

Matsubara Summary(2) : About τ

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To answering the question : What is the reason that τ has its boundary condition as : ' $0 < \tau < \beta$ '? Following the derivation in the textbook, written by Bruus and K, Ch.11 section 2, First, retarded single particle Green's function can be written as:

$$C_{AB}^R(\omega) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{nn'} \frac{\langle n|A|n'\rangle \langle n'|B|n\rangle}{\omega + E_n - E_{n'} + i\eta} \left(e^{\beta E_n} - (\pm)e^{-\beta E_{n'}} \right)$$

And by the definition of Matsubara frequency,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{AB}(\tau) &= -\frac{1}{Z} \text{Tr}[e^{\beta H} e^{\tau H} A e^{-\tau H} B] \\ &= -\frac{1}{Z} \int \psi_n^{0*}(x) e^{\beta H} e^{\tau H} a^\dagger e^{-\tau H} a \psi_n^0(x) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{Z} \sum_n e^{\beta E_n} \int \psi_n^{0*}(x) e^{\tau H} a^\dagger e^{-\tau H} a \psi_n^0(x) dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{Z} \sum_n e^{\beta E_n} \int \psi_n^{0*}(x) a^\dagger |\psi_{n'}\rangle \langle \psi_n| a \psi_n^0(x) dx e^{-\tau E_n - E_{n'}} \end{aligned}$$

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Using Fourier Transformation,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{AB} &= \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{i\omega_n \tau} \left[-\frac{1}{Z} \sum_{nn'} e^{\beta H} \langle n|A|n'\rangle \langle n'|B|n\rangle \left(e^{\beta E_n} - (\pm)e^{-\beta E_{n'}} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(E_n - E_{n'} + \tau\omega_n i)} \left(-\frac{e^{\beta H}}{Z} c \right) e^{\tau(E_n - E_{n'} + i\omega + n)} \Big|_0^\beta \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$C_{AB} = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{nn'} \frac{\langle n|A|n'\rangle \langle n'|B|n\rangle}{i\omega_n + E_n - E_{n'}} (e^{\beta E_n} - \pm e^{\beta E_{n'}})$$

Consider the function in entire complex plane, where $z = x + iy$,

$$C_{AB} = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{nn'} \frac{\langle n|A|n'\rangle \langle n'|B|n\rangle}{z + E_n - E_{n'}} (e^{\beta E_n} - \pm e^{\beta E_{n'}})$$

According to the theory of analytic functions : if two functions coincide in an infinite set of points then they are fully identical functions within the entire domain where at least one of them is analytic function.

That is, if $C_{AB}(i\omega)$ is known, then $C_{AB}^R(\omega)$ can be found :

$$C_{AB}^R(\omega) = C_{AB}(i\omega \rightarrow \omega + i\eta)$$

Where η is infinitesimal real value.