

### 3.2 Functional relations

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Meaning of  $\Gamma$ : Quantum analogue of the classical action

To see this, we derive the quantum equations of motion (Dyson-Schwinger eq.).

$$\frac{1}{Z[J]} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \frac{\delta}{\delta\phi(x)} \left[ e^{-S[\phi] + \int x' J(x')\phi(x')} \right] = 0 \quad (3.5)$$

- (1) transl. inv. of  $\mathcal{D}\phi$
- (2) no boundary terms

similarly to  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} dx \frac{d}{dx} \left[ e^{-S(x) + J \cdot x} \right] = 0$ .

Performing the derivative in eq. (3.5), we get

$$J(x) = \left\langle \frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta\phi(x)} \right\rangle_J \quad (3.8)$$

↑ expectation value of classical EoM.

Eq. (3.6) is the Quantum EoM, the DSE.

In terms of  $\Gamma$  it reads (see eq. (3.4))

$$\frac{\delta\Gamma}{\delta\phi(x)} = \left\langle \frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta\phi(x)} \right\rangle_{J_{\text{max}}(\phi)} \quad (3.9)$$

Computation of  $\langle \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi} \rangle$  in  $\phi^4$ -theory:

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$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)} = (-\Delta + m^2) \phi(x) + \frac{\lambda}{3!} [\phi(x)]^3 \quad (3.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \langle \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)} \rangle & \stackrel{\phi(x) = \langle \phi(x) \rangle}{=} (-\Delta + m^2) \phi(x) + \frac{\lambda}{3!} \langle \phi(x)^3 \rangle \\ & = \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)} + \frac{\lambda}{3!} \left( \langle \phi(x)^3 \rangle - \phi(x)^3 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

Now we use:  $\langle \phi(x)^3 \rangle_J = \frac{1}{Z[J]} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \phi(x)^3 e^{-S[\phi] + \int_x J \cdot \phi}$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &= \frac{1}{Z[J]} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \phi(x) e^{-S[\phi] + \int_x J \cdot \phi} \\ &= \langle \phi(x) \rangle_J = \left( \frac{\delta}{\delta J(x)} + \phi(x) \right) \frac{1}{Z[J]} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \phi(x)^2 e^{-S[\phi] + \int_x J \cdot \phi} \\ &= \left( \frac{\delta}{\delta J(x)} + \phi(x) \right) \left[ \underbrace{W^{(2)}[J](x)}_{\text{xx}} + \phi(x)^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

In general with iteration of eq. (3.12):

$$\boxed{\langle \prod_i \phi(x_i) \rangle_J = \prod_i \left( \frac{\delta}{\delta J(x_i)} + \phi(x_i) \right)} \quad (3.13)$$

Applications:

(a)  $\Gamma$  generates 1PI diagrams (in  $\phi$ )

Induction: (i) classical action is 1PI

(ii) Assume  $n$ -loop Effective

action is 1PI:

Insert into (3.16)  $\square$

(b) Feynman diagrams:  $\frac{\delta}{\delta\phi} DSE|_{\phi=0}$

$$\text{---} \circ \text{---}^{-1} = \text{---}^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \circ \text{---} - \frac{1}{6} \text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---}$$

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1-Loop:  $\text{---} \circ \text{---}^{-1} = \text{---}^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \circ \text{---}$

2-Loop:  $\text{---} \circ \text{---}^{-1} = \text{---}^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \circ \text{---} - \frac{1}{6} \text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---}$



$$\text{---} \circ \text{---}^{-1} \Big|_{1\text{-loop}} = \frac{1}{\text{---} \circ \text{---}^{-1}} = \frac{1}{\text{---}^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \circ \text{---}}$$

$$= \text{---} - \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \circ \text{---} + \left[ \frac{1}{2} \text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---} + \dots \right]$$


Analogously to eq. (3.6), (3.7) we have

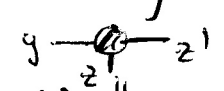
$$\frac{\delta}{\delta J(x)} = \int_y \overbrace{\frac{\delta \Phi(y)}{\delta J(x)}}^{w^{(2)}[\phi](y,x)} \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(y)} \quad (3.14)$$

$$\text{eq. (3.7)} \rightarrow = \int_y \frac{1}{\Gamma^{(2)}[\phi]}(x,y) \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(y)}$$

Inserting eq. (3.12) with (3.14) into eq. (3.11)


we arrive at :

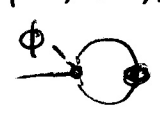
$$\left\langle \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)} \right\rangle = \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)} + \frac{\lambda}{3!} \left[ \int_y \langle \phi(x) \phi(y) \rangle_c \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(y)} + \phi(x) \right] \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma^{(2)}[\phi]}(x,x) + \phi^2(x) - \phi(x) \right)$$


$$= \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)} - \frac{\lambda}{3!} \int_{y,z,z'} \langle \phi(x) \phi(y) \rangle_c \Gamma^{(3)}(y,z,z')$$


$$\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(y)} \frac{1}{\Gamma^{(2)}}(x,y)$$

$$= - \int_{z,z'} \frac{1}{\Gamma^{(2)}}(x,z) \Gamma^{(3)}(z,y,z') \frac{1}{\Gamma^{(2)}}(z',x)$$

$$\cdot \langle \phi(x) \phi(z) \rangle_c \langle \phi(x) \phi(z') \rangle_c$$


$$+ \frac{\lambda}{2} \langle \phi(x) \phi(x) \rangle_c \phi(x)$$


$$(3.15)$$

In summary:

$$\frac{\delta \Gamma[\phi]}{\delta \phi(x)} = \frac{\delta S[\phi]}{\delta \phi(x)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{loop} - \frac{1}{3!} \text{triangle} \quad (3.16)$$

with  $\overset{n>2}{\text{loop}} = \Gamma^{(n)}[\phi](x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$\overset{n}{\text{triangle}} = \delta^{(n)}[\phi](x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$\overset{x}{\text{loop}} \overset{y}{\text{loop}} = \langle \phi(x) \phi(y) \rangle = \frac{1}{\Gamma^{(2)}[\phi]}(x, y)$

or

$$\frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi(x)} = \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi(x)} \left[ \phi(x) = \int_y \frac{1}{\Gamma^{(2)}[\phi]}(x, y) \frac{\delta}{\delta \phi(y)} + \phi(y) \right] \quad (3.17)$$

Functional DSE

Eq (3.17) (or (3.16)) encodes the

Quantum Equations of Motion (QEQM):

$$\left[ \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\delta \phi(x)} \Big|_{\bar{\phi}} = 0 \right] = \left\langle \frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi} \right\rangle \quad (3.18)$$