

§4. Symmetries of the Hubbard model

SU(2) - symmetry

The hopping part of the Hubbard model is the same for spin up and down, hence the Hamiltonian is spin rotational invariant

Let $\hat{\Psi}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_{i\uparrow} \\ \hat{a}_{i\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$, $\hat{\Psi}_i^\dagger = (\hat{a}_{i\uparrow}^\dagger, \hat{a}_{i\downarrow}^\dagger)$

$$\hat{H}_1 = \sum_{ij} \sum_{\sigma} t_{ij} \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{j\sigma} = \sum_{ij} t_{ij} \hat{\Psi}_i^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_j$$

How about \hat{H}_2 ?

When we rotate the spin quantization axis the fermion operator transforms as

$$\hat{\tilde{\Psi}} = \hat{U} \hat{\Psi}, \quad \hat{\tilde{\Psi}}^\dagger = \hat{\Psi}^\dagger \hat{U}^\dagger$$

We can parametrize $SU(2)$

matrix $U(\vec{\theta})$ as

$$\hat{U}(\vec{\theta}) = e^{i\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\tau}} = \cos \theta \mathbb{1} + i \sin \theta \frac{\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{\tau}}{|\vec{\theta}|} \quad \theta = |\vec{\theta}|$$

$$\vec{\tau} = (\tau_x, \tau_y, \tau_z)$$

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$$\tau_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The spin generator

$$\hbar = 1$$

$$S_i^a = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu\nu} a_{i\mu}^\dagger \tau_{\mu\nu}^a a_{i\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Psi}_i^\dagger \tau^a \hat{\Psi}_i$$

Under $SU(2)$ transformation the spin operator transforms as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S}_i^a &= \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger \tau^a \hat{\Psi} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Psi}_i^\dagger (\hat{U}^\dagger \tau^a \hat{U}) \hat{\Psi}_i = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Psi}_i^\dagger \left(\sum_{ab} R_{ab} \tau^b \right) \hat{\Psi}_i \quad (*) \\ &\quad \uparrow \text{rotation matrix} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using

$$\sum_a \tau^a_{\sigma\beta} \tau^a_{\mu\nu} = 2 \delta_{\sigma\nu} \delta_{\beta\mu} - \delta_{\sigma\beta} \delta_{\mu\nu}$$

one can show that

$$n_i^\mu n_i^\nu = -\frac{2}{3} \hat{S}_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} u \hat{n}_i$$

thus

$$\hat{N}_e = \sum_i \hat{n}_i$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i,j} t_{ij} \hat{\Psi}_i^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_j - \frac{2}{3} u \sum_i \hat{S}_i^2 + \frac{\hat{N}_e u}{2}$$

Since $\sum_i \hat{S}_i^2$ is rotationally invariant due to (*)

the Hubbard model is ~~rotationally~~

$SU(2)$ invariant up to a constant term.

particle-hole symmetry

particle-hole transformation $\hat{\Gamma}$ for a spinless fermion is defined

$$\hat{\Gamma} \hat{a}_i \hat{\Gamma}^\dagger = \hat{a}_i^\dagger$$

antiunitary operator

Naive generalization for spinful fermions

$$\hat{\Gamma} \hat{a}_{i\sigma} \hat{\Gamma}^\dagger = \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^\dagger \quad (\ast)$$

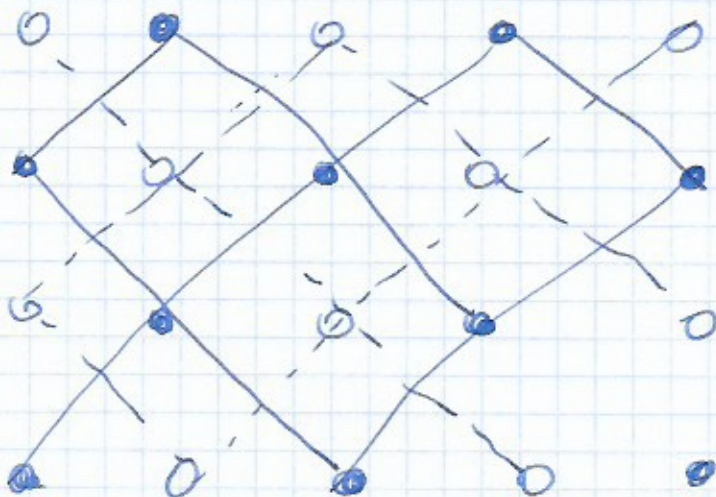
finds

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Gamma} \hat{H} \hat{\Gamma}^\dagger &= t \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i (1 - n_{i\uparrow})(n_{i\downarrow}) = \\ &= - \sum_{ij} t_{ij} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

After this transformation the hopping term is changed! No particle-hole symmetry of type (\ast)

Geometric symmetry

On a bipartite lattices we change the definition of particle-hole transformation



$$t_{ij} = \begin{cases} t_{ij} & \text{sublattice} \\ & \text{act on } \sigma \\ & \text{different} \\ & \text{same} \\ & \text{sublattice} \end{cases}$$

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P-U transformation

$$\hat{\Pi} \hat{a}_{i\sigma} \hat{\Pi}^\dagger = \begin{cases} \hat{a}_{i\sigma} & \text{if } i \in A \\ -\hat{a}_{i\sigma} & \text{if } i \in B \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Pi} \hat{H} \hat{\Pi}^\dagger &= -\sum_{i,j\sigma} t_{ij} \hat{a}_{i\sigma} \hat{a}_{j\sigma}^\dagger + u \sum_i (1-n_{i\uparrow})(n_{i\downarrow}) = \\ &= \sum_{i,j\sigma} t_{ij} \hat{a}_{i\sigma} \hat{a}_{j\sigma}^\dagger + u \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

no, the Hubbard model is symmetric under P-U transformation.

→ The phase diagram is symmetric under the half-filling

U(1) phase symmetry

$$a_{i\sigma} \rightarrow a_{i\sigma} e^{-i\theta}$$

$$a_{i\sigma}^\dagger \rightarrow a_{i\sigma}^\dagger e^{i\theta}$$

$$\sum_{i,j\sigma} t_{ij} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\sigma} \rightarrow \sum_{i,j\sigma} t_{ij} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\sigma} e^{i\theta} e^{-i\theta} = \sum_{i,j\sigma} t_{ij} a_{i\sigma}^\dagger a_{j\sigma}$$

$$\sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} \rightarrow \sum_i a_{i\uparrow}^\dagger a_{i\uparrow} a_{i\downarrow}^\dagger a_{i\downarrow} e^{i\theta} e^{-i\theta} e^{i\theta} e^{-i\theta} = \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_1 + \hat{H}_2 \quad \text{— charge conservation}$$

Particle-hole symmetry

$$\hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \rightarrow (-1)^i \hat{a}_{i\sigma}$$

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$$\hat{n}_{i\sigma} = \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{i\sigma} \rightarrow (-1)^{2i} \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{i\sigma} = 1 - \hat{a}_{i\sigma} \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} = 1 - \hat{n}_{i\sigma}$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{j\sigma} + u \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

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on bipartite

$$\hat{H} = - \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{j\sigma}^{\dagger} + u \sum_i (1 - n_{i\uparrow})(1 - n_{i\downarrow}) =$$

$$= \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{j\sigma} + u \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + u N_L - u \sum_i (n_{i\uparrow} + n_{i\downarrow})$$

$$\hat{H}_{\mu} = \hat{H} - \mu \hat{N} \rightarrow \hat{H}_{\mu} - \mu \hat{N}$$

$$\sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{j\sigma} - \mu \sum_i n_{i\sigma} + u \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

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$$\sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{j\sigma} - \mu \sum_i (1 - n_{i\uparrow}) + u \sum_i (1 - n_{i\uparrow})(1 - n_{i\downarrow}) =$$

$$= \sum_{ij\sigma} t_{ij} \hat{a}_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{j\sigma} + \mu \sum_i n_{i\sigma} - 2\mu N_L + u N_L + u \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} - u \sum_i n_{i\sigma} =$$

$$= \hat{H}_{-\mu} - 2\mu N_L + u N_L - u \sum_i n_{i\sigma} =$$

$$= \hat{H}_{-\mu} - (2\mu - u) \sum_i n_{i\sigma} + u N_L - 2\mu N_L$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mu} = \text{Tr} \left[e^{-\beta (\hat{H}_{\mu} + \mu \hat{N} - u \hat{N} + u N_L - 2\mu N_L)} \right] =$$

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$$\mathcal{Z}_{\mu}(T, \mu, N_L) = \mathcal{Z}_{-\mu}(T, u - \mu, N_L)$$

$\mu = \frac{u}{2}$
↓
 \mathcal{Z}_{μ}

$$\Omega_P(\tau, \mu, N_L) = \text{Tr} \left[e^{-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu \hat{N})} \right]$$

$$n(\mu, \tau) = \frac{1}{N_L} [\langle \hat{n}_\uparrow \rangle + \langle \hat{n}_\downarrow \rangle] =$$

$$= \frac{1}{N_L} \frac{\text{Tr} \left[\sum_i \hat{n}_i e^{-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu \hat{N})} \right]}{\text{Tr} \left[e^{-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu \hat{N})} \right]} = \frac{1}{N_L} \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial \mu}$$

$$\frac{1}{N_L} \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial \ln \Omega}{\partial \mu} \xrightarrow{\text{ph}} \frac{1}{N_L} \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \mu \text{Tr} \left[e^{-\beta(\sum_i \epsilon_i \hat{n}_i + \mu \sum_i \hat{n}_i + \dots)} \right]$$

$$= \left[u \sum_i \hat{n}_i + u N_L - u \sum_i \hat{n}_i \right] =$$

$$= \frac{1}{N_L} \frac{\text{Tr} \left[(\hat{N} + 2N_L) e^{-\beta(\dots)} \right]}{\text{Tr} \left[e^{-\beta(\hat{H} + \mu \hat{N} - u \hat{N} + u N_L - 2\mu N_L)} \right]} =$$

$$= 2 - n(u - \mu, \tau)$$

at half-filling, $n = 1$, $\mu = u - \mu \rightarrow \mu = \frac{u}{2}$