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Demo: Kitaev Chain

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The Kitaev chain is a prototype example of the topological superconductor. Here, we demonstrate how to examine its properties Kitaev (2001), Kitaev's original, for technical details of the model.

[FockNumber](#) or [Q](#)

Number operator

[FockHopping](#) or [Hop](#)

Constructs the hopping Hamiltonian terms

[FockPairing](#) or [Pair](#)

Constructs the pairing Hamiltonian terms

Some useful functions to study the Kitaev chain.

Load the Fock package.

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In[1]:= << Q3`
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Let c denote the (Dirac) [Fermion](#) operator.

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In[2]:= Let[Fermion, c]
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Let t , μ , and Δ denote the hopping amplitude, chemical potential, and pairing potential, respectively.

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In[3]:= Let[Real, t,  $\mu$ ,  $\Delta$ ]
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The number of sites of the one-dimensional lattice.

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In[4]:= $L = 8;
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Define some Lists of operators to be used later.

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In[5]:= cc = c[Range[1, $L]]
cccc = Join[cc, Dagger@cc]
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Out[5]= {c1, c2, c3, c4, c5, c6, c7, c8}
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Out[6]= {c1, c2, c3, c4, c5, c6, c7, c8, c1†, c2†, c3†, c4†, c5†, c6†, c7†, c8†}
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Now constructs the model Hamiltonian.

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In[7]:= H0 = -μ * Q[cc]
Hhop = -t * PlusDagger @ FockHopping[cc]
Hpair = -Δ * PlusDagger @ FockPairing[cc]
Htotal = H0 + Hhop + Hpair
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$$\text{Out}[7] = -\mu \left(c_1^\dagger c_1 + c_2^\dagger c_2 + c_3^\dagger c_3 + c_4^\dagger c_4 + c_5^\dagger c_5 + c_6^\dagger c_6 + c_7^\dagger c_7 + c_8^\dagger c_8 \right)$$

$$\text{Out}[8] = -t \left(c_1^\dagger c_2 + c_2^\dagger c_1 + c_2^\dagger c_3 + c_3^\dagger c_2 + c_3^\dagger c_4 + c_4^\dagger c_3 + c_4^\dagger c_5 + c_5^\dagger c_4 + c_5^\dagger c_6 + c_6^\dagger c_5 + c_6^\dagger c_7 + c_7^\dagger c_6 + c_7^\dagger c_8 + c_8^\dagger c_7 \right)$$

$$\text{Out}[9] = -\Delta \left(-c_2 c_1 - c_3 c_2 - c_4 c_3 - c_5 c_4 - c_6 c_5 - c_7 c_6 - c_8 c_7 - c_1^\dagger c_2^\dagger - c_2^\dagger c_3^\dagger - c_3^\dagger c_4^\dagger - c_4^\dagger c_5^\dagger - c_5^\dagger c_6^\dagger - c_6^\dagger c_7^\dagger - c_7^\dagger c_8^\dagger \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Out}[10] = & -\Delta \left(-c_2 c_1 - c_3 c_2 - c_4 c_3 - c_5 c_4 - c_6 c_5 - c_7 c_6 - c_8 c_7 - c_1^\dagger c_2^\dagger - c_2^\dagger c_3^\dagger - c_3^\dagger c_4^\dagger - c_4^\dagger c_5^\dagger - c_5^\dagger c_6^\dagger - c_6^\dagger c_7^\dagger - c_7^\dagger c_8^\dagger \right) - \\ & t \left(c_1^\dagger c_2 + c_2^\dagger c_1 + c_2^\dagger c_3 + c_3^\dagger c_2 + c_3^\dagger c_4 + c_4^\dagger c_3 + c_4^\dagger c_5 + c_5^\dagger c_4 + c_5^\dagger c_6 + c_6^\dagger c_5 + c_6^\dagger c_7 + c_7^\dagger c_6 + c_7^\dagger c_8 + c_8^\dagger c_7 \right) - \\ & \mu \left(c_1^\dagger c_1 + c_2^\dagger c_2 + c_3^\dagger c_3 + c_4^\dagger c_4 + c_5^\dagger c_5 + c_6^\dagger c_6 + c_7^\dagger c_7 + c_8^\dagger c_8 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let us take a look at the connectivity of the model. Here, the black thin lines indicate single-particle tunneling and the red thick lines represent the p-wave pairing.

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In[11]:=
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GraphForm[Htotal]
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Out[11]=
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To investigate the quasi-particle spectrum (by means of the Bogoliubov-de Gennes equation), obtain the single-particle BdG Hamiltonian.

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In[12]:=
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matK = CoefficientTensor[Htotal, Dagger@cccc, cccc];
matK // MatrixForm
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Out[13]//MatrixForm=
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$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\mu}{2} & -\frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{t}{2} & -\frac{\mu}{2} & -\frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{t}{2} & -\frac{\mu}{2} & -\frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{t}{2} & -\frac{\mu}{2} & -\frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{t}{2} & -\frac{\mu}{2} & -\frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{t}{2} & -\frac{\mu}{2} & -\frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{t}{2} & -\frac{\mu}{2} & -\frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{t}{2} & -\frac{\mu}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\mu}{2} & \frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{t}{2} & \frac{\mu}{2} & \frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{t}{2} & \frac{\mu}{2} & \frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{t}{2} & \frac{\mu}{2} & \frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{t}{2} & \frac{\mu}{2} & \frac{t}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{t}{2} & \frac{\mu}{2} & \frac{t}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & -\frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{t}{2} & \frac{\mu}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\mu}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, study the quasi-particle energy spectrum of the model. Be aware of the finite size effects.

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In[14]:=
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KK[a_, b_, c_] := Block[{μ = a, t = b, Δ = c}, SparseArray@ArrayRules@matK]
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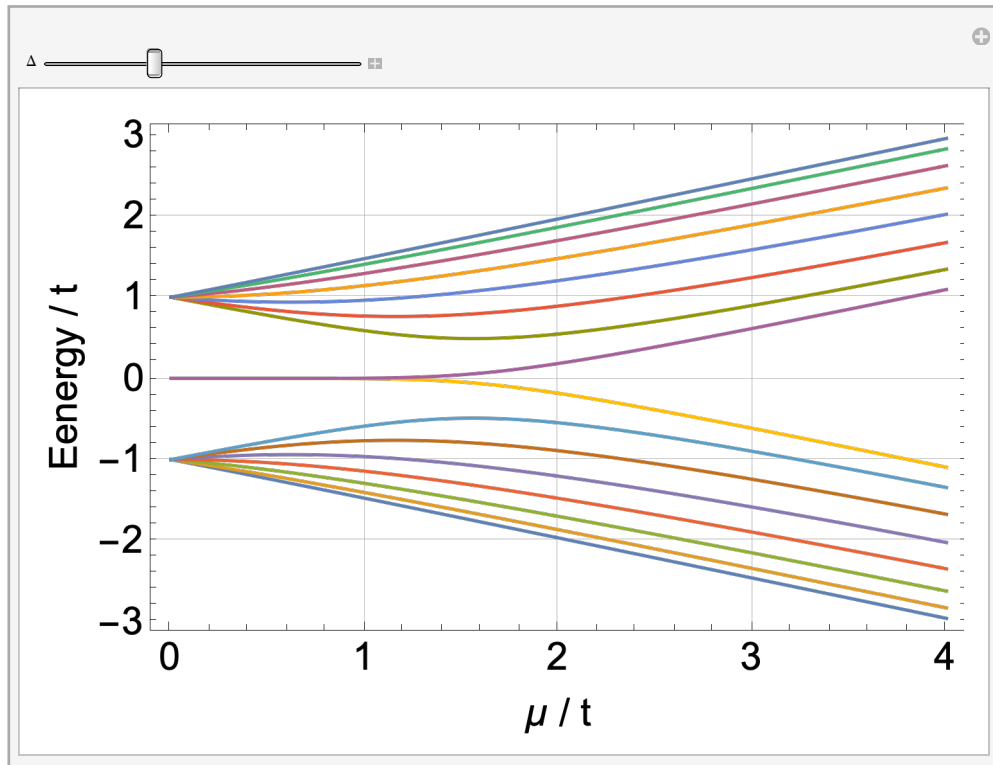
In[17]:=

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Manipulate[
  Module[
    {eval = Table[Sort@Eigenvalues[KK[μ, 1., Δ]], {μ, 0, 4, 0.02}]},
    ListLinePlot[Transpose@eval,
      Axes → None,
      Frame → True,
      FrameLabel → {"μ / t", "Energy / t"},
      DataRange → {0, 4}]
  ],
  {{Δ, 1}, 0.5, 2, 0.1},
  SaveDefinitions → True]

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Out[17]=





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