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Quantum hard-square model

Ground state

 \rightarrow Superposition of allowed states

$$|\Psi(z)\rangle = \sum_{\mathcal{C}\in\mathcal{S}} z^{n_{\mathcal{C}}/2} |\mathcal{C}\rangle$$

S: set of allowed configurations C: classical configuration in S $n_{\mathcal{C}}$: # particles in \mathcal{C}

Ex.) *N*=4

Normalization

 $\langle \Psi(z) | \Psi(z) \rangle = \Xi(z)$ Classical partition function!

 Cook up your Hamiltonian! **Rokhsar-Kivelson construction** $\cdots \bigcirc \bigcirc^i \bigcirc \cdots + \sqrt{z} \cdots \bigcirc \bigcirc^i \bigcirc \cdots$ $H_i = \begin{pmatrix} z & -\sqrt{z} \\ -\sqrt{z} & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{:} \qquad H_i |\Psi(z)\rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all } i.$



 $|\Psi(z)\rangle$ is a ground state of $H = \sum_i H_i$ if H is positive semi-definite.

Quantum hard-square model (contd.)

Hamiltonian

Particle ⇔ spin

) ⇔ *n*=0 ⇔ ↓, **()** ⇔ *n*=1 ⇔ ↑

$$H = \sum_{i \in \Lambda} H_i, \quad H_i = \left[-\sqrt{z}\sigma_i^x + n_i + z(1-n_i)\right] \mathcal{P}_{\langle i \rangle}$$

 Λ : Lattice (Can be any graph in any dim.)

Projection operator:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\langle i \rangle} = \prod_{j \text{ next to } i} (1 - n_j)$$

- A spin can only be flipped if all of its neighboring spins are down. In 1d, $\mathcal{P}_{\langle i \rangle} = (1 - n_{i-1})(1 - n_{i+1})$.



Motivation: Rydberg atoms

Atoms in states of high principal quantum number. They are interacting via the van der Waals-type int.

$$H_{\text{Ryd}} = \Omega \sum_{i} \sigma_i^x + \Delta \sum_{i} n_i + \frac{V}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{n_i n_j}{|\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j|^6}$$



The g.s. of *H* is a good variational w.f. for H_{Rvd} !

- I. Lesanovsky, PRL 106, 025301 (2011); 108, 105301 (2012).
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Results

Ground state

H is positive semi-definite and $|\Psi(z)\rangle$ is the **unique** g.s. of *H*. **Positivity** (*Energy* \geq **0**)

 $H_i = h_i^{\dagger}(z)h_i(z) \ge 0, \quad h_i(z) = [\sigma_i^- - \sqrt{z}(1 - n_i)]\mathcal{P}_{\langle i \rangle}$

Uniqueness

All the off-diagonal elements of H are non-positive and satisfy the connectivity condition. Thus Perron-Frobenius theorem applies to H.

Entanglement in the g.s

Excited states

1d model

Exact expressions for the 1st excited state & the gap. $E_1 = \frac{3+z-\sqrt{z^2+6z+1}}{2}$ I. Lesanovsky, *PRL* **108**, 105301 (2012).

Rigorous proof of the gap (Knabe's method) 1d model

Nonzero gap if z < 1 (not optimal).

2d models

kagome & 3-12 (Fisher) lattices: nonzero gap if z < 1. Honeycomb lattice: nonzero gap if z < 0.62143...Square lattice: nonzero gap if $z < 2\sqrt{3} - 3 = 0.46410...$

Knabe's method

- S. Knabe, J. Stat. Phys. 52, 627 (1988).
- Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i \in \Lambda} P_i, \quad (P_i)^2 = P_i$$

Sum of projection operators e.g., AKLT, Rokhsar-Kivelson, ...

Assumptions

1. Appropriate boundary conditions (if necessary).

2. The existence of (at least) one zero-energy g.s.

3. $[P_i, P_i]$ is nonzero if *j* is n.n. to *i*, and zero otherwise.

Lower bound on the gap

The energy gap is at least ε if and only if $H^2 \ge \varepsilon H$.

$$H^{2} = \sum_{i} (P_{i})^{2}$$

$$H = \sum_{i} P_{i} \ge 0$$

$$+ \sum_{D(i,j)=1} (P_{i}P_{j} + P_{j}P_{i})$$

$$Positive semi-definite$$

$$D(i,j) : lattice distance$$

Knabe's method (contd.)

One-dimensional case (with PBC)

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{N} P_i, \quad P_{N+1} = P_1$$



2-site cluster Hamiltonian

$$\begin{array}{ll} h_{2,i} = P_i + P_{i+1} & (h_{2,i})^2 \ge \epsilon_2 h_{2,i} & \text{Local gap:} \\ \sum_{N}^{N} (h_{2,i})^2 = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N} P_i + \sum_{i=1}^{N} (P_i P_{i+1} + \text{h.c.}) & \text{Unwanted term} \\ H^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{N} (h_{2,i})^2 + H = 2 \sum_{D(i,j)>1} P_i P_j \ge 0 & H^2 \ge 2 \left(\epsilon_i + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2$$

p of $h_{2,i}$.

 $\epsilon_2 - \frac{1}{2} \Big) H$

Application to 1d hard-square model

An extension to *n*-site case is straightforward.

$$P_i = \frac{1}{1+z} \left[-\sqrt{z}\sigma_i^x + n_i + z(1-n_i) \right] \mathcal{P}_{\langle i \rangle}$$

Diagonalization of 8 × 8 matrix gives $\epsilon_2 = \frac{1}{1+z}$ \rightarrow The existence of the gap if z < 1. Note) This may not be optimal...

Lower bound of gap

$$\Delta \ge \frac{1-z}{1+z}$$

Summary

Exact results for quantum hard-square models

Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i \in \Lambda} H_i, \quad H_i = \left[-\sqrt{z\sigma_i^x} + n_i + z(1-n_i)\right] \mathcal{P}_{\langle i \rangle}$$

H is positive semi-definite.

Ground state

Unique zero-energy g.s. for any lattice in any dim.

Existence of the gap

1d chain, kagome, 3-12	z < 1	
Honeycomb lattice	<i>z</i> < 0.62143	
Square lattice	<i>z</i> < 0.46410	

Sufficient but not optimal... Better lower bound?

Future directions

- Construction of *quantum* RSOS models Implication for 2d *classical* stat. mech. models?
- Exact 1st excited states in 2d models
- Supersymmetric generalization
 Super weird ver. of Bose-Fermi mixture
 Anomalous degeneracy in 1d → Super-Yangian??



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Hamiltonian for 1d chain

ANNNI model with transverse & longitudinal fields

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{L} \left[-\sqrt{z}\sigma_i^x + (1 - 3z)n_i + \underline{vn_in_{i+1}} + zn_{i-1}n_{i+1} \right]$$

 $v \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$ n.n. exclusion constraint

Hamiltonian for 3-12 (Fisher) lattice

$$H = \sum_{i} \left[-\sqrt{z}\sigma_{i}^{x} + (1-4z)n_{i} \right] + v \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} n_{i}n_{j} + z \sum_{\langle \langle i,j \rangle \rangle} n_{i}n_{j}$$

 $v \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$ n.n. exclusion constraint

NOTE) In other 2d lattices, Hamiltonian involves presumably unphysical 3-body, 4-body, ... interactions.

