

Flavor wave model homework problems

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A. In this part, we will develop a method solving the ground state without diagonalizing the Hamiltonian.

(1) Assume a particle can be described by spin only, with $S = 1$. and the Hamiltonian is

$$H = S_z.$$

Write down the matrix form for H , the eigenstates of H and their energies. We will write down the ground state to be $|a_0\rangle$

(2) Assume a initial state to be $|\psi_0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|S_z = -1\rangle + |S_z = 0\rangle + |S_z = 1\rangle)$. Let $\varepsilon = 10^{-2}$. Calculate

$$|\phi_1\rangle = 1 - \varepsilon H |\psi_0\rangle$$

$$|\psi_1\rangle = \frac{|\phi_1\rangle}{\langle\phi_1|\phi_1\rangle}$$

Look at the $|\psi_1\rangle$, and show that there are more weights of ground state in $|\psi_1\rangle$ than $|\psi_0\rangle$.

(3) Define

$$|\phi_{n+1}\rangle = 1 - \varepsilon H |\psi_n\rangle$$

$$|\psi_{n+1}\rangle = \frac{|\phi_{n+1}\rangle}{\langle\phi_{n+1}|\phi_{n+1}\rangle}.$$

Draw (i) $|\langle a_0|\psi_n\rangle|^2$ as a function of n . and (ii) $\langle\psi_n|H|\psi_n\rangle$ as a function of n . Also try with different positive values of ε and see how the value will change the speed of converging.

(4) repeat (2) and (3) with $|\psi_0\rangle = |S_z = 0\rangle$. (Some weird thing could happen, depending on the computer.)

(5) For a general Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} E_i |a_i\rangle \langle a_i|$$

with the eigenenergies $E_0 < E_1 \leq E_2 \leq \dots \leq E_{d-1}$, prove that $\forall |\psi_0\rangle$ that $\langle a_0|\psi_0\rangle \neq 0$, $\exists \varepsilon > 0$, the series $\{|\psi_n\rangle\}$ generated in (2) satisfies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\langle a_0|\psi_n\rangle|^2 = 1.$$

Hint: Consider an ε that $0 < \varepsilon < 1/|E_{d-1}|$ and find a q that $0 < q < 1$ and $\left(1 - \sqrt{|\langle a_0|\psi_{n+1}\rangle|^2}\right) < q \left(1 - \sqrt{|\langle a_0|\psi_n\rangle|^2}\right)$.

B. This part is about mean field theory