

Path Integral Reminders for 0+1 dim QFT.

$$\langle q_f | e^{-iHt} | q_i \rangle = \int_{q(0)=q_i}^{q(t)=q_f} [dq] e^{iS[q]}$$

$[dq] \equiv \prod_{i=1}^{M_t} dq_i$

App 1: $\frac{\delta S}{\delta q(t)} = 0$ is stationary phase

App 2: groundstate of $H \equiv |0\rangle$

$$|0\rangle \propto \underbrace{e^{-HT}}_{\text{euclidean time evolution}} |any\rangle \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\mathbb{1} = \sum_{E_n} |E_n\rangle \langle E_n|$$

$$= \sum_{E_n} e^{-E_n T} |E_n\rangle C_n \quad C_n \equiv \langle E_n | any \rangle$$

$$\text{if } C_0 \neq 0: \quad = e^{-E_0 T} \left(\underbrace{C_0 |0\rangle}_{>0} + O\left(e^{-\frac{(E_1 - E_0)T}{>0}}\right) \right)$$

$$e^{-HT} = \int [dq] e^{-\int_{-T}^0 d\tau L_E(q(\tau), \dot{q}(\tau))} |q(0)\rangle \langle q(-T)|$$

euclidean
action

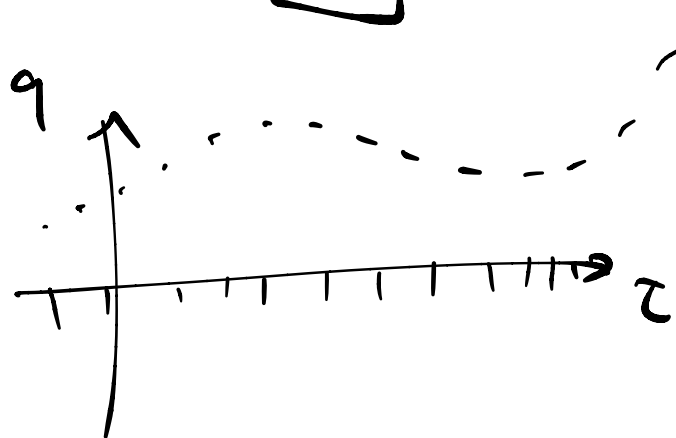
$$\equiv S_E[q] = \int d\tau L_E$$

$$= \int d\tau \left[(\dot{q})^2 + \underset{\uparrow}{V(q)} \right]$$

$$\langle f(\hat{q}) \rangle \equiv \frac{\langle 0 | f(\hat{q}) | 0 \rangle}{\langle 0 | 0 \rangle}$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z} \int [dq] e^{-S_E[q]} f(q(0))$$

$$Z = \int [dq] e^{-S_E[q]} = \frac{1}{Z} \int \prod_{i=1}^{M_\tau} \pi dq_i e^{-\sum_i L_E(q_i)} f(q_0)$$



$$\underbrace{q(\tau_i) = q_i}$$

If $V(q)$ is quadratic $V(q) = \frac{1}{2} q^T D q$

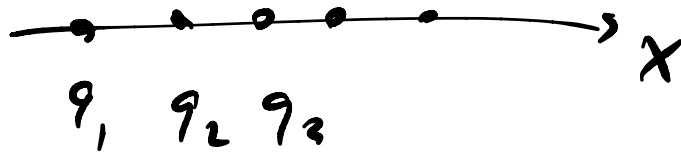
$$(q_i - q_{i-1})^2$$

$$\rightarrow Z = \int \prod dq_i e^{-\frac{1}{2} q_i^T D_{ij} q_j} \quad D = D^T \text{ real.}$$

$$= \frac{(2\pi)^{M_t}}{\det D}$$

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1.2 Scalar Field Theory



$$Z = \int [dq_1 \dots dq_N] e^{iS[q]}$$

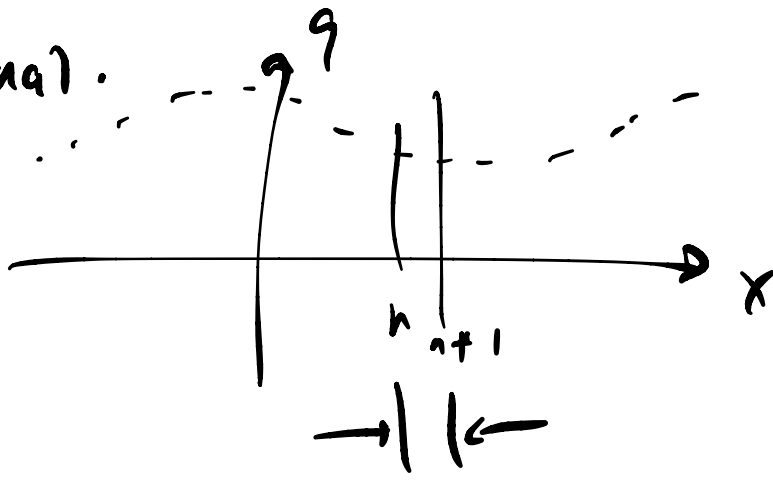
$$S[q] = \int dt \left(\sum_n \frac{1}{2} m_n \dot{q}_n^2 - V(q) \right)$$

$$\equiv \int dt L(q, \dot{q})$$

eg. $V(q) = \sum_n \frac{k}{2} (q_n - q_{n-1})^2$

"Continuum Limit" " $a \rightarrow 0$, $N \rightarrow \infty$ "

$$q_n \equiv q(x=na)$$



$$\bullet (q_n - q_{n-1})^2 = (q(x_n) - q(x_{n-1}))^2 = a^2 \left. (\partial_x q)^2 \right|_{x=na} + \dots$$

Taylor expand
 $q(x_{n-1})$ about x_n .

$$= q(x_n) + a \frac{\partial}{\partial x} q(x_n) + \dots$$

$$\bullet a \sum_n f(q_n) \approx \int dx f(q(x)).$$

$$Z = \int [Dq] e^{iS[q]}$$

$$[Dq] = \prod_{i=1}^{M_t} \prod_{j=1}^{N=M_x} dq_{ij} \quad (q(t_i, x_j) \equiv q_{ij})$$

$$S[q] = \int dt \int dx \mathcal{L}$$

$$L = \int dx \mathcal{L} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Lagr.} \\ \text{density.} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mu (\partial_t q)^2 - \mu v_s^2 (\partial_x q)^2 - r q^2 - u q^4 - \dots \right)$$

$\mu, v_s, r, u \dots$ are fhs of $m, \kappa, a \dots$

\uparrow
 $u (\partial_x q)^4$

$$\bullet \quad 0 = \frac{\delta}{\delta q(x,t)} = -\mu \ddot{q} + \mu v_s^2 \partial_x^2 q - r q - 2u q^3 + \dots$$

[for phonon problem: $r = u = 0 \dots$

$$\underline{L(q, \partial_\mu q) = L(\partial_\mu q)}$$

q is a Goldstone mode.

$$\bullet \quad \pi(x) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_t q)} = \mu \dot{q} \quad \underline{\text{field momentum density.}}$$

$$(\pi_n = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_n} = \mu \dot{q}_n)$$

$$H = \sum_n (p_n \dot{q}_n - L_n) = \int dx (\pi(x) \dot{q}(x) - \mathcal{L})$$

$$= \int dx \left[\frac{\pi(x)^2}{2\mu} + \mu v_s^2 (\partial_x q)^2 + r q^2 + u q^4 + \dots \right]$$

$$\underline{\phi \equiv \sqrt{\mu} q.} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + \dots$$

$$\boxed{L \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \dots \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} \int d^d k \dots \\ L^d \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} (2\pi)^d \delta^{(d)}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \end{array} \right.$$

Check: $\forall \mathbf{k}' \quad 1 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \delta_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} = \int d^d k (2\pi)^d \delta^{(d)}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')$ ✓

Continuum (free) scalar field theory in $d+1$ dimensions ✓

$$S[\phi] = \int d^d x dt \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{1}{2} v_s^2 \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi - V(\phi) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi$$

$$\partial_\mu \phi = (\partial_t \phi, \vec{\nabla} \phi)_\mu \quad (v_s = c = 1)$$

Lorentz inv't.

$$0 = \frac{\delta S(\phi)}{\delta \phi(x)} = -\partial_t^2 \phi + v_s^2 \nabla^2 \phi - V'(\phi)$$

$$= -\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi - V'(\phi).$$

FREE CASE: $V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2$

Eqm: $0 = (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu \phi + m^2) \phi$ (KG eqn.)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - m^2 \phi^2)$$

Solve using canonical formalism: $\pi = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = \dot{\phi}$
 w/ $L \rightarrow \infty$.

$$H = \int d^d x \left(\underbrace{\frac{\pi(x)^2}{2}}_{\geq 0} + \frac{1}{2} v_s^2 (\underbrace{\vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi}_{\geq 0}) + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 \right)_{\geq 0}$$

\mathcal{L} only depends on x
 through $\phi(x)$.
 \Rightarrow translate into

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \\ L = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{q}^2 \\ p = m \dot{q} \end{array} \right.$$

transl. invt & linear \Rightarrow Fourier analyze.

$$\text{step 1} \left\{ \begin{aligned} \phi(x) &= \int d^d k e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \phi_k \\ \pi(x) &= \int d^d k e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \pi_k \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\leadsto H = \int d^d k \left(\frac{1}{2} \pi_k \pi_{-k} + \frac{1}{2} (v_s^2 k^2 + m^2) \phi_k \phi_{-k} \right)$$

$$k^2 \equiv (-i\vec{k}) \cdot i\vec{k} = \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}$$

$$= \sum_k h_{k,-k}$$

$$\omega_k^2 = v_s^2 k^2 + m^2$$

condition for

$$e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - \omega_k t)}$$

to solve KG eqn.

"on-shell".

$$\text{step 2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} \phi_k &= \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega_k}} (a_k + a_{-k}^\dagger) \\ \pi_k &= \frac{1}{i} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar m \omega_k}{2}} (a_k - a_{-k}^\dagger) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$[\phi(x), \pi(y)] = i \delta^{(d)}(x-y) \iff [a_{\vec{k}}, a_{\vec{k}'}^\dagger] = \delta^{(d)}(k-k')$$

WARNING: normalizations of a, a^\dagger differs by $(\frac{2\pi\hbar}{L})^{d/2}$.

$$= (2\pi)^d \delta^{(d)}(k-k')$$

$$H = \int d^d k \, \hbar \omega_k \left(a_k^\dagger a_k + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \phi(\vec{x}) &= \int d^d k \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_k}} \left(e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} a_k + e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} a_k^\dagger \right) \\ \pi(\vec{x}) &= \frac{1}{i} \int d^d k \sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega_k}{2}} \left(e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} a_k - e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} a_k^\dagger \right) \end{aligned} \right.$$

- $\phi = \phi^\dagger$. $\pi = \pi^\dagger$
- $\phi(\vec{x})$ is not enough to extract a, a^\dagger
only $a_k + a_{-k}^\dagger$ appears

$$\phi(\vec{x}, t) \equiv e^{iHt} \phi(\vec{x}) e^{-iHt}$$

$$= \int d^d k \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2\omega_k}} \left(e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - \omega_k t)} a_k + e^{-i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x} - \omega_k t)} a_k^\dagger \right)$$

$\omega > 0$ annihilates particle $\omega < 0$ creates antiparticle

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$$\pi(\vec{x}, t) = \dot{\phi}(\vec{x}, t).$$

- Negative frequencies. $(\partial_t^2 + \vec{k}^2 + m^2)\phi_k = 0$
has 2 solutions $\phi_k = e^{\pm i\omega_k t}$

"Momentum"

P_μ } canonical field momenta

$\pi(x)$

$\hbar \vec{k}$

← 1-particle momentum

\vec{P}

← generator of translations

[Total momentum in the fields]

$$\phi(x,t) = e^{-iHt} \phi(x,0) e^{iHt}$$

$$= e^{iP_\mu x^\mu} \phi(0,0) e^{-iP_\mu x^\mu}$$

$$P_\mu \equiv (H, \vec{P})_\mu$$

↑ ↑

file of field operators.

$$H = \sum_k \hbar \omega_k (a_k^\dagger a_k + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$|0\rangle, \quad a_k^\dagger |0\rangle, \quad a_k^\dagger a_{k'}^\dagger |0\rangle \dots$$

vac

1 scalar particle

$$E = E_0$$

$$E - E_0 = \hbar \omega_k$$

$$E - E_0 = \hbar \omega_k - \hbar \omega_{k'}$$

1.3 Quantum light : Photons

Maxwell's eqns

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{B}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu F_{\rho\sigma} *$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 4\pi\rho$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \partial_t \vec{E} + 4\pi\vec{j}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \partial^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = 4\pi j_\nu.$$

$$\begin{cases} E^i = F^{0i} \\ \epsilon^{ijk} B^k = -F^{ij} \end{cases}$$

Solve *

$$A_\mu = (\Phi, \vec{A})_\mu$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu.$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi - \partial_t \vec{A} \\ \vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \end{array} \right)$$

Gauge Redundancy

Potentials related by

$$\begin{cases} \vec{A} \rightarrow \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla}\lambda \\ \Phi \rightarrow \Phi + \partial_t \lambda \end{cases}$$

represent the same physical configuration.

$$(A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \partial_\mu \lambda)$$

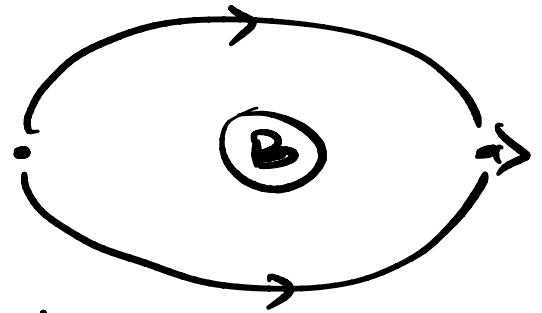
$$\oint_C A_\mu dx^\mu - \oint A_\mu^\lambda dx^\mu = \oint \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial x^\mu} dx^\mu \stackrel{\text{FTC}}{=} 0.$$

$$(A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu^\lambda \equiv A_\mu - \partial_\mu \lambda)$$

phase of a charged particle moving
along path C in spacetime

$$i e \oint A$$

Bohm-Aharonov



partially fix the gauge redundancy:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0. \quad (\text{Coulomb gauge})$$

$$\text{if } \rho = \vec{j} = 0, \text{ also } \vec{\Phi} = 0.$$

Ampere \Rightarrow

$$c^2 \nabla \times (\nabla \times A) = c^2 \nabla \cdot (\nabla \cdot A) - c^2 \nabla^2 A = -\partial_+^2 A$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_+^2 \vec{A} - c^2 \nabla^2 \vec{A} = 0.$$

• in 3d

• $\phi \rightarrow \vec{A}$

• $v_s \rightarrow c$

• $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{A}(r) = \int d^3k e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \vec{A}(\vec{k})$

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{k}) = 0$$

" \vec{A} is transverse."

$$S[A] = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(A_\mu^{(x)}, \partial_\nu A_\mu^{(x)})$$

LOCALITY

• made from A_μ, ∂_μ

• Lorentz invt (contract all indices)

• gauge invt

$$F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow F_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = F_{\mu\nu} [\partial_\mu \partial_\nu]^\lambda$$

$$\partial^\mu \partial^\nu \underbrace{F_{\mu\nu}}_{AS} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{maxwell}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (E^2 - B^2)$$

\exists other possible terms

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$$\partial_\rho F_{\mu\nu} \partial^\rho F^{\mu\nu}$$

ignore for now.