

1. Dispersion relation of magnons in ferromagnetic spin chains

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

$$H = -J_F \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1} \quad (1)$$

and obtained

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

with

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

- (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.

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

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

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

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

$$\partial_\mu \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \xi)} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \xi}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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