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in computational approaches for many-body systems

Refresher in quantum mechanics and  
many-body systems

1 Introduction (Power Point)

2 Density matrix

2.1 Density matrix and ordinary quantum mechanics

Expectation value in a pure state

$$(i) \quad \langle \psi | O | \psi \rangle = \text{Tr} [\rho O]$$

where  $\rho = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$

Proof:  $\text{Tr} [\rho O] = \text{Tr} [O\rho]$

$$= \sum_i \langle i | O | \psi \rangle \langle \psi | i \rangle$$

$$= \langle \psi | O | \psi \rangle \text{ using completeness relation } \sum_i |i\rangle\langle i| = 1$$

N.B.  $\rho_{ij} \equiv \langle i | \rho | j \rangle = \langle \psi | i \rangle \langle j | \psi \rangle$   
in a general basis is not diagonal

(2)

For a pure state  $\rho^2 = \rho$  (2)

We can represent statistical mixtures where  $p_n$  is the probability to be in  $|\psi_n\rangle$

$$(3) \quad \sum_n p_n \langle \psi_n | O | \psi_n \rangle = \text{Tr} [\rho O]$$

where  $\rho = \sum_n p_n |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n|$

Reduced density matrix (often in quantum information)

$|\psi(R_A, R_B)\rangle$  where  $R_{A,B}$  are the sets of coordinates respectively associated with subsystems A and B.

Define reduced  $\rho$ :

$$(4) \quad \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B [\rho]$$

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Trace over the coordinates of B

Then

$$\langle \psi | O_A | \psi \rangle = \text{Tr}_A [\rho_A O_A]$$

if  $O_A$  depends only on coordinates of A.

## 9.2 Density matrix in statistical physics



Number of ways to arrange the copies in such a way that  $n_1$  of the copies are in microstate 1,  $n_2$  in microstate 2 etc...

$$(5) \quad \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! \dots (N - n_1 - n_2 \dots)!} = \Omega(n_1, \dots, n_r, \dots, N)$$

The probability of having state 1 occupied is  $\frac{n_1}{N} \equiv P_1$

Most likely values of  $n_1, n_2$  etc... are those that can be realized in the largest number of ways. Hence, optimize Eqn. (5). Using Stirling  $\ln N! = N \ln N - N$

$$(6) \quad \ln \Omega = N \ln N - \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} n_i \ln n_i$$

where  $\eta$  is the size of the Hilbert space. Above we removed the constraint  $\sum_{i=1}^{\eta} n_i = N$ . We can add it with a Lagrange multiplier.

$$(7) \quad \ln \Omega = \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} n_i \ln N - \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} n_i \ln n_i = - \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} P_i \ln P_i$$

with  $P_i = \frac{n_i}{N}$

(4)

Optimizing with the normalization constraint we recover the microcanonical ensemble (all microstates equiprobable).

With normalization and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\eta} P_i E_i \equiv E$  we find

$$\frac{\partial \left( \ln \Omega - \beta \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} P_i E_i - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} P_i \right)}{\partial P_j} = 0$$

$$-\ln P_j - 1 - \beta E_j - \lambda = 0 \quad \text{where } \beta \text{ and } \lambda \text{ are Lagrange multipliers}$$

$$(8) \quad P_j = e^{-\beta E_j - 1 - \lambda} = e^{-\beta E_j} / Z$$

Proof:  $\sum_i P_i = 1 \Rightarrow e^{1+\lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} e^{-\beta E_i} = Z$

Thermodynamics:

$$\langle E \rangle = \sum_i P_i E_i$$

$$d\langle E \rangle = \sum_i (dP_i) E_i + \sum_i P_i dE_i$$

Using  $P_i = \frac{e^{-\beta E_i}}{Z}$  we find

$$d\langle E \rangle = \sum_i dP_i \left( -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln(P_i Z) \right) + \sum_i P_i dE_i$$

With  $\sum_i dP_i = 0$ ,

$$d\langle E \rangle = -\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_i dP_i \ln P_i + \sum_i P_i dE_i$$

$$= -k_B T \sum_i d(P_i \ln P_i) + \sum_i P_i dE_i$$

$$d\langle E \rangle = T dS + \underbrace{\sum_i P_i dE_i}_{\text{Mechanical}}$$

$$\text{where } S \equiv -k_B \sum_i P_i \ln P_i \quad (9)$$

In the energy eigenbasis,

$$\rho = \sum_i P_i |i\rangle \langle i|$$

$$\ln \rho = \sum_i \ln P_i |i\rangle \langle i|$$

$$\rho \ln \rho = \sum_{ij} |i\rangle \langle i| \rho |j\rangle \langle j| \ln \rho |k\rangle \langle k|$$

$$\text{Tr}[\rho \ln \rho] = \sum_i \langle i| \rho |i\rangle \langle i| \ln \rho |i\rangle$$

where we also used the fact that  $\rho$  is diagonal.

(10) In general,  $S \equiv -k_B \text{Tr}[\rho \ln \rho]$

$$= -k_B \sum_i P_i \ln P_i$$

In equilibrium, entropy is maximal

### 2.3 Legendre transform

Example: change between Lagrangian and Hamiltonian

Thermodynamics:

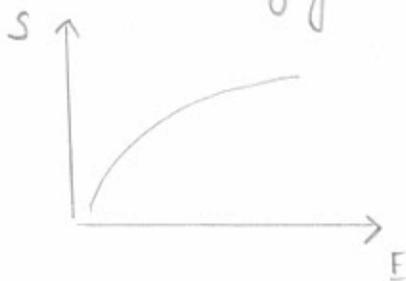
$$(11) \quad dE = T ds - p dV + \mu dN + M dH$$

↑  
Broken symmetries

Entropy maximal in equilibrium. Is a function of mechanical variables: (neglect broken symmetries)

$$(12) \quad S(E, V, N) = \frac{1}{T} dE + \frac{p}{T} dV - \frac{\mu}{T} dN$$

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Conjugate variables



$$\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial E^2} \leq 0$$

for systems whose energy is unbounded.

Note:

$$(13) \quad p = - \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial V} \right)_{S, N}$$

E is a thermodynamic potential.

What is pressure at fixed T?

Is there an other thermodynamic potential?

$$(14) \quad T = \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial S} \right)_{V, N}$$

$$(15) \quad P = - \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial V} \right)_{T, N} + T \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_{T, N} = - \frac{\partial (E - TS)}{\partial V} \Big|_{T, N}$$

(16)  $F = E - TS$  is a thermodynamic potential.  
It can be seen as a function of  $T, V, N$  only if we define

$$(17) \quad F = (E(S, V, N) - TS) \quad \text{and eliminate the variable } S \text{ using}$$

$$(18) \quad \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial S} \right)_{V, N} = T$$

The last two equations define the Legendre transform of  $E(S, V, N)$  to  $F(T, V, N)$

We can also define

$$(19) \quad \bar{F}(S, V, N, T) = E(S, V, N) - TS$$

and replace (18) by the equivalent  $\frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial S} \Big|_{T, V, N} = 0$  (20)

or more generally by an extremum condition if the derivative does not exist (as in a phase transition)

This is particularly useful to establish variational principles in cases elsewhere in this school.

### 3 Second quantization

#### 3.1 Representation of antisymmetric states (fermions)

Similar results for bosons are easy to find.

Define the creation operator

$\Psi^+(r)$  an operator that adds one particle in state  $|r\rangle$  and antisymmetrizes with all others.

Examples:

$\Psi^+(r) |0\rangle = |r\rangle$  complete Hilbert space  
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for one particle

(20)  $\Psi^+(r) \Psi^+(r') |0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|r\rangle |r'\rangle - |r'\rangle |r\rangle)$   
 $= |r, r'\rangle = - |r', r\rangle$

This is easy to satisfy with the anticommutation relations

(21)  $\{\Psi^+(r), \Psi^+(r')\} = 0$   
i.e.  $\Psi^+(r) \Psi^+(r') + \Psi^+(r') \Psi^+(r) = 0$

Note Pauli if  $r=r'$

Exercise: With the above anticommutation relations, show that

$\Psi^+(r_1) \Psi^+(r_2) \Psi^+(r_3) |0\rangle$   
 $= - \Psi^+(r_3) \Psi^+(r_2) \Psi^+(r_1) |0\rangle$

Generalize to an arbitrary long list of creation operators where only two indices are interchanged

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Since  $\langle r | r' \rangle = \delta(r-r') = \langle 0 | \Psi(r) \Psi^\dagger(r') | 0 \rangle$   
we define:

$$(22) \quad \Psi(r) | 0 \rangle = 0$$

$$(23) \quad \{ \Psi(r), \Psi^\dagger(r') \} = \delta(r-r')$$

$$\text{then } \langle 0 | \Psi(r) \Psi^\dagger(r') | 0 \rangle = \delta(r-r') \langle 0 | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \Psi^\dagger(r') \Psi(r) | 0 \rangle \\ = \delta(r-r')$$

Exercise: Use (20), both in first and second quantization  
to evaluate  $\langle r r' | y y' \rangle$

### 3.2 Change of basis

$$|r\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle \langle \alpha | r \rangle \Rightarrow \Psi^\dagger(r) = \sum_{\alpha} C_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \langle \alpha | r \rangle \quad (24)$$

### 3.3 Second quantized operators

One body operators:

$\Psi^\dagger(r) \Psi(r)$  is the density, and  $\int d^3r \Psi^\dagger(r) \Psi(r) \equiv N$   
counts the number of particles.

Using

$$[AB, C] = ABC + ACB - CAB - CBA \\ = A\{B, C\} - \{A, C\}B$$

we have

$$[\Psi^\dagger(r) \Psi(r), \Psi^\dagger(r')] = \Psi^\dagger(r') \delta(r-r')$$

$$\left[ \int d^3r \Psi^\dagger(r) \Psi(r), \Psi^\dagger(r') \right] = \Psi^\dagger(r')$$

$$[N, \psi^\dagger(r)] = \psi^\dagger(r)$$

Theorem:  $[A, B] = \beta B \Rightarrow$  if  $A|\alpha\rangle = \alpha|\alpha\rangle$   
 then  $A(B|\alpha\rangle) = (\alpha + \beta)(B|\alpha\rangle)$

Proof:  $(AB - BA)|\alpha\rangle = \beta B|\alpha\rangle$

$$A(B|\alpha\rangle) - B\alpha|\alpha\rangle = \beta B|\alpha\rangle$$

Thus since  $N|0\rangle = 0$ ,  $N\psi^\dagger(r)|0\rangle = \psi^\dagger(r)|0\rangle$   
 $N\psi^\dagger(r)\psi^\dagger(r)|0\rangle = 2\psi^\dagger(r)\psi^\dagger(r)|0\rangle$

One-body operator

In diagonal basis:  $\sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \langle \alpha | \hat{O} | \alpha \rangle c_{\alpha}$

↑ ↑  
Number operator

$$\sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \langle \alpha | \hat{O} | \alpha \rangle c_{\alpha} \left( c_{\alpha_1}^{\dagger}, c_{\alpha_2}^{\dagger} | 0 \rangle \right)$$

$$= \langle \alpha_1 | \hat{O} | \alpha_1 \rangle + \langle \alpha_2 | \hat{O} | \alpha_2 \rangle$$

Hence:

(25)  $\int d^3r \psi^{\dagger}(r) V(r) \psi(r)$  potential energy

$$\int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} c^{\dagger}(k) \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} c(k)$$

(26)  $\rightarrow \int d^3r \psi^{\dagger}(r) \left( -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \right) \psi(r)$

↑  
Change of basis

Restoring spin:

$$(27) \quad \vec{S} = \int d^3r \Psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}) \left( \frac{\hbar}{2} \vec{\sigma}_{\downarrow} \right) \Psi_{\downarrow}(\vec{r})$$

Two-body operator

$$(28) \quad \int V_c(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r}') - \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \rho(\vec{r}) \right) d^3r d^3r'$$

with spin  $\rho(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\sigma} \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}) \Psi_{\sigma}(\vec{r})$

$$(29) \quad \left[ \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} \int \frac{1}{2} V_c(\vec{r}-\vec{r}') \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}) \Psi_{\sigma'}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}') \Psi_{\sigma'}(\vec{r}') \Psi_{\sigma}(\vec{r}) d^3r d^3r' \right]$$

### 3.4 Solution for quadratic Hamiltonian

$$(30) \quad H_0 = \sum_{\sigma} \int d^3r \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(r) V(r) \Psi_{\sigma}(r)$$

We are in the diagonal basis. The solution is simple:  $|\Phi\rangle = \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(r) \Psi_{\sigma'}^{\dagger}(r') \dots |0\rangle$

$$(31) \quad H_0 |\Phi\rangle = [V(r) + V(r') + \dots] |\Phi\rangle$$

In general case

$$(32) \quad H_0 = \sum_{\sigma} \int d^3r \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(r) \mathcal{D} \Psi_{\sigma}(r)$$

where  $\mathcal{D} = -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + V(r)$  or similar

Expand in some basis

$$(33) \quad \Psi_{\sigma}^{+}(\vec{r}) = \sum_i c_{i\sigma}^{+} \langle i, \sigma | \vec{r}, \sigma \rangle$$

$$= \sum_i c_{i\sigma}^{+} \varphi_{i\sigma}^{*}(\vec{r})$$

$$(34) \quad H_0 = \sum_{\substack{i, j \\ \sigma}} \left( \int d^3r \varphi_{i\sigma}^{*}(\vec{r}) \mathcal{D} \varphi_{j\sigma}(\vec{r}) \right) c_{i\sigma}^{+} c_{j\sigma}$$

In the eigenbasis: (35)  $\mathcal{D} \varphi_{i\sigma}(\vec{r}) = \epsilon_i \varphi_{i\sigma}(\vec{r})$   
using orthogonality

$$(36) \quad H_0 = \sum_{i\sigma} \epsilon_i c_{i\sigma}^{+} c_{i\sigma}$$

Solution:  $|\phi\rangle = c_{1\sigma}^{+} c_{1-\sigma}^{+} c_{2\sigma}^{+} c_{2-\sigma}^{+} \dots |0\rangle$

### 3.5 Solution if quadratic and quartic

The potential energy (29) in the same basis as above is

$$(37) \quad \sum_{\substack{ijkl \\ \sigma\sigma'}} \left[ \int d^3r \int d^3r' \frac{1}{2} V_c(|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|) \varphi_{i\sigma}^{*}(\vec{r}) \varphi_{j\sigma'}^{*}(\vec{r}') \varphi_{k\sigma}(\vec{r}) \varphi_{l\sigma'}(\vec{r}') \right] c_{i\sigma}^{+} c_{j\sigma'}^{+} c_{k\sigma} c_{l\sigma'}$$

Clearly,  $|\phi\rangle$  above is no longer a good solution. The interaction term is not just a number operator.

For example

$$(38) \quad \sum_{\substack{ijkl \\ \sigma\sigma'}} c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma'}^+ c_{k\sigma} c_{l\sigma'} \left( c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{i\downarrow}^+ |0\rangle \right)$$

We need  $l = l = 1$  to have non-zero term, and  $\sigma = \uparrow \sigma' = \downarrow$   
 or  $\sigma = \downarrow \sigma' = \uparrow$

$$(39) = \sum_{ij} \left( c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{j\downarrow}^+ c_{i\downarrow} c_{i\uparrow} + c_{i\downarrow}^+ c_{j\uparrow}^+ c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\downarrow} \right) c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{i\downarrow}^+ |0\rangle$$

Using anti-commutation:

$$(40) = \sum_{ij} \left( c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{j\downarrow}^+ - c_{i\downarrow}^+ c_{j\uparrow}^+ \right) |0\rangle \neq c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{i\downarrow}^+ |0\rangle$$

Thus, the general solution, if there are only two-particles of net spin 0 will be of the form

$$(42) \quad \sum_{ij} A_{ij} \left( c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{j\downarrow}^+ - c_{i\downarrow}^+ c_{j\uparrow}^+ \right) |0\rangle$$

and for a general number of particles, a linear combination of states with differently populated single-particle orbitals.

# 4 Hartree-Fock

4.1 Theory of everything - (no phonons)

4.2 Variational theorem:

$$(44) \quad \langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle \geq \langle \Psi_0 | H | \Psi_0 \rangle$$

True ground state

Proof:  $\langle \Psi | H | \Psi \rangle = \sum_j a_j^* \langle \varphi_j | H | \varphi_j \rangle a_j$

With  $|\varphi_j\rangle$  an energy eigenstate

$$= \sum_i |a_i|^2 E_i \geq \sum_i |a_i|^2 E_0$$

$\geq E_0$  if the state is normalized.

Expanding as in Eq. (33)

$$(45) \quad \Psi_+^+(r) = \sum_{i=1} c_{i\sigma}^+ \varphi_i^+(r)$$

we look for the best single-particle state of the form

$$(47) \quad |\Phi\rangle = c_{1\sigma}^+ c_{1-\sigma}^+ c_{2\sigma}^+ c_{2-\sigma}^+ \dots c_{\frac{N}{2}\sigma}^+ c_{\frac{N}{2}-\sigma}^+ |0\rangle$$

The variational parameters are the  $\varphi_i(r)$  and  $\varphi_i^*(r)$

$$(48) \quad \langle r_1 \uparrow r_2 \uparrow \dots r_{\frac{N}{2}} \uparrow r_{\frac{N}{2}+1} \downarrow r_{\frac{N}{2}+2} \downarrow \dots | \Phi \rangle$$

$$= \langle 0 | \Psi_+(r_1) \Psi_+(r_2) \dots \Psi_+(r_N) | \Phi \rangle$$

is called a Slater determinant

4.3 Wick's theorem

Note that  $\langle 0 | c_{1\sigma} c_{2\sigma}^+ | 0 \rangle = 0$

in general if  $|\Phi_1\rangle = c_{1\sigma}^+ c_{2\sigma}^+ \dots | 0 \rangle$

and  $|\Phi_2\rangle$  also has the form of an eigenstate of a one-body Hamiltonian, then

$$\langle \Phi_1 | \Phi_2 \rangle = 0 \text{ unless all occupied states are identical in both } |\Phi_i\rangle$$

and  $\langle \Phi | \Phi \rangle = 1$

To evaluate the expectation value of H, we need

$$(49) \langle \Phi | c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma'} | \Phi \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} - \langle \Phi | c_{j\sigma'} c_{i\sigma}^+ | \Phi \rangle$$

$$\text{but } \langle \Phi | c_{j\sigma'} c_{i\sigma}^+ | \Phi \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \text{ if } i, j \text{ unoccupied}$$

Thus,  $= 0$  otherwise

$$(50) \langle \Phi | c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma'} | \Phi \rangle = \begin{cases} \delta_{ij} \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} & \text{if } i\sigma, j\sigma' \text{ occupied} \\ 0 & \text{if } i\sigma, j\sigma' \text{ unoccupied} \end{cases}$$

We also need

$$(51) \langle \Phi | c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma'}^+ c_{h\sigma} c_{l\sigma} | \Phi \rangle = \delta_{jh} \delta_{il} - \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{ih} \delta_{jl} \text{ if } i, j, h, l \text{ occupied}$$
$$= 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$= \langle \Phi | c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{l\sigma} | \Phi \rangle \langle \Phi | c_{j\sigma'}^+ c_{h\sigma'} | \Phi \rangle$$

$$- \langle \Phi | c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{h\sigma'} | \Phi \rangle \langle \Phi | c_{j\sigma'}^+ c_{l\sigma} | \Phi \rangle$$

This generalizes to an arbitrary number of operators.

Let  $\langle \Phi | c_a^\dagger c_a | \Phi \rangle$  where  $a$  contains spin and space label.

be defined as  $G_{aa}^<$

We have

$$(52) \quad \langle \Phi | c_a^\dagger c_b^\dagger c_b c_a | \Phi \rangle = G_{aa}^< G_{bb}^< - G_{ab}^< G_{ba}^< = \det [G]$$

where

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} G_{aa}^< & G_{ab}^< \\ G_{ba}^< & G_{bb}^< \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(53) \quad \langle \Phi | c_a^\dagger c_b^\dagger c_c^\dagger c_c c_b c_a | \Phi \rangle = \det \begin{bmatrix} G_{aa}^< & G_{ab}^< & G_{ac}^< \\ G_{ba}^< & G_{bb}^< & G_{bc}^< \\ G_{ca}^< & G_{cb}^< & G_{cc}^< \end{bmatrix}$$

This will be useful for CTQMC

Exercise: Find the Hartree-Fock equations.

## 5] Model Hamiltonians

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- DFT particularly good for s, p electron materials. It assumes that the single Slater-determinant representation is good.
- If only a few d or f bands near the Fermi level, one can write down a model Hamiltonian that is solved beyond the independent particle approximation.

### 5.1 Hubbard model

Assume that one has found a set of bands.

Then

$$(54) \quad \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_n \int_{\text{B.Z.}} \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} c_{\mathbf{k}n\sigma}^\dagger \varphi_{\mathbf{k}n\sigma}^*(\vec{r})$$

where  $\mathbf{k}$  is a quasi-momentum index,  $n$  a band index and  $\varphi_{\mathbf{k}n\sigma}(\vec{r})$  a Bloch function.  $N$  is the number of lattice sites.

Assume there is a single d-band near the Fermi level. We take into account interactions only within this band.

Dropping the band index, we write

$$(55) \quad \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i c_{i\sigma}^\dagger w_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{r})$$

where  $i$  stands for  $R_i$  in a one-atom per unit cell case.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (56) \quad & \sum_{\sigma} \int d^3r \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(r) \mathcal{D} \Psi_{\sigma}(r) \\
 &= \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{ij} \int d^3r \psi_{i\sigma}^{\dagger}(r) \mathcal{D} \psi_{j\sigma}(r) c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} \\
 &= \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{ij} \langle i | \mathcal{D} | j \rangle c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma}
 \end{aligned}$$

The analogous change of variable for the interacting part leads to

$$(57) \quad \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \sum_{ijkl} \frac{1}{2} \langle i | \langle j | V | l \rangle | k \rangle c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma'}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} c_{l\sigma}$$

Assume that the largest contribution comes from  $i=j=k=l$ . Then the interaction becomes

$$(58) \quad \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \sum_i \frac{U}{2} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i\sigma'}^{\dagger} c_{i\sigma} c_{i\sigma'}$$

$$\text{where } U = \langle i | \langle i | V | i \rangle | i \rangle$$

Since  $c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i\sigma} = 0$  we are left with  $\sigma' = -\sigma$  and the same term appears twice so

$$(59) \quad \sum_{\sigma} \sum_i \frac{U}{2} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i-\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{i-\sigma} c_{i\sigma} = U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

$$\text{where } n_{i\uparrow} = c_{i\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{i\uparrow}$$

Taken together:

$$(60) \quad \mathcal{H}_{\text{Hubbard}} = \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{ij} t_{ij} c_{i\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

Solutions exist in  $d=1$  (Pethick Ansatz)

$d=\infty$  (Dynamical mean-field theory)

It is used to understand the Mott transition

$U \rightarrow 0$  Eigenstate  $c_{h,\uparrow}^+ c_{h,\downarrow}^+ |0\rangle$

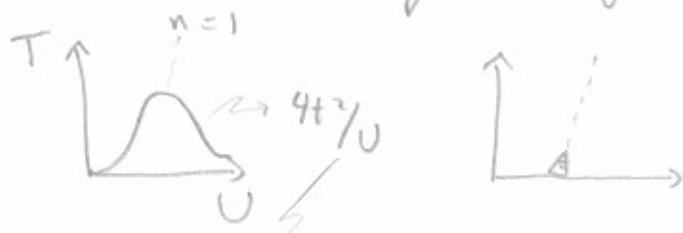
Wave nature of the electron

$t \rightarrow 0$  Eigenstate  $c_{i,\uparrow}^+ c_{j,\downarrow}^+ |0\rangle$

Particle nature.

Localized if  $n=1$

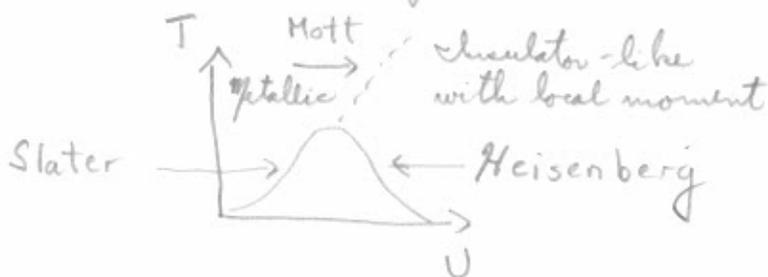
At intermediate coupling, highly entangled, i.e. cannot write the state as direct product of single-particle states.



Antiferromagnetic coupling. Start from large  $U$

$\uparrow \downarrow$  Second order degenerate perturbation theory  $\uparrow \downarrow$

$\uparrow \uparrow$  Pauli forbids double occupancy.



Anderson model:

$$H = \sum_{\sigma} \epsilon f_{\sigma}^{\dagger} f_{\sigma} + U (f_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} f_{\uparrow} f_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} f_{\downarrow}) + \sum_{k, \sigma} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} c_{k\sigma} + \sum_{k\sigma} V_k c_{k\sigma} f_{\sigma}^{\dagger} + V_k^* c_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} f_{\sigma}$$



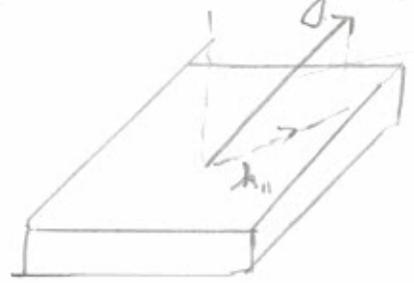
Impurity hybridized with a bath of non-interacting electrons

# Chapter 3: Green's functions

3 reasons to define this correlation function

- Directly related to photoemission cross-section
- Arises naturally in the calculation of other observables
- Necessary for perturbation theory (Wick's theorem)

## 1 Photoemission



$$\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = E_{ph} = E + \hbar\omega + \mu - W$$

Matrix element

$$(61) \quad -\frac{1}{V} \sum_{k'} \langle n | \langle k | \langle 0 | e_m \int_{k'} \cdot A_{-k'} | m \rangle | 0 \rangle | 1 \rangle_{em}$$

↑ System      ↑ Outgoing electron

$$(62) \quad \int_{k'=0} \vec{j}_{k'=0} = \frac{e}{V} \sum_p \frac{\vec{p}}{m} c_p^\dagger c_p \quad p = k_{||} \text{ conserved}$$

$$(63) \quad \frac{\partial^2 \sigma}{\partial \Omega \partial \omega} \sim \sum_{mn} e^{-\beta(E_m - \mu N_m)} |\langle n | c_{k_{||}} | m \rangle|^2 \delta(\hbar\omega + \mu - (E_m - E_n))$$

$$(64) \quad \boxed{K \equiv H - \mu N}$$

$$(65) \quad \sim \sum_{mn} \frac{e^{-\beta K_m}}{Z} |\langle n | c_{k_{||}} | m \rangle|^2 \delta(\hbar\omega - (K_m - K_n))$$

$$\sim \int dt e^{i\omega t} \sum_{mn} \langle m | e^{-\beta K} c_{k_{||}}^\dagger | n \rangle \langle n | e^{i\hbar t/\hbar} c_{k_{||}} e^{-i\hbar t/\hbar} | m \rangle$$

$$(66) \quad \sim \int dt e^{i\omega t} \langle C_{k_1}^+ C_{k_1}(t) \rangle$$

where (67)  $\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr} [ e^{-\beta K} \mathcal{O} ]}{\text{Tr} [ e^{-\beta K} ]}$

(68)  $C(t) = e^{iKt/\hbar} C_{k_1} e^{-iKt/\hbar}$

2. Perturbation theory

Let  $K = K_0 + K_1$

Define  $e^{-\beta K} \equiv e^{-\beta K_0} U_I(\beta, 0)$

↑ where  $U_I$  is the evolution operator in the interaction representation.

The equation for  $U_I$  is obtained from

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} e^{-\tau K} &= -K e^{-\tau K} = -K \left( e^{-\tau K_0} U_I(\tau, 0) \right) \\ &= -K_0 \left( e^{-\tau K_0} U_I(\tau, 0) \right) + e^{-\tau K_0} \frac{\partial U_I}{\partial \tau}(\tau, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting the two eqns. and multiplying by  $e^{\tau K_0}$

$$\frac{\partial U_I}{\partial \tau}(\tau, 0) = - \left( e^{\tau K_0} K_1 e^{-\tau K_0} \right) U_I(\tau, 0)$$

(69)  $\frac{\partial U_I}{\partial \tau}(\tau, 0) = -K_1(\tau) U_I(\tau, 0)$

where  $K_1(\tau)$  evolves as Heisenberg equation of motion, but in imaginary time and with  $K_0$ .

At different times,  $K_i$  do not commute in general, since the operator can change from one operator to another.

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Since  $U(0,0) = 1$

$$(70) \quad U_I(\beta, 0) - 1 = - \int_0^\beta d\tau K_i(\tau) U_I(\tau, 0)$$

Iteratively

$$(71) \quad U_I(\beta, 0) = 1 - \int_0^\beta d\tau K_i(\tau) + \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_0^\tau d\tau' K_i(\tau) K_i(\tau') - \int_0^\beta d\tau \int_0^\tau d\tau' \int_0^{\tau'} d\tau'' K_i(\tau) K_i(\tau') K_i(\tau'') \dots$$

Later times are always to the left.

If all integrals end at  $\beta$ , all time orders are included and we overcount  $N!$  for term of  $N^{\text{th}}$  order.  
Hence

$$(72) \quad U_I(\beta, 0) = T_I \left[ e^{- \int_0^\beta K_i(\tau) d\tau} \right]$$

where  $T_I$  is the time ordering operator.

If  $K_i$  is time independent, we recover the expected result.

### 3 Matsubara Green's function

#### 3.1 Definition

expected when we do perturbation theory

Drop signs indep for simplicity

$$(73) \mathcal{G}(r, r'; \tau) = - \langle T_{\tau} \Psi(r, \tau) \Psi^{\dagger}(r', 0) \rangle$$

$$= - \langle \Psi(r, \tau) \Psi^{\dagger}(r', 0) \rangle \theta(\tau) + \langle \Psi^{\dagger}(r', 0) \Psi(r, \tau) \rangle \theta(-\tau)$$

Expectation value defined in (67)

(N.B.) Change of sign for fermions

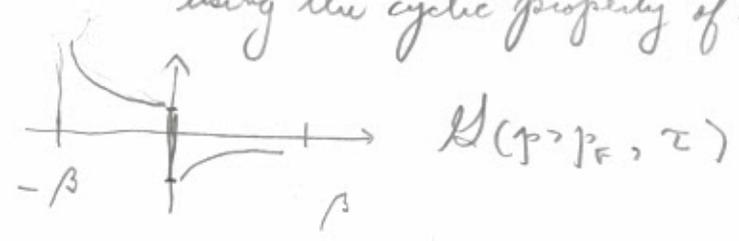
$$(74) \Psi(r, \tau) = e^{K\tau} \Psi(r) e^{-K\tau}$$

$$(75) \Psi^{\dagger}(r, \tau) = e^{K\tau} \Psi^{\dagger}(r) e^{-K\tau} \text{ (Not the adjoint)}$$

#### 3.2 Anti-periodicity

$$(76) \mathcal{G}(r, r'; \tau) = - \mathcal{G}(r, r'; \tau + \beta)$$

using the cyclic property of the trace



Exercise Using the anticommutation relations, show that the jump at  $\tau = 0$  is unity

Repeat this function periodically (not the true value outside  $-\beta \leq \tau \leq \beta$  but anyway we do not need it there) and use Fourier theorem:

Then,

$$(77) \quad \mathcal{G}(r, r'; \tau) = \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\omega_n \tau} \mathcal{D}(r, r'; i\omega_n)$$

$$\omega_n = (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{\beta} = (2n+1) \pi T \quad (\hbar\beta = 1)$$

$$(78) \quad \mathcal{D}(r, r'; i\omega_n) = \int_0^\beta dz e^{i\omega_n z} \mathcal{G}(r, r'; z)$$

3.3 Spectral representation and links with observables

(Lehman representation)

(photoemission)

$$(79) \quad \int_0^\beta \mathcal{G}(r, r'; z) dz = - \int_0^\beta dz e^{i\omega_n z} \langle \Psi(r, z) \Psi^\dagger(r', 0) \rangle$$

$$= - \int_0^\beta dz e^{i\omega_n z} \sum_{m, n} \frac{e^{-k_m/\beta}}{Z} \langle m | e^{k_m z} \Psi(r) e^{-k_n z} | n \rangle$$

$$= - \sum_{m, n} \frac{e^{-k_m/\beta}}{Z} \frac{\langle n | \Psi^\dagger(r') | m \rangle \langle m | \Psi(r) | n \rangle}{i\omega_n + k_m - k_n} \left[ e^{i\omega_n/\beta} e^{(k_m - k_n)/\beta} - 1 \right]$$

Since  $e^{i\omega_n/\beta} = -1$ , we are left with

$$= \sum_{m, n} \frac{(e^{-k_m/\beta} + e^{-k_n/\beta})}{Z} \frac{\langle m | \Psi(r) | n \rangle \langle n | \Psi^\dagger(r') | m \rangle}{i\omega_n + k_m - k_n}$$

The case of photoemission: Change variables (unitary transformation) to go to momentum variables  $\Psi(r) \rightarrow c_k$   
 The unitary transformation is Fourier transforms.

Then

$$(80) \quad \mathcal{G}(k, i\omega_n) = \int_0^\beta \mathcal{G}(k, \tau) d\tau$$

$$= \sum_{m,n} \frac{e^{-k_n/\beta} + e^{-k_m/\beta}}{Z} \frac{|\langle n | c_k | m \rangle|^2}{i\omega_n + k_m - k_n}$$

Analytically continued  $i\omega_n \rightarrow \omega + i\eta$  (this gives the so-called retarded Green's function). Then using

$$(81) \quad \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega - \epsilon + i\eta} = \mathcal{P} \frac{1}{\omega - \epsilon} - i\pi \delta(\omega - \epsilon)$$

we obtain:

$$(82) \quad G^R(k, \omega) = \mathcal{G}(k, i\omega_n \rightarrow \omega + i\eta)$$

$$(83) \quad -2 \operatorname{Im} G^R(k, \omega) = \sum_{m,n} \frac{e^{-k_n/\beta} + e^{-k_m/\beta}}{Z} |\langle n | c_k | m \rangle|^2 2\pi \delta(\omega - (k_n - k_m))$$

$$= \left[ \sum_{m,n} \frac{e^{-k_n/\beta}}{Z} |\langle n | c_k | m \rangle|^2 2\pi \delta(\omega - (k_n - k_m)) \right] \frac{1}{f(\omega)}$$

as  $f(\omega) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega} + 1}$  is the Fermi-Dirac distribution.

Hence, the photo-emission cross-section Eq. (65) is proportional to

$$(84) \quad \frac{\partial^2 \sigma}{\partial \Omega \partial \omega} \sim [-2 \operatorname{Im} G^R(k, \omega)] f(\omega)$$

where the "spectral weight" is defined by

$$(85) \quad \boxed{-2 \operatorname{Im} G^R(k, \omega) = A(k, \omega)}$$

This has the interpretation of a momentum resolved DOS.

For example, at  $T=0$ : only the ground state survives and Eq. (23) becomes:

$$(86) \quad A(k, \omega) = 2\pi \left[ \sum_n |\langle n | c_k | 0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - (\epsilon_n - \epsilon_0)) + \sum_m |\langle m | c_k | 0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - (\epsilon_0 - \epsilon_m)) \right]$$

The first term contributes at  $\omega < 0$  if  $k$  is below the Fermi surface. The second term at  $\omega > 0$  if  $k$  is above the Fermi surface.

Exercise: From (83), using the anticommutation relations, show that

$$\int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} A(k, \omega) = 1$$

### 3.4 Non-interacting case:

$$(87) \quad K_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma} (\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu) c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^+ c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$

$$(88) \quad \frac{\partial c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}}{\partial \tau} = [K_0, c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}] = (\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu) c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$

$$(89) \quad \frac{\partial g_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^0(\tau)}{\partial \tau} = (\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu) g_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^0 - \delta(\tau)$$

With  $\int_0^{\beta} d\tau e^{i\omega_n \tau}$  ↑  
Derivative of  $\theta$  function  
and anticommutation relation  
and integration by parts

$$(90) \quad g_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^0(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n - (\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu)}$$

### 3.5 Self-energy

From (80) (83) (85) in general we have

$$(91) \quad G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{A(\mathbf{k}, \omega)}{i\omega_n - \omega}$$

The high frequency expansion

$$(92) \quad G(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) = \frac{\int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} A(\mathbf{k}, \omega)}{i\omega_n} + \frac{\int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} A(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \omega}{(i\omega_n)^2} + \dots$$

and

$$(93) \quad \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} A(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = 1 \quad \text{reveals that in general we can write}$$

This means that in general we can write:

$$(94) \quad G_{\sigma}(k, i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n - (\epsilon_k - \mu) - \Sigma(k, i\omega_n)}$$

where  $\Sigma$  goes to a constant at  $i\omega_n = \infty$ .

- It reflects the fact that there is more than one pole in the presence of interactions.
- Take  $\Sigma(k, i\omega_n) = -i\Gamma$  with  $\Gamma$  a constant.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 -2\text{Im } G^R &= -2\text{Im} \left[ \frac{1}{\omega + i\eta + i\Gamma - (\epsilon_k - \mu)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{2\Gamma}{[\omega - (\epsilon_k - \mu)]^2 + \Gamma^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

The  $\text{Im } \Sigma^R(k, \omega)$  has the meaning of a lifetime  
 $\text{Re } \Sigma^R(k, \omega)$  renormalizes the real part of the dispersion relation.

A frequency dependent self-energy means that  $c_k^+ |0\rangle$  does not correspond to an eigenstate. It has non-zero projection on many eigenstates. Conversely, eigenstates are linear combinations of many independent-particle states (Slater determinants).

The frequency dependence of  $\Sigma$  also follows from that of  $G$  where many poles contribute according to the Lehman representation.

# 4. Generating functional formalism

## 4.1 $Z[\varphi]$ and $G$

Define

$$(95) \quad Z[\varphi] \equiv \text{Tr} \left[ e^{-\beta K} T_{\tau} e^{-S[\varphi]} \right]$$

where

$$(97) \quad S[\varphi] \equiv \int d\vec{r}_1 d\tau_1 d\vec{r}_2 d\tau_2 \sum_{\sigma} \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\vec{r}_1, \tau_1) \varphi_{\sigma}(\vec{r}_1, \tau_1; \vec{r}_2, \tau_2) \Psi_{\sigma}(\vec{r}_2, \tau_2)$$

We use the shorthand

$$(98) \quad S[\varphi] \equiv \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\bar{1}) \varphi_{\sigma}(\bar{1}, \bar{2}) \Psi_{\sigma}(\bar{2})$$

$1 \rightarrow (\vec{r}, \tau)$  and overbar means integration

Define the functional derivative (generalization of partial derivative)

$$(99) \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta \varphi(\bar{3}, \bar{4})} \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\bar{1}) \varphi_{\sigma}(\bar{1}, \bar{2}) \Psi_{\sigma}(\bar{2}) = \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\bar{3}) \Psi_{\sigma}(\bar{4})$$

Then

$$(100) \quad G_{\sigma}(\bar{1}, \bar{2})_{\varphi} = \frac{-\text{Tr} \left[ e^{-\beta K} T_{\tau} e^{-S[\varphi]} \Psi_{\sigma}(\bar{1}) \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\bar{2}) \right]}{\text{Tr} \left[ e^{-\beta K} T_{\tau} e^{-S[\varphi]} \right]}$$

$$\equiv - \langle \Psi_{\sigma}(\bar{1}) \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\bar{2}) \rangle_{\varphi}$$

Inside  $T_{\tau}$ , field operators for fermions anticommute

$$(101) \quad G_{\sigma}(\bar{1}, \bar{2})_{\varphi} = - \frac{\delta \ln Z[\varphi]}{\delta \varphi(\bar{2}, \bar{1})}$$

Physical quantities such as  $\mathcal{H}$  and partition function are evaluated at  $\varphi = 0$

The advantage is formal. We can in particular evaluate higher order correlation functions and formulate variational principles.

### 4.2 Higher order correlation functions

$$(102) \quad \frac{\delta^3 \ln Z}{\delta \varphi_{\sigma}(2,1) \delta \varphi_{\sigma}(3,4)} = \langle \Psi_{\sigma}(1) \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(2) \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(3) \Psi_{\sigma}(4) \rangle_{\varphi} \\ - \langle \Psi_{\sigma}(1) \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(2) \rangle_{\varphi} \langle \Psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(3) \Psi_{\sigma}(4) \rangle_{\varphi}$$

where the last term comes from derivative of the denominator in Eq. (100)

By specializing the indices, this corresponds to spin-spin or charge-charge correlation functions.

### 4.3 Equations of motion

$$(103) \quad \frac{\partial \Psi_{\sigma}(r, \tau)}{\partial \tau} = [K, \Psi_{\sigma}(r, \tau)] \\ = \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} \Psi_{\sigma}(r, \tau) + \mu \Psi_{\sigma}(r, \tau) - \sum_{\sigma'} \int d^3 r' V_c(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \\ \Psi_{\sigma'}^{\dagger}(r', \tau) \Psi_{\sigma'}(r', \tau) \Psi_{\sigma}(r, \tau)$$

The interaction term can be written with an integral over imaginary time as well if we define

$$(104) \quad V(1, 1') \equiv V_c(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \delta(\tau - \tau')$$

Then, if we take into account the  $\varphi$  dependence as well instead of Eq. (89) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (104) \quad & \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau_1} - \frac{\nabla_1^2}{2m} - \mu \right) G_{\sigma}^{(1,2)}_{\varphi} \\
 & = -\delta(1-2) - \varphi_{\sigma}(1, \bar{2}) G_{\sigma}(\bar{2}, 2)_{\varphi} \\
 & + \langle T_{\tau} [ \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\bar{2}^+) V(1-\bar{2}) \psi_{\sigma}(\bar{2}) \psi_{\sigma}(1) \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(2) ] \rangle_{\varphi}
 \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$(105) \quad G_{\sigma}^{-1}(1, 2) = - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau_1} - \frac{\nabla_1^2}{2m} - \mu \right) \delta(1-2)$$

the (104) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 (106) \quad & (G_{\sigma}^{-1}(1, \bar{2}) - \varphi(1, \bar{2})) G(\bar{2}, 2)_{\varphi} = \delta(1-2) \\
 & - V(1-\bar{2}) \langle T_{\tau} [ \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\bar{2}^+) \psi_{\sigma}(\bar{2}) \psi_{\sigma}(1) \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(2) ] \rangle_{\varphi}
 \end{aligned}$$

if we define this as

$$\Sigma(1, \bar{2})_{\varphi} G(\bar{2}, 2)_{\varphi}$$

in the end we will have

$$G = \frac{1}{G_{\sigma}^{-1} - \Sigma} \quad \text{when evaluated at } \varphi = 0$$

#### 4.4 An impressionistic view for approximations

$$(107) \quad (G_0^{-1} - \varphi) G = 1 - V \langle T_c \psi^\dagger \psi \psi \psi^\dagger \rangle_\varphi$$

$$(108) \quad \Sigma G = -V \langle T_c \psi^\dagger \psi \psi \psi^\dagger \rangle_\varphi$$

so that

$$(109) \quad (G_0^{-1} - \varphi - \Sigma) G = G^{-1} G = 1$$

$$\text{At } \varphi = 0 \quad G = G_0 + G_0 \Sigma G$$

is known as Dyson's equation

$\Sigma$ ,  $G$  are functionals of  $\varphi$ .

To compute the self-energy, we need

$$(110) \quad \Sigma G = -V \langle T_c \psi^\dagger \psi \psi \psi^\dagger \rangle = -V \left[ \frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi} - G G \right]$$

To evaluate  $\frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi}$  we proceed as follows:

$$(111) \quad \frac{\delta (G G^{-1})}{\delta \varphi} = 0 \quad \frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi} G^{-1} + G \frac{\delta G^{-1}}{\delta \varphi} = 0$$

$$(112) \quad \frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi} = -G \frac{\delta G^{-1}}{\delta \varphi} G$$

Using (109) for  $G^{-1}$ , we are left with

$$(113) \quad \frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi} = G \frac{\delta \varphi}{\delta \varphi} G + G \left( \frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta \varphi} \right) G$$

↑  
Like particles that propagate without interactions

↓  
Effect of interactions.

By analogy with Dyson, we want to bring in the denominator

Thus, use the chain rule:  $\frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta \varphi} = \frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta G} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi}$

$$(114) \quad \frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi} = G \frac{\delta \varphi}{\delta \varphi} G + G \left( \frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta G} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi} \right) G$$

↑  
irreducible vertex

$$(115) \quad \text{fish diagram} = \text{loop} + \text{fish diagram with irreducible vertex}$$

Substituting (113) in (110)

$$(116) \quad \Sigma = -V \left[ G \frac{\delta \varphi}{\delta \varphi} G + G \frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta G} G - GG \right] G^{-1}$$

$$(117) \quad \Sigma = -V \left[ G \frac{\delta \varphi}{\delta \varphi} - G + G \frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta G} \right]$$

Use this in (114) as leading order in  $V$ .  
This is Hartree-Fock

Once we have  $\frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi}$  we can improve the approximation for  $\Sigma$  by replacing  $\frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta G}$  in (117) by  $\frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta G} \frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi}$  <sup>H.F.</sup>

The result is the GW approximation if we keep the most important term in  $\frac{\delta G}{\delta \varphi}$ , i.e.

$$(118) \quad \text{fish diagram} = \text{loop} + \text{fish diagram} + \dots = \text{loop} + \text{fish diagram} + \dots$$

$$\chi = \chi_0 + \chi_0 V(q) \chi \quad V(q) \sim \frac{1}{q^2}$$

$$(119) \quad \Sigma = \text{H.F.} + \text{GW diagram}$$

## 4.5 Kadanoff-Baym functional and variational formulation of the many-body problem

$$(120) \quad \Omega[\varphi] = -T \ln Z[\varphi]$$

$$(121) \quad \frac{1}{T} \frac{\delta \Omega[\varphi]}{\delta \varphi} = G$$

Define the Legendre transform of that equation. Then

$$(122) \quad \tilde{\Omega}[G] = \Omega[\varphi] - \text{Tr}[\varphi G]$$

$$\text{where (123) } \text{Tr} A = T \sum_{i\omega_n} \sum_{\alpha} A_{\alpha\alpha}(i\omega_n)$$

General properties of Legendre transforms show that

$$(123) \quad \frac{1}{T} \frac{\delta \tilde{\Omega}[G]}{\delta G} = -\varphi = G^{-1} - G_0^{-1} + \Sigma$$

The physical solution is at  $\varphi = 0$

We thus have a variational principle

$$\frac{\delta \tilde{\Omega}[G]}{\delta G} = 0$$

We can guess as follows the value of  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . Proceed as if we were integrating (123):

$$(124) \quad \tilde{\Omega}[G] = \Phi[G] - \text{Tr}[(G_0^{-1} - G^{-1})G] + \text{Tr} \ln(-G)$$

$$\text{where } \frac{1}{T} \frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta G} = \Sigma$$

This can be seen as an integration constant.

This is the Kadanoff-Baym functional.

$\Phi$  is the Luttinger-Ward functional

This reduces to the correct result when  $\Sigma = 0$