



Consider spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ chain:
$$\hat{H}^L = \sum_{\ell=1}^L \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\ell} \cdot \vec{h}_{\ell} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{L-1} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\ell} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\ell+1} \quad (1)$$

SU(2) spin algebra for each site ℓ (suppressing site indices in Eqs. (2-4):

$$[\hat{S}_i, \hat{S}_j] = \varepsilon_{ijk} \hat{S}_k \quad (2a), \quad S_i^{\dagger} = S_i, \quad \hat{S}_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{S}_x \pm i \hat{S}_y) = \hat{S}_{\mp}^{\dagger} := \hat{S}_{\mp}^{\dagger} \quad (2b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad [\hat{S}_-, \hat{S}_+] = \hat{S}_z, \quad [\hat{S}_z, \hat{S}_{\pm}] = \pm \hat{S}_{\pm} \quad (2c)$$

useful convention to achieve covariant notation

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\ell} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\ell+1} = \hat{S}_x^{\ell} \hat{S}_x^{\ell+1} + \hat{S}_y^{\ell} \hat{S}_y^{\ell+1} + \hat{S}_z^{\ell} \hat{S}_z^{\ell+1} \quad (2b)$$

site ℓ , site $\ell+1$

$$= \hat{S}_+^{\ell} \hat{S}_-^{\ell+1} + \hat{S}_-^{\ell} \hat{S}_+^{\ell+1} + \hat{S}_z^{\ell} \hat{S}_z^{\ell+1} \quad (2b)$$

sum on $a \in \{+, -, z\}$ implied!

write this covariant notation:

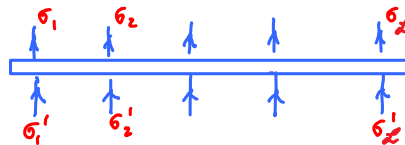
$$= \hat{S}_+^{\ell} \hat{S}_+^{\ell+1} + \hat{S}_-^{\ell} \hat{S}_-^{\ell+1} + \hat{S}_z^{\ell} \hat{S}_z^{\ell+1} = \hat{S}_a^{\ell} \hat{S}_a^{\ell+1} \quad (3b)$$

with operator triplets:
$$\hat{S}_a \in \{ \hat{S}_+, \hat{S}_z, \hat{S}_- \}, \quad \hat{S}_a^{\dagger} \in \{ \hat{S}_+^{\dagger}, \hat{S}_z^{\dagger}, \hat{S}_-^{\dagger} \} \quad (4)$$

In the basis $\{ |\vec{\sigma}_L\rangle \} = \{ |\sigma_1\rangle |\sigma_2\rangle \dots |\sigma_L\rangle \}$, the Hamiltonian can be expressed as

$$\hat{H}^L = |\vec{\sigma}'\rangle H^{\vec{\sigma}'\vec{\sigma}} \langle \vec{\sigma}| \quad (5)$$

'no hat' means 'matrix representation'



$H^{\vec{\sigma}'\vec{\sigma}}$ is a linear map acting on a direct product space: $V^{\otimes L} := V_1 \otimes V_2 \otimes \dots \otimes V_L$

where V_{ℓ} is the 2-dimensional representation space of site ℓ .

\hat{H}^L is a sum of single-site and two-site terms.

On-site terms:
$$\hat{S}_{a\ell} = |\sigma'_{\ell}\rangle [S_a]_{\sigma'_{\ell}\sigma_{\ell}}^{\sigma'_{\ell}\sigma_{\ell}} \langle \sigma_{\ell}| \quad (6)$$

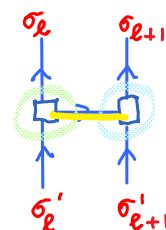
Matrix representation in V_{ℓ} :
$$[S_a]_{\sigma'_{\ell}\sigma_{\ell}}^{\sigma'_{\ell}\sigma_{\ell}} = \langle \sigma'_{\ell} | \hat{S}_{a\ell} | \sigma_{\ell} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} [S_a]_{\uparrow\uparrow} & [S_a]_{\uparrow\downarrow} \\ [S_a]_{\downarrow\uparrow} & [S_a]_{\downarrow\downarrow} \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$S_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Nearest-neighbor interactions, acting on direct product space, $|\sigma_{\ell}\rangle \otimes |\sigma_{\ell+1}\rangle$:

$$\hat{S}_{a\ell} \otimes \hat{S}_{a^{\dagger}\ell+1} = |\sigma'_{\ell}\rangle |\sigma'_{\ell+1}\rangle [S_a]_{\sigma'_{\ell}\sigma_{\ell}}^{\sigma'_{\ell}\sigma_{\ell}} [S_{a^{\dagger}}]_{\sigma'_{\ell+1}\sigma_{\ell+1}}^{\sigma'_{\ell+1}\sigma_{\ell+1}} \langle \sigma_{\ell} | \langle \sigma_{\ell+1} | \quad (9)$$

Matrix representation in $V_{\ell} \otimes V_{\ell+1}$:



Matrix representation in $\mathcal{V}_L \otimes \mathcal{V}_{L+1}$

σ_L σ_{L+1}

We define the 3-leg tensors S, S^\dagger with index placements matching those of A tensors for wavefunctions: incoming upstairs, outgoing downstairs (fly in, roll out), with a (by convention) as middle index.

Diagonalize site 1

Matrix acting on σ_1 :

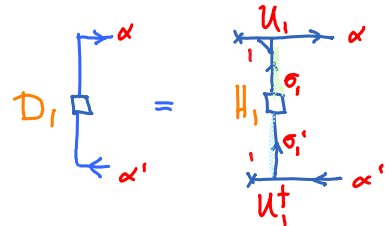
$$H_1 = \underbrace{S_{a_1}^\dagger}_{\text{chain of length 1}} \cdot \underbrace{h_1^a}_{\text{site index: } l=1} = U_1 D_1 U_1^\dagger$$



(10)

$D_1 = U_1^\dagger H_1 U_1$ is diagonal, with matrix elements

$$[D_1]_{\alpha'}^{\alpha} = [U_1^\dagger]_{\sigma_1'}^{\alpha'} [H_1]_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_1'} [U_1]_{\alpha}^{\sigma_1}$$



(11)

Eigenvectors of the matrix H_1 are given by column vectors of the matrix $[U_1]_{\alpha}^{\sigma_1}$:

Eigenstates of operator \hat{H}_1 are given by: $|\alpha\rangle = |\sigma_1\rangle [U_1]_{\alpha}^{\sigma_1}$

Add site 2

Diagonalize H_2 in enlarged Hilbert space, $\mathcal{H}_{(2)} = \text{span}\{|\sigma_1\rangle|\sigma_2\rangle\}$

chain of length 2

Matrix acting on $\mathcal{V}_1 \otimes \mathcal{V}_2$:

$$H_2 = \underbrace{\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{h}_1}_{H_1^{loc}} \otimes \mathbb{1}_2 + \mathbb{1}_1 \otimes \underbrace{\vec{S}_2 \cdot \vec{h}_2}_{H_2^{loc}} + \underbrace{J S_{a_1} \otimes S_{a_2}^\dagger}_{H_{12}^{loc}} \quad (15)$$

Matrix representation in $\mathcal{V}_1 \otimes \mathcal{V}_2$ corresponding to 'local' basis, $\{|\sigma_1\rangle|\sigma_2\rangle\}$:

$$H_2_{\sigma_1', \sigma_2'}^{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} = \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} =: \text{Diagram 4} \quad (16)$$

We seek matrix representation in $\mathcal{V}_1 \otimes \mathcal{V}_2$ corresponding to enlarged, 'site-1-diagonal' basis, defined as

$$|\tilde{\alpha}\rangle \equiv |\alpha, \sigma_2\rangle \equiv |\alpha\rangle|\sigma_2\rangle = |\sigma_1\rangle|\sigma_2\rangle U_1^{\sigma_1 \alpha} \quad \alpha \rightarrow \tilde{\alpha} = U_1 \alpha \mathbb{1} \tilde{\alpha} \quad (17)$$

$$\hat{H}_2 = |\tilde{\alpha}'\rangle H_2^{\tilde{\alpha}'}_{\tilde{\alpha}} \langle \tilde{\alpha}|, \quad H_2^{\tilde{\alpha}'}_{\tilde{\alpha}} = \langle \tilde{\alpha}' | \hat{H}_2 | \tilde{\alpha} \rangle = \langle \tilde{\alpha}' | \sigma_1', \sigma_2' \rangle H_2^{\sigma_1', \sigma_2'}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} \langle \sigma_1, \sigma_2 | \tilde{\alpha} \rangle$$

To this end, attach U_1^\dagger, U_1 to in/out legs of site 1, and $\mathbb{1}, \mathbb{1}$ to in/out legs of site 2:



First term is already diagonal. But other terms are not.

Note: the 'triangles' on ∇, \perp suffice to fully specify all arrow direction, hence arrows can be omitted (will often be done in later lectures).

Now diagonalize H_2 in this enlarged basis: $H_2 = U_2 D_2 U_2^\dagger$ (19)

$D_2 = U_2^\dagger H_2 U_2$ is diagonal, with matrix elements

$[D_2]^{\beta'}_\beta = [U_2^\dagger]^{\beta'}_{\tilde{\alpha}'} [H_2]^{\tilde{\alpha}'}_{\tilde{\alpha}} [U_2]_{\tilde{\alpha}}^\beta$

Eigenvectors of matrix H_2 are given by column vectors of the matrix $[U_2]^{\tilde{\alpha}}_\beta = [U_2]^{\alpha \sigma_2}_\beta$:

Eigenstates of the operator \hat{H}_2 :

$|\beta\rangle = |\tilde{\alpha}\rangle [U_2]^{\tilde{\alpha}}_\beta = |\alpha\rangle |\sigma_2\rangle [U_2]^{\alpha \sigma_2}_\beta = |\sigma_1\rangle |\sigma_2\rangle [U_1]^{\sigma_1}_\alpha [U_2]^{\alpha \sigma_2}_\beta$ (21)

$\rightarrow \beta = \alpha \xrightarrow{\sigma_2} \beta = \alpha \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} \beta$ (22)

Add site 3

Transform each term involving new site into the 'enlarged, site-12-diagonal basis', defined as

$|\tilde{\beta}\rangle \equiv |\beta, \sigma_3\rangle \equiv |\beta\rangle |\sigma_3\rangle$

For example, spin-spin interaction, H_{23}^{int} :

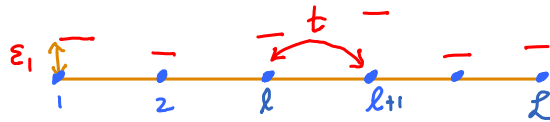
Local basis:

enlarged, site-12-diagonal basis:

Then diagonalize in this basis: $H_3 = U_3 D_3 U_3^\dagger$, etc. (25)

At each iteration, Hilbert space grows by a factor of 2. Eventually, truncations will be needed...!

Consider tight-binding chain of spinless fermions:



$$\hat{H} = \sum_l \varepsilon_l \hat{c}_l^\dagger \hat{c}_l + \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} t_l (\hat{c}_l^\dagger \hat{c}_{l+1} + \hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger \hat{c}_l) \quad (i)$$

Goal: find matrix representation for this Hamiltonian, acting in direct product space $\mathbb{V}_1 \otimes \mathbb{V}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{V}_L$, while respecting fermionic minus signs:

$$\{\hat{c}_\ell, \hat{c}_{\ell'}\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger, \hat{c}_{\ell'}^\dagger\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger, \hat{c}_{\ell'}\} = \delta_{\ell\ell'} \quad (2)$$

First consider a single site (dropping the site index ℓ):


Hilbert space: $\text{span}\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$, local index: $n = \sigma \in \{0, 1\}$ (local occupancy)

Operator action: $\hat{c}^\dagger |0\rangle = |1\rangle, \quad \hat{c}^\dagger |1\rangle = 0$ (3a)

$$\hat{c}|0\rangle = 0, \quad \hat{c}|1\rangle = |0\rangle \quad (3b)$$

The operators $\hat{c}^\dagger = |\sigma'\rangle \langle \sigma|$ and $\hat{c} = |\sigma\rangle \langle \sigma'|$

have matrix representations in \mathcal{W} :

$$c^{\dagger}_{\sigma'} = \langle \sigma' | \hat{c}^{\dagger} | \sigma \rangle = \begin{matrix} & |0\rangle & |1\rangle \\ \begin{matrix} \langle 0| \\ \langle 1| \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$


(4a)

$$C_{\sigma'\sigma} = \langle \sigma' | \hat{C} | \sigma \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C \square \begin{matrix} \uparrow \sigma \\ \downarrow \sigma' \end{matrix} \quad (4b)$$

Shorthand: we write $\hat{c}^\dagger \doteq C^\dagger$, $\hat{c} \doteq C$ where \doteq means 'is represented by'

lower case denotes operator in Fock space upper case denotes matrix in 2-dim space \mathbb{V}

Check: $C^\dagger C + C C^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{1} \quad \checkmark \quad (5)$

$$C^\dagger C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark \quad C C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \checkmark \quad (6)$$

For the number operator, $\hat{n} := \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c}$ the matrix representation in \mathbb{V} reads:

$$n := C^\dagger C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sigma_z) = \text{"charge"} \quad (7)$$

where $Z := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is representation of $\hat{z} = 1 - z\hat{n} = (-1)^{\hat{n}}$ (8)

Useful relations: $\hat{c} \hat{z} = - \hat{z} \hat{c}$ $\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{z} = - \hat{z} \hat{c}^\dagger$ (9)

'commuting \hat{c} or \hat{c}^\dagger past \hat{z} produces a sign'

[exercise: check this algebraically, using matrix representations!]

Intuitive reason: \hat{c} and \hat{c}^\dagger both change \hat{n} -eigenvalue by one, hence change sign of $(-1)^{\hat{n}}$.

For example:

$$\hat{c}^\dagger (-1)^{\hat{n}} = + \hat{c}^\dagger = - (-1)^{\hat{n}} \hat{c}^\dagger \quad (10a)$$

non-zero only when acting on $|0\rangle = (-1)^0 = 1$ $= (-1)^1 = -1$

Similarly:

$$\hat{c} (-1)^{\hat{n}} = - \hat{c} = - (-1)^{\hat{n}} \hat{c} \quad (10b)$$

non-zero only when acting on $|1\rangle = (-1)^1 = -1$ $= (-1)^0 = 1$

Now consider a chain of spinless fermions:

Complication: fermionic operators on different sites anticommute: $c_\ell c_{\ell'} = -c_{\ell'} c_\ell$ for $\ell \neq \ell'$

Hilbert space: $\text{span} \{ |\vec{n}\rangle_\ell = |n_1, n_2, \dots, n_\ell\rangle \}$, $n_\ell \in \{0, 1\}$ (11)

Define canonical ordering: fill states from right to left:

$$|n_1, \dots, n_\ell, \dots, n_\ell\rangle = (\hat{c}_1^\dagger)^{n_1} \dots (\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger)^{n_\ell} \dots (\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger)^{n_\ell} |Vac\rangle \quad (12)$$

Now consider:

$$\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger |n_1, \dots, 0, \dots, n_\ell\rangle = (-1)^{n_1 + \dots + n_{\ell-1}} (\hat{c}_1^\dagger)^{n_1} \dots \underbrace{\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger (\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger)^0}_{\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger 1} \dots (\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger)^{n_\ell} |Vac\rangle \quad (13)$$

$$= (-1)^{n_\ell^L} |n_1, \dots, 1, \dots, n_\ell\rangle, \quad n_\ell^L = \sum_{\ell'=1}^{\ell-1} n_{\ell'} \quad (14)$$

$$\hat{c}_\ell |n_1, \dots, 1, \dots, n_\ell\rangle = (-1)^{n_1 + \dots + n_{\ell-1}} (\hat{c}_1^\dagger)^{n_1} \dots \underbrace{\hat{c}_\ell (\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger)^1}_{(\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger)^0} \dots (\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger)^{n_\ell} |Vac\rangle \quad (15)$$

$$= (-1)^{n_\ell^L} |n_1, \dots, 0, \dots, n_\ell\rangle \quad (16)$$

To keep track of such signs, matrix representations in $\mathbb{V}^{\otimes \ell} = \mathbb{V}_1 \otimes \mathbb{V}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{V}_\ell$ need extra 'sign counters', tracking fermion numbers:

$$\hat{c}_\ell^\dagger \doteq z_1 \otimes \dots \otimes z_{\ell-1} \otimes C_\ell^\dagger \otimes 1_{\ell+1} \otimes \dots \otimes 1_\ell =: z_\ell^L C_\ell^\dagger \quad (21)$$

$$\hat{c}_\ell \doteq z_1 \otimes \dots \otimes z_{\ell-1} \otimes C_\ell \otimes 1_{\ell+1} \otimes \dots \otimes 1_\ell =: z_\ell^L C_\ell \quad (22)$$

'Jordan-Wigner transformation'

with $z_\ell^L := \prod_{\ell' < \ell} z_{\ell'}$ 'Z-string' (23)

Exercise: verify graphically that $\hat{c}_{l'}^\dagger \hat{c}_l = - \hat{c}_l \hat{c}_{l'}^\dagger$ for $l' > l$.

Solution:

$$\hat{c}_{l'}^\dagger \hat{c}_l = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } l-1, l, l+1, \dots, l'-1, l', l'+1, \dots, L \text{ sites} \\ \text{with } \hat{c}_l \text{ and } \hat{c}_{l'}^\dagger \text{ operators} \end{array} \quad (24)$$

$$= \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } l-1, l, l+1, \dots, l'-1, l', l'+1, \dots, L \text{ sites} \\ \text{with } \hat{c}_{l'}^\dagger \text{ and } \hat{c}_l \text{ operators, including an 'extra sign!' arrow} \end{array} \quad (25)$$

In bilinear combinations, all(!) of the \hat{Z} 's cancel. Example: hopping term, $\hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger \hat{c}_l$:

$$\hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger \hat{c}_l = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } l-1, l, l+1, l+2, \dots, L \text{ sites} \\ \text{with } \hat{c}_l \text{ and } \hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger \text{ operators} \end{array} \quad (26)$$

$$= \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram with } l-1, l, l+1, l+2, \dots, L \text{ sites} \\ \text{with } \hat{c}_l \text{ and } \hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger \text{ operators, simplified} \end{array} \quad (27)$$

since at site $l' < l$ we have $\hat{Z}_{l', l'} = 1_{l'}$, $\hat{Z}_l \hat{c}_l = \hat{c}_l$, $\hat{Z}_l \hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger = \hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger$,
 non-zero only when acting on $|\dots, n_l = 1, \dots\rangle$,
 and in this subspace, $\hat{Z}_l = 1$ (10a) (28)

Conclusion: $\hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger \hat{c}_l = \hat{c}_{l+1}^\dagger \hat{c}_l$ and similarly, $\hat{c}_l^\dagger \hat{c}_{l+1} = \hat{c}_l^\dagger \hat{c}_{l+1}$ [using (10b)] (29)

Hence, the hopping terms end up looking as though fermions carry no signs at all.

For spinful fermions, this will be different.

Consider chain of spinful fermions. Site index: $\ell = 1, \dots, L$, spin index: $s \in \{\uparrow, \downarrow\} := \{+, -\}$

$$\{\hat{c}_{\ell s}, \hat{c}_{\ell' s'}\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{c}_{\ell s}^\dagger, \hat{c}_{\ell' s'}^\dagger\} = 0, \quad \{\hat{c}_{\ell s}^\dagger, \hat{c}_{\ell' s'}\} = \delta_{\ell\ell'} \delta_{ss'} \quad (1)$$

Define canonical order for fully filled state: $\hat{c}_{1\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{1\downarrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{2\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{2\downarrow}^\dagger \dots \hat{c}_{L\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{c}_{L\downarrow}^\dagger |vac\rangle \quad (2)$

First consider a single site (dropping the index ℓ):

Hilbert space: $= \text{span}\{|0\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle, |\uparrow\rangle, |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle\}$, local index: $\sigma \in \{0, \downarrow, \uparrow, \uparrow\downarrow\} \quad (3)$
 $d = 4$

constructed via: $|0\rangle \equiv |vac\rangle, \quad |\downarrow\rangle \equiv \hat{c}_\downarrow^\dagger |0\rangle, \quad (4)$

$$|\uparrow\rangle \equiv \hat{c}_\uparrow^\dagger |0\rangle, \quad |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \equiv \hat{c}_\uparrow^\dagger \hat{c}_\downarrow^\dagger |0\rangle = \hat{c}_\uparrow^\dagger |\downarrow\rangle = -\hat{c}_\downarrow^\dagger |\uparrow\rangle \quad (5)$$

To deal with minus signs, introduce $\hat{z}_s := (-1)^{\hat{n}_s} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \hat{n}_s)$, $s \in \{\uparrow, \downarrow\} \quad (6)$
 $s \in \{\uparrow, \downarrow\}$ $\hat{z}_s = \hat{c}_s^\dagger \hat{c}_s$

We seek a matrix representation of $\hat{c}_s^\dagger, \hat{c}_s, \hat{z}_s$ in direct product space $\tilde{V} := V_\uparrow \otimes V_\downarrow$. (7)
 (Matrices acting in this space will carry tildes.)

$$\hat{z}_\uparrow \doteq \tau_\uparrow \otimes 1_\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{z}_\uparrow \quad (8)$$

$$\hat{z}_\downarrow \doteq 1_\uparrow \otimes \tau_\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{z}_\downarrow \quad (9)$$

$$\hat{z}_\uparrow \hat{z}_\downarrow \doteq \tau_\uparrow \otimes \tau_\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{z} \quad (10)$$

$$\hat{c}_\uparrow^\dagger \doteq c_\uparrow^\dagger \otimes 1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{c}_\uparrow^\dagger$$

$$\hat{c}_\uparrow \doteq c_\uparrow \otimes 1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{c}_\uparrow \quad (11)$$

$$\hat{c}_\downarrow^\dagger \doteq z_\uparrow \otimes c_\downarrow^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{c}_\downarrow^\dagger \quad (12)$$

$$\hat{c}_\downarrow \doteq z_\uparrow \otimes c_\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{c}_\downarrow \quad (12)$$

$$\hat{C}_\downarrow \doteq z_\uparrow \otimes C_\downarrow = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & -1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} =: \tilde{C}_\downarrow \quad (12)$$

The factors \tilde{Z}_s guarantee correct signs. For example $\tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \tilde{C}_\downarrow = -\tilde{C}_\downarrow \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger$:
(fully analogous to MPS-II.1.17)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: } \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \tilde{C}_\downarrow \text{ as a box with } z_\uparrow \text{ and } C_\downarrow \text{ legs.} \\ \text{Diagram 2: } \tilde{C}_\downarrow \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \text{ as a box with } C_\downarrow \text{ and } z_\uparrow \text{ legs.} \end{array} = - \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3: } \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \tilde{C}_\downarrow \text{ with a sign flip.} \\ \text{Diagram 4: } \tilde{C}_\downarrow \tilde{C}_\uparrow^\dagger \text{ with a sign flip.} \end{array} \quad (13)$$

Algebraic check:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

Remark: for spinful fermions (in contrast to spinless fermions, compare MPS-II.28), we have

$$\tilde{C}_s^\dagger \tilde{Z} \neq \tilde{C}_s^\dagger \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{Z} \tilde{C}_s \neq \tilde{C}_s \quad (15)$$

For example, consider $s = \uparrow$; action in $\tilde{V} = V_\uparrow \otimes V_\downarrow$:

$$\tilde{C}_\downarrow^\dagger \tilde{Z} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1: } z_\uparrow \text{ and } z_\downarrow \text{ legs.} \\ \text{Diagram 2: } z_\uparrow \text{ and } C_\downarrow^\dagger \text{ legs.} \end{array} = 1 - C_\downarrow^\dagger \neq \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3: } z_\uparrow \text{ and } C_\downarrow \text{ legs.} \\ \text{Diagram 4: } C_\downarrow^\dagger \text{ and } z_\downarrow \text{ legs.} \end{array} = \tilde{C}_\downarrow^\dagger \quad (16)$$

Now consider a chain of spinful fermions (analogous to spinless case, with \tilde{V}_ℓ instead of V_ℓ).

Each \hat{C}_ℓ or \hat{C}_ℓ^\dagger must produce sign change when moved past any $\hat{C}_{\ell'}$ or $\hat{C}_{\ell'}^\dagger$, with $\ell' > \ell$.

So, define the following matrix representations in $\tilde{V}^{\otimes L} = \tilde{V}_1 \otimes \tilde{V}_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{V}_L$:

$$\hat{C}_{s\ell}^\dagger \doteq \tilde{Z}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{Z}_{\ell-1} \otimes \tilde{C}_{s\ell}^\dagger \otimes 1_{\ell+1} \otimes \dots \quad 1_\ell \equiv \tilde{Z}_\ell^\leftarrow \tilde{C}_{s\ell}^\dagger \quad (17)$$

$$\hat{C}_{s\ell} \doteq \tilde{Z}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tilde{Z}_{\ell-1} \otimes \tilde{C}_{s\ell} \otimes 1_{\ell+1} \otimes \dots \quad 1_\ell \equiv \tilde{Z}_\ell^\leftarrow \tilde{C}_{s\ell} \quad (18)$$

'Jordan-Wigner transformation'

$$\text{with } \tilde{Z}_\ell^\leftarrow \equiv \prod_{\otimes \ell' < \ell} \tilde{Z}_{\ell'} = \prod_{\otimes \ell' < \ell} z_{\uparrow \ell'} \otimes z_{\downarrow \ell'} \quad \text{'Z-string'} \quad (19)$$

In bilinear combinations, most (but not all!) of the \tilde{Z} 's cancel.

Example: hopping term $\hat{C}_{\ell s}^\dagger \hat{C}_{\ell-1 s}$: (sum over s implied)

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & 2 & \ell-2 & \ell-1 & \ell & \ell+1 & \ell & \ell \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \hat{c}_{sl}^\dagger \hat{c}_{s,l-1} \\
 \begin{array}{ccccccc}
 1 & 2 & \dots & l-2 & l-1 & l & l+1 \\
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \dots & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \dots & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} \\
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \quad (20)$$

$$= \begin{array}{ccccccc}
 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & \tilde{z} & 1 & 1 \\
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \dots & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \dots & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} \\
 \end{array}
 \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{initial charge:} \\
 \begin{array}{cc}
 1 & 0 \\
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} \\
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 = \begin{array}{cc}
 1 & 1 \\
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} \\
 \end{array}$$

Similarly:

$$\hat{c}_{l-1,s}^\dagger \hat{c}_{ls} = \begin{array}{cc}
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \tilde{z} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} \\
 \end{array}$$

final charge: 0 final charge: 1

bond \rightarrow indicates spin sum \sum_s

Arrow convention for virtual bonds of creation/annihilation operators:

'charge conservation' holds for each operator, i.e. total charge in = total charge out.

Annihilation operator: outgoing - or incoming +

Creation operator: incoming - or outgoing +

$\hat{c}_s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\langle 0 | \hat{c}_s | 1 \rangle = 1$

(22)