

# On the dimension of Tensor Network Varieties

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# Motivations

## From Quantum Physics

- Tensor space has high dimension:  $\dim(V^{\otimes d}) = \dim(V_i)^d$ . Quickly intractable. Requires too large memory to represent a tensor.
- Given a quantum many-body wave function, specifying its coefficients in a given local basis does not give any intuition about the structure of the *entanglement* between its constituents:

$$e_0 \otimes e_0 \otimes e_0 + e_1 \otimes e_1 \otimes e_1$$

$$T = \sum_{i,j,k=1}^d t_{i,j,k} e_i \otimes e_j \otimes e_k$$

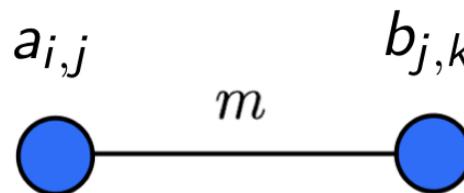
with  $\{e_l\}$  orthonormal and  $t_{i,j,k} \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$

# Motivations

A Tensor Network has this information directly available in its description in terms of a network of quantum correlations.

Matrix product  $AB = C$ :  $\sum_{j=1}^m a_{i,j} b_{j,k} = (c_{i,k})_{i=1,\dots,n_1, k=1,\dots,n_2}$ .

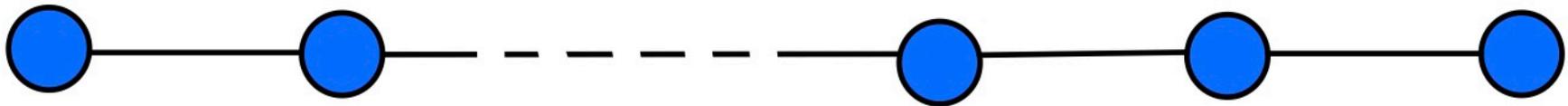
The network of correlations makes explicit the effective lattice geometry in which the state actually lives



A TN is a set of tensors where some, or all, indices are contracted according to some pattern.

# Motivations

Matrix product states



Reduced number of parameters

$$dm^2 \dim(V) \ll \dim(V)^d$$

MPS are accurate representations of physical states with limited bond length  $m$ .

Highlight entangled structure of state. The corresponding spaces of tensors are only locally entangled because interactions (entanglement) in the physical world appear to just happen locally.

# Definition - Graph Tensor

- Fix a graph  $\Gamma(v(\Gamma), e(\Gamma))$
- Fix the weights  $m = (m_e, e \in e(\Gamma)) = \text{bond dimensions}$
- $d := \#v(\Gamma)$
- Consider  $I_{m_e} \in \mathbb{C}^{m_e} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_e}$  at  $e$
- Tensor them:  $\bigotimes_{e \in e(\Gamma)} I_{m_e}$
- It naturally lives in  $\bigotimes_{e \in e(\Gamma)} \mathbb{C}^{m_e} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{m_e}$  but we think it as an element of  $\bigotimes_{v \in v(\Gamma)} (\bigotimes_{e \ni v} \mathbb{C}^{m_e}) := \bigotimes_{v \in v(\Gamma)} W_v$  obtained by grouping together the spaces incident at the same vertex:

$$T(\Gamma, m) := \bigotimes_{e \in e(\Gamma)} I_{m_e} \in \bigotimes_{v \in v(\Gamma)} W_e$$

# Definition - TNS

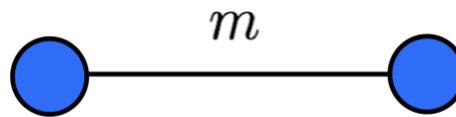
$TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma \subset V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d$  associated to the tensor network  $(\Gamma, m, n)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi : \text{Hom}(W_1, V_1) \times \cdots \times \text{Hom}(W_d, V_d) &\rightarrow V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d \\
 (X_1, \dots, X_d) &\mapsto (X_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes X_d)(T(\Gamma, m))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Im}(\Phi) = TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma,0}$$

$$TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma = \overline{\text{Im}(\Phi)} \subset V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d$$

# Example Matrix multiplication



$$T(\Gamma, m) = I_m \in \mathbb{C}^m \otimes \mathbb{C}^m = W_1 \otimes W_2 \text{ Fix } V_1, V_2$$

$$\Phi : \text{Hom}(W_1, V_1) \times \text{Hom}(W_2, V_2) \rightarrow V_1 \otimes V_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(X_1, X_2) &= (X_1, X_2) \cdot I_m = (X_1, X_2) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m e_i \otimes e_i = \sum_{i=1}^m X_1 e_i \otimes X_2 e_i = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m X_1 e_i (X_2 e_i)^T = X_1 I_m X_2^T = X_1 X_2^T \end{aligned}$$

In this case  $TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma = \{M \in V_1 \otimes V_2 : \text{rank}(M) \leq m\} = TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma,0}$

# Why graph tensor is better

The multilinear multiplication is nothing but evaluation. Evaluating the graph tensor  $T(\Gamma, m)$  is easier than evaluating other tensors.

- Given  $T \in V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d$  and a graph  $\Gamma$
- start with small  $m$  and evaluate  $T(\Gamma, m)$ : hope to find linear maps  $X_1, \dots, X_d$  s.t.

$$(X_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes X_d)(T(\Gamma, m)) = T$$

# Properties

- One can assume that all  $m_e > 1$ , otherwise remove the edge from the graph.
- Monotonicity:

If  $m' \leq m$  (entry-wise) then  $TNS_{m',n}^\Gamma \subseteq TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma$

- Universality: If  $\Gamma$  is connected then

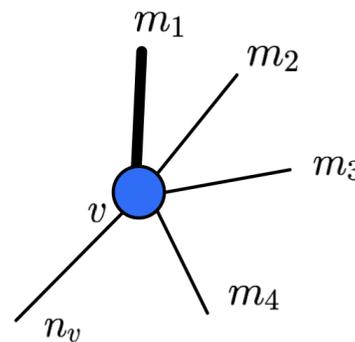
$$TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma = V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d$$

if  $m_e$  is large enough for every  $e \in e(\Gamma)$ .

# Reductions

- We may assume all bond dimensions associated to the edges incident a fixed vertex are *balanced*: Fix a vertex  $v$  and  $e_1, \dots, e_k \in v$ ; If

$$m_{e_k} > n_v \cdot m_{e_1} \cdots m_{e_{k-1}}, \quad m_{e_k} \text{ is overabundant}$$



then

$$TNS_{m,n} = TNS_{\bar{m},n}$$

where  $\bar{m}_e = m_e$  if  $e \neq e_k$  and  $\bar{m}_{e_k} = n_v \cdot m_1 \cdots m_{e_{k-1}}$ .

# Reductions

## Definition (Landsberg-Qi-Ye '12)

A vertex  $v \in v$  is called

- *subcritical* if  $\prod_{e \ni v} m_e \geq n_v$ ;
- *supercritical* if  $\prod_{e \ni v} m_e \leq n_v$ ;
- *critical* if  $v$  is both subcritical and supercritical.

## Theorem (BDG)

If the vertex  $v$  is supercritical let  $N = \dim W_d = \prod_{e \ni d} m_e$  and  $n' = (n'_v : v \in v(\Gamma))$  be the  $d$ -tuple of local dimensions s.t.  $n'_v = n_v$  if  $v \neq d$  and  $n'_d = N$ . Then

$$\dim TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma = N(n_d - N) + \dim TNS_{m,n'}^\Gamma.$$

Studying the orbit of  $T(\Gamma, m)$  does not say anything about tensors in  $TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n) \setminus TNS_{\Gamma}^0(m, n)$ .

### Theorem (Landsberg-Qi-Ye '12)

- *If  $\Gamma$  doesn't have cycles, then  $TNS_{\Gamma}^0(m, n) = TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n)$*
- *otherwise  $TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n) \setminus TNS_{\Gamma}^0(m, n) \neq \emptyset$*

# What's known

- J. Haegeman, M. Marien, T.J. Osborne, F. Verstraete, 2014  
MPS with open boundary conditions.
- W. Buczyńska, J. Buczyński, and M. Michalek, 2015  
Perfect binary trees, Train track tree.

# Dimension

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  map between varieties, then

$$\dim(\overline{\text{Im}(f)}) = \dim X - \dim f^{-1}(y)$$

for  $y$  generic in  $\text{Im}(f)$ .

We study the fibers of

$$\Phi : \text{Hom}(W_1, V_1) \times \cdots \times \text{Hom}(W_d, V_d) \rightarrow V_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes V_d$$

$$(X_1, \dots, X_d) \mapsto (X_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes X_d)(T(\Gamma, \mathfrak{m}))$$

# Obviously in the fiber

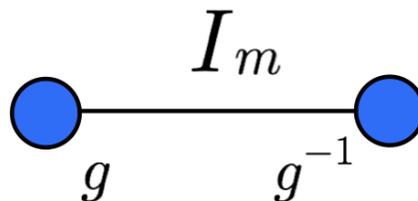
Ex: Matrix case

$$\Phi : \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^m, V_1) \times \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^m, V_2) \rightarrow V_1 \otimes V_2$$

with  $\Phi(X_1, X_2) = X_1 \cdot I_m \cdot X_2^t$ .

$\Phi(X_1, X_2) = \Phi(X_1 g, X_2 (g^{-1})^t)$  for every  $g \in GL_m$ .

The fiber containing  $(X_1, X_2)$  contains the entire  $GL_m$ -orbit.



The fiber containing  $(X_v : v \in \mathfrak{v}(\Gamma))$  contains its entire  $\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma, m}$ -orbit, where

$$\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma, m} = \times_{e \in \mathfrak{e}(\Gamma)} GL_{m_e} \quad \text{gauge subgroup of } \Gamma.$$

The role of this group in the theory of tensor network was known and it is expected that it entirely controls the value of  $\dim TNS$ . In fact, it is **expected** that in "most" cases the exact value of the dimension is

$$\min\left\{ \underbrace{\sum_v (n_v \times \prod_{e \ni v} m_e) - d + 1}_{\dim \times_v \mathbb{P}(\text{Hom}(W_v, V_v))} - \underbrace{\sum_e (m_e^2 - 1)}_{\dim \mathcal{G}_{\Gamma, m}}, \prod_v n_v \right\}$$

This computation does not take care of two facts:

- the possible existence of the stabilizer under the action of the gauge subgroup of a generic  $d$ -tuple of linear maps,
- there may be something else in the fiber.

# Main theorem

## Theorem (BDG'21)

$$\dim(TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma) \leq \min\left\{ \underbrace{\sum_v (n_v \times \prod_{e \ni v} m_e) - d + 1}_{\dim \times_v \mathbb{P}(\text{Hom}(W_v, V_v))} - \underbrace{\left( \sum_e (m_e^2 - 1) \right)}_{\dim \mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}} - \underbrace{\dim \text{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}}(X)}_{??}, \prod_v n_v \right\}$$

# Luckily...

## Theorem (Derksen-Makam-Walter'20)

$\dim(\text{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}}(X)) = 0$  in "most" cases

(the action of  $\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma,m}$  on  $\times_v \text{Hom}(W_v, V_v)$  is generically stable, i.e. there exists an element  $v$  in the parameter space s.t.  $\text{Stab}_G(v)$  is a finite group).

Two important ones:

- $\Gamma$  is a cycle, called matrix product states;
- $\Gamma$  is a grid, called projected entangled pair states.

## Theorem (Haegeman-Mariën-Osborne-Verstraete '14)

*Matrix product states with open boundary conditions*  
( $m_0 = m_d = 1$ )

$$\dim TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma} = \min \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^d n_i m_{i-1} m_i - \sum_{j=1}^{d-1} m_j^2, \prod_{i=1}^d n_i \right\}$$

# Main theorem

## Theorem (BDG'21)

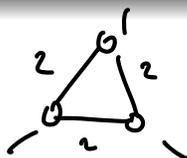
If  $(\Gamma, m, n)$  is a subcritical tensor network with no overabundant bond dimension, then

$$\dim(TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma) \leq \min \left\{ \underbrace{\sum_v (n_v \times \prod_{e \ni v} m_e) - d + 1}_{\dim \times_v \mathbb{P}(\text{Hom}(W_v, V_v))} - \underbrace{\left( \sum_e (m_e^2 - 1) \right)}_{\dim \mathcal{G}_{\Gamma, m}} - \underbrace{\dim \text{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma, m}}(X)}_{??}, \prod_v n_v \right\}$$

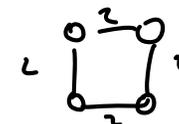
If  $(\Gamma, m, n)$  is a supercritical case the the bound is sharp and  $\dim \text{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma, m}}(X) = 0$

$$\dim(TNS_{m,n}^\Gamma) = \min \left\{ \sum_v (n_v \times \prod_{e \ni v} m_e) - d + 1 - \sum_e (m_e^2 - 1), \prod_v n_v \right\}$$

$$m = (2, 2, 2)$$



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n	lower bound	upper bound
(2, 2, 2)	8	8
(2, 2, 3)	12	12
(2, 2, 4)	16	16
(2, 3, 3)	18	18
* (2, 3, 4)	22	24
* (2, 4, 4)	26	29
(3, 3, 3)	25	25
(3, 3, 4)	29	29
(3, 4, 4)	31	31
(4, 4, 4)	37	37

n	lower bound	upper bound
* (2, 2, 2, 2)	15	16
* (2, 2, 2, 3)	20	21
* (2, 2, 2, 4)	24	25
(2, 2, 3, 3)	25	25
(2, 2, 3, 4)	29	29
(2, 2, 4, 4)	33	33
* (2, 3, 2, 3)	24	25
* (2, 3, 2, 4)	28	29
(2, 3, 3, 3)	29	29
(2, 3, 3, 4)	33	33
(2, 3, 4, 3)	33	33
(2, 3, 4, 4)	37	37
* (2, 4, 2, 4)	32	33
(2, 4, 3, 4)	37	37
(2, 4, 4, 4)	41	41
(3, 3, 3, 3)	33	33
(3, 3, 3, 4)	37	37

$$m = (2, 2, 2), n = (2, 3, 4)$$

- $T(\Gamma, m) \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} \otimes \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$
- $TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n) \subseteq \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^4)$ .

Let  $T \in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^4$ . Consider the flattening

$$T_1 : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^4.$$

Then  $L_T = \mathbb{P}(\text{Im}(T_1))$  is a line in  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^4)$  (or a single point).

### Theorem (BDG'21)

$T \in TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n)$  if and only if

- either  $\text{rank}(L_T) = 1$
- or  $L_T$  intersects  $\{A : \text{rank}(A) \leq 2\}$  in at least two points (counted with multiplicity).

In particular  $\dim TNS_{\Gamma}(m, n) \leq (=) 24 - 2 = 22 < 24$ .

# Further Questions

- Classify all sub-critical cases where the upper bound is not reached: they have some interesting peculiar geometric properties.
- Which is "the best"  $TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma}$  a given  $T$  belongs to?
  - $\Gamma$  can be reasonably chosen from the context. One may work on decreasing  $m$ . How to choose  $m$  s.t. a given  $T \in TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma,0}$ ?
  - Very well established procedures to find a "good enough" approximation of  $T$  on a given  $TNS_{m,n}^{\Gamma}$ .