

2-D Metallic State Strip Correlation Truncation Notes

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Since the 2-D metallic state has an entanglement entropy proportional to $L \log L$, where L is the system size. Hence it is expected that the renormalization group has a branching tree structure. In this note, we will describe how to obtain the correlation matrix for the 1-D metallic states from the 2-D metallic system.

I. INTRODUCTION

The 2-D metallic state can be fully described by its correlation matrix denoted as C_{2D} , in our context it can be described as a Fock Map, which is a rank-2 tensor that transform one Hilbert space to another. Thus we can denote $C_{2D} : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$, where \mathcal{R} is the Hilbert space of the 2-D metallic state in the physical space. A similar description in the reciprocal space can be used $C_{2D} : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ where \mathcal{K} is the Hilbert space of the 2-D metallic state in the reciprocal space.

II. STRIP CORRELATION MATRIX

Since the 2-D metallic state we are considering has a Fermi surface perpendicular to the reciprocal space vector $\vec{v}_g = [1, 1]^T$ in the square space, thus we expect the 1-D metallic state to be localized within strips parallel to \vec{v}_g . Which we can express the 1-D metallic state in terms of the basis that is translational invariance along the \vec{v}_g direction.

To have enough degrees of freedom to perform our strip metal distillation process, we will perform a uniform scaling with a factor of 4. We will denote the scaled correlation matrix as C_{2D}^B .

In order to obtain the correlation matrix for a single 1-D metallic state parallel to \vec{v}_g , we have to first find the correlation matrix C_{2D}^B expressed in terms of the translational invariance of the \vec{v}_g direction. In order to complete then span of the 2-D space we use a non-trivial method with Smith normal form to find another real-space basis to complete the 2-D space.

$$\mathcal{R}_S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & L_y \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

\mathcal{R}_S is the column basis and L_y is the number of lattice sites in the y direction, actually one can also use the x direction since it will still span the same 2-D space.

The new crystal represented in \mathcal{R}_{strip} basis will have the size of $1 \times L_x$ since all sites in the y direction are grouped into a single unit cell. Denote the transformed correlation matrix as C_{2D}^S .

After that we will perform a strip restriction on C_{2D}^S with a real-space strip that has a width correlated with the correlation length of the 1-D metallic state in the perpendicular direction of \vec{v}_g , and we can find a strip

unit-cell with length of $norm(\vec{v}_g)$. This process can be done by applying a Fourier isometry on C_{2D}^S back to the real space.

$$C_{\mathcal{R}} = \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{R}}^\dagger C_{2D}^S \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{R}} \quad (2)$$

III. REASONS TO PERFORM STRIP CORRELATION MATRIX TRUNCATION

After that we will perform a Fourier transform with translational invariance along the \vec{v}_g direction to obtain the strip correlation matrix of the single 1-D strip region, denote it as C_{strip} . This is not the correlation matrix resembling the 1-D metallic state yet, since by inspecting the correlation spectrum of this matrix we can see that it is not a pure state, thus we will have to locate the degrees of freedom that attributes a pure state within this spectrum. Technically we will do it by applying a threshold filtering to the correlation spectrum such that only the degrees of freedom that have correlation values close to 0 or 1 will be selected. Then we will obtain the correlation matrix of the 1-D metallic state $C_{metal} = \mathbb{1} - \mathcal{P}_{pure}$ where \mathcal{P}_{pure} is the projector from the selected modes.

When one observes the correlation spectrum of C_{metal} , we will see a pole at the Γ point in the reciprocal space of the 1-D strip space, in such we cannot identify a set of filled degrees of freedom that can be used to describe the 1-D metallic state. From the properties of Fourier transform, we know that a pole in the reciprocal space means there is delocalization behavior in the real space, thus we can perform a truncation of the correlation matrix in the real space, which is equivalent to cutting all correlations that have range longer than some real space distance, and that distance is determined by the correlation length of the 1-D metallic state in the direction of \vec{v}_g .

IV. METHODOLOGY

Going back to C_{strip} , we can construct a free-fermion Hamiltonian H_{frozen} that has all the frozen degrees of freedom which are the ones with correlation values close to 0 or 1. Then we can perform a Fourier isometry on H_{frozen} to restrict the Hamiltonian to a region with radius of the truncation length. This region normally will

be a elongated unit cell of the strip crystal, when we perform the Fourier transform with translational invariance along the \vec{v}_g direction, the resulting Hamiltonian H'_{frozen} will have multi-counting since the region overlaps under translation with \vec{v}_g , thus we have to manually remove the multi-counting.

By inspecting the spectrum of H'_{frozen} in the reciprocal

space of the strip crystal, we can see that there will be a set of bands in the lower eigenvalues, those will be the frozen degrees of freedom corresponding to the 1-D metallic state, and thus we can construct a pure state correlation matrix by $C'_{metal} = \mathbb{1} - \mathcal{P}'_{frozen}$, which will be the correlation matrix of filling all the 1-D metallic single fermion states.