

Derivation of Magnon or ferromagnetic spin wave Dispersion

Relation :To obtain a relation between frequency of spin waves and lattice constant , we consider the spin S_i at the site i and it is coupled with nearest neighbour spins S_{i-1} and S_{i+1} . H is an effective magnetic field on the spin , a is lattice constant and ω is frequency of spin waves .

Semi-classical derivation

Linear chain of aligned spins ($S=S_z, S_x=S_y=0$)

Small perturbation $S_z \sim S$, $S_x, S_y \ll S$

Spins treated as classical vectors

Time dependence of expected value of $\langle S_j \rangle$

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = -2J \sum_i \hat{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{i+1}$$

$$\frac{dS_j^x}{dt} \approx \frac{2JS}{\hbar} (2S_j^y - S_{j-1}^y - S_{j+1}^y)$$

$$\frac{dS_j^y}{dt} \approx -\frac{2JS}{\hbar} (2S_j^x - S_{j-1}^x - S_{j+1}^x)$$

$$\frac{dS_j^z}{dt} \approx 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\langle \hat{S}_j \rangle}{dt} &= \frac{1}{i\hbar} \langle [\hat{S}_j, \hat{\mathcal{H}}] \rangle \\
&= -\frac{2J}{i\hbar} \langle [\hat{S}_j, \dots + \hat{S}_{j-1} \cdot \hat{S}_j + \hat{S}_j \cdot \hat{S}_{j+1} + \dots] \rangle \\
&= -\frac{2J}{i\hbar} \langle [\hat{S}_j, \hat{S}_{j-1} \cdot \hat{S}_j] + [\hat{S}_j, \hat{S}_j \cdot \hat{S}_{j+1}] \rangle \\
&= \frac{2J}{\hbar} \langle \hat{S}_j \times (\hat{S}_{j-1} + \hat{S}_{j+1}) \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

$$S_j^x = A e^{i(qja - \omega t)}$$

$$S_j^y = B e^{i(qja - \omega t)}$$

Raising and lowering operators are defined as:

$$\hat{S}^+ = \hat{S}^x + i\hat{S}^y$$

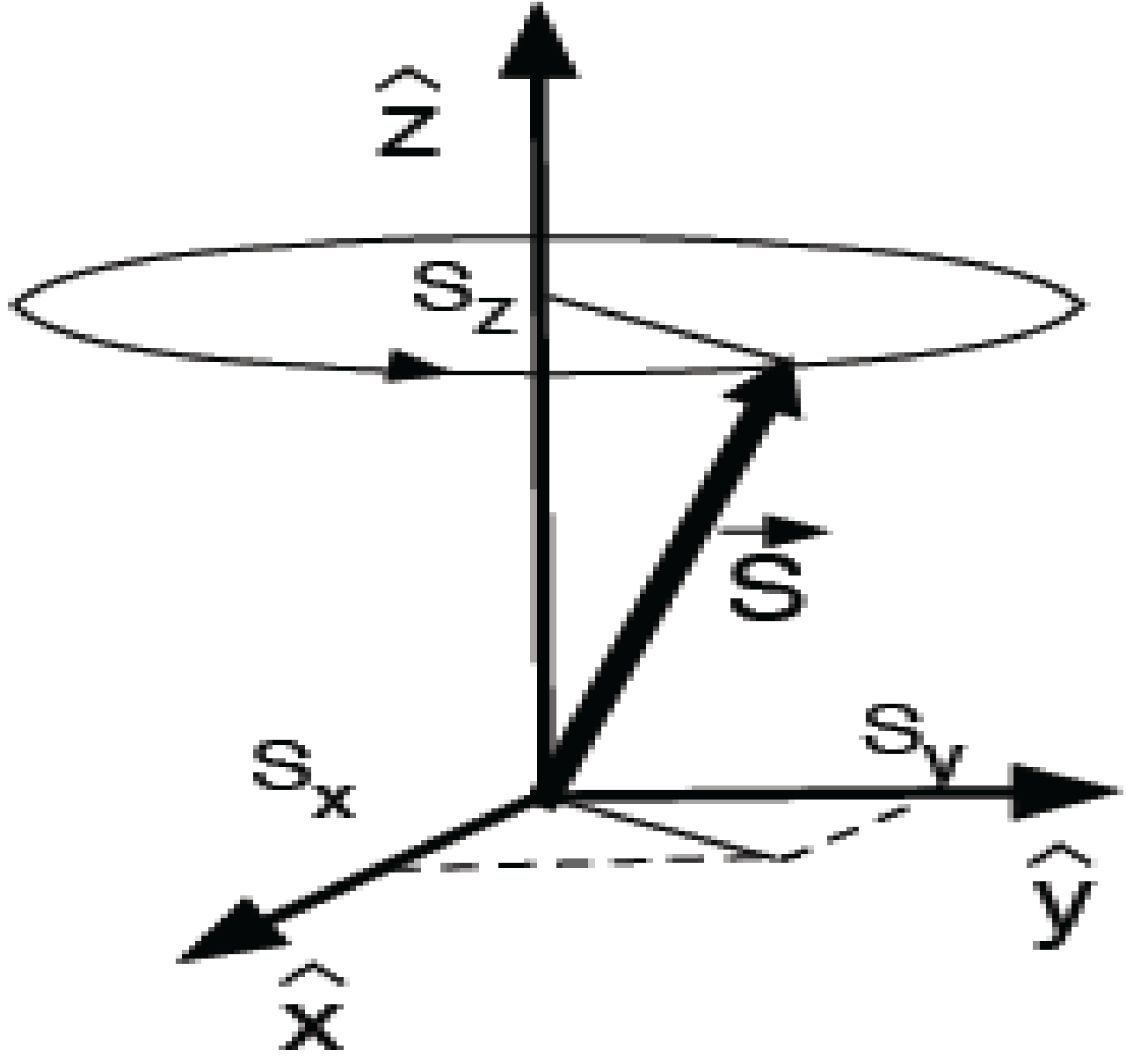
$$\hat{S}^- = \hat{S}^x - i\hat{S}^y$$

$$S^+ | \uparrow_z \rangle = 0$$

$$S^+ | \downarrow_z \rangle = | \uparrow_z \rangle$$

$$S^- | \uparrow_z \rangle = | \downarrow_z \rangle$$

$$S^- | \downarrow_z \rangle = 0$$



Commutation relations

$$[\hat{S}^+, \hat{S}^-] = 2\hat{S}^z$$

$$[\hat{S}^z, \hat{S}^\pm] = \pm\hat{S}^\pm$$

$$[\hat{S}^2, \hat{S}^\pm] = 0$$

$$\hat{S}^2 = \hat{S}_x^2 + \hat{S}_y^2 + \hat{S}_z^2 = \hat{S}_z^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\hat{S}^+ \hat{S}^- + \hat{S}^- \hat{S}^+)$$

$$\hat{S}^+ \hat{S}^- + \hat{S}^- \hat{S}^+ = 2 [(\hat{S}^x)^2 + (\hat{S}^z)^2]$$