)

More precisely,

$$\left\| e^{\lambda(A+B)} - \left( e^{\lambda \frac{A}{m}} e^{\lambda \frac{B}{m}} \right)^m \right\| \le \frac{\lambda^2}{2m} \left\| [A, B] \right\| \exp\left[ |\lambda| \left( \|A\| + \|B\| \right) \right]$$
(12)
(12)

and for commuting A and B, i.e., [A, B] = 0, Eq.(11) becomes exact.

More generally holds

$$\left\| \exp\left[\lambda \sum_{i=1}^{p} A_{i}\right] - \left(\prod_{i=1}^{p} e^{\lambda \frac{A_{i}}{m}}\right)^{m} \right\|$$
$$\leq \frac{\lambda^{2}}{2m} \left(\sum_{i>j} \left\| [A_{i}, A_{j}] \right\| \right) \exp\left[ \left|\lambda\right| \sum_{i=1}^{p} \left\|A_{i}\right\| \right]. \quad (13)$$

- ► Any additive decomposition of the *H* can be used as a candidate for the Trotter-Suzuki method
- Consider a mth approximation of the partition function

$$\mathcal{Z}_m = \operatorname{Tr}\left[\left(e^{-\beta \frac{A}{m}}e^{-\beta \frac{B}{m}}\right)^m\right]$$
 such that  $\mathcal{Z} = \lim_{m \to \infty} \mathcal{Z}_m$  (14)

► Using the definition  $\Delta \tau = \beta/m$  the *m*th approximation of  $Z_m$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_m &= \operatorname{Tr}\left[\left(e^{-\Delta\tau A}e^{-\Delta\tau B}\right)^m\right] \\ &= \operatorname{Tr}\left[\underbrace{e^{-\Delta\tau A}e^{-\Delta\tau B}}_{1}\cdot\ldots\cdot\underbrace{e^{-\Delta\tau A}e^{-\Delta\tau B}}_{m}\right] \\ &= \sum_{\chi}\langle\chi|\underbrace{e^{-\Delta\tau A}e^{-\Delta\tau B}}_{1}\cdot\ldots\cdot\underbrace{e^{-\Delta\tau A}e^{-\Delta\tau B}}_{m}|\chi\rangle\,, \end{aligned}$$

where the sum runs over an *d*-dimensional orthonormal basis set of the Hibert space (the dimension of  $e^{-\beta \hat{\mathcal{H}}}$  is the number of energy eigenstates of the system).

• We insert 2m - 1 unity operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_m &= \sum_{\chi^{(1)}} \langle \chi^{(1)} | e^{-\Delta \tau A} \left( \sum_{\chi^{(2)}} | \chi^{(2)} \rangle \langle \chi^{(2)} | \right) e^{-\Delta \tau B} \dots | \chi^{(1)} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\{\chi^{(i)}\}} \langle \chi^{(1)} | e^{-\Delta \tau A} | \chi^{(2)} \rangle \langle \chi^{(2)} | e^{-\Delta \tau B} | \chi^{(3)} \rangle \dots \\ &\dots \langle \chi^{(2m)} | e^{-\Delta \tau B} | \chi^{(1)} \rangle , \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{\{\chi^{(i)}\}} \ldots = \sum_{\{\chi^{(1)},\ldots,\chi^{(2m)}\}} \ldots$  is a sum over 2m different *d*-dimensional states.

Formally, the above procedure can be considered as an expansion of the system by an extra dimension (τ-direction), which is called Trotter dimension.

- From the path-integral representation, it follows that the τ-direction is actually an imaginary-time direction. The trace contains the required periodicity.
- The expectation value is given by

$$\langle X \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \sum_{\chi} \left\langle \chi \left| \hat{X} e^{-\beta \hat{\mathcal{H}}} \right| \chi \right\rangle$$
(15)

and if  $\hat{X}$  is diagonal in the basis  $\{|\chi\rangle\}$ , i.e.,  $\langle \chi | \hat{X} | \chi' \rangle = X(\chi) \delta(\chi, \chi')$ , then  $\langle X \rangle = \sum_{\{\chi^{(i)}\}} X(\chi^{(1)}) P(\chi^{(1)}, \dots, \chi^{(2m)})$  (16)

with weights

$$P(\chi^{(1)}, \dots, \chi^{(2m)}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_m} \langle \chi^{(1)} | e^{-\Delta \tau A} | \chi^{(2)} \rangle$$
$$\cdot \langle \chi^{(2)} | e^{-\Delta \tau B} | \chi^{(3)} \rangle \dots \cdot \langle \chi^{(2m)} | e^{-\Delta \tau B} | \chi^{(1)} \rangle \quad (17)$$

- In numerical simulations we do not calculate the exact sum over all configurations, rather we sum over states, which we generate according to the distribution P({χ<sup>(i)</sup>}).
- ► This method correspond to classical Monte-Carlo simulation, if P({χ<sup>(i)</sup>}) is nonnegative. Note that, only in the diagonal representation the matrix corresponding to e<sup>-βĤ</sup> is nonnegative.

- In the following we exemplify the path integral formulation of quantum models.
- We consider a single spin <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> particle exposed to a longitudinal h<sub>z</sub> and transverse field h<sub>x</sub>. The Hamiltonoan is given by

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -h_z \sigma_z - h_x \sigma_x = A + B, \qquad (18)$$

with Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (19)$$

- Since  $[\sigma_z, \sigma_x] = 2i\sigma_y$ , the Trotter-Suzuki approximation is not trivial.
- For the representation we choose the eigenstates of σ<sub>z</sub> and label them by Ising spin variables S = ±1, i.e., σ<sub>z</sub> |S⟩ = S |S⟩.

• Using 
$$\sigma_x^2 = 1$$
, we obtain  
 $\langle S | e^{\Delta \tau h_z \sigma_z} | S' \rangle = \delta_{SS'} e^{\Delta \tau h_z S'}$ 
(20)

and

$$\langle S|e^{\Delta\tau h_x \sigma_x}|S'\rangle = \begin{cases} \cosh\left(\Delta\tau h_x\right) & \text{for } S = S'\\ \sinh\left(\Delta\tau h_x\right) & \text{for } S \neq S' \end{cases}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\sinh\left(2\Delta\tau h_x\right)}e^{kSS'}, \qquad (22)$$

where  $k = -\frac{1}{2} \ln (\tanh [\Delta \tau h_x])$ .

▶ The *m*th approximation of the partition function reads as

$$\mathcal{Z}_{m} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\sinh\left(2\Delta\tau h_{x}\right)\right)^{m/2} \cdot \sum_{S_{1},...,S_{2m}} e^{\Delta\tau h_{z}S_{2}} \delta_{S_{1}S_{2}} e^{kS_{2}S_{3}} e^{\Delta\tau h_{z}S_{4}} \delta_{S_{3}S_{4}} e^{kS_{4}S_{5}} \cdot \dots \cdot \dots \cdot e^{\Delta\tau h_{z}S_{2m}} \delta_{S_{2m-1}S_{2m}} e^{kS_{2m}S_{1}}$$
(23)

Or in a more familiar form

$$\mathcal{Z}_{m} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\sinh\left(2\Delta\tau h_{x}\right)\right)^{m/2} \cdot \sum_{S_{1},\dots,S_{m}} \exp\left(\Delta\tau h_{z}\sum_{n=1}^{m}S_{n} + k\sum_{n=1}^{m}S_{n}S_{n+1}\right), \quad (24)$$

with periodic boundary condition  $S_{m+1} = S_1$ .

The mth approximation of the partition function of a single quantum spin in a longitudinal and transverse field is similar to a partition function of a classical one-dimensional chain of m coupled Ising spin in an external field b at temperature T<sub>cl</sub>.

$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{n=1}^{m} S_n S_{n+1} - b \sum_{n=1}^{m} S_n, \qquad (25)$$

with

$$\frac{J}{k_B T_{cl}} = k \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{b}{k_B T_{cl}} = \Delta \tau h_z \tag{26}$$

- The general feature of the Trotter-Suzuki method is that in addition to physical dimensions an imaginary dimension, called Trotter dimension, appear as a consequence of the discretization of the trace.
- Analog: A one-dimensional spin-<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> chain in transverse field with Hamiltonian

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -J_z \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_{z,i} \sigma_{z,i+1} - h_x \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_{x,i}$$
(27)

is equivalent to a classical, two-dimensional, Ising-model with anisotropic coupling

$$\mathcal{H} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{n=1}^{m} \left( J_{x} S_{i,n} S_{i+1,n} + J_{\tau} S_{i,n} S_{i,n+1} \right)$$
(28)

 Next we consider as an example an off-lattice model of N interacting particles with a Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{p}}_i^2}{m} + V\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_N\right) = \mathcal{H}_1 + \mathcal{H}_2, \qquad (29)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{p}} = (\hat{p}_x, \hat{p}_y, \hat{p}_z)$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = (\hat{r}_x, \hat{r}_y, \hat{r}_z)$ .

•  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  do not commutate because

$$[\hat{r}_{\alpha}, \hat{p}_{\beta}] = i\hbar \delta_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{for } \alpha, \beta \in \{x, y, z\}$$
(30)

- In the following we set  $\hbar = 1$  and mass m = 1.
- ▶ In oder to calculate the partition function we use again the Trotter-Suzuki formula and alternately the eigenbasis of  $\hat{\mathbf{P}} = (\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{p}}_N)$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{R}} = (\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_N)$ .

The Mth approximation of the partition function reads as

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{Z}_{M} &= \sum_{\{\mathbf{P}^{(s)}\}, \{\mathbf{R}^{(s)}\}} \langle \mathbf{P}^{(1)} | e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_{1}} | \mathbf{R}^{(1)} \rangle \langle \mathbf{R}^{(1)} | e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_{2}} | \mathbf{P}^{(2)} \rangle \cdots \\ & \cdots \langle \mathbf{P}^{(M)} | e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_{1}} | \mathbf{R}^{(M)} \rangle \langle \mathbf{R}^{(M)} | e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_{2}} | \mathbf{P}^{(1)} \rangle \,, \end{split}$$

with  $\Delta \tau = \beta/M$  and where  $\{\mathbf{P}^{(s)}\} = \{\mathbf{P}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{P}^{(M)}\}\)$ The individual terms in  $\mathcal{Z}_M$  can be calculated as

$$\begin{split} \langle \mathbf{P}^{(s)} | e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_1} | \mathbf{R}^{(s)} \rangle &= \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta \tau}{2} (\mathbf{P}^{(s)})^2\right) \langle \mathbf{P}^{(s)} | \mathbf{R}^{(s)} \rangle \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta \tau}{2} (\mathbf{P}^{(s)})^2\right) \frac{e^{i\left(\mathbf{P}^{(s)} \cdot \mathbf{R}^{(s)}\right)}}{(2\pi)^{3N/2}}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \langle \mathbf{R}^{(s)} | e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_2} | \mathbf{P}^{(s+1)} \rangle &= \exp\left(-\Delta \tau V(\mathbf{R}^{(s)})\right) \langle \mathbf{R}^{(s)} | \mathbf{P}^{(s+1)} \rangle \\ &= \exp\left(-\Delta \tau V(\mathbf{R}^{(s)})\right) \frac{e^{-i\left(\mathbf{P}^{(s+1)} \cdot \mathbf{R}^{(s)}\right)}}{(2\pi)^{3N/2}} \end{split}$$

 For a continuous spectrum the sum becomes an integral over the phase space and

$$\mathcal{Z}_{M} = (2\pi)^{-3NM} \int \prod_{s=1}^{M} d\mathbf{R}^{(s)} d\mathbf{P}^{(s)}$$
$$\exp\left[-\Delta \tau \sum_{s=1}^{M} \left\{ \frac{(\mathbf{P}^{(s)})^{2}}{2} - i\mathbf{P}^{(s)} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{R}^{(s+1)} - \mathbf{R}^{(s)}}{\Delta \tau} + V(\mathbf{R}^{(s)}) \right\} \right],$$

with periodic boundary condition  $\mathbf{R}^{(M+1)} = \mathbf{R}^{(1)}$ .

- ▶ The integral over the momentum space is reminiscent of the propagator of N free particles if  $\tau \rightarrow \frac{it}{\hbar}$ .
- The integral over the momentum space can be solved analytically completing the square in the exponent, which results in Gaussian-like integrals.

► The result is a discrete version of Feynman's path integral in imaginary time, i.e., after Wick rotation \(\tau \rightarrow \frac{it}{\hbar}\),

$$\mathcal{Z}_{M} = (2\pi\Delta\tau)^{-3NM/2} \int \prod_{s=1}^{M} d\mathbf{R}^{(s)}$$
$$\exp\left[-\sum_{s=1}^{M} \left\{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathbf{R}^{(s+1)} - \mathbf{R}^{(s)}}{\Delta\tau}\right)^{2} + V(\mathbf{R}^{(s)})\right\} \Delta\tau\right] \quad (31)$$

An alternative interpretation is that the effective Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff} = \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{s=1}^{M} \left( \mathbf{r}_{i}^{(s+1)} - \mathbf{r}_{i}^{(s)} \right)^{2} + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i < j} \sum_{s=1}^{M} V(|\mathbf{r}_{i}^{(s)} - \mathbf{r}_{j}^{(s)}|)$$
(32)

in Eq.(31) describes a 'melt' of ring polymers with effective spring constant  $\kappa = \frac{mM}{\beta^2 \hbar^2}$ . The melt has unusual properties, since monomer-monomer interactions occur only if the 'Trotter-index' is the same.



Figure 1: Schematic representation of two interacting quantum particles *i*, *j* in 2D: each particle is represented by a 'ring polymer' composed of M = 10 effective monomers  $\mathbf{r}_{i}^{(s)}$ , with s = 1, ..., M. Harmonic springs (of strength  $\kappa$ ) only connect 'monomers' in the same 'polymer', while interatomic forces join different monomers with the same Trotter index *s*, indicated by the thin straight lines. In the absence of such interactions, the size of such a ring polymer coil would be given by the thermal de Broglie wavelength  $\lambda_T$ .

If potential V could be neglected, the equipartition theorem implies, that the potential energy carried by each spring is

$$\frac{d}{2}k_BT = \frac{\kappa}{2}\left\langle \left(\mathbf{r}_i^{(s+1)} - \mathbf{r}_i^{(s)}\right)^2 \right\rangle$$
(33)

and the mean-square distance of two neighboring particles is

$$I^{2} = \left\langle \left( \mathbf{r}_{i}^{(s+1)} - \mathbf{r}_{i}^{(s)} \right)^{2} \right\rangle = \frac{d\hbar^{2}}{mk_{B}TM}.$$
 (34)

- The radius of gyration  $R_g^2 = \frac{1}{2M^2} \sum_{s,q} (\mathbf{r}^{(s)} \mathbf{r}^{(q)})^2$  of a polymer with M monomers is  $\langle R_g^2 \rangle = \frac{l^2 M}{12} = \frac{d\hbar^2}{12mk_b T}$ .
- The diameter of the polymer

$$2\sqrt{\langle R_g^2 \rangle} = \frac{\sqrt{d\hbar}}{\sqrt{3mk_BT}}$$
(35)

is of the same order as the thermal de Broglie wavelength

$$\lambda_T = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{3\pi m k_B T}}.$$
(36)

#### Further example



Figure 2: Path integrals along the Trotter dimension for 3 bosons with Coulomb interaction. Starting from world-lines  $\{x_i(\tau)\}_{i=1,...,N}^{\tau=1,...,M}$  one tries to move the nodes along the spatial direction. The MC moves are accepted with probability  $e^{-\Delta E}$ .

#### Boson Hubbard model

► The Hamiltonian of the boson Hubbard model, which describes bosons on a 1D lattice with *N* sites, reads as

$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( b_{i}^{\dagger} b_{i+1} + b_{i+1}^{\dagger} b_{i} \right) + V \sum_{i=1}^{N} n_{i} \left( n_{i} - 1 \right), \quad (37)$$

where  $b_i^{\dagger}$  and  $b_i$  are creation and annihilation operators for bosons at *i*th lattice site and  $n_i = b_i^{\dagger} b_i$  is the corresponding particle number operator.

- For bosons the occupation number is  $n_i \in \{0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$ .
- The first term describes hopping of particles between neighboring lattice sites.
- The second term 'penalize' or 'reward' occupation of *i*th lattice site by multiple particles depending on the sign of V.
- The ratio of the hopping parameter t to the interaction parameter V determines the phase behaviour of the system.

### Spinless Fermion model with nearest-neighbor interactions

The Hamiltonian of the spinless Fermion model with nearest-neighbor interactions:

$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( c_{i}^{\dagger} c_{i+1} + c_{i+1}^{\dagger} c_{i} \right) \\ + V \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( n_{i} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{i+1} - \frac{1}{2} \right),$$
 (38)

where  $c_i^{\dagger}$  and  $c_i$  are creation and annihilation operators for fermions and  $n_i = c_i^{\dagger} c_i$  is the particle number operator.

- ▶ For fermions the occupation number is  $n_i \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- In the following, we assume an even number of lattice sites N.
- The Hamiltonian can be written as

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathcal{H}_{i,i+1} \tag{39}$$

and we choose the following splitting of  $\mathcal{H}=\mathcal{H}_1+\mathcal{H}_2$  with

$$\mathcal{H}_1 = \sum_{i \text{ odd}} \mathcal{H}_{i,i+1} \text{ and } \mathcal{H}_2 = \sum_{i \text{ even}} \mathcal{H}_{i,i+1}.$$
 (40)

► [H<sub>1</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>] ≠ 0, however, H<sub>1</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> are each composed of a sum of N/2 mutually commuting terms, due to fermionic anticommutator relations

$$\{c_i, c_j^{\dagger}\} = \delta_{ij}$$
 and  $\{c_i, c_j\} = \{c_i^{\dagger}, c_j^{\dagger}\} = 0.$  (41)

Because of that it exact factorization is possible:

$$U_1 = e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_1} = \prod_{i \text{ odd}} e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_{i,i+1}}$$
(42)

$$\mathcal{J}_2 = e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_2} = \prod_{i \text{ even}} e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_{i,i+1}}$$
(43)



- ► Use Trotter-Suzuki approximation and occupation number basis |n⟩ = |n₁, n₂,..., n<sub>N</sub>⟩ with n<sub>i</sub> ∈ {0,1}.
- The mth approximation of the partition function reads as

$$\mathcal{Z}_{m} = \sum_{\{\mathbf{n}_{j}\}} \langle \mathbf{n}_{1} | U_{1} | \mathbf{n}_{2} \rangle \langle \mathbf{n}_{2} | U_{2} | \mathbf{n}_{3} \rangle \dots$$
$$\dots \langle \langle \mathbf{n}_{2m-1} | U_{1} | \mathbf{n}_{2m} \rangle \langle \mathbf{n}_{2m} | U_{2} | \mathbf{n}_{1} \rangle, \quad (44)$$

For further calculation we write the basis vectors as

$$|\mathbf{n}\rangle = |n_1, n_2\rangle \otimes |n_3, n_4\rangle \otimes \ldots \otimes |n_{N-1}, n_N\rangle$$
(45)

$$\mathbf{n} \rangle = |n_2, n_3\rangle \otimes |n_4, n_5\rangle \otimes \ldots \otimes |n_N, n_1\rangle$$
(46)

such that

$$e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}_{1}} |\mathbf{n}\rangle = e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}_{1,2}} |n_{1}, n_{2}\rangle \otimes e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}_{3,4}} |n_{3}, n_{4}\rangle \otimes \dots$$
$$\otimes e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}_{N-1,N}} |n_{N-1}, n_{N}\rangle \quad (47)$$

and in analogous way  $e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_2} |\mathbf{n}\rangle$  using basis vectors (46).

- ► Thus the calculation of matrices  $\langle \mathbf{n}_j | U_1 | \mathbf{n}_{j+1} \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbf{n}_{j+1} | U_2 | \mathbf{n}_{j+2} \rangle$  reduced to an effective problem of two lattice sites.
- The basis matrix elements we need to evaluate are

$$w \begin{pmatrix} n_{i,j+1} & n_{i+1,j+1} \\ n_{i,j} & n_{i+1,j} \end{pmatrix} = \\ \langle n_{i,j}, n_{i+1,j} | e^{-\Delta \tau \mathcal{H}_{i,i+1}} | n_{i,j+1}, n_{i+1,j+1} \rangle = \\ \langle n_{i,j}, n_{i+1,j} | e^{\Delta \tau t \left( c_i^{\dagger} c_{i+1} + c_{i+1}^{\dagger} c_i \right) - \Delta \tau V \left( n_i - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{i,j+1} - \frac{1}{2} \right)} | n_{i,j+1}, n_{i+1,j+1} \rangle$$
(48)

We obtain

$$\begin{array}{lll} e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}_{i,i+1}} \left| 0,0 \right\rangle &=& \left| 0,0 \right\rangle e^{-\Delta\tau\frac{V}{4}} \\ e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}_{i,i+1}} \left| 1,1 \right\rangle &=& \left| 1,1 \right\rangle e^{-\Delta\tau\frac{V}{4}} \\ e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}_{i,i+1}} \left| 1,0 \right\rangle &=& \left[ \cosh\left(\Delta\tau t\right) \left| 1,0 \right\rangle + \sinh\left(\Delta\tau t\right) \left| 0,1 \right\rangle \right] e^{\Delta\tau\frac{V}{4}} \\ e^{-\Delta\tau\mathcal{H}_{i,i+1}} \left| 0,1 \right\rangle &=& \left[ \cosh\left(\Delta\tau t\right) \left| 0,1 \right\rangle + \sinh\left(\Delta\tau t\right) \left| 1,0 \right\rangle \right] e^{\Delta\tau\frac{V}{4}} \end{array}$$

> The explizit form of possible matrix elements is

$$\begin{pmatrix} w \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ w \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ w \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & w \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\Delta \tau \frac{V}{2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh(\Delta \tau t) & \sinh(\Delta \tau t) & 0 \\ 0 & \sinh(\Delta \tau t) & \cosh(\Delta \tau t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{-\Delta \tau \frac{V}{2}} \end{pmatrix} e^{\Delta \tau \frac{V}{4}}$$
(49)

- ► The odd-even site breakup of H and the Trotter decomposition created a structure of 2m layers in the imaginary-time direction.
- Thus, single fermion hops one site to the left or right with matrix element sinh (Δτt) and moves forward along the Trotter dimension with matrix element cosh (Δτt).
- ▶ Pairs of creation and annihilation operators starting at odd sites, U<sub>1</sub>, act on layers j = 2, 4, ..., while pairs of operators starting at even sites, U<sub>2</sub>, act on layers j = 1, 3, ...
- Within each Trotter time interval  $\Delta \tau$  there is one application of the operator  $U_1$  and one of the operator  $U_2$ .
- ► The transition matrix depends on the state of four sites, namely, n<sub>i,j</sub>, n<sub>i+1,j</sub>, n<sub>i,j+1</sub>, n<sub>i+1,j+1</sub>, which define a plaquette.
- Plaquettes naturally decompose space-time into a checkerboard pattern, see Fig.(3), and the shaded plaquettes correspond to the areas in which fermions can hop and interact.



Figure 3: Breakup of the time-evolution into  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  leads to the checkerboard pattern. Here the periodic spatial lattice of sites is labeled by *i* and the imaginary-time axis  $\tau$  has been sliced into  $2\beta/\Delta\tau = 2m$  segments. Fermions can hop and interact in the shaded square but not in the unshaded ones. Heavy lines are examples of allowed fermion world lines. The occupation on each  $\tau$  slice corresponds to one of the states  $|\mathbf{n}\rangle = |n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_N\rangle$  in the sum for  $\mathcal{Z}_m$ .

- The lattice is periodic in space and imaginary-time.
- To each plaquette correspond 16 possible occupation configuration, however, only 6 are allowed and the nonzero matrix element express a conservation law:

$$n_{i,j} + n_{i+1,j} = n_{i,j+1} + n_{i+1,j+1}$$
(50)

- Number of fermions is conserved at every imaginary-time step.
- If we connect the occupied sites at each \(\tau\) slice by lines we obtain continuous paths looping in the Trotter direction and we call them world lines of the fermions.
- The sum over intermediate states that satisfy fermion-number conservation is equivalent to the sum over all allowed configurations of the world lines.
- Notice that world lines can be drawn along the vertical edge of a shaded box or diagonally across a shaded box, but they cannot be drawn diagonally across an unshaded box.

- Monte Carlo sampling becomes a matter of deforming the world lines.
- Deformations are accepted according to a probability which satisfies detailed-balance. This is possible because matrix elements needed to construct the transition probability are nonnegative.
- A single fermion move is not allowed due to the conservation law.
- The minimum change we can make is to move two fermions from one vertical edge of an unshaded box to the other.



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Figure 4: (1) An example of an illegal move. (2-4) Basic world line updates. World lines may move from the heavy solid line to the dashed one and vice versa.

# Monte Carlo algorithm

- We designate each lattice point by (i, j) with i = 1,..., N (space) and j = 1,..., 2m (time).
- At each lattice site, we define an occupation number  $n_{i,j} \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- In sweeping through the lattice, we must check whether it is possible to move a world line across each unshaded square.
- ► Focus on the unshaded square whose lower left-hand corner is at the site (i, j).
- A move from left to right is possible if s = +2, from right to left if s = −2 and otherwise no move is possible, where

$$s = n_{i,j} + n_{i,j+1} - n_{i+1,j} - n_{i+1,j+1}$$
(51)

If a move is possible, we must calculate the ratio R of the product of matrix elements in Eq.(44) after and before the move.

### Monte Carlo algorithm

- R depends on n<sub>i+1,j-1</sub> and n<sub>i+1,j+2</sub>, because they determine whether the world line we are moving is vertical or diagonal in the shaded boxes above and below our unshaded one.
- R depends on n<sub>i-1,j</sub> and n<sub>i+2,j</sub>, because they determine whether there is an additional world line running through the shaded boxes to the left and right of our unshaded one.



Figure 5: Move across the unshaded plaquette. The acceptance probability is governed by the weights of the north, south, east and west plaquettes.

### Monte Carlo algorithm

Using matrix in Eq.(49) one obtains

$$R = \tanh\left(\Delta\tau t\right)^{su}\cosh\left(\Delta\tau t\right)^{sv}e^{\Delta\tau\frac{V}{2}sv}, \quad (52)$$

with

$$u = 1 - n_{i+1,j-1} - n_{i+1,j+2}, \qquad (53)$$

$$v = n_{i-1,j} - n_{i+2,j}.$$
 (54)

$$s = n_{i,k} + n_{i,k+1} - n_{i+1,k} - n_{i+1,k+1}$$
 (55)

▶ We accept the proposed new configuration with probability

$$P_{accept} = \frac{R}{1-R} \tag{56}$$
# Monte Carlo algorithm

For the move shown in Fig.(6) it is s = 2, u = -1, v = 1 and  $R = \sinh (\Delta \tau t)^{-2} \cosh (\Delta \tau t)^4 e^{\Delta \tau V}$ 



Figure 6: Example world-line update.

Exact calculation gives:

$$R = \frac{\langle X01X|U_2|1010\rangle \langle 1010|U_1|1010\rangle \langle 1010|U_2|X01X\rangle}{\langle X01X|U_2|1100\rangle \langle 1100|U_1|1100\rangle \langle 1100|U_2|X01X\rangle}$$
  
$$= \frac{\cosh(\Delta\tau t) e^{\Delta\tau \frac{V}{4}} \cdot \cosh(\Delta\tau t)^2 e^{\Delta\tau \frac{V}{2}} \cdot \cosh(\Delta\tau t) e^{\Delta\tau \frac{V}{4}}}{\sinh(\Delta\tau t) e^{\Delta\tau \frac{V}{4}} \cdot e^{-\Delta\tau \frac{V}{2}} \cdot \sinh(\Delta\tau t) e^{\Delta\tau \frac{V}{4}}}$$
  
$$= \sinh(\Delta\tau t)^{-2} \cosh(\Delta\tau t)^4 e^{\Delta\tau V}$$

# Monte Carlo algorithm

- Alternative formulation of the Monte Carlo algorithm.
- Visit every unshaded plaquette, which is located at

$$\begin{pmatrix} n_{i,j+1} & n_{i+1,j+1} \\ n_{i,j} & n_{i+1,j} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (57)

- ▶ If  $n_{i,j} = n_{i,j+1}$  and  $n_{i+1,j} = n_{i+1,j+1}$  and  $n_{i,j} = 1 n_{i+1,j}$ , we attempt to move the segment from one edge to the other.
- The move is accepted via a Metropolis algorithm

$$P_{accept} = \min\left[1, R_{north}R_{south}R_{east}R_{west}\right],$$
(58)

with ratios of the local weights before and after the proposed move.

Ratio for north plaquette

$$R_{north} = w \begin{pmatrix} n_{i,j+2} & n_{i+1,j+2} \\ 1 - n_{i,j+1} & 1 - n_{i+1,j+1} \end{pmatrix} / w \begin{pmatrix} n_{i,j+2} & n_{i+1,j+2} \\ n_{i,j+1} & n_{i+1,j+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

### Monte Carlo algorithm

Ratio for south plaquette

$$R_{south} = w \begin{pmatrix} 1 - n_{i,j} & 1 - n_{i+1,j} \\ n_{i,j-1} & n_{i+1,j-1} \end{pmatrix} / w \begin{pmatrix} n_{i,j} & n_{i+1,j} \\ n_{i,j-1} & n_{i+1,j-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Ratio for east plaquette

$$R_{east} = w \begin{pmatrix} 1 - n_{i+1,j+1} & n_{i+2,j+1} \\ 1 - n_{i+1,j} & n_{i+2,j} \end{pmatrix} / w \begin{pmatrix} n_{i+1,j+1} & n_{i+2,j+1} \\ n_{i+1,j} & n_{i+2,j} \end{pmatrix}$$

Ratio for west plaquette

$$R_{west} = w \begin{pmatrix} n_{i-1,j+1} & 1 - n_{i,j+1} \\ n_{i-1,j} & 1 - n_{i,j} \end{pmatrix} / w \begin{pmatrix} n_{i-1,j+1} & n_{i,j+1} \\ n_{i-1,j} & n_{i,j} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Jordan–Wigner transformation

- Using the Jordan–Wigner transformation it is possible to map the spinless Fermion model with nearest-neighbor interactions onto the one-dimensional quantum Heisenberg model.
- The spin creation and annihilation operators acting on a site i anti-commute

$$\{S_i^+, S_i^-\} = 1, \quad \{S_i^+, S_i^+\} = \{S_i^-, S_i^-\} = 0$$
 (59)

as fermions do.

However, on different sites i and j, we have the relation

$$[S_i^+, S_j^-] = 0, \quad [S_i^+, S_j^+] = [S_i^-, S_j^-] = 0, \tag{60}$$

so spins on different sites commute unlike fermions which anti-commute.

Introduction of a phase operator (kink operator)
K<sub>i</sub> = e<sup>iπ∑<sub>j=1</sub><sup>i−1</sup>S<sub>j</sub><sup>+</sup>S<sub>j</sub><sup>-</sup>, which counts the number of down-to-up spin flips that appear to the left of *i*, restores the anticommutator relation of fermions.</sup>

## Jordan–Wigner transformation

► The operators c<sub>i</sub> = K<sub>i</sub>S<sub>i</sub><sup>+</sup> and c<sub>i</sub><sup>†</sup> = S<sub>i</sub><sup>-</sup>K<sub>i</sub><sup>†</sup> satisfy anticommutator relation

$$\{c_i, c_j^{\dagger}\} = \delta_{ij}, \quad \{c_i^{\dagger}, c_j^{\dagger}\} = \{c_i, c_j\} = 0$$
(61)

 Thus, the Hamiltonian of the 1D Heisenberg model can be writen as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\text{Heisenberg}} &= -J \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{S}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1} \\ &= -J \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (S_{i}^{+} S_{i+1}^{-} + S_{i}^{-} S_{i+1}^{+}) + S_{i}^{z} S_{i+1}^{z} \right] \\ &= -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( c_{i}^{\dagger} c_{i+1} + c_{i+1}^{\dagger} c_{i} \right) \\ &-J \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( c_{i}^{\dagger} c_{i} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( c_{i+1}^{\dagger} c_{i+1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

## Measurements

- Measurements
- Phase behaviour
- Winding number
- Negative sign problem

► A common challenge in quantum mechanics is to identify the eigenstates |φ<sub>n</sub>⟩ and eigenenergies E<sub>n</sub> of the Hamiltonian Ĥ, i.e., we have to solve the stationary Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H} |\phi_n\rangle = E_n |\phi_n\rangle, \qquad (62)$$

where  $E_0 < E_1 < E_2 < \ldots$  with ground state energy  $E_0$ .

► Consider, for example, an anharmonic oscillator with Hamiltonian (m = 1 and ħ = 1):

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_1, \quad \hat{H}_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \hat{\rho}^2 + \hat{x}^2 \right), \quad \hat{H}_1 = \lambda \hat{x}^4,$$
 (63)

where  $\hat{x}$  is the position and  $\hat{p} = -i\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  the momentum operator.

- ▶ We introduce a creation  $\hat{a}^{\dagger} = (\hat{x} i\hat{p})/\sqrt{2}$  and annihilation operator  $\hat{a} = (\hat{x} + i\hat{p})/\sqrt{2}$  with commutator  $[\hat{a}, \hat{a}^{\dagger}] = 1$  and obtain the eigenenergies of  $\hat{H}_0 = (\hat{n} + \frac{1}{2})$ , where  $\hat{n} = \hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{a}$  is the number operator, as  $\hat{H}_0 | n \rangle = E_n | n \rangle$  with  $E_n = n + \frac{1}{2}$ .
- ▶ Using the ladder operator representation of  $\hat{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \hat{a}^{\dagger} + \hat{a} \right)$ and  $\hat{a}^{\dagger} | n \rangle = \sqrt{n+1} | n+1 \rangle$  and  $\hat{a} | n \rangle = \sqrt{n} | n-1 \rangle$  we are able to calculate the matrix

$$\left\langle n \left| \hat{H} \right| m \right\rangle = E_n \delta_{nm} + \lambda \left\langle n \left| \hat{x}^4 \right| m \right\rangle.$$
 (64)

▶ Only for  $|n - m| \le 4$  we get nonzero matrix elements, i.e.,

$$\langle n | \hat{x}^4 | m \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \langle n | (\hat{a}^{\dagger} + \hat{a})^4 | m \rangle \neq 0.$$
 (65)

For example,

$$\langle n|(\hat{a}^{\dagger} + \hat{a})^{4}|n+4\rangle = \langle n|\hat{a}^{4}|n+4\rangle$$
$$= \langle n+4|(\hat{a}^{\dagger} + \hat{a})^{4}|n\rangle = \langle n+4|\hat{a}^{\dagger 4}|n\rangle$$
$$= \sqrt{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)(n+4)} \quad (66)$$

- ► The introduction of the occupation number representation with basis |n⟩ converted the task to estimate the stationary states of the Schrödinger equation to an eigenvalue problem of linear algebra.
- A very common approximation is to truncate Hilbert space H to finite dimension, for example, consider only n < N states, such that the infinite dimensional matrix reduced to a N × N-matrix.

In order to diagonalize the resulting matrix it is necessary to consider *Ĥ* on a subspace *U* of the full Hilbert space *H*. Let be {|*φ*<sub>1</sub>⟩,...,|*φ*<sub>N</sub>⟩} an orthonormal basis of the *N*-dimensional subspace *U* ⊂ *H*. The projection of *Ĥ* on *U* is given by the hermitian matrix

$$H_{nm} = \langle \varphi_n | \hat{H} | \varphi_m \rangle \,. \tag{67}$$

The matrix can be diagonalized numerically and we obtain N real eigenvalues  $\varepsilon_0 < \varepsilon_0 < \ldots < \varepsilon_{N-1}$ .

- ► Hylleraas-Undheim-Theorem:
  - $\varepsilon_i \ge E_i$  for i = 0, ..., N 1, i.e.,  $\varepsilon_i$  is an upper limit.
  - If U ⊂ U' ⊂ H it is ε<sub>i</sub> ≥ ε'<sub>i</sub> ≥ ε<sub>i-1</sub>, i.e., ε<sub>i</sub> decrease with increasing subspace U.

• The larger the dimension of  $\mathcal{U}$  the better  $\varepsilon_i$  approximates  $E_i$ .

- ▶ The full spectrum of not to large matrices  $(N \approx 10^3 10^4)$ can be estimated using common iterative methods, which are based on unitary transformations  $H \rightarrow U^{\dagger}HU$  that makes the Hamiltonian diagonal, here we have assumed that  $H = H^{\dagger}$  is Hermitian and thus  $U^{\dagger}U = 1$  is an unitary matrix.
- If all matrix elements of the Hamiltonian are real an orthogonal transformations H → U<sup>T</sup>HU diagonalize H, where H = H<sup>T</sup> is a symmetric and thus U<sup>T</sup>U = 1 is an orthogonal matrix.
- ► The iteration H → U<sub>1</sub><sup>†</sup>HU<sub>1</sub> → U<sub>2</sub><sup>†</sup>U<sub>1</sub><sup>†</sup>HU<sub>1</sub>U<sub>2</sub> → ... is carried out until H becomes diagonal. The diagonal of H contains its eigenvalues and the columns of U<sub>1</sub>U<sub>2</sub>... contains the corresponding eigenvectors.

- Examples are: Jacobi-rotation of a symmetric matrix, Householder reduction of a symmetric matrix to a tridiagonal matrix combined with QR or QL algorithm, etc.
- For large matrices (large N) only the ground state (largest eigenvalue and the corresponding eigenvector) can be calculated and fast methods, like, power iteration or Lanczos method, must be used.

## Ground state

 Once the eigenstates are known, the density operator, which represents the canonical ensamble in quantum mechanics, can be obtained as

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{e^{-\beta\hat{H}}}{\operatorname{Tr}\{e^{-\beta\hat{H}}\}} = \frac{\sum_{n} e^{-\beta E_{n}} |\phi_{n}\rangle \langle\phi_{n}|}{\sum_{n} e^{-\beta E_{n}}},$$
(68)

with  $\beta = 1/k_B T$ 

- Close to zero temperature, T → 0 (or β → ∞), only the ground state |φ<sub>0</sub>⟩ of Ĥ with energy E<sub>0</sub> = min<sub>n</sub>{E<sub>n</sub>} will provide the dominant contribution to ρ̂.
- Nevertheless, the system can still undergo phase transitions if the ground state energy E<sub>0</sub> itself exhibits non-analytic behavior.

Example: Single quantum spin in external fields



- Power iteration will produce the greatest eigenvalue together with the corresponding eigenvector of matrix H<sub>mn</sub>.
- ► However, in quantum mechanical problems the smallest eigenvalue is of interest. The solution is to consider the largest eigenvalue of  $\hat{H}' = -\hat{H} + c$  with some constant *c*.
- Since  $\hat{H}'$  is a Hermitian operator there is an orthonormal basis  $|\psi_1\rangle, \ldots, |\psi_N\rangle$ , such that

$$\hat{H}' |\psi_n\rangle = E_n |\psi_n\rangle$$
 with  $E_1 > E_2 > \ldots > E_N.$  (69)

- For simplicity, we assume that the ground state of Ĥ is not degenerate.
- ▶ Without loss of generality  $E_N > 0$ , otherwise  $H_{mn} \rightarrow H_{mn} + (|E_N| + \epsilon)\delta_{mn}$  with  $\epsilon > 0$ .

- Pick at random an initial state  $|\phi_0\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n |\psi_n\rangle$ .
- Repeatedly apply  $\hat{H}'$  on  $|\phi_0\rangle$ :

$$|\phi_k\rangle = \hat{H}^{\prime k} |\phi_0\rangle = E_1^k \left\{ a_1 |\psi_1\rangle + \sum_{n=2} a_n \left(\frac{L_n}{E_1}\right) |\psi_n\rangle \right\}$$

• Beacuse  $E_1 > E_n$  for  $n > 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{k \to \infty} \left(\frac{E_n}{E_1}\right)^k = 0$  and

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \to \infty} |\phi_k\rangle = a_1 E_1^k |\psi_1\rangle \tag{70}$$

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- ▶ Successive application of  $\hat{H}'$  on  $|\phi_0\rangle$  amplifies the component  $|\psi_1\rangle$ , which is the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue  $E_1$ .
- ▶ Normalize  $|\phi_k\rangle$  after each iteration  $|\phi_k\rangle \rightarrow |\phi_k\rangle / \sqrt{\langle \phi_k | \phi_k \rangle}$ , such that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} |\phi_k\rangle = |\psi_1\rangle$  and  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \langle \phi_k | \hat{H'}\phi_k \rangle = E_1$
- Once we found E<sub>1</sub> it is possible to obtain E<sub>2</sub> if we apply the power method on

$$\hat{H}' - E_1 \ket{\psi_1} \bra{\psi_1}. \tag{71}$$

Because  $(\hat{H}' - E_1 |\psi_1\rangle \langle \psi_1 |) |\psi_1\rangle = 0$  the eigenvalue corresponding to  $|\psi_1\rangle$  is  $E_1 = 0$  and the largest eigenvalue of the new Hamiltonian is  $E_2$ .

- How to estimate  $|\psi_2\rangle$  and  $E_2$ .
  - Estimate  $|\psi_1\rangle$ .
  - ▶ Pick at random an initial state  $|\phi_0\rangle$ , orthogonalize with respect to  $|\psi_1\rangle$ :  $|\phi_0\rangle \rightarrow |\phi_0\rangle \langle\phi_0|\psi_1\rangle |\psi_1\rangle$  and normalize:  $|\phi_0\rangle \rightarrow |\phi_0\rangle / \sqrt{\langle\phi_0|\phi_0\rangle}$ .
  - ▶ Iterate  $|\phi_{k+1}\rangle = \hat{H}' |\phi_k\rangle$ , orthogonalize:  $|\phi_{k+1}\rangle \rightarrow |\phi_{k+1}\rangle - \langle \phi_{k+1}|\psi_1\rangle |\psi_1\rangle$  and normalize:  $|\phi_{k+1}\rangle \rightarrow |\phi_{k+1}\rangle / \sqrt{\langle \phi_{k+1}|\phi_{k+1}\rangle}$ .
- Comments:
  - Convergence of the method is slow if  $\frac{E_2}{E_1} \approx 1$ .
  - ▶ If the largest energy is degenerated,  $E_1^{-1} = E_2$ , still  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \langle \phi_k | \hat{H}' \phi_k \rangle = E_1 = E_2$ , however,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} |\phi_k\rangle = \frac{a_1 |\psi_1\rangle + a_2 |\psi_2\rangle}{\|a_1 |\psi_1\rangle + a_2 |\psi_2\rangle\|}$

- PageRank is an algorithm used by Google Search to rank websites in their search engine results.
- PageRank is a way of measuring the importance of website pages.
- ► The PageRank algorithm assign to every web pages *i* an relative importance *r<sub>i</sub>*, called PageRank, and the dimension of **r** = (*r<sub>i</sub>*,...,*r<sub>N</sub>*) is the number of World Wide Web pages N ≈ 47 · 10<sup>9</sup>.
- The PageRank algorithm interprets WWW as a directed graph: web pages (vertices) are connected by links (edges), which point from one to another page.
- Every page is characterized by the number of incoming *l<sub>i</sub>* and outgoing links *O<sub>i</sub>*.



Figure 7: Cartoon illustrating the basic principle of PageRank. The size of each face is proportional to the total size of the other faces which are pointing to it.



Figure 8: Google matrix of Wikipedia articles network, written in the bases of PageRank index; fragment of top  $200 \times 200$  matrix elements is shown, total size N = 3282257.

- The equation for the PageRank is based on two assumptions:
  - Every page *i* evenly distribute its PageRank *r<sub>i</sub>* on all *O<sub>i</sub>* outgoing links.
  - The PageRank of page *i* is the sum of all incoming PageRank's.
- So, the equation is as follows:

$$r_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{M}_i} \frac{r_j}{O_j},\tag{72}$$

where  $M_i$  is the set of pages that points to *i*.

The adjacency matrix (or connection matrix) is defined as

$$C_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \text{ points to } i \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
(73)

and the number of outgoing links is  $O_j = \sum_{i=1}^N C_{ij}$ .

The equation for the PageRank can be rewritten as

$$r_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{C_{ij}}{O_{j}} r_{j} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{C_{ij}}{\sum_{k=1}^{N} C_{kj}} r_{j} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} G_{ij} r_{j}$$
(74)

It means that PageRank vector r is the eigenvector of the Google matrix G corresponding to the eigenvalue 1:

$$\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r} = 1 \cdot \mathbf{r}. \tag{75}$$

► Google matrix G is high-dimensional (N<sup>2</sup> ≈ 2.2 · 10<sup>21</sup>) and r can be found effectively with the power method, i.e., we iterate

$$\mathbf{r}_{n+1} = \frac{\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}_n}{\|\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}_n\|} \tag{76}$$

till convergence.

- The Perron–Frobenius theorem resolves the issue of convergence (or existence of a solution):
  - If all G<sub>ij</sub> > 0, then the largest eigenvalue λ<sub>1</sub> is real, positive and not degenerated. The entries of the corresponding eigenvector **r** are all positiv, i.e., r<sub>i</sub> > 0.
  - If **G** is a stochastic matrix ( $G_{ij} > 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} G_{ij} = 1$ ), then  $\lambda_1 = 1$ .
- If G is a stochastic matrix:
  - Power method converges to the eigenvector r corresponding to eigenvalue \u03c0 = 1.
  - ► The entries of r are all positiv and r can be normalized such that ∑<sub>i</sub> r<sub>i</sub> = 1.
  - r<sub>i</sub> can be viewed as a probability distribution that a random surfer arrives at page *i*.
  - ► r can be interpreted as a stationary probability distribution of a Markov chain with transition probabilities G<sub>ij</sub> from state i to state j.

- ▶ It is  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} G_{ij} = 1$ , however, **G** is not a stochastic matrix so far, because  $G_{ij} > 0$  is not fulfilled, which means that every page is linked to every other page in the web.
- Power iteration may not converge if dangling nodes (O<sub>i</sub> = 0) and loops exists.
- ► The problem can be fixed if we allow the surfer to jump randomly on any page with probability 1 - p and to follow the transition matix C<sub>ij</sub>/∑<sub>k=1</sub><sup>K</sup> C<sub>kj</sub> with probability p.

The modified Google matrix

$$G_{ij} = p \frac{C_{ij}}{\sum_{k=1}^{N} C_{kj}} + \frac{(1-p)}{N}$$
(77)

is a stochastic matrix, because  $G_{ij} > 0$  for all links (i, j). Google uses p = 0.85.

- The Lanczos method is an iterative algorithm that transforms the eigendecomposition problem for a symmetric matrix
   H ∈ ℝ<sup>N×N</sup> into the eigendecomposition problem for a smaller tridiagonal symmetric matrix T ∈ ℝ<sup>m×m</sup>, where m ≪ N.
- Lanczos method is based on invariant subspace.
- Consider a subspace Q = span {q<sub>1</sub>,..., q<sub>m</sub>} spanned by m ≤ N linearly independent vectors q<sub>i</sub> ∈ ℝ<sup>N</sup>.
- ► Assume that {q<sub>1</sub>,..., q<sub>m</sub>} is an orthonormal basis of Q and define a matrix

$$\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_m) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}.$$
(78)

► Assume that the subspace *Q* is invariant under **H**, i.e.,

$$\forall \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{Q} : \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{Q}. \tag{79}$$

Because Q is an invariant subspace, Hq<sub>i</sub> can be writen as a linear combination of {q<sub>1</sub>,..., q<sub>m</sub>} or in other words, for i = 1,..., m it is

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathbf{q}_{j} T_{ji}$$
(80)

• Or in matrix form: for matrix  $\mathbf{HQ} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times N}$  there is a matrix  $\mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  such that

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{T} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{Q}, \tag{81}$$

• Because **Q** is a matrix with orthonormal columns, i.e.,  $\mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q} = \mathbb{1}$ , it is

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{Q}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{Q}, \tag{82}$$

H is a symmetric matrix, hence T is symmetric, too, and there exist eigenpairs, λ<sub>1</sub>,...,λ<sub>m</sub> and y<sub>1</sub>,..., y<sub>m</sub>, such that

$$\lambda_i \mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{y}_i \tag{83}$$

► If λ<sub>i</sub> is an eigenvalue of **T** then it is also an eigenvalue of **H**, because

$$\lambda_i \left( \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{y}_i \right) = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{H} \left( \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{y}_i \right), \tag{84}$$

and  $\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{y}_i$  is the corresponding eigenvector of  $\mathbf{H}$ .

Résumé: Eigenpairs of large matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  can be estimated from a smaller matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ , if the space spanned by  $\mathcal{Q}$  is invariant under  $\mathbf{H}$ .

The Lanczos method generates an invariant subspace approximately. It uses the Krylov subspace defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}^m(\mathbf{b},\mathbf{H}) &= \operatorname{span} \left\{ \mathbf{b},\mathbf{H}\mathbf{b},\ldots,\mathbf{H}^{m-1}\mathbf{b} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{span} \left\{ \mathbf{b}_1,\mathbf{b}_2,\ldots,\mathbf{b}_m \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where **b** is some random vector.

- ► The subspace  $\mathcal{K}^m$  consists of a sequence of vectors generated by the power method.
- H<sup>i</sup>b converge to the direction of the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue of H.
- ► The vectors Hb<sub>1</sub>, Hb<sub>2</sub>,..., Hb<sub>m-1</sub>, Hb<sub>m</sub> are in K<sup>m</sup>, except for the last vector Hb<sub>m</sub> = H<sup>m</sup>b.
- For sufficiently large m, H<sup>m</sup>b is approximately proportional to H<sup>m−1</sup>b and H<sup>m</sup>b is almost in K<sup>m</sup>.
- ► The Krylov space K<sup>m</sup> for m < N is almost an invariant subspace of H, which contains the ground-state of H.</p>

- ► Ground-state of H can be estimated from the diagonalisation of the smaller matrix T.
- It follows from the selection of  $\mathcal{K}^m$  that:
  - ► The matrix **T** = **Q**<sup>T</sup>**HQ** is symmetric tridiagonal (easy to diagonalize).
  - A three term recursion relation exists for the calculation of **Q**.
  - **H** is needed only to compute matrix-vector multiplication.
  - ▶ The convergence is fast. Typically, we need only  $m = 10^2$  even for a matrix with  $N \approx 10^7$ .
- How does this properties lead to a practical algorithm?
- Consider a symmetric tridiagonal matrix

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1} & b_{1} & \cdots & 0 \\ b_{1} & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & b_{m-1} \\ 0 & \cdots & b_{m-1} & a_{m} \end{pmatrix},$$
(85)

with entries  $a_i$  and  $b_i$ .

If we equate the columns of HQ = QT, we obtain a three term recursion relation

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_{j} = b_{j-1}\mathbf{q}_{j-1} + a_{j}\mathbf{q}_{j} + b_{j}\mathbf{q}_{j+1}$$
(86)

for  $j = 1, \ldots, m - 1$ , where  $\mathbf{q}_j$  is the *j*th column of  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

It is convenient to rearrange the recursion relation as

$$\mathbf{r}_{j} \coloneqq b_{j}\mathbf{q}_{j+1} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_{j} - b_{j-1}\mathbf{q}_{j-1} - a_{j}\mathbf{q}_{j}, \qquad (87)$$

and to define a new unknown vector  $\mathbf{r}_{j}$ .

- ► The aim of Lanczos algorithm is to generate orthonormal basis {q<sub>1</sub>,..., q<sub>m</sub>} of K<sup>m</sup>.
- We postulate orthogonality of q<sub>j+1</sub> ⊥ q<sub>j</sub>, q<sub>j-1</sub>, as a results we obtain that

$$\mathbf{a}_j = \mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{q}_j \tag{88}$$

and

$$b_{j-1} = \mathbf{q}_{j-1}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{q}_j = \mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{q}_{j-1},$$
(89)

where the last identity follows from the fact that  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}^{T}$ .

From the normalization condition  $\|\mathbf{q}_{i+1}\| = 1$  it follows that

$$b_j = \|\mathbf{r}_j\| = \|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_j - b_{j-1}\mathbf{q}_{j-1} - a_j\mathbf{q}_j\|$$
 (90)

• Proof of  $\mathbf{q}_{j+1} \perp \mathbf{q}_j, \mathbf{q}_{j-1}$ :

• Assume  $\{\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_j\}$  is an orthonormal basis.

• It is  $\mathbf{q}_{j+1} \perp \mathbf{q}_j$  due to

$$b_j \mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{q}_{j+1} = \mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{q}_j - b_{j-1} \mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{q}_{j-1} - a_j \mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{q}_j$$
  
=  $a_j - 0 - a_j = 0$ 

► It is 
$$\mathbf{q}_{j+1} \perp \mathbf{q}_{j-1}$$
 due to  
 $b_j \mathbf{q}_{j-1}^T \mathbf{q}_{j+1} = \mathbf{q}_{j-1}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{q}_j - b_{j-1} \mathbf{q}_{j-1}^T \mathbf{q}_{j-1} - a_j \mathbf{q}_{j-1}^T \mathbf{q}_j$   
 $= b_{j-1} - b_{j-1} - 0 = 0$ 

▶ Proof of  $\|\mathbf{q}_{j+1}\| = 1$ :
▶ It is  $\|\mathbf{q}_{j+1}\| = 1$  due to

$$\mathbf{q}_{j+1} = \frac{\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_j - b_{j-1}\mathbf{q}_{j-1} - a_j\mathbf{q}_j}{\|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_j - b_{j-1}\mathbf{q}_{j-1} - a_j\mathbf{q}_j\|}$$
(91)

- Lanczos algorithm is based on successive Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization of Hq<sub>j</sub> against q<sub>j</sub> and q<sub>j-1</sub>.
- Choose a random vector  $\mathbf{q}_1$  such that  $\|\mathbf{q}_1\| = 1$ .

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_1 - (\mathbf{q}_1^T \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_1)\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_1 - a_1\mathbf{q}_1 \text{and } \mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{r}_1 / \|\mathbf{r}_1\| = \mathbf{r}_1 / b_1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{q}_2 \perp \mathbf{q}_1$$

►  $\mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_2 - (\mathbf{q}_2^T\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_2)\mathbf{q}_2 - (\mathbf{q}_1^T\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_2)\mathbf{q}_1 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_2 - a_2\mathbf{q}_2 - b_1\mathbf{q}_1$ and  $\mathbf{q}_3 = \mathbf{r}_2/||\mathbf{r}_2|| = \mathbf{r}_2/b_2$  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{q}_3 \perp \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_1$ 

► 
$$\mathbf{r}_j = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_j - (\mathbf{q}_j^T \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_j)\mathbf{q}_j - (\mathbf{q}_{j-1}^T \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_j)\mathbf{q}_{j-1} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_j - a_j\mathbf{q}_j - b_{j-1}\mathbf{q}_{j-1}$$
  
and  $\mathbf{q}_{j+1} = \mathbf{r}_j / ||\mathbf{r}_j|| = \mathbf{r}_j / b_j$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{q}_{j+1} \perp \mathbf{q}_j, \mathbf{q}_{j-1}$ 

▶ Furthermore,  $\mathbf{q}_{j+1} \perp \mathbf{q}_i$  for i < j-1, because

$$\mathbf{q}_{i}\mathbf{q}_{j+1} = \mathbf{q}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_{j} - a_{j}\mathbf{q}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{q}_{j} - b_{j-1}\mathbf{q}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{q}_{j-1}$$
$$= \mathbf{q}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_{j} - 0 - 0$$
$$= \mathbf{q}_{j}^{T}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_{i} = 0,$$

where in the last step we used  $\mathbf{H}=\mathbf{H}^{\mathcal{T}}$  and

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_i \in \operatorname{span} \left\{ \mathbf{q}, \dots, \mathbf{H}^{j-2}\mathbf{q} \right\} = \operatorname{span} \left\{ \mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_{j-1} \right\}$$
(92)

for i < j - 1, such that  $\mathbf{q}_j \perp \text{span} \{\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_{j-1}\}$ .

It is T = Q<sup>T</sup>HQ or T<sub>ij</sub> = q<sub>i</sub><sup>T</sup>Hq<sub>j</sub>. Since H is symmetric, T is symmetric. From the above argumentation it follows that T<sub>ij</sub> = 0 for i < j − 1, and similar arguments lead to T<sub>ij</sub> = 0 for i > j + 1. Therefore, T is tridiagonal.

- ► Basic Lanczos algorithm for the computation of an orthonormal basis for of the Krylov space K<sup>m</sup>.
- Let H ∈ ℝ<sup>N×N</sup> be a symmetic (or Hermitan) matrix. This algorithm computes the tridiagonal matrix T and an orthonormal basis Q<sub>m</sub> = (q<sub>1</sub>,..., q<sub>m</sub>) for K<sup>m</sup>, where m is the smallest index such that K<sup>m</sup> = K<sup>m+1</sup>.

Pseudocode:

• Pick a random **q** such that  $\|\mathbf{q}\| = 1$ ;

• 
$$\mathbf{Q}_1 = (\mathbf{q});$$

▶  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}; \ a_1 = \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{r}; \ \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r} - a_1 \mathbf{q}; \ b_1 = \|\mathbf{r}\|;$ 

• for 
$$j = 2, 3, ...$$
 do

- $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{q}; \ \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r}/b_{j-1}; \ \mathbf{Q}_j = (\mathbf{Q}_{j-1}, \mathbf{q});$
- $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{q} b_{j-1}\mathbf{w}; \ a_j = \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{r};$
- $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r} a_j \mathbf{q}; \ b_j = \|\mathbf{r}\|;$
- if  $b_j = 0$  then
- return  $\mathbf{Q}_j$ ;  $a_1, \ldots, a_j$ ;  $b_1, \ldots, b_{j-1}$ ;
- end if
- end for

► The termination condition b<sub>j</sub> = 0 (or r<sub>j</sub> = 0) for some j < N implies that,</p>

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_{j} = (\mathbf{q}_{j}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_{j})\mathbf{q}_{j} + (\mathbf{q}_{j-1}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{q}_{j})\mathbf{q}_{j-1} = a_{j}\mathbf{q}_{j} + b_{j-1}\mathbf{q}_{j-1},$$
(93)

thus  $\textbf{H}\textbf{q}_j$  is a linear combination of  $\{\textbf{q}_1,\ldots,\textbf{q}_j\}$  and  $\textbf{H}\textbf{q}_j$  is within an invariant subspace

► The termination condition b<sub>j</sub> = 0 for some j implies the loss of orthogonality, i.e., it is not possible to orthogonalize Hq<sub>j</sub> against {q<sub>1</sub>, q<sub>2</sub>,..., q<sub>j</sub>}.

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