

# Variational Methods for Solving High-Dimensional Quantum Systems

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## Abstract

Variational methods are highly valuable computational tools for solving high-dimensional quantum systems. In this paper, we explore the effectiveness of three variational methods: density matrix renormalization group (DMRG), Boltzmann machine learning, and variational quantum eigensolver (VQE). We apply these methods to solve two different quantum systems: the Fermi-Hubbard model in condensed matter physics and the Schwinger model in high energy physics. To facilitate the computations on quantum computers, we map each model to a spin 1/2 system using the Jordan-Wigner transformation. This transformation allows us to take advantage of the capabilities of quantum computing. We calculate the ground state of both quantum systems and compare the results obtained using three variational methods. Our aim is to demonstrate the power and effectiveness of these variational approaches in tackling complex quantum systems.

## Keywords

Density Matrix Renormalization Group, Boltzmann Machine Learning, Variational Quantum Eigensolver, Fermi-Hubbard Model, Schwinger Model

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## 1. Introduction

Many exciting phenomena in quantum many-body systems are due to the interplay of quantum fluctuations and correlations. Celebrated examples are the superfluid Helium [1] [2], the fractional quantum Hall effect [3] [4], the Haldane phase in quantum spin chains [5] [6], quantum spin liquids [7], and high-temperature superconductivity [8]. The aim of theoretical physics is to understand the emergent properties for such challenging quantum many-body systems. The main difficulty in investigating quantum many-body problems is due to the fact that the Hilbert space spanned by the possible microstates grows exponentially with the

system size. To unravel the physics of microscopic model systems and to study the robustness of quantum phases of matter, large scale numerical simulations are essential. The exact diagonalization method is only possible for small many-body systems. For large systems, efficient quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) methods can be applied. In a large class of quantum many-body systems (e.g., fermionic degrees of freedom, geometric frustration), however, these QMC sampling techniques cannot be used effectively due to the sign problem [9]. In this case, the variational methods have been shown to be a powerful tool to efficiently simulate quantum many-body systems.

The first type of variational method is the density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) method which was originally developed to study ground state properties of one-dimensional systems. The success of the DMRG method is based on the area law of the quantum ground state [10], and thus can be represented efficiently using matrix product states (MPS) [11]-[19]. This algorithm has been generalized to study two-dimensional systems [20], Abelian and non-Abelian symmetries [21]-[25], single-site optimization with density matrix perturbation [26] [27], hybrid real-momentum space representation [28] [29], and the development of real-space parallelization [30], continuous matrix product state (cMPS) [31] [32]. The cMPS can also be used to study the Lieb-Liniger model [33] [34], the Gaudin-Yang model [35], periodic bc atomtronics [36] and 1 + 1 relative Bose theories [37].

The machine learning has been extensively used in physical sciences [38]. The second type of variational method is based on machine learning, where neural network variational ansatz efficiently represents highly correlated quantum states and their parameters are easily optimized by means of the variational Monte Carlo (VMC) method [39], which has powerful expressibility for quantum state [40]-[43]. Alongside with restricted Boltzmann machine (RBM) [44]-[59], other network structures such as a feed-forward [60]-[63], recurrent neural networks [64] [65], autoregressive neural TensorNet [66], and convolutional neural networks [67]-[78], have been adopted. Recurrent neural networks (RNNs) are tremendously powerful tools that have been used in language modeling [79], speech recognition [80], and image generation [81] [82]. RNNs process data streams by maintaining a hidden state, which is updated by applying an identical function to the previous hidden state and the input at the next time step.

At the same time, neural networks using self-attention layers, like the Transformer [83], have had a profound impact on much of machine learning. They have led to breakthroughs in natural language processing [84], language modeling [85], image recognition [86], and protein folding [87]. However, the application of Transformer in this field is still rather limited, with a few results concerning quantum lattice models [88], open systems [89], quantum state tomography [90] and quantum circuit simulation [91]. Therefore, the full potential of the transformer architecture has yet to be explored.

The third type of variational method is called the variational quantum eigen-

solver (VQE), which is extensively used in quantum calculation. This is a hybrid algorithm, where the quantum state is prepared by a quantum algorithm, which is implemented according to a quantum circuit with many quantum gates. Classical computer is used to optimize the parameters used in quantum circuit. Compared with the matrix product state and machine learning ansatz, the variational state in VQE is realized by quantum algorithm, which can be implemented in the quantum hardware devices, and thus exponential speedup over classical methods becomes possible. The previous quantum algorithms to find the ground state of a given Hamiltonian were based on adiabatic state preparation and quantum phase estimation subroutines [92] [93], both of which have circuit depth requirements beyond those available in the NISQ era. Here we listed both the original VQE architecture [94] and some more advanced methods: orthogonality constrained VQE [95], subspace expansion method [96], subspace VQE [97] [98], multistate contracted VQE [99], adiabatically assisted VQE [100] [101], and accelerated VQE [102]-[104]. To study the dynamics of many-body quantum systems, the conventional quantum Hamiltonian simulation algorithm such as the Trotter-Suzuki product formula [105] was used. However, the circuit depth of standard Trotterization methods can rapidly exceed the coherence time of noisy quantum computers. This has led to recent proposals for variational approaches to dynamical simulation, including iterative variational algorithms [106] [107], imaginary time evolution [108], general first order derivative equations with non-Hermitian Hamiltonians [109], adaptive ansatz to reduce the circuit depth [110] [111] and variational fast forwarding [112]-[115].

In this paper, these three variational methods are discussed in detail and are used to solve the ground state energy of the Fermi-Hubbard model and Schwinger model. The paper is organized as follows: The details of the three variational methods are given in Sections 2, 3, and 4. In Sections 5 and 6, the Fermi-Hubbard model and Schwinger model have been mapped to spin 1/2 systems using the Jordan-Wigner representation. In Section 7, the ground state energy of the Fermi-Hubbard model and Schwinger model are calculated using these three variational methods. The discussion is given in the final Section 8.

## 2. Density Matrix Renormalization Group

A general discrete Hilbert space of the many-body quantum systems with  $N$  sites has the structure

$$\mathcal{H} = \text{span} \left\{ |s_0\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |s_{N-1}\rangle \mid s_i \in \mathcal{L}_i, i \in \{0, \dots, N-1\} \right\} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_i$  is the set of discrete quantum numbers at site  $i$ .  $\{|s_i\rangle\}_{s_i \in \mathcal{L}_i}$  is the standard orthogonal basis for the local Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_i$  corresponding to the  $i$ th site,  $i = 0, \dots, N-1$ . The whole Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is the tensor product of individual local Hilbert space:  $\mathcal{H} = \otimes_{i=0}^{N-1} \mathcal{H}_i$ . The standard orthogonal basis  $|s_0 \cdots s_{N-1}\rangle \equiv |s_0\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |s_{N-1}\rangle$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  is also called the computational basis. For the qubit systems,  $\mathcal{L}_i = \{0, 1\}$ . For spin-1/2,  $\mathcal{L}_i = \{-1, 1\}$ , which is the two eigen-

values of Pauli matrix  $Z$ . For general spin- $S$  with integral or half integral  $S = 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2, \dots$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_i = \{-2S, -2S+2, \dots, 2S-2, 2S\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_i$  has the dimension  $2S+1$ . Sometimes, the dimension of Hilbert space is reduced under some kind of restriction. For example, the spin 1/2 system with the restriction  $\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} Z_i = 0$ , the dimension 16 of  $\mathcal{H}$  is reduced to 6 if  $N = 4$ .

The state  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$  can be represented by

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_s \psi(s) |s\rangle = \sum_{s_0, \dots, s_{N-1}} \psi(s_0, \dots, s_{N-1}) |s_0 \dots s_{N-1}\rangle \quad (2)$$

where the sum  $s$  over all quantum numbers is assumed. Since the computational basis is standard orthogonal, the wave function  $\psi(s) = \langle s | \psi \rangle$  is the inner product of  $|\psi\rangle$  and  $|s\rangle$ .

The Hamiltonian  $H$  of many-body quantum system is a Hermitian operator from  $d^N$  dimensional Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  into itself. We assume that the dimension  $d$  of  $\mathcal{H}_i$  are same for  $i = 0, \dots, N-1$ . The calculation of the spectra of  $H$  is difficult due to the exponentially large dimension over  $N$ . For small  $N$ , exact diagonalization can be adopted since  $H$  can be represented as the Hermitian matrix in the computation basis  $|s\rangle$ .

A general operator  $\hat{O}$  in the basis  $|s\rangle$  can be written as

$$\hat{O} = \sum_{s, s'} O_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}^{s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}} |s_0 \dots s_{N-1}\rangle \langle s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}| \quad (3)$$

Since the basis  $|s\rangle$  is orthogonal to each other,

$$\hat{O} |s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}\rangle = \sum_s O_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}^{s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}} |s_0 \dots s_{N-1}\rangle \quad (4)$$

*i.e.*,  $\hat{O} |s'\rangle = \sum_s O_s^{s'} |s\rangle$ . Apply this operator  $\hat{O}$  to a general state  $|\psi\rangle$  in (2), one has

$$\hat{O} |\psi\rangle = \sum_{s, s'} O_s^{s'} \psi(s') |s\rangle \quad (5)$$

The inner product between  $\hat{O} |\psi\rangle$  and  $|\psi\rangle$  is

$$\langle \psi | \hat{O} |\psi \rangle = \sum_{s, s'} O_s^{s'} \psi(s') \overline{\psi(s)} \quad (6)$$

where  $\overline{\psi(s)}$  denotes the complex conjugate of  $\psi(s)$ .

The wave function  $\psi(s_0, \dots, s_{N-1})$  can be regarded as the tensor  $\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}$  of order  $N$ , and thus the manipulation of the wave function is reduced to be that of tensor  $\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}$ . Similarly,  $O_s^{s'} = O_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}^{s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}}$  is the tensor of order  $2N$ . The computational cost of  $\sum_{s'} O_s^{s'} \psi(s') = \sum_{s'_0, \dots, s'_{N-1}} O_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}^{s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}} \psi_{s'_0, \dots, s'_{N-1}}$  is  $O(d^{2N})$  which is not acceptable. The trick of reducing computational cost is the decomposition of tensor and then truncation. A very important operation for tensor is the decomposition as follows:

$$\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}} = M^{[0]s_0} M^{[1]s_1} \dots M^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \quad (7)$$

where  $M^{[i]s_i} = \left( M^{[i]s_i} \right)_{\alpha_i \alpha_{i+1}}$  is the  $\chi_i \times \chi_{i+1}$  matrix for fixed (physical) indices  $s_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, N-1$ , *i.e.*,  $M^{[i]}$  is a tensor of order 3. The index  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=0}^N$  is contracted in the multiplication of all  $M^{[i]s_i}$ , and  $\alpha_0 = \chi_0 = \alpha_N = \chi_N = 1$  since the

contracted result  $\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}$  is a complex number. Since the index  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=0}^N$  is not physical, they are called virtual indices.

The decomposition (7) can be realized by  $N-1$  steps of singular value decomposition (SVD) of matrices, which is given in detail in Appendix. Inserting (7) into (2), we get the matrix product state

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}} M^{[0]s_0} M^{[1]s_1} \dots M^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} |s_0 \dots s_{N-1}\rangle \tag{8}$$

If  $s_i = 1, \dots, d$  for  $i = 0, \dots, N-1$ , then  $\chi_1 = d$  and  $\chi_{i+1} \leq d\chi_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N-2$ , and thus  $\chi_i \approx d^i$ . The exact decomposition of (7) will cause exponential disaster. Fortunately, if the state of interest is not highly entangled, the truncation in SVD will not cause much error for the approximation of this state.

As shown in Appendix, if the tensor  $\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}$  is normalized

$$\sum_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}} |\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}|^2 = 1 \tag{9}$$

the  $N$  tensors  $\{M^{[i]}\}_{i=0}^{N-1}$  of order 3 satisfy the left canonical condition

$$\sum_{s_i} \left(M^{[i]s_i}\right)^\dagger M^{[i]s_i} = \mathbb{I}_{\chi_{i+1}}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-1 \tag{10}$$

where  $\mathbb{I}_{\chi_{i+1}}$  is the  $\chi_{i+1} \times \chi_{i+1}$  identity matrix. For a general tensor  $\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}$  of order  $N$ , we have the left canonical form

$$\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}} = A^{[0]s_0} A^{[1]s_1} \dots A^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \Lambda^{[N]} \tag{11}$$

with the left canonical condition for the  $N$  tensors  $\{A^{[i]}\}_{i=0}^{N-1}$

$$\sum_{s_i} \left(A^{[i]s_i}\right)^\dagger A^{[i]s_i} = \mathbb{I}_{\chi_{i+1}}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-1 \tag{12}$$

Here we intentionally introduce a number  $\Lambda^{[N]}$  which becomes 1 if  $\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}$  satisfies (9). In fact, this left canonical form can also be obtained from the general matrix product form (7) where  $M^{[i]}$  does not satisfy (10). This can be realized by  $N-1$  steps of SVD. First,

$$\left(M^{[0]s_0}\right)_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1} = \sum_k U_{(\alpha_0 s_0), k} S_k (V^\dagger)_{k, \alpha_1} \tag{13}$$

where  $U$  and  $V$  are unitary matrices and  $\{S_k\}$  are the singular values. Then

$\left(A^{[0]s_0}\right)_{\alpha_0, k} = U_{(\alpha_0 s_0), k}$  satisfies the left canonical condition. The remaining part

$S_k (V^\dagger)_{k, \alpha_1}$  is combined with  $\left(M^{[1]s_1}\right)_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}$  to get  $\sum_{\alpha_1} S_k (V^\dagger)_{k, \alpha_1} \left(M^{[1]s_1}\right)_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}$

and use SVD for this matrix again, we can find  $A^{[1]s_1}$  which satisfies the left canonical condition. Continuing this process, we can get the left canonical form (11).

Similarly, if the SVD is implemented from the right-hand side, the general tensor has the right canonical form

$$\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}} = \Lambda^{[0]} B^{[0]s_0} B^{[1]s_1} \dots B^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \tag{14}$$

with the right canonical condition for the tensor  $\{B^{[i]}\}_{i=0}^{N-1}$  of order 3

$$\sum_{s_i} B^{[i]s_i} \left( B^{[i]s_i} \right)^\dagger = \mathbb{I}_{\chi_i}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-1 \tag{15}$$

If the SVD is implemented from both sides, they will meet at some bonds, e.g.,

$$\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}} = \Lambda^{[0]} A^{[0]s_0} A^{[1]s_1} \Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2]s_2} \dots B^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \Lambda^{[N]} \tag{16}$$

We call this the mixed canonical form. Here  $\Lambda^{[2]}$  is a  $\chi_2 \times \chi_2$  diagonal matrix.

A full decomposition is

$$\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}} = \Lambda^{[0]} \Gamma^{[0]s_0} \dots \Lambda^{[N-1]} \Gamma^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \Lambda^{[N]} \tag{17}$$

where  $\Gamma^{[i]s_i}$  is the  $\chi_i \times \chi_{i+1}$  matrix and  $\Lambda^{[i]}$  is the  $\chi_i \times \chi_i$  diagonal matrix. Obviously, these three canonical forms are related to each other

$$A^{[i]s_i} = \Lambda^{[i]} \Gamma^{[i]s_i} = \Lambda^{[i]} B^{[i]s_i} \left( \Lambda^{[i+1]} \right)^{-1}, \quad B^{[i]s_i} = \Gamma^{[i]s_i} \Lambda^{[i+1]} = \left( \Lambda^{[i]} \right)^{-1} A^{[i]s_i} \Lambda^{[i+1]} \tag{18}$$

for  $i = 0, \dots, N-1$ .

Assume that  $O_{s'}^s = O_{s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}}^{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}$  has the decomposition

$$O = v^L W^{[0]} \dots W^{[N-1]} v^R \tag{19}$$

where  $W^{[i]} = \left( W_{s_i s'_i}^{[i]} \right)_{\alpha_i \alpha_{i+1}}$  is the tensor of order 4 with  $1 \leq s_i, s'_i \leq d$ ,  $1 \leq \alpha_i \leq \chi_i$  and  $1 \leq \alpha_{i+1} \leq \chi_{i+1}$ ,  $v^L$  and  $v^R$  are the  $1 \times \chi_1$  and  $\chi_N \times 1$  matrices, respectively. For example, the Hamiltonian

$$H = - \sum_{i=0}^{N-2} J X_i X_{i+1} - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} g Z_i \tag{20}$$

can be written in the form (19) with

$$v^L = (1, 0, 0), \quad v^R = (0, 0, 1)^T, \quad W^{[i]} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & X & -gZ \\ 0 & 0 & -JX \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-1$$

Here  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are the Pauli  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  matrices, respectively.

From the decompositions in (7) and (19), one has

$$O_{s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}}^{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}} \psi_{s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}} = v_{\alpha_0}^L \left( W_{s_0 s'_0}^{[0]} \right)_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} \dots \left( W_{s_{N-1} s'_{N-1}}^{[N-1]} \right)_{\alpha_{N-1} \alpha_N} v_{\alpha_N}^R \left( M^{[0]s'_0} \right)_{\beta_0 \beta_1} \dots \left( M^{[N-1]s'_{N-1}} \right)_{\beta_{N-1} \beta_N} \tag{21}$$

The inner product  $O|\psi\rangle$  with  $|\psi\rangle$  in (6) is a scalar

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi | \hat{O} | \psi \rangle &= O_{s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}}^{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}} \psi_{s'_0 \dots s'_{N-1}} \overline{\psi_{s_0 \dots s_{N-1}}} \\ &= v_{\alpha_0}^L \left( W_{s_0 s'_0}^{[0]} \right)_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} \dots \left( W_{s_{N-1} s'_{N-1}}^{[N-1]} \right)_{\alpha_{N-1} \alpha_N} v_{\alpha_N}^R \\ &\quad \left( M^{[0]s'_0} \right)_{\beta_0 \beta_1} \dots \left( M^{[N-1]s'_{N-1}} \right)_{\beta_{N-1} \beta_N} \\ &\quad \overline{\left( M^{[0]s_0} \right)_{\gamma_0 \gamma_1}} \dots \overline{\left( M^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \right)_{\gamma_{N-1} \gamma_N}} \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

The summation over one virtual index  $\alpha_0$  and two physical indices  $s_0$  and  $s'_0$  of  $v_{\alpha_0}^L \left( W_{s_0 s'_0}^{[0]} \right)_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1}$ ,  $\left( M^{[0]s'_0} \right)_{\beta_0 \beta_1}$  and  $\overline{\left( M^{[0]s_0} \right)_{\gamma_0 \gamma_1}}$  is a tensor of order 3 with

virtual indices  $\alpha_1, \beta_1$  and  $\gamma_1$ . Note that  $\beta_0 = \gamma_0 = 1$ .

If the operator  $\hat{O}$  is local and  $\psi_s$  is a canonical form, the expression in (22) can be simplified. For example,  $\psi_s$  has the mixed canonical form (16),  $\hat{O}$  is the operator acting on local site 2 and site 3. For example,  $(W_{s_i s'_i}^{[i]})_{\alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}} = \delta_{s_i, s'_i} \delta_{\alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}}$  for  $i \neq 2, 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi | \hat{O} | \psi \rangle &= v_{\alpha_0}^L (W_{s_0 s'_0}^{[0]})_{\alpha_0 \alpha_1} (W_{s_1 s'_1}^{[1]})_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2} (W_{s_2 s'_2}^{[2]})_{\alpha_2 \alpha_3} (W_{s_3 s'_3}^{[3]})_{\alpha_3 \alpha_4} \dots (W_{s_{N-1} s'_{N-1}}^{[N-1]})_{\alpha_{N-1} \alpha_N} v_{\alpha_N}^R \\ &\quad (A^{[0] s'_0})_{\beta_0 \beta_1} (A^{[1] s'_1})_{\beta_1 \beta_2} (\Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2] s'_2})_{\beta_2 \beta_3} (B^{[3] s'_3})_{\beta_3 \beta_4} \dots (B^{[N-1] s'_{N-1}})_{\beta_{N-1} \beta_N} \\ &\quad (\overline{A^{[0] s_0}})_{\gamma_0 \gamma_1} (\overline{A^{[1] s_1}})_{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} (\overline{\Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2] s_2}})_{\gamma_2 \gamma_3} (\overline{B^{[3] s_3}})_{\gamma_3 \gamma_4} \dots (\overline{B^{[N-1] s_{N-1}}})_{\gamma_{N-1} \gamma_N} \\ &= v_{\alpha_0}^L \delta_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1} \delta_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} (W_{s_2 s'_2}^{[2]})_{\alpha_2 \alpha_3} (W_{s_3 s'_3}^{[3]})_{\alpha_3 \alpha_4} \dots \delta_{\alpha_{N-1}, \alpha_N} v_{\alpha_N}^R \\ &\quad \delta_{\beta_2, \gamma_2} (\Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2] s'_2})_{\beta_2 \beta_3} (B^{[3] s'_3})_{\beta_3 \beta_4} \delta_{\beta_4, \gamma_4} \\ &\quad (\overline{\Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2] s_2}})_{\gamma_2 \gamma_3} (\overline{B^{[3] s_3}})_{\gamma_3 \gamma_4} \\ &= v_{\alpha_2}^L (W_{s_2 s'_2}^{[2]})_{\alpha_2 \alpha_3} (W_{s_3 s'_3}^{[3]})_{\alpha_3 \alpha_4} v_{\alpha_4}^R \\ &\quad (\Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2] s'_2})_{\beta_2 \beta_3} (B^{[3] s'_3})_{\beta_3 \beta_4} \\ &\quad (\overline{\Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2] s_2}})_{\beta_2 \gamma_3} (\overline{B^{[3] s_3}})_{\gamma_3 \beta_4} \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

The ground state of Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  can be calculated by DMRG algorithm [11], which is a variational method by minimizing  $\langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle$  over the tensor  $\psi_s$  of order  $N$ . Here we always require that  $\sum_s |\psi_s|^2 = 1$ . Since  $\psi_s$  has the structure of matrix product state, this global minimization can be realized by local minimization step by step. For example,  $\hat{H}$  and  $\psi_s$  have a form (19), and (16), respectively, then  $\langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle$  has a form (23) can be written as

$$\langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle = \langle \Theta | H_{\text{eff}} | \Theta \rangle \tag{24}$$

where  $\Theta = \Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2]} B^{[3]}$  is a tensor of order 4.  $H_{\text{eff}}$ , which is the tensor of order 8, is obtained by the contraction of the left environment  $L^{[2]}$ , right environment  $R^{[3]}$ ,  $W^{[2]}$  and  $W^{[3]}$ . Here the left environment  $L^{[i]}$  is obtained from the contraction of  $L^{[i-1]}$ ,  $W^{[i-1]}$ ,  $A^{[i-1]}$  and  $\overline{A^{[i-1]}}$ ,  $L_{\beta_0 \gamma_0 \alpha_0}^{[0]} = \delta_{\beta_0 \gamma_0} v_{\alpha_0}^L$ . Similarly,  $R^{[i]}$  is obtained from the contraction of  $R^{[i+1]}$ ,  $W^{[i+1]}$  and  $B^{[i+1]}$ ,  $B^{[i+1]}$ ,

$$R_{\beta_N \gamma_N \alpha_N}^{[N]} = \delta_{\beta_N \gamma_N} v_{\alpha_N}^R.$$

To keep the mixed canonical form of tensor of order  $N$ , THE SVD for the minimum  $\Theta_{\text{min}}$  is

$$\Theta_{\text{min}} = \tilde{A}^{[2]} \tilde{\Lambda}^{[3]} \tilde{B}^{[3]} \Leftrightarrow \Theta_{(\beta_2 s'_2), (\beta_4 s'_4)} = \sum_{\beta_3=1}^{\min(d \chi_2, d \chi_4)} \tilde{A}_{(\beta_2 s'_2), \beta_3}^{[2]} \tilde{\Lambda}_{\beta_3 \beta_3}^{[3]} \tilde{B}_{\beta_3, (\beta_4 s'_4)}^{[3]} \tag{25}$$

Here the tensor  $\Theta_{(\beta_2 s'_2), (\beta_4 s'_4)}^{s'_2 s'_4}$  of order 4 is rewritten as a matrix  $\Theta_{(\beta_2 s'_2), (\beta_4 s'_4)}$ . The bond dimension becomes  $d$  times  $\chi_2$  or  $\chi_4$  which is almost  $d$  times of the bond dimension for the original  $\sum_{\beta_3=1}^{\chi_3} (A^{[2] s'_2})_{\beta_2, \beta_3} \Lambda_{\beta_3 \beta_3}^{[3]} (B^{[3] s'_3})_{\beta_3, \beta_4}$ . Here we as-

sume that  $\chi_2 \sim \chi_3 \sim \chi_4$ . To keep the bond dimension under control, the SVD in (25) is truncated for  $k=1, \dots, \chi_{\max}$ . In practice, the largest  $\chi_{\max}$  singular values in magnitude  $\left\{ \Lambda_{\beta_3 \beta_3}^{[3]} \right\}_{\beta_3=1}^{\chi_{\max}}$  are kept and then scale these singular values such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\chi_{\max}} \left| \Lambda_{\beta_3 \beta_3}^{[3]} \right|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\min(d\chi_2, d\chi_4)} \left| \tilde{\Lambda}_{\beta_3 \beta_3}^{[3]} \right|^2$  to ensure  $|\psi_s|^2 = 1$ . For the ground state with not highly entangled, the singular values in magnitude decays vary fast. This truncation will not cause much error. Replacing  $\Theta = \Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2]} B^{[3]}$  by  $\Theta_{\min} = \tilde{A}^{[2]} \tilde{\Lambda}^{[3]} \tilde{B}^{[3]}$ , we get another better tensor with the less value of  $\langle \psi | \hat{O} | \psi \rangle$ . This better tensor is also in the mixed canonical form. This is called one step of two-site DMRG algorithm since the local tensors  $\Lambda^{[2]} B^{[2]}$  at site 2 and  $B^{[3]}$  at site 3 are updated. To update the local tensors  $\Lambda^{[3]} B^{[3]}$  at site 3 and  $B^{[4]}$  at site 4 in the next step of DMRG, we should prepare the left environment  $L^{[3]}$ , right environment  $R^{[4]}$ .  $L^{[3]}$  is the contraction of  $L^{[2]}$ ,  $W^{[2]}$ ,  $\tilde{A}^{[2]}$  and  $\tilde{A}^{[2]}$ . So we use  $N-1$  steps of DMRG to update all  $N$  sub-tensors from the left to the right-hand side. This is called one sweep of DMRG. The next sweep is implemented from the right to the left-hand side. This algorithm will stop if  $\langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle$  will not decrease.

### 3. Boltzmann Machine Learning

The quantum expectation value of an operator  $\hat{O}$  on a non-normalized state  $|\psi\rangle$  can be written as a classical expectation value over the distribution  $p(s) = |\psi(s)|^2 / \langle \psi | \psi \rangle$  using

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle \equiv \frac{\langle \psi | \hat{O} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{O}] \equiv \sum_s p(s) \tilde{O}(s) \quad (26)$$

where

$$\tilde{O}(s) = \frac{\langle s | \hat{O} | \psi \rangle}{\langle s | \psi \rangle} = \sum_{s'} \frac{\psi(s')}{\psi(s)} \langle s | \hat{O} | s' \rangle \quad (27)$$

If the matrix presentation  $O$  of the operator  $\hat{O}$  under the basis  $|s'\rangle$  is sparse, there are only  $O(n)$  basis  $|s\rangle$  such that  $\langle s | \hat{O} | s' \rangle$  are nonzero. Equation (26) shows that  $\langle \hat{O} \rangle$  can be calculated by Monte Carlo sampling of  $\tilde{O}(s)$  with the probability  $p(s)$ .

We use neural network to describe the wave function  $\psi(s)$ , which depends on real parameters  $\theta = \{\theta_k\}_{k=1}^p$ , and thus denoted by  $\psi_\theta(s)$ . Denote by  $\delta\theta_k$  the change of the  $k$ th component  $\theta_k$ .  $\psi_{\theta+\delta\theta_k}(s)$  has the expansion

$$\psi_{\theta+\delta\theta_k}(s) = \psi_\theta(s) + \delta\theta_k \frac{\partial \psi_\theta(s)}{\partial \theta_k} + O(\delta\theta_k^2) \quad (28)$$

Define the local operator  $\hat{\Psi}_k$  with matrix elements

$$\langle s | \hat{\Psi}_k | s' \rangle = \delta_{s,s'} \Psi_k(s) \quad (29)$$

where we introduced the log-derivative of  $\psi_\theta(s)$

$$\Psi_k(s) = \frac{\partial \ln \psi_\theta(s)}{\partial \theta_k} = \frac{1}{\psi_\theta(s)} \frac{\partial \psi_\theta(s)}{\partial \theta_k} \tag{30}$$

Here  $\Psi_k(s)$  depends on  $\theta$ . We thus have

$$\langle s | \hat{\Psi}_k | \psi_\theta \rangle = \Psi_k(s) \psi_\theta(s) = \frac{\partial \psi_\theta(s)}{\partial \theta_k} \tag{31}$$

From (28), one has

$$|\psi_{\theta+\delta\theta_k}\rangle = (1 + \delta\theta_k \hat{\Psi}_k) |\psi_\theta\rangle \tag{32}$$

where we omitted  $O(\delta\theta_k^2)$ .

$|\psi_\theta\rangle$  is normalized to be

$$|v_{0,\theta}\rangle = \frac{|\psi_\theta\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle}} \tag{33}$$

Define

$$|v_{k,\theta}\rangle = (\hat{\Psi}_k - \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle) |v_{0,\theta}\rangle, \quad k = 1, \dots, p \tag{34}$$

where

$$\langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle = \langle v_{0,\theta} | \hat{\Psi}_k | v_{0,\theta} \rangle = \frac{\langle \psi_\theta | \hat{\Psi}_k | \psi_\theta \rangle}{\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle} \tag{35}$$

Thus  $|v_{k,\theta}\rangle$  and  $|v_{0,\theta}\rangle$  are orthogonal,  $k = 1, \dots, p$ . But  $\langle v_{k,\theta} | v_{k',\theta} \rangle \neq 0$  for  $k, k' = 1, \dots, p$ .

The norm squared of  $|\psi_{\theta+\delta\theta_k}\rangle$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi_{\theta+\delta\theta_k} | \psi_{\theta+\delta\theta_k} \rangle &= \langle \psi_\theta | (1 + \delta\theta_k \hat{\Psi}_k)^* (1 + \delta\theta_k \hat{\Psi}_k) | \psi_\theta \rangle \\ &= \langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle [1 + 2 \operatorname{Re}(\delta\theta_k \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle) + O(\delta\theta_k^2)] \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

where  $\operatorname{Re}$  denotes the real part. One has from (32) (36)

$$\begin{aligned} |v_{0,\theta+\delta\theta_k}\rangle &= \frac{|\psi_{\theta+\delta\theta_k}\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \psi_{\theta+\delta\theta_k} | \psi_{\theta+\delta\theta_k} \rangle}} \\ &= |v_{0,\theta}\rangle + [\delta\theta_k \hat{\Psi}_k - \operatorname{Re}(\delta\theta_k \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle)] |v_{0,\theta}\rangle + O(\delta\theta_k^2) \\ &= [1 + i \operatorname{Im}(\delta\theta_k \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle)] |v_{0,\theta}\rangle + \delta\theta_k |v_{k,\theta}\rangle + O(\delta\theta_k^2) \quad (\text{by (34)}) \\ &= e^{i\delta\phi} [|v_{0,\theta}\rangle + \delta\theta_k |v_{k,\theta}\rangle] + O(\delta\theta_k^2) \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

where  $\delta\phi = \operatorname{Im}(\delta\theta_k \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle)$  is the imaginary part of  $\delta\theta_k \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle$ .

Let  $\hat{H}$  be the Hamiltonian operator and using (37), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} \frac{\langle \psi_\theta | \hat{H} | \psi_\theta \rangle}{\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} \langle v_{0,\theta} | \hat{H} | v_{0,\theta} \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\delta\theta_k \rightarrow 0} \frac{\langle v_{0,\theta+\delta\theta_k} | \hat{H} | v_{0,\theta+\delta\theta_k} \rangle - \langle v_{0,\theta} | \hat{H} | v_{0,\theta} \rangle}{\delta\theta_k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \langle v_{k,\theta} | \hat{H} | v_{0,\theta} \rangle + \langle v_{0,\theta} | \hat{H} | v_{k,\theta} \rangle \\
&= 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\langle \psi_\theta | \hat{H} (\hat{\Psi}_k - \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle) | \psi_\theta \rangle}{\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle} \right] \\
&= 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\langle \psi_\theta | \hat{H} \hat{\Psi}_k | \psi_\theta \rangle}{\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle} - \frac{\langle \psi_\theta | \hat{H} | \psi_\theta \rangle \langle \psi_\theta | \hat{\Psi}_k | \psi_\theta \rangle}{\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle} \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

The  $k$ th parameter  $\theta_k$  is updated according to the gradient descent method

$$\theta_k \leftarrow \theta_k - \eta f_k \tag{39}$$

where  $f_k = \frac{\partial E_\theta}{\partial \theta_k}$ ,  $E_\theta = \frac{\langle \psi_\theta | \hat{H} | \psi_\theta \rangle}{\langle \psi_\theta | \psi_\theta \rangle}$ ,  $\eta > 0$  is the learning rate.

If each component  $\theta_k$  has a change  $\delta\theta_k$ , the wave function  $\psi_\theta(s)$  has changed to be  $\psi_{\theta+\delta\theta}(s)$ . Let  $|v_{0,\theta+\delta\theta}\rangle = |\psi_{\theta+\delta\theta}\rangle / \sqrt{\langle \psi_{\theta+\delta\theta} | \psi_{\theta+\delta\theta} \rangle}$ . Equation (37) is generalized to be

$$|v_{0,\theta+\delta\theta}\rangle = e^{i\delta\phi} \left[ |v_{0,\theta}\rangle + \sum_{k=1}^p \delta\theta_k |v_{k,\theta}\rangle \right] + O(\delta\theta^2) \tag{40}$$

where  $\delta\phi = \sum_{k=1}^p \operatorname{Im}(\delta\theta_k \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle)$ .

The distance between  $|v_{0,\theta}\rangle$  and  $|v_{0,\theta+\delta\theta}\rangle$  is

$$\delta s^2 = \min_{\delta\alpha} \left\| e^{-i\delta\alpha} |v_{0,\theta+\delta\theta}\rangle - |v_{0,\theta}\rangle \right\|^2 \tag{41}$$

When  $\delta\alpha = \delta\phi$ ,  $\delta s^2$  is minimized to be

$$\delta s^2 = \sum_{1 \leq k, k' \leq p} \langle v_{k,\theta} | v_{k',\theta} \rangle \delta\theta_k \delta\theta_{k'} + o(\delta\theta^2) = \sum_{1 \leq k, k' \leq p} S_{k,k'} \delta\theta_k \delta\theta_{k'} + o(\delta\theta^2) \tag{42}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{k,k'} &= \frac{\langle v_{k,\theta} | v_{k',\theta} \rangle + \langle v_{k',\theta} | v_{k,\theta} \rangle}{2} = \operatorname{Re}(\langle v_{k,\theta} | v_{k',\theta} \rangle) \\
&= \operatorname{Re}(\langle \hat{\Psi}_k^* \hat{\Psi}_{k'} \rangle - \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle^* \langle \hat{\Psi}_{k'} \rangle)
\end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

where we used

$$\langle v_{k,\theta} | v_{k',\theta} \rangle = \langle v_{0,\theta} | (\hat{\Psi}_k - \langle \hat{\Psi}_k \rangle)^* (\hat{\Psi}_{k'} - \langle \hat{\Psi}_{k'} \rangle) | v_{0,\theta} \rangle \tag{44}$$

Find  $\delta\theta$  such that: 1)  $\Delta E = E_{\theta+\delta\theta} - E_\theta$  is minimized; 2) the distance  $\delta s^2$  between  $|v_{0,\theta}\rangle$  and  $|v_{0,\theta+\delta\theta}\rangle$  is as small as possible. Minimize

$$\Delta E + \mu \delta s^2 = \sum_k \frac{\partial E_\theta}{\partial \theta_k} \delta\theta_k + \mu \sum_{k,k'} S_{k,k'} \delta\theta_k \delta\theta_{k'} + o(\delta\theta^2) \tag{45}$$

to find that  $\delta\theta$  satisfies

$$\sum_{k'} S_{k,k'} \delta\theta_{k'} = -\frac{f_k}{2\mu} \tag{46}$$

which can be used to update the parameter  $\theta$ . This algorithm is called the stochastic reconfiguration method.

In the Boltzmann machine ansatz, the wave function is chosen to be

$$\psi_\theta(s) = \exp\left(\sum_{j=0}^{N-1} a_j s_j\right) \prod_{i=0}^{M-1} 2 \cosh\left(b_i + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} W_{ij} s_j\right) \tag{47}$$

where  $\theta = \{a_j, b_i, W_{ij}\}$  are the real parameters. Here  $M$  is a given positive integer number.  $\alpha = M/N$  is the ratio of  $M$  and  $N$ . Compared to the other neutral network ansatz,  $\Psi_k$  for the Boltzmann machine ansatz can be calculated analytically [39].

### 4. Variational Quantum Eigensolver

The variational quantum eigensolver is aimed at finding the ground state energy of a Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  by minimizing the cost function  $L(\theta) = \langle \psi_\theta | \hat{H} | \psi_\theta \rangle$ , where the parameter  $\theta$  is updated by  $\theta - \eta \nabla L(\theta)$  by iterations. Here  $\eta > 0$  is the learning rate. We choose the trial state  $|\psi_\theta\rangle = U_\theta |\psi_0\rangle$  for some ansatz  $U_\theta$  and initial state  $|\psi_0\rangle$ . The variational Hamiltonian ansatz also aims to prepare a trial ground state for a given Hamiltonian  $\hat{H} = \sum_k \hat{H}_k$  (where  $\hat{H}_k$  are Hermitian operators, usual Pauli strings) by Trotterizing an adiabatic state preparation process [116]. Here, each Trotter step corresponds to a variational ansatz so that the unitary is given  $U_\theta = \prod_l \left( \prod_k e^{-i\theta_{l,k} \hat{H}_k} \right)$ .

Consider a general Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} = & \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \left( C_X^h X_{j,\sigma} X_{j+1,\sigma} + C_Y^h Y_{j,\sigma} Y_{j+1,\sigma} + C_Z^h Z_{j,\sigma} Z_{j+1,\sigma} \right) \\ & + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( C_X^v X_{j,\uparrow} X_{j,\downarrow} + C_Y^v Y_{j,\uparrow} Y_{j,\downarrow} + C_Z^v Z_{j,\uparrow} Z_{j,\downarrow} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

where  $N$  is an even integer and the coefficients  $C_\alpha^h > 0$  and  $C_\alpha^v$  do not depend on sites.  $X_{j,\sigma}$ , etc., denotes the Pauli  $X$  matrix acting on site  $j$  and spin  $\sigma = \uparrow, \downarrow$ . Splitting the  $N$  sites to be even sites and odd sites, this Hamiltonian can be written as

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\alpha=X,Y,Z} \left( H_\alpha^{h,e} + H_\alpha^{h,o} + H_\alpha^{v,e} + H_\alpha^{v,o} \right) = H^e + H^o \tag{49}$$

where

$$H^e = \sum_{\alpha=X,Y,Z} \left( H_\alpha^{h,e} + H_\alpha^{v,e} \right), \quad H^o = \sum_{\alpha=X,Y,Z} \left( H_\alpha^{h,o} + H_\alpha^{v,o} \right) \tag{50}$$

$$H_\alpha^{h,e} = \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{\text{even } j=0}^{N-2} C_\alpha^h \alpha_{j,\sigma} \alpha_{j+1,\sigma}, \quad H_\alpha^{v,e} = \sum_{\text{even } j=0}^{N-1} C_\alpha^v \alpha_{j,\sigma} \alpha_{j,\uparrow} \alpha_{j,\downarrow}, \quad \alpha = X, Y, Z \tag{51}$$

$H_\alpha^{h,o}$  and  $H_\alpha^{v,o}$  are defined similarly by replacing summation over even site  $j$  with odd site  $j$ .

Inspired by Ref. [117] [118], the quantum circuit is  $U_\theta = \prod_{k=1}^p U^h(\theta_k^h) U^v(\theta_k^v)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} U^h(\theta_k^h) = & G(\theta_{k,X}^{h,e}, H_X^{h,e}) G(\theta_{k,Y}^{h,e}, H_Y^{h,e}) G(\theta_{k,Z}^{h,e}, H_Z^{h,e}) \\ & G(\theta_{k,Z}^{h,o}, H_Z^{h,o}) G(\theta_{k,Y}^{h,o}, H_Y^{h,o}) G(\theta_{k,X}^{h,o}, H_X^{h,o}) \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

where  $G(x, H) = e^{-ixH}$ .  $U^v(\theta_k^v)$  is defined similarly, with the subscription  $h$  replaced by  $v$ . Since the terms in  $H_\alpha^{h,o}$ , etc., commute with each other,

$$G(\theta_{k,X}^{h,e}, H_X^{h,e}) = \prod_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \prod_{\text{even } j=0}^{N-2} e^{-ic_\alpha^{h,e} \alpha_{j,\sigma} \alpha_{j+1,\sigma}}$$

The initial state  $|\psi_0\rangle$  is chosen to be the ground state  $|\psi_0\rangle = \otimes_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \otimes_{\text{even } j=0}^{N-2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$  of  $\sum_{\alpha=X,Y,Z} H_\alpha^{h,e}$  with the ground state energy  $-3NC_\alpha^h$ . This is because

$$\alpha_{j,\sigma} \alpha_{j+1,\sigma} (|01\rangle - |10\rangle) = -(|01\rangle - |10\rangle) \quad (53)$$

for  $\alpha = X, Y, Z$ ,  $\sigma = \uparrow, \downarrow$  and even site  $j = 0, 2, \dots, N-2$ .

## 5. Fermi-Hubbard Model

The Hamiltonian for Fermi-Hubbard model is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} &= -t \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} (c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j+1,\sigma} + \text{h.c.}) + U \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} n_{j,\uparrow} n_{j,\downarrow} - \mu \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} n_{j,\sigma} \\ &= -t \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} (c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j+1,\sigma} + \text{h.c.}) + U \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( n_{j,\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{j,\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &\quad - \left( \mu - \frac{U}{2} \right) \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} n_{j,\sigma} - \frac{NU}{4} \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

where open boundary condition is assumed and  $n_{j,\sigma} = c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma}$ . The creation operator  $c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger$  and the annihilate operators  $c_{j,\sigma}$  satisfy

$$\{c_{j,\sigma}, c_{k,\tau}^\dagger\} = \delta_{jk} \delta_{\sigma\tau}, \quad \{c_{j,\sigma}, c_{k,\tau}\} = 0, \quad \{c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger, c_{k,\tau}^\dagger\} = 0 \quad (55)$$

For the half filling case:  $\mu = U/2$ , the Hamiltonian is reduced to

$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} (c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j+1,\sigma} + \text{h.c.}) + U \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( n_{j,\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{j,\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{NU}{4} \quad (56)$$

Combining the index  $\sigma = \uparrow(0), \downarrow(1)$  and  $j = 0, \dots, N-1$  to be  $k = N\sigma + j$ , we have

$$\hat{H} = - \sum_{k=0}^{2N-2} t_k (c_k^\dagger c_{k+1} + \text{h.c.}) + U \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left( n_k - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{k+N} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{NU}{4} \quad (57)$$

where  $t_k = t$  if  $k \neq N-1$  and 0 if  $k = N-1$ . The Jordan-Wigner representation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} n_j &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} Z_j \Leftrightarrow Z_j = 2n_j - 1 \\ 2(c_{k+1}^\dagger c_k + c_k^\dagger c_{k+1}) &= X_k X_{k+1} + Y_k Y_{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $X, Y, Z$  are Pauli operators. In the Jordan-Wigner representation, the Hamiltonian for half-filling case, is written as

$$\frac{1}{tN} \hat{H} = - \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{k=0}^{2N-2} t_k (X_k X_{k+1} + Y_k Y_{k+1}) + \frac{U}{4tN} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} Z_k Z_{k+N} - \frac{U}{4t} \quad (58)$$

which is the special case for the Hamiltonian in (48) except the constant  $-\frac{U}{4t}$ .

If one uses the index  $k = 2j + \sigma$  for  $j = 0, \dots, N-1$  and  $\sigma = \uparrow(0), \downarrow(1)$ , the Hamiltonian in (56) becomes

$$\hat{H} = -t \sum_{k=0}^{2N-3} (c_k^\dagger c_{k+2} + \text{h.c.}) + U \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left( n_{2k} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( n_{2k+1} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{NU}{4} \quad (59)$$

Under the Jordan-Wigner representation

$$2(c_{k+2}^\dagger c_k + c_k^\dagger c_{k+2}) = X_k (-Z_{k+1}) X_{k+2} + Y_k (-Z_{k+1}) Y_{k+2}$$

it becomes

$$\frac{1}{tN} \hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2N} \sum_{k=0}^{2N-3} (X_k (-Z_{k+1}) X_{k+2} + Y_k (-Z_{k+1}) Y_{k+2}) + \frac{U}{4t} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} Z_{2k} Z_{2k+1} - \frac{U}{4t} \quad (60)$$

### 6. Schwinger Model

The massive Schwinger model, or QED in two space-time dimensions, is a gauge theory describing the interaction of a single fermionic species with the photon field. In the temporal gauge, the Hamiltonian density is

$$\mathcal{H} = -i\psi^\dagger \gamma^0 \gamma^1 (\partial_x + igA)\psi + m\psi^\dagger(x) \gamma^0 \psi + \frac{1}{2} E^2 \quad (61)$$

where

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

are the  $\gamma$  matrices,  $m$  and  $g$  are two parameters. The electric field,  $E = \partial_t A$  satisfies the Gauss's law

$$\partial_x E(x) - g\psi^\dagger(x)\psi(x) = 0$$

Here  $\partial_x$  and  $\partial_t$  denotes the partial derivative along one-dimensional space direction  $x$  and time direction  $t$ .

The theory is quantized using canonical quantization by imposing anticommutation relations on the fermion fields

$$\{\psi^\dagger(x,t), \psi(y,t)\} = \delta(x-y) \quad (62)$$

and by imposing commutation relations on the gauge fields

$$[E(x,t), A(y,t)] = i\delta(x-y) \quad (63)$$

The model can now be formulated on a “staggered” spatial lattice. Let the lattice spacing be  $a$ , and label the sites with an integer  $n$ . Define a single-component fermion field  $\phi(n)$  at each site  $n$ , obeying anticommutation relations

$$\{\phi^\dagger(n), \phi(m)\} = \delta_{mn} \quad (64)$$

The gauge field is defined on the links  $(n, n+1)$  connecting each pair of sites by

$$U(n, n+1) = e^{i\theta(n)} = e^{iagA(n)} \quad (65)$$

Then the lattice Hamiltonian equivalent to Equation (61) is

$$\hat{H} = \frac{-i}{2a} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\phi^\dagger(n) e^{i\theta(n)} \phi(n+1) - \text{H.c.}] + m \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n \phi^\dagger(n) \phi(n) + \frac{g^2 a}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} L^2(n) \quad (66)$$

where the number of lattice sites  $N$  is even, and the correspondence between lattice and continuum fields is

$$\frac{\phi(n)}{\sqrt{a}} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \psi_e(x), & n \text{ even,} \\ \psi_o(x), & n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad (67)$$

$\psi_e$  and  $\psi_o$  are the two components of the continuum spinor  $\psi = (\psi_e, \psi_o)$ ,

$$\frac{1}{ag} \theta(n) \rightarrow A(x), \quad gL(n) \rightarrow E(x) \quad (68)$$

From the commutation relations (63) and the above correspondence, one has

$$[\theta(n), L(m)] = i\delta_{nm} \quad (69)$$

The dimensionless Hamiltonian is  $\frac{2}{ag^2} \hat{H}$ , which is also denoted by  $\hat{H}$

$$\hat{H} = -ix \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\phi^\dagger(n) e^{i\theta(n)} \phi(n+1) - \text{H.c.}] + \mu \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n \phi^\dagger(n) \phi(n) + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} L^2(n) \quad (70)$$

with the dimensionless parameters

$$x = \frac{1}{g^2 a^2}, \quad \mu = \frac{2m}{g^2 a} \quad (71)$$

The Gauss law  $\partial_x E = g\psi^\dagger \psi$  is discretized to be

$$L(n) - L(n-1) = \phi(n)^\dagger \phi(n) - \frac{1}{2} [1 - (-1)^n] \quad (72)$$

The elimination of fermion fields can be realized by using a Jordan-Wigner transformation

$$\phi(n) = \prod_{k<n} (-\sigma_k^z) \sigma_n^-, \quad \phi(n)^\dagger = \prod_{k<n} (-\sigma_k^z) \sigma_n^+$$

where  $\sigma_n^\pm = (X_n \pm iY_n)/2$  denotes the matrix  $|0\rangle\langle 1|$  ( $|1\rangle\langle 0|$ ) acting on the  $n$ th qubit.

The Gauss law in (72) is reduced to be

$$L(n) - L(n-1) = \frac{1}{2} [\sigma_n^z + (-1)^n] \quad (73)$$

and the dimensionless Hamiltonian in (70) is

$$H = -ix \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\sigma_n^+ e^{i\theta(n)} \sigma_{n+1}^- - \text{H.c.}] + \mu \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (-1)^n \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_n^z + 1) + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} L^2(n) \quad (74)$$

The factor  $e^{i\theta(n)}$  has been eliminated by a residual gauge transformation [119]

$$\sigma_n^- \rightarrow \prod_{l<n} \{e^{-i\theta(l)}\} \sigma_n^- \quad (75)$$

Finally, the model (70) can be mapped to a spin 1/2 Hamiltonian [119] [120]

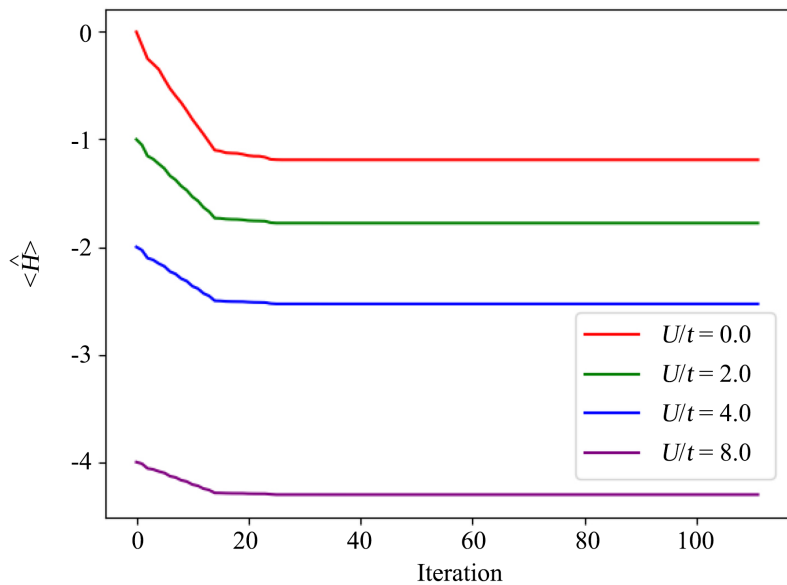
$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= x \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} [\sigma_n^+ \sigma_{n+1}^- + \sigma_n^- \sigma_{n+1}^+] + \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [1 + (-1)^n \sigma_n^z] + \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \left[ \ell + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n ((-1)^k + \sigma_k^z) \right]^2 \\
 &= \frac{x}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} [X_n X_{n+1} + Y_n Y_{n+1}] + \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [1 + (-1)^n Z_n] + \sum_{n=0}^{N-2} \left[ \ell + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n ((-1)^k + Z_k) \right]^2
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{76}$$

where  $\ell$  is the boundary electric field (on the leftmost link), which can describe the background field. In the second equality, we used

$$\sigma_n^+ \sigma_{n+1}^- + \sigma_n^- \sigma_{n+1}^+ = \frac{X_n X_{n+1} + Y_n Y_{n+1}}{2}, \quad \sigma_n^z = Z_n$$

### 7. Simulation Results

We investigate the Fermi-Hubbard model at half filling, where the Hamiltonian is given by (56) or (58). **Table 1** presents the ground state energy per site  $E_0/N$  obtained by DMRG algorithm for different values of  $N$  and  $U/t$ . It is evident that the thermodynamic limit ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ ) is achieved in each column. We also check these results by exact diagonalization and find that the error between the DMRG and exact ground state energies is less than  $1.42 \times 10^{-9}$  for all  $(U/t, N)$  in **Table 1**, demonstrating the high accuracy of the DMRG method. **Figure 1** illustrates the energy  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle = \langle \psi | \hat{H} | \psi \rangle$  in Equation (24) as a function of iteration for different values of  $U/t$  with  $N = 8$ . We perform 8 sweeps, with 14 ( $= 2(N - 1)$ ) local minimizations in each sweep (multiplied by 2 due to spin up and spin down states). It is noteworthy that the ground state energy is obtained after a single sweep (14 local minimizations). Furthermore, the energy  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle$  decreases with each step of local minimization.

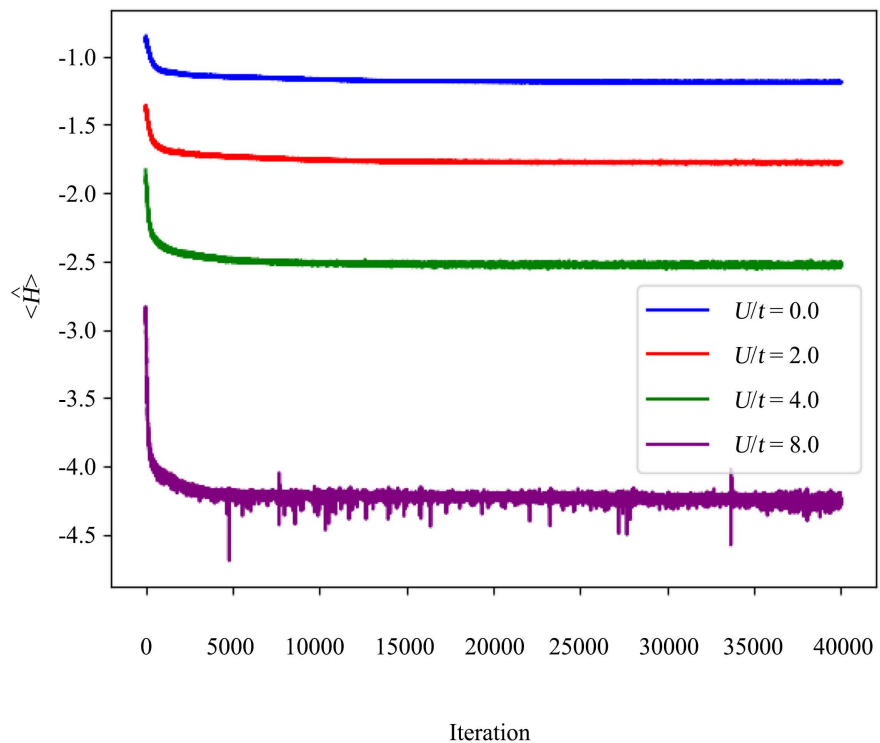


**Figure 1.** The dependence of  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle$  of the Fermi-Hubbard model for half-filling case on the iteration for different  $U/t$ ,  $N = 8$  by DMRG algorithm.

**Table 1.** The ground state energy  $E_0/N$  of the Fermi-Hubbard model for half-filling case obtained by DMRG algorithm.

$U/t$	0	2	4	8
$N = 4$	-1.118033	-1.718985	-2.488286	-4.279293
$N = 6$	-1.164653	-1.757718	-2.515427	-4.294683
$N = 8$	-1.189692	-1.778204	-2.529475	-4.302603

We display the ground state energy per site,  $E_0/N$ , obtained using the restricted Boltzmann machine with  $\alpha = 4$  in **Table 2**. To calculate the ground state energy  $E_0/N$ , we use the last 10,000 sampling data out of a total of 40,000 data points. Comparing these results with those obtained using the DMRG algorithm, we find that the results from the restricted Boltzmann machine are reliable when  $U/t$  and  $N$  are not too large. However, for  $U/t = 8$  and  $N = 8$ , the value  $E_0/N = -4.211473$  in **Table 2** is significantly higher than  $E_0/N = -4.302603$  in **Table 1**. **Figure 2** illustrates the dependence of  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle$  on the iteration number for the restricted Boltzmann machine with  $\alpha = 4$  and  $N = 8$ . For the case  $U/t = 8.0$ , there are large fluctuations of  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle$  with each iteration.

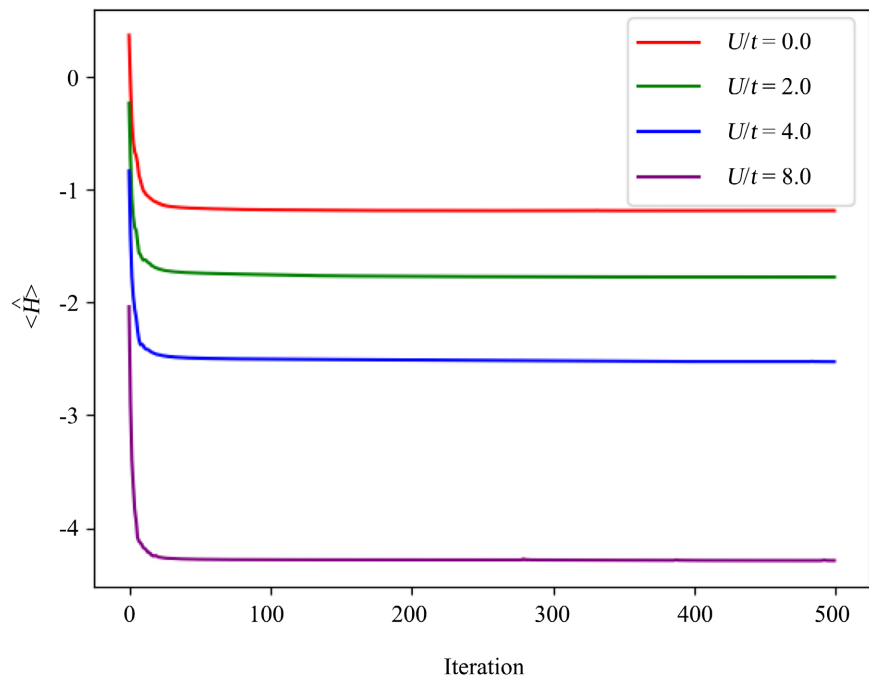


**Figure 2.** The dependence of  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle$  of the Fermi-Hubbard model for half-filling case on the iteration for different  $U/t$  by restricted Boltzmann machine with  $\alpha = 4$  and  $N = 8$ .

**Table 2.** The ground state energy  $E_0/N$  of the Fermi-Hubbard model for half-filling case obtained from the last 10,000 sampling data (total 40,000 data). Using restricted Boltzmann machine with  $\alpha = 4$ .

$U/t$	0	2	4	8
$N = 4$	-1.112495	-1.713604	-2.482209	-4.270301
	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$
	0.00458	0.00430	0.00468	0.00639
$N = 6$	-1.154108	-1.747218	-2.502630	-4.272329
	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$
	0.00698	0.00706	0.00775	0.01133
$N = 8$	-1.172597	-1.759270	-2.507544	-4.211473
	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$
	0.00820	0.00934	0.01090	0.01207

**Table 3** displays the ground state energy per site,  $E_0/N$ , obtained using the variational quantum eigensolver (VQE) with  $p = 6$ . The results from VQE show good agreement with those obtained using the DMRG algorithm. The largest deviation in  $E_0/N$  between VQE and DMRG is 0.017611, which occurs for the case  $U/t = 8$  and  $N = 8$ . **Figure 3** illustrates the dependence of  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle$  on the iteration number for VQE with different values of  $U/t$  and  $N = 8$ . When compared with the fluctuation in  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle$  shown in **Figure 2** for the restricted Boltzmann machine, the fluctuation observed in **Figure 3** is very small.



**Figure 3.** The dependence of  $\langle \hat{H} \rangle$  of the Fermi-Hubbard model for half-filling case on the iteration by VQE with  $p = 6$  for different  $U/t$ ,  $N = 8$ .

**Table 3.** The ground state energy  $E_0/N$  of the Fermi-Hubbard model for half-filling case obtained by VQE after 2000 iterations,  $p = 6$  in quantum circuit  $U(\theta)$ , the learning rate  $\eta = 0.01$ .

$U/t$	0	2	4	8
$N = 4$	-1.11802	-1.718857	-2.488273	-4.274382
	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$
	0.000003	0.000036	0.000009	0.002363
$N = 6$	-1.164649	-1.757449	-2.514657	-4.284413
	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$
	0.000001	0.000014	0.000070	0.000717
$N = 8$	-1.189618	-1.776534	-2.520144	-4.284992
	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$
	0.000004	0.000159	0.001265	0.001337

The ground state energy per site,  $E_0/N$ , of the Schwinger model (76) has been calculated using both the density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) algorithm and the variational quantum eigensolver (VQE). However, the restricted Boltzmann machine is not suitable for solving the Schwinger model as it fails to approach the ground state energy accurately. In this study, we have chosen  $x = 100$  and  $\ell = 0$ . **Table 4** presents the ground state energy per site obtained by the DMRG algorithm for different values of  $\mu$  and  $N$ . Comparing the results to the exact values, we observe that  $E_0/N$  for  $N = 4$  and 8 has an error less than  $O(10^{-10})$ , while for  $N = 16$  the error is on the order of  $O(10^{-4})$ . For fixed values of  $\mu = 0$  and 0.5,  $E_0/N$  tends to the thermodynamic limit as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . **Table 5** displays the ground state energy per site obtained by VQE for different values of  $\mu$  and  $N = 4, 8$ , and 16 due to computational limitations. It is worth noting that  $E_0/N$  obtained by VQE is slightly larger than those obtained by the DMRG algorithm.

**Table 4.** The ground state energy  $E_0/N$  of the Schwinger model with  $x = 100$  obtained by DMRG algorithm.

$\mu$	0.0	2.5
$N = 4$	-55.627908	-54.403737
$N = 8$	-59.184968	-57.966911
$N = 16$	-61.162808	-59.954053
$N = 32$	-62.209047	-61.012423
$N = 64$	-62.752515	-61.564360

**Table 5.** The ground state energy  $E_0/N$  of the Schwinger model with  $x = 100$  obtained by VQE. The last 1000 iterations are used (total 3000 iterations),  $p = 6$  in quantum circuit  $U(\theta)$ , and the learning rate  $\eta = 0.01$ .

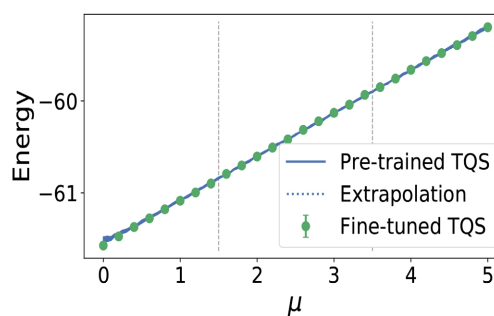
$\mu$	0.0	2.5
$N = 4$	$-55.513396 \pm 0.000435$	$-54.263672 \pm 0.000295$

## Continued

$N = 8$	$-58.831446 \pm 0.000582$	$-57.581606 \pm 0.000463$
$N = 16$	$-60.318314 \pm 0.000503$	$-59.068237 \pm 0.000498$

## 8. Discussion

We have used three variational methods to calculate the ground state energy for Fermi-Hubbard model at half filling and Schwinger model. The DMRG algorithm has proven to be successful for these two models, while the VQE algorithm, although less accurate, is also effective for calculating ground state energies. However, it seems that the restricted Boltzmann learning method is not as accurate as the DMRG algorithm for the Fermi-Hubbard model. It's unfortunate that the restricted Boltzmann does not work for solving the ground state energy of Schwinger model. We also used mean field ansatz, Jastrow ansatz, multi-layer dense network, group convolutional neural networks [75] [121] and autoregressive networks [62], etc., but it also does not work. The authors in [122] used the transformer quantum state (TQS) to study the ground state of 1D transverse field Ising model and showed the power of TQS in expressing the quantum states for quantum many-body systems. We used TQS to calculate the ground state energy of Schwinger model with  $N = 20$  for different  $\mu$  in **Figure 4**. TQS is trained for many randomly chosen  $\mu \in [1.5, 3.5]$  and then the TQS model is extrapolated to the other values of  $\mu = [0, 1.5] \cup [3.5, 5]$ . The trained TQS model can also be fine-tuned. The calculated result in **Figure 4** should be comparable with the ground state energy obtained by DMRG algorithm.



**Figure 4.** The ground state energy  $E_0/N$  of Schwinger model with  $N = 20$  obtained by transformer quantum state (TQS).

Variational methods can indeed be applied to various other aspects of quantum systems, such as excited states, thermal states, real-time dynamics, dissipative dynamics, and quantum control. It's beneficial to learn from algorithms and ideas used in one variational method and apply them to other variational methods. This cross-pollination of ideas can lead to further advancements in the field.

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## Appendix

### The decomposition in (7)

For the sake of notation convenience,  $s_i = 1, \dots, d$  for  $i = 0, \dots, N - 1$ . Combining the last  $N - 1$  indices  $\{s_i\}_{i=1}^{N-1}$  together:

$(s_1 \cdots s_{N-1}) = (s_1 - 1)d^{N-2} + \cdots + (s_{N-1} - 1)d^0 + 1 \leq d^{N-1}$ , the tensor  $\psi_{s_0, \dots, s_{N-1}}$  can be regarded as  $d \times d^{N-1}$  matrix

$$\psi_{s_0, \dots, s_{N-1}} \rightarrow \psi_{s_0, (s_1 \cdots s_{N-1})} \tag{77}$$

The SVD of  $d \times d^{N-1}$  matrix  $\psi_{s_0, (s_1 \cdots s_{N-1})}$  is

$$\psi_{s_0, (s_1 \cdots s_{N-1})} = \sum_{\alpha_1=1}^{\chi_1} U_{s_0, \alpha_1} S_{\alpha_1} V_{\alpha_1, (s_1 \cdots s_{N-1})}^\dagger \tag{78}$$

with  $\chi_1 \leq d$ ,  $S_{\alpha_1}$  is the singular value,  $U$  and  $V$  are  $d \times \chi_1$  and  $d^{N-1} \times \chi_1$  unitary matrix (the column vectors with unit length are orthogonal to each other), respectively. Let  $(M^{[0]s_0})_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1} = U_{s_0, \alpha_1}$ , which is a  $1 \times \chi_1$  matrix ( $\alpha_0 = 1$  and  $s_0$  fixed). The left two parts in SVD are combined to be  $(\chi_1 d) \times d^{N-2}$  matrix

$$S_{\alpha_1} V_{\alpha_1, (s_1 \cdots s_{N-1})}^\dagger \rightarrow \psi_{(\alpha_1 s_1), (s_2 \cdots s_{N-1})} \tag{79}$$

where  $(\alpha_1 s_1) = (\alpha_1 - 1)d + s_1 \leq (\chi_1 - 1)d + d = \chi_1 d$ ,  $(s_2 \cdots s_{N-1}) = (s_2 - 1)d^{N-3} + \cdots + (s_{N-1} - 1)d^0 + 1 \leq d^{N-2}$ . So, we have

$$\psi_{s_0, (s_1 \cdots s_{N-1})} = \sum_{\alpha_1=1}^{\chi_1} (M^{[0]s_0})_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1} \psi_{(\alpha_1 s_1), (s_2 \cdots s_{N-1})}$$

The SVD of  $\psi_{(\alpha_1 s_1), (s_2 \cdots s_{N-1})}$  is

$$\psi_{(\alpha_1 s_1), (s_2 \cdots s_{N-1})} = \sum_{\alpha_2=1}^{\chi_2} U_{(\alpha_1 s_1), \alpha_2} S_{\alpha_2} V_{\alpha_2, (s_2 \cdots s_{N-1})}^\dagger \tag{80}$$

Let  $(M^{[1]s_1})_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} = U_{(\alpha_1 s_1), \alpha_2}$ , which is a  $\chi_1 \times \chi_2$  matrix ( $s_1$  fixed). The remaining two parts are combined as  $(\chi_2 d) \times d^{N-3}$  matrix

$$S_{\alpha_2} V_{\alpha_2, (s_2 \cdots s_{N-1})}^\dagger \rightarrow \psi_{(\alpha_2 s_2), (s_3 \cdots s_{N-1})} \tag{81}$$

After  $N - 2$  steps of SVD, we get  $(\chi_{N-2} d) \times d$  matrix  $\psi_{(\alpha_{N-2} s_{N-2}), s_{N-1}}$ , and use SVD again

$$\psi_{(\alpha_{N-2} s_{N-2}), s_{N-1}} = \sum_{\alpha_{N-1}=1}^{\chi_{N-1}} U_{(\alpha_{N-2} s_{N-2}), \alpha_{N-1}} S_{\alpha_{N-1}} V_{\alpha_{N-1}, s_{N-1}}^\dagger \tag{82}$$

Let  $(M^{[N-2]s_{N-2}})_{\alpha_{N-2}, \alpha_{N-1}} = U_{(\alpha_{N-2} s_{N-2}), \alpha_{N-1}}$ , which is a  $\chi_{N-2} \times \chi_{N-1}$  matrix. Let  $(M^{[N-1]s_{N-1}})_{\alpha_{N-1}, \alpha_N} = S_{\alpha_{N-1}} V_{\alpha_{N-1}, s_{N-1}}^\dagger$ , which is a  $\chi_{N-1} \times 1$  matrix ( $\alpha_N = 1$  and  $s_{N-1} = 1$  fixed). Thus after  $N - 1$  steps of SVD, the decomposition in (7) is obtained.

From the above SVD processes,  $\{M^{[i]}\}_{i=0}^{N-2}$  satisfy the left canonical condition. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s_0} \left( M^{[0]s_0} \right)^\dagger M^{[0]s_0} &= \mathbb{I}_{\chi_1} \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{s_0, k} \overline{\left( M^{[0]s_0} \right)_{ki}} \left( M^{[0]s_0} \right)_{kj} &= \sum_{s_0} \overline{U_{s_0 i}} U_{s_0 j} = \delta_{ij}, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq \chi_1 \end{aligned} \tag{83}$$

due to the unitary matrix  $U$  where  $\mathbb{I}_{\chi_1}$  is the  $\chi_1 \times \chi_1$  identity matrix. Here the summation over  $k = 1$  can be ignored. Since  $\left\{ M^{[i]} \right\}_{i=0}^{N-2}$  satisfy the left canonical condition, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi | \psi \rangle &= \sum_s \left| \psi_{s_0, \dots, s_{N-1}} \right|^2 \\ &= \sum_s \left( M^{[0]s_0} \right)_{1, \beta_1} \left( M^{[1]s_1} \right)_{\beta_1 \beta_2} \dots \left( M^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \right)_{\beta_{N-1}, 1} \\ &\quad \overline{\left( M^{[0]s_0} \right)_{1, \gamma_1} \left( M^{[1]s_1} \right)_{\gamma_1 \gamma_2} \dots \left( M^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \right)_{\gamma_{N-1}, 1}} \\ &= \sum_{s_{N-1}, \alpha_{N-1}} \overline{\left( M^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \right)_{\alpha_{N-1}, 1}} \left( M^{[N-1]s_{N-1}} \right)_{\alpha_{N-1}, 1} \\ &= \sum_{s_{N-1}, \alpha_{N-1}} \overline{S_{\alpha_{N-1}} V_{\alpha_{N-1}, s_{N-1}}^\dagger} S_{\alpha_{N-1}} V_{\alpha_{N-1}, s_{N-1}}^\dagger \\ &= \sum_{s_{N-1}, \alpha_{N-1}} S_{\alpha_{N-1}}^2 V_{s_{N-1}, \alpha_{N-1}} \overline{V_{s_{N-1}, \alpha_{N-1}}} = \sum_{\alpha_{N-1}=1}^{\chi_{N-1}} S_{\alpha_{N-1}}^2 \end{aligned} \tag{84}$$

If  $\sum_{s_0, \dots, s_{N-1}} \left| \psi_{s_0, \dots, s_{N-1}} \right|^2 = 1$ , the left canonical condition for  $M^{[N-1]}$  is also satisfied.