Lieb-Schultz-Mattis Theorems for Symmetry Protected Topological phases



Outline

□ Motivation

- Introduction to *non-interacting* TIs and *interacting* SPTs
- Introduction to the Lieb-Schultz-Mattis theorem and its descendants

□ Results

- Magnetic translation symmetry and setup of the problem
- Summary of results for interacting fermions and/or bosons
- Applications to physical systems

Sketch of proofs/arguments

- Chiral TSC in class D: Fermion parity switch (arXiv 1705.04691)
- IQHE of bosons/fermions: Polarization (*arXiv* 1705.09298)
- QSHE and SPTs: Entanglement spectrum (arXiv 1703.04776)

Concepts of Topological Insulators (TIs)

Example 1: Integer quantum Hall effect (IQHE)

Insulating (localized) bulk states

$$\sigma_{xy} = n \frac{e^2}{h}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

 Conducting (delocalized) edge/surface states

Bulk-boundary correspondence



Fig. from Hasan, Kane (2010)

Example 2: Quantum spin Hall effect (QSHE)

• Time reversal symmetry ightarrow Z2-valued topological index (Kane, Mele 2005, Bernevig, Hughes, Zhang 2005,...) $u = 0, 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$



Helical edge states: protected by **time reversal symmetry** Fig. from *Hasan, Kane (2010)*



Konig et al (2007)

Classification of *non-interacting* fermionic TIs

 Mathematical setup $\hat{H} = \sum_{a,b} f_a^{\dagger} H_{a,b} f_b$ $\{f_a, f_b\} = 0$ Grassmann #'s $\{f_a, f_b^\dagger\} = \delta_{a,b}$ $H = H^{\dagger}$ (i) *H* is quasi-diagonal (locality)

(ii) *H* is **gapped**

class	d = 0	1	2	3	Physical Symmetry
A	\mathbb{Z}		\mathbb{Z}		$\longrightarrow U(1)_{\text{charge}}$
AIII		\mathbb{Z}		\mathbb{Z}	
AI	\mathbb{Z}				
BDI	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}			
D	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}	—	→ No symmetry
DIII		\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z} -	\longrightarrow Time reversal \mathcal{T}
AII	$2\mathbb{Z}$		\mathbb{Z}_2	\mathbb{Z}_2 -	$\longrightarrow U(1)_{charge} \rtimes \mathcal{T}$
\mathbf{CII}		$2\mathbb{Z}$		\mathbb{Z}_2	(-)charge / ,
\mathbf{C}			$2\mathbb{Z}$		
\mathbf{CI}			V	$2\mathbb{Z}$	

Schnyder, Ryu, Furusaki, Ludwig (2008) Kitaev (2009)

Generalization to interacting particles?

• Interacting fermions?

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \sum_{a,b} f_a^{\dagger} H_{a,b} f_b + \sum_{a,b,c,d} U_{ab,cd} f_a^{\dagger} f_b^{\dagger} f_c f_d + \cdots$$

Interacting bosons/spins?

(Typically they form *Bose-Einstein condensate/Magnetic orders* if non-interacting)

• Classification of interacting topological states w/ symmetry protected surface/edge states?

Symmetry Protected Topological (SPT) states

- Gapped local Hamiltonian
- Unique ground state on any closed manifold (No g.s. degeneracy)
- Symmetry protected *surface/edge states* on an open boundary

Simplest example: *d=1* Haldane phase in AKLT model



Haldane (1983), Affleck, Kennedy, Lieb, Tasaki (1987)

 $\mathcal{H}^{1+1}[Z_2^{\mathcal{T}}, U(1)] = \mathbb{Z}_2$

Where to find *interacting* SPT states in *d>1*?

- Higher than 1 dimension: hard to realize SPTs (other than unrealistic but exactly solvable models)
- How to solve the g.s. wavefunction of an interacting system?

Interacting 2^N -dim. vs. N-dim. Non-interacting

 How to compute topological invariant of SPTs from the many-body ground state?



The Lieb-Schultz-Mattis (LSM) theorem

Simplest example: metals vs. insulators?

Half-filling: ½ electron per unit cell
Lattice translation symmetry
U(1) charge conservation symmetry



Impossible to have an insulator preserving translation sym.! No-go theorem, applicable to interacting bosons/fermions

Lieb, Schultz, Mattis (1961) Oshikawa (2000) Hastings (2004) Parameswaran et al (2013) Roy (2012) Watanabe et al (2015) Cheng et al (2016) Po et al (2017) Jian et al (2017)... Ingredients of a LSM Theorem Microscopic (Ultraviolet) input: Hilbert space (*e.g. filling*) + Translation Sym. + Global Sym.

Microscopic (Infrared) Output: Ground State Properties



A unique gapped ground state

Powerful: apply to interacting bosons and/or fermions in different spatial dimensions

Main results: a new class of LSM-type theorem for SPT phases in *d=2* Microscopic (*Ultraviolet*) input:

Hilbert space + *Magnetic Translation Sym.* + Global Sym.

Microscopic (Infrared) Output: Ground State Properties



A unique gapped ground state must be a SPT (invertible) phase!

Magnetic Translation Symmetry

• Uniform magnetic field \rightarrow

Magnetic translation symmetry = **Translation** + **large gauge transformation**



LSM theorem for fermionic SPT/invertible phases in *d=2*

Physical systems Microscopic input Output of LSM theorem AZ 25d.o.f. per Flux per Topological Chiral central Symmetry Edge states Applications class unit cell unit cell invariant charge group $(-1)^{\widehat{F}}$ D Odd Majoranas Chiral Majorana Majorana $\nu = \text{odd}$ $c_{-} = \nu/2$ $\phi = \pi$ $\{\gamma_1, \cdots, \gamma_{2N-1}\}$ vortex lattice 26 $\in \mathbb{Z}$ $\hat{\mathcal{T}}^2 = (-1)^{\hat{F}}$ DIII Odd Majorana Helical Majorana Kitaev-type $\nu = 1$ $\phi = \pi$ $c_{-} = 0$ spin liquid 27 Kramers pairs $\in \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1\}$ $\phi = 2\pi \frac{p}{a}$ Chiral fermion Integer QHE in Charge $e \cdot \bar{\rho}_f$ Α. $U(1)_{\text{charge}}$ $p\sigma_{xy} = q\bar{\rho}_f \mod q$ $c_{-} = \sigma_{xy}$ Hofstadter models $\mod 820$ $\sigma_{xy} \in \mathbb{Z}$ $U(1)_{ m charge}$ AII QSHE in π -flux Helical fermion Charge $e \cdot \bar{\rho}_f$ $\nu = 1$ $c_{-} = 0$ $\phi = \pi$ model 28 $\hat{\mathcal{T}}^2 = (-1)^F$ $(\bar{\rho}_f = \text{odd})$ $\in \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1\}$

Topological superconductors

Topological insulators

"LSM theorem for SPT phases", YML, arXiv 1705.04691

Application 1: IQHE (*class A*) in Hofstadter models

$$\sigma_{xy} \cdot \frac{\phi}{2\pi} = \bar{\rho} \mod 1$$
Hall conductance
in unit of e^2/h
Flux per unit cell Charge (filling) per unit cell
Half-filling: $\bar{\rho} = \frac{1}{2}$; π -flux: $\phi = \pi \Rightarrow \sigma_{xy} = 1 \mod 2$

Non-interacting proof: Dana, Avron, Seiler (1985) Interacting proof: YML, Ran, Oshikawa, arXiv **1705.09298**

Example 1.1: half-filling + π -flux Hofstadter models

- π-flux per unit cell at half filling (half electrons per site)
- Square/triangular/kagome lattices.....





Common feature:

- Two Dirac cones with N.N. hoppings
- Only mass term preserving magnetic translation →

IQHE with Chern number ±1

Example 1.2: magnetic insulators

"Quarter doping" on triangular/honeycomb/kagome lattices:
 Van-Hove singularity and perfect nesting → interaction-driven "chiral SDW"



Application 2: **QSHE** (*class All*) in π -flux models

- Input: $\bar{\rho}_f \in \mathbb{Z}$ fermions + $\phi = \pi$ flux per u.c. U(1) charge conservation + Time reversal symmetry
- Output: Topological index $\nu=\bar{\rho}_f \mod 2$ for any unique gapped ground state

• A unique gapped g.s. **must exhibit QSHE** with odd fermions per unit cell !

Wu, Ho and YML, arXiv **1703.04776** (2017)



massless Dirac fermions

Figure from Qi et al (2009)

Example 2

π -flux on square lattice with spin-orbit coupling



Wu, Ho and YML, arXiv **1703.04776** (2017)

Energy spectrum with open boundary in *x*-direction and periodic in *y*.

Application 3: Majorana vortex lattice (*class D*)

- •Input: $\bar{
 ho}_f \in \mathbb{Z}$ Majoranas + $\phi = \pi$ flux per u.c.
- -Output: Topological index $~\nu=\bar{\rho}_f~~{\rm mod}~2~$ for any unique gapped ground state
- With odd Majoranas per unit cell , a unique gapped g.s. must be a chiral TSC with a half-integer chiral central charge!

YML, arXiv **1705.04691**



Figure from Qi et al (2009)

Example 3 Majorana vortex lattice of *p*+i*p* superconductor





Chiral Majorana edge mode with $c_=1/2$

Grosfeld, Stern (2006)

YML, arXiv **1705.04691**

Application 4: Quantum spin liquids (*class DIII*)

• Input: $ar{
ho}_f \in \mathbb{Z}$ Majorana Kramers pairs + $\phi = \pi$ flux

per u.c. + *Time reversal symmetry*

- Output: Topological index $~\nu=\bar{\rho}_f~~{\rm mod}~2~$ for any unique gapped ground state

• A unique gapped g.s. **must be helical TSC** with odd Majorana pairs per unit cell !

YML, arXiv **1705.04691**



massless Majorana fermions

Figure from Qi et al (2009)

<u>Example 4</u> Kitaev-type Z_2 spin liquids on square lattice





Toric code where TRS exchanges *e* and *m Nakai, Ryu, Furusaki (2012)* Helical Majorana edge modes

YML, arXiv **1705.04691**

LSM theorem for **bosonic** SPT phases in *d=2*

IQHE of interacting bosons

QSHE of interacting bosons

Global syr	nmetries and S	SPT classification	Microscopic input		Output of LSM theorem
Symmetry	Classification	Topological invariants	Density/d.o.f.	Flux per	Topological index
group G_s	$\mathcal{H}^3(G,U(1))$		per unit cell	unit cell	
U(1)	$2\mathbb{Z}$	$\sigma_{xy} = \operatorname{even}$	$\bar{ ho} = rac{2a}{q}$	$\phi = 2\pi \frac{p}{q}$	$p \cdot \sigma_{xy} = 2a \mod q$
					(BIQH states)
$U(1) \rtimes Z_2^{\mathcal{T}}$	\mathbb{Z}_2	$\nu_{\mathcal{T}} = 0, 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$	$ar{ ho} \in \mathbb{Z} + ext{an odd number}$	$\phi = \pi$	$\nu_{\mathcal{T}} = 1$
			of Kramers doublets		(BQSH state)
$Z_2 \times Z_2^{\mathcal{T}}$	$\mathbb{Z}_2 imes \mathbb{Z}_2$	$\nu, \nu_{\mathcal{T}} = 0, 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$	an odd number	$\phi=\pi$	$\nu_{\mathcal{T}} = 1$
			of Kramers doublets		
$U(1)_A \times U(1)_B$	$(2\mathbb{Z})^2 \times \mathbb{Z}$	$\sigma^A_{xy}, \sigma^B_{xy} = ext{even}$	$(ar{ ho}_A,ar{ ho}_B)$	(ϕ_A,ϕ_B)	$(\sigma_{xy}^A, \sigma_{xy}^B, \sigma_{xy}^{AB})$ satisfying (9)
		$\sigma_{xy}^{AB} = \sigma_{xy}^{BA} \in \mathbb{Z}$			
$U(1)_A \times (Z_q)_R$	$2\mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z}_q)^2$	$\sigma^A_{xy} = \operatorname{even}$	$\bar{ ho}_A = rac{a}{q}$	$\phi_B = 2\pi \frac{p}{q}$	$p \cdot \nu^{AB} = a \mod q$
	<u>N</u>	$ u^B, \nu^{AB} \in \mathbb{Z}_q $		$\phi_A = 0, \pi$	

See also Yang, Jiang, Vishwanath, Ran; arXiv 1705.05421

"LSM theorem for SPT phases", YML, arXiv **1705.04691**

Application 5: IQHE of two-component bosons

Yin-Chen He et al (2015)

YML, arXiv **1705.04691**

Physical intuition: charge-flux binding in SPT phases



The "Old" LSM theorem: Unique gapped g.s. ${\bf \rightarrow}~\bar{\rho}\in \mathbb{Z}$

QHE \rightarrow "background charge" $\Delta \rho = -\sigma_{xy} \frac{\phi}{2\pi}$ bound to flux ϕ

Our "New" LSM theorem: Unique gapped g.s. ${\bf \rightarrow}~\bar{\rho}+\Delta\rho\in\mathbb{Z}$

Setup for the proof



LSM for IQHE (Class A): polarization

Center of mass position of all charges

$$P_1 \equiv \left\langle e^{\frac{2\pi i}{L_1} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} x_1 \hat{n}_{\mathbf{x}}} \right\rangle$$

"Order parameter" for an (interacting) insulator (*King-Smith, Vanderbilt 1993, Resta, Sorella, 1999.....*)

$$[T_1^{-1}\mathcal{F}_2(\phi L_2), P_1] = 0 \Longrightarrow$$
$$i L_2(\sigma_{xy}\phi - 2\pi\bar{\rho}) = 1$$

Adiabatic flux insertion

 $T_1^{-1} \mathcal{F}_2(\phi L_2) |\Psi(0)\rangle = e^{i \, lpha} |\Psi(0)\rangle$ YML, Ran, Oshikawa, arXiv **1705.09298**

LSM for chiral TSC (*Class D*): fermion parity



 $|\Psi(0)\rangle$ $\{\hat{T}_1, (-1)^{\hat{F}}\} = 0 \text{ if } L_2 = \text{odd}$ Translation *T1* of odd Majoranas is a SUSY (Hsieh, Halasz, Grover, 2016)



Twist boundary condition \rightarrow **switch fermion parity** \rightarrow Must be a chiral TSC of *p*+i*p* type; with an odd # of MZMs in each π -flux (*Read, Green 2000*)

$$\Psi(\pi L_2)\rangle = e^{i\,\alpha}\hat{T}_1|\Psi(0)\rangle$$





YML, Ran, Oshikawa, arXiv **1705.09298**

Concluding Remarks

- "Old" LSM theorem (w/ translation sym.): Impossible to have a unique gapped (SRE) ground state (No-go theorem)
- "New" LSM theorem (w/ magnetic translation sym.):
 If a unique gapped g.s. (SRE)
 → must be a SPT (invertible) phase!
- Applies to interacting bosons/fermions in *d=2* w/ various global symmetries
- Realistic models and numerics?
- Generalization to d>2?
- Generalization to space group sym.?
- Generalization to symmetry-enriched topological (SET) orders?

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