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According to Roman's book one can see renormalization already for KG field with external source. Hence it makes sense to get the formulas for the oscillator in good shape.

Consider  $H = \omega a^*a + \tilde{J}a + Ja^*$  where  $\tilde{J}, J$  are functions of time with support in  $[0, T]$ . We want to compute the S operator using the coherent states

$$e_\lambda = e^{\lambda z} = e^{\lambda a^*} |0\rangle.$$

Recall  $\langle e_{\lambda'} | e_\lambda \rangle = e^{\bar{\lambda}'\lambda}$

$$e^{-iH_0 t} e_\lambda = e_{e^{-i\omega t}\lambda} \quad H_0 = \omega a^*a$$

$$[a^*a, \begin{Bmatrix} a \\ a^* \end{Bmatrix}] = \begin{Bmatrix} -a \\ a^* \end{Bmatrix}$$

Now  $\langle e_{\lambda'} | S | e_\lambda \rangle = \langle e_{\lambda'} | U_0(T,0)^{-1} U(T,0) | e_\lambda \rangle$

$$= \langle e_{\lambda''} | U(T,0) | e_\lambda \rangle$$

where  $\lambda'' = e^{-i\omega T}\lambda'$  or  $\lambda' = e^{i\omega T}\lambda''$ . Let  $\tilde{J}, J$  undergo infinitesimal displacements  $\delta\tilde{J}, \delta J$  and recall

$$\delta U(T,0) = -i \int_0^T U(T,t) (\delta\tilde{J}a + \delta J a^*) U(t,0) dt$$

hence

$$\delta \log \langle e_{\lambda'} | S | e_\lambda \rangle = -i \int_0^T [\delta\tilde{J}(t) \langle a(t) \rangle + \delta J(t) \langle a^*(t) \rangle] dt$$

where  $\langle a(t) \rangle = \langle e_{\lambda''} | U(T,t) a U(t,0) | e_{\lambda''} \rangle / \langle e_{\lambda''} | U(T,0) | e_{\lambda''} \rangle$ .

Next

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \langle a(t) \rangle &= \langle [iH, a](t) \rangle \\ &= i \langle [\omega a^* a + \tilde{J}a + J a^*, a](t) \rangle \\ &= -i\omega \langle a(t) \rangle - iJ(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle a^*(t) \rangle = +i\omega \langle a^*(t) \rangle + i\tilde{J}(t)$$

$$\langle a(0) \rangle = \lambda \quad \text{since } a|e_\lambda\rangle = \lambda|e_\lambda\rangle$$

$$\langle a^*(T) \rangle = \bar{\lambda}''$$

Hence

$$\langle a(t) \rangle = -i \int_0^t e^{-i\omega(t-t')} J(t') dt' + \lambda e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\langle a^*(t) \rangle = -i \int_t^T e^{+i\omega(t-t')} \tilde{J}(t') dt' + \underbrace{\bar{\lambda}'' e^{i\omega t - i\omega T}}_{\bar{\lambda}' e^{i\omega t}}$$

$$\text{So } \delta \log \langle e_\lambda | S | e_\lambda \rangle = -i\lambda \int_0^T \delta \tilde{J}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$-i\bar{\lambda}' \int_0^T \delta J(t) e^{i\omega t} dt$$

$$- \int_0^T dt \int_0^t dt' \delta \tilde{J}(t) e^{-i\omega(t-t')} J(t') - \int_0^T dt \int_t^T dt' \delta J(t) e^{i\omega(t-t')} \tilde{J}(t')$$

In the last term we interchange  $t, t'$  and then interchange the order of integration to get

$$- \int_0^T dt' \int_t^T dt = - \int_0^T dt \int_0^t dt' \tilde{J}(t) e^{-i\omega(t-t')} \delta J(t')$$

hence the last two terms can be combined into

$$- \iint_{t > t'} dt dt' \left[ \delta\tilde{J}(t) J(t') + \tilde{J}(t) \delta J(t') \right] e^{-i\omega(t-t')} \\ \delta[\tilde{J}(t) J(t')]$$

Now we can integrate out the  $\delta$  ~~starting~~ starting from  $\tilde{J}, J = 0$ , where  $\langle e_{\lambda'} | S | e_{\lambda} \rangle = e^{\bar{\lambda}'\lambda}$

$$\log \langle e_{\lambda'} | S | e_{\lambda} \rangle = \frac{\bar{\lambda}'\lambda}{i} - i\lambda \int \tilde{J}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt - i\bar{\lambda}' \int J(t) e^{i\omega t} dt \\ - \iint_{t > t'} dt dt' \tilde{J}(t) J(t') e^{-i\omega(t-t')}$$

Next we need the translation action on holomorphic representation:

$$\int |f(z)|^2 e^{-|z|^2} dV = \int |f(z-\alpha)|^2 e^{-z\bar{z} + \alpha\bar{z} + \bar{\alpha}z - \alpha\bar{\alpha}} dV \\ = \int |f(z-\alpha) e^{\bar{\alpha}z - \frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2}|^2 e^{-|z|^2} dV$$

hence

$$(T_{\alpha} f)(z) = e^{\bar{\alpha}z - \frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} f(z-\alpha)$$

is unitary. Also ~~is~~

$$(T_{\alpha} e_{\lambda})(z) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2 + \bar{\alpha}z} e^{\lambda(z-\alpha)} \\ = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2 - \alpha\lambda} e^{(\lambda + \bar{\alpha})z}$$

$$\langle e_{\lambda'} | T_{\alpha} | e_{\lambda} \rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2 - \alpha\lambda + \bar{\lambda}'\lambda + \bar{\lambda}'\bar{\alpha}}$$

$$\langle e_{\lambda'} | T_{\alpha} | e_{\lambda} \rangle = e^{\bar{\lambda}'\lambda - \alpha\lambda + \bar{\alpha}\lambda' - \frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2}$$

Now suppose  $\tilde{J} = \bar{J}$  so that  $S$  is unitary.

Then

$$\log \langle e_{x'} | S | e_x \rangle = \bar{\lambda}' \lambda - \underbrace{\left( i \int \tilde{J} e^{-i\omega t} dt \right)}_{\alpha} \lambda + \underbrace{\left( -i \int \bar{J} e^{i\omega t} dt \right)}_{\bar{\alpha}} \bar{\lambda}'$$

$$- \iint_{t > t'} dt dt' \tilde{J}(t) \bar{J}(t') e^{-i\omega(t-t')}$$

Note that

$$\text{Re} \iint_{t > t'} dt dt' \tilde{J}(t) e^{-i\omega t} \overline{\tilde{J}(t') e^{-i\omega t'}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \iint dt dt' \text{Re} \left[ \tilde{J}(t) e^{-i\omega t} \overline{\tilde{J}(t') e^{-i\omega t'}} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \bar{\alpha}$$

whence we see that  $S$  agrees with  $T_\alpha$

$$\alpha = i \int \tilde{J}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

up to a scalar of modulus 1. The scalar can be obtained by looking at  $\langle 0 | S | 0 \rangle$ .

Digression on uncertainty principle and coherent states. ~~Derive the uncertainty principle~~ To derive the uncertainty principle one uses

$$\frac{d}{dx} x - x \frac{d}{dx} = 1$$

whence

$$\|\psi\|^2 = \left( \frac{d}{dx} x \psi, \psi \right) - \left( x \frac{d}{dx} \psi, \psi \right)$$

$$= - \left( x \psi, \frac{d}{dx} \psi \right) - \left( \frac{d}{dx} \psi, x \psi \right) = -2 \text{Re} \left( x \psi, \frac{d}{dx} \psi \right)$$

so by Cauchy-Schwarz

$$(*) \quad \|\psi\|^2 \leq 2 \|\psi\| \cdot \left\| \frac{d\psi}{dx} \right\|.$$

Now

$$\frac{\operatorname{Re}(\psi, \frac{d\psi}{dx})}{\|\psi\| \cdot \left\| \frac{d\psi}{dx} \right\|} = \cos \theta$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\psi$  and  $\frac{d\psi}{dx}$ , hence when the above (\*) is an equality, we have  $\cos \theta = -1$   
or

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} = -a\psi \quad \text{with } a > 0$$

or

$$\psi = C e^{-\frac{a}{2}x^2}$$

Now if  $\psi$  should be such that its average position ~~and momentum are~~ <sup>is</sup> zero:

$$\langle \psi | x | \psi \rangle = \int x |\psi|^2 dx = 0$$



then  $\|\psi\|^2 = \int x^2 |\psi|^2 dx$  is the (deviation)<sup>2</sup> or (uncertainty)<sup>2</sup> in the position measurement, so  $\|\psi\|$  is the uncertainty in position when  $\langle \psi | x | \psi \rangle = 0$ . Similarly  $\left\| \frac{d\psi}{dx} \right\|$  is essentially the uncertainty in momentum when the average momentum is zero. Now by translation and multiplication by  $e^{ikx}$  one can always move a  $\psi$  so that  $\langle x \rangle + \langle \frac{d}{dx} \rangle = 0$  in which case (\*) is essentially the uncertainty principle. We see that the uncertainty inequality is an equality for states of the form

$$(+)$$

$$\psi = C e^{-\frac{a}{2}x^2 + \alpha x}$$

where  $a > 0$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $C$  is a normalization constant.

What are the wave functions belonging to the states  $e^{\lambda z}$ ? Modulo scalars one has that the operators  $e^{itp}$ ,  $e^{it'q}$  commute because they agree essentially with  $e^{-i(t'p+tq)}$ ; this follows from

$$e^A e^B = e^{A+B} e^{+\frac{1}{2}[A,B]}$$

when  $[A,B]$  is a scalar. Hence  $e^{\lambda z} = e^{\lambda a^*} |0\rangle$  will be the result of applying  $e^{itp}$  (translation) and  $e^{it'q}$  (mult.) to  $|0\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$ . Hence the states  $e^{\lambda z}$  coincide with states of the above type (+) with  $a=1$ . ■

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Next project is to understand quantizing <sup>the</sup> KG field:

$$\ddot{\phi} = -(\Delta + m^2)\phi$$

which is a big harmonic oscillator. It is perhaps best to approach this from the phonon situation where instead of the field  $\phi(x)$  one has a real function  $g_{\mathcal{X}}$  on a finite abelian group  $\Gamma$ . The Hamiltonian is ~~is~~

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathcal{X}} P_{\mathcal{X}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}'} g_{\mathcal{X}} D(\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{X}') g_{\mathcal{X}'}$$

where the matrix  $D(\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{X}')$  is positive-definite (and clearly translation invariant). The classical equations of

motion are

$$\ddot{g}_r = - \sum_{r'} D(r-r') g_{r'}$$

Because of translation invariance the modes of vibration are given by waves:

$$g_r = e^{ikr - i\omega t}$$

(Note  $e^{ikr}$  is a character of  $\Gamma$  so that  $k$  is determined in a Brillouin zone)

where 
$$-\omega^2 e^{ikr} = - \sum_{r'} D(r-r') e^{ikr'} \quad \text{or}$$

$$\omega^2 = \sum_r D(r) e^{-ikr} = \hat{D}(k)$$

Here  $\hat{D}(k) > 0$  because  $D(r-r')$  is positive-definite (Bochner thm.). Also  $\hat{D}(k) = \hat{D}(-k)$  because  $D$  is real.

Let 
$$\omega_k = \sqrt{\hat{D}(k)} \quad \text{pos. square root}$$

whence 
$$\omega_k = \omega_{-k} > 0.$$

Now use the Fourier transform to diagonalize the Hamiltonian: Put

$$Q_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_r g_r e^{-ikr} \quad N = \text{card } \Gamma$$

so that  $Q_k$  sees the  $k$ -th mode and none of the others. Put 
$$g_r = e^{ikr - i\omega_k t} \quad \text{and}$$

$$P_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_r p_r e^{ikr}$$

so that we have the commutation relations

$$[Q_k, Q_{k'}] = [P_k, P_{k'}] = 0$$

$$[P_k, Q_{k'}] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{r, r'} \underbrace{[p_r, g_{r'}]}_{\frac{1}{i} \delta_{rr'}} e^{ikr - ik'r'} = \frac{1}{i} \sum_r \frac{1}{N} e^{i(k-k')r}$$

$$\text{or } [P_k, Q_{k'}] = \frac{1}{i} \delta_{kk'}$$

Also  $P_k^* = P_{-k}$ ,  $Q_k^* = Q_{-k}$ . Now rewrite the Hamiltonian using the inversion formulas

$$q_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k Q_k e^{ik\gamma} \quad p_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k P_k e^{-ik\gamma}$$

$$\sum_{\gamma} p_{\gamma}^2 = \sum_{\gamma} \frac{1}{N} \sum_k P_k e^{-ik\gamma} \sum_{k'} P_{k'} e^{-ik'\gamma} = \sum_k P_k P_{-k} = \sum_k P_{-k} P_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\gamma, \gamma'} q_{\gamma} D(\gamma - \gamma') q_{\gamma'} &= \sum_{\substack{\gamma, \gamma' \\ k, k'}} \frac{1}{N} Q_{k'} e^{-ik'\gamma} \underset{\gamma - \gamma' + \gamma'}{\uparrow} D(\gamma - \gamma') Q_k e^{ik\gamma'} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k, k'} \sum_{\gamma'} Q_{k'} \hat{D}_{-k'} e^{ik'\gamma'} Q_k e^{-ik\gamma'} = \sum_k Q_{-k} \hat{D}_k Q_k \end{aligned}$$

So

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k P_{-k} P_k + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k Q_{-k} \omega_k^2 Q_k$$

Now you introduce creation + annih. ops. Recall annihilators are linear combinations of

$$i p_{\gamma} + \sum_{\gamma'} \omega_{\gamma - \gamma'} q_{\gamma'}$$

hence we put

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (i P_{-k} + \omega_k Q_k)$$

$$a_k^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (-i P_k + \omega_k Q_{-k})$$

so

$$[a_k, a_{k'}^*] = \delta_{k, k'} \quad , \quad [a_k, a_{k'}] = [a_k^*, a_{k'}^*] = 0$$



and 
$$\omega_k a_k^* a_k = \frac{1}{2} (P_k P_{-k} + \omega_k^2 Q_{-k} Q_k - i\omega_k P_k Q_k + i\omega_k Q_{-k} P_{-k})$$

so 
$$\sum_k \omega_k a_k^* a_k = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (P_k P_k + \omega_k^2 Q_{-k} Q_k) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \omega_k$$

and so 
$$H = \sum_k \omega_k a_k^* a_k + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \omega_k .$$

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Yesterday we went over the diagonalization of the Hamiltonian for scalar phonon oscillator on a finite abelian grp.  $\Gamma$ . The formulas were

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma} P_{\gamma}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\gamma, \gamma'} g_{\gamma} D(\gamma - \gamma') g_{\gamma'}$$

$$\blacksquare \quad g_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k Q_k e^{-ik\gamma} \quad Q_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\gamma} g_{\gamma} e^{-ik\gamma}$$

hence  $Q_k$  sees the basic wave mode  $g_{\gamma} = e^{-ik\gamma}$ .

$$P_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k P_k e^{-ik\gamma} \quad P_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\gamma} P_{\gamma} e^{-ik\gamma}$$

Then

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (P_k^* P_k + \omega_k^2 Q_k^* Q_k). \quad \omega_k^2 = \sum_{\gamma} D(\gamma) e^{i\gamma k}$$

Put

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (iP_{-k} + \omega_k Q_k)$$
$$a_k^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (-iP_k + \omega_k Q_{-k})$$
$$[P_k, Q_{k'}] = \delta_{kk'} \frac{1}{i}$$
$$[P_k, P_{k'}] = [Q_k, Q_{k'}] = 0$$
$$[a_k, a_{k'}^*] = \delta_{kk'}$$
$$[a_k, a_{k'}] = [a_k^*, a_{k'}^*] = 0$$

then

$$H = \sum_k \omega_k (a_k^* a_k + \frac{1}{2})$$

Notice also that we have

$$Q_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (a_k + a_{-k}^*)$$

$$g_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (a_k e^{ik\gamma} + a_k^* e^{-ik\gamma})$$

Now we want to discuss quantizing the KG field which has the field equation

$$\ddot{\phi} = -(-\Delta + m^2)\phi$$

This is a harmonic oscillator with  $D = -\Delta + m^2$ , which can be diagonalized using the wave mode

$$\phi(x) = e^{-ikx}$$

which has frequency  $\omega_k = \sqrt{k^2 + m^2}$ . We work in a box of volume  $V$  with periodic boundary conditions, and do the Fourier transform

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_k \phi_k e^{ikx}$$

$$\phi_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int \phi(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$\dot{\phi}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_k \pi_k e^{-ikx}$$

$$\pi_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int \dot{\phi}(x) e^{ikx} dx$$

Then

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (\pi_k^* \pi_k + \omega_k^2 \phi_k^* \phi_k)$$

Put

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (i\pi_{-k} + \omega_k \phi_k)$$

then

$$H = \sum_k \omega_k a_k^* a_k + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k \omega_k$$

and

$$\phi_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (a_k + a_{-k}^*)$$

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (a_k e^{ikx} + a_k^* e^{-ikx})$$

Now the ground state energy for an oscillator in this case is

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_k \omega_k$$

which is infinite, but one ignores this because "only energy differences are measurable."

Conclusion: The above formulas show how to

quantize the Klein-Gordon field in a box of volume  $V$ . The important point is that one gets an oscillator Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_k \omega_k a_k^\dagger a_k$$

where  $k$  runs over the lattice of wave vectors belonging to our box and  $\omega_k = \sqrt{k^2 + m^2}$ .

Now I want to perturb the KG field by a source, so the <sup>field</sup> equation then becomes

$$\ddot{\phi} = (-\Delta + m^2)\phi + \rho$$

and it comes from the Hamiltonian

$$H = \int \left[ \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \phi (-\Delta + m^2) \phi - \rho \phi \right] dx$$

$$- \int \rho(x) \phi(x) dx = - \int \rho(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_k \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} (a_k e^{ikx} + a_{+k}^\dagger e^{-ikx}) dx$$

$$= \sum_k \tilde{J}_k a_k + J_k a_k^\dagger$$

where

$$\tilde{J}_k = \int \rho(x) e^{ikx} dx$$

$$J_k = - \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} \int \rho(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

so that

$$\tilde{J}_k = J_k$$

$$\text{also } \tilde{J}_k = \tilde{J}_{-k}$$

so what we have is an oscillator with a

constant forcing term.

Example: Go back to  $H = \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\omega q)^2 - Jq$ .  
where  $J$  is a real constant. The classical motion  
is

$$\ddot{q} = -\omega^2 q + J$$

so the equilibrium position is

$$q_0 = \frac{J}{\omega^2}$$

so ~~we~~ let's shift the origin; put

$$q = \tilde{q} + \frac{J}{\omega^2}$$

and  $H$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \left( \tilde{q}^2 + 2\frac{J}{\omega^2}\tilde{q} + \frac{J^2}{\omega^4} \right) - J\left(\tilde{q} + \frac{J}{\omega^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}\omega^2 \tilde{q}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\frac{J^2}{\omega^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence there is a shift of the <sup>classical</sup> ground energy to  $-\frac{1}{2}\frac{J^2}{\omega^2}$ .

Next consider

$$H = \omega a^* a + \tilde{J} a + J a^*$$

and make the change  $\boxed{a} = \tilde{a} + v$

$$H = \boxed{\omega a^* a} + \omega(\tilde{a}^* + v^*)(\tilde{a} + v) + \tilde{J}(\tilde{a} + v) + J(\tilde{a}^* + v^*)$$

$$= \omega \tilde{a}^* \tilde{a} + (\omega v^* + \tilde{J})\tilde{a} + (\omega v + J)\tilde{a}^* + \omega v^* v + \tilde{J}v + Jv^*$$

Then choose  $v = -\frac{J}{\omega}$ .  $\omega \frac{\tilde{J}}{\omega} \frac{J}{\omega} - \boxed{\tilde{J} \frac{J}{\omega}} - J \frac{\tilde{J}}{\omega} = -\frac{J\tilde{J}}{\omega}$

so

$$H = \omega \tilde{a}^* \tilde{a} - \frac{J\tilde{J}}{\omega}$$

and the ~~the~~ ground energy decreases to  $-\frac{|J\tilde{J}|^2}{\omega}$ . The ground state for  $H$ , denote it  $\tilde{\Psi}_0$ , satisfies

$$\tilde{a} \tilde{\Psi}_0 = (a - v) \tilde{\Psi}_0 = 0$$

and hence in terms of the ground state  $|0\rangle$  for  $H_0 = \omega a^* a$ , we have

$$\tilde{\Psi}_0 = \sqrt{Z} e^{va^*} |0\rangle$$

where  $\sqrt{Z}$  is a normalization constant making  $\langle \tilde{\Psi}_0 | \tilde{\Psi}_0 \rangle = 1$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{Z}}\right)^2 = \|e^{va^*}\|^2 = e^{2v^2}$$

so

$$\sqrt{Z} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2}$$

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Change ~~the~~  $\tilde{J}$  and  $J$  so the <sup>simple harmonic</sup> oscillator with source Hamiltonian becomes

$$H = \omega a^* a + J a + \tilde{J} a^*$$

Recall

$$(T_\alpha f)(z) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2 + \bar{\alpha}z} f(z - \alpha)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } T_\alpha &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} e^{\bar{\alpha}a^*} e^{-\alpha a} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} e^{\bar{\alpha}a^* - \alpha a} e^{\frac{1}{2}[\bar{\alpha}a^*, -\alpha a]} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\qquad \qquad \qquad}_{\frac{1}{2}|\alpha|^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{T_\alpha = e^{\bar{\alpha}a^* - \alpha a}}$$

Next notice that if  $J a + \tilde{J} a^* = \delta(t)(c a + \tilde{c} a^*)$  then

$$S = U(0^+, 0^-) = e^{-i(c a + \tilde{c} a^*)}$$

If  $J a + \tilde{J} a^* = \delta(t - t_0)(c a + \tilde{c} a^*)$ , then

$$S = e^{iH_0 t} e^{-i(c a + \tilde{c} a^*)} e^{-iH_0 t} = e^{-i(c e^{-i\omega t} a + \tilde{c} e^{i\omega t} a^*)}$$

Now one ought to be able to regard a general source  $J a + \tilde{J} a^*$  as a succession of  $\delta$ -function sources, and calculate the  $S$  matrix as a product of the above types. Hence working modulo ~~the~~ scalar ~~operators~~ we have for a general source

$$\begin{aligned} S &= e^{-i\left(\int J(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt a + \int \tilde{J}(t) e^{i\omega t} dt a^*\right)} \\ &= T_\alpha \quad \text{where } \alpha = i \int J(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \end{aligned}$$

which is the result obtained on p. 146.

Suppose we consider a 1-dimensional Schrödinger equation

$$(*) \quad \left[ -\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + V(t) \right] \phi = \omega^2 \phi$$

or

$$\ddot{\phi} = -\omega^2 \phi + V\phi,$$

where  $V \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . We ~~can~~ view this as the equation of motion of an oscillator whose spring constant varies in time. Hence we have the Hamiltonian

$$(**) \quad H = \frac{1}{2} p^2 + \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 q^2 - \frac{1}{2} V q^2$$

Question: Are there any interesting relations between the scattering for (\*) and the S matrix for the perturbed oscillator (\*\*)?

The viewpoint I want to adopt is that the scattering associated to (\*) is a  $2 \times 2$  symplectic matrix and the corresponding S matrix is ~~the~~ the unitary matrix belonging to this symplectic matrix. Metaplectic viewpoint.

In some sense this is obvious from the Heisenberg picture. To simplify assume  $\text{Supp } V \subset (0, T)$ . Then we have for the Heisenberg operators

$$\hat{p}(t) = U(t, 0)^{-1} \hat{p} U(t, 0) \quad \text{etc}$$

the equations of motion

$$\frac{d\hat{q}}{dt} = [iH, \hat{q}]^\wedge = \hat{p}$$

$$\frac{d\hat{p}}{dt} = [iH, \hat{p}]^\wedge = -\omega^2 \hat{q} + V \hat{q}.$$



Consequently if we take the propagator matrix for (\*) between 0 and T, then this is a symplectic matrix which connects  $\hat{q}, \hat{p}$  at T with  $\hat{q}, \hat{p}$  at 0, so  $U(t, 0)$  is a unitary operator compatible with this symplectic matrix. The next ~~step~~ <sup>step</sup> is to make this precise.

It seems also that the coherent states with avg. position + momentum zero can be intrinsically defined in terms of the ~~span~~ span of  $p, q$  with its symplectic structure. If so, then  $|0\rangle = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\omega x^2}$  has to go into a coherent state under  $S$ . NO!

Consider the symplectic transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} q' \\ p' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p + cq \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

Then a state satisfying

$$\langle \psi, \psi \rangle = 2 \|q'\psi\| \|p'\psi\|$$

has to be such that  $ip'\psi = -\lambda q'\psi$  with  $\lambda > 0$  or

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx} + icx\right)\psi = -\lambda x\psi \quad \text{so } \psi = \text{const } e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\lambda + ic)x^2}$$

Notice that the unitary transformation  $e^{\frac{1}{2}i\omega q^2}$  generates the above symplectic transformation

$$e^{-\frac{1}{2}i\omega c q^2} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix} e^{\frac{1}{2}i\omega c q^2} = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p + cq \end{pmatrix}$$

Also if  $\begin{pmatrix} q' \\ p' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

and  $i = [q', p'] = (ad - bc)[q, p]$  so  $ad - bc = 1$ , then solutions

of  $ip'\psi = -\lambda q'\psi$  with  $\lambda > 0$   
are ~~the same~~ easily found as follows:

$$i(cq + d.p)\psi = -\lambda(aq + bp)\psi$$

$$(id + b\lambda)p\psi = -(ic + \lambda a)q\psi$$

$$(d - ib\lambda) \frac{d\psi}{dx} = -(ic + \lambda a)x\psi$$

$$\psi = \text{const.} \exp\left\{-\frac{(ic + \lambda a)}{(d - ib\lambda)} \frac{x^2}{2}\right\}$$

Now  $\frac{ic + \lambda a}{d - ib\lambda} = i \frac{c - i\lambda a}{d - i\lambda b} = i \frac{a(-i\lambda) + c}{b(-i\lambda) + d}$

is in LHP since  $-i\lambda \in \text{LHP}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}_2\mathbb{R}$

so  $\psi = \text{const} \exp(-\alpha \frac{x^2}{2})$  with  $\text{Re}(\alpha) > 0$ . Hence states of this form are perhaps the good coherent states.

Conjecture: The metaplectic representation can be easily described using these coherent states.

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The metaplectic representation is an action of the double covering of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . It is obtained by identifying the quadratic elements in the  $q, p$  operators with the Lie algebra of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . The self-adjoint quadratic operators are  $\frac{1}{2}q^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}p^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}(qp+pq)$  and they give rise to one parameter unitary groups on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and hence also on the operator algebra on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . ~~Moreover~~ Moreover these one-parameter groups carry the space of operators  $aq+bp$  into itself, and hence give one-parameter unitary groups in  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Compute:

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} e^{itX} A e^{-itX} \right|_{t=0} = [iX, A]$$

$$\left[ i \frac{1}{2} q^2, \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left[ i \frac{1}{2} p^2, \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left[ i \frac{1}{2} (qp+pq), \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} q \\ -p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

hence

$$e^{it \frac{1}{2}(p^2+q^2)} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix} e^{-it \frac{1}{2}(p^2+q^2)} = e^{i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} t} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice this gives the identity transformation on  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R}q + \mathbb{R}p$  when  $t = 2\pi$ . But the <sup>corresponding</sup> operator on  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is  $-I$ ; since

$$e^{it \frac{1}{2}(p^2+q^2)} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} = e^{it \frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$$

Consider the Fourier transform on  $L^2$

$$(\mathcal{F}f)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int f(y) e^{-iyx} dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } p\mathcal{F}f &= \mathcal{F}gf & \text{or} & & \mathcal{F}g\mathcal{F}^{-1} &= p \\ g\mathcal{F}f &= -\mathcal{F}pf & \text{or} & & \mathcal{F}p\mathcal{F}^{-1} &= -g \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\mathcal{F} \begin{pmatrix} g \\ p \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice that  $\mathcal{F}$  is not the same as  $e^{it \frac{1}{2}(p^2+g^2)}$  for  $t = \pi/2$  since the latter squared is  $-I$  whereas

$$(\mathcal{F}^2 f)(x) = f(-x),$$

e.g.  $\mathcal{F} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$  whereas

$$e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}(p^2+g^2)} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}.$$

But one has

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} a^* \mathcal{F}^{-1} &= \mathcal{F} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-ip + g) \mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (+ig + p) \\ &= ia^* \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\mathcal{F}(a^{*n}|0\rangle) = i^n a^{*n}|0\rangle$$

and so we have the formula

$$\mathcal{F} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2} [\frac{1}{2}(p^2+g^2) - \frac{1}{2}]} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2} a^* a}.$$

Question: Is  $\mathcal{F}$  an element of the metaplectic group  $G = \widetilde{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  (double covering)?

Actually one should really check that the

the operators  $\frac{1}{2}p^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}q^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}(pq+qp)$  are really the right things for the metaplectic reps. After all, one can add a multiple of the identity to these and still get a representation of the Lie algebra of  $Sp_2$ . No, you haven't checked that these operators do give a representation of the Lie algebra. So do this:

$$\begin{aligned} [i \frac{pq+qp}{2}, i \frac{p^2}{2}] &= - [pq, \frac{p^2}{2}] = - p [q, \frac{p^2}{2}] = \\ &= -p^2(+i) = -2(\frac{i}{2}p^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$[i \frac{pq+qp}{2}, i \frac{q^2}{2}] = - [pq, \frac{q^2}{2}] = - \frac{1}{i} q^2 = 2(\frac{i}{2}q^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [i \frac{p^2}{2}, i \frac{q^2}{2}] &= -\frac{1}{4} ([p, q^2]p + p[p, q^2]) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} (\frac{2}{i} qp + p \frac{2}{i} q) = i \left( \frac{pq+qp}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(The reason the signs are wrong is that the matrices on p. 161 show how the basis  $q, p$  behaves, not the coordinates relative to this basis.)

I claim  $F$  is not in the metaplectic group, since its effect on  $\begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \end{pmatrix}$  is the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and we know the two possible metaplectic group elements over  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , namely  $e^{it \frac{1}{2}(p^2+q^2)}$  where  $t = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}+2\pi$ , and these multiply  $e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$  by  $e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}, e^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}}$  respectively.

Suppose we have a unitary operator with

$$S \begin{pmatrix} q & p \end{pmatrix} S^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} q & p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} aq+cp & bq+dp \end{pmatrix}$$

and let us compute  $\psi = S e^{i\tau \frac{x^2}{2}}$  where  $\tau \in \text{UHP}$ . 164

Then

$$S p S^{-1} S e^{i\tau \frac{x^2}{2}} = S \tau x e^{i\tau \frac{x^2}{2}} = \tau S q S^{-1} \psi$$

$$(bq + dp) \psi = \tau (aq + cp) \psi$$

$$(b - a\tau)q \psi = (c\tau - d)p \psi$$

$$\frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{dx} \psi = \boxed{\phantom{0}} \left( \frac{a\tau - b}{-c\tau + d} \right) x \psi$$

$$\boxed{S e^{i\tau \frac{x^2}{2}} = \psi = \text{const.} e^{i \frac{(a\tau - b)}{-c\tau + d} \frac{x^2}{2}}}$$

Consequently corresponding to the symplectic matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  on  $\mathbb{R}q + \mathbb{R}p$ , we have the transformation

$$\tau \mapsto \left( \frac{a\tau - b}{-c\tau + d} \right)$$

on the UHP. Check: if  $S = e^{it \frac{q^2}{2}}$  then

$$e^{it \frac{q^2}{2}} (q \ p) e^{-it \frac{q^2}{2}} = (q \ p - tq) = (q \ p) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^{it \frac{q^2}{2}} e^{i\tau \frac{x^2}{2}} = e^{i(\tau+t) \frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tau = \boxed{\phantom{0}} \tau + t$$

[ ] The constant in the above boxed formula is up to sign a <sup>complicated</sup> function of  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ . [ ] It seems that the orbit [ ] for the metaplectic group of  $e^{-x^2/2}$  is free, i.e. the stabilizer is trivial. However the stabilizer of the line spanned by  $e^{-x^2/2}$  is the circle group generated by  $\frac{1}{2}(p^2 + q^2)$ . It appears that

$$S \mapsto \langle 0 | S | 0 \rangle \quad |0\rangle = e^{-x^2/2}$$

is a <sup>sort of</sup> spherical function on the metaplectic group.

This suggests we can get ahold of the metaplectic group as follows. Consider all the functions of the form

$$\int \frac{\text{Im } \tau}{|\tau|}^{1/4} \boxed{\phantom{x}} e^{i\tau \frac{x^2}{2}} \quad \tau \in \mathcal{S}^1, \quad \tau \in \text{UHP.}$$

These are coherent states which are normalized:

$$\begin{aligned} \int |e^{i\tau \frac{x^2}{2}}|^2 dx &= \int e^{\text{Re}(i\tau)x^2} dx = \int e^{-(\text{Im } \tau)x^2} dx \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\text{Im } \tau}} \end{aligned}$$

hence  $\pi^{-1/4} (\text{Im } \tau)^{1/4} e^{i\tau \frac{x^2}{2}}$  has norm 1. The metaplectic group should act simply-transitively on the set of these functions.

Consider now

$$H = \frac{1}{2} p^2 + \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 q^2 + \frac{\varepsilon(t)}{2} q^2$$

with  $\varepsilon(t)$  compactly supported, say in  $[0, T]$ .

$$\langle 0|S|0 \rangle = \langle 0|U_0(T,0)^{-1} U(T,0)|0 \rangle = \frac{\langle 0|U(T,0)|0 \rangle}{\langle 0|U_0(T,0)|0 \rangle}$$

$$\delta \log \langle 0|S|0 \rangle = \frac{\langle 0|\delta U(T,0)|0 \rangle}{\langle 0|U(T,0)|0 \rangle}$$

$$= -i \int \langle (\delta H)(t) \rangle dt = -\frac{i}{2} \int \varepsilon(t) \langle q^2(t) \rangle dt$$

Recall we obtained from this the formula

$$\langle 0|S|0\rangle = \det(1 + G_0 \varepsilon)^{-1/2}$$

where  $G_0$  is the Green's function for  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2$  i.e.

$$G_0(t, t') = \frac{e^{-i\omega|t-t'|}}{-2i\omega}$$

Let us review the diagrammatical way of handling this calculation. According to Dyson's expansion

$$\langle 0|S|0\rangle = 1 - i \int dt_1 \langle H'(t_1) \rangle + \frac{(-i)^2}{2!} \int dt_1 \int dt_2 \langle T H'(t_1) H'(t_2) \rangle + \dots$$

where  $H'(t) = \frac{\varepsilon(t)}{2} g^2(t)$  (this is in the interaction picture so that  $g(t) = e^{iH_0 t} g e^{-iH_0 t}$ ) Using Wick's thm.

$$\langle T \{ g^2(t_1) \dots g^2(t_n) \} \rangle = \sum_{\text{all possible pairwise contractions.}} \dots$$

$$\langle T \{ g(t_1) g(t_2) \} \rangle = -i G_0(t_1, t_2)$$

we see the  $n$ th order contribution to  $\langle 0|S|0\rangle$  is a sum <sup>over</sup> all possible ways of making a graph with  $n$  vertices and exactly 2 edges meeting at each vertex. In 3rd order we have the following types



One knows that  $\langle 0|S|0\rangle = e^L$  where  $L$  contains the connected graph terms. The  $n$ -th



order contribution to  $L$  is given by a single  $n$ -cycle:

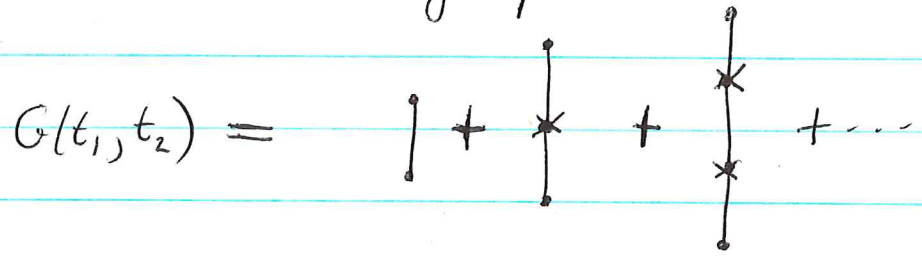
$$L_n = \underbrace{(-i)^n \frac{1}{n!}}_{\text{Dyson expansion}} \underbrace{[2(n-1)][2(n-2)] \dots [2 \cdot 1]}_{\text{total ways of doing the contractions}} \text{Tr} \left( \frac{\epsilon G_0}{2} \right)^n$$

↑  
start, then have  $2(n-1)$  possibilities for first edge, etc.

$$= \boxed{\phantom{X}} \frac{(-1)^n}{2} \frac{1}{n} \text{Tr} (\epsilon G_0)^n$$

Thus 
$$L = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_n \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} \text{Tr} (\epsilon G_0)^n = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \log(1 + \epsilon G_0)$$

Next consider the Green's function which is the sum over connected graphs



there are two possible contractions at each vertex which gets rid of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  in  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$

$\alpha$  
$$G = G_0 + G_0 (-\epsilon) G_0 + G_0 (-\epsilon) G_0 (-\epsilon) G_0 + \dots$$

$\alpha$  
$$G = G_0 (1 + \epsilon G_0)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{G_0^{-1} + \epsilon} = \frac{1}{\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2 + \epsilon}$$

Here the irreducible self-energy part  $\Sigma$  is just  $-\epsilon$

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Compute  $e^{a\frac{D^2}{2}} e^{b\frac{x^2}{2}}$ . Recall

$$\int e^{-\beta\frac{x^2}{2} - i\xi x} dx = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}\frac{\xi^2}{2}}$$

so 
$$e^{-\beta\frac{x^2}{2}} = \int \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{i\xi x} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}\frac{\xi^2}{2}}$$

$$e^{a\frac{D^2}{2}} e^{-\beta\frac{x^2}{2}} = \int \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} \underbrace{e^{a\frac{D^2}{2}} e^{i\xi x}}_{e^{-a\frac{\xi^2}{2}} e^{i\xi x}} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}\frac{\xi^2}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}} \int d\xi e^{i\xi x} e^{-\left(a + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)\frac{\xi^2}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\beta}} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\left(a + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)}} e^{-\frac{1}{\left(a + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)}\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a\beta}} e^{-\frac{\beta}{1+a\beta}\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$e^{a\frac{D^2}{2}} e^{b\frac{x^2}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-ab}} e^{\frac{b}{1-ab}\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

We apply this to an oscillator:

$$H = \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\omega g)^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}g^2 - Jg$$

with  $H_0 = \frac{1}{2}p^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\omega g)^2 - Jg$ . Then we have seen that

$$Z_0(J) = \iint e^{i\int L_0 + i\int Jg} = e^{\frac{i}{2}\int J(t)G_0(t,t')J(t')}$$

and that

$$Z(J) = \iint e^{i\int L + i\int J\phi} = e^{i\int -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \left(\frac{1}{i\delta J}\right)^2} Z_0(J)$$
$$= e^{\int i\frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\delta^2}{\delta J(t)^2} dt} e^{\frac{i}{2} \int J(t) G(t, t') J(t')}$$

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Use the above formula with  $a = i\epsilon$   $b = iG_0$ ,  
or more precisely, you generalize it first to matrices.

$$\frac{b}{1-ab} = b + bab + \dots = i[G_0 + G_0(\epsilon)G_0 + \dots] = iG$$

and so we get

$$Z(J) = \det(1 + \epsilon G_0)^{-1/2} e^{\frac{i}{2} \int J(t) G(t, t') J(t')}$$

The determinant factor is an interesting constant we don't expect; it arises because we've left out the appropriate determinant factor when we use the formula

$$Z_0(J) = e^{\frac{i}{2} \int J G_0 J}$$

In more detail note that

$$\int L_0 = \int \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\omega\phi)^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \int \phi \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2 \right) \phi dt$$

hence the path integral

$$\iint e^{i\int L_0} e^{i\int J\phi}$$

is the Fourier transform of the Gaussian integral

$$\phi \mapsto e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int (+i) \phi \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2 \right) \phi}$$

But we know that the Fourier transform of  $e^{-\frac{1}{2}xAx}$  is  $\frac{(2\pi)^{d/2}}{(\det A)^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}xA^{-1}x}$

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so the path integral is formally

$$\text{const. det} \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2 \right)^{-1/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int J (iG_0) J}$$

$$\frac{i}{2} \int J G_0 J$$

Thus we have

$$Z_0(J) = \text{const} \det \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2 \right)^{-1/2} e^{\frac{i}{2} \int J G_0 J}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$Z_\epsilon(J) = \text{const} \det \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2 + \epsilon \right)^{-1/2} e^{\frac{i}{2} \int J G J}$$

leading to the more precise result

$$\frac{Z(J)}{Z_0(J)} = \frac{\det \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2 + \epsilon \right)^{-1/2}}{\det \left( \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \omega^2 \right)^{-1/2}} e^{\frac{i}{2} \int J [G - G_0] J}$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\det (1 + \epsilon G_0)^{-1/2}}$$