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Ref on SPT: Lecture notes on "Quantum Phases of Matter" by John McGreevy

Cluster chain: $H = - \sum_i Z_i X_{i+1} Z_{i+2}$ $Z_i \times Z_i$ sym. $X_{\text{even/odd}} = \prod_{i=\text{even/odd}} X_i$

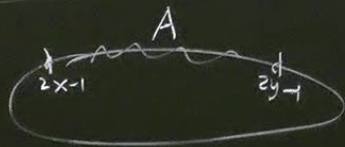
g.s. $| \text{cluster} \rangle = Z_i X_{i+1} Z_{i+2} | \text{cluster} \rangle$

$$= \sum_{\substack{\{S_i\} \\ i=1, \dots, N/2}} \otimes | Z_{2i-1} = S_i \rangle | X_{2i} = S_i S_{i+1} \rangle$$

Domain wall condensation with dimer decoration.

by John McGreevy

$$= \prod_{i=\text{even/odd}} X_i$$



Domain wall creation operator (for odd spin)

$$X_A^{\text{odd}} := \prod_{2x-1 \leq 2i-1 \leq 2y-1} X_{2i-1} \quad (\text{Recall in KW duality } \tilde{Z}_{2x-1} \tilde{Z}_{2y-1})$$

In Ising: Domain wall condense

$$\langle \tilde{Z}_{2x-1} \tilde{Z}_{2y-1} \rangle \rightarrow \text{const.}$$

Trivial Ising chain $|0\rangle = |++++\dots+\rangle$

$$X_A^{\text{odd}} |0\rangle = |0\rangle$$

"Topological response"

Cluster chain $|1\rangle$

$$X_A^{\text{odd}} |1\rangle = \tilde{Z}_{2x-2} \tilde{Z}_{2y} |1\rangle \quad (*)$$

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Cluster chain: $H = - \sum_i Z_i X_{i+1} Z_{i+2}$. $Z_i X Z_i$ sym. $X_{\text{even/odd}} = \prod_{i=e}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{g.s. } | \text{cluster} \rangle &= \sum_i Z_i X_{i+1} Z_{i+2} | \text{cluster} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\{S_i\} \\ i=1, \dots, N/2}} \bigotimes_i | Z_{2i-1} = S_i \rangle | X_{2i} = S_i S_{i+1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Domain wall condensation with dimer decoration.

$$\cancel{Z_0 X_1 Z_2} \cdot \cancel{Z_2 X_3 Z_4} \cdot \cancel{Z_4 X_5 Z_6} | \text{CI} \rangle = | \text{CI} \rangle$$

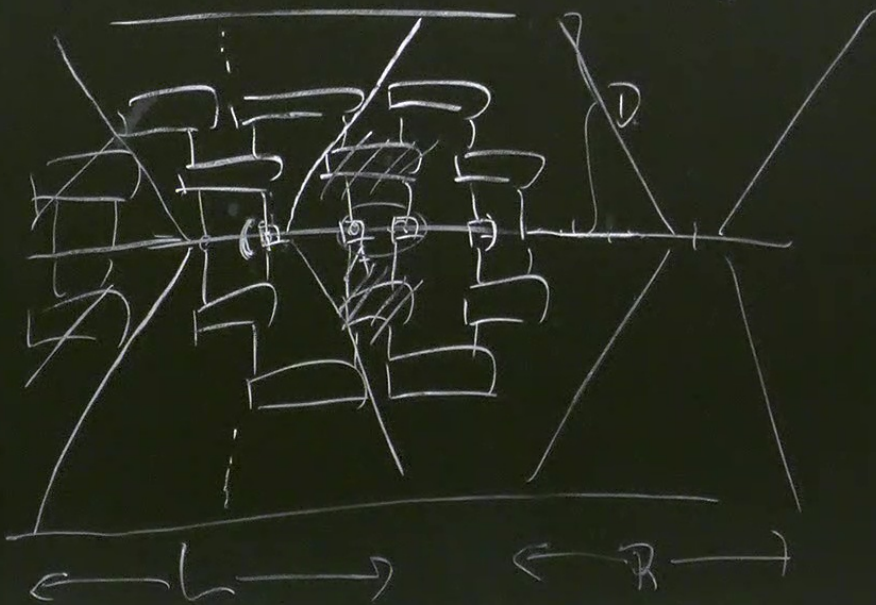
We can show that $|\text{Cluster}\rangle \neq U_{\text{FD}}^{\text{Sym}} |0\rangle$.

$$\forall U_{\text{FD}}^{\text{Sym}} \equiv U$$

$$U^\dagger X_A^{\text{odd}} U = \underbrace{V_L}_{\downarrow} V_R X_A^{\text{odd}}$$

local unitary
around left boundary of A

$$\text{Symmetry: } X_{\text{odd/even}}^\dagger V_L X_{\text{odd/even}} = V_L$$



$$U_{\text{FD}}^{\text{Sym}} |0\rangle.$$

$$U = \underbrace{V_L}_{\downarrow} V_R X_A^{\text{odd}}$$

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$$\text{Symmetry: } X_{\text{odd/even}}^{\dagger} V_L X_{\text{odd/even}} = V_L.$$

Similarly, if $|\phi\rangle = U_{\text{FD}}^{\text{Sym}} |\text{cluster}\rangle.$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{X_A^{\text{odd}} |\phi\rangle = \tilde{Z}_L \tilde{Z}_R |\phi\rangle,}$$

$$|\psi\rangle = U_{\text{FD}}^{\text{Sym}} |++\dots\rangle$$

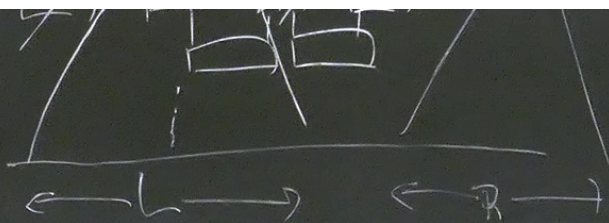
$$X_A^{\text{odd}} |\psi\rangle = U \underbrace{U^{\dagger} X_A^{\text{odd}} U}_{V_L V_R X_A^{\text{odd}}} |++\dots\rangle$$

$$= U V_L V_R X_A^{\text{odd}} |++\dots\rangle$$

$$= \tilde{V}_L \tilde{V}_R U |++\dots\rangle, \quad \tilde{V}_L = U V_L U^{\dagger} : \text{local}$$

$$= \tilde{V}_L \tilde{V}_R |\psi\rangle.$$

$$\tilde{Z}_L \text{ local, charged under } X^{\text{even}}: X^{\text{even}} \tilde{Z}_L X^{\text{even} \dagger} = -\tilde{Z}_L.$$



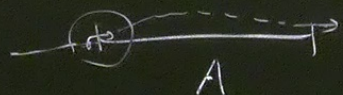
Similarly, if $|\phi\rangle = U_{FD}^{\text{sym}} |\text{cluster}\rangle$.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{X_A^{\text{odd}} |\phi\rangle = \tilde{Z}_L \tilde{Z}_R^* |\phi\rangle, \quad \tilde{Z}_L \text{ local, charged under } X^{\text{even}}: X^{\text{even}} \tilde{Z}_L X^{\text{even}}}$$

Near L (or R), effect of X_A^{odd} is changing b.c. on $\tilde{Z}^{\text{odd}}$. p.b.c. $\leftrightarrow$ anti-p.b.c.

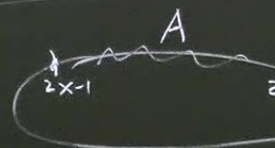
(*) changing b.c. (on $\tilde{Z}^{\text{odd}}$) flips X^{even} charge

Explicitly check for H.c.c. anti-p.b.c. for $\tilde{Z}^{\text{odd}}: -\tilde{Z}_{2L-1} X_{2L} \tilde{Z}_1 \rightarrow +\tilde{Z}_{2L-1} X_{2L} \tilde{Z}_1$.



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$$H = - \sum_i Z_i X_{i+1} Z_{i+2} \quad Z_i X Z_i \text{ sym.} \quad X_{\text{even/odd}} = \prod_{i=\text{even/odd}} X_i$$



J. S. $|Cluster\rangle = \sum_i Z_i X_{i+1} Z_{i+2} |Cluster\rangle$ for $i \neq 2L-1$, for $i = 2L-1$

$$|C\rangle = -Z_{2L-1} X_{2L} Z_1 |C\rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{\{S_i\} \\ i=1, \dots, L/2}} |Z_{2i-1} = S_i\rangle |X_{2i} = S_i S_{i+1}\rangle$$

Domain wall condensation with charge decoration.

"Topological response"

$$\cancel{Z_0 X_1 Z_2} \cdot \cancel{Z_2 X_3 Z_4} \cdot \cancel{Z_4 X_5 Z_6} |C\rangle = |C\rangle$$

contain wall condensation with large decoration.

$$\underline{z_1} X_2 \underline{z_3} \cdot \underline{z_3} X_4 \underline{z_5} \cdot \underline{z_5} X_6 \underline{z_6} \quad |C\rangle = |C\rangle$$

$$\sum_i z_i z_{i+1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{pbc.} \\ z_{L+1} := z_1 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{z_L z_{L+1}} = -z_L z_1 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{anti-pbc.} \\ z_{L+1} := -z_1 \end{array}$$



Near L (or R), effect of X_A^{odd} $\Rightarrow$ changing b.c. on Z^{odd} . p.b.c. $\leftrightarrow$ anti-p.b.

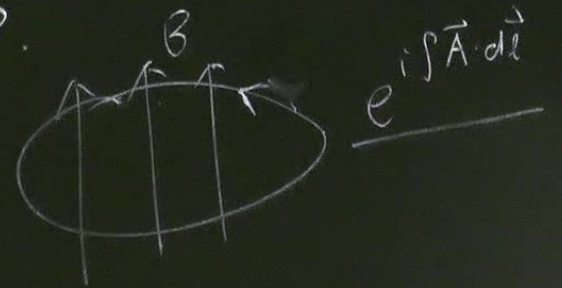
(*) changing b.c. (on Z^{odd}) flips X^{even} charge

Explicitly check for H.c. anti-p.b.c. for $Z^{\text{odd}}: -Z_2$



$$\Pi X_{\text{even}} |Cl'\rangle = -|Cl'\rangle$$

$\Rightarrow$ Gauge field $\rightarrow$ Charge response



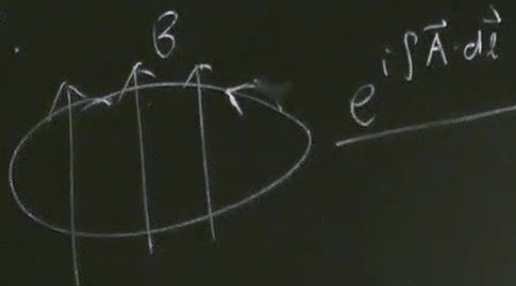
out of X_A^{odd} $\Rightarrow$ changing b.c. on Z^{odd} . p.b.c. $\leftrightarrow$ anti-p.b.c.

(*) changing b.c. (on Z^{odd}) flips X^{even} charge

Explicitly check for H.c., anti-p.b.c. for Z^{odd} : $-Z_{2L-1} X_{2L} Z_1 \rightarrow +Z_{2L-1} X_{2L} Z_1$.

$$\Pi X_{\text{even}} |Cl\rangle = -|Cl\rangle.$$

Gauge field $\rightarrow$ Charge response



$$\underline{Z_1 X_2 Z_3} \cdot \underline{Z_3 X_4 Z_5} \cdot \underline{Z_5 X_6 Z_7} \quad |C\rangle = |C\rangle$$

Edge mode: Intuition: sensitive to b.c. $\Rightarrow$ edge degeneracy

$$H_{\text{cluster}} = \sum_{i=1}^{2L-2} Z_i X_{i+1} Z_{i+2} \quad (\text{open b.c.}) \quad \text{Each bd has}$$

Boundary operators commuting with H :

$$\text{Left: } Z_1, X_1 Z_2 \quad \text{Right: } Z_{2L}, Z_{2L-1} X_{2L}$$

charged under $X_{\text{odd}}, X_{\text{even}}$

$\longleftrightarrow$
anti-commute.

$\Rightarrow$ edge degeneracy

open b.c.)

$Z_{2L-1} X_{2L}$

$g Z_{2L-1} X_{2L} Z_1$

$\downarrow$

Each bd hosts a qubit protected by symmetry

g.s. degeneracy 2×2

From topological response:

More generally, symmetry $g = \otimes_i g_i$

On SPT: $g_A |\Psi\rangle = \boxed{V_{0A}} |\Psi\rangle$

$X_e |\psi\rangle =$

$X_o |\psi\rangle =$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{Z}_{o,e} \tilde{Z}_{e,o}$

Cluster: $\tilde{Z}_{o,e} = Z_1, \tilde{Z}_{e,o} =$

Bulk-bd correspondence

$\rightarrow$ Can be used to characterize SPT

$$X_A |1\rangle = \underbrace{2X-2}_{=0} |1\rangle \quad (*)$$

$$g Z_{2L-1} X_{2L} Z_1$$

g.o.

hosts a qubit protected by symmetry

= g.s. degeneracy 2×2

response:

$$\text{symmetry } g = \otimes_i g_i$$

$$T: g_A |I\rangle = \boxed{V_{IA}} |\psi\rangle$$

Can be used to characterize SPT (Ref. Else, Nayak, 1409.5436)

$$X_e |\psi\rangle = \tilde{Z}_{o,L} \tilde{Z}_{o,R} |\psi\rangle$$

$$X_o |\psi\rangle = \tilde{Z}_{e,L} \tilde{Z}_{e,R} |\psi\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{Z}_{o,L} \tilde{Z}_{e,L} = -\tilde{Z}_{e,L} \tilde{Z}_{o,L}$$

$$\text{Cluster: } \tilde{Z}_{o,L} = Z_1, \tilde{Z}_{e,L} = X_1 Z_2$$

Bulk-bd correspondence

Real life: similar SPT $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow SO(3)$ realized in Spin-1 and

Higher dim. lts realization in free fermions, a.k.a. $H = \sum \vec{J} \cdot \vec{S}_i$.

In 2 weeks, topological response: Quantum Hall effect.

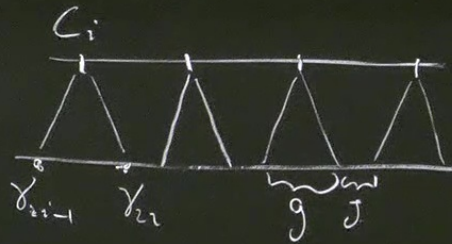
$XZ_2 \rightarrow SO(3)$ realized in spin-1 antiferromagnetic Heisenberg model.

realization in free fermions, a.k.a. "Topological insulators".
 $H = \sum J \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_{i+1}$ spin-1.

logical response : Quantum Hall effect.

Another example of topo. resp.

Fermion chain



Kitaev chain

$$H = -J \sum_{i=1}^{2L} i \gamma_{2i} \gamma_{2i+1} - g \sum_{i=1}^{2L} i \gamma_{2i} \gamma_{2i+1}$$

For $J < g$, $|G.S.\rangle = \prod_i C_i^+$

What about $J > g$. Take $g \rightarrow 0$

taev chain.

$$H = -J \sum_{i=1}^{2L} i \gamma_{2i} \gamma_{2i+1} - g \sum_{i=1}^{2L} i \gamma_{2i-1} \gamma_{2i} \quad \xrightarrow{-C_i^+ C_i}$$

$J < g$, $|G.S.\rangle \approx \prod_i C_i^+ |0\rangle$ "Trivial (SRE)"

about $J > g$. Take $g \rightarrow 0$ $H = - \sum_{i=1}^L i \gamma_{2i} \gamma_{2i+1}$, $|H\rangle = i \gamma_{2i} \gamma_{2i+1} |\Psi\rangle$

Open b.c. $H = - \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} i \gamma_{2i} \gamma_{2i+1}$, γ_1, γ_{2L} commute with H

$$\tilde{C} = \frac{\gamma_1 + i\gamma_{2L}}{2}, \quad \mathcal{H} = \begin{cases} |0\rangle, & \tilde{C}|0\rangle = 0 \\ |1\rangle := \tilde{C}^\dagger |0\rangle. \end{cases} \quad \dim(\mathcal{H}) = 2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \mathcal{H} \neq \mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_R, \dim = \dim_L^2, \dim_L = \sqrt{2}$$

$\mathcal{H}$ not defined locally, 2-fold degeneracy cannot be lifted locally.

trivial (SRE)'

$$i\gamma_{2i}\gamma_{2i+1}, \quad |\Psi\rangle = i\gamma_{2i}\gamma_{2i+1}|\Psi\rangle$$

$$\gamma_{2i}\gamma_{2i+1}, \quad \gamma_1, \gamma_{2L} \text{ commute with } H$$

$$\delta H \sim \tilde{C}^\dagger \tilde{C} \sim i\gamma_1\gamma_{2L}$$

$$\delta E \sim e^{-L/3}.$$