

The $S = \frac{1}{2}$ XY and XYZ models
on the two or higher
dimensional hypercubic lattice
do not possess nontrivial
local conserved quantities

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background

mathematical studies of quantum many-body systems

exact solutions

free fermion, Bethe ansatz, Yang-Baxter relation ...

only cover special “integrable” models

rigorous, general theorems

cover models in a certain class, both integrable and non-integrable

there are properties/phenomena (quantum chaos, ETH = energy eigenstate thermalization hypothesis) that are expected to take place only in non-integrable systems

before 2019, there were essentially no mathematical results that exclusively applied to non-integrable systems

Shiraishi's work in 2019

$S = \frac{1}{2}$ XYZ-h spin chain with Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_{\text{XYZ-h}} = - \sum_{j=1}^L \{ J_X \hat{X}_j \hat{X}_{j+1} + J_Y \hat{Y}_j \hat{Y}_{j+1} + J_Z \hat{Z}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} + h \hat{Z}_j \}$$

integrable (can be mapped to a free fermion) if $J_Z = 0$

serieses of local conserved quantities $[\hat{H}_{\text{XY-h}}, \hat{Q}_{k_{\max}}^{\pm}] = 0$

$$\hat{Q}_3^+ = \sum_{j=1}^L \{ J_X \hat{X}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{X}_{j+2} + J_Y \hat{Y}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{Y}_{j+2} - h(\hat{X}_j \hat{X}_{j+1} + \hat{Y}_j \hat{Y}_{j+1}) \} \quad k_{\max} = 3, 4, \dots$$

$$\hat{Q}_3^- = \sum_{j=1}^L \{ \hat{X}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{Y}_{j+2} - \hat{Y}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{X}_{j+2} \}$$

$$\hat{Q}_4^+ = \sum_{j=1}^L \{ J_X (\hat{X}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{Z}_{j+2} \hat{X}_{j+3} + \hat{Y}_j \hat{Y}_{j+1}) + J_Y (\hat{Y}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{Z}_{j+2} \hat{Y}_{j+3} + \hat{X}_j \hat{X}_{j+1}) - h(\hat{X}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{X}_{j+2} + \hat{Y}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{Y}_{j+2}) \}$$

$$\hat{Q}_4^- = \sum_{j=1}^L \{ \hat{X}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{Z}_{j+2} \hat{Y}_{j+3} - \hat{Y}_j \hat{Z}_{j+1} \hat{Z}_{j+2} \hat{X}_{j+3} \}$$

if $J_X \neq J_Y$, $J_Z \neq 0$, and $h \neq 0$, the model has no local conserved quantities with support size $3 \leq k_{\max} \leq L/2$

Naoto Shiraishi, "Proof of the absence of local conserved quantities in the XYZ chain with a magnetic field", 2019

the first rigorous result that applies exclusively to non-integrable models!

Shiraishi's work and its extensions

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Shiraishi 2019

extensions to the quantum Ising model (Chiba 2024), the PXP model (Park and Lee 2024), the $S = 1/2$ chains with next-nearest neighbor interactions (Shiraishi 2024), and the $S = 1$ model with bilinear biquadratic interactions (Park and Lee 2024) ...

FAQ: do these results prove the models are non-integrable?
Answer: this may not be a good question. the answer depends on how one defines "integrability"

empirical rule: a simple quantum spin model is either integrable or does not possess local conserved quantities

Shiraishi's work and its extensions

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Absence of Local Conserved Quantity in the Heisenberg Model with Next-Nearest-Neighbor Interaction

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Abstract

We rigorously prove that the $S = 1/2$ anisotropic Heisenberg next-nearest-neighbor interaction, which is anticipated to be non-integrable in the sense that this system has no nontrivial local conserved quantities, is indeed non-integrable. This result covers some important models including the Majumdar–Ghosh model, the Sutherland model, and many other zigzag spin chains as special cases. These models have been shown to be non-integrable while they have some solvable energy levels. To illustrate this result, we provide a pedagogical review of the proof of non-integrability of the isotropic XYZ chain with Z magnetic field, whose proof technique is employed here.

Keywords Integrable systems · Heisenberg chain · Majumdar–Ghosh model · Non-integrability · Next-nearest-neighbor interaction · Integral of motion

Shiraishi, 2024
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Shiraishi 2019

extensions to the quantum Ising model (Chiba 2024), the PXP model, and the $S = 1/2$ chains with next-nearest neighbor bilinear interactions, we shall extend the proof of the absence of local conserved quantities to quantum spin models in two or higher dimensions

FAQ: does this prove that it is integrable?

Answer: this may not be a good question. the answer depends on how one defines "integrability"

empirical rule: a simple quantum spin model is either integrable or does not possess local conserved quantities

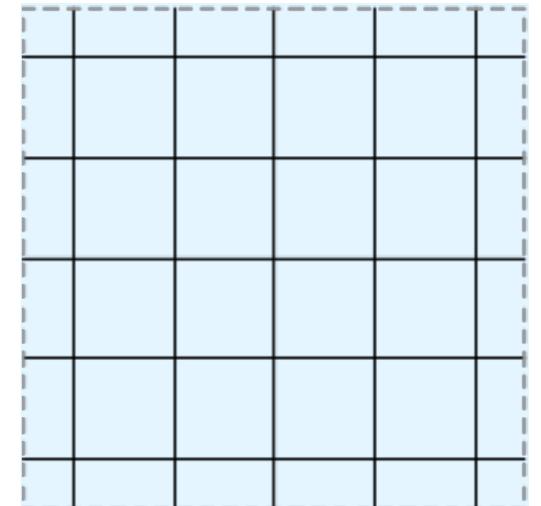
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$S = \frac{1}{2}$ model in d dimensions

operators of a single spin is spanned by

$$\hat{I} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Lambda = \{1, \dots, L\}^d$ **d -dimensional $L \times \dots \times L$ hypercubic lattice with periodic b.c.**



$\hat{X}_u, \hat{Y}_u, \hat{Z}_u$ copies of $\hat{X}, \hat{Y}, \hat{Z}$ at site $u \in \Lambda$

Hamiltonian of the XYZ model

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} = & -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{u, v \in \Lambda \\ (|u-v|=1)}} \{ J_X \hat{X}_u \hat{X}_v + J_Y \hat{Y}_u \hat{Y}_v + J_Z \hat{Z}_u \hat{Z}_v \} \\ & - \sum_{u \in \Lambda} \{ h_X \hat{X}_u + h_Y \hat{Y}_u + h_Z \hat{Z}_u \} \end{aligned}$$

$$J_X, J_Y, J_Z, h_X, h_Y, h_Z \in \mathbb{R}, \quad J_X \neq 0, J_Y \neq 0$$

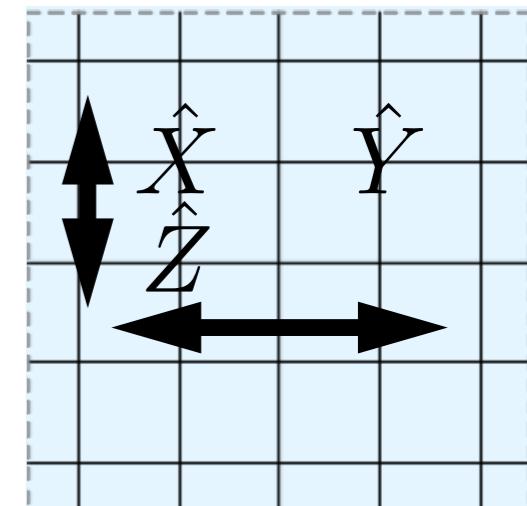
local conserved quantities

$A = \bigotimes_{u \in S} \hat{A}_u$ product of Pauli matrices

$$\Lambda \supset S \neq \emptyset \quad \hat{A}_u = \hat{X}_u, \hat{Y}_u, \hat{Z}_u$$

\mathcal{P}_Λ the set of all products

$\text{Wid } A$ the maximum width of the support $S \subset \Lambda$



candidate of a local conserved quantity with width k_{\max}
such that $2 \leq k_{\max} \leq \frac{L}{2}$

$$\hat{Q} = \sum_{\substack{A \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda \\ (\text{Wid } A \leq k_{\max})}} q_A A \quad q_A \in \mathbb{C}$$

$q_A \neq 0$ for at least one A with $\text{Wid } A = k_{\max}$

\hat{Q} is a local conserved quantity iff $[\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] = 0$

main theorems

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{u,v \in \Lambda \\ (|u-v|=1)}} \{ J_X \hat{X}_u \hat{X}_v + J_Y \hat{Y}_u \hat{Y}_v + J_Z \hat{Z}_u \hat{Z}_v \} - \sum_{u \in \Lambda} \{ h_X \hat{X}_u + h_Y \hat{Y}_u + h_Z \hat{Z}_u \}$$

$$\hat{Q} = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda \\ (\text{Wid } \mathbf{A} \leq k_{\max})}} q_{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{A} \quad q_{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathbb{C}$$

\hat{Q} is a local conserved quantity iff $[\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] = 0$

Theorem: there are no local conserved quantities \hat{Q} with width k_{\max} such that $3 \leq k_{\max} \leq \frac{L}{2}$

Hamiltonian is a local conserved quantity with $k_{\max} = 2$

Theorem: any local conserved quantity with $k_{\max} = 2$ is written as $\hat{Q} = \eta \hat{H} + \hat{Q}_1$ with $\eta \neq 0$, where \hat{Q}_1 is a linear combination of single-site Pauli matrices

See also the
accompanying video!

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basic strategy of the proof

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$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{u,v \in \Lambda \\ (|u-v|=1)}} \{ J_X \hat{X}_u \hat{X}_v + J_Y \hat{Y}_u \hat{Y}_v + J_Z \hat{Z}_u \hat{Z}_v \} - \sum_{u \in \Lambda} \{ h_X \hat{X}_u + h_Y \hat{Y}_u + h_Z \hat{Z}_u \}$$

$$A = \bigotimes_{u \in S} \hat{A}_u \quad [\hat{H}, A] = \sum_{B \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda} \lambda_{A,B} B$$

$$\hat{Q} = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda} q_A A$$

written in terms of
 $J_X, J_Y, J_Z, h_X, h_Y, h_Z$

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] = \sum_{B \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda} \left(\sum_{A \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda} \lambda_{A,B} q_A \right) B$$

$$[\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] = 0$$



$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda} \lambda_{A,B} q_A = 0 \text{ for all } B \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda$$



coupled linear equations for q_A

$$q_A = 0 \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda \quad \text{when } 3 \leq k_{\max} \leq \frac{L}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{X}^2 &= \hat{Y}^2 = \hat{Z}^2 = \hat{I} \\ \hat{X}\hat{Y} &= -\hat{Y}\hat{X} = i\hat{Z} \\ \hat{Y}\hat{Z} &= -\hat{Z}\hat{Y} = i\hat{X} \\ \hat{Z}\hat{X} &= -\hat{X}\hat{Z} = i\hat{Y} \end{aligned}$$

1st step of the proof

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$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda \text{ (Wid} A \leq k_{\max})} \lambda_{A,B} q_A = 0 \text{ for all } B \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda$$

if there is B such that $\lambda_{A,B} \neq 0$ for only one A

$$\lambda_{A,B} q_A = 0 \rightarrow q_A = 0$$

if there is B such that $\lambda_{A,B} \neq 0$ only for $A = A_1, A_2$

$$\lambda_{A_1,B} q_{A_1} + \lambda_{A_2,B} q_{A_2} = 0 \rightarrow q_{A_1} = \lambda q_{A_2} \quad (\lambda \neq 0)$$

↓ Shiraishi-shift

lemma: for any A with $\text{Wid} A = k_{\max}$, we have either

$$q_A = 0, \quad q_A = \lambda' q_{C_{XX}}, \quad q_A = \lambda'' q_{C_{YX}} \quad (\lambda', \lambda'' \neq 0)$$

with $C_{XX} = \hat{X}_{x_0+e_1} \hat{Z}_{x_0+2e_1} \cdots \hat{Z}_{x_0+(k_{\max}-1)e_1} \hat{X}_{x_0+k_{\max}e_1}$

$C_{YX} = \hat{Y}_{x_0+e_1} \hat{Z}_{x_0+2e_1} \cdots \hat{Z}_{x_0+(k_{\max}-1)e_1} \hat{X}_{x_0+k_{\max}e_1}$ $e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$

the problem reduced to that in essentially one dimension!

2nd step of the proof

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lemma: for any A with $\text{Wid}A = k_{\max}$, we have either

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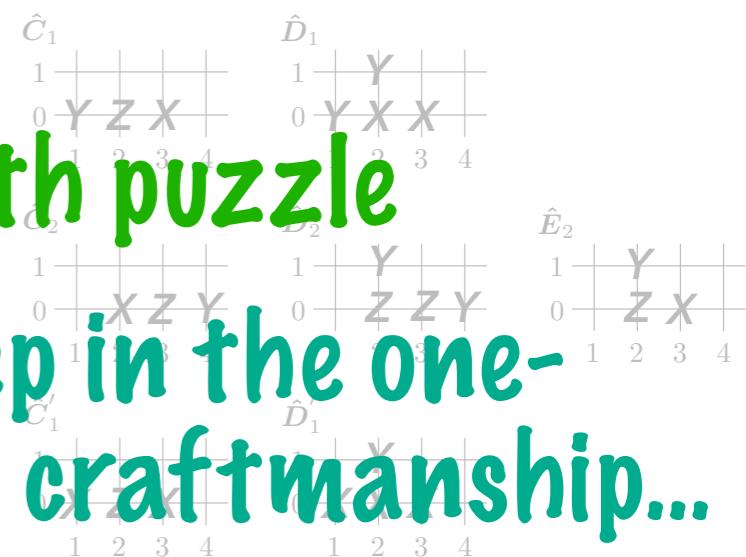
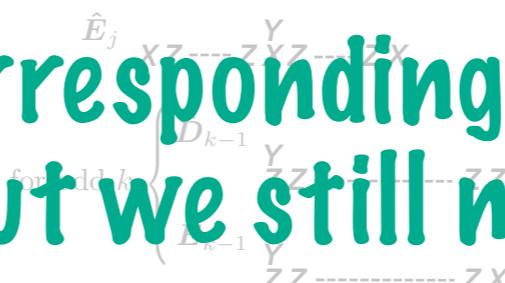
use $\sum_{A \in \mathcal{P}_\Lambda} \lambda_{A,B} q_A = 0$ for appropriate B to show

$$q_{C_{XX}} = q_{C_{YX}} = 0$$

$q_A = 0$ for any A with $\text{Wid}A = k_{\max} \rightarrow$ contradiction

the step  requires us to solve a math puzzle

it is easier than the corresponding step in the one-dimensional problem, but we still need craftsmanship...



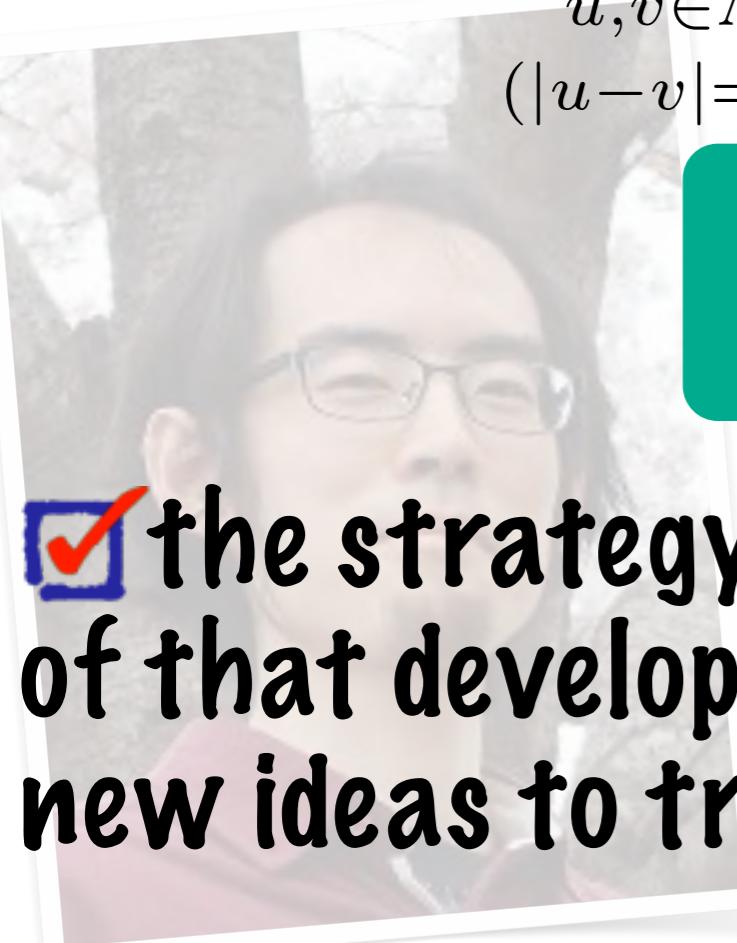
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summary

- we proved that the XY and XYZ models on the d -dimensional hypercubic lattice with $d \geq 2$ possess no local conserved quantities
- the theorem applies to the simplest XX model

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{u,v \in \Lambda \\ (|u-v|=1)}} \{\hat{X}_u \hat{X}_v + \hat{Y}_u \hat{Y}_v\}$$

easily solved in 1D



quantum many-body models becomes
“less solvable” in higher dimensions

- the strategy of the proof is a natural extension of that developed by Shiraishi in 2019, with some new ideas to treat higher dimensional models

discussion

proof of the absence of local conserved quantities is interesting and meaningful by itself

gives a strong indication that the models are not “solvable”

sheds light on the algebraic structure of quantum spin models

it is challenging to develop techniques for proving results that are relevant to long-time dynamics

- ◆ absence of quasi local conserved quantities
- ◆ the relation between the lack of conserved quantities and the operator growth (Krylov complexity)
- ◆ justification of ETH (energy eigenstate thermalization hypothesis)

