

# FQM problem Sheet 6 in WS 2022/2023

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## 1. Wick's Theorem (part I) (12)

We consider a system of non-interacting fermions described by a Hamiltonian operator of the form  $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} \mathbf{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \mathbf{c}_{\alpha}$ .

(a) **Show** first the identity

$$\mathbf{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} e^{-\beta \mathbf{H}} = e^{\beta \epsilon_{\alpha}} e^{-\beta \mathbf{H}} \mathbf{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger}.$$

(b) **Calculate** the two-point correlator

$$\langle \mathbf{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \mathbf{c}_{\beta} \rangle = \frac{\text{tr} (e^{-\beta \mathbf{H}} \mathbf{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \mathbf{c}_{\beta})}{\text{tr} (e^{-\beta \mathbf{H}})}$$

**Note:** Permute the operator  $\mathbf{c}_{\alpha}^{\dagger}$  to the right using appropriate commutator relations. Then use the cyclicity of the trace and the result from part (a).

(c) **Calculate**

$$\langle \psi^{\dagger}(\vec{x}) \psi(0) \rangle \tag{1}$$

for a system of free particles in a box of size  $V$  (finite but large). In this case the Hamiltonian is of the above form with  $\alpha \simeq \vec{k}$  and  $\epsilon_{\vec{k}} = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m - \mu$  where  $\mu$  is the chemical potential and the  $\vec{k}$  are discretely distributed in momentum space. Use the Fourier transform relation of  $\psi(\vec{x})$  and  $c_{\vec{k}}$  as well as the explicit results for  $\langle c_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\vec{q}} \rangle$  derived under (b) for obtaining an integral expression for (1). (Note for large  $V$  we have  $\sum_k \dots = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 k \dots$ )

(d) **Carry** out the momentum integral derived under (c) in the limit  $T \rightarrow 0$  and just in the 1-dimensional case.

## 2. Coherent States (8)

Let  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi^{\dagger}$  be bosonic operators ( $[\Phi, \Phi^{\dagger}] = 1$ ).

(a) **Find** all eigen-states  $|\varphi\rangle$  of  $\Phi$

**Note:** Make an ansatz of the form  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \cdot (\Phi^{\dagger})^n |0\rangle$

(b) What is  $\langle x | \varphi \rangle$ , if  $\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(k_0 \mathbf{x} + i\mathbf{p}/k_0)$ ,  $k_0 = \sqrt{m\omega}$

**Reminder:** The ladder operators of the quantum mechanical harmonic oscillator are bosonic.