

Quantum many-body systems (8.513 fa19)

Lecture note 3

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1D field theory to study no $U(1)$ symmetry breaking in 1D

Phase space Lagrangian in “symmetry breaking phase” of 1D XY model: $\phi_i = (\bar{\phi} + q_i)e^{i\theta_i}$, $\bar{\phi}^2 = \frac{2J-h}{g}$, near the transition $\bar{\phi} \sim 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \sum_i i\phi_i^* \dot{\phi}_i + 2J(\phi_i \phi_{i+1}^* + h.c.) - 2h|\phi_i|^2 - g|\phi_i|^4 \\
 &= \sum_i -(\bar{\phi} + q_i)^2 \dot{\theta}_i + 2J|\bar{\phi}|^2(e^{i(\theta_i - \theta_{i+1})} + h.c.) - 4(2J - h)q_i^2 \\
 &= \sum_i -(\bar{\phi}^2 + 2\bar{\phi}q_i)\dot{\theta}_i - 2J|\bar{\phi}|^2(\theta_i - \theta_{i+1})^2 - 4(2J - h)q_i^2 \\
 &= \int dx \left[-\bar{\phi}^2 - \underbrace{\frac{2\bar{\phi}}{a}q(x)}_{K\partial_x\varphi/\pi} \right] \dot{\theta}(x) - 2J|\bar{\phi}|^2 a [\partial_x\theta(x)]^2 - \frac{4(2J - h)}{a} q^2(x) \\
 &= \int dx \frac{K}{\pi} \partial_x\varphi \partial_t\theta - \frac{K}{2\pi} V_1 (\partial_x\theta)^2 - \frac{K}{2\pi} V_2 (\partial_x\varphi)^2 - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

where $V_1 = \frac{4\pi J(2J-h)a}{gK}$, $V_2 = \frac{2gaK}{\pi}$, and $K = \frac{1}{2}$.

- Momentum of uniform $\theta(x)$: $\int dx \frac{\partial_x\varphi}{2\pi} = \frac{\Delta\varphi}{2\pi} = int. \rightarrow \varphi \sim \varphi + 2\pi$

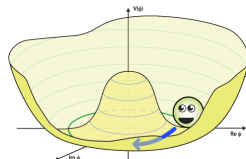
1D field theory – non-linear σ -model

- “Coordinate space” Lagrangian (rotor model): substitute one of the EOM $\frac{K}{\pi} \partial_t \theta = \frac{K}{\pi} V_2 \partial_x \varphi$ into the phase space Lagrangian

$$L = K \int dx \frac{V_2^{-1}}{2\pi} (\partial_t \theta)^2 - \frac{V_1}{2\pi} (\partial_x \theta)^2 - \underbrace{\frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \theta}_{\text{a topo. term}}$$

$$= K \int dx \frac{V_2^{-1}}{2\pi} (i u^\dagger \partial_t u)^2 - \frac{V_1}{2\pi} (i u^\dagger \partial_x u)^2 + i \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} u^\dagger \partial_t u$$

- The field is really $u = e^{i\theta}$, not θ . So the above is the so call non-linear σ -model, where the field takes value in a manifold G (called target space), ie the field is a map from space-time manifold to the target space: $M_{\text{space-time}}^{d+1} \rightarrow G$.
- In our case, the target space is a circle $G = S^1$ (the minima of the symmetry breaking potential).
- The above is a **low energy effective theory** for $U(1)$ symmetry breaking phase ($\theta \sim \theta + 2\pi$)
- $V_1 \sim 0$ near the transition, but the low energy effective theory is valid even for arbitrary V_1 .



1D non-linear σ -model in phase space (another form)

- Introduce $\phi_1 = \theta + \varphi$, $\phi_2 = \theta - \varphi$ (where $\phi_I \sim \phi_I + 2\pi$, $I = 1, 2$)

$$\begin{aligned} L &= K \int dx \frac{1}{\pi} \partial_x \varphi \partial_t \theta - \frac{1}{2\pi} V_1 (\partial_x \theta)^2 - \frac{1}{2\pi} V_2 (\partial_x \varphi)^2 - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \theta \\ &= K \int dx \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{4} \partial_x (\phi_1 - \phi_2) \partial_t (\phi_1 + \phi_2) - \frac{V_1}{2\pi} (\partial_x \theta)^2 - \frac{V_2}{2\pi} (\partial_x \varphi)^2 - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_2}{2} \\ &= K \int dx \frac{1}{4\pi} (\partial_x \phi_1 \partial_t \phi_1 - \partial_x \phi_2 \partial_t \phi_2) - \frac{1}{4\pi} v_{IJ} \partial_x \phi_I \partial_x \phi_J - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } (v_{IJ}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} V_1 + V_2 & V_1 - V_2 \\ V_1 - V_2 & V_1 + V_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- More general 1D (chiral) $U(1)$ non-linear σ -model

$$L = \int dx \frac{K_{IJ}}{4\pi} \partial_x \phi_I \partial_t \phi_J - \frac{V_{IJ}}{4\pi} \partial_x \phi_I \partial_x \phi_J, \quad \phi_I \sim \phi_I + 2\pi.$$

V is symm. and positive definite. K^{-1} is a symm. integer matrix.

- Positive eigenvalues of $K \rightarrow$ left movers.
Negative eigenvalues of $K \rightarrow$ right movers. (See next page)
- The model is **chiral** if the number of right movers is different from the number of left movers.

1D field theory – chiral boson (rotor) model

Assume $V_1 = V_2$

$$L = \int dx \frac{K}{4\pi} \partial_x \phi_1 (\partial_t \phi_1 - v \partial_x \phi_1) - \frac{K}{4\pi} \partial_x \phi_2 (\partial_t \phi_2 + v \partial_x \phi_2) - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_2}{2}$$

EOM: $\partial_t \phi_1 - v \partial_x \phi_1 = 0$ and $\partial_t \phi_2 + v \partial_x \phi_2 = 0$

$\rightarrow \phi_1(x + vt)$: left-mover, $\phi_2(x - vt)$: right-mover.

- Concentrate on the right-mover ($\phi(x) = \sum_n e^{-ikx} \phi_n$, $k = \frac{2\pi}{L} n$)

$$L = - \int dx \frac{K}{4\pi} \partial_x \phi (\partial_t \phi + v \partial_x \phi) + \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{2a} \partial_t \phi, \quad \text{consider only } n \neq 0 \text{ terms}$$

$$= \sum_{n \neq 0} -\frac{KL}{4\pi} (-ik) \phi_n (\dot{\phi}_{-n} + ivk \phi_{-n}) = \sum_{n > 0} inK \phi_n (\dot{\phi}_{-n} + ivk \phi_{-n})$$

Quantize $[x, p] = i$: $[\phi_{-n}, inK \phi_n] = i$, $H = \sum_{n > 0} vknK \phi_n \phi_{-n}$

Let $a_n^\dagger = \sqrt{nK} \phi_n \rightarrow a_n = \sqrt{nK} \phi_{-n}$

$$[a_n, a_n^\dagger] = 1, \quad H = \sum_{n > 0} vk \frac{a_n^\dagger a_n + a_n a_n^\dagger}{2} = \sum_{n > 0} vk (a_n^\dagger a_n + \frac{1}{2}).$$

Time-ordered correlation function

- Equal time correlation $\langle e^{i\theta(x)} e^{-i\theta(y)} \rangle$ and $\langle \theta(x) \theta(y) \rangle$
- Time dependent operator $O(t) = e^{iHt} O e^{-iHt}$ so that

$$\langle \Phi' | O(t) | \Phi \rangle = \langle \Phi'(t) | O | \Phi(t) \rangle,$$

where $|\Phi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\Phi\rangle$, $|\Phi'(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\Phi'\rangle$. We find

$$a_n^\dagger(t) = e^{i v k t} a_n^\dagger, \quad \phi_n(t) = e^{i v k t} \phi_n,$$

$$\phi(x, t) = \sum_n e^{-i k(x - vt)} \phi_n, \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{L} n.$$

- Time-ordered correlation

$$\langle \mathcal{T}[\phi(x, t) \phi(y, 0)] \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle \phi(x, t) \phi(y, 0) \rangle, & t > 0 \\ \langle \phi(y, 0) \phi(x, t) \rangle, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

For anti-commuting fermion operators

$$\langle \mathcal{T}[\psi(x, t) \tilde{\psi}(y, 0)] \rangle = \begin{cases} \langle \psi(x, t) \tilde{\psi}(y, 0) \rangle, & t > 0 \\ -\langle \tilde{\psi}(y, 0) \psi(x, t) \rangle, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Time ordered correlation function

- For $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \phi(x, t) \phi(0, 0) \rangle &= \sum_{n_1, n_2} e^{-i k_1(x-vt)} \langle \phi_{n_1} \phi_{n_2} \rangle = \sum_{n_2 > 0} e^{i k_2(x-vt)} \langle \phi_{-n_2} \phi_{n_2} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{i 2\pi \frac{x-vt}{L} n} \frac{1}{nK} = -\frac{1}{K} \log(1 - e^{i 2\pi \frac{x-vt}{L}})\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{since } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{\alpha n} \frac{1}{n} = -\log(1 - e^{\alpha})$$

- For $t < 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \phi(x, t) \phi(0, 0) \rangle &= \sum_{n_1, n_2} e^{-i k_1(x-vt)} \langle \phi_{n_2} \phi_{n_1} \rangle = \sum_{n_1 > 0} e^{-i k_1(x-vt)} \langle \phi_{-n_1} \phi_{n_1} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-i 2\pi \frac{x-vt}{L} n} \frac{1}{nK} = -\frac{1}{K} \log(1 - e^{-i 2\pi \frac{x-vt}{L}})\end{aligned}$$

Correlation function of vertex operator $e^{i\phi}$

- Normal ordering ($e^A e^B = e^{\frac{1}{2}[A,B]} e^{A+B}$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 : e^{i\phi(x,t)} : &:= \underbrace{e^{i \sum_{n>0} e^{ik(x-vt)} \phi_n}}_{\text{creation}} \underbrace{e^{i \sum_{n<0} e^{ik(x-vt)} \phi_n}}_{\text{annihilation}} \\
 &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} [\sum_{n>0} e^{ik(x-vt)} \phi_n, \sum_{n<0} e^{ik(x-vt)} \phi_n]} e^{i\phi(x,t)} = \underbrace{e^{\frac{1}{2K} \sum_n \frac{1}{n}}}_{\sim (\frac{L}{a})^{\frac{1}{2K}}} e^{i\phi(x,t)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Correlation function ($e^A e^B = e^{[A,B]} e^B e^A$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle : e^{i\phi(x,t)} :: e^{-i\phi(0,0)} : \rangle &= \langle e^{i\phi_{>}(x,t)} e^{i\phi_{<}(x,t)} e^{-i\phi_{>}(0,0)} e^{-i\phi_{<}(0,0)} \rangle \\
 &= \langle e^{i\phi_{<}(x,t)} e^{-i\phi_{>}(0,0)} \rangle = \underbrace{e^{[\phi_{<}(x,t), \phi_{>}(0,0)]}}_{= e^{\langle \phi(x,t) \phi(0,0) \rangle}} \underbrace{\langle e^{-i\phi_{>}(0,0)} e^{i\phi_{<}(x,t)} \rangle}_{=1} \\
 &= \begin{cases} (1 - e^{i2\pi \frac{x-vt+i0^+}{L}})^{-1/K}, & t > 0 \\ (1 - e^{-i2\pi \frac{x-vt-i0^+}{L}})^{-1/K}, & t < 0 \end{cases} \\
 &\approx \frac{(L/2\pi)^{1/K}}{[-i(x-vt)\text{sgn}(t) + 0^+]^{1/K}} = \frac{(L/2\pi)^{1/K} e^{i\frac{1}{K} \frac{\pi}{2} \text{sgn}((x-vt)t)}}{|x-vt|^{1/K}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Correlation function of $e^{i\theta}$ and symmetry breaking

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \mathcal{T}[: e^{i\theta(x,t)} :: e^{-i\theta(0,0)} :] \rangle \\
 &= \langle \mathcal{T}[: e^{\frac{1}{2}i\phi_1(x,t)} :: e^{-\frac{1}{2}i\phi_1(0,0)} :] \rangle \langle \mathcal{T}[: e^{\frac{1}{2}i\phi_2(x,t)} :: e^{-\frac{1}{2}i\phi_2(0,0)} :] \rangle \\
 &= \begin{cases} (1 - e^{i2\pi \frac{-x-vt+i0^+}{L}})^{-1/4K} (1 - e^{i2\pi \frac{x-vt+i0^+}{L}})^{-1/4K}, & t > 0 \\ (1 - e^{-i2\pi \frac{-x-vt-i0^+}{L}})^{-1/4K} (1 - e^{-i2\pi \frac{x-vt-i0^+}{L}})^{-1/4K}, & t < 0 \end{cases} \\
 &= \frac{(L/2\pi)^{1/2K}}{[-i(x-vt)\text{sgn}(t) + 0^+]^{1/4K} [-i(-x-vt)\text{sgn}(t) + 0^+]^{1/4K}} \\
 &= \frac{(L/2\pi)^{1/2K}}{(x^2 - v^2t^2 + i2vt\text{sgn}(t)0^+ + (0^+)^2)^{\frac{1}{4K}}} = \frac{L/2\pi}{(x^2 - v^2t^2 + i0^+)^{\frac{1}{2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

1D superfluid (or boson condensation, or $U(1)$ symmetry breaking) only has an **algebraic long range order**, not real **long range order** which requires $\langle : e^{i\theta(x,0)} :: e^{-i\theta(0,0)} : \rangle \rightarrow \text{const.}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Continuous symmetry cannot spontaneously broken in 1D, can only “nearly broken”

Correlation function and spectral function of $e^{i\theta} \sim \sigma^+$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(x, t) &= i \langle T[: e^{i\theta(x,t)} :: e^{-i\theta(0,0)} :] \rangle \\
 &= i (1 - e^{i2\pi \frac{x-vt}{L} \text{sgn}(t)})^{-1/4K} (1 - e^{i2\pi \frac{-x-vt}{L} \text{sgn}(t)})^{-1/4K} \\
 &= \sum_n C_{m,n} i e^{i(m\frac{2\pi}{L}x - n\frac{2\pi v}{L}t) \text{sgn}(t)} = \sum_n C_{m,n} i e^{i(K_mx - E_nt) \text{sgn}(t)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$I(k, \epsilon) = \sum_n C_{m,n} [\delta(k - K_m) \delta(\epsilon - E_n) + \delta(k + K_m) \delta(\epsilon + E_n)]$$

Fourier transformation of $G(x, t)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_0^L dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i(kx - \epsilon t)} i e^{i(K_mx - E_nt) \text{sgn}(t)} \\
 &= \int_0^L dx \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{-i[kx - (\epsilon + i0^+)t]} i e^{i(K_mx - E_nt)} + (t < 0) \\
 &= \underbrace{\delta(k - K_m)}_{L\delta_{k,K_m}} \frac{i}{-i(\epsilon - E_n + i0^+)} = \underbrace{\delta(k - K_m)}_{L\delta_{k,K_m}} \left[\frac{-1}{\epsilon - E_n} + i\pi \delta(\epsilon - E_n) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$I(k, \epsilon) = \text{Im} G(k, \epsilon) / \pi$$

Correlation function and spectral function of $e^{i\theta} \sim \sigma^+$

Correlation function of $e^{i\theta} \sim \sigma^+$

$$G(x,t) = \frac{i(L/2\pi)^{1/2K}}{(x^2 - v^2 t^2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} = \frac{i(L/2\pi)^{1/2K}}{(y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}}$$

where $y_1 = x + vt$, $y_2 = x - vt$. We find

$$\begin{aligned} G(k, \epsilon) &= \int dx dt e^{-i(kx - \epsilon t)} \frac{i(L/2\pi)^{1/2K}}{(x^2 - v^2 t^2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \\ &= \int dx dt e^{-i\frac{1}{2}[k(y_1 + y_2) - v^{-1}\epsilon(y_1 - y_2)]} \frac{i(L/2\pi)^{1/2K}}{(y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \\ &\sim \int dy_1 dy_2 \frac{i e^{-i\frac{1}{2}[(k - \frac{\epsilon}{v})y_1 + (k + \frac{\epsilon}{v})y_2]}}{(y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \end{aligned}$$

up to a positive factor.

Correlation function and spectral function of $e^{i\theta} \sim \sigma^+$

$$- y_1 > 0, y_2 > 0: \quad \left(\int_0^\infty dx \frac{e^{-ax}}{x^\alpha} = \Gamma(1-\alpha) a^{\alpha-1} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{++}(k, \epsilon) &= i \int_0^\infty dy_1 \int_0^\infty dy_2 \frac{e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k-\frac{\epsilon}{v}-i0^+)y_1} e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k+\frac{\epsilon}{v}-i0^+)y_2}}{(y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \\ &= i \left(\frac{i(k-\frac{\epsilon}{v}) + 0^+}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma(1-\frac{1}{4K}) \left(\frac{i(k+\frac{\epsilon}{v}) + 0^+}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma(1-\frac{1}{4K}) \\ &= i e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(\frac{1}{4K}-1)[\text{sgn}(vk-\epsilon)+\text{sgn}(vk+\epsilon)]} \\ &\quad \left(\frac{|vk-\epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{|vk+\epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma^2(1-\frac{1}{4K}) \end{aligned}$$

Correlation function and spectral function of $e^{i\theta} \sim \sigma^+$

- $y_1 > 0, y_2 < 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{+-}(k, \epsilon) &= i \int_0^\infty dy_1 \int_{-\infty}^0 dy_2 \frac{e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k - \frac{\epsilon}{v} - i0^+)y_1} e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k + \frac{\epsilon}{v} + i0^+)y_2}}{(y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \\ &= i \int_0^\infty dy_1 \int_0^\infty dy_2 \frac{e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k - \frac{\epsilon}{v} - i0^+)y_1} e^{i\frac{1}{2}(k + \frac{\epsilon}{v} + i0^+)y_2}}{(-y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \\ &= i \left(\frac{i(k - \frac{\epsilon}{v}) + 0^+}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{-i(k + \frac{\epsilon}{v}) + 0^+}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4K}} \Gamma^2\left(1 - \frac{1}{4K}\right) \\ &= i e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4K}} e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(\frac{1}{4K}-1)[\text{sgn}(vk-\epsilon) - \text{sgn}(vk+\epsilon)]} \\ &\quad \left(\frac{|vk - \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{|vk + \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma^2\left(1 - \frac{1}{4K}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Correlation function and spectral function of $e^{i\theta} \sim \sigma^+$

- $y_1 < 0, y_2 > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{-+}(k, \epsilon) &= i \int_{-\infty}^0 dy_1 \int_0^{\infty} dy_2 \frac{e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k - \frac{\epsilon}{v} + i0^+)y_1} e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k + \frac{\epsilon}{v} - i0^+)y_2}}{(y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \\ &= i \int_0^{\infty} dy_1 \int_0^{\infty} dy_2 \frac{e^{i\frac{1}{2}(k - \frac{\epsilon}{v} + i0^+)y_1} e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k + \frac{\epsilon}{v} - i0^+)y_2}}{(-y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \\ &= i \left(\frac{-i(k - \frac{\epsilon}{v}) + 0^+}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{i(k + \frac{\epsilon}{v}) + 0^+}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4K}} \Gamma^2\left(1 - \frac{1}{4K}\right) \\ &= i e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4K}} e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(\frac{1}{4K}-1)[- \operatorname{sgn}(vk - \epsilon) + \operatorname{sgn}(vk + \epsilon)]} \\ &\quad \left(\frac{|vk - \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{|vk + \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma^2\left(1 - \frac{1}{4K}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Correlation function and spectral function of $e^{i\theta} \sim \sigma^+$

- $y_1 < 0, y_2 < 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{--}(k, \epsilon) &= i \int_{-\infty}^0 dy_1 \int_{-\infty}^0 dy_2 \frac{e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k-\frac{\epsilon}{v}+i0^+)y_1} e^{-i\frac{1}{2}(k+\frac{\epsilon}{v}+i0^+)y_2}}{(y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \\
 &= i \int_0^{\infty} dy_1 \int_0^{\infty} dy_2 \frac{e^{i\frac{1}{2}(k-\frac{\epsilon}{v}+i0^+)y_1} e^{i\frac{1}{2}(k+\frac{\epsilon}{v}+i0^+)y_2}}{(y_1 y_2 + i0^+)^{1/4K}} \\
 &= i \left(\frac{-i(k-\frac{\epsilon}{v})+0^+}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{-i(k+\frac{\epsilon}{v})+0^+}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma^2\left(1 - \frac{1}{4K}\right) \\
 &= i e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(\frac{1}{4K}-1)[- \operatorname{sgn}(vk-\epsilon) - \operatorname{sgn}(vk+\epsilon)]} \\
 &\quad \left(\frac{|vk-\epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{|vk+\epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma^2\left(1 - \frac{1}{4K}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Correlation function and spectral function of $e^{i\theta} \sim \sigma^+$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(k, \epsilon) &\sim i \left(\frac{|vk - \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{|vk + \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4K} \right) \times \\
 &\left(e^{i \frac{\pi}{2} (\frac{1}{4K}-1) [\text{sgn}(vk-\epsilon) + \text{sgn}(vk+\epsilon)]} + e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4K}} e^{i \frac{\pi}{2} (\frac{1}{4K}-1) [\text{sgn}(vk-\epsilon) - \text{sgn}(vk+\epsilon)]} \right. \\
 &\left. + e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4K}} e^{i \frac{\pi}{2} (\frac{1}{4K}-1) [-\text{sgn}(vk-\epsilon) + \text{sgn}(vk+\epsilon)]} + e^{i \frac{\pi}{2} (\frac{1}{4K}-1) [-\text{sgn}(vk-\epsilon) - \text{sgn}(vk+\epsilon)]} \right) \\
 &= i \left(\frac{|vk - \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{|vk + \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4K} \right) \times
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases}
 -e^{i \frac{\pi}{4K}} + e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4K}} + e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4K}} - e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4K}} = -2i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4K}\right), & vk - \epsilon > 0, vk + \epsilon > 0 \\
 -e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4K}} + e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4K}} + e^{-i \frac{\pi}{4K}} - e^{i \frac{\pi}{4K}} = -2i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4K}\right), & vk - \epsilon < 0, vk + \epsilon < 0 \\
 1 - 1 - e^{-i \frac{\pi}{2K}} + 1 = 1 - e^{-i \frac{\pi}{2K}}, & vk - \epsilon > 0, vk + \epsilon < 0 \\
 1 - e^{-i \frac{\pi}{2K}} - 1 + 1 = 1 - e^{-i \frac{\pi}{2K}}, & vk - \epsilon < 0, vk + \epsilon > 0
 \end{cases}$$

Spectral function:
$$I(k, \epsilon) = \left(\frac{|vk - \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \left(\frac{|vk + \epsilon|}{2v} \right)^{\frac{1}{4K}-1} \Gamma^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4K} \right) \times$$

$$\begin{cases}
 0, & (\epsilon - vk)(\epsilon + vk) < 0 \\
 1 - \cos(\pi/2K), & (\epsilon - vk)(\epsilon + vk) > 0
 \end{cases}$$

$k = 0$ modes

- Our theory so far can produce excitation near $k = 0$, but not near $k = k_B = 2\pi \frac{N}{L}$.
- The correlation $\langle \mathcal{T}[: e^{i\theta(x,t)} :: e^{i\theta(0,0)} :] \rangle \sim (x^2 - v^2 t^2)^{-1/4K}$



We need to include $k = 0$ modes.

- Concentrate on the right mover

$$\phi(x) = \frac{2\pi W}{L}x + \phi_0 + \sum_{n \neq 0} e^{-ikx} \phi_n, \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{L}n, \quad W = \text{winding number}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_0^L dx \frac{K}{4\pi} \partial_x \phi (\partial_t \phi - v \partial_x \phi) - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{2a} \partial_t \phi \\ &= \left(\frac{K}{2} m - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2 L}{2a} \right) \dot{\phi}_0 - K v \frac{\pi m^2}{L} + \sum_{n > 0} i n K \phi_n (\dot{\phi}_{-n} + i v k \phi_{-n}) \end{aligned}$$

- $\frac{K}{2} W$ corresponds to angular momentum of ϕ_0 , with a $-\frac{\bar{\phi}^2 L}{2a}$ shift. For integer W , we allow fractional angular momentum $\frac{K}{2} W = \frac{W}{4}$?

$k = 0$ modes

To understand the above puzzle, from $\phi_1 = \theta + \varphi$ $\phi_2 = \theta - \varphi$, we note that the periodicity $(\theta, \varphi) \sim (\theta + 2\pi, \varphi) \sim (\theta, \varphi + 2\pi)$ implies the periodicity

$$\begin{aligned}(\phi_1, \phi_2) &\sim (\phi_1 + 2\pi, \phi_2 + 2\pi) \sim (\phi_1 + 2\pi, \phi_2 - 2\pi) \\ &\sim (\phi_1 + 4\pi, \phi_2) \sim (\phi_1, \phi_2 + 4\pi)\end{aligned}$$

Introduce $(\tilde{\phi}_1, \tilde{\phi}_2) = \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1, \phi_2)$ so that $\tilde{\phi}_I$ have independent periodicity $\tilde{\phi}_I \sim \tilde{\phi}_I + 2\pi$ ($\tilde{K} = 4K = 2$):

$$\begin{aligned}L &= \int_0^L dx \frac{\tilde{K}}{4\pi} \partial_x \tilde{\phi} (\partial_t \tilde{\phi} - v \partial_x \tilde{\phi}) - \frac{\tilde{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \tilde{\phi}, \quad \tilde{\phi} = \frac{2\pi w}{L} x + \tilde{\phi}_0 + \dots \\ &= \left(\frac{\tilde{K} w}{2} - \frac{\tilde{\phi}^2 L}{a} \right) \dot{\tilde{\phi}}_0 - \tilde{K} v \frac{\pi w^2}{L} + \sum_{n>0} i n \tilde{K} \tilde{\phi}_n (\dot{\tilde{\phi}}_{-n} + i v k \tilde{\phi}_{-n})\end{aligned}$$

Now winding number $\frac{\tilde{K}}{2} w = w$ is the angular momentum of $\tilde{\phi}$ (with $-\frac{\tilde{\phi}^2 L}{a}$ shift), which is quantized as integers.

$k = 0$ modes

Compare the following two theories

$$L_1 = \int_0^L dx \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_x \tilde{\phi}_1 \partial_t \tilde{\phi}_1 - v \frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_x \tilde{\phi}_1 \partial_x \tilde{\phi}_1 - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \tilde{\phi}_1 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_x \tilde{\phi}_2 \partial_t \tilde{\phi}_2 - v \frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_x \tilde{\phi}_2 \partial_x \tilde{\phi}_2 - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \tilde{\phi}_2 \right]$$

$$L_2 = \int dx \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_x \varphi - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2 L}{a} \right) \partial_t \theta - \frac{v}{4\pi} (\partial_x \theta)^2 - \frac{v}{4\pi} (\partial_x \varphi)^2$$

- The $k \neq 0$ modes of the two theories are identical.
- The $k = 0$ modes, the sectors, of the two theories are not the same.
 - The sectors for L_1 are labeled by w_1, w_2 : $E = \frac{2\pi}{L} v (w_1^2 + w_2^2)$
 - The sectors for L_2 are labeled by w_θ, w_φ (Only $q = \partial\varphi$ is physical):
 $\theta = w_\theta \frac{2\pi}{L} x + \theta_0, \quad \varphi = w_\varphi \frac{2\pi}{L} x.$
 $L_2 = (w_\varphi - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2 L}{a}) \dot{\theta}_0 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{2\pi}{L} v (w_\theta^2 + w_\varphi^2) \rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2\pi}{L} v (w_\theta^2 + w_\varphi^2)$
- The spectra match when $w_\theta = w_1 + w_2$, $w_\varphi = w_1 - w_2$, and we allow $w_1, w_2 = int.$ and $w_1, w_2 = \frac{1}{2} + int.$

$k = 0$ modes

- What is the meaning of w_φ (angular momentum of θ_0)?

We note that $-2\bar{\phi}a^{-1}q = K\partial_x\varphi/\pi = \partial_x\varphi/2\pi = w_\varphi/L$.

So $w_\varphi = \int dx (-2\bar{\phi}a^{-1}q) = \sum_i (-2\bar{\phi}q_i)$

Spectral of n_i

But what is $\sum_i (-2\bar{\phi}q_i)$?

Remember that $|\phi_i\rangle = \frac{|\uparrow\rangle + \phi_i|\downarrow\rangle}{\sqrt{1+|\phi_i|^2}} = \frac{|0\rangle + \phi_i|1\rangle}{\sqrt{1+|\phi_i|^2}}$.

So $\langle n_i \rangle = \frac{|\phi_i|^2}{1+|\phi_i|^2} \approx |\phi_i|^2$

Thus the canonical momentum of θ_0 ,

$-\frac{\bar{\phi}^2 L}{a} + w_\varphi = \sum_i (-\bar{\phi}^2 - 2\bar{\phi}q_i) = -\sum_i n_i = -N$, is the total number of the bosons (with a minus sign).

Under the $U(1)$ symmetry transformation, $\theta_0 \rightarrow \theta_0 + \Delta\theta$. The angular momentum of θ_0 is the total number of the bosons.

- What is the meaning of w_θ ?

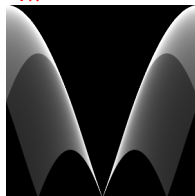
A non-zero w_θ gives rise $\phi_i = \bar{\phi} e^{i w_\theta x \frac{2\pi}{L}}$. Each boson carries momentum $w_\theta \frac{2\pi}{L}$. The total momentum is $w_\theta \frac{2\pi N_0}{L} = w_\theta k_B$.



Winding-number changing operators

$$L = \int dx \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_x \varphi - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2 L}{a} \right) \partial_t \theta - \frac{v}{4\pi} (\partial_x \theta)^2 - \frac{v}{4\pi} (\partial_x \varphi)^2$$

- The **local operator** $e^{i\theta} = e^{\frac{i}{2}(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}$ changes the particle number N by -1 , ie change the winding number of φ , w_φ , by 1 .



- To see this explicitly

$$[\theta(x), \frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_y \varphi(y)] = i\delta(x - y)$$

We find $[\theta(x), \Delta\varphi] = i2\pi$ where $\Delta\varphi = \varphi(+\infty) - \varphi(-\infty)$.

Thus $\theta(x) = i2\pi \frac{d}{d\Delta\varphi}$, and $e^{i\theta(x)} = e^{-2\pi \frac{d}{d\Delta\varphi}}$ is an operator that changes $\Delta\varphi$ by -2π , or w_φ by -1 , or particle number by 1

- Similarly, we have $[\theta(x), \varphi(y)] = -i2\pi \Theta(x - y)$

$$\rightarrow [\partial_x \theta(x), \varphi(y)] = -i2\pi \delta(x - y)$$

We find $[\Delta\theta, \varphi(y)] = -i2\pi$ where $\Delta\theta = \theta(+\infty) - \theta(-\infty)$.

Thus $\varphi(y) = i2\pi \frac{d}{d\Delta\theta}$, and $e^{i\varphi(x)} = e^{-2\pi \frac{d}{d\Delta\theta}}$ is an operator that changes $\Delta\theta$ by -2π , or change w_θ by -1 , or change total momentum by $-k_B$.

Local operators in 1D XY-model (superfluid)

- Lattice operators

$$\sigma_i^z = (\# \partial_x \theta + \# \partial_x \varphi) + \# e^{-i k_B x} e^{i \varphi(x)} + \dots$$

$$\sigma_i^+ = (\# + \# \partial_x \theta + \# \partial_x \varphi) e^{-i \theta(x)} + \# e^{-i k_B x} e^{-i \theta(x)} e^{i \varphi(x)} + \dots$$

- Set of local operators: $\partial_x \theta, \partial_x \varphi, \underbrace{e^{i(m_\theta \theta + m_\varphi \varphi)}}_{\text{change sectors}}$

or $\theta = \phi_1 + \phi_2, \varphi = \phi_1 - \phi_2$

$$\partial_x \phi_1, \partial_x \phi_2, \underbrace{e^{i(m_1 \phi_1 + m_2 \phi_2)}}_{\text{change sectors}}$$

where $m_1 + m_2 = m_\theta, \quad m_1 - m_2 = m_\varphi, \quad m_\theta, m_\varphi \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We see that m_1, m_2 are both integers or both half-integers.

- The sectors are labeled by w_θ, w_φ (or $w_1 = \frac{w_\theta + w_\varphi}{2}, w_2 = \frac{w_\theta - w_\varphi}{2}$).
The sectors are also labeled by m_θ, m_φ (or m_1, m_2):

$$m_\theta = -w_\varphi, \quad m_\varphi = -w_\theta.$$

$$m_1 = -w_1, \quad m_2 = w_2.$$

Fractionalization in XY-model (superfluid)

- A boson creation operator $\sigma^+ \sim e^{i\theta}$ (spin flip operator $\Delta S^z = 1$)

$$e^{i\theta} = e^{i\frac{1}{2}(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}, \quad \phi_1 \text{ left-mover}, \quad \phi_2 \text{ right-mover}$$

$e^{i\frac{1}{2}\phi_2}$ creates half boson (spin-1/2) in right-moving sector

$e^{i\frac{1}{2}\phi_1}$ creates half boson (spin-1/2) in left-moving sector

for a model

$$L = \int dx \frac{K}{\pi} \partial_x \varphi \partial_t \theta - \frac{K}{2\pi} V_1 (\partial_x \theta)^2 - \frac{K}{2\pi} V_2 (\partial_x \varphi)^2 - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \theta$$

with $V_1 = V_2$, $K = \frac{1}{2}$.

- In general $V_1 \neq V_2$, $e^{i\theta}$ creates q bosons in right-moving sector and $1 - q$ bosons in left-moving sector.

The partition function of 1D XY-model (superfluid)

- The partition function:

$$Z(\beta, L) = \text{Tre}^{-\beta \hat{H}} = \sum_n D_n e^{-\beta E_n}$$

where D_n is the number of states with energy E_n

- The generalize partition function:

$$Z(\beta, , L, X) = \text{Tre}^{-\beta \hat{H} + iX \hat{K}} = \sum_{n,m} D_{n,m} e^{-\beta E_n + iX K_m}$$

where $D_{n,m}$ is the number of states with E_n, K_m

- The generalize partition function for the $K \sim 0$ sector

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{n_R > 0} v \frac{2\pi n_R}{L} (a_{n_R}^\dagger a_{n_R} + \frac{1}{2}) + \sum_{n_L > 0} v \frac{2\pi n_L}{L} (a_{n_L}^\dagger a_{n_L} + \frac{1}{2}) + \rho_\epsilon L.$$

$$\hat{K} = \sum_{n_R > 0} \underbrace{\frac{2\pi n_R}{L}}_{k_R} a_{n_R}^\dagger a_{n_R} + \sum_{n_L > 0} \underbrace{-\frac{2\pi n_L}{L}}_{k_L} a_{n_L}^\dagger a_{n_L},$$

The partition function of 1D XY-model (superfluid)

$$Z(\beta, L, X) = e^{-\beta\rho_\epsilon L} \prod_{m_R > 0, m_L > 0} Z_{m_R}(\beta, X) Z_{m_L}(\beta, X)$$

$$Z_{m_R}(\beta, L, X) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{(-\beta v \frac{2\pi m_R}{L} + iX \frac{2\pi m_R}{L})(n + \frac{1}{2})} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{m_R(n + \frac{1}{2})} = \frac{q^{\frac{m_R}{2}}}{1 - q^{N_R}}$$

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where $q = e^{(-\beta v + iX) \frac{2\pi}{L}}$

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\beta, L, X) &= e^{-\beta\rho_\epsilon L} \prod_{m_R=1}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{q}^{\frac{m_R}{2}}}{1 - \bar{q}^{N_R}} \prod_{m_L=1}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{q}^{\frac{m_L}{2}}}{1 - \bar{q}^{N_L}} \\ &= e^{-\beta\tilde{\rho}_\epsilon L} \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{24}}}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)} \frac{\bar{q}^{-\frac{1}{24}}}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \bar{q}^n)} \end{aligned}$$

where we have used

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n = \# \left(\frac{L}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{12}$$

Heat kernel regularization

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n e^{-\alpha n} &= -\frac{d}{d\alpha} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha n} = -\frac{d}{d\alpha} \frac{e^{-\alpha}}{1 - e^{-\alpha}} = -\frac{d}{d\alpha} \frac{1}{e^{\alpha} - 1} \\ &= \frac{e^{\alpha}}{(e^{\alpha} - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{(e^{\alpha/2} - e^{-\alpha/2})^2} = \frac{1}{(2^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} + 2^{\frac{1}{3!}(\frac{\alpha}{2})^3})^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2(1 + \frac{1}{24}\alpha^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^2} - \frac{1}{12} \quad \rightarrow \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \text{ " = " } - \frac{1}{12} \end{aligned}$$

- Zero-point energy of a chiral boson with velocity v

$$\begin{aligned} E_0(L) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \nu k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \nu \frac{2\pi}{L} n = \frac{1}{2} \nu \frac{2\pi}{L} \left(\# \left(\frac{L}{a} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{12} \right) \\ &= \# L \frac{\nu}{a} - \frac{1}{24} \nu \frac{2\pi}{L} \end{aligned}$$

- For 1D superfluid (XY-model) with both left and right movers

$$E_{\text{grnd}}(L) = \#L \frac{v}{a} - \frac{c_L + c_R}{24} v \frac{2\pi}{L} = \Big|_{c_L=c_R=1} \#L \frac{v}{a} - \frac{1}{12} v \frac{2\pi}{L}$$

A story about central charge c (conformal field theory)

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- Why? $E = \rho_\epsilon L - \frac{c}{24} \frac{2\pi}{L}$ (assume $v = 1$) \rightarrow
Partition function $Z(\beta, L) = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H}) = e^{-\beta L \rho_\epsilon - \frac{2\pi\beta}{L} \frac{c}{24}} \Big|_{\beta \rightarrow \infty}$
- A magic: emergence of $O(2)$ symmetry in space-(imaginary-)time

$$Z(\beta, L) = Z(L, \beta), \quad \text{have used } v = 1.$$

This allows us to find $Z(\beta, L) = e^{-\beta L \rho_\epsilon - \frac{2\pi L}{\beta} \frac{c}{24}} \Big|_{L \rightarrow \infty}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Free energy density } f &= \rho_\epsilon - \frac{2\pi}{(\beta)^2} \frac{c}{24} \\ &= \rho_\epsilon - 2\pi T^2 \frac{c}{24} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Specific heat } C = -T \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial T^2} = T \frac{\pi}{6} c$$



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Examples of conformal field theories (CFT)

• Non-chiral CFT

- For the 1+1D superfluid

$$c = c_R + c_L = 2 \text{ and } c_R = c_L = 1.$$

- For the 1+1D free fermion metal

$$c = c_R + c_L = 2 \text{ and } c_R = c_L = 1.$$

- For the 1+1D Z_2 symmetry breaking transition (Ising model)

$$c = c_R + c_L = 1 \text{ and } c_R = c_L = 1/2.$$

- For the 1+1D Z_3 symm. breaking transition (3-state Potts model)

$$c = c_R + c_L = \frac{8}{5} \text{ and } c_R = c_L = \frac{4}{5}.$$

• Chiral CFT

- Boundary of $\nu = 1$ IQH state (Chern insulator)

$$c = c_R + c_L = 1 \text{ and } c_R = 1, c_L = 0.$$

- Boundary of 2+1D $p + ip$ topological superconductor

$$c = c_R + c_L = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } c_R = \frac{1}{2}, c_L = 0.$$

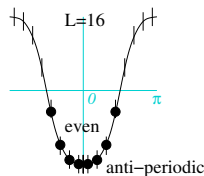
Ground state energy of non-interacting fermions on a ring

$$H = - \sum_{i=1}^L t \left(c_i^\dagger c_{i+1} + c_{i+1}^\dagger c_i \right), \quad \sum_{n=n_1}^{n_2} x^{n+\alpha} = \frac{x^{n_1+\alpha} - x^{n_2+\alpha} x}{1-x}$$

anti-periodic boundary condition $c_{L+1} = -c_1$

The Hamiltonian in k -space is given by

$$H = \sum_k -2t \cos(k) \psi_k^\dagger \psi_k, \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{L} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$



The ground state is obtained by filling all negative energy levels

$$\begin{aligned} E(L) &= \sum_{n=-\frac{L}{4}}^{\frac{L}{4}-1} -2t \underbrace{\cos\left[\frac{2\pi}{L}\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right]}_{e^{i\pi n} + e^{-i\pi n}}, \quad \text{assume } L = 0 \bmod 4 \\ &= -t \left(\frac{e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}(-\frac{L}{4} + \frac{1}{2})} - e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}(\frac{L}{4} - \frac{1}{2})} e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}}}{1 - e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}}} + h.c. \right) = -2t \frac{\sin(\frac{2\pi}{L} \frac{L}{4})}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{L})} \\ &= -2t \frac{1}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{L})} = -2t \left(\frac{L}{\pi} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\pi}{L} \right) = -2t \frac{L}{\pi} - \frac{1}{12} v \frac{2\pi}{L} \end{aligned}$$

Partition function on space-time with different shape

We have calculated XY partition function ($q = e^{(-\beta + iX)\frac{2\pi}{L}}$):

$$Z(\beta, L, X) = e^{-\beta \rho_\epsilon L} \frac{q^{-\frac{1}{24}}}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n)} \frac{\bar{q}^{-\frac{1}{24}}}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - \bar{q}^n)}$$

Does it really satisfies $Z(\beta, L, 0) = Z(L, \beta, 0)$?

- Simplify partition function:

- Set $\rho_\epsilon = 0$ to remove size dependence. (This is not setting the ground state energy to zero, but set the linear L -term to zero.)

- Let $\tau = \frac{X + i\beta}{L}$ describing the shape of space-time. $q = e^{2\pi\tau}$

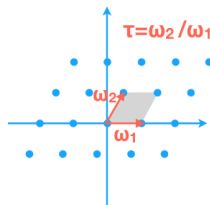
$$Z(\tau) = \frac{1}{\eta(q)\bar{\eta}(\bar{q})}, \quad \eta(q) = q^{\frac{1}{24}} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^n).$$

$$= q^{-\frac{1}{24}} \bar{q}^{-\frac{1}{24}} \sum_{m,n} D_{m,n} q^m \bar{q}^n$$

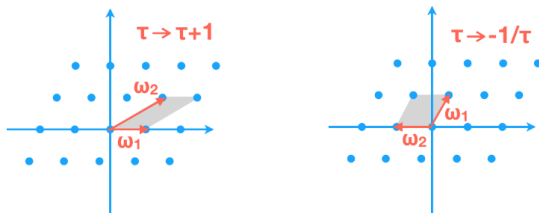
$m + n$ energy in unit of $\frac{2\pi v}{L}$ (ground state energy shift $\frac{1}{12} \frac{2\pi v}{L}$)

$m - n$ momentum in unit of $\frac{2\pi}{L}$

$D_{m,n} \in \mathbb{N}$ degeneracies.



Modular invariance of CFT partition function



Partition function only depends on the shape of space-time “manifold”, not on the underlying lattice.

The essence of quantum field theory - long-distance effective theory

- Since τ , $\tau + 1$, $-1/\tau$ all described the same shape

$$Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = Z(\tau + 1, \bar{\tau} + 1) = Z(-1/\tau, -1/\bar{\tau}).$$

- Modular transformation of η -function

$$\eta(\tau + 1) = e^{i \frac{2\pi}{24}} \eta(\tau), \quad \eta(-1/\tau) = \sqrt{-i\tau} \eta(\tau)$$

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/1815212/modular-transformations-of-eta-tau>

$$Z(-1/\tau, -1/\bar{\tau}) = |\tau|^{-1} Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}), \quad \text{not modular invariant!}$$

Other sectors and state-operator correspondence

But $Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = 1/\eta(\tau)\bar{\eta}(\bar{\tau})$ is only the $K \sim 0$ sector, there are other sectors. May be the full partition function is modular invariant.

- Consider the right-movers ϕ_2 :

$$L = \int_0^L dx \quad -\frac{1}{8\pi} \partial_x \phi_2 \partial_t \phi_2 - v \frac{1}{8\pi} \partial_x \phi_2 \partial_x \phi_2 - \frac{\bar{\phi}^2}{a} \partial_t \phi_2$$

- The sector w_2 : $\phi_2 = w_2 \frac{4\pi}{L} x + \dots$.

The ground state in the sector has $E = v \frac{2\pi}{L} w_2^2$, $K = \frac{2\pi}{L} w_2^2 \underbrace{- k_B w_2}_{\text{dropped}}$

- The partition function of the sector w_2 :

$$\frac{q^{w_2^2}}{\eta(\tau)} \rightarrow \text{lowest energy } E = \left(-\frac{1}{24} + w_2^2\right) v \frac{2\pi}{L}$$

- The sector is created by $e^{im_2\phi_2}$, $m_2 = w_2$ from the sector-0

$$\langle e^{im_2\phi_2(x)} e^{-im_2\phi_2(y)} \rangle \sim e^{m_2^2 \langle \phi_2(x)\phi_2(y) \rangle} \sim e^{m_2^2 [-2\log(x-y)]} \sim \frac{1}{(x-y)^{2m_2^2}}$$

- $e^{im_2\phi_2}$ has **scaling dimension** $h = m_2^2$. The corresponding state has energy $E = \left(-\frac{c}{24} + h\right) v \frac{2\pi}{L}$. This is true for any operator and state: **state-operator correspondence**.

Chiral boson partition functions and CFT characters

The total partition function for “integer sectors” $m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$Z_0(\tau) = \frac{1}{\eta(\tau)} \sum_{m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{m_2^2} = \chi_0^{u1_2}(\tau),$$

The total partition function for “half-integer sectors” $m_2 \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}$

$$Z_1(\tau) = \frac{1}{\eta(\tau)} \sum_{m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{(m_2 + \frac{1}{2})^2} = \chi_1^{u1_2}(\tau)$$

where $u1$ -CFT characters are given by

$$\chi_m^{u1_M}(\tau) = \frac{1}{\eta(\tau)} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\frac{1}{2}(nR + \frac{m}{R})^2} = \chi_{m+M}^{u1_M}(\tau),$$

$$R = \sqrt{M}, \quad m = 0, \dots, M-1.$$

Modular invariance of CFT partition function

The CFT characters transform simply under the modular transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_i^{u1_M}\left(-\frac{1}{\tau}\right) &= S_{ij} \chi_j^{u1_M}(\tau), & S_{ij} &= \frac{e^{-i2\pi \frac{ij}{M}}}{\sqrt{M}}, \\ \chi_i^{u1_M}(\tau + 1) &= T_{ij} \chi_j^{u1_M}(\tau), & T_{ij} &= e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{24}} e^{i2\pi \frac{i^2}{2M}} \delta_{ij}.\end{aligned}$$

- The total partition function of both right- and left-movers

$$\begin{aligned}Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}) &= \underbrace{Z_0(\tau) \bar{Z}_0(\bar{\tau})}_{m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z}} + \underbrace{Z_1(\tau) \bar{Z}_1(\bar{\tau})}_{m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z} + \frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{m=0,1} \chi_m^{u1_2}(\tau) \bar{\chi}_m^{u1_2}(\bar{\tau})\end{aligned}$$

Such a combination is modular invariant.

- **An 1D CFT always gives rise to a modular invariant partition function $Z(\tau, \bar{\tau})$.**
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Spectrum of exponents and state-operator correspondence

- Spectrum of R,L-exponents $\{h_R, h_L\}$

$$\text{Tr}[e^{-(\beta-\tau)H} O_{h_R, h_L}(x) e^{-\tau H} O_{h_R, h_L}(0)] \equiv \langle O_{h_R, h_L}(x, \tau) O_{h_R, h_L}(0) \rangle$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{z^{2h_R} \bar{z}^{2h_L}}, \quad z = x - vt = x + i v \tau, \quad \bar{z} = x + vt = x - i v \tau.$$

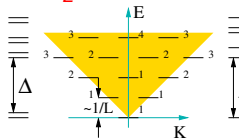
We view $O_{h_R, h_L} = O_{h_R} O_{h_L}$

$$\langle O_{h_R}(x, \tau) O_{h_R}(0) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{z^{2h_R}}, \quad \langle \bar{O}_{h_L}(x, \tau) \bar{O}_{h_L}(0) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{\bar{z}^{2h_L}}.$$

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- **State-operator correspondence:**

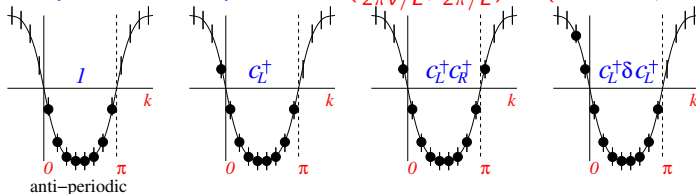
Spectrum of $(h_R + h_L, h_L - h_R)$ = spectrum of (total energy $E - E_{\text{grnd}}$, total momentum K) of the excitations, in units $\Delta E = \frac{2\pi v}{L}$, $\Delta K = \frac{2\pi}{L}$.



An example of state-operator correspondence

Consider an 1D free fermion system $H_f = -\sum_i (\frac{i}{2} c_i^\dagger c_{i+1} + h.c.)$
 Fermion dispersion relation $\epsilon_k = -\sin(k)$. Fermi velocity $v_F = 1$

- **CFT**: Left-movers near $k = 0$. Right-movers near $k = \pi$.
- The correlation $\langle c_L(x) c_L(y) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{x-y}$ has scaling dimension 1 (ie 1/length) $\rightarrow c_L$ has scaling dimension $h^{c_L} = \frac{1}{2}$
- $\langle c_R(x) c_R(y) \rangle \sim \frac{e^{i\pi(x-y)}}{x-y} \rightarrow c_R$ has scaling dimension $h^{c_R} = \frac{1}{2}$
- $h^{c_R c_L} = h_L^{c_R c_L} + h_R^{c_R c_L} = 1$, $h^{c_L \partial_x c_L} = h_L^{c_L \partial_x c_L} + \underbrace{h_R^{c_L \partial_x c_L}}_{=0} = 2$,
 $h^{c_R \partial_x c_R} = h_L^{c_R \partial_x c_R} + h_R^{c_R \partial_x c_R} = 2, \dots$
- **State-operator correspondence** $(\frac{E}{2\pi v/L}, \frac{K}{2\pi/L}) = (h^R + h^L, h^R - h^L)$



$$(h_L, h_R) = (0, 0), \quad (\frac{1}{2}, 0), \quad (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), \quad (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = 2, 0)$$

$U(1)$ quantum number of the spectrum

Partition function gives rise energy E , momentum K

$$Z(\tau, \bar{\tau}) = \frac{\sum_{m_1, m_2} q^{m_2^2} \bar{q}^{m_1^2}}{\eta(\tau) \bar{\eta}(\bar{\tau})} = \frac{\sum_{m_\theta, m_\varphi \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{\frac{1}{2}(m_\theta - m_\varphi)^2} \bar{q}^{\frac{1}{2}(m_\theta + m_\varphi)^2}}{\eta(\tau) \bar{\eta}(\bar{\tau})}$$

Duality in transverse Ising model and $h_c = ?$

Let $A_\alpha = \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x$, $B_i = \sigma_i^z$, where α labels the **dual lattice** sites

Operator algebra of local operators A_α and B_i :

$[A_\alpha, B_i] = 0$, α, i are not neighbors $\{A_\alpha, B_i\} = 0$, α, i are neighbors.

$$A_\alpha^2 = 1, \quad B_i^2 = 1.$$

We may also view $A_\alpha = \tau_\alpha^z$ and $B_i = \tau_\alpha^x \tau_{\alpha+1}^x \rightarrow$ the same algebra

- Transverse Ising model

$$H = -h^{-1} \sum_{\alpha} A_{\alpha} - h \sum_i B_i$$

- Duality transformation: $A_\alpha \leftrightarrow B_i$, $h \leftrightarrow h^{-1}$; or $\sigma_i \leftrightarrow \tau_\alpha$
- Only one transition \rightarrow transition at $h = 1$ – the self dual point.

Exercise: Find an exact finite self-dual lattice model.

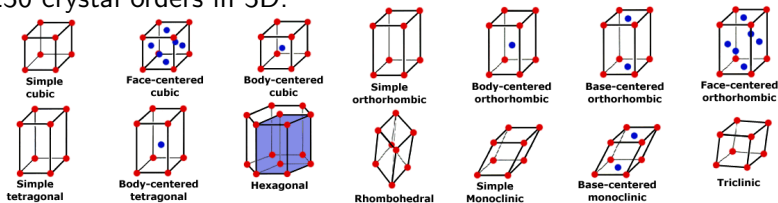
For more details, see: *Confusion about duality transformation in 1+1d Ising model in a transverse field*

<http://physics.stackexchange.com/questions/135098>

Symmetry breaking transition between gapped systems

- A symmetry breaking phase transition happens at $h = h_c$, where
 - Ground state energy density $\epsilon_h = \min[\epsilon_h(\phi)]$ has a singularity
 - Energy gaps for excitations Δ, Δ_p also have singularities, and vanish at the transition (more gapless excitations at transition)
 - Every physical quantities have singularities at the transition
- **The math foundation is group theory:** classified by (G_H, G_Ψ)

From 230 ways of translation symmetry breaking, we obtain the 230 crystal orders in 3D.



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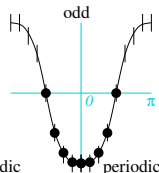
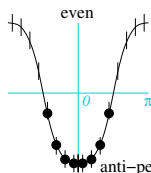
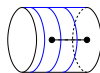
- Jordan-Wigner: $H \rightarrow H_f = \sum_i (-2Jc_i^\dagger c_{i+1} + h.c.) + 2h(n_i - \frac{1}{2})$
- Superfluid phase does not break the $U(1)$ symmetry
 $\langle \sigma^+(x)\sigma^-(y) \rangle \sim |x-y|^{-\alpha}$ algebraic long-range correlation.
- How to calculate the exponent α

$$\langle \sigma^+(x)\sigma^-(y) \rangle \sim \langle c_x [\prod_{x < i < y} (-)^{n_i}] c_y^\dagger \rangle,$$

$$E_{\text{anti-perio}}^{\text{even}} = \epsilon L + \frac{2\pi v}{L} \left(-\frac{c}{24} \right),$$

$$E_{\text{perio}}^{\text{odd}} - E_{\text{anti-perio}}^{\text{even}} = \frac{2\pi v}{L} \frac{\alpha}{2}.$$

- Central charge $c = 1$



Computing α

In Prob. Set 7, we have computed: $\epsilon_k = -4J \cos(k) + 2h$
for aPBC, $n_f = \text{even}$ ($k_F = \frac{n_f}{2} \frac{2\pi}{L}$):

$$E_{\text{aPBC}}^{\text{even}}(h, L) = -L \left(h - 2h \frac{k_F}{\pi} + \frac{4 \sin(k_F)}{\pi} \right) - \frac{1}{12} \frac{2\pi}{L} v$$

for PBC, $n_f = \text{odd}$ ($k_F = \frac{n_f-1}{2} \frac{2\pi}{L}$):

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{PBC}}^{\text{odd}}(h, L) &= -L \left(h - 2h \frac{k_F}{\pi} + \frac{4 \sin(k_F)}{\pi} \right) \overbrace{-4 \cos(k_F) + 2h}^{=0 \text{ as } L \rightarrow \infty} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{2\pi}{L} v \\ &= -L \left(h - 2h \frac{k_F}{\pi} + \frac{4 \sin(k_F)}{\pi} \right) + \left(-\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \frac{2\pi}{L} v \end{aligned}$$

We find that $\alpha = 1/2$: $\langle \sigma^+(x) \sigma^-(y) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{|x-y|^{1/2}}$. Another way

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma^+(x) \sigma^+(x+1) \sigma^-(y) \sigma^-(y+1) \rangle &\sim \langle c(x) c(x+1) c^\dagger(y) c^\dagger(y+1) \rangle \\ &\sim \langle c_R(x) c_L(x) c_R^\dagger(y) c_L^\dagger(y) \rangle \sim \frac{1}{|x-y|^2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle \sigma^+(x) \sigma^-(y) \rangle \sim \langle \sqrt{c_R(x) c_L(x)} \sqrt{c_R^\dagger(y) c_L^\dagger(y)} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{|x-y|^{\frac{2}{4}}} \sim \frac{1}{|x-y|^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

Condensation picture of the phase transition in Ising model

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Two cases: $J > 0$ and $J < 0$.

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- But a single domain-wall cannot be created alone, and a pair always carry $k = 0$, and no translation symmetry breaking.
- In fact, we can make condensing domain-wall to carry $k = 0$ crystal momentum, reference to $|\downarrow\rangle$ or $-|\downarrow\rangle$.
→ Two different condensed states → Two different symmetric phases (**Homework**).

Phase transitions induced by condensation

- Condensing particles
local excitation with
non-trivial symmetry
quantum number
Induced phase transition
symmetry breaking
phase transition
→ symmetry breaking phase
- Condensing particles
topological excitation
(domain-wall) with
non-trivial symmetry
quantum number
Induced phase transition
symmetry-restoring
phase transition
→ SPT phase


gapped symmetry breaking	$z=1$ gapless	gapped symmetric
gapped symmetric	???	gapped symmetric
$z=1$ gapless 1+1D symmetric	$z=2$ gapless	gapped symmetric
$z=1$ gapless $d+1$ D symmetry breaking	$z=2$ gapless	gapped symmetric

Example: A $Z_2^x \times Z_2^z$ spin-1 chain, & its symmetric phases

$$|\uparrow_z\rangle = \frac{|x\rangle + i|y\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad |0_z\rangle = |z\rangle, \quad |\downarrow_z\rangle = \frac{|x\rangle - i|y\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$S^x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S^y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S^z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$Z_2^x \times Z_2^z \text{ symmetry: } U^x : (|x\rangle, |y\rangle, |z\rangle) \rightarrow (-|x\rangle, |y\rangle, |z\rangle) \\ U^z : (|x\rangle, |y\rangle, |z\rangle) \rightarrow (|x\rangle, |y\rangle, -|z\rangle).$$

$$H^0 = \sum_i -J_z S_i^z S_{i+1}^z \rightarrow Z_2^x \text{ breaking}$$


- Two kinds of domain walls with the same energy, but different Z_2^z -charges and different hopping operators:

$$H_1^{\text{hop}} = \sum_i -K[(S_i^+)^2 + h.c.], \quad H_2^{\text{hop}} = \sum_i -J_{xy}(S_i^+ S_{i+1}^+ + h.c.).$$

- $H^0 + H_1^{\text{hop}}$ & $H^0 + H_2^{\text{hop}}$ \rightarrow different symm. ground states

Topological invariant for the symmetric states

How to show the two symm. ground states are in different phases?

- U^x -symmetry transformation:

$$(U^x)^2 = 1, \quad U^x S^x U^x = S^x, \quad U^x S^{y,z} U^x = -S^{y,z}.$$

- U^x -symmetry twist:

$$\begin{aligned} S_i^z S_{i+1}^z &\rightarrow U_i^x S_i^z U_i^x S_{i+1}^z = -S_i^z S_{i+1}^z \\ S_i^+ S_{i+1}^+ &\rightarrow U_i^x S_i^+ U_i^x S_{i+1}^+ = S_i^- S_{i+1}^+ \end{aligned}$$

- The two models with U^x symmetry twist:

$$H_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} [-J_z S_i^z S_{i+1}^z - \sum_{i=1}^L K[(S_i^+)^2 + h.c.] + J_z S_L^z S_1^z]$$

$$H_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} [-J_z S_i^z S_{i+1}^z - J_{xy}(S_i^+ S_{i+1}^+ + h.c.)] + J_z S_L^z S_1^z - J_{xy}(S_L^- S_1^+ + h.c.).$$

The twisted ground state of H_1 has trivial (even) Z_2^z -charge

The twisted ground state of H_2 has odd Z_2^z -charge (**Homework**)

Topological invariant for the symmetric states

- Put the untwisted H_1 and H_2 on a ring \rightarrow non-degenerate ground state.
- Put the untwisted H_1 and H_2 on an open line \rightarrow non-degenerate ground state for H_1
four-fold nearly degenerate ground states for H_2 , two for each end.
(Homework)

The symmetric ground state of H_2 is a non-trivial SPT state

Haldane phase of spin-1 chain

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_2 &= \sum [-J_z S_i^z S_{i+1}^z - J_{xy} (S_i^+ S_{i+1}^+ + h.c.)] & S^\pm &= (S^x \pm iS^y)/\sqrt{2} \\
 &= \sum [-J_z S_i^z S_{i+1}^z - J_{xy} (S_i^x S_{i+1}^x - S_i^y S_{i+1}^y)] \\
 &\rightarrow \sum [J_z S_i^z S_{i+1}^z + J_{xy} (S_i^x S_{i+1}^x + S_i^y S_{i+1}^y)]
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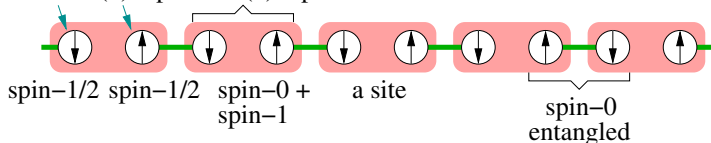


after 180° S^y rotation on odd sites.

Haldane, PRL 50, 1153 (1983)

- When $J_z = J_{xy} \rightarrow SO(3)$ spin rotation symmetry. Gapped ground state that does not break $SO(3)$ symmetry. Four-fold nearly degenerate ground states for H_2 on an open line, spin- $1/2$ for each end $\rightarrow SO(3)$ **symmetry fractionalization** on a defect. Last example has $Z_2^x \times Z_2^z$ **symmetry fractionalization** (?)

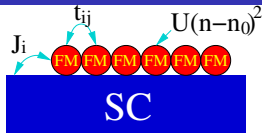
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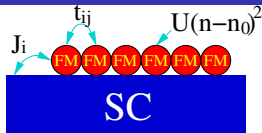


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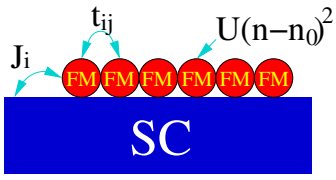
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Yes. We can map the 1D fermion system with Z_2^f symmetry on a line to an 1D spin system with Z_2 symmetry on a line and find the Z_2 spontaneous-symmetry-breaking state for the spin system.

Model Hamiltonian for fermionic chain on superconductor

$$H = \sum_i [t\hat{c}_{i+1}^\dagger \hat{c}_i + J\hat{c}_i \hat{c}_i + h.c.] + \sum_i \left[U(\hat{n}_i - n_0)^2 + \Delta \frac{(-)^{\hat{n}_i} - 1}{2} \right],$$


where \hat{n}_i is the fermion number operator and \hat{c}_i is the effective (spinless) fermion operator acting on the Hilbert space \mathcal{V}_i on site- i . \mathcal{V}_i is formed by states of n -fermions, $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$, etc and \hat{n}_i and \hat{c}_i satisfy

$$\{\hat{c}_i, \hat{c}_j\} = \{\hat{c}_i, \hat{c}_j^\dagger\} = [\hat{c}_i, \hat{n}_j] = 0, \quad i \neq j,$$

$$\hat{c}_i |n\rangle = |n-1\rangle, \quad \hat{n}_i |n\rangle = n |n\rangle.$$

Note that the eigenvalue of \hat{n}_i can be any integer n , and \hat{c}_i is not the standard fermionic operator.

Map to spin/boson system

Jordan-Wigner transformation

$$\hat{c}_i^\dagger = \hat{n}_i^+ \prod_{j<i} (-1)^{\hat{n}_j} \quad \hat{c}_i = \hat{n}_i^- \prod_{j<i} (-1)^{\hat{n}_j},$$

where the action of these operators are as follows

$$\hat{n}_i |n\rangle = n |n\rangle, \quad \hat{n}_i^+ |n\rangle = |n+1\rangle, \quad \hat{n}_i^- |n\rangle = |n-1\rangle.$$

Our bosonic effective Hamiltonian then takes the form

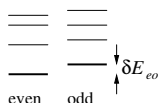
$$H = \sum_i \left[U(\hat{n}_i - n_0)^2 + \Delta \frac{(-1)^{\hat{n}_i} - 1}{2} \right. \\ \left. + (J \hat{n}_i^+ \hat{n}_i^+ + h.c.) + (t \hat{n}_i^+ (-1)^{\hat{n}_i} \hat{n}_{i+1}^- + h.c.) \right]$$

The Z_2^f transformation is generated by $(-)^{\sum_i \hat{n}_i}$, which is a symmetry of the above effective Hamiltonian.

The Z_2^f symmetry breaking state

- For small t , we first solve the one-site Hamiltonian

$$H_i = U(\hat{n}_i - n_0)^2 + \Delta \frac{(-1)^{\hat{n}_i} - 1}{2} + (J\hat{n}_i^+ \hat{n}_i^+ + h.c.)$$



- Project into the even-fermion state $|\uparrow\rangle$, the odd-fermion state $|\downarrow\rangle$.
- In the subspace $(-)^{\hat{n}_i} = \sigma_i^z$ and \hat{n}_i^+ has a form $\hat{n}_i^+ = e^{i\phi}(h_x\sigma_i^x + i h_y\sigma_i^y)$, where $h_{x,y} \sim O(1)$ are real and positive.

$$H = \sum_i \left[-\frac{\delta E_{eo}}{2} \sigma_i^z + 2\text{Re}(t) h_x h_y (\sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^y) \right.$$

$$\left. + 2\text{Im}(t)(h_x^2 \sigma_i^y \sigma_{i+1}^x - h_y^2 \sigma_i^x \sigma_{i+1}^y) \right]$$

- Have Z_2^f breaking if

- the electron hopping t_{ij} between dots is larger than the energy splitting δE_{eo} between states of even and odd electrons on a dot,
- the Josephson coupling J_i between the superconducting substrate and the dot satisfy $|J_i| \gtrsim \delta E_{eo}$,
- the electron hopping amplitude t_{ij} is complex, or more precisely, the phase of the gauge invariant combination $J_i t_{ij}^2 J_j^*$ is not zero.

A free fermion system with the Z_2^f symmetry breaking

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$$c_i = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_i + i\eta_i), \quad \lambda_i^\dagger = \lambda_i, \quad \eta_i^\dagger = \eta_i, \quad i\eta_i\lambda_i = (-)^{c_i^\dagger c_i},$$

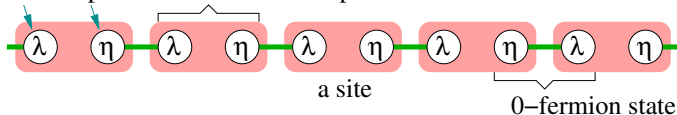
$$\lambda_i^2 = \eta_i^2 = 1, \quad \{\lambda_i, \lambda_j\} = \{\eta_i, \eta_j\} = \{\lambda_i, \eta_j\} = 0.$$

- Rewrite the above in terms of Majorana fermion operators:

$$H = \sum_i \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu i \lambda_i \eta_i - t i \lambda_{i+1} \eta_i \right]$$

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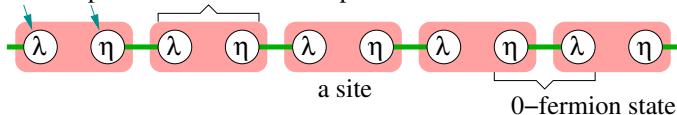
$$\lambda_i^2 = \eta_i^2 = 1, \quad \{\lambda_i, \lambda_j\} = \{\eta_i, \eta_j\} = \{\lambda_i, \eta_j\} = 0.$$

- Rewrite the above in terms of Majorana fermion or spin operators:

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not a vector space a 2-dim. vector space



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The two degenerate states has opposite FNP.

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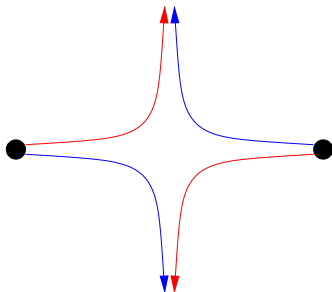
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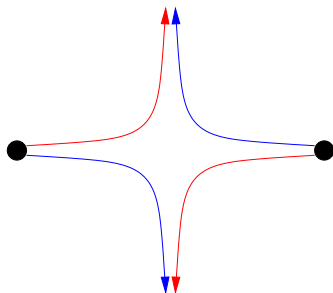
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Algebra of $\hat{t}_{\vec{i}, \vec{j}}$ determines statistics
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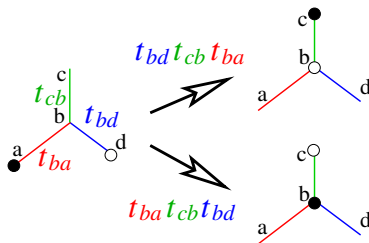


Statistics from the algebra of the hopping operators

- The statistics is determined by the algebra of the particle hopping operators [Levin-Wen cond-mat/0302460](#):

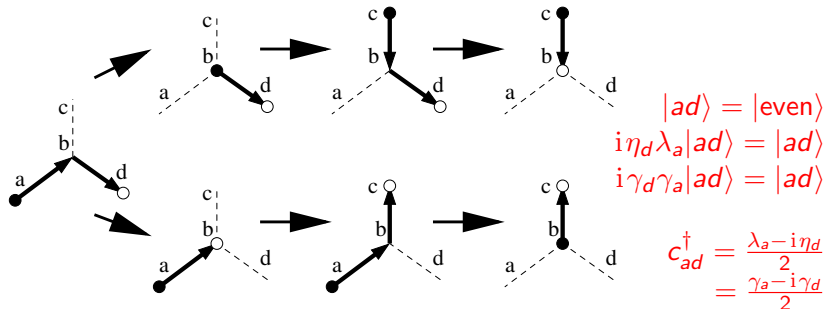
$$\hat{t}_{bd}\hat{t}_{cb}\hat{t}_{ba} = e^{i\theta_{\text{sta}}}\hat{t}_{ba}\hat{t}_{cb}\hat{t}_{bd}, \quad \hat{t}_{bd}\hat{t}_{cb}\hat{t}_{ba} = U_{\text{sta}}\hat{t}_{ba}\hat{t}_{cb}\hat{t}_{bd}$$

- Works for Abelian statistics and non-Abelian statistics



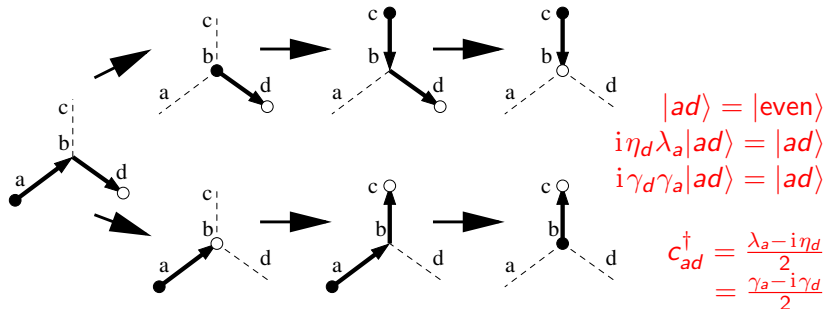
- Consistent with the Berry's phase picture: $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} | \vec{x} + \delta \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = e^{i\delta\phi}$
The sum of $\delta\phi$'s for the above two paths may differ by θ_{sta} .

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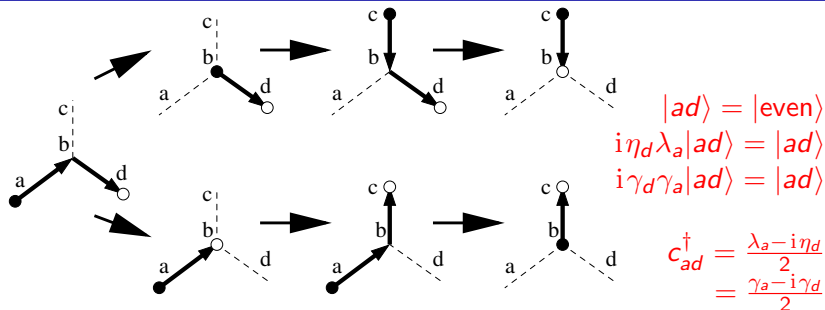
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But the above result is **wrong**. This is because the exchange also change the $+p$ -wave SC to a $-p$ -wave SC. We need continuously deform the $+p$ -wave SC to the $-p$ -wave SC to complete the loop.

- $-p$ -wave SC to the $+p$ -wave SC through the $U(1)$ rotation:

$$c_- \rightarrow i c_- = c_+, \quad \rightarrow \quad i(\lambda^- + i\eta^-) = \lambda^+ + i\eta^+ \text{ or } \lambda^- = \eta^+, \quad -\eta^- = \lambda^+.$$

- **compare** $|bc\rangle_-$ and $|cb\rangle_+$:

$$i\eta_c^- \lambda_b^- |bc\rangle_- = |bc\rangle_-, \quad i\eta_b^+ \lambda_c^+ |bc\rangle_- = |cb\rangle_+, \quad i\eta_c^- \lambda_b^- = i\eta_b^+ \lambda_c^+.$$

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$$c_{bc}^\dagger = \frac{\lambda_b^- - i\eta_c^-}{2} = \frac{\eta_b^+ + i\lambda_c^+}{2} = i \frac{\lambda_c^+ - i\eta_b^+}{2} = i c_{cb}^\dagger$$

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Alicea, Oreg, Refael, von Oppen, Fisher; arXiv:1006.4395

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 - The difference is not a pure $U(1)$ phase \rightarrow **non-Abelian**
 - The $U(1)$ phase is not universal \rightarrow **pseudo** non-Abelian statistics
(The string is observable. String-string interaction at the corner.)
- Another representation of the non-Abelian geometric phase

$$U = e^{i\phi} e^{\frac{\pi}{4}\gamma_b\gamma_c}$$