

Appendix

$$E_{ZGNS}(k) = \pm t \sqrt{1 + 4 \cos\left(\frac{3k_x a_{cc}}{2}\right) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi\nu - \varphi}{2n}\right) + 4 \cos^2\left(\frac{2\pi\nu - \varphi}{2n}\right)}$$

we define $\alpha = \frac{2\pi\nu - \varphi}{2n}$ **where** $\varphi = 0$ for zigzag ZGNS and $\nu = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ (even)

IF $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then, $\alpha = \frac{2\pi(2n)}{2n} = 2\pi$ **and** $\cos \alpha = \cos 2\pi = 1$

$$E_{ZGNS}(k) = \pm t \sqrt{1 + 4 \cos\left(\frac{3k_x a_{cc}}{2}\right) + 4}$$

by applying taylor series: $\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$ then we get

$$E_{ZGNS} = \pm t \sqrt{5 + 4 \left(1 - \frac{\left(\frac{3k_x a_{cc}}{2}\right)^2}{2} \right)}$$

$$E_{ZGNS} = \pm t \sqrt{9 + \frac{5}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{9k_x a_{cc}}{4}\right)}$$

$$E_{ZGNS} = \pm 3t \sqrt{1 + \frac{5}{8} k_x^2 a_{cc}^2}$$