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OK, back to the problem of interest...

Start with

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}[\psi, \bar{\psi}] e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) \psi_\alpha(x)} \\ \times e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2} \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x) \bar{\psi}_\beta(x) \psi_\beta(x) \psi_\alpha(x)}$$

where $x \equiv \{\vec{x}, \tau\}$ and $\bar{\psi}_\alpha \psi_\alpha \equiv \sum_{\alpha=1}^4 \bar{\psi}_\alpha \psi_\alpha$ (implied summation)
and we're working with $\hbar=1$

- We'll deal with Fermions only here, so the ψ 's and $\bar{\psi}$'s are Grassmann functions (think of them as Grassmann variables $\psi_{ij\mu}$, $\bar{\psi}_{ijk}$ on a spacetime lattice with i, j, k, l corresponding to discrete values of τ, x, y , and z).

• Do our "usual" procedure:

- ① generalize Z to include "sources" $\eta(x)$ and $\bar{\eta}(x)$ coupled to $\bar{\psi}$ and ψ , respectively.

• These are Grassmann sources, with spin indices

$$Z[\bar{\eta}, \eta] = \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] e^{-\left(S_E + \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \bar{\eta}_\alpha(x) \psi_\alpha(x) + \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x) \eta_\alpha(x) \right)}$$

where S_E is the Euclidean action (including the chemical potential)

$$S_E = \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \left\{ \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) \psi_\alpha(x) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x) \bar{\psi}_\beta(x) \psi_\beta(x) \psi_\alpha(x) \right\}$$

$\equiv \mathcal{L}^{(0)}$

- ② Remove the interaction term in favor of functional derivatives with respect to the Grassmann sources: $\bar{\psi} \rightarrow \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta}$, $\psi \rightarrow \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\eta}}$

$$Z[\bar{\eta}, \eta] = e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\eta}_\alpha(x)} \right) \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\eta}_\beta(x)} \right) \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_\beta(x)} \right) \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_\alpha(x)} \right)} \int \mathcal{D}[\bar{\psi}, \psi] e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \left\{ \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) \psi_\alpha(x) + \bar{\eta}_\alpha(x) \psi_\alpha(x) + \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x) \eta_\alpha(x) \right\}}$$

• we're using $\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_\alpha(x)} e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x) \eta_\alpha(x)} = e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x) \eta_\alpha(x)} \bar{\psi}_\alpha(x)$ and $\frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\eta}_\alpha(x)} e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \bar{\eta}_\alpha(x) \psi_\alpha(x)} = e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x \bar{\eta}_\alpha(x) \psi_\alpha(x)} \psi_\alpha(x)$

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- We make our lives easier here by moving the Grassmann fields brought down by the derivatives all the way to the right. We can do this since all of the Grassmann variables in the exponents appear in pairs.

- ③ Complete the square in the remaining path integral. We'll carry this out with "schematic" notation, which means we'll drop the explicit $x = (\vec{x}, t)$ indices. Since we will keep spin indices, one could also imagine those to stand for discrete time and space indices as well.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow \int \mathcal{D}(\psi) e^{-\int \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}}^{-1} \psi_{\beta} + \eta_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \psi_{\alpha} + \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \eta_{\alpha}} \\
 &= \int \mathcal{D}(\psi) e^{-\int (\psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger} + \eta_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}}^{-1}) \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}}^{-1} (\psi_{\beta} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}} \eta_{\beta})} e^{\int \eta_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}} \eta_{\alpha}} \\
 &= e^{\int \eta_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}} \eta_{\alpha}} \int \mathcal{D}(\psi') e^{-\int \psi_{\alpha}'^{\dagger} \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}}^{-1} \psi_{\beta}'} \\
 &= e^{\int \eta_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}} \eta_{\alpha}} Z_0
 \end{aligned}$$

- We get the third line by shifting variables — the "Jacobian" is 1 — to $\psi_{\alpha}' = \psi_{\alpha} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}} \eta_{\alpha}$. A proof that we can change Grassmann variables like this is given in Negele and Orland, but it should be plausible from simple examples like: $\int d\psi d\psi (\psi + \eta)(\psi + \eta) = \int d\psi d\psi \psi \psi$.

- We've introduced \mathcal{L}_{op} as the inverse of

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{op}}^{-1} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{op}} (\partial/\partial t - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu)$$

with anti-periodic boundary conditions.

- ④ Now we can do perturbation theory in powers of λ as usual.

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- Note that Z_0 is just the partition function for a non-interacting system of fermions.
- We could calculate it from the path integral — our formula for Gaussian integrals tells us it is proportional to the determinant of $(\partial_t^2 + \mu)$.
- However, we could just as well take it from our earlier discussion. In particular, on pp 58-60 we derived results for $\ln Z_0$ (which is what we need, really) for a noninteracting Fermi gas with degeneracy g in a box of volume V .

- Let's recall some of the basic results:

$$\Omega_0(V, T, \mu) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \alpha} \ln(1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu)})$$

$$\xrightarrow{V \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{g}{\beta} \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k \ln(1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu)})$$

where $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$

A change of variables to $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$ (which we just called ϵ) yields forms that are simpler to evaluate at finite temperature:

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_0 = -\frac{g}{\beta} \frac{V}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \epsilon^{1/2} \ln(1 + e^{\beta(\mu - \epsilon)})$$

$$\text{partial integration} = \frac{gV}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \frac{2}{3} \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \frac{\epsilon^{3/2}}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} + 1} = PV$$

We can find N from Thermodynamics:

$$N = -\frac{\partial \Omega_0}{\partial \mu} = -\frac{gV}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu)}} e^{-\beta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu)} \beta = \frac{gV}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu)} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{gV}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \int_0^\infty d\epsilon \frac{\epsilon^{1/2}}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} + 1}$$

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We'll be taking the zero temperature limit in the interacting case; let's warm up with the noninteracting case.

We'll calculate the noninteracting ground-state energy E_0 from

$$E_0 = \lim_{T \rightarrow 0} (\Omega_0 + TS + \mu N) = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} (\Omega_0 + \mu N)$$

Start with N . We'll use the expression with the integral over k .

$$n_k \equiv \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E_k - \mu)} + 1} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } E_k - \mu > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } E_k - \mu < 0 \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow the occupation number $n_k \rightarrow \theta(\mu - E_k)$.

So we fill levels until the last filled state has energy μ .

Since this is the Fermi energy in the non-interacting Fermi gas, we have the result:

$$\text{at } T=0 \quad \mu_0 = E_F = \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m} \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{2}{6\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m\mu_0}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

If we now consider Ω_0 , then let $z \equiv \beta(E_k - \mu)$.

If $z \rightarrow \infty$, then $\ln(1 + e^z) \rightarrow 0$

If $z \rightarrow -\infty$, then $\ln(1 + e^z) \rightarrow -z$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \Omega_0 &\xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{gV}{\beta(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k -\beta(E_k - \mu) \theta(\mu - E_k) \\ &= +\frac{gV}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k E_k \theta(\mu - E_k) + \mu_0 \frac{gV}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k \theta(\mu - E_k) \\ &= \sum_k^{\text{KF}} \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \mu_0 \sum_k^{\text{KF}} 1 = \frac{3}{5} E_F V + \mu_0 N \end{aligned}$$

From which we recover $E_0 = \frac{3}{5} E_F V = \frac{3}{5} E_F N$

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In order to do perturbation theory, we need the non-interacting single-particle Green's function G_0 .

We will follow the sign convention in Negele and Orland (which is opposite to that in Fetter and Walecka).

Then G_0 is the solution to $G_0^{-1} G_0 = 1$, which becomes

$$G_0 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) G_0(\vec{x}\tau; \vec{x}'\tau') = \delta_{\vec{x}\vec{x}'} \delta(\tau - \tau')$$

with the boundary condition

$$G_0(\vec{x}0; \vec{x}'\tau) = -G_0(\vec{x}\beta; \vec{x}'\tau)$$

(note: β sum is implied).

There are several different ways we can derive G_0 . One of the simplest is to "guess" the answer and verify that it works.

We guess

$$G_0(\vec{x}\tau; \vec{x}'\tau') = \delta_{\vec{x}\vec{x}'} \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k}(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')} e^{-(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)(\tau - \tau')} \times [\theta(\tau - \tau' + \eta)(1 - n_{\vec{k}}^0) + \theta(\tau' - \tau + \eta)n_{\vec{k}}^0]$$

$$\rightarrow \delta_{\vec{x}\vec{x}'} \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{\delta^3 \vec{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')} e^{-(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)(\tau - \tau')} [\theta(\tau - \tau' + \eta)(1 - n_{\vec{k}}^0) - \theta(\tau' - \tau + \eta)n_{\vec{k}}^0]$$

The corresponding function for bosons has $1 - n_{\vec{k}}^0 \rightarrow 1 + n_{\vec{k}}^0$ and a plus sign between the two θ -functions.

* The η is an infinitesimal that indicates that if $\tau = \tau'$, we should keep the second term.

This prescription follows from a careful evaluation of G_0 as the inverse of the discrete version of $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu\right)$.

See Negele and Orland section 2.2 for details.

We take $\eta \rightarrow 0$ as soon as we've used it to pick out which θ function to take at $\tau = \tau'$.

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Let's check that it works:

i) boundary condition

$$y_{ps}^0(\vec{x}_p, \vec{x}', \tau) = \delta_{ps} \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k}(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')} e^{-(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)\beta} e^{(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)\tau'} (1 - n_{\vec{k}}^0)$$

since the first G function will be satisfied for $0 \leq \tau' < \beta$.

$$y_{ps}^0(\vec{x}_0, \vec{x}', \tau) = \delta_{ps} \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k}(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')} e^{(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)\tau'} (-n_{\vec{k}}^0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} (1 - n_{\vec{k}}^0) &= e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} + 1} \right) \\ &= e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} \left(\frac{e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)}}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} + 1} \right) = n_{\vec{k}}^0 \\ \Rightarrow y_{ps}^0(\vec{x}_p, \vec{x}', \tau) &= -y_{ps}^0(\vec{x}_0, \vec{x}', \tau) \text{ as expected.} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) satisfies the differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{pp} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) y_{ps}^0(\vec{x}_\tau, \vec{x}', \tau) \\ &= (\delta_{pp} \delta_{ps}) \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}} \left(-(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu) + \frac{\vec{k}^2}{2m} - \mu \right) e^{i\vec{k}(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')} e^{-(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)(\tau - \tau')} \\ &\quad + \delta_{pp} \delta_{ps} \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k}(\vec{x}-\vec{x}')} e^{-(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)(\tau - \tau')} \left[\delta(\tau - \tau') (1 - n_{\vec{k}}^0) + \delta(\tau - \tau') n_{\vec{k}}^0 \right] \\ &= \delta_{ps} \delta(\tau - \tau') \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} \underbrace{\delta(\tau - \tau')}_{\delta(\tau - \tau')} \\ &= \delta_{ps} \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') \delta(\tau - \tau') \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

where we've used $\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \theta(\tau - \tau') = \delta(\tau - \tau')$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \theta(\tau') = -\delta(\tau - \tau')$

- In PS#3 you'll derive the result for G^0 by solving the differential equation explicitly.

- Another derivation is using the expression with field operators...

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- We define the single-particle Green's function as

$$G_{\alpha\beta}(\vec{x}\tau; \vec{x}'\tau') = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}(\psi) \psi_{\alpha}(\vec{x}\tau) \psi_{\beta}^{\dagger}(\vec{x}'\tau') e^{-SE}}{\int \mathcal{D}(\psi) e^{-SE}}$$

time-ordering operator

$$= \text{Tr} \left[e^{-\beta(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{N})} T[\hat{\psi}_{\alpha}(\vec{x}\tau) \hat{\psi}_{\beta}^{\dagger}(\vec{x}'\tau')] \right] / \text{Tr} [e^{-\beta(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{N})}]$$

where the ^{imaginary} time dependence of the field operators is given by

$$\hat{\psi}_{\alpha}(\vec{x}\tau) = e^{(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{N})\tau} \hat{\psi}_{\alpha}(\vec{x}) e^{-(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{N})\tau}$$

$$\hat{\psi}_{\beta}^{\dagger}(\vec{x}\tau) = e^{(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{N})\tau} \hat{\psi}_{\beta}^{\dagger}(\vec{x}) e^{-(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{N})\tau}$$

- Fetter and Walecka define

$$\hat{K} \equiv \hat{H} - \mu\hat{N}$$

which is like a grand canonical Hamiltonian, so the field operators are in a modified Heisenberg picture (F+W call them "Keisenberg" operators).

- For τ real, $\hat{\psi}_{\alpha}(\vec{x}\tau)$ and $\hat{\psi}_{\beta}^{\dagger}(\vec{x}\tau)$ are not Hermitian adjoints, but that are if we continue to $\tau = i\tau$.
- These definitions are useful because the grand canonical weighting operator $e^{-\beta(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{N})}$ is of the same form.
- The noninteracting version $G_{\alpha\beta}^0(\vec{x}\tau; \vec{x}'\tau')$ is found by replacing \hat{H} by \hat{H}_0 :

$$G_{\alpha\beta}^0(\vec{x}\tau; \vec{x}'\tau') = \frac{\text{Tr} e^{-\beta(\hat{H}_0-\mu\hat{N})} T[\hat{\psi}_{\alpha}(\vec{x}\tau) \hat{\psi}_{\beta}^{\dagger}(\vec{x}'\tau')]}{\text{Tr} e^{-\beta(\hat{H}_0-\mu\hat{N})}}$$

(Recall $H_0 = \sum_{\vec{k}} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{k}}$)

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• The noninteracting field operators are

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\psi}(\vec{x}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \eta_{\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}} \\ \text{and } \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\vec{x}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \eta_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

and it is the $a_{\vec{k}}$ and $a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger$ operators that pick up the time dependence.

• It is straight forward to show that ($\hbar=1$ everywhere)

$$a_{\vec{k}}(\tau) = a_{\vec{k}} e^{-(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger(\tau) = a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger e^{+(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)\tau}$$

by evaluating commutators (exercise for the reader...)

$$\text{Let } \langle a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}'} \rangle_0 = \frac{\text{Tr}[e^{-\beta(H_0 - \mu N)} a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}'}]}{\text{Tr}[e^{-\beta(H_0 - \mu N)}]} = \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} n_k^0$$

with $n_k^0 = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)} + 1}$ our good old Fermion occupation number.

• It follows that $\langle a_{\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}'}^\dagger \rangle_0 = \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} \delta_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} (1 - n_k^0)$ [anticommutation relations]

• Now just plug and chug into $G_{\text{op}}^0(\vec{x}\tau; \vec{x}'\tau')$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau > \tau': & \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - \vec{k}'\cdot\vec{x}'} (\eta_{\vec{k}})(\eta_{\vec{k}'}^\dagger) e^{(-\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)\tau + (\epsilon_{\vec{k}'} - \mu)\tau'} \langle a_{\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}'}^\dagger \rangle_0 \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} e^{-(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)(\tau - \tau')} (1 - n_k^0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau < \tau': -\frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} e^{-(\epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \mu)(\tau - \tau')} (-n_k^0) \quad (\text{"-" from time ordering})$$

$\Rightarrow G_{\text{op}}^0(\vec{x}\tau; \vec{x}'\tau')$ is the same as before!

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- Let's try the perturbative expansion of $\ln Z/Z_0$, which we relate to our thermodynamic observables by

$$\Omega(V, T, \mu) - \Omega_0(V, T, \mu) = -\frac{1}{\beta} (\ln Z - \ln Z_0) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z/Z_0$$

- The replica method proof that $\ln Z/Z_0$ follows from keeping only the connected diagrams goes through just as in the model partition function case by considering $(Z/Z_0)^n$, which we construct simply by introducing duplicate Grassmann path integrals over η_i and η_i^* with $i=1, \dots, n$.

- To find out the precise Feynman rules, however, we'll need to carry out a couple orders of the expansion explicitly.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Z}{Z_0} = \frac{Z[\eta, \eta^*]}{Z_0} \Big|_{\eta=\eta^*=0} = e^{-\int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_1(x)} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_2(x)} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_3(x)} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_4(x)} \right) e^{\int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta g_{rs}^0 \eta_r \eta_s}} \Big|_{\eta=\eta^*=0}$$

where the integral in the second exponential is a shorthand for

$$\int \eta_1^* g_{rs}^0 \eta_s \rightarrow \int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta \int_0^\beta \eta_1^*(x_1) g_{rs}^0(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) \eta_s(x_2)$$

- The \vec{x} and τ dependence is actually rather easy to follow, so we will use the schematic form and just trace the spin indices.

- The other expansion we'll want to do is the Green's function (pg. 107), which we can write as

$$g_{\alpha\beta}(\vec{x}\tau; \vec{x}'\tau') = \frac{-\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_\alpha(\vec{x}\tau)} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_\beta^*(\vec{x}'\tau')}}{e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta^*} \right)^2} e^{\int \eta^* g^0 \eta}} \Big|_{\eta=\eta^*=0}$$

and only connected diagrams survive.

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Let's do the leading order of Y_{op} first:

$$Y_{\text{op}}(\vec{x}_T; \vec{x}'_T) = \frac{-\delta}{\delta \eta(\vec{x}_T)} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta(\vec{x}'_T)} \left(1 + \int \eta_s^\dagger Y_{\text{op}}^0 \eta_s + \dots \right) + O(\lambda)$$

$$= + Y_{\text{op}}^0(\vec{x}_T; \vec{x}'_T) + O(\lambda)$$

- notice how the minus sign was eliminated after anticommuting $\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta}$ through η^\dagger .
- We didn't bother putting in the space and time coordinates in the expansion, since they just get set equal to those in the functional derivatives.
- Note that there is no $1/2$ in $\int \eta^\dagger Y_{\text{op}}^0 \eta$, in contrast to the ϕ case where we had $\int \phi \partial^2 \phi$ with the same j 's.
- Since we can tell the \vec{x} end from the \vec{x}' end, the Feynman rule will be to assign Y_{op} to a line with an arrow.

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\vec{x}_T, \beta} \quad \xrightarrow{\vec{x}'_T, \alpha} \end{array} \Rightarrow Y_{\text{op}}(\vec{x}_T; \vec{x}'_T) \equiv \int Y(\vec{x}_T; \vec{x}'_T)$$

* [NOTE: Different conventions are used by different authors, which lead to minus signs (or worse) differing in the rules. The final answers for observables, of course, should be the same.]

- When we go to the next order, λ^2 , there is only one connected diagram: (keeping only the terms surviving $\eta, \eta^\dagger \rightarrow 0$ at the end)

$$-\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta(\vec{x})} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta(\vec{x})} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} \int d^4x_2 \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta(\vec{x}_2)} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta(\vec{x}_2)} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta(\vec{x}_2)} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta(\vec{x}_2)} \right) \frac{1}{3!} \left(\int \eta_{\alpha_1}^\dagger Y_{\text{op}}^0 \eta_{\alpha_1} \right) \left(\int \eta_{\alpha_2}^\dagger Y_{\text{op}}^0 \eta_{\alpha_2} \right) \left(\int \eta_{\alpha_3}^\dagger Y_{\text{op}}^0 \eta_{\alpha_3} \right) \right)$$

$$= \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\vec{x}, \beta} \quad \text{loop} \quad \xrightarrow{\vec{x}, \alpha} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{loop} \quad \xrightarrow{\alpha} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{loop} \quad \xrightarrow{\alpha} \end{array}$$

- The second set of diagrams is just a visual aid to help with the spin algebra. \Rightarrow the two ends of \dots are the same space-time point x_2 .
- Evaluate it after we establish Feynman rules...



Now do the $\alpha(\lambda)$ part of z/z_0 (or $\ln z/z_0$; it is the same to that order since $\ln(1+\epsilon) = \epsilon$ for ϵ small).

$$\ln \frac{Z}{Z_0} = \left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} \int d^4x \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_\alpha} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_\beta} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_\beta^+} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta_\alpha^+} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2!} \int d^4x_1 \eta_\alpha^+ \eta_\beta^0 \eta_\gamma \eta_\delta \int d^4x_2 \eta_\gamma^+ \eta_\delta^0 \eta_\alpha \eta_\beta \right) \quad (1)$$

are the two distinct ways to match up the functional derivatives and the corresponding Grassmann variables.

- The net sign change from anticommuting is given by $(-1)^{\# \text{ of line crossings}}$. $\Rightarrow +$ for the first and $-$ for the second.
- The first set is the "direct" term, while the second set is the "exchange" term.
- There are two ways of doing each type of term \Rightarrow kills are $1/2$.

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{1} = 2 \times \left(-\frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \frac{1}{2!} \delta_{\alpha\gamma_1} \delta_{\alpha\delta_1} \delta_{\beta\gamma_2} \delta_{\beta\delta_2} \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\eta_1}^0(x, x^+) \mathcal{L}_{\eta_2\delta_2}^0(x, x^+) \\ = -\frac{\lambda}{2} \underbrace{(\delta_{\alpha\gamma_1} \delta_{\gamma_1\delta_1} \delta_{\delta_1\alpha})}_{\delta_{\alpha\alpha}=9} \underbrace{(\delta_{\beta\gamma_2} \delta_{\gamma_2\delta_2} \delta_{\delta_2\beta})}_{\delta_{\beta\beta}=9} \left(\int_0^{\beta} \int_{\beta^+} d^4x \right) \mathcal{Y}^0(0, 0^+) \mathcal{Y}^0(0, 0^+)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} &= -2 \times \left(-\frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \frac{1}{0!} \delta_{\alpha_1 \beta_1} \delta_{\alpha_2 \beta_2} \delta_{\mu_1 \nu_1} \int d^4x \, Y_{\alpha_1 \beta_1}^\mu(x, x') Y_{\alpha_2 \beta_2}^\nu(x, x') \\ &= +\frac{\lambda}{2} (\underbrace{\delta_{\alpha_1 \beta_1} \delta_{\mu_1 \nu_1} \delta_{\alpha_2 \beta_2} \delta_{\mu_2 \nu_2}}_{\delta_{\alpha\beta} = g}) \left(\int_0^\beta dt \int d^3x \right) Y^\mu(0, 0') Y^\nu(0, 0') \end{aligned}$$

- So one spin sum gives g^2 (direct) and the other gives g (exchange) and there is a minus sign between them. (We used $J_{\text{op}}^0 \propto J_{\text{op},1}$)
- The vertex gives $-\lambda$ and the two is cancelled.
- We've written $J^0(0,0^+)$ as an alternative to using the η infinitesimal in J^0 to decide what to do at equal time.

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- From page (105), $\mathcal{G}^0(0;0^+) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} (-n_k^0)$
- Since there are no remaining dependencies of x or τ , $\int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^3x = \beta V$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{Z}{Z_0} = (\beta V) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (g^2 - g) \left(\int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} n_k^0 \right)^2 + O(\lambda^3) = +\beta (\Omega - \Omega_0)$$

or

$$\Omega = \Omega_0 + V \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{g} \right) \left(g \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} n_k^0 \right)^2 + O(\lambda^3)$$

- but $g \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} n_k^0$ (or $\frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} n_k^0$) is just the density (the thermal averaged density).
- There is no μ dependence in the $O(\lambda)$ term, so in the $T=0$ limit,

$$N = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mu} = \frac{\partial \Omega_0}{\partial \mu} \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega_0 = E_0 + \mu N$$

$$\xrightarrow{T=0} E = E_0 + E_1 = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2 k_f^2}{2m} \cdot N + V \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{g} \right) \rho^2$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{E^{(0)}}{N} + \frac{E^{(1)}}{N} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2 k_f^2}{2m} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{g} \right) \rho$$

- So we get the same answer as before, with $\mu = \mu^{(0)}$ given by the noninteracting expression ↖ pg. (28)

- Note that we got the correct answer immediately for the exchange part without any change of variables or tricky integration regions.
- The calculation would be considerably trickier if we didn't have a delta function interaction (i.e., if it had finite or infinite range) but the generalization of our procedure is relatively easy.

- Note also that we rather trivially ended up in momentum space because of the $\mathcal{G}^0(0,0^+)$'s.

- Generalizing from $\frac{\nabla^2}{2m}$ to $\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} + U(\vec{x})$, with a background field $U(\vec{x})$ is simple (see later).

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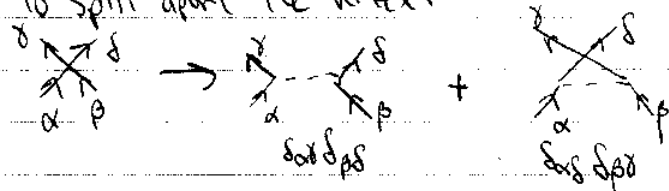
Ok, so what about the Feynman diagram and rules?

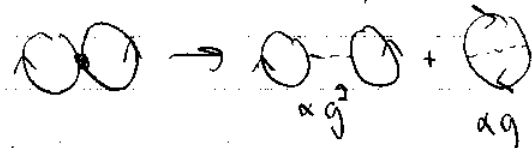
One vertex, two lines



\Rightarrow vertex $\bullet -\lambda$

- The "-" comes from the minus sign in front of the action in the exponent of the path integral.
- The cancellation of the $\frac{1}{2}$ in front of the λ is like the $4!$ factor in our model. We get 2 instead of $4!$ because the two ends of each line (noninteracting Green's function) are different and we keep direct and exchange separate.
- Each line gets $G_0(x, x')$ with x and x' determined by the vertices (or external points) it connects.
- Each vertex gets a space-time point x_i and we integrate $\int d^4 x_i$ at the end.
- The vertices have two incoming lines and two outgoing lines.
- The spin sums follow the fermion lines around, until they close on themselves, yielding a net factor of g . At each vertex there are two choices of directions to go. One way to follow the spin is to split apart the vertex.



so the diagrams are  \rightarrow $\propto g^2$ + $\propto g$

There is a relative sign, which we can account for in different ways. One convenient way is to just do the spin sums and substitute $-g$ for every trace factor.

Note: If there are spin dependent interactions, one simply inserts the appropriate spin-matrices at the vertices.

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Finally, to get the overall factor correct, we need a symmetry factor. These diagrams have lines with arrows so the rules are modified to:

- ① no factor anymore $\Rightarrow 1$ always
- ② equivalent lines must have arrows in the same direction:
 $\Rightarrow 1$, $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$, $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3!}$, $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4!}$ and on on
- ③ permutations must transform the diagram into itself, including the arrows.

To summarize, the rules for the n^{th} order contribution to $\ln(Z/Z_0)$ at temperature $T = 1/\beta$:



- a. Draw all distinct, full connected diagrams with n vertices. Distinct diagrams are those that cannot be deformed to coincide with each other, including the directions of arrows.
- b. Assign a spacetime point $x_i = (\vec{x}_i, \tau_i)$ to each vertex and a factor (-1) . Each internal line gets a factor $G_0^{\sigma}(x_1, x_2)$ running from x_2 to x_1 . The vertex lines each have a spin index. For spin-independent interactions the two-body vertices have the structure $(\delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{\gamma\delta} + \delta_{\alpha\delta} \delta_{\beta\gamma})$ where α, β are incoming spins and γ, δ are outgoing spins.
- c. Do the spin summations and substitute $-g$ for each $\delta_{\alpha\beta}$ in a closed fermion loop.
- d. Integrate $\int dx_i$ over all x_i . (We'll discuss how to deal with divergences later.)
- e. Multiply by a symmetry factor as indicated above.

Pretty easy, huh?

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Diagram topology and symmetry factor practice:

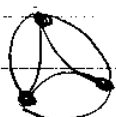
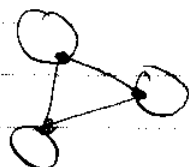
X^1 :  $\textcircled{2} \frac{1}{2}$ $\textcircled{3} 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

X^2 :  $\textcircled{2} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$ $\textcircled{3} \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$  $\textcircled{2} 1$ $\textcircled{3} \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

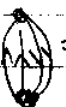

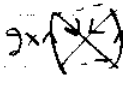
X^3 : 



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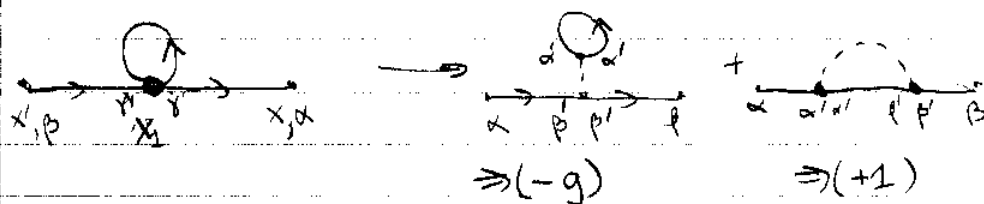


Try some spin sums, what are the factors with the X^2 diagrams?

 $\Rightarrow 2 \times$  $2 \times$ 

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If we now return to calculating the single-particle Green's function (from page (110)):



- The spin sums are indicated by the exploded diagrams.
- In both cases we end up the $S_{\alpha\beta}$ connecting the outside lines, the outside lines but the direct term has an additional spin sum in the tadpole \Rightarrow factor of $(-g)$ by our Feynman rules.

The rest of the diagram is evaluated trivially:

$$G_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = - \int d^4x_2 G_{\alpha\beta}^0(x, x_2) [S_{\alpha\beta}(-1)(-g+1) G^0(x_2, x_2^+)] G_{\alpha\beta}^0(x_2, x')$$

As before, $G^0(x_2, x_2^+) = G^0(0, 0^+) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} (-n_k^0) = -\frac{g}{g}$ for a uniform system.

- The structure here is of the form $G^0(-\Sigma)G^0$, where we suppress the integrations and spin indices. Any contribution to G at any order will always have G^0 's bracketing a piece in the middle, which we call the "self-energy". (It is conventionally defined with a minus sign).

In the present case Σ is a constant and diagonal in spin. More generally it is a function of two space-time points and is spin dependent.

- We'll talk much more about the self-energy and the "proper" self energy below.

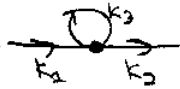
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If we substitute

$$G_{\alpha\beta}^0(\vec{x}\tau; \vec{x}'\tau') = \int_{\alpha\beta} \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} e^{-(E_{\vec{k}} - \mu)(\tau - \tau')} \times [\theta(\tau - \tau')(1 - n_{\vec{k}}^0) - \theta(\tau' - \tau)n_{\vec{k}}^0]$$

into the equation for $G_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)}$, we initially have to sum over a different variable $\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2, \dots$ for each propagator line.



- But all of the \vec{x}_1 dependence will then be explicit:

$$\int d^3x_1 e^{-i\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{x}_1} e^{i\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{x}_1} = \int d^3x_1 e^{i(\vec{k}_2 - \vec{k}_1) \cdot \vec{x}_1} = (\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2).$$

\Rightarrow momentum conservation.

- we also have a $e^{i\vec{k}_3 \cdot (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2)}$ factor, which just says that \vec{k}_3 is both entering and exiting the vertex, so it doesn't add any new constraint.

- This pattern will repeat with any diagram, which means we can eliminate all \vec{x} integrations from the start and replace them directly with momentum sums (which become integrals as $V \rightarrow \infty$) in the propagators. The Feynman rules will include the prescription to conserve momentum at the vertices.

- To deal with the time dependence we will end up doing something similar and switch to frequency space.

- We have to be a bit more careful, since the time interval is from 0 to β and we have periodic (or antiperiodic in this case) boundary conditions.
- We'll come back to this.

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• We have many directions we could pursue at this point if we keep working at finite temperature.

• However, since much of nuclear physics lies at $T=0$ and that limits brings many simplifications, we will work in the $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ ($T=0$) limit for a while.

• We could continue to use Euclidean time τ , or else switch to real time. We choose the latter, for the easiest connection to response functions.

• We will also stick to uniform systems for a while, then come back later and generalize. This means that we'll work in momentum space mostly.

• So let's look at a few more diagrams and think about the $T \rightarrow 0$ limit.