# Grassmann tensor renormalization group approach to one-flavor lattice Schwinger model

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We apply the Grassmann tensor renormalization group to the lattice regularized Schwinger model with one-flavor of the Wilson fermion. We study the phase diagram in the  $(\beta, \kappa)$  plane performing a detailed analysis of the scaling behavior of the Lee-Yang zeros and the peak height of the chiral susceptibility. Our results strongly indicate that the whole range of the phase transition line starting from  $(\beta, \kappa) = (0.0, 0.380665(59))$  and ending at  $(\infty, 0.25)$  belongs to the two-dimensional Ising universality class similar to the free fermion case.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Schwinger model, two-dimensional QED, has been used as a theoretical test bed for QCD. It can be analytically solvable in the massless limit and has many QCD-like properties: confinement for fermions, chiral symmetry breaking due to the  $U_A(1)$  anomaly, etc. The lattice regularized version of the Schwinger model is also favorable for the development of numerical techniques to tackle lattice QCD. The hybrid Monte Carlo algorithm is the most successful method to implement dynamical fermions so far. However, it loses its validity when the determinant of the Dirac matrix can be negative. Such a difficulty has been preventing us from studying the phase structure of the one-flavor lattice Schwinger model in the Wilson fermion formulation. A system of free Wilson fermions at  $\beta = \infty$ exhibits a second order phase transition at  $\kappa = 0.25$  with  $\kappa$ the hopping parameter. It belongs to the 2D Ising universality class. In the strong coupling limit at  $\beta = 0.0$ , the oneflavor lattice Schwinger model was shown to be mapped to an eight-vertex model [1]. This was followed by large-scale Monte Carlo simulations on spherelike lattices [2] and with a method extending the worm algorithm [3], both of which have proved that this model also lies in the 2D Ising universality class. One may naively expect that a phase transition line runs from  $\beta = 0.0$  to  $\infty$  belonging to the 2D Ising universality class. A result obtained by the microcanonical fermionic average approach, however, indicates that the phase transition at finite  $\beta$  lies in a different universality class from the 2D Ising model [4]. Furthermore, an analysis of the weak coupling expansion on large lattices disproves even the existence of the phase transition line [5].

The tensor network renormalization group (TRG) was originally introduced by Levin and Nave [6]. It has been applied to a couple of models consisting of continuous bosonic variables [7–11]. Gu *et al.* generalized the TRG to a Grassmann valued tensor network in order to investigate

fermionic systems [12,13]. Although direct evaluation of multiple Grassmann integrals is an exponentially hard task as discussed by Creutz [14], the Grassmann TRG (GTRG) allows us to evaluate the partition function and expectation values of physical quantities with a reasonable number of computational resources even for fermionic systems. In this paper, we apply the GTRG to the lattice Schwinger model with one-flavor of the Wilson fermion. We demonstrate that the GTRG works well even at the critical hopping parameter where the negative sign from the fermion determinant may arise, and it determines the phase structure of the oneflavor lattice Schwinger model.

The Grassmann valued tensor network employed in this work is a kind of fermionic tensor networks. In Refs. [15,16], efficient algorithms for other fermionic tensor networks, such as the fermionic Projected Entangled Pair States [17] and fermionic Multiscale Entanglement Renormalization Ansatz [18,19], also have been developed earlier than the GTRG.

We also mention that there are some related works with different approaches to the one-flavor lattice Schwinger model, where the density matrix renormalization group or variational matrix-product-state method are employed [20–24]. They are all based on the Hamiltonian lattice gauge theory with the Kogut-Susskind formulation.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we explain the GTRG procedure for the tensor network showing its representation of the partition function of the lattice Schwinger model. We present numerical results for the finite size scaling analyses in Sec. III. Section IV is devoted to summary and outlook.

# II. GRASSMANN TENSOR RENORMALIZATION GROUP FOR THE LATTICE SCHWINGER MODEL

## A. Lattice formulation

The partition function of lattice gauge theory can be generally expressed as

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$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}U \det D[U] e^{-S_g[U]}, \qquad (1)$$

where  $S_g$  is the gauge action and its expression will be given below. We employ the Wilson fermion formulation, whose Dirac matrix D[U] is given by

$$\begin{split} \bar{\psi}D[U]\psi &= \frac{1}{2\kappa} \sum_{n,\alpha} \bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha} \psi_{n,\alpha} \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n,\mu,\alpha,\beta} \bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha} \{ (1 - \gamma_{\mu})_{\alpha,\beta} U_{n,\mu} \psi_{n+\hat{\mu},\beta} \\ &+ (1 + \gamma_{\mu})_{\alpha,\beta} U_{n-\hat{\mu},\mu}^{\dagger} \psi_{n-\hat{\mu},\beta} \}, \\ &\equiv S_f[\psi,\bar{\psi},U] \end{split}$$
(2)

with  $\kappa$  the hopping parameter and  $U_{n,\mu}$  an U(1) link variable at site *n* along the  $\mu$  direction.  $\alpha, \beta$  denote the Dirac indices and  $\hat{\mu}$  represents an unit vector along the  $\mu$ direction. The Grassmann path integral representation for det D[U] is given by

$$\det D[U] = \prod_{n,\alpha} \left( \int d\psi_{n,\alpha} d\bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha} \right) e^{S_f[\psi,\bar{\psi},U]}, \qquad (3)$$

where the Grassmann variables  $\{\psi_{n,\alpha}\}$  and  $\{\bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha}\}$  satisfy the following relations:

$$[\psi_{n,\alpha},\bar{\psi}_{m,\beta}]_{+} \equiv \psi_{n,\alpha}\bar{\psi}_{m,\beta} + \bar{\psi}_{m,\beta}\psi_{n,\alpha} = 0, \qquad (4)$$

$$[\psi_{n,\alpha},\psi_{m,\beta}]_{+} = [\bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha},\bar{\psi}_{m,\beta}]_{+} = 0, \qquad (5)$$

$$\int d\psi_{n,\alpha} 1 = \int d\bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha} 1 = 0, \qquad (6)$$

$$\int d\psi_{n,\alpha}\psi_{m,\beta} = \int d\bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha}\bar{\psi}_{m,\beta} = \delta_{n,m}\delta_{\alpha,\beta}.$$
 (7)

With the choice of a representation of gamma matrices

$$\gamma_1 = \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \gamma_2 = \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (8)$$

we introduce another basis,

$$\chi_{n,1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_{n,1} + \psi_{n,2}), \quad \chi_{n,2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_{n,1} - \psi_{n,2}), \quad (9)$$

$$\bar{\chi}_{n,1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\psi}_{n,1} + \bar{\psi}_{n,2}), \quad \bar{\chi}_{n,2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{\psi}_{n,1} - \bar{\psi}_{n,2}), \quad (10)$$

which yields

$$\sum_{\alpha,\beta} \bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha} (1+\gamma_1)_{\alpha,\beta} \psi_{n-\hat{1},\beta} = 2\bar{\psi}_{n,1} \psi_{n-\hat{1},1}, \qquad (11)$$

$$\sum_{\alpha,\beta} \bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha} (1-\gamma_1)_{\alpha,\beta} \psi_{n+\hat{1},\beta} = 2 \bar{\psi}_{n,2} \psi_{n+\hat{1},2}, \qquad (12)$$

$$\sum_{\alpha,\beta} \bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha} (1+\gamma_2)_{\alpha,\beta} \psi_{n-\hat{2},\beta} = 2\bar{\chi}_{n,1} \chi_{n-\hat{2},1}, \qquad (13)$$

$$\sum_{\alpha,\beta} \bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha} (1-\gamma_2)_{\alpha,\beta} \psi_{n+\hat{2},\beta} = 2\bar{\chi}_{n,2} \chi_{n+\hat{2},2}.$$
(14)

Notice that  $\{\chi_{n,\alpha}\}$  and  $\{\bar{\chi}_{n,\alpha}\}$  also satisfy anticommutation relations,

$$[\chi_{n,\alpha}, \bar{\chi}_{m,\beta}]_+ = [\chi_{n,\alpha}, \chi_{m,\beta}]_+ = [\bar{\chi}_{n,\alpha}, \bar{\chi}_{m,\beta}]_+ = 0.$$
(15)

 $\{\chi_{n,\alpha}\}\$  and  $\{\bar{\chi}_{n,\alpha}\}\$  are introduced only in the second (space) direction, while we keep  $\{\psi_{n,\alpha}\}\$  and  $\{\bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha}\}\$  in the first (time) direction. This is a useful technique which allows us to treat the hopping terms in each direction in the same way [1].

#### B. Grassmann valued tensor network

We first transform det D[U] into a tensor network. The exponential form in Eq. (3) is expanded as follows by using the anticommutation property of the Grassmann variables:

$$e^{S_{f}[\psi,\bar{\psi},U]} = \prod_{n} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2\kappa} \bar{\psi}_{n,1} \psi_{n,1} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2\kappa} \bar{\psi}_{n,2} \psi_{n,2} \right)$$
$$\times \left( 1 - U_{n-\hat{1},1}^{\dagger} \bar{\psi}_{n,1} \psi_{n-\hat{1},1} \right)$$
$$\times \left( 1 - U_{n,1} \bar{\psi}_{n,2} \psi_{n+\hat{1},2} \right)$$
$$\times \left( 1 - U_{n-\hat{2},2}^{\dagger} \bar{\chi}_{n,1} \chi_{n-\hat{2},1} \right)$$
$$\times \left( 1 - U_{n,2} \bar{\chi}_{n,2} \chi_{n+\hat{2},2} \right). \tag{16}$$

Here we define the Wilson term and the hopping terms as

$$W_{n} \equiv \frac{1}{4\kappa^{2}} + \frac{1}{2\kappa} d\psi_{n,1} d\bar{\psi}_{n,1} + \frac{1}{2\kappa} d\psi_{n,2} d\bar{\psi}_{n,2} + d\psi_{n,1} d\bar{\psi}_{n,1} d\psi_{n,2} d\bar{\psi}_{n,2}, \qquad (17)$$

$$\ddot{H}_{n,1} \equiv 1 - U_{n,1}^{\dagger} \bar{\psi}_{n+\hat{1},1} \psi_{n,1} - U_{n,1} \bar{\psi}_{n,2} \psi_{n+\hat{1},2} 
+ \bar{\psi}_{n+\hat{1},1} \psi_{n,1} \bar{\psi}_{n,2} \psi_{n+\hat{1},2},$$
(18)

$$\dot{H}_{n,2} \equiv 1 - U_{n,2}^{\dagger} \bar{\chi}_{n+\hat{2},1} \chi_{n,1} - U_{n,2} \bar{\chi}_{n,2} \psi_{n+\hat{2},2} + \bar{\chi}_{n+\hat{2},1} \chi_{n,1} \bar{\chi}_{n,2} \chi_{n+\hat{2},2}.$$
(19)

The determinant det D[U] is expressed as a simple form,

$$\det D[U] = P_0 \int \prod_n W_n \prod_\mu \tilde{H}_{n,\mu}, \qquad (20)$$

where  $P_0$  represents a projection to terms without any Grassmann variable.

Let us turn to the gauge part. We employ the U(1) plaquette gauge action,

$$S_g = -\beta \sum_p \cos \varphi_p, \tag{21}$$

$$\varphi_p = \varphi_{n,1} + \varphi_{n+\hat{1},2} - \varphi_{n+\hat{2},1} - \varphi_{n,2}, \qquad (22)$$

$$\varphi_{n,1}, \varphi_{n+\hat{1},2}, \varphi_{n+\hat{2},1}, \varphi_{n,2} \in [-\pi, \pi],$$
(23)

where  $\varphi_{n,1}$ ,  $\varphi_{n+\hat{1},2}$ ,  $\varphi_{n+\hat{2},1}$  and  $\varphi_{n,2}$  are phases of U(1) link variables which compose a plaquette variable  $\varphi_p$ .  $\beta$  is the inverse coupling constant squared. Liu *et al.* have shown that a finite-dimensional tensor network representation of pure lattice gauge theory is derived by the character expansion (CE) with truncation [8], and its numerical accuracy with the TRG is verified for the *XY* model [9–11]. Using the character expansion, the Boltzmann weight per plaquette is decomposed as

$$e^{\beta \cos \varphi_p} = \sum_{m_b = -\infty}^{\infty} e^{im_b \varphi_p} I_{m_b}(\beta), \qquad (24)$$

$$\simeq \sum_{m_b=-N_{cc}}^{N_{cc}} e^{im_b \varphi_p} I_{m_b}(\beta), \qquad (25)$$

where  $I_{m_b}$  is the modified Bessel function and  $N_{ce}$  is the truncation number in the character expansion. The subscript *b* denotes bosonic indices. After integrating out all the link variables, the hopping term is written as

$$H_{n,1;m_{b},n_{b}} \equiv \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\varphi_{n,1}}{2\pi} \tilde{H}_{n,1} e^{i(m_{b}-n_{b})\varphi_{n,1}},$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 + \bar{\psi}_{n+\hat{1},1}\psi_{n,1}\bar{\psi}_{n,2}\psi_{n+\hat{1},2} & m_{b} = n_{b} \\ -\bar{\psi}_{n+\hat{1},1}\psi_{n,1} & m_{b} = n_{b} + 1 \\ -\bar{\psi}_{n,2}\psi_{n+\hat{1},2} & m_{b} = n_{b} - 1 \\ 0 & \text{others} \end{cases}$$
(26)

 $H_{n,2;m_b,n_b}$  is given in the same manner.

Now we introduce a tensor form of  $W_n$  and  $H_{n,u;m_b,n_b}$ ,

$$W_{n} = \sum_{i_{f1}, i_{f2}, \dots = 0}^{1} W^{i_{f1}, i_{f2}, j_{f1}, j_{f2}, k_{f1}, k_{f2}, l_{f1}, l_{f2}} \\ d\bar{\psi}_{n,2}^{i_{f2}} d\psi_{n,1}^{i_{f1}} d\bar{\chi}_{n,2}^{j_{f2}} d\chi_{n,1}^{j_{f1}} d\psi_{n,2}^{k_{f2}} d\bar{\psi}_{n,1}^{k_{f1}} d\chi_{n,2}^{l_{f2}} d\bar{\chi}_{n,1}^{l_{f1}}, \quad (27)$$

$$H_{n,1;m_b,n_b} = \sum_{i_{f_1},i_{f_2}=0}^{1} H_{m_b,n_b}^{i_{f_1},i_{f_2}} \bar{\psi}_{n+\hat{1},1}^{i_{f_1}} \psi_{n+\hat{1},2}^{i_{f_2}} \psi_{n,1}^{i_{f_1}} \bar{\psi}_{n,2}^{i_{f_2}}, \quad (28)$$

$$H_{n,2;m_b,n_b} = \sum_{i_{f1},i_{f2}=0}^{1} H_{m_b,n_b}^{i_{f1},i_{f2}} \bar{\chi}_{n+\hat{2},1}^{i_{f1}} \chi_{n+\hat{2},2}^{i_{f2}} \chi_{n,1}^{i_{f1}} \bar{\chi}_{n,2}^{i_{f2}}, \quad (29)$$

where f1, f2 denote fermionic indices. Hereafter, superscripts for Grassmann variables mean power (e.g.  $\psi_{n,1}^{i_{f1}}$  is  $\psi_{n,1}$  to the  $i_{f1}$ th power.). Each value for  $W^{i_{f1},\ldots,l_{f2}}$  and  $H_{m_{h},n_{h}}^{i_{f1},i_{f2}}$  is given in the Appendix.

Finally, the partition function Z is written as a tensor network form

$$Z = \int \sum_{i,j,k,\cdots} T_{n;i,j,k,l} T_{n+\hat{1};m,o,i,p} T_{n+\hat{2};q,r,s,j} \cdots,$$
(30)

where i, j, k, ... are combinations of bosonic and fermionic indices, namely,  $i = (i_b, i_{f1}, i_{f2})$ , and the tensors are expressed as

$$T_{n;i,j,k,l} \equiv T_{i,j,k,l} d\bar{\psi}_{n,2}^{i_{f_2}} d\psi_{n,1}^{i_{f_1}} d\bar{\chi}_{n,2}^{j_{f_2}} d\chi_{n,1}^{j_{f_1}} d\psi_{n,2}^{k_{f_2}} d\bar{\psi}_{n,1}^{k_{f_1}} d\chi_{n,2}^{l_{f_2}} d\bar{\chi}_{n,1}^{l_{f_1}} \bar{\psi}_{n+\hat{1},1}^{i_{f_1}} \psi_{n+\hat{1},2}^{i_{f_2}} \psi_{n,1}^{i_{f_1}} \bar{\psi}_{n,2}^{i_{f_2}} \bar{\chi}_{n+\hat{2},1}^{j_{f_1}} \chi_{n+\hat{2},2}^{j_{f_2}} \chi_{n,1}^{j_{f_2}} \bar{\chi}_{n,2}^{j_{f_2}}$$
(31)

with

$$T_{i,j,k,l} \equiv W^{i_{f1},i_{f2},j_{f1},j_{f2},k_{f1},k_{f2},l_{f1},l_{f2}} H^{i_{f1},i_{f2}}_{k_b,i_b} H^{i_{j1},j_{f2}}_{i_b,l_b} I_{i_b}(\beta) \delta_{i_b,j_b}.$$
(32)

Note that we treat  $\psi_{n,\alpha}, \chi_{n,\alpha}$ , and others also, as independent variables. Equation (30) is represented as a network diagram like Fig. 1(a).

#### C. Grassmann tensor renormalization group

Figure 1 illustrates one cycle of the TRG procedure. The first step is the decomposition of each tensor  $T_n$  in Eq. (30) by using the singular value decomposition (SVD) depicted



FIG. 1. Schematic representation for TRG procedure. (a) Each site represents each tensor  $T_n$  in Eq. (30). (b) After performing the SVD, we obtain a new network composed of  $S_{n'}^1, S_{n'}^2, S_{n'}^3, S_{n'}^4$ . (c) By contracting all old indices, the network is transformed into a coarse-grained tensor network. Each site represents each coarse-grained tensor  $T'_{n'}$  in Eq. (49). The number of sites is halved per one cycle.

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FIG. 2 (color online). Schematic representation for SVD on even sites (a) and odd sites (b). New Grassmann variables  $\{\bar{\xi}_{n'}, \xi_{n'}, \bar{\eta}_{n'}, \eta_{n'}\}$  are assigned to the additional dashed lines.

in Fig. 2. Here, we define a Grassmann version of the SVD in a similar manner as in Refs. [12,13],

$$T_{n_e;i,j,k,l} = \sum_{p,q} \int S^1_{n'+\hat{1};i,j,p} S^3_{n';k,l,q} g^{13}_{n';p,q}$$
(33)

with

$$g_{n';p,q}^{13} \equiv \bar{\xi}_{n'+\hat{1}}^{p_f} \xi_{n'}^{q_f} \delta_{p_b,q_b}, \qquad (34)$$

$$S_{n'+\hat{1};i,j,p}^{1} \equiv S_{i,j,p}^{1} d\bar{\xi}_{n'+\hat{1}}^{p_{f}} d\bar{\psi}_{n_{e},2}^{i_{f2}} d\psi_{n_{e},1}^{i_{f1}} d\bar{\chi}_{n_{e},2}^{j_{f2}} d\chi_{n_{e},1}^{j_{f1}} \bar{\psi}_{n_{e}+\hat{1},1}^{i_{f1}} \psi_{n_{e}+\hat{1},2}^{i_{f2}} \psi_{n_{e},1}^{i_{f1}} \bar{\psi}_{n_{e},2}^{i_{f2}} \bar{\chi}_{n_{e}+\hat{2},1}^{j_{f1}} \chi_{n_{e}+\hat{2},2}^{j_{f1}} \chi_{n_{e},1}^{j_{f2}} \bar{\chi}_{n_{e},2}^{j_{f2}},$$
(35)

$$S_{n';k,l,q}^{3} \equiv S_{k,l,q}^{3} d\xi_{n'}^{q_{f}} d\psi_{n_{e},2}^{k_{f2}} d\bar{\psi}_{n_{e},1}^{k_{f1}} d\chi_{n_{e},2}^{l_{f2}} d\bar{\chi}_{n_{e},1}^{l_{f1}}, \qquad (36)$$

$$p_f = q_f = i_{f1} + i_{f2} + j_{f1} + j_{f2} \mod 2$$
  
=  $k_{f1} + k_{f2} + l_{f1} + l_{f2} \mod 2$ , (37)

and

$$T_{n_o;i,j,k,l} = \sum_{r,s} \int S^2_{n'+\hat{2};l,i,r} S^4_{n';j,k,s} g^{24}_{n';r,s}$$
(38)

with

$$g_{n';r,s}^{24} \equiv \bar{\eta}_{n'+\hat{2}}^{r_f} \eta_{n'}^{s_f} \delta_{r_b,s_b}, \qquad (39)$$

$$S_{n'+\hat{2};l,i,r}^{2} \equiv S_{l,i,r}^{2} d\bar{\eta}_{n'+\hat{2}}^{r_{f}} d\chi_{n_{o},2}^{l_{f}2} d\bar{\chi}_{n_{o},1}^{l_{f}1} d\bar{\phi}_{n_{o},2}^{l_{f}2} d\phi_{n_{o},1}^{i_{f}1} \bar{\psi}_{n_{o}+\hat{1},1}^{i_{f}1} \psi_{n_{o}+\hat{1},2}^{i_{f}2} \psi_{n_{o},1}^{i_{f}1} \bar{\psi}_{n_{o},2}^{i_{f}2}, \qquad (40)$$

$$S_{n';j,k,s}^{4} \equiv S_{j,k,s}^{4} d\eta_{n'}^{s_{f}} d\bar{\chi}_{n_{o},2}^{j_{f_{0}}} d\chi_{n_{o},1}^{j_{f_{1}}} d\phi_{n_{o},2}^{k_{f_{2}}} d\bar{\phi}_{n_{o},1}^{k_{f_{1}}} \bar{\chi}_{n_{o}+2,1}^{j_{f_{1}}} \chi_{n_{o}+2,2}^{j_{f_{2}}} \chi_{n_{o},1}^{j_{f_{1}}} \bar{\chi}_{n_{o},2}^{j_{f_{2}}}, \qquad (41)$$

$$r_f = s_f = l_{f1} + l_{f2} + i_{f1} + i_{f2} \mod 2$$
  
=  $j_{f1} + j_{f2} + k_{f1} + k_{f2} \mod 2$ , (42)

where  $\{\bar{\xi}_{n'}, \xi_{n'}, \bar{\eta}_{n'}, \eta_{n'}\}$  are Grassmann variables with n' the coarse-grained lattice site and satisfy the same relations as Eqs. (4), (5), (6), and (7).  $n_e$  and  $n_o$  mean even and odd sites, respectively.  $S_{i,j,p}^1$  and  $S_{k,l,q}^3$  are determined by the SVD for the matrix  $M_{(i,j),(k,l)}^{13} \equiv T_{i,j,k,l}$ ,

$$M_{(i,j),(k,l)}^{13} = \sum_{m} U_{(i,j),m} \sigma_m V_{(k,l),m},$$
(43)

$$S_{i,j,p}^1 = \sqrt{\sigma_p} U_{(i,j),p},\tag{44}$$

$$S_{k,l,q}^3 = \sqrt{\sigma_q} V_{(k,l),q}.$$
(45)

In numerical calculation, we keep only the largest D singular values out of  $\{\sigma_m\}$ .  $S_{j,k,r}^2$  and  $S_{l,i,s}^4$  are determined similarly for the matrix  $M_{(l,i),(j,k)}^{24} \equiv (-1)^{i_{f1}+i_{f2}}T_{i,j,k,l}$ , where the extra sign comes from the reordering of Grassmann variables. Although the dimension of  $M^{13}$  and  $M^{24}$  is  $16 \times (2N_{ce} + 1)^2$ , the calculational cost of the SVD can be drastically reduced because of the following conditions:

$$i_{f1} + i_{f2} + j_{f1} + j_{f2} + k_{f1} + k_{f2} + l_{f1} + l_{f2} =$$
even,  
(46)

$$i_b = j_b. \tag{47}$$

After performing the SVD, old Grassmann variables  $\{\bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha}, \psi_{n,\alpha}, \bar{\chi}_{n,\alpha}, \chi_{n,\alpha}\}$  reside on a small closed loop on the transformed network as shown in Fig. 3. We can integrate out all of them simultaneously with contracting old indices and obtain a coarse-grained tensor  $T'_{n';q,r,p,s'}$ 



FIG. 3 (color online). Schematic representation for Eq. (48). Solid lines in a closed loop, where old Grassmann variables  $\{\bar{\psi}_{n,\alpha}, \psi_{n,\alpha}, \bar{\chi}_{n,\alpha}, \chi_{n,\alpha}\}$  reside, can be contracted and replaced by  $T'_{n'}$ .

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$$T'_{n';q,r,p,s} = \sum_{i,j,k,l} \int S^{1}_{n';i,j,p} S^{2}_{n';j,k,r} S^{3}_{n';k,l,q} S^{4}_{n';l,i,s}$$

$$= \sum_{i,j,k,l} (-1)^{i_{f1}+i_{f2}} S^{1}_{i,j,p} S^{2}_{j,k,r} S^{3}_{k,l,q} S^{4}_{l,i,s}$$

$$d\xi^{q_{f}}_{n'} d\eta^{r_{f}}_{n'} d\bar{\xi}^{p_{f}}_{n'} d\bar{\eta}^{s_{f}}_{n'}$$

$$\equiv T'_{q,r,p,s} d\xi^{q_{f}}_{n'} d\eta^{r_{f}}_{n'} d\bar{\xi}^{p_{f}}_{n'} d\bar{\eta}^{s_{f}}_{n'}. \qquad (48)$$

As a result, the partition function is reexpressed as

$$Z = \int \sum_{i,j,k,\cdots} T'_{n';i,j,k,l} T'_{n'+\hat{1};m,o,t,p} T'_{n'+\hat{2};q,r,s,u} \cdots$$
$$g^{13}_{n';t,i} g^{24}_{n';u,j} \cdots,$$
(49)

where only new Grassmann variables  $\{\bar{\xi}_{n'}, \xi_{n'}, \bar{\eta}_{n'}, \eta_{n'}\}$  remain. Note that the scaling factor of this transformation is  $\sqrt{2}$ .

After  $N \equiv \log_2 L^2 - 2$  iterations with *L* the lattice size, the partition function is a product of *N*-times coarsegrained tensors  $T_n^{(N)}$  on a plaquette,

$$Z = \int \sum_{i,j,k,\dots} T^{(N)}_{0;i,j,k,l} T^{(N)}_{0+\hat{1};m,o,l,p} T^{(N)}_{0+\hat{2};q,r,s,u} T^{(N)}_{0+\hat{1}+\hat{2};v,w,x,y}$$

 $g_{0;t,i}g_{0;u,j}g_{0+\hat{1};k,m}g_{0+\hat{1};y,o}g_{0+\hat{2};x,q}g_{0+\hat{2};l,r}$ 

$$g_{0+\hat{1}+\hat{2};s,v}, g_{0+\hat{1}+\hat{2};p,w}$$

$$= \sum_{i,j,k,...} (-1)^{(j_{f1}+j_{f2}+o_{f1}+o_{f2})(k_{f1}+k_{f2})} \times (-1)^{(l_{f1}+l_{f2}+p_{f1}+p_{f2})(s_{f1}+s_{f2})} \times (-1)^{i_{f1}+i_{f2}+j_{f1}+j_{f2}+o_{f1}+o_{f2}+q_{f1}+q_{f2}} T_{i,j,k,l}^{(N)} T_{k,o,i,p}^{(N)} T_{q,l,s,j}^{(N)} T_{s,p,q,o}^{(N)},$$
(50)

where the Grassmann version of the Kronecker delta  $g_n$  is defined in the same manner as Eqs. (34) and (39). We finally obtain the value of the partition function Z by contracting all the indices in the last expression of Eq. (50).

# **III. NUMERICAL RESULTS**

#### A. Setup

We list parameters in our numerical analysis in Table I.  $N_{ce}$  and D are truncation parameters in the TRG procedure

TABLE I. Parameters in our numerical analysis.

Parameter	Description	Value
N <sub>ce</sub>	Truncation number of CE	15
D	Truncation number of SVD	96
β	Inverse coupling constant squared	0.0,5.0,10.0
κ	Hopping parameter	$\beta$ dependent



FIG. 4 (color online). Convergence of  $\ln Z$  as a function of SVD truncation number *D*.

as explained in Sec. II. We choose  $N_{ce} = 15$  and D = 96, which provide us sufficiently accurate results for all the  $\beta$ and  $\kappa$  values employed in this work. We calculate the partition function Z at the strong coupling limit ( $\beta = 0.0$ ) and finite couplings ( $\beta = 5.0, 10.0$ ). Figure 4 shows a typical example of convergence behavior of  $\ln Z$  as a function of D. We find the value of  $\ln Z$  with D = 64already reaches a high precision. Since the scaling factor of the TRG is  $\sqrt{2}$ , we are allowed to evaluate physical quantities not only at the lattice size L = 4, 8, 16, ... but also at  $L = 4\sqrt{2}, 8\sqrt{2}, 16\sqrt{2}, ....$  The periodic boundary condition is employed.

We have performed two kinds of finite size scaling analyses. One is an investigation of the scaling properties of the peak height of the chiral susceptibility which is obtained by differentiating  $(\ln Z)/L^2$  twice with respect to  $1/(2\kappa)$ ,

$$\chi(L) \equiv \sum_{n} \langle \bar{\psi}_{n} \psi_{n} \bar{\psi}_{0} \psi_{0} \rangle - L^{2} \langle \bar{\psi}_{0} \psi_{0} \rangle^{2}, \qquad (51)$$

$$=\frac{1}{L^2}\frac{\partial^2 \ln Z}{\partial (1/2\kappa)^2}.$$
(52)

The chiral susceptibility has a peak at the critical hopping parameter  $\kappa_c(L)$  where the fermion mass is expected to vanish and the correlation length diverges. The other is the so-called Lee-Yang zero analysis in the complex  $\kappa$  plane. We have investigated the scaling behaviors of both the real and imaginary parts of the partition function zeros which approach  $\kappa_c$  in the infinite volume limit.

### **B.** Strong coupling limit ( $\beta = 0.0$ )

The strong coupling limit is a special case. Since we are allowed to integrate out all the Grassmann variables analytically, we can employ the conventional TRG instead



FIG. 5 (color online). Chiral susceptibility  $\chi(L)$  as a function of hopping parameter  $\kappa$  at  $\beta = 0.0$  for L = 16, 32, 64, ..., 1024.

of the GTRG. This enables us to make a more precise numerical analysis at the strong coupling limit than at finite coupling. Figure 5 plots the chiral susceptibility as a function of  $\kappa$ . We observe the clear peak structure at all the values of L and the peak height grows as L increases. In case of the one-flavor Schwinger model, chiral symmetry is always broken because of the  $U_A(1)$  anomaly even in the continuum limit. Therefore, we expect that the peak height H(L) scales with L as

$$H(L) \propto L^{\alpha/\nu},\tag{53}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the critical exponent for the heat capacity rather than that for the susceptibility. We plot the peak height H(L) as a function of L in Fig. 6, where the error bar is governed by performing a numerical differentiation of Eq. (52) with the use of the discretized  $\kappa$ . We observe a clear logarithmic L dependence of H(L), which results



FIG. 6 (color online). Peak height of the chiral susceptibility H(L) as a function of L at  $\beta = 0.0$ . The horizontal axis is logarithmic. Solid line represents a linear fit in terms of ln L.



FIG. 7 (color online). Peak position of the chiral susceptibility  $\kappa_c(L)$  as a function of  $L^{-1}$  at  $\beta = 0.0$ . Solid curve represents the fit result.

in  $\alpha \simeq 0$ . The solid line represents a linear fit as a function of ln *L*, which describes the data very well for a wide range of  $L \in [32, 1024]$ . According to the Josephson law,  $\alpha$  is related to the critical exponent for the correlation length  $\nu$  as

$$d\nu = 2 - \alpha, \tag{54}$$

which tells us  $\nu \simeq 1$ . One can also estimate  $\nu$  from the finite size scaling behavior of the peak position  $\kappa_c(L)$ ,

$$\kappa_c(L) - \kappa_c(\infty) \propto L^{-1/\nu}.$$
(55)

Figure 7 shows  $L^{-1}$  dependence of  $\kappa_c(L)$ . The solid curve represents the fit result obtained with the fit function of  $\kappa_c(L) = \kappa_c(\infty) + a_c L^{-1/\nu}$ . The fit range is chosen as  $L \in$  $[64\sqrt{2}, 1024]$  avoiding possible finite size effects expected in the range of small *L*. Numerical values for the fit results are presented in Table II. The value of  $\nu$  is consistent with  $\nu = 1$  within the error bar, though its magnitude is rather large.

The Lee-Yang zero analysis allows us to determine the critical exponent  $\nu$  more accurately. Figure 8 shows the position of the partition function zero closest to the real axis for  $L \in [4, 64]$ . We refer to it as  $\kappa_0(L)$  hereafter. The  $\kappa_0(L)$  is located on the mesh of the discretized Re $\kappa$  and Im $\kappa$  so that the mesh spacing determines the error bars of Re $\kappa_0(L)$ 

TABLE II. Results for the finite size scaling analysis on the peak position of the chiral susceptibility.

β	ν	ĸ <sub>c</sub>	Fit range	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$
0.0	1.24(40)	0.380665(59)	$L \in [64\sqrt{2}, 1024]$	0.018
5.0	1.01(21)	0.27972(27)	$L \in [16, 128]$	0.17
10.0	0.76(20)	0.26892(24)	$L \in [16\sqrt{2}, 128]$	0.018



FIG. 8 (color online). Partition function zeros closest to the real axis in the complex  $\kappa$  plane for  $L \in [4, 64]$ .

and  $\text{Im}\kappa_0(L)$ . We expect that both the real part and imaginary one of  $\kappa_0(L)$  scale to Eq. (55),

$$\operatorname{Re}\kappa_0(L) - \operatorname{Re}\kappa_0(\infty) \propto L^{-1/\nu}, \tag{56}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\kappa_0(L) - \operatorname{Im}\kappa_0(\infty) \propto L^{-1/\nu},\tag{57}$$

where  $\text{Re}\kappa_0(\infty) = \kappa_c(\infty)$  and  $\text{Im}\kappa_0(\infty) = 0$  should be realized. In Fig. 9 we present  $\text{Re}\kappa_0(L)$  and  $\text{Im}\kappa_0(L)$  as a function of  $L^{-1}$ . We observe that  $\text{Re}\kappa_0(L)$  has rather large finite size corrections in smaller *L* compared to  $\text{Im}\kappa_0(L)$ . The solid curves denote the fit results with  $\text{Re}/\text{Im}\kappa_0(L) =$  $\text{Re}/\text{Im}\kappa_0(\infty) + a_{R/I}L^{-1/\nu}$  based on Eqs. (56) and (57), whose numerical values are listed in Table III. We find



FIG. 9 (color online). Real (top) and imaginary (bottom) parts of the Lee-Yang zero as a function of  $L^{-1}$  at  $\beta = 0.0$ . Solid curves represent the fit results.

TABLE III. Results for the finite size scaling analysis on the real part (top) and the imaginary part (bottom) of the Lee-Yang zero.

β	ν	$\operatorname{Re}\kappa_0(\infty)$	Fit range	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$
0.0	1.08(10)	0.38067(10)	$L \in [16\sqrt{2}, 128] \\ L \in [8, 64] \\ L \in [8\sqrt{2}, 64]$	0.13
5.0	0.765(24)	0.27943(10)		0.086
10.0	0.776(39)	0.26892(16)		0.10
β	ν	$\mathrm{Im}\kappa_0(\infty)$	Fit range	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$
0.0	0.9755(80)	0.000062(52)	$L \in [8\sqrt{2}, 128]$	0.23
5.0	0.994(14)	0.00031(17)	$L \in [8, 64]$	2.3
10.0	0.995(19)	0.00029(20)	$L \in [8\sqrt{2}, 64]$	0.22

that the Lee-Yang zero analysis gives much better precision for the value of  $\nu$  than the scaling analysis of the peak position of the chiral susceptibility. This could be expected by comparing the  $L^{-1}$  dependence of the peak position of the chiral susceptibility in Fig. 7 and that of the Lee-Yang zero in Fig. 9: The latter shows better scaling behavior from the smaller L. Both results for  $\operatorname{Re}\kappa_0(L)$  and  $\operatorname{Im}\kappa_0(L)$ indicate  $\nu \simeq 1$ . We should also note that  $\text{Re}\kappa_0(\infty)$  is consistent with  $\kappa_c(\infty)$  determined by the peak position of the chiral susceptibility and  $\text{Im}\kappa_0(\infty)$  vanishes in the infinite volume limit as expected. We conclude that our results at the strong coupling limit indicate a second-order phase transition with  $\alpha \simeq 0$  and  $\nu = 1$  which belongs to the 2D Ising universality class. It should be noted that our result for  $\kappa_c(\infty)$  is also consistent with  $\kappa_c = 0.3805(1)$  in Ref. [2] and  $\kappa_c = 0.3806641(78)$  translated from  $m_c$ in Ref. [3].

#### C. Finite coupling ( $\beta = 5.0, 10.0$ )

Since the numerical accuracy of the GTRG at finite coupling becomes worse than at the strong coupling limit, we perform finite size scaling analyses on smaller lattices. We first investigate the scaling behavior of the peak height and position for the chiral susceptibility. In Fig. 10 we plot H(L) as a function of L at  $\beta = 5.0$  and  $\beta = 10.0$  for  $L \in [16, 128]$ . The solid lines denote the linear fits in terms of  $\ln Z$  for  $L \in [32, 128]$ . Both plots show clear logarithmic dependence on L as in the strong coupling limit, which indicates  $\alpha \simeq 0$ . We also plot  $\kappa_c(L)$  as a function of  $L^{-1}$  in Fig. 11, where the solid curves denote the fit results with  $\kappa_c(L) = \kappa_c(\infty) + a_c L^{-1/\nu}$  based on Eq. (55). The fit range is chosen as  $L \in [16, 128]$  at  $\beta = 5.0$  and  $L \in [16\sqrt{2}, 128]$ at  $\beta = 10.0$ . Numerical values for the fit results are summarized in Table II. The value of  $\nu$  indicates consistency with  $\nu = 1$  taking account of the rather large error bar. As in the strong coupling limit, it is hard to determine the value of  $\nu$  with good precision from the scaling behavior of the peak position of the chiral susceptibility.

In the strong coupling limit we know that a more accurate evaluation of  $\nu$  is obtained from the Lee-Yang zero analysis. Figures 12 and 13 show finite size scaling



FIG. 10 (color online). Peak height of the chiral susceptibility H(L) as a function of L at  $\beta = 5.0$  (top) and  $\beta = 10.0$  (bottom). The horizontal axis is logarithmic. Solid lines represent linear fits in terms of ln L.

plots of both the real and imaginary parts of the Lee-Yang zero at  $\beta = 5.0$  and 10.0, respectively. We employ the same fit procedure as in the strong coupling limit. Numerical values of the fit results are given in Table III together with the fit ranges. While the results for the imaginary part indicate  $\nu = 1$  with very good precision, those for the real part show disagreement with  $\nu = 1$  beyond the error bars. A similar inconsistency is



FIG. 11 (color online). Peak position of the chiral susceptibility  $\kappa_c(L)$  as a function of  $L^{-1}$  at  $\beta = 5.0$  (top) and  $\beta = 10.0$  (bottom). Solid curves represent the fit results.



FIG. 12 (color online). Real (top) and imaginary (bottom) parts of the Lee-Yang zero as a function of  $L^{-1}$  at  $\beta = 5.0$ . Solid curves represent the fit results with Re/Im $\kappa_0(L) = \text{Re/Im}\kappa_0(\infty) + a_{R/I}L^{-1/\nu}$  and dotted ones with Eqs. (58) and (59).

reported in Ref. [2], where the authors argue that the real part of the Lee-Yang zero has little chance to exhibit the leading scaling behavior because it changes very little as the lattice size *L* increases. The same features are observed in our results of Fig. 8. We also investigate possible finite size contaminations in  $\text{Re}\kappa_0(L)$  and  $\text{Im}\kappa_0(L)$  by employing the following fit functions:



FIG. 13 (color online). Real (top) and imaginary (bottom) parts of the Lee-Yang zero as a function of  $L^{-1}$  at  $\beta = 10.0$ . Solid curves represent the fit results with Re/Im $\kappa_0(L) = \text{Re}/\text{Im}\kappa_0(\infty) + a_{R/I}L^{-1/\nu}$  and dotted ones with Eqs. (58) and (59).

TABLE IV. Fit results including the sub-eading finite size contribution. The fit ranges are the same as in Table III.

β	$\operatorname{Re}\kappa_0(\infty)$	$a_R$	$b_R$	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$
5.0	0.279773(91)	-0.0687(45)	-0.270(36)	0.55
10.0	0.26922(14)	-0.0736(73)	-0.327(72)	0.25
β	$\mathrm{Im}\kappa_0(\infty)$	$a_I$	$b_I$	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$
5.0	0.00032(13)	0.2722(66)	0.035(53)	2.1
10.0	0.00028(11)	0.2641(60)	0.019(61)	0.21

$$\operatorname{Re}\kappa_0(L) - \operatorname{Re}\kappa_0(\infty) = a_R L^{-1} + b_R L^{-2}, \qquad (58)$$

$$Im\kappa_0(L) - Im\kappa_0(\infty) = a_I L^{-1} + b_I L^{-2}, \qquad (59)$$

where we assume  $\nu = 1$  and the  $L^{-2}$  term represents the subleading contribution. The fit results are depicted with the dotted curves in Figs. 12 and 13, and the numerical values for the coefficients  $a_{R/I}$  and  $b_{R/I}$  are presented in Table IV. We find that the coefficient  $b_R$  has a much larger magnitude than  $a_R$ , which results in large  $L^{-2}$  contributions to  $\operatorname{Re}_{\kappa_0}(L)$ . On the other hand, the imaginary part shows that the coefficient  $b_I$  is negligibly small compared to  $a_I$ . This assures us that the Lee-Yang zero analysis of the imaginary part is more reliable than the real one avoiding the possible subleading contaminations. The similar situation is also found with a different choice of the boundary condition in Ref. [2]. In conclusion, our results indicate a second-order phase transition with  $\alpha \simeq 0$ and  $\nu = 1$  so that the one-flavor lattice Schwinger model belongs to the 2D Ising universality class even at finite coupling. This disagrees with both results obtained by the microcanonical fermionic average approach [4] and the weak coupling expansion [5].

#### **IV. SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK**

We have applied the GTRG to the one-flavor lattice Schwinger model with the Wilson fermion formulation. The finite size scaling analyses of the peak height of the chiral susceptibility and the Lee-Yang zero show that the phase transition not only at the strong coupling limit but also at finite coupling belongs to the same universality class as the 2D Ising model similar to the free fermion case. It tells us that we can take the massless continuum limit along the critical line  $\kappa = \kappa_c(\beta)$ .

This is the first application of the GTRG to lattice gauge theory including fermions. The GTRG has a strong advantage that it does not suffer from the sign problem caused by the fermion determinant, which is demonstrated in this work. A further possibility is an application of the GTRG to the physical system with the  $\theta$  term where the action is a complex number. A numerical analysis of the lattice Schwinger model with the  $\theta$  term is under way. There remain some difficulties in extending the GTRG to lattice QCD. Although our method can be formally extended to 2D lattice QCD by adopting a tensor network formulation of SU(N) gauge theory proposed by Liu *et al.* [8], it is necessary to check how much computational cost is actually required for numerical calculations. The biggest difficulty is to develop a practical method to calculate 4D systems. A TRG method based on the higher-order SVD, which was proposed in Ref. [25], is the most effective approach to higher dimensional systems at the moment. Its computational cost, however, is proportional to  $D^{15}$  for a 4D hypercubic lattice, which is still too expensive.

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# **APPENDIX: VALUES FOR** $W^{i_{f1},i_{f2},j_{f1},j_{f2},k_{f1},k_{f2},l_{f1},l_{f2}}$ **AND** $H^{i_{f1},i_{f2}}_{m_h,n_h}$

We present the values for  $W^{i_{f1},i_{f2},j_{f1},j_{f2},k_{f1},k_{f2},l_{f1},l_{f2}}$  and  $H^{i_{f1},i_{f2}}_{m_{b},n_{b}}$  introduced in Sec. II B:

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$$\begin{split} W^{0,0,0,1,1,1,0,1} &= -\frac{1}{2}, \qquad W^{1,0,0,0,1,0,1,1} &= -\frac{1}{2}, \\ W^{0,1,0,0,0,1,1,1} &= -\frac{1}{2}, \qquad W^{1,1,1,0,1,0,0,0} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ W^{1,1,0,1,0,1,0,0} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad W^{1,1,0,0,1,0,0,1} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ W^{1,1,0,0,0,1,1,0} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad W^{1,0,1,1,0,0,1,0} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ W^{0,1,1,1,0,0,0,1} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad W^{0,0,1,1,1,0,0,1} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ W^{0,0,1,1,0,1,1,0} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad W^{1,0,0,1,1,1,0,0} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ W^{1,0,0,0,1,1,0,0} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad W^{0,1,1,0,1,1,0,0} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ W^{0,1,0,0,1,1,0,1} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad W^{1,0,0,1,0,0,1,1} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ W^{0,1,1,0,0,0,1,1} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad W^{0,0,1,0,1,0,1,1} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \\ W^{0,1,1,0,0,0,1,1} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad W^{0,0,1,0,1,0,1,1} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} W^{0,0,0,1,0,1,1,1} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad W^{1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \\ W^{1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \qquad W^{0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \\ W^{0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \qquad W^{0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \\ W^{0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \qquad W^{0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \\ W^{0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \qquad \text{others} = 0, \end{split}$$

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$$H_{m_b,n_b}^{0,0} = H_{m_b,n_b}^{1,1} = \delta_{m_b,n_b},$$
  

$$H_{m_b,n_b}^{1,0} = -\delta_{m_b,n_b+1},$$
  

$$H_{m_b,n_b}^{0,1} = \delta_{m_b,n_b-1},$$
(A2)

(A1)

where  $W^{i_{f_1},i_{f_2},j_{f_1},j_{f_2},k_{f_1},k_{f_2},l_{f_1},l_{f_2}}$  has only 49 nonzero components.

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