

Tensor numerical methods in grid-based electronic structure calculations

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Novel tensor numerical methods are based on representation of d -variate functions and operators on large $n^{\otimes d}$ grids in the rank-structured tensor formats which provide $O(dn)$ complexity of numerical calculations instead of $O(n^d)$ by conventional methods. A starting point was the Hartree-Fock solver based on the tensor-structured calculation of the two-electron integrals, the Laplace and nuclear potential operators using a Gaussian-type basis, discretized on $n \times n \times n$ 3D Cartesian grids [1-4]. The low-rank tensor numerical approach enables calculation of the 3D convolution integral operators in $O(n \log n)$ complexity [1].

The main contribution to tensor-based electronic structure calculations is the efficient computation of the two-electron integrals tensor in a form of Cholesky factorization [3]. For all 3D operators in the Hartree-Fock equation the 3D analytical integration is completely avoided, since it is substituted by the grid-based tensor algorithms of 1D complexity. The reduced $O(\log n)$ complexity is provided by calculation of the 3D operators in the QTT tensor format [4]. Tensor methods are now developed towards calculation of excitation energies for molecules by iterative solution of the Bethe-Salpeter eigenvalue problem [6,7].

Other important direction concerns crystalline systems, where one of the challenges is the summation of electrostatic potentials on large 3D lattices in a non-periodic case [5]. Recent tensor method for summation of the long-range potentials on $L \times L \times L$ 3D finite lattices with defects provides computational complexity of the order of $O(L)$ outperforming traditional approaches like the $O(L^3)$ Ewald-type summation.

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