

Casimir force using hard cutoff:

Schwartz § 15.2

## 2.1 Fields Mediate Forces, cont'd.

$m \rightarrow m - i\epsilon$

Recap:  $e^{iW[J]} \equiv Z[J] = \int [D\phi] e^{i(S[\phi] + \int \phi J)}$

$$S[\phi] \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \int \phi (\partial^2 + m^2) \phi = \int \prod_n d\phi_n e^{\frac{i}{2} \phi_n A_{nm} \phi_m + i \int \phi J}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi i)^N}{\det A}} e^{-\frac{i}{2} J (A^{-1}) J}$$

$A_{nn} \rightarrow A_{nn} + i\epsilon$

$$A_{xy} = -\int d^D(x-y) (\partial^2 + m^2)$$

$$(A^{-1})_{y+x,y} \equiv D(x) = \int d^{d+1}k \frac{e^{ik \cdot x}}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

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

$$(\omega_k = \sqrt{k^2 + m^2})$$

Propagator:

$$(A^{-1})_{nm} = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}q \ e^{-\frac{1}{2} q A q} \ q_n \ q_m}{Z}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial J_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_m} \Big|_{J=0} \ln \left( \int \mathcal{D}q \ e^{-\frac{1}{2} q A q + q \cdot J} \right)$$

generating function (al)

⇒ CLAIM:

$$D(x-y) \stackrel{?}{=} \langle 0 | \hat{\phi}(x) \hat{\phi}(y) | 0 \rangle$$

$\uparrow$  vac       $\uparrow$  destroy that exc.       $\uparrow$  create some exc.       $\uparrow$  vac

$t \leftarrow$

$$\equiv \theta(x^0 - y^0) \langle 0 | \hat{\phi}(x) \hat{\phi}(y) | 0 \rangle + \theta(y^0 - x^0) \langle 0 | \hat{\phi}(y) \hat{\phi}(x) | 0 \rangle$$

"time-ordered propagator"

$$t \equiv x^0 - y^0 > 0$$

$$\hat{\phi}(x) = \int \frac{d^d k}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (e^{-ik \cdot x} a_k + h.c.)$$

$\uparrow_{k^0 = \omega_k}$

$$\langle 0 | \hat{\phi}(x) \hat{\phi}(y) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \int \frac{d^d k d^d q}{\sqrt{2\omega_k 2\omega_q}} e^{-ikx + iqy} \langle 0 | a_k a_q^\dagger | 0 \rangle$$

$$\langle 0 | (a + a^\dagger) (a + a^\dagger) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= (2\pi)^d \delta^d(k - q)$$

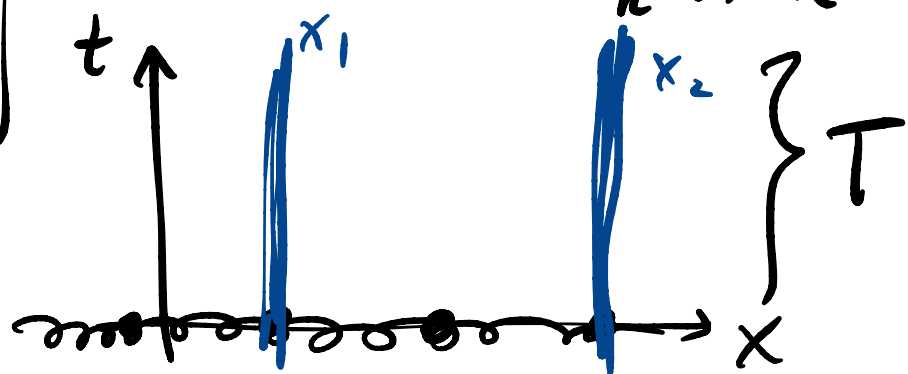
$$= \int \frac{d^d k}{2\omega_k} e^{-ik(x-y)} \Big|_{k^0 = \omega_k}$$

$$W[J] - W[0] \stackrel{\text{Gaussian integral}}{=} -\frac{1}{2} \int d^{d+1}x d^{d+1}y J(x) D(x-y) J(y)$$

$$J(x) \equiv \int d^d k e^{ikx} J_k$$

$$J_k^\dagger = J_k$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int d^{d+1}k J_k^* \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} J_k$$



we pick  $J_k$ !

$$J(x) = J_1(x) + J_2(x)$$

$$J_{a=1,2}(x) = \int^3 (x - x_a)$$

$$\Rightarrow J_k = \int dx^0 e^{-ik^0 x^0} (e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_1} + e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_2})$$

$$W[J = J_1 + J_2] = -\frac{i}{2} \left[ \cancel{J_1 D J_1} + \cancel{J_2 D J_2} + 2 \underline{J_1 D J_2} \right]$$

$$= - \int dx^0 \int dy^0 \int dk^0 e^{ik^0(x^0 - y^0)} \cdot \int d^3 k \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2)}}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} + \dots$$

$$\int dy^0 e^{ik^0(x^0 - y^0)} = \int dx^0 \int d^3 k \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2)}}{-k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \equiv T$$

$$= 2\pi \delta(k^0) e^{ik^0 x^0}$$

$$\underline{H_J |\Omega_J\rangle = E_{gs}(J) |\Omega_J\rangle}$$

$$e^{iW[J]} = \langle \Omega_J | e^{-iHT} | \Omega_J \rangle \stackrel{\text{conseq. of } i\epsilon}{=} e^{-iE_{gs}(J)T}$$



$$W(\mathcal{J}) = - E_{gs}(\mathcal{J}) T.$$

$$E_{gs}(\mathcal{J}) = - \int d^d k \frac{e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}}{k^2 + m^2}$$

$$\vec{r} \equiv \vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2$$

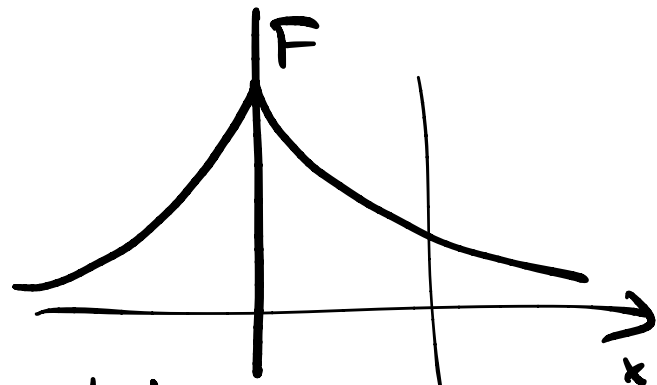
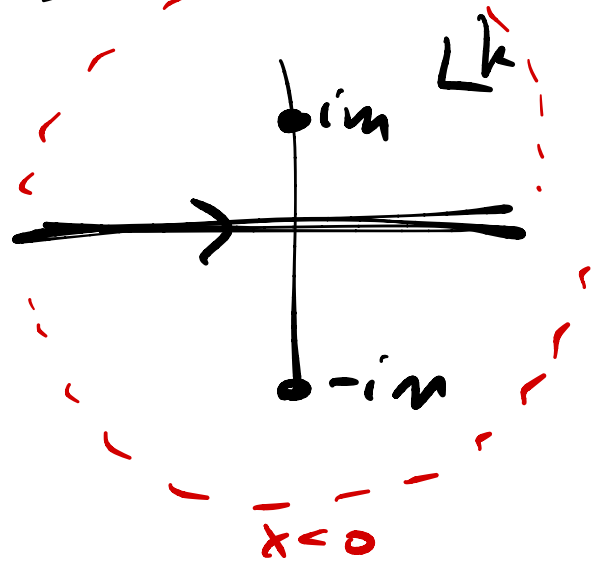
$\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  : - - -  $x > 0$

$$\boxed{d=1}$$

$$- \int \frac{dk}{2\alpha} \frac{e^{ikx}}{k^2 + m^2}$$

$$= - \frac{2\pi i}{2\alpha} \frac{e^{-m|x|}}{2im}$$

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$$F = - \partial_x E_{gs}(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-m|x|}$$

Range of interaction  $\sim m^{-1}$

$m =$  mass of the force carrier.

$$E_{3d}(\vec{r}) = \int d^3k \frac{e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}}}{k^2 + m^2} \quad y \equiv \cos\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{k^2 dk}{k^2 + m^2} \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 dy e^{iky r}}_{= \frac{\sin kr}{kr}}$$

= ... residues

$$= \frac{e^{-mr}}{4\pi r}$$

Yukawa

attractive!

## 2.2 Euclidean path Integral & Wick rotation

one mode:  $S[q] = \frac{1}{2} \int dt ( \dot{q}^2 - \Omega^2 q^2 ) + \int Jq$

$$\left( \text{eg } \Omega^2 = k^2 + m^2 \text{ for some } k \right)$$

$$\boxed{\tau \equiv it}$$

$$S[q] = \frac{1}{2} i \int d\tau ( - (\partial_\tau q)^2 - \Omega^2 q^2 ) + i \int d\tau Jq .$$

$$= \underline{-i} \int d\tau \left[ \frac{(\partial_\tau q)^2 + \Omega^2 q^2}{2} - Jq \right] .$$

$$Z[J] = \int (Dq) \underline{e^{iS[q]}} = \int (Dq) \underline{e^{-S_E[q]}}$$

$$S_E[q] = \int d\tau \left( \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\tau q)^2 + \Omega^2 q^2 \right) - \int Jq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{isp}}{=} \int d\tau \left[ \frac{1}{2} q \underbrace{(-\partial_\tau^2 + \Omega^2)}_{> 0} q - Jq \right]$$

a Positive operator.

$$(-\partial_\tau^2 + \Omega^2) G_\epsilon(\tau, \sigma) = \delta(\tau - \sigma) .$$

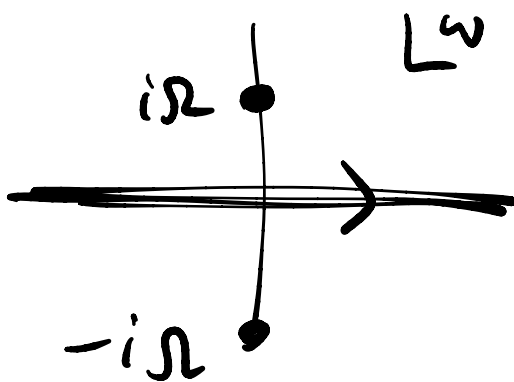
$$( (A)_{nm} (A^{-1})_{ml} = \delta_{nl} )$$

time transl inv.  $\Rightarrow G_\epsilon(\tau, 0) = G_\epsilon(\tau - \sigma)$

$$G_\epsilon(\sigma) = \int d\omega e^{i\omega\sigma} G_\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow G_\omega = \frac{1}{\omega^2 + \Omega^2}$$

$$G_\epsilon(\sigma) = \int d\omega \frac{e^{i\omega\sigma}}{\omega^2 + \Omega^2} = \frac{e^{-\Omega|\sigma|}}{2\Omega} .$$

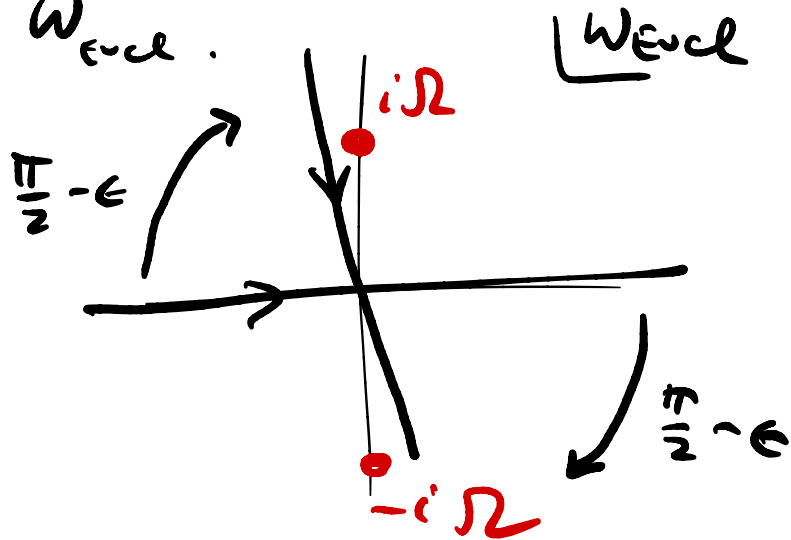


same as  
Yukawa force

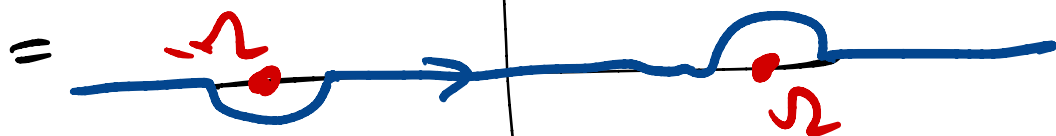
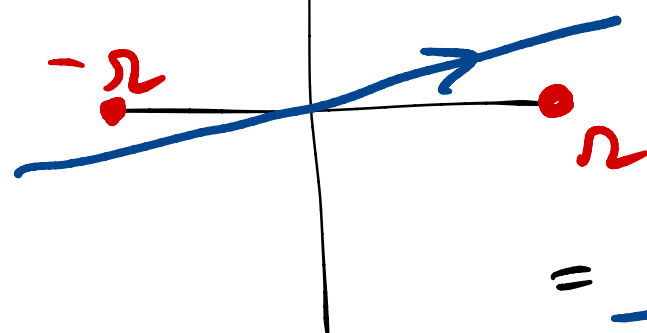
$$\left[ \int q (-\partial_\tau^2 + \Omega^2) q = \int q \underbrace{(-\partial_\tau^2 - \vec{\partial}_x^2 + m^2)}_{\text{hence Euclidean}} q \right]$$

CLAIM: the real-time vacuum expectation value is the analytic continuation of the euclidean amplitude.

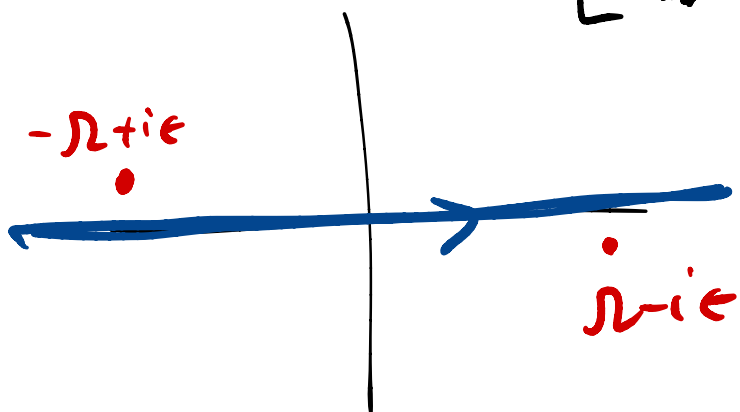
$$\omega_{\text{Mink}} = e^{-i\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon\right)} \omega_{\text{Euc}}$$



$\omega_{\text{Mink}}$



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$$\leftarrow m^2 \rightarrow m^2 - i\epsilon$$

But:  $\langle g_0 | e^{-\beta H} | g_0 \rangle \propto \Psi_{g_0}(g_0)$

$$= \int_{q(\beta)=g_0} [dq] e^{-S_E[q]}$$

$\Rightarrow$  ie prescription gives

$$\frac{1}{Z} \int [D\phi] e^{-iS[\phi]} \phi(x_2) \phi(x_1) \phi(x_1) \dots$$

c-#s.

operators

$M^2 \rightarrow M^2 - i\epsilon$

$$= \langle g_s | \mathcal{T} \left( \hat{\phi}(x_1) \hat{\phi}(x_2) \hat{\phi}(x_3) \dots \right) | g_s \rangle$$

time ordering

$$Z[J] = \langle 0 | \mathcal{T} e^{i \int J \phi} | 0 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle 0 | \mathcal{T} \phi(x_1) \dots | 0 \rangle = -i \frac{\delta}{\delta J(x_1)} \dots \ln Z[J]$$

Other real-time  $G$ 's are also useful  
 (e.g.  $G_R = \frac{1}{\Delta} < 0 | [\phi(x), \phi(y)] | 0 >$ )  
 $\Theta(x^0 - y^0)$

ORIGIN OF DISTINCTION:

$A_\epsilon = -\partial_t^2 + \Delta^2$  is a positive operator  
 $\Rightarrow$  no zero evals, no kernel.

$$A_\epsilon = \sum_n \lambda_n |n\rangle \langle n| \quad \lambda_n > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_\epsilon^{-1} = \sum_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n} |n\rangle \langle n| \quad \text{is well-def'd.}$$

In real time  $A$  has a kernel.

$$A \sim \delta(x-y) (\partial_\mu \partial^\mu - m^2)$$

= states! satisfy  $\omega^2 - k^2 - m^2 = 0$ .

We've shown:  $i\epsilon$  prescription  
 $m^2 \rightsquigarrow m^2 - i\epsilon$

OR  $\omega^2 \rightsquigarrow \omega^2 + i\epsilon$

is the same as Wick rotation.

$$W_{\text{evd}} = e^{-i(\frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon)} W_{\text{Mink}}$$

$$\& \quad W_{\text{evd}} t_{\text{evd}} = W_{\text{Mink}} t_{\text{Mink}}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{\text{evd}} = e^{+i(\frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon)} t_{\text{Mink}}$$

special case of evd. path integral:

$$\sum_f \langle f | e^{-\beta H} | f \rangle \equiv \text{tr} e^{-\beta H}$$

$$= Z(\beta) = \int [dq] e^{-\int_0^\beta dt L_E[q]}$$

$q(0) = q(\beta)$

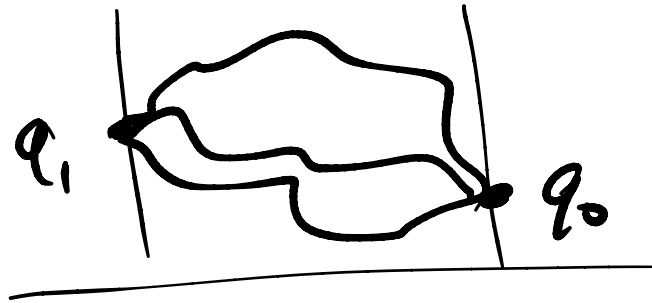
thermal  
partition fn

↑ periodic b.c. in evd. time.



as  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  only g.s. contributes.

$$\langle \underline{q_1} | e^{-H\beta} | \underline{q_0} \rangle \stackrel{\text{F-K}}{=} \int_{\substack{q(0)=q_0 \\ q(\beta)=q_1}} [Dq] e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau L_E[q]}$$



$$\text{tr}(\dots) = \int dq_0 \langle q_0 | \dots | q_0 \rangle$$

## 2.3 Feynman diagrams from path integral

Brave: allow  $q^4$  interaction terms

Cowardly: in QFT in  $D+0$  dimensions.

$$Z(J) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq e^{-\frac{1}{2}m^2 q^2 - \frac{g}{4!} q^4 + Jq} = \int dq e^{-S(q)}$$

$$\underline{u_i \equiv x_i - A_{ji}^{-1} J_i}$$

$$u_i A_{ij} u_j$$

step 1:

$$\int \pi dx_i e^{-\frac{1}{2} x_i A_{ij} x_j}$$

$$= \int \pi du_i e^{-\frac{1}{2} u_i a_i u_i}$$

$$= \left( \pi \int du e^{-u^2 a_i} \right)$$

$$= \pi \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{a_i}} \quad \checkmark$$

step 2:

$$\int \pi dx_i e^{-\frac{1}{2} x_i A_{ij} x_j - x \cdot J}$$

$$= \int \underbrace{\pi dx_i}_{\pi du} e^{-\frac{1}{2} u A u + \frac{J \tilde{A}^{-1} J}{2}}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{x - \tilde{A}^{-1} J}}$$

$$= \left( \text{step 1} \right) e^{\underline{\underline{J \tilde{A}^{-1} J}}}$$

$$Z(J) = \langle e^{q \cdot J} \rangle$$

$$\langle f(x) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \pi dx; e^{-\frac{1}{2} x A x} f(x)$$

$$A^{-1}_{ij} = \frac{\partial}{\partial J_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_j} \ln Z$$

$$= \langle x_i x_j \rangle$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial J_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_j} \ln \left( \int dx e^{-\frac{1}{2} x A x + J x} \right)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial J_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_j} \ln \left( e^{\frac{1}{2} J A^{-1} J} \right)$$

$$= (A^{-1})_{ij} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\ln Z[J] = \frac{1}{2} J A^{-1} J + \text{const.}$$

$$U(t) = e^{-iHt}$$

$$i\partial_t |\psi\rangle = H|\psi\rangle.$$

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = U(t)|\psi(0)\rangle.$$

$$\underline{O(t) = U^\dagger O(0) U(t)}.$$

$$\partial_t O = +i [H, O].$$

$$i\partial_t O = -[H, O].$$

Schrod

Heis.

$$\langle \psi(t) | O | \psi(t) \rangle = \langle \psi | O(t) | \psi \rangle$$

$$= \langle \psi(0) | \underbrace{U^\dagger O U} | \psi \rangle$$

$$\langle 0 | e^{i k q} | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}q e^{iS + i k q}$$

$$S = \int \sum_i (\dot{q}_i^2 - q_i A_{ij} q_j)$$

$$q = \sum (a + a^\dagger) = \sum q_n A_{nm} q_m$$

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$$e^{k(a+a^\dagger)}$$

$$= e^{k a^\dagger} e^{k a} e^{-\frac{1}{2} k^2}$$

$$\forall k: \sum_s \vec{e}_s(\hat{k})_i \vec{e}_s^*(\hat{k})_j = \delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j$$

$$\underline{[a_{ks}, a_{k's'}^\dagger]} = \delta_{ss'} \delta^d(k-k')$$