

We have seen how to obtain the spectral density,  $g(\omega)$ , from a known  $\Pi_E(\omega_n)$ , through a certain analytic continuation. There are circumstances, however, where only the function  $\tilde{\Pi}_E(\tau) = \langle \hat{A}(\tau) \hat{B}(0) \rangle$  is known, and only numerically (e.g. via a non-perturbative lattice measurement). Show that in this case the following relation holds in between  $g(\omega)$  and  $\tilde{\Pi}_E(\tau)$ :

$$\tilde{\Pi}_E(\tau) = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \left[ \frac{g(\omega) - g(-\omega)}{2} \cdot \frac{\cosh(\frac{\beta}{2} - \tau)\omega}{\sinh \frac{\beta}{2}\omega} + \frac{g(\omega) + g(-\omega)}{2} \cdot \frac{\sinh(\frac{\beta}{2} - \tau)\omega}{\sinh \frac{\beta}{2}\omega} \right]$$

Solution

$$\Pi_E(\omega_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\pi} \frac{g(\omega)}{\omega - i\omega_n} = \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{i\omega_n \tau} \tilde{\Pi}_E(\tau)$$

Recall:  $T \sum_{\omega_n} e^{-i\omega_n \tau} = \delta(\tau \text{ mod } \beta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \tilde{\Pi}_E(\tau) &= T \sum_{\omega_n} e^{-i\omega_n \tau} \Pi_E(\omega_n) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\pi} g(\omega) \cdot T \sum_{\omega_n} \frac{e^{-i\omega_n \tau}}{\omega - i\omega_n} \end{aligned}$$

Let us inspect the sum. Consider separately  $w < 0$  and  $w > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{w > 0}: \quad T \sum_{\omega_n} \frac{e^{-i\omega_n \tau}}{\omega - i\omega_n} &= T \sum_{\omega_n} \int_0^\infty ds e^{-i\omega_n \tau - s\omega + s i\omega_n} \\ &= \int_0^\infty ds e^{-s\omega} \delta(\tau - s \text{ mod } \beta) \\ &= e^{-\tau\omega} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\beta n \omega} = e^{-\tau\omega} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}} \\ &= \frac{e^{(\beta - \tau)\omega}}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1} \quad (0 < \tau < \beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{w < 0}: \quad -T \sum_{\omega_n} \frac{e^{-i\omega_n \tau}}{|\omega| + i\omega_n} &= -T \sum_{\omega_n} \int_0^\infty ds e^{-i\omega_n \tau - s|\omega| - s i\omega_n} \\ &= - \int_0^\infty ds e^{-s|\omega|} \delta(\tau + s \text{ mod } \beta) \\ &= -e^{\tau|\omega|} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\beta n |\omega|} = -\frac{e^{\tau|\omega|} e^{-\beta|\omega|}}{1 - e^{-\beta|\omega|}} \\ &= -\frac{e^{(\beta - \tau)\omega}}{1 - e^{\beta\omega}} = \frac{e^{(\beta - \tau)\omega}}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

Now symmetrise this object:

$$f(w) = \frac{e^{(\beta-\tau)w}}{e^{\beta w} - 1} = \frac{1}{2} [f(w) + f(-w)] + \frac{1}{2} [f(w) - f(-w)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Symmetric part: } \frac{1}{2} [f(w) + f(-w)] &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{e^{(\beta-\tau)w}}{e^{\beta w} - 1} + \frac{e^{(\tau-\beta)w}}{e^{\beta w} - 1} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\beta w} - 1} \left\{ e^{(\beta-\tau)w} - e^{\tau w} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{\left(\frac{\beta}{2}-\tau\right)w} - e^{\left(\tau-\frac{\beta}{2}\right)w}}{e^{\frac{\beta}{2}w} - e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}w}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}-\tau\right)w}{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)w} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Antisymmetric part: } \frac{1}{2} [f(w) - f(-w)] &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{e^{(\beta-\tau)w}}{e^{\beta w} - 1} - \frac{e^{(\tau-\beta)w}}{e^{\beta w} - 1} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{\beta w} - 1} \left\{ e^{(\beta-\tau)w} + e^{\tau w} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}-\tau\right)w}{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)w} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \tilde{\Pi}_E(\tau) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dw}{\pi} g(w) f(w) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dw}{\pi} \left[ \frac{g(w) + g(-w)}{2} + \frac{g(w) - g(-w)}{2} \right] \left[ \frac{f(w) + f(-w)}{2} + \frac{f(w) - f(-w)}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Crossterms vanish

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dw}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{g(w) + g(-w)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}-\tau\right)w}{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)w} + \frac{g(w) - g(-w)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}-\tau\right)w}{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)w} \right\}$$

now both terms even in  $w \rightarrow -w$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dw}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{g(w) + g(-w)}{2} \cdot \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}-\tau\right)w}{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)w} + \frac{g(w) - g(-w)}{2} \cdot \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}-\tau\right)w}{\sinh\left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)w} \right\} \quad \square$$

Usually (if  $\hat{U} = \hat{D}$ ) this part vanishes, i.e.  $g(w)$  is odd.