

For example, for the 2nd order contributions one counts:

$$2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 16$$

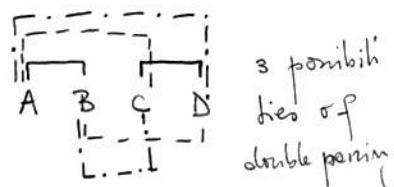
\sum_{ϕ_0} \sum_{ϕ_3} inner outer
 \uparrow \uparrow
 $[,]$ $[,]$

Wick's theorem imposes, through $\phi_0 = -\phi_3 \Rightarrow$ the number of contribution reduces to 8.

For the 4th order contributions:

$$2^4 \times 2^4 \times (3-1) = 512$$

\sum_{ϕ_i} $[,]$ "ell" - "reducible"
 \uparrow \uparrow
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 $=$ irreducible



Wick's theorem imposes, through $\phi_0 = -\phi_3 \wedge \phi_1 = -\phi_2$ or $\phi_0 = -\phi_2 \wedge \phi_1 = -\phi_3$ or $\phi_0 = -\phi_3 \wedge \phi_2 = -\phi_1$ the number must

be divided by 4 since only two ϕ_i are independent.

In general, a 2n-th contribution to the kernel K_{bb}^{ee} in int. picture (odd contribution vanish identically) reads:

$$\prod_{\alpha=1}^n \langle \hat{C}_\alpha^I \rangle \langle b | \hat{\mathcal{D}}^I | e \rangle \langle e | \hat{f}_{red}^I(\tau) | a' \rangle \langle a' | \hat{\mathcal{D}}^I | b \rangle \quad (4.40)$$

where \hat{C}_α^I is formed by the product of two field operators. Hence $\prod_\alpha \langle \hat{C}_\alpha^I \rangle$ is the product of n Wick's contractions while $\hat{\mathcal{D}}^I$ and $\hat{\mathcal{D}}^I$ contain together the associated an sbt operators.

You over one has to count over the sum over the orbital and spin index of the system $\ell\sigma$. For the n -th order case there are two sums over ℓ and σ . Wick's theorem reduces though the sums over σ to n . For what concerns the sum over ℓ , in general no constriction reduces them unless for special geometrical configuration of the contact.

For each contribution (4.40) a DIAGRAM can be associated.

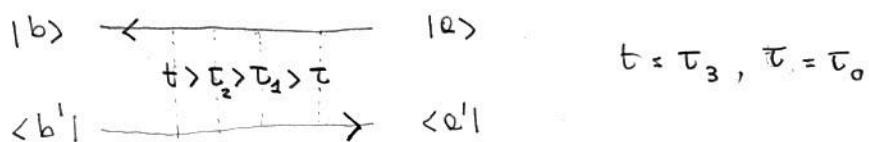
From the wavy lines, the Laplace transform $K_{bb'}^{ee'}$ can be extracted.

4.1.1 Diagram rules in time domain

- i) Each diagram consists of an upper and lower contour taking $a \rightarrow b$ and $b' \rightarrow a'$, respectively

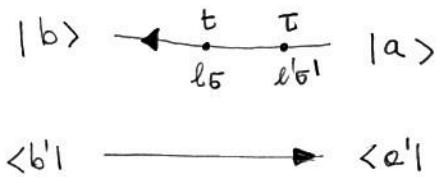


- ii) Through all wavy lines times grow from right to left
 $\Rightarrow e, e'$ are "initial" states, b and b' are "final" states

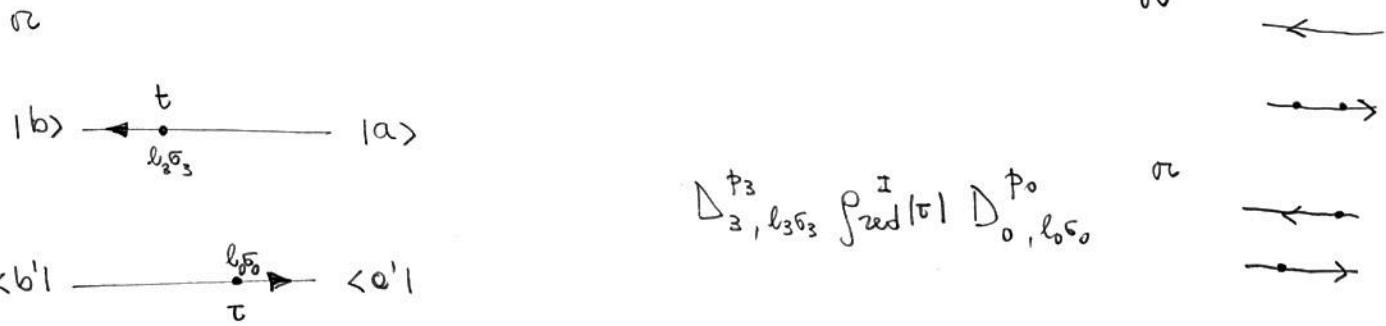


- iii) Every system operator standing on the left of the RDM (belonging to \mathcal{D}^I) is associated to a vertex at a given time on the upper contour. Every operator on the right belonging to $\hat{\mathcal{D}}'^I$ is associated to a vertex in the lower contour.

2nd order



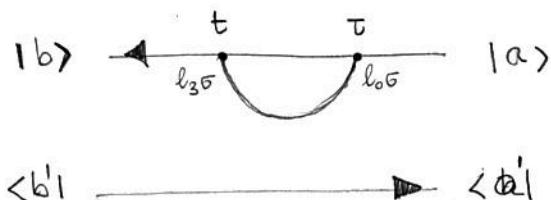
$$D_{3,l_3\sigma}^{P_3} D_{0,l_0\sigma}^{P_0} \int_{red}^I (\tau)$$



At each vertex the charge of the state changes by ± 1 depending by the sign of ϕ_i .

- iv) The vertices of the system operators which are related via far contracted field operators are connected by a fermionic line

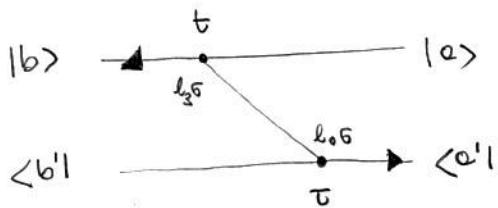
2nd order



$$- \langle \hat{C}_{3,l_3\sigma}^{\bar{P}} \hat{C}_{0,l_0\sigma}^P \rangle \left(\hat{D}_{3,l_3\sigma}^P \hat{D}_{0,l_0\sigma}^{\bar{P}} \int_{red}^I (\tau) \right)$$

notice that Wick's contraction has imposed (4.41)
the contraction $\phi_0 = \bar{\phi}_3$ and $\sigma_0 = \sigma_3$.

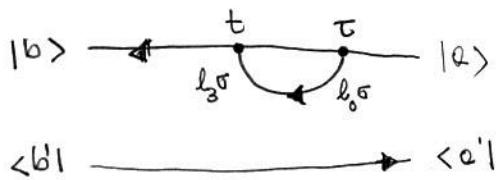
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$$\langle \hat{C}_{0,l_0\sigma}^P \hat{C}_{3,l_3\sigma}^{\bar{P}} \rangle \left(\hat{D}_{3,l_3\sigma}^P \int_{red}^I (\tau) \hat{D}_{0,l_0\sigma}^{\bar{P}} \right)$$

(4.42)

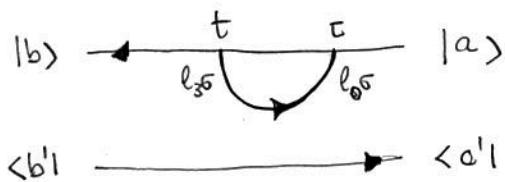
V) The fermion line points to the creation operator vertex specified by the index $\rho = +$ in the system operator.



$$- \langle \hat{C}_{0, l_0 S}^+ \hat{C}_{3, l_3 S}^- \rangle \left(D_{3, l_3 S}^+ D_{0, l_0 S}^- f_{red}^I(\tau) \right)$$

creation of an electron at τ_3 on the system

(4.43)

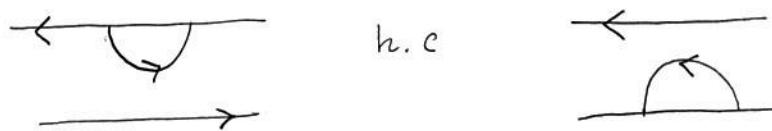


$$- \langle \hat{C}_{0, l_0 S}^- \hat{C}_{3, l_3 S}^+ \rangle \left(D_{3, l_3 S}^- D_{0, l_0 S}^+ f_{red}^I(\tau) \right)$$

creation of an electron at τ_0 on the system

(4.44)

Note: the hermitian conjugate of a diagram corresponds to a horizontal mirroring: all vertices in the upper contour go to the lower contour and vice versa. Moreover, an incoming vertex becomes an outgoing one.

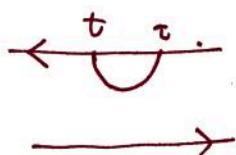


Note: if we do not specify $\rho = \pm$ and do not explicitly draw the h.c., the 8th order diagrams reduce to the two fundamental diagrams:



Sign associated to the different diagrams

The sign associated to the different diagrams depends on the number of anticommutation relation necessary to obtain the standard form:



comes from the contributions

$$-\text{Tr}_{\text{res}} \{ \hat{A}_3^+ \hat{A}_0^- \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\text{I}} \hat{\rho}_{\text{res}} \} \text{ or}$$

$$-\text{Tr}_{\text{res}} \{ \hat{A}_3^- \hat{A}_0^+ \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\text{I}} \hat{\rho}_{\text{res}} \}$$

more explicitly (for the first contribution)

$$-\sum_{l_3 l_0 5} \text{Tr}_{\text{res}} \{ \hat{D}_{3, l_3 5}^+ \hat{C}_{3, l_3 5}^- \hat{C}_{0, l_0 5}^+ \hat{D}_{0, l_0 5}^- \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\text{I}} \hat{\rho}_{\text{res}} \}$$

which is brought into the form of (4.41) by 2 anticommutations and traces

$$-\sum_{l_3 l_0 5} \langle \hat{C}_{3, l_3 5}^- \hat{C}_{0, l_0 5}^+ \rangle (\hat{D}_{3, l_3 5}^+ \hat{D}_{0, l_0 5}^- \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\text{I}})$$

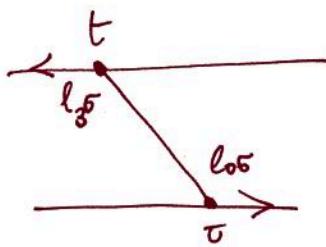
For the second contribution:

$$-\sum_{l_3 l_0 5} \text{Tr}_{\text{res}} \{ \hat{C}_{3, l_3 5}^+ \hat{D}_{3, l_3 5}^- \hat{D}_{0, l_0 5}^+ \hat{C}_{0, l_0 5}^- \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\text{I}} \hat{\rho}_{\text{res}} \}$$

$$= -\sum_{l_3 l_0 5} \langle \hat{C}_{3, l_3 5}^+ \hat{C}_{0, l_0 5}^- \rangle (\hat{D}_{3, l_3 5}^- \hat{D}_{0, l_0 5}^+ \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\text{I}})$$

or, with a common notation and omitting Σ , (4.41)

(6.42) instead is associated to



and comes from

$$+ \overline{\text{Tr}}_{\text{res}} \left\{ \hat{A}_3^+ \hat{p}_{\text{red}}^I(\tau) \circ \hat{p}_{\text{res}} \hat{A}_0^- \right\} \text{ or}$$

$$+ \overline{\text{Tr}}_{\text{res}} \left\{ \hat{A}_3^- \hat{p}_{\text{red}}^I(\tau) \hat{p}_{\text{res}} \hat{A}_0^+ \right\}$$

where the inner
commutation has been
performed.

for the first case

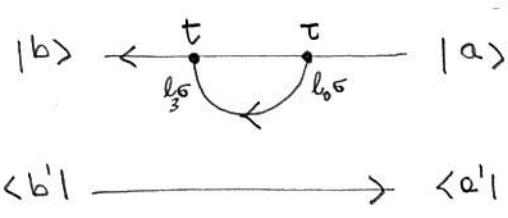
$$+ \sum_{l_3 l_0 \sigma} \overline{\text{Tr}}_{\text{res}} \left\{ \hat{D}_3^+ \hat{C}_3^- \hat{C}_3^+ \hat{C}_0^- \hat{p}_{\text{red}}^I \hat{p}_{\text{res}} \hat{C}_0^+ \hat{D}_0^- \right\}$$

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 $\times C, p_{\text{red}}$.

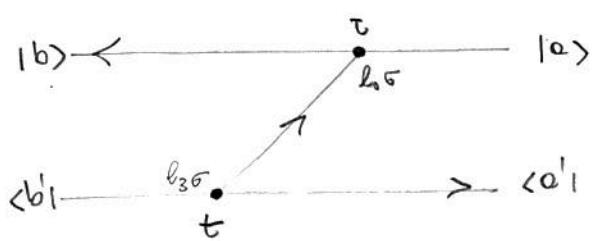
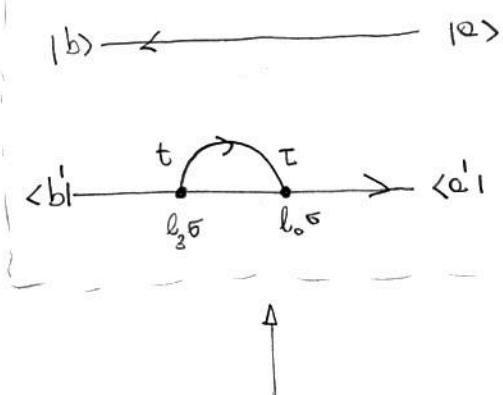
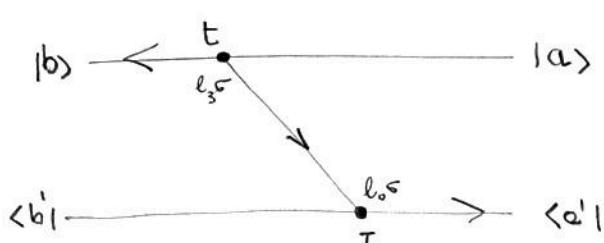
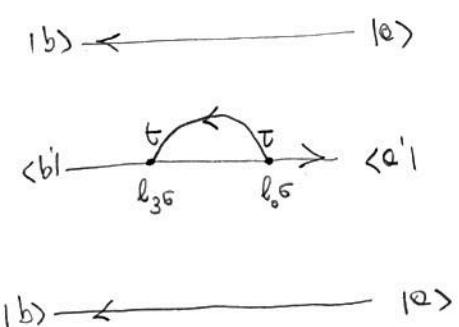
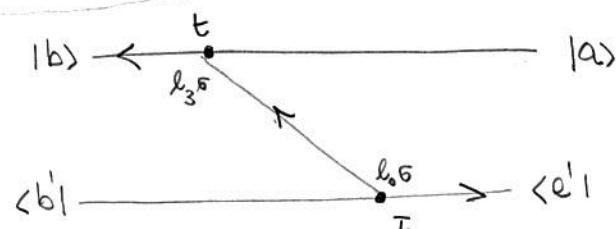
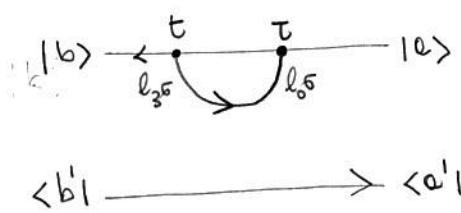
$$= \cancel{\sum_{l_3 l_0 \sigma} \overline{\text{Tr}}_{\text{res}} \left\{ \hat{C}_3^- \hat{p}_{\text{res}} \hat{C}_0^+ \right\}} \hat{D}_3^+ \hat{p}_{\text{red}}^I \hat{D}_0^-$$

$$= \sum_{l_3 l_0 \sigma} \langle \hat{C}_0^+ \hat{C}_3^- \rangle \cancel{\hat{p}_{\text{res}}^I} \hat{D}_3^+ \hat{p}_{\text{red}}^I \hat{D}_0^-$$

Each of them stands in reality for 4 distinct contributions:

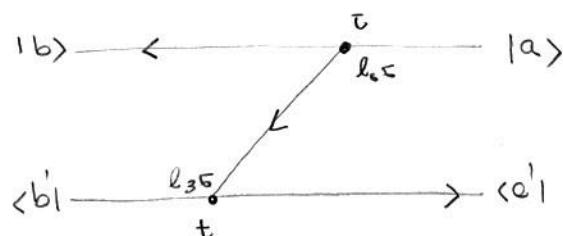


sum over l_0 , l_3 and S is assumed.
All variables associated to a vertex
are summed over.



All the 2nd order

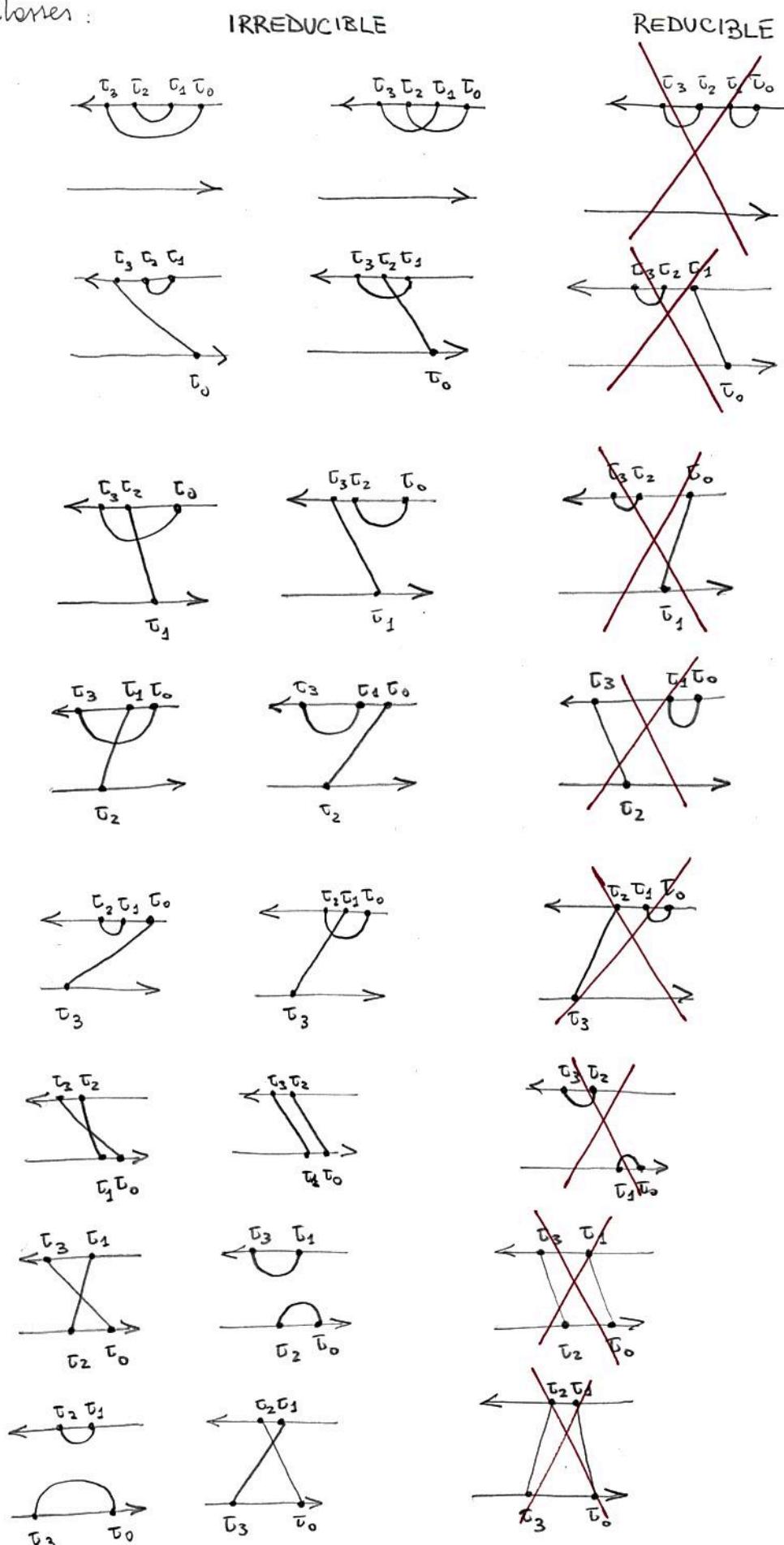
diagrams grouped
into 2 classes.



Note, in the specific case, the particular choice of the initial and final states ($|a>$, $|a'>$; $|b>$, $|b'>$ respectively) imposes severe selection rules on the vertices and l_0 and l_3 could result in being completely fixed. That is the case for example if the interaction is well described by

the constant interaction approximation.

Analogously, for the 4th order diagrams we can identify 16 clusters with 8 elements each. Here are the schematic representation of the clusters:



Note: for the calculation of the stationary density matrix one needs the Laplace transform of the time evolution kernel in the Schrödinger picture. Explicitly, from (4.25)

$$K_{bb'}^{ee'} = K_{bb'}^{(2)ee'} + K_{bb'}^{(4)ee'} + \dots$$

where

$$K_{bb'}^{(2)ee'} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\infty d(\tau - \tau') e^{-\lambda(\tau - \tau')} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(E_b - E_{b'})\tau} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(E_e - E_{e'})\tau}$$

$$\langle b | K^{(2)}(t, \tau) [|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha'|] | b' \rangle$$

with the substitution $\tau' = t - \tau \Rightarrow \tau = t - \tau'$

$$\Rightarrow K_{bb'}^{(2)ee'} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\infty d\tau' e^{-\lambda\tau'} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(E_b - E_{b'})\tau} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(E_e - E_{e'})\tau} (t - \tau')$$

$$\langle b | K^{(2)}(t, t - \tau') [|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha'|] | b' \rangle \quad (4.45)$$

Likewise, for the 4th order, shifting

$$\begin{aligned} t - \tau &= \tau' \\ t - \tau_1 &= \tau'_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau_i - \tau_j = \tau'_j - \tau'_i \\ t - \tau_2 &= \tau'_2 \end{aligned}$$

one gets

$$K_{bb'}^{(4)ee'} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\infty d\tau' e^{-\lambda\tau'} \int_0^{\tau'} d\tau'_1 \int_0^{\tau'_1} d\tau'_2 \int_0^{\tau'_2} d\tau'_3 e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar}(E_b - E_{b'})\tau} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}(E_e - E_{e'})\tau} (t - \tau')$$

$$\langle b | K^{(4)}(t, t - \tau'_2, t - \tau'_1, t - \tau') [|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha'|] | b' \rangle \quad (4.46)$$

The time dependence of the kernels $K^{(2)}$ and $K^{(4)}$ is the one of the \hat{C}_i^{+} and \hat{D}_i^{+} operators.

For example, a term $\langle \hat{C}_{i,\ell i\sigma}^{+} \hat{C}_{j,\ell j\sigma}^{+} \rangle \hat{D}_{i,\ell i\sigma}^{-} \hat{D}_{j,\ell j\sigma}^{-}$ yields the contribution:

$$\langle \hat{C}_{i,\ell i\sigma}^{+} \hat{C}_{j,\ell j\sigma}^{+} \rangle \hat{D}_{i,\ell i\sigma}^{-} \hat{D}_{j,\ell j\sigma}^{-} = \delta_{\ell i, -\ell j} \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \sum_{\alpha k} f_{\alpha}^{+i}(\omega_k) e^{i\omega_k t_i} (\tau_i - \tau_j)$$

$$t_{\alpha k \ell i}^{\pm i} t_{\alpha k \ell j}^{\pm j} = e^{i\hbar \tau_i / \hbar} d_{\ell i}^{\mp i} e^{-iH_S / \hbar} (\tau_i - \tau_j) d_{\ell j}^{\mp j} e^{-i\hbar \tau_j / \hbar} \quad (4.47)$$

with the notation $t^{\pm i} = \begin{cases} t^* & \pm i = + \\ t & \pm i = - \end{cases}$ and $d^{\pm i} = \begin{cases} d^\dagger & \pm i = + \\ d & \pm i = - \end{cases}$

where we have used the relations

$$\langle \hat{C}_{\alpha k \sigma}^{+} \hat{C}_{\alpha' k' \sigma'}^{+} \rangle = \delta_{\alpha \alpha'} \delta_{k k'} \delta_{\sigma \sigma'} \delta_{\ell i, -\ell j} f_{\alpha}^{+i}(\omega_k) \text{ and}$$

$$\hat{C}_{\alpha k \sigma}^{+}(\tau_i) = e^{i\omega_k \tau_i / \hbar} \hat{C}_{\alpha k \sigma}^{+}.$$

Moreover we have defined

$$f_{\alpha}^{+}(\omega_k) := f(\beta \omega_k - \beta \mu_{\alpha}) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\omega_k - \mu_{\alpha})} + 1} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{\alpha}^{-}(\omega) = 1 - f_{\alpha}^{+}(\omega) \quad (4.48)$$

Note: one can recast $\sum_k \rightarrow \int d\omega D(\omega)$ where $D_{\alpha}(\omega)$ is the density of states of the lead α .

Assumption: If we assume an energy independent tunnelling coupling $t_{\alpha k \ell i} = t_{\alpha \sigma} \Rightarrow$ it is convenient to introduce the many-body tunnelling amplitudes:

$$T_{\alpha \sigma}^{+}(a, b) := \sqrt{D_{\alpha}} \sum_{\ell} t_{\alpha \sigma} \langle a | \hat{d}_{\ell \sigma}^{+} | b \rangle \quad (4.49)$$

$$T_{\alpha \sigma}^{-}(a, b) := (T_{\alpha \sigma}^{+}(b, a))^*$$

also known as tunnelling matrix elements (TME)

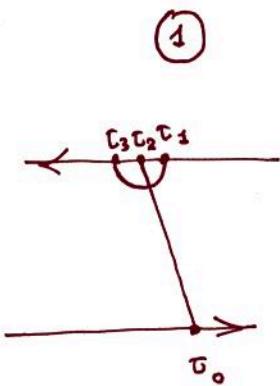
4.1.2 Current Kernel

Now that we have learned the convenience of the *slippagematic* representation it would be adventurous to formulate also the current kernel in terms of diagram. We know that the current kernel $K_{I_\alpha}^I(t, \tau)$ differs from the time evolution kernel $K^I(t, \tau)$ only by the replacement of the Liouville superoperator $L^I(t)$ with the current operator $\hat{I}_\alpha(t)$. This fact has the following *slippagematic* implications:

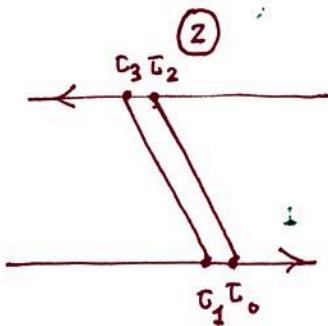
- 1 - As \hat{I}_α contains only operators from lead α , there is no sum over the lead index of the fermion line connected to the latest vertex (at time t), The latter belongs exclusively to lead α .
- 2 - As \hat{I}_α is a normal operator and not a superoperator involving a commutator, the vertex at time t lie on the upper contour
- 3 - As \hat{I}_α differs from $\hat{A}_{T\alpha}$ by the sign of the out-tunnelling contribution, the sign of slippage with the fermion line pointing away from the latest vertex must be inverted

Note: Due to the cyclic property of the full trace involved in the calculation of the average current, it is also possible to use slippages with the last vertex on the lower contour.

Two examples of 4th order oligogram backmapping
in the time domain



and



First of all one should remember that every contribution stems from:

$$\text{Tr}_{\text{res}} \left\{ \left[\hat{A}_3^{\phi_3}, \left[\hat{A}_2^{\phi_2}, \left[\hat{A}_1^{\phi_1}, \left[\hat{A}_0^{\phi_0}, \hat{P}_{\text{red}}^I(T_0) \otimes \hat{P}_{\text{res}} \right] \right] \right] \right\}$$

① Has the ~~nearest~~ vertex on the lower contour which means that oligogram comes from the analytical contribution (by term of the inner commentator)

$$- \text{Tr}_{\text{res}} \left\{ \hat{A}_3^{\phi_3} \hat{A}_2^{\phi_2} \hat{A}_1^{\phi_1} \hat{P}_{\text{red}}^I(T_0) \otimes \hat{P}_{\text{res}} \hat{A}_0^{\phi_0} \right\}$$

Contractions come now into play due to the trace over reservoirs

$$- \text{Tr}_{\text{res}} \left\{ \sum_{\{e\}\{s\}\{p\}} \hat{P}_3 \hat{C}_{3,e,s_3}^{\phi_3} \hat{D}_{3,e,s_3}^{\bar{\phi}_3} \hat{P}_2 \hat{C}_{2,e,s_2}^{\phi_2} \hat{D}_{2,e,s_2}^{\bar{\phi}_2} \hat{P}_1 \hat{C}_{1,e,s_1}^{\phi_1} \hat{D}_{1,e,s_1}^{\bar{\phi}_1} \hat{P}_{\text{red}}^I(T_0) \hat{P}_0 \hat{C}_{0,e,s_0}^{\phi_0} \hat{D}_{0,e,s_0}^{\bar{\phi}_0} \right\}$$

Now we want to factorize the system and the reservoir components. We move all \hat{D} operators to the left and all \hat{C} operators to the right.

Interestingly $[\hat{f}_{\text{red}}(\tau_i), \hat{C}_{i,\ell_i; i}^{\dagger}] = 0$ and $[\hat{f}_{\text{res}}, \hat{D}_{i,\ell_i; i}^{\dagger}] = 0$ which implies that we can most generally consider the following case:

A contribution of order $2n$ reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^{2n} \phi_i \hat{C}_{i,\ell_i; i}^{\dagger} \hat{D}_{i,\ell_i; i}^{\dagger} &= \prod_{i=1}^{2n} \phi_i (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^{2n-i} j} \prod_i \hat{C}_{i,\ell_i; i}^{\dagger} \prod_j \hat{D}_{j,\ell_j; j}^{\dagger} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{2n} \phi_i \underbrace{(-1)^{(2n-i) \frac{2n}{2}}}_{(-1)^n} \prod_i \hat{C}_{i,\ell_i; i}^{\dagger} \prod_j \hat{D}_{j,\ell_j; j}^{\dagger}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, the contractions of Wick's theorem imposes the ϕ_i to match in n pairs $\{\phi_i, \bar{\phi}_i\} \Rightarrow$ from the first product we obtain

$$(-1)^n \times (-1)^n \prod_i \hat{C}_i \prod_j \hat{D}_j = \prod_i \hat{C}_i \prod_j \hat{D}_j.$$

To all orders one can extract \hat{C} and \hat{D} operators without prize. Returning to our 4th order diagram:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diagram} &= - \sum_{\{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4\}} \text{Tr}_{\text{res}} \left\{ \hat{C}_{3,\ell_3; 3}^{\dagger} \hat{C}_{2,\ell_2; 2}^{\dagger} \hat{C}_{1,\ell_1; 1}^{\dagger} \hat{f}_{\text{red}} \hat{C}_{0,\ell_0; 0}^{\dagger} \right\} \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \hat{D}_{3,\ell_3}^{\dagger} \hat{D}_{2,\ell_2}^{\dagger} \hat{D}_{1,\ell_1}^{\dagger} \hat{f}_{\text{red}}^{\text{I}}(\tau_0) \hat{D}_{0,\ell_0}^{\dagger}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cyclic} &= - \sum_{\{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3 \ell_4\}} \text{Tr}_{\text{res}} \left\{ \hat{C}_{0,\ell_0; 0}^{\dagger} \hat{C}_{3,\ell_3}^{\dagger} \hat{C}_{2,\ell_2}^{\dagger} \hat{C}_{1,\ell_1}^{\dagger} \hat{f}_{\text{res}} \right\} \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \hat{D}_{3,\ell_3}^{\dagger} \hat{D}_{2,\ell_2}^{\dagger} \hat{D}_{1,\ell_1}^{\dagger} \hat{f}_{\text{red}}^{\text{I}}(\tau_0) \hat{D}_{0,\ell_0}^{\dagger}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, from the graph we see the contraction (31) and (20). This is not a direct contraction. For this reason an extra minus

$$\text{Diagram} = \sum_{\substack{\{p_1, p_1' \\ \sigma_0, \sigma_1 \\ \{l\}}}} \langle \hat{C}_{0, l_0 \sigma_0}^{\dagger} \hat{C}_{2, l_2 \sigma_1}^F \rangle \langle \hat{C}_{3, l_3 \sigma_1}^{p_1}, \hat{C}_{1, l_1 \sigma_1}^{\bar{p}_1} \rangle \hat{D}_{3, l_3 \sigma_1}^{\bar{p}_1}, \hat{D}_{2, l_2 \sigma_1}^p \hat{D}_{1, l_1 \sigma_1}^{p_1} \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\{l\}} \hat{D}_{0, l_0 \sigma_0}^{\bar{p}_1}$$

Now the second diagram as a further exercise.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diagram} &= \overline{\text{Tr}}_{\text{red}} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{\{p_1, p_1' \\ \sigma_0, \sigma_1 \\ \{l\}}}} \hat{C}_{3, l_3 \sigma_1}^{p_1} \hat{C}_{2, l_2 \sigma_1}^{\bar{p}_1} \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\{l\}} \hat{C}_0^{p_0} \hat{C}_1^{\bar{p}_1} \right\} \hat{D}_3^{\bar{p}_1} \hat{D}_2^{\bar{p}_2} \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\{l_0\}} \hat{D}_0^{\bar{p}_1} \hat{D}_1^{\bar{p}_2} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\{p_1, p_1' \\ \sigma_0, \sigma_1 \\ \{l\}}}} \overline{\text{Tr}}_{\text{red}} \left\{ \hat{C}_0^{p_0} \hat{C}_1^{p_1} \hat{C}_3^{p_3} \hat{C}_2^{p_2} \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\{l\}} \right\} \hat{D}_3^{\bar{p}_1} \hat{D}_2^{\bar{p}_2} \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\{l_0\}} \hat{D}_0^{\bar{p}_1} \hat{D}_1^{\bar{p}_2} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\{p_1, p_1' \\ \sigma_0, \sigma_1 \\ \{l\}}}} \langle \hat{C}_{0, l_0 \sigma_0}^{\dagger} \hat{C}_{2, l_2 \sigma_1}^F \rangle \langle \hat{C}_{3, l_3 \sigma_1}^{p_1}, \hat{C}_{1, l_1 \sigma_1}^{\bar{p}_1} \rangle \hat{D}_{3, l_3 \sigma_1}^{\bar{p}_1}, \hat{D}_{2, l_2 \sigma_1}^p \hat{\rho}_{\text{red}}^{\{l_0\}} \hat{D}_{0, l_0 \sigma_0}^{\bar{p}_1} \hat{D}_{1, l_1 \sigma_1}^{\bar{p}_1} \end{aligned}$$