

# Homework 3

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## 1 Problem 1

Given

$$H = -\mu c^+ c, \quad (1)$$

and let

$$S(U) = \exp\left(-i \int \theta(t) \theta(t_0 - t) U c^+ c dt\right), \quad (2)$$

be a phase factor of the time-ordered product of the Green's function.

### 1.1 1(a)

The generalized partition function is given

$$Z(U) = \text{Tr}\{T e^{-i \int \theta(t) \theta(t_0 - t) U c^+ c dt} e^{-\beta H}\} \quad (3)$$

For the case of spinless fermions, we only have two possible states  $|0\rangle$  and  $|1\rangle$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} Z(U) &= \langle 0 | e^{-i \int \theta(t) \theta(t_0 - t) U c^+ c dt} e^{-\beta H} | 0 \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle 1 | e^{-i \int \theta(t) \theta(t_0 - t) U c^+ c dt} e^{-\beta H} | 1 \rangle \\ &= e^{-i \int \theta(t) \theta(t_0 - t) U c^+ c dt} \langle 0 | 0 \rangle \\ &\quad + e^{-i \int \theta(t) \theta(t_0 - t) U c^+ c dt} \langle 1 | e^{-\beta(-\mu N)} | 1 \rangle \\ &= 1 + e^{-i \int_0^{t_0} U dt} \langle 1 | e^{-\beta(-1)\mu} | 1 \rangle \\ &= \boxed{1 + e^{-i U t_0} e^{\beta \mu}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

### 1.2 1(b)

See attachment.

## 2 Problem 2

Given the Hamiltonian in real space

$$H = -t \sum_{ij\sigma} (c_{i\sigma}^+ c_{j\sigma} + c_{j\sigma}^+ c_{i\sigma}) + U \sum_i (c_{i\uparrow}^+ c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\downarrow}^+ c_{i\downarrow}). \quad (5)$$

## 2.1 2(a)

Using

$$\begin{aligned} c_{j\sigma} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k e^{ik \cdot r_j} c_{k\sigma} \\ c_{j\sigma}^+ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k e^{-ik \cdot r_j} c_{k\sigma}^+. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

We Fourier-transform the Hamiltonian into momentum space

$$\begin{aligned} H &= -t \sum_{ij\sigma} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{kk'} \left( e^{-ik \cdot r_i} e^{ik' \cdot r_j} c_{k\sigma}^+ c_{k'\sigma} + e^{-ik \cdot r_j} e^{ik' \cdot r_i} c_{k'\sigma}^+ c_{k\sigma} \right) \\ &\quad + U \sum_i \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4} e^{-ik_1 \cdot r_i} e^{ik_2 \cdot r_i} e^{-ik_3 \cdot r_i} e^{ik_4 \cdot r_i} c_{k_1 \uparrow}^+ c_{k_2 \uparrow} c_{k_3 \downarrow}^+ c_{k_4 \downarrow} \\ &= -t \sum_{k\sigma\delta} \frac{1}{N} \left( e^{-ik \cdot r_i} e^{ik \cdot (r_i + \delta)} c_{k\sigma}^+ c_{k\sigma} + e^{-ik \cdot (r_i + \delta)} e^{ik \cdot r_i} c_{k\sigma}^+ c_{k\sigma} \right) + \frac{U}{N} \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} c_{k_1 \uparrow}^+ c_{k_2 \uparrow} c_{k_3 \downarrow}^+ c_{k_1 - k_2 + k_3 \downarrow} \\ &= -\frac{t}{2} \sum_{\sigma k \delta} \frac{1}{N} \left( e^{ik \cdot \delta} + e^{-ik \cdot \delta} \right) c_{k\sigma}^+ c_{k\sigma} + \frac{U}{N} \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} c_{k_1 + k_2 - k_3 \uparrow}^+ c_{k_2 \uparrow} c_{k_3 \downarrow}^+ c_{k_1 \downarrow} \\ &= \boxed{\sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma}^+ c_{k\sigma} + \frac{U}{N} \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} c_{k_1 + k_2 - k_3 \uparrow}^+ c_{k_2 \uparrow} c_{k_3 \downarrow}^+ c_{k_1 \downarrow}}, \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\epsilon_k = -t \sum_{\delta} \cos(k \cdot \delta) = -\frac{t}{2} \sum_{\delta} (e^{ik \cdot \delta} + e^{-ik \cdot \delta})$ .

## 2.2 2(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
i \frac{d}{dt} c_{k\sigma}(t) &= -e^{iHt} [H, c_{k\sigma}] e^{-iHt} \\
&= -e^{iHt} \left[ \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k n_{k\sigma}, c_{k\sigma} \right] e^{-iHt} - e^{iHt} \left[ \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_4\downarrow}, c_{k\sigma} \right] \\
&= e^{iHt} \sum_{k\sigma} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma} e^{-iHt} \delta_{kk} \\
&\quad - \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} e^{iHt} \left( c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} - c_{k\sigma} c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} \right) e^{-iHt} \\
&\quad + c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k\sigma} c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} + (\delta_{kk_1} \delta_{\sigma\uparrow} - c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k\sigma}) c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} \\
&= e^{iHt} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma} e^{-iHt} \\
&\quad + \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} (\delta_{kk_3} \delta_{\sigma\downarrow} - c_{k\sigma} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger) c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} \\
&\quad + \delta_{kk_1} \delta_{\sigma\uparrow} c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} \\
&\quad + c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k\sigma} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} \\
&= e^{iHt} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma} e^{-iHt} \\
&\quad + \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} \delta_{kk_3} \delta_{\sigma\downarrow} c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} - \delta_{kk_1} \delta_{\sigma\uparrow} c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} \\
&\quad - c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k\sigma} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} + c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k\sigma} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} \\
&= e^{iHt} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma} e^{-iHt} + \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} \delta_{kk_3} \delta_{\sigma\downarrow} c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} + \delta_{kk_1} \delta_{\sigma\uparrow} c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k_1-k_2+k_3\downarrow} \\
&= \boxed{e^{iHt} \epsilon_k c_{k\sigma} e^{-iHt} + \sum_{k_1 k_2} c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_1-k_2+k\downarrow} - \sum_{k_2 k_3} c_{k_2\uparrow} c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger c_{k-k_2+k_3\downarrow}} \quad (8)
\end{aligned}$$

## 2.3 2(c)

Let

$$g_\sigma(k, t - t') = -i < T[c_{k\sigma}(t), c_{k\sigma}^\dagger(t')] >, \quad (9)$$

we are to find the equation satisfied by

$$\left[ i \frac{d}{dt} - \epsilon_k \right] g_\sigma(k, t - t') = ? \quad (10)$$

Just plug the definition into the diff eqn, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\left[ i \frac{d}{dt} - \epsilon_k \right] g_\sigma(k, t - t') &= \left[ i \frac{d}{dt} - \epsilon_k \right] (-i) \left( \theta(t - t') < c_{k\sigma}(t) c_{k\sigma}^\dagger(t') > - \theta(t - t') < c_{k\sigma}^\dagger(t') c_{k\sigma}(t) > \right) \\
&= \delta(t - t') \left( c_{k\sigma}(t), c_{k\sigma}^\dagger(t') \right)_+ \\
&\quad + i \frac{U}{N} \left( \theta(t - t') < \left( c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger(t) c_{k_2\uparrow}(t) c_{k_1-k_2+k\downarrow}(t) + c_{k_2\uparrow}(t) c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger(t) c_{k-k_2+k_3\downarrow}(t) \right) c_{k\sigma}^\dagger(t') > \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \theta(t' - t) < c_{k\sigma}^\dagger(t') \left( c_{k_1\uparrow}^\dagger(t) c_{k_2\uparrow}(t) c_{k_1-k_2+k\downarrow}(t) + c_{k_2\uparrow}(t) c_{k_3\downarrow}^\dagger(t) c_{k-k_2+k_3\downarrow}(t) \right) > \right) \quad (11)
\end{aligned}$$

Define

$$g^{\sigma_1\sigma_2;\sigma'_1\sigma'_2}(k_1t_1k_2t_2;k'_1t'_1k'_2t'_2) = (-i)^2 < T[c_{k_1\sigma_1}(t_1)c_{k_2\sigma_2}(t_2)c_{k'_2\sigma'_2}^+(t'_2)c_{k'_1\sigma'_1}^+(t'_1)] > \quad (12)$$

and use this to simplify equation 11, we get

$$\delta(t-t') + \sum_{k_1k_2} \frac{iU}{N} g^{\uparrow\downarrow;\uparrow\sigma}(k_2t, k_1 - k_2 + kt; k_1t, kt') + \sum_{k_2k_3} \frac{iU}{N} g^{\uparrow\downarrow;\uparrow\sigma}(k_2t, k - k_2 + k_3t; k_3t, kt') \quad (13)$$

### 3 Problem 3

Recall in class we short-handed

$$\rho_n = \rho_m e^{-\beta(E_n - E_m - \mu(N_n - N_m))} = \rho_m e^{-\beta(\omega - \mu(N_n - N_m))} = \rho_m e^{-\beta(\omega - \mu)} \quad (14)$$

with  $N_n - N_m = 1$ . As  $T \rightarrow 0$ , and  $\omega > \mu$

$$e^{-\beta(\omega - \mu)} = e^{\frac{\mu - \omega}{T}} \rightarrow e^{-\frac{\pm}{0}} \rightarrow 0 \quad (15)$$

Since the Green's function  $\tilde{g}^<(k, \omega)$  is proportional to  $\rho_n$ ,  $\tilde{g}^<(k, \omega) = 0$  when  $\omega > \mu$ . Similarly,

$$\rho_m = \rho_n e^{\beta(\omega - \mu)} = \rho_n e^{-\beta(\mu - \omega)} \quad (16)$$

therefore

$$\tilde{g}^>(k, \omega) = -e^{-\beta(\mu - \omega)} \tilde{g}^<(k, \omega) \quad (17)$$

and when  $\mu > \omega$ , we get

$$e^{-\frac{\pm}{0}} \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \tilde{g}^>(k, \omega) = 0 \quad (18)$$

Recall that

$$\tilde{g}^>(k, \omega) = -2i\pi\delta(\omega - \epsilon_k)(1 - f(\omega)) \quad (19)$$

as  $T = 0$ ,  $\mu = \epsilon_k$ , and as  $\omega < \mu$ ,  $f(\omega) = 1$ , therefore

$$\tilde{g}^>(k, \omega) = -2i\pi\delta(\omega - \epsilon_k)(1 - 1) = 0 \quad (20)$$

Similarly, when  $\omega > \mu$ , at  $T = 0$

$$\tilde{g}^<(k, \omega) = 2i\pi\delta(\omega - \epsilon_k)(0) = 0 \quad (21)$$

At  $T = 0$ , the Fermi-Dirac distribution takes values

$$f(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \omega < \mu \\ 0 & \omega > \mu \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

as  $\mu = \epsilon_F$ . The spectral function then can be defined as

$$A(k, \omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \left( \tilde{g}^>(k, \omega) - \tilde{g}^<(k, \omega) \right) \quad (23)$$

and

$$\tilde{g}^>(k, \omega) = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \mu^+} \int d\omega' \frac{A(k, \omega')}{\omega - \omega'} \quad (24)$$

$$\tilde{g}^<(k, \omega) = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \mu^-} \int d\omega' \frac{A(k, \omega')}{\omega - \omega'} \quad (25)$$

## 4 Problem 4

Recall that

$$A(k, \omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} (G^R - G^A) \quad (26)$$

Given

$$I = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^-} \int d\omega e^{-\omega\delta} F(\omega) A(k, \omega) f(\omega) \quad (27)$$

first plug the spectral into the definition and get

$$= \int_{\gamma_A} d\omega F(\omega) \frac{i}{2\pi} G^R(\omega) f(\omega) - \int_{\gamma_B} d\omega F(\omega) \frac{i}{2\pi} G^A(\omega) f(\omega) \quad (28)$$

Recall that in HW 1 problem 4, the poles of the function

$$G(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

are  $z = i\pi(2n + 1)$ , with residues 1. Obviously the function  $G(z)$  is the Fermi-Dirac function  $f(\omega)$  here. Using the conclusion we landed for that problem

$$\int_{\gamma} G(z) f(z) dz = 0 = 2\pi i \sum f(z) + 2\pi i [\text{Res}(G(z = -c))] \quad (29)$$

equation 28 becomes

$$= \frac{i}{2\pi} \text{Res} \left( \frac{F(\omega) G^R(\omega)}{e^{\beta\omega} + 1} \right) - \frac{i}{2\pi} \text{Res} \left( \frac{F(\omega) G^A(\omega)}{e^{\beta\omega} + 1} \right) \quad (30)$$

the poles are at the fermionic Matsubara frequencies  $\omega = i\omega_n$ , and taking the derivative of the denominator, we get

$$= 2\pi i \left( \frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{F(i\omega_n) G^R(i\omega_n)}{\beta e^{\beta i\omega_n}} - \frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{F(i\omega_n) G^A(i\omega_n)}{\beta e^{\beta i\omega_n}} \right) \quad (31)$$

since  $e^{\beta i\omega_n} = \pm 1$ , and  $T = \frac{1}{\beta}$ , we get

$$I = \mp \left( T \sum_n F(i\omega_n) G^R(i\omega_n) - T \sum_n F(i\omega_n) G^A(i\omega_n) \right) = \boxed{\mp T \sum_n F(i\omega_n) G(k, i\omega_n)} \quad (32)$$