

# Notes on Nsite\_ring.py

## 1. Basic Principle

This homework discusses a **quantum spin-1/2 chain** of  $N$  sites arranged in a ring.

The Hamiltonian is given by

$$H = - \sum_{j=1}^N \left( g \sigma_{j-1}^z \sigma_j^y \sigma_{j+1}^x + J \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z + h \sigma_j^x \right),$$

where  $\sigma^{x,y,z}$  are Pauli matrices, while the **periodic boundary condition** shows that  $\sigma_{N+1} = \sigma_1$ . This model includes both **two-spin** ( $\sigma^z \sigma^z$ ) and **three-spin** ( $\sigma^z \sigma^y \sigma^x$ ) interactions, with a transverse field  $h$ .

The interplay among these competing terms governs the ground-state structure and excitation spectrum.

Because the Hamiltonian is invariant under lattice translation, we can use the **translation operator**  $T$ :

$$T|s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N\rangle = |s_2, \dots, s_N, s_1\rangle.$$

Its eigenstates satisfy

$$T|\psi_k\rangle = e^{-ik}|\psi_k\rangle, \quad k = \frac{2\pi m}{N} \quad (m = 0, 1, \dots, N-1).$$

The Hilbert space can thus be decomposed into **momentum sectors**, allowing a block-diagonal form of  $H$ :

$$H = \bigoplus_k H_k.$$

Then we can calculate the eigenvalues in each block of  $H$ . Notice that the lowest eigenvalue across all  $k$  gives the **ground-state energy**, and its corresponding eigenvector gives the **ground-state vectors**.

Lastly, the ground-state expectation values are computed as

$$\langle \sigma^x \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle \psi_0 | \sigma_i^x | \psi_0 \rangle, \quad \langle \sigma^z \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle \psi_0 | \sigma_i^z | \psi_0 \rangle.$$

## 2. Source Code of Nsite\_ring.py

### (a) Hamiltonian

Firstly, we preset the parameters and prepare the Pauli matrices to represent the spin operators. Then we define following function:

```
def kron_n(op_list):
    res = np.array([[1]], dtype=complex)
    for op in op_list:
        res = np.kron(res, op)
    return res
```

to get the tensor product of the N-spin system.

For each site  $j$ , the local contributions are built as:  $-g \sigma_{j-1}^z \sigma_j^y \sigma_{j+1}^x$ ,  $-J \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z$ ,  $-\hbar \sigma_j^x$ , and summed to form the total  $H$ .

### (b) Translation Operator

We build the translation matrix  $T$  that cyclically shifts basis states by one site, then diagonalizes it to find eigenvalues  $e^{-ik}$ :

```
eigvals_T, eigvecs_T = np.linalg.eig(T)
```

### (c) Diagonalization in Each Momentum Sector

We initial a dictionary named `momentum_sectors` with keys in 0-N, then we identify the variable `k_index` by following estimation to generate corresponding keys for `momentum_sectors` :

```
for i, eigenvalue in enumerate(eigvals_T):
    abs_phase = -cmath.phase(eigenvalue)
    if abs_phase < 0:
        abs_phase += 2 * np.pi
    k_index = round(abs_phase * N / (2 * np.pi)) % N
    momentum_sectors[k_index].append(i)
```

For each momentum sector, the Hamiltonian is projected as

$$H_k = V_k^\dagger H V_k$$

where  $V_k$  is composed by the eigenvectors of the matrix T:

```
for k_index in range(N):
    indices = momentum_sectors[k_index]
    ...
    Vk = eigvecs_T[:, indices]
    Hk = Vk.conj().T @ H @ Vk
    Ek, psi_k = eigh(Hk)
```

Then we can identify the ground state by:

```
if Ek[0] < ground_energy:
    ground_energy = Ek[0]
    ground_state = Vk @ psi_k[:, 0]
```

## (d) Ground State Properties

$\langle \sigma_x \rangle$  and  $\langle \sigma_z \rangle$  can be calculated as follow:

```
for j in range(N):
    ops_x = [id2] * N
    ops_x[j] = sx
    op_x_j = kron_n(ops_x)
    sigmax_exp += np.vdot(ground_state, op_x_j @ ground_state)
sigmax_exp /= N
...
```

In the end, to prominent the output, we build a function `Format_complex` with accuracy at `threshold = 1e-10`, by which we can get the round results.  
(see in the code annotation)

## 3. Numerical Results and Analysis

The output in cases  $g = J = h = 1, N = 8$ :

Case: g=1 J=1 h=1 Ns=8

(1) The eigenvalues in each Momentum\_Sector\_ki:

```
ki= 0 : [-11.97450070 -11.89024988 -9.51415508 -9.25511722 -7.85248869 -6.29085969 -5.05463167 -4.04429811 -3.37230998 -2.88661648 -2.8284
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940195 2.11883867 2.82842712 2.85399292 3.08806696 3.86534552 4.34331496 4.58045444 5.46410162 6.55887379 7.22620043 8.38209486 11.1301048
2 11.47002058]
ki= 1 : [-9.52059914 -9.14361028 -7.96292754 -6.28512700 -4.56928847 -4.15230775 -3.82710224 -2.76562845 -2.26580240 -1.72080360 -1.362816
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4.93304761 4.95712202 5.34772734 5.36349783 6.68121886 7.16843394 9.32090075]
ki= 2 : [-9.75961101 -8.36870445 -7.13823818 -6.03408247 -5.13717262 -4.87955417 -3.80934503 -3.78807751 -2.94464210 -2.73503675 -2.502571
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ki= 3 : [-8.98318383 -7.58328975 -6.10427650 -5.27352133 -5.10448089 -4.86633829 -4.35649230 -3.87131019 -3.50959288 -3.28847170 -2.494914
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ki= 4 : [-7.17412836 -7.16574576 -6.65066490 -6.05348503 -5.98360880 -5.36079645 -4.76029479 -4.72355517 -4.19214598 -3.38933391 -2.688029
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ki= 5 : [-8.98318383 -7.58328975 -6.10427650 -5.27352133 -5.10448089 -4.86633829 -4.35649230 -3.87131019 -3.50959288 -3.28847170 -2.494914
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ki= 6 : [-9.75961101 -8.36870445 -7.13823818 -6.03408247 -5.13717262 -4.87955417 -3.80934503 -3.78807751 -2.94464210 -2.73503675 -2.502571
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ki= 7 : [-9.52059914 -9.14361028 -7.96292754 -6.28512700 -4.56928847 -4.15230775 -3.82710224 -2.76562845 -2.26580240 -1.72080360 -1.362816
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(2) Ground\_State\_energy\_per\_site= -1.496812587859699  
(2) Ground\_State\_sigmax\_per\_site= (0.4569519539796922 + 1.734723475976807e-18j)  
(2) Ground\_State\_sigmaz\_per\_site= (1.6316809015037848e-14 + 0.0j)

## (1) Spectrum Interpretation

The energy dispersion  $E(k)$  shows multiple excitation bands.

The smooth variation with  $k$  implies quasi-particle-like excitations, similar to magnons in simpler spin models.

## (2) Ground-State Properties

- The lowest eigenvalue **-11.97450070** (ground state energy in total) appears at  $k = 0$ , meaning that the ground state preserves translational symmetry.
- The expectation value  $\langle \sigma^x \rangle \approx 0.457$  indicates partial alignment along the transverse field, say the polarization.
- $\langle \sigma^z \rangle \approx 0$  suggests no longitudinal magnetization, showing the field dominates the spin order.
- Imaginary shows no contribution to the expectation of observations.

## 4. Summary

This work implemented a complete diagonalization of a quantum spin chain with periodic boundary conditions.

Through translation symmetry, the computation was simplified by dividing the Hilbert space into momentum sectors.