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PART 1:

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PART 2:

| FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any) | Authors' response to final evaluator's comments |
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| The author made substantial changes to the paper. My main concern (the notion of "solution") remains the same. I repeat that obtaining an "exact" solution of any quantum problem is basically hopeless in general. The first eigenvalue (=ground state) of the Hamiltonian takes value in an uncountable set, while any language contains only a countable set of sentences (=finite sequences with value in a finite alphabet). | 1. The reviewer's remark that the " first eigenvalue (=ground state) of the Hamiltonian takes value in an uncountable set" cannot be regarded as correct. For example, let us consider the following problem (known to be NP-complete): Can one divide a set of assets with values $n_1,, n_N$, fairly between two people? This problem can be written down as an Ising model of a spin glass, i.e., as a model that describe the energy $H(\sigma_1,, \sigma_N)$ of configuration of a set of N spins $\sigma_j \hbar \in \{-\hbar, +\hbar\}$: $H(\sigma_1,, \sigma_N) = A\left(\sum_{j=1}^N n_j \sigma_j\right)^2$, where $A > 0$ is some positive constant. As usual, in the quantum version of this Hamiltonian, the spins σ_j are replaced by a quantum operator $\hat{\sigma}_j$ (Pauli spin-1/2 matrices at spin 1/2) $\sigma_j \rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$, thus the quantum Ising Hamiltonian $H(\hat{\sigma}_2,, \hat{\sigma}_N)$ acts on the spin $\sigma_j = \pm 1$ in the Hilbert space of N spins whose dimension is 2^N . It is clear that if there is an exact solution to the Ising model with $H(\sigma_1,, \sigma_N) = 0$, then there is a configuration of spins where the sum of the n_j for the -1 spins. Thus, if the ground state energy is $H(\sigma_1,, \sigma_N) > 0$ we will know that there are no solutions to the partitioning problem (and if $H(\sigma_1,, \sigma_N) > 0$ we will know that there are no solutions to the partitioning problem). As follows, the ground state energy of N interacting spins does not take values in an uncountable set. Quite the opposite, to find the ground state $H(\sigma_1,, \sigma_N) = 0$ of this model (that is, to find a configuration of the spins with the total zero energy) using a brute force algorithm will require a search over finite 2^N combinations. |
| In short: it is not possible to describe all the real numbers. Since the point spectrum of the Hamiltonian is arbitrary, I think that the author should only address the numerical approximation of the eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian. The point of the paper is: the time needed for numerical investigations growths exponentially with the dimension of the system. I agree with this well-known fact. | 2. The point of the paper: Quantum theory (particularly its fundamental Schrödinger's equation) is, in all likelihood, <i>computationally hard</i>, i.e. infeasible. Therewithal, the question as to what means being "computational" or "computable" is not considered in the paper. Certainly, it is true that ordinary computers can compute only a tiny subset of all functions. Is it physically possible to do better? Which functions are physically computable? These questions (though very interesting) are beyond the goals of the paper. |

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| The paper is mathematically empty and (hence) correct. I am not competent to assess the physical interest of the subsequent conclusions. | Thank you again for your valuable time and consideration. |
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