

Wholeness Chart

Summary of QED Green Functions and Generating Functional Canonical Quantization vs Path Integral Formulations

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	<u>Canonical Approach</u>	<u>Path Integral Approach</u>	<u>Comments</u>
S operator	$S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^n}{n!} \int T \{ \mathcal{L}_I(\underline{x}_1) \dots \mathcal{L}_I(\underline{x}_n) \} d^4 \underline{x}_1 \dots d^4 \underline{x}_n$ $= T \left\{ e^{i \int \mathcal{L}_I(\underline{x}) d^4 \underline{x}} \right\}$	N/A	Fields $A^\mu, \psi, \bar{\psi}$ are operators in canonical approach; functions, not operators, in P.I.
Transition amplitude	$S_{fi} = \langle f S i \rangle = \delta_{if}$ $+ \prod_{\mathbf{p}'} \sqrt{\frac{m}{VE_{\mathbf{p}'}}} \prod_{\mathbf{k}'} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2V\omega_{\mathbf{k}'}}} (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_f - p_i) \mathcal{M}$	$S_{fi} = \lim_{x_i, x_f \rightarrow -\infty, +\infty} U(i, f; T)$ $S_{fi} = C \int e^{i \int \overbrace{\mathcal{L} d^4 x}^{\text{label } X}} \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi$	See Klauber, Chap 18, pg. 508, (18-64). for P.I. and extrapolate to 3 fields over all such fields and all x^μ
Green functions	Using them: Green function will be all propagators. For each external particle, change associated propagator to external line (e.g., $S_F(p) \rightarrow u(\mathbf{p})$) to get amplitude.	← Ditto →	All Green function momenta inward. Need certain $p \rightarrow -p$ to get amplitude
	$G^{\mu\dots}(x_1, \dots, y_1, \dots, z_1, \dots) = \frac{\langle 0 T \{ S A^\mu(x_1) \dots \psi(y_1) \dots \bar{\psi}(z_1) \dots \} 0 \rangle}{\langle 0 S 0 \rangle}$ <p style="text-align: center;">Ignore denominator above for connected Feynman diagrams</p>	$G^{\mu\dots}(x_1, \dots, y_1, \dots, z_1, \dots) = \frac{\int \{ e^{iX} A^\mu(x_1) \dots \psi(y_1) \dots \bar{\psi}(z_1) \} \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi}{\int e^{iX} \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi}$ $X = \int \mathcal{L} d^4 x = \int (\mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_I) d^4 x$	When evaluated these both give the same result. Proof below. Analogous results hold for other field theories (e.g., P.I. for weak, strong).
Generating functional Z	Z used to find Green functions	← Ditto	
	$Z[J_k, \sigma, \bar{\sigma}] = \frac{\langle 0 S' 0 \rangle}{\langle 0 S 0 \rangle} \quad \text{where } \downarrow$ $S' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^n}{n!} \int T \{ \mathcal{L}'_I(\underline{x}_1) \dots \mathcal{L}'_I(\underline{x}_n) \} d^4 \underline{x}_1 \dots d^4 \underline{x}_n$ $= T \left\{ e^{i \int \mathcal{L}'_I(\underline{x}) d^4 \underline{x}} \right\}$ $\mathcal{L}'_I = \mathcal{L}_I + \mathcal{L}_S \quad \text{where } \mathcal{L}_S = J_\kappa A^\kappa + \bar{\sigma} \psi + \bar{\psi} \sigma$	$Z[J_k, \sigma, \bar{\sigma}] = \frac{\int e^{iX'} \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi}{\int e^{iX} \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi}$ <p style="text-align: center;">where $X' = \int d^4 x (\mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_I + \mathcal{L}_S)$</p>	\mathcal{L}_S called "source Lagrangian". $J_\kappa, \bar{\sigma}, \sigma$ sources are fictitious and classical fields, not operators. Analogous results for other field theories.
Green function from generating functional	$G^{\mu\dots} = (-1)^{\bar{n}} \left(\frac{1}{i} \right)^n \frac{\delta^n Z[J_k, \sigma, \bar{\sigma}]}{\delta J_\mu(x_1) \dots \delta \bar{\sigma}(y_1) \dots \delta \sigma(z_1)} \Big _0$	← Ditto	$ _0$ means $J = \bar{\sigma} = \sigma = 0$ after taking derivatives
	<p>Defs: n = tot num source fields = total num derivatives = <u>points</u> of Green funct</p> <p>\bar{n} = tot num of σ source fields = tot num deriv wrspt σ</p> <p><u>order</u> = number of vertices in graph (Green funct has all orders in it due to \mathcal{L}_I)</p>		
	Plug and chug Z (for canonical approach) in above to prove get G^μ of canonical	Plug and chug Z (for P.I. approach) in above to prove get G^μ of P.I.	Yet to show two approaches equiv
Significance	Knowing $G^{\mu\dots}$ for a case with particular fields $A^\mu, \psi, \bar{\psi}$, one knows the amplitude for that case. Knowing Z, one knows all possible $G^{\mu\dots}$. Z contains the whole theory.		

Proving equivalence of the two approaches			
Free field case	<p>Take $\mathcal{L}_I = 0$ in canonical Z above</p> $Z_0[J_k, \sigma, \bar{\sigma}] = e^{-i[J_\mu D_F^{\mu\nu} J_\nu]} e^{-i[\bar{\sigma} S_F \sigma]}$ <p>where $[AKB] = \iint A(x) K(x, y) B(y) d^4 x d^4 y$</p> <p>Klauber proof: See “Green function and ...” link on <i>SFQFT</i> text home web page M&S proof: Sect. 12.5.1, pgs. 267-270.</p>	<p>Take $\mathcal{L}_I = 0$ in P.I. Z above. Result ↓</p> <p>← Ditto (same result as at left)</p> <p>M&S proof: Sects. 13.2.3 & 13.2.4, pgs. 289-294</p>	<p>Subscript “0” in Z_0 means free field.</p> <p>M&S refers to Mandl and Shaw</p>
Interacting fields case	$Z[J_k, \sigma, \bar{\sigma}] = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ie)^n}{n!} \left[\int d^4 x I_\delta(x) \right]^n Z_0[J_k, \sigma, \bar{\sigma}]}{\langle 0 S 0 \rangle}$ $I_\delta(x) = \left(-\frac{1}{i} \frac{\delta}{\delta \sigma(x)} \right) \gamma_\mu \left(\frac{1}{i} \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\sigma}(x)} \right) \left(\frac{1}{i} \frac{\delta}{\delta J_\mu(x)} \right)$ <p>M&S Sect. 12.5.2, 270-271, eq (12.122).</p>	<p>← Ditto (same form as at left but with P.I. Z_0)</p> <p>Sect. 13.2.2, pgs 287-289, eq. (13.74) with (13.77)</p>	<p>Proof: Insert Z_0 (Z form for each approach with $\mathcal{L}_I = 0$) in this relation, then plug and chug.</p>
Proof of equivalence	Since Z_0 is shown the same in both approaches for the free field case above, then in above row, Z must be the same in both approaches.		
Alternative symbolism for Green function			
	$\langle A^\mu(x_1) \cdot \psi(y_1) \cdot \bar{\psi}(z_1) \dots \rangle = G^\mu(x_1, y_1, z_1, \dots)$	← Ditto	
Notation	Free fields case: $\langle A^\mu(x_1) \cdot \psi(y_1) \cdot \bar{\psi}(z_1) \dots \rangle_0$	← Ditto	
Key P.I. Relations			
		$[AKB] = \iint A(x) K(x, y) B(y) d^4 x d^4 y$	M&S (13.6) pg. 276
		$K_{ij} = \iint u_i(x) K(x, y) u_j(y) d^4 x d^4 y$ where $A(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i u_i(x)$	M&S (13.8) pg. 277 and (13.3) pg. 276
		$\int e^{-\frac{1}{2}[\phi K \phi]} \mathcal{D}\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Det } K}}$ $\text{Det } K = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_n$ $\int e^{-[\theta M \tilde{\theta}]} \mathcal{D}\theta \mathcal{D}\tilde{\theta} = \text{Det } M$ $\int e^{-\prod_{i,j=1}^n \theta_i N_{ij} \tilde{\theta}_j} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}\theta_i \mathcal{D}\tilde{\theta}_i \right) = \text{Det } N_n$	<p>M&S (13.12) pg. 277</p> <p>M&S (13.61) pg. 285</p> <p>M&S (13.53) pg. 283</p>
		$A[J, \phi] = -\frac{1}{2} \iint \phi(x) K(x, y) \phi(y) d^4 x d^4 y + \int J(x) \phi(x) d^4 x$	M&S (13.24) pg. 279
		$\int e^{A[J, \phi]} \mathcal{D}\phi = e^{\frac{1}{2}[JK^{-1}J]}$	M&S (13.33) pg. 280