

13. Heisenberg model

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a) Intro

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} (S_i^+ S_{i+1}^- + S_{i+1}^+ S_i^- + S_i^z S_{i+1}^z)$$

Spin $\frac{1}{2}$

Theorem Lieb-Rattus J. Math. Phys. 3 (1962) 749

The ground state of H is an angular momentum singlet $J=0$

We wish to find the ground state of H

$J=0 \Rightarrow M=0 \Rightarrow$ groundstate has $\frac{N}{2}$ spins up and $\frac{N}{2}$ spins down

Notice that the total number of spins up is a good quantum number ($[J_z, H]=0$)

"Vacuum" all spins down $E = \sum S_i^z S_{i+1}^z = \frac{N}{4}$

one magnon states $\psi_\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_i e^{i\alpha R_i} S_i^+ |0\rangle$

$$E = \cos \alpha a - \frac{1}{2} 2 + \frac{N}{4}$$

from $S_i^z S_{i+1}^z$ term

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Anisotropic Heisenberg model

$$S_{N+1} = S_1$$

$$H = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} (S_i^+ S_{i+1}^- + S_i^- S_{i+1}^+) + \sum_i \alpha S_i^z S_{i+1}^z$$

 $\alpha = 0$: XY model $\alpha = \infty$ Ising model $\alpha = 1$: Heisenberg model"vacuum" $|0\rangle = |\downarrow \downarrow \dots \downarrow\rangle$ b) One particle states

We will give a more systematic way of deriving these states instead of guessing the answer

$$\psi = \sum_k f_k S_k^+ |0\rangle$$

$$H\psi = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} (f_{i+1} S_i^+ + f_i S_{i+1}^+) |0\rangle + \alpha \left(\frac{N}{4} - \frac{3}{2}\right) f_i S_i^+ |0\rangle$$

$$H\psi = E\psi \quad \text{equate coeff of } S_i^+ |0\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} f_{i+1} + \frac{1}{2} f_{i-1} + \alpha \left(\frac{N}{4} - 1\right) f_i = E f_i$$

$$\epsilon \equiv E - \frac{N\alpha}{4}$$

$$\text{Solution } f_A = e^{ikA}$$

$$\epsilon = \cos k - \alpha$$

c) Two particle states

Bethe ansatz $\psi = \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ i < j}} f_{ij} S_i^+ S_j^+ |0\rangle$

Distinguish case that i and j are neighbors and not

$$H\psi = \sum_k \frac{1}{2} (S_k^+ S_{k+1}^- + S_k^- S_{k+1}^+ + 2\alpha S_k^z S_{k+1}^z) \sum_{i,j} f_{ij} S_i^+ S_j^+ |0\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ \text{not neighbors}}} (S_{j-1}^+ S_i^+ + S_{i-1}^+ S_j^+ + S_{i+1}^+ S_j^+ + S_{j+1}^+ S_i^+) f_{ij} |0\rangle$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (S_{i+1}^+ S_i^+ + S_i^+ S_{i+2}^+) f_{i+1} |0\rangle$$

$$- \alpha \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\substack{i < j \\ \text{not neighbors}}} f_{ij} S_i^+ S_j^+ |0\rangle$$

$$- \alpha \frac{1}{4} \sum_i f_i f_{i+1} S_i^+ S_{i+1}^+ |0\rangle$$

$$= \sum f_{ij} S_i^+ S_j^+ |0\rangle$$

Coefficient of $S_i^+ S_{i+1}^+ |0\rangle$

$$\frac{1}{2} (f_{i+1} + f_{i-1}) - \frac{1}{2} \alpha f_{i+1} = \sum f_{i+1}$$

Coefficient of $S_i^+ S_j^+ |0\rangle$ $j \neq i+1$

$$\frac{1}{2} (f_{i+1} + f_{j+1} + f_{i-1} + f_{j-1}) - \alpha f_{ij} = \sum f_{ij}$$

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It is easy to solve the 2nd equation

$$f_{mn} = a_1 e^{i(km + i\alpha)n} + a_2 e^{i(kn + i\alpha)m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon = \cos k + \cos k' - 2\alpha$$

We still have to satisfy the first equation

f_{mn} satisfies eq for $j = i+1$
subtract first equation

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (f_{ii} + f_{i+1, i+1}) - \alpha f_{i, i+1} = 0$$

Put $a_1 = e^{iy}$ $a_2 = e^{-iy}$

$$\Rightarrow e^{iy} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} e^{i(\alpha + k)} - \alpha e^{i\alpha} \right) + e^{-iy} \left(\frac{1}{2} (1 + e^{i(\alpha + k')}) - \alpha e^{i\alpha} \right) = 0$$

$$\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ o.k. for XY model}$$

$$2 = 1 \Rightarrow \cos \varphi (1 + e^{i(\alpha + k)}) - (e^{i\alpha} + e^{i\alpha'}) + i \sin \varphi (e^{i\alpha} - e^{i\alpha'}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \varphi = \frac{i(e^{i\alpha} - e^{i\alpha'})}{(1 + e^{i(\alpha + k)}) - e^{i\alpha} - e^{i\alpha'}}$$

$$= \frac{\sin(\alpha - \alpha')/2}{2 \cos(\alpha + k)/2 - \cos(\alpha - \alpha')/2}$$