

## - Feynman Rules / Feynman Diagrams

Recall that

$$|\Psi, t_f\rangle_{\pm} = (1 + (-i) \int_{t_i}^{t_f} V_{\pm}(t) dt + (-i)^2 \int_{t_i}^{t_f} V_{\pm}(t) dt \int_{t_i}^t V_{\pm}(t') dt' + \dots)$$

$$\dots \rangle |\Psi, t_i\rangle_{\pm}$$

$$= \left[ 1 + (-i) \int_{t_i}^{t_f} V_{\pm}(t) dt \right.$$

$$+ \frac{(-i)^2}{2!} \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt \int_{t_i}^{t'} dt' T[V_{\pm}(t), V_{\pm}(t')] dt' dt$$

$$+ \dots + \frac{(-i)^n}{n!} \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt_1 \dots \int_{t_i}^{t_{n-1}} T[V_{\pm}(t_1), \dots, V_{\pm}(t_n)] dt_1 \dots dt_n \left. \right] |\Psi, t_i\rangle_{\pm}$$

$$\equiv T \left[ \exp \left( \int_{t_i}^{t_f} V(t) dt \right) \right] |\Psi, t_i\rangle_{\pm}$$

↑  
Time ordering

Here

$$T[V_{\pm}(t_1) \dots V_{\pm}(t_n)] \quad \text{time ordering}$$

$$= V_{\pm}(t_1) V_{\pm}(t_2) \dots V_{\pm}(t_n) \theta(t_1 > t_2) \theta(t_2 > t_3) \dots \theta(t_{n-1} > t_n)$$

$$+ V_{\pm}(t_2) V_{\pm}(t_1) \dots V_{\pm}(t_n) \theta(t_2 > t_1) \theta(t_1 > t_3) \dots \theta(t_{n-1} > t_n)$$

+ ... All permutations ...

Also we note that

$$V_{\mathbf{I}} = \sqrt{c(q)} = \sqrt{c(a^\dagger, a)}$$

So we want to find a way to simplify

$$T \left[ \sqrt{c(a^\dagger, a)}, \dots, \sqrt{c(a^\dagger, a)} \right] \quad \text{we ignore "I" below}$$

without doing tedious  $[a^\dagger, a]$  commutations repeatedly.

To do that, first we note that

$$\begin{aligned} & T [q(t_1), q(t_2)] \\ &= q(t_1)q(t_2)\theta(t_1-t_2) + t_1 \leftrightarrow t_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\omega} (a e^{-i\omega t_1} + a^\dagger e^{i\omega t_1}) \\ &\quad \times (a e^{-i\omega t_2} + a^\dagger e^{i\omega t_2}) \theta(t_1-t_2) + t_1 \leftrightarrow t_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\omega} \left[ \underbrace{a a}_{\checkmark} e^{-i\omega(t_1+t_2)} + \underbrace{a a^\dagger}_{\checkmark} e^{-i\omega(t_1-t_2)} + \underbrace{a^\dagger a}_{\checkmark} e^{i\omega(t_1-t_2)} + \underbrace{a^\dagger a^\dagger}_{\checkmark} e^{i\omega(t_1+t_2)} \right] \\ &\quad \times \theta(t_1-t_2) + t_1 \leftrightarrow t_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\omega} \left[ a a e^{-i\omega(t_1+t_2)} + a^\dagger a^\dagger e^{i\omega(t_1+t_2)} + a^\dagger a e^{-i\omega(t_1-t_2)} + a^\dagger a e^{i\omega(t_1-t_2)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + e^{-i\omega(t_1-t_2)} \right] \theta(t_1-t_2) + t_1 \leftrightarrow t_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\omega} \left[ \underbrace{a a}_{\checkmark} e^{-i\omega(t_1+t_2)} + \underbrace{a^\dagger a^\dagger}_{\checkmark} e^{i\omega(t_1+t_2)} + \underbrace{a^\dagger a}_{\checkmark} e^{i\omega(t_1-t_2)} + \underbrace{a^\dagger a}_{\checkmark} e^{i\omega(t_1-t_2)} \right] \\ &\quad + e^{-i\omega(t_1-t_2)} \frac{1}{2\omega} \theta(t_1-t_2) + e^{-i\omega(t_1-t_2)} \frac{1}{2\omega} \theta(t_2-t_1) \\ &= : q(t_1)q(t_2) : + \frac{1}{2\omega} e^{-i\omega|t_1-t_2|} \end{aligned}$$

Now, all  $q$ 's are in the

interacting picture, though formally they are the same as the "free"

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So

$$T[\varphi(t_1)\varphi(t_2)] = :\varphi(t_1)\varphi(t_2): + \Delta_F(t_1-t_2)$$

or

$$T[\varphi(t_1)\varphi(t_2)] = :\varphi(t_1)\varphi(t_2): + \underbrace{\varphi(t_1)\varphi(t_2)}$$

Hence we have introduced

### 1. Normal ordered production

$$:A(\hat{a}, a): = \hat{a}^{\dots} a^{\dots} \hat{a}^{\dots} a^{\dots}$$

All  $\hat{a}$ 's on the right of all  $a$ 's

### 2. Contraction or Feynman Propagator

$$\underbrace{\varphi(t_1)\varphi(t_2)} = \Delta_F(t_1-t_2)$$

$$\equiv \langle 0 | T[\varphi(t_1)\varphi(t_2)] | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2\omega} e^{-i\omega|t_1-t_2|}$$

$$\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -i\epsilon} \frac{1}{2\omega} e^{-\omega|t_1-t_2|}$$

Also note that  $\underbrace{\varphi(t_1)\varphi(t_2)} = \begin{cases} [\hat{a}^{\dagger}(t_1), \hat{a}^{-}(t_2)] & t_1 > t_2 \\ [\hat{a}^{\dagger}(t_2), \hat{a}^{-}(t_1)] & t_1 < t_2 \end{cases}$

$$\hat{a}^{\dagger}(t_1) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}} a e^{-i\omega t} \quad , \quad \hat{a}^{-} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}} a^{\dagger} e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x \\ \hline t_1 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} x \\ \hline t_2 \end{array} \equiv \frac{1}{2\omega} e^{-\omega|t_1-t_2|} \quad \rightarrow \text{Feynman Rule} \\ \text{For propagator}$$

Wick's Theorem:

$$T \{ \psi(t_1) \dots \psi(t_n) \} = \sum_{\text{contractions}} \psi(t_1) \dots \psi(t_n) +$$

: All possible contractions:

Check:  $n=1$   $T \{ \psi(t_1) \} = \psi(t_1) = : \psi(t_1) :$

$n=2$  correct by definition

Check:  $n=3$ , Assume  $t_1 > t_2, t_1 > t_3$

$$\begin{aligned} & T \{ \psi(t_1) \psi(t_2) \psi(t_3) \} \\ &= \psi(t_1) T \{ \psi(t_2) \psi(t_3) \} \\ &= \psi(t_1) \underbrace{\psi(t_2) \psi(t_3)} + \underbrace{\psi(t_1) \psi(t_2) \psi(t_3)}_{\text{ⓐ}} \end{aligned}$$

ⓐ =  $(\underbrace{\psi^+(t_1)}_a + \underbrace{\psi^-(t_1)}_{a^+}) : \psi(t_2) \psi(t_3) :$  Goal: to move  $\psi^+(t_1)$  inside

=  $: \psi^-(t_1) \psi(t_2) \psi(t_3) :$  +  $\psi^+(t_1) : \psi(t_2) \psi(t_3) :$  ⓑ - - - ⓑ

=  $: \psi^-(t_1) \psi(t_2) \psi(t_3) :$  +  $: [\psi^+(t_1), \psi^-(t_2)] \psi(t_3) :$   
 +  $: [\psi^+(t_1), \psi^-(t_3)] \psi(t_2) :$   
 +  $: \psi^+(t_1) \psi(t_2) \psi(t_3) :$

=  $: \psi(t_2) \psi(t_3) \psi(t_1) :$  +  $: \psi(t_3) \psi(t_1) \psi(t_2) :$  +  $: \psi(t_2) \psi(t_1) \psi(t_3) :$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & \quad T [ \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_2) \varphi(t_3) ] \\ = & \quad : \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_2) \varphi(t_3) : + : \varphi(t_3) : \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_2) + : \varphi(t_2) : \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_3) + : \varphi(t_1) : \varphi(t_2) \varphi(t_3) \\ = & \quad : \text{All possible contractions} : + : \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_2) : \end{aligned}$$

CONNECT and can be generalised to arbitrary  $N$  to prove Wick's Theorem.

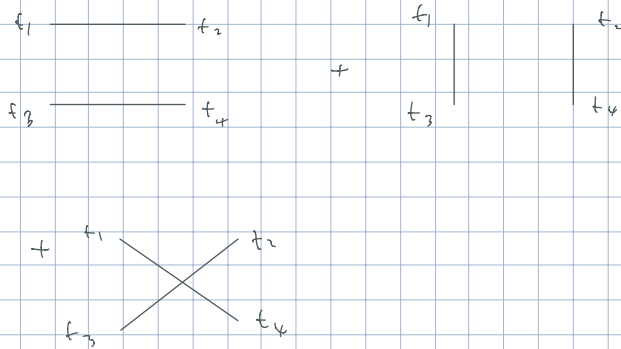
Sandwich between vacuum :

$$\langle 0 | T [ \varphi(t_1) \dots \varphi(t_n) ] | 0 \rangle = \text{All possible full contractions}$$

Example 1

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle 0 | T [ \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_2) \varphi(t_3) \varphi(t_4) ] | 0 \rangle \\ = & \quad \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_2) \varphi(t_3) \varphi(t_4) + \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_2) \varphi(t_3) \varphi(t_4) \\ & \quad + \varphi(t_1) \varphi(t_2) \varphi(t_3) \varphi(t_4) \\ = & \quad \Delta_F(t_1 - t_2) \Delta_F(t_3 - t_4) + \Delta_F(t_1 - t_3) \Delta_F(t_2 - t_4) \\ & \quad + \Delta_F(t_1 - t_4) \Delta_F(t_2 - t_3) \end{aligned}$$

In terms of Feynman Diagrams



Example 2  $\checkmark [\varphi] = \frac{\lambda}{4!} \varphi^4$

$$- \int_0^T d\tau \langle 0 | T [ V(\varphi) ] | 0 \rangle = \int_0^T d\tau \langle 0 | \left( -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right) T [ \varphi(\tau)^4 ] | 0 \rangle d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^T d\tau \left( -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right) \left[ \underbrace{\varphi(\tau) \varphi(\tau)}_{\text{pair 1}} \underbrace{\varphi(\tau) \varphi(\tau)}_{\text{pair 2}} + \underbrace{\varphi(\tau) \varphi(\tau) \varphi(\tau)}_{\text{pair 1}} \varphi(\tau) + \underbrace{\varphi(\tau) \varphi(\tau) \varphi(\tau) \varphi(\tau)}_{\text{pair 1}} \right]$$

$$= \int_0^T d\tau \quad \text{[Diagram: two overlapping circles with a dot at their intersection]} = \int_0^T d\tau \left( -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \right) \frac{2}{F} \times 3$$

$$= -\frac{\lambda}{4!} T \times 3 \times \left( \frac{1}{2\omega} \right)^2$$

Here we defined

$$\text{X} = \int_0^T dz (-\frac{\lambda}{4!})$$

Example 3.

$$\left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^2 \int_0^T dz_1 \int_0^T dz_2 \langle T [V(z_1) V(z_2)] \rangle_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^2 \int_0^T dz_1 \int_0^T dz_2$$

$$\times \langle T [g(z_1) g(z_1) g(z_1) g(z_2) g(z_2) g(z_2) g(z_2) g(z_2)] \rangle_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Diagram 1} \times 9 \\ \text{Diagram 2} \times 6 \times 6 \times 2 \\ \text{Diagram 3} \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Diagram 1} \times 9$$

$$\text{Diagram 2} \times 6 \times 6 \times 2$$

$$\text{Diagram 3} \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^2 \int_0^T dz_1 \int_0^T dz_2 \left[ \Delta_P^2(z_1) \Delta_P^2(z_2) \times 9 \right. \\ \left. + \Delta_P^2(z_1) \Delta_P^2(T, -z_1) \times 72 \right. \\ \left. + \Delta_P^4(z_1, -z_1) \times 24 \right]$$

$$= \frac{T^2}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^2 \times 9 \times \left(\frac{1}{2\omega}\right)^4 \\ + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^2 \times 72 \times \left(\frac{1}{2\omega}\right)^4 \times \frac{T}{2\omega} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^2 \times 24 \times \left(\frac{1}{2\omega}\right)^4 \times \frac{T}{4\omega}$$

$$= \frac{T^2}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2\omega}\right)^4 \times 9 + \left(\frac{\lambda}{4!}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2\omega}\right)^4 \frac{21}{\omega} T$$

Reproduce what we  
got before, but in  
a more efficient way! :



The equivalence between the propagator & Green function

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{G}_F + \omega^2 G_F &= \delta(t) \\ -\omega^2 \hat{G}_F + \omega^2 \tilde{G}_F &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad \tilde{G}_F = \int e^{i\omega t} G_F(t)$$

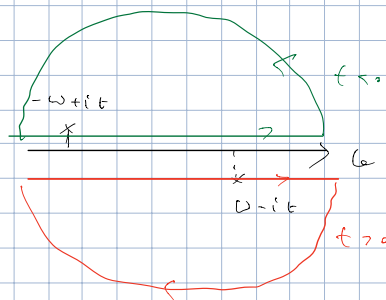
$$\tilde{G}_F \sim \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega^2} \quad \text{not well defined for } \omega = \omega$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega^2 + i\epsilon}$$

↳ to make  $\omega = \omega$  well defined  
lots of choices, which are  
determined by the boundary  
conditions. This one corresponds  
to Feynman propagator.

$$G_{FF} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \omega^2 + i\epsilon} d\omega$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{(\omega - \omega + i\epsilon)(\omega + \omega - i\epsilon)} d\omega$$



If  $t > 0$ , we enclose the contour in the lower semi-plane,  
 otherwise the integral is not well-defined.

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_F(t > 0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} 2\pi i \frac{1}{i\pi} \oint_{\text{lower}} dk e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{(k-\omega+i\epsilon)(k+\omega-i\epsilon)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} 2\pi i e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{2i\omega} \theta(t) \\
 &= -i e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{2\omega} \theta(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $t < 0$ , upper plane

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_F(t < 0) &= -\frac{1}{i\pi} 2\pi i \frac{1}{i\pi} \oint_{\text{upper}} dk e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{(k-\omega+i\epsilon)(k+\omega-i\epsilon)} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{i\pi} 2\pi i e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{2i\omega} \theta(-t) \\
 &= i e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{2\omega} \theta(-t)
 \end{aligned}$$

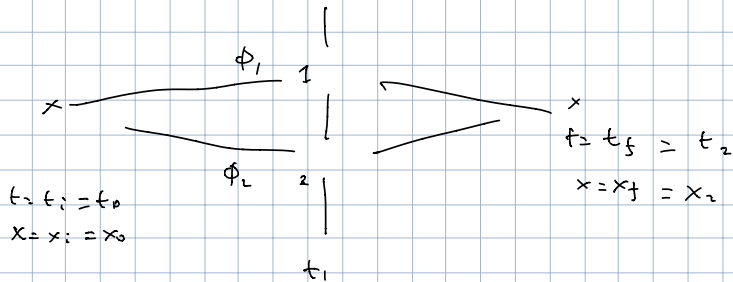
$$\Rightarrow \underline{G_F(t, -t)} = -i \langle 0 | T(\psi(t), \psi(-t)) | 0 \rangle$$

Feynman propagator  $\propto$  Green function with special boundary conditions.

## EUP OF CANONICAL QUANTIZATION

# Feynman path integral

Double Slits experiment



$$P = |\phi_1 + \phi_2|^2$$

$\phi_i \equiv$  amplitude go through slit  $i$ .

$$= \langle x_2, t_2 | x_{i1}, t_1 \rangle \langle t_1, x_{i1} | x_0, t_0 \rangle$$

$$+ \langle x_2, t_2 | x_{i2}, t_1 \rangle \langle t_1, x_{i2} | x_0, t_0 \rangle$$

$$= \sum_i \phi(x_0 \rightarrow x_{i1}) \phi(x_{i1} \rightarrow x_2)$$

more slits

$$\rightarrow \int dx_1 \phi(x_0 \rightarrow x_1) \phi(x_1 \rightarrow x_2)$$

more boards

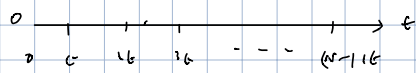
$$\rightarrow \int dx_1 \dots dx_{n-1}$$

$$\phi(x_0 \rightarrow x_1) \phi(x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \phi(x_2 \rightarrow x_3) \dots$$

$$\phi(x_{n-2} \rightarrow x_{n-1}) \phi(x_{n-1} \rightarrow x_n)$$

$$\phi(x_i \rightarrow x_{i+1}) = \langle x_{i+1}, t_{i+1} | x_i, t_i \rangle = \langle x_{i+1} | e^{-i\hat{H}(t_{i+1} - t_i)} | x_i \rangle$$

$$f = \int dx_1 \dots dx_N \langle x_N | e^{-i\hat{H}(t_N - t_{N-1})} | x_{N-1} \rangle \\ \langle x_{N-1} | e^{-i\hat{H}(t_{N-1} - t_{N-2})} | x_{N-2} \rangle \\ \dots \langle x_1 | e^{-i\hat{H}(t_1 - t_0)} | x_0 \rangle$$



divide  $t$  to  $N$  pieces

$$\langle x_{i+1} | e^{-i\hat{H}(t_{i+1} - t_i)} | x_i \rangle$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x)$$

$$= \int dp \langle x_{i+1} | p \rangle \langle p | e^{-i\hat{H}\epsilon} | x_i \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dp e^{ip \cdot x_{i+1}} e^{-i\epsilon(\frac{p^2}{2m} + V(x_i))} e^{-ip \cdot x_i}$$

$+ O(\epsilon^2)$

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Can show it does not contribute to the final results

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dp e^{ip(x_{i+1} - x_i)} e^{-i\epsilon \frac{p^2}{2m}} e^{-i\epsilon V(x_i)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dp e^{ip \cdot x_i \epsilon} e^{-i\epsilon \frac{p^2}{2m}} e^{-i\epsilon V(x_i)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dp e^{-i\epsilon(\frac{p^2}{2m} - p \cdot x_i + \frac{x_i^2}{2})} e^{i\epsilon \frac{x_i^2}{2}} e^{-i\epsilon V(x_i)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dp e^{-\frac{i\epsilon}{2m}(p - m x_i)^2} e^{i\epsilon(\frac{x_i^2}{2} - V(x_i))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{i\epsilon}} e^{i\epsilon L(x_i, x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i \epsilon}\right)^{N/2} \int dx_1 \dots dx_{N-1} e^{i \int dt L} = N \int \mathcal{D}(x) e^{iS}$$

$$\langle x_f, t_f | x_i, t_i \rangle = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi i \epsilon} \right)^{N/2} \int dx_1 \dots dx_{N-1} e^{iS}$$

$$\equiv N \int D[x] e^{iS} \quad \rightarrow \text{highly oscillate}$$

$$t \rightarrow -i\tau \quad N \int D[x(\tau)] e^{-S_E} \quad \rightarrow \text{well defined for } S_E \geq 0$$

Time ordering intrinsically  
encoded in the path integral

$$L = \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2} - V(x) \quad \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -i\tau} \quad - \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2} - V(x)$$

$$S \rightarrow S_E = -i \int d(-i\tau) \left[ \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2} + V(x) \right] = - \underbrace{\int d\tau \left( \frac{\dot{x}^2}{2} + V(x) \right)}_{L_E}$$

$$\int dx \langle x_f, t_f | x_i, t_i \rangle = \sum_{\mathbb{Z}} e^{-E_n \cdot T} = \sum_{\mathbb{Z}} e^{-E_n \cdot \beta} \equiv Z[\beta]$$

$$= \int dx N \int D[x(\tau)] e^{-S_E}$$

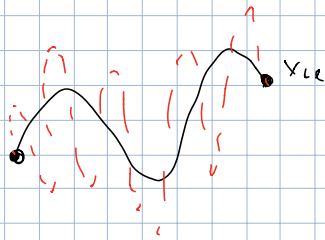
Feynman Path Integral can be used for  
partition function of statistics

→ can also be used to derive the Feynman rules

you will see this in the future

- here we show how this can be used for  
non-perturbative calculation.

## General set ups



write  $x(z)$  in terms of  $x_{cl}$

and fluctuations

$$x(z) = \bar{x}(z) + \delta x(z)$$

Here

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta x} \Big|_{x=\bar{x}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 \bar{x}}{dz^2} - V'(\bar{x}) = 0$$

$x$  satisfies Euler-Lagrange Eqn.

$$S[x] = \int \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dx}{dz} \right)^2 + V(x) dz$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\bar{x} + \delta x}{dz} \right)^2 + V(\bar{x} + \delta x) dz$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\bar{x}}{dz} + \frac{d\delta x}{dz} \right)^2 + V(\bar{x}) + V'(\bar{x})\delta x + \frac{1}{2}V''(\bar{x})\delta x^2$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\bar{x}}{dz} \right)^2 + \frac{d\bar{x}}{dz} \frac{d\delta x}{dz} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 \delta x}{dz^2} + V(\bar{x}) + V'(\bar{x})\delta x + \frac{1}{2}V''(\bar{x})\delta x^2$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\bar{x}}{dz} \right)^2 + V(\bar{x}) dz$$

$$+ \int \frac{d\bar{x}}{dz} \frac{d\delta x}{dz} dz + \int \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\delta x}{dz} \right)^2 + V'(\bar{x})\delta x + \frac{1}{2}V''(\bar{x})\delta x^2 dz$$

$$= \int \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{d\bar{x}}{dz} \right|^2 + V(\bar{x}) \right] dz + \int \left( -\frac{d^2 x}{dz^2} + V'(\bar{x}) \right) \delta x \, dz$$

$$+ \int \delta x \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{2} V''(\bar{x}) \right] \delta x \, dz$$

$$= S[\bar{x}] + \int dz \, \delta x \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} + \frac{1}{2} V''(\bar{x}) \right] \delta x$$

Let

$$\delta x = \sum_i c_i \delta x_i$$

$$\int dz \, \delta x_i \delta x_j = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dz^2} + V''(\bar{x}) \right] \delta x_i = \epsilon_i \delta x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow S[\delta x] = S[\bar{x}] + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_i c_i^2$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$N \int \mathcal{D}\delta x e^{-S[\delta x]} = N \int \prod_i \frac{dc_i}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-S[\bar{x}]} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_i c_i^2}$$

$$= e^{-S[\bar{x}]} N \cdot \prod_i \epsilon_i^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{OR} \equiv e^{-S[\bar{x}]} N \cdot \det \left[ -\frac{d^2}{dz^2} + V''(\bar{x}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Harmonic oscillator

if  $x_i = x_f = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{x} = 0, \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx = 0$

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + \omega^2\right) \delta x_i = E_i \delta x_i$$

$$\delta x_n \propto \sin \frac{n\pi}{T} x \quad \text{or} \quad \cos \frac{n\pi}{T} x$$

$$\Rightarrow E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{T^2} + \omega^2 \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad \text{since } x=0, dx > 0$$
  
$$x=T, dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-S[\bar{x}]} \sim \prod_n \left(\frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{T^2} + \omega^2\right)^{-1/2}$$
  
$$= e^{-S[\bar{x}]} \sim \underbrace{\prod_n \left(\frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{T^2}\right)^{-1/2}}_{\omega = 0, \text{ free particle}} \cdot \prod_n \left(1 + \frac{\omega^2 T^2}{\hbar^2 \pi^2}\right)^{-1/2}$$

$$\langle x_{f=0} | e^{-\frac{p^2}{2} T} | x_{i=0} \rangle = \sum_n \int \frac{dp_n}{2\pi} \langle 0 | p_n \rangle \langle p_n | 0 \rangle e^{-\frac{p_n^2}{2} T}$$
  
$$= \sum_n \int \frac{dp_n}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{p_n^2}{2} T} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi T}} \left[ \frac{1}{\omega T} \sinh \omega T \right]^{-1/2} \quad \text{Set } S[\bar{x}] = 0 \text{ here for } x_i = x_f = 0$$
  
$$= \left(\frac{\omega}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{\omega T}{2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\omega T} + \dots \right]$$
  
$$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$$
  
$$|\psi_0(\omega)|^2 \quad \text{Ground state energy} \quad n=1$$