

1 Rewriting the hamiltonian

1.1 The hamiltonian in question

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} = & -t_e \sum_{r,r',\sigma} c_{r,\sigma}^\dagger c_{r',\sigma} - \mu \sum_{r,\sigma} c_{r,\sigma}^\dagger c_{r,\sigma} + i\alpha \sum_{r,\delta,\sigma,\sigma'} c_{r,\sigma}^\dagger (\boldsymbol{\delta} \times \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\sigma,\sigma'}^z c_{r+\delta,\sigma'} \\ & + \Delta \sum_r \left(c_{r,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{r,\downarrow}^\dagger + c_{r,\downarrow} c_{r,\uparrow} \right) + \sum_{R,\sigma,\sigma'} c_{R,\sigma}^\dagger [J\mathbf{S}_R \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}]_{\sigma,\sigma'} c_{R,\sigma'} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

1.2 Fourier transform

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{H}} = & -t_e \sum_{k,\sigma} \varepsilon_k c_{k,\sigma}^\dagger c_{k,\sigma} - \mu \sum_{k,\sigma} c_{k,\sigma}^\dagger c_{k,\sigma} + i\alpha \sum_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} \eta_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} c_{k,\sigma}^\dagger c_{k,\sigma'} \\ & + \Delta \sum_k \left(c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-k,\downarrow}^\dagger + c_{k,\downarrow} c_{-k,\uparrow} \right) + \sum_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} \omega_{\sigma,\sigma'} c_{k,\sigma}^\dagger c_{k,\sigma'} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\varepsilon_k = \sum_{\delta} e^{ik\delta} \quad (3)$$

$$\eta_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} = \sum_{\delta} e^{ik\delta} (\boldsymbol{\delta} \times \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\sigma,\sigma'}^z \quad (4)$$

$$\omega_{\sigma,\sigma'} = [J\mathbf{S}_R \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}]_{\sigma,\sigma'} \quad (5)$$

1.3 Regroup terms in common sums

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{H}} = & \sum_{k,\sigma} \varepsilon'_k c_{k,\sigma}^\dagger c_{k,\sigma} + \sum_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} \omega'_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} c_{k,\sigma}^\dagger c_{k,\sigma'} \\ & + \Delta \sum_k \left(c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-k,\downarrow}^\dagger + c_{k,\downarrow} c_{-k,\uparrow} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\varepsilon'_k = (-t_e \varepsilon_k - \mu) \quad (7)$$

$$\omega'_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} = (i\alpha \eta_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} + \omega_{\sigma,\sigma'}) \quad (8)$$

1.4 Expand on σ

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = & \sum_k \varepsilon'_k \left(c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k,\uparrow} + c_{k,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k,\downarrow} \right) + \omega'_{k,\uparrow,\uparrow} c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k,\uparrow} + \omega'_{k,\uparrow,\downarrow} c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k,\downarrow} + \omega'_{k,\downarrow,\uparrow} c_{k,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k,\uparrow} + \omega'_{k,\downarrow,\downarrow} c_{k,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k,\downarrow} \\ & + \Delta c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-k,\downarrow}^\dagger + \Delta c_{k,\downarrow} c_{-k,\uparrow}\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

Next we regroup terms again

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = & \sum_k (\varepsilon'_k + \omega'_{k,\uparrow,\uparrow}) c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k,\uparrow} + (\varepsilon'_k + \omega'_{k,\downarrow,\downarrow}) c_{k,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k,\downarrow} + \omega'_{k,\uparrow,\downarrow} c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k,\downarrow} + \omega'_{k,\downarrow,\uparrow} c_{k,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k,\uparrow} \\ & + \Delta c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-k,\downarrow}^\dagger + \Delta c_{k,\downarrow} c_{-k,\uparrow}\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

1.5 Expand on $-k$ and k

We also anticommute the operators so that they are consistent with the operators we are going to use, namely:

$$\psi^\dagger = (c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger, c_{k,\downarrow}^\dagger, c_{-k,\downarrow}, c_{-k,\uparrow}) \quad (11)$$

$$\psi = (c_{k,\uparrow}, c_{k,\downarrow}, c_{-k,\downarrow}^\dagger, c_{-k,\uparrow}^\dagger) \quad (12)$$

So the Hamiltonian ends up as:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = & \sum_k (\varepsilon'_k + \omega'_{k,\uparrow,\uparrow}) c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k,\uparrow} + (\varepsilon'_k + \omega'_{k,\downarrow,\downarrow}) c_{k,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k,\downarrow} + \omega'_{k,\uparrow,\downarrow} c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k,\downarrow} + \omega'_{k,\downarrow,\uparrow} c_{k,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k,\uparrow} \\ & - (\varepsilon'_{-k} + \omega'_{-k,\uparrow,\uparrow}) c_{-k,\uparrow} c_{-k,\uparrow}^\dagger - (\varepsilon'_{-k} + \omega'_{-k,\downarrow,\downarrow}) c_{-k,\downarrow} c_{-k,\downarrow}^\dagger - \omega'_{-k,\uparrow,\downarrow} c_{-k,\uparrow} c_{-k,\downarrow}^\dagger - \omega'_{-k,\downarrow,\uparrow} c_{-k,\downarrow} c_{-k,\uparrow}^\dagger \\ & + \Delta c_{k,\uparrow}^\dagger c_{-k,\downarrow}^\dagger - \Delta c_{k,\downarrow}^\dagger c_{-k,\uparrow}^\dagger - \Delta c_{k,\downarrow} c_{-k,\uparrow} + \Delta c_{k,\uparrow} c_{-k,\downarrow}\end{aligned}\quad (13)$$

1.6 Write the matrix

Knowing that

$$\psi^\dagger H \psi = \tilde{\mathcal{H}} \quad (14)$$

We can figure out that:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} (\varepsilon'_k + \omega'_{k,\uparrow,\uparrow}) & \omega'_{k,\uparrow,\downarrow} & \Delta & 0 \\ \omega'_{k,\downarrow,\uparrow} & (\varepsilon'_k + \omega'_{k,\downarrow,\downarrow}) & 0 & -\Delta \\ \Delta & 0 & -(\varepsilon'_k + \omega'_{k,\downarrow,\downarrow}) & -\omega'_{k,\downarrow,\uparrow} \\ 0 & -\Delta & -\omega'_{k,\uparrow,\downarrow} & -(\varepsilon'_k + \omega'_{k,\uparrow,\uparrow}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

1.7 Simplifying $\omega'_{k\sigma\sigma'}$

First let's remember that $\omega'_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} = (i\alpha\eta_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} + \omega_{\sigma,\sigma'})$, and that $\eta_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} = \sum_{\delta} e^{ik\delta} (\boldsymbol{\delta} \times \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\sigma,\sigma'}^z$ and $\omega_{\sigma,\sigma'} = [JS_R \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}]_{\sigma,\sigma'}$:

$$S_R \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = S_R^z \sigma_z = S_R^z \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\omega_{\sigma,\sigma'} = [JS_R \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}]_{\sigma,\sigma'} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_{\uparrow\uparrow} = JS_r^z & \omega_{\uparrow\downarrow} = 0 \\ \omega_{\downarrow\uparrow} = 0 & \omega_{\downarrow\downarrow} = -JS_r^z \end{pmatrix} = JS_r^z \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (16)$$

Next, considering nearest neighbors and a square lattice:

$$\boldsymbol{\delta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\eta_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} = \sum_{\delta} e^{ik\delta} (\boldsymbol{\delta} \times \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\sigma,\sigma'}^z = (e^{ik_x} - e^{-ik_x})(\sigma_y)_{\sigma\sigma'} + (-e^{ik_y} + e^{-ik_y})(\sigma_x)_{\sigma\sigma'} = 2i \sin(k_x)(\sigma_y)_{\sigma\sigma'} - 2i \sin(k_y)(\sigma_x)_{\sigma\sigma'}$$

With this, we can write $\omega'_{k,\sigma,\sigma'}$ as a matrix too:

$$\omega'_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} = i\alpha\eta_{k,\sigma,\sigma'} + \omega_{\sigma,\sigma'} = \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow\uparrow = JS_R^z & \uparrow\downarrow = 2\alpha(i \sin(k_x) + \sin(k_y)) \\ \downarrow\uparrow = 2\alpha(-i \sin(k_x) + \sin(k_y)) & \downarrow\downarrow = -JS_R^z \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

And we can see that this is already hermitian for all values of k

1.8 Simplifying ε'_k

$$\varepsilon_k = \sum e^{i\delta k} = e^{ik_x} e^{ik_y} + e^{-ik_x} + e^{-ik_y} = 2(\cos(k_x) + \sin(k_x))$$

$$\varepsilon'_k = -2t_e((\cos(k_x) + \sin(k_x)) - \mu)$$

1.9 Simplifying $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon'_k + JS_R^z & 2\alpha(i \sin(k_x) + \sin(k_y)) & \Delta & 0 \\ 2\alpha(-i \sin(k_x) + \sin(k_y)) & \varepsilon'_k - JS_R^z & 0 & -\Delta \\ \Delta & 0 & -\varepsilon'_k + JS_R^z & -2\alpha(i \sin(k_x) - \sin(k_y)) \\ 0 & -\Delta & -2\alpha(-i \sin(k_x) - \sin(k_y)) & -\varepsilon'_k - JS_R^z \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

1.10 Finding eigenvalues

I used Mathematica to find the eigenvalues, and I found they were:

$$\lambda = \pm \left[4\alpha^2 (\sin^2 k_x + \sin^2 k_y) + \Delta^2 + \varepsilon_k'^2 + (JS_R^z)^2 \right. \\ \left. \pm 2 \left(\varepsilon_k'^2 (4\alpha^2 (\sin^2 k_x + \sin^2 k_y) + (JS_R^z)^2) + \Delta^2 (4\alpha^2 \sin^2 k_y + (JS_R^z)^2) \right)^{1/2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (19)$$

Then, to simplify it, we can use this vector: $\vec{\ell} = (2\alpha \sin(k_x), 2\alpha \sin(k_y), JS_r^z)$

$$\lambda = \pm \left[|\vec{\ell}|^2 + \Delta^2 + \varepsilon_k'^2 \pm 2 \left(\varepsilon_k'^2 |\vec{\ell}|^2 + \Delta^2 (\vec{\ell}_y^2 + \vec{\ell}_z^2) \right)^{1/2} \right]^{1/2} \quad (20)$$