

Hands-on with  
**ITENSOR**

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C++ library for tensor networks

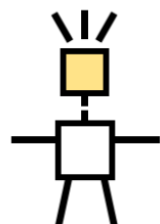
Tensors, matrix product states (MPS), DMRG

Useful for “post-DMRG” methods too:

- MPS algorithms (time evolution, METTS)
- MERA
- PEPS

Much more than a “black box” for DMRG

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## Introduction

ITensor—Intelligent Tensor—is a C++ library for implementing tensor product wavefunction calculations. It is efficient and flexible enough to be used for [research-grade simulations](#).

Features include:

- Named indices; no need to think about index ordering
- Full-featured matrix product state and [DMRG](#) layer
- Quantum number conserving (block-sparse) tensors; same interface as dense tensors
- Complex numbers handled lazily: no efficiency loss if real
- Easy to [install](#); only dependencies are BLAS/LAPACK and C++11

ITensors have an [Einstein summation](#) interface making them nearly as easy to multiply as scalars: tensors indices have unique identities and matching indices automatically contract when two ITensors are multiplied. This type of interface makes it simple to transcribe tensor network diagrams into correct, efficient code.

For example, the diagram below (resembling the overlap of matrix product states) can be converted to code as

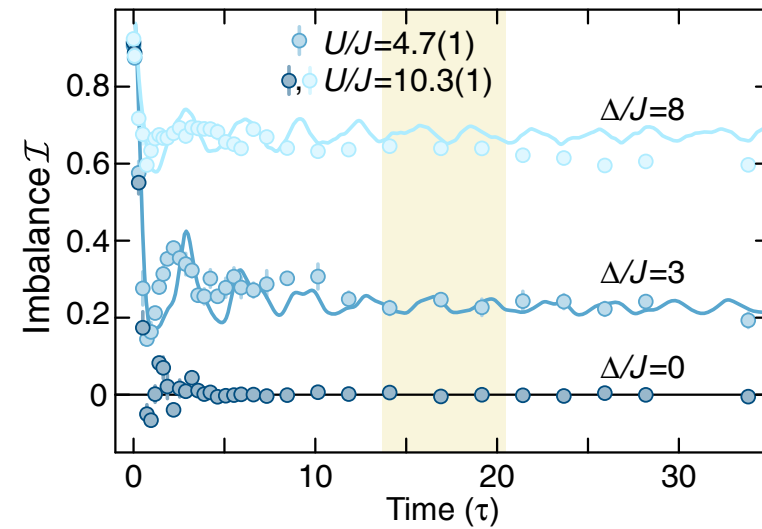
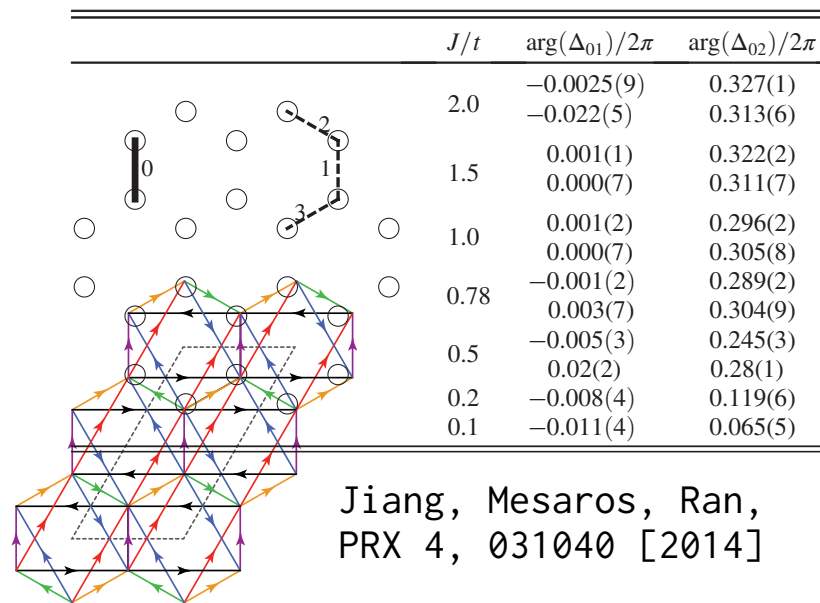
$$\begin{array}{cc} \boxed{A} & - & \boxed{C} \\ | & & | \\ \boxed{B} & - & \boxed{D} \end{array} = A*B*C*D$$

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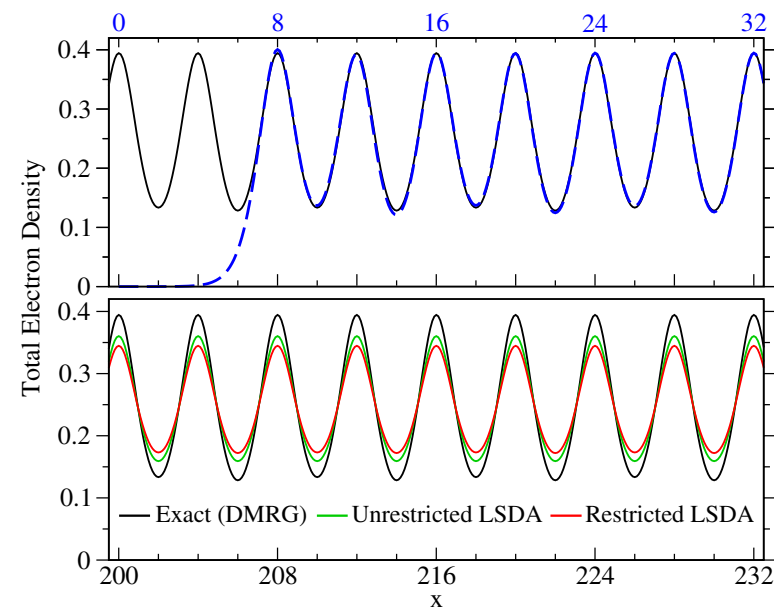
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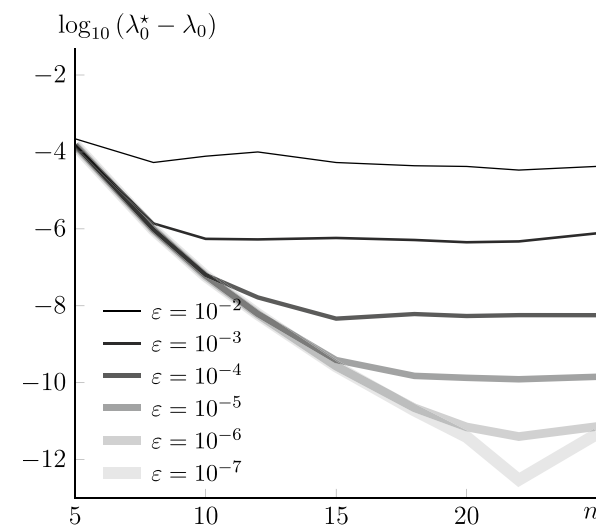
# Selected applications of ITensor:



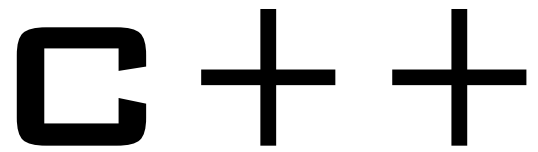
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“Observation of many-body localization...”,  
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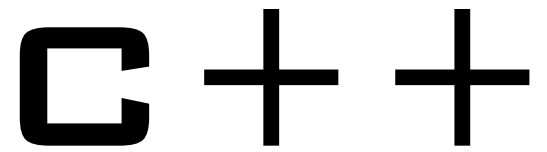
lines end with ;

Basic data types:

```
int i = 5;  
  
Real r = 2.3456;  
  
string s = "some string";
```

Printing:

```
println(i); //prints "5"  
  
println("r is ",r); //prints "r is 2.3456"
```



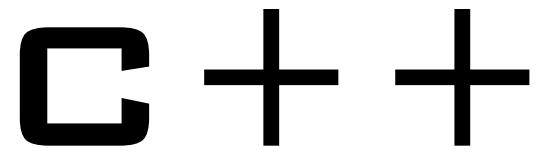
User defined types (objects)

Construct an object of type MyClass:

```
auto m = MyClass("MyClass m", 5);
```

Objects can have methods:

```
m.setValue(6);  
  
println(m.name());
```



Some objects can be called like functions:

```
auto f = FType();  
  
int j = f(5);
```

Other objects behave like numbers:

```
auto x = Numerical(1.);  
auto y = Numerical(2.);  
  
auto r = x + y;  
  
println(r.value()); //prints 3
```

# Structure of an ITensor C++ program:

```
#include "itensor/all.h"
```

```
using namespace itensor;
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
//
```

```
// Code will go here
```

```
//
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```



# 01 Single Site Wavefunction

Consider a single-site wavefunction,  
for example a spin 1/2

Single-site basis:

$$|s=1\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle$$

$$|s=2\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle$$

Most general wavefunction for a spin 1/2:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{s=1}^2 \psi_s |s\rangle$$

The  $\psi_s$  are complex numbers.

Slight abuse of notation, may refer to either  $|\psi\rangle$  or  $\psi_s$  as the wavefunction.

Single-site wavefunction as a tensor:



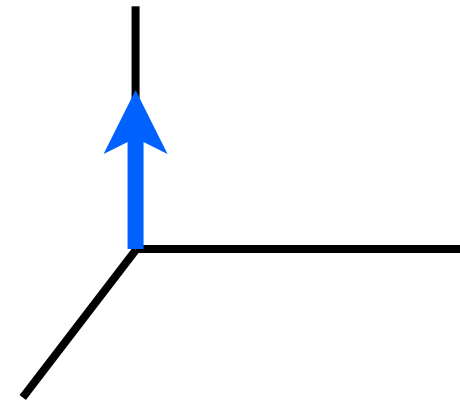
$$\left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \text{blue circle with line} \\ 2 \\ \text{blue circle with line} \end{array} = \psi_1, \psi_2 \right)$$

**USING ITENSOR:**

```
auto s = Index("s",2);  
auto psi = ITensor(s);
```

Now initialize  $\psi_s$  First choose  $|\psi\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle$

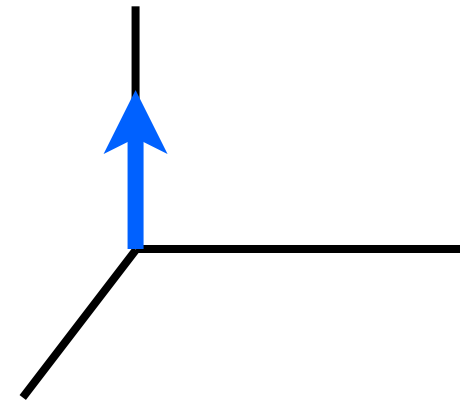
$$\overset{1}{\bullet} = 1$$



```
auto s = Index("s",2);  
auto psi = ITensor(s);  
  
psi.set(s(1), 1.0);  
  
PrintData(psi);
```

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$$\overset{1}{\bullet} = 1$$



```
auto s = Index("s",2);
```

```
auto psi = ITensor(s)
```

```
psi.set(s(1), 1.0);
```

```
PrintData(psi);
```

```
psi =
```

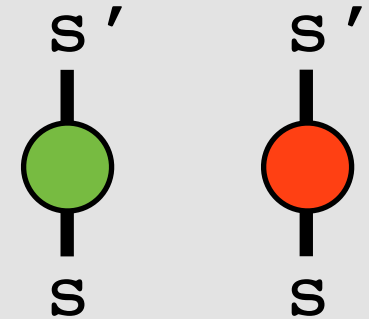
```
ITensor r=1: (s,2,Link,273)
```

```
(1) 1.00
```

Make some operators:

```
auto Sz = ITensor(s,prime(s));
```

```
auto Sx = ITensor(s,prime(s));
```



New ITensors start out set to zero

What does "prime" do?

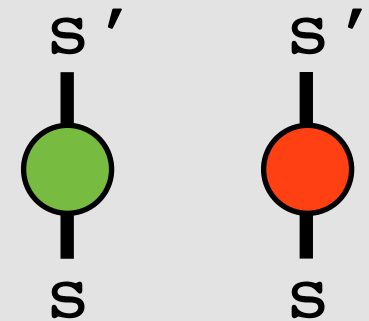
`prime(s)` returns copy of  $s$  with a "prime level" of 1

Could use different indices (say  $s$  and  $t$ ),  
but  $s'$  more convenient - can remove prime later

## Our operators:

```
auto Sz = ITensor(s,prime(s));
```

```
auto Sx = ITensor(s,prime(s));
```



## Set their components:

```
Sz.set(s(1),prime(s)(1), +0.5);
```

```
Sz.set(s(2),prime(s)(2), -0.5);
```

```
Sx.set(s(1),prime(s)(2), +0.5);
```

```
Sx.set(s(2),prime(s)(1), +0.5);
```



Let's compute  $\hat{S}_x |\psi\rangle = |\phi\rangle$

$$(\hat{S}_x)_{s'}^s \psi_s = \begin{array}{c} s' \\ | \\ \text{green circle} \\ | \\ \text{blue circle} \\ s \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} s' \\ | \\ \text{purple circle} \end{array}$$

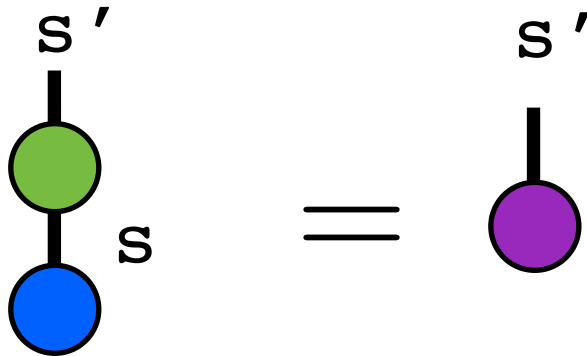
In code,

```
ITensor phi = Sx * psi;
```

\* operator contracts matching indices.

Indices  $s$  and  $s'$  don't match because of different prime levels.

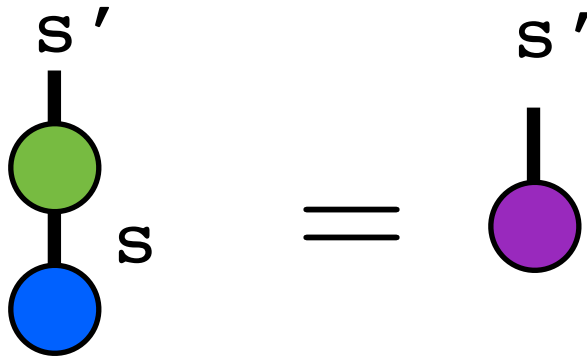
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```

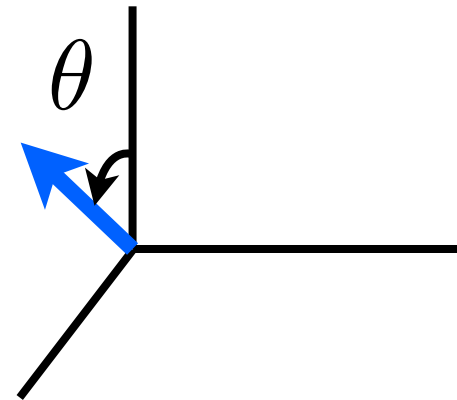
```
ITensor r=1: (s,2,Link,273) '
```

```
(2) 0.500
```

More interesting  $\psi_s$  : choose  $\theta = \pi/4$  and

$$\overset{1}{\bullet} = \cos \theta/2$$

$$\overset{2}{\bullet} = \sin \theta/2$$



```
Real theta = Pi/4.;
```

```
psi.set(s(1),cos(theta/2));
```

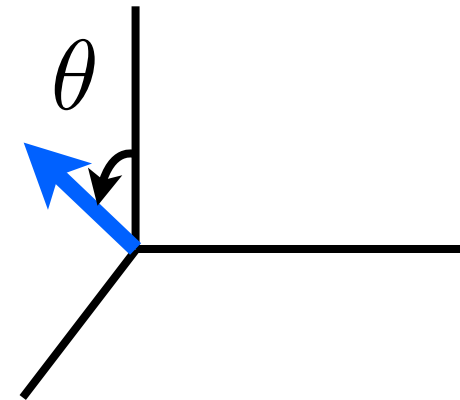
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psi.set(s(2),sin(theta/2));
```

```
PrintData(psi);
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Real theta = Pi/4.;
```

```
psi.set(s(1),cos(theta))
```

```
psi.set(s(2),sin(theta))
```

```
PrintData(psi);
```

```
psi =
```

```
ITensor r=1: (s,2,Link,273)
```

```
(1) 0.92388
```

```
(2) 0.38268
```

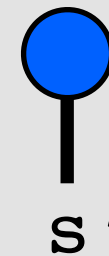
Diagrammatically, measurements (expectation values) look like:



$$\langle \psi | \hat{S}_z | \psi \rangle$$

For convenience, make:

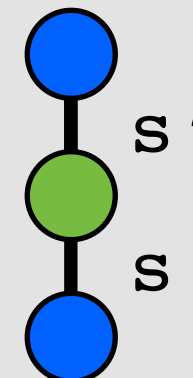
```
ITensor cpsi = dag(prime(psi));
```



Calculate expectation values:

```
auto zz = (cpsi * Sz * psi).real();
```

```
auto xx = (cpsi * Sx * psi).real();
```



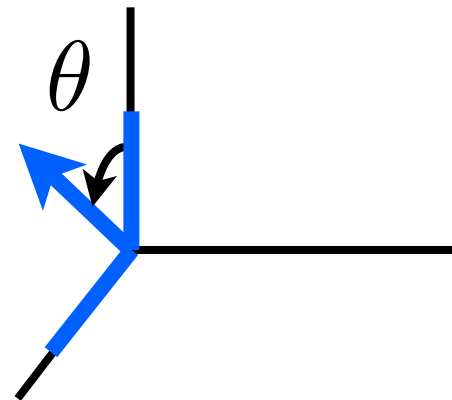
```
auto zz = (cpsi * Sz * psi).real();  
auto xx = (cpsi * Sx * psi).real();
```

Printing the results,

```
println("<Sz> = ", zz);  
println("<Sx> = ", xx);
```

we get the output

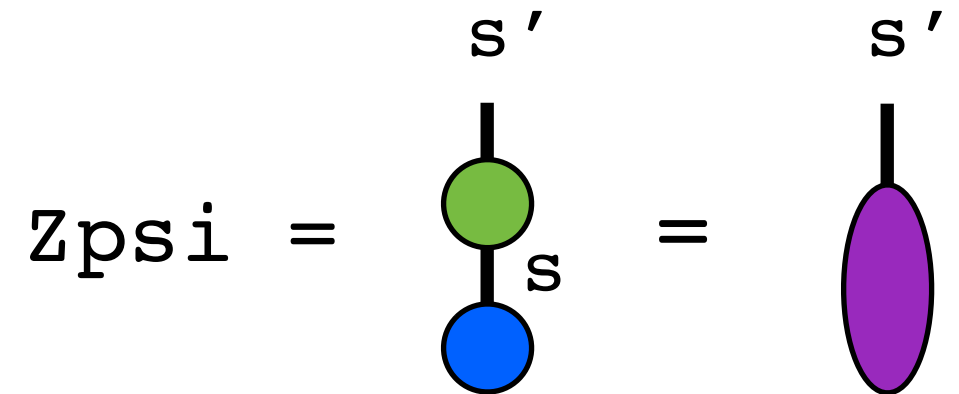
```
<Sz> = 0.35355  
<Sx> = 0.35355
```



$$\sqrt{(0.35355)^2 + (0.35355)^2} = 1/2 \quad \checkmark$$

More slowly:

```
auto Zpsi = Sz * psi;
```



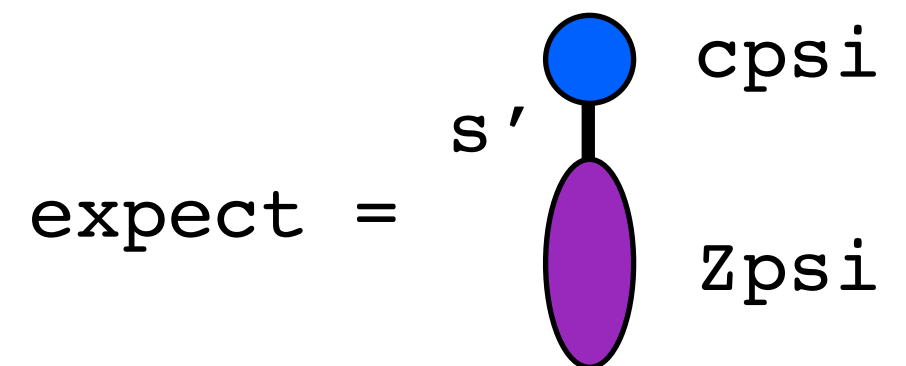
Index  $s$  matches, so it's automatically contracted.

$Z\psi_i$  and  $c\psi_i$  share Index  $s'$

$*$  contracts it, leaving a scalar ITensor

```
auto expect = cpsi * Zpsi;
```

```
auto zz = expect.real();
```





## Review:

- Construct an Index `auto a = Index("index a",4);`

- Construct ITensor (indices a, b, c)

```
auto T = ITensor(a,b,c);
```

- Set ITensor components

```
T.set(a(2),c(3),b(1), 7.89);
```

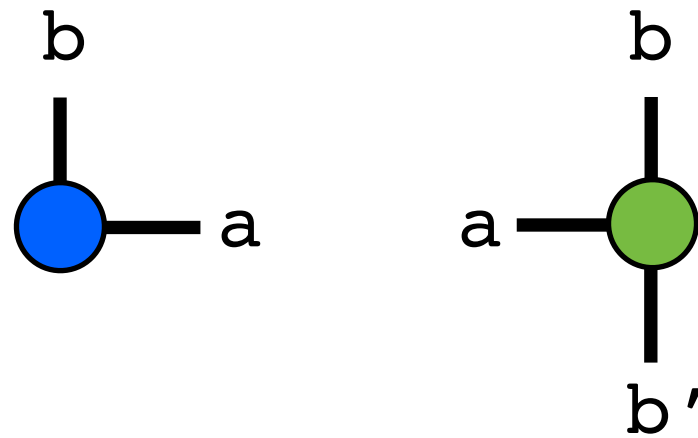
- Prime an Index  $b \longrightarrow b'$

```
prime(b)
```

- The `*` operator automatically contracts matching Index pairs

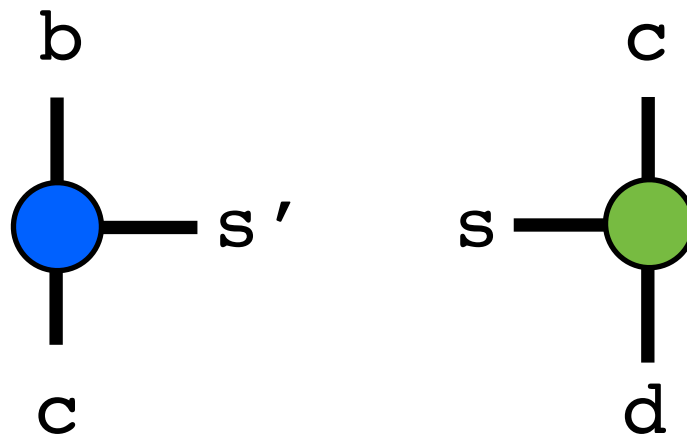
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## Code hands-on session:

`itensor_tutorial/01_one_site`

1. Compile by typing `"make"` then run by typing `"./one"`
2. Change psi (line 22) to be an eigenstate of  $S_x$

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle)$$

3. Compute overlap of  $|\psi\rangle$  with  $|\phi\rangle = \hat{S}_x|\psi\rangle$  :

```
auto olap = (dag(psi)*phi).real();
```

Try also normalizing  $|\phi\rangle$  first using the code

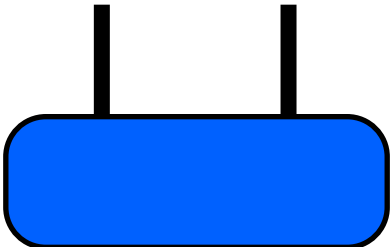
```
phi /= phi.norm();
```

# 02 Two Site Wavefunction

Most general two-site wavefunction is

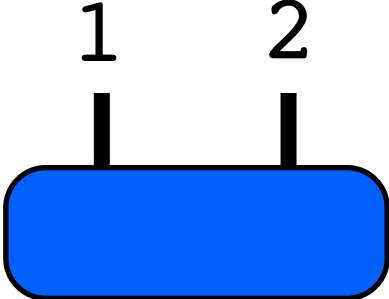
$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1, s_2=1}^2 \psi_{s_1 s_2} |s_1\rangle |s_2\rangle$$

Amplitudes are a rank-2 tensor

$$\psi_{s_1 s_2} =$$


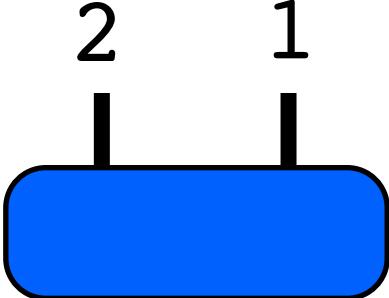
The diagram shows a blue rounded rectangle representing a rank-2 tensor. Two vertical black lines (legs) extend upwards from the top edge of the rectangle. The left leg is labeled  $s_1$  and the right leg is labeled  $s_2$ .

Let's make a  
singlet



A diagram showing a blue rounded rectangle with two vertical lines extending upwards from its top edge. The left line is labeled '1' and the right line is labeled '2'.

$$= 1/\sqrt{2}$$



A diagram showing a blue rounded rectangle with two vertical lines extending upwards from its top edge. The left line is labeled '2' and the right line is labeled '1'.

$$= -1/\sqrt{2}$$

## USING ITENSOR:

```
auto s1 = Index("s1",2,Site);  
auto s2 = Index("s2",2,Site);  
  
auto psi = ITensor(s1,s2);  
  
psi.set(s1(1),s2(2),+1./sqrt(2));  
psi.set(s1(2),s2(1),-1./sqrt(2));
```

## Why Site tag in Index constructor?

```
auto s1 = Index("s1", 2, Site);  
auto s2 = Index("s2", 2, Site);
```

Index objects can have an optional "IndexType" tag

Useful for priming just one type of Index, for example

Default type is Link, physical indices of type Site



Let's make the Heisenberg Hamiltonian  $\hat{H} = \mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2$

$$\hat{H} = S_1^z S_2^z + \frac{1}{2} S_1^+ S_2^- + \frac{1}{2} S_1^- S_2^+$$

First create operators, for example  $S^+$

```
auto Sp1 = ITensor(s1,prime(s1));  
Sp1.set(s1(2),prime(s1)(1), 1);
```

Multiply and add operators to make H:

```
auto H = Sz1*Sz2 + 0.5*Sp1*Sm2 + 0.5*Sm1*Sp2;
```

## Tensor form of H

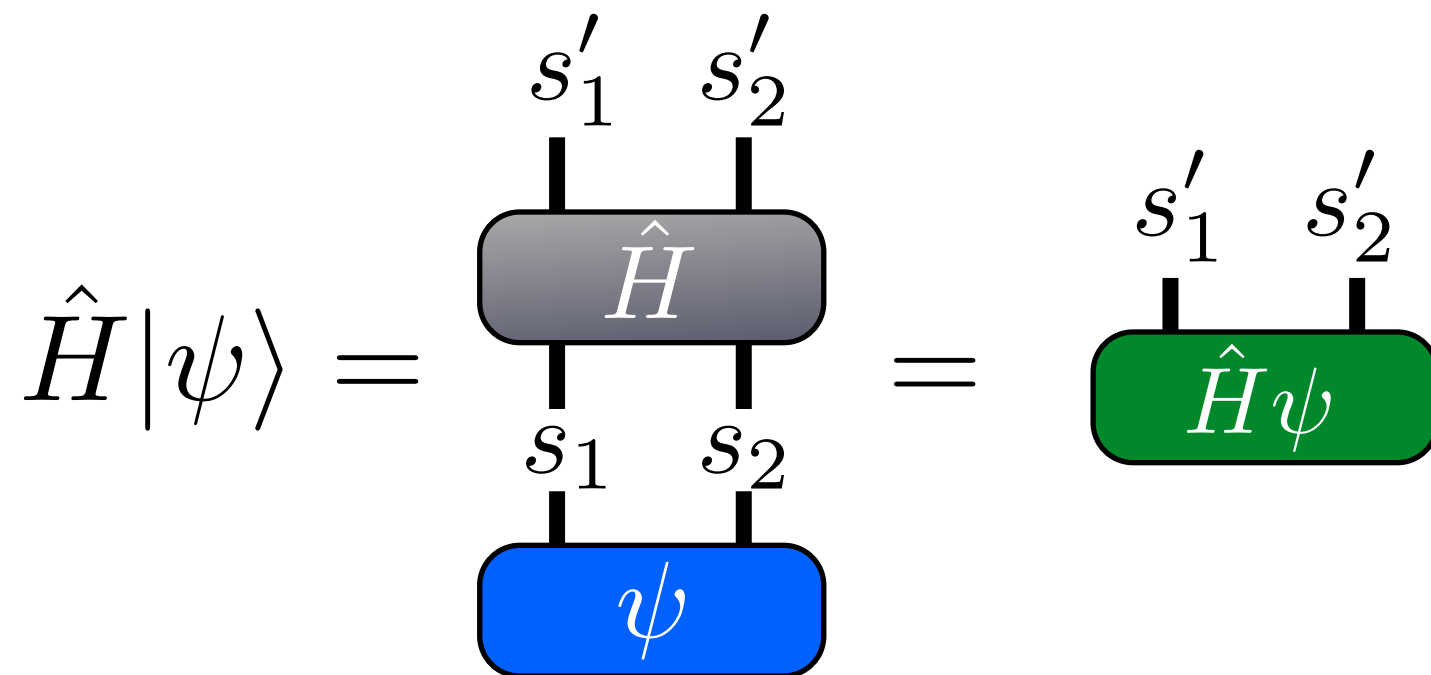
$$\hat{H} = \text{blue circle} + \frac{1}{2} \text{green circle} + \frac{1}{2} \text{red circle}$$

$$= \text{gray box}$$

## Showing Index labels

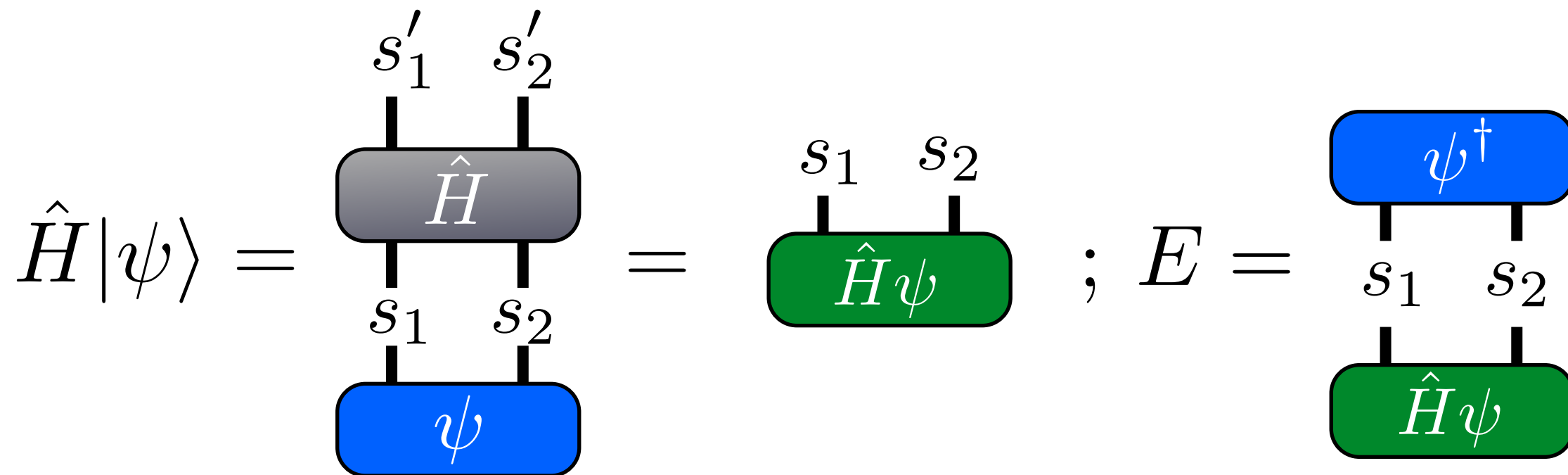
$$\hat{H} = \text{gray box with labels } s'_1, s'_2, s_1, s_2$$

Compute singlet energy with this Hamiltonian:



```
auto Hpsi = H * psi;  
Hpsi.mapprime(1,0);  
  
Real E = (dag(Hpsi) * psi).real();  
Print(E);  
//prints: E = -0.75
```

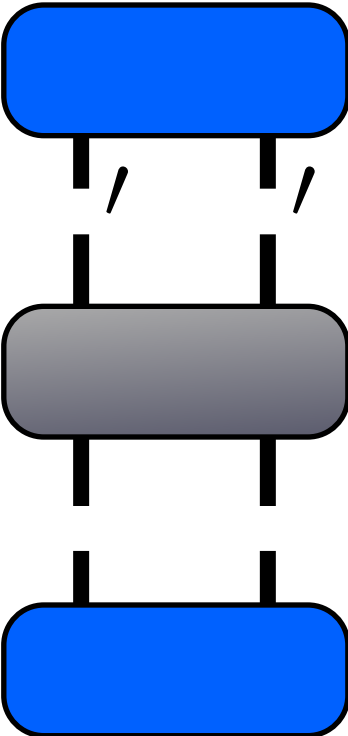
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Or compute energy in one shot:

$$E_{\text{sing}} = \frac{\text{dag}(\text{prime}(\psi))}{\psi}$$


```
Real E = (dag(prime(psi)) * H * psi).real();
```

```
Print(E);
```

```
//prints: E = -0.75
```

We'll use imaginary time evolution to find this Hamiltonian's ground state

$$e^{-\beta H/2} |0\rangle \propto |\Psi_0\rangle$$

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1. Read through two.cc, compile and run by typing "make two" then run by typing "./two"
2. Open imag\_tevol.cc and implement the code to make  $e^{-\beta H}$  using a Taylor series (summed using a recursive formula)
3. Try increasing  $\beta$ , compile, and re-run code until it converges to the ground state

Solution for missing code (near line 120 of `imag_tevol.cc`):

```
for(int ord = max_order-1; ord >= 1; --ord)
{
    expH = expH * bH;
    expH /= ord;
    expH.mapprime(2,1);
    expH = expH + Id;
}
```

# 03 SVD



The density matrix renormalization group (DMRG) uses a variational wavefunction known as a **matrix product state** (MPS).

Matrix product states arise from compressing a one-dimensional wavefunction using the **singular-value decomposition** (SVD).

Let's see how this works...

Recall:

Singular-value decomposition

Given rectangular (4x3) matrix M

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0.435839 & 0.223707 & 0.10 \\ 0.435839 & 0.223707 & -0.10 \\ 0.223707 & 0.435839 & 0.10 \\ 0.223707 & 0.435839 & -0.10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can decompose as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.300 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.200 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.300 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.200 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B}
 \end{array}$$

Matrices A and B are "isometries":

$$A^\dagger A = \mathbf{1}$$

$$B B^\dagger = \mathbf{1}$$

D diagonal

Elements of D can be chosen:

- (1) Real
- (2) Positive semi-definite
- (3) Decreasing order

Keep fewer and fewer elements of D:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B} \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{array} \right] & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.300 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.200 \end{array} \right] & \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]
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$$||M - M||^2 = 0$$

Keep fewer and fewer elements of D:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbf{A} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{D} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{B} \\
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 \end{array}$$

$$||M_2 - M||^2 = 0.04 = (0.2)^2$$

Keep fewer and fewer elements of D:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B} \\
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 \end{array}$$

$$||M_3 - M||^2 = 0.13 = (0.3)^2 + (0.2)^2$$

Keep fewer and fewer elements of D:

$$\begin{matrix} & \mathbf{A} & & \mathbf{D} & & \mathbf{B} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} & & \begin{bmatrix} 0.933 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & & \begin{bmatrix} 0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ -0.707107 & 0.707107 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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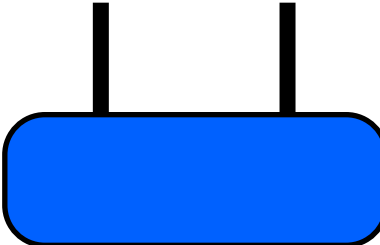
Truncating SVD =

Controlled approximation  
for M


$$||M_3 - M||^2 = 0.13 = (0.3)^2 + (0.2)^2$$

Recall:

Most general two-spin wavefunction

$$\psi_{s_1 s_2} = \text{Diagram}$$
A blue rounded rectangle with two vertical black lines extending upwards from its top edge. The left line is labeled  $s_1$  and the right line is labeled  $s_2$ .

Can treat as a matrix:

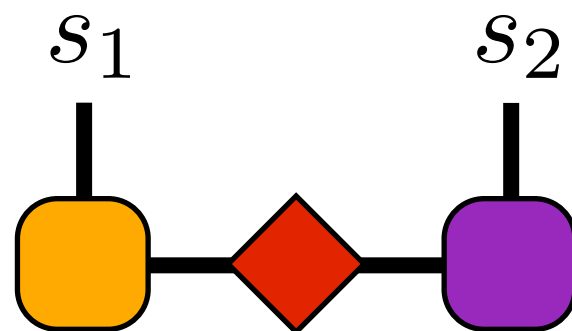
$$\psi_{s_1 s_2} = \text{Diagram}$$
A blue rounded rectangle with a horizontal black line extending to the left from its left edge, labeled  $s_1$ , and another horizontal black line extending to the right from its right edge, labeled  $s_2$ .



SVD this matrix:

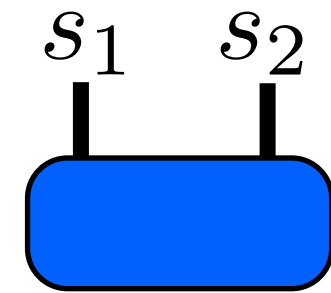
$$\psi_{s_1 s_2} = s_1 \text{ --- } \text{blue box} \text{ --- } s_2$$
$$= s_1 \text{ --- } \underset{\text{A}}{\text{orange box}} \text{ --- } \underset{\text{D}}{\text{red diamond}} \text{ --- } \underset{\text{B}}{\text{purple box}} \text{ --- } s_2$$

Bend lines back to look like wavefunction:



## USING ITENSOR:

Say we have a two-site wavefunction  $\psi$

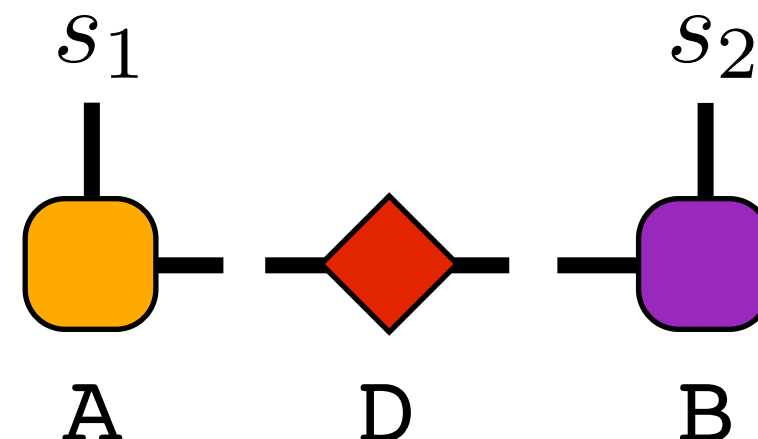


Declare  $A, D, B$  to hold results of SVD

```
auto A = ITensor(s1)
ITensor D, B;
```

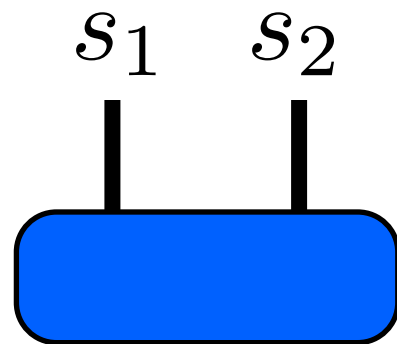
Call SVD function

```
svd(psi, A, D, B);
```



What have we gained from SVD?

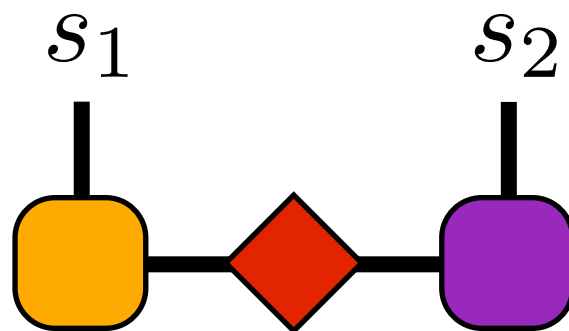
Generic two-spin wavefunction (say spin  $S$ ):



$(2S+1)^2$  parameters

Not clear which parameters  
important, unimportant

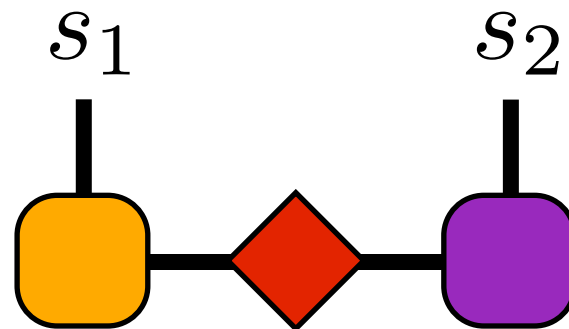
Compressed wavefunction:



SVD tells us which  
parameters are important,  
might be very few!

Later see that # parameters also scales much better

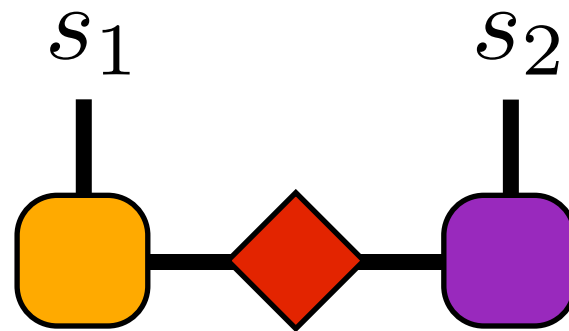
This form of wavefunction known as  
matrix product state (MPS)



Why? Amplitude a product of matrices:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1, \alpha, \alpha', s_2} A_{s_1 \alpha} D_{\alpha \alpha'} B_{\alpha' s_2} |s_1\rangle |s_2\rangle$$

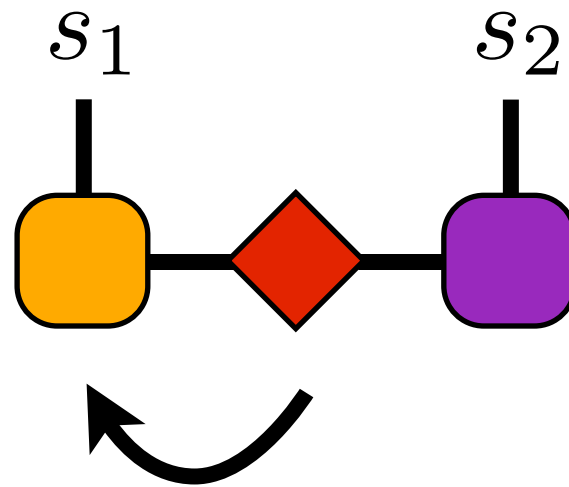
MPS have different equivalent forms, or “gauges”



Canonical form

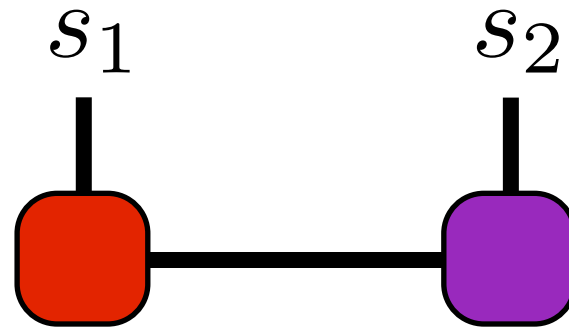
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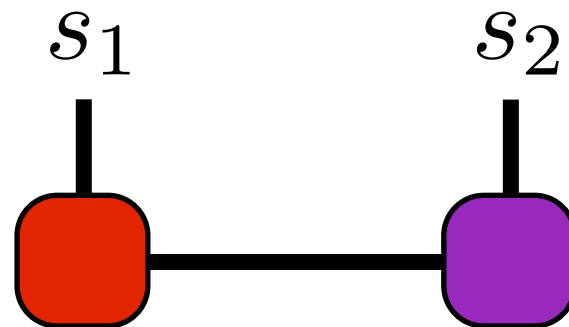
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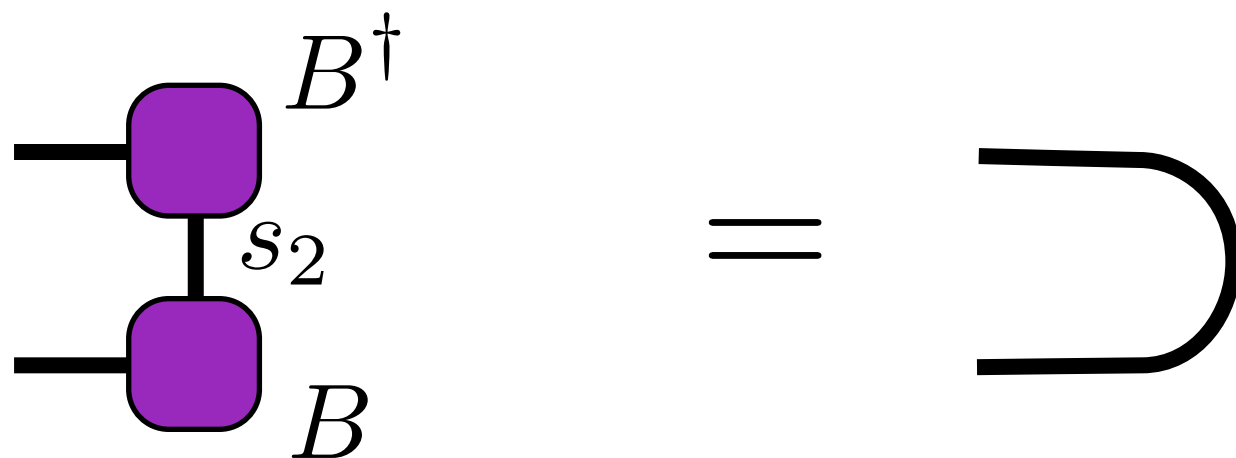
Left-canonical

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1, \alpha', s_2} \psi_{s_1 \alpha'} B_{\alpha' s_2} |s_1\rangle |s_2\rangle$$

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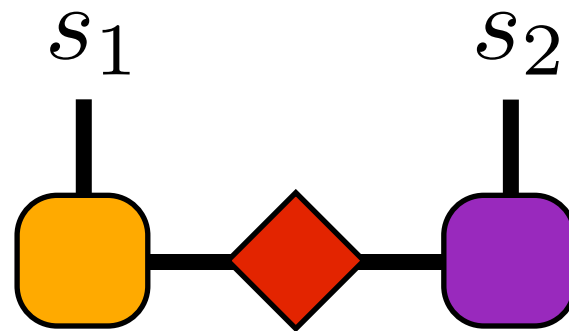
Matrix B is "right orthogonal" (from SVD)



$$BB^\dagger = I$$



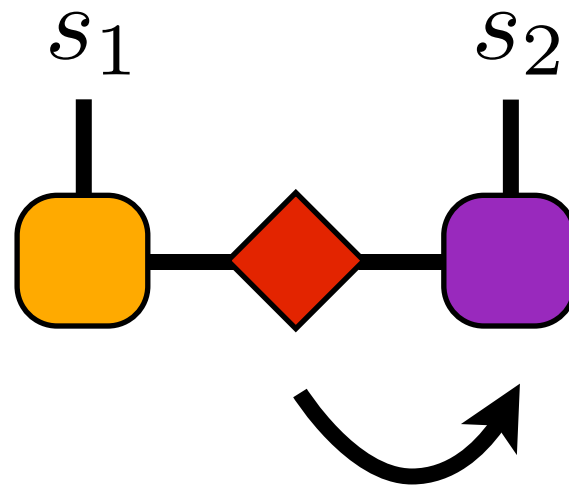
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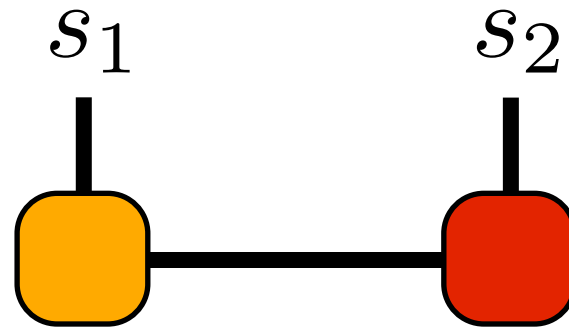
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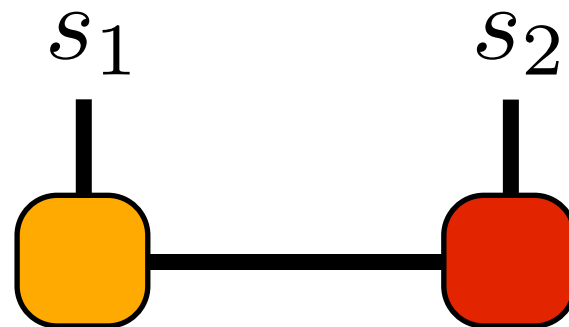
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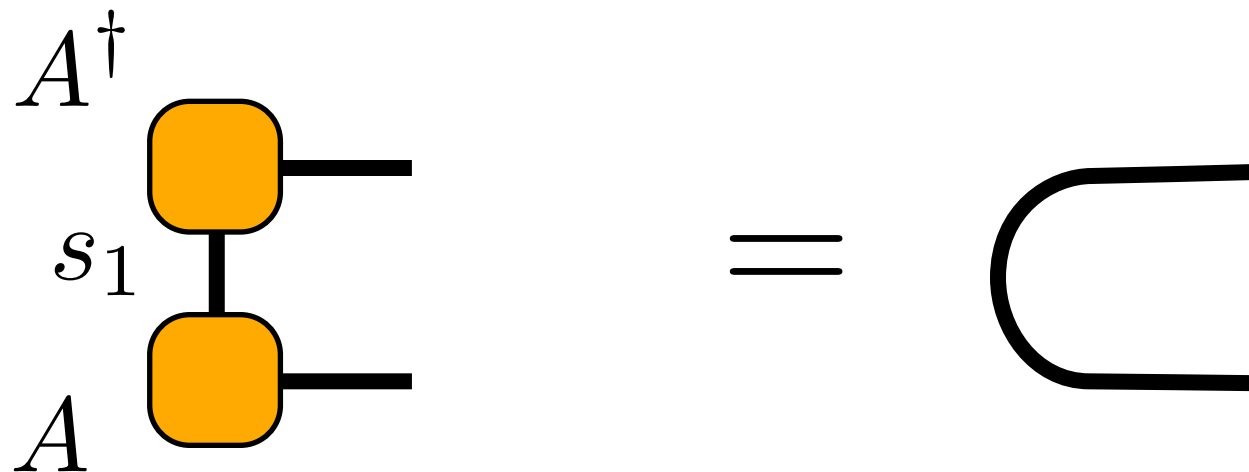
Right-canonical

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{s_1, \alpha, s_2} A_{s_1 \alpha} \psi_{\alpha s_2} |s_1\rangle |s_2\rangle$$

MPS have different equivalent forms, or “gauges”



Matrix  $A$  is “left orthogonal” (from SVD)



$$A^\dagger A = I$$

We'll use the SVD to study the entanglement of a two-site wavefunction

`itensor_tutorial/03_svd`

1. Read through **`svd.cc`**; compile; and run

2. Make a normalized wavefunction that is the sum  
 $(1-\text{mix}) * \text{prod} + \text{mix} * \text{sing}$

3. SVD this wavefunction

```
ITensor A(s1),D,B;  
auto spectrum = svd(psi,A,D,B);
```

3. Compute the entanglement entropy using the density matrix spectrum returned by `svd`.

$n^{\text{th}}$  eigenvalue:

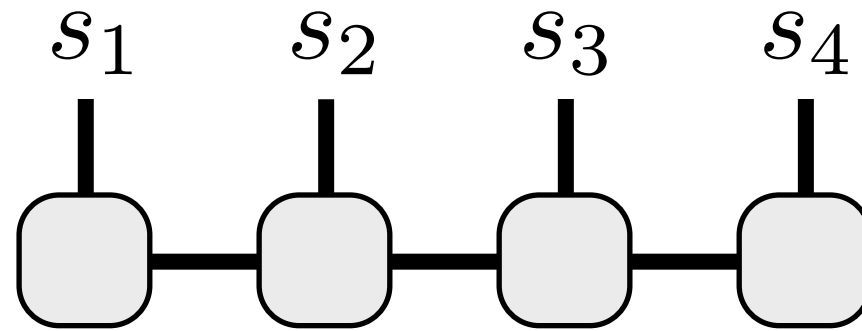
number of eigenvalues:

```
spec.eig(n); //n=1,2,3,...  
spec.size();
```

# 04 Four Sites

Say we have a 4-site MPS.

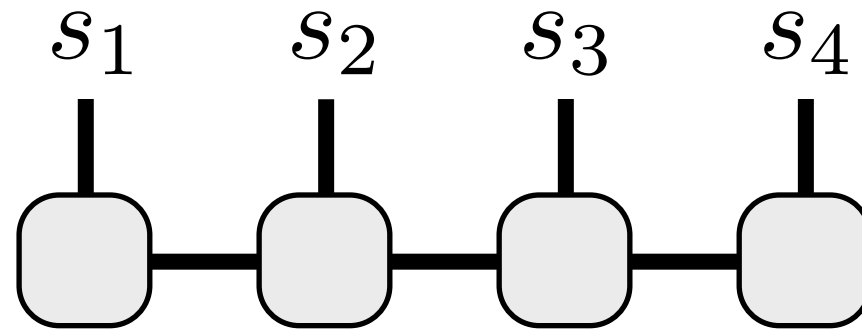
How efficiently can we compute properties?



Depends on the gauge!

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\{s\}, \{\alpha\}} M_{\alpha_1}^{s_1} M_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}^{s_2} M_{\alpha_2 \alpha_3}^{s_3} M_{\alpha_3}^{s_4} |s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4\rangle$$

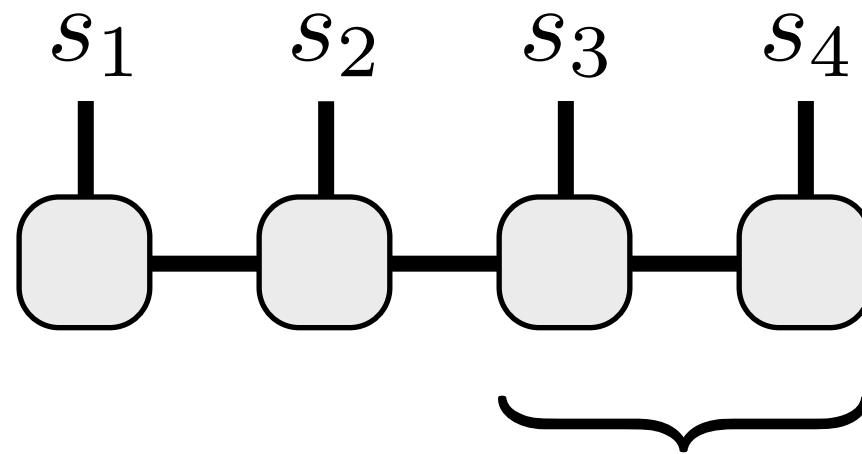
Assume we know nothing about the MPS  
Put it in a useful gauge:



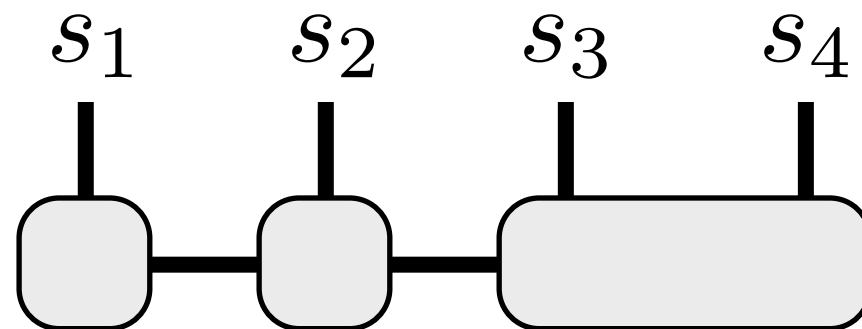


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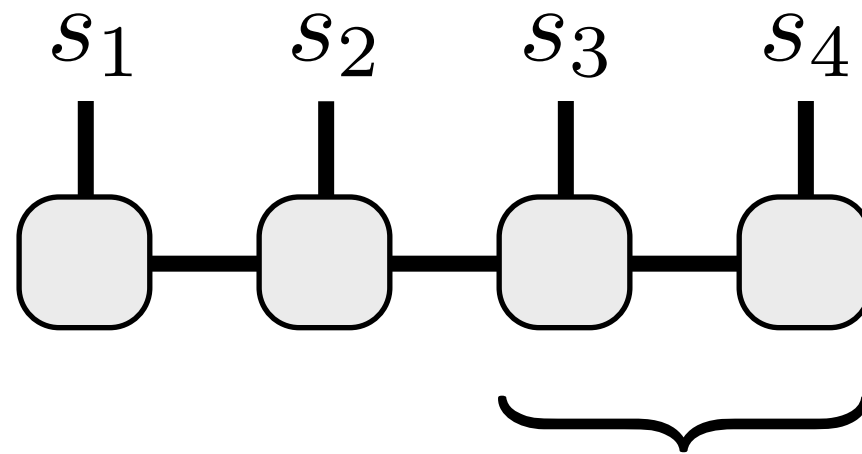


Contract

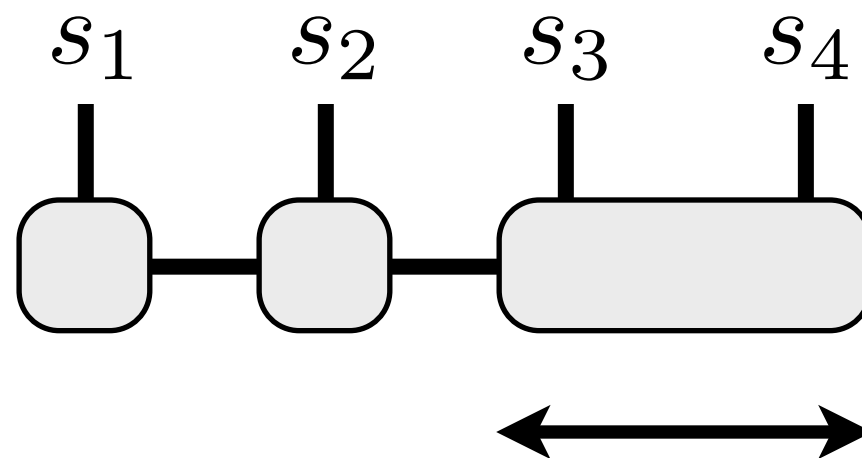


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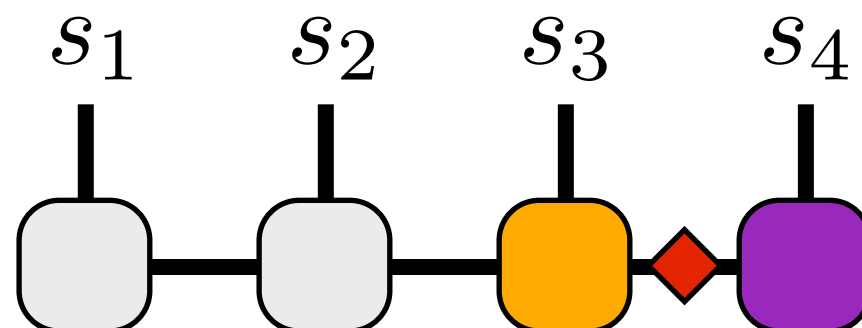
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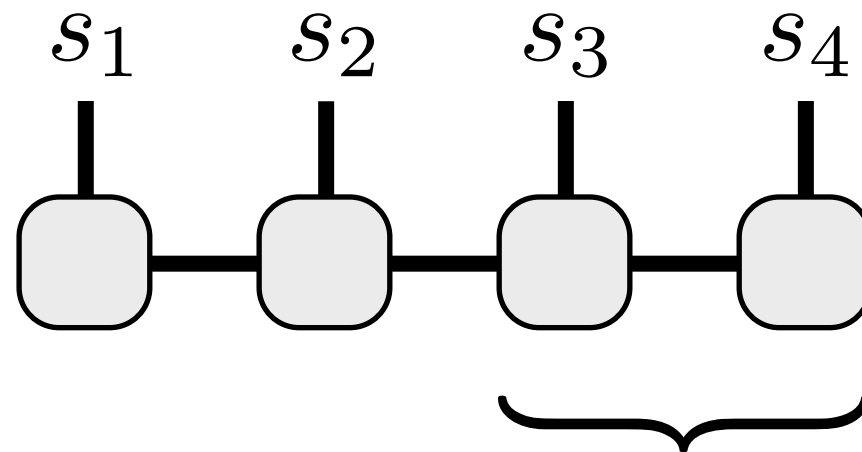


SVD

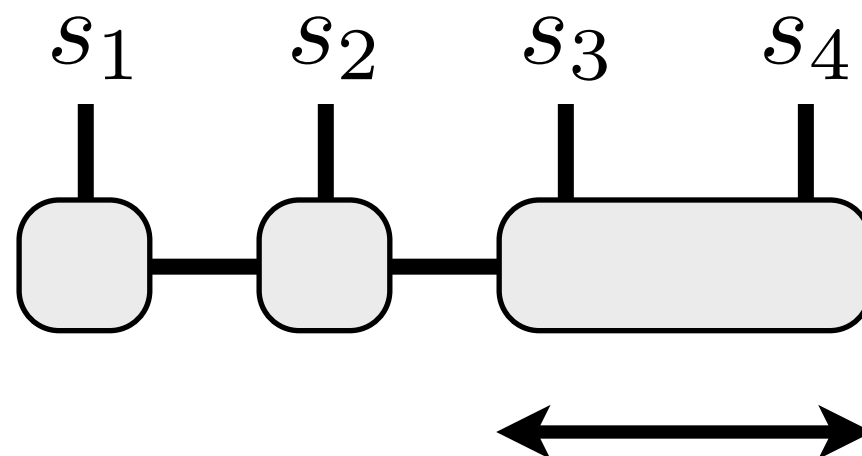


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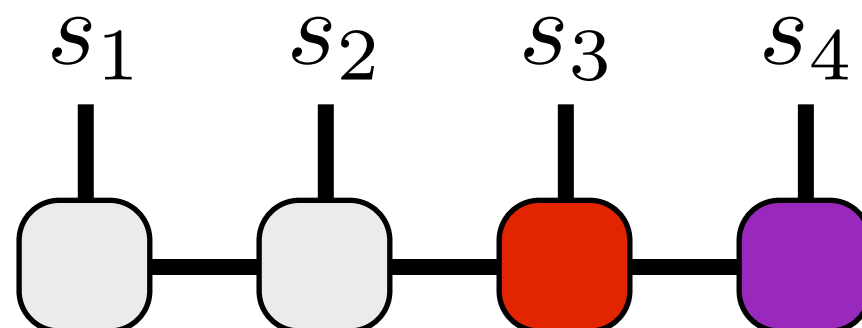
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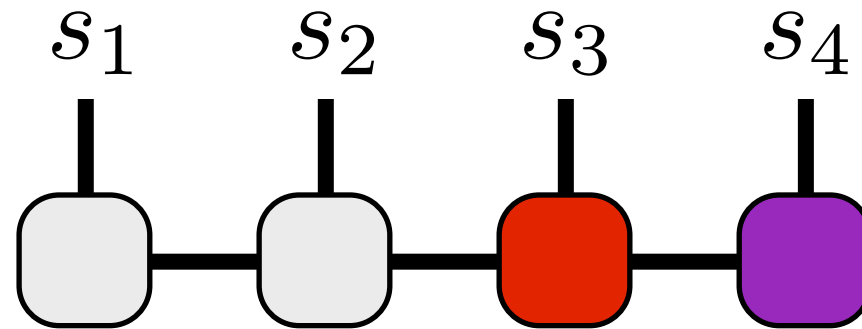


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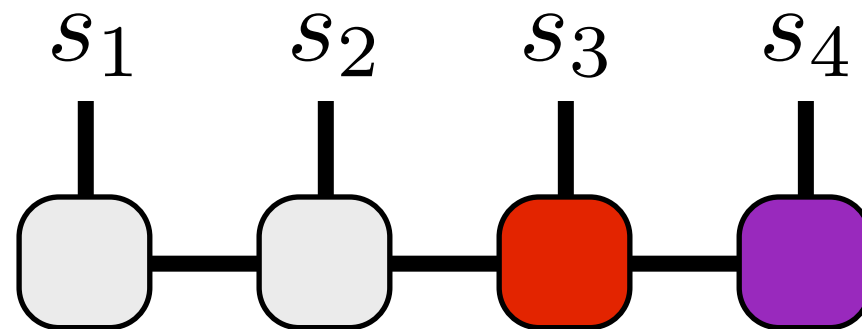


Group (AD) B

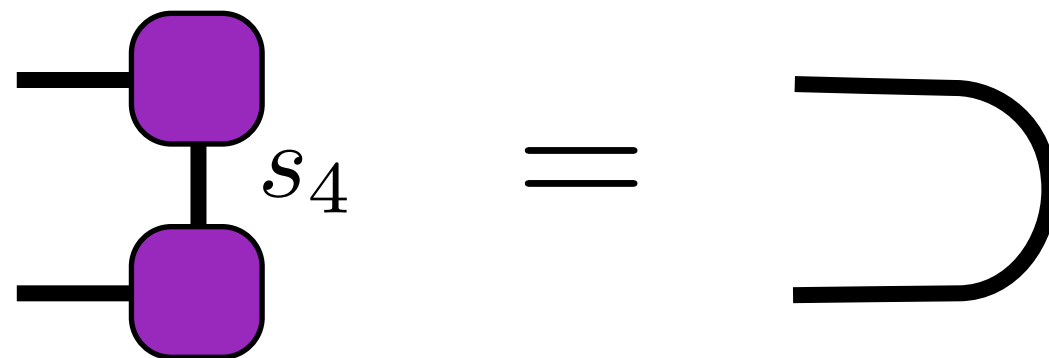
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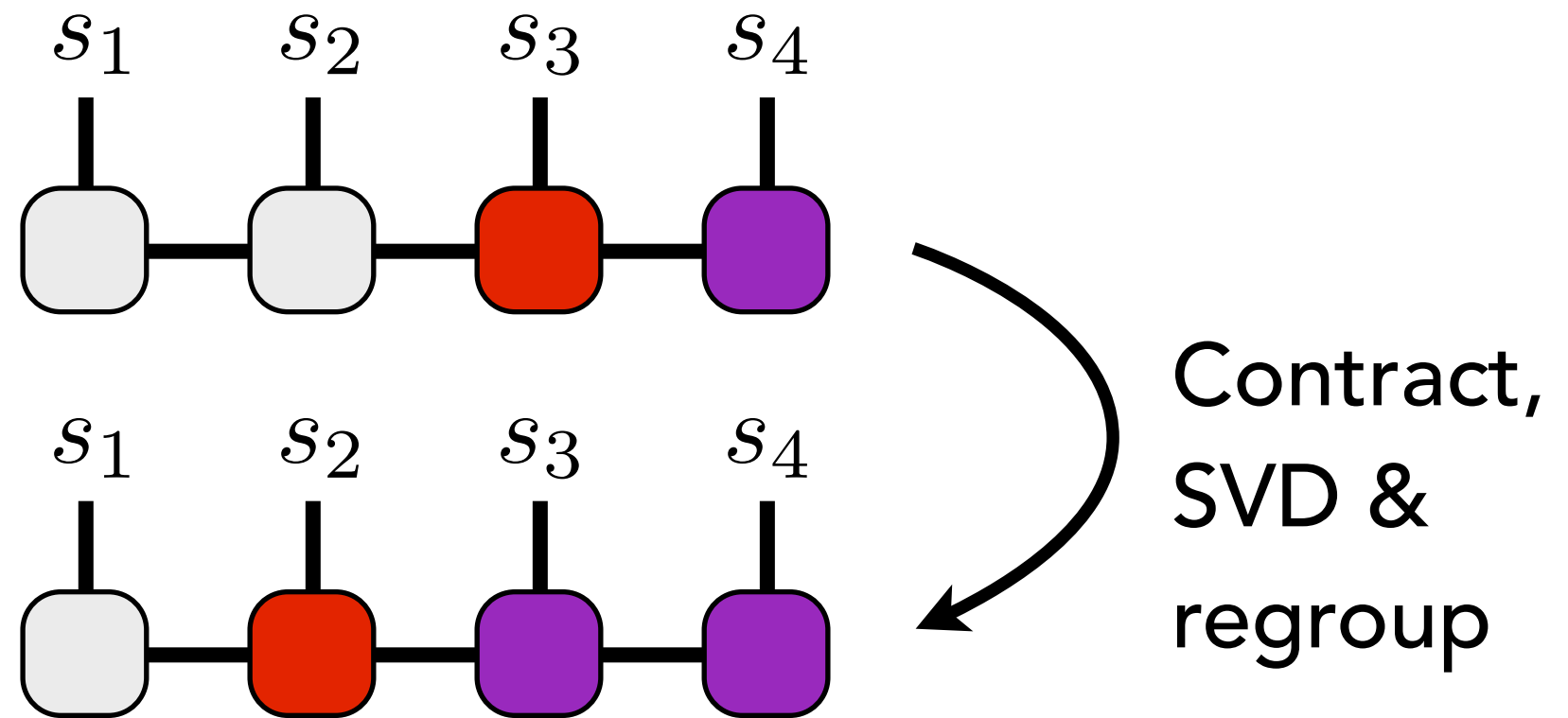
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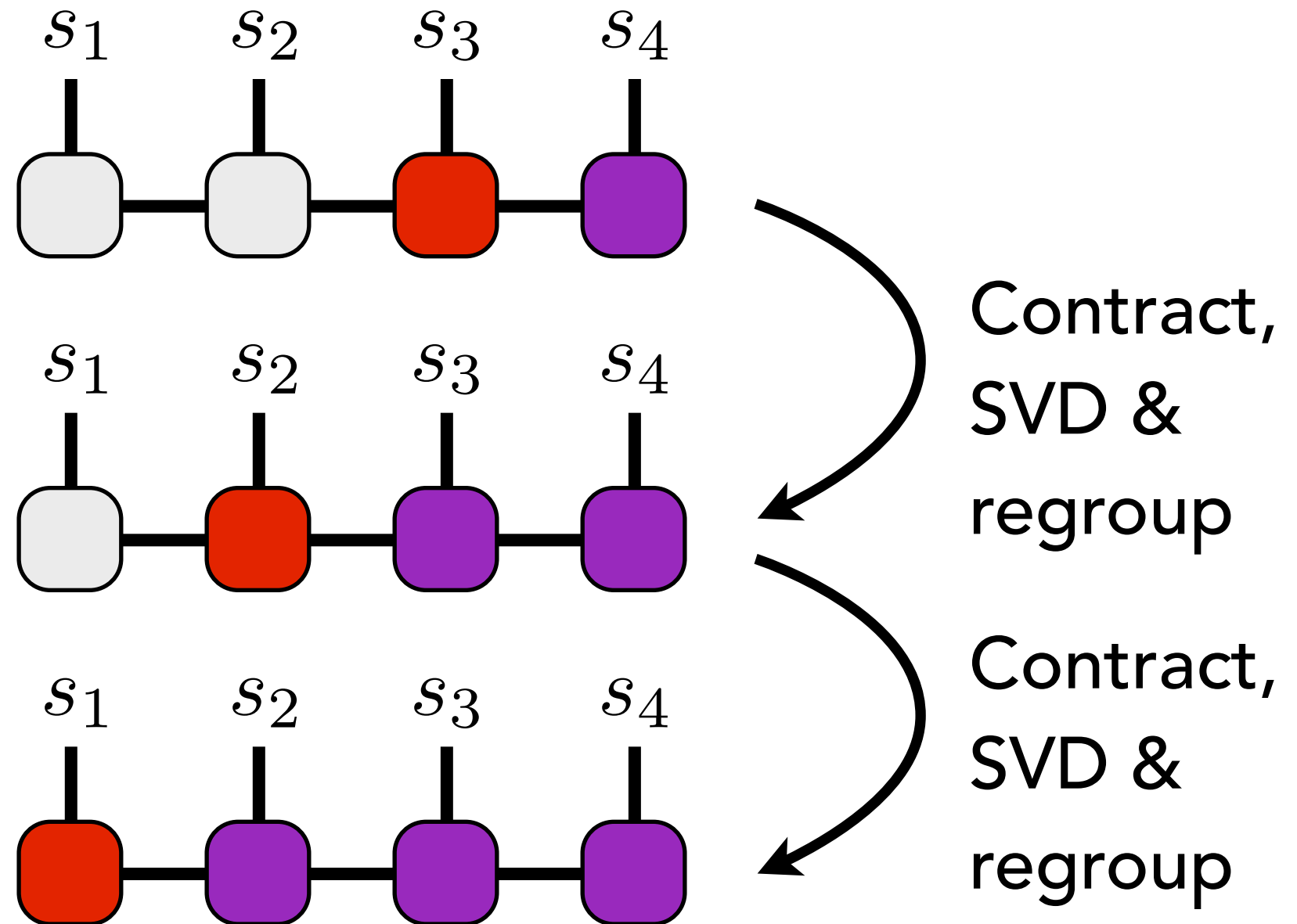
Recall this means



Can repeat gauge transformation (repeated SVD)

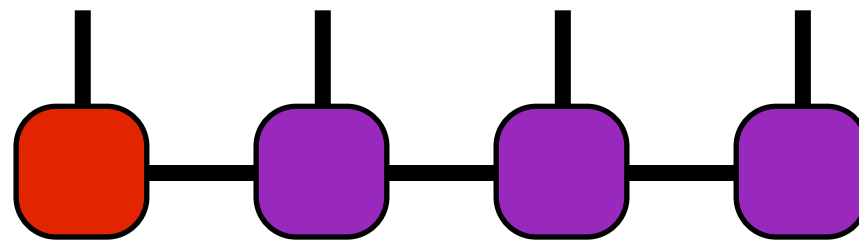


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What have we gained?

Consider measuring an operator on site 1



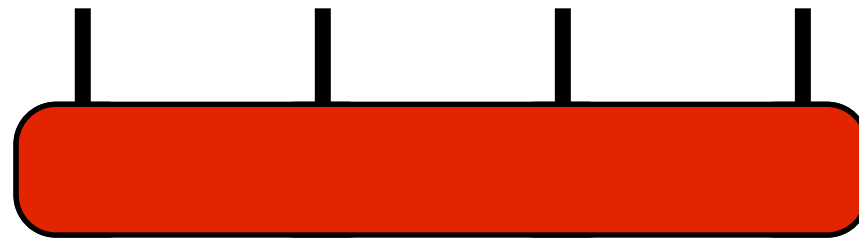


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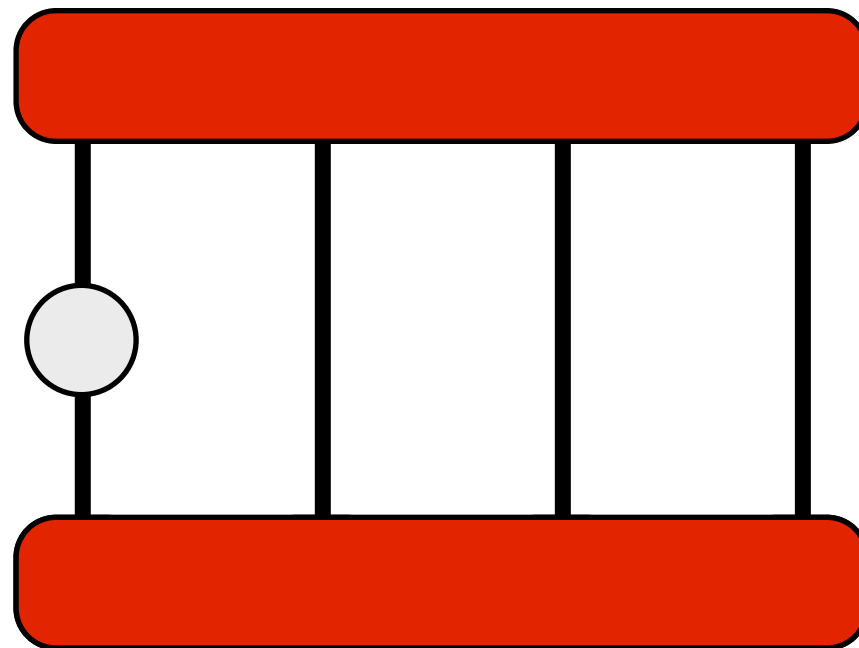
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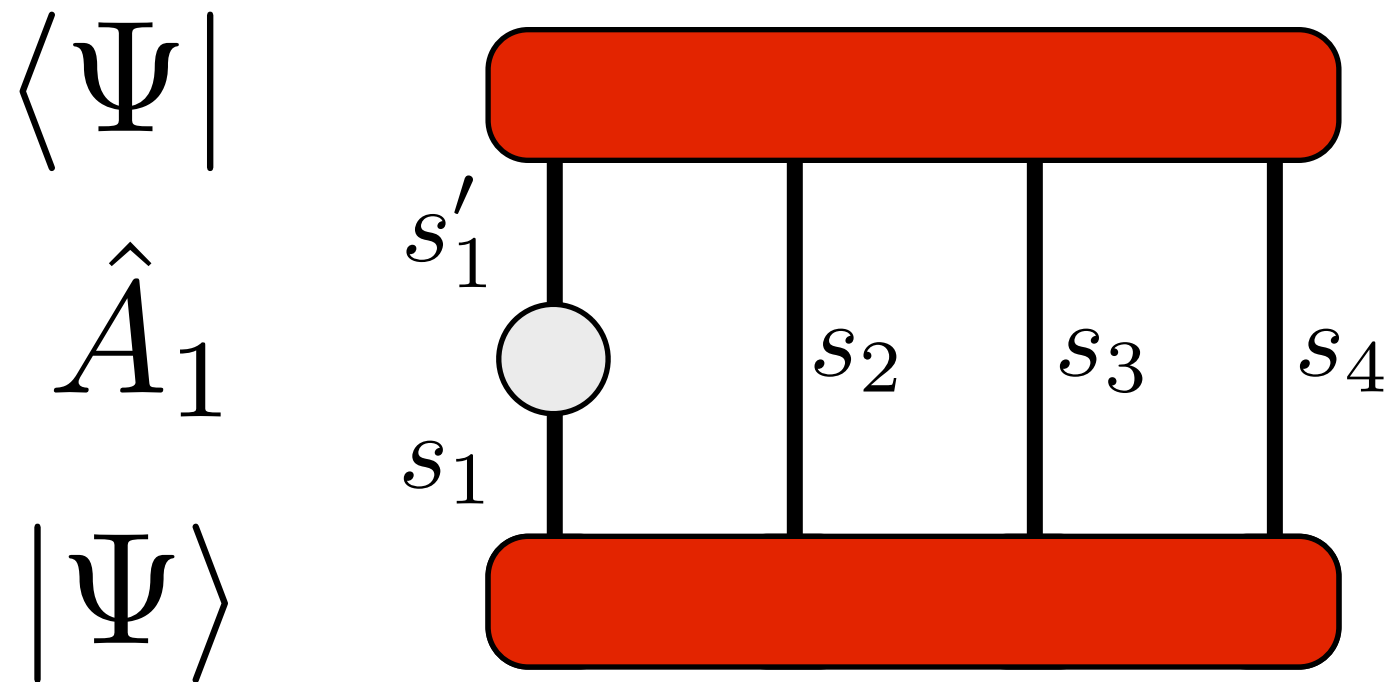
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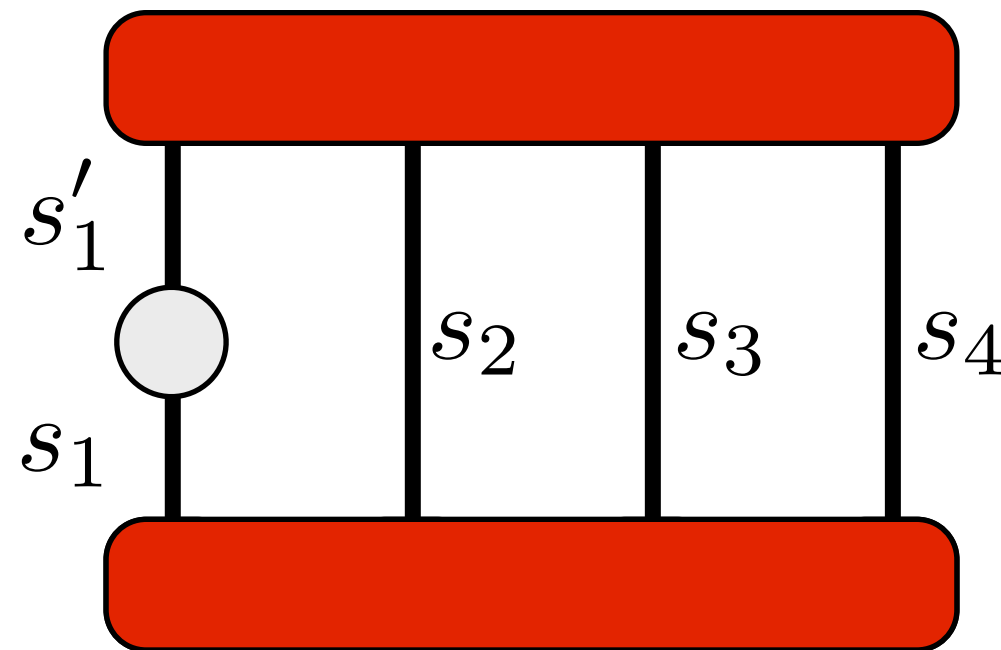
$$\langle \hat{A}_1 \rangle = \sum_{\{s\}} \bar{\psi}_{s'_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} A_{s'_1 s_1} \psi_{s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4}$$

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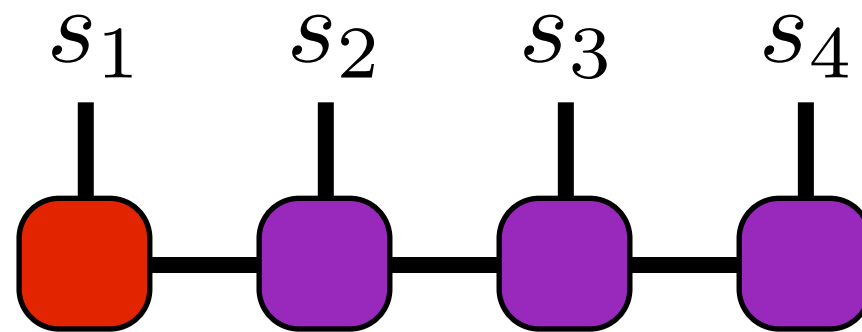
Cost scales  
exponentially!  
 $2^4$  in this case

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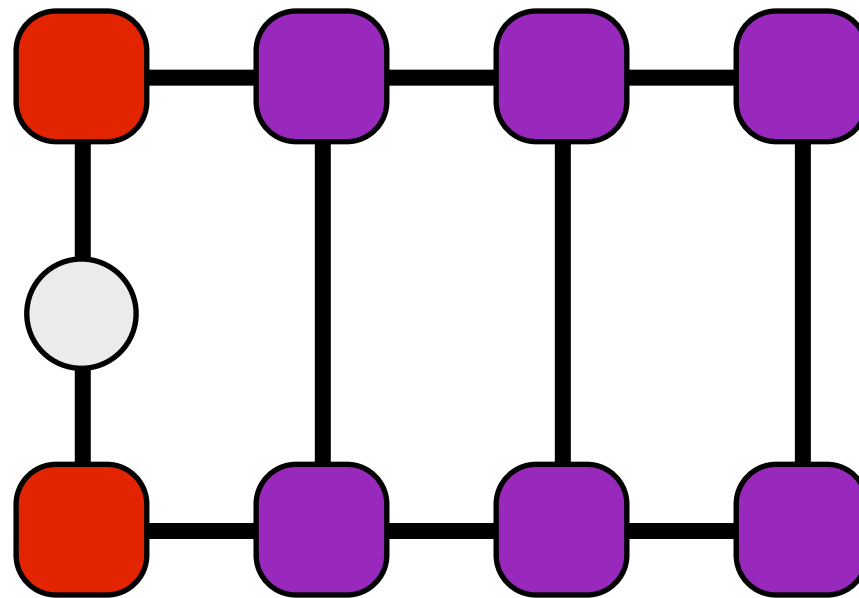
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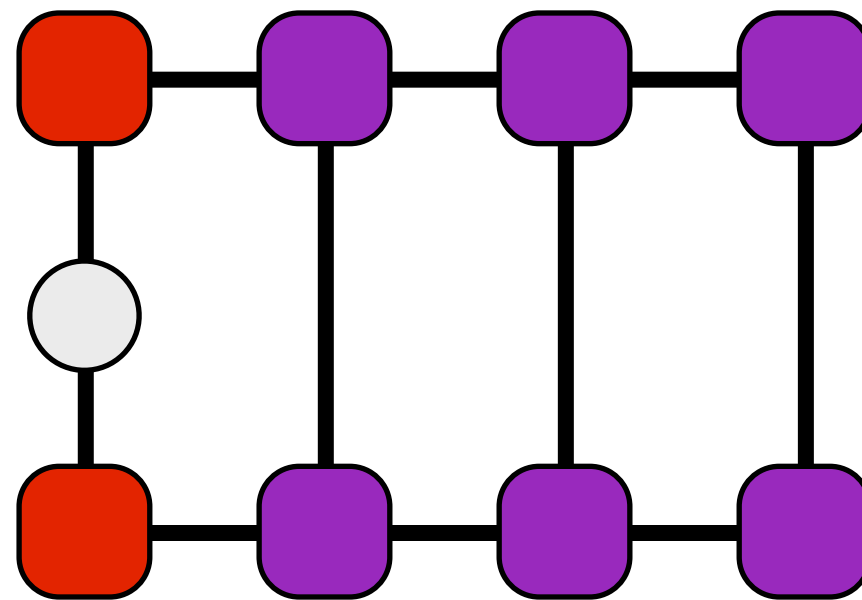
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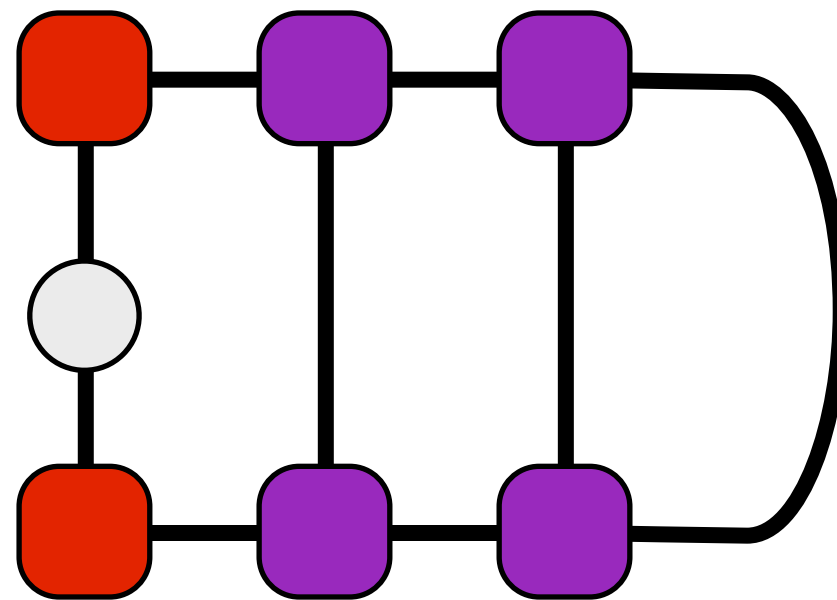


Use right  
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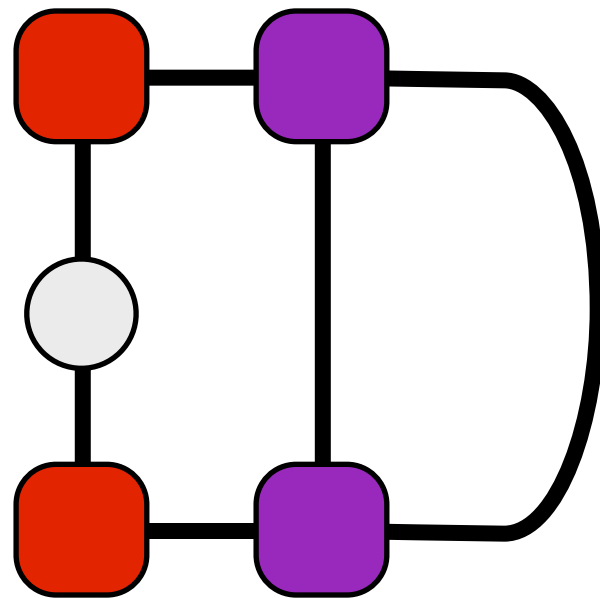
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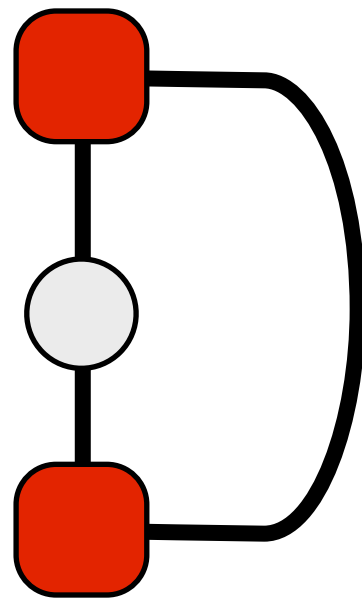


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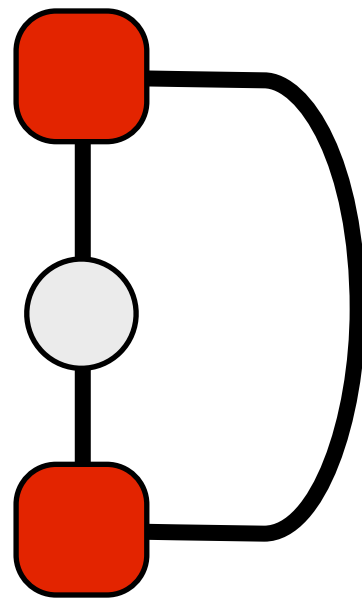
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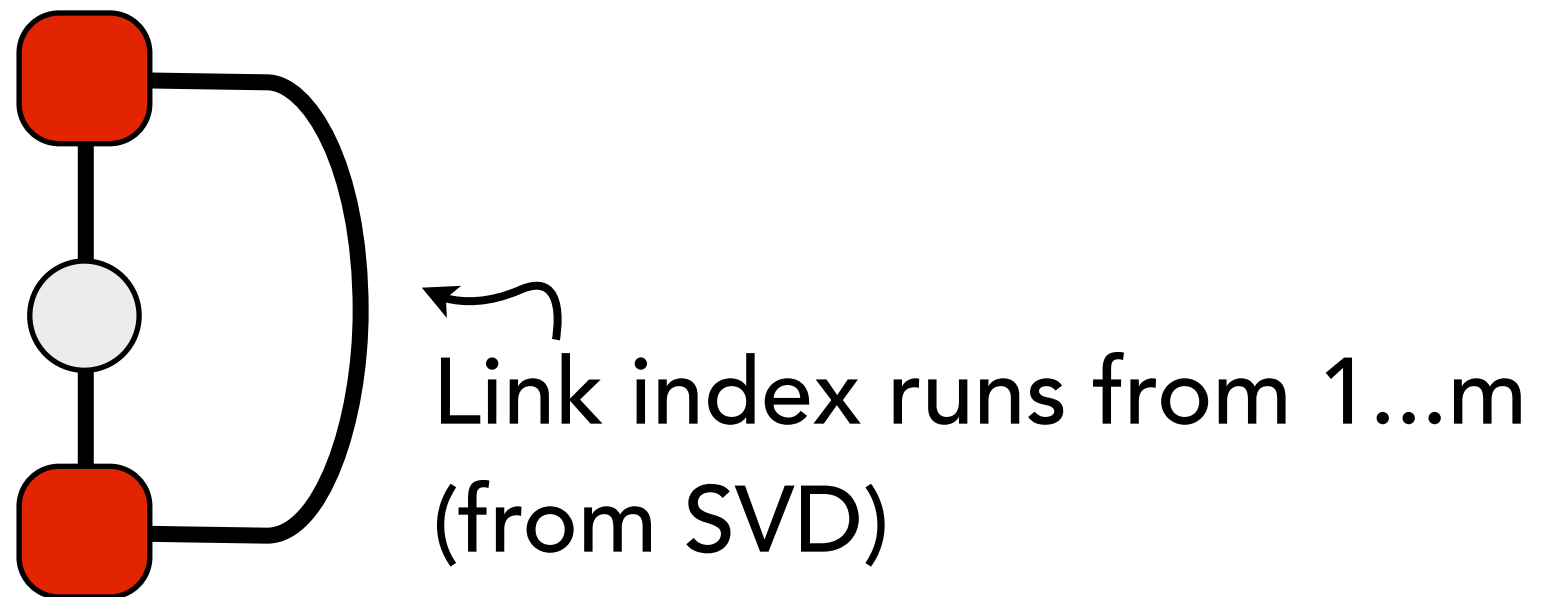
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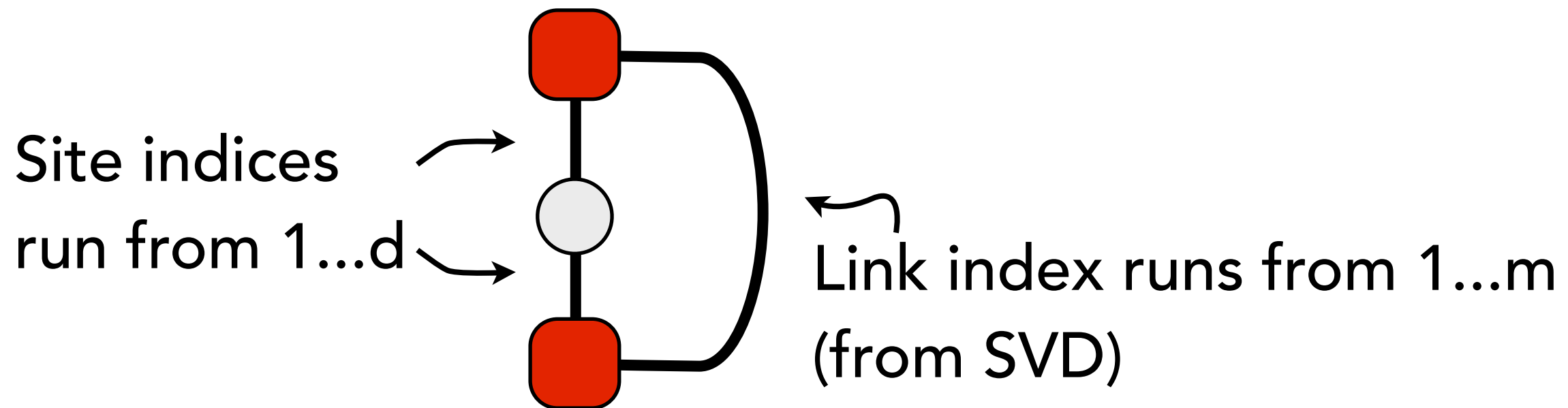
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Computational cost  $\sim d^2 m$  (compared to  $d^4$ )

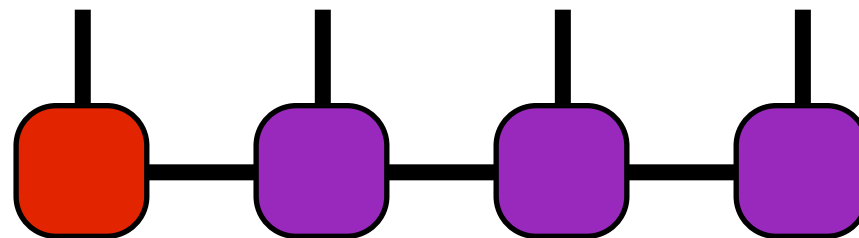
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```

## Gauge to site number 2

```
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```



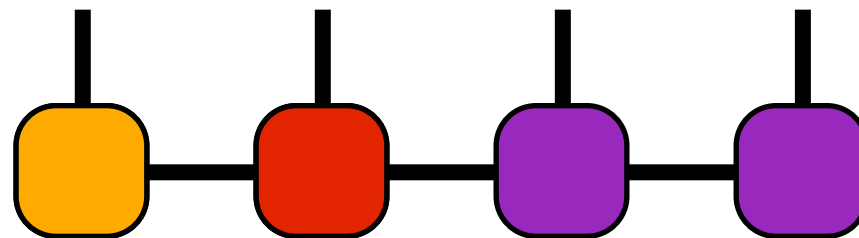
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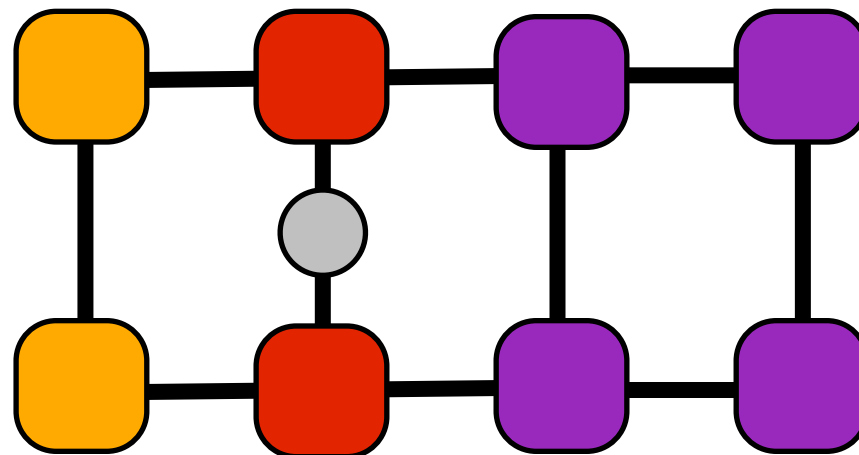
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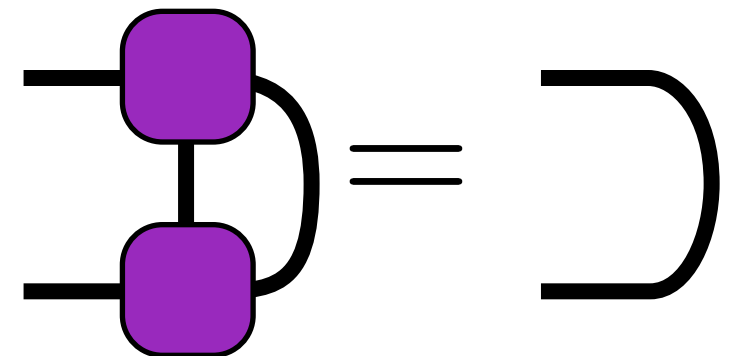
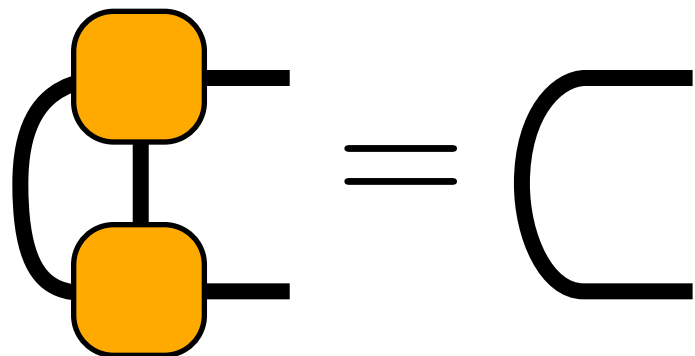
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Measure Sz on second site

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auto sz2 = (dag(prime(psi.A(2), Site))  
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```



Recall:

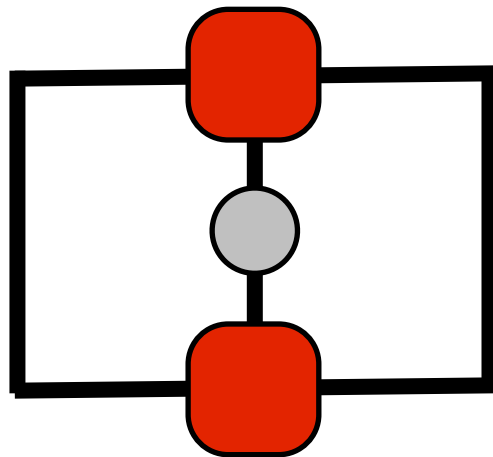




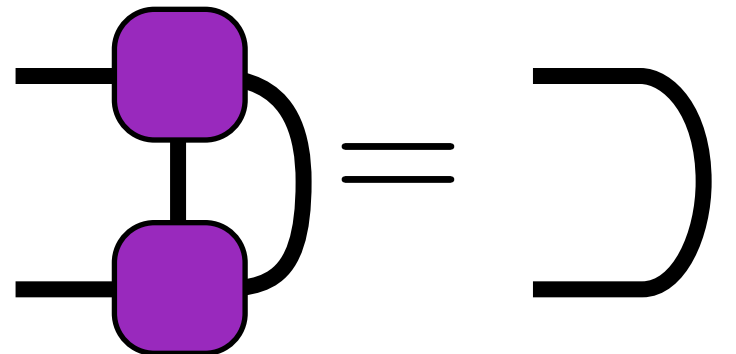
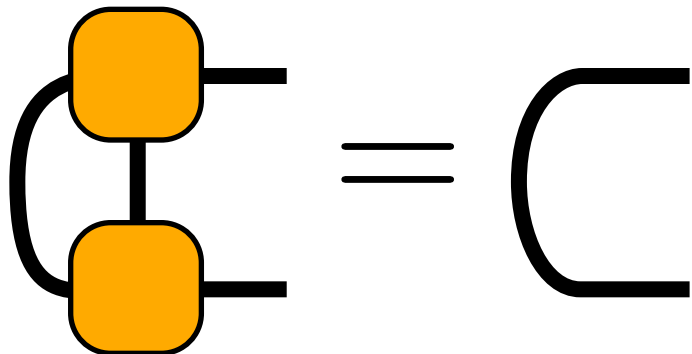
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Recall:



We'll measure the dimer order of the  $J_1$ - $J_2$  model

`itensor_tutorial/04_mps`

1. Read through **j1j2.cc**; compile; and run

2. Study the code [lines 46-51] which  
measures  $\hat{B}_{N/2} = \mathbf{S}_{N/2} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{N/2+1}$

3. Create similar code that measures the bond strength  
on bonds  $(N/2-1)$  and  $(N/2+1)$  [lines 62 and 73]

These are combined into the "dimer order parameter"

$$D = \langle \hat{B}_{N/2} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{B}_{N/2-1} \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle \hat{B}_{N/2+1} \rangle$$

4. Run the code for various sizes  $N$  and plot the results.  
How does large  $J_2/J_1$  differ from small  $J_2/J_1$  ?

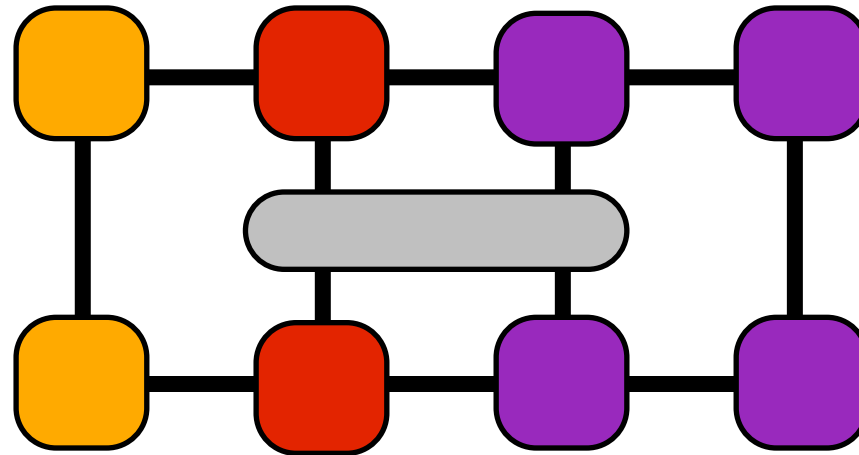
## Solution for missing lines of **j1j2.cc**:

```
val += -0.5 * (dag(prime(wf2,Site)) * B2 * wf2).real();
```

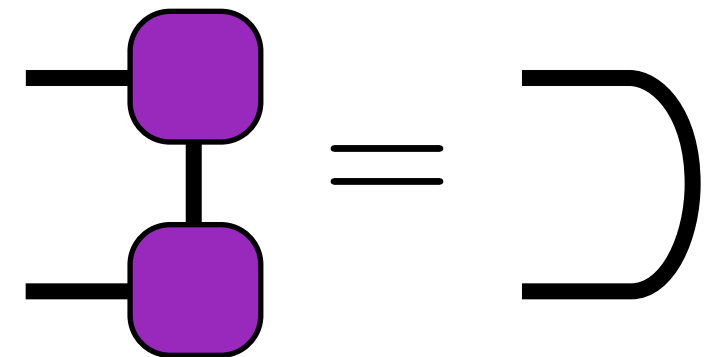
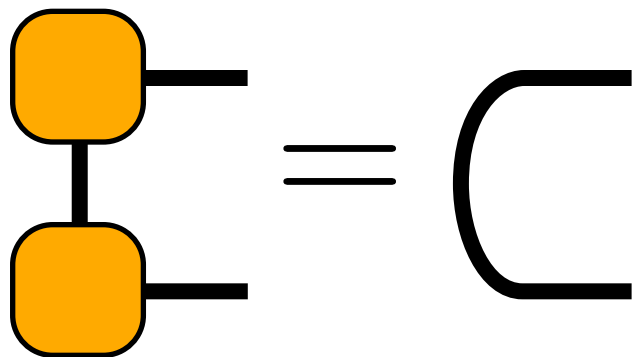
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val += -0.5 * (dag(prime(wf3,Site)) * B3 * wf3).real();
```

# 05 Trotter

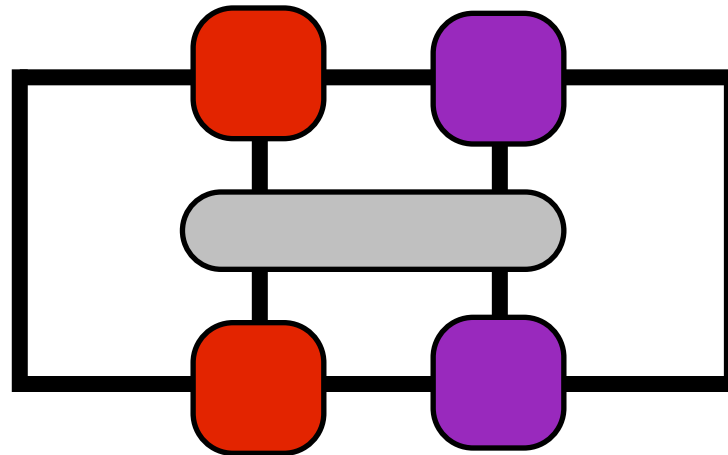
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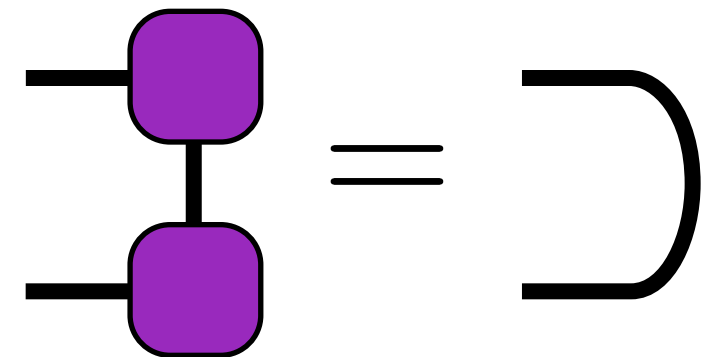
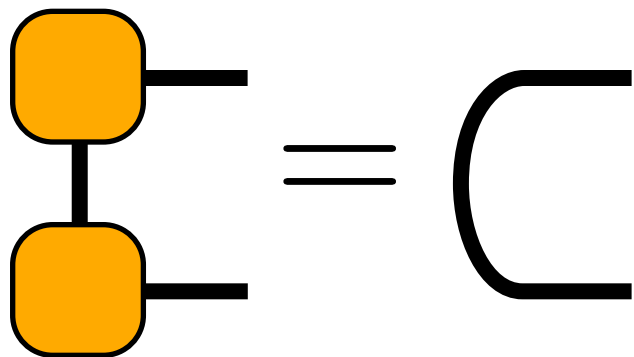
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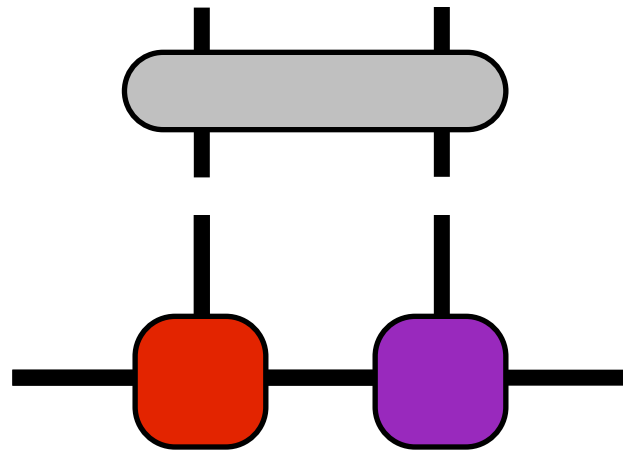
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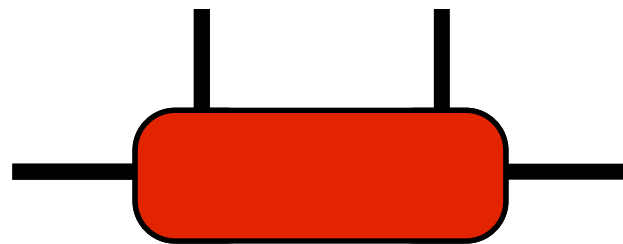
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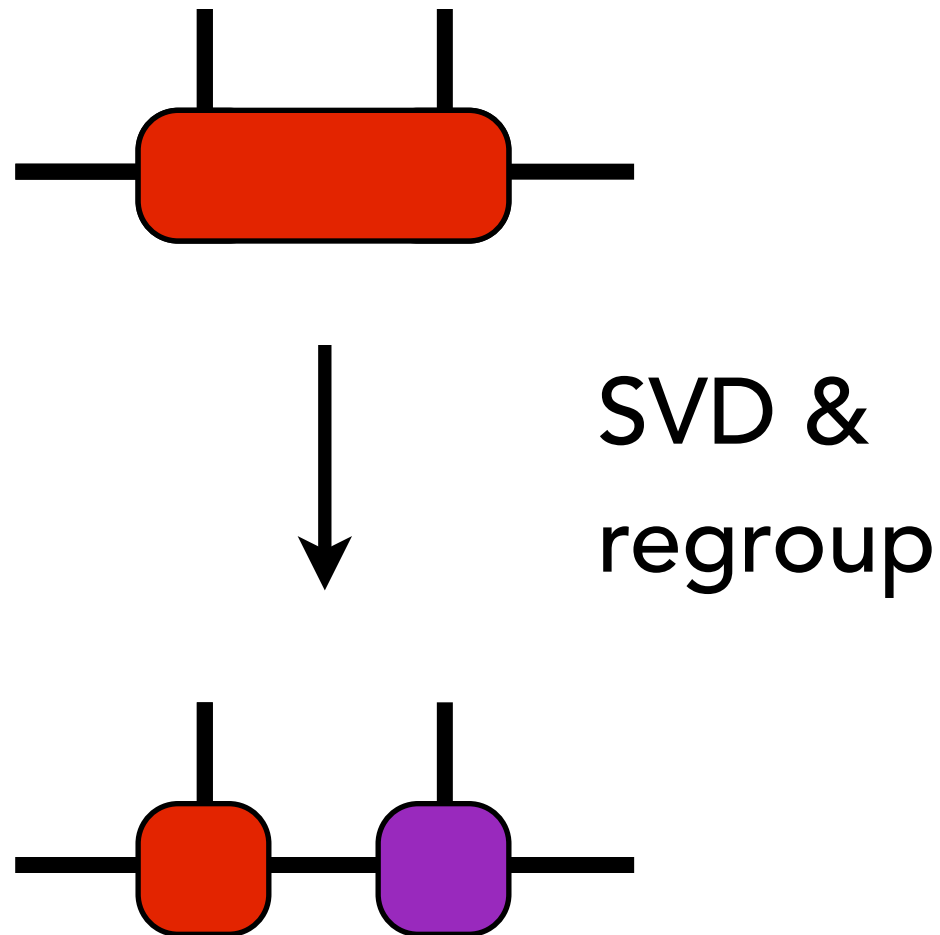


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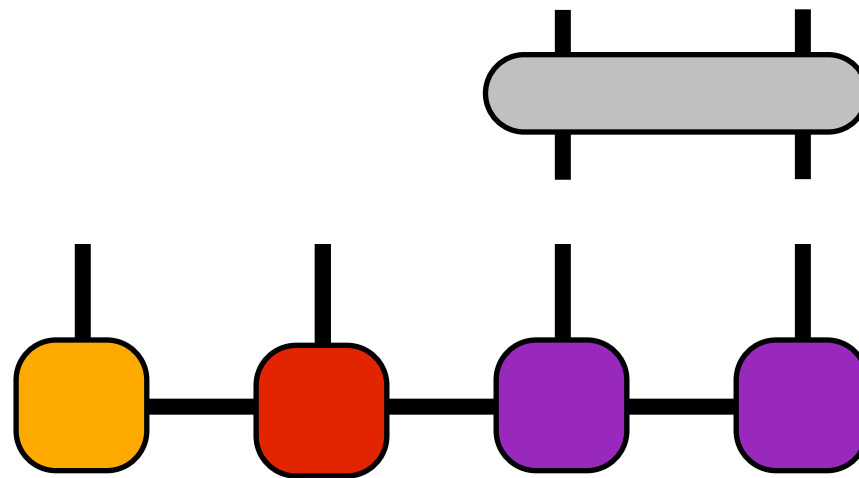




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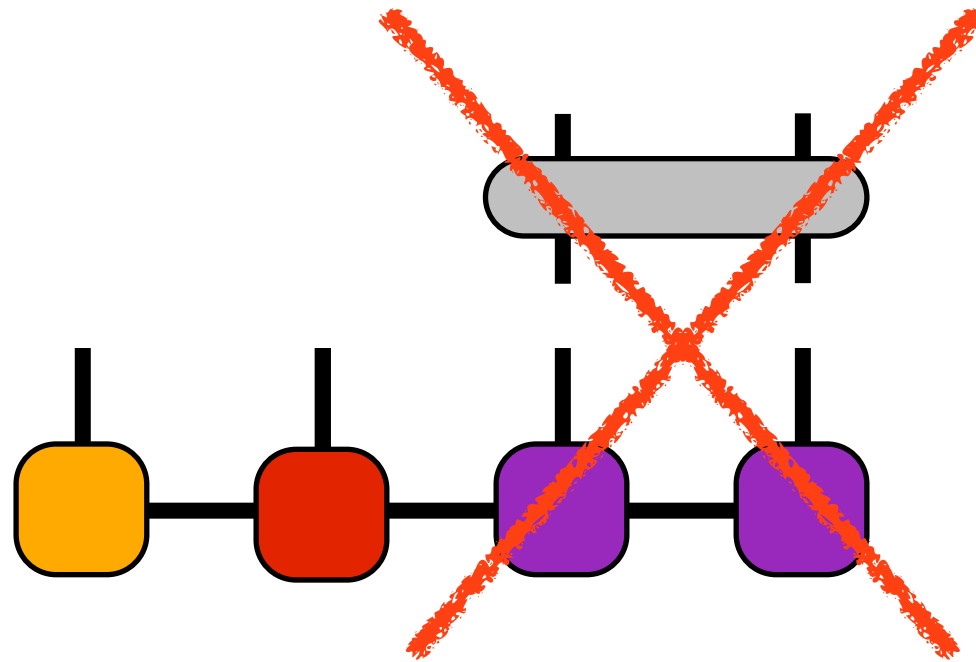


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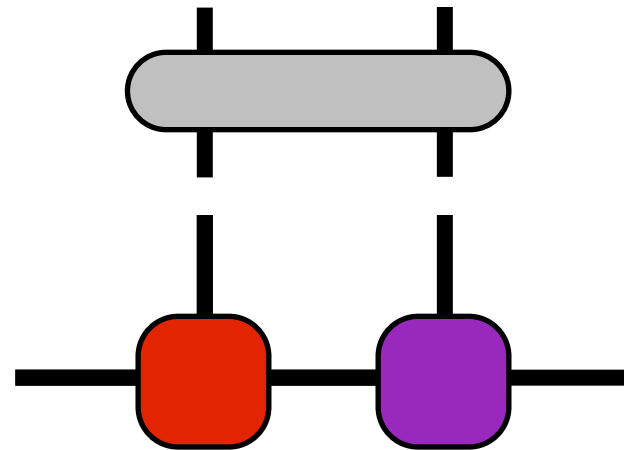
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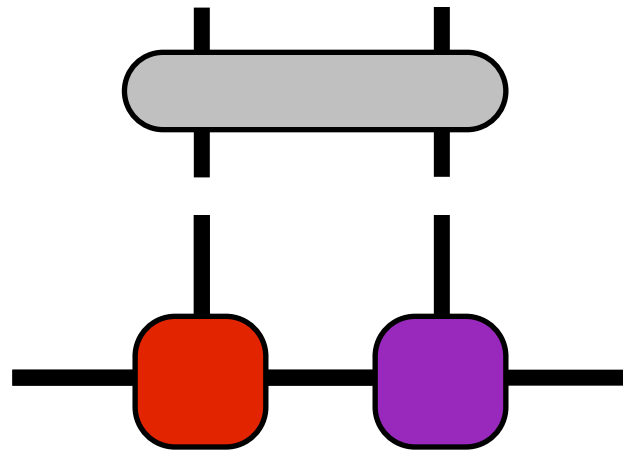


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A: For short-ranged Hamiltonians, can time evolve

Trick is to use Trotter decomposition

Useful for Hamiltonians of the form

$$H = H_1 + H_2 + H_3 + \dots$$

For example

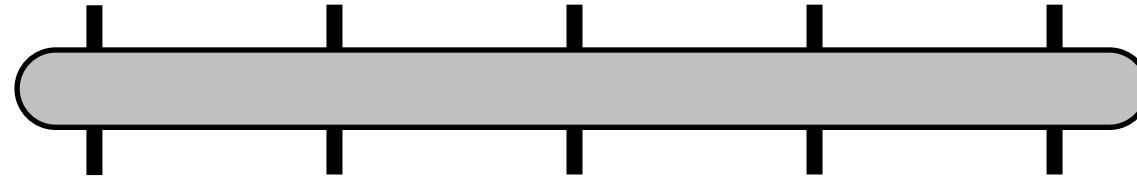
$$H = \sum_j \mathbf{S}_j \cdot \mathbf{S}_{j+1}$$

$$= (\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2) + (\mathbf{S}_2 \cdot \mathbf{S}_3) + (\mathbf{S}_3 \cdot \mathbf{S}_4)$$

For a small time step  $\tau$

$$e^{-\tau H} \simeq e^{-\tau H_1/2} e^{-\tau H_2/2} e^{-\tau H_3/2} \dots$$
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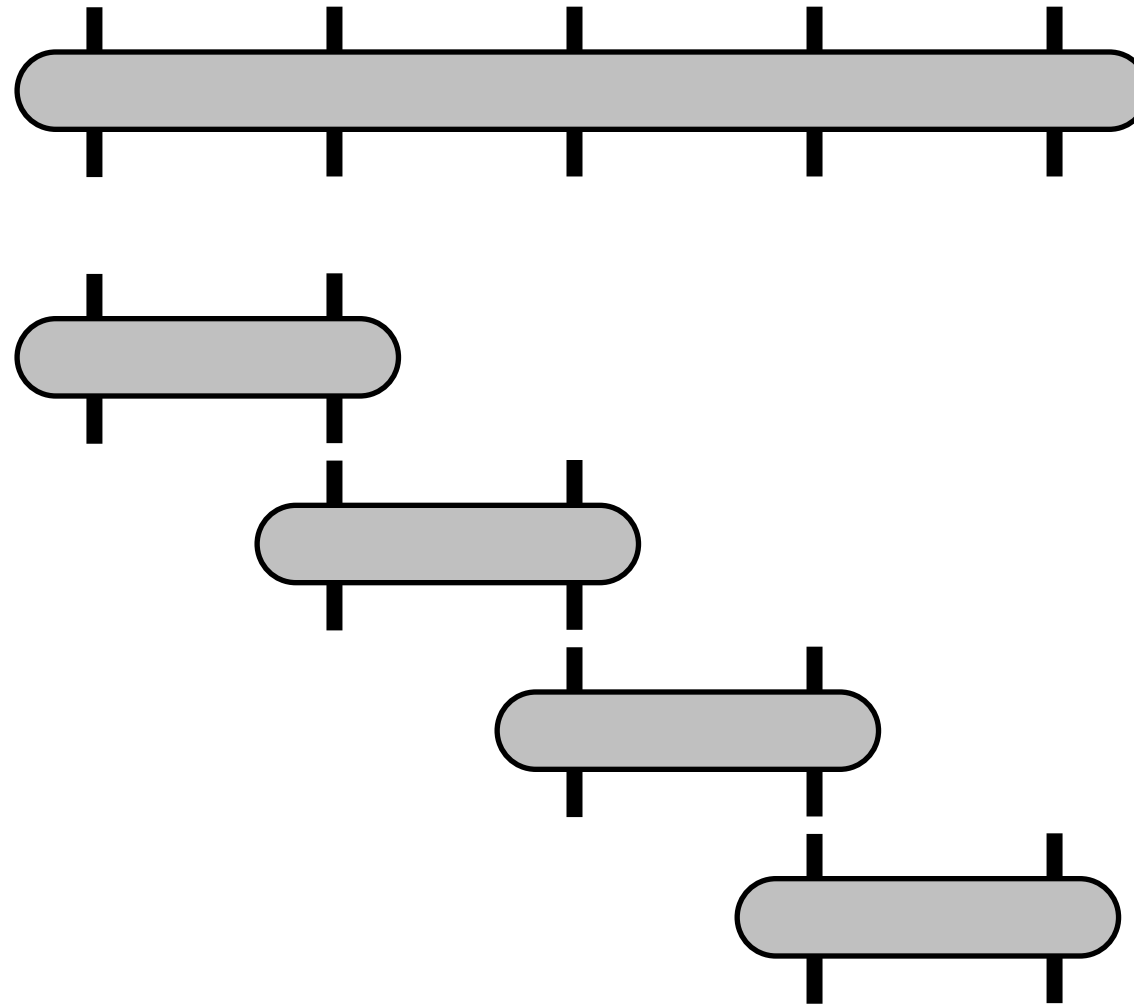


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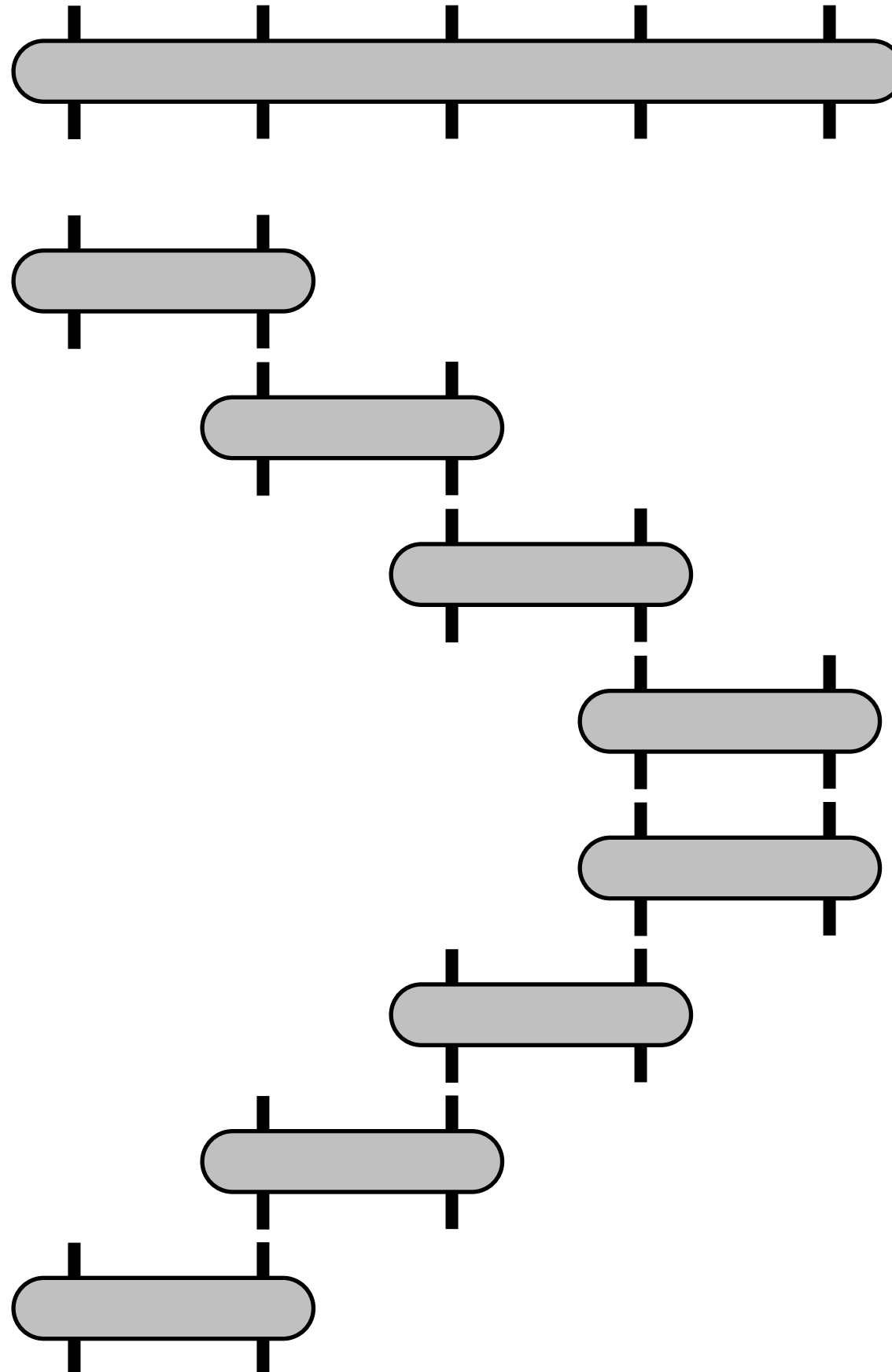
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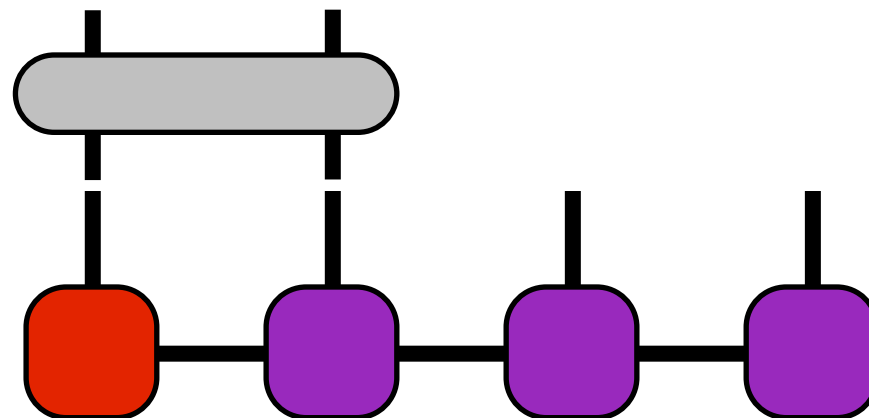


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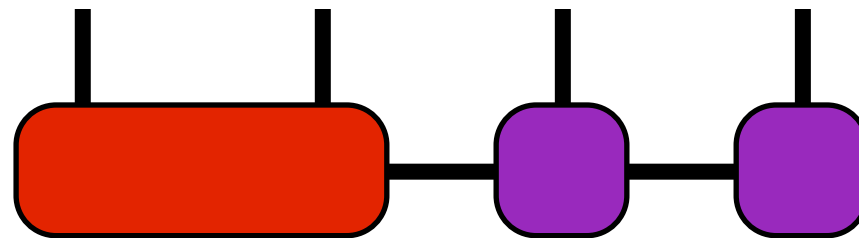
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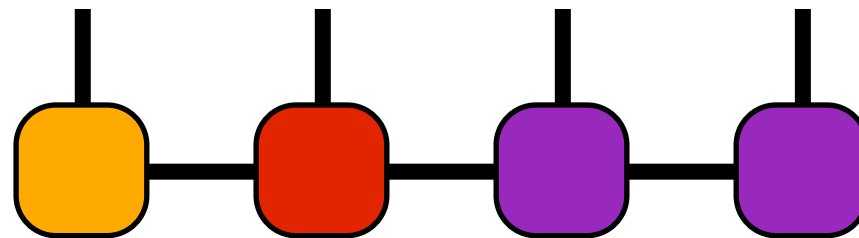
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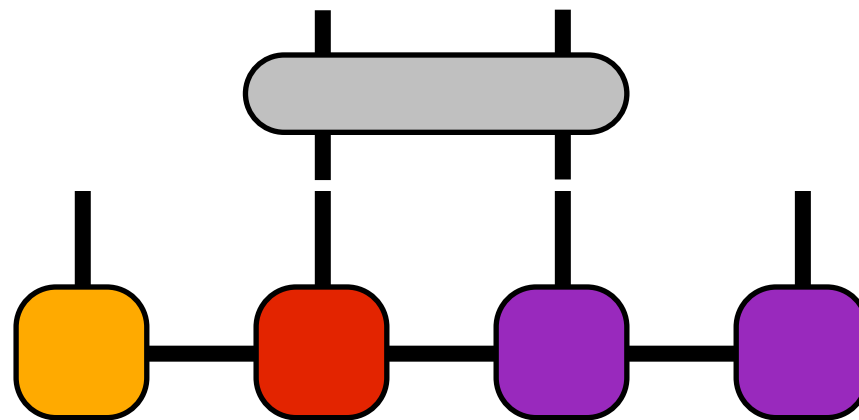
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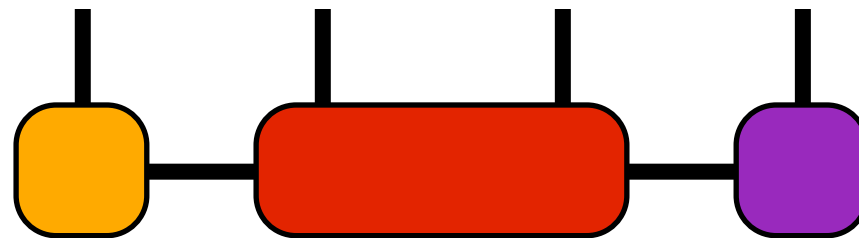
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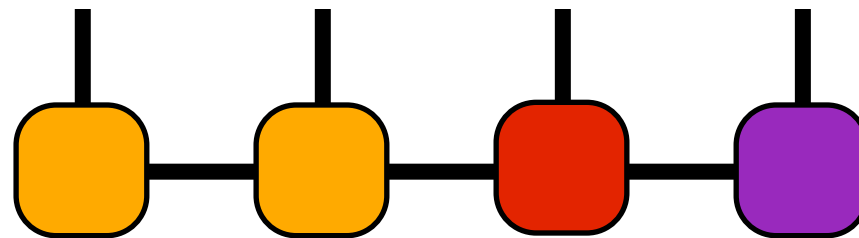
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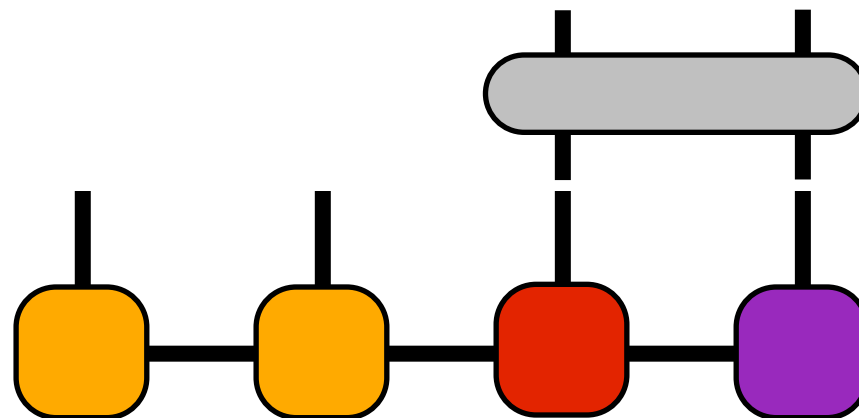


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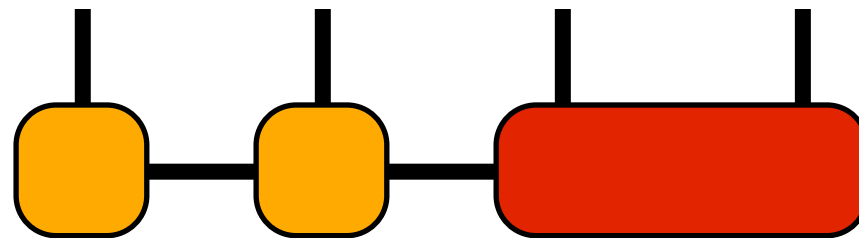




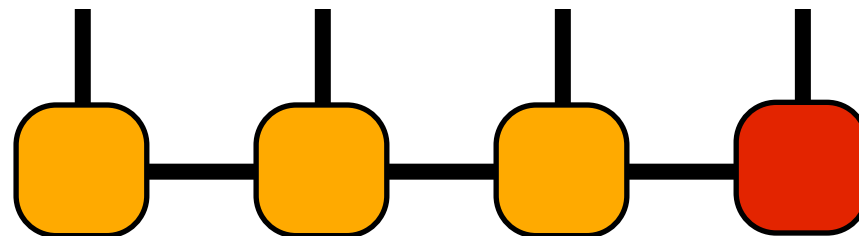
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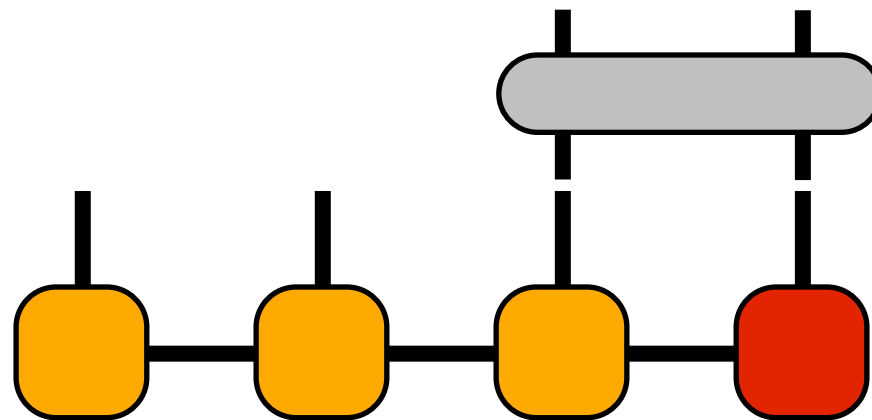
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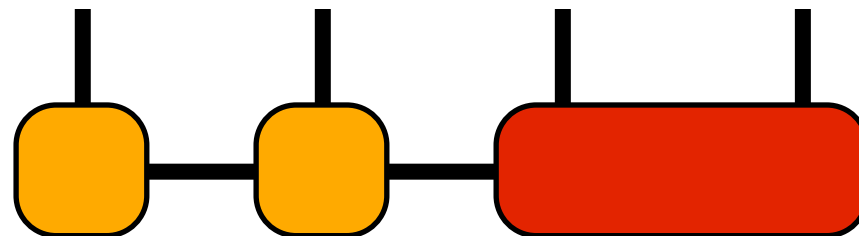
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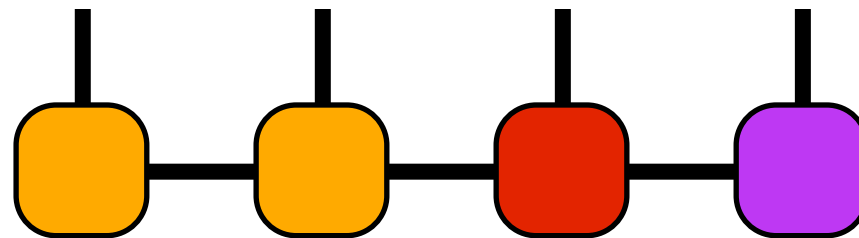
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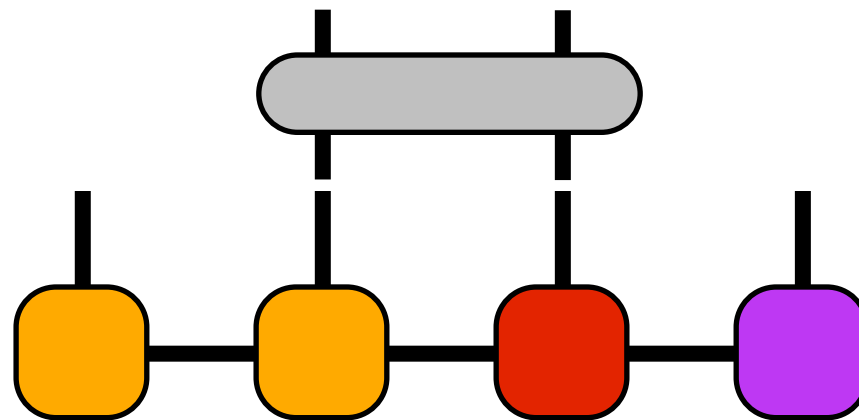
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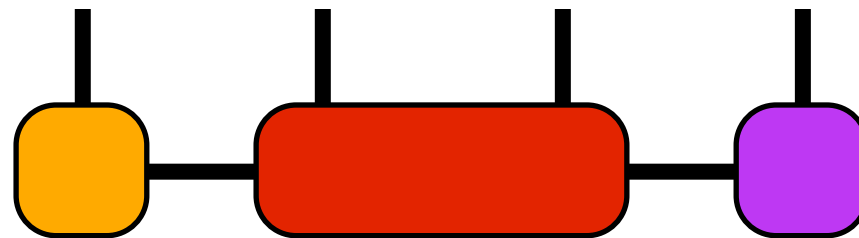
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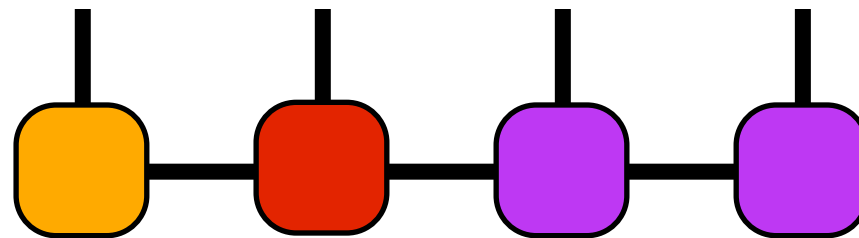


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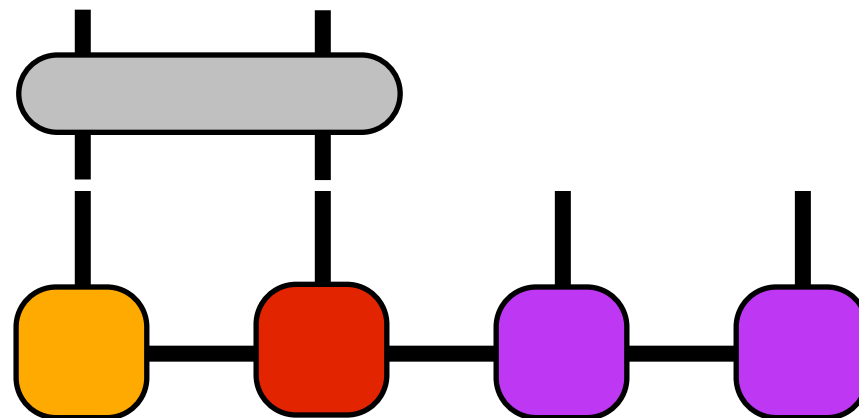




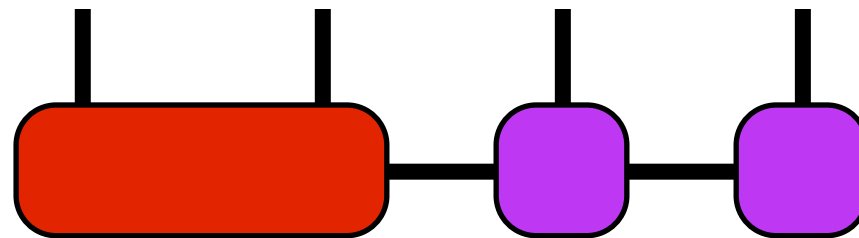
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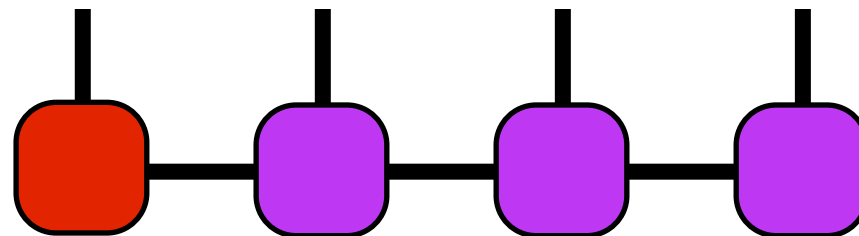
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Interesting applications:  $|\psi'\rangle = e^{-\tau H} |\psi\rangle$

If  $\tau$  real (imaginary time evolution), enough steps will give **ground state**

If  $\tau$  imaginary, evolve in real time, study **dynamics** [1]

Evolving through imaginary time  $\beta/2 = 1/(2T)$  simulates **finite temperature** [2]

[1] White, Feiguin PRL **93**, 076401 (2004)

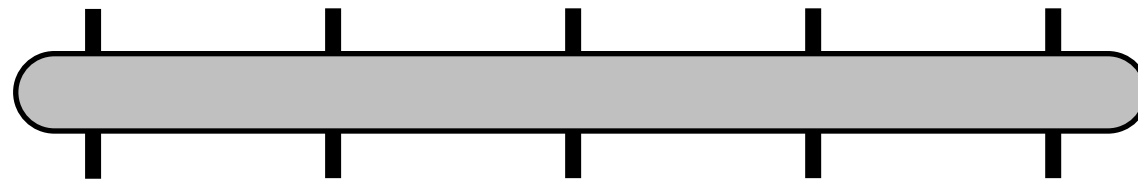
[2] White PRL **102**, 190601 (2009)

We'll implement time evolution for the Heisenberg chain  
`itensor_tutorial/05_gates`

1. Read through **gates.cc**; compile; and run
2. Apply the gate  $G$  to the MPS bond tensor  $AA$ .  
The gate  $G$  can be multiplied times  $AA$  as if it's an `ITensor`
3. Reset the prime level back to zero using  $AA$ 's  
`.noprime()` class method
3. Try increasing the total time "`ttotal`" to imaginary time  
evolve toward the ground state.  
(Exact energy for 20 sites:  $E_0 = -8.6824733317$ )

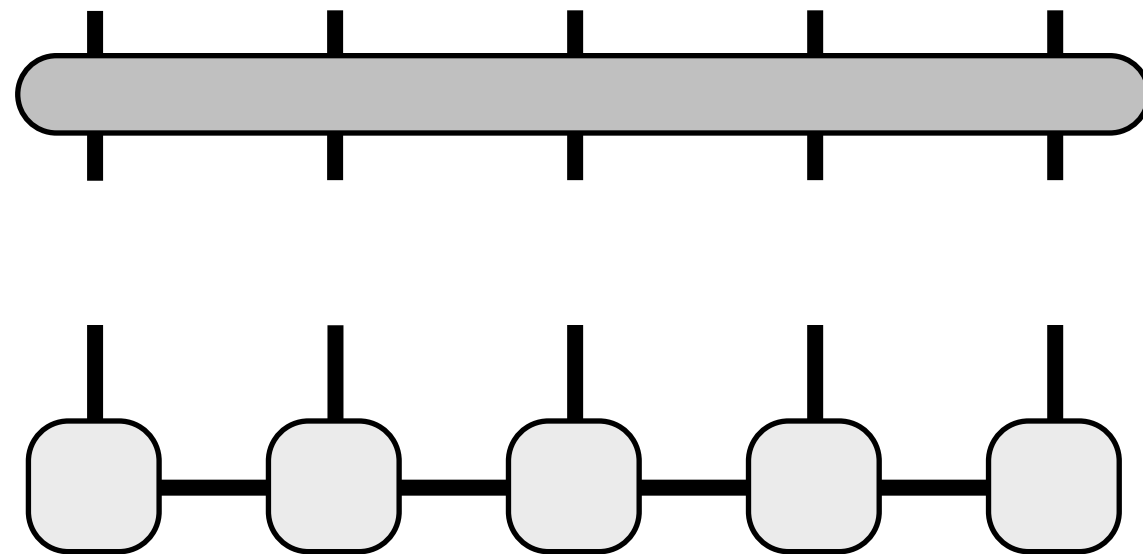
05 MPO

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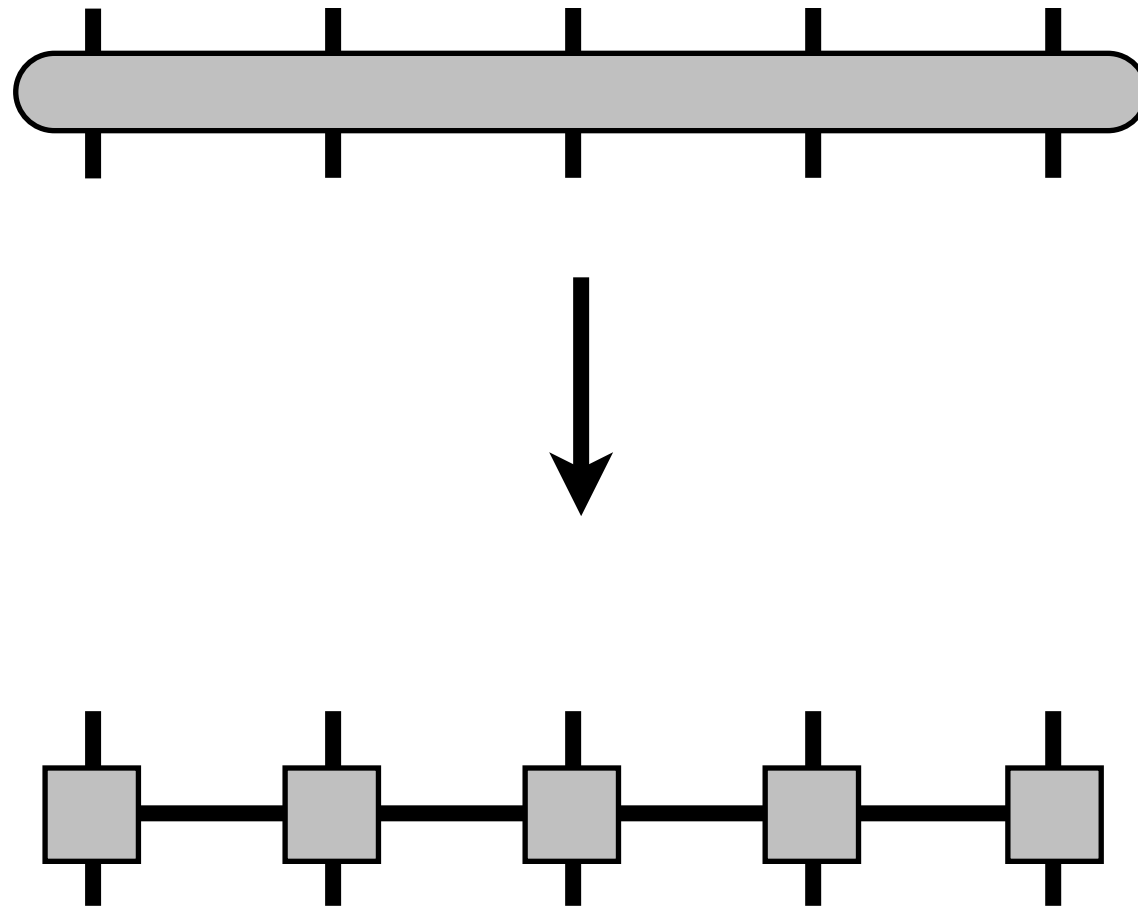
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$$\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle$$

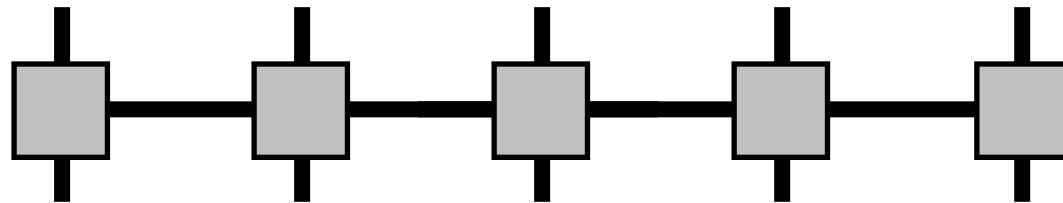
Does a 1d Hamiltonian have a local form/  
factorization like an MPS?

Want something like

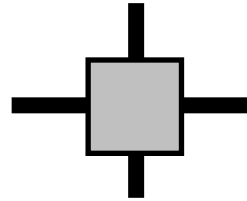


Operator (H) as product of "matrices"  
matrix product operator

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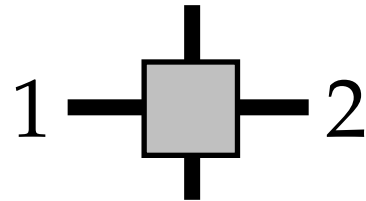


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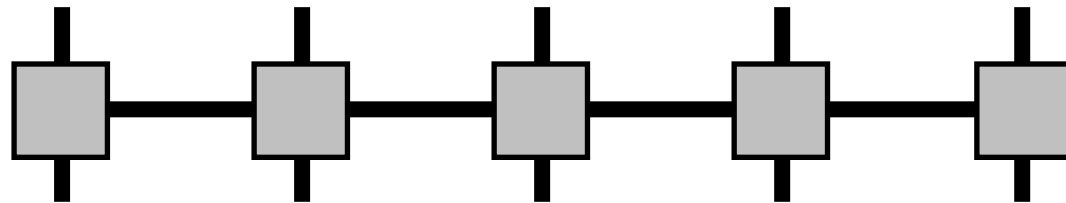
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Hamiltonians can be written

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$$\hat{\sigma}_1^z \otimes \hat{I}_2 + \hat{I}_1 \otimes \hat{\sigma}_2^z$$

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This Hamiltonian is

$$H = \sum_i \hat{\sigma}_i^z$$


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Hamiltonian is

$$\hat{H} = \sum_j \hat{\sigma}_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z - h\hat{\sigma}_j^x$$

## New AutoMPO feature of ITensor:

```
auto sites = SpinOne(N);

auto ampo = AutoMPO(sites);
for(int j = 1; j < N; ++j)
{
    ampo += 0.5, "S+", j, "S-", j+1;
    ampo += 0.5, "S-", j, "S+", j+1;
    ampo += "Sz", j, "Sz", j+1;
}
auto H = MPO(ampo);

auto psi = MPS(sites);

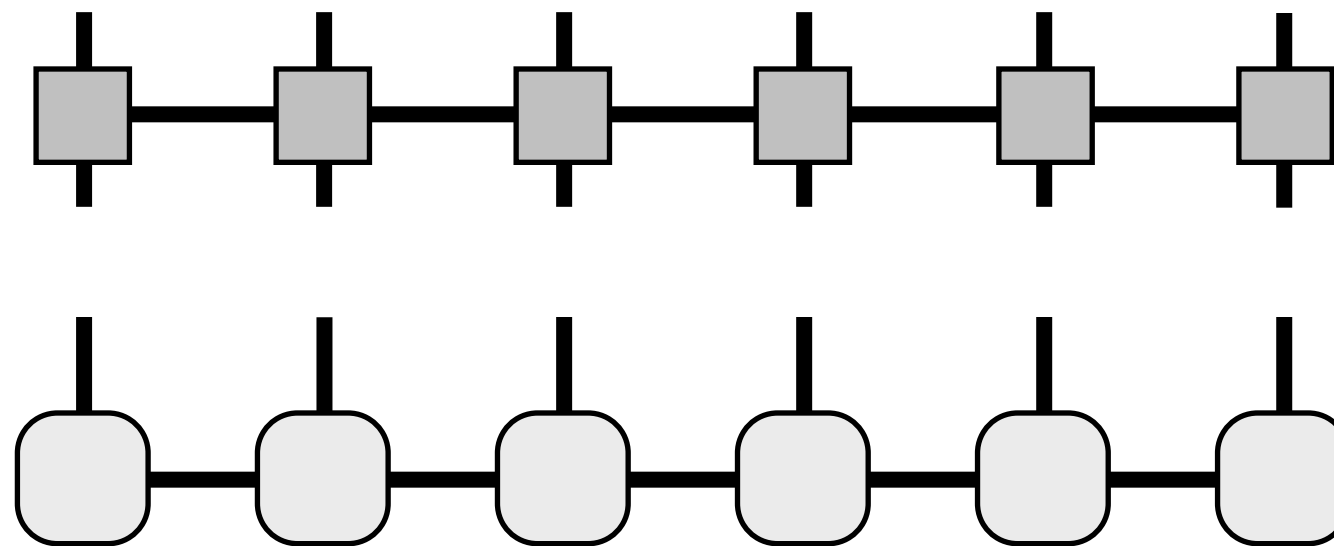
dmrg(psi, H, sweeps);
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# 05 DMRG

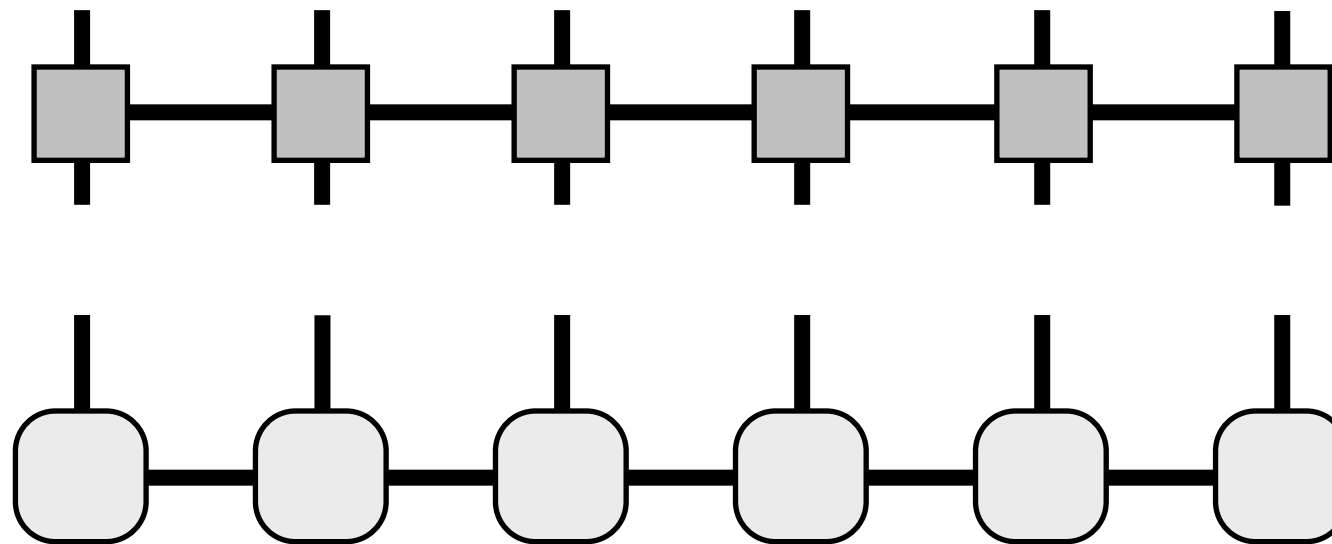
DMRG is typically the best method for finding ground states of 1d Hamiltonians

Want to solve  $H|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$

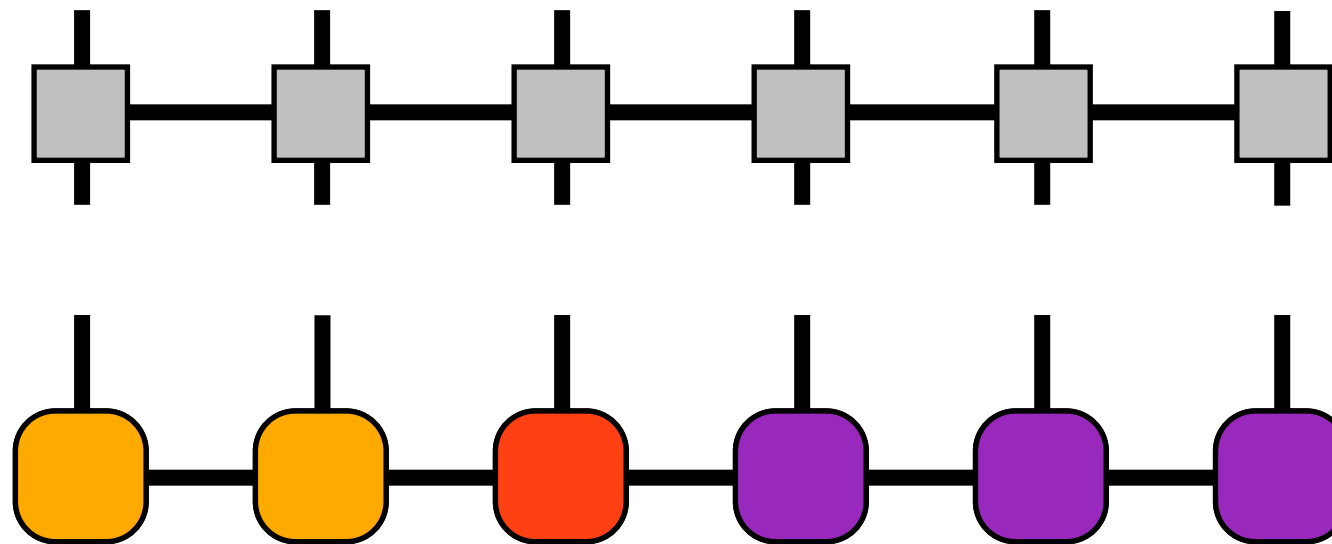
Think of H as MPO



Important: MPS should be in definite gauge  
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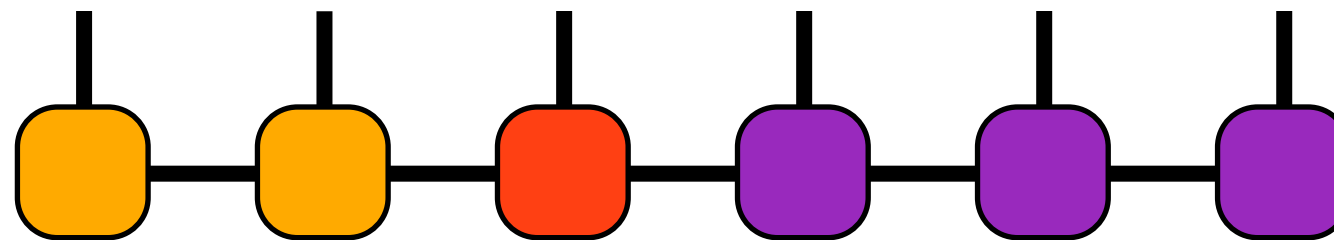


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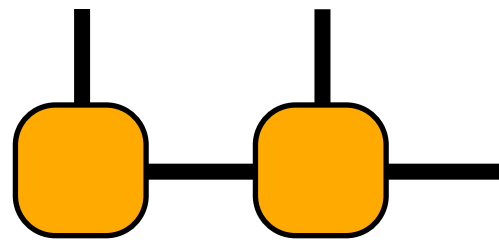




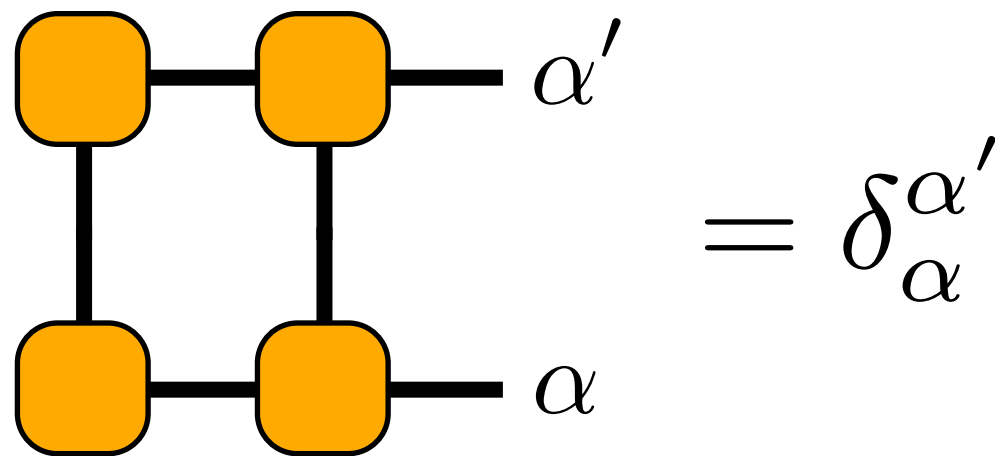
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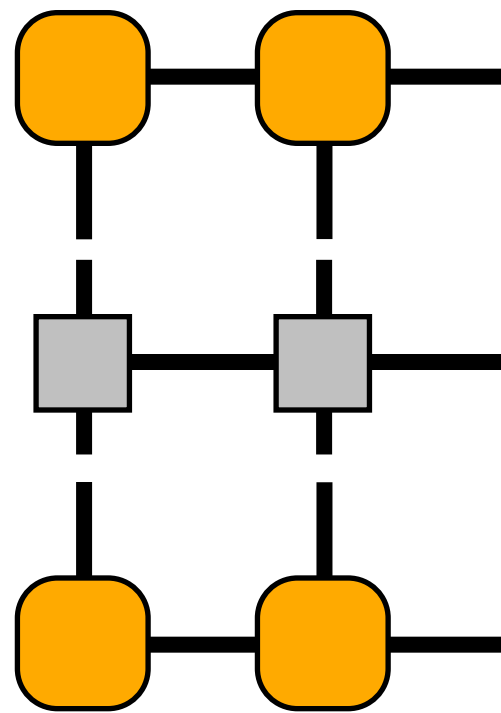
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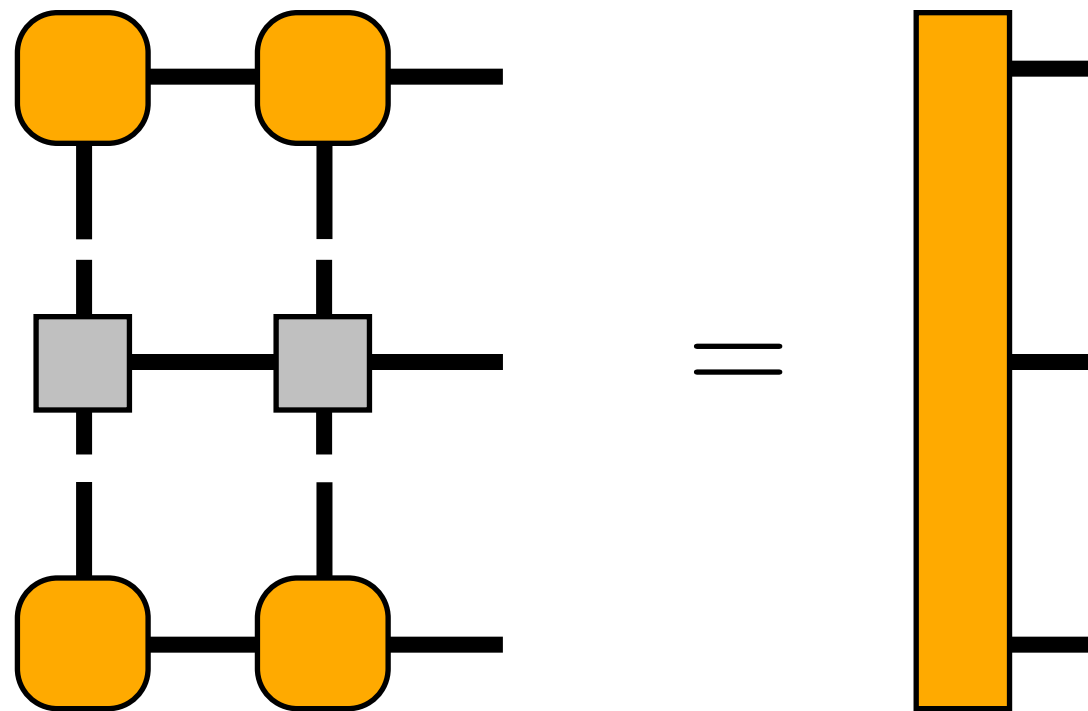
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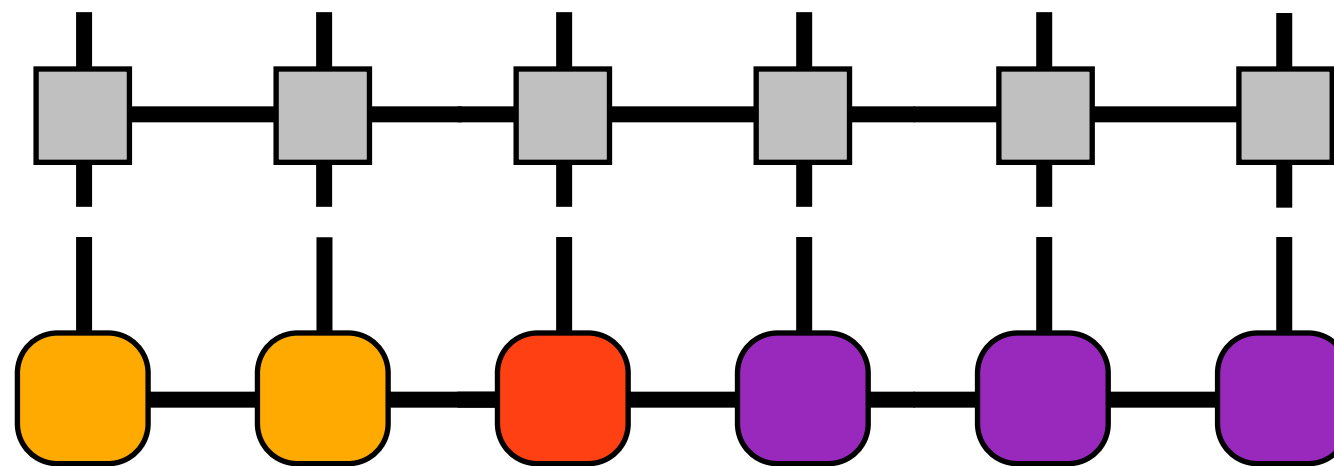
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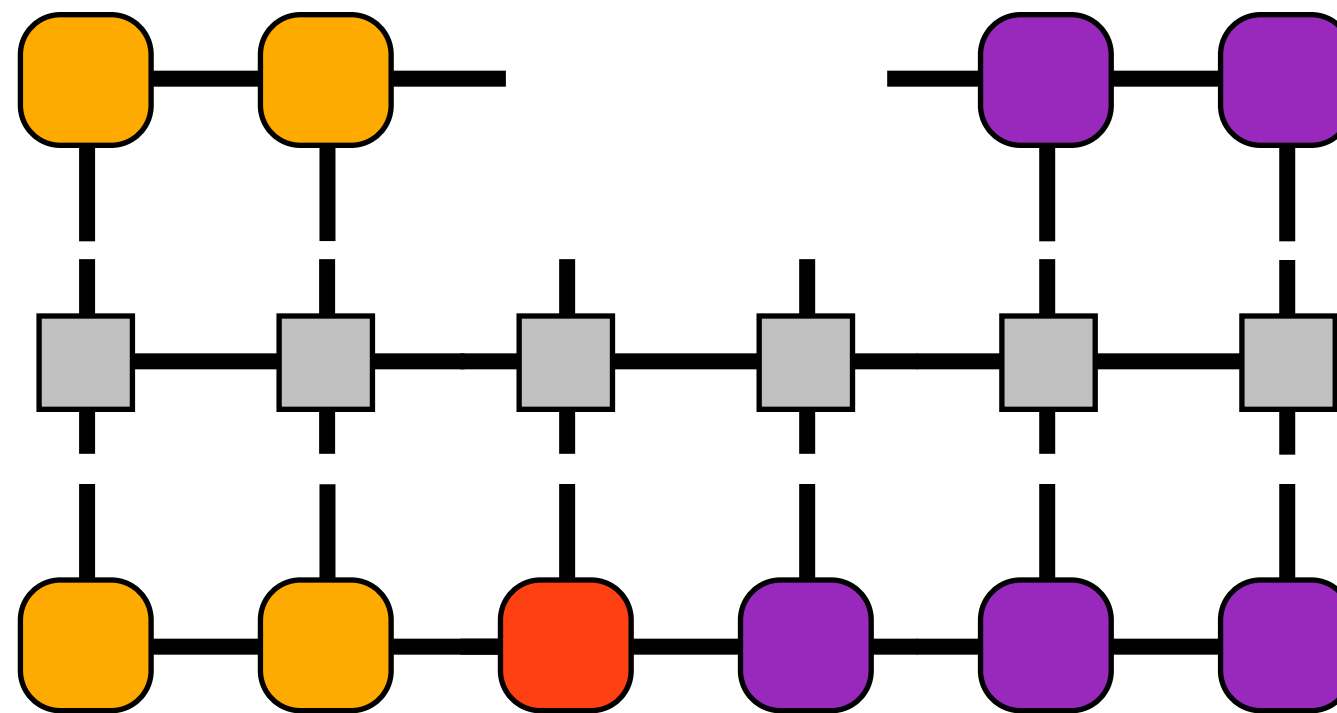
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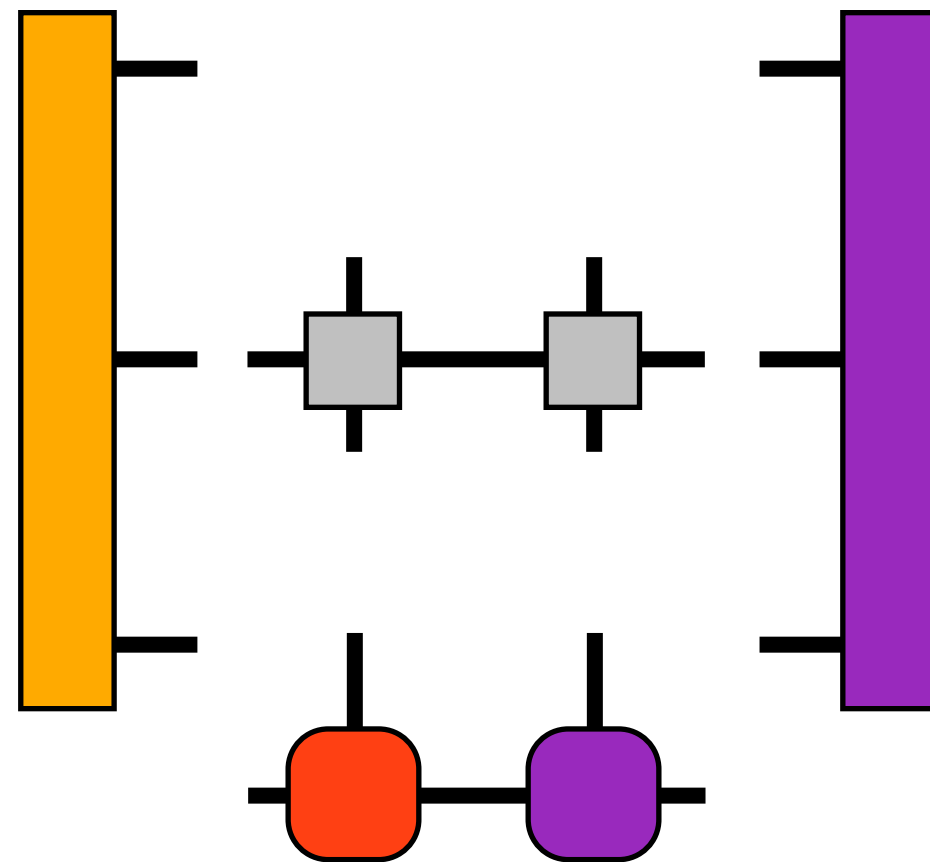
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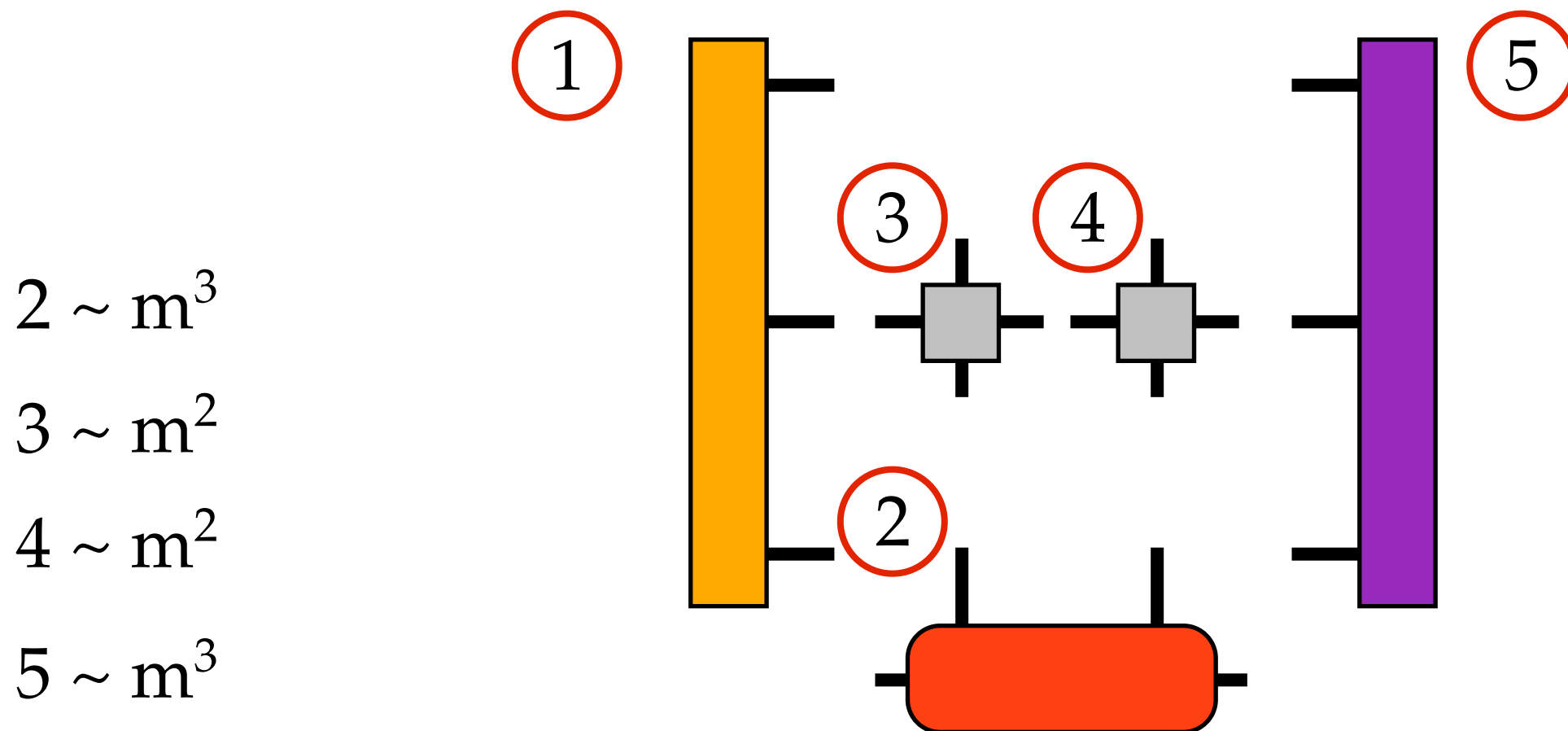


$$\tilde{H}|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle = \tilde{E}|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle$$

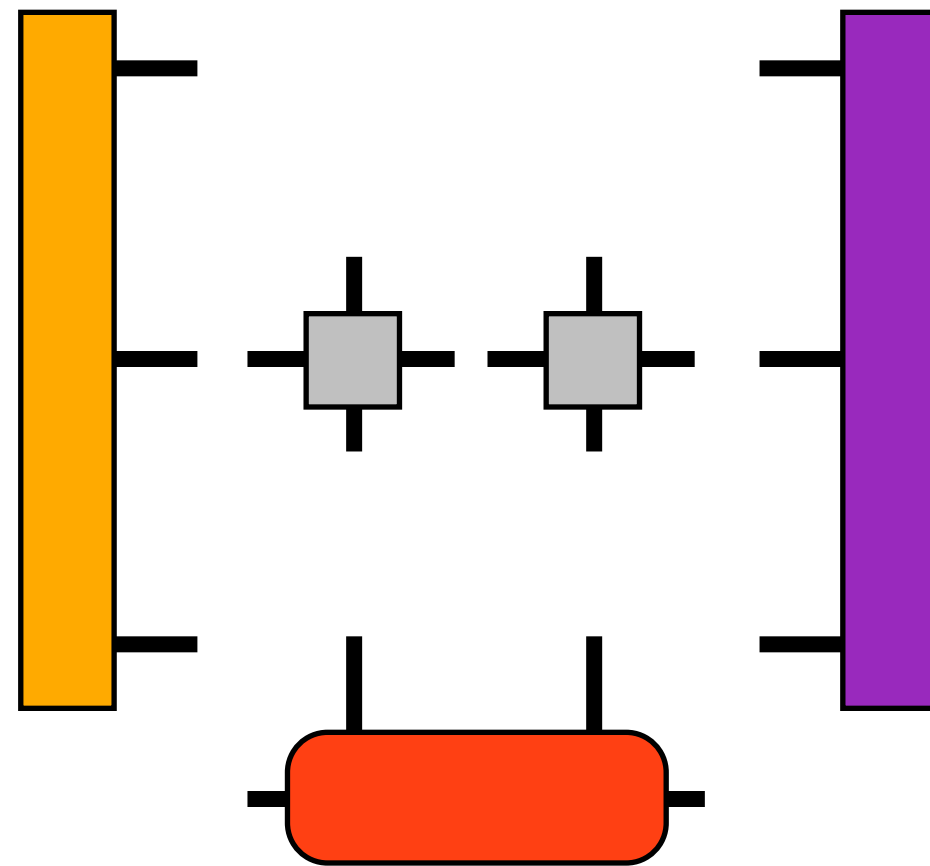


Can efficiently multiply effective  $\tilde{H}$  times  $|\tilde{\Psi}\rangle$

Order important!

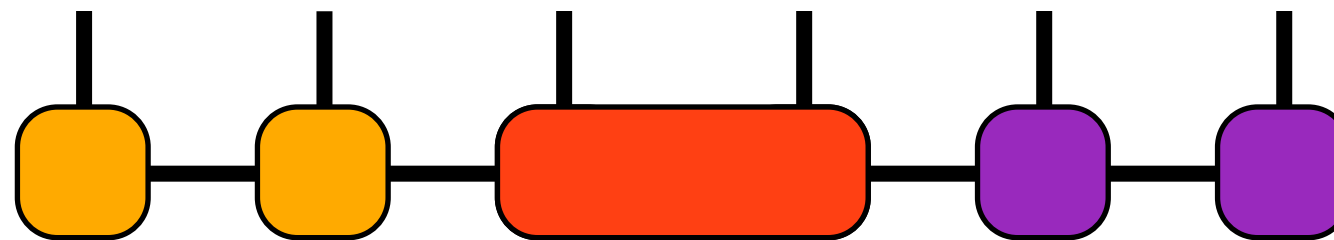


Use Lanczos/Davidson to solve  
(sparse matrix eigensolver)



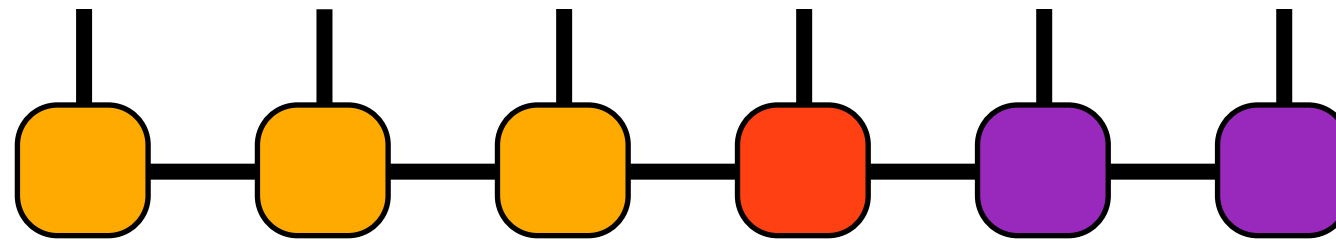
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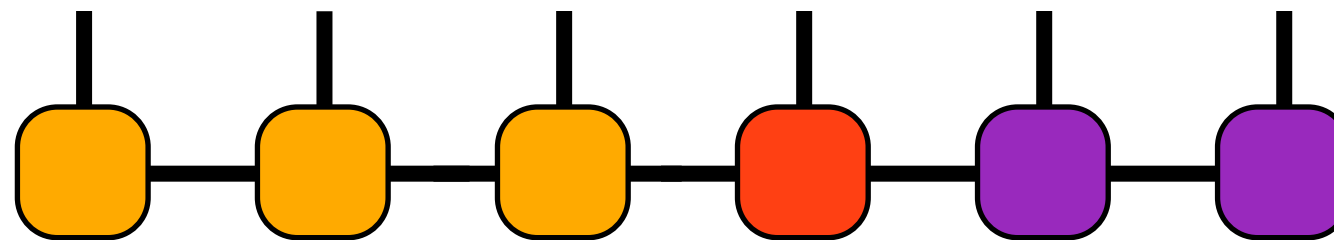


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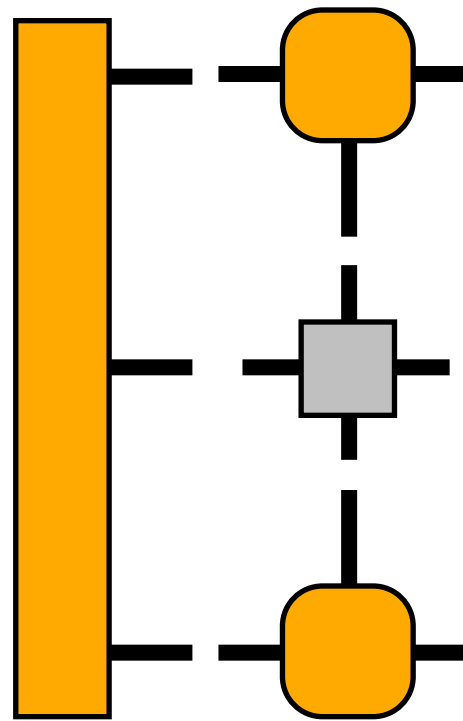
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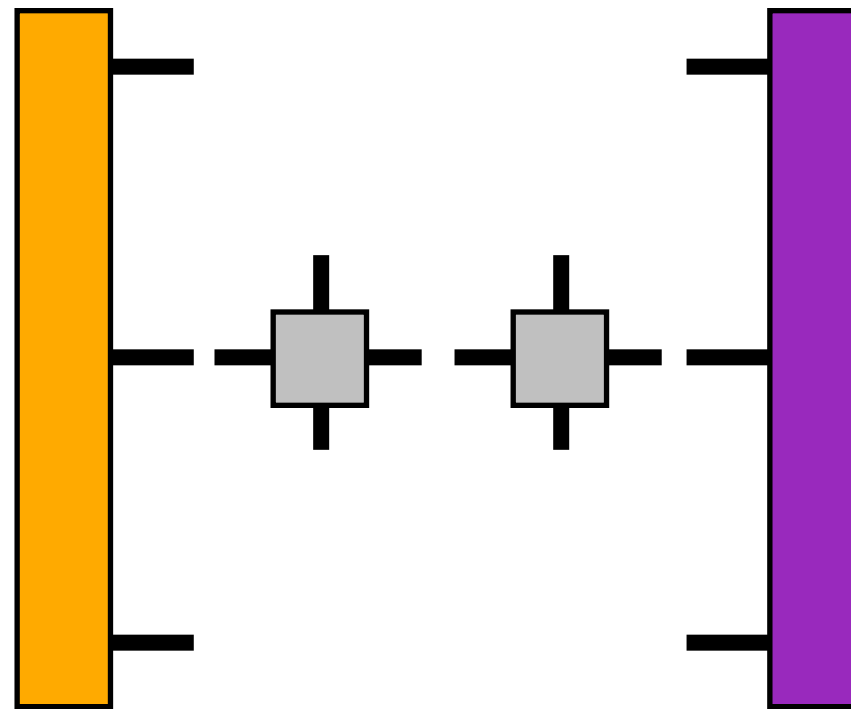


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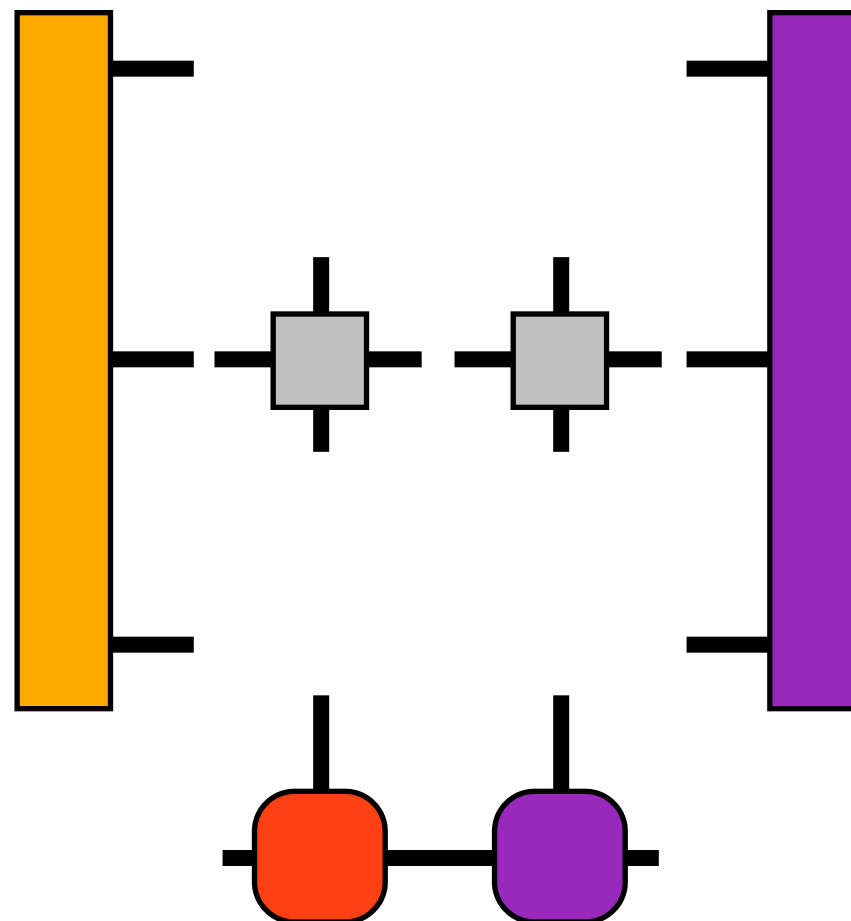
Grow projected Hamiltonian

Recover older projected Hamiltonian  
saved in memory



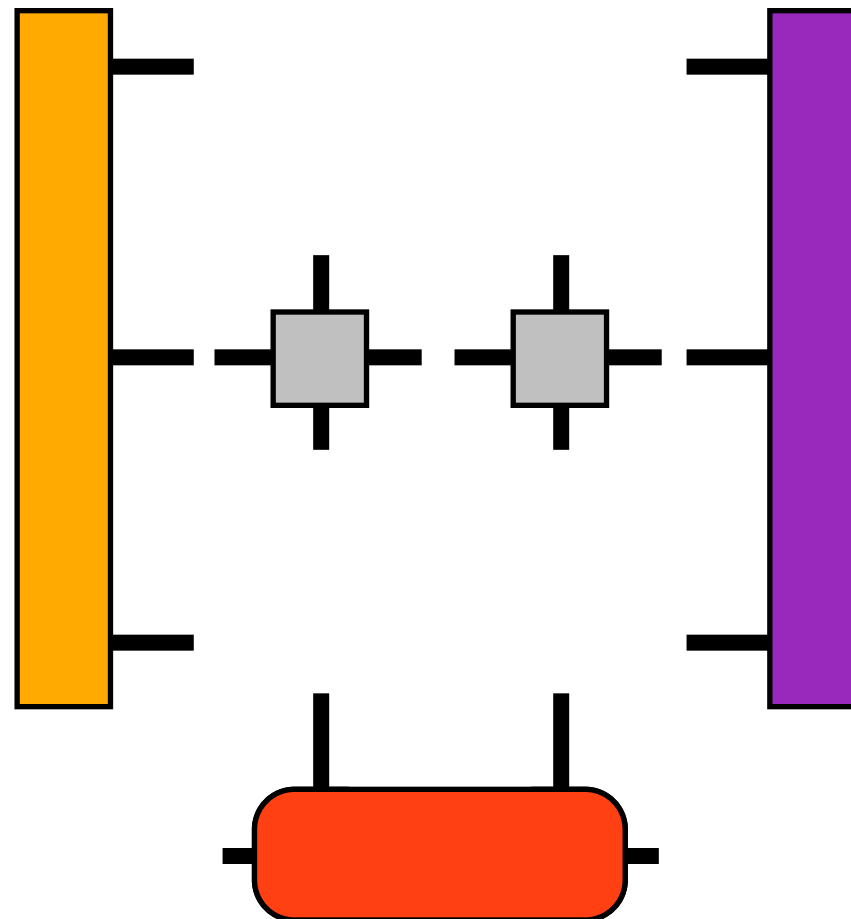


Iterating leads to sweeping procedure



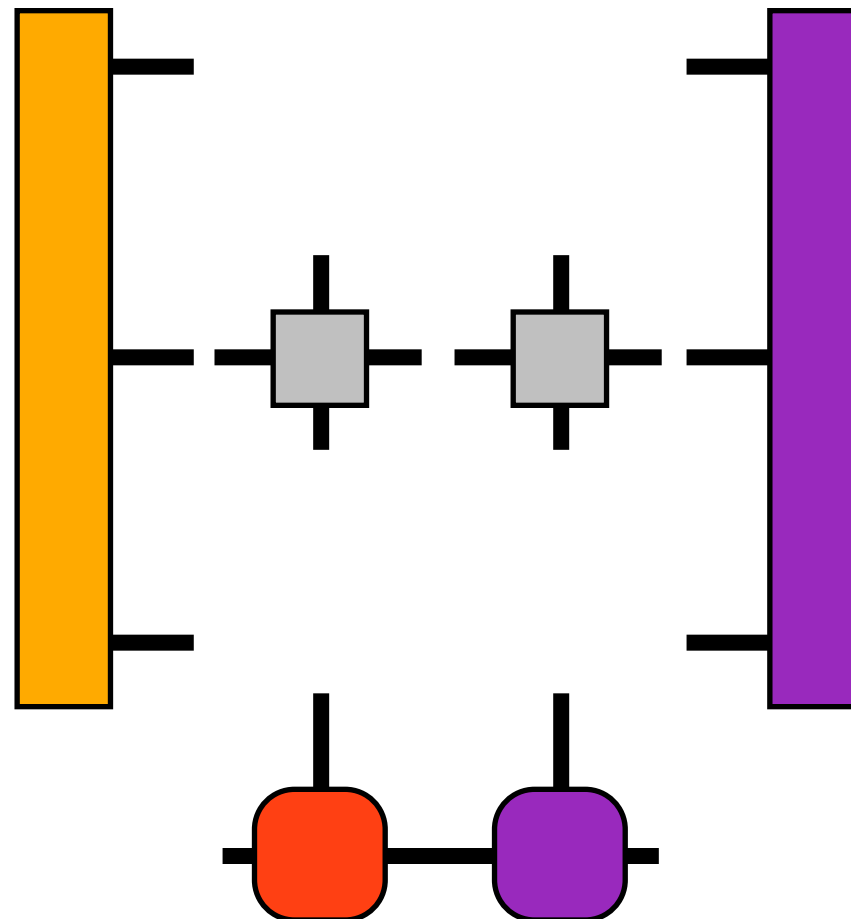
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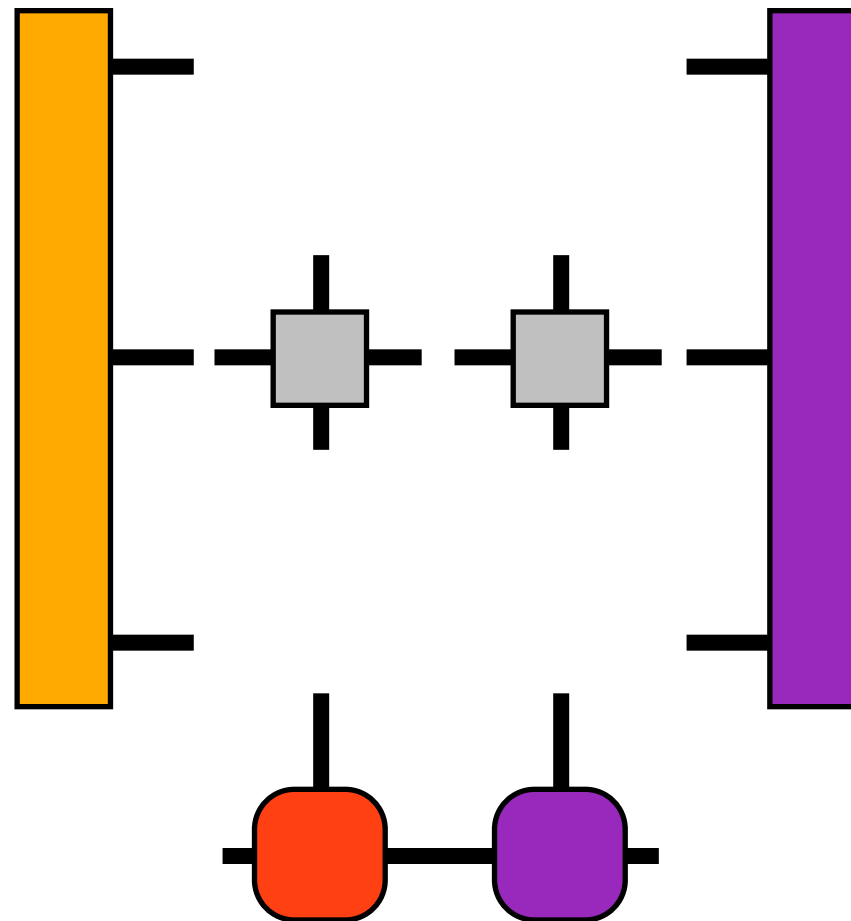
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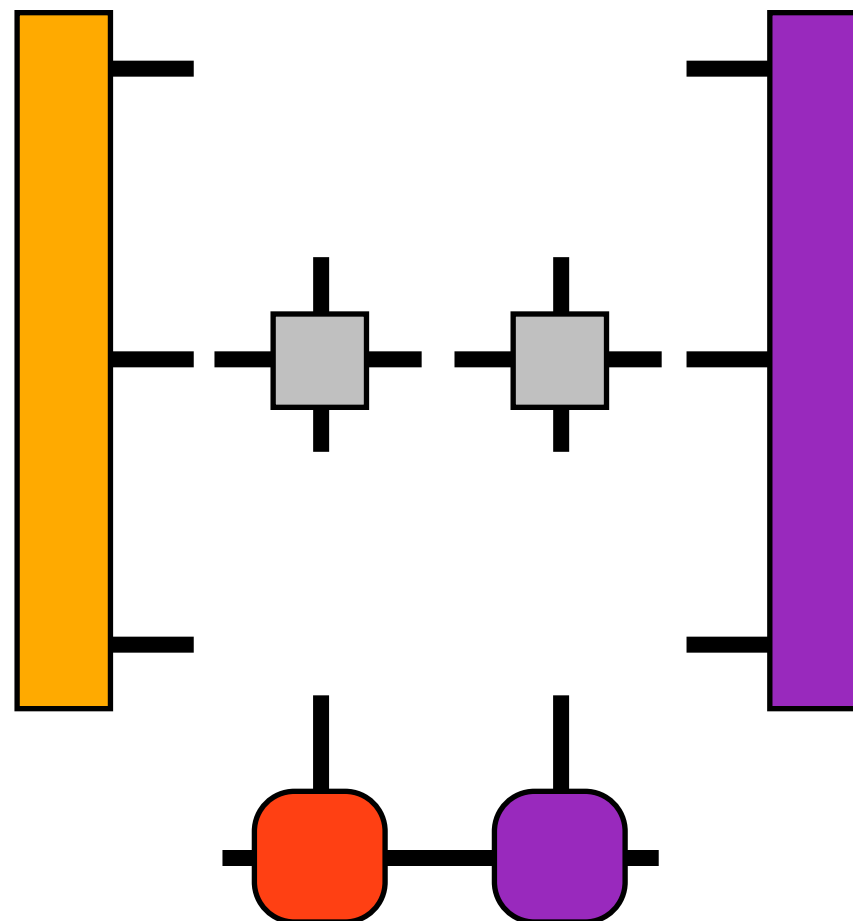


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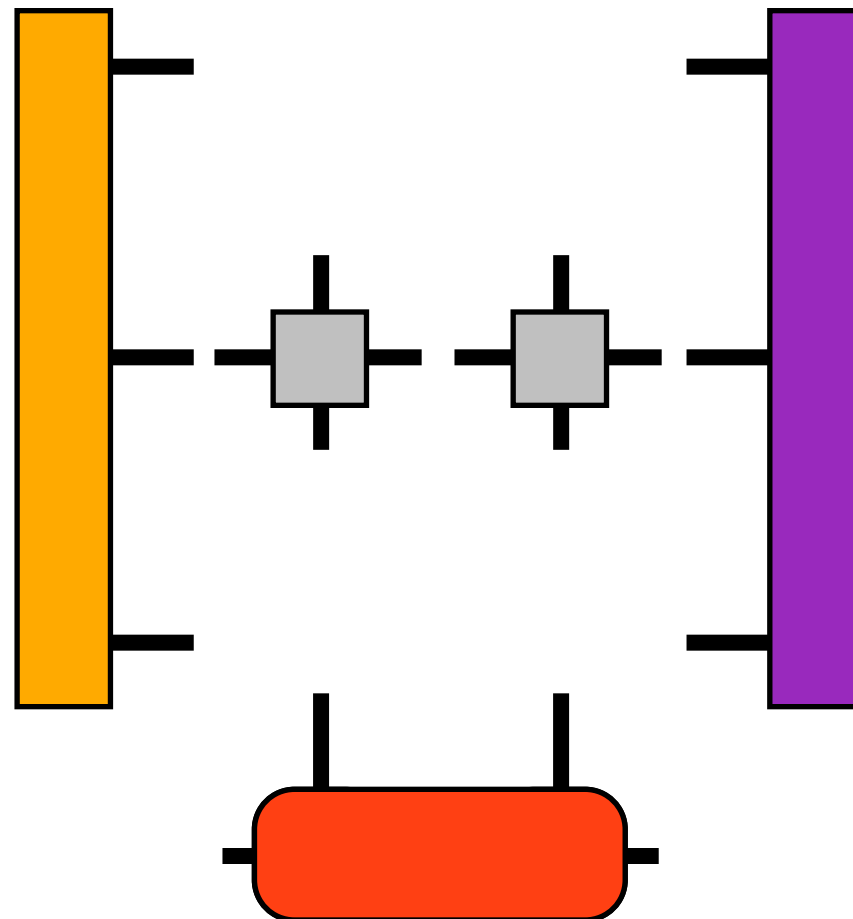
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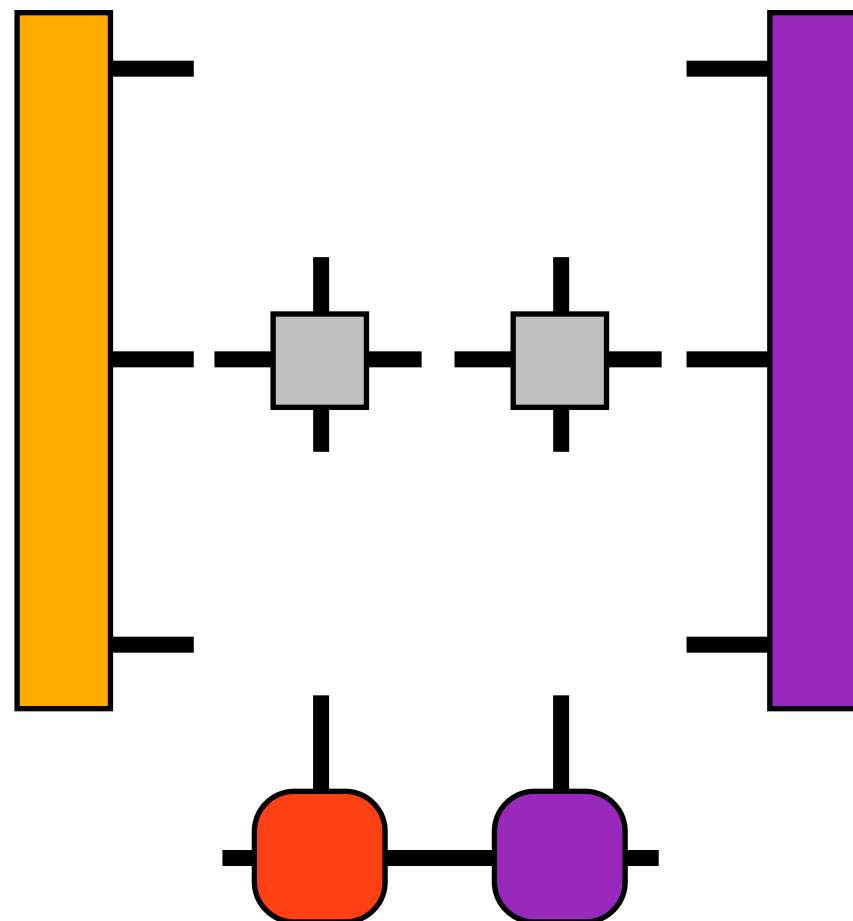
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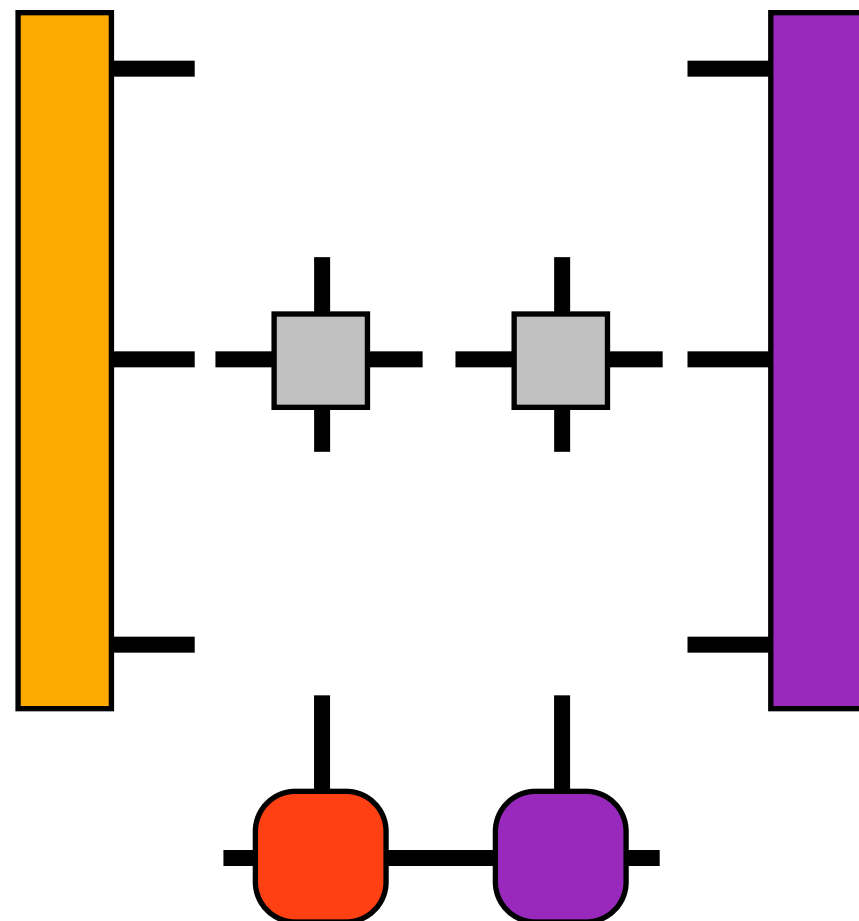
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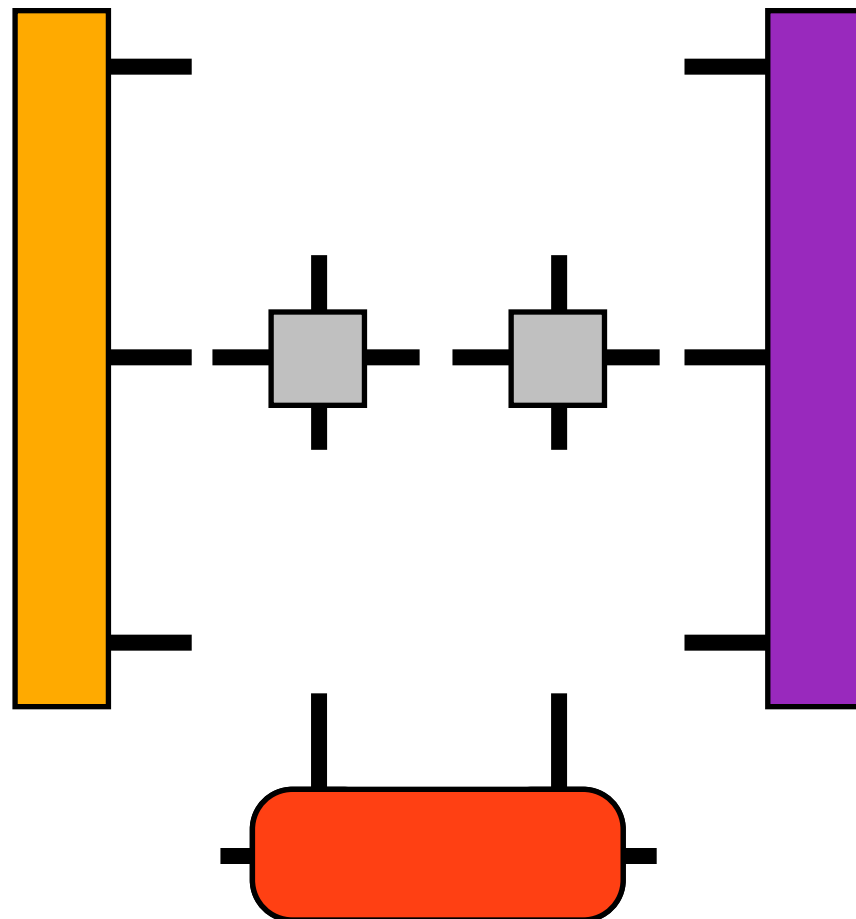


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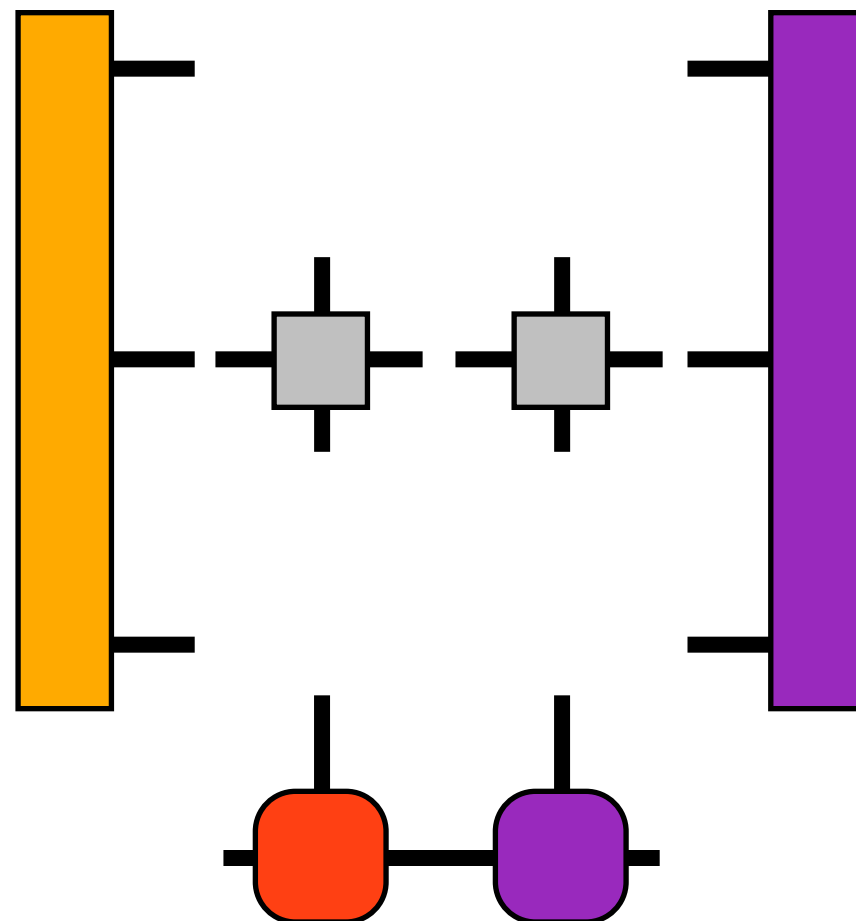




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We'll implement a key missing step of the DMRG algorithm

`itensor_tutorial/06_DMRG`

1. Read through **dmrg.cc**; compile; and run
2. (Line 65) SVD the two-site tensor  $\phi$  into factors  $A$ ,  $D$ ,  $B$ . The last argument to `svd` should be "args" in order to pass truncation parameters:

```
svd(..., args);
```

3. (Lines 75, 85) Multiply the singular-value tensor  $D$  back into  $A$  or  $B$  as appropriate to shift orthogonality center of MPS
4. Add code to print out the energy at each step (or even to measure other local operators).