A Calogero model for the non-Abelian quantum Hall effect

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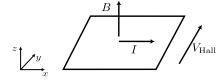
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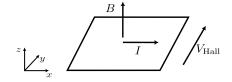
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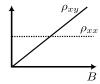


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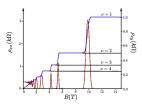


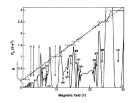
Quantum Hall effect

• The quantum Hall effect (QHE) refers to the observation of plateaux in the resistivity at low temperatures and strong magnetic field. The measured resistance is given by the formula

$$R_{xy} = rac{V_{\mathsf{Hall}}}{I} = rac{h}{\mathrm{e}^2
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 \sim Plateaux are labeled by the **filling factor** ν , it takes integer or fractional values.





- → Integer QHE observed by Klaus von Klitzing in 1980 in MOSFET.
- Fractional QHE discovered by Daniel Tsui and Horst Störmer in 1982 in GaAs samples.

Integer quantum Hall effect

- The integer QHE has a simple quantum mechanical explanation. It is due to the impurities in the material that lift the macroscopic degeneracy of the Landau levels. Impurities also turn extended states into localized states. Since these states cannot carry a current, they do not contribute to the conductivity.
- \Rightarrow Observe plateaux of length proportional to the amount of impurities!

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The model exhibits excitations called quasi-holes with the wave function

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They carry a fraction of the charge of the electrons. They also obeys a fractional statistics, namely they are (Abelian) anyons!

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- So far, there have been no observation of non-Abelian anyons in condensed matter systems. But they have been realized recently on quantum processors.

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- The Hamiltonian of our quantum system is a spin version of the Calogero Hamiltonian, a well known integrable system. It is expected to be also integrable.
- Use the algebraic techniques of integrable systems to do exact calculations!

Outline



- 2. Derivation of the model
- 3. Spin Calogero model
- 4. Spectrum and eigenfunctions
- 5. Fermionic formalism
- 6. Discussion

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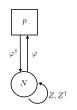
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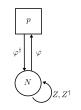
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- The model also contains a non-dynamical gauge field α entering in the covariant derivatives $\mathcal{D}_t Z = \partial_t Z i[\alpha, Z]$, $\mathcal{D}_t \varphi_i = \partial_t \varphi_i i\alpha \varphi_i$. This gauge field imposes the (classical) constraint

$$\frac{B}{2}[Z,Z^{\dagger}] + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \varphi_i \varphi_i^{\dagger} = (k+p) \mathbb{1}_N.$$

• In [Dorey, Tong, Turner 2016], the complex matrix Z is diagonalized. Instead, we followed Polychronakos's original approach and decomposed the matrix Z in terms of Hermitian matrices.

$$Z = X_1 + iX_2, \quad Z^{\dagger} = X_1 - iX_2,$$

As a result, the action takes the form

$$S = \int dt \left(-\frac{B}{2} \operatorname{tr} \left(X_1 \dot{X}_2 - X_2 \dot{X}_1 \right) + i \sum_{i=1}^{p} \varphi_i^{\dagger} \dot{\varphi}_i - \omega \operatorname{tr} (X_1^2 + X_2^2) + \operatorname{tr} \left[\alpha G(X_1, X_2, \varphi_i, \varphi_i^{\dagger}) \right] \right),$$

with
$$G(X_1, X_2, \varphi_i, \varphi_i^{\dagger}) = -iB[X_1, X_2] + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \varphi_i \varphi_i^{\dagger} - (k+p)\mathbb{1}_N$$

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 Then, we impose the canonical quantization conditions. The gauge constraint imposed on physical states implies

$$\Pi_{a,b}^{\pm}\ket{\mathsf{phys}} = 0, \quad J_{a,a}\ket{\mathsf{phys}} = k\ket{\mathsf{phys}}.$$

 \rightarrow The parameter k identified to a mode number is quantized!

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⇒ Let's examine this quantum system more closely!

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$$[\varphi_{i,a}, \varphi_{i,b}^{\dagger}] = \delta_{i,j}\delta_{a,b}, \quad i,j = 1 \cdots p, \quad a,b = 1 \cdots N.$$

- \rightarrow At level k, each particle carries a state built from k oscillators $\varphi_{i_1,a}^{\dagger}\cdots\varphi_{i_k,a}^{\dagger}|\emptyset\rangle$.
- \Rightarrow The model involves higher order symmetric representations of the U(p) symmetry!

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- \sim We are left with N decoupled Harmonic oscillators!

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 - Next step: diagonalization of the model!

Wedge states

We use a polynomial representation for the spin states,

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They are labeled by N-tuple integers $r = (r_1, \dots, r_N)$, ordered as $0 \le r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_N$, which decompose as $r_a = n_a p + i_a - 1$ with $i_a \in [\![1, p]\!]$ under Euclidean division.

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⚠ These wave functions are not linearly independent!

This can be seen e.g. from the existence of Plücker relations between determinants

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for arbitrary pair $r=(r_1,\cdots,r_{N-1})$ and $s=(s_0,\cdots,s_N)$, and Uglov's notation $z_s^{r_0}=x_a^{n_0}y_{i_0,s}$.

We will come back to this problem in the next section.

Main result

• We proved that the Hamiltonian \mathcal{H} has a triangular action on functions $\psi_{\mathfrak{r}}(x,y)$,

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}\psi_{\mathfrak{r}}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) = E(\mathfrak{r})\psi_{\mathfrak{r}}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) + \sum_{|\mathfrak{s}| = |\mathfrak{r}| - 2} C(\mathfrak{r},\mathfrak{s})\psi_{\mathfrak{s}}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}),$$

where $C(\mathfrak{r},\mathfrak{s})$ is a coefficient. This can be inverted to write down the eigenfunctions,

$$\Psi_{\mathfrak{r}}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) = \psi_{\mathfrak{r}}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) + \sum_{|\mathfrak{s}| < |\mathfrak{r}| - 2} D(\mathfrak{r},\mathfrak{s}) \psi_{\mathfrak{s}}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}).$$

We deduce the energy spectrum $E(\mathfrak{r}) = 2|\mathfrak{r}| + N$.

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and so its eigenfunctions have the form

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where f is a nilpotent operator. This is indeed what we observed...

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Knizhnik-Zamolodchikov equation

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• We show that the ground state wave functions obey the KZ equation

$$(p+k)\partial_a\Phi_{\mathfrak{r}_0}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})=\sum_{b\neq a}\frac{J_{a,b}J_{b,a}}{x_a-x_b}\Phi_{\mathfrak{r}_0}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}).$$

with
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Indicates a connection with $\mathfrak{sl}(p)$ Kac-Moody symmetry!

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- Using a similar argument, we can introduce wave functions for holes of coordinate (by combining p particles of different spins. We find the $(N + p) \times (N + p)$ determinant

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- Two main remaining questions at this stage:
 - How to get rid of extra states due to Plücker-like relations between determinants?
 - Can we observe the emergence of Kac-Moody symmetry at large N?
 - \Rightarrow We will use a free fermion formalism to address these questions.

5. Free fermion formalism

Fermions at finite N

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$$\mathcal{F}^{(k)}_{(N_1,\cdots,N_k)} = \left\{ \prod_{\alpha=1}^k \left(\bar{\psi}_{n_1^{(\alpha)}}^{i_1^{(\alpha)},\alpha} \cdots \bar{\psi}_{n_{N_\alpha}^{(\alpha)}}^{i_{N_\alpha}^{(\alpha)},\alpha} \right) | 0 \rangle, \quad n_{a_\alpha}^{(\alpha)} \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}, \ i_{a_\alpha}^{(\alpha)} \in \llbracket 1, \rho \rrbracket, \quad a_\alpha = 1 \cdots N_\alpha \right\}$$

 \rightarrow We also introduce the dual state such that $\langle 0|\bar{\psi}_n^{i,\alpha}=0.$

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- \leadsto Still carry spin i,j and CS α,β indices, but now have half-integer mode indices $r,s\in\mathbb{Z}+\frac{1}{2}.$
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where $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}$ is the $\widehat{\mathfrak{u}}(1)_{pk}$ charge, $\mathcal{W}_{\lambda}^{\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_k}$ is an irreducible representation of $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ labeled by certain partitions λ , and λ' is the transposed of λ .

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 \Rightarrow It would be interesting to investigate the interplay between these algebraic structures and the braiding of non-Abelian anyons!

Thank you !!!