A computational approach to the inverse problem of unconventional superconductivity





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What is the inverse problem?

Forward problem: microscopic to macroscopic

$$H = -\sum_{ij,\sigma} t_{ij} (c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} + h.c.) - \sum_{ijkl,\sigma\tau} V_{ijkl} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} c_{k\tau}^{\dagger} c_{l\tau} - \cdots$$



Inverse problem: macroscopic to microscopic



What we want to find

$$H = -\sum_{ij,\sigma} t_{ij} (c^{\dagger}_{i\sigma} c_{j\sigma} + h.c.) -\sum_{ijkl,\sigma\tau} V_{ijkl} c^{\dagger}_{i\sigma} c_{j\sigma} c^{\dagger}_{k\tau} c_{l\tau} - \cdots$$

Variational and Inverse Variational Monte Carlo (VMC and IVMC)

Forward problem:

Hamiltonian
$$H \longrightarrow VMC \longrightarrow$$
 ground state $|\Psi_0\rangle$ wave function

Objective: Minimize the energy $\langle H
angle$



Minimizing the energy variance

The objective function to minimize is

$$\sigma_H^2 = \langle \Psi_T | H^2 | \Psi_T \rangle - \langle \Psi_T | H | \Psi_T \rangle^2$$

Suppose that

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{a} g_a \hat{h}_a$$

For example, $g_1, g_2 = t, U$ for the Hubbard model.

Then, the variance can be written as the quadratic equation

$$\sigma_H^2 = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{S} \mathbf{g} \qquad \qquad S_{ab} = \langle \hat{h}_a \hat{h}_b \rangle - \langle \hat{h}_a \rangle \langle \hat{h}_b \rangle$$

Minimizing the variance can be stated as an eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{Sg}_0 = \sigma_0^2 \mathbf{g}_0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{g}_0 = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{g}} \sigma_H^2$$
(g normalized)

Steps of IVMC

1. Sample $|\Psi_T\rangle$ using Markov Chain MC to compute the matrix

$$S_{ab} = \langle \hat{h}_a \hat{h}_b \rangle - \langle \hat{h}_a \rangle \langle \hat{h}_b \rangle$$

2. Diagonalize

$$S = VDV^{-1}$$

3. Find the eigenvector(s) with the smallest eigenvalue

$$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{g}_0 = \sigma_0^2 \mathbf{g}_0 \qquad \qquad \mathbf{g}_0 = ext{solution}$$

Proof of principle test

2x2 square lattice Hubbard model at half-filling



Searching for superconducting ground states

Superconducting target wave function

Gutzwiller-projected BCS wave function

$$\Psi_T \rangle = P_N P_g |BCS\rangle$$

= $P_N \prod_i (1 - (1 - g)n_{i\uparrow}n_{i\downarrow}) \prod_k \left(u_k + v_k c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} \right) |0\rangle$

with d-wave order.

2D inhomogenous Hubbard Hamiltonians

$$H = -t\sum_{\langle ij\rangle\sigma} \left(c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger}c_{j\sigma} + h.c. \right) - t'\sum_{\langle\langle ij\rangle\rangle\sigma} \left(c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger}c_{j\sigma} + h.c. \right) + U\sum_{i} n_{i\uparrow}n_{i\downarrow} \quad \mathbf{g} = \begin{pmatrix} -t \\ -t' \\ U \end{pmatrix}$$

Preliminary results for projected BCS states





Summary

Inverse problem



IVMC



Test of IVMC



Preliminary results on superconductivity

