

Matrix product representation for spontaneous quantum spin ferrimagnets¹

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1 Introduction

The importance of finding the exact solution of quantum many-body systems from the physicists point of view in different fields: cond-mat, stat-mech, math-ph, quant-ph & ... This provides a theoretical laboratory to study fundamental properties of the system: entanglement – quantum phase transitions – correlations functions & ... Matrix product formalism is a powerful tool for constructing new quantum spin chains with desirable properties.

2 Results

1- Introducing a family of spin-1/2 chains whose ground states break the rotational & translational symmetry of the Hamiltonian:

$$H_{1/2} = \sum_{i=1}^{3N} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1} (1 - 2\mathbf{S}_{i+2} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+3}) - \frac{4+J}{3} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_i + \frac{1+J}{6} (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_i)^2$$

spin operator of one site spin operator of a block of 4 sites

2- Constructing a spin-3/2 quantum chain with nearest neighbor interaction from this spin-1/2 chain using projection²:

$$H_{3/2} = C + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{81}{8} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1} + \frac{29}{6} (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1})^2 + \frac{2}{3} (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1})^3$$

3- Deriving the max energy state & some of the lower energy states of spin-1/2 chain in closed analytical form:

Top state: $|+, +, +, \dots, +, +\rangle$
with energy: $E_{max} = 6NJ$
Lower states: $|\psi^r\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{3N} e^{in\frac{2\pi r}{3N}} |n\rangle$
 $|+, +, \dots, -, \dots, +, +\rangle$

$$E_r = 2J(3N - 4 + 2 \cos^3 \frac{2\pi r}{3N} + 2 \cos^2 \frac{2\pi r}{3N})$$

4- Finding the matrix product representation for the ground states of these chains. For spin-1/2 chain:

$$|\phi_0\rangle = \text{tr}(A_{i_1} A_{i_2} B_{i_3} A_{i_4} A_{i_5} B_{i_6} \dots) |i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, \dots\rangle$$

$$A_+ = |+\rangle\langle 0| + |0\rangle\langle -| \quad B_+ = |0\rangle\langle 0| \quad \& \quad B_- = 0$$

$$A_- = |-\rangle\langle 0| - |0\rangle\langle +|$$

orthonormal states

For spin-3/2 chain: $|\text{GS}\rangle = \text{tr}(A_{i_1} A_{i_2} A_{i_3} \dots) |i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots\rangle$

$$A_{3/2} = A_+ B_+ A_+ \quad \& \quad A_{1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (A_+ B_+ A_+ + A_+ B_- A_+)$$

$$A_{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (A_- B_+ A_-) \quad \& \quad A_{-3/2} = 0$$

5- Calculating correlation functions of spin-3/2 quantum chain:

$$\langle S^z \rangle = 1/2, \quad \langle S^x \rangle = \langle S^y \rangle = 0$$

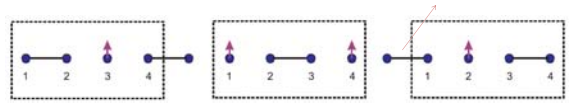
$$\langle (S^z)^2 \rangle = 5/4 - u, \quad \langle (S^x)^2 \rangle = \langle (S^y)^2 \rangle = 5/4 + \frac{u}{2}$$

$$\langle S^x S^y + S^y S^x \rangle = 0, \quad G^a(1, r) := \langle S_1^a S_r^a \rangle - \langle S_1^a \rangle \langle S_r^a \rangle$$

$$G^a(1, r) = A_a (-1)^{r-1} e^{-\frac{r}{\xi_a}} \begin{cases} A_l := (12 + 6\sqrt{3})/4, & A_r := (12 + 7\sqrt{3})/4 \\ \xi_l = 1/\ln(2 + \sqrt{3}), & \xi_r = 1/\ln(1 + \sqrt{3}) \end{cases}$$

3 Method & remarks

For spin-1/2 chain: we take the following state



Demanding it to be the GS of: $H = \sum_{k=1}^{3N} h_{k, k+1, k+2, k+3}$
positive Hamiltonian

$$\text{tr}[h(|S\rangle\langle S| \otimes |+\rangle\langle +| \otimes |I\rangle\langle I|)] = 0,$$

$$\text{tr}[h(|I\rangle\langle +| \otimes |+\rangle\langle +| \otimes |S\rangle\langle S|)] = 0,$$

Total spin of each block can be 0 or 1. Finally: $\mathbf{h} = JP_2 + P_0$

Writing the projectors in terms of spin operators $\rightarrow H_{1/2}$.

NB. $-E_{max}$ ($-E_r$) is the exact energy of GS (low-lying excitations or spin waves) of $-H$.

For spin-3/2 chain: we use of this fact that the total spin of two adjacent sites can be 2, 1 and 0 $\rightarrow H = \sum_k (P_3)_{k, k+1} \rightarrow H_{3/2}$.

NB. On a lattice of $3N$ sites, these ground states have a total spin of $N/2$, and hence have ferrimagnetic character.

NB. The ground state of spin-3/2 chain is exponentially degenerate! If in the spin-1/2 chain, isolated spins are in arbitrary state $\alpha_i|0\rangle + \beta_i|1\rangle$ MP representation of each state in the ground space of the lower chain is given by:

$$A_{3/2}^{(i)} \equiv \alpha_i \sigma^+ \quad A_{1/2}^{(i)} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (-\alpha_i \sigma_z + \beta_i \sigma^+)$$

$$A_{-1/2}^{(i)} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (-\beta_i \sigma_z + \alpha_i \sigma^-) \quad A_{-3/2}^{(i)} \equiv -\beta_i \sigma^-$$

NB. The novel point of our construction is that we constructed a MP representation, not for a state which is invariant under rotation as has been hitherto considered, but for a state which is a member of multiplet and transforms to other states under symmetry.

NB. Similarity of our spin-3/2 model with that of alternating spin-1 & spin-1/2 systems³ and the possibility of generalizing our models to higher spins⁴.

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