

Title: Intro to the BV formalism

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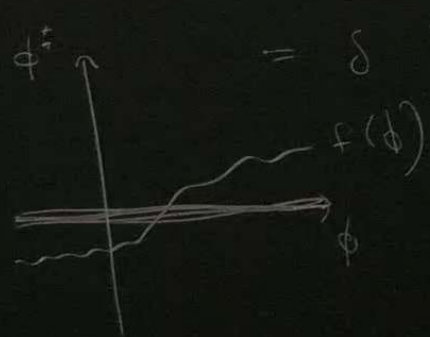
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$$= \int d\phi \delta \psi \Delta F, \quad \Delta = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^{\dagger}}$$

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$$T = e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} S}$$

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$$F = e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} S} \circlearrowleft$$

Classical
Master Eq

$$\Delta F = \frac{1}{\hbar} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial S}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}}{\partial \phi^\dagger} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial \psi} \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}}{\partial \psi^\dagger}}_{= \{S, \mathcal{O}\}} - \hbar \Delta \mathcal{O} \right) F$$

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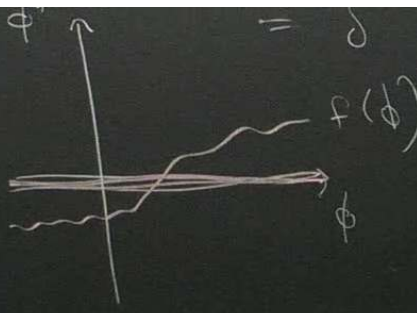
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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int d\phi \, F(\phi, \phi^* = f) = \int d\phi \, \frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} \\
 &= \int d\phi \, \frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \phi^*} \\
 &= \int d\phi \, \delta F, \quad \Delta = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^*}
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$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta \phi &= \dots \phi \\
 \downarrow \\
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$$\{S, S\} = 0 \Rightarrow Q^2 = 0$$

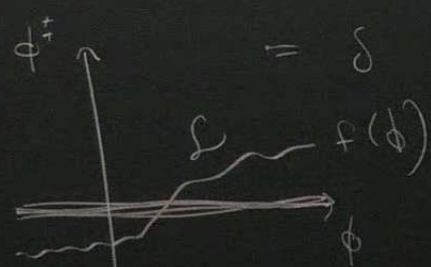
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$$Q = Q^0 \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} + Q^{\dagger 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^\dagger}$$

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$$f = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \phi} \Rightarrow \omega = \left. \frac{d\phi^\dagger}{d\phi} \right|_{\phi = 0}$$

$$S = S_0 + \phi^\dagger Q \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial S_0}{\partial \phi} + Q \phi$$

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p+2x

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$$0 = \omega|_{\mathcal{L}} \int \delta A \delta A^\dagger + \delta c \delta c^\dagger \quad (d\phi = d\phi^\dagger)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ c^\dagger = 0, \begin{matrix} A^\dagger = db \\ A \in \ker d \end{matrix} \right\} \quad *d* \quad d^\dagger A = \partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$$

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$$Q A = dC$$

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$\delta \int d\phi F(\phi, \phi^+ = \dagger) = \int d\phi \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi} + \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi^+} \right)$

$\Rightarrow \omega = \left. \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi} + \frac{\delta F}{\delta \phi^+} \right|_{\phi=0}$

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi^+}$

$\Delta F = 0$

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$QA = d_A C$

$QC = \frac{1}{2} [C, C]$

$A = (C, A, A^\dagger, C^\dagger)$

$= C + A + A^\dagger + C^\dagger$

$\Rightarrow S = \int_{M^3} \left(\frac{1}{2} A dA + \frac{1}{3} A^3 + A^\dagger d_A C + C^\dagger \frac{1}{2} [C, C] \right)$

$= \int_{M^3} \left(\frac{1}{2} A dA + \frac{1}{3} A^3 \right)$

