

Perturbation Theory for a Single-Particle Potential

(Rickayzen, §3.1)

PT 1

Consider single-particle Hamiltonian: $h(x, \tau) = h_0(x) + U(x, \tau)$ (1)

$$h_0(x) = -\frac{\hbar^2 \vec{\nabla}^2}{2m} - \mu + \sum_i V_{\text{imp}}(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_i) + h_\sigma(\vec{r}) \quad (2)$$

kinetic energy chemical potential impurity potential impurity positions Zeeman term, present for fermions, depends on spin σ

Perturbation: $U(\vec{r}, \tau) =$ external (scalar potential) due to an applied field (e.g. electric field for fermions, or optical trap for bosonic atoms) (3)

Notation: $x \equiv$ shorthand for $(\vec{r}, \sigma)$, $\sigma \in \{\uparrow, \downarrow\} = \text{spin}$ (4)

$$\int dx \equiv \sum_{\sigma} \int d\vec{r} \quad (5)$$

$$\delta(x_1 - x_2) = \delta_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \delta(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \quad (6)$$

Let $\varphi_\lambda(\vec{r})$ be single-particle eigenstates of h_0 :

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$$h_0(x) \varphi_\lambda(\vec{r}) = \varepsilon_\lambda \varphi_\lambda(\vec{r}) \quad (1)$$

orthogonal: $\int dx \varphi_\lambda^\dagger(x) \varphi_{\lambda'}(x) = \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$ (2)

complete: $\sum_\lambda \varphi_\lambda(x) \varphi_\lambda^\dagger(x') = \delta(x - x')$ (3)

Many-body formulation (in Schrödinger picture):

$$\hat{H}(\tau) = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}'(\tau) \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{H}_0 = \int dx \hat{\psi}^\dagger(x) h_0(x) \hat{\psi}(x) \quad (5)$$

$$\hat{H}'(\tau) = \int dx \hat{\psi}^\dagger(x) U(x, \tau) \hat{\psi}(x) \quad (6)$$

with field operators: $\hat{\psi}(x) \equiv \sum_{\lambda} \varphi_{\lambda}(x) c_{\lambda}$

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(1)

where $[c_{\lambda}, c_{\lambda'}^{\dagger}]_{\pm} = \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$, (2)

hence $[\hat{\psi}(x), \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x')]_{\pm} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{\lambda\lambda'} \overbrace{[c_{\lambda}, c_{\lambda'}^{\dagger}]_{\pm}}^{(8) \delta_{\lambda\lambda'}} \varphi_{\lambda}(x) \varphi_{\lambda'}^{\dagger}(x')$ (3)

$\stackrel{(3)}{=} \delta(x-x')$ "equal-time commutator" (4)

then $\hat{H}_0 = \sum_{\lambda\lambda'} \int dx \varphi_{\lambda}^*(x) \underbrace{h_0(x) \varphi_{\lambda'}(x)}_{(2.1) \sum_{\lambda'} \varphi_{\lambda'}(x)} c_{\lambda}^{\dagger} c_{\lambda'}$ (5)

$\stackrel{(2.2)}{=} \sum_{\lambda} \varepsilon_{\lambda} c_{\lambda}^{\dagger} c_{\lambda}$ (familiar form used so far) (6)

Goal: find single-particle gf in presence of $\hat{H}'(\tau)$.

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Go to Heisenberg picture: $-\partial_{\tau} \hat{A}(\tau) = [\hat{A}(\tau), \hat{H}(\tau)]$ (1)

$\hat{\psi}(\tau) \equiv \hat{\psi}(x, \tau) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{\lambda} \varphi_{\lambda}(x) c_{\lambda}(\tau)$ (2)

Eq. of motion for field:

$-\partial_{\tau} \hat{\psi}(\tau) \stackrel{(1)}{=} [\hat{\psi}(\tau), \hat{H}(\tau)]$ (3)

$\stackrel{(2.5, 6)}{=} \int dx' \underbrace{[\hat{\psi}(x, \tau), \hat{\psi}^{\dagger}(x', \tau)]}_{(3.4) \delta(x-x')} (h_0(x') + U(x', \tau)) \hat{\psi}(x', \tau)$ (4)

$= [h_0(x) + U(x, \tau)] \hat{\psi}(x, \tau)$ (5)

shorthand: $= [h_0(\tau) + U(\tau)] \hat{\psi}(\tau)$ (6)

Thermal g_F : $g_{(1,2)} \stackrel{(GF20.1)}{=} -\langle T_\tau \hat{\psi}(1) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(2) \rangle$ (1) PT 5

$-\partial_{\tau_1} g_{(1,2)} \stackrel{(\text{compare } GF20.3)}{=} \delta(\tau_1 - \tau_2) \langle \underbrace{\hat{\psi}(1), \hat{\psi}^\dagger(2)}_{[\hat{\psi}(1), \hat{\psi}^\dagger(2)] \stackrel{(3.4)}{=} \delta(x_1 - x_2)} - \xi(\hat{\psi}^\dagger(1), \hat{\psi}(1)) \rangle$ (2)
 $+ \stackrel{(4.6)}{h_0(1)} g_{(1,2)}$ ↑ since $\tau_1 = \tau_2$

$\Rightarrow \underline{[-\partial_{\tau_1} - h_0(1) - U(1)] g_{(1,2)}} = \underline{\delta(\tau_1 - \tau_2) \delta(x_1 - x_2) \equiv \delta_{(1,2)}}$ (3)

We seek expansion of g in powers of U : $g = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n$ (4)

$g_0 = \text{"unperturbed } g" \text{ satisfies: } \stackrel{U=0 \text{ in (4)}}{[-\partial_{\tau_1} - h_0(1)] g_{0(1,2)}} = \delta_{(1,2)}$ (5)

(1) and (3) are to be solved for $0 \leq \tau_1, \tau_2 \leq \beta$,

with boundary condition $g(x_1, 0; z) \stackrel{(GF22.4)}{=} \xi g(x_1, \beta; z)$ (6)

Using (5.5), we can construct general solution of (5.3):

$g_{(1,2)} = g_{0(1,2)} + \int_0^\beta d\tau_3 g_{0(1,3)} U(3) g_{(3,2)}$ (1)

with $\int_0^\beta d\tau_3 \equiv \int_0^\beta d\tau_3 \int dx_3$ (2)

Since $[-\partial_{\tau_1} - h_0(1)](1)$ yields:

$[-\partial_{\tau_1} - h_0(1)] g_{(1,2)} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \stackrel{(5.5)}{\delta_{(1,2)}} + \underbrace{\int_0^\beta d\tau_3 \delta_{(1,3)} U(3) g_{(3,2)}}_{= U(1) g_{(1,2)}} \Rightarrow \text{yields (5.3)} \checkmark$ (3)

boundary condition (5.6) is satisfied by g_0 , hence also by g ✓.

Iterating (1): $g_{(1,2)} = g_{0(1,2)} + \int d\tau_3 g_{0(1,3)} U(1) g_{0(3,2)}$ (4)

$g = \sum_n g_n$,
 $+ \int d\tau_3 \int d\tau_4 g_{0(1,3)} U(1) g_{0(3,4)} U(4) g_{0(4,2)} + \dots$

with $g_n(1,2) = \int d\tau_3 \int d\tau_4 g_{0(1,3)} U(1) g_{0(3,4)} U(4) \times \dots U(2+n) g_{0(n+2,2)}$ (5)

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Graphical notation for (6.4)

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$$1 \overleftarrow{\overleftarrow{2}} = 1 \overleftarrow{2} + 1 \overleftarrow{\underset{u}{\times}} 2 + 1 \overleftarrow{\underset{u}{\times}} \overleftarrow{\underset{u}{\times}} 2 + \dots \quad (1)$$

$$G(i, 2) = -\theta(\tau_1 - \tau_2) \langle \psi(i) \psi^\dagger(2) \rangle - \int \theta(\tau_2 - \tau_1) \langle \psi^\dagger(2) \psi(i) \rangle \quad (2)$$

(τ increases from right to left)


$$\tau_1 > \tau_2 : \text{particle propagation from } 2 \rightarrow 1 \text{ (forward in time)} \quad (3)$$

$$\tau_2 > \tau_1 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{particle propagation from } 2 \rightarrow 1 \text{ (backward in time)} \\ \text{hole propagation from } 1 \rightarrow 2 \text{ (forward in time)} \end{array} \right\} \text{equivalent views} \quad (4)$$

Shortcut: $G(i, 2) : 1 \overleftarrow{\overleftarrow{2}}$ "Feynman rule": integrate over all internal vertices with $\int d^3z = \int d\tau_3 \int d^3x_3$ (5)

$G_0(i, 2) : 1 \overleftarrow{2}$

$u(3) : \underset{\times}{3}$

(1) implies: "Bogom eq."
 $1 \overleftarrow{\overleftarrow{2}} = 1 \overleftarrow{2} + 1 \overleftarrow{\underset{\times}{3}} 2$ which gives (6.3) (6)

Interacting particles

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$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}' \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{H}_0 = \int dx \psi^\dagger(x) h_0(x) \psi(x) \quad (2)$$

$$h_0(x_1) = -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu + u(x_1) \quad \text{external potential, and impurities} \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{H}' = \frac{1}{2} \int dx \int dx' \psi^\dagger(x) \psi^\dagger(x') V(x, x') \psi(x') \psi(x) \quad (4)$$

typically $\equiv V(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$, and time-independent

$$G_0 \equiv GF \text{ for } \hat{H}_0, \text{ including } u \quad (\text{no } G_0 = G \text{ from above})$$

We want to develop perturbation theory of the type

$$1 \overleftarrow{\overleftarrow{2}} = 1 \overleftarrow{2} + \text{loop diagrams} + \dots$$