

11.11 Define  $A(\lambda) = e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} e^{-\lambda L}$ , it is straightforward to show that  $A(0) = 1$ ,

$$\frac{dA(\lambda)}{d\lambda} = e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} (L+\delta L) e^{-\lambda L} + e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} (-L) e^{-\lambda L} = e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} \delta L e^{-\lambda L},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 A(\lambda)}{d\lambda^2} &= e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} (L+\delta L) \delta L e^{-\lambda L} + e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} \delta L (-L) e^{-\lambda L} \\ &= e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} [L, \delta L] e^{-\lambda L} + e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} (\delta L)^2 e^{-\lambda L} \\ &= e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} [L, \delta L] e^{-\lambda L} + o((\delta L)^2) \end{aligned}$$

For arbitrary  $n$ -th derivative, if we only retain the term linear in  $\delta L$ ,

$$\frac{d^n A(\lambda)}{d\lambda^n} = e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} g_n(L, \delta L) e^{-\lambda L}, \text{ then the term with one extra derivative is}$$

$$\frac{d^{n+1} A(\lambda)}{d\lambda^{n+1}} = e^{\lambda(L+\delta L)} [L, g_n(L, \delta L)] e^{-\lambda L} + o((\delta L)^2), \text{ and we have the recurrence relation,}$$

$$g_1(L, \delta L) = \delta L, \quad g_2(L, \delta L) = [L, \delta L], \quad g_{n+1}(L, \delta L) = [L, g_n(L, \delta L)] = [L, \underbrace{[L, \dots, [L, \delta L]]}_n].$$

Using the Taylor series expansion, we now can write  $A(\lambda)$  as

$$A(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \frac{d^n A(0)}{d\lambda^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} g_n(L, \delta L)$$

Setting  $\lambda=1$  will lead to

$$A = A_2 A_1^{-1} = A(1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} g_n(L, \delta L)$$

$$= I + \delta L + \frac{1}{2!} [L, \delta L] + \frac{1}{3!} [L, [L, \delta L]] + \frac{1}{4!} [L, [L, [L, \delta L]]] + \dots$$