

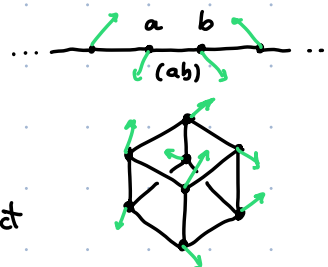
Geometry of Quantum Mechanics

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Spin chains Cont'd

X finite (discrete) set of vertices

E edges (unordered pairs $\{a, b\}$ of distinct vertices)



Quantum system: $(\mathcal{H}, H \in \text{Obs}(\mathcal{H}))$

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_{x \in X} V_x$$

each vertex $x \in X$ assigned unitary irrep of $SU(2)$ (on G)

$$H = \sum_{(ab) \in E} H^{(ab)} \otimes \mathbb{1}_{E^\perp}, \quad H^{(ab)} \in \text{Obs}(V_a \otimes V_b)$$

Idea: use classifc. of irreps of $SU(2)$ to provide example (Heisenberg spin chain: XXX model)

Recall: Irreps of $SU(2)$ classified

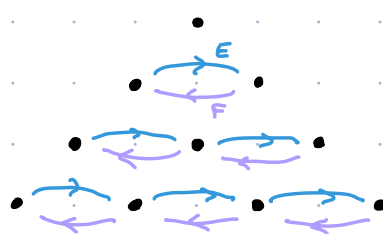
spin

0

$\frac{1}{2}$

1

$\frac{3}{2}$



highest wt

0

1

2

3

dim

1

2

3

4

-1

0

+1

weight of H

Alternative approach to constructing irreps

$$SU(2) \hookrightarrow SL_2\mathbb{C} \quad \text{act on } \mathbb{C}^2 \quad (\text{standard rep'n})$$

view $\mathbb{C}^2$ as a space with functions $\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2]$

i.e. if $f \in \mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2]$ then $g \in SL_2\mathbb{C}$

acts:

$$(g \cdot f)(x \in \mathbb{C}^2) = f(g^T x)$$

transpose (or inverse)
to obtain
correct
action
law.

$$\begin{aligned} (g \cdot f)(x) &= f(g \cdot x) \\ (g \cdot f)(x) &= f(g \cdot x) \\ &= f(g \cdot x) \end{aligned}$$

This has corresponding Lie algebra action

$$X \in \mathfrak{sl}_2\mathbb{C} = 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices w/ } \text{Tr} = 0$$

$$X \cdot f = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} e^{tX} \cdot f = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} f \circ e^{tX^T} = f \circ X^T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} f \circ X^T e^{tX^T} \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$\text{basis of } \mathfrak{sl}_2\mathbb{C} = \langle H, E, F \rangle$$

$$H \cdot f = f \circ H^T = f \circ H$$

$$\text{If } f = z_1: H \cdot z_1 = z_1 \circ (H^T = H) : \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto z_1 \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ -z_2 \end{pmatrix} = z_1$$

$$H \cdot z_2 = -z_2$$

The Lie group action preserves multiplication:

$$g \cdot (f_1 f_2) = (g \cdot f_1) \cdot (g \cdot f_2)$$

The Lie alg. action is a derivation (Leibniz)

$$X \cdot (f_1 f_2) = (X f_1) f_2 + f_1 (X f_2)$$

(H)

$$\Rightarrow H \text{ acts as } z_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} - z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2}$$

$$H(z_1^p z_2^q) = (p - q) z_1^p z_2^q$$

$\Rightarrow$ monomials $z_1^p z_2^q$ are weight vectors = eigenvect of H

(E)

$$\left(E \cdot z_1 = z_1 \circ E^T \right) \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= z_1 \circ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\left((E \cdot z_2) = z_2 \circ E_1^T \right) \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= z_2 \circ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} = z_1$$

$$E = z_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2}$$

To make $\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2]$ into a Hilbert space

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{recall for } L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}) \quad \langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{f} g \, dx \\ \text{note polynomials are never in } L^2! \end{array} \right)$$

use "weighted L^2 " inner product:

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int \bar{f} g e^{-|z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2} dx_1 dy_1 dx_2 dy_2$$

$$\|z_1\|^2 = 1 = \|z_2\|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= x_1 + iy_1 \\ z_2 &= x_2 + iy_2 \end{aligned}$$

(to be precise, L^2 is the completion of $\mathbb{C}[z_1, z_2]$ in this norm)

Last ingredient from Rep. Thy:

Clebsch - Gordan decomposition

Ex.: suppose V^2, V^3 are irreps of $SU(2)$
w/ highest wt 2, 3.

$$V_2 \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} -3 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ & \bullet & & \bullet & & \bullet & \end{array}$$

$$V_3 \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & & \\ & \bullet & & \bullet & & \bullet & \end{array}$$

Q: how does $(V_2 \otimes V_3)$ decompose?

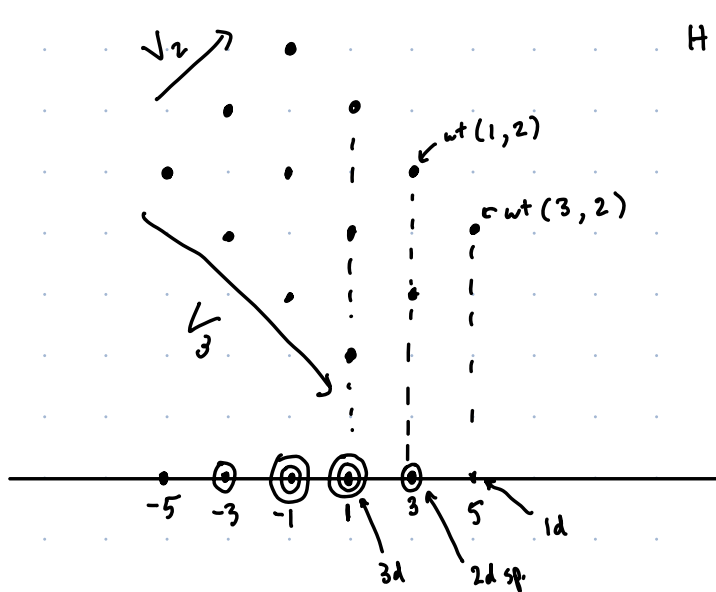
$\swarrow \text{dim } 3$ $\swarrow \text{dim } 4$ $\swarrow \text{dim } 3 \cdot 4 = 12$

Strategy: use highest weights to decompose

$$H \text{ acts on } V_2 \otimes V_3 \text{ by } H \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H$$

highest weight possible is $2+3=5$

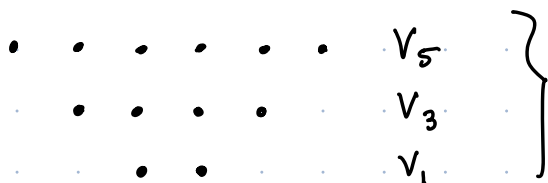
$$\Rightarrow V_2 \otimes V_3 = V_5^6 \oplus \dots$$



$$H = H \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes H$$

physicists use $H/2$

$$\frac{3}{2} \otimes 1 = \frac{5}{2} \oplus \frac{3}{2} \oplus \frac{1}{2}$$



$$V_3 \otimes V_2 = V_5 \oplus V_3 \oplus V_1$$

Clebsch - Gordon Theorem:

$$V_m \otimes V_n = V_{m+n} \oplus V_{m+n-2} \oplus \dots \oplus V_{|m-n|}$$

Ex.: $V = V_1 = \mathbb{C}^2$

$$\frac{1}{2} \otimes \frac{1}{2} = 1 \oplus 0$$

$$V_1 \otimes V_1 = V_2 \oplus V_0$$

$$V_1 = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

highest wt

$$V_1 \otimes V_1 = \langle \overset{1+\rangle \otimes 1+\rangle}{\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{highest wt}}}{1++}}, 1--\rangle, 1+-\rangle, 1-+\rangle \rangle$$

$$F|+\rangle = |-\rangle + |+\rangle$$

$$F(1+-\rangle + 1-+\rangle) = 1--\rangle + 1--\rangle = 2|--\rangle$$

$$V_2 = \langle 1++\rangle, 1+-\rangle + 1-+\rangle, 1--\rangle \rangle \quad \text{irred. subrep'n of } \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$$

"triplet"

$$V_0 = V_2^\perp = \langle 1+-\rangle - 1-+\rangle \rangle \quad \text{irred subrep'n}$$

"singlet"

$$V = \mathbb{C}^2 \quad V \otimes V = \underbrace{\text{Sym}^2 V}_3 \oplus \underbrace{\wedge^2 V}_1$$

Schur's Lemma: If (V, π) is a complex irred rep'n of G , then the only linear map $M: V \rightarrow V$ preserving rep'n (i.e. intertwiner) is

$$M = \lambda \mathbb{I} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Proof: Any such M has eigenvalue $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ with eigensp $W = \ker(M - \lambda \mathbb{I})$

$$W \text{ is a sub-rep'n} \Rightarrow W = V \Rightarrow M = \lambda \mathbb{I}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} Mv = \lambda v \\ M(\pi(g)v) = \pi(g)Mv = \lambda(\pi(g)v) \\ \Rightarrow \pi(g) : W \rightarrow W. \end{array} \right)$$

Cor: If V, W are non-isomorphic irreps
then $\nexists$ intertwiner!

$$V \xrightarrow{f} W$$

(ker, Im of f would be sub-reps)

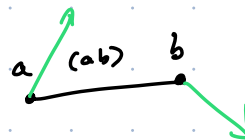
$\Rightarrow$ if $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus V_3$ irred.

$W = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus W_3$ irred.

intertwiners = mult. of $\mathbb{I}$ between equiv. irreps.

Spin Chain: $X \ni x$ vertex $\xrightarrow{\text{assign}} V^1 = \mathbb{C}^2$

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigotimes_{x \in X} V_x^1$$



for each edge (ab) $H^{(ab)} \in \text{Obs}(V_a^1 \otimes V_b^1)$

i.e. need map $V_a^1 \otimes V_b^1 \xrightarrow{H^{(ab)}} V_a^1 \otimes V_b^1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ S_{ab}^2 V \oplus \Lambda_{ab}^2 V & & S_{ab}^2 V \oplus \Lambda_{ab}^2 V \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \\ \text{triplet} & \text{singlet} & \end{array}$$

$$H_{\lambda, \mu}^{(ab)} = \lambda \mathbb{I}_{S^2 V} \oplus \mu \mathbb{I}_{\Lambda^2 V}$$

$$3 \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \lambda \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \mu \mathbb{I} \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c} S_{ab}^2 V \\ \oplus \\ \Lambda_{ab}^2 V \end{array}$$

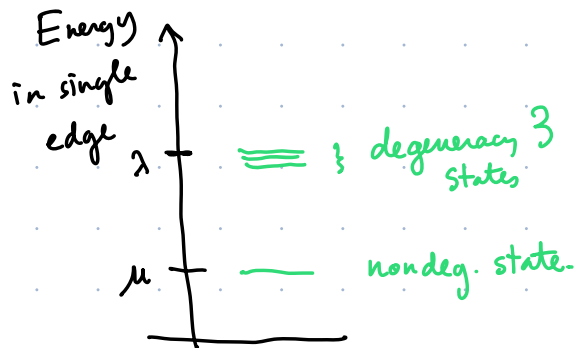
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energy of triplet states λ

" " singlet μ

$\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$.
self-adjoint

$$\lambda > \mu$$



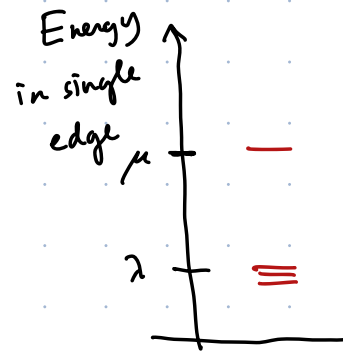
Anti-Ferromagnetic

ground state
unique!

$$|+-\rangle - |-+\rangle$$

entangled!

$$\lambda < \mu$$



Ferromagnetic system

ground state (lowest-energy)

is 3-dim^l space

contains

$$|++\rangle \quad |--\rangle$$

$$(a|+\rangle + b|-\rangle)^2$$

Spin chain $H = \sum_{ab \in E} H_{\lambda, \mu}^{(ab)} \otimes \mathbb{I}_{E^\perp}$
 $\uparrow$
 fix λ, μ for all

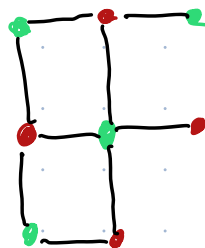
Ferromagnetic case: 3d space of ground states

including

$$|+++++ \dots +\rangle, |-----\rangle$$

Anti-Ferromagnetic:

Thm (Marshall - Lieb - Mattis)



X connected bipartite graph

vertices A, B (two colors) $|A| = |B|$

Then $\exists!$ ground state in Antiferro case,

$$\Omega = \sum_{\substack{\sigma \text{ balanced} \\ \text{word in } \pm}} \left(\prod_{b \in B} \sigma_b \right) c_\sigma \widetilde{|\sigma\rangle}^{1+-+--++}$$

$c_\sigma > 0$

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textbook on many-body systems
Youtube channel.

$$V = \mathbb{C}^2$$

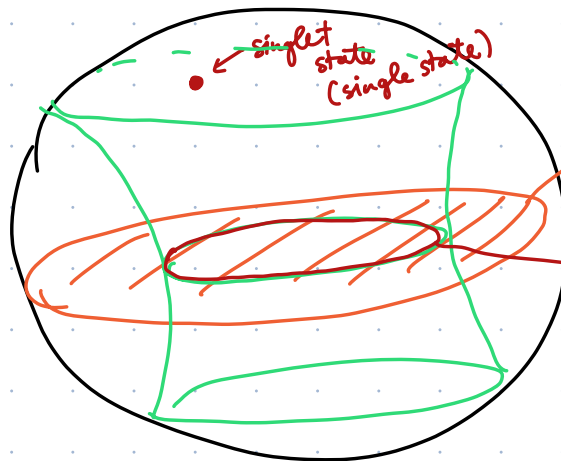
$$V \otimes V = \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}^4$$

$$\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C}^3 \oplus \mathbb{C}$$

$\text{su}(2)$

$$P(\mathbb{C}^4) = \mathbb{CP}^3$$

Decomposables
form
Quadric hypersurf.
in $\mathbb{CP}^3$



triplet states
 $\sim \mathbb{CP}^2$

decomposable
triplet states
form a
quadric in $\mathbb{CP}^2$

$$\cong \mathbb{CP}^1$$

$\cup$

$$(a|+\rangle + b|-\rangle)^2$$