

Title: Lecture - Statistical Physics (Core), PHYS 602

Speakers: Naren Manjunath

Collection/Series: Statistical Physics (Core), PHYS 602, October 8 - November 7, 2025

Subject: Condensed Matter, Other

Date: October 22, 2025 - 2:45 PM

URL: <https://pirsa.org/25100019>

Recap: RG (Gaussian model)

$$S_0[\phi] = \int d^d x \left(\frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 + \frac{r}{2} \phi^2 \right) \quad (u=0)$$

$$= \int d\bar{k} \phi_{-\bar{k}} (k^2 + r) \phi_{\bar{k}}$$

a) Coarse-grain: $S[\phi] = S_0[\phi_{<}] + S_0[\phi_{>}] + S_{\text{int}}[\phi_{<}, \phi_{>}]$
(no explicit integration needed)

b) Rescale

for any op

(this resu

b) Rescale. $x \rightarrow \frac{x}{b}$ (or $k \rightarrow kb$)

for any operator Θ , $\Theta \rightarrow \Theta b^{\Delta_\Theta}$ s.t. \mathcal{L} is invariant

(this results in a rescaling of coupling constants)

- Consider the term $\int d^d x \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2 \xrightarrow{\text{rescaling}} \int \frac{d^d x}{b^d} b^2 (\nabla\phi)^2 \frac{1}{b^{2\Delta_\phi}}$; if action is invariant

$$\text{then } b^{2-d+2\Delta_\phi} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_\phi = \frac{d-2}{2}$$

- Consider $\int d^d x \left(\frac{1}{2} r \phi^2 \right) \longrightarrow \int \frac{d^d x}{b^d} \left(\phi^2 b^{d-2} r \right)$
 $= \int r b^{-2} d^d x \phi^2$. For action to be invariant,

We must also rescale $r \rightarrow r b^2$ to absorb
the rescaling of ϕ .

$\Rightarrow \tilde{r} = r b^2$] r grows under RG!

Rescaling interaction term:

$$\int d^d x \frac{\mu}{4!} \phi^4 \longrightarrow \int \frac{d^d x}{b^d} (\mu) \phi^4 b^{2(d-2)}$$

$$= \mu b^{d-4} \int d^d x \phi^4$$

$$\text{We need } \tilde{\mu} = \mu b^{4-d}$$

$d > 4$: μ decreases under rescaling
 $d < 4$: μ increases
 $d = 4$: μ does not change

irrelevant

A coupling constant g is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{relevant, if } g \rightarrow g b^{\Delta_g}, \Delta_g > 0 \\ \text{irrelevant, if } \Delta_g < 0 \\ \text{marginal, if } \Delta_g = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

RG fixed points (Gaussian model)

We found

$$\tilde{r} = b^2 r$$

write $b = e^{\ell}$

$$r(\ell) = e^{2\ell} r(0)$$

$$\frac{dr(\ell)}{d\ell} = 2r(\ell)$$

we get $\boxed{\frac{dr}{d\ell} = 2r}$

fixed point corresponds to $\frac{dr}{d\ell} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta_* = 0 \text{ (and } u_* = 0)}$$

"Gaussian fixed point"

* Correlation length $\xi \rightarrow \xi/b$ under RG ($\xi = \sqrt{\frac{l}{r}}$)

\Rightarrow at fixed point $\xi = 0$ or ∞ .

$\xi = \infty$: critical point ($T = T_c$)

$\xi = 0$: corresponds to $r = \infty$. (one phase of the model)

* RG is not really a 'group'

Perturbative RG (Wilsonian RG)

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\phi_{<} e^{-S_0[\phi_{<}]} \int \mathcal{D}\phi_{>} e^{-S_0[\phi_{>}] - S_{int}[\phi_{<}, \phi_{>}]}$$

← non-interacting action for fast modes

$$= \int \mathcal{D}\phi_{<} e^{-S_0[\phi_{<}]} \underbrace{\int \mathcal{D}\phi_{>} e^{-S_0[\phi_{>}]}}_{Z_0} \frac{\int \mathcal{D}\phi_{>} e^{-S_0[\phi_{>}] - S_{int}[\phi_{<}, \phi_{>}]}}{\int \mathcal{D}\phi_{>} e^{-S_0[\phi_{>}]}}$$

$2r(x)$

$\rightarrow \phi_* = 0 \text{ (and } \phi_* \text{)}$

$n\phi^4 = n(\phi_< + \phi_>)^4 = n(\phi_>^4 + \phi_<^3 + \dots)$

fast modes

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \phi_<, \phi_> \\ \dots \end{array} \right\} \left\langle e^{-S_{int}} \right\rangle_{fast}$

$S_0 \approx \int d^d x \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2 + r\phi^2 + B(x)\phi(x)$

Defining $Z = \int \mathcal{D}\phi_c e^{-\tilde{S}[\phi_c]}$, we see that

$$\langle e^{-Q} \rangle = \int dx$$

$$\tilde{S}[\phi_c] = S_0[\phi_c] - \underbrace{\log Z_0}_{\text{ignore}} - \log \left(\langle e^{-S_{int}} \rangle_{\text{fast}} \right)$$

Last term is simplified by cumulant expansion;

$\Omega = \text{prob. distribution}$

$$\langle e^{-\Omega} \rangle = \int dx e^{-\Omega(x)} \underbrace{p(x)}_{e^{-S_0[\phi_s]}}$$

\downarrow \downarrow
 $\mathcal{D}\phi_s$ S_{int}

$$= e^{\langle \Omega \rangle + \frac{1}{2} (\langle \Omega^2 \rangle - \langle \Omega \rangle^2) + \dots}$$

$$e^{-\log Z_0 + \langle S_{int} \rangle_{fast} - \frac{1}{2} (\langle S_{int}^2 \rangle_{fast} - \langle S_{int} \rangle_{fast}^2) + \dots}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{S}[\phi_c] = S_0[\phi_c] - \log Z_0 + \langle S_{int} \rangle_{fast} - \frac{1}{2} (\langle S_{int}^2 \rangle_{fast} - \langle S_{int} \rangle_{fast}^2) + \dots$$

Result

$$\tilde{S}[\phi_c] = S_0[\phi_c] + \langle S_{int} \rangle_f - \frac{1}{2} \left(\langle S_{int}^2 \rangle_f - \langle S_{int} \rangle_f^2 \right) + \dots$$

$n\phi^4$
 \parallel
 $n\phi_c\phi_c\phi_c\phi_c + \dots$

$n^2 \phi_c\phi_c\phi_c\phi_c$
 $\underbrace{\phi_c\phi_c\phi_c\phi_c}$

b) Rescale

for any op

(this resu

- Consider th

Note:

$$S_{int} = \frac{\mu}{4!} \int d^d x \phi(x)^4$$

$$= \frac{\mu}{4!} \int_0^{\Lambda} \left[\prod_{i=1}^4 d\vec{k}_i \left(\phi_{<}(k_i) + \phi_{>}(k_i) \right) \right] \underbrace{(2\pi)^d \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4)}_{X\text{-integration}}$$

$$(1) \left\{ \phi_k = \int d^d x \phi(x) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \right.$$

(2)

Expand

$$\prod_{i=1}^4 (\phi_c(k_i) + \phi_s(k_i)) \sim \underbrace{\phi_c \phi_c \phi_c \phi_c}_A + \underbrace{\phi_s \phi_s \phi_s \phi_s}_B$$

$$+ 4 \times (\phi_c \phi_c \phi_c \phi_s) \left. \vphantom{\phi_c \phi_c \phi_c \phi_s} \right\} C$$

$$+ 6 \times (\phi_c \phi_c \phi_s \phi_s) \left. \vphantom{\phi_c \phi_c \phi_s \phi_s} \right\} E$$

$$+ 4 (\phi_s \phi_s \phi_s \phi_c) \left. \vphantom{\phi_s \phi_s \phi_s \phi_c} \right\} D$$

Note: A just contributes \mathcal{U} in original action.

$B \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_0$

- Consider the term $\int d^d x \frac{1}{\Lambda^d} (\nabla \phi)^2 \xrightarrow{\text{rescaling}} \frac{d^d x}{b^d} (\nabla \phi)^2$ invariant
 then $b^{2-d+2\Delta_\phi} = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \Delta_\phi = \frac{d-2}{2}$

We're left with

$$\langle S_{int} \rangle_f = \int \frac{6u}{4!} \int d\vec{k}_1 d\vec{k}_2 \phi_c(k_1) \phi_c(k_2) \delta(k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4) (2\pi)^d \int d\vec{k}_3 d\vec{k}_4 \langle \phi_>(k_3) \phi_>(k_4) \rangle_f \quad (3)$$

Recall from Lec. 6 (or look up App B of DK's notes): $\langle \phi_>(k_3) \phi_>(k_4) \rangle_f = \frac{(2\pi)^d \delta(k_3+k_4)}{k_3^2 + \mu^2}$

$$= \int d\vec{k}_1 \frac{6u}{4!} \phi_c(k_1) \phi_c(-k_1) \times I_1 \quad (4), \quad I_1 = \int_{\Lambda/b}^{\Lambda} d\vec{k}_3 \frac{1}{k_3^2 + \mu^2}$$

after 1st order PT in Sint 9

$$\tilde{S}[\phi_c] = \int dE \left\{ \left(\frac{k^2 + \lambda}{2} \right) |\phi_c(t)|^2 + \frac{n}{T} I_1 |\phi_c(t)|^2 + \frac{n}{4I} \phi_c^4 \right\} \quad \langle \text{Sint } 9 \rangle$$

Step (a) took

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r &\rightarrow r + \frac{n}{2} I_1 \\ n &\rightarrow n \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Step (b): Rescale

we know

$$\begin{aligned} r &\rightarrow b^2 r \\ n &\rightarrow b^{4-d} n \end{aligned}$$

Step (b) takes

$$\begin{aligned} n &\rightarrow b^{4-d} n \\ f &\rightarrow b^2 r + \frac{1}{2} n b^{4-d} I_1 b^{d-2} \\ &= b^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} r + \frac{n}{2} I_1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$I_1 \rightarrow I_1 b^{d-2}$$

z
 r
 $4-d$
 n

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle S_{int} \rangle &= \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{q^2 + r} = \frac{S_d}{(2\pi)^d} \int_0^\Lambda dq \frac{q^{d-1}}{q^2 + r} \\
 I_1 &= \frac{S_d}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\Lambda^{d-1}}{\Lambda^2 + r} \left(\Lambda - \frac{\Lambda}{b} \right) = \frac{S_d}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\Lambda^d (1 - 1/b)}{\Lambda^2 + r}
 \end{aligned}$$



RG (1st order) gives


$$\begin{aligned} r &\rightarrow b^2 \left(r + \frac{u}{z} I_1 \right) \\ u &\rightarrow b^{4-d} u \end{aligned}$$

this is not so interesting as it
forces $u \rightarrow 0$ or ∞ (unphysical)

\Rightarrow We need to do 2^{nd} order PT

Need to evaluate $-\frac{1}{z} \left(\langle S_{int}^2 \rangle_f - \langle S_{int} \rangle_f^2 \right)$

To make things easier, use diagrammatic notation

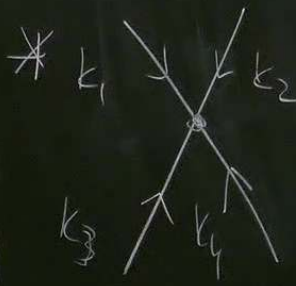

$$\equiv \frac{u}{4!} (2\pi)^d \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4)$$

$$L_1 = \frac{1}{b}$$

⇒ We need to do 2nd order PT!

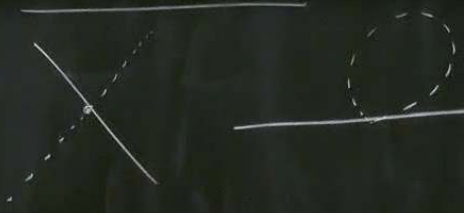
Need to evaluate $-\frac{1}{\Sigma} \left(\langle S_{int}^2 \rangle_f - \langle S_{int} \rangle_f^2 \right)$

To make things easier, use diagrammatic notation:

*  $\equiv \frac{\alpha}{4!} (2\pi)^d \delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4)$

_____ : slow
 - - - - - : fast

Internal lines



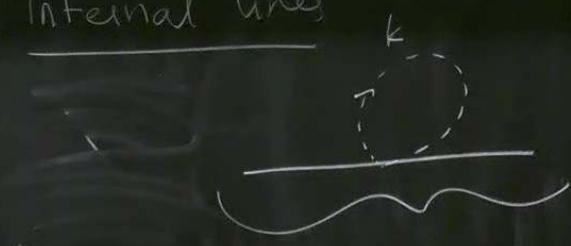
$\frac{1}{b}$

PT 1
 $\langle S_{int}^2 \rangle_f - \langle S_{int} \rangle_f^2$

grammatic notation:

$(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4)$; : slow
 ; : fast

* Internal lines



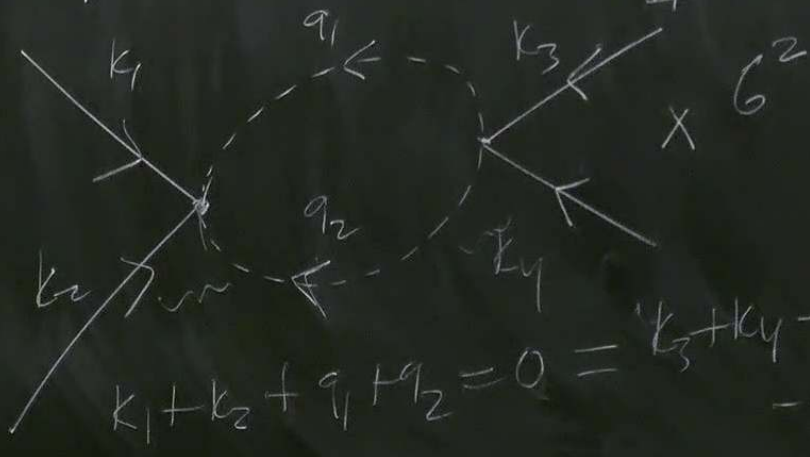
$\equiv \langle \phi_k \phi_{-k} \rangle_f$

* loop gives extra $\int \frac{d^d z}{(2\pi)^d}$

Correction to n from $\langle \text{Sint} \rangle^2$.

8 total lines, need to integrate out fast modes

to get $4 \times \text{---}$ \Rightarrow start with $4 \times \text{---}$
 $4 \times \text{---}$



$$k_1 + k_2 + q_1 + q_2 = 0 = k_3 + k_4 - q_1 - q_2$$

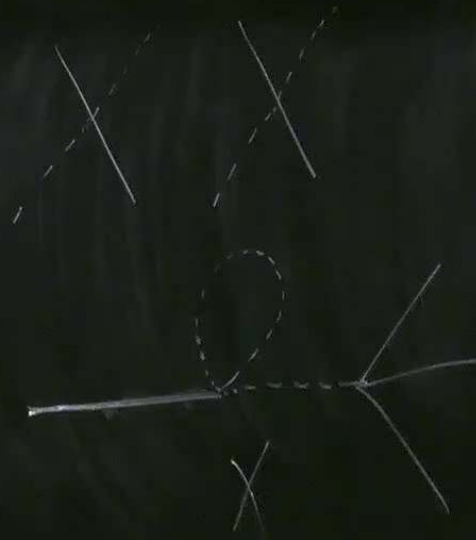
$$+ g(\phi, \phi, \phi, \phi, \phi) \dots$$



(B) $\langle S_{int}^2 \rangle - \langle S_{int} \rangle^2$
 disconnected and connected diagrams → disconnected diagrams eg

⇒ only look for connected diagrams

(C) \bar{k} conservation at each vertex ⇒
 (2x — per vertex)



Check, only on diagram sum

$$+ \text{B} + \text{C} + \text{D} + \text{E} = \dots$$

$\langle \text{Sim} \rangle$
 disconnected diagrams eg
 connected diagrams



condition at each vertex \Rightarrow
 per vertex) $q = 4$
 or 4

Check, only one
 diagram survives at $O(\epsilon^2)$
 $u \phi^4$
 $6 \phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_3 \phi_4$

Result

$$\tilde{S}[\phi_c] = S_0[\phi_c] + \langle S_{int} \rangle_f - \frac{1}{2} \left(\langle S_{int}^2 \rangle_f - \langle S_{int} \rangle_f^2 \right) + \dots$$
$$- \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu}{4!} \right)^2 \times 36 \int \left(\delta(k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4) \times (2\pi)^d \phi_c(k_1) \phi_c(k_2) \phi_c(k_3) \phi_c(k_4) \right)$$
$$\times \int \frac{d^d q_1}{(2\pi)^d} G_0(q_1) G_0(k_1 + k_2 - q_1)$$

Λ/b

$$I_2 = \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(q^2+r)^2} \approx \frac{S_d}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\Lambda^d (1-1/b)}{(\Lambda^2+r)^2}$$

ϕ^4 term of original theory

$$G_0(q) = \frac{1}{q^2+r}$$

→ After 2nd order PT, and Fourier transform

$$\tilde{S}[\phi_k] = \int d^d x \frac{1}{2} \left((\nabla\phi)^2 + \left(r + \frac{\eta}{2} I_1 \right) \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(\pi - \frac{\eta^2}{24} \times 36 I_2 \right) \phi^4 + \dots \right)$$