

Diagrammatic Monte Carlo

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Monte Carlo methods in physics

- huge class of computational algorithms
- common feature \implies random numbers
- used when analytical and numerical solutions are not feasible
- 3 main applications:
 - numerical integration (MC integration) $\sigma \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$
 - sampling from complicated probability distributions (MCMC)
 - optimization
- classical vs. quantum Monte Carlo

Some statistics notation

- Probability density function $p(x)$:

- $p(x) \geq 0$

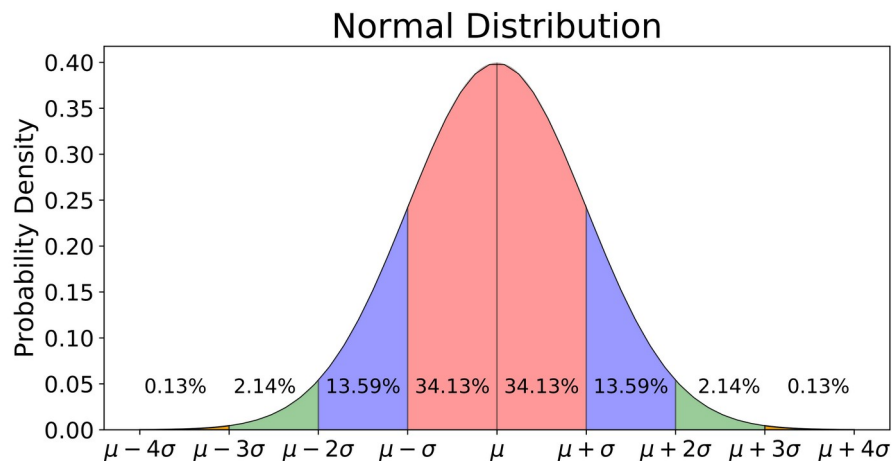
- $\int_{\Omega} p(x) dx = 1$

- Expected value:

- $E[X] = \langle X \rangle_p = \int_{\Omega} xp(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = \bar{X}$

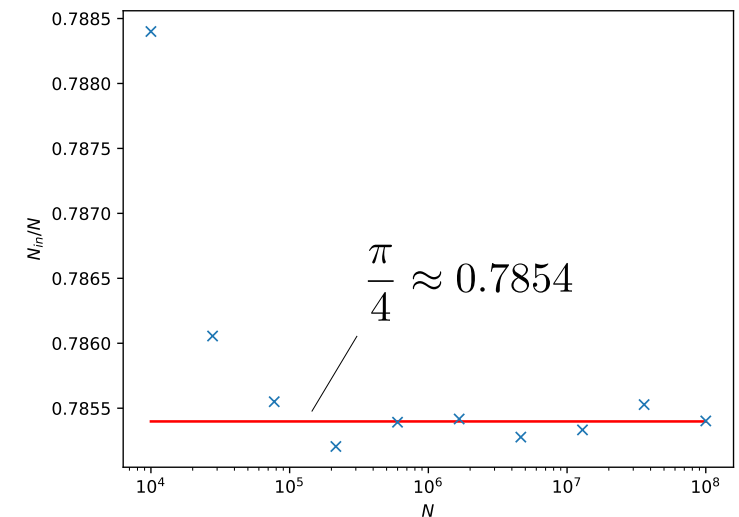
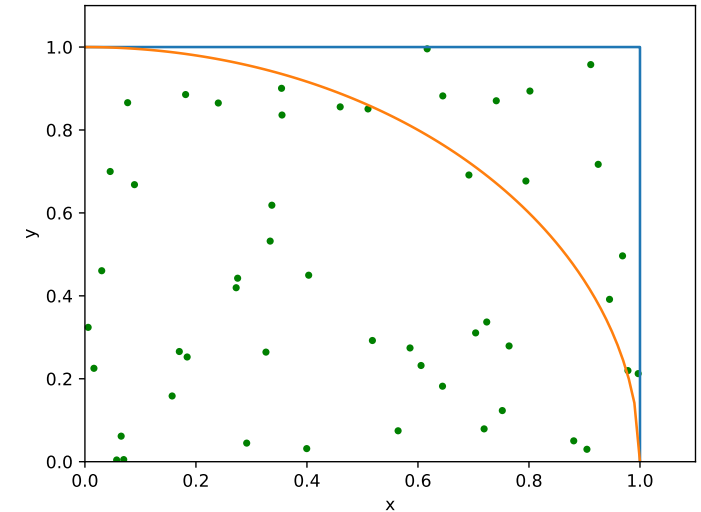
- Variance:

- $\sigma_X^2 = E[(X - E[X])^2] \approx \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{X})^2 = s_X^2$
 - $\sigma_X^2 = \frac{\sigma_X^2}{N}$ (only for uncorrelated samples)



The infamous calculation of π

- **Goal:** calculate π using MC methods
- Standard recipe:
 - produce N points (x_i, y_i) uniformly within the unit square
 - count the points N_{in} within the unit circle
 - approximate π using: $\frac{\pi}{4} \approx \frac{N_{in}}{N}$
- lean back and observe the convergence for increasing N



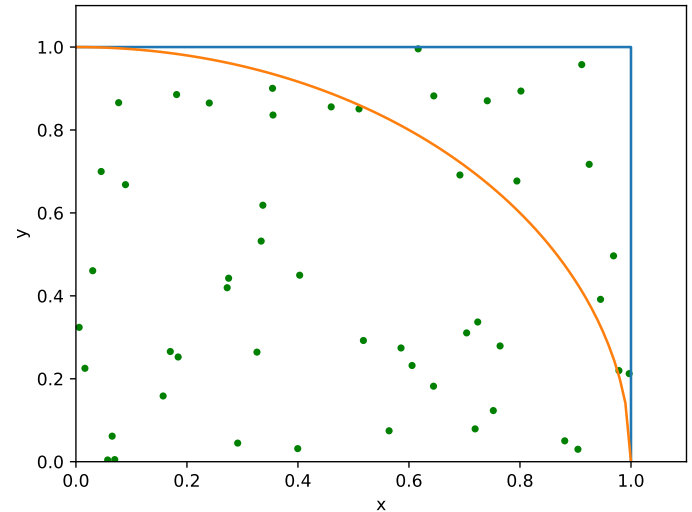
The infamous calculation of π

- Under the hood:
 - 2-dim integral
 - rewritten as an expectation value

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \iint_0^1 f(x, y) dx dy = \iint_0^1 \frac{f(x, y)}{p(x, y)} p(x, y) dx dy$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \left\langle \frac{f(x, y)}{p(x, y)} \right\rangle_p \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f(x_i, y_i)}{p(x_i, y_i)} = \frac{N_{in}}{N}$$

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad p(x, y) = \mathcal{U}(0, 1) * \mathcal{U}(0, 1) = 1$$



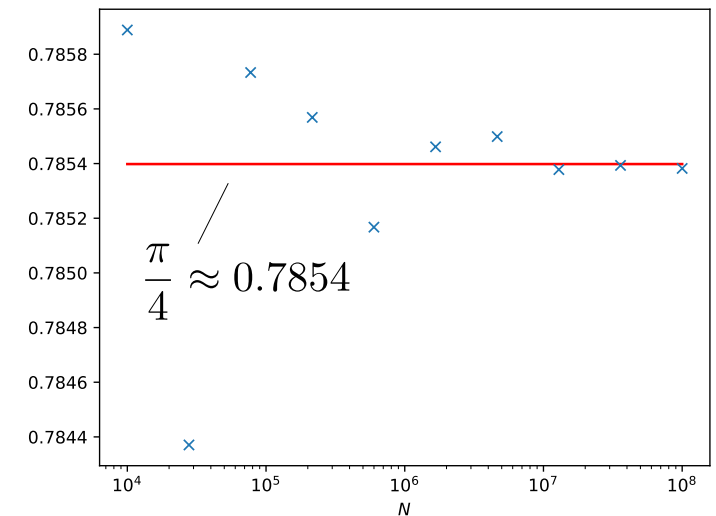
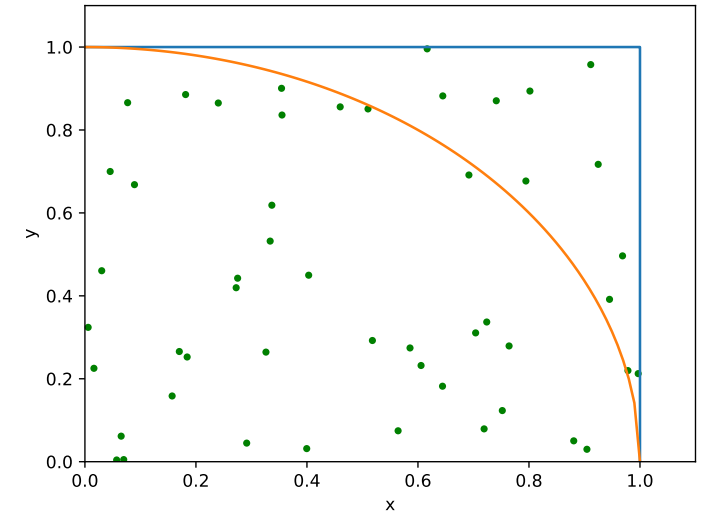
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- Alternative way:
 - 1-dim integral
 - rewritten as an expectation value

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{f(x)}{p(x)} p(x) dx$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \left\langle \frac{f(x)}{p(x)} \right\rangle_p \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f(x_i)}{p(x_i)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sqrt{1 - x_i^2}$$

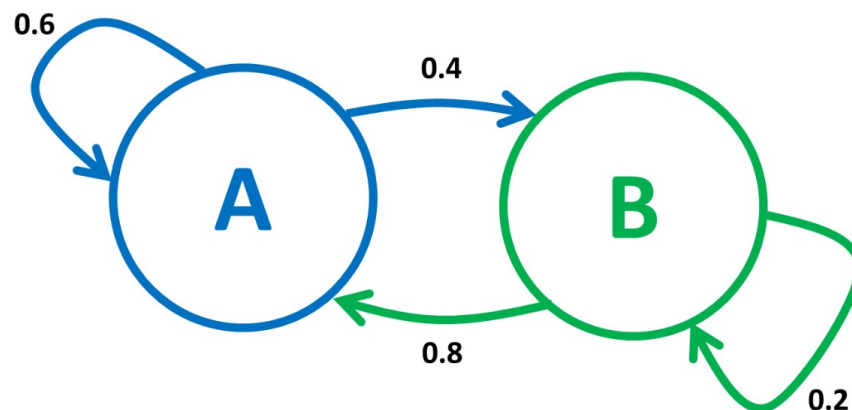
$$f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2} \quad p(x) = \mathcal{U}(0, 1) = 1$$



Markov Chain Monte Carlo

- algorithms for sampling from complex probability distributions
- generates a Markov chain with the desired distribution as its equilibrium distribution
- Markov chain:
 - state space \mathcal{S} (discrete or continuous)
 - transition probabilities P
- How to choose P such that the visited states represent random samples from the desired distribution?

⇒ Metropolis-Hastings algorithm



Metropolis-Hastings

Input : initial distribution $\pi^{(0)}$
 target distribution $p(X)$
 proposal distribution $w_{XX'}$
Output: random samples according to $p(X)$

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samples[];  
start from initial state  $X \sim \pi^{(0)}$ ;  
perform thermalization steps;  
while not enough samples do  
    draw a proposal sample  $X'$  from  $w_{XX'}$ ;  
    calculate  $p(X)$  and  $p(X')$ ;  
    if  $w_{X'X}p(X') \geq w_{XX'}p(X)$  then  
         $X \leftarrow X'$ ;  
    else  
        calculate  $R = \frac{w_{X'X}p(X')}{w_{XX'}p(X)}$ ;  
        draw random uniform number  $r$ ;  
        if  $r \leq R$  then  
             $X \leftarrow X'$ ;  
        end  
    samples.add( $X$ );  
end  
return samples;
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FIGURE 4.2: Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.

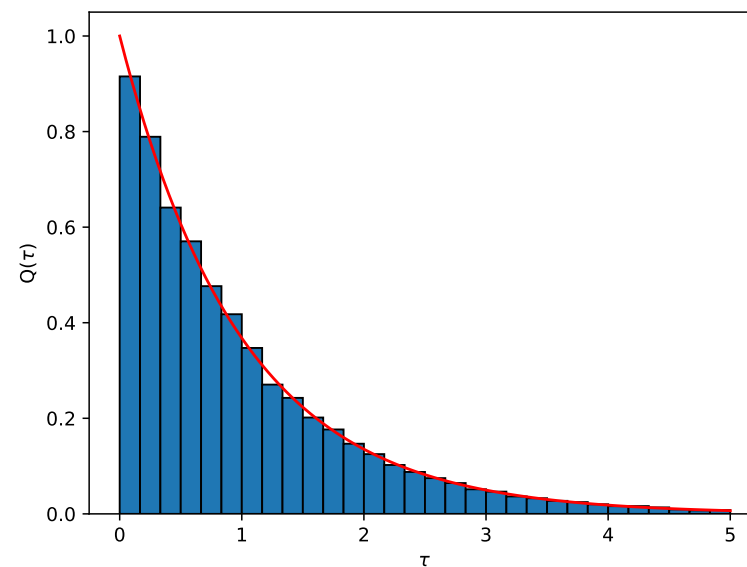
Reconstructing a function

- **Goal:** Reconstruct the function $Q(\tau) = e^{-\alpha\tau}$ for $\alpha = 1, \tau \in [0, 5]$
- Recipe:
 - interpret $Q(\tau)$ as a distribution and draw samples from it with MCMC
 - put the samples in a histogram to reconstruct $Q(\tau)$
- Histogram: discretize τ -space into N bins β_i of size $\Delta\tau_i$ with center τ_i

$$Q(\tau_i) \approx \frac{1}{\Delta\tau_i} \int_{\beta_i} Q(\tau) d\tau = \frac{C}{\Delta\tau_i} \int_0^5 \frac{Q(\tau)}{C} \chi_{\beta_i}(\tau) d\tau$$

$$Q(\tau_i) \approx \frac{C}{\Delta\tau_i} \langle \chi_{\beta_i}(\tau) \rangle_{Q/C}$$

$$Q(\tau_i) \approx \frac{C}{\Delta\tau_i} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_{\beta_i}(\tau_i)$$



A first glimpse at DiagMC

- view $Q(\tau) = e^{-\alpha\tau}$ as a (Feynman) diagram

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ 0 \qquad \qquad \alpha \qquad \qquad \tau \end{array} = D_0^{\xi_0}(\tau) = e^{-\alpha\tau}$$

weight of diagram

- perform MCMC in the space of all diagrams
- use updates to propose a new diagram

$$D_0^{\xi_0}(\tau_i) = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ 0 \qquad \qquad \alpha \qquad \qquad \tau_i \end{array} \longleftrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ 0 \qquad \qquad \alpha \qquad \qquad \tau_j \end{array} = D_0^{\xi_0}(\tau_j)$$

- accept the proposed diagram with probability

$$P_{acc} = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{D_0^{\xi_0}(\tau_p)p(\tau_c|\tau_p)}{D_0^{\xi_0}(\tau_c)p(\tau_p|\tau_c)} \right\}$$



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DiagMC - A toy example

- **Goal:** Calculate the function $Q(\tau)$ for $\alpha = 1, \tau \in [0, 5], V = 0.5, \beta \in \{0.25, 0.75\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(\tau) &= e^{-\alpha\tau} + \sum_{\beta} \int_0^{\tau} d\tau_2 \int_0^{\tau_2} d\tau_1 e^{-\alpha\tau_1} V e^{-\beta(\tau_2-\tau_1)} V e^{-\alpha(\tau-\tau_2)} \\
 &= D_0^{\xi_0}(\tau) + \sum_{\beta} \int_0^{\tau} d\tau_2 \int_0^{\tau_2} d\tau_1 D_2^{\xi_2}(\tau, \tau_1, \tau_2, \beta) = Q_0(\tau) + Q_2(\tau)
 \end{aligned}$$

- 0th order diagram:

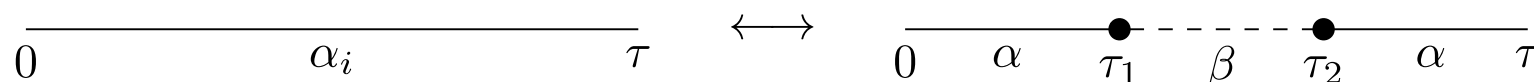
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ 0 \qquad \qquad \alpha \qquad \qquad \tau \end{array} = D_0^{\xi_0}(\tau) = e^{-\alpha\tau}$$

- 2nd order diagram:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ 0 \qquad \alpha \qquad \tau_1 \qquad \beta \qquad \tau_2 \qquad \alpha \qquad \tau \end{array} = D_2^{\xi_2}(\tau, \tau_1, \tau_2, \beta) = e^{-\alpha\tau_1} V e^{-\beta(\tau_2-\tau_1)} V e^{-\alpha(\tau-\tau_2)}$$

DiagMC - A toy example

- change- τ update: same as before
- add- β and remove- β updates:



$$P_{0 \rightarrow 2} = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{p_{rem}}{p_{add}} \frac{D_2^{\xi_2}(\tau, \tau_1, \tau_2, \beta)}{D_0^{\xi_0}(\tau) p(\tau_1, \tau_2, \beta)} \right\}$$

$$P_{2 \rightarrow 0} = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{p_{add}}{p_{rem}} \frac{D_0^{\xi_0}(\tau) p(\tau_1, \tau_2, \beta)}{D_2^{\xi_2}(\tau, \tau_1, \tau_2, \beta)} \right\}$$

- proposal distribution $p(\tau_1, \tau_2, \beta)$:
 - $p(\tau_1, \tau_2, \beta) = p_1(\tau_1) p_2(\tau_2 | \tau_1) p_3(\beta)$
 - $p_1(\tau_1) = \mathcal{U}(0, 5)$
 - $p_2(\tau_2 | \tau_1) = \mathcal{U}(\tau_1, 5)$
 - $p_3(\beta) = \mathcal{U}\{0.25, 0.75\}$

DiagMC - A toy example

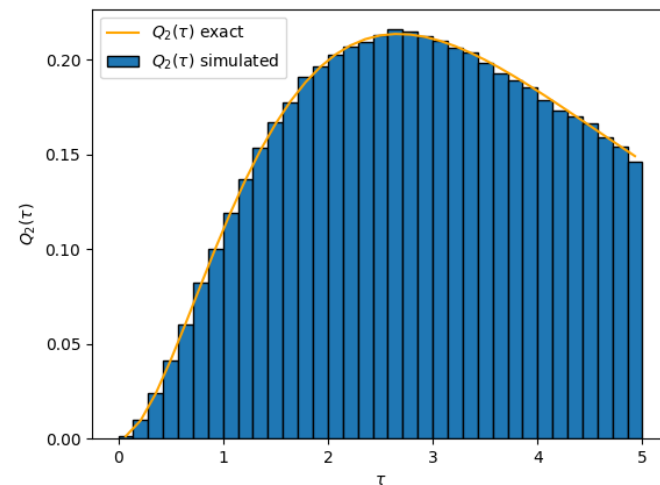
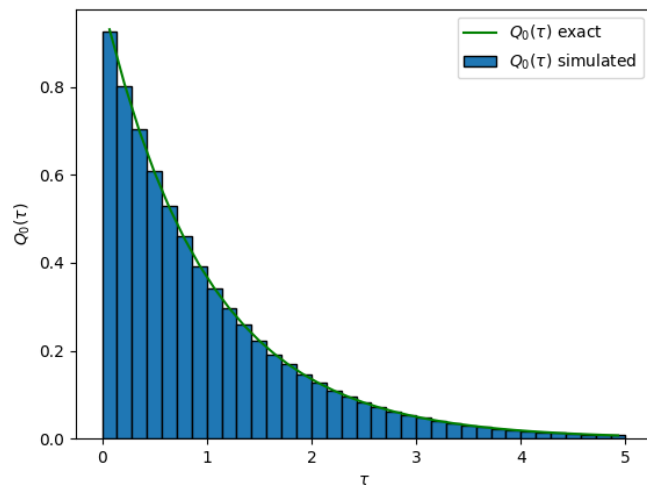
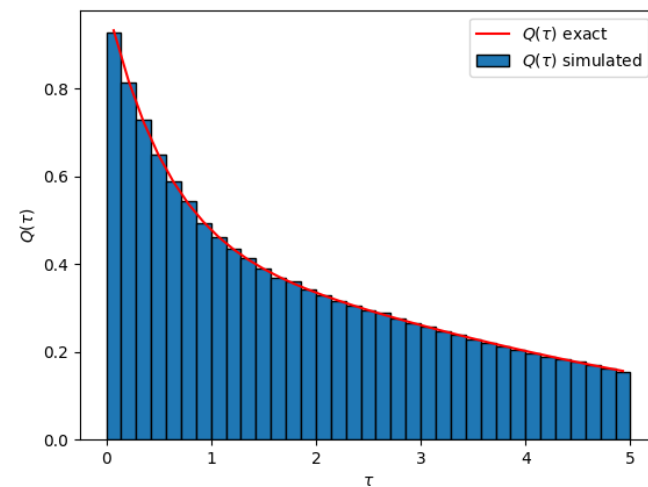
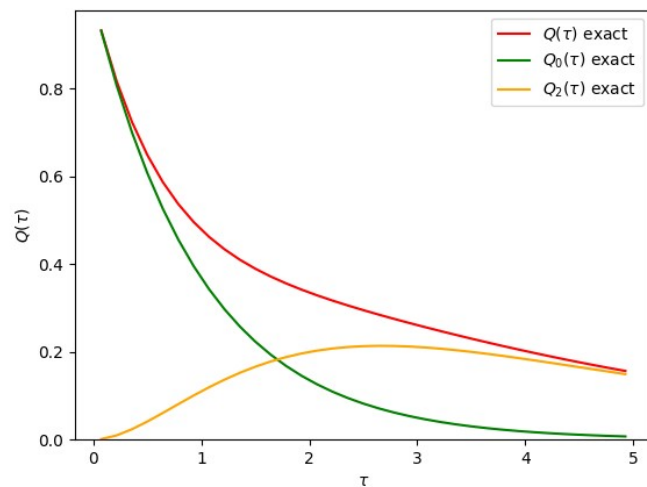
- Step-by-step solution:
 1. Generate initial diagram, e.g. $\mathcal{D}_0^{\xi_0}(\tau)$ with $\tau \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 5)$
 2. Choose update U from {change- τ , add- β , remove- β }
 3. Propose new diagram with U and accept/reject
 4. Make measurements
 5. Go back to 2
- Measurements: Histogram, avg. diagram order, etc.

$$Q_0(\tau_i) \approx \frac{C}{\Delta\tau_i} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_{\beta_i}(\tau_i) \chi_0(n_i)$$

$$Q_2(\tau_i) \approx \frac{C}{\Delta\tau_i} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_{\beta_i}(\tau_i) \chi_2(n_i)$$

$$Q(\tau_i) \approx \frac{C}{\Delta\tau_i} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_{\beta_i}(\tau_i)$$

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DiagMC - Diagrammatic Series

$$Q(\{y\}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\xi_n} \int \mathcal{D}_n^{\xi_n}(\{y\}; x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

- function of interest $Q(\{y\})$ depending on a set of parameters $\{y\}$
- n is the running index of the series or the order of the diagram
- ξ_n indexes different diagrams of the same order
- $\mathcal{D}_n^{\xi_n}(\{y\}; x_1, \dots, x_n)$ represents an actual Feynman diagram
- x_1, \dots, x_n are integration variables

How can we evaluate this series? \implies DiagMC

DiagMC - How does it work?

$$Q(\{y\}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\xi_n} \int \mathcal{D}_n^{\xi_n}(\{y\}; x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n$$

- interpret $Q(\{y\})$ as a distribution function for $\{y\}$
- interpret $\mathcal{D}_n^{\xi_n}(\{y\}; x_1, \dots, x_n)$ as a distribution function for $(\{y\}; n, \xi_n, x_1, \dots, x_n)$
- simulate $Q(\{y\})$ using a **MCMC** algorithm by sampling the diagrams stochastically
- $\mathcal{D}_n^{\xi_n}(\{y\}; x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is the statistical weight of a diagram
- collect statistics for $\{y\}$
- **updates** that can change the order n , the topology ξ_n , integration variables x_1, \dots, x_n and external variables $\{y\}$ of a diagram

DiagMC - Workflow

Input: initial diagram $\mathcal{D}^{(0)} \leftarrow (\{y^{(0)}\}; x_1^{(0)}, \dots, x_n^{(0)}, n^{(0)}, \xi_n^{(0)})$,
update procedures $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$,
update probabilities $\{p(U_1), \dots, p(U_k)\}$;

Output: histogram of $Q(\{y\})$;

initialize histogram[];

initialize diagram $\mathcal{D}_{cur} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}^{(0)}$;

while not converged **do**

 choose an update U_i from $\{U_1, \dots, U_k\}$ with probability $p(U_i)$;

 propose a new diagram $\mathcal{D}_{new} \leftarrow (\{y'\}; x'_1, \dots, x'_{n'}, n', \xi'_{n'})$ according to U_i ;

 calculate acceptance ratio R ;

 draw random uniform number r ;

if $R \geq r$ **then**

 accept the proposed diagram: $\mathcal{D}_{cur} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{new}$;

else

 reject the proposed diagram: $\mathcal{D}_{cur} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{cur}$;

end if

 histogram[$\{y\}$] \leftarrow histogram[$\{y\}$] + 1;

end while

return histogram;



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Polarons - Historical view

- 1930s: introduction by Lev Landau
 - semiclassical calculations by Landau and Pekar
- 1950s: Fröhlich derives Hamiltonian
 - perturbational and variational calculations
- 1955: Feynman's path integral solution
- Since then:
 - testing ground for numerical methods
 - generalization of polaron concept

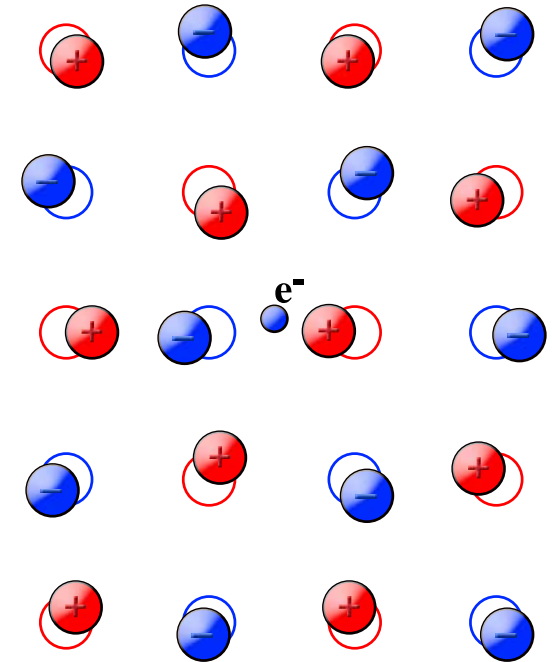


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Polarons – Modern view

- Particle interacting with its environment:
 - Magnetic polaron
 - Fermi polaron
 - BEC-impurity polaron
 - Piezoelectric polaron
 - Ripplonic polaron
 - Angulon

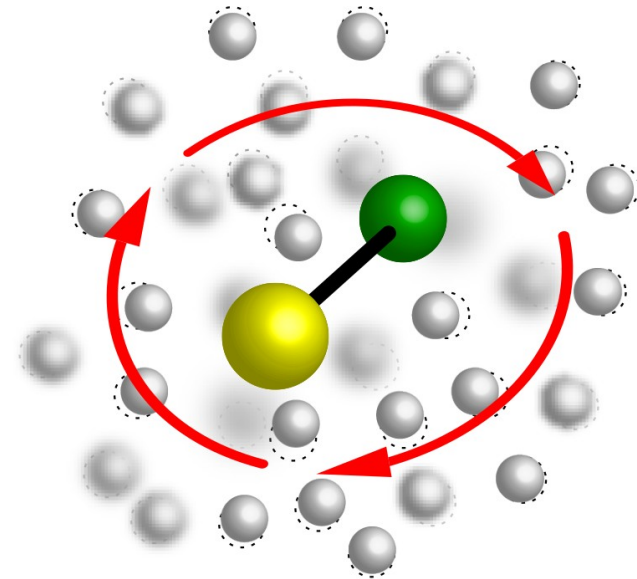


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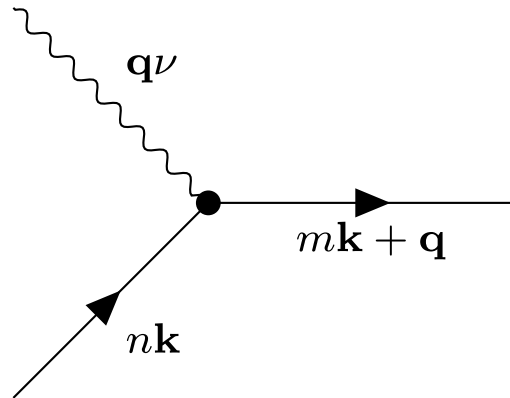
Polaron Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{n\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}} \hat{c}_{n\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{n\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}\nu}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q} \\ mn\nu}} g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) \hat{c}_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{n\mathbf{k}} \left(\hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}\nu} + \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{q}\nu}^\dagger \right)$$

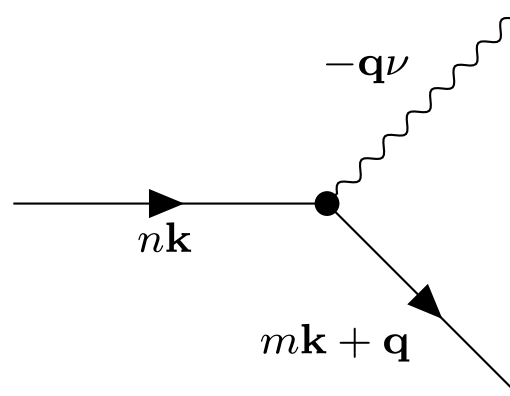
- electronic band structure $\varepsilon_{n\mathbf{k}}$
- phonon dispersion $\omega_{\mathbf{q}\nu}$
- electron-phonon matrix elements $g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$

Electron-phonon interaction

$$g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) \hat{c}_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{n\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{q}\nu} :$$



$$g_{mn\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) \hat{c}_{m\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{n\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{q}\nu}^\dagger :$$



DiagMC - Green's function

Imaginary time, one-electron Green's function at $T=0$:

$$G(\mathbf{k}, \tau) = \langle \text{vac} | \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau) \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}(0) | \text{vac} \rangle$$

Diagrammatic expansion of $G(\mathbf{k}, \tau)$:

$$G(\mathbf{k}, \tau) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\xi_n} \int \mathcal{D}_{\xi_n}^{\xi_n}(\mathbf{k}, \tau; \{\tau_n\}, \{\mathbf{q}\}) \prod_i^n d\tau_i \prod_j^{n/2} \mathbf{q}_j$$

$$\implies G(\mathbf{k}, \tau \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow Z_0(\mathbf{k}) e^{-E_0(\mathbf{k})\tau}$$

$\implies \mathcal{D}_{\xi_n}^{\xi_n}$ is a product of free electron Green's functions $G^0(\mathbf{k}, \tau)$, free phonon Green's functions $F^0(\mathbf{q}, \tau)$ and electron-phonon matrix elements

DiagMC - Feynman rules

free electron Green's functions are drawn as solid lines:

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbf{k} \quad} \\ \tau_j \qquad \qquad \tau_i \end{array} = G^0(\mathbf{k}, \tau_i - \tau_j) = e^{-\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau_i - \tau_j)}$$

free phonon Green's functions are drawn as wiggly lines:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{~~~~~} \\ \tau_j \qquad \qquad \mathbf{q} \qquad \qquad \tau_i \end{array} = F^0(\mathbf{q}, \tau_i - \tau_j) = e^{-\omega_{\mathbf{q}}(\tau_i - \tau_j)}$$

electron-phonon matrix elements are drawn as vertices:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{~~~~~} \\ -\mathbf{q} \\ \text{~~~~~} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbf{k} \quad} \\ \bullet \\ \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} \quad} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{~~~~~} \\ \mathbf{q} \\ \text{~~~~~} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbf{k} \quad} \\ \bullet \\ \xrightarrow{\quad \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} \quad} \end{array} = g(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q})$$

DiagMC - Feynman diagrams

$$G(\mathbf{k}, \tau) =$$

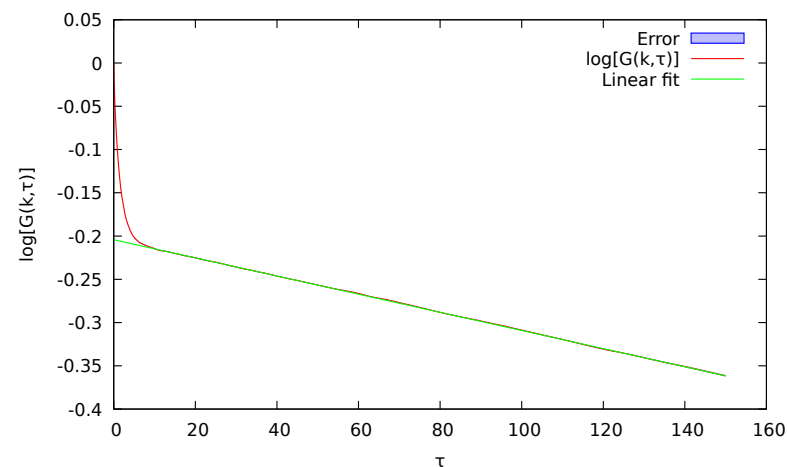
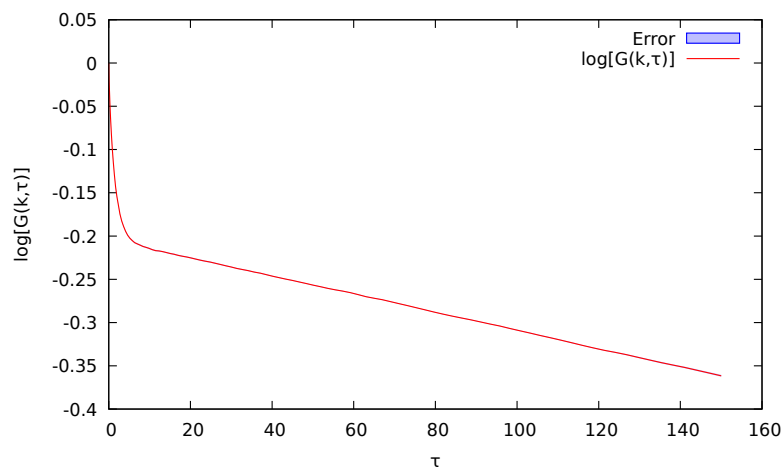
The diagram illustrates the expansion of the Green's function $G(\mathbf{k}, \tau)$ as a sum of Feynman diagrams. The diagrams are arranged in three rows, separated by plus signs. The first row shows a single horizontal line with an arrow pointing right, followed by a plus sign, then a horizontal line with two dots and a wavy line connecting them, followed by a plus sign. The second row shows a horizontal line with four dots and two wavy lines connecting them, followed by a plus sign, then a horizontal line with four dots and three wavy lines connecting them, followed by a plus sign. The third row shows a horizontal line with four dots and two wavy lines connecting them, followed by a plus sign, then an ellipsis.

DiagMC - Summary

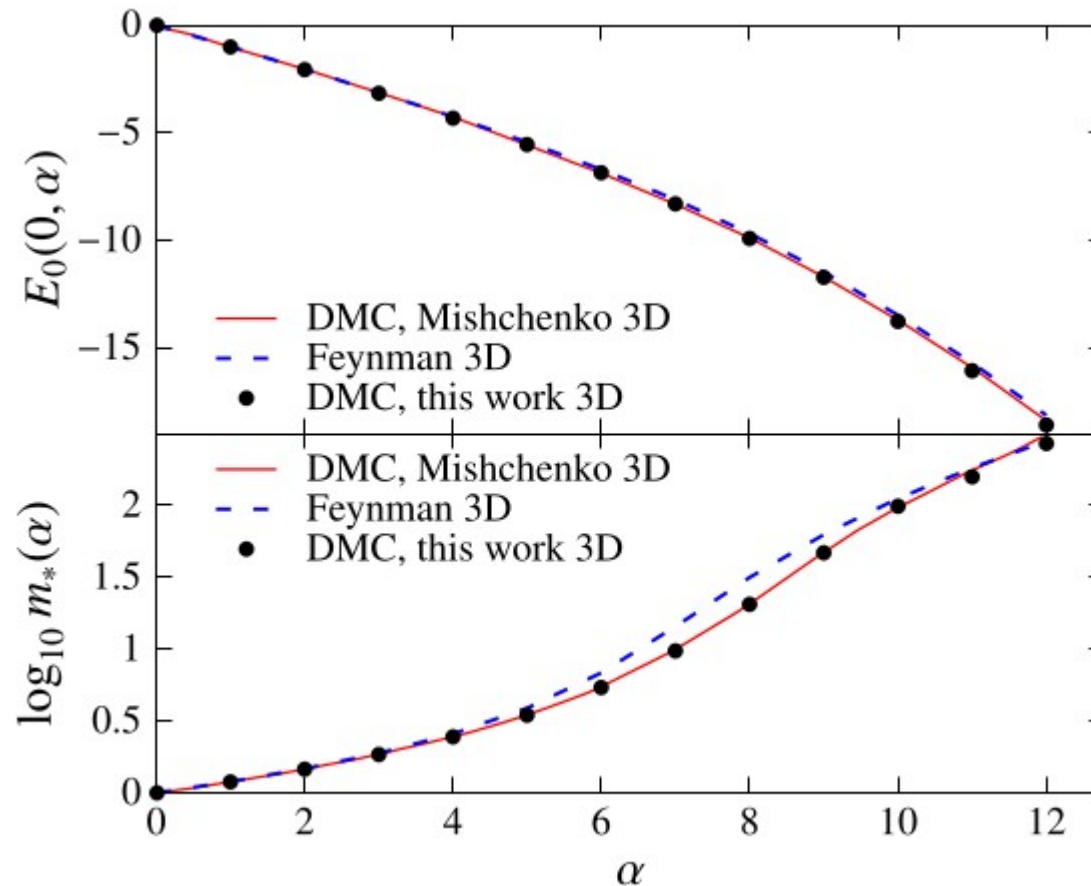
Goal: Calculate ground state energy and quasiparticle weight $E_0(\mathbf{k})$, $Z_0(\mathbf{k})$ from the one-electron Green's function:

$$G(\mathbf{k}, \tau \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow Z_0(\mathbf{k})e^{-E_0(\mathbf{k})\tau}$$

- Requirements:
 - Diagrammatic expansion of Green's function
 - Updates to sample the whole space of Feynman diagrams

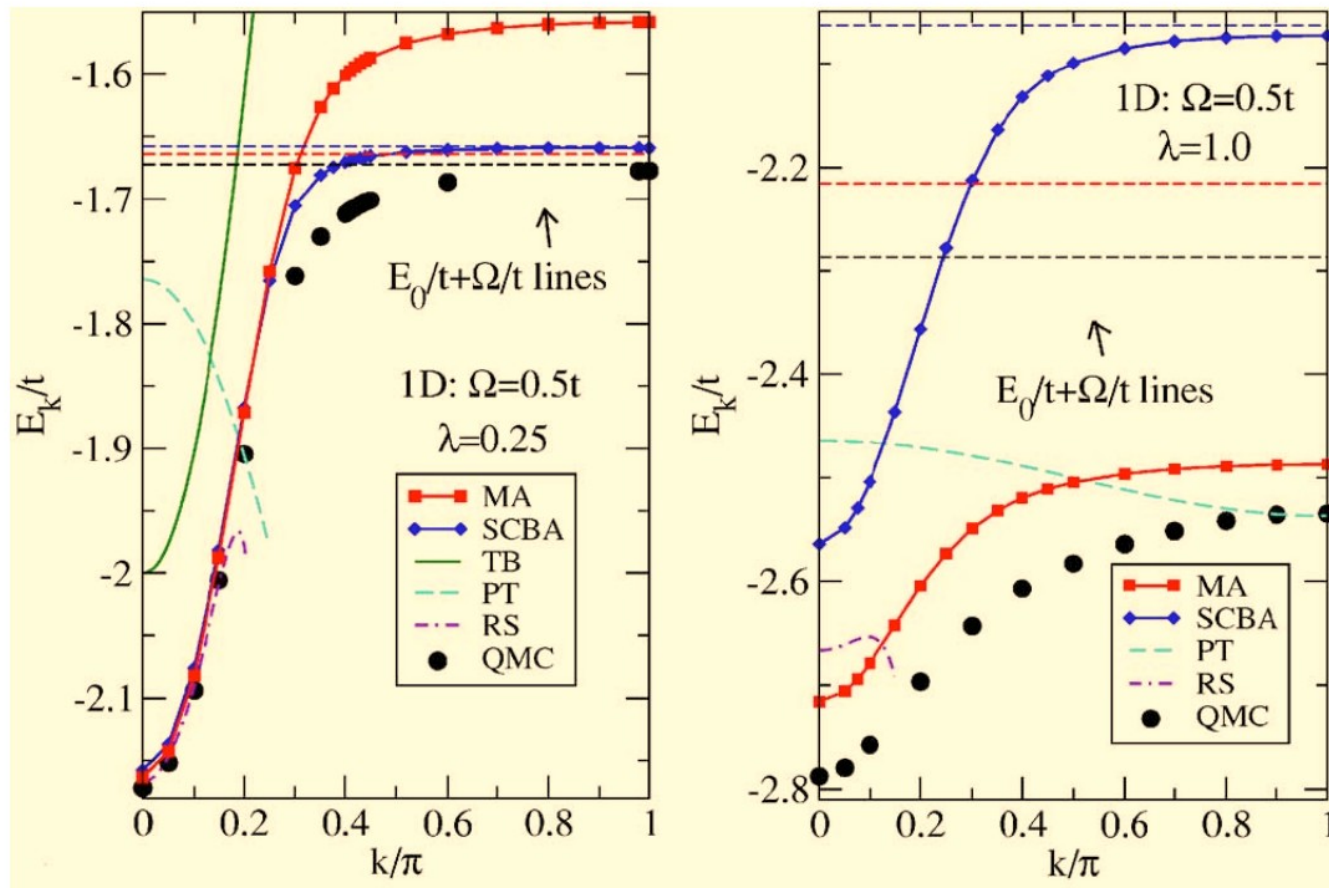


DiagMC - Fröhlich ground state



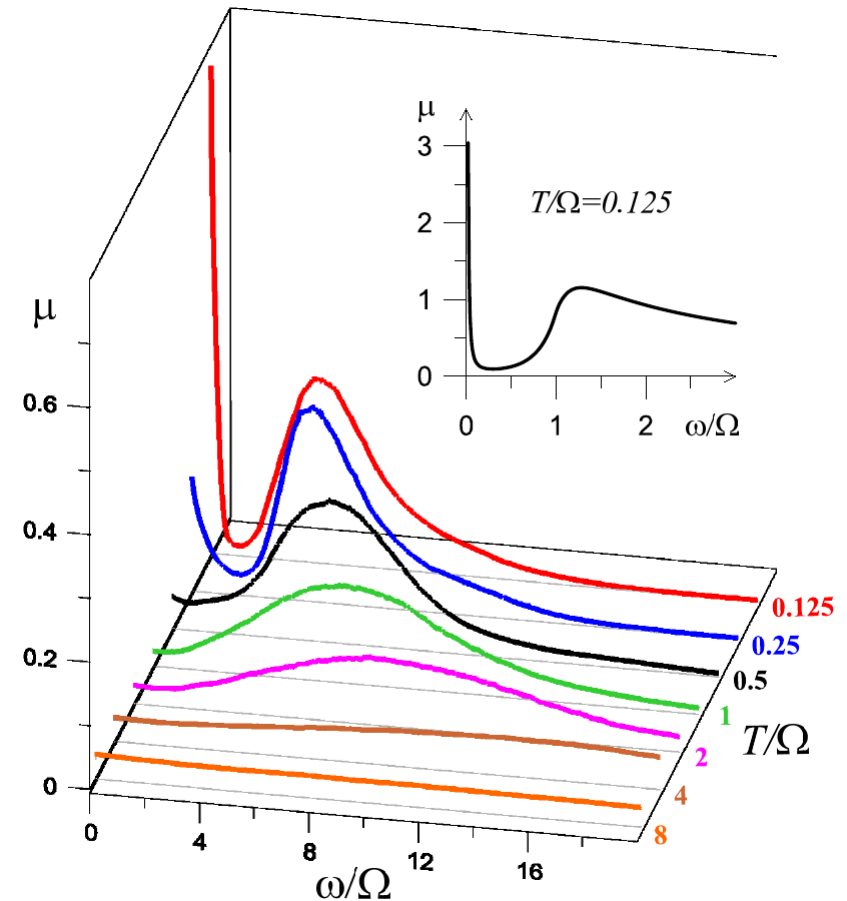
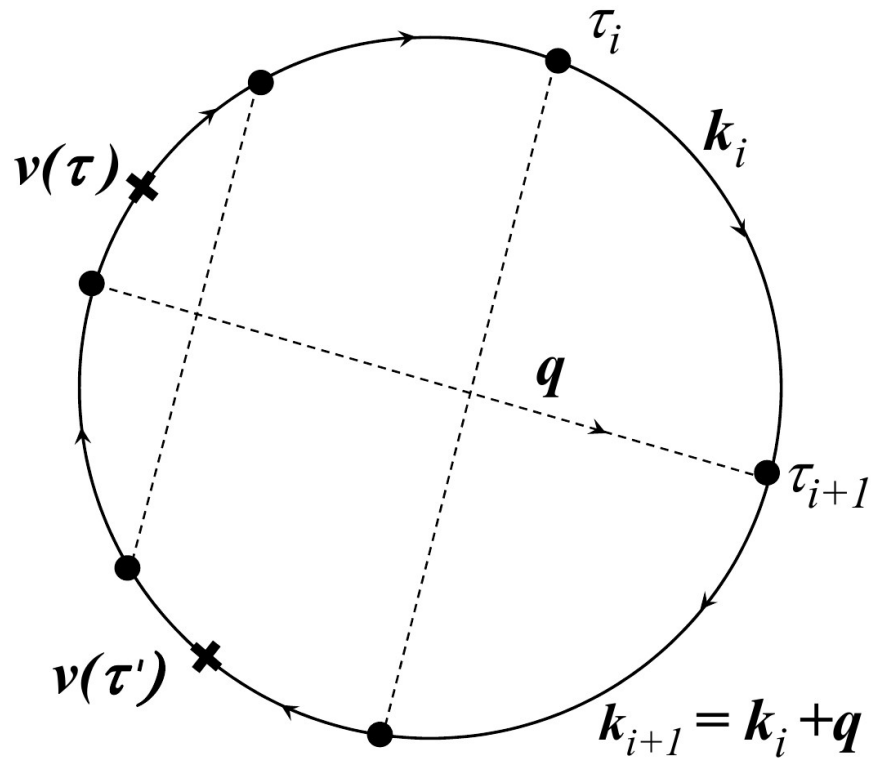
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DiagMC in Particle Physics

- What kind of diagrammatic series?
- Sign problem?  Bold DiagMC
- Divergences?
- Renormalization?
- Combination of analytical methods and DiagMC
- Resummation techniques

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