

# PSet-01, Due on 19/08/2023, 11PM

[42 points ], Kindly put in my mailbox near FB-382

1. Argue Kepler's law from dimensional analysis starting from  $F \propto 1/r^2$ . What kind of scales are being ignored? [2 pts]
2. Prove that Fourier transform of  $K^{-1}(r - r')$  is given by  $1/\tilde{K}(k)$  where  $\tilde{K}(k)$  is the Fourier transform of  $K(r - r')$ . [1 pt]
3. List all the typos that you spot in <https://www-thphys.physics.ox.ac.uk/people/JohnCardy/rgft.pdf> [4 pts]
4. You have seen that the tree level RG eigenvalue of the  $\phi^4$  coupling is  $4 - \mathcal{D}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  dimensions. Find the tree level RG eigenvalue of the coupling corresponding to a term of the form  $\nabla^m \phi^n$ . [2 pts]
5. Perturbative RG

(a) Consider

$$Z = \text{Tr} e^{-H_* - \sum_i g_i \sum_r a^{\Delta_i} \phi_i(r)}$$

around the fixed point.  $\phi_i(r)$  are scaling operators of dimension  $(\text{length})^{-\Delta_i}$ . What is the dimension of  $g_i$ ? [1 pt]

- (b) Expand  $Z$  in powers of  $g_i$ . Show that the linear order term can be expressed as sum (both over  $i$  as well as lattice sites  $r$ ) of one point functions. Write the expansion till  $O(g_i g_j g_k)$ . Express in continuum limit, i.e. replace the lattice sum  $\sum_r$  appropriately. Note that the continuum integrals have in-built in them the lattice cut-off, points cannot come closer than  $a$ . [3 pts]
- (c) Note, that we are expanding analytically in  $g_i$  of a function around a point where it is supposed to be non-analytic in  $g_i$  [since this is a critical point]. What is the resolution to this puzzle? [2 pts]
- (d) Now change cut-off :  $a \rightarrow a + \delta l$  and let us ask how  $g_i$  need to change to preserve  $Z$ . First identify where  $a$  dependence comes in both explicitly as well as implicitly.
  - i. Show that the explicit dependence can be compensated via  $g_i \rightarrow g_i + (\mathcal{D} - \Delta_i)g_i \delta l$  in the infinitesimal  $\delta l$  limit. Next the implicit dependence which enters through the continuum integrals :

$$\int_{|r_1 - r_2| > a(1 + \delta l)}$$

can be made to look like the older cut-off by doing the split :

$$\int_{|r_1 - r_2| > a(1 + \delta l)} = \int_{|r_1 - r_2| > a} - \int_{a(1 + \delta l) > |r_1 - r_2| > a}$$

. The first term gives back original contribution as the second order term in  $O(g_i g_j)$ , for the shell integral term, find how this can be re-absorbed by change of coupling into the one-point function term. Hint: Use

$$\phi_i(r_1)\phi_j(r_2) = \sum_k c_{ijk}\phi_k\left(\frac{r_1+r_2}{2}\right).$$

and split integrals  $d^{\mathcal{D}}r_1 d^{\mathcal{D}}r_2$  into sum and difference variables and do integral over the difference. [ 3 pts]

ii. Plugging everything together derive:

$$dg_k/dl = (\mathcal{D} - \Delta_k)g_k - \sum_{ij} c_{ijk}g_i g_j.$$

[2 pts]

6. Prove that the density of states in momentum space for  $\Delta = 2$  can be expressed as convolution of two  $\delta$  functions. [2 pt]

7. Special conformal transformations (SCT):

- (a) Derive the constrained form for  $c_{\mu\nu\rho}$  which parametrizes the quadratic part of  $\epsilon_\mu$ . What degree of freedom is still left? [2 pt]
- (b) From here derive  $\delta x^\mu = 2(x \cdot b)x^\mu - b^\mu x^2$ . [2 pt]
- (c) Under the SCT show that the metric indeed changes by a conformal factor  $\Lambda(x) = (1 - 2b \cdot x + b^2 x^2)^2$ . [2 pt]
- (d) From the definition of generator :  $iG^a \phi = \frac{\delta x^a}{\delta \epsilon^a} \partial_\mu \phi - \frac{\delta R}{\delta \epsilon^a}$  assuming that field does not change, derive :  $K_\mu = -i(2x_\mu x^\nu \partial_\nu - x^2 \partial_\mu)$ . [3 pt]
- (e) Derive the relationship of  $|x'_i - x'_j|$  in terms of  $|x_i - x_j|$  under SCT. [3 pt]
- (f) Starting from assuming the action of conformal generators at  $x = 0$  find action  $K_\mu \phi(x)$ . [4 pt]
- (g) Verify the commutator :  $[K_\mu, P_\nu]$  and  $[K_\mu, L_{\rho\sigma}]$ . [2+2 pt ]