

Problem Set 4 (due Mar 9, 2015)

1. The interaction picture. Problem 9.5 Srednicki

2. Path integrals.

- (a) Assuming M is a symmetric, positive definite matrix and $q = q_1, \dots, q_n \in R^N$, show that

$$\int \prod dq_i e^{-iq^T M(1-i\epsilon)q + iJ^T q + iq^T J} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{i}\right)^n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det M(1-i\epsilon)}} \quad (1)$$

- (b) Assuming M is a hermitian, positive definite matrix and $q = q_1, \dots, q_n \in C^N$, show that

$$\int \prod dq_i^* dq_i e^{-iq^\dagger M(1-i\epsilon)q + iJ^\dagger q + iq^\dagger J} = \left(\frac{\pi}{i}\right)^n \frac{1}{\det M(1-i\epsilon)} \quad (2)$$

- (c) Find

$$\langle x_f t_f | x_i t_i \rangle \quad (3)$$

for the Harmonic oscillator. Show that you obtain expected results for $H \rightarrow H(1-i\epsilon)$ and $t_i \rightarrow -\infty$ and $t_f \rightarrow +\infty$.

- (d) Evaluate

$$\langle 0_\infty | 0 - \infty \rangle \quad (4)$$

for the scalar field theory in the presence of an external current J .