Quark Free Energies and Electric Fluxes

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Confinement/Deconfinement

- pure gauge theory:
 - first-order transition (\mathbb{Z}_3 -symmetry): Polyakov loop $\langle L \rangle \iff$ infinitely heavy charge
 - 't Hooft string tension, static quark-anti-quark potential, etc.



Naive Approach

fugacity expansion:

$$Z(T, \mu = i\theta T) = \sum_{N} e^{iN\theta} Z_N(T)$$

canonical ensemble:

$$Z_N(T) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \mathrm{d}\theta \,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}N\theta} Z(T,\mathrm{i}\theta T)$$

Problem

Roberge-Weiss-Symmetry:

$$Z\left(\theta\right) = Z\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

•
$$Z_N = 0$$
 for all $N \neq 0 \mod 3$



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Goal/Objective

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 $N = 1 \mod 3 = \dots, -11, -8, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots$

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Lattice QCD

Spacetime Geometry

- hyper-cubical lattice
- in all directions:
 - finite $(L_{\mu} < \infty)$
 - periodic (torus)

Thermodynamic Ensemble partition function:

$$Z(T,\mu) = \int \mathcal{D}[\ldots] \,\mathrm{e}^S$$

Imaginary Time

 $T^{-1} = L_4 a_4$

$$Z(T,\mu) = \operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{e}^{-\beta \hat{H}}) = \operatorname{tr}(\underbrace{\mathrm{e}^{-a_4 \hat{H}} \cdots \mathrm{e}^{-a_4 \hat{H}}}_{L_4 \text{ times}})$$

Lattice QCD



Field Variables

- fermions: $\overline{\psi}_i^{a\alpha}$ and $\psi_i^{a\alpha}$ (Grassmann numbers)
- gauge fields: $U_{\langle i,j\rangle} \in \mathrm{SU}(3)$ and $U_{\langle j,i\rangle} = U_{\langle i,j\rangle}^{\dagger}$

Lattice Action

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$$S(\overline{\psi}, \psi, U) = S_{\text{Gauge}}(U) + S_{\text{Fermion}}(\overline{\psi}, \psi, U)$$

How is S chosen?

• gauge-invariance $(\Omega_i \in SU(3))$

$$\psi_i \longrightarrow \Omega_i \psi_i, \quad \overline{\psi}_i \longrightarrow \overline{\psi}_i \Omega_i^{\dagger}, \quad U_{\langle i,j \rangle} \longrightarrow \Omega_i U_{\langle i,j \rangle} \Omega_j^{\dagger}$$

require naive limit:

$$S(\overline{\psi},\psi,U) \longrightarrow S_{\text{QCD}}(\overline{\psi}(x),\psi(x),A_{\mu}(x)) \qquad (a_4,a \to 0^+)$$

This is NOT rigorous! Merely a HEURISTIC guess!

Here

Wilson Plaquette Action + Wilson Fermions (one flavor)

Wilson Plaquette Action

plaquette:

$$U_P = U_{\langle i,i+\hat{\mu} \rangle} U_{\langle i+\hat{\mu},i+\hat{\mu}+\hat{
u} \rangle} U_{\langle i+\hat{\mu}+\hat{
u},i+\hat{
u} \rangle} U_{\langle i+\hat{\mu},i+\hat{
u} \rangle}$$

action:







Wilson Fermions

$$S_{\text{Fermion}}(\overline{\psi},\psi,U) = \sum_{i,\mu} \kappa \left[\overline{\psi}_i \Lambda^+_{i,\mu} \psi_{i+\hat{\mu}} + \overline{\psi}_{i+\hat{\mu}} \Lambda^-_{i,\mu} \psi_i \right] - \sum_i \overline{\psi}_i \psi_i$$

with

$$\Lambda_{i,\mu}^{+} = ((1 - \delta_{\mu,4}) + e^{+a_{4}\mu}\delta_{\mu,4})(1 - \gamma_{\mu})U_{\langle i,i+\hat{\mu}\rangle}$$

$$\Lambda_{i,\mu}^{-} = ((1 - \delta_{\mu,4}) + e^{-a_{4}\mu}\delta_{\mu,4})(1 + \gamma_{\mu})U_{\langle i+\hat{\mu},i\rangle}$$



Partition Function

$$\begin{split} Z(T,\mu) &= \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}\overline{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \, \mathrm{e}^{S_{\mathrm{Gauge}} + S_{\mathrm{Fermion}}} \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}U \, \mathrm{e}^{S_{\mathrm{Gauge}}} \left(\int \mathcal{D}\overline{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \, \mathrm{e}^{S_{\mathrm{Fermion}}} \right) \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}U \, \mathrm{e}^{S_{\mathrm{Gauge}}(U)} \underbrace{\det M(U)}_{\text{fermion determinant}} \end{split}$$

Continuum Limit

- define continuum limit $a_4, a \rightarrow 0^+$ such that
 - whatever comes out resembles a relativistic QFT
 - physical quantities are reproduced correctly (e.g. hadron masses,...)

Scaling Limit

Assume $a_4 = a$.

$$R_a(g_0,\kappa,a\mu) = (\mathcal{O}_1,\mathcal{O}_2,\ldots)$$

Line of constant physics:

$$\lambda(a) = R_a^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2, \ldots)$$



Effective Theory (Requirements)

- only spatial lattice
- local quark numbers
- Roberge-Weiss-Symmetry
- local Gauss Law (charges and fluxes)

Idea

Reduce all degrees of freedom to center elements only:

$$\mathbf{Z}_3 = \left\{ 1, \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{i}\frac{2\pi}{3}}, \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{i}\frac{4\pi}{3}} \right\} \le \mathrm{SU}(3)$$





Effective Theory

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}U \, \mathrm{e}^{S_{\mathrm{Gauge}}(U)} \mathrm{det} \, M(U) \longrightarrow \int \mathcal{D}L \, \mathrm{e}^{\tilde{S}_{\mathrm{Gauge}}(L)} \prod_{\vec{x}} Q(L_{\vec{x}})$$
$$\longrightarrow \frac{1}{3^{N_s}} \sum_{\{z_{\vec{x}}\}} \, \mathrm{e}^{S_{\mathrm{eff}}(z)} \prod_{\vec{x}} Q(z_{\vec{x}})$$

Strong Coupling and Heavy Mass Limit¹

effective action

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}U_4 \int \mathcal{D}U_k \, \mathrm{e}^{S_{\mathrm{Gauge}}} \, \mathrm{det} \, M = \int \mathcal{D}U_4 \, \mathrm{e}^{S_{\mathrm{eff}}}$$

• expand S_{eff} around $g_0 \to \infty$ (strong coupling), $\kappa = 0$ (heavy mass):

$$e^{S_{\text{eff}}} \approx \left(\prod_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} \left[1 + 2\lambda \operatorname{Re} L_{\vec{x}} L_{\vec{y}}^*\right]\right) \prod_{\vec{x}} Q(L_{\vec{x}})$$

with

$$Q(L_{\vec{x}}) = (1 + hL_{\vec{x}} + h^2 L_{\vec{x}}^* + h^3)^2 (1 + \overline{h}L_{\vec{x}}^* + \overline{h}^2 L_{\vec{x}} + \overline{h}^3)^2$$

$$h = (2\kappa e^{a_4\mu})^{L_4} = (e^{-a_4m} e^{a_4\mu})^{L_4} = e^{(\mu-m)/T}$$

$$\overline{h} = (2\kappa e^{-a_4\mu})^{L_4} = (e^{-a_4m} e^{-a_4\mu})^{L_4} = e^{-(\mu+m)/T}$$

¹J. Langelage, M. Neuman, O. Philipsen, S. Lottini, M. Fromm (JHEP 2011, 57 (2011); 2012, 42 (2012); 2014, 131 (2014))

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Approximation of Group Integration

$\int \mathrm{d}U f(\mathrm{tr}(U)) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \sum_{z} f(3z)$ 2 $\int \mathrm{d}L J(L) f(L) \longrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \sum f(z)$ lm(L) 0 -1 maintain invariance: -2 $\frac{1}{3}\sum_{-}f(w\cdot z) = \frac{1}{3}\sum_{-}f(z)$ -1 0 $z \in \mathbb{Z}_3$

Re(L)

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Effective Theory

$$Z_{\text{eff}}(T,\mu) = \frac{1}{3^{N_s}} \sum_{\{z_{\vec{x}}\}} \left(\prod_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} \left[1 + 2\lambda \text{Re} \, z_{\vec{x}} z_{\vec{y}}^* \right] \right) \prod_{\vec{x}} Q(z_{\vec{x}})$$



Flux-Tube Model¹

- flux tube (electric fluxes): $l_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} \in \{1, 0, -1\}$ $(l_{\langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle} = -l_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle})$
- quark and anti-quarks: $n_{\vec{x},\uparrow}, n_{\vec{x},\downarrow}, \overline{n}_{\vec{x},\uparrow}, \overline{n}_{\vec{x},\downarrow} \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

quarks anti-quarks



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¹A. Patel, Nucl. Phys. B243 (1984) 411, C. Bernard et al., Phys. Rev. D 49 (1994), 6051, J. Condella and C. DeTar, Phys. Rev. D 61 (2000), 074023

Hamiltonian

$$\begin{split} H(\{l,n\}) = &\sum_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} \sigma a |l_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle}| \\ &+ \sum_{\vec{x}, s = \uparrow, \downarrow} m(n_{\vec{x}, s} + \overline{n}_{\vec{x}, s}) \end{split}$$

Local Gauss Law



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Flux-Tube Model

$$Z_{\text{flux}}(T,\mu) = \sum_{\{l,n\}} e^{-\frac{1}{T}H(\{l,n\}) + \frac{\mu}{T}\sum_{\vec{x}} q_{\vec{x}}} \prod_{\vec{x}} \delta(q_{\vec{x}} = \phi_{\vec{x}} \mod 3)$$

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Flux-Tube Model \equiv Effective Theory

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Total Charge





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Total Charge

$$\sum_{\vec{x}} q_{\vec{x}} \mod 3 = \sum_{\vec{x}} \underbrace{\sum_{\vec{y} \sim \vec{x}}}_{l\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle}^{=\phi_{\vec{x}}} = \sum_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} (l_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} + l_{\langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle})$$
$$= \sum_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} (l_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} - l_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle})$$
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Ensemble with Fixed Quark Number

$$Z_{\text{flux}}^{(1)}(T,\mu) = \sum_{\{l,n\}} \dots \delta(q_V = 1 \mod 3) \prod_{\vec{x}} \delta(q_{\vec{x}} = \phi_{\vec{x}} \mod 3)$$

fix net quark number in partial volume V, e.g. $q_V = 1 \mod 3$:







$$Z_{\text{flux}}^{(1)} = \dots = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=0}^{2} e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}k} Z_{\text{eff}}(k) = Z_{\text{eff}}^{(1)}$$

Twisted Ensemble

$$\begin{split} Z_{\text{eff}}(k) &= \prod_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle} \left(1 + 2\lambda \text{Re} \left[e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}s_{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle}k} z_{\vec{x}} z_{\vec{y}}^* \right] \right) \\ &\times \prod_{\vec{x}} Q(z_{\vec{x}}) \end{split}$$







Figure: $\sigma a/m = 0.3$ and T/m = 0.1



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Figure: L = 20, $\sigma a/m = 0.3$



$$\Delta F_{\infty} = \lim_{L \to \infty} \left(-T \ln \frac{Z_{\text{eff}}^{(1)}}{Z_{\text{eff}}^{(0)}} \right)$$



Figure: L = 64, $\sigma a/m = 0.3$

Low Temperature Expansion

$$\Delta F = \left(\Delta_0^{(1)} - \Delta_0^{(0)}\right) - T \ln\left(\frac{N_0^{(1)} + N_1^{(1)} e^{-(\Delta_1^{(1)} - \Delta_0^{(1)})/T} + \dots}{N_0^{(0)} + N_1^{(0)} e^{-(\Delta_1^{(0)} - \Delta_0^{(0)})/T} + \dots}\right)$$
$$\Delta = H - \mu q$$

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Figure: L = 64, $\sigma a/m = 0.3$

Low Temperature Expansion

$$\Delta_0^{(1)} - \Delta_0^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 2m + \sigma a, & \mu \le m/3\\ 3|m - \mu| + \sigma a, & \mu > m/3 \end{cases}$$

Flux-Tube Model (Effective Theory)



Figure: $\sigma a/m = 3$, $\mu/m = 0$





Figure:
$$\sigma a/m = 3$$
, $\mu/m = 0$

$$L_{1} \times (L_{2}L_{3})$$

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Entropic Term



Flux-Tube Model (Effective Theory)



Figure: $\mu/m = 0$













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Effective Theory



Full QCD (Naive)



$$\operatorname{Re}\left(z_{\vec{x}}z_{\vec{y}}^{*}\right) \to \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re}\left(\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\frac{2\pi}{3}k}z_{\vec{x}}z_{\vec{y}}^{*}\right) \\ \operatorname{Re}\left(\mathrm{e}^{+\mathrm{i}\frac{2\pi}{3}k}z_{\vec{x}}z_{\vec{y}}^{*}\right) \end{cases}$$

$$\operatorname{ReTr}\left(U_{P}\right) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \operatorname{ReTr}\left(e^{+i\frac{2\pi}{3}k}U_{P}\right) \\ \operatorname{ReTr}\left(e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{3}k}U_{P}\right) \end{cases}$$

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$$\hat{H} \longrightarrow \hat{H'}$$

Requirements

\hat{H}^\prime should be

- self-adjoint
- gauge-invariant
- derived from \hat{H} (only modify at \mathcal{S})
- $\ \ \, [\hat{P}_{0,1,2},\hat{H}']=0$



Modified Dynamics

$$\hat{H}' = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{z \in \mathbb{Z}_3} \hat{\phi}_{\mathcal{S}}^z \hat{H} \hat{\phi}_{\mathcal{S}}^{z^{-1}}$$

Modified Dynamics

$$Z^{(1)} = \operatorname{tr}\left(\hat{P}_{1} \mathrm{e}^{\frac{\mu}{T}\hat{N}} \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{1}{T}\hat{H}'}\right)$$



Thank You!