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Tensor Networks approach to simulating Continuous-Time Stochastic Automata Networks

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Motivation

- Probabilistic models in Operations Research and Performance Evaluation are mostly focused around Markovian ones.
- Simulation capabilities (considering both memory and time) are limited due to the ubiquitous state space explosion problem.
- The Stochastic Automata Networks formalism utilizes a hierarchical representation of distributed systems in order to overcome the aforementioned limitations, however there is still no efficient numerical algorithm proposed for a notable class of models.
- On the other hand, the Tensor Networks formalism proved to be helpful in dealing with complex, many-body quantum systems struggling with the curse of dimensionality problem.

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Definition

The stochastic process is given by a set $\{\chi_t : t \in \mathbb{R}^{0^+}\}$ of random variables, each of which taking values from a set $\mathscr{S} = \{s^{(1)}, s^{(2)}, \ldots, s^{(N)}\}$ called the state space.

Remark

A stochastic process is said to be *Markovian* when it satisfies the *memorylessness property* stating that the future state of the process depends upon the present state only and not on the sequence of preceding events.





Table: The family of Markov models.

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Definition

Consider a stochastic process $\mathscr{X} = \left\{ \chi_t : t \in \mathbb{R}^{0^+} \right\}$ over a state space \mathscr{S} . Then, for any value $k \in \mathbb{N}$, strictly increasing times indexed up to these values $t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \ldots \in \mathbb{R}^{0^+}$ and all states indexed at these times $s_0, s_1, s_2, \ldots \in \mathscr{S}$, the stochastic process \mathscr{X} constitutes the *Continuous-Time Markov Chain* if it satisfies the following *Markov property*:

$$\Pr\left(\chi_{t_{k+1}} = s_{k+1} \mid \chi_{t_k} = s_k, \chi_{t_{k-1}} = s_{k-1}, \dots, \chi_{t_0} = s_0\right) = \Pr\left(\chi_{t_{k+1}} = s_{k+1} \mid \chi_{t_k} = s_k\right),$$

where: $\Pr(\cdot \mid \cdot)$ denotes the conditional probability.



Definition

A CTMC $\mathscr{X} = \left\{ \chi_t : t \in \mathbb{R}^{0^+} \right\}$ over a state space \mathscr{S} is said to be *time-homogeneous* if its conditional transition probability is invariant with respect to time, i.e.:

$$\Pr\left(\chi_t = \boldsymbol{s} \mid \chi_{t'} = \boldsymbol{s}'\right) = \Pr\left(\chi_{t-t'} = \boldsymbol{s} \mid \chi_0 = \boldsymbol{s}'\right),$$

where: $t' \leq t \in \mathbb{R}^{0+}$ and $s, s' \in \mathscr{S}$.

Remark

The aforementioned transition probabilities form a probability matrix $P(t)_{N \times N}$ describing evolution of a CTMC, such that:

$$p_{ij}(t) = \Pr\left(\chi_t = s^{(j)} \mid \chi_0 = s^{(i)}\right).$$

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Theorem

The probability matrix P(t) satisfies both the Kolmogorov forward equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(t)=P(t)Q,$$

and the Kolmogorov backward equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(t)=QP(t),$$

for a transition rate matrix $Q_{N \times N}$ with elements:

$$q_{ij} = \lim_{\Delta t o 0} rac{p_{ij}(\Delta t) - p_{ij}(0)}{\Delta t} \quad ext{for } j
eq i, \quad q_{ii} = -\sum_{j
eq i} q_{ij}.$$



Theorem

Taking an initial condition $P(0) = I_N$, the unique solution of Kolmogorov equations is given by:

 $P(t) = \exp(tQ).$

Remark

Let $\mathbf{p}(t)$ be a probability distribution of states belonging to a time-homogeneous CTMC \mathscr{X} over time. Assuming $\mathbf{p}(0)$ is the initial probability distribution, the probability distribution of states of \mathscr{X} at any instant of time t is given by:

$$\mathbf{p}(t)=\mathbf{p}(0)P(t).$$



Definition

The Continuous-Time Stochastic Automaton A is a triple:

•
$$\mathscr{S}_{\mathcal{A}} = \left\{ s^{(i)} \right\}$$
 of size $S_{\mathcal{A}}$,

•
$$\mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{A}} = \left\{ \left(e, p_{s^{(i)}}^{e} \right) \right\}$$
 of size $L_{\mathcal{A}}$,

•
$$f_{\mathcal{A}}: \mathscr{S}^2_{\mathcal{A}} \to \mathscr{L}_{\mathcal{A}}.$$

Definition

The (Continuous-Time) Stochastic Automata Network \mathcal{N} is a tuple:

•
$$\mathscr{A}_{\mathcal{N}} = \{\mathcal{A}^{(i)}\}$$
 of size $N_{\mathcal{N}}$

•
$$\mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}} = \{e^{(i)}\}$$
 of size $E_{\mathcal{N}}$.



Definition

Each event $e \in \mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}}$ is given by a triple:

• $t_{\mathcal{N}}(e)$ for $t_{\mathcal{N}}: \mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}} \to \{loc, syn\},\$

•
$$m_{\mathcal{N}}(e)$$
 for $m_{\mathcal{N}}:\mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}} o\mathscr{A}_{\mathcal{N}},$

•
$$q_{\mathcal{N}}(e)$$
 for $q_{\mathcal{N}}:\mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}} o\mathbb{R}^{0^+}$

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Figure: Graph representation of a stochastic automaton.

Event	$e^{(1)}$	e ⁽²⁾	e ⁽³⁾	e ⁽⁴⁾	e ⁽⁵⁾
Rate	λ_1	λ_2	λ_3	λ_4	λ_5

Table: Transition rates of events associated with the automaton above.

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Figure: Graph representation of a stochastic automaton.

$$Q_{\mathcal{A}} = egin{bmatrix} -\lambda_1 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \ \lambda_5 & -(\lambda_2+\lambda_5) & \lambda_2 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & -\lambda_3 & \lambda_3 \ 0.4\cdot\lambda_4 & 0.6\cdot\lambda_4 & 0 & -\lambda_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Definition

Let $A_{m \times n} = [a_{ij}]$ and $B_{p \times q} = [b_{ij}]$. The Kronecker (also called *tensor*) product is the block matrix $(A \otimes B)_{mp \times nq}$, such that:

 $A \otimes B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} & \dots & a_{11}b_{1q} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n}b_{11} & \dots & a_{1n}b_{1q} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \dots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{11}b_{p1} & \dots & a_{11}b_{pq} & \dots & \dots & a_{1n}b_{p1} & \dots & a_{1n}b_{pq} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1}b_{11} & \dots & a_{m1}b_{1q} & \dots & \dots & a_{mn}b_{11} & \dots & a_{mn}b_{1q} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \dots & \dots & a_{mn}b_{11} & \dots & a_{mn}b_{1q} \\ a_{m1}b_{p1} & \dots & a_{m1}b_{pq} & \dots & \dots & a_{mn}b_{p1} & \dots & a_{mn}b_{pq} \end{bmatrix}.$



Definition

Let $A_{n \times n}$ and $B_{m \times m}$. The Kronecker (also called *tensor*) sum is the matrix $(A \oplus B)_{mn \times mn}$ such that:

$$A \oplus B \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} A \otimes I_m + I_n \otimes B.$$

Remark

The generalized operations:

$$\bigotimes_{k=1}^{N} A^{(k)} = A^{(1)} \otimes A^{(2)} \otimes \ldots \otimes A^{(N)} \quad \text{and} \quad \bigoplus_{k=1}^{N} B^{(k)} = B^{(1)} \oplus B^{(2)} \oplus \ldots \oplus B^{(N)}$$

are well defined for any rectangular matrices $A^{(1)}, A^{(2)}, \ldots, A^{(N)}$ and any square matrices $B^{(1)}, B^{(2)}, \ldots, B^{(N)}$.

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Theorem

The global infinitesimal generator matrix Q_N of a Stochastic Automata Network \mathcal{N} may be written in terms of $N_N + 2 \cdot E_N$ tensor products by separating local and synchronized transitions as follows:

$$Q_{\mathcal{N}} = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{loc} + \sum_{e \in \mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}}^{syn}} \left[\bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{pos}} + \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{neg}} \right]$$



Figure: Graph representation of a stochastic automaton.

$$Q_{\mathcal{A}}^{\textit{loc}} = egin{bmatrix} -\lambda_1 & \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \ \lambda_5 & -\lambda_5 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0.4 \cdot \lambda_4 & 0.6 \cdot \lambda_4 & 0 & -\lambda_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Figure: Graph representation of a stochastic automaton.

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Definition

The rank-d tensor $T_{\alpha^{(1)},\alpha^{(2)},\ldots,\alpha^{(d)}}$ of indices $\alpha^{(1)},\alpha^{(2)},\ldots,\alpha^{(d)}$, each of which of size $|\alpha^{(i)}|$, $1 \leq i \leq d$, is an element of the $\mathbb{R}^{|\alpha^{(1)}| \cdot |\alpha^{(2)}| \cdot ... \cdot |\alpha^{(d)}|}$ space.

Remark

An element of the tensor $T_{lpha^{(1)},lpha^{(2)},\ldots,lpha^{(d)}}$ is given by T_{i_1,i_2,\ldots,i_d} for $1 \leq i_1 \leq i_1$ $|\alpha^{(1)}|, 1 \le i_2 \le |\alpha^{(2)}|, \dots, 1 \le i_d \le |\alpha^{(d)}|.$



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Definition

Let $T^{(1)}_{\alpha_1^{(1)},\alpha_1^{(2)},...,\alpha_1^{(d_1)}}$ and $T^{(2)}_{\alpha_2^{(1)},\alpha_2^{(2)},...,\alpha_2^{(d_2)}}$ be tensors. The *tensor product* of $T^{(1)}$ and $T^{(2)}$ is a tensor $(T^{(1)} \otimes T^{(2)})_{\alpha_1^{(1)},\alpha_1^{(2)},...,\alpha_1^{(d_1)},\alpha_2^{(1)},\alpha_2^{(2)},...,\alpha_2^{(d_2)}}$, being a result of the element-wise product of the values belonging to each constituent tensor:

$$\left(T^{(1)}\otimes T^{(2)}\right)_{i_1,i_2,\ldots,i_{d_1},j_1,j_2,\ldots,j_{d_2}} = T^{(1)}_{i_1,i_2,\ldots,i_{d_1}}\cdot T^{(2)}_{j_1,j_2,\ldots,j_{d_2}},$$

where:
$$\forall_{1 \leq k \leq d_1} : 1 \leq i_k \leq \left| \alpha_1^{(k)} \right|$$
 and $\forall_{1 \leq k \leq d_2} : 1 \leq j_k \leq \left| \alpha_2^{(k)} \right|$.

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Figure: Diagrammatic notation of a tensor product.

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Definition

Let
$$\mathcal{T}_{\alpha_1^{(1)},\ldots,\alpha_1^{(m-1)},\alpha,\alpha_1^{(m+1)},\ldots,\alpha_1^{(d_1)}}^{(1)}$$
 and $\mathcal{T}_{\alpha_2^{(1)},\ldots,\alpha_2^{(n-1)},\alpha,\alpha_2^{(n+1)},\ldots,\alpha_2^{(d_2)}}^{(2)}$ be tensors with corresponding indices $\alpha_1^{(m)}$ and $\alpha_2^{(n)}$, $1 \leq m \leq d_1$ and $1 \leq n \leq d_2$, denoted by α . The *contraction* of $\mathcal{T}^{(1)}$ and $\mathcal{T}^{(2)}$ by α is a tensor $(\mathcal{T}^{(1)} \circ_{\alpha} \mathcal{T}^{(2)})$, such that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{T}^{(1)} \circ_{\alpha} \mathcal{T}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}_{\alpha_{1}^{(1)},\dots,\alpha_{1}^{(m-1)},\alpha_{1}^{(m+1)},\dots,\alpha_{1}^{(d_{1})},\alpha_{2}^{(1)},\dots,\alpha_{2}^{(n-1)},\alpha_{2}^{(n+1)},\dots,\alpha_{2}^{(d_{2})}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \\ \sum_{k=1}^{|\alpha|} \mathcal{T}^{(1)}_{\alpha_{1}^{(1)},\dots,\alpha_{1}^{(m-1)},k,\alpha_{1}^{(m+1)},\dots,\alpha_{1}^{(d_{1})}} \cdot \mathcal{T}^{(2)}_{\alpha_{2}^{(1)},\dots,\alpha_{2}^{(n-1)},k,\alpha_{2}^{(n+1)},\dots,\alpha_{2}^{(d_{2})}}.$$

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Figure: Diagrammatic notation of a rank-two tensors contraction.

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Definition

Let $T_{\alpha^{(1)},\alpha^{(2)},...,\alpha^{(d)}}$ be a rank-*d* tensor. The *Tensor Train* decomposition of the tensor T is given by the sequence of d tensors $G^{(1)}_{\beta^{(0)},\alpha^{(1)},\beta^{(1)}}, G^{(2)}_{\beta^{(1)},\alpha^{(2)},\beta^{(2)}}, \ldots, G^{(d)}_{\beta^{(d-1)},\alpha^{(d)},\beta^{(d)}}$, such that:

$$T_{\alpha^{(1)},\alpha^{(2)},\ldots,\alpha^{(d)}} = G_{\beta^{(0)},\alpha^{(1)},\beta^{(1)}}^{(1)} \circ_{\beta^{(1)}} G_{\beta^{(1)},\alpha^{(2)},\beta^{(2)}}^{(2)} \circ_{\beta^{(2)}} \ldots \circ_{\beta^{(d-1)}} G_{\beta^{(d-1)},\alpha^{(d)},\beta^{(d)}}^{(d)}.$$



Figure: Diagrammatic notation of a rank-three tensor TT decomposition.

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Definition

A set
$$\mathscr{T} = \left\{ T^{(1)}_{\alpha_1^{(1)},\alpha_1^{(2)},\ldots,\alpha_1^{(d_1)}}, T^{(2)}_{\alpha_2^{(1)},\alpha_2^{(2)},\ldots,\alpha_2^{(d_2)}}, \ldots, T^{(N)}_{\alpha_N^{(1)},\alpha_N^{(2)},\ldots,\alpha_N^{(d_N)}} \right\}$$
 of N tensors, where some – or all – of their indices are subjected to contraction, is called the *Tensor Network*.

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Introduction

A note on matrix exponential

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Definition

Let $A_{n \times n}$. The exponential of A is the $\exp(A)_{n \times n}$ matrix given by the following infinite power series:

$$\exp(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k = I_n + A + \frac{1}{2!} A^2 + \frac{1}{3!} A^3 + \dots,$$

where: k! is the factorial of k.

Definition

Let $A_{n \times n}$ and $B_{n \times n}$. The commutator of matrices A and B is the matrix $[A, B]_{n \times n}$ such that:

$$[A,B] \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{=} AB - BA.$$

A note on matrix exponential



Theorem

For any two commutative matrices $A_{n \times n}$ and $B_{n \times n}$, the exponential of their sum may be expressed in terms of a product of their exponentials:

$$\exp(A+B) = \exp(B+A) = \exp(A)\exp(B) = \exp(B)\exp(A).$$

Theorem

Let $A_{n \times n}$ and $B_{n \times n}$. The Lie product formula (also called Trotter decomposition or Suzuki-Trotter expansion of the first order) states that:

$$\exp(A+B) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \left(\exp\left(\frac{1}{k}A\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{k}B\right) \right)^k.$$

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Recalling the solution of Kolmogorov equations:

$$P(t) = \exp\left(t \cdot Q\right),$$

and the definition of SAN descriptor:

$$Q_{\mathcal{N}} = \bigoplus_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{loc} + \sum_{e \in \mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}}^{syn}} \left[\bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{pos}} + \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{neg}} \right],$$

the following formula holds:

$$P(t) = \exp\left(t \cdot \bigoplus_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{loc} + \sum_{e \in \mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}}^{syn}} \left[t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{pos}} + t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{neg}}\right]\right)$$

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$$P(t) = \exp\left(t \cdot igoplus_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q^{loc}_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}} + \sum_{e \in \mathscr{E}^{syn}_{\mathcal{N}}} \left[t \cdot igotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q^{e_{pos}}_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}} + t \cdot igotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q^{e_{neg}}_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}
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Applying the Suzuki-Trotter expansion:

$$\exp(A+B) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \left(\exp\left(\frac{1}{k}A\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{k}B\right) \right)^k$$

and denoting $\Delta t = \frac{t}{n}$, one may obtain:

$$P(t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigoplus_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{loc}\right) \cdot \prod_{e \in \mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}}^{syn}} \left[\exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{pos}}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{neg}}\right) \right] \right)^{n}$$

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Theorem

Let $A_{n \times n}$ and $B_{m \times m}$. The exponential of the Kronecker sum of these matrices may be expressed in terms of the Kronecker product of their exponentials:

 $\exp(A \oplus B) = \exp(A) \otimes \exp(B).$

TNSAN derivation



$$P(t) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigoplus_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{loc}\right) \cdot \prod_{e \in \mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}}^{syn}} \left[\exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{pos}}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{neg}}\right) \right] \right)^{n}.$$

Employing the aforementioned theorem:

$$\exp(A \oplus B) = \exp(A) \otimes \exp(B),$$

and for sufficiently large $n \in \mathbb{N}$, it holds:

$$P(t) \cong \left(\bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} \exp\left(\Delta t \cdot Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{loc}\right) \cdot \prod_{e \in \mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}}^{syn}} \left[\exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{pos}}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{neg}}\right) \right] \right)^{n}$$

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$$P(t) \cong \left(\bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} \exp\left(\Delta t \cdot Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{loc}\right) \cdot \prod_{e \in \mathscr{E}_{\mathcal{N}}^{syn}} \left[\exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{pos}}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\Delta t \cdot \bigotimes_{k=1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}^{e_{neg}}\right) \right] \right)^{n}$$

Finally, each factor of the preceding product for two automata $\mathcal{A}^{(i)}, \mathcal{A}^{(j)}$ affected by a synchronizing event *e* may be expressed as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} i^{-1} \\ \bigotimes_{k=1}^{j} I_{\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}} \end{pmatrix} \otimes R \cdot \left[\left(\bigotimes_{k=i+1}^{j-1} I_{\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}} \right) \otimes \exp\left(\Delta t \cdot Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(j)}}^{e_{pos}} \otimes Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(j)}}^{e_{pos}} \right) \right] \cdot \left[\left(\bigotimes_{k=i+1}^{j-1} I_{\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}} \right) \otimes \exp\left(\Delta t \cdot Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(j)}}^{e_{neg}} \otimes Q_{\mathcal{A}^{(j)}}^{e_{neg}} \right) \right] \cdot R^{-1} \otimes \left(\bigotimes_{k=j+1}^{N_{\mathcal{N}}} I_{\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{A}^{(k)}}} \right)$$

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Pseudocode



Pseudocode



TNSAN Tensor Network





Benchmark problem

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- The TNSAN algorithm has been implemented with Julia programming language.
- Multiple numerical tests have been conducted on the resource sharing mechanism model.
- Obtained results have been compared with the reference ones, determined with the EXPOKIT package.



Marginal distribution for the first automaton

Figure: Marginal distribution of an automaton after 10⁵ steps.

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Figure: Marginal distribution of an automaton after 10⁶ steps.

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L1-Norm of the results vector in the number of iterations

Iterations number

5 10k

2

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Figure: \mathscr{L}_1 of the results vector in the number of iterations.

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5 10 2 5 100 2 5 1000 2





Figure: \mathscr{L}_{∞} norm of the difference vector in the number of iterations.

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Overall contraction time in the number of iterations

Figure: Main-loop execution time in the number of iterations.

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Figure: \mathscr{L}_1 and \mathscr{L}_∞ norms in the main-loop execution time.

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Conclusions

- Within this thesis, a novel algorithm for computing the exponential of matrices expressed by a sum of Kronecker products is proposed. Then, a problem of determining transient probability distribution over SAN states is reduced to the matter of contraction between TNs.
 - Proposed approach is extensively analyzed, both theoretically and numerically. Furthermore, proper applicability areas for the TNSAN algorithm are pointed out on the basis of comprehensive insight into method's properties.
 - This thesis sheds light on previously unexplored field of SANs and TNs hybridization.

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