

1 Problem I

1.1 Preliminary question

$$[S^z, S^\pm] = [S^z, S^x] \pm i[S^z, S^y] = iS^y \pm i(-iS^x) = \pm S^\pm \quad (1)$$

$$[S^+, S^-] = [S^x, -iS^y] + [iS^y, S^x] = 2S^z \quad (2)$$

For a spin 1/2, $\vec{S}^2 = 3/4$.

1.2 Bosonic approach

1) Assuming bosonic commutation relation $[a_i, a_j^\dagger] = \delta_{ij}$, it is straightforward that spin operators acting on different sites commute. We define the operator $n_i = a_i^\dagger a_i$, which obeys $[n_i, a_i] = -a_i$ and $[n_i, a_i^\dagger] = a_i^\dagger$.

$$[S_i^z, S_i^+] = S_i^z S_i^+ - \sqrt{1-n_i} a_i (1/2 - n_i) \quad (3)$$

$$= S_i^z S_i^+ - \sqrt{1-n_i} \left(\underbrace{[a_i, 1/2 - n_i]}_{-a_i} + (1/2 - n_i) a_i \right) \quad (4)$$

$$= S_i^z S_i^+ + \sqrt{1-n_i} a_i - S_i^z S_i^+ \quad (5)$$

$$= S_i^+ \quad (6)$$

$$[S_i^z, S_i^-] = (1/2 - n_i) a_i^\dagger \sqrt{1-n_i} - S_i^- S_i^z \quad (7)$$

$$= \left(\underbrace{[1/2 - n_i, a_i^\dagger]}_{-a_i^\dagger} + a_i^\dagger (1/2 - n_i) \right) \sqrt{1-n_i} - S_i^- S_i^z \quad (8)$$

$$= -S_i^- + a_i^\dagger \sqrt{1-n_i} (1/2 - n_i) - S_i^- S_i^z \quad (9)$$

$$= -S_i^- \quad (10)$$

$$[S_i^+, S_i^-] = \sqrt{1-n_i} a_i a_i^\dagger \sqrt{1-n_i} - a_i^\dagger (1-n_i) a_i \quad (11)$$

$$= \sqrt{1-n_i} \left(\underbrace{[a_i, a_i^\dagger]}_{1+n_i} + a_i^\dagger a_i \right) \sqrt{1-n_i} - a_i^\dagger \left(\underbrace{[1-n_i, a_i]}_{a_i} + a_i (1-n_i) \right) \quad (12)$$

$$= (1+n_i)(1-n_i) - n_i - n_i(1-n_i) \quad (13)$$

$$= 2S_i^z \quad (14)$$

Finally we check the norm \vec{S}_i^2 :

$$S_i^z S_i^z = (1/2 - n_i)^2 = 1/4 - n_i + n_i^2 \quad (15)$$

$$S_i^+ S_i^- = (1+n_i)(1-n_i) = 1 - n_i^2 \quad (16)$$

$$S_i^- S_i^+ = n_i + n_i(1-n_i) = 2n_i - n_i^2 \quad (17)$$

$$(18)$$

and we conclude $\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_i = S_i^z S_i^z + \frac{1}{2}(S_i^+ S_i^- + S_i^- S_i^+) = 3/4$.

2) In an antiferromagnet, spins point in a different direction on the two sublattices, therefore on sublattice B one must consider the operators:

$$\begin{cases} S_j^z = -1/2 + a_j^\dagger a_j \\ S_j^+ = a_j^\dagger \sqrt{1 - n_j} \\ S_j^- = \sqrt{1 - n_j} a_j \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

3)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (1/2 - a_i^\dagger a_i)(-1/2 + a_j^\dagger a_j) \\ + 1/2 \left(\sqrt{1 - n_i} a_i \sqrt{1 - n_j} a_j + a_i^\dagger \sqrt{1 - n_i} a_j^\dagger \sqrt{1 - n_j} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Keeping only terms with at most two operators, one gets:

$$\mathcal{H} \approx J/2 \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} a_j^\dagger a_j + a_i^\dagger a_i - 1/2 + a_i a_j + a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger \quad (21)$$

4) Defining $a_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_i e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_i} a_i$ and $a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_i e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}_i} a_i^\dagger$, we have

$$\sum_i a_i^\dagger a_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_2} e^{i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}_i} a_{\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger e^{-i\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \mathbf{r}_i} a_{\mathbf{k}_2} \quad (22)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_2} a_{\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}_2} \underbrace{\sum_i e^{i(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \cdot \mathbf{r}_i}}_{N\delta_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2}} \quad (23)$$

$$= \sum_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}} \quad (24)$$

Considering only nearest neighbors, we sum over $\vec{\tau} = a\hat{x}, a\hat{y}$

$$\sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} a_i a_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sum_{\vec{\tau}} \sum_{\vec{k}_1} \sum_{\vec{k}_2} e^{i\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_i} a_{\vec{k}_1} a_{\vec{k}_2} e^{i\vec{k}_2 \cdot (\vec{r}_i + \vec{\tau})} a_{\vec{k}_2} \quad (25)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\vec{k}_2} \sum_{\vec{\tau}} e^{i\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{\tau}} \sum_{\vec{k}_1} a_{\vec{k}_1} a_{\vec{k}_2} \underbrace{\sum_i e^{i(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) \cdot \vec{r}_i}}_{N\delta_{\vec{k}_1, -\vec{k}_2}} \quad (26)$$

$$= \sum_{\vec{k}} \sum_{\vec{\tau}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\tau}} a_{\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}} \quad (27)$$

$$= \sum_{\vec{k}} (\cos k_x + \cos k_y) a_{\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}} \quad (28)$$

and similarly $\sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger = \sum_{\vec{k}} (\cos k_x + \cos k_y) a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger$

We end up with:

$$\mathcal{H}_2 = -NJ/2 + J \sum_{\vec{k}} 2a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}} + (\cos k_x + \cos k_y) (a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger + a_{\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}}) \quad (29)$$

5) We define the bosonic operators $\alpha_{\vec{k}}$ and $\alpha_{\vec{k}}^\dagger$ as

$$\alpha_{\vec{k}} = u_{\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}} + v_{\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger \quad (30)$$

$$\alpha_{\vec{k}}^\dagger = u_{\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger + v_{\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}} \quad (31)$$

$$(32)$$

with real coefficients $u_{\vec{k}}, v_{\vec{k}}$ fulfilling $u_{\vec{k}}^2 - v_{\vec{k}}^2 = 1$. We want to diagonalize the quadratic Hamiltonian (??) with these operators, i.e.

$$\mathcal{H}_2 = E_0 + \sum_{\vec{k}} \omega_{\vec{k}} \alpha_{\vec{k}}^\dagger \alpha_{\vec{k}} \quad (33)$$

We look at the commutators:

$$[\mathcal{H}_2, \alpha_{\vec{k}}] = -\omega_{\vec{k}} \alpha_{\vec{k}} \quad (34)$$

$$= u_{\vec{k}} [\mathcal{H}_2, a_{\vec{k}}] + v_{\vec{k}} [\mathcal{H}_2, -a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger] \quad (35)$$

$$[\mathcal{H}_2, a_{\vec{k}}] = 2J[a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}, a_{\vec{k}}] + J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) \left([a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger, a_{\vec{k}}] + \underbrace{[a_{-\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}}, a_{\vec{k}}]}_0 \right) \quad (36)$$

$$= -2J a_{\vec{k}} + J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) \left(a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}} - \underbrace{a_{-\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger}_{1+a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}} a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger \right) \quad (37)$$

$$= 2J a_{\vec{k}} - J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger \quad (38)$$

$$[\mathcal{H}_2, a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger] = 2J[a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}, a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger] + J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) \left(\underbrace{[a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger, a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger]}_0 + [a_{\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}}, a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger] \right) \quad (39)$$

$$= 2J a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger + J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) \left(a_{\vec{k}} \underbrace{a_{-\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger}_{1+a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}} - a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}} \right) \quad (40)$$

$$= 2J a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger + J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) a_{\vec{k}} \quad (41)$$

We can rewrite (??):

$$[\mathcal{H}_2, \alpha_{\vec{k}}] = -u_{\vec{k}}(2J a_{\vec{k}} - J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger) + v_{\vec{k}}(2J a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger + J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) a_{\vec{k}}) \quad (42)$$

$$= J(-2u_{\vec{k}} + (\cos k_x + \cos k_y)) a_{\vec{k}} + J(2v_{\vec{k}} + (\cos k_x + \cos k_y)) a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger \quad (43)$$

We arrive to the eigenvalue problem:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2J & -J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) \\ J(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) & 2J \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{\vec{k}} \\ v_{\vec{k}} \end{pmatrix} = -\omega_{\vec{k}} \begin{pmatrix} u_{\vec{k}} \\ v_{\vec{k}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (44)$$

which admits a solution if the determinant vanishes:

$$(-\omega_{\vec{k}} + 2J)(-\omega_{\vec{k}} - 2J) + J^2(\cos k_x + \cos k_y)^2 = 0 \quad (45)$$

and we conclude $\omega_{\vec{k}} = J\sqrt{4 - (\cos k_x + \cos k_y)^2}$. For small impulsion, we obtain a linear dispersion.

1.3 Fermionic approach

1) We define $n_{i\sigma} = c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i\sigma}$.

$$[S_i^z, S_i^+] = \frac{1}{2}(c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow})c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} - c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} \frac{1}{2}(c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow}) \quad (46)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} + \frac{1}{2}c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} \quad (47)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger (\{c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger, c_{i\uparrow}\} - c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow}) c_{i\downarrow} + \frac{1}{2}c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger (\{c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger, c_{i\downarrow}\} - c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow}) c_{i\downarrow} \quad (48)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} + \frac{1}{2}c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} = S_i^+ \quad (49)$$

Similarly by swapping \uparrow and \downarrow we get $[S_i^z, S_i^-] = -S_i^-$.

$$[S_i^+, S_i^-] = c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger \underbrace{c_{i\downarrow} c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger}_{1-n_{i\downarrow}} c_{i\uparrow} - c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger \underbrace{c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger}_{1-n_{i\uparrow} c_{i\uparrow}} c_{i\downarrow} \quad (50)$$

$$= c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} - n_{i\downarrow} n_{i\uparrow} + n_{i\downarrow} n_{i\uparrow} - c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} = 2S_i^z \quad (51)$$

Finally we check the norm \vec{S}_i^2 :

$$S_i^z S_i^z = \frac{1}{4}(n_{i\uparrow} - n_{i\downarrow})^2 = \frac{1}{4}(n_{i\uparrow}^2 + n_{i\downarrow}^2 - 2n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}) \quad (52)$$

We note that $n_{i\sigma}$ is a projector that obeys $n_{i\sigma}^2 = n_{i\sigma}$, and therefore $n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} = n_{i\uparrow}(1 - n_{i\uparrow}) = n_{i\uparrow} - n_{i\uparrow}^2 = 0$, therefore $S_i^z S_i^z = 1/4$. Using this identity, we also see that $S_i^+ S_i^- = n_{i\uparrow}$ and $S_i^- S_i^+ = n_{i\downarrow}$ so that $S_i^+ S_i^- + S_i^- S_i^+ = 1$ and we conclude $\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_i = S_i^z S_i^z + \frac{1}{2}(S_i^+ S_i^- + S_i^- S_i^+) = 3/4$.

2)a.

$$\chi_{ij}^\dagger \chi_{ij} = (c_{j\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} + c_{j\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow})(c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{j\uparrow} + c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{j\downarrow}) \quad (53)$$

$$= c_{j\uparrow}^\dagger \underbrace{c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger}_{1-n_{i\uparrow}} c_{j\uparrow} + c_{j\uparrow}^\dagger \underbrace{c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger}_{-S_i^-} c_{j\downarrow} + c_{j\downarrow}^\dagger \underbrace{c_{i\downarrow} c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger}_{-S_i^+} c_{j\uparrow} + c_{j\downarrow}^\dagger \underbrace{c_{i\downarrow} c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger}_{1-n_{i\downarrow}} c_{j\downarrow} \quad (54)$$

$$= n_{j\uparrow} - n_{j\uparrow} n_{i\uparrow} - S_j^+ S_i^- - S_j^- S_i^+ + n_{j\downarrow} - n_{i\downarrow} n_{j\downarrow} \quad (55)$$

Using $n_{j\uparrow} + n_{j\downarrow} = 1$ and

$$S_i^j S_j^z = \frac{1}{4}(n_{i\uparrow} n_{j\uparrow} - \underbrace{n_{i\uparrow}}_{1-n_{i\downarrow}} n_{j\downarrow} - \underbrace{n_{i\downarrow}}_{1-n_{i\uparrow}} n_{j\uparrow} + n_{i\downarrow} n_{j\downarrow}) \quad (56)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(2n_{i\uparrow} n_{j\uparrow} + 2n_{i\downarrow} n_{j\downarrow} - 1) \quad (57)$$

$$\Rightarrow -2S_i^j S_j^z + 1/2 = -n_{i\uparrow} n_{j\uparrow} - n_{i\downarrow} n_{j\downarrow} + 1 \quad (58)$$

we conclude

$$\chi_{ij}^\dagger \chi_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} - 2S_i^j S_j^z - S_j^+ S_i^- - S_j^- S_i^+ = \frac{1}{2} - 2\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \quad (59)$$

2)b.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} -\frac{1}{2} \chi_{ij}^\dagger \chi_{ij} + \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{NJ}{2} - \frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \chi_{ij}^\dagger \chi_{ij} \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

$$(61)$$

3) In the mean-field approximation

$$\mathcal{H}_{MF} = \frac{NJ}{2} - \frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \langle \chi_{ij}^\dagger \rangle \chi_{ij} + \chi_{ij}^\dagger \langle \chi_{ij} \rangle - \langle \chi_{ij}^\dagger \rangle \langle \chi_{ij} \rangle \quad (62)$$

4)a. We have 4 inequivalent bonds, the Hamiltonian is defined on a 1×2 plaquette, meaning if we shift the system by 2 sites we are back to the initial configuration, while shifting by 1 site exchanges $\chi_1 \leftrightarrow \chi_3$ and $\chi_2 \leftrightarrow \chi_4$.

4)b. Considering the 4 neighbors of a site A at position $\vec{r} - \frac{a}{2}\hat{x}$, we get $\vec{s} \in \{\vec{r}, \vec{r} - \vec{R}_1, \vec{r} + \vec{R}_2, \vec{r} - \vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2\}$

4)c. We will sum over all sites A, we need to look whether $a_{\vec{r}\sigma}^\dagger$ or $b_{\vec{r}\sigma}^\dagger$ appears in the definition of χ_i (depends whether \vec{r}_i is the 1st or the 2nd index).

$$\text{right}/\vec{s} = \vec{r} : \chi_1^* \quad (63)$$

$$\text{down}/\vec{s} = \vec{r} - \vec{R}_1 : \chi_2 \quad (64)$$

$$\text{left}/\vec{s} = \vec{r} - \vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2 : \chi_3^* \quad (65)$$

$$\text{up}/\vec{s} = \vec{r} + \vec{R}_2 : \chi_4 \quad (66)$$

$$(67)$$

4)d. Dropping the constants, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{MF} = & -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\vec{r}, \sigma} \chi_1^* a_{\vec{r}\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{r}\sigma} + \chi_1 b_{\vec{r}\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}\sigma} \\ & + \chi_2 a_{\vec{r}\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{r}-\vec{R}_1\sigma} + \chi_2^* b_{\vec{r}-\vec{R}_1\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}\sigma} \\ & + \chi_3^* a_{\vec{r}\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{r}-\vec{R}_1+\vec{R}_2\sigma} + \chi_3 b_{\vec{r}-\vec{R}_1+\vec{R}_2\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}\sigma} \\ & + \chi_4 a_{\vec{r}\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{r}+\vec{R}_2\sigma} + \chi_4^* b_{\vec{r}+\vec{R}_2\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{r}\sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

4)e.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{MF} = & -\frac{J}{2N} \sum_{\vec{r}, \sigma} \sum_{\vec{q}_1} \sum_{\vec{q}_2} e^{i(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1) \cdot \vec{r}} \chi_1^* a_{\vec{q}_1\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}_2\sigma} + e^{-i(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1) \cdot \vec{r}} \chi_1 b_{\vec{q}_2\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}_1\sigma} \\ & + e^{i(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1) \cdot \vec{r}} e^{-i\vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{R}_1} \chi_2 a_{\vec{q}_1\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}_2\sigma} + e^{-i(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1) \cdot \vec{r}} e^{i\vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{R}_1} \chi_2^* b_{\vec{q}_2\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}_1\sigma} \\ & + e^{i(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1) \cdot \vec{r}} e^{i\vec{q}_2 \cdot (-\vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2)} \chi_3^* a_{\vec{q}_1\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}_2\sigma} + e^{-i(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1) \cdot \vec{r}} e^{-i\vec{q}_2 \cdot (-\vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2)} \chi_3 b_{\vec{q}_2\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}_1\sigma} \\ & + e^{i(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1) \cdot \vec{r}} e^{i\vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{R}_2} \chi_4 a_{\vec{q}_1\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}_2\sigma} + e^{-i(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1) \cdot \vec{r}} e^{-i\vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{R}_2} \chi_4^* b_{\vec{q}_2\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}_1\sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (69)$$

We apply $\sum_{\vec{r}} e^{i(\vec{q}_2 - \vec{q}_1) \cdot \vec{r}} = N \delta_{\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{MF} = & -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{\vec{q}} \chi_1^* a_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}\sigma} + \chi_1 b_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}\sigma} \\ & + e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_1} \chi_2 a_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}\sigma} + e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_1} \chi_2^* b_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}\sigma} \\ & + e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (-\vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2)} \chi_3^* a_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}\sigma} + e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot (-\vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2)} \chi_3 b_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}\sigma} \\ & + e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_2} \chi_4 a_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}\sigma} + e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_2} \chi_4^* b_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}\sigma} \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

Finally, we obtain

$$\mathcal{H}_{MF} = \sum_{\vec{q}, \sigma} F_{\vec{q}} a_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger b_{\vec{q}\sigma} + F_{\vec{q}}^* b_{\vec{q}\sigma}^\dagger a_{\vec{q}\sigma} \quad (71)$$

with

$$F_{\vec{q}} = -\frac{J}{2} \left(\chi_1^* + e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_1} \chi_2 + e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(-\vec{R}_1+\vec{R}_2)} \chi_3^* + e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_2} \chi_4 \right) \quad (72)$$

4)f. Consider the occupation basis $\{|00\rangle, |01\rangle, |10\rangle, |11\rangle\}$:

$$H |00\rangle = 0 \quad (73)$$

$$H |01\rangle = -F |10\rangle \quad (74)$$

$$H |10\rangle = -F^* |01\rangle \quad (75)$$

$$H |11\rangle = 0 \quad (76)$$

Note that the sign is a convention and can be absorbed in the phase θ . We have 2 zero eigenvalues and a matrix $m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -F \\ -F^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Its eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 are real and obey

$$\text{Tr } m = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0 \quad (77)$$

$$\det m = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = -|F|^2 \quad (78)$$

therefore $\lambda_{1/2} = \pm|F|$. $x_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ e^{i\theta} \end{pmatrix}$ and $x_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -e^{i\theta} \end{pmatrix}$ are associated eigenvectors.

4)g. The spectrum is made of $\pm|F_{\vec{q}}|$, which give 2 different branches. This is a consequence of the unit cell containing 2 sites.

$$\epsilon_{\vec{q}} = \pm \frac{J}{2} \left| \chi_1^* + e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_1} \chi_2 + e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(-\vec{R}_1+\vec{R}_2)} \chi_3^* + e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_2} \chi_4 \right| \quad (79)$$

4)h. In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\vec{q}} &= -\frac{J\chi}{2} \left(e^{-i\pi/4} + e^{-iq_1} e^{i\pi/4} + e^{-iq_1} e^{iq_2} e^{-i\pi/4} + e^{iq_2} e^{i\pi/4} \right) \\ &= -\frac{J\chi}{2} e^{-i\pi/4} \left(1 + ie^{-iq_1} + e^{i(q_2-q_1)} + ie^{iq_2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

$$= -\frac{J\chi}{2} e^{-i\pi/4} e^{-i(q_1-q_2)/2} \left(e^{i(q_1-q_2)/2} + ie^{-(q_1+q_2)/2} + e^{i(q_2-q_1)/2} + ie^{i(q_1+q_2)/2} \right) \quad (81)$$

$$= -\frac{J\chi}{2} e^{-i\pi/4} e^{-i(q_1-q_2)/2} \left(2 \cos \frac{q_1+q_2}{2} + 2i \cos \frac{q_1-q_2}{2} \right) \quad (82)$$

The spectrum is made of energies $\epsilon_{\vec{q}} = \pm J\chi \sqrt{\cos^2 \frac{q_1+q_2}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{q_1-q_2}{2}}$

At half filling exactly half of the state are occupied, therefore the Fermi energy is at the middle of the spectrum, which is $E_F = 0$ since the spectrum obtained in 4)f. is even.

$E_{\vec{q}} = 0$ implies $(q_1, q_2) \in \{(0, 0), (0, \pi), (\pi, 0), (\pi, \pi)\}$: the Fermi surface is 0-dimensional, a set of 4 points. The ground states correspond to half-filling due to the constraint $n_{i\uparrow} + n_{i\downarrow} = 1$.