

Lecture 2

Green's functions



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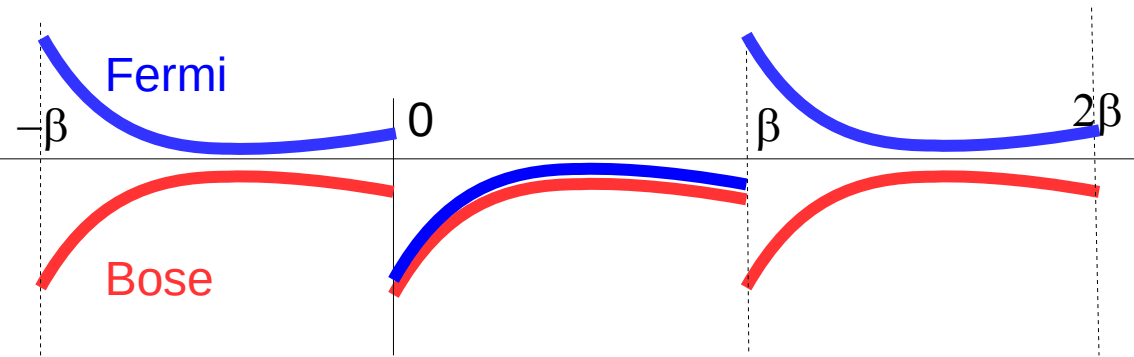
Chapter 1. Definitions

The Green's functions in Matsubara domain are defined as follows

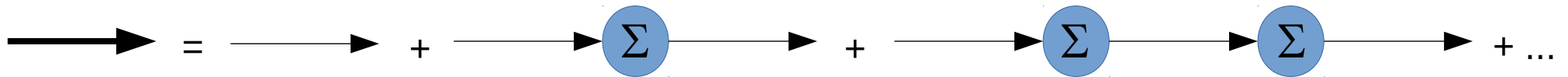
$$G_{11}^B = - \langle T \hat{a}_{\bar{1}} \hat{a}_1^\dagger \rangle \quad G_{11}^F = - \langle T \hat{c}_{\bar{1}} \hat{c}_1^\dagger \rangle$$

Commuting/anticommuting property is included in T , so that

$$G_\tau^{B/F} = \pm G_{\tau+\beta}, \quad G_{\bar{\tau}-\tau} = G_{\bar{\tau},\tau}.$$



Let $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{W}$, and \hat{H}_0 corresponds to the Green's function G_0 .
The self-energy is $\Sigma = G_0^{-1} - G^{-1}$.



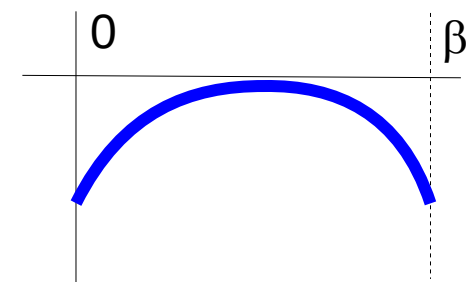
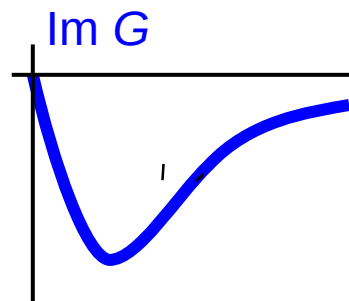
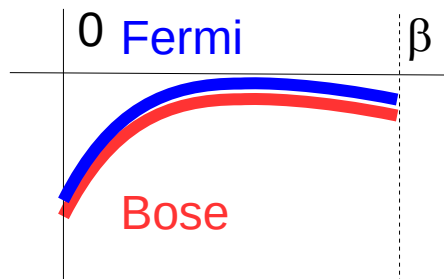
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Examples:

$$\hat{H} = \varepsilon \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \Rightarrow G_\tau = -\frac{e^{-\varepsilon\tau}}{1 - e^{-\varepsilon\beta}} \quad G_\omega = \frac{1}{i\omega - \varepsilon}$$

$$\hat{H} = \varepsilon \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c} \Rightarrow G_\tau = -\frac{e^{-\varepsilon\tau}}{1 + e^{-\varepsilon\beta}} \quad G_\nu = \frac{1}{i\nu - \varepsilon}$$



$$\hat{H} = U \left(\hat{c}_\uparrow^\dagger \hat{c}_\uparrow - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\hat{c}_\downarrow^\dagger \hat{c}_\downarrow - \frac{1}{2} \right), \quad \beta \gg U^{-1} \Rightarrow$$

$$G_\tau = -\frac{e^{-U\tau/2} + e^{-U(\beta-\tau)/2}}{2(1 + e^{-\beta U/2})}, \quad G_\nu = \frac{1/2}{i\nu - U/2} + \frac{1/2}{i\nu + U/2}, \quad \Sigma_\nu = \frac{U^2}{4} \frac{1}{i\nu}$$

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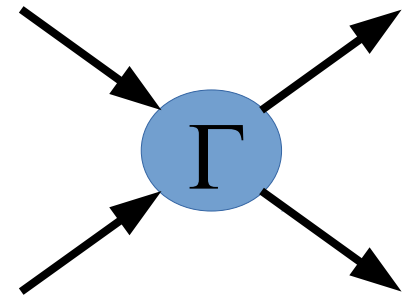
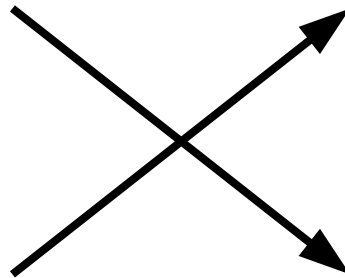
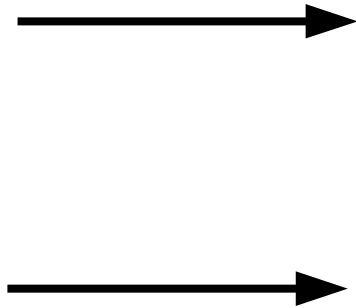
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Two-particle Green's function:

$$G_{\bar{1}\bar{2}21}^{(2)} = \langle T \hat{a}_{\bar{1}} \hat{a}_{\bar{2}} \hat{a}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_1^\dagger \rangle$$

Vertex function is defined from the formula

$$G_{\bar{1}\bar{2}21}^{(2)} = G_{\bar{1}\bar{1}} G_{\bar{2}\bar{2}} \pm G_{\bar{1}\bar{2}} G_{\bar{2}\bar{1}} + G_{\bar{1}\bar{1}'} G_{\bar{2}\bar{2}'} \Gamma_{1'2'\bar{2}'\bar{1}'} G_{\bar{2}'2} G_{\bar{1}'1}.$$



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Recall

$$Z = \int e^{(\bar{a}G_0^{-1}a) - W[\bar{a}, a]} D a, \bar{a}$$

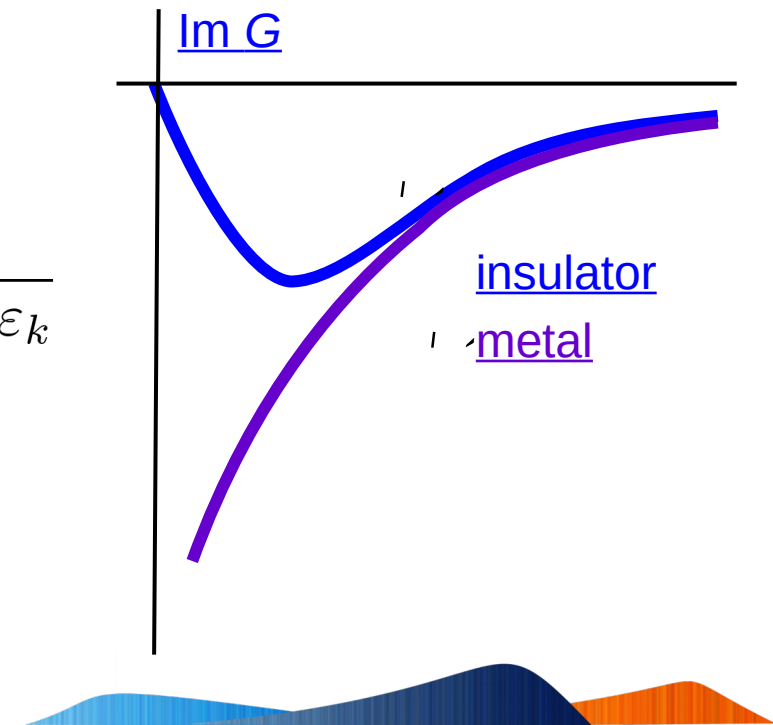
$$\bar{a}_1 (G_0)_{11}^{-1} a_1 = \int \bar{a}_1 (\partial_\tau - \epsilon_{11}) a_1 d\tau.$$

In the path-integral formalism, $\hat{a}_\tau, \hat{a}_\tau^\dagger \rightarrow \bar{a}_\tau, a_\tau$, therefore

$$G_{B/F} = \mp \frac{\partial}{\partial G_0^{-1}} \ln Z$$

For a Gaussian system $W = 0$

$$G = G_0 = \frac{1}{i\nu - \epsilon_k}$$



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Chapter 2. Schwinger-Dyson equations

Consider new variables $a \rightarrow a + \alpha$ in the path-integral:

$$Z = \int e^{-S[a+\alpha, \bar{a}+\bar{\alpha}]} Da, \bar{a}.$$

Since $Z(\alpha) = \text{const}$, and therefore $\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \alpha} = 0$,

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial S}{\partial \bar{a}} \right\rangle = 0, \quad \left\langle \frac{\partial S}{\partial a} \right\rangle = 0.$$

Similarly, $a \rightarrow a + \alpha \cdot a \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \alpha_{\bar{1}1}} = \delta_{\bar{1}1} \Rightarrow$

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial S}{\partial a_{\bar{1}}} a_1 \right\rangle = \delta_{\bar{1}1}.$$

Assuming Gaussian statistics allows to find $\langle a \rangle$ and $G = -\langle \bar{a} \cdot a \rangle$ from the two equations.

Next-order equations arise from $a \rightarrow a + \alpha \cdot a \cdot a, \dots$, and allow (in principle) to find out higher momenta.

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Chapter 2. Schwinger-Dyson equations

Let's introduce the Gaussian part of the action

$$Z = \int e^{(\bar{a}+\bar{\alpha})G_0^{-1}(a+\alpha)-W[a_\tau+\alpha_\tau,\bar{a}_\tau+\bar{\alpha}_\tau]} D a, \bar{a}.$$

Schwinger-Dyson equations read

$$\langle a \rangle = G_0 \langle \partial_{\bar{a}} W \rangle,$$

and, assuming $\langle a \rangle = 0$,

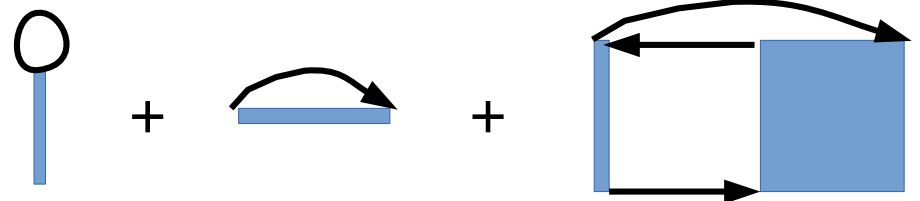
$$\Sigma = - \langle \bar{a} \cdot G^{-1} \partial_{\bar{a}} W \rangle.$$

For $\hat{W} = \int \frac{1}{2} \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_1 V_{1-2} \hat{a}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_2 d\tau$ this formula gives the Dyson equation :

$$\Sigma_P = V_{P=0} n - V_{P-Q} G_P - \Gamma_{Q'+P'=Q+P} V_{P-Q} G_{P'} G_{Q'} G_Q$$

where $P = (\omega, p)$.

This expression holds also for fermions.



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 Chapter 3. *Conservation laws*

For systems with density-density interaction, the gauge transformation

$$a_R \rightarrow a_R(1 + i0\phi_R)$$

does not vary W for any $\phi_{R=(r,t)}$ (expressions are valid in (r,t) space only!).
 We get

$$\sum_{RR'} (G_0)_{RR'}^{-1} G_{R'R} \phi_R = \sum_{RR'} (G_0)_{RR'}^{-1} G_{R'R} \phi_{R'}.$$

R.h.s. equals $\sum_{RR'} (G_0)_{R'R}^{-1} G_{RR'} \phi_R$ (summation index change).

The conservation law reads $\sum_{R'} (G_0)_{RR'}^{-1} G_{R'R} = \sum_{R'} (G_0)_{R'R}^{-1} G_{RR'}$ for any R ,
 or shortly (diagonal matrix elements in (r,t) space are vanished):

$$[G_0^{-1}, G]_{RR} = 0$$

In real-time, for $\hat{H}_0 = \varepsilon_{rr'} \hat{a}_r^\dagger \hat{a}_{r'}$, the variance of action is

$\int (\bar{a}_{rt} a_{rt} \partial_t \phi_{rt} + i\varepsilon_{r,r'} \bar{a}_{rt} a_{r't} (\phi_{rt} - \phi_{r't})) dt$. Integration by parts gives

$$\partial_t n_r = \sum_{r'} (\varepsilon_{rr'} G_{r'r,t'=t+0} - G_{rr',t'=t+0} \varepsilon_{r'r}) \equiv [\varepsilon, G_{t'=t+0}]_{rr}.$$

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Chapter 4. Ward identities

Let's vary the conservation law:

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta G_0^{-1}} \sum_{R'R} (G_0)_{RR'}^{-1} G_{R'R} (\phi_{R'} - \phi_R) = 0.$$

Calculation gives

$$G_{R'R} (\phi_{R'} - \phi_R) = \sum_{R_2 R'_2} (G_0)_{R_2 R'_2}^{-1} (G_{R'R'_2 R_2 R}^{(2)} - G_{R'_2 R_2} G_{R'R}) (\phi_{R'_2} - \phi_{R_2})$$

Multiply the equation by $\phi_{R'}^{-1}$ and take $\phi_R = e^{iKR}$:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{R'R} - G_{R'R} e^{iK(R-R')} &= \\ &= \sum_{R_2 R'_2} (G_0)_{R_2 R'_2}^{-1} (G_{R'R'_2 R_2 R}^{(2)} - G_{R'_2 R_2} G_{R'R}) \left(e^{iK(R'_2-R')} - e^{iK(R_2-R')} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Perform the Fourier transform and divide the equation by $G_P G_{P+K}$:

$$G_{P+K}^{-1} - G_P^{-1} = \sum_Q \left(\Gamma_{P, Q+K, Q, P+K} G_Q G_{Q+K} - \delta_{PQ} \right) \left((G_0)_Q^{-1} - (G_0)_{Q+K}^{-1} \right).$$

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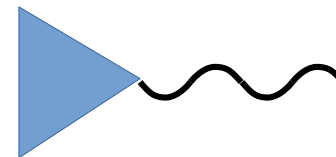
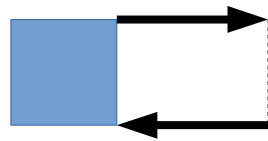
We arrive to

$$\Sigma_P - \Sigma_{P+K} = \sum_Q \Gamma_{P,Q+K,Q,P+K} G_Q G_{Q+K} \left((G_0)_Q^{-1} - (G_0)_{Q+K}^{-1} \right).$$

The equation holds for any P, K . Let's take the limit $K \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$.

$$\partial_P \Sigma_P = \sum_Q \Gamma_{P,Q,Q,P} G_Q^2 \partial_Q (G_0)_Q^{-1}.$$

The result is an analog of the Ward identity $\partial_P \Sigma_P = \Gamma_{P,P,0}$ for systems with cubic interaction $\hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c} (\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})$.



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Chapter 5. Feynman's variational principle

Consider positive sets $\{p_i\}, \{p'_i\}$. Then

$$\frac{\sum_i (\ln p'_i - \ln p_i) p'_i}{\sum_i p'_i} + \ln \sum_i p_i - \ln \sum_i p'_i \geq 0,$$

and the upperbound is reached at $p'_i = C p_i$.

Applied to stochastic ensemble, this inequality reads

$$\langle E' - E \rangle' + \ln \sum_i e^{-E'_i} - \ln \sum_i e^{-E_i} \geq 0.$$

The trial ensemble $\{E'_i\}$ should be varied to maximize $\langle E' - E \rangle' + \ln \sum_i e^{-E'_i}$.



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Chapter 5. Feynman's variational principle

Let us assume Gaussian trial statistics

$$S' = \bar{a}_i G_{ij}^{-1} a_j$$

and optimize G according to the Feynman's principle:

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta G} \left(\langle S' - S \rangle' + \ln \sum_i e^{-S'_i} \right) = 0.$$

It gives:

$$\delta \langle S \rangle' G_{\bar{1}1} = \delta G_{\bar{1}1} \quad \text{or equally} \quad \delta \langle S \rangle' G_{\bar{1}1}^{-1} = -\delta G_{\bar{1}1}^{-1}.$$

This equation is equivalent to the second Schwinger-Dyson equation

$$\left\langle a_{\bar{1}} \frac{\partial S}{\partial a_1} \right\rangle' = \delta_{\bar{1}1},$$

where the Gaussian statistics is assumed.

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The second Schwinger-Dyson equation reads

$$\frac{\int a_1 e^{-\bar{a}G^{-1}a} \partial_{a_2} S[\bar{a}, a] D\bar{a}, a}{\int e^{-\bar{a}G^{-1}a} D\bar{a}, a} = \delta_{12}.$$

Integration over a_1 by parts gives

$$\langle (a_1 \bar{a}_1 G_{12}^{-1} - \delta_{12}) S \rangle' = \delta_{12},$$

or

$$\langle a_1 \bar{a}_1 S \rangle' - G_{11} \langle S \rangle' = G_{11}.$$

L.h.s. equals $-\frac{\delta \langle S \rangle'}{\delta G_{11}^{-1}}$. This completes the proof.

