

Introduction to perturbation theory

Consider the theory of a single real variable ϕ
with measure $d\phi$ and action

$$S_E(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} a \phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$$

partition function

$$Z = \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\phi e^{-S_E(\phi)} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\phi e^{-\frac{1}{2} a \phi^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^n \phi^{4n}$$

Its perturbative expansion is

$$Z_{\text{pert}} := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^n \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\phi e^{-\frac{1}{2} a \phi^2} \phi^{4n}$$

It is not convergent.

(If it had a convergence radius $R > 0$, $Z_{\text{pert}}(\lambda) = Z(\lambda)$
for $|\lambda| < R$, but $Z(\lambda)$ is not obviously analytic at $\lambda = 0$:
the integral is badly divergent for real negative λ .

Instead, it is an asymptotic expansion of $Z(\lambda)$:

$$\lambda^{-N} \left(Z(\lambda) - Z_{\text{pert}}^{\leq N}(\lambda) \right) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \lambda \searrow 0$$

↪ truncation at order $n \leq N$

Each term of Z_{pert} is a correlation function of the free theory with action $S_{E,\text{free}}(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} a \phi^2$:

$$Z_{\text{pert}} = Z_{\text{free}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^n \langle \phi^{4n} \rangle_{\text{free}}$$

Similarly for correlation functions

$$\langle f(\phi) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\phi e^{-S_E(\phi)} f(\phi) \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\langle f(\phi) \rangle_{\text{pert}} := \frac{1}{Z_{\text{pert}}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^n \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\phi e^{-S_{E,\text{free}}(\phi)} f(\phi) \phi^{4n}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{Z_{\text{free}}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^n \langle f(\phi) \phi^{4n} \rangle_{\text{free}}}{\cancel{Z_{\text{free}}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^n \langle \phi^{4n} \rangle_{\text{free}}}$$

$$\cancel{Z_{\text{free}}} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^n \langle \phi^{4n} \rangle_{\text{free}}$$

Recall: free correlators can be computed as the sum of

Wick contractions

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi^4 \rangle_{\text{free}} &= \overbrace{\phi\phi\phi\phi} + \overbrace{\phi\phi\phi\phi} + \overbrace{\phi\phi\phi\phi} \\ &= 3 \cdot a^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$Z_{\text{pert}}/Z_{\text{free}} = 1 + \left\langle -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \right\rangle_{\text{free}} + \frac{1}{2!} \left\langle \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \right)^2 \right\rangle_{\text{free}} + \dots$$

$$\left\langle -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \right\rangle_{\text{free}} = -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \overbrace{\phi\phi} \overbrace{\phi\phi} \times 3 \quad A$$

$$= \frac{-\lambda}{4 \cdot 2} (\bar{a}^{-1})^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2!} \left\langle \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \right)^2 \right\rangle_{\text{free}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right)^2 \left\{ \overbrace{\phi\phi} \overbrace{\phi\phi} \times 3 \times \overbrace{\phi\phi} \overbrace{\phi\phi} \times 3 \quad B \right.$$


$$+ \underbrace{\phi\phi\phi\phi}_{\square} \underbrace{\phi\phi\phi\phi}_{\square} \times \binom{4}{2}^2 \times 2 \quad C$$


$$+ \overbrace{\phi\phi\phi\phi} \overbrace{\phi\phi\phi\phi} \times 4! \quad \left. \right\} D$$


$$= \left\{ \frac{1}{2(4 \cdot 2)^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4!} \right\} (-\lambda)^2 (\bar{a}^{-1})^4$$

⋮


Diagrammatic presentation :

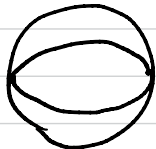
propagator $\overline{\phi\phi} = \bar{a}^{-1} \rightsquigarrow$ line 

interaction $-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi^4 \rightsquigarrow$ vertex 

A : 

B : $\frac{1}{2!}(\text{two circles})^2$

C : 

D : 

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$$Z_{\text{pert}} / Z_{\text{free}} = 1 + \text{two circles} + \frac{1}{2!}(\text{two circles})^2 + \text{two pairs of circles} + \text{circle with two lines} + \dots$$

sum of vacuum diagrams
↑
no external line

!

$$= \exp \left(\underbrace{\text{two circles} + \text{two pairs of circles} + \text{circle with two lines} + \dots}_{\text{sum of connected vacuum diagrams}} \right)$$

sum of connected vacuum diagrams

$$\langle \phi\phi \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \frac{\langle \phi\phi \rangle_{\text{free}} + \langle \phi\phi \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \right) \rangle_{\text{free}} + \dots}{1 + \langle -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \rangle_{\text{free}} + \dots}$$

$$= \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \dots$$

Sum of diagrams with two external lines

without vacuum diagram !!! ↖ division by Z_{pert}

(= sum of connected diagrams $\langle \phi\phi \rangle_{\text{conn}}$)

$$\text{---} = -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \overbrace{\phi(\phi\phi\phi\phi)\phi} \times 4 \cdot 3 = -\frac{\lambda}{2} (a^{-1})^3$$

$$\text{---} = \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right)^2 \overbrace{\phi(\phi\phi\phi\phi)(\phi\phi\phi\phi)\phi} \times 2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 3^2 = \frac{(-\lambda)^2}{4} (a^{-1})^5$$

$$\text{---} = \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right)^2 \overbrace{\phi(\phi\phi\phi\phi)\phi} \times 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot \binom{4}{2} \cdot 2 = \frac{(-\lambda)^2}{4} (a^{-1})^5$$

$$\text{---} = \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right)^2 \overbrace{\phi(\phi\phi\phi\phi)(\phi\phi\phi\phi)\phi} \cdot 2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 3! = \frac{(-\lambda)^2}{6} (a^{-1})^5$$

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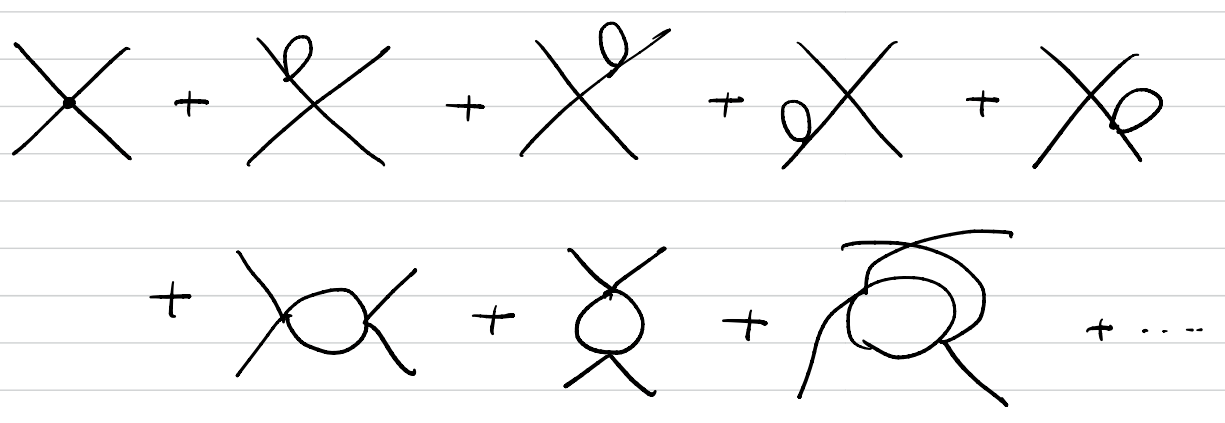
$\langle \phi\phi\phi\phi \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \text{sum of diagrams with 4 external lines}$
without vacuum diagrams

!!

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$$= \underbrace{\langle \phi\phi\phi\phi \rangle_{\text{conn}}}_{\alpha} + \underbrace{\langle \phi\phi \rangle_{\text{conn}} \cdot \langle \phi\phi \rangle_{\text{conn}}}_{\beta} \times 3$$

α = connected part



β = disconnected part

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} | \\ + \\ \phi \\ + \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \times \left(\begin{array}{c} | \\ + \\ \phi \\ + \\ \dots \end{array} \right) + \left(\begin{array}{c} - \\ + \\ \phi \\ + \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \times \left(\begin{array}{c} - \\ + \\ \phi \\ + \\ \dots \end{array} \right)$$

$$+ \left(\begin{array}{c} / \\ + \\ \phi \\ + \\ \dots \end{array} \right) \times \left(\begin{array}{c} / \\ + \\ \phi \\ + \\ \dots \end{array} \right)$$

$$X = -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \times 4! = -\lambda (a^{-1})^4,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{X} &= \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right)^2 \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \times 2 \cdot 4 \cdot (3 \cdot 4) \cdot 3! \\
 &= \frac{(-\lambda)^2}{2} (a^{-1})^6,
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \text{X} &= \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right)^2 \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \phi \end{array} \right) \times 2 \cdot (4 \cdot 3)^2 \cdot 2 \\
 &= \frac{(-\lambda)^4}{2} (a^{-1})^6,
 \end{aligned}$$

⋮

Generalizations

more interactions

$$S_E(\phi) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} a \phi^2}_{\text{free}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_3}{3!} \phi^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4!} \phi^4 + \dots}_{\text{interactions}}$$

$$Z_{\text{pert}}/Z_{\text{free}} = \exp \left(\text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \dots \right)$$

$$\langle \phi \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \dots \quad (= \langle \phi \rangle_{\text{conn}})$$

$$\langle \phi \phi \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \underbrace{\langle \phi \phi \rangle_{\text{conn}}}_{\text{---}} + \langle \phi \rangle_{\text{conn}} \cdot \langle \phi \rangle_{\text{conn}}$$

$$\langle \phi \phi \phi \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \underbrace{\langle \phi \phi \phi \rangle_{\text{conn}}}_{\text{---}} + \langle \phi \rangle_{\text{conn}} \langle \phi \phi \rangle_{\text{conn}} \times 3 + \langle \phi \rangle_{\text{conn}}^3$$

⋮

n variables

$$S_E(\phi) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \phi_i A_{ij} \phi_j}_{\text{free}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{4!} \sum_i \phi_i^4}_{\text{interaction}}$$

$$Z_{\text{pert}}/Z_{\text{free}} = \exp \left(\text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \dots \right)$$

$$\text{diagram 1} = -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \sum_i \overbrace{\phi_i \phi_i} \overbrace{\phi_i \phi_i} \times 3 = \frac{-\lambda}{4 \cdot 2} \sum_i (A^{-1})_{ii}^2$$

$$\langle \phi_i \phi_j \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} + \text{diagram 5}$$

$$i \text{ --- } j = A^{-1}_{ij} = \langle \phi_i \phi_j \rangle_{\text{free}}$$

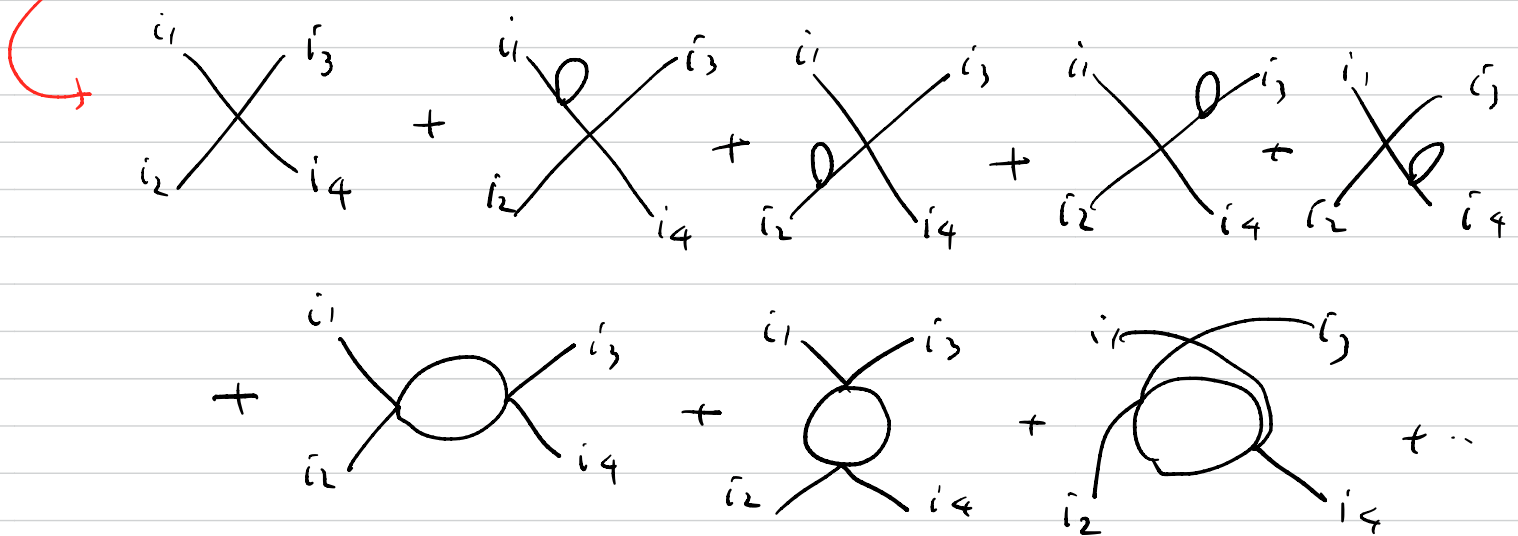
$$i \text{ --- } \text{diagram 2} \text{ --- } j = -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \sum_k \overbrace{\phi_i \phi_k \phi_k \phi_k} \overbrace{\phi_k \phi_k} \phi_j \times 4 \cdot 3$$

$$= \frac{-\lambda}{2} \sum_k A^{-1}_{ik} A^{-1}_{kk} A^{-1}_{kj}$$

$$i \text{ --- } \text{diagram 3} \text{ --- } j = \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{-\lambda}{4!} \right)^2 \sum_{k, \ell} \overbrace{\phi_i \phi_k \phi_k \phi_k \phi_k} \overbrace{\phi_k \phi_k \phi_k \phi_k} \phi_j \times 2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 3!$$

$$= \frac{(-\lambda)^2}{6} \sum_{k, \ell} A^{-1}_{ik} (A^{-1}_{k\ell})^3 A^{-1}_{\ell j}$$

$$\langle \phi_{i_1} \phi_{i_2} \phi_{i_3} \phi_{i_4} \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \langle \phi_{i_1} \phi_{i_2} \phi_{i_3} \phi_{i_4} \rangle_{\text{conn}} + \langle \phi_{i_1} \phi_{i_2} \rangle_{\text{conn}} \langle \phi_{i_3} \phi_{i_4} \rangle_{\text{conn}} + (i_1 i_3)(i_2 i_4) + (i_1 i_4)(i_2 i_3)$$



$$\begin{array}{c} i_1 \\ \diagdown \\ i_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} i_3 \\ \diagup \\ i_4 \end{array} = -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \underbrace{\sum_j \phi_{i_1} \phi_{i_2} \phi_j \phi_j}_{\phi_{i_2}} \underbrace{\phi_{i_3} \phi_{i_4} \phi_j \phi_j}_{\phi_{i_4}} \times 4!$$

$$= -\lambda \sum_j A_{i_1 j}^{-1} A_{i_2 j}^{-1} A_{i_3 j}^{-1} A_{i_4 j}^{-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} i_1 \\ \diagdown \\ i_2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} i_3 \\ \diagup \\ i_4 \end{array} = \frac{1}{2!} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right)^2 \underbrace{\sum_j \phi_{i_1} \phi_{i_2} \phi_j \phi_j}_{\phi_{i_2}} \underbrace{\sum_k \phi_{i_3} \phi_{i_4} \phi_k \phi_k}_{\phi_{i_4}} \times 2 \cdot (4 \cdot 3)^2 \cdot 2$$

$$= \frac{(-\lambda)^2}{2} \sum_{kl} A_{i_1 j}^{-1} A_{i_2 j}^{-1} (A_{jk}^{-1})^2 A_{ki_3}^{-1} A_{ki_4}^{-1}$$

Scalar field in d-dimensions

$$S_E[\phi] = \int d^d x \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi)^2}_{\text{free}} + \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2 + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4}_{\text{interaction}} \right) \quad \text{"}\phi^4\text{-theory"}$$

$$Z_{\text{pert}} / Z_{\text{free}} = \exp \left(\text{loop diagrams} + \dots \right)$$

$$\text{loop diagrams} = \frac{-\lambda}{4 \cdot 2} \int d^d x (\overline{\phi(x) \phi(x)})^2$$

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \text{tree} + \text{1-loop} + \text{2-loop} + \text{3-loop} + \dots$$

$$\text{tree} = \overline{\phi(x_1) \phi(x_2)} = \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{e^{-i p(x_1 - x_2)}}{p^2 + m^2}$$

$$\text{1-loop} = \frac{-\lambda}{2} \int d^d x \overline{\phi(x_1) \phi(x)} \overline{\phi(x) \phi(x)} \overline{\phi(x) \phi(x_2)}$$

$$\text{2-loop} = \frac{(-\lambda)^2}{6} \int d^d x d^d y \overline{\phi(x_1) \phi(x)} \overline{\phi(x) \phi(y)}^3 \overline{\phi(y) \phi(x_2)}$$

⋮

$$\langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \phi(x_3) \phi(x_4) \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \phi(x_3) \phi(x_4) \rangle_{\text{conn}}$$

$$+ \langle \phi(x_1) \phi(x_2) \rangle_{\text{conn}} \langle \phi(x_3) \phi(x_4) \rangle_{\text{conn}}$$

$$+ (13)(24) + (14)(23)$$

$$+ \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} + \text{diagram 5}$$

$$+ \text{diagram 6} + \text{diagram 7} + \text{diagram 8}$$

$$\text{diagram 1} = -\lambda \int d^d x \prod_{i=1}^4 \overline{\phi(x_i) \phi(x)}$$

$$\text{diagram 6} = \frac{(-\lambda)^3}{2} \int d^d x d^d y \overline{\phi(x_1) \phi(x)} \overline{\phi(x_2) \phi(x)} \overline{\phi(x) \phi(y)} \times \overline{\phi(y) \phi(x_3)} \overline{\phi(y) \phi(x_4)}$$

Minkowski limit

$$S[\phi] = \int d^d x \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2}_{\text{free}} - \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4}_{\text{interaction}} \right)$$

$Z_{\text{pert}}, \langle \phi(x_i) \dots \phi(x_s) \rangle_{\text{pert}}$ is obtained from the result of Euclidean theory by the replacement

$$\overbrace{\phi(x) \phi(y)} \rightarrow \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{e^{-ip(x-y)}}{p^2 - m^2 + i0}$$

$$-\lambda \int d^d x_E \rightarrow -i\lambda \int d^d x$$

Gauge theory (e.g. QCD)

variables: A_μ gauge potential of gauge group G

• Ψ Dirac fermion in a representation R of G

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4e^2} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\Psi} \not{D}_A \Psi - m\bar{\Psi} \Psi$$

gauge fixing by $\partial^\mu A_\mu = 0$

$$\rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{L} - \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial^\mu A_\mu)^2 + i\partial^\mu \bar{C} D_\mu C ; C, \bar{C} : \text{F.P. ghosts}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \quad (\text{rescale } A_\mu \rightarrow eA_\mu)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = & -\frac{1}{4} (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) - \frac{1}{2\xi} (\partial^\mu A_\mu)^2 \\ & + i\bar{\Psi} \not{\partial} \Psi - m\bar{\Psi} \Psi + i\partial^\mu \bar{C} \partial_\mu C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = & -\frac{e}{2} (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) \cdot [A_\mu, A_\nu] - \frac{e^2}{4} [A^\mu, A^\nu] \cdot [A_\mu, A_\nu] \\ & + ie\bar{\Psi} \not{A} \Psi + ie\partial^\mu \bar{C} [A_\mu, C] \end{aligned}$$

Perturbative expansion of partition/correlation functions

can be computed using

$$A_\mu = e^a A_{\mu a}, \quad c = e^a c_a, \quad \bar{c} = e^a \bar{c}_a$$

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propagators

$$\text{---} = \overbrace{A_{\mu a}(x) A_{\nu b}(y)} = \delta_{ab} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{-i e^{-ip(x-y)}}{p^2 + i\cdot 0} \left(\eta_{\mu\nu} - (1-\beta) \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p^2 + i\cdot 0} \right),$$

$$\text{---} \leftarrow = \overbrace{\psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y)} = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i e^{-ip(x-y)}}{p^2 - m^2 + i\cdot 0} (\not{p} + m),$$

$$\text{---} \leftarrow \text{---} = \overbrace{c_a(x) \bar{c}_b(y)} = \delta_{ab} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{e^{-ip(x-y)}}{p^2 + i\cdot 0}, \quad \text{and}$$

vertices

$$\text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = -\frac{ie}{2} \int d^4 x (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) \cdot [A_\mu, A_\nu],$$

$$\text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = -\frac{ie^2}{4} \int d^4 x [A^\mu, A^\nu] \cdot [A_\mu, A_\nu],$$

$$\text{---} \leftarrow \text{---} = ie \int d^4 x i \bar{\psi} \not{A} \psi,$$

$$\text{---} \leftarrow \text{---} = ie \int d^4 x i \partial^\mu \bar{c} \cdot [A_\mu, c].$$

eg,

$$\langle A_\mu(x) A_\nu(y) \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \text{wavy line} + \text{wavy line} \text{ with blob} + \text{wavy line} \text{ with loop} + \text{wavy line} \text{ with dashed loop} + \text{wavy line} \text{ with blob} + \dots$$

$$\langle \psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y) \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \text{fermion line} + \text{fermion line} \text{ with blob} + \dots$$

$$\langle \psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y) A_\mu(z) \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \text{fermion line} \text{ with wavy line} + \text{fermion line} \text{ with wavy line and blob} + \dots$$

$$+ \text{fermion line} \text{ with blob and wavy line} + \text{fermion line} \text{ with blob and wavy line} + \text{fermion line} \text{ with wavy line and blob} + \dots$$

$$+ \text{fermion line} \text{ with blob and wavy line} + \text{fermion line} \text{ with loop and wavy line} + \text{fermion line} \text{ with dashed loop and wavy line} + \dots$$

$$+ \text{fermion line} \text{ with blob and wavy line} + \dots$$

⋮

In general,

$$\cdot Z_{\text{pert}}/Z_{\text{free}} = \text{sum of vacuum diagrams}$$

$$\stackrel{!}{=} \exp\left(\text{sum of connected vacuum diagrams}\right)$$

• For $\bar{\Phi}_1, \dots, \bar{\Phi}_s =$ elementary fields inserted at points

e.g. $\phi(x_1) \dots \phi(x_s)$ in ϕ^4 theory

e.g. $A_{\mu_i}(x_i) \dots, \psi(y_i), \dots, \bar{\psi}(z_i), \dots$ in QCD

$$\langle \bar{\Phi}_1 \dots \bar{\Phi}_s \rangle_{\text{pert}}$$

$$\stackrel{!!}{=} \sum_{\{1, \dots, s\}} \pm \langle \prod_{i \in I_1} \bar{\Phi}_{i_1} \rangle_{\text{conn}} \dots \langle \prod_{i \in I_\ell} \bar{\Phi}_{i_s} \rangle_{\text{conn}}$$

$$= I_1 \cup \dots \cup I_\ell$$

permutation of fermionic $\bar{\Phi}_i$'s

Sum over decompositions of

$\{1, \dots, s\}$ to non-empty

subsets $I_1, \dots, I_\ell \subset \{1, \dots, s\}$

* In particular, no term has a vacuum diagram factor.

Decomposition to connected parts

Here we explain

$$(i) \quad Z_{\text{pert}}/Z_{\text{free}} \stackrel{!}{=} \exp(\text{sum of connected vacuum diagrams})$$

$$(ii) \quad \langle \Phi_1 \dots \Phi_s \rangle_{\text{pert}}$$

$$\stackrel{!!}{=} \sum_{\{1, \dots, s\}} \pm \langle \prod_{i \in I_1} \Phi_{i_1} \rangle_{\text{conn}} \dots \langle \prod_{i \in I_\ell} \Phi_{i_s} \rangle_{\text{conn}}$$

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(ii) follows from (i) Define

$$Z_{\text{pert}}(J) := \left[\int \mathcal{D}\bar{\Phi} e^{-S_{\text{free}}(\bar{\Phi}) - S_{\text{int}}(\bar{\Phi}) + J \cdot \bar{\Phi}} \right]_{\text{pert}}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\Phi} e^{-S_{\text{free}}(\bar{\Phi})} \left(-S_{\text{int}}(\bar{\Phi}) + \underbrace{J \cdot \bar{\Phi}} \right)^n$$

a part of interaction

Then,

$$\langle \Phi_1 \dots \Phi_s \rangle_{\text{pert}} = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{pert}}(J)} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_1} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial J_s} Z_{\text{pert}}(J) \Big|_{J=0}$$

On the other hand, (i) implies

$$Z_{\text{pert}}(J) = Z_{\text{free}} \cdot \exp(Z_{\text{conn}}(J)), \text{ where}$$

$Z_{\text{conn}}(J) =$ sum of connected vacuum diagrams

($J \cdot \Phi$ is a part of interaction and corresponds to a vertex of the form $J \text{---}$)

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi_1 \dots \Phi_s \rangle_{\text{pert}} &= e^{-Z_{\text{conn}}(J)} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_1} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial J_s} e^{Z_{\text{conn}}(J)} \Big|_{J=0} \\ &= \sum_{\{1, \dots, s\}} \pm \prod_{i \in I_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_{i_1}} Z_{\text{conn}}(J) \dots \prod_{i_2 \in I_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_{i_2}} Z_{\text{conn}}(J) \Big|_{J=0} \\ &= I_1^{\cup} \dots \cup I_2 \\ &= \sum_{\{1, \dots, s\}} \pm \left\langle \prod_{i \in I_1} \Phi_{i_1} \right\rangle_{\text{conn}} \dots \left\langle \prod_{i_2 \in I_2} \Phi_{i_2} \right\rangle_{\text{conn}} \\ &= I_1^{\cup} \dots \cup I_2 \quad // \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it remains to show (i)

Notation in this discussion: for a diagram D , we write $[D]$ for the contribution of D to $Z_{\text{pert}}/Z_{\text{free}}$.

$$\text{Thus } Z_{\text{pert}}/Z_{\text{free}} = \sum_D [D]$$

Case 1 $-S_{\text{int}} = V$, a single type of vertex

e.g. ϕ^4 theory without source term.

$$\text{Then } Z_{\text{pert}}/Z_{\text{free}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \langle V^n \rangle_{\text{free}}$$

Suppose a connected diagram C has v_C vertices.

Then $[C]$ is a term in $\frac{1}{v_C!} \langle V^{v_C} \rangle_{\text{free}}$.

Also, $[\underbrace{C \dots C}_m]$ is a term in $\frac{1}{(mv_C)!} \langle V^{mv_C} \rangle_{\text{free}}$,

and is included in its part

$$\frac{1}{(mv_C)!} \underbrace{\langle V^{v_C} \rangle_{\text{free}} \dots \langle V^{v_C} \rangle_{\text{free}}}_m \times \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{number of ways to} \\ \text{decompose } mv_C \text{ elements} \\ \text{to } m \text{ groups of } v_C \text{ elements} \end{array} \right)$$

(number of ways to
decompose $m\nu_c$ elements
to m groups of ν_c elements)

$$= \binom{m\nu_c}{\nu_c} \binom{m\nu_c - \nu_c}{\nu_c} \cdots \binom{2\nu_c}{\nu_c} \binom{\nu_c}{\nu_c} \times \frac{1}{m!}$$

number of ways to put $m\nu_c$
elements to m labeled boxes

forget the labels
of the boxes

$$= \frac{(m\nu_c)!}{(\nu_c!)^m m!}$$

$\therefore [C \cdots C]$ is a term in

$$\frac{1}{(m\nu_c)!} \langle V^{\nu_c} \rangle_{\text{free}} \cdots \langle V^{\nu_c} \rangle_{\text{free}} \times \frac{(m\nu_c)!}{(\nu_c!)^m m!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{m!} \left(\frac{1}{\nu_c!} \langle V^{\nu_c} \rangle_{\text{free}} \right)^m$$

$[C] + \text{others}$

$$\therefore [C \cdots C] = \frac{1}{m!} [C]^m$$

If C_1, \dots, C_k are connected diagrams of V_{C_1}, \dots, V_{C_k} vertices,

$$\left[\underbrace{C_1 \dots C_1}_{m_1} \underbrace{C_2 \dots C_2}_{m_2} \dots \underbrace{C_k \dots C_k}_{m_k} \right]$$

is a term in $\frac{1}{(m_1 V_{C_1} + \dots + m_k V_{C_k})!} \langle V^{m_1 V_{C_1} + \dots + m_k V_{C_k}} \rangle_{\text{free}}$

and is included in

$$\frac{1}{(m_1 V_{C_1} + \dots + m_k V_{C_k})!} \langle V^{V_{C_1}} \rangle_{\text{free}}^{m_1} \dots \langle V^{V_{C_k}} \rangle_{\text{free}}^{m_k}$$

\times (number of ways to decompose $m_1 V_{C_1} + \dots + m_k V_{C_k}$ elements to m_1 groups of V_{C_1} elements, \dots , \dots , m_k groups of V_{C_k} elements)

$$\frac{(m_1 V_{C_1} + \dots + m_k V_{C_k})!}{(V_{C_1}!)^{m_1} \dots (V_{C_k}!)^{m_k}} \frac{1}{m_1! \dots m_k!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{m_1!} \left(\frac{1}{V_{C_1}!} \langle V^{V_{C_1}} \rangle_{\text{free}} \right)^{m_1} \dots \frac{1}{m_k!} \left(\frac{1}{V_{C_k}!} \langle V^{V_{C_k}} \rangle_{\text{free}} \right)^{m_k}$$

$$\therefore \left[\underbrace{C_1 \dots C_1}_{m_1} \dots \underbrace{C_k \dots C_k}_{m_k} \right] = \frac{1}{m_1!} [C_1]^{m_1} \dots \frac{1}{m_k!} [C_k]^{m_k}$$

Thus

$$Z_{\text{part}} / Z_{\text{free}} = \sum_D [D]$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{C_1, \dots, C_h \\ \text{connected}}} [C_1 \dots C_1 \dots C_h \dots C_h]$$

$$[\underbrace{C_1 \dots C_1}_{m_1} \dots \underbrace{C_h \dots C_h}_{m_h}] = \frac{1}{m_1!} [C_1]^{m_1} \dots \frac{1}{m_h!} [C_h]^{m_h}$$

$$= \prod_{C \text{ connected}} \underbrace{\sum_{m_C=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m_C!} [C]^{m_C}}_{\text{exp}([C])}$$

$$= \text{exp} \left(\sum_{C \text{ connected}} [C] \right) \quad //$$

Case 2 $-S_{\text{int}} = V_1 + \dots + V_N$: multiple types of vertices

e.g. ϕ^4 theory with a source $J \cdot \phi$

e.g. QCD with or without a source.

$$\text{Then, } Z_{\text{part}}/Z_{\text{free}} = \sum_{n_1, \dots, n_N} \frac{1}{n_1! \dots n_N!} \langle V_1^{n_1} \dots V_N^{n_N} \rangle_{\text{free}}$$

Suppose a connected diagram C has V_C^1 vertices of type V_1 ,
 V_C^2 vertices of type V_2 , ..., V_C^N vertices of type V_N .

$$\text{Then } [C] \text{ is a term in } \frac{1}{V_C^1! \dots V_C^N!} \langle V_1^{V_C^1} \dots V_N^{V_C^N} \rangle_{\text{free}}.$$

$$\text{Also } \underbrace{[C \dots C]}_m \text{ is a term in } \frac{1}{(mV_C^1)! \dots (mV_C^N)!} \langle V_1^{mV_C^1} \dots V_N^{mV_C^N} \rangle_{\text{free}}$$

and is included in its part

$$\frac{1}{(mV_C^1)! \dots (mV_C^N)!} \left(\langle V_1^{V_C^1} \dots V_N^{V_C^N} \rangle_{\text{free}} \right)^m$$

\times (number of ways to distribute mV_C^1 elements of type 1,
 mV_C^2 elements to type 2, ..., mV_C^N elements of type N
to m unlabeled boxes, where each box admit
 V_C^1 elements of type 1, ..., V_C^N elements of type N)

$$\frac{(mV_C^1)!}{(V_C^1!)^m} \dots \frac{(mV_C^N)!}{(V_C^N!)^m} \cdot \frac{1}{m!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{m!} \left(\frac{1}{v_c^1! \dots v_c^N!} \left\langle V_1^{v_c^1} \dots V_N^{v_c^N} \right\rangle_{\text{free}} \right)^m$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{[C \dots C]}_m = \frac{1}{m!} [C]^m$$

For $i=1, \dots, k$, let C_i be a connected diagram with $v_{C_i}^j$ vertices of type V_j ($j=1, \dots, N$). Then

$$\left[\underbrace{C_1 \dots C_1}_{m_1} \dots \underbrace{C_k \dots C_k}_{m_k} \right] \text{ is a term in}$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^k m_i v_{C_i}^j \right)!} \left\langle V_1^{\sum_{i=1}^k m_i v_{C_i}^1} \dots V_N^{\sum_{i=1}^k m_i v_{C_i}^N} \right\rangle_{\text{free}}$$

and is included in its part

$$\prod_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^k m_i v_{C_i}^j \right)!} \prod_{i=1}^k \left\langle V_1^{v_{C_i}^1} \dots V_N^{v_{C_i}^N} \right\rangle_{\text{free}}^{m_i}$$

\times (number of ways to distribute $\sum_{i=1}^k m_i v_{C_i}^j$ elements of type j ($j=1, \dots, N$) to m_i unlabeled boxes, where each box admit $v_{C_i}^1$ elements of type 1, \dots , $v_{C_i}^N$ elements of type N ($i=1, \dots, k$).)

$$= \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^k m_i V_{C_i}^j\right)!} \prod_{i=1}^k \left\langle V_1^{V_{C_i}^j} \dots V_N^{V_{C_i}^j} \right\rangle_{\text{free}}^{m_i}$$

$$\times \prod_{j=1}^N \left(\frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^k m_i V_{C_i}^j\right)!}{\prod_{i=1}^k (m_i V_{C_i}^j)!} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{(m_i V_{C_i}^j)!}{(V_{C_i}^j!)^{m_i}} \right) \frac{1}{m_1! \dots m_k!}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{m_i!} \left(\frac{1}{V_{C_i}^1! \dots V_{C_i}^N!} \left\langle V_1^{V_{C_i}^1} \dots V_N^{V_{C_i}^N} \right\rangle_{\text{free}} \right)^{m_i}$$

Thus,

$$\left[\underbrace{C_1 \dots C_1}_{m_1} \dots \underbrace{C_k \dots C_k}_{m_k} \right] = \frac{1}{m_1!} [C_1]^{m_1} \dots \frac{1}{m_k!} [C_k]^{m_k} \quad \text{---}^*$$

$$Z_{\text{part}} / Z_{\text{free}} = \sum_{D} [D] = \sum_{C_1, \dots, C_k \text{ Conn}} [C_1 \dots C_1 - C_k \dots C_k]$$

$$\stackrel{*}{=} \prod_{C \text{ Conn}} \sum_{m_C=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m_C!} [C]^{m_C}$$

$$= \prod_{C \text{ Conn}} \exp[C] = \exp\left(\sum_{C \text{ Conn}} [C]\right)$$

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