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TNR = Renormalization group + Tensor networks





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Emergent phenomena in many-body systems



quantum criticality



topological order





metal



insulator



superconductor







spin liquid







Euclidean path integral



Other examples: material science, quantum chemistry, QCD, ...

The Renormalization Group

$$H[\vec{k}] \rightarrow H[\vec{k}(s)] \qquad \vec{k} = (k_1, k_2, k_3, \cdots)$$
$$H[J, \lambda] = J \sum_i \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \lambda \sum_i \sigma_i^z$$
$$H[k_1, k_2, 0, 0, \cdots] = k_1 \sum_i \sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + k_2 \sum_i \sigma_i^z$$



Leo Kadanoff



RG flow in the space of Hamiltonians



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block spin + some rule: majority vote, etc

Change of scale?

coarse-graining transformation



Kenneth Wilson

$$Z = \int_{|p| \le \Lambda} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-H[\phi,\vec{k}]} \qquad [p]$$

$$A \longrightarrow A'$$

$$e^{-H[\phi,\vec{k}']} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-H[\phi,\vec{k}]}$$

$$\Lambda' \longrightarrow A'$$

$$Z = \int_{|p| \ge \Lambda'} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-H[\phi,\vec{k}']} \qquad 0$$

exact renormalization group equation (ERGE)

We would like (wish list)

• Non-perturbative RG approach

$$H \to H' \to H'' \to \cdots$$

- Universal coarse-graining rules valid for a generic system
- Solve QCD ... !

How far did we get ? (over the last 10 years)

- Reformulated the RG using quantum information tools/concepts (quantum circuits, entanglement)
- Efficient representation of ground state wave-functions $|\Psi\rangle$ (MERA)

universal, non-perturbative, real-space RG approach!

• Key ingredient: **removal of short-rage entanglement**

(but we have not yet solved QCD, sorry...)

TENSOR NETWORKS



Many-body wave-function of N spins

why bother?



 $\sum_{ijklmnop} A_{ijk} B_{jlm} C_{nko} D_{kmr} x_i y_l z_n v_r$ ijklmnop

Many-body wave-function of *N* spins





Multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA)



- Variational ansatz for 1d systems, which extends in space and scale
- Variational parameters for different scales
- It is secretly a **quantum circuit** and an **RG transformation**

Multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA)



Multi-scale entanglement renormalization ansatz (MERA) |0> |0> "time" 0) 0) $|0\rangle$ 0) 10) quantum 0) 0) circuit $\mathcal{R}_{|0\rangle}|0\rangle$ $(\mathbf{N} | 0 \rangle | 0 \rangle$ 10) 0 |0

ground state $|\Psi\rangle = U |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |0\rangle$

Entanglement is introduced by the gates at different times (=scales)



Entanglement renormalization (2005)



RG Transformation



MERA -> RG flow in the space of ground state wave-functions



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- topological order (2+1)
- quantum criticality (1+1)

MERA -> RG flow in the space of **Hamiltonians**

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local operators are mapped into local operators !



• blah, blah, blah...

Does it work?

Optimize variational parameters by energy minimization

Example: Critical quantum Ising model

Scaling dimensions of primary fields

	scaling dimension (exact)	scaling dimension (MERA)	error
identity	I O	0	
spin	σ 0.125	0.124997	0.003%
energy density	ε 1	0.99993	0.007%
disorder	μ _{0.125}	0.1250002	0.0002%
fermions	ψ 0.5	0.5	<10 ⁻⁸ %
	$\overline{\psi}$ 0.5	0.5	<10 ⁻⁸ %



Operator product expansion (OPE) coefficients

$$C_{\epsilon\sigma\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} \qquad C_{\epsilon\mu\mu} = \frac{-1}{2} \qquad C_{\epsilon\psi\overline{\psi}} = i \qquad C_{\epsilon\overline{\psi}\psi} = -i \qquad C_{\psi\mu\sigma} = \frac{e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}} \qquad C_{\overline{\psi}\mu\sigma} = \frac{e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}} \qquad (\pm 6 \times 10^{-4})$$

scale-invariant MERA \rightarrow conformal data of a CFT:

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{central charge} & c \\ \text{scaling dimensions} & \Delta_{\alpha} \equiv h_{\alpha} + \bar{h}_{\alpha} \\ \text{conformal spin} & \text{s}_{\alpha} \equiv h_{\alpha} - \bar{h}_{\alpha} \\ \text{OPE} & C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \end{array}$

MERA and HOLOGRAPHY



entanglement entropy

 $S_L \approx \log(L)$

parallel to area of minimal surface in Ryu-Takayanagi

two-point correlations

 $C(L)\approx L^{-2\Delta}$

geodesic distance $D \approx \log(L)$ as in hyperbolic space

$$C(L) \approx e^{-D} = e^{-2\Delta \log(L)} = L^{-2\Delta}$$





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Swingle 2009

Qi

Hartman, Maldacena

Haegeman, Osborne, Verschelde, Verstraete

Ryu, Takayanagi

Sully, Czech

Harlow, Yoshida, Pastawki, Preskill



So, MERA seems to work!

Great! However

- variational optimization is expensive; local minima.
 - do we get the correct ground state?
 - Euclidean path integrals / classical partition functions?

Tensor Network Renormalization

Evenbly, Vidal 2014-2015



Tensor Renormalization Group (TRG) Levin, Nave 2006



Fixed-point of TRG Levin, Nave 2006





CDL Tensor (zero correlation length)







some short-range entanglement has not been removed

Tensor Network Renormalization (TNR)



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CDL Tensor (zero correlation length)



[for CDL tensors, see also Gu and Wen 2009 Tensor Entanglement Filtering Renormalization (TEFR)]



TNR yields MERA





1000s of iterations over scale

local minima

correct ground ?

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TNR -> MERA

- single iteration over scale
- rewrite tensor network for ground state ٠
- certificate of accuracy ٠

Summary

- Reformulation of the RG using quantum information tools/concepts (quantum circuits, entanglement)
- Efficient representation of ground states (MERA)
 -> toy model for holography
- universal, non-perturbative, real-space RG approach

	Tensors	Ground states	Hamiltonians
3 RG flows	$A \to A' \to A'' \to \cdots$	$ \Psi\rangle \rightarrow \Psi'\rangle \rightarrow \Psi''\rangle \rightarrow \cdots$	$H \to H' \to H'' \to \cdots$

- Key ingredient: **removal of short-rage entanglement**
- Very accurate in 1+1 dimensions (Ising model, etc)

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What about 2+1, 3+1? (and QCD?)
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Entanglement renormalization MERA

IQI, 2005



Sherman Fairchild Prize Postdoctoral Fellow (2003-2005)

Tensor network renormalization

IQIM, 2014



GLEN EVENBLY Sherman Fairchild Prize Postdoctoral Fellow (2011-2014)



THANK YOU!