

# Lecture 4: Ornstein-Zernike Formula

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## In this lecture we see ...

- The mean-field theory discussed in the previous section does not tell us about the spatial correlation.
- In the previous lecture, we derived the continuous version of the Ising model, i.e.,  $\phi^4$  model.
- We can apply the GBF variational approximation to the  $\phi^4$  Hamiltonian, with the variational Hamiltonian that has a non-trivial spatial structure.
- As a result, we obtain the Ornstein-Zernike form for the correlation function.

## Variational approximation to $\phi^4$ model

- Similar to the Ising model, generally it is impossible to obtain the exact solution of  $\phi^4$  model by analytical means. So, we need some approximation. The simplest mean-field approximation neglecting the special variance results in the same type of
- We will first move to the momentum space.
- Then, we will apply the GBF variational principle by taking the Gaussian theory as the trial Hamiltonian.
- As a result, we will obtain the mean-field evaluation of the spatial correlation function, which is called Ornstein-Zernike form.

## Switching to the momentum space

Starting from  $\phi^4$  model in the discrete space,

$$\mathcal{H} = a^d \sum_{\mathbf{x}} (\rho |\nabla \phi_{\mathbf{x}}|^2 + t \phi_{\mathbf{x}}^2 + u \phi_{\mathbf{x}}^4 - h \phi_{\mathbf{x}}),$$

by Fourier transformation  $\phi_{\mathbf{x}} = L^{-d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}} \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (\rho k^2 + t) |\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \\ &+ \frac{u}{L^{3d}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdots \mathbf{k}_4} \delta_{\sum_{\mu=1}^4 \mathbf{k}_{\mu}, \mathbf{0}} \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}_2} \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}_3} \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}_4} - h \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{0}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

(If you prefer continuous wave numbers, you could instead use

$$\mathcal{H} = \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} (\rho k^2 + t) \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^* \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} + u \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}_1 \cdots d^d \mathbf{k}_4}{(2\pi)^{4d}} \delta\left(\sum_{\mu} \mathbf{k}_{\mu}\right) \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cdots \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}_4} - h \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{0}} .)$$

## Supplement: Convention (Fourier transformation)

In this lecture, we use the following conventions:

$$a = (\text{lattice constant}), \quad L = (\text{system size}), \quad N \equiv \frac{L^d}{a^d} = (\# \text{ of sites})$$

$$\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} = \int_0^L d^d \mathbf{x} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}} \phi_{\mathbf{x}} = a^d \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}} \phi_{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\phi_{\mathbf{x}} = \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}} \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} = L^{-d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}} \tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

The tilde  $\sim$  is often dropped when there is no fear of confusion.

$$G(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) \equiv \langle \phi_{\mathbf{x}'} \phi_{\mathbf{x}} \rangle, \quad G_{\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}} \equiv L^{-d} \langle \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \phi_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle$$

For translationally and rotationally symmetric case,

$$G(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) = G(|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}|), \quad G_{\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}} = \delta_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{0}} G_{|\mathbf{k}|}, \quad G_{|\mathbf{k}|} \equiv L^{-d} \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle$$

## GBF variational approximation (1)

Let us consider a trial Hamiltonian with variational parameter  $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$ ,

$$\mathcal{H}_0 \equiv \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \quad (2)$$

$$Z_0 = \int D\phi e^{-\frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2} = \prod_{\mathbf{k}} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle_0 = \frac{L^d}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}, \quad \zeta_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \left( \frac{\pi L^d}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}{L^d} \frac{L^d}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{N}{2} \quad \text{“Equipartition”}$$

$$-TS_0 = F_0 - E_0 = - \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\pi L^d}{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \log \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$$

(Additive constants have been omitted.)

## GBF variational approximation (2)

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle_0 &= \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (\rho k^2 + t) \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle_0 + \frac{u}{L^{3d}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1 \cdots \mathbf{k}_4} \delta_{\sum \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{0}} \langle \phi_{\mathbf{k}_1} \phi_{\mathbf{k}_2} \phi_{\mathbf{k}_3} \phi_{\mathbf{k}_4} \rangle_0 \\ &= \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (\rho k^2 + t) \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle_0 + \frac{3u}{L^{3d}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle_0 \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}'}|^2 \rangle_0 \quad (\text{Wick})\end{aligned}$$

We have used  $\langle \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \phi_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle_0 = \delta_{\mathbf{k}', -\mathbf{k}} \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle_0$ . In terms of  $G_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv L^{-d} \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle_0 = (2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}})^{-1}$ , we obtain

$$F_V = \langle \mathcal{H} \rangle_0 - TS_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (\rho k^2 + t) G_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{3u}{L^d} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{k}} G_{\mathbf{k}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \log \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\text{Thus we have, } f_V \equiv L^{-d} F_V = B + 3uA^2 + \frac{1}{2L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \log \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}, \quad (3)$$

$$\text{where } A \equiv \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} G_{\mathbf{k}}, \text{ and } B \equiv \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (\rho k^2 + t) G_{\mathbf{k}}.$$

## Stationary condition

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= \frac{\partial F_V}{\partial \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} = (\rho k^2 + t + \sigma) \frac{\partial G_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} + \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} \\ &\quad \left( \sigma \equiv 6uA = \frac{6u}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} G_{\mathbf{k}} \right) \quad \dots \text{ Spatial fluctuation shifts} \\ &\quad \text{the transition point.} \\ &= (\rho k^2 + t + \sigma) \left( -\frac{1}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} \\ \Rightarrow \quad \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} &= \rho k^2 + t + \sigma = \rho(k^2 + \kappa^2) \quad \left( \kappa \equiv \sqrt{\frac{t + \sigma}{\rho}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

## Ornstein-Zernike form

$$G_{\mathbf{k}} \propto \frac{1}{k^2 + \kappa^2}, \quad \kappa \propto \sqrt{T - T_c}$$

## Supplement: Wick's theorem

### Theorem 1 (Wick)

When the distribution function is Gaussian, any multi-point correlator factorizes in pairs.

### Example 2 (4-point correlator)

Ex: When the Hamiltonian is  $\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2}\phi^T A\phi$  with  $A$  being a real positive-definite symmetric matrix,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_3 \phi_4 \rangle &= \langle \phi_1 \phi_2 \rangle \langle \phi_3 \phi_4 \rangle + \langle \phi_1 \phi_3 \rangle \langle \phi_2 \phi_4 \rangle + \langle \phi_1 \phi_4 \rangle \langle \phi_2 \phi_3 \rangle \\ &= \Gamma_{12} \Gamma_{34} + \Gamma_{13} \Gamma_{24} + \Gamma_{14} \Gamma_{23}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma \equiv A^{-1}$  and  $\langle \dots \rangle \equiv \frac{\int D\phi e^{-\mathcal{H}(\phi)} \dots}{\int D\phi e^{-\mathcal{H}(\phi)}}$

## Supplement: Proof of Wick's theorem

If we define  $\Xi \equiv \int D\phi e^{-\frac{1}{2}\phi^T A\phi + \xi^T \phi}$ , the correlation function can be expressed as its derivatives,

$$\langle \phi_{k_1} \phi_{k_2} \dots \phi_{k_{2p}} \rangle = \Xi^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{k_1}} \dots \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{k_{2p}}} \Xi \right) \Big|_{\xi \rightarrow 0}.$$

Now notice that  $\Xi \propto e^{\frac{1}{2}\xi^T \Gamma \xi}$ , with  $\Gamma \equiv A^{-1}$ , which yields

$$\Xi = 1 + \sum_{ij} \frac{\Gamma_{ij}}{2} \xi_i \xi_j + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \sum_{kl} \frac{\Gamma_{ij}}{2} \frac{\Gamma_{kl}}{2} \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k \xi_l + \dots$$

Therefore, the  $2p$ -body correlation becomes

$$\begin{aligned}& \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{i_1 j_1} \sum_{i_2 j_2} \dots \sum_{i_p j_p} \frac{\Gamma_{i_1 j_1}}{2} \frac{\Gamma_{i_2 j_2}}{2} \dots \frac{\Gamma_{i_p j_p}}{2} \delta_{\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{2p}\}, \{i_1, j_1, i_2, j_2, \dots, i_p, j_p\}} \\ &= \sum \Gamma_{i_1 j_1} \Gamma_{i_2 j_2} \dots \Gamma_{i_p j_p} \quad (\text{Summation over all pairings of } \{k_1, \dots, k_{2p}\})\end{aligned}$$

## Real-space correlation function

$$G_{\mathbf{k}} = L^{-d} \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} = \frac{1}{2(\rho k^2 + t + \sigma)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}) &\equiv \langle \phi_{\mathbf{x}'} \phi_{\mathbf{x}} \rangle = L^{-2d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} e^{i\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{x}'} e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}} \langle \phi_{\mathbf{k}'} \phi_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle \\ &= L^{-d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} e^{i\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{x}'} e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}} \delta_{\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{k}, 0} G_{\mathbf{k}} = L^{-d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x})} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$G(\mathbf{x}) = \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}}}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}}}{\rho k^2 + t + \sigma}$$

$$\sim^* \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\kappa^{d-2}}{(\kappa r)^{\frac{d-1}{2}}} e^{-\kappa r} & (\kappa r \gg 1, \kappa \equiv \sqrt{\frac{t+\sigma}{\rho}}) & (T > T_c) \\ \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{1}{r^{d-2}} & & (T = T_c) \end{cases}$$

(\* ... see supplement)

## Mean-field values of $\nu$ and $\eta$

$$G(r) \sim \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\kappa^{d-2}}{(\kappa r)^{\frac{d-1}{2}}} e^{-\kappa r} & (\kappa r \gg 1, \kappa \equiv \sqrt{\frac{t+\sigma}{\rho}}) & (T > T_c) \\ \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{1}{r^{d-2}} & & (T = T_c) \end{cases}$$

### Mean-field value of $\nu$

$$\text{For } T > T_c, \quad G(r) \propto \frac{1}{r^{\frac{d-1}{2}}} e^{-r/\xi}, \quad \xi = \kappa^{-1} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{|T - T_c|}} \Rightarrow \nu_{\text{MF}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

### Mean-field value of $\eta$

$$\text{At } T = T_c, \quad G(r) \propto \frac{1}{r^{d-2}} \Rightarrow \eta_{\text{MF}} = 0 \quad \left( G(r) \propto \frac{1}{r^{d-2+\eta}} \right)$$

$$\text{CF: } (\nu, \eta) = \begin{cases} (0.5, 0) & (d \geq 4) \\ (0.63002(10), 0.03627(10)) & (d = 3) \\ (1, 0.25) & (d = 2) \end{cases} \quad (\text{PRB82(2010), 174433})$$

## Supplement: Evaluation of the asymptotic form ( $T > T_c$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int d\mathbf{k} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}}}{k^2 + \kappa^2} &= \int d\mathbf{k} e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}} \int_0^\infty dt e^{-t(k+\kappa^2)} \\
 &= \int_0^\infty dt e^{-t\kappa^2} \int d\mathbf{k} e^{-tk^2 + i\mathbf{x}\mathbf{k}} \\
 &= \int_0^\infty dt e^{-t\kappa^2} \int d\mathbf{k} e^{-t(\mathbf{k} - \frac{i}{2t}\mathbf{x})^2 - \frac{\mathbf{x}^2}{4t}} = \int_0^\infty dt \left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\kappa^2 t - \frac{r^2}{4t}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(Here we define  $x$  so that  $t \equiv \frac{r}{2\kappa}x$  and  $\kappa^2 t + \frac{r^2}{4t} = \frac{\kappa r}{2}(x + x^{-1})$ .)

$$= \int_0^\infty dx \left(\frac{\pi}{x}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}} \left(\frac{2\kappa}{r}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{\kappa r}{2}(x+x^{-1})}$$

(For  $\kappa r \gg 1$ , we use  $x + x^{-1} \approx 2 + \epsilon^2$  where  $\epsilon \equiv x - 1$ .)

$$\approx \pi^{\frac{d}{2}} \left(\frac{2\kappa}{r}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}-1} e^{-\kappa r} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\kappa r}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sim \frac{\kappa^{d-2}}{(\kappa r)^{\frac{d-1}{2}}} e^{-\kappa r}$$

## Supplement: Evaluation of the asymptotic form ( $T = T_c$ )

As before, we have

$$\int d\mathbf{k} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}}}{k^2 + \kappa^2} = \int_0^\infty dt \left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\kappa^2 t - \frac{r^2}{4t}}$$

Here, by setting  $\kappa = 0$  ( $T = T_c$ ),

$$= \int_0^\infty dt \left(\frac{\pi}{t}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{4t}}$$

(By defining  $\eta \equiv \frac{r^2}{4t}$ )

$$= \left(\frac{r^2}{4}\right)^{1-\frac{d}{2}} \pi^{\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2} - 1\right) \sim \frac{1}{r^{d-2}}$$

## Gaussian MF approximation below $T_c$ (1)

- To deal with the spontaneous magnetization below  $T_c$ , we must introduce a symmetry-breaking field  $\eta$  as a new variational parameter,

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = L^{-d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 - \eta \phi_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{0}}$$

- It is, then, a little tedious but not hard to see that (3) is replaced by

$$f_v \stackrel{*}{=} B + tm^2 + u(3A^2 + 6Am^2 + m^4) + \frac{1}{2L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \log \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}, \quad (4)$$

where  $m \equiv \langle \phi_{\mathbf{x}} \rangle_0$  and, as before,

$$A \equiv \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}, \quad B \equiv \frac{1}{L^d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\rho \mathbf{k}^2 + t}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}}$$

## Gaussian MF approximation below $T_c$ (2)

- From  $\partial f_v / \partial m = 0$ , we obtain

$$t + 6uA + 2um^2 = 0$$

or  $m^2 = -\frac{t + \sigma}{2u} \quad (\sigma \equiv 6uA)$  (5)

- From  $\partial f_v / \partial \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = 0$  ( $\mathbf{k} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ), we obtain

$$\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = \rho k^2 + t + 6u(A + m^2).$$

Using (5),  $\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} = \rho k^2 - 2(t + \sigma) = \rho(k^2 + \acute{k}^2)$   $\left( \acute{k}^2 \equiv \frac{-2(t + \sigma)}{\rho} \right)$

- Thus, we have obtained the Ornstein-Zernike type Green's function

$$G_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} = \frac{1}{2\rho(k^2 + \acute{k}^2)} \quad (T < T_c)$$

The correlation length is  $1/\sqrt{2}$  times smaller than the high- $T$  side.



## Supplement: Wick's theorem with symmetry-breaking field

For deriving (4), since the external field distorts the Gaussian distribution, which is the precondition to the Wick's theorem, we must apply the theorem to the fluctuation  $\delta\phi_{\mathbf{x}} \equiv \phi_{\mathbf{x}} - \langle\phi_{\mathbf{x}}\rangle_0$ , not  $\phi$  itself. In the momentum space, by defining  $\delta\phi_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \phi_{\mathbf{k}} - \bar{\phi}_0\delta_{\mathbf{k}} \ (\delta_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \delta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{0}}, \bar{\phi}_0 = L^d m)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle\phi_{\mathbf{k}_1}\phi_{\mathbf{k}_2}\phi_{\mathbf{k}_3}\phi_{\mathbf{k}_4}\rangle_0 \\ &= \langle(\bar{\phi}_0\delta_{\mathbf{k}_1} + \delta\phi_{\mathbf{k}_1})(\bar{\phi}_0\delta_{\mathbf{k}_2} + \delta\phi_{\mathbf{k}_2})(\bar{\phi}_0\delta_{\mathbf{k}_3} + \delta\phi_{\mathbf{k}_3})(\bar{\phi}_0\delta_{\mathbf{k}_4} + \delta\phi_{\mathbf{k}_4})\rangle_0 \\ &= \bar{\phi}_0^4\delta_{\mathbf{k}_1}\delta_{\mathbf{k}_2}\delta_{\mathbf{k}_3}\delta_{\mathbf{k}_4} + \bar{\phi}_0^2(\delta_{\mathbf{k}_1}\delta_{\mathbf{k}_2}\langle\delta\phi_{\mathbf{k}_3}\delta\phi_{\mathbf{k}_4}\rangle_0 + 5 \text{ similar terms}) \\ &+ (\langle\phi_{\mathbf{k}_1}\phi_{\mathbf{k}_2}\rangle_0\langle\phi_{\mathbf{k}_3}\phi_{\mathbf{k}_4}\rangle_0 + 2 \text{ similar terms}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4} \delta_{\Sigma \mathbf{k}} \langle\phi_{\mathbf{k}_1}\phi_{\mathbf{k}_2}\phi_{\mathbf{k}_3}\phi_{\mathbf{k}_4}\rangle_0 \\ &= \bar{\phi}_0^4 + 6\bar{\phi}_0^2 \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1} \langle\delta\phi_{\mathbf{k}_1}\delta\phi_{-\mathbf{k}_1}\rangle_0 + 3 \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_3} \langle\phi_{\mathbf{k}_1}\phi_{-\mathbf{k}_1}\rangle_0 \langle\phi_{\mathbf{k}_3}\phi_{-\mathbf{k}_3}\rangle_0 \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 4.1:** In the lecture, in obtaining the OZ form for the correlation function, we employed the variational Hamiltonian that has the form  $L^{-d} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 - \eta \phi_{\mathbf{k}=0}$ . What if we used  $\mathcal{H}_0 = \lambda \sum_{\mathbf{x}} (\phi_{\mathbf{x}} - m)^2$  instead? (Here,  $\lambda$  and  $m$  are variational parameters.) Obtain the equations of state that relates  $\lambda$  and  $m$  to  $\rho, t$  and  $u$ . For the sake of simplicity, consider the case where  $h = 0$ .

We apply the GBF inequality  $F_v \equiv F_0 + \langle\mathcal{H} - \mathcal{H}_0\rangle_0 \geq F$  to

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} (\rho(\nabla\phi)^2 + t\phi^2 + u\phi^4 - h\phi)$$

and

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \lambda \sum_{\mathbf{x}} (\phi - m)^2.$$

For  $F_0$ , we have

$$\beta F_0/N = -\log \int d\phi e^{-\lambda(\phi-m)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \log(\lambda/\pi).$$

For calculating  $\langle \mathcal{H} \rangle_0$  and  $\langle \mathcal{H}_0 \rangle_0$ , we apply Wick's theorem to  $\langle (\delta\phi)^n \rangle_0$  with  $\delta\phi \equiv \phi - m$  and  $\langle (\delta\phi)^2 \rangle_0 = 1/(2\lambda)$ , to obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi \rangle_0 &= m, & \langle \phi^2 \rangle_0 &= \langle (m + \delta\phi)^2 \rangle_0 = m^2 + \langle \delta\phi^2 \rangle_0 = m^2 + \frac{1}{2\lambda}, \\ \langle \phi^4 \rangle_0 &= \langle (m + \delta\phi)^4 \rangle_0 = m^4 + 6m^2 \langle \delta\phi^2 \rangle_0 + \langle \delta\phi^4 \rangle_0 \\ &= m^4 + 6m^2 \langle \delta\phi^2 \rangle_0 + 3 \langle \delta\phi^2 \rangle_0^2 = m^4 + \frac{3m^2}{\lambda} + \frac{3}{4\lambda^2}, \\ \langle (\nabla\phi)^2 \rangle_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\delta} \langle (\phi_{r+\delta} - \phi_r)^2 \rangle_0 = \frac{z}{2} \langle \phi_{r+\delta}^2 + \phi_r^2 - 2\phi_{r+\delta}\phi_r \rangle_0 = \frac{z}{2\lambda} = \frac{d}{\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, noting that  $\beta$  is included in the definition of the Hamiltonians and the free energy,

$$\frac{F_v}{N} = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\lambda}{\pi} + \left( \frac{d\rho}{\lambda} + \frac{t}{2\lambda} + \frac{3u}{4\lambda^2} \right) + \left( t + \frac{3u}{\lambda} \right) m^2 + um^4 - hm - \frac{1}{2}$$

From the stationary conditions, we obtain the mean-field type behaviors. Specifically, at  $h = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} m &= 0, \quad \lambda = d\rho + t - t_c \quad (t > t_c) \\ m &= \sqrt{(t_c - t)/6u}, \quad \lambda = d\rho \quad (t < t_c) \end{aligned}$$

where  $t_c \equiv -3u/\lambda$ .

The same results can be obtained by working with the wave-number space instead of the real space. We substitute  $\phi_k$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  by  $\phi_k \equiv \delta\phi_k + mL^d\delta_{k,0}$ , and consider  $\mathcal{H}_0 \equiv \lambda L^{-d} \sum_k \delta\phi_k$ . One thing that needs a careful treatment the discrete nature of “ $\nabla$ ”. If we simply replace  $(\nabla\phi)^2$  by  $-k^2|\phi_k|^2$ , as we usually do in the

wave-number space calculation, the result would be slightly different from the real-space calculation (though the difference is merely quantitative, and not so essential). Since  $\nabla$  here is the difference rather than the differentiation, to be precise, we must use  $\sum_{\alpha=1}^d 2(1 - \cos k_{\alpha})$  in the place of  $k^2$ . When we take the average of this term over the wave numbers in the 1st Brillouin zone, the cosine term yields zero, while the constant term yields  $2d = z$ , which is exactly the same as the coefficient  $\rho/\lambda$  term in the real-space calculation.