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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Homogeneity} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha + 2\beta + \gamma = 2 & (\text{Rushbrooke}) \\ \gamma = \beta(\delta - 1) & (\text{Widom}) \end{cases} \\ \text{Hyperscaling} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} d\nu = 2 - \alpha & (\text{Josephson}) \\ \gamma = \nu(2 - \eta) & (Fisher) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hyperscaling is not fulfilled in mean field treatment. Magnetic systems are short ranged \rightarrow Hyperscaling.

Continuous symmetry can not be spontaneously

broken at finite temperature in 2D and 1D in a system

with the interaction strength falling off fast (faster than a certain power law) with the distance.

Beware that the theorem only deals with thermal

fluctuations and no statement regarding T = 0 can be made. Realistic materials have discreet symmetry but

ordering is suppressed.

 $F \propto \xi^{-d} (T + A\xi^{-z})$ $F \propto \xi^{-d-z}, \quad d_{\text{eff}} = d + z$ $\hbar \omega_0 \propto \xi^{-z} \propto |g - g_c|^{\varphi}$

Within the cone, critical thermal fluctuations are dominant but there is no phase transition. For $g = g_c$,

unable to find any other characteristic energy apart

from temperature T. Unlike thermal, in QPT thermodynamics can not be separated from dynamics.

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$$C_v \sim |T_c - T|^{-\alpha}$$
$$l \sim (T_c - T)^{\beta}$$
$$\chi_l \sim |T_c - T|^{-\gamma}$$
$$l \sim |H_c|^{1/\delta}$$
$$\langle l(0)l(\mathbf{r}) \rangle \sim r^{d-2+\eta}$$

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The characteristic time at which the correlated cluster of size ξ disappears is given by





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Absence of thermal fluctuations not sufficient for order. Critical behaviour is at $T \leq 0$.

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The semiclassical phase boundary is determined by the shift exponent Ψ

$$T_c \propto ((g_c - g)^{\Psi})$$

where in Landau mean field theory

$$\Psi = \frac{z}{d+z-2} \neq \varphi = z\nu$$

If different, then hyperscaling is violated.

Hyperscaling is often violated at QPT as
$$d_{\text{eff}} \leq 4 \Rightarrow$$

mean field. If $d_{\text{eff}} < 4$, then along $g = g_c$ we get

$$S(\mathbf{q},\omega,T) \propto \sigma \left(\frac{\mathbf{q}^z}{T},\frac{\omega}{T}\right)$$

Absence of intrinsic energy scales.

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Quasiparticle associated with longitudinal fluctuations

are gapped where the mass scales with the order parameter. At $g = g_c$ the Higgs and Goldstone modes are both gapless, degenerate and indistinguishable.

Continuous broken symmetry. Infinitesimal in-plane oscillation correspond to a gapless Nambu-Goldstone boson (Goldstone's Theorem). Typically, $\omega \propto k$ and #gapless modes = #broken symmetry Beware Ferromagnet, 2 symmetries broken but only one Goldstone mode with $\omega \propto k^2$. Modes are not independent.

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Assumptions: dilute approximation, weakly deviate from equilibrium and fully ordered. Linear spin wave theory can handle the spectrum of excitations in a structure described by a single propagation vector **Q**.

 \Rightarrow discreet symmetry \Rightarrow Goldstone breaks down and excitations become massive. For weak anisotropy, the Goldstone bosons have a small gap leading to pseudogoldstone modes.

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Introduce pseudospin operators to map onto a ferromagnetic structure. Define the operators which create and destroy the minimal possible on-site deviation \rightarrow Holstein-Primakoff transformation. Diagonalize Hamiltonian using a Bogoliubov transformation and find the dispersion. Full account of all the correlation functions.

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Kinematic condition

$$\begin{split} \hbar\omega(\mathbf{q}) &= \hbar\omega(\mathbf{k}) + \hbar\omega(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{k}) \\ E_2^{\min}(\mathbf{q}) &\leq \hbar\omega(\mathbf{k}) + \hbar\omega(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{k}) \leq E_2^{\max}(\mathbf{q}) \end{split}$$

If $\hbar\omega(\mathbf{q}) < E_2^{\min}(\mathbf{q}) \Rightarrow$ magnon is safe in whole Brillouin zone and higher-order processes also forbidden.

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In collinear structures magnons can not spontaneously decay into two as this does not conserve the wave function parity under π -rotation around the collinearity axis. Therefore the number of magnons is conserved and no magnon-magnon interaction in leading order.



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For multiple branches the condition $\alpha = \frac{c\varphi^2}{6(q-k)^2}$ is not valid. There are 3 Goldstone modes in a spin structure with propagation vector **Q**. Fast magnons

decay into slow even within linear approximation. $\hbar \omega_{h} = \frac{1}{2}$



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Antiferromagnet:

 $\begin{cases} \text{Magnons stable} \quad H \geq H_{\text{sat}} \\ (\text{collinear but convex}) \\ \text{Decay possible} \quad H < H_{\text{sat}} \\ (\text{not collinear and convex}) \\ \text{Magnons stable} \quad H = 0 \\ (\text{collinear and concave}) \end{cases}$

The threshold field at $H^* \sim 0.76 H_{\rm sat}$ changes the sign of α .

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In the dilute limit $(-H_c \leq H)$, $E(\mathbf{q})$ is minimized by $\mathbf{Q} = (\pi/2, \pi/2, \pi/2)$ and the gap is "negative" for values above $-H_c$. This is in analogy to the Bose-Einstein condensate of *a*-particles and

corresponds to the antiferromagnetic order that sets

in perpendicular to the field.



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Antiferromagnet, use Matsubara-Masuda transformation to ascribe a particle state to each spin state. Hard-core constraint is required to enforce single particle occupation. The particles have bosonic statistics. One then finds

$$\hbar\omega(\mathbf{q}) = J \sum_{\mathbf{R}} (1 + \cos \mathbf{qR})$$

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$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t^2} = 4(SJda)^2 \boldsymbol{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r},t)$$
$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{S}} = \frac{\hbar S}{2} \int dt \int d^3r \Big[\frac{1}{JS^2} \Big(\frac{\partial \mathbf{n}}{\partial t} \Big)^2 - 8J(da)^2 (\boldsymbol{\nabla} \mathbf{n})^2 \Big]$$

Dynamics reduce to minimization of a classical action corresponding to a fixed length vector field.

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Assume short-range ordering with $\infty \gg \xi \gg a \Rightarrow$

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$$F_{\text{vortex}} = (\pi |J| S^2 - 2T) \log\left(\frac{L}{a}\right)$$
$$\Rightarrow \quad T_{\text{BKT}} = \frac{\pi |J| S^2}{2}$$

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Corresponds to a spontaneous dissociation of vortex-antivortex pairs. The resulting state is still lacking LRO but QLRO below $T_{\rm BKT}$. Form of hidden order (order by nonexisting) and no symmetry broken at $T_{\rm BKT}$.

Vortex and antivortex are robust topological charges which cannot be turned into one another by a uniform rotation of the spins. There is charge conservation. The interaction between them is attractive. A strongly bound pair resembles the uniform ferromagnetic state which will be broken apart by the fluctuations at high temperatures.



Any easy-plane anisotropy leads to BKT transition.

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\mathbf{r}, d\mathbf{r}} \left[(\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{r}+d\mathbf{r}}) - \eta S_{\mathbf{R}}^{z} S_{\mathbf{r}+d\mathbf{r}}^{z} \right]$$

 $\eta = 0$ Heisenberg, $\eta = 1$ XY, $\eta < 0$ Ising. For almost Heisenberg ($\eta \ll 1$)

$$T_{\rm BKT} = \frac{4\pi J S^2}{\log(\pi^2/\eta)}$$

with fast but modified diverging correlation length and susceptibility.

The Heisenberg system may display a BKT transition

in the presence of a magnetic field. The reason is the staggered magnetization preferring being perpendicular to the infinitesimally weak external field \rightarrow BKT behaviour.

The states that can couple to the magnetic field are at

the same time energetically expensive and con not be

reached at low temperatures. The energy of the

excited state is lowered by Zeeman and at H_c

magnetization is restored abruptly. Assume no

interaction between the magnetic molecules. Discreteness of magnetization is a 100% quantum

effect.

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Remember: No LRO due to HMW.

 ξ and χ diverge at $T_{\rm BKT}$ and grow faster than any power law. Below $T_{\rm BKT}$ both the correlation length and the uniform magnetic susceptibility remain infinite. \Rightarrow Field induced ferromagnet.

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Has long range Néel order at T = 0 with $\langle \hat{S}^z \rangle \sim 0.6S$. LSWT applicable, but reduced magnetic moment must be taken into account leading to renormalization



At very low temperatures it may happen that the ground state of a particular magnetic ion with even number of electrons is a singlet and the external magnetic field has nothing to couple to. At high temperature all states are present with equal probability. In Ni²⁺ singlet ground state separated by energy gap. In (S = 1/2) A.F. dimer spins decouple from external field as singlet is ground state. At high temperature, S = 1/2 paramagnet. Odd number of $e^- \Rightarrow$ at least doubly degenerate.

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Strong interactions \Rightarrow ordinary magnet, weak interaction \Rightarrow quantum disorder. Interaction can be tuned by changing the pressure and altering the superexchange geometries. Difference is found in dynamical exponent. z = 1 for pressure induced as wells as dispersion in A.F. But before mBEC has happened, the dispersion is quadratic $\Rightarrow z = 2$.

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Assume interaction between magnetic molecules and a magnetic field. The excited states are then no longer

localized and form a band with dispersion $\hbar \omega = \sqrt{\Delta^2 + 2\Delta J'(\mathbf{q})} \Rightarrow$ level-crossing becomes extended to field interval, no jump-like behaviour. Quantum disorder \Rightarrow mBEC \Rightarrow A.F. \Rightarrow mBEC \Rightarrow fully polarized. Shift exponent $\Psi = 2/3$ and z = 2. Example of a field induced quantum phase transition.

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Assume most of the bosonic particles are in the condensate (ground state) and little residue. The Hamiltonian is $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_1 + \mathcal{H}_2$, where \mathcal{H}_1 only

depends on the parameters of the unitary

transformation and by minimization gives the ground



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Interaction within magnetic molecules are much stronger than between them.

$$\left|\Psi\right\rangle = \prod_{\mathbf{r}} \left|\Psi\right\rangle_{\mathbf{r}}, \quad \left|\Psi\right\rangle_{\mathbf{r}} = \sum_{\lambda} m_{\lambda} \left|\lambda\right\rangle_{\mathbf{r}}$$

Flavours correspond to the state in the Hilbert state of a single magnetic molecule. Due to the interdimer interaction, an excitation would propagate between them. Find a basis by a unitary transformation in which the ground state can be created by a single operator $|\Psi\rangle_{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{b}_{\mathbf{r},\Psi}^{\dagger}|0\rangle$

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The modification of the transformation has to be non-local for proper fermionic statistics. Introduce new operators by attaching an infinite string of \hat{S}^z .

$$\hat{c}_n = \hat{S}_n^- \prod_{m < n} (-2\hat{S}_m^z)$$

Particles are topological, know state of all other sites. 36



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At T = 0 no LRO but correlations falling off very slowly, QLRO, on the verge to ordering (quantum critical state).

Use ideal electron gas model results. Maximal intensity at upper boundary. Soft mode at π/a due to nesting (A.F). Linear dispersion $q \rightarrow 0$, very narrow, well defined quasi particle. Gapless.

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Ground state: Néel antiferromagnet. The lowest energy excitation is the domain wall which have no mean of propagating along the chain, localized, $\varepsilon_q = J_z/2$.

$$\xi(T) \propto e^{\frac{J_z}{2T}}$$

The gapped transition to the ordered state at T = 0 is reminiscent of the BKT universality class.

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Single spin flip gives $\Delta S = \pm 1$ and improper domain can grow at no energy cost. Single domain wall is S = 1/2 and the gapped excitations are fermions and in experiment can only be excited in pairs. Energy conservation \Rightarrow open parameter $k \Rightarrow$ continuum.



For $0 \neq J_{xy} \ll J_z$, domain walls become mobile even at T = 0. The deviation from the Néel state is small and we can treat them as weakly interacting particles.



Heisenberg chain is gapless and quantum critical. Spinons have S = 1/2 and can only be excited in pairs



S = 1/2 dimer, the singlet state is separated from the excited states by a gap Δ . For half-odd integer spins there exists an excited state with energy that vanishes as $N \to \infty$. $\Rightarrow S = 1/2$ chain would have a gapless spin.

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Spatial restriction leads to infinitely large density fluctuations \Rightarrow smooth boundary at ε_F . The Tomonaga-Luttinger liquid is the analogue of the Fermi liquid in 1D. The singular behaviour is approximated by

$$n(k) \propto |k - k_F|^{K/2 + 1/(2K - 1)}$$

K = 1, non interacting, K < 1 repulsive and K > 1 attractive.

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Fermionic particle operator \hat{c}_i^{\dagger} and \hat{c}_i as continuous quantum bosonic fields. Introduce field $\varphi(x)$ as the

polar canting angle w.r.t. z-axis and field $\theta(x)$ as orientation in xy-plane. They obey bosonic statistics and resemble quantum oscillators. In one dimension: Switch between bosonic and fermionic description but interaction between quasi particles are affected. Trade statistics for interaction. Non commuting as \hat{S}^{α} do not commute. 2D and 3D, abrupt cut-off at ε_F with reduced jump $\mathcal{Z} < 1$. Landau quasi particles characterized by linearized dispersion but lifetime is now finite. Particles are well defined at ε_F and also present for T = 0. Excited electrons are dressed by weak density fluctuations.

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Low energy excitations $k \sim k_F$ do not have well defined ε_F dispersion but rather form a continuum

 $E_F + u|k - k_F|$

and fully describe the low energy physics by u and K. Beware that $d_{\text{eff}} = 2$ and far from mean field.

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$$\langle s_n^z s_{n+l}^z \rangle \sim A_z \left(\frac{1}{l}\right)^{2K} \langle s_n^+ s_{n+l}^- \rangle \sim A_x \left(\frac{1}{l}\right)^{1/2K} - B_x \left(\frac{1}{l}\right)^{2K+1/2K} K \begin{cases} < 1/2 & \text{longitudinal dominant} \\ = 1 & \text{isotropic} \\ > 1/2 & \text{transverse dominant} \end{cases}$$

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$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \frac{U}{2\pi} \int \left[K(\boldsymbol{\nabla}\boldsymbol{\theta}(\boldsymbol{x}))^2 + \frac{1}{K}(\boldsymbol{\nabla}\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\boldsymbol{x}))^2 \right] d\boldsymbol{x}$$

and is in the majority case the only part responsible for low-energy behaviour.







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$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{a}}^{\mathbf{b}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{a}} & \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{a}} \\ \mathbf{F}_$$

Interchain coupling J' is always present in realistic materials. It follows that χ will diverge not at T = 0

but earlier thanks to the interchain coupling.

$$\chi^{MF}(T) = \frac{\chi}{1 - J'\chi}$$

and $T_N \propto (J')^{\lambda}$, $\lambda = 2K/(4K-1)$. Heisenberg: $\lambda = 1$, XY-model: $\lambda = 2/3$

 $J_\perp \ll J_\parallel,$ for the dimerized there is a triplet and a singlet state. For small magnetic field, the ground state remains the direct product of rung singlets. For strong magnetic field, the triplet state is split and gap closes within a QPT. The resulting state has no LRO

(long-wavelength fluctuations) and is a TLL state.

Strong rung case: XXZ chain mapping	Strong leg case
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Spinon excitations are bound in the strong leg case.

Symmetric excitation: Singlet, S = 0, 2 spinon

excitation (1/2 spin excitation forbidden), bound state between the legs $q_{\parallel} = 0$.

Antisymmetric excitation: Triplet, S = 1, bound state along leg, $q_{\perp} = \pi$, transverse momentum. Excitations will be found at different position in Brillouin zone.

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S = 1, short-range correlations and gapped . $\xi \propto \exp{\{\pi S\}a}$ holds for integer spins (half odd \Rightarrow Lieb-Schultz-Mattis Theorem. From NL σ M we get



In magnetic field only consider low energy state $|s\rangle$ and $|t_+\rangle$ which can be mapped to some effective spin-1/2 chain system in a fictitious magnetic field \Rightarrow each rung of the ladder corresponds to a single pseudospin object. Using pseudospin operators one finds the XXZ Hamiltonian with $J_z/J_{xy} = 1/2$. The low energy states are described by the TLL. Strong rung assumption needed to neglect the remaining two triplet states.





$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \sum_{n} J(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{n} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{n+1}) + K(\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{n} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{n+1})^{2}, \quad \mathbf{S} = 1$$

The AKLT model corresponds to K = 1/3J which has an exact solution. The Heisenberg model has the same thermodynamic ground state as the AKLT model.

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The Haldane state at K = 0 may be seen as the AKLT state with a finite number of excited states

(topological order) present. All the other key properties, such as gapped ground state and presence of pseudospin- 1/2 degrees of freedom at the open chain ends can also be found in the Heisenberg limit.

Therefore, despite being a somewhat artificial construction, AKLT model perfectly captures the essential physics of the S = 1 Haldane chain and all of its exotic properties.

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In the case where the Harris' criterion is not fulfilled, local effects have to be taken into account. Site depletion by substituting an atom with a chemical similar one but different spin. Rare regions can be the driving force behind a phase transition. $d\nu > 2, \alpha < 0$ for the irrelevance of disorder effects at the phase transition \Rightarrow correlated volume averages out the randomness, transition remains sharp, tolerates finite amount of disorder. Otherwise, it becomes washed out, no prediction what happens. This criterion is necessary but not sufficient. In QPT, d is not replaced by d + z.

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Assume many body dimer, if one spin is removed, then one spin remains as a degree of freedom, which is not localized \Rightarrow spin islands (correlated droplet).

They interact with one another by J and this leads to



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 $x \sim 1$: By removing spins one will slowly get a depleted paramagnet. At some critical concentration x_c the answer is given by percolation theory. T = 0 square lattice $x_c \sim 60\%$. For the case when $x \sim 0$, one gets antiferromagnetic ordering.

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Marshall's theorem \Rightarrow for A.F. interaction, the collinear state hast he lowest possible energy. But even in bipartite lattices frustration can occur (villain lattice). Toulouse criterion

$$\prod_{\text{contour}} \operatorname{sign}(-J) = -1 \Rightarrow \text{frustrated}$$

Macroscopic degeneracy in the ground state which does not occur due to the symmetry in Hamiltonian but from geometric frustration \Rightarrow accidental degeneracy.

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Classic: The selection of the true ground state is performed by thermal fluctuations $\Rightarrow \sim \sum \log w$ Quantum: T = 0 but zero point fluctuations present $\Rightarrow \sim \sum w$. Therefore, quantum fluctuations can drive the order from disorder mechanism too. Consider F = U - TS, search for the point in phase space with the largest entropy contribution (thickest coating). This is connected to the excitation

spectrum. Width inverse proportional to rigidity \Rightarrow To maximize the entropy, one needs to find the

ground state with the softest excitation spectrum.

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If $\langle \mathbf{S_r} \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ local magnetic field detectable and referred as dipolar. Break time reversal symmetry and rotational symmetry of spin space. Frustration can provoke spontaneous breaking of spin rotational symmetry without formation of dipolar magnetic moments. The quadrupolar components go ordered which is a time reversal invariant rank 2 tensor \Rightarrow tensorial order parameter. The spin rotational symmetry remains broken and leads to different outcomes for measuring the spins along different directions.





$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \sum J_1(\hat{S}_n \hat{S}_{n+1}) + J_2(\hat{S}_n \hat{S}_{n+2})$$

Exact solution at the Majumdar-Ghosh point: $J_1 = 2J_2.$