SFT 2017 — Field theory and non-equilibrium classical systemsProblem set n. 3A. Gambassi08.02.2017

1. Coherent states

Coherent states are defined as the eigenstate of the destruction operator *a* introduced in lecture 2:

$$a|\phi\rangle = \phi|\phi\rangle. \tag{1}$$

Based on this definition, show that

(a)

$$|\phi\rangle = \exp\left\{-\frac{|\phi|^2}{2} + \phi a^{\dagger}\right\}|0\rangle, \qquad (2)$$

where the state has been normalized such that $\langle \phi | \phi \rangle = 1$;

(b)

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi^*\mathrm{d}\phi}{\pi} |\phi\rangle\langle\phi| = \mathbb{I},\tag{3}$$

where \mathbb{I} is the identity in the Fock space and the integral is done on the whole complex plane of values of ϕ .

(c)

$$\langle \phi | \phi' \rangle = \exp\left\{-\frac{|\phi|^2}{2} - \frac{|\phi|^2}{2} + \phi^* \phi'\right\}.$$
 (4)

(d)

$$\langle \phi | n \rangle = (\phi^*)^n \mathrm{e}^{-|\phi|^2/2},\tag{5}$$

where $|n\rangle$ is the state with *n* particles.

2. Branching and decay process with lethal competition

Consider the branching and decay process with lethal competition which we studied in problem 2 (d) of set n. 1, i.e.,

$$A \xrightarrow{\sigma} A + A, A \xrightarrow{\mu} \emptyset, \text{ and } A + A \xrightarrow{\lambda} A.$$
 (6)

Determine the total Hamiltonian H of the corresponding evolution in the Fock space of states and the corresponding coherent-state path integral.