

# Random Fermionic Systems

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Three papers that inspired this work:

- Lieb-Schultz-Mattis "Two soluble models of an Antiferromagnetic chain"
- Doctoral thesis of Huw Wells supervised by Jon K4.976 cm 1d bychain"



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with  $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$ ;  $B_{ij} = -B_{ji}$ ; i.e.  $A = A^t$  and  $B = -B^t$ .

- $c_j$ 's are fermionic i.e.  $\{c_i, c_j\} = 0$ ;  $\{c_i, c_j^\dagger\} = \delta_{ij}$

We take  $A_{ij}, B_{ij}$  iid real. Our conclusions:

- Ground state energy gap  $O(1/n)$  with explicit formula if Gaussian entries
- DOS  $\{$  Gaussian universally, also for  $A, B$  band
- No repulsion  $\{$  numerics







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- Relation to sums of weighted binomial random variables  
 { can take Fourier transform explicitly!

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- Here  $\sigma_j^{(a)} = I_2^{(j-1)} \otimes \sigma_j^{(a)} \otimes I_2^{(n-j)}$



# Jordan-Wigner transformation

- Maps a spin chain to a quadratic form in fermionic operators: allows for an exact solution
- In reverse: model a system of interacting fermions on a quantum computer

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  - Partly fermionic:  $\{a_j, a_j^y\} = 1; a_j^2 = (a_j^y)^2 = 0$
  - Partly bosonic:  $[a_j^y, a_k^y] = [a_j^y, a_k^y] = [a_j, a_k] = 0$
- For fermionic let

$$c_j = \exp\left(i \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} a_k^y a_k\right) a_j$$

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$c_j$ 's and  $c_j^y$ 's are fermionic:  $\{c_j, c_k^y\} = \delta_{kj}; \{c_j, c_k\} = \{c_j^y, c_k^y\} = 0$

# Lieb-Schultz-Mattis Antiferromagnetic Chain '61

- $H = \sum_j (1 + \gamma) x_j x_{j+1} + (1 - \gamma) y_j y_{j+1}$
- Hamiltonian is a quadratic form in Fermi operators and can be explicitly diagonalized



# Lieb-Schultz-Mattis

If  $H = (\underline{c}^y \underline{c}) M \frac{c}{c^y}$ ; with  $M = \frac{1}{2} \begin{matrix} A & B \\ B & A \end{matrix}$  for XY model as before

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $A, B$  can be explicitly diagonalized.

In the '61 paper,

- Complete set of eigenstates
- General expression for the order between any two spins involving a Green's function
- Short, intermediate, and long range order for various situations

# Bipartite Entanglement

Setup: XY and XX models with a constant transversal magnetic field

Study: Entropy  $E_p$  of entanglement between subsystems

- Vidal et al. computed  $E_p$  numerically
- Jin and Korepin compute  $E_p$  for XX model using the Fisher-Hartwig conjecture, which gives the leading order asymptotics of determinants of certain Toeplitz matrices
- Keating and Mezzadri study asymptotics of entanglement of formation of ground state using RMT methods

## Wells PhD thesis

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Remarks:

## Wells Numerics in the XY case

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- Eigenvalue repulsion in the full model and lack of repulsion in the random XY model
- Convergence to a Gaussian in the random XY model
- Numerical estimate of the error in the random XY model is on the order of  $1/n$  where  $n$  is the number of qubits



# Extension by Erdős and Schröder

- Arbitrary graphs with maximal degree  $\leq \sqrt{n}$       total number of edges
  - Gaussian DoS
- $p$ -uniform hypergraphs
  - Correspond to  $p$ -spin glass Hamiltonians acting on  $n$  distinguishable spin-1/2 particles
  - At  $p = n^{1/2}$ , phase transition between the normal and the semicircle
  - **quantum-classical** transition

# Summary

Known:

- DoS, spectral gap in (deterministic) XY model
- DoS in a random neighbor-to-neighbor Hamiltonian with XYZ

Numerics:

- DoS in a random XY model
- Rate of convergence in the random XY model
- Lack of repulsion

We establish:

- DoS in general bilinear forms of fermionic operators
- spectral gap in special cases



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- Equivalent to:  $\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_2 = 2 & 1; \\ B_1 & A_2 = 2 & 2; \end{pmatrix}$
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$$2 \text{ (M) } \left( \right) \rho_{-2} \text{ is singular value of } \frac{A + B}{2} :$$

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- $a_j^\dagger a_j$ 's commute so there exists a state  $\psi_j$  which is a simultaneous eigenstate
- By raising and lowering the state  $\psi_j$  in all possible combinations, can construct a set of  $2^n$  orthonormal states which are simultaneous eigenstates of the  $a_j^\dagger a_j$

# Diagonalizing $H$ : subset sums

The spectrum of  $H$  is characterized as follows:

$$\boxed{x \in \text{spec}(H) \iff \exists S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\} \text{ such that } x = c + \sum_{k \in S} \epsilon_k} \quad (4)$$

where  $c = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \epsilon_k$





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*For  $A, B$*

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For  $A, B$  with iid Gaussian entries up to symmetry, the rescaled energy gap  $\frac{\lambda_1}{2n}$  converges in distribution to a random variable whose probability density function is

$$f(x) = (1+x)e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad x \geq 0;$$

- $X_{2^n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j$  and  $X_{2^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n-1}}} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} x_j$  yielding that

$$X_{2^n} - X_{2^{n-1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} x_n$$

- Recall that  $x_j$  are singular values of  $A + B$
- Result for smallest eigenvalue value of Wishhart matrices by Edelman
- Note that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}}$  is very large compared to mean spacing ( $O(1/n)$  instead of  $O(1/\sqrt{n})$ )



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## 2 For the computation of the Fourier transform :

- 1 Fourier transform of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n B_j$  ( $B_j \in \{-1, 2\}$ ) is  $\cos \frac{t \rho_j}{2 \sqrt{n}}$
- 2 Fourier transform of the DoS is then  $\prod_j \cos \frac{t \rho_j}{2 \sqrt{n}}$

# Random Matrix Theory

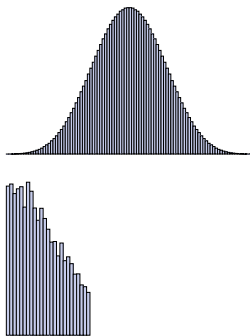
Have to show that  $\rho_n \rightarrow \rho_{\overline{n}}$  when  $n^2$  of matrix entries is  $1=N$

## Our Numerics



Figure: Spacing distribution for the unfolded spectrum.

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**Figure:** Density of states and ground state energy gap distribution for Gaussian quadratic form of Fermi operator. Here  $n = 16$  (for a sample size of about 50).

# Future study

Further questions we want to examine:

- Rate of convergence can probably be improved.
- The bottom eigenvalue of a band covariance matrix.
- In the bulk, the eigenvalues appear to form a Poisson process on the line.
- Speculation: relation to the Berry-Tabor conjecture. Generic integrable system  $\rightarrow$  Poisson statistics



**Thank you!**