

Functional integral approach to mathematically rigorous quantum field theory

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Quantum Mechanics

- Schrödinger operators ($d \geq 3$):

$$h = -\Delta + gV \quad (V \leq 0) \quad \text{on } L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

- $\sigma(h) = \{E_j\}_{j=0}^\infty \cup [0, \infty)$, $E_0 \leq E_1 \leq \dots \leq 0$, $E_0 =$ ground state energy
- $h\varphi_g = E_0\varphi_g$, φ_g is called the ground state
- Ex(1) Lieb-Thirring bound:

$$\#\{\text{eigenvalues} \leq 0\} \leq a \int |gV(x)|^{d/2} dx$$

Then $0 < |g| \ll 1 \implies h$ has no ground state.

- Ex(2) Birman-Schwinger principle: $g > \exists g_0 \implies h$ has a ground state.
- Ex(3) Small perturbation W of $h \implies$ the discrete spectrum of h moves on the real line.

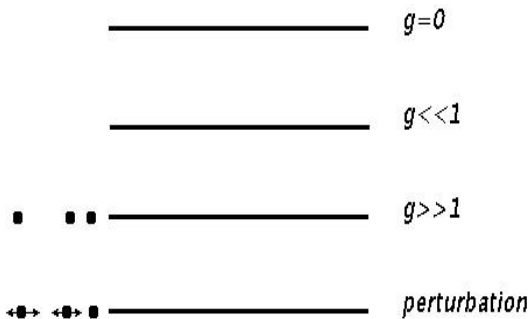


Figure: Spectrum of $-\Delta + gV$ and perturbation

Nelson model

- Boson Fock space $\mathcal{F} = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\otimes_{\text{sym}}^n L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \right)$
- $\Omega = \{1, 0, 0, \dots\} \in \mathcal{F}$
- Annihilation and creation operators:
 $\Phi = \{\Phi^{(n)}\} \in \mathcal{F} \implies (a^\dagger(f)\Phi)^{(n)} = \sqrt{n} S_n(f \otimes \Phi^{(n-1)}),$
 $a(f) = (a^\dagger(\bar{f}))^*$
- **CCR** $[a(f), a^\dagger(g)] = (\bar{f}, g) \mathbb{1}, [a(f), a(g)] = 0 = [a^\dagger(f), a^\dagger(g)].$
- 2_{nd} quantization of s.a. $T, d\Gamma(T) : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ defined by

$$d\Gamma(T) \prod_j a^\dagger(f_j) \Omega = \sum_{j=1}^n a^\dagger(f_1) \cdots a^\dagger(T f_j) \cdots a^\dagger(f_n) \Omega$$

$$d\Gamma(T) \Omega = 0$$

Nelson model = Schrödinger operator vs bosons

$$H = h \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes H_f + g\phi(x) \quad \text{on } L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \otimes \mathcal{F}$$

- $H_f = d\Gamma(\omega)$
- $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a^\dagger(e^{-ikx}h) + a(e^{ikx}h))$
- $\omega = \omega(k) = |k|$
- $g \in \mathbb{R}$ is a coupling constant
- $\sigma(H_f) = [0, \infty)$
- $\sigma(h) = \{E_j\}_j \cup [0, \infty) \implies \sigma(h \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes H_f) = [E_0, \infty)$
- $E_j \in [E_0, \infty)$ are embedded!

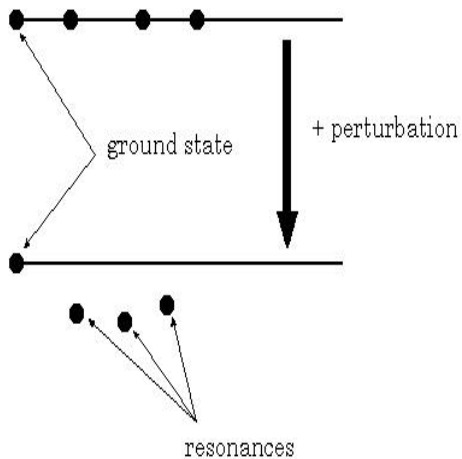


Figure: Spectrum of H and $h \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes H_f$

Pair potential

Lemma

Wiener space: $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{W})$, BM: $B_t, B_t(w) = w(t)$ for $w \in \mathcal{X}$.

$$(F \otimes \Omega, e^{-tH} G \otimes \Omega) = \int dx \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{W}}^x \left[F(B_0) G(B_t) e^{S[0,T]} \right]$$

$$S[0, T] = \int_0^T dr \int_0^T ds W(B_r - B_s, r - s) - \int_0^T V(B_s) ds$$

$$W(X, T) = \frac{g^2}{4} \int |h(k)|^2 e^{-ikX} e^{-|T|\omega(k)} dk$$

See **Lőrinczi-Hiroshima-Betz, De Gruyter Study in Math 34**

Ground state of Nelson model

- $F \otimes \Omega = \mathbb{1}_F, 0 < F \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$
- $\Phi_T = e^{-T(H-E)} \mathbb{1}_F / \|e^{-T(H-E)} \mathbb{1}_F\|, T \geq 0,$
- $\gamma(T) = (\mathbb{1}_F, \Phi_T)^2 = \frac{\left(\int dx \mathbb{E}^x [F(B_0)F(B_T)e^{S[0,T]}] \right)^2}{\int dx \mathbb{E}^x [F(B_{-T})F(B_T)e^{S[-T,T]}}$

Lemma

A ground state of H exists if and only if $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(T) > 0$.

Theorem

$\hat{h}/\omega \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \iff H$ has a ground state.

Rem.1 $\hat{h}/\omega \notin L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \implies H$ has no ground state.

Rem.2 $\hat{h}/\omega \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \implies (\varphi_g, N\varphi_g) \leq \|h/\omega\|^2$

Gibbs measures

Finite volume Gibbs meas. on $(\mathcal{X}, \sigma(\mathcal{F}))$

$$\mu_T(A) = \frac{1}{Z_T} \int dx \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{W}}^x \left[\mathbb{1}_A F(B_{-T}) F(B_T) e^{\mathcal{S}[-T, T]} \right]$$

- $\mathcal{F} = \cup_{T>0} \sigma(B_t, t \in [-T, T]) \subset \mathcal{G}$
 - Observable $(\varphi_g, O\varphi_g) = \lim_T (\Phi_T, O\Phi_T) = \lim_T \mathbb{E}_{\mu_T} [f_{O, T}]$
- $$\mu_T \rightarrow \exists \mu_\infty (T \rightarrow \infty)?$$

Theorem

Suppose that $\hat{h}/\omega \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Then $\exists \mu_\infty$ on $(\mathcal{X}, \sigma(\mathcal{F}))$ st $\mu_T \rightarrow \mu_\infty$ in the sense of **local weak**, i.e., $\mu_T(A) \rightarrow \mu_\infty(A)$ for $A \in \mathcal{F}$.

- $\mathbb{E}_{\mu_T} [f] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\mu_\infty} [f]$ for \mathcal{F}_t measurable f

Remarks

- Finite dim. dis. is given by

$$E_{\mu_\infty}[\prod \mathbb{1}_{A_j}(B_{t_j})] = (\mathbb{1}_{A_0} \varphi_g, e^{-(t_1-t_0)(H-E)} \mathbb{1}_{A_1} \dots e^{-(t_n-t_{n-1})(H-E)} \mathbb{1}_{A_n} \varphi_g)$$

- For $A \in \mathcal{F}_t$,

$$\mu_\infty(A) = e^{2Et} \int dx \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{W}}^x [(\varphi_g(B_{-t}), Q_{[-t,t]} \varphi_g(B_t))_{\mathcal{H}} \mathbb{1}_A]$$

- $Q_{[-t,t]} = J_{-t}^* e^{-\phi_E(\int_{-t}^t jsh(\cdot - B_s) ds) + \int_{-t}^t V(B_s) ds} J_t : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$

Gaussian decay of the field operator

$$K(f) = -\frac{g}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{-r\omega} e^{ikB_r \hat{h}}, \hat{f})_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} dr$$

Theorem

- $(\varphi_g, e^{-\beta\phi(f)^2} \varphi_g) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\beta\|f\|^2}} \mathbb{E}_{\mu_\infty} \left[e^{-\frac{\beta K^2(f)}{1+\beta\|f\|^2}} \right]$ for $\beta > 0$.
- Let $-\infty < \beta < 1/\|f\|^2$.

$$\|e^{(\beta/2)\phi(f)^2} \varphi_g\|^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta\|f\|^2}} \mathbb{E}_{\mu_\infty} \left[e^{\frac{\beta K^2(f)}{1-\beta\|f\|^2}} \right].$$
- $\lim_{\beta \uparrow 1/\|f\|^2} \|e^{(\beta/2)\phi(f)^2} \varphi_g\| = \infty$.

Expectations of number of bosons

Let N be the number operator in \mathcal{F} .

$$(\Phi_T, e^{-\beta N} \Phi_T) = \mathbb{E}_{\mu_T} \left[e^{-g^2(1-e^{-\beta}) \int_{-T}^0 dt \int_0^T W(B_t - B_s, t-s) ds} \right]$$

Theorem

- $(\varphi_g, e^{-\beta N} \varphi_g) = \mathbb{E}_{\mu_\infty} \left[e^{-g^2(1-e^{-\beta}) W_\infty} \right],$

$$W_\infty = \int_{-\infty}^0 dt \int_0^\infty ds W(B_t - B_s, t-s).$$

- $(\varphi_g, e^{\beta N} \varphi_g) = \mathbb{E}_{\mu_\infty} \left[e^{-g^2(1-e^\beta) W_\infty} \right]$ **for all $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$**

The number of boson in φ_g is very few!

$$\varphi_g = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi_g^{(n)} \implies \sum e^{2\beta n} \|\varphi_g^{(n)}\|^2 < \infty \text{ for } \forall \beta > 0.$$

Fall-off of ground state

- Schrödinger operator h , ground state of Φ , $h\Phi = E\Phi$

$X_t(x) = e^{tE} e^{-\int_0^t V(x+B_s) ds} \Phi(x+B_t)$ is martingale wrt

$\mathcal{G}_t = \sigma(B_s, 0 \leq s \leq t)$

- Nelson model $H\varphi_g = E\varphi_g$,

$$X_t(x) = e^{tE} e^{-g\phi_E(\int_0^t j_s h(\cdot - x - B_s) ds)} e^{-\int_0^t V(x+B_s) ds} J_t \varphi_g(x+B_t)$$

is martingale wrt $\exists \mathcal{H}_t$.

- $\varphi_g(x) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{W}} [J_0^* X_t(x)]$
- Let τ be a stopping time. $X_{t \wedge \tau}$ is also martingale and $\|\varphi_g(x)\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq \|\varphi_g\| \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{W}} [e^{-\int_0^{t \wedge \tau} V(B_s) ds}]$

Theorem

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} V_-(x) - E < 0 \text{ or } \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} V(x) = \infty \implies \|\varphi_g(x)\|_{\mathcal{F}} \leq c e^{-C|x|}$$

UV renormalization

E. Nelson proved UV renormalization in 1964 by functional analysis. We prove this by functional integration.

- $H_\varepsilon = -\Delta + H_f + \phi_\varepsilon$
- $h = e^{-|k|^2\varepsilon/2} / \sqrt{\omega(k)}$
- $e^{-|k|^2\varepsilon/2} \rightarrow \mathbb{1}$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$
- $(\mathbb{1}_f, e^{-2TH_\varepsilon} \mathbb{1}_g) = \int dx \mathbb{E}^x [f(B_{-T})g(B_T)e^{S_\varepsilon[-T,T]}$
- $S_\varepsilon[-T,T] = \int_{-T}^T ds \int_{-T}^T dt \int \frac{e^{-\varepsilon|k|^2}}{2\omega(k)} e^{-ik(B_t-B_s)} e^{-|t-s|\omega(k)} dk$

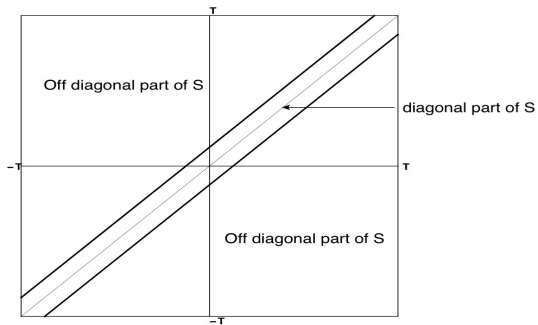


Figure: Renormalization

- $\varphi_\varepsilon(X, T) = \int \frac{e^{-\varepsilon|k|^2} e^{-ik \cdot x - \omega(k)|t|}}{2\omega(k)} \frac{1}{|k|^2/2 + \omega(k)} dk, \quad \varepsilon \geq 0$
- Ito formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_s^T W(B_t - B_s, t - s) dt - \varphi_\varepsilon(0, 0) \\ &= \int_s^T \nabla \varphi_\varepsilon(B_t - B_s, t - s) \cdot dB_t - \varphi_\varepsilon(B_T - B_s, T - s) \end{aligned}$$

- **Girsanov theorem, interpolation, etc.**

$$(\mathbb{1}_f, e^{-2T(H_\varepsilon - \varphi_\varepsilon(0,0))} \mathbb{1}_g) \rightarrow \int dx \mathbb{E}^x [f(B_{-T}) g(B_T) e^{S_{ren}[-T, T]}]$$

- $H_\varepsilon - \varphi_\varepsilon(0, 0) > -C$ (ε independent)

Theorem

$$\exists H_\infty \text{ st } (F, e^{-2T(H_\varepsilon - \varphi_\varepsilon(0,0))} G) \rightarrow (F, e^{-2TH_\infty} G)$$

This is proven in Gubinelli-FH-Lőrinczi.

- Nelson model

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta_x + V\right) \otimes \mathbb{1} + g\phi(\hat{\phi}e^{-ikx}/\sqrt{\omega}) + \mathbb{1} \otimes H_f$$

- Semi-relativistic Nelson model

$$\left(\sqrt{-\Delta_x + M^2} + V\right) \otimes \mathbb{1} + g\phi(\hat{\phi}e^{-ikx}/\sqrt{\omega}) + \mathbb{1} \otimes H_f$$

- Pauli-Fierz model

$$\frac{1}{2}[\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (p \otimes \mathbb{1} - A(x))]^2 + V \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes H_f$$

- Semi-relativistic Pauli-Fierz model

$$\sqrt{[\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (p \otimes \mathbb{1} - A(x))]^2 + M^2} + V \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes H_f \quad (M > 0)$$

$$|\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot (p \otimes \mathbb{1} - A(x))| + V \otimes \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \otimes H_f \quad (M = 0)$$

- Nelson (JMP 1964) UV ren.
- Bach-Fröhlich-Sigal (Adv Math 97, CMP98) GS. for $|g| \ll 1$
- Gérard (AHP 00), Spohn (LMP 00) GS. $\forall g$
- Fefferman (Adv Math 00) Stability of matter
- FH (JMP99, CMP 01, JFA05) uniqueness and s.a. $\forall g$
- Betz-FH-Lőrinczi-Minlos-Spohn (RMP01) Gibbs meas.
- Griesmer-Lieb-Loss (Inv. Math 01) GS $\forall g$.
- FH-Spohn (AHP 01) enhanced binding
- FH-Spohn (JMP04), Seiringer-Hainzl (ATMP05) effective mass
- Hirokawa-FH-Spohn (Adv Math 05) GS with UV ren.
- FH-Sasaki (Math Z 08) enhanced binding
- Gérard-FH-Panati-Suzuki (CMP12, JFA12) model on mfd.
- Gubinelli-FH-Lorinczi (preprint 13) UV ren.

Thank you !