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# NOTATION AND SYMBOLS

$\lambda$	flow parameter; in the literature sometimes also denoted by $B$
$\hat{\cdot}$	denotes that $\cdot$ is an operator which does not commute with every other operator
$1$	indicates $1 \in \mathbb{N}$ or the identity operator $\hat{1} =: \mathbb{1}$
$:\hat{A}:$	normal ordering of operator $\hat{A}$
$\hat{a}_k^\dagger$	$k^{\text{th}}$ bosonic creation operator
$\hat{a}_k$	$k^{\text{th}}$ bosonic annihilation operator
$[\hat{A}, \hat{B}]$	commutator of operators $\hat{A}, \hat{B}$
$\hat{A}^\dagger$	adjoint of $\hat{A}$
$z^*$	complex conjugate of $z \in \mathbb{C}$
$\delta_{\alpha, \beta}$	Kronecker-Delta of $\alpha, \beta$
$\partial_x$	partial derivative $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ w.r.t. $x$





## ABSTRACT



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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION



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## SECTION 2

# THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

### 2.1 The Flow Equation Approach

### 2.2 Normal Ordering









SECTION 4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ CONCLUSION



## A.1 Deriving the flow equations in the case of no n-dependence

First the canonical generator  $\hat{\eta}$  has to be evaluated:

$$\hat{\eta} := \hat{\eta}(\lambda) := [\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0, \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{int}}] = \left[ \sum_k \omega_k \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k, \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'} \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} + \sum_{p,p'} \left( W_{p,p'} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} + W_{p,p'}^* \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \right) \right] \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_k \sum_{q,q'} \omega_k V_{q,q'} [\hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'}] + \sum_k \sum_{p,p'} \left( \omega_k W_{p,p'} [\hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}] + \omega_k W_{p,p'}^* [\hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k, \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'}] \right) \\ &= \sum_k \sum_{q,q'} \omega_k V_{q,q'} (\hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \delta_{k,q} - \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_k \delta_{k,q'}) \\ &+ \sum_k \sum_{p,p'} \left( \omega_k W_{p,p'} (\hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_p \delta_{k,p'} + \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} \delta_{k,p}) - \omega_k W_{p,p'}^* (\hat{a}_p \hat{a}_k \delta_{k,p'} + \hat{a}_{p'} \hat{a}_k \delta_{k,p}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} + \sum_{p,p'} \left( W_{p,p'} (\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} - W_{p,p'}^* (\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Since  $\hat{\eta}$  has the same form as  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{int}}$ ,  $[\hat{\eta}, \hat{\mathcal{H}}_0]$  follows by inspection of A.2:

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{\eta}, \hat{\mathcal{H}}_0] &= - \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'})^2 \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \\ &- \sum_{p,p'} \left( W_{p,p'} (\omega_p + \omega_{p'})^2 \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} + W_{p,p'}^* (\omega_p + \omega_{p'})^2 \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

The commutator of the generator and  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{int}}$  needs more work:

$$[\hat{\eta}, \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{int}}] = \left[ \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} + \sum_{p,p'} \left( W_{p,p'} (\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} - W_{p,p'}^* (\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \right), \right. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$\left. \sum_{\tilde{q} \neq \tilde{q}'} V_{\tilde{q},\tilde{q}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'} + \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \left( W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} + W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \right) \right] \\ = \left[ \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'}, \sum_{\tilde{q} \neq \tilde{q}'} V_{\tilde{q},\tilde{q}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'} \right] \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$+ \left[ \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'}, \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \left( W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} + W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \right) \right] \quad (\text{A.6})$$

$$+ \left[ \sum_{p,p'} \left( W_{p,p'} (\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} - W_{p,p'}^* (\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \right), \sum_{\tilde{q} \neq \tilde{q}'} V_{\tilde{q},\tilde{q}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'} \right] \quad (\text{A.7})$$

$$+ \left[ \sum_{p,p'} \left( W_{p,p'} (\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} - W_{p,p'}^* (\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \right), \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \left( W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} + W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \right) \right] \quad (\text{A.8})$$

In the following, A.5-A.8 will be evaluated separately:

**A.5:**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'}, \sum_{\tilde{q} \neq \tilde{q}'} V_{\tilde{q},\tilde{q}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'} \right] \\
&= \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{q} \neq \tilde{q}'} V_{\tilde{q},\tilde{q}'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \left[ \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'}, \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'} \right] \\
&= \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{q} \neq \tilde{q}'} V_{\tilde{q},\tilde{q}'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \left( \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'} \delta_{q',\tilde{q}} - \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \delta_{q,\tilde{q}'} \right) \\
&= \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}'} V_{q',\tilde{q}'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'} - \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},q} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \\
&= \sum_{q,q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}'} V_{q',\tilde{q}'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'} - \sum_{q,q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},q} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \\
&= \sum_{q,q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},q'} V_{q,\tilde{q}} (\omega_q - \omega_{\tilde{q}}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} - \sum_{q,q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{q,\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},q'} (\omega_{\tilde{q}} - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \\
&= \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},q'} V_{q,\tilde{q}} (\omega_q - \omega_{\tilde{q}}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} - \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{q,\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},q'} (\omega_{\tilde{q}} - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \\
&+ \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},k} V_{k,\tilde{q}} (\omega_k - \omega_{\tilde{q}}) \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}} - \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{k,\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},k} (\omega_{\tilde{q}} - \omega_k) \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}} \\
&= \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},q'} V_{q,\tilde{q}} (\omega_q - \omega_{\tilde{q}}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} - \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{q,\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},q'} (\omega_{\tilde{q}} - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \\
&+ \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{q}} 2V_{\tilde{q},k} V_{k,\tilde{q}} (\omega_k - \omega_{\tilde{q}}) \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}} \tag{A.9}
\end{aligned}$$

**A.6:**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'}, \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \left( W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'}^\dagger + W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \right) \right] \\
&= \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \left( W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \left[ \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'}, \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'}^\dagger \right] + W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \left[ \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'}, \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \right] \right) \\
&= \sum_{q,q'} \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'}) \left( W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \left( \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}}^\dagger \delta_{q',\tilde{p}'} + \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'}^\dagger \delta_{q',\tilde{p}} \right) - W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \left( \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \hat{a}_{q'} \delta_{q,\tilde{p}} + \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{q'} \delta_{\tilde{p}',q} \right) \right) \\
&= \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p'} (\omega_q - \omega_{p'}) W_{p,p'} \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_p^\dagger + \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p} (\omega_q - \omega_p) W_{p,p'} \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \\
&- \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{q'} V_{p,q'} (\omega_p - \omega_{q'}) W_{p,p'}^* \hat{a}_{p'} \hat{a}_{q'} - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{q'} V_{p',q'} (\omega_{p'} - \omega_{q'}) W_{p,p'}^* \hat{a}_{p'} \hat{a}_{q'} \\
&= \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{p',q} (\omega_{p'} - \omega_q) W_{p,q} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger + \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{p,q} (\omega_p - \omega_q) W_{q,p'} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \\
&- \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p} (\omega_q - \omega_p) W_{q,p}^* \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p'} (\omega_q - \omega_{p'}) W_{p,q}^* \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \\
&= \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{p',q} (\omega_{p'} - \omega_q) W_{p,q} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger + \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{p,q} (\omega_p - \omega_q) W_{q,p'} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \\
&- \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p} (\omega_q - \omega_p) W_{q,p}^* \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p'} (\omega_q - \omega_{p'}) W_{p,q}^* \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \\
&= \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{p,q} (\omega_p - \omega_q) (W_{q,p'} + W_{p',q}) \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \\
&+ \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p} (\omega_p - \omega_q) (W_{q,p'}^* + W_{p',q}^*) \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \tag{A.10}
\end{aligned}$$

A.7:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ \sum_{p,p'} \left( W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger - W_{p,p'}^*(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \right), \sum_{\tilde{q} \neq \tilde{q}'} V_{\tilde{q},\tilde{q}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'}^\dagger \right] \\
&= \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{q} \neq \tilde{q}'} V_{\tilde{q},\tilde{q}'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \left( W_{p,p'} \left[ \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger, \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'}^\dagger \right] - W_{p,p'}^* \left[ \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'}, \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{q}'}^\dagger \right] \right) \\
&= - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{p,p'} \left( \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_p^\dagger \delta_{q',p'} + \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \delta_{q',p} \right) \\
&\quad - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{q \neq q'} V_{q,q'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{p,p'}^* \left( \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{q'} \delta_{q,p'} + \hat{a}_{p'} \hat{a}_{q'} \delta_{q,p} \right) \\
&= - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{p,p'} \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_p^\dagger - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{p,p'} \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \\
&\quad - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{q'} V_{p',q'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{p,p'}^* \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{q'} - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{q'} V_{p,q'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{p,p'}^* \hat{a}_{p'} \hat{a}_{q'} \\
&= - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{p',q}(\omega_p + \omega_q) W_{p,q} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{p,q}(\omega_q + \omega_{p'}) W_{q,p} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \\
&\quad - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{q'} V_{q',p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{q'}) W_{p,q'}^* \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{q'} V_{q',p}(\omega_{q'} + \omega_{p'}) W_{q',p}^* \hat{a}_{p'} \hat{a}_{p'} \\
&= - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{p,q}(\omega_q + \omega_{p'}) (W_{p',q} + W_{q,p'}) \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \\
&\quad - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_q V_{q,p}(\omega_q + \omega_{p'}) (W_{p',q}^* + W_{q,p'}^*) \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \tag{A.11}
\end{aligned}$$

A.8:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ \sum_{p,p'} \left( W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger - W_{p,p'}^*(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} \right), \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \left( W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'}^\dagger + W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \right) \right] \\
&= \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \left[ \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger, \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \right] - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} W_{p,p'}^* W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) \left[ \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'}, \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'}^\dagger \right] \\
&= - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'} + \omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{\tilde{p}'}) W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \left[ \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'}^\dagger, \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \right] \\
&= - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'} + \omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{\tilde{p}'}) W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_p^\dagger \delta_{\tilde{p}',p'} \\
&\quad - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'} + \omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{\tilde{p}'}) W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \delta_{\tilde{p},p} \\
&\quad - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'} + \omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{\tilde{p}'}) W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \delta_{\tilde{p},p'} \\
&\quad - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'} W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + \omega_{p'} + \omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{\tilde{p}'}) W_{\tilde{p},\tilde{p}'}^* \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \delta_{\tilde{p},p} \\
&= - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}} W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + 2\omega_{p'} + \omega_{\tilde{p}}) W_{\tilde{p},p}^* \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_p^\dagger - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}} W_{p,p'}(2\omega_p + \omega_{p'} + \omega_{\tilde{p}}) W_{\tilde{p},p}^* \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \\
&\quad - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}'} W_{p,p'}(\omega_p + 2\omega_{p'} + \omega_{\tilde{p}'}) W_{\tilde{p}',p}^* \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}'} W_{p,p'}(2\omega_p + \omega_{p'} + \omega_{\tilde{p}'}) W_{\tilde{p}',p}^* \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \\
&= - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}} W_{p,\tilde{p}}(\omega_p + 2\omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{p'}) W_{p',\tilde{p}}^* \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}} W_{\tilde{p},p}(2\omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{p',\tilde{p}}^* \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}} \\
&\quad - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}'} W_{p,\tilde{p}'}(\omega_p + 2\omega_{\tilde{p}'} + \omega_{p'}) W_{\tilde{p}',p}^* \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}'} W_{\tilde{p}',p}(2\omega_{\tilde{p}'} + \omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{\tilde{p}',p}^* \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}'} \\
&= - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{p,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},p})(\omega_p + 2\omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{p'}) W_{p',\tilde{p}}^* \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\tilde{p}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}'} (W_{p,\tilde{p}'} + W_{\tilde{p}',p}) (\omega_p + 2\omega_{\tilde{p}'} + \omega_{p'}) W_{\tilde{p}',p'}^* \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} \\
& = - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{p,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},p}) (\omega_p + 2\omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{p'}) W_{p',\tilde{p}}^* (\delta_{p,p'} + \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}) \\
& - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{p,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},p}) (\omega_p + 2\omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{p'}) W_{\tilde{p},p'}^* \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} \\
& = - \sum_{p,p'} \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{p,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},p}) (\omega_p + 2\omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{p'}) (W_{\tilde{p},p'}^* + W_{p',\tilde{p}}^*) \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} \\
& - 2 \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{k,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},k}) (\omega_k + \omega_{\tilde{p}}) W_{k,\tilde{p}}^* \\
& = - \sum_{q \neq q'} \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{q,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},q}) (\omega_q + 2\omega_{\tilde{p}} + \omega_{q'}) (W_{\tilde{p},q'}^* + W_{q',\tilde{p}}^*) \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \\
& - 2 \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{k,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},k}) (\omega_k + \omega_{\tilde{p}}) (W_{\tilde{p},k}^* + W_{k,\tilde{p}}^*) \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k \\
& - 2 \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{k,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},k}) (\omega_k + \omega_{\tilde{p}}) W_{k,\tilde{p}}^* \tag{A.12}
\end{aligned}$$

Using the expressions for the commutators of the generator and  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0$  respectively  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{int}}$  derived above, the flow  $\partial_\lambda \hat{\mathcal{H}}(\lambda) = [\hat{\eta}(\lambda), \hat{\mathcal{H}}(\lambda)]$  yields the following flow equations  $\forall k, p, p', q, q'$  where  $q \neq q'$ :

$$\partial_\lambda \omega_k = \sum_{\tilde{q}} 2V_{\tilde{q},k} V_{k,\tilde{q}} (\omega_k - \omega_{\tilde{q}}) - 2 \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{k,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},k}) (\omega_k + \omega_{\tilde{p}}) (W_{\tilde{p},k}^* + W_{k,\tilde{p}}^*) \tag{A.13a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_\lambda V_{q,q'} &= -V_{q,q'} (\omega_q - \omega_{q'})^2 - \sum_{\tilde{p}} (W_{q,\tilde{p}} + W_{\tilde{p},q}) (\omega_q + \omega_{q'} + 2\omega_{\tilde{p}}) (W_{\tilde{p},q'}^* + W_{q',\tilde{p}}^*) \\
&+ \sum_{\tilde{q}} V_{\tilde{q},q'} V_{q,\tilde{q}} (\omega_q + \omega_{q'} - 2\omega_{\tilde{q}}) \tag{A.13b}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_\lambda W_{p,p'} &= -W_{p,p'} (\omega_p + \omega_{p'})^2 - \sum_q V_{p,q} (\omega_q + \omega_{p'}) (W_{p',q} + W_{q,p'}) \\
&+ \sum_q V_{p,q} (\omega_p - \omega_q) (W_{q,p'} + W_{p',q}) \tag{A.13c}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial_\lambda W_{p,p'}^* &= -W_{p,p'}^* (\omega_p + \omega_{p'})^2 - \sum_q V_{q,p} (\omega_q + \omega_{p'}) (W_{p',q}^* + W_{q,p'}^*) \\
&+ \sum_q V_{q,p} (\omega_p - \omega_q) (W_{q,p'}^* + W_{p',q}^*) \tag{A.13d}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_\lambda \varepsilon = -2 \sum_{p,p'} (W_{p,p'} + W_{p',p}) (\omega_p + \omega_{p'}) W_{p,p'}^* \tag{A.13e}$$

Obviously, equations A.13c and A.13d are not independent from each other, since they are related by complex conjugation. Seeing this is a good consistency check because complex conjugation was not explicitly used in the derivation of these two equations.

Furthermore note that the flow equations A.13a-A.13e are exact in the sense that if the flow is completely traversed, the flow Hamiltonian will be exactly diagonal.



## A.2 Deriving the flow equations with n-dependence

### A.2.1 Useful preliminaries

Consider some operator  $\hat{f}$  which depends on a number operator  $\hat{n} = \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a}$ . The following relations will be used later:

$$[\hat{a}^\dagger, \hat{f}(\hat{n})] = \hat{a}^\dagger (\hat{f}(\hat{n}) - \hat{f}(\hat{n} + 1)) \quad (\text{A.14a})$$

$$[\hat{a}, \hat{f}(\hat{n})] = \hat{a} (\hat{f}(\hat{n}) - \hat{f}(\hat{n} - 1)) \quad (\text{A.14b})$$

$$[\hat{f}(\hat{n}), \hat{a}^\dagger] = (\hat{f}(\hat{n}) - \hat{f}(\hat{n} - 1)) \hat{a}^\dagger \quad (\text{A.14c})$$

$$[\hat{f}(\hat{n}), \hat{a}] = (\hat{f}(\hat{n}) - \hat{f}(\hat{n} + 1)) \hat{a} \quad (\text{A.14d})$$

These can be proved by induction for  $\hat{f}(\hat{n}) = \hat{n}^k, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and from there simply extended to well-behaved  $\hat{f}$  via power series. Equations A.14 are still valid for functions depending on  $\{\hat{n}_k\}_k$ , because all  $\hat{n}_k$  pairwise commute.

We will write  $\hat{f}(\hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2, \dots) =: \hat{f}$  and  $\hat{f}(\hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2, \dots, \hat{n}_k \pm 1, \hat{n}_{k+1}, \dots) =: \hat{f}(\hat{n}_k \pm 1)$  where it is understood that  $\hat{f}(\hat{n}_k \pm 1, \hat{n}_k \pm 1) =: \hat{f}(\hat{n}_k \pm 2)$ .

Using this notation, it is evident that a simple induction for  $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{N}_0$  yields the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned} & [\hat{f}(\hat{n}), \hat{a}_{k_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k_2}^\dagger \cdots \hat{a}_{k_{n_1}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k_1} \hat{a}_{k_2} \cdots \hat{a}_{k_{n_2}}] \\ &= \left( \hat{f} - \hat{f}(\hat{n}_{k_1} - 1, \hat{n}_{k_2} - 1, \dots, \hat{n}_{k_{n_1}}, \hat{n}_{k_1} + 1, \hat{n}_{k_2} + 1 \dots \hat{n}_{k_{n_2}} + 1) \right) \hat{a}_{k_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k_2}^\dagger \cdots \hat{a}_{k_{n_1}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k_1} \hat{a}_{k_2} \cdots \hat{a}_{k_{n_2}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.15})$$

Furthermore, applying the recurrence relation introduced to define the normal ordering procedure can be used to successively normal order operators. Let  $\hat{O} := \hat{a}_{k_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k_2}^\dagger \cdots \hat{a}_{k_{n_1}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k_1} \hat{a}_{k_2} \cdots \hat{a}_{k_{n_2}}$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{a}_q : \hat{O} &:= \hat{O} \hat{a}_q : + \sum_k : \frac{\partial \hat{O}}{\partial \hat{a}_k^\dagger} : \\ &= \hat{O} \hat{a}_q : + \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \delta_{k_i, q} : \hat{a}_{k_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k_2}^\dagger \cdots \hat{a}_{k_{i-1}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k_{i+1}}^\dagger \cdots \hat{a}_{k_{n_1}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k_1} \hat{a}_{k_2} \cdots \hat{a}_{k_{n_2}} : \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.16a})$$

$$\hat{a}_q^\dagger : \hat{O} := \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{O} : \quad (\text{A.16b})$$

### A.2.2 The canonical generator

The first step in the calculating the flow equations is again to calculate the canonical commutator  $\hat{\eta} := [\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0, \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{\text{int}}]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\eta} &= \left[ \sum_k \hat{\omega}_k : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : , \sum_{q \neq q'} \hat{V}_{q, q'} : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} : + \sum_{p, p'} \left( \hat{W}_{p, p'} : \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger : + \hat{W}_{p, p'}^\dagger : \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} : \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_k \sum_{q \neq q'} \left[ \hat{\omega}_k : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : , \hat{V}_{q, q'} : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} : \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.17})$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{p, p'} \left[ \hat{\omega}_k : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : , \hat{W}_{p, p'} : \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger : \right] \quad (\text{A.18})$$

$$+ \sum_k \sum_{p,p'} [\hat{\omega}_k : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k :, \hat{W}_{p,p'}^\dagger : \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} :] \quad (\text{A.19})$$

In the following, the terms A.17-A.19 will be evaluated separately:

### A.17

$$\begin{aligned} & [\hat{\omega}_k : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k :, \hat{V}_{q,q'} : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} :] \\ &= \hat{\omega}_k \hat{V}_{q,q'} [ : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k :, : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} : ] + \underbrace{\hat{\omega}_k [ : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k :, \hat{V}_{q,q'} ]}_{=0} : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} : \\ &+ \hat{V}_{q,q'} [ \hat{\omega}_k, : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} : ] : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : + \underbrace{[ \hat{\omega}_k, \hat{V}_{q,q'} ]}_{=0} : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} : : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : \\ &= \hat{\omega}_k \hat{V}_{q,q'} ( : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} : \delta_{k,q} - : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_k : \delta_{k,q'} ) + \hat{V}_{q,q'} ( \hat{\omega}_k - \hat{\omega}_k (\hat{n}_q - 1, \hat{n}_{q'} + 1) ) : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} : : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : \\ &= \hat{\omega}_k \hat{V}_{q,q'} ( : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} : \delta_{k,q} - : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_k : \delta_{k,q'} ) \\ &+ \hat{V}_{q,q'} ( \hat{\omega}_k - \hat{\omega}_k (\hat{n}_q - 1, \hat{n}_{q'} + 1) ) ( : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{q'} \hat{a}_k : ) + \delta_{q',k} : \hat{a}_q^\dagger \hat{a}_k : \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.20})$$

### A.18

$$\begin{aligned} & [\hat{\omega}_k : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k :, \hat{W}_{p,p'}^\dagger : \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} :] \\ &= \hat{W}_{p,p'} [ \hat{\omega}_k, : \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} : ] : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : + \hat{W}_{p,p'} \hat{\omega}_k [ : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k :, : \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} : ] \\ &= \hat{W}_{p,p'} ( \omega_k - \hat{\omega} (\hat{n}_{p'} - 1, \hat{n}_p - 1) ) : \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} : : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : + \hat{W}_{p,p'} \hat{\omega}_k ( : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_p^\dagger : \delta_{k,p'} + : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} : \delta_{k,p} ) \\ &= \hat{W}_{p,p'} ( \omega_k - \hat{\omega} (\hat{n}_{p'} - 1, \hat{n}_p - 1) ) : \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : + \hat{W}_{p,p'} \hat{\omega}_k ( : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_p^\dagger : \delta_{k,p'} + : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'} : \delta_{k,p} ) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.21})$$

### A.19

$$\begin{aligned} & [\hat{\omega}_k : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k :, \hat{W}_{p,p'}^\dagger : \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} :] \\ &= \hat{W}_{p,p'}^\dagger [ \hat{\omega}_k, : \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} : ] : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : + \hat{W}_{p,p'}^\dagger \hat{\omega}_k [ : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k :, : \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} : ] \\ &= \hat{W}_{p,p'}^\dagger ( \omega_k - \hat{\omega} (\hat{n}_{p'} + 1, \hat{n}_p + 1) ) : \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} : : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k : + \hat{W}_{p,p'}^\dagger \hat{\omega}_k ( : \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_k : \delta_{k,p'} + : \hat{a}_{p'} \hat{a}_k : \delta_{k,p} ) \\ &= \hat{W}_{p,p'}^\dagger ( \omega_k - \hat{\omega} (\hat{n}_{p'} + 1, \hat{n}_p + 1) ) ( : \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_{p'} : + \delta_{k,p} : \hat{a}_{p'} \hat{a}_k : + \delta_{k,p'} : \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_k : ) \\ &+ \hat{W}_{p,p'}^\dagger \hat{\omega}_k ( : \hat{a}_p \hat{a}_k : \delta_{k,p'} + : \hat{a}_{p'} \hat{a}_k : \delta_{k,p} ) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.22})$$

APPENDIX B

THE SECOND APPENDIX

Here comes the second appendix.



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