Exact results in boundary-driven open quantum chains

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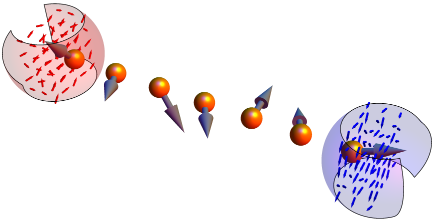

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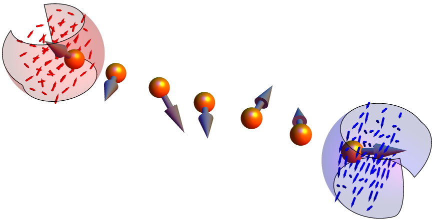

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uniqueness

The NESS is unique iff all eigenvalues of X lie strictly away from the real line.

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Similar models were recently considered e.g. in Karevski and Platini PRL 2009, and Clark, Prior, Hartmann, Jaksch and Plenio PRL2009 & `arXiv:0907.5582`

TP & I. Pižorn, PRL **101**, 105701 (2008)

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\begin{aligned}
J^x_m &= (1+\gamma)/2 \\
J^y_m &= (1-\gamma)/2, \\
h_m &= h \\
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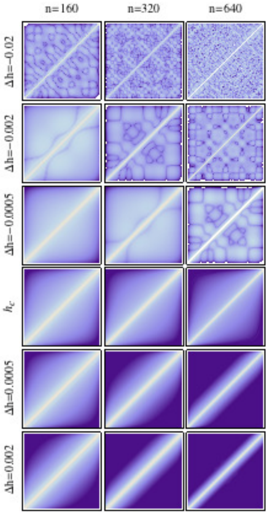

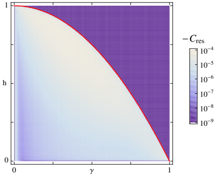

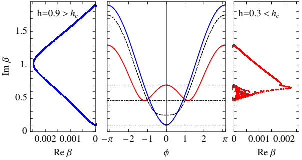

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Fluctuation of spin-spin correlation in NESS and "wave resonators"

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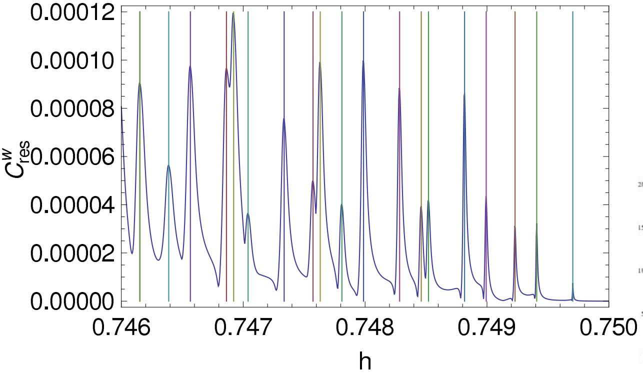
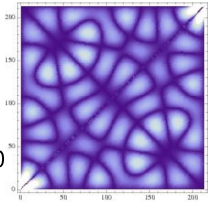
Certain combination $\Psi(x,y) = (\partial/\partial_x + \partial/\partial_y)(\Psi^{0,0}(x,y) + \Psi^{1,1}(x,y))$ obeys the Helmholtz equation!!!

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + 4z\right)\Psi = \text{"octopole antenna sources"}$$





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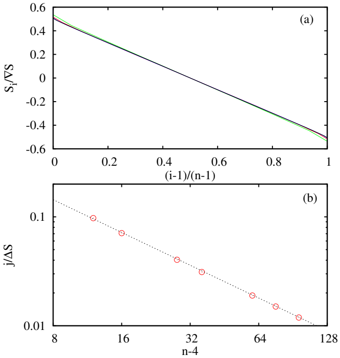
Example, toy model: Locally boundary driven XXZ spin 1/2 chain:

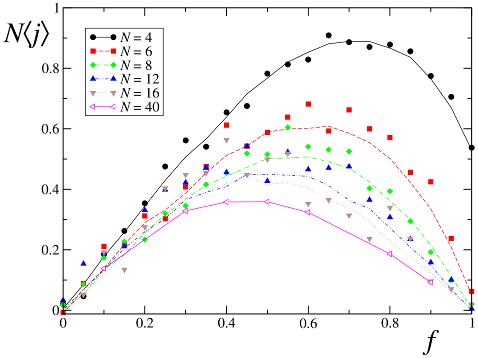
$$H = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (\sigma_j^{\mathrm{x}} \sigma_{j+1}^{\mathrm{x}} + \sigma_j^{\mathrm{y}} \sigma_{j+1}^{\mathrm{y}} + \Delta \sigma_j^{\mathrm{z}} \sigma_{j+1}^{\mathrm{z}})$$

and symmetric magnetic-Lindblad boundary driving:

$$\begin{aligned} L_1^{\mathrm{L}} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1-\mu)\varepsilon}\sigma_1^+, \quad L_1^{\mathrm{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1+\mu)\varepsilon}\sigma_n^+, \\ L_2^{\mathrm{L}} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1+\mu)\varepsilon}\sigma_1^-, \quad L_2^{\mathrm{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(1-\mu)\varepsilon}\sigma_n^-. \end{aligned}$$

If $\Delta > 1$ the model exhibits diffusive transport for **small driving**, and negative differential conductance for **large driving** $\mu \equiv f$.





Transition to long-range order in NESS (PRL **105**, 060603 (2010))

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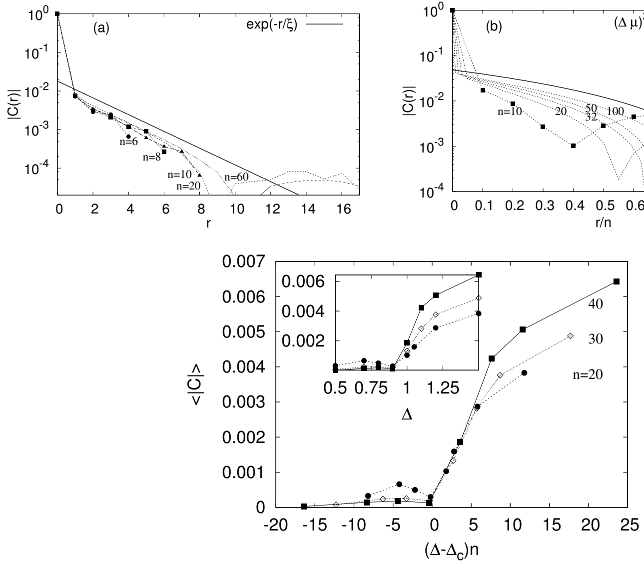

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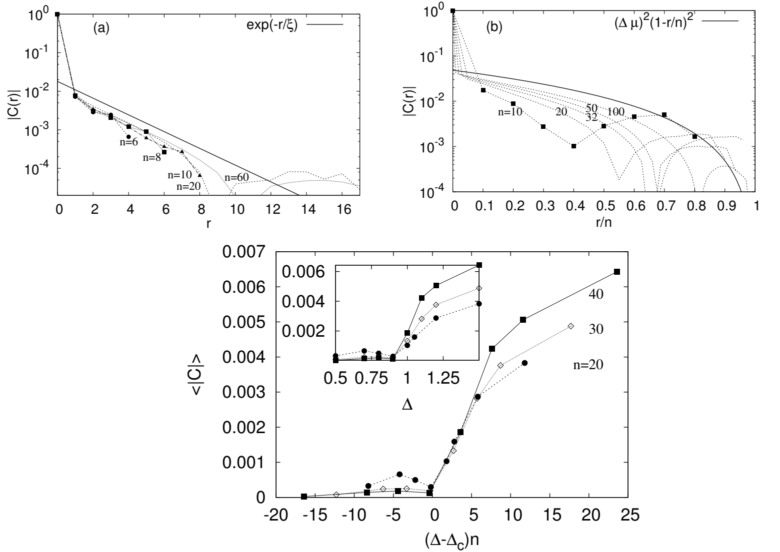

Critical anisotropy appears to be $\Delta_c \approx 0.91$ (!?)

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The solution yields the spin Fick's law (spin diffusion),
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where $J_j = \sigma^{\rm x}_j \sigma^{\rm y}_{j+1} - \sigma^{\rm y}_j \sigma^{\rm x}_{j+1}$ is the spin current and

$$a_1 = -b/\varepsilon - \mu,\ a_j = -b(1/\varepsilon + \varepsilon + 2\gamma(j-1)) - \mu,\ a_n = -b(1/\varepsilon + 2\varepsilon + 2(n-1)\gamma) - \mu,$$

$$b = -\frac{\mu}{\varepsilon + 1/\varepsilon + (n-1)\gamma}.$$

The solution yields the spin Fick's law (spin diffusion),
$\langle (\sigma^{\rm z}_j - \sigma^{\rm z}_k) \rangle \propto \frac{\mu(j-k)}{n}$, $\langle J_j \rangle \propto \frac{\mu}{n}$.
The higher orders, say $\mathcal{O}(\mu^2)$ have also been calculated analytically and predict *'hydrodynamic long range order'* [observed in nonequilibrium classical exclusion processes (see e.g. Derrida JSTAT 2007)]

$$C_{j=xn,k=yn} = \frac{(2\mu)^2}{n} x(1-y)$$

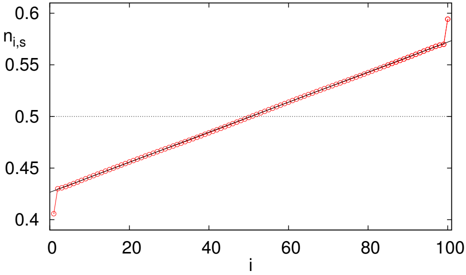
Hamiltonian is rewritten from fermionic to spin-ladder formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= -t \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} \sum_{s\in\{\uparrow,\downarrow\}} (c^\dagger_{i,s} c_{i+1,s} + \mathrm{h.c.}) + U \sum_{i=1}^{L} n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}, \\ &= -\frac{t}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} (\sigma^{\mathrm{x}}_i \sigma^{\mathrm{x}}_{i+1} + \sigma^{\mathrm{y}}_i \sigma^{\mathrm{y}}_{i+1} + \tau^{\mathrm{x}}_i \tau^{\mathrm{x}}_{i+1} + \tau^{\mathrm{y}}_i \tau^{\mathrm{y}}_{i+1}) + \frac{U}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{L} (\sigma^{\mathrm{z}}_i + 1)(\tau^{\mathrm{z}}_i + 1). \end{aligned}$$

And the following simplest boundary driving channels are considered:

$$\begin{aligned} L_{1,2} &= \sqrt{\varepsilon(1\mp\mu)}\,\sigma^\pm_1, \quad L_{3,4} = \sqrt{\varepsilon(1\pm\mu)}\,\sigma^\pm_L \\ L_{5,6} &= \sqrt{\varepsilon(1\mp\mu)}\,\tau^\pm_1, \quad L_{7,8} = \sqrt{\varepsilon(1\pm\mu)}\,\tau^\pm_L \end{aligned}$$

[TP and M. Žnidarič, PRB 86, 125118 (2012)]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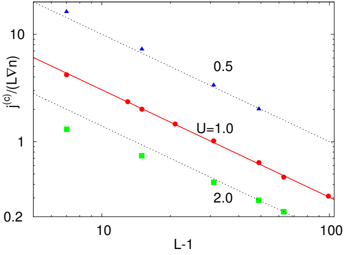
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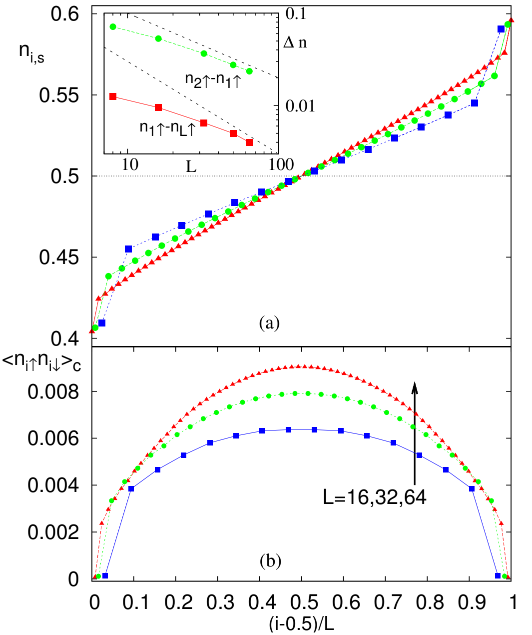
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0.006
0.004
0.002
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(b)
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(i-0.5)/L

Explicit solutions possible in two regimes:

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Exact Nonequilibrium Steady State of a Strongly Driven Open *XXZ* Chain

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An exact and explicit ladder-tensor-network ansatz is presented for the nonequilibrium steady state of an anisotropic Heisenberg *XXZ* spin-1/2 chain which is driven far from equilibrium with a pair of Lindblad operators acting on the edges of the chain only. We show that the steady-state density operator of a finite system of size n is—apart from a normalization constant—a polynomial of degree $2n - 2$ in the coupling constant. Efficient computation of physical observables is facilitated in terms of a transfer operator reminiscent of a classical Markov process. In the isotropic case we find cosine spin profiles, $1/n^2$ scaling of the spin current, and long-range correlations in the steady state. This is a fully nonperturbative extension of a recent result [Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 217206 (2011)].

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Open *XXZ* Spin Chain: Nonequilibrium Steady State and a Strict Bound on Ballistic Transport

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An explicit matrix product ansatz is presented, in the first two orders in the (weak) coupling parameter, for the nonequilibrium steady state of the homogeneous, nearest neighbor Heisenberg *XXZ* spin 1/2 chain driven by Lindblad operators which act only at the edges of the chain. The first order of the density operator becomes, in the thermodynamic limit, an exact pseudolocal conservation law and yields—via the Mazur inequality—a rigorous lower bound on the high-temperature spin Drude weight. Such a Mazur bound is a nonvanishing fractal function of the anisotropy parameter Δ for $|\Delta| < 1$.

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..and very recently, even for more general boundary conditions:

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Exact Matrix Product Solution for the Boundary-Driven Lindblad *XXZ* Chain

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We demonstrate that the exact nonequilibrium steady state of the one-dimensional Heisenberg *XXZ* spin chain driven by boundary Lindblad operators can be constructed explicitly with a matrix product ansatz for the nonequilibrium density matrix where the matrices satisfy a *quadratic algebra*. This algebra turns out to be related to the quantum algebra $U_q[\mathrm{SU}(2)]$. Coherent state techniques are introduced for the exact solution of the isotropic Heisenberg chain with and without quantum boundary fields and Lindblad terms that correspond to two different completely polarized boundary states. We show that this boundary twist leads to nonvanishing stationary currents of all spin components. Our results suggest that the matrix product ansatz can be extended to more general quantum systems kept far from equilibrium by Lindblad boundary terms.

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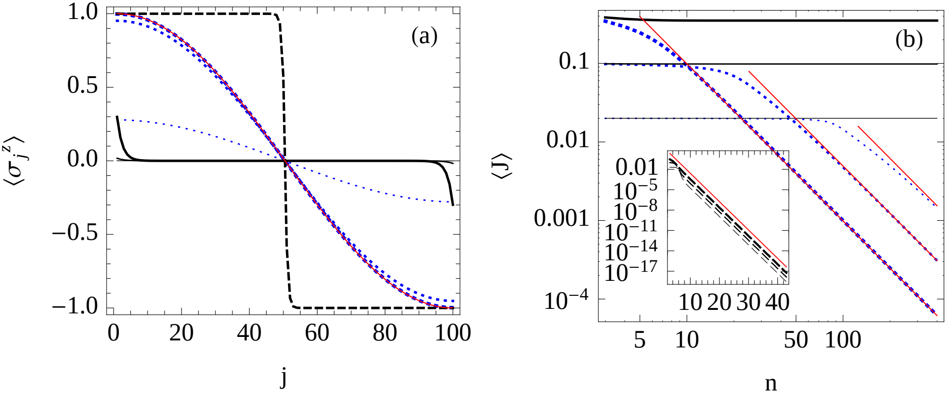
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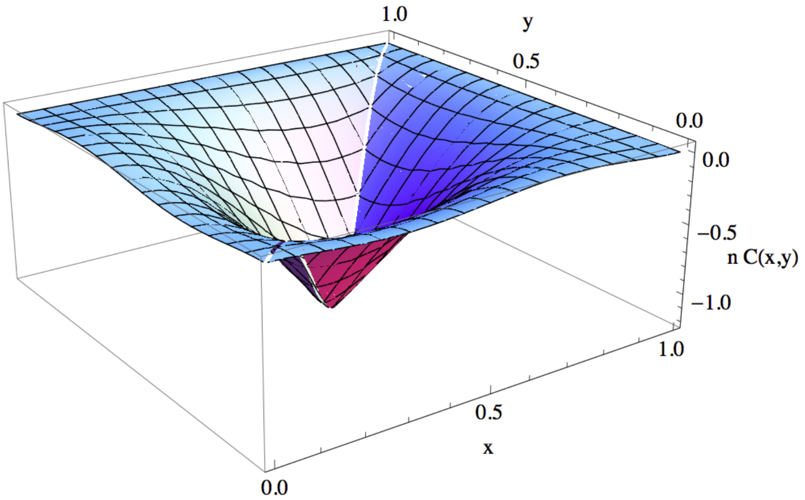
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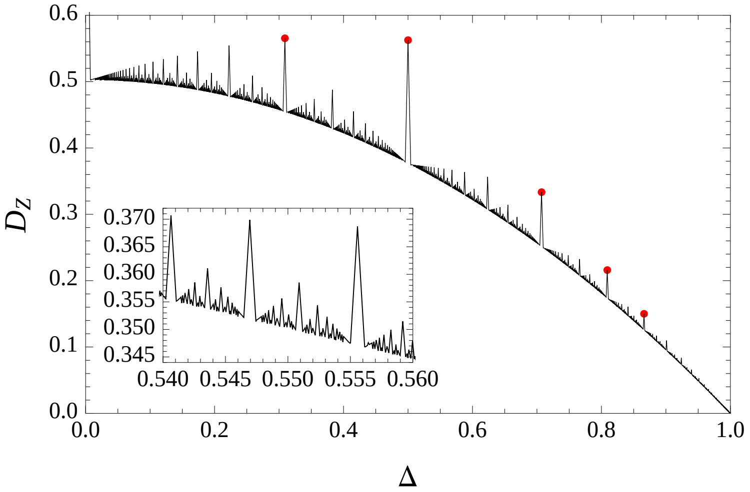
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NESS: The weak coupling perturbation expansion

The formal expansion

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\hat{\mathcal{L}}\rho_\infty &= 0, \\
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$$\begin{aligned} [H, \rho^{(0)}] &= 0, \\ (\,\mathrm{ad}\, H)\rho^{(p+1)} &= -\hat{\mathcal{D}}(\rho^{(p)}), \quad p = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \end{aligned}$$

NESS: The weak coupling perturbation expansion: explicit solution

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\begin{aligned}
2^n \rho^{(0)} &= \mathbb{1}, \\
2^n \rho^{(1)} &= \mu (Z - Z^\dagger), \\
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\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{A}_0 &= |\mathrm{L}\rangle\langle\mathrm{L}| + |\mathrm{R}\rangle\langle\mathrm{R}| + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \cos(r\lambda)\, |r\rangle\langle r|, \qquad \cos\lambda \equiv \Delta \\
\mathbf{A}_+ &= |\mathrm{L}\rangle\langle 1| + c \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(2 \left\lfloor \frac{r+1}{2} \right\rfloor \lambda\right) |r\rangle\langle r+1|, \\
\mathbf{A}_- &= |1\rangle\langle\mathrm{R}| - c^{-1} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\left(2 \left\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \right\rfloor + 1\right) \lambda\right) |r+1\rangle\langle r|,
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
[\mathbf{A}_0, \mathbf{A}_\pm \mathbf{A}_\mp] &= 0, \\
\{\mathbf{A}_0, \mathbf{A}_\pm^2\} &= 2\Delta \mathbf{A}_\pm \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_\pm, \\
2\Delta\{\mathbf{A}_0^2, \mathbf{A}_\pm\} - 4\mathbf{A}_0\mathbf{A}_\pm\mathbf{A}_0 &= \{\mathbf{A}_\mp, \mathbf{A}_\pm^2\} - 2\mathbf{A}_\pm\mathbf{A}_\mp\mathbf{A}_\pm, \\
2\Delta[\mathbf{A}_0^2, \mathbf{A}_\pm] &= [\mathbf{A}_\mp, \mathbf{A}_\pm^2].
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The boundary relations:

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\begin{aligned}
\langle \mathrm{L}|\mathbf{A}_- &= \langle \mathrm{L}|\mathbf{A}_+\mathbf{A}_-\mathbf{A}_+ = \langle \mathrm{L}|\mathbf{A}_+\mathbf{A}_-^2 = 0, \\
\mathbf{A}_+|\mathrm{R}\rangle &= \mathbf{A}_-\mathbf{A}_+\mathbf{A}_-|\mathrm{R}\rangle = \mathbf{A}_+^2\mathbf{A}_-|\mathrm{R}\rangle = 0, \\
\langle \mathrm{L}|\mathbf{A}_0 &= \langle \mathrm{L}|, \quad \mathbf{A}_0|\mathrm{R}\rangle = |\mathrm{R}\rangle. \quad \langle \mathrm{L}|\mathbf{A}_+\mathbf{A}_-|\mathrm{R}\rangle = 1.
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
M_j &= \langle \sigma^{\mathrm{z}}_j \rangle = \varepsilon^2 \mu \langle \mathrm{L}| \mathbf{T}^{j-1} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{T}^{n-j} |\mathrm{R}\rangle, \\
C_{j,k} &= \langle \sigma^{\mathrm{z}}_j \sigma^{\mathrm{z}}_k \rangle = \varepsilon^2 \mu^2 \langle \mathrm{L}| \mathbf{T}^{j-1} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{T}^{k-j-1} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{T}^{n-k} |\mathrm{R}\rangle, \ j < k,
\end{aligned}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{T} &= |\mathrm{L}\rangle\langle \mathrm{L}| + |\mathrm{R}\rangle\langle \mathrm{R}| + \frac{1}{2}(|\mathrm{L}\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle \mathrm{R}|) \\
&+ \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \Bigg\{ \cos^2(r\lambda)\, |r\rangle\langle r| + \frac{c^2}{2} \sin^2\left(2\left\lfloor \frac{r+1}{2} \right\rfloor \lambda\right) |r\rangle\langle r+1| \\
&\qquad + \frac{c^{-2}}{2} \sin^2\left(\left(2\left\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \right\rfloor + 1\right)\lambda\right) |r+1\rangle\langle r| \Bigg\}, \\
\mathbf{V} &= \frac{|\mathrm{L}\rangle\langle 1|}{2} - \frac{|1\rangle\langle \mathrm{R}|}{2} + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \Bigg\{ \frac{c^2}{2} \sin^2\left(2\left\lfloor \frac{r+1}{2} \right\rfloor \lambda\right) |r\rangle\langle r+1| \\
&\qquad - \frac{c^{-2}}{2} \sin^2\left(\left(2\left\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \right\rfloor + 1\right)\lambda\right) |r+1\rangle\langle r| \Bigg\},
\end{aligned}
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Let Q_k be conserved quantities $\mathrm{d}Q_k/\mathrm{d}t = 0$:

$$D_n = \lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{\beta}{2nt} \int_0^t \mathrm{d}t' \langle J(t')J \rangle \geq \frac{\beta}{4} D_{\mathrm{Mazur}} := \frac{\beta}{2n} \sum_k \frac{(J, Q_k)^2}{(Q_k, Q_k)},$$

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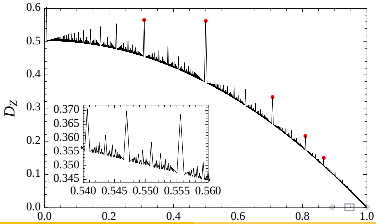
Jordan decomposition of the transfer matrix $\mathbf{T}$ yields explicit fractal dependence:

$$D_{\mathrm{Mazur}}\,(\Delta = \cos(\pi l/m)) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \Delta^2)\frac{m}{m-1}$$



Non-perturbative NESS (arbitrary coupling)

$$\rho_\infty = (\operatorname{tr} R)^{-1} R, \quad R = SS^\dagger, \quad S = \sum_{(s_1,\ldots,s_n)\in\{+,-,0\}^n} \langle 0|\mathbf{A}_{s_1}\mathbf{A}_{s_2}\cdots\mathbf{A}_{s_n}|0\rangle \sigma^{s_1}\otimes\sigma^{s_2}\cdots\otimes\sigma^{s_n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{A}_0 &= |0\rangle\langle 0| + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} a_r^0 |r\rangle\langle r|, \\
\mathbf{A}_+ &= \mathrm{i}\varepsilon|0\rangle\langle 1| + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} a_r^+ |r\rangle\langle r+1|, \\
\mathbf{A}_- &= |1\rangle\langle 0| + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} a_r^- |r+1\rangle\langle r|, \\
a_r^0 &= \cos(r\lambda) + \mathrm{i}\varepsilon\frac{\sin(r\lambda)}{2\sin\lambda}, \\
a_{2k-1}^+ &= c\sin(2k\lambda) + \mathrm{i}\varepsilon\frac{c\sin((2k-1)\lambda)\sin(2k\lambda)}{2(\cos((2k-1)\lambda) + \tau_{2k-1})\sin\lambda}, \\
a_{2k}^+ &= c\sin(2k\lambda) - \mathrm{i}\varepsilon\frac{c(\cos(2k\lambda) + \tau_{2k})}{2\sin\lambda}, \\
a_{2k-1}^- &= -\frac{\sin((2k-1)\lambda)}{c} + \mathrm{i}\varepsilon\frac{\cos((2k-1)\lambda) + \tau_{2k-1}}{2c\sin\lambda}, \\
a_{2k}^- &= -\frac{\sin((2k+1)\lambda)}{c} - \mathrm{i}\varepsilon\frac{\sin(2k\lambda)\sin((2k+1)\lambda)}{2c(\cos(2k\lambda) + \tau_{2k})\sin\lambda}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[\mathbf{A}_0, \mathbf{A}_\pm \mathbf{A}_\mp] &= 0, \\
\{\mathbf{A}_0, \mathbf{A}_\pm^2\} &= 2\Delta \mathbf{A}_\pm \mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_\pm, \\
2\Delta\{\mathbf{A}_0^2, \mathbf{A}_\pm\} - 4\mathbf{A}_0\mathbf{A}_\pm\mathbf{A}_0 &= \{\mathbf{A}_\mp, \mathbf{A}_\pm^2\} - 2\mathbf{A}_\pm\mathbf{A}_\mp\mathbf{A}_\pm, \\
2\Delta[\mathbf{A}_0^2, \mathbf{A}_\pm] &= [\mathbf{A}_\mp, \mathbf{A}_\pm^2].
\end{aligned}$$

with modified boundary relations:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle 0|\mathbf{A}_- &= \langle 0|\mathbf{A}_+(\mathbf{A}_-\mathbf{A}_+ - \mathrm{i}\varepsilon\mathbb{1}) = \langle 0|\mathbf{A}_+\mathbf{A}_-^2 = 0, \\
\mathbf{A}_+|0\rangle &= (\mathbf{A}_-\mathbf{A}_+ - \mathrm{i}\varepsilon\mathbb{1})\mathbf{A}_-|0\rangle = \mathbf{A}_+^2\mathbf{A}_-|0\rangle = 0, \\
\langle 0|\mathbf{A}_0 &= \langle 0|, \quad \mathbf{A}_0|0\rangle = |0\rangle, \quad \langle 0|\mathbf{A}_+\mathbf{A}_-|0\rangle = \mathrm{i}\varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

$$[\mathbf{T},[\mathbf{T},\mathbf{V}]] = -\frac{\varepsilon^2}{4}(2\mathbf{V} + \{\mathbf{T},\mathbf{V}\}),$$
$$\langle 0|(\mathbf{T}-\mathbf{V}) = \langle 0|, \quad (\mathbf{T}+\mathbf{V})|0\rangle = |0\rangle,$$
$$\frac{\langle 0|\mathbf{T}^n|0\rangle}{\langle 0|\mathbf{T}^{n-1}|0\rangle} \simeq \varepsilon^2\left(\frac{(4n-3)^2}{32\pi^2} - \alpha\right) + 1 + \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}),$$

In the continuum limit $M(x \equiv \frac{j-1}{n-1}) := \langle\sigma^{\rm z}_j\rangle$ we get ODE $M'' = -\pi^2 M$ /w b.c. $M(0) = -M(1) = 1$

$$M(x) = \cos(\pi x) + \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{n})$$

Similarly for the 2-point correlator $C(x \equiv \frac{j-1}{n-1}, y \equiv \frac{k-1}{n-1}) := \langle\sigma^{\rm z}_j\sigma^{\rm z}_k\rangle - \langle\sigma^{\rm z}_j\rangle\langle\sigma^{\rm z}_k\rangle$,

$$\begin{aligned} C(x,y) &= \frac{\pi}{4n} f(\min(x,y), \max(x,y)) + \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{n^2}) \\ f(x,y) &= 2\pi x(y-1)\sin(\pi x)\sin(\pi y) \\ &+ \cos(\pi x)((1-2y)\sin(\pi y) + \pi(y-1)y\cos(\pi y)). \end{aligned}$$

Conclusions

- t-DMRG in Liouville space is an efficient simulation technique to capture non-equilibrium steady states of 1D quantum chains
- Non-equilibrium boundary driving allows for exact solutions in some cases: emerging "non-equilibrium integrability" (?)
- Spin and charge diffusion observed in certain fully coherent strongly interacting systems, even in some cases where the bulk is Bethe Ansatz integrable (!)