

Schrieffer-Wolff Transformation: Relation of Anderson and Kondo Models

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1 Schrieffer-Wolff transformation

Here, we first give a general derivation of the Schrieffer-Wolff transformation¹⁻³. We will focus on the derivation of the transformation from a Green's function approach, which is analogous to the T -matrix method.

Consider two subspaces A and B described by the following Hamiltonian,

$$H = H_0 + \Sigma. \quad (1.1)$$

Here,

$$H_0 = \begin{pmatrix} H_A & \\ & H_B \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2)$$

represents the two *uncoupled* subspaces A and B and is thus block-diagonal. The hybridization of the two subspaces is off-diagonal and given by

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} & V_{AB} \\ V_{BA} & \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.3)$$

The main goal of the Schrieffer-Wolff transformation is to find an effective Hamiltonian which is block-diagonal by performing a perturbative expansion in Σ , *i.e.*

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H_A & V_{AB} \\ V_{BA} & H_B \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \tilde{H} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{H}_A & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{H}_B \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1.4)$$

in which \tilde{H}_A and \tilde{H}_B are effective Hamiltonians for subspaces A and B . One then projects to a single subspace, with the effective Hamiltonian now containing contributions from fluctuations from the other subspace, which enter via the off-diagonal coupling Σ .

We now want to use this T -matrix expansion to derive an effective Hamiltonian for a given subspace. Let us derive the effective Hamiltonian \tilde{H}_A without loss of generality. Consider the Green's function

$$\mathcal{G}(i\omega) = (i\omega - H)^{-1} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_A(i\omega) & \mathcal{F}(i\omega) \\ \mathcal{F}^\dagger(i\omega) & \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_B(i\omega) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.5)$$

We are interested in projecting to an effective Hamiltonian \tilde{H}_A for subspace A . We define an effective Hamiltonian for the A subspace by

$$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_A(i\omega) \equiv (i\omega - \tilde{H}_A(i\omega))^{-1}. \quad (1.6)$$

As shown in Appendix A, it follows that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_A(i\omega) = (i\omega - H_A - V_{AB}\mathcal{G}_B(i\omega)V_{BA})^{-1} \quad (1.7)$$

in which

$$\mathcal{G}_B(i\omega) = (i\omega - H_B)^{-1} \quad (1.8)$$

is the free Green's function for subsystem B . It follows that the effective Hamiltonian is given by

$$\boxed{\tilde{H}_A(i\omega) = H_A + \underbrace{V_{AB}\mathcal{G}_B(i\omega)V_{BA}}_{\equiv \Delta H_A}.} \quad (1.9)$$

This is a generalized second-order perturbation theory which contains the effects of the fluctuations in subsystem B in subsystem A . This is in fact equivalent to the Schrieffer-Wolff transformation, which instead derives the effective Hamiltonian using a canonical transformation and then projects to subspace A ¹. For higher-order corrections, one can consider corrections to $\mathcal{G}_B(i\omega)$ coming from the self-energy terms. An important note here is that $i\omega = E + i\eta$ refers to the energy of the *entire* system (both A and B subsystems).

1.1 Example: Diagonal subspaces

Suppose that the two subspaces are diagonal, satisfying $(H_A)_{aa'} = E_a^A \delta_{a,a'}$ and $(H_B)_{bb'} = E_b^B \delta_{b,b'}$. For clarity, we use subscripts a and b to denote the degrees for subsystems A and B respectively. It follows that

$$[\mathcal{G}_B(i\omega)]_{b,b'} = \frac{\delta_{b,b'}}{i\omega - E_b^B}. \quad (1.10)$$

As such, the effective Hamiltonian for subsystem A is given by

$$[\tilde{H}_A]_{a,a'} = [H_A]_{a,a'} + \sum_b \frac{[V_{AB}]_{a,b}[V_{BA}]_{b,a'}}{i\omega - E_b^B}, \quad (1.11)$$

which contains the summation over intermediate states with energy E_b^B . This may also be rewritten as

$$\langle a|\tilde{H}_A|a'\rangle = \langle a|H_A|a'\rangle + \sum_b \frac{\langle a|V_{AB}|b\rangle\langle b|V_{BA}|a'\rangle}{i\omega - E_b^B}. \quad (1.12)$$

Here, we see that we are projecting to intermediate states $\{|b\rangle\}$ of subsystem B .

2 Application: Relation of Anderson and Kondo Hamiltonians

Using the effective Hamiltonian in Eq. (1.9), we derive the Kondo model from the Anderson model. Consider the Anderson model,

$$H_{\text{Anderson}} = H_{\text{itinerant}} + H_{\text{local}} + H_{\text{hybridization}}. \quad (2.1)$$

Here, $H_{\text{itinerant}}$ describes itinerant electrons, H_{local} localized states, and $H_{\text{hybridization}}$ the hybridization between the two. These correspond to H_A , H_B , and Σ respectively in Eq. (1.1). We consider the simplest case: spin-degenerate itinerant bands and localized f -electrons,

$$H_{\text{itinerant}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger \xi_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \quad (2.2a)$$

$$H_{\text{local}} = \xi_f \sum_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} + U \sum_{\mathbf{r}} n_{f, \uparrow} n_{f, \downarrow} \quad (2.2b)$$

For a given orbital of f -electrons, the state can be unoccupied ($E_{\text{local}} = 0$), singly-occupied ($E_{\text{local}} = \xi_f$), or doubly occupied ($E_{\text{local}} = 2\xi_f + U$). The hybridization of itinerant and local electron moments is given by

$$H_{\text{hybridization}} = V + V^\dagger \quad (2.3)$$

in which

$$V = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, \sigma} \left(v_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} + v_{\mathbf{k}}^* f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma} \right) \quad (2.4)$$

is the spin-independent off-diagonal coupling. Here, we keep both parts such that V is Hermitian. We assume weak coupling, treating $H_{\text{hybridization}}$ perturbatively.

From Eq. (1.11), the effective Hamiltonian for itinerant electrons is given by

$$[\tilde{H}_{\text{itinerant}}]_{a, a'} = [H_{\text{itinerant}}]_{a, a'} + \sum_{b=0,1,2} \frac{[V]_{a,b}[V^\dagger]_{b,a'}}{i\omega - E_b^f} \quad (2.5)$$

We note that subscripts a and a' refer to many-body states of subsystem A . Using the form of the coupling, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta H_{\text{itinerant}}]_{a, a'} &= \langle a | \sum_b \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, \sigma; \mathbf{k}', \mathbf{r}', \sigma'} \frac{\left(v_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} + v_{\mathbf{k}}^* f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma} \right) P_b \left(v_{\mathbf{k}'} c_{\mathbf{k}', \sigma'}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma'} + v_{\mathbf{k}'}^* f_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma'}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}', \sigma'} \right)}{i\omega - E_b^f} | a' \rangle \\ &= \langle a | \sum_b \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, \sigma; \mathbf{k}', \mathbf{r}', \sigma'} \left(\frac{v_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}'}^* \left(c_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} \right) P_b \left(f_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma'}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}', \sigma'} \right) + v_{\mathbf{k}}^* v_{\mathbf{k}'} \left(f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma} \right) P_b \left(c_{\mathbf{k}', \sigma'}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma'} \right)}{i\omega - E_b^f} \right) | a' \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle a | \sum_b \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}, \sigma; \mathbf{k}', \mathbf{r}', \sigma'} \left(\frac{v_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}'} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} \right) P_b \left(c_{\mathbf{k}', \sigma'}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma'} \right) + v_{\mathbf{k}}^* v_{\mathbf{k}'}^* \left(f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}, \sigma} \right) P_b \left(f_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma'}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}', \sigma'} \right)}{i\omega - E_b^f} \right) | a' \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Above, $P_b = |b\rangle\langle b|$ projects to state $|b\rangle$ of subsystem B . We will disregard the latter contribution, which involves changing the particle number in both subsystems. Under assumption that the systems do not conserve particle number (e.g. a superconducting system), this term can be nonvanishing.

We next use the following identity,

$$\delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\beta\eta} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\gamma\eta} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\eta\gamma} \right). \quad (2.7)$$

This can be seen from decomposing a 2×2 matrix as

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\alpha\beta} &= \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(M) \delta_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(M\boldsymbol{\sigma}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \\ \implies M_{\gamma\eta} \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\beta\eta} &= \frac{1}{2} M_{\gamma\eta} \left(\delta_{\gamma\eta} \delta_{\alpha\beta} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\eta\gamma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

We additionally use the anticommutativity, e.g. $\{f_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma}, f_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma'}^\dagger\} = \delta_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'} \delta_{\sigma, \sigma'}$. The interaction terms can be reexpressed as follows:

Term I:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha} \right) \left(f_{\mathbf{r}',\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta} \right) = \sum_{\gamma\eta} \left(c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma} \right) \left(f_{\mathbf{r}',\eta}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta} \right) \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\beta\eta} \\
&= \sum_{\gamma\eta} \left(c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta} - \underbrace{f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma} f_{\mathbf{r}',\eta}^{\dagger}}_{\delta_{\gamma\eta} \delta_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'} - f_{\mathbf{r}',\eta}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma}} \right) \delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\beta\eta} \\
&= c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'} - \sum_{\gamma\eta} \left\{ \left(c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta} f_{\mathbf{r}',\eta}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma} \right) \underbrace{\delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\beta\eta}}_{\text{Eq. (2.7)}} \right\} \\
&= c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\eta} \left(c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}',\alpha} \right) \left(f_{\mathbf{r}',\eta}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r},\eta} \right) \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma\eta} \left(c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta} \right) \cdot \left(f_{\mathbf{r}',\eta}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\eta\gamma} f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma} \right) \quad (2.9)
\end{aligned}$$

Term II:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} \right) \left(c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\beta} \right) = f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\beta} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} - \left(c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\beta} \right) \\
&= f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\alpha} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} - \left(c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\eta} \right) \underbrace{\delta_{\alpha\gamma} \delta_{\beta\eta}}_{\text{Eq. (2.7)}} \\
&= f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\alpha} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}',\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} \right) \left(f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\gamma} \right) \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma,\eta} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} \right) \cdot \left(f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\eta\gamma} f_{\mathbf{r}',\gamma} \right) \} \\
&= f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\alpha} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}',\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} \right) \left(f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\gamma} \right) \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma,\eta} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\beta\alpha} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} \right) \cdot \left(f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\gamma\eta} f_{\mathbf{r}',\gamma} \right) \} \quad (2.10)
\end{aligned}$$

In the last equality, we have used the fact that $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^T = (\sigma_x, -\sigma_y, \sigma_z)$, and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\gamma\eta} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\beta\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\eta\gamma}$. We define the spin of the local f electron as

$$\sum_{\alpha\beta} f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha}^{\dagger} \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta}}{2} f_{\mathbf{r}',\beta} = \mathbf{S}_f(\mathbf{r}) \delta_{\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'}. \quad (2.11)$$

2.1 System at half-filling

To simplify, we consider a system in which f -electrons are at half-filling in the strong U limit ($U > 0$), such that all sites are singly-occupied by f -electrons. We take $f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\beta} = \delta_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$ for simplicity. As such, the two terms reduce to

$$\left(c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha} \right) \left(f_{\mathbf{r}',\beta}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta} \right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}',\alpha} \delta_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'} \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma,\eta} \left(c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta} \right) \cdot \left(f_{\mathbf{r}',\eta}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\eta\gamma} f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma} \right) \quad (2.12a)$$

$$\left(f_{\mathbf{r},\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} \right) \left(c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta}^{\dagger} f_{\mathbf{r}',\beta} \right) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} c_{\mathbf{k}',\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} \delta_{\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}'} \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma,\eta} \left(c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\beta\alpha} c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} \right) \cdot \left(f_{\mathbf{r},\gamma}^{\dagger} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\gamma\eta} f_{\mathbf{r}',\eta} \right) + \delta_{\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'} \quad (2.12b)$$

It is important to note the difference in the overall sign of the first term. Above, we see that the hybridization includes a residual scattering term and also a Kondo-like coupling between c and f electrons.

Now, we determine the coefficients in the couplings. There are three intermediate states for subsystem b , which we label below:

$$\begin{aligned}
|f^0\rangle &\rightarrow E_{\text{local}} = 0 && \text{(unoccupied)} \\
|f^1\rangle &\rightarrow E_{\text{local}} = \xi_f && \text{(singly occupied)} \\
|f^2\rangle &\rightarrow E_{\text{local}} = 2\xi_f + U && \text{(doubly occupied).}
\end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Under our simplification, subsystem B starts in state $|f^1\rangle$, and intermediate states are $|f^0\rangle$ and $|f^2\rangle$. This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} i\omega - E_b^f &= (\xi_{\mathbf{k}} + \xi_f + i\eta) - \begin{cases} 0 & (b = 0) \\ 2\xi_f + U & (b = 2) \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} + \xi_f + i\eta & (b = 0) \\ \xi_{\mathbf{k}} - \xi_f - U + i\eta & (b = 2) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

We make the assumption that $\xi_f \gg \xi_{\mathbf{k}}$ and can disregard $\xi_{\mathbf{k}}$ to leading order. From Eq. (2.6), we have (only keeping the particle-number-preserving contribution)

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta H_{\text{itinerant}}]_{a,a'} &= \langle a | \sum_{b=0,2} \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},\sigma;\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{r}',\sigma'} \left(\frac{v_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}'}^* (c_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}) P_{f^2} (f_{\mathbf{r}',\sigma'}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}',\sigma'}) + v_{\mathbf{k}}^* v_{\mathbf{k}'} (f_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}) P_{f^2} (c_{\mathbf{k}',\sigma'}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}',\sigma'})}{i\omega - E_b^f} \right) |a'\rangle \\ &\approx \langle a | \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{r},\sigma;\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{r}',\sigma'} \left(\frac{v_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}'}^* (c_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}) P_{f^0} (f_{\mathbf{r}',\sigma'}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}',\sigma'})}{-\xi_f - U} + \frac{v_{\mathbf{k}}^* v_{\mathbf{k}'} (f_{\mathbf{r},\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}) P_{f^0} (c_{\mathbf{k}',\sigma'}^\dagger f_{\mathbf{r}',\sigma'})}{\xi_f} \right) |a'\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

We see above that the first contribution involves double occupancy of f -orbitals as an intermediate state, whereas the second term involves unoccupied f -orbitals as its intermediate state. From Eq. (2.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta H_{\text{itinerant}}]_{a,a'} &\approx \langle a | \sum_{\mathbf{k},\alpha;\mathbf{k}',\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \left(J(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') (c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{k}',\beta}) \cdot \mathbf{S}_f(\mathbf{r}) \right) |a'\rangle \\ &\quad + \langle a | \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}',\alpha} \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \left(\frac{1}{2} K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}',\alpha} \right) |a'\rangle + \text{const.} \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

in which

$$J(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') \approx -v_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}'}^* \left(\frac{1}{-\xi_f - U} + \frac{1}{\xi_f} \right) \quad (2.17)$$

and

$$K(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') = v_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}'}^* \left(\frac{1}{-\xi_f - U} - \frac{1}{\xi_f} \right). \quad (2.18)$$

The first contribution is exactly that of the Kondo model, whereas the second term is remnant spin-independent scattering off of localized f states.

For a system with $U > |\xi_f|$, in which $\xi_f < 0$, it follows that $J(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') > 0$ indicating antiferromagnetic coupling. Secondly, when the f -electrons have a particle-hole symmetric spectrum, with two bands $|\xi_f|$ and $-|\xi_f|$ and $U = 2|\xi_f|$, the second term vanishes.

Typically, one only considers the Kondo-like term, and we can drop the k -dependence of the coupling constant. We also suppose that the Kondo coupling is local. Fourier transforming and disregarding the momentum dependence of the Kondo coupling gives the familiar form,

$$H_{\text{Kondo}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} + J \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \sum_{\alpha,\beta} c_{\mathbf{r}\alpha}^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta} c_{\mathbf{r},\beta} \cdot \mathbf{S}_f(\mathbf{r}). \quad (2.19)$$

A Refresher: Inverse of block matrix and Schur complement

We present a quick math refresher to find the inverse of a square matrix. Consider the matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where A , B , C , and D are matrices. We compute the inverse by Gauss-Jordan elimination

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \mathbb{1}M \\ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & A^{-1}B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} M \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & A^{-1}B \\ 0 & D - CA^{-1}B \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ -CA^{-1} & 1 \end{pmatrix} M \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & A^{-1}B \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ -[D - CA^{-1}B]^{-1}CA^{-1} & [D - CA^{-1}B]^{-1} \end{pmatrix} M \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} + A^{-1}B[D - CA^{-1}B]^{-1}CA^{-1} & -A^{-1}B[D - CA^{-1}B]^{-1} \\ -[D - CA^{-1}B]^{-1}CA^{-1} & [D - CA^{-1}B]^{-1} \end{pmatrix} M \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

If one were to instead start with the bottom row, then the top left matrix element would read $M_{11}^{-1} = [A - BD^{-1}C]^{-1}$. We show this equality below:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{11}^{-1} &= A^{-1} + A^{-1}B[D - CA^{-1}B]^{-1}CA^{-1} \\ &= A^{-1}\left(1 + B[D - CA^{-1}B]^{-1}CA^{-1}\right) \\ &= A^{-1}\left(1 + B\left\{D[1 - D^{-1}CA^{-1}B]\right\}^{-1}CA^{-1}\right) \\ &= A^{-1}\left(1 + B\left[1 - \underbrace{D^{-1}CA^{-1}B}_{\equiv \Delta}\right]^{-1}D^{-1}CA^{-1}\right) \\ &= A^{-1}\left(1 + B\left[1 + \Delta + \Delta^2 + \Delta^3 + \dots\right]D^{-1}CA^{-1}\right) \\ &= A^{-1}\left(1 + \underbrace{BD^{-1}CA^{-1}}_{\equiv \Delta'} - BD^{-1}CA^{-1}BD^{-1}CA^{-1} + \dots\right) \\ &= A^{-1}\left(1 + \Delta' + \Delta'^2 + \Delta'^3 + \dots\right) = A^{-1}(1 - \Delta')^{-1} \\ &= A^{-1}\left(1 - BD^{-1}CA^{-1}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \left[\left(1 - BD^{-1}CA^{-1}\right)A\right]^{-1} \\ &= \left(A - BD^{-1}C\right)^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

This element is defined as the [Schur complement](#) of D .

B Refresher: Dyson's Equation

Consider the Green's functions

$$\mathcal{G}(i\omega) = (i\omega - H)^{-1} = (i\omega - H_0 - \Sigma)^{-1} \quad (\text{B.1})$$

Consider the following expansion (taking $\mathcal{G}(i\omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ for simplicity),

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{G}(i\omega) &= (\underbrace{i\omega - H_0 - \Sigma}_{\mathcal{G}_0^{-1}})^{-1} \\
&= (1 - \mathcal{G}_0 \Sigma)^{-1} \mathcal{G}_0 \\
&= \left(1 + (\mathcal{G}_0 \Sigma) + (\mathcal{G}_0 \Sigma)^2 + \dots \right) \mathcal{G}_0 \\
&= \mathcal{G}_0 + \mathcal{G}_0 \Sigma \underbrace{\left(1 + (\Sigma \mathcal{G}_0) + (\Sigma \mathcal{G}_0)^2 + \dots \right)}_{=(1-\Sigma\mathcal{G}_0)^{-1}} \\
&= \mathcal{G}_0 + \mathcal{G}_0 \Sigma \underbrace{(\mathcal{G}_0^{-1} - \Sigma)^{-1}}_{=\mathcal{G}} \tag{B.2}
\end{aligned}$$

This yields Dyson's equation,

$$\mathcal{G}(i\omega) = \mathcal{G}_0(i\omega) + \mathcal{G}_0(i\omega) \Sigma \mathcal{G}(i\omega) \tag{B.3}$$

which can equivalently be expressed as

$$\mathcal{G}(i\omega) = \mathcal{G}_0(i\omega) + \mathcal{G}_0(i\omega) \tilde{\Sigma}(i\omega) \mathcal{G}_0(i\omega), \tag{B.4}$$

with

$$\tilde{\Sigma}(i\omega) = \Sigma \mathcal{G}(i\omega) \mathcal{G}_0^{-1}(i\omega) = \Sigma + \Sigma \mathcal{G}_0(i\omega) \tilde{\Sigma}(i\omega) \tag{B.5}$$

serving as the T -matrix. Here, the bare Green's function (in absence of subspace coupling) is given by

$$\mathcal{G}_0(i\omega) = (i\omega - H_0)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{G}_A(i\omega) & \\ & \mathcal{G}_B(i\omega) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{B.6}$$

in which $\mathcal{G}_A(i\omega) = (i\omega - H_A)^{-1}$ and $\mathcal{G}_B(i\omega) = (i\omega - H_B)^{-1}$.

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