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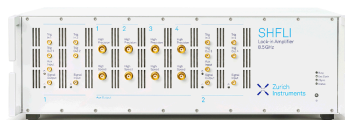
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Essential Spectrum of a Family of 3×3 Operator Matrices: Location of the Branches

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Abstract. In the article we have considered a family $\mathcal{A}(K)$, $K \in \mathbf{T}^d := (-\pi; \pi]^d$ of operator matrices of order three. They arise in the spectral analysis problem of the so called lattice truncated spin-boson Hamiltonian with at most two bosons. The position and structure of two-particle as well three-particle branches (subsets) of $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K))$ are investigated.

INTRODUCTION

There is an important quantum-mechanical model so called the spin-boson model which depicts the interaction between a photon field and a two-level atom. We suggest to [1] and [2] for the best reviews respectively from mathematical and physical outcomes. Regardless of whether the fundamental space is a d D torus or the d D euclidian space \mathbf{R}^d , the total spin-boson model is an endless operator framework in Fock space with a finite N of bosons for which comprehensive results are exceedingly difficult to get in. We discuss the projection to the truncated Fock space with a finite N of bosons as one approach. The truncated standard spin-boson model was fully investigated [3] in for tiny values of the parameter α for $N = 1, 2$. The case $N = 3$ was assumed in [4]. There was proof of the existence of constructed wave operators as well as its asymptotic completeness. When N is an arbitrary it was studied in [5] and [6]. For sufficiently tiny coupling constants, the spectral properties of the truncated spin-boson matrix A_N was learned using a Mourre type estimate. The discrete spectrum of the truncated spin-boson matrix with two photons in \mathbf{R}^d is finite for all values of coupling $\alpha > 0$, according to [7].

In [8] a lattice matrix \mathcal{B}_2 – so-called truncated lattice spin-boson matrix with at most two photons are analyzed. The position of the $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{B}_2)$ is depicted. The finiteness of the number of eigenvalues below the bottom of any coupling constant's essential spectrum is established. Considering a general lattice matrix and estimating the essential spectrum's left boundary the results are achieved.

Because of boundedness and self-adjointness the spectrum of the lattice matrix \mathcal{B}_2 is more intricate than the continuous case. The two-particle and three-particle branches of the $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{B}_2)$ in the continuous case are made up of semi interval $[\kappa, \infty)$ with quantity $\kappa < 0$. As a result (see [3]), finding the eigenvalues in the case of at most 1 photon suffices to elucidate the $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{B}_2)$ of this matrix, and the approach employed to carry out is not difficult. The two-particle and three-particle branches of the essential spectrum in the lattice scenario are made up of finite-length intervals that may or may not intersect. We obtain a natural question: Are there eigenvalues located between the branches, and if so, how many are there? As a result, analyzing the essential spectrum as well as the \mathcal{B}_2 conditions are important.

In [9] the essential spectrum of the matrix \mathcal{B}_2 is investigated in detail with respect to the dimension $d \in \mathbf{N}$ and the values of coupling $\alpha > 0$.

In the following article we have considered the matrix family $\mathcal{A}(K)$, $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ (3×3 operator matrices), related the system of particles where the number of particles isn't conserved. For the analysis of the lattice truncated spin-boson matrix with two bosons, the matrix family $\mathcal{A}(K)$ is required. Obtained matrix of order 6 is unitary equivalent to a diagonal matrix of order 2 with two copies of the case of $\mathcal{A}(K)$ on the diagonal, as shown in see [8]. As a result, the the set $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K))$ and finiteness of $\sigma_{\text{disc}}(\mathcal{A}(K))$ are determined by spectral information on the matrix family $\mathcal{A}(K)$.

It is easy to see that matrix family $\mathcal{A}(K)$ has almost same spectral properties of the three lattice particle Hamiltonian $H(K)$, known us as lattice analog of the standard three-particle Schrödinger operator, arising in lattice field theory [10], [11] and solid state physics models (see [12] – [13]).

The three-particle discrete Schrödinger operator $H(K)$, $K \in \mathbf{T}^3$ is discussed in [14, 15]. The finiteness of the number of eigenvalues of $H(K)$ is proven for all sufficiently small nonzero values of K , and the limit relation

$$\lim_{|K| \rightarrow 0} \frac{N(K)}{|\log |K||} = U_0 \quad (0 < U_0 < \infty) \quad (1)$$

is given for the number $N(K)$ of negative eigenvalues of $H(K)$.

The spectral properties of $\mathcal{A}(K_0)$ for a fixed K_0 were studied in [16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24], see also the references therein. In [25], [26] was founded a finite set $\Lambda \subset \mathbf{T}^3$ to demonstrate the existence of an infinitely many discrete eigenvalues of the matrix family $\mathcal{A}(K)$ for all $K \in \Lambda$, when the associated Friedrichs model has a virtual level at 0. In addition, it is shown that if for the generalized Friedrichs model the number 0 is an eigenvalue or the number 0 is the regular type point for positive definite Friedrichs model, the matrix $\mathcal{A}(K)$ have finitely many negative discrete eigenvalues for every $K \in \Lambda$.

However, with regard to the spectral parameter K , the asymptotic formula of the form (1) was not established. It is critical to determine the structure and location of the matrix family $\mathcal{A}(K)$ in order to reach this type of result. To this purpose, the geometric position of two-particle as well three-particle branches of the $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K))$ is investigated in this paper.

The article is dealt with as follows: an introduction to the whole investigation is given in Section 1. In Section 2, the matrix family $\mathcal{A}(K)$, $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ are described as the family of self-adjoint bounded linear operators in the direct sum of zero-particle subspace, one-particle subspace and two-particle subspace of the bosonic Fock space and the most important aims of the work are pointed. In Section 3, we studied the so called channel operator $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)$ relative to $\mathcal{A}(K)$ and analyzed its spectrum using a family of generalized Friedrichs model. In the text Section a more detailed data on the position of $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K))$ and its branches is given.

FAMILY OF OPERATOR MATRICES OF ORDER 3 AND ITS RELATION WITH THE LATTICE SPIN-BOSON MATRIX

First of all we will determine some setting, they are useful within this work. As \mathbf{T}^d we denote the d D torus. Channel 1 – $\mathcal{H}_0 := \mathbf{C}$, channel 2 – $\mathcal{H}_1 := L^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ and channel 3 – $\mathcal{H}_2 := L^2_{\text{sym}}((\mathbf{T}^d)^2)$ is a subspace of $L^2((\mathbf{T}^d)^2)$ containing all symmetric functions. The direct sum of these three channels, that is, the spaces \mathcal{H}_0 , \mathcal{H}_1 and \mathcal{H}_2 will be denoted by \mathcal{H} , i.e., $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_1 \oplus \mathcal{H}_2$. Usually \mathcal{H}_0 is called zero-particle subspace, \mathcal{H}_1 is called one-particle subspace and \mathcal{H}_2 is called two-particle subspace of the bosonic (or symmetric) Fock space $\mathcal{F}_s(L^2(\mathbf{T}^d))$ with respect to $L^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$. The components F of \mathcal{H} have a form $F = (F_0, F_1, F_2)$ with $F_i \in \mathcal{H}_i$, $i = 0, 1, 2$ and for $F = (F_0, F_1, F_2)$, $G = (G_0, G_1, G_2) \in \mathcal{H}$ we have the equality

$$(F, G) := F_0 \overline{G_0} + \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} F_1(x) \overline{G_1(x)} dx + \int_{(\mathbf{T}^d)^2} F_2(x, y) \overline{G_2(x, y)} dx dy.$$

It is well known that each linear bounded operator always can be presented as a 3×3 operator matrix, if its domain is decomposed into three components [27].

In this work a family

$$\mathcal{A}(K) := \begin{pmatrix} A_{00}(K) & A_{01} & 0 \\ A_{01}^* & A_{11}(K) & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{12}^* & A_{22}(K) \end{pmatrix}, \quad K \in \mathbf{T}^d \quad (2)$$

is considered in \mathcal{H} . Here for $n = 0, 1, 2$ the diagonal elements $A_{nn}(K) : \mathcal{H}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$ and for $n < m$, $n, m = 0, 1, 2$ the off-diagonal elements $A_{nm} : \mathcal{H}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_n$ are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} A_{00}(K)g_0 &= u_0(K)g_0, & A_{01}g_1 &= \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \varphi_0(s)g_1(s)ds, \\ (A_{11}(K)g_1)(x) &= u_1(K; x)g_1(x), & (A_{12}g_2)(x) &= \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \varphi_1(s)g_2(x, s)ds, \\ (A_{22}(K)g_2)(x, y) &= u_2(K; x, y)g_2(x, y), & g_i &\in \mathcal{H}_k, \quad k = 0, 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

Throughout the article it is assumed that the functions with real-values $u_0(\cdot)$, $\varphi_k(\cdot)$, $k = 0, 1$; $u_1(\cdot; \cdot)$ and $u_2(\cdot; \cdot, \cdot)$ are continuous on \mathbf{T}^d ; $(\mathbf{T}^d)^2$ and $(\mathbf{T}^d)^3$, respectively. Moreover, for $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ the assertion $u_2(K; x, y) = u_2(K; y, x)$ is valid for all $x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d$.

Then the boundedness and self-adjointness of $\mathcal{A}(K)$ in \mathcal{H} can be shown easily.

After direct calculations we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_{01}^* : \mathcal{H}_0 &\rightarrow \mathcal{H}_1, & (A_{01}^*g_0)(x) &= \varphi_0(x)g_0, & g_0 &\in \mathcal{H}_0; \\ A_{12}^* : \mathcal{H}_1 &\rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2, & (A_{12}^*g_1)(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2}(\varphi_1(x)g_1(y) + \varphi_1(y)g_1(x)), & g_1 &\in \mathcal{H}_1. \end{aligned}$$

These operators have a wide application in quantum mechanics.

Let us now study the relation of $\mathcal{A}(K)$ to the lattice truncated spin boson matrix \mathcal{B}_2 with at most two photons. We remember that the operator \mathcal{B}_2 acts in $\mathbf{C}^2 \otimes \mathcal{H}$:

$$\mathcal{B}_2 := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}_{00} & \mathcal{B}_{01} & 0 \\ \mathcal{B}_{01}^* & \mathcal{B}_{11} & \mathcal{B}_{12} \\ 0 & \mathcal{B}_{12}^* & \mathcal{B}_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

with elements

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{00}g_0^{(s)} &= \varepsilon s g_0^{(s)}, & \mathcal{B}_{01}g_1^{(s)} &= \alpha \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} v(t) g_1^{(-s)}(t) dt, \\ (\mathcal{B}_{11}g_1^{(s)})(x) &= (\varepsilon s + w(x))g_1^{(s)}(x), & (\mathcal{B}_{12}g_2^{(s)})(x) &= \alpha \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} v(t) g_2^{(-s)}(x, t) dt, \\ (\mathcal{B}_{22}g_2^{(s)})(x, y) &= (\varepsilon s + w(x) + w(y))g_2^{(s)}(x, y), & g &= \{g_0^{(s)}, g_1^{(s)}, g_2^{(s)}; s = \pm\} \in \mathbf{C}^2 \otimes \mathcal{H}. \end{aligned}$$

Here $\varepsilon > 0$; $w(\cdot)$ (dispersion function) is an analytic on \mathbf{T}^d with real values; the function $v(\cdot)$ is an analytic on \mathbf{T}^d with real values; $\alpha > 0$ (coupling constant) is a real number.

To learn the spectrum of \mathcal{B}_2 , we determine two (with discrete parameter) matrices $\mathcal{B}_2^{(s)}$, $s = \pm$, in \mathcal{H} as

$$\mathcal{B}_2^{(s)} := \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{00}^{(s)} & \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{01} & 0 \\ \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{01}^* & \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{11}^{(s)} & \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{12} \\ 0 & \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{12}^* & \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{22}^{(s)} \end{pmatrix}$$

with the entries

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{00}^{(s)}g_0 &= \varepsilon s g_0, & \widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{01}g_1 &= \alpha \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} v(t) g_1(t) dt, \\ (\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{11}^{(s)}g_1)(x) &= (-\varepsilon s + w(x))g_1(x), & (\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{12}g_2)(x) &= \alpha \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} v(t) g_2(x, t) dt, \\ (\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_{22}^{(s)}g_2)(x, y) &= (\varepsilon s + w(x) + w(y))g_2(x, y), & (g_0, g_1, g_2) &\in \mathcal{H}. \end{aligned}$$

The following relations between subsets of the spectrum of \mathcal{B}_2 and $\mathcal{B}_2^{(s)}$ are proven in [8]:

The equality $\sigma(\mathcal{B}_2) = \sigma(\mathcal{B}_2^{(+)}) \cup \sigma(\mathcal{B}_2^{(-)})$ holds. Moreover,

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{B}_2) = \sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{B}_2^{(+)}) \cup \sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{B}_2^{(-)}), \quad \sigma_{\text{p}}(\mathcal{B}_2) = \sigma_{\text{p}}(\mathcal{B}_2^{(+)}) \cup \sigma_{\text{p}}(\mathcal{B}_2^{(-)}).$$

Since the subset of $\sigma_{\text{disc}}(\mathcal{B}_2^{(s)})$ can be lie inside of $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{B}_2)$ we obtain the result

$$\sigma_{\text{disc}}(\mathcal{B}_2) \subseteq \sigma_{\text{disc}}(\mathcal{B}_2^{(+)}) \cup \sigma_{\text{disc}}(\mathcal{B}_2^{(-)}).$$

It is easy to check that if

$$w_0(K_0^{(s)}) = \varepsilon s, \quad w_1(K_0^{(s)}; p) = -\varepsilon s + w(p), \quad w_2(K_0^{(s)}; p, q) = \varepsilon s + w(p) + w(q)$$

for some $K_0^{(s)} \in \mathbf{T}^d$ and $v_i(p) = \alpha v(p)$, $i = 0, 1$, then $\mathcal{A}(K_0^{(s)}) = \mathcal{B}_2^{(s)}$. Therefore, using a connection between the operators \mathcal{B}_2 and $\mathcal{A}(K_0^{(s)})$, $s = \pm$, the results for \mathcal{B}_2 can be obtained by considering a more general family of operator matrices $\mathcal{A}(K)$, $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$.

A FAMILY OF CHANNEL OPERATORS AND ITS SPECTRUM

In the following we consider a family of channel operators $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)$, $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ related with $\mathcal{A}(K)$ and learn its spectrum.

We construct the operator $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)$ in $L^2(\mathbf{T}^d) \oplus L^2((\mathbf{T}^d)^2)$ using the rule

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K) := \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}(K) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}A_{12} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}A_{12}^* & A_{22}(K) \end{pmatrix}, \quad K \in \mathbf{T}^d. \quad (3)$$

With respect to the domain in the considered case the operator A_{12}^* is acting as

$$A_{12}^* : L^2(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow L^2((\mathbf{T}^d)^2), \quad (A_{12}^*g_1)(x,y) = \varphi_1(q)g_1(p), \quad g_1 \in L^2(\mathbf{T}^d).$$

The boundedness and self-adjointness of $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)$ in $L^2(\mathbf{T}^d) \oplus L^2((\mathbf{T}^d)^2)$ easily follows from the definition. For a bounded function $\gamma(\cdot)$ on \mathbf{T}^d we consider multiplication operator U_γ by

$$U_\gamma \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x,y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma(x)f_1(x) \\ \gamma(x)f_2(x,y) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \end{pmatrix} \in L^2(\mathbf{T}^d) \oplus L^2((\mathbf{T}^d)^2).$$

One can easily check that $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)U_\gamma = U_\gamma\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)$. By this reason the assertion

$$L^2(\mathbf{T}^d) \oplus L^2((\mathbf{T}^d)^2) = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \oplus (\mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_1) dk \quad (4)$$

yields the following decomposition

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K) = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \oplus \widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k) dk. \quad (5)$$

Here the fibered operators $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k)$ are defined in $\mathcal{H}_0 \oplus \mathcal{H}_1$ as operator matrices 2×2

$$\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k) := \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{A}_{00}(K,k) & \widehat{A}_{01} \\ \widehat{A}_{01}^* & \widehat{A}_{11}(K,k) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

with components

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{A}_{00}(K,k)g_0 &= u_1(K,k)g_0, \quad \widehat{A}_{01}g_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \varphi_1(t)g_1(t)dt, \\ (\widehat{A}_{11}(K,k)g_1)(y) &= u_2(K;k,y)g_1(y), \quad g_l \in \mathcal{H}_l, \quad l = 0, 1. \end{aligned}$$

In this case

$$\widehat{A}_{01}^* : \mathcal{H}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_1, \quad (\widehat{A}_{01}^*g_0)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\varphi_1(x)g_0, \quad g_0 \in \mathcal{H}_0.$$

Note that in the direct integral expansion (4) the identical layers appear. Applying theorem about the spectrum of decomposable operators [13] we obtain the relation

$$\sigma(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)) = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \sigma(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k)). \quad (7)$$

Thus, learning the spectrum of a channel operator $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)$ is reduced to learning the spectrum of a family of generalized Friedrichs models, which is simple than $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k)$ and easy to study. No we start to study the spectrum of $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k)$.

Let

$$\widehat{\mathcal{A}}_0(K,k) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \widehat{A}_{11}(K,k) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then for the operator $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k) - \widehat{\mathcal{A}}_0(K,k)$ we have $(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k) - \widehat{\mathcal{A}}_0(K,k))^* = \widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k) - \widehat{\mathcal{A}}_0(K,k)$ and $\text{rank}(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k) - \widehat{\mathcal{A}}_0(K,k)) = 2$. Taking into account these facts and Weyl's theorem we obtain

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K,k)) = [E_{\min}(K,k); E_{\max}(K,k)],$$

here

$$E_{\min}(K, k) := \min_{q \in \mathbf{T}^d} w_2(K; k, q) \quad \text{and} \quad E_{\max}(K, k) := \max_{q \in \mathbf{T}^d} w_2(K; k, q).$$

We determine the Fredholm determinant $\Delta_K(k; \cdot)$ of $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ in $\mathbf{C} \setminus [E_{\min}(K, k); E_{\max}(K, k)]$ by

$$\Delta_K(k; z) := w_1(K; k) - z - \frac{1}{2} I_K(k; z), \quad I_K(k; z) := \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \frac{\varphi_1^2(s) ds}{w_2(K; k, s) - z}.$$

We have the following lemma [17].

Lemma 1. The quantity $z(K, k) \in \mathbf{C} \setminus [E_{\min}(K, k); E_{\max}(K, k)]$ is an discrete eigenvalue of $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ iff $\Delta_K(k; z(K, k)) = 0$.

By Lemma 1 the discrete spectrum of $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ satisfies the equality

$$\sigma_{\text{disc}}(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)) = \{z \in \mathbf{C} \setminus [E_{\min}(K, k); E_{\max}(K, k)] : \Delta_K(k; z) = 0\}.$$

In the following we formulate lemma about the eigenvalues of $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$.

Lemma 2. The matrix $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ hasn't more than 1 simple discrete eigenvalue located on the left hand side (respectively right hand side) of $E_{\min}(K, k)$ (respectively $E_{\max}(K, k)$).

The proof of Lemma 2 is an elementary.

Introduce the following notations

$$m_K := \min_{p, q \in \mathbf{T}^d} w_2(K; p, q), \quad M_K := \max_{p, q \in \mathbf{T}^d} w_2(K; p, q),$$

$$\Lambda_K := \bigcup_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \sigma_{\text{disc}}(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)), \quad \Sigma_K := [m_K; M_K] \cup \Lambda_K.$$

Definition of the set Λ_K and the equality

$$\bigcup_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} [E_{\min}(K, k); E_{\max}(K, k)] = [m_K; M_K]$$

imply equality

$$\bigcup_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \sigma(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)) = \Sigma_K. \quad (8)$$

Now, the equalities (7) and (8) imply that the spectrum of the matrix $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)$ is a purely essential and the relation $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)) = \Sigma_K$ holds for its spectrum.

POSITION OF SUBSETS OF THE ESSENTIAL SPECTRUM

Main results of the work:

Theorem 1. The equality $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K)) = \sigma(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K))$ is valid. In addition, the set $\sigma(\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K))$ consists of at most 3 segments.

It is remarkable that the channel operator $\mathcal{A}_{\text{ch}}(K)$ defined as above has a simpler structure than the operator $\mathcal{A}(K)$, therefore, Theorem 1 plays an key role in other investigation of the spectrum of $\mathcal{A}(K)$.

Let us introduce the following notations:

$$E_{\min}^{(l)}(K) := \min \{\Lambda_K \cap (-\infty; m_K]\}, \quad E_{\max}^{(l)}(K) := \max \{\Lambda_K \cap (-\infty; m_K]\},$$

$$E_{\min}^{(r)}(K) := \min \{\Lambda_K \cap [M_K; +\infty)\}, \quad E_{\max}^{(r)}(K) := \max \{\Lambda_K \cap [M_K; +\infty)\},$$

$$\sigma_{\text{two}}^{(l)}(K) := [E_{\min}^{(l)}(K); E_{\max}^{(l)}(K)], \quad \sigma_{\text{two}}^{(r)}(K) := [E_{\min}^{(r)}(K); E_{\max}^{(r)}(K)].$$

Since the function $I_K(k; \cdot)$ is increasing in the intervals $(-\infty; m_K)$ and $(M_K; +\infty)$ for any fixed $K, k \in \mathbf{T}^d$, by the Lebesgue theorem a finite or infinite limits

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow m_K - 0} I_K(k; z) = I_K(k; m_K) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow M_K + 0} I_K(k; z) = I_K(k; M_K)$$

are exist.

Let $I_{K_0}(k_0; m_{K_0}) = +\infty$ for some $K_0, k_0 \in \mathbf{T}^d$. Then

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow m_{K_0} - 0} \Delta_{K_0}(k_0; z) = \Delta_{K_0}(k_0; m_{K_0}) = -\infty,$$

hence from the equality

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} \Delta_{K_0}(k_0; z) = +\infty$$

and Lemma 1 it follows that there exists a unique eigenvalue $z(K_0, k_0)$ in $(-\infty; m_{K_0})$. Using the definitions of Δ_K and $E_{\min}^{(l)}(K)$ we obtain that $E_{\min}^{(l)}(K_0) < m_{K_0}$. Analogously, if $I_{K_1}(k_1; m_{K_1}) = -\infty$ for some $K_1, k_1 \in \mathbf{T}^d$, then $E_{\max}^{(r)}(K_0) > m_{K_0}$.

Next we suppose that for all $K, k \in \mathbf{T}^d$ there exist finite integrals $I_K(k; m_K)$ and $I_K(k; M_K)$, that is, $|I_K(k; m_K)| < \infty$ and $|I_K(k; M_K)| < \infty$. In this case the functions $\Delta_K(\cdot; m_K)$ and $\Delta_K(\cdot; M_K)$ are continuous on \mathbf{T}^d .

In the following three theorems the location of $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K))$ and its structure can be exactly described.

Theorem 2. Let $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ be a fixed and $\min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; m_K) \geq 0$. Then

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K)) = \begin{cases} [m_K; M_K], & \text{if } \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0; \\ [m_K; E_{\max}^{(r)}(K)], & \text{if } \min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0 \text{ and } \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) > 0; \\ [m_K; M_K] \cup \sigma_{\text{two}}^{(r)}(K), & \text{if } \min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) > 0; \end{cases}$$

moreover $E_{\min}^{(l)}(K) = m_K$.

Theorem 3. Assume $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ and

$$\min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; m_K) < 0, \quad \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; m_K) \geq 0.$$

Then for the $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K))$ we have

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K)) = \begin{cases} [E_{\min}^{(l)}(K); M_K], & \text{if } \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0; \\ [E_{\min}^{(l)}(K); E_{\max}^{(r)}(K)], & \text{if } \min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0, \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) > 0; \\ [E_{\min}^{(l)}(K); M_K] \cup \sigma_{\text{two}}^{(r)}(K), & \text{if } \min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) > 0. \end{cases}$$

Moreover $E_{\min}^{(l)}(K) < m_K$.

Theorem 4. Let $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ be a fixed and $\max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; m_K) < 0$. Then the essential spectrum of $\mathcal{A}(K)$ has the following structure

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K)) = \begin{cases} \sigma_{\text{two}}^{(l)}(K) \cup [m_K; M_K], & \text{if } \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0; \\ \sigma_{\text{two}}^{(l)}(K) \cup [m_K; E_{\max}^{(r)}(K)], & \text{if } \min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0, \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) > 0; \\ \sigma_{\text{two}}^{(l)}(K) \cup [m_K; M_K] \cup \sigma_{\text{two}}^{(r)}(K), & \text{if } \min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) > 0. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, $E_{\max}^{(l)}(K) < m_K$.

Remark. We notice that in the first assertions of Theorems 2–4 we have $E_{\max}^{(r)}(K) = M_K$; in the second assertions $E_{\max}^{(r)}(K) > M_K$; in the third assertions $E_{\min}^{(r)}(K) > M_K$.

Proof of Theorem 4. Assume $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ and $\max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; m_K) < 0$.

Since \mathbf{T}^d is a compact set from continuity of $\Delta_K(\cdot; m_K)$ on \mathbf{T}^d , for all $k \in \mathbf{T}^d$ we have the inequality

$$\Delta_K(k; m_K) < 0.$$

From the continuity and monotonicity of $\Delta_K(k; \cdot)$ on $(-\infty; m_K]$ and from

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} \Delta_K(k; z) = +\infty$$

we conclude that there exist a unique point $z_K^{(l)}(k) \in (-\infty; m_K)$ with $\Delta_K(k; z_K^{(l)}(k)) = 0$. Hence by Lemma 1 the point $z_K^{(l)}(k)$ is the eigenvalue of $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ in $(-\infty; m_K)$. By assumptions $z_K^{(l)} : k \in \mathbf{T}^d \rightarrow z_K^{(l)}(k)$ is a continuous on \mathbf{T}^d with real value. Therefore, $\text{Im} z_K^{(l)}$ as subset of $(-\infty; m_K)$ is closed and connected, that is, $\text{Im} z_K^{(l)} = [E_{\min}^{(l)}(K); E_{\max}^{(l)}(K)]$ and $E_{\max}^{(l)}(K) < m_K$.

Let now $\max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0$. Since \mathbf{T}^d is a compact set from the continuity of $\Delta_K(\cdot; M_K)$ on \mathbf{T}^d we have $\Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0$ for all $k \in \mathbf{T}^d$. One has $\lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} \Delta_K(k; z) = -\infty$. Taking into account the monotonicity of $\Delta_K(k; \cdot)$ on $(M_K; +\infty)$ we get that the function $\Delta_K(k; \cdot)$ hasn't zeros bigger than M_K . Then by the Lemma 1 the matrix $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ hasn't discrete eigenvalues bigger than M_K . Hence, Theorem 1 implies that $\max \sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K)) = M_K$, i.e.

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K)) = [E_{\min}^{(l)}(K); E_{\max}^{(l)}(K)] \cup [m_K; M_K] \quad \text{with} \quad E_{\max}^{(l)}(K) < m_K.$$

Let us now suppose that

$$\min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) > 0.$$

Introduce the notation:

$$D_K := \{k \in \mathbf{T}^d : \Delta_K(k; M_K) > 0\}.$$

Since \mathbf{T}^d is compact by the continuity of $\Delta_K(\cdot; m_K)$ on \mathbf{T}^d we get that there are $p_K^{(1)}, p_K^{(2)} \in \mathbf{T}^d$ such that the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) &= \Delta_K(p_K^{(1)}; M_K) \leq 0, \\ \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) &= \Delta_K(p_K^{(2)}; M_K) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

are valid. It means voidness and openness of D_K with $D_K \neq \mathbf{T}^d$.

From continuity and monotonicity of $\Delta_K(k; \cdot)$ on $[M_K; +\infty)$ and from $\lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} \Delta_K(k; z) = -\infty$ we imply that there is a unique quantity $z_K^{(r)}(k) \in (M_K; +\infty)$ so that $\Delta_K(k; z_K^{(r)}(k)) = 0$ for any $k \in D_K$. By Lemma 1 the point $z_K^{(r)}(k)$ is the unique discrete eigenvalue of the matrix $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ lying on r.h.s. of M_K .

For $z > M_K$ and $k \in \mathbf{T}^d \setminus D_K$ one have

$$\Delta_K(k; z) < \Delta_K(k; M_K) \leq 0.$$

Hence by Lemma 1 for each $k \in \mathbf{T}^d \setminus D_K$ the operator $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ hasn't discrete eigenvalues bigger than M_K .

By the continuity of $v_1(\cdot)$, $w_1(\cdot; \cdot)$ and $w_2(\cdot; \cdot, \cdot)$ on its domain, we get the continuity of $z_K^{(r)} : k \in D_K \rightarrow z_K^{(r)}(k)$ on D_K .

From the boundedness of $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ and from compactness of \mathbf{T}^d we get that there is $C_K > 0$ with $\sup_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \|\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)\| \leq C_K$ and we receive

$$\sigma(\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)) \subset [-C_K; C_K]. \quad (9)$$

For any $k \in \partial D_K = \{k \in \mathbf{T}^d : \Delta_K(k; M_K) = 0\}$ there exist $\{k_n(K)\} \subset D_K$ such that $k_n(K) \rightarrow k(K)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Set $z_K^{(n)} := z_K^{(r)}(k_n(K))$. Then for any $\{k_n(K)\} \in D_K$ the inequality $z_K^{(n)} > M_K$ holds and from (9) we get $\{z_K^{(n)}\} \subset [M_K; C_K]$. Suppose $z_K^{(n)} \rightarrow z_K^{(0)}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some $z_K^{(0)} \in [M_K; C_K]$.

From the continuity of the function $\Delta_K(\cdot; \cdot)$ in $\mathbf{T}^d \times [M_K; +\infty)$ and $k_n(K) \rightarrow k(K)$ and $z_K^{(n)} \rightarrow z_K^{(0)}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ it follows that

$$0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Delta_K(k_n(K); z_K^{(n)}) = \Delta_K(k; z_K^{(0)}).$$

By the monotonicity of $\Delta_K(k; \cdot)$ on $[M_K; +\infty)$ and by $k(K) \in \partial D_K$ we see that $\Delta_K(k; z_K^{(0)}) = 0$ if and only if $z_K^{(0)} = M_K$.

For any $k \in \partial D_K$ we define

$$z_K(k) = \lim_{k' \rightarrow k, k' \in D_K} z_K(k') = M_K.$$

From the continuity of $z_K(\cdot)$ on $D_K \cup \partial D_K$ and $z_K(k) = M_K$ for all $k \in \partial D_K$ we conclude that

$$\text{Im} z_K(\cdot) = [M_K; E_{\max}^{(r)}(K)], \quad E_{\max}^{(r)}(K) > M_K.$$

Then by Theorem 1 we get

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K)) = [E_{\min}^{(l)}(K); E_{\max}^{(l)}(K)] \cup [m_K; E_{\max}^{(r)}(K)] \quad \text{with} \quad E_{\max}^{(r)}(K) > M_K.$$

Finally, let $\min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; M_K) > 0$. Similarly to the case $\max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; m_K) < 0$, one can show that matrix $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ have an unique discrete eigenvalue $z_K^{(r)}(k)$ in $(M_K; +\infty)$ and

$$\text{Im} z_K^{(r)} = [E_{\min}^{(r)}(K); E_{\max}^{(r)}(K)] \quad \text{and} \quad E_{\min}^{(r)}(K) > M_K.$$

Therefore

$$\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K)) = [E_{\min}^{(l)}(K); E_{\max}^{(l)}(K)] \cup [m_K; M_K] \cup [E_{\min}^{(r)}(K); E_{\max}^{(r)}(K)].$$

Here $E_{\max}^{(l)}(K) < m_K$ and $E_{\min}^{(r)}(K) > M_K$.

We finish the proof of Theorem 4.

Sketch of the proof of Theorem 2. Let $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ be a fixed and $\min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; m_K) \geq 0$. Then for $z < m_K$ we receive

$$\Delta_K(k; z) > \Delta_K(k; m_K) \geq 0.$$

By Lemma 1 it means that the matrix $\widehat{\mathcal{A}}(K, k)$ hasn't eigenvalues smaller than m_K . Determination of Λ_K implies

$$\Lambda_K \cap (-\infty; M_K] = [m_K; M_K].$$

The rest of the proof is like the proof of Theorem 4.

Sketch of the proof of Theorem 3. Assume that $K \in \mathbf{T}^d$ is a fixed and

$$\min_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; m_K) < 0, \quad \max_{k \in \mathbf{T}^d} \Delta_K(k; m_K) \geq 0.$$

No likely the proof of the second assertion of Theorem 4 we get

$$\Lambda_K \cap (-\infty; M_K] = [E_{\min}^{(l)}(K); M_K] \quad \text{with} \quad E_{\min}^{(l)}(K) < m_K.$$

The rest of the proof runs as the proof of Theorem 4.

CONCLUSION

In the present paper the family $\mathcal{A}(K)$, $K \in \mathbf{T}^d := (-\pi; \pi]^d$ of the 3×3 block operator matrices is considered. Such matrices arise in the spectral analysis problem of the so called lattice truncated spin-boson Hamiltonian with at most two bosons. Exact relation between this family and the lattice spin-boson model is indicated. The corresponding channel operator is constructed and applying theorem about the spectrum of decomposable operators its spectrum is described. The position and structure of two-particle as well three-particle branches (subsets) of $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(\mathcal{A}(K))$ are investigated. In our analysis the key role is played the existence conditions of the eigenvalues of the generalized Friedrichs model.

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