

m=2 vertex functions

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Goal: to show that



$$\gamma_2(k'_1, k'_2; k_1, k_2) \stackrel{(I.20.3)}{=} - \sum_{q'_1, q'_2, q_1, q_2} [g_1]_{k'_1, q'_1}^{-1} [g_1]_{k'_2, q'_2}^{-1} G_2^c(q'_1, q'_2; q_1, q_2) [g_1]_{q_1, k_1} [g_1]_{q_2, k_2} \quad (1)$$

Starting point:

$$\delta_{kk'} \stackrel{(I.14.5)}{=} \int \left\{ \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi_k \delta \phi_{k'}} - [g_0^{-1}]_{kk'} \right\} \frac{\delta^2 \omega^c}{\delta \eta_q \delta \bar{\eta}_k} + \int \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi_{k'} \delta \phi_l} \frac{\delta^2 \omega^c}{\delta \bar{\eta}_q \delta \eta_k} \quad (2)$$

will yield zero when setting  $\phi = \bar{\phi} = 0$  at the end.

Take  $\frac{\delta^2}{\delta \bar{\phi}_{l'} \delta \phi_l}$  (2):

$$0 = \int \left[ \underbrace{\left( \frac{\delta^2}{\delta \bar{\phi}_{l'} \delta \phi_l} \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi_{k'} \delta \phi_{k'}} \right)}_{(I.13.1)} \underbrace{\frac{\delta^2 \omega^c}{\delta \eta_q \delta \bar{\eta}_k}}_{(I.6.5)} + \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi_{k'} \delta \phi_{k'}} - [g_0^{-1}]_{kk'} \right\}}_{(I.14.5)} \underbrace{\sum_{s's} \frac{\delta \bar{\eta}_{s'}}{\delta \phi_{k'}} \frac{\delta \eta_s}{\delta \phi_{k'}}}_{(2.2)} \underbrace{\frac{\delta^2}{\delta \bar{\eta}_{s'} \delta \eta_s}}_{(I.13.1)} \underbrace{\frac{\delta^2 \omega^c}{\delta \eta_q \delta \bar{\eta}_k}}_{(I.6.5)} \right]_{\phi \rightarrow \bar{\phi}} \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{l'} \gamma_2(l', q; k', l) S G_1^c(k; q) + \sum_{s's} \sum_q S (G_1^c)_{2k', l-s}^{-1} (-S G_1^c)_{l's'}^{-1} (-S G_1^c)_{s'e}^{-1} G_2^c(s', k; q, s) \quad (4)$$

For (1.4), we used:

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$$\frac{\delta \eta_s}{\delta \phi_l} \stackrel{(I.16.3)}{=} - \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi_l \delta \phi_s} + [g_0^{-1}]_{sl} = -S [G_1^c]_{sl}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\delta \bar{\eta}_{s'}}{\delta \bar{\phi}_{l'}} \stackrel{(I.15.4)}{=} - \int \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{\phi}_{l'} \delta \phi_{s'}} + [g_0^{-1}]_{l'q} = -S [G_1^c]_{l's'}^{-1}$$

This is how change of variables from  $\eta$  to  $\phi$  produces full Green's functions!!

$\Sigma(G_1^c)_{\bar{k}k}^{-1}$  (1.4)

$$\gamma_2(l', \bar{k}; k', l) = - \sum_{K S S' q} (G_1^c)_{\bar{k}k}^{-1} (G_1^c)_{2k', q}^{-1} (G_1^c)_{l's'}^{-1} (G_1^c)_{se}^{-1} G_2^c(s', k; q, s) \quad (3)$$

relabel:  $l' \rightarrow k'_1; \bar{k} \rightarrow k'_2; k' \rightarrow k_1; l \rightarrow k_2; s' \rightarrow q'_1; k \rightarrow q'_2; q \rightarrow q_1; s \rightarrow q_2$

$$\gamma_2(k'_1, k'_2; k_1, k_2) = \sum_{q'_1, q'_2, q_1, q_2} (G_1^c)_{k'_1, q'_1}^{-1} (G_1^c)_{k'_2, q'_2}^{-1} G_2^c(q'_1, q'_2; q_1, q_2) (G_1^c)_{q_1, k_1}^{-1} (G_1^c)_{q_2, k_2}^{-1} \quad (4)$$

= (4) ✓

# Infrared problems in pert. theory

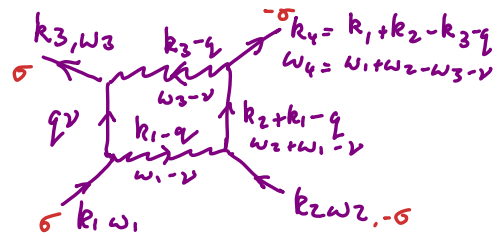
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Perturbation theory for low-dimensional systems often produces infrared divergences.

Example: Consider interacting electron gas in 1D:

A diagram with log. divergence is:

Consider for simplicity:  $k_1 = k_3 = k_F$ ,  $k_2 = k_4 = -k_F$



$$F(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \frac{1}{\beta L} \sum_{q, \nu} \tilde{v}^2(k_F - q) \frac{1}{i\nu - \xi_q} \frac{1}{i(\omega_1 + \omega_2 - \nu) - \xi_{-q}} \quad (1)$$

One dominant contribution comes when  $q \approx -k_F + q'$ ,  $q'$  small

so that  $\xi_{\pm q} = \xi_{\pm q'} - \xi_F = -v_F(\pm q + k_F) = \mp v_F q'$  (linearize, for  $|q'| < \Lambda_0 \approx \text{cutoff}$ ). (2)

Then, for  $T \rightarrow 0$ :

$$F(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \tilde{v}^2(k_F) \left[ \int_0^{\Lambda_0} \frac{dq}{q} - \int_{-\Lambda_0}^0 \frac{dq}{-q} \right] \frac{1}{\omega_1 + \omega_2 - i2v_F q} \sim \ln \left| \frac{\Lambda_0}{\omega_1 + \omega_2} \right| \quad (3)$$

This diverges for  $\omega_1 + \omega_2 \rightarrow 0$ .

General strategy: To avoid infrared divergences, modify propagators:

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replace  $G_q^0(i\omega_n) \rightarrow G_q^{0,\Lambda}(i\omega_n) = \Theta(|\xi_q| - \Lambda) G_q^0(i\omega_n)$  (4a)

or  $G_q^0(i\omega_n) \rightarrow G_q^{0,\Lambda}(i\omega_n) = \Theta(|\omega_n| - \Lambda) G_q^0(i\omega_n)$  (4b)

(specific choice can be fixed later). Then, all vertex functions will depend on  $\Lambda$ , so

$$\frac{d}{d\Lambda} \gamma_m^\Lambda = F(\gamma_1^\Lambda, \dots, \gamma_n^\Lambda; \Lambda) \quad (= \text{some function of } \Lambda) \quad (2)$$

At  $\Lambda = \infty$ ,  $G_q^{0,\Lambda} = 0$ , hence  $\gamma_m = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } m \neq 2 \\ v_{\text{bare}} & \text{for } m = 2 \end{cases}$  (3)

Integrate (2):  $\gamma_m^{\Lambda=0} = \int_0^\infty d\Lambda F(\gamma_1^\Lambda, \dots, \gamma_n^\Lambda; \Lambda) - \delta_{m,2} v_{\text{bare}}$

yields desired vertex functions of theory with full ( $\Lambda=0$ ) propagators.

Advantage of this way of calculating  $\gamma_m^{\Lambda=0}$ : along the way, all infrared problems throughout are regularized by  $\Lambda$ . So, there is hope that  $\int_0^\infty d\Lambda \dots$  also remains well-behaved.

E.g.:  $\lim_{\Lambda \rightarrow 0} \ln \left| \frac{\Lambda}{\omega_1} \right| \rightarrow \infty$ , but  $\int_{\Lambda_0}^\infty d\Lambda \ln \left| \frac{\Lambda}{\omega_1} \right| \neq \infty$

# Flow equation for generating Functionals

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After replacement  $\varphi^0 \rightarrow \varphi^{0,\Lambda}$ , all generating functionals depend on  $\Lambda$ :

Eq.  $\frac{d}{d\Lambda} \Gamma = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(\Gamma, \phi, \bar{\phi}, \Lambda, \varphi^0, \dots)$  (1)

"Expanding" both sides of (1) in powers of  $\phi, \bar{\phi}$ , gives flow eqs for  $\gamma_n$  of the form (4.2).

Define:  $W^\Lambda[\eta, \bar{\eta}] = \int \mathcal{D}(\bar{\psi}, \psi) e^{(\bar{\psi}, \varphi^{0,\Lambda} \psi) - S_{int}(\psi, \bar{\psi}) - (\bar{\eta}, \eta^\Lambda) - (\bar{\eta}^\Lambda, \psi)}$  (2)

$Z_0^\Lambda = \int \mathcal{D}(\bar{\psi}, \psi) e^{(\bar{\psi}, \varphi^{0,\Lambda} \psi)}$  (3)

$W^{c,\Lambda}[\eta, \bar{\eta}] = \ln(W^\Lambda/Z_0^\Lambda)$  (4)

$\eta^\Lambda$  and  $\bar{\eta}^\Lambda$  have to be chosen  $\Lambda$ -dependent, via (I.12.3,6), in such a way that  $\phi, \bar{\phi}$ , which are the natural variables of  $\Gamma[\phi, \bar{\phi}]$ , are  $\Lambda$ -independent.

Note that we normalize (2) by  $Z_0^\Lambda$ , not  $Z^\Lambda$ . (5)

$G_0^{c,\Lambda} \equiv W^{c,\Lambda}|_{\eta=0=\bar{\eta}} = \ln\left(\frac{W^\Lambda|_{\eta=0, \bar{\eta}=0}}{Z_0^\Lambda}\right) \neq 0$  (6) (in contrast to I-6.6)

$\Lambda=0 \Rightarrow \ln Z = \underbrace{G_0^{c,\Lambda=0}}_{-\gamma_0^\Lambda} - \ln Z_0^{\Lambda=0}$  (7)  $\Rightarrow Z$  can be obtained from  $\gamma_0^{\Lambda=0}$  [ $m > 0$  correlators are unaffected by (4)].

Now calculate  $\frac{d}{d\Lambda}$ ; tedious, but straightforward:

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$\dot{W}^{c,\Lambda} \equiv \frac{d W^{c,\Lambda}}{d\Lambda} \stackrel{(5.4)}{=} \frac{d}{d\Lambda} \ln(W^\Lambda/Z_0^\Lambda)$  (1)

To simplify notation, write  $C^\Lambda = (\varphi^{0,\Lambda})^{-1}$ , e.g.

$W^\Lambda = \int \mathcal{D}(\bar{\psi}, \psi) e^{(\bar{\psi}, C^\Lambda \psi) - S_{int} - (\bar{\eta}^\Lambda, \psi) - (\bar{\psi}, \eta^\Lambda)}$  (2)

$Z_0^\Lambda = \int \mathcal{D}(\bar{\psi}, \psi) e^{(\bar{\psi}, C^\Lambda \psi)}$  (3)

Then

$\dot{W}^{c,\Lambda} = \left(\dot{\bar{\eta}}^\Lambda, \frac{\delta W^{c,\Lambda}}{\delta \bar{\eta}^\Lambda}\right) + \left(\dot{\eta}^\Lambda, \frac{\delta W^{c,\Lambda}}{\delta \eta^\Lambda}\right) + \frac{1}{W^\Lambda} \dot{C}^\Lambda \frac{\delta W^\Lambda}{\delta C^\Lambda} - \frac{1}{Z_0^\Lambda} \dot{C}^\Lambda \frac{\delta Z_0^\Lambda}{\delta C^\Lambda}$  (4)

$\frac{1}{Z_0^\Lambda} \dot{C}^\Lambda \frac{\delta Z_0^\Lambda}{\delta C^\Lambda} = \frac{1}{Z_0^\Lambda} \int \mathcal{D}(\bar{\psi}, \psi) \overbrace{(\bar{\psi}, \dot{C}^\Lambda \psi)}^S e^{(\bar{\psi}, C^\Lambda \psi)} \stackrel{(6.1)}{=} \text{Tr}[\dot{C}^\Lambda \varphi^{0,\Lambda}]$  (5)

Similarly:

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$$\frac{1}{W^\Lambda} \dot{c}^\Lambda \frac{\delta W^\Lambda}{\delta c^\Lambda} = \frac{1}{W^\Lambda} \mathcal{D}(\bar{\psi}, \psi) (\bar{\psi}, \dot{c}^\Lambda \psi) e^{(\bar{\psi}, c^\Lambda \psi) - S_{int} - (\bar{\eta}^\Lambda, \psi) - (\bar{\psi}, \eta^\Lambda)} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{W^\Lambda} \text{Tr} \left[ \dot{c}^\Lambda \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\eta}^\Lambda} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta^\Lambda} W^\Lambda \right] \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{W^\Lambda} \text{Tr} \left[ \dot{c}^\Lambda \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\eta}^\Lambda} W^\Lambda \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta^\Lambda} \ln W^\Lambda \right] \quad (3)$$

$$\ln W^\Lambda = W^{c,\Lambda}$$

$$= \text{Tr} \left[ \dot{c}^\Lambda \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\eta}^\Lambda} W^{c,\Lambda} \frac{\delta}{\delta \eta^\Lambda} W^{c,\Lambda} + \dot{c}^\Lambda \frac{\delta^2 W^{c,\Lambda}}{\delta \bar{\eta}^\Lambda \delta \eta^\Lambda} \right] \quad (4)$$

$\underbrace{\frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{\eta}^\Lambda} W^{c,\Lambda}}_{-\phi} \xrightarrow{\text{(I.11.1)}} \underbrace{\frac{\delta}{\delta \eta^\Lambda} W^{c,\Lambda}}_{-\delta \bar{\phi}} \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{\frac{\delta^2 W^{c,\Lambda}}{\delta \bar{\eta}^\Lambda \delta \eta^\Lambda}}_{\text{(I.19.1)}} = \mathcal{V}_{\bar{\phi}\phi}^{\Lambda(1,1)}$

Combining (6.4), (6.5), (7.4):

$$\dot{W}^{c,\Lambda} = -(\dot{\eta}^\Lambda, \phi) - (\bar{\phi}, \dot{\eta}^\Lambda) + (\bar{\phi}, \dot{c}^\Lambda \phi) + \text{Tr} \left[ \dot{c}^\Lambda (\mathcal{V}_{\bar{\phi}\phi}^{\Lambda(1,1)} - \mathcal{G}^{0,\Lambda}) \right] \quad (5)$$

With (7.5) in hand, the flow eq. for  $\Gamma$  follows readily:

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$$\Gamma[\phi, \bar{\phi}] \stackrel{\text{(I.11.3)}}{=} -\mathcal{W}^c[\eta, \bar{\eta}] - (\bar{\phi}, \eta) - (\bar{\eta}, \phi) + (\bar{\phi}, \mathcal{G}_0^c \phi) \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{\Gamma}^\Lambda = -\dot{\mathcal{W}}^{c,\Lambda} - (\bar{\phi}, \dot{\eta}^\Lambda) - (\dot{\eta}^\Lambda, \phi) + (\bar{\phi}, \dot{c}^\Lambda \phi) \quad (2)$$

$$\dot{\Gamma}^\Lambda = -\text{Tr} \left[ \dot{c}^\Lambda (\mathcal{V}_{\bar{\phi}\phi}^{\Lambda(1,1)} - \mathcal{G}^{0,\Lambda}) \right] \quad (3)$$

Drop superscript  $\Lambda$  henceforth (for convenience).

Our next task is to express  $\mathcal{V}_{\bar{\phi}\phi}^{\Lambda(1,1)}$  in terms of  $\Gamma$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ . Recall:

$$\mathcal{V}_{\bar{\phi}\phi}(\Gamma, \mathcal{G}^0) \stackrel{\text{(I.19.1)}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{W}^c}{\delta \bar{\eta} \delta \eta} & \int \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{W}^c}{\delta \bar{\eta} \delta \bar{\eta}} \\ \int \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{W}^c}{\delta \eta \delta \eta} & \frac{\delta^2 \mathcal{W}^c}{\delta \eta \delta \bar{\eta}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi} - \int \mathcal{G}_0^T & \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \bar{\phi}} \\ \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi \delta \phi} & \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi \delta \bar{\phi}} - [\mathcal{G}_0^T]^t \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \quad (4)$$

Write  $\frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi} - \gamma_1 + \gamma_1 - S g_0^{-1} = u + g^{-1}$  (1)

Similarly:  $\frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi \delta \bar{\phi}} - \gamma_1 + \gamma_1 - (g_0^{-1})^t = S(u + g^{-1})^t$  *transpose* (2)

Hence:  $\mathcal{V}_{\bar{\phi}, \phi}^{(0,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} u + g^{-1} & \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi} \\ \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi \delta \bar{\phi}} & S(u + g^{-1})^t \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} g^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & S(g^{-1})^t \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} u & \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi} \\ \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi \delta \bar{\phi}} & S u^t \end{pmatrix} \right]^{-1}$  (3)

$= \left[ \begin{pmatrix} g^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & S(g^{-1})^t \end{pmatrix} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} g u & g \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi} \\ S g^T \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi \delta \bar{\phi}} & S g^T u^t \end{pmatrix}}_{\equiv A} \right] \right]^{-1}$  (4)

$\mathcal{V}_{\bar{\phi}, \phi} = \tilde{\mathcal{V}}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & S g^T \end{pmatrix}$  (5)

Now expand:

$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}^{-1} = (1 + A)^{-1} = 1 - A + A A - A A A + \dots$  (1)

$= 1 - \begin{pmatrix} g u & g \bar{s}^2 \\ S g^T s^2 & S g^T u^t \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} g u & g \bar{s}^2 \\ S g^T s^2 & S g^T u^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g u & g \bar{s}^2 \\ S g^T s^2 & S g^T u^t \end{pmatrix} + \dots$  (2)

$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}_{(1,0)}^{-1} = 1 - g u + (g u g u + S g \bar{s}^2 g^T s^2) + (g u g u g u + \dots)$  (3)

*brackets group order of expansion*

To evaluate  $u, s^2, \bar{s}^2$ , we need explicit expression for  $\Gamma$ :

$\gamma_m(k'_1, \dots, k'_m; k_1, \dots, k_m) = \frac{\delta^m}{\delta \bar{\phi}_{k'_1} \dots \delta \bar{\phi}_{k'_m}} \frac{\delta^m}{\delta \phi_{k_m} \dots \delta \phi_{k_1}} \Gamma[\phi, \bar{\phi}] \Big|_{\phi = \bar{\phi} = 0}$  (4)

$\Rightarrow$

*(pulling  $\frac{\delta}{\delta \phi_{k_i}}$  past  $\bar{\phi}_{k'_i}$  gives  $S$ )*

$\Gamma = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m!)^2} \sum_{k'_1, \dots, k'_m} \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_m} \gamma_m(k'_1, \dots, k'_m; k_1, \dots, k_m) \bar{\phi}_{k'_1} \dots \bar{\phi}_{k'_m} \phi_{k_m} \dots \phi_{k_1}$  (5)

$\uparrow$  since  $\gamma$ 's are antisymmetric w.r.t.  $k'_i \leftrightarrow k'_j$  and/or  $k_i \leftrightarrow k_j$

$$U_{g_2}^{(2.1)} = \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{\phi}_2 \delta \phi_2} - \gamma_1$$

← subtracts off  $m=1$  contribution

shifts  $m$  by 1

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{g^m}{(m!)^2} \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_m} \sum_{k'_1, \dots, k'_m} \gamma_{m+1}(k'_1, \dots, k'_m, g'; k_1, \dots, k_m, g) \bar{\phi}_{k_1} \dots \bar{\phi}_{k_m} \phi_{k_m} \dots \phi_{k_1} \quad (1)$$

Note:  $U$  is at least of order  $\bar{\phi}\phi$  and does not depend on  $\gamma_0, \delta_1$ .

Now we are finally in a position to write down flow equations for  $\gamma_m$ , by expanding (8.3), and using (10.3) on RHS:

$$\dot{\gamma}^\wedge \stackrel{(8.3)}{=} - \text{Tr} \left[ \dot{c}^\wedge \left( \underbrace{\gamma^\wedge}_{(10.3)} \left( \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi} - g_0 \right) - g_0 \right) \right] \quad (2)$$

[1 -  $gU$  + ...]  $g$

$m=0$ :

"zero-particle vertex function":

$$\dot{\gamma}_0 = - \text{Tr} \left[ \dot{c}^\wedge (g - g_0) \right] \quad (3)$$

$m=1$ : "single-particle vertex function"

Collect terms linear in  $\bar{\phi}_{k'} \phi_k$  from (11.2): (or take  $\frac{\delta^2 \Gamma}{\delta \phi_{k'} \delta \phi_k} \Big|_{\phi=0=\bar{\phi}}$ )

$$\dot{\gamma}_1(k', k) = \sum_{g, g'} \left( g \dot{c}^\wedge g \right)_{gg'} \underbrace{\gamma_2(k', g'; k, g)}_{\text{shorthand} \equiv [\gamma_2(k', \cdot; k, \cdot)]_{g, g'}} \quad (1)$$

Define:  $S \equiv g \dot{c}^\wedge g = g [g_0]^{-1} g \equiv \text{---} \text{---} \text{---}$  (2)

diagrammatic convention

$$\dot{\gamma}_1(k', k) = \text{Tr} [ S \gamma_2(k', \cdot; k, \cdot) ]$$



Flow eq. for  $\gamma_1$  expressed in terms of  $\gamma_2$  (which contains only two-particle-irreducible diagrams). NICE!