Fermionic bricks in the wall



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Bricks in the wall



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Brick wall quantum circuits

with a global fermionic symmetry

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Context

non-equilibrium quantum dynamics and digital quantum simulation



Origins

fermionic brick from factorizable particle scattering in 1+1D

• Math

YBE and integrability, free fermionic (matchgate) form of Š

• Phys

Hamiltonian limit (generalized Kitaev chains) and quantum dynamics

Non-equilibrium quantum dynamics and digital quantum simulation

Context





Non-equilibrium quantum dynamics and digital quantum simulation



Time evolution implemented using a **brick wall** type quantum circuit:



Non-equilibrium quantum dynamics and digital quantum simulation



FIG. 1. Domain wall relaxation in the Heisenberg XXZ spin chain. (A) Schematic of the unitary gate sequence used in this work, where fSim gates are applied in a Floquet scheme on a 1D chain of $N_Q = 46$ qubits. (B) Relaxation dynamics as a function of site and cycle number for $\mu = \infty$, 0.9, and 0.3 for initially prepared domain-wall states with $2\langle S^z \rangle = \pm \tanh \mu$. (C) Histogram showing the probability distribution of transferred magnetization after t = 1, 5 and 20 cycles (arrows in B) for $\mu = \infty$.

Google Quantum AI and collaborators, arXiv:2306.09333

Reading qubit states as $|0\rangle \rightarrow |\uparrow\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow |\downarrow\rangle$ natural symmetry is *SU(2)*, as in the XXX chain or *U(1)* as in an XXZ chain.

Reading qubit states as $|0\rangle \rightarrow |b\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle$ natural symmetry is fermionic.

Q: Do we have 2-qubit gates with fermionic symmetry?

Clue: interpret 2-body S-matrices of 1+1D particle theories as 2-qubit gates.

If that particle theory is described by integrable QFT, these S-matrices will satisfy a Yang-Baxter Equation (YBE).

If that particle theory is supersymmetric, these S-matrices will possess a global fermionic symmetry.

If that particle theory arises as a perturbed superconformal field theory (sCFT), both these properties are possible.

SUPERSYMMETRY AND FACTORIZABLE SCATTERING

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We analyze supersymmetric particle theories in 1 + 1 dimensions that exhibit factorizable scattering. We propose the general form $\hat{S} = \hat{S}_{BF}\hat{S}_{B}$ for the S-matrix, where \hat{S}_{B} is a purely bosonic S-matrix and \hat{S}_{BF} describes the mixing of bosonic and fermionic particles. We derive a general expression for \hat{S}_{BF} .

Nucl. Phys. B344, 665 (1990)

S-matrix for particle scattering in 1+1D



 $|A_i(\theta_1)A_j(\theta_2)\rangle_{\rm in} = \hat{S}_{ij}^{kl}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)|A_k(\theta_2)A_l(\theta_1)\rangle_{\rm out},$

Find 2-particle scattering matrix that solves conditions SUSY and YBE

SUSY:

$$\begin{split} & \left[\left(\rho x \right)^{-1} Q_1 + \rho x Q_2 \right] \hat{S}(\theta) = \hat{S}(\theta) \left[\rho x Q_1 + \left(\rho x \right)^{-1} Q_2 \right], \\ & \left[\rho^{-1} x \overline{Q}_1 + \rho x^{-1} \overline{Q}_2 \right] \hat{S}(\theta) = \hat{S}(\theta) \left[\rho x^{-1} \overline{Q}_1 + \rho^{-1} x \overline{Q}_2 \right], \end{split}$$

$$\theta = \theta_1 - \theta_2, x = \exp(\theta/4), \rho = (m_1/m_2)^{1/4}$$

YBE:

$$\hat{S}_{i_{1}i_{2}}^{k_{2}k_{1}}(\theta_{12})\hat{S}_{k_{1}i_{3}}^{k_{3}j_{1}}(\theta_{13})\hat{S}_{k_{2}k_{3}}^{j_{3}j_{2}}(\theta_{23}) = \hat{S}_{i_{2}i_{3}}^{k_{3}k_{2}}(\theta_{23})\hat{S}_{i_{1}k_{3}}^{j_{3}k_{1}}(\theta_{13})\hat{S}_{k_{1}k_{2}}^{j_{2}j_{1}}(\theta_{12}).$$



→ Most general supersymmetric 2-body
 S-matrices satisfying (graded) YBE, with
 α – coupling strength
 γ – log of particle mass ratio
 θ – difference of particle rapidities

$$\check{\mathbf{S}}(\theta) = f(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} 1-t\,\tilde{t} & 0 & 0 & t+\tilde{t} \\ 0 & 1+t\,\tilde{t} & t-\tilde{t} & 0 \\ 0 & -t+\tilde{t} & 1+t\,\tilde{t} & 0 \\ -t-\tilde{t} & 0 & 0 & 1-t\,\tilde{t} \end{pmatrix} + g(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t = \tanh\left[\frac{\theta + \gamma}{4}\right], \qquad \tilde{t} = \tanh\left[\frac{\theta - \gamma}{4}\right], \qquad \gamma = \log\left(\frac{m_i}{m_j}\right)$$

$$f(\theta) = \frac{\alpha}{2i} \sqrt{m_i m_j} \frac{\cosh(\theta/2) + \cosh(\gamma/2)}{\cosh(\theta/2) \sinh(\theta/2)} g(\theta)$$

• $\check{\mathbf{S}}(\alpha, \gamma, \theta)$ matched with specific perturbed sCFT, later confirmed by TBA analysis

M. Moriconi, KjS - 1995

• $\check{\mathbf{S}}(\alpha, \gamma, \theta)$ satisfies `free fermion' (FF) or `matchgate' property, as a consequence we can write

$$\check{\mathbf{S}}_{i,i+1}(\alpha,\gamma,\theta) = \exp[i\mathbf{E}_{i,i+1}].$$

quadratic in fermion operators

Integrability and FF structure



Math

If the 2-qubit `brick' satisfies a Yang-Baxter Equation (YBE) the Floquet dynamics given by the quantum circuit is integrable.

> Gritsev, Polkolnikov, 2017; Vanicat, Zadnik, Prosen, 2018; Miao, Gritsev, Kurlov, 2022; Maruyoshi et al, 2022; ...

Integrability and FF structure

The FF structure of $\check{\mathbf{S}}(\alpha, \gamma, \theta)$ leads to a FF form of the circuit unitary,

$$\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{F}}^{\mathbf{k}}(\alpha,\gamma,\theta) = \exp\left[i\sum_{i}\epsilon_{i}^{k}(\eta_{i}^{k\,\dagger}\eta_{i}^{k}-\frac{1}{2})\right]$$

We found close-to-closed form results for the dispersions ϵ_i^k .

Integrability and FF structure



For $\vartheta \to 0$, extract Hamiltonian $\mathbf{H}_{\gamma}(\alpha, \gamma)$ via



$$\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{F}}(\theta) = \exp[i\mathbf{E}(\theta)] \stackrel{\theta \to 0}{=} \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{F}}(0) + i\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{F}}(0)\mathbf{H}_{\gamma}\,\theta + o(\theta^2)$$

This gives a generalized Kitaev chain Hamiltonian $\mathbf{H}_{\gamma}(\alpha, \gamma)$ with hopping and condensate terms through nnnn (next-next-next nearest neighbors)

Exploiting, again, FF structure we found 1-particle bands

$$(\epsilon_{\gamma}^{k})_{1,2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\nu_{0} + \nu_{1} \cos(2k) \pm \sqrt{\sum_{j=0}^{6} \mu_{j} \cos(2jk)}}$$

$$\begin{split} \nu_{0} &= \frac{\operatorname{sech}^{4}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{a^{2}} (1 + 2\cosh(\gamma)) + \operatorname{sech}^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right), \\ \nu_{1} &= \frac{\operatorname{sech}^{4}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{a^{2}} - \operatorname{sech}^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right), \\ \mu_{0} &= \frac{\operatorname{sech}^{6}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{a^{4}} (8\cosh(\gamma)) \\ &+ \frac{\tanh^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)\operatorname{sech}^{12}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{32a^{2}} (300 - 193\cosh(\gamma) + 162\cosh(2\gamma) - 15\cosh(3\gamma) + 2\cosh(4\gamma)), \\ \mu_{1} &= \frac{8\operatorname{sech}^{6}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{a^{4}} \\ &- \frac{\tanh^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)\operatorname{sech}^{12}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{16a^{2}} (163 - 120\cosh(\gamma) + 92\cosh(2\gamma) - 8\cosh(3\gamma) + \cosh(4\gamma)), \\ \mu_{2} &= \frac{\tanh^{4}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)\operatorname{sech}^{10}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{16a^{2}} (93 + 4\cosh(\gamma) + 31\cosh(2\gamma)), \\ \mu_{3} &= -\frac{\tanh^{4}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)\operatorname{sech}^{10}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{2a^{2}} (21 - 12\cosh(\gamma) + 7\cosh(2\gamma)), \\ \mu_{4} &= \frac{\tanh^{4}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)\operatorname{sech}^{10}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{8a^{2}} (45 - 44\cosh(\gamma) + 15\cosh(2\gamma)), \\ \mu_{5} &= -\frac{4\tanh^{8}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)\operatorname{sech}^{6}\left(\frac{\gamma}{2}\right)}{a^{2}}. \end{split}$$

Exploiting, again, FF structure find 1-particle bands



Figure 2: Dispersions $\pm \epsilon_{\gamma}^k$ for \mathbf{H}_{γ} . From the left: $\alpha = 0.1, 1, 10$.

Global fermionic symmetry guarantees that $\mathbf{H}_{\gamma}(\alpha, \gamma)$ is critical for all α, γ (!)

Perturbing $\mathbf{H}_{\gamma}(\alpha, \gamma)$ in general opens a gap and leads to topological phases with localized Majorana zero-modes localized at edges or defects





$$\alpha = 5, \gamma = 3, \epsilon_1 = -\epsilon_2$$

Quantum dynamics

Quantum dynamics constrained by FF structure (GGE) but rich in its dependence on, in particular, the mass ratio γ .



We explored quench dynamics, focussing on observable $<\sigma_{j}^{z}>=2$ n_{j} -1.

We compare analytical reasoning (*k*-space analytics and GGE), numerics (time evolving block decimation, TEBD) and preliminary implementations on IBM Q

Warm-up: quench dynamics from state bbbb



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Figure 9: (a) $\langle \sigma_i^z \rangle$ TEBD results for an OBC system with $L = 200, \alpha = 1, \gamma = 0$, $\theta = 0.5$ (b) Local magnetization $\langle \sigma_i^z \rangle$ with j = L/2 as a function of number applied U_F layers, exact results vs. TEBD.

→ Dephasing leads to equilibration of the $\langle \sigma^{z}_{j} \rangle$, to a value analytically fixed by the GGE

Drift: quench dynamics from state ... *bbfbb* ...





→ for unequal masses (non-zero γ):

- modulation of the equilibrium $\langle \sigma^{z}_{j} \rangle$,
- drift velocity v_d of the seed, for $\gamma >> \theta$

$$v_d = 2 \tanh(\gamma/2) = 2 \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Edge modes away from criticality

- parameter δ that moves $\check{\mathbf{S}}(\alpha, \gamma, \theta)$ off criticality
- edge chemical potential β away from susy values
- breaks **both** global fermionic symmetry and criticality
- opens up topological phase and stable edge modes
- study via quench from *bfff*...



Edge modes away from criticality



TEBD: quench from *bfff*...

TEBD vs IBM Eagle (preliminary, no Error Mitigation)



Edge modes away from criticality

- for γ=0 `standard' Kitaev chain edge modes
 [see also Google AI paper on noise resilient edge modes for kicked Ising model: Mi et al., Science 378, 785–790 (2022)]
- what for non-zero γ ?
- QI protocols such as edge-to-edge transfer

Quantum dynamics beyond Hamiltonian limit

away from Hamiltonian limit

- probe special features of spectral structure (gap closings and cubic dispersion)
- topological features in quantum cellular automata



Conclusion

→ this is class of circuits with high degree of analytical control yet rich and non-trivial dynamics

Outlook

→ explore quantum dynamics and quantum control protocols in presence of perturbations, edges/defects, intermediate measurements, etc.