

# Gravgård

Gravgården er hvor tekster går for å dø. Ting som er fjernet fra main, men som jeg ikke helt klarer å slette enda

## 1 path integral

By Wick's theorem, an  $n$ -point correlated is given by the sum of all Feynman diagrams with  $n$  external vertices. The factor  $Z[0]^{-1}$  divides out all *vacuum bubbles*, that is diagrams without external vertices. We can show this by considering

Here we defined the *generating functional for connected diagrams*,  $W[J]$ . The reason for the name will become apparent later. (HUSK Å REFFERE TILBAKE) The expectation value of some function of the field-configuration,  $A = A[\varphi]$ , in the precesence of the source  $J$  is

$$\langle A \rangle_J = \frac{1}{Z[J]} A \left( -i \frac{\delta}{\delta J} \right) Z[J]. \quad (1)$$

(DEFINE FUNCTIONAL DERIVATIVE) The expectation value of the field defines a functional,

$$\varphi[J](x) = \langle \varphi(x) \rangle_J = \frac{1}{Z[J]} \left( -i \frac{\delta}{\delta J} \right) Z[J] = \frac{\delta}{\delta J(x)} W[J], \quad (2)$$

and is sometimes called the *classical field*. The notation  $\mathcal{F}[f](x)$  means that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a functional which takes in a function  $f$ , and returns the new function  $(\mathcal{F}[f])(x)$ . One example is the Lagrangian density, which takes in a field, and returns a function which has a value for each point in space-time. We can reverse this relationship, by defining the functional  $J[\varphi](x)$  as *the current which causes the classical field*  $\varphi$ . That is, if  $\varphi[J_0](x) = \varphi_0(x)$  for some source  $J_0$ , then  $J[\varphi_0] = J_0$

## 2 free scalar

Comparing with the definitions of the thermal propagator in ??, we can write the free energy compactly as

$$\beta F = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \{ \ln [D_0^{-1}(K, K')] \} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \{ \ln [\beta^2 D_0^{-1}(K)] \}. \quad (3)$$

## 3 interacting scalar

Notice that the constant factor from the Jacobian due to the change of variable  $\varphi \rightarrow \tilde{\varphi}$  does not affect the expectation value, as the same factor is in both the numerator and denominator. If the quantity  $A$  is a function of the momentum-space fields,  $A = A[\tilde{\varphi}(K)]$ , then this expectation value takes the form

$$\langle A \rangle_0 = \frac{\int_{\tilde{S}} \mathcal{D}\tilde{\varphi}(K) f[\tilde{\varphi}(K)] \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \langle \tilde{\varphi}^*, D \tilde{\varphi} \rangle \right\}}{\int_{\tilde{S}} \mathcal{D}\tilde{\varphi}(K) \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \langle \tilde{\varphi}^*, D \tilde{\varphi} \rangle \right\}}. \quad (4)$$

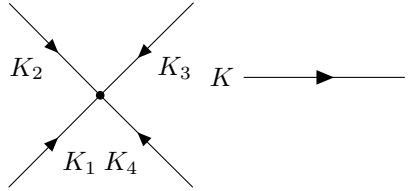
where, as before,

$$\langle \tilde{\varphi}^*, D\tilde{\varphi} \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \tilde{d}K [\beta^2(\omega_n^2 + \omega_n'^2)] |\tilde{\varphi}(K)|^2 \quad (5)$$

The exponential form of  $Z[J]$  leads straight forwardly to Wick's theorem, which states that an expectation value of  $2n$  fields is a sum of *all possible, distinct* combination of  $n$  propagators. To write this in a formal way, we define the functions  $a$  and  $b$ , which define a way to pair up  $2m$  elements. The domain of the functions are the integers between 1 and  $m$ , the image a subset of the integers between 1 and  $2m$  of size  $m$ . A valid pairing is a set  $\{(a(1), b(1)), \dots (a(m), b(m))\}$ , where all elements  $a(i)$  and  $b(j)$  are different, such all integers up to and including  $2m$  are featured. A pair is not directed, so  $(a(i), b(i))$  is the same pair as  $(b(i), a(i))$ . Wick theorem states that,

$$\left\langle \prod_{i=1}^{2m} \varphi(X_i) \right\rangle_0 = \sum_{\{(a,b)\}} \langle \varphi(X_{a(i)}) \varphi(X_{b(i)}) \rangle, \quad (6)$$

where the sum is over all tuples  $(a, b)$  that define a valid and unique pairing.



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The expression is the integrated over all *internal* momenta. The factor  $1/4!$  is removed as a general Feynman diagram represent all diagrams with the same form, but different pairing of the momenta. Some diagrams are more symmetric, such that an exchange of momenta still gives *the same pairing*.

## 4 effective action

In free theory, we may write

$$W[J] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x d^4y J(x) D_0(x-y) J(y), \quad (8)$$

where  $D_0$  is the free propagator. We may reverse the relation Eq. (2) to write the source in terms of the field,

$$J = D_0^{-1} \varphi(x) \quad (9)$$

This is the field equation for the free field with a source. For the scalar Klein-Gordon field,  $D_0^{-1} = \partial^2 + m^2$ . Inserting these two relation into the definition of the effective action, and assuming we can do partial integration with  $D_0^{-1}$ , we get

$$\Gamma[\varphi] = W[J] - \int d^4x J(x) \varphi(x) = \int d^4x \left( \frac{1}{2} \int d^4y (D_0^{-1} \varphi) D_0 (D_0^{-1} \varphi) - (D_0^{-1} \varphi) \varphi \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \varphi(x) D_0^{-1} \varphi(x) \quad (10)$$

This is the classical action. Thus, the effective action  $\Gamma$  and the classical action  $S$  are the same to first order in perturbation theory.

Let  $\varphi^*$  solve the quantum mechanical version of the equation of motion, i.e.

$$\frac{\delta \Gamma[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi} = 0. \quad (11)$$

We can Taylor-expand the classical action around this point, by setting  $\varphi(x) = \varphi^*(x) + \eta(x)$  for some function  $\eta$ . The generating functional becomes

$$Z[J] = \int \mathcal{D}(\varphi^* + \eta) \exp \left\{ iS[\varphi^* + \eta] + i \int d^4x J(\varphi^* + \eta) \right\} \quad (12)$$

The functional version of a Taylor expansion is

$$S[\varphi^* + \eta] = S[\varphi^*] + \int dx \frac{\delta S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x)} \eta(x) + \frac{1}{2} \int dx dy \frac{\delta^2 S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x) \delta \varphi(y)} \eta(x) \eta(y) + \dots \quad (13)$$

Inserting this into  $Z[J]$ , with  $S_I$  to denote the derivatives of higher order than 2, we get

$$Z[J] = \int \mathcal{D}\eta \exp \left\{ i \int d^4x (\mathcal{L}[\varphi^*] + J\varphi^*) + i \int dx \left( \frac{\delta S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x)} + J(x) \right) \eta(x) + i \frac{1}{2} \int dx dy \frac{\delta^2 S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x) \delta \varphi(y)} \eta(x) \eta(y) + i S_I[\eta] \right\}$$

In the first term we used the definition of the classical action. This term is constant with respect to  $\eta$ , and may therefore be taken outside the path integral. The next term is the classical equation of motion with a source,

$$\frac{\delta S[\varphi]}{\delta \varphi(x)} = -J(x), \quad (14)$$

evaluated at  $\varphi^*$ .

$$\frac{\delta S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x)} + J(x) = \frac{\delta \Gamma[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x)} + J(x) + \left( \frac{\delta S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x)} - \frac{\delta \Gamma[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x)} \right) = \left( \frac{\delta S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x)} - \frac{\delta \Gamma[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x)} \right) := \delta J \quad (15)$$

The second to last term is a Gaussian integral, and may be evaluated as described in ??,

$$\int \mathcal{D}\eta \exp \left( i \frac{1}{2} \int dx dy \frac{\delta^2 S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi(x) \delta \varphi(y)} \eta(x) \eta(y) \right) = C \det \left( \frac{\delta^2 S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi^2} \right)^{-1/2} \quad (16)$$

This leaves us with

$$W[J] = -i \ln(Z) \quad (17)$$

$$= \int d^4x (\mathcal{L}[\varphi^*] + J\varphi^*) - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left\{ \ln \left( -\frac{\delta^2 S[\varphi^*]}{\delta \varphi^2} \right) \right\} + \int \mathcal{D}\eta \exp \left\{ i \int d^4x \delta J(x) \eta \right\} + \int \mathcal{D}\eta e^{i S_I} \quad (18)$$

$\delta J$  is ultimately dependent on our choice of  $J$  to define  $\varphi$ . It contributes to the expectation value of  $\eta$ , through tadpole diagrams

$$\langle \eta \rangle_{j=0} = \text{---} \longrightarrow \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} \quad (19)$$

This can be removed by using the renormalization condition

$$\text{---} \longrightarrow \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} = 0. \quad (20)$$