

2.2 Spectroscopic signature of quasi-particles

($\hat{=}$ physical meaning of the Green's function)

considers some single-particle propagator of a system of free particles: (at $T=0$)

$$H = \sum_k \epsilon_k c_k^\dagger c_k \quad |k\rangle: \text{single-particle basis}$$

$$\langle \psi_0 | e^{iHt} c_k e^{-iHt} c_k^\dagger | \psi_0 \rangle = \dots$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{GS}, E=E_0}$

$c_k^\dagger |\psi_0\rangle$: adding particle in eigenstate $|k\rangle$ of single-particle Hamiltonian $\Rightarrow$ new state is also many-body eigenstate, because particles are independent

$$\dots = \langle \psi_0 | e^{iE_0 t} c_k e^{-i(E_0 + \epsilon_k)t} c_k^\dagger | \psi_0 \rangle$$

$$= \underbrace{e^{-i\epsilon_k t}}_{\text{spectral information in time-dependence}} \underbrace{\langle \psi_0 | c_k c_k^\dagger | \psi_0 \rangle}_{\text{occupation factor}}$$

($\hat{=}$ frequency dependence) of propagator.

expected for weakly interacting system.

same decay $\sim e^{-i\varepsilon_k t} e^{-\gamma t}$

$\hat{=}$ pretty well defined particles if $\gamma \ll \varepsilon_k$.

We will now formalize this. In particular, we will formalize, how to separate spectral information and "occupation" i.e. the one-particle Green's function.

retarded / lesser / greater propagators

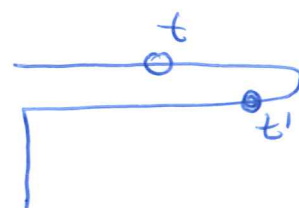
for each Green's function ^{with time-arguments t, t'} on the Keldysh contour, we define "physical meaningful components" as follows $(t_{\pm} : \text{lower upper branch})$

"lesser-component"

$$G^<(t, t') \equiv G(t_-, t'_+)$$

"greater-component"

$$G^>(t, t') \equiv G(t_+, t'_-)$$



"retarded component"

$$G^R(t, t') = \Theta(t - t') (G^>(t, t') - G^<(t, t'))$$

"advanced component"

$$G^A(t, t') = \Theta(t' - t) (G^<(t, t') - G^>(t, t'))$$

"Keldysh - component"

$$G^K(t, t') = G^<(t, t') + G^>(t, t')$$

(... and some components with mixed imaginary-time / real-time arguments)

Note: these definitions will be used for any ~~Green's~~ function $A(t, t')$ on C , in particular also the self-energy.

For $G(t, t') = -i \langle T_c \psi(t) \psi(t')^\dagger \rangle$
we have:

$$G^>(t, t') = -i \langle \psi(t) \psi^\dagger(t') \rangle$$

$$G^<(t, t') = +i \langle \psi^\dagger(t') \psi(t) \rangle$$

$$G^K(t, t') = -i \Theta(t - t') \langle [\psi(t), \psi^\dagger(t')]_F \rangle$$

Remarks:

- physical meaning of $G^>, G^< \triangleq$ particle and hole propagator, as on page 96.
- G^R, G^K seem to have mathematical analogy to response / correlation functions defined in III.2. But why is there, e.g. an anticommutator $[,]_+$ in G^R for fermions. $\leadsto$ more clear in path integral formulations, see later

General properties of GF components:

(1) Hermitian:

$$G^<(1,1') = - G^<(1',1)^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(proof: } & \left(\pm i \text{tr} (e^{-\beta H} \psi(1) \psi(1')^\dagger) \right)^* = \\ & = \mp i \text{tr} \left(\psi(1') \psi^\dagger(1) e^{-\beta H} \right) \quad \text{etc.} \end{aligned}$$

- (2) in equilibrium (H time-independent, commutes with initial state density matrix)
 $\Rightarrow$ time-translational invariance.

$$G^{R, <, >, K}(t, t') = G^{R, >, <, K}(t - t')$$

proof: ... use cyclic permutation of operators under trace ...

- (3) For the time-translationally invariant case, we define the Fourier transforms.

$$G^R(\omega) = \int_0^\infty dt e^{i\omega t} G^R(t)$$

$$G^<(\omega) = \int dt e^{+i\omega t} G^<(t)$$

$G^R(\omega)$ is an analytical function of ω in the upper complex plane ($\text{Im}\omega > 0$),
 and $G^R(\omega) \sim 1/\omega$ for $|\omega| \rightarrow \infty$

(4) $G^R(\omega)$ has spectral representation

$$A(\omega) \stackrel{\omega \in \mathbb{R}}{=} -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im } G^R(\omega + i0) \equiv \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \right) \text{Im } G(\omega + i\eta)$$

$$G(\omega) = \int d\omega' \frac{A(\omega')}{\omega - \omega'}$$

$$G(t) \stackrel{t > 0}{=} -i \int d\omega A(\omega) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$A \equiv$ "spectral function"

proof: can be proven directly from analytical properties (3), but we follow more simple strategy, ($\leadsto$ Lehmann representation) analogous to Ch. III, Lin response.

$$G^R(t) \stackrel{t > 0}{=} -i \frac{1}{Z} \text{tr} \left(e^{-\beta H} [\psi(t), \psi^\dagger(0)]_+ \right)$$

many-body eigen-basis $H|u\rangle = E_u|u\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -i \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{nm} e^{-\beta E_n} \left(\langle n | \psi | m \rangle \langle m | \psi^\dagger | n \rangle e^{i(E_n - E_m)t} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \langle n | \psi^\dagger | m \rangle \langle m | \psi | n \rangle e^{i(E_m - E_n)t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$n \leftrightarrow m$ in second term

omitting spectral indices for simplicity

$$= -i \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{nm} |\langle n | \psi | m \rangle|^2 e^{i(E_n - E_m)t} (e^{-\beta E_n} \mp e^{-\beta E_m})$$

$$\text{FT: } \int_0^\infty e^{i(\omega + i0)t} e^{i(E_n - E_m)t} dt = \frac{e^{i(\omega + i0 + E_n - E_m)t}}{i(\omega + i0 + E_n - E_m)} \Big|_0^\infty$$

→ 0, because $i0^+$ -factor

$$= \frac{i}{\omega + i0 + E_n - E_m}$$

$$G^R(\omega) = \sum_{nm} \frac{e^{-\beta E_n} \mp e^{-\beta E_m}}{Z} \frac{|\langle n | \psi | m \rangle|^2}{\omega + i0 + E_n - E_m}$$

$$\text{mit } \frac{1}{\omega + i0} = -i\pi \delta(\omega) + \mathcal{P} \frac{1}{\omega} \quad (\text{Ch. III})$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im } G^R(\omega + i0) = \sum_{nm} \frac{e^{-\beta E_n} \mp e^{-\beta E_m}}{Z} \underbrace{|\langle n | \psi | m \rangle|^2}_{\delta(\omega + E_n - E_m)} \\ \equiv A(\omega)$$

with this expression for $A(\omega)$, $G(\omega) = \int d\omega' \frac{A(\omega')}{\omega - \omega'}$
 and $G(t) \stackrel{t>0}{=} \int d\omega A(\omega) e^{-i\omega t}$ can be verified
 by directly $\square$

(5) "Fluctuation - dissipation relation" :

$G^>, G^<, G^R$ satisfy a relation analogous to the FDT :

$$G^>(\omega) = -i A(\omega) h(\omega) 2\pi$$

$$G^<(\omega) = +i A(\omega) h(-\omega) 2\pi$$

$$h(\omega) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega} \pm 1} \quad \text{Fermi / Bose function}$$

(Note $h(-\omega) = \frac{1}{e^{-\beta\omega} \pm 1} = 1 \pm h(\omega)$)

proof: Lehmann - representation .

(6) positive definiteness

$i G^>(1,1')$ and $\pm i G^<(1,1')$ are positive definite matrices in the sense

$$\int d1 d1' S(1) M(1,1') S(1')^* \geq 0$$

$\forall$ functions $S(1)$

proof: Lehmann - representation (here for $G^>$)

$$M(t, t') = i G^>(t, t') = \langle \psi(t) \psi^\dagger(t') \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{nm} \underbrace{\langle n | e^{-\beta H} / Z \psi(t) | m \rangle}_{e^{-\beta E_n} / Z \langle n |} \underbrace{\langle m | \psi(t')^\dagger | u \rangle}_{\langle n | \psi(t) | m \rangle^*}$$

$$\int dt dt' S(t) M(t, t') S(t') =$$

$$= \sum_{nm} \left| \int dt S(t) \sqrt{\frac{e^{-\beta E_n}}{Z}} \langle n | \psi(t) | m \rangle \right|^2 \geq 0$$

Note: together with the hermitian property (1), positivity implies

$$i G^>(\omega) \text{ real, } \geq 0$$

$$\pm i G^<(\omega) \text{ real } \geq 0$$

for any stationary state ($\hat{=} G(t, t') \equiv G(t - t')$)

(proof: take " $S(t) \rightarrow e^{i\omega t}$ " above)

$\Rightarrow$ positive $\Leftrightarrow$ related to probability of emitting ($G^<$) or absorbing ($G^>$) particle from perturbation, with energy transfer ω

Note: if we define $\Sigma^R(t, t') = \Theta(t - t') (\Sigma^> - \Sigma^<)$,
 $\Sigma^>(t, t') = \Sigma(t_-, t_+)$ etc. analogous to
 Green's function, all properties (1)... (7)
 above hold for Σ .

Green's function of non-interacting system, equil.

$$H = \sum_k \epsilon_k c_k^\dagger c_k \quad (\text{no interaction, transl. invariance})$$

$$(\leadsto G_c(t, k, t', k') \equiv G_k(t, t'))$$

$$G_k^R(t) = -i \Theta(t) \langle [\underbrace{c_k(t)}_{e^{-i\epsilon_k t} c_k}, c_k^\dagger(0)]_+ \rangle$$

$$= -i \Theta(t) e^{-i\epsilon_k t}$$

$$\Rightarrow G_k^R(\omega + i0) = \int_0^\infty dt e^{i(\omega + i0)t} G_k^R(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\omega + i0 - \epsilon_k}$$

$$A_k(\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \frac{1}{\omega + i0 - \epsilon_k} = \delta(\omega - \epsilon_k)$$

Note: For simplicity, only
 fermions in this
 section

$$G_k^>(\omega) = -2\pi i \overbrace{A_k(\omega)}^{\delta(\omega - \epsilon_k)} \bar{f}(\omega) \quad \bar{f} = 1 - f$$

$$= -2\pi i \delta(\omega - \epsilon_k) \bar{f}(\epsilon_k)$$

$$G_k^<(\omega) = 2\pi i \delta(\omega - \epsilon_k) f(\epsilon_k)$$

general: $G^{\lessgtr} = \text{spectrum} \times \text{occupation}$

Dyson equation for $G^R, G^A, G^{\lessgtr}, \dots$

goal: write $G = G_0 + G_0 \Sigma G$
in terms of $G^{R,A,\lessgtr}, \Sigma^{R,A,\lessgtr}, \dots$

Intermezzo: L-shaped vs. Keldysh contour

so far: G determined by $\Sigma[G]$, and
equation of motion on contour C :



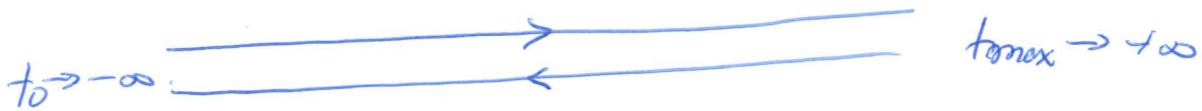
+ KMS boundary condition

$\leadsto$ good for numerics, often inconvenient for analytical arguments

- for analytical argument, we shift

$t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$ and omit vertical part of $\mathcal{C}$.

$\leadsto$ Keldysh contour $\mathcal{C}_K$



- KMS boundary condition would have to be replaced by asymptotic initial condition

$$G_0(t, t') \xrightarrow[t, t' \rightarrow -\infty, t - t' = \tau \text{ fix}]{\quad} G_0^{\text{equilib}}(s)$$

- all derivations below can be repeated easily for either L-shaped contour or Keldysh contour, just for L-contour there are additional terms involving $G(t, \tau)$

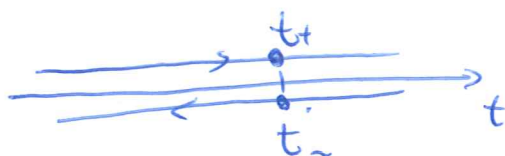
$\nearrow$ real branch
 $\nwarrow$ imag branch

- in perturbative description, ok for adiabatic switch-on of interaction from $t_0 = -\infty$

• real-time convolutions $\int_C A(t, \bar{t}) B(\bar{t}, t') d\bar{t}$

parametrization $\hat{A}(t, t') = \begin{pmatrix} A_{++}(t, t') & A_{+-}(t, t') \\ A_{-+}(t, t') & A_{--}(t, t') \end{pmatrix}$

$$A_{+-}(t, t') = A(t_+, t'_-)$$



$t_\pm$: upper / lower branch

$$A * B = C$$

$*$: convolution

$$\Rightarrow \hat{C}(t, t') = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\bar{t} \hat{A}(t, \bar{t}) \hat{T}_3 \hat{B}(\bar{t}, t')$$

only real time integral

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

takes care of direction of $\int_{C_K} dt$

rotation $\underline{A} = L \hat{T}_3 \hat{A} L^\dagger$ unitary L

$$\Rightarrow \underline{C}(t, t') = L \hat{T}_3 \int d\bar{t} \hat{A}(t, \bar{t}) \hat{T}_3 B(\bar{t}, t') L^\dagger$$

$L^\dagger L$

$$= \int d\bar{t} \underline{A}(t, \bar{t}) B(\bar{t}, t')$$

standard real-time convolution!

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choice of L ?

$$L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} +1 & -1 \\ +1 & +1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\underline{A(t, t')} = \begin{pmatrix} A^R(t, t') & A^R(t, t') \\ 0 & A^A(t, t') \end{pmatrix}$$

Keldysh
matrix

proof:

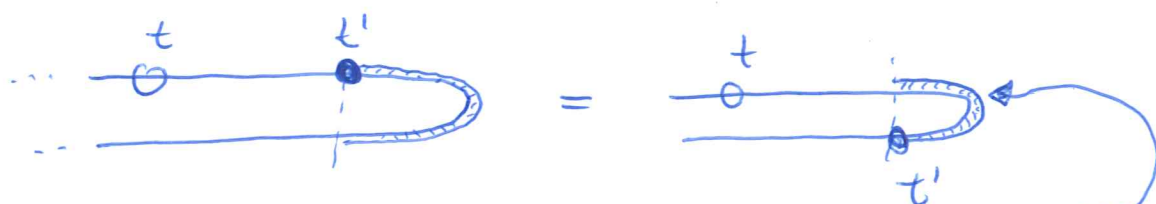
$$L \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{A} L^\dagger = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & +1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{++} & A_{+-} \\ A_{-+} & A_{--} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & +1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} A_{++} \bar{A}_{+-} + A_{-+} - A_{--} & A_{++} + A_{+-} + A_{-+} + A_{--} \\ A_{++} \bar{A}_{+-} - A_{-+} + A_{+-} & A_{+-} + A_{+-} \bar{A}_{-+} - A_{--} \end{pmatrix}$$

• $(1, 1)$ - component :

$$\underline{t > t'} : [A_{++}(t, t') \bar{A}_{+-}(t, t') + A_{-+}(t, t') - A_{--}(t, t')]_{/2} = \#$$

Note: larger time-argument can be shifted
Between upper and lower contour!



(causality ... time-propagation ~~on~~ this part of contour cancels anyway!)

$$\# = [A_{-+}(t, t') - A_{+-}(t, t') + A_{-+}(t, t') - A_{+-}(t, t')] / 2$$

$$= A_{-+}(t, t') - A_{+-}(t, t') = A^>(t, t') - A^<(t, t')$$

$t < t'$: shift t' argument $t'_- \leftrightarrow t'_+$:

$$\# = [A_{-+}(t, t') - A_{+-}(t, t') + A_{+ -}(t, t') - A_{- +}(t, t')] / 2$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1,1) \text{-component} : = (A^>(t, t') - A^<(t, t')) \Theta(t - t')$$

$$= A^R(t, t')$$

analogous for other components.

Langreth rules: $\underline{C} = \underline{A} * \underline{B}$ ^{real-time conv.}

$$\begin{pmatrix} C^R & C^K \\ 0 & C^A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & A \\ & A \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} B & B \\ & B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} A^R + B^R & A^R * B^K + A^K * B^A \\ & A^A + B^A \end{pmatrix}$$

analogous: $C^{\geq} = A^R B^{\geq} + A^{\geq} B^A$

Representation of Dyson equation

omitting space indices for simplicity...

$$[i\partial_t - h(t)] G(t, t') - \int_C d\bar{t} \Sigma(t, \bar{t}) G(\bar{t}, t) = \delta(t, t')$$

note: $\delta(t_+, t'_-) = \delta(t_-, t'_+) = 0$

$$\delta(t_+, t'_+) = -\delta(t'_-, t'_-) = \delta(t - t')$$

in matrix-form: $t, t' \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\partial_t - h(t) & 0 \\ 0 & i\partial_t - h(t) \end{pmatrix} \hat{G}(t, t') = \overbrace{\hat{\Sigma} \hat{T}_3 \hat{G}}^{\int \hat{\Sigma} \hat{T}_3 \hat{G} d\bar{t}, \text{ real}} = \hat{T}_3 \delta(t - t')$$

... multiply with $L \hat{T}_3 \{ \dots \} L^+$:

(Keldysh rotation)

$$[i\partial_t - h(t)] \underline{G}(t, t') - \underline{\Sigma} * \underline{G} = \delta(t - t') \mathbb{1}$$

general notation:

arguments of $\underline{A}$ matrices:

$$\underline{1} \triangleq t, \underline{\xi}, \quad ; t \in (-\infty, +\infty)$$

$\underline{\xi} \triangleq$ orbital, spin, space, ...

real-time convolution:

$$\underline{A} * \underline{B} = \underline{C}, \quad \underline{C}(1, 1') = \int d\bar{1} A(1, \bar{1}) B(\bar{1}, 1')$$

$$\int d\bar{1} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\bar{t} \int d\bar{\xi}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} (\underline{G}_0^{-1} - \underline{\Sigma}) * \underline{G} &= \underline{1} \\ \underline{G} * (\underline{G}_0^{-1} - \underline{\Sigma}) &= \underline{1} \end{aligned}}$$

$$\underline{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \delta(t-t') \delta(\underline{\xi}, \underline{\xi}')$$

$$\underline{G}_0^{-1} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} (G_0^R)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & (G_0^A)^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(G_0^R)^{-1}(1, 1') = \delta(t-t') [i\partial_t - h(\underline{\xi}, \underline{\xi}', t)]$$

$$\text{if } H_0 = \int d\underline{\xi} d\underline{\xi}' \psi(\underline{\xi})^\dagger h(\underline{\xi}, \underline{\xi}', t) \psi(\underline{\xi}')$$

example: $h(\vec{r}, \sigma, \vec{r}' \sigma') = \delta_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\vec{r}) \right]$

Note: multiplication with $(G_0^R)^{-1}$ from right:

$$\int d\bar{t} \quad A(t, \bar{t}) \quad i \partial_{\bar{t}} \delta(\bar{t} - t') = -i \partial_{t'} A(t, t')$$

$\uparrow$
 part.
 integration

Equation for noninteracting GF, $\underline{G}_0^{-1} \underline{G}_0 = \underline{G}_0 \underline{G}_0^{-1} = 1$

again, omitting space indices for simplicity

$$\begin{pmatrix} (G_0^R)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & (G_0^A)^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G_0^R & G_0^K \\ 0 & G_0^A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \delta(t - t')$$

I) $(i \partial_t - h) G_0^R(t, t') = \delta(t - t')$

II) $(i \partial_t - h) G_0^A(t, t') = \delta(t - t')$

III) $(i \partial_t - h) G_0^K(t, t') = 0$

IIIa) $(-i \partial_{t'} - h) G_0^K(t, t') = 0$

solution? ... not unique ... homogeneous equation

$\Rightarrow$ initial condition needed ($\leadsto$ see comments on L-shaped contours vs. Keldysh contour.

initial condition

- $G^R(t, t') = 0$ for $t < t'$

integration of $i \partial_t G(t, t') - \dots = \delta(t - t')$ $[t' - \epsilon, t' + \epsilon]$:

$$\int G_0^R(t, t') \xrightarrow{t \downarrow t'} -i \quad ("G_0^R(t, t) = -i")$$

(consistent with $G^R(t, t') = -i \Theta(t - t') \langle [\psi(t), \psi^\dagger(t')]_{\mp} \rangle$)

- $G^A(t, t) = +i$ (analogous)

- $(i \partial_t - h) G^R = 0$, $(-i \partial_{t'} - h) G^R = 0$:

use asymptotic initial condition

$$t, t' \rightarrow -\infty, \quad t - t' = s \Rightarrow$$

$$G_0^R(t, t') \rightarrow \tilde{G}_{0,eq}^R(s) = \int d\omega e^{-i\omega s} G_0^R(\omega)$$

$$G_{0,eq}^R(\omega) = G_{0,eq}^>(\omega) + G_{0,eq}^<(\omega)$$

$$= -2\pi i [\bar{f}(\omega) - f(\omega)] A_{eq}(\omega)$$

$$= -2\pi i \tanh\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) A_{eq}(\omega)$$

FDT for
Keldysh
component

$$[= -2\pi i \coth\left(\frac{\beta\omega}{2}\right) A_{eq}(\omega) \text{ for Bosons}]$$

causal structure of Dyson equation

Langreth rules imply that $\partial_t G^{R,A,K}(t,t')$,

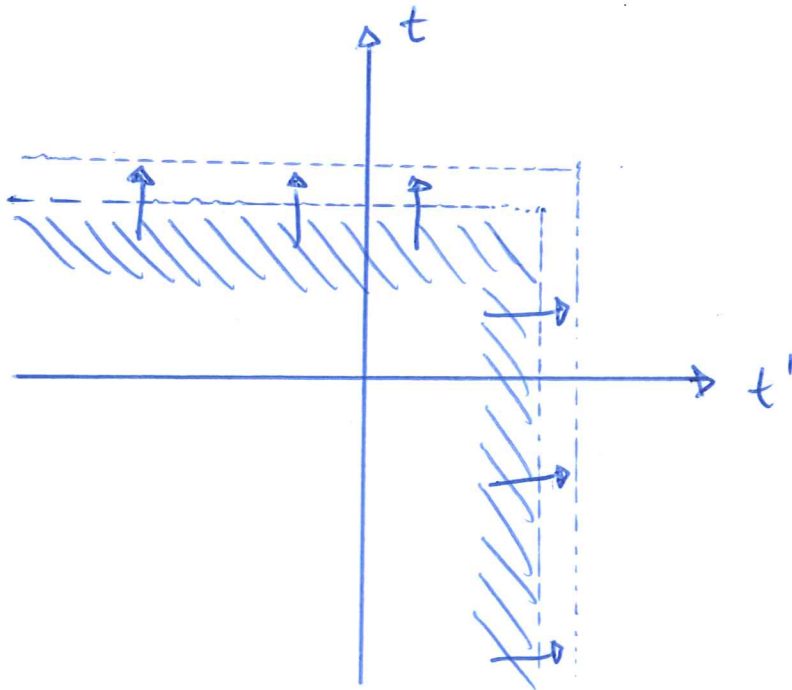
$\partial_{t'} G(t,t')$ are determined by $G(t_1, t_2)$, $\Sigma(t_1, t_2)$

for $t_1, t_2 \leq \max(t, t')$.

Example: $G[\Sigma^R * G^R](t, t') =$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\bar{t} \underbrace{\Sigma^R(t, \bar{t})}_{\sim \Theta(t-\bar{t})} \underbrace{G^R(\bar{t}, t')}_{\sim \Theta(\bar{t}-t')} = \int_{-\infty}^t d\bar{t} \Sigma^R(t, \bar{t}) \cdot G^R(\bar{t}, t').$$

$\Rightarrow$ forward time-propagation in (t, t') -plane



explicit:

$$[i\partial_t - h(t)] G^R(t, t') = \delta(t - t') + \int_{t'}^t d\bar{t} \Sigma^R(t, \bar{t}) G^R(\bar{t}, t')$$

$$[i\partial_t - h(t)] G^A(t, t') = \delta(t - t') + \int_{t'}^t d\bar{t} \Sigma^A(t, \bar{t}) G^A(\bar{t}, t')$$

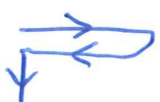
$$[i\partial_t - h(t)] G^{R, \geq}(t, t') = \int_{-\infty}^t d\bar{t} \Sigma^R(t, \bar{t}) G^{R, \geq}(\bar{t}, t') \\ + \int_{-\infty}^{t'} d\bar{t} \Sigma^{R, \geq}(t, \bar{t}) G^A(\bar{t}, t')$$

(analogous for equivalent equation $\underline{G}^{-1}(\underline{G}_0^{-1} - \underline{\Sigma}) = \underline{1}$)

$\underline{\Sigma}[\underline{G}]$ is a functional of $\underline{G}$ (e.g. perturbative!)

$\Rightarrow$ Dyson equation $\hat{=}$ non-linear integro-differential equation of motion for G ,
with memory-kernel $\underline{\Sigma}$

kinetic equations (next section) $\leadsto$ approximate way to truncate memory integral

Note: every-thing can be formulated ~~in~~ on contour  ... just terms with mixed terms $G(t, \tau)$, RMS boundary condition instead of initial condition, still causal propagation for real-time functions $G^{R, A, \pm}$.

Self energy and Quasi-particles

$H_0^{(+)} = \sum_k \epsilon_k c_k^\dagger c_k$, consider Dyson

equation for $G_k^R(t, t') = -i \theta(t - t') \langle [c_k(t), c_k^\dagger(t')] \rangle$

in equilibrium. (Note: in this notation,

ϵ_k is measured with respect to the Fermi-energy ($\hat{=}$ chemical potential))

$$(i\partial_t - \epsilon_k) G_k^R(t, t') - \int_{t'}^t d\bar{t} \sum_k^R(t, \bar{t}) G_k^R(\bar{t}, t') \stackrel{t > t'}{=} 0$$

$$G_k^R(t, t) = -i$$

equilibrium $t, t' \rightarrow t - t'$

$\leadsto$ Laplace transform $G^R(\omega + i0) = \int_0^\infty dt e^{i(\omega + i0)t} G^R(t)$

$$\leadsto \underbrace{(\omega + i0 - \epsilon_k)}_{(G_k^R)^{-1}(\omega + i0)} G_k^R(\omega + i0) - \sum_k^R(\omega + i0) G_k^R(\omega + i0) = 1$$

(in the following, omit "+i0" in argument of retarded functions for simplicity, " $G^R(\omega) \equiv G^R(\omega + i0)$ ")

$$G_k^R(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega + i0 - \epsilon_k - \sum_k^R(\omega)}$$

• Hartree & Fock self-energies:

local in time ($\sim \delta(t-t')$) $\Rightarrow \omega$ -independent

$$\Rightarrow A_k(\omega) \equiv -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \chi_k^R(\omega) =$$

$$= \delta(\omega - \epsilon_k^{\text{HF}})$$

$$\epsilon_k^{\text{HF}} = \epsilon_k + \sum_k^{\text{hartree}} + \sum_k^{\text{fock}}$$

$\Rightarrow$ just renormalized (mean-field) band structure

- beyond HF: Σ^R has imaginary part
(see also exercise) with $\text{Im} \Sigma^R(\omega) < 0$
(same positive definite structure like Green's function)

$$\Sigma_k^R(\omega) = \Sigma_k'(\omega) + i \Sigma_k''(\omega)$$

- define $\tilde{\epsilon}_k$ by solution of

$$\omega - \epsilon_k - \Sigma_k'(\omega) = 0$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon}_k = \epsilon_k + \Sigma_k'(\tilde{\epsilon}_k)$$

$\Rightarrow$ close to $\omega \rightarrow \tilde{\epsilon}_k$: expand Σ :

$$G_k^R(\omega)^{-1} = \omega - \epsilon_k - \Sigma_k'(\tilde{\epsilon}_k) - \partial_\omega \Sigma_k'(\tilde{\epsilon}_k)(\omega - \tilde{\epsilon}_k) - i \Sigma_k''(\tilde{\epsilon}_k) + \dots$$

$$= \underbrace{(1 - \partial_\omega \Sigma_k'(\tilde{\epsilon}_k))}_{\equiv Z_k^{-1}} (\omega - \tilde{\epsilon}_k) - i \underbrace{\Sigma_k''(\tilde{\epsilon}_k)}_{\equiv Z_k \gamma_k}$$

$$G_k^R(\omega) \xrightarrow{\omega \rightarrow \tilde{\epsilon}_k} \frac{Z_k}{\omega - \tilde{\epsilon}_k + i \gamma_k} + \dots$$

$$A_k(\omega) \xrightarrow{\omega \rightarrow \tilde{\epsilon}_k} Z_k \cdot \frac{\gamma_k / \pi}{(\omega - \tilde{\epsilon}_k)^2 + \gamma_k^2} + \dots$$

• if $\gamma_k \ll \tilde{\epsilon}_k$, scale on which $Z(\omega)$ changes.

$\Rightarrow$ Lorentz peak width γ_k , weight Z_k
 + "incoherent spectral weight" at other energies. $\Rightarrow$

particle-like excitation:

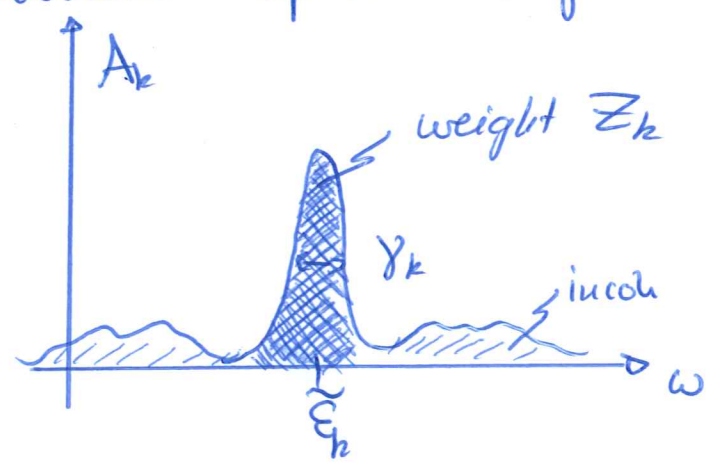
$\tilde{\epsilon}_k = \epsilon_k - \Sigma'(\tilde{\epsilon}_k) : \text{renormalized dispersion}$

$\gamma_k \approx 1/\tau_k : \text{inverse lifetime}$

$Z_k : \text{quasi-particle weight}$

Note: sum-rule $\int d\omega A_k(\omega) = 1$ ($= i C^R(t,t)$)

$\Rightarrow$ incoherent spectral weight $\rightarrow$ finite weight $1 - Z_k$



signature of
a quasi particle

microscopic manifestation of Fermi liquid

$$\Sigma''(\omega) \sim \omega^2 \quad \text{for } T=0, \omega \rightarrow 0$$

consequence:

- well-defined Fermi surface
(defined by $\tilde{\epsilon}_k = 0$)

- close to FS: $\gamma_k \sim \tilde{\epsilon}_k^2$

(lifetime $\ll 1/\tilde{\epsilon}_k \Rightarrow$ well defined quasi-particle energy)

- for $\vec{k} \rightarrow \text{FS}$:

$$A_k(\omega) \rightarrow Z_k \delta(\omega - \tilde{\epsilon}_k) + A_{\text{incoh.}}(k, \omega)$$

(asymptotically independent particles.)

$\Rightarrow$ jump in momentum occupation at FS:

(check): $\langle n_k \rangle = \langle c_k^\dagger c_k \rangle = -i c_k^<(t, t)$

