

1. Dispersion relation of magnons in ferromagnetic spin chains

In the lectures, we derived the effective action for a ferromagnetic spin chain with Hamiltonian

$$H = -J_F \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_{i+1} \tag{1}$$

and obtained

$$S[\hat{\mathbf{n}}] = \frac{1}{a} \int d\tau dx \left\{ \frac{J_F s^2 a^2}{2} (\partial_x \hat{\mathbf{n}})^2 + i s \mathcal{L}_{WZ}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \partial_\tau \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \right\}, \tag{2}$$

with

$$\mathcal{L}_{WZ}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \partial_\tau \hat{\mathbf{n}}) = (1 - \cos \theta) \partial_\tau \phi. \tag{3}$$

(a) Write the Lagrangian density for the action in (2) and (3) in terms of θ , ϕ , as well as their spacial (∂_x) and temporal (∂_τ) derivatives.

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}}(\theta, \phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi \sin \theta \\ \sin \varphi \sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$(\partial_x \hat{n})^2 = \theta'(x)^2 + \sin^2(\theta(x)) \phi'(x)^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{J_F s^2 a^2}{2} [(\partial_x \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta (\partial_x \phi)^2] + i s (1 - \cos \theta) \partial_\tau \phi$$

(b) Obtain the equation of motion and show that the dispersion for spin wave excitations (magnons) is quadratic, *i.e.*, $\omega \propto q^2$.

$$\partial_\tau \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\tau \phi)} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\text{For } \phi: \quad \partial_\tau [i s (1 - \cos \theta)] + \partial_x [J_F s^2 a^2 \sin^2 \theta \partial_x \phi] = 0$$

$$i s \sin \theta \partial_\tau \theta + J_F s^2 a^2 [(2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \partial_x \theta \partial_x \phi + \sin^2 \theta \partial_x^2 \phi] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } \theta: \quad J_F s^2 a^2 \partial_x^2 \theta &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\frac{J_F s^2 a^2}{2} \sin^2 \theta (\partial_x \phi)^2 + i s (1 - \cos \theta) \partial_\tau \phi \right] \\ &= J_F s^2 a^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta (\partial_x \phi)^2 + i s \sin \theta \partial_\tau \phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Dispersion relation: Substitute } \phi = \tilde{A} e^{i(kx - \omega t)}, \theta = \tilde{B} e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

From the **time derivative**, we get one factor of ω ,
but since the **spatial derivatives** come in pairs we get k^2