

Phys525:
Quantum Condensed Matter Physics: Quantum Criticality
Basics, Dynamics and Topological criticality

Episode Nine:

introduction to scale symmetry at QCPs and emergent light-cone/horizon in dynamics

Slightly formally speaking, if $a \rightarrow \lambda a$ (d+1)D
space-time

$$A) \quad \vec{x} \longrightarrow \vec{y} = \frac{\vec{x}}{\lambda} \quad \text{or} \quad \vec{x} = \lambda \vec{y} \quad \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$$

$$\psi(\vec{x}) \longrightarrow \psi'(\vec{y}) = \lambda^{\eta} \psi(\vec{x} = \lambda \vec{y}),$$

$$B) \quad G'(\vec{y}', \vec{y}) = \langle \psi'(\vec{y}') \psi'(\vec{y}) \rangle$$

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then

The system has a scale symmetry

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Counter Example: $\ell_c = \text{finite}$.

$$G'(\vec{y}', \vec{y}) = \frac{1}{|\vec{y}' - \vec{y}|^\beta} e^{-\frac{|\vec{y}' - \vec{y}|}{\ell_c \lambda^\eta}}$$

$\underbrace{\ell_c \lambda^\eta}_{\rightarrow \ell_c'}$

$$\neq G(\vec{y}', \vec{y}; \ell_c)$$

What does Scale symmetry imply at QCPs ?

dynamical critical Exponent

Scale dimension
of field " ψ "

Scale transformation :

$$\vec{r}' = \vec{r} \lambda, \quad \tau' = \tau \lambda^z, \quad \psi'(\vec{r}', \tau') = \lambda^{-\eta} \psi(\vec{r}, \tau)$$

(for MI-SF QCP at $J=J_c$, $z=1$, $\eta = \frac{d-1}{2}$ MF fixed pt)

Scale invariance at QCPs

$$\psi(\vec{r}, \tau) = \lambda^\eta \psi'(\vec{r} \lambda, \tau \lambda^z)$$

$$S(\{\psi(\vec{r}, \tau)\}) \rightarrow S'(\{\psi'(\vec{r}', \tau')\}) = S(\{\psi'(\vec{r}', \tau')\})$$

or

$$\mathcal{H}(\{b_{\vec{r}}^+, b_{\vec{r}}^+\}) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}'(\{b_{\vec{r}'}^+, b_{\vec{r}'}^+\}) = \lambda^{-2} \mathcal{H}(\{b_{\vec{r}}^+, b_{\vec{r}}^+\})$$

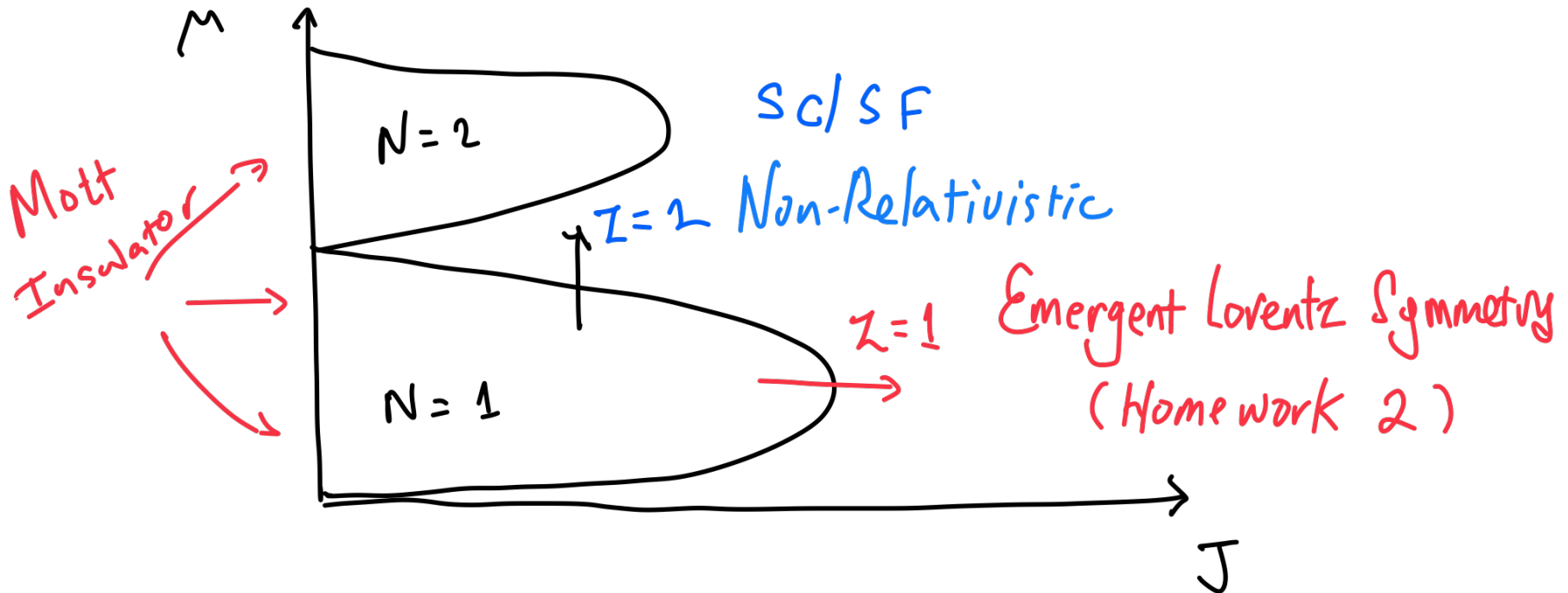
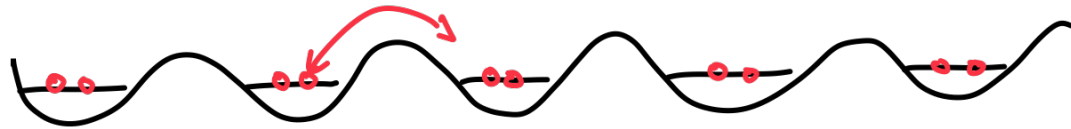
Quantum Model II :

$$[b_i, b_j] = 0, [b_i, b_j^\dagger] = \delta_{ij}$$

$$H_{BH} = \sum_i \frac{\hat{N}_i^2}{2c} - \mu \hat{N}_i + J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j + h.c.$$

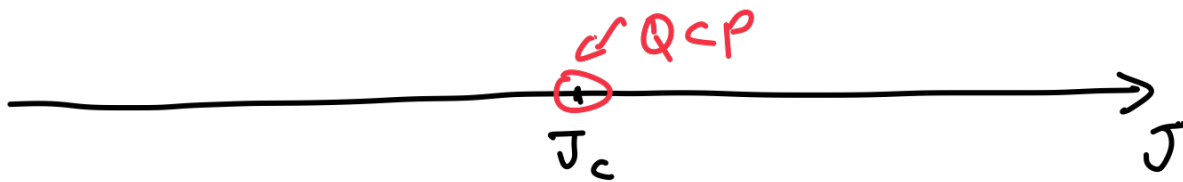
($\hat{N}_i = b_i^\dagger b_i$)

Bose-Hubbard Model



$$z=1$$

$$c=1,$$



Example I.

$$\mathcal{L} = |\partial_t \varphi|^2 + |\nabla \varphi|^2 + m^2 |\varphi|^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCP} = \mathcal{L} (m=0)$$

irrelevant $d > 3$

$$\tau \rightarrow \tau' = \tau \lambda \quad x \rightarrow x' = x \lambda, \quad \varphi \rightarrow \varphi'(x') = \lambda^{-\frac{d-1}{2}} \varphi(x, \tau)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ |\partial_{\tau'} \varphi'|^2 + |\nabla_{\vec{r}'} \varphi'|^2 \right\} \lambda^{+\frac{d-1}{2} \times 2 + 2} + m^2 |\varphi'|^2 \lambda^{+(\frac{d-1}{2}) \times 2}$$

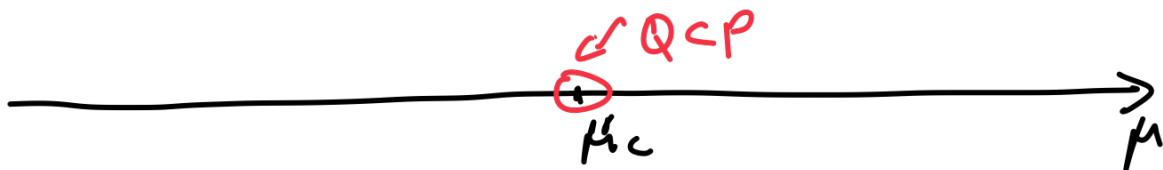
$$S = \int^{(d)} dx d\tau \mathcal{L} \rightarrow S' = \int^{(d)} dx' d\tau' \mathcal{L}'$$

breaks scale symmetry

$$\left\{ \left[|\partial_{\tau'} \varphi'|^2 + |\nabla_{\vec{r}'} \varphi'|^2 \right] + \lambda^{-2} m^2 |\varphi'|^2 \right\}$$

so that $S \rightarrow S' = S(\{\varphi'(\vec{r}', \tau')\})$ if $m=0$ or QCP!

Scale invariant.

$z=2$ 

Example II.

$$\mathcal{L} = \psi^* \partial_t \psi + |\nabla \psi|^2 + \delta\mu |\psi|^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCP} = \mathcal{L} (m=0)$$

irrelevant $d > 2$

$$\tau \rightarrow \tau' = \tau \lambda^2 \quad x \rightarrow x' = x \lambda, \quad \psi \rightarrow \psi'(x') = \lambda^{-\frac{d}{2}} \psi(x, \tau)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ \psi^* \partial_t \psi + |\nabla_{\vec{r}} \psi|^2 \right\} \lambda^{\frac{d}{2} \times 2 + 2} + \delta\mu |\psi|^2 \lambda^{\frac{d}{2} \times 2}$$

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so that $S \rightarrow S' = S(\{\psi(\vec{r}', \tau')\})$ if $\delta\mu = 0$ or QCP!

Scale invariant.

- Towards time ordered Green's function **G**

$$G(r, \tau; 0, 0) = \langle g.s. | \mathcal{T} b_{\vec{r}}(\tau) b_0^\dagger(0) | g.s. \rangle$$

or

$$G(\underline{q}, \tau; \underline{q}, 0) = \langle g.s. | \mathcal{T} b_{\underline{q}}(\tau) b_{\underline{q}}^\dagger(0) | g.s. \rangle$$

$$\stackrel{\tau > 0}{=} \sum_{\vec{q} \in \text{all many-body eigenstates with momentum } \vec{q}} \langle g.s. | b_{\vec{q}}(\tau) | \vec{q} \rangle \langle \vec{q} | b_{\vec{q}}^\dagger(0) | g.s. \rangle$$

$\rightarrow e^{+H\tau} b_{\vec{q}} e^{-H\tau}$

$$= \underbrace{|\langle g.s. | b_{\vec{q}} | \vec{q} \rangle| e^{-E_{\vec{q}}^P \tau}}_{\text{"Particle-like M.B. States"}} + \underbrace{\dots}_{\text{Continuum "Multiparticles" M.O. States}}$$

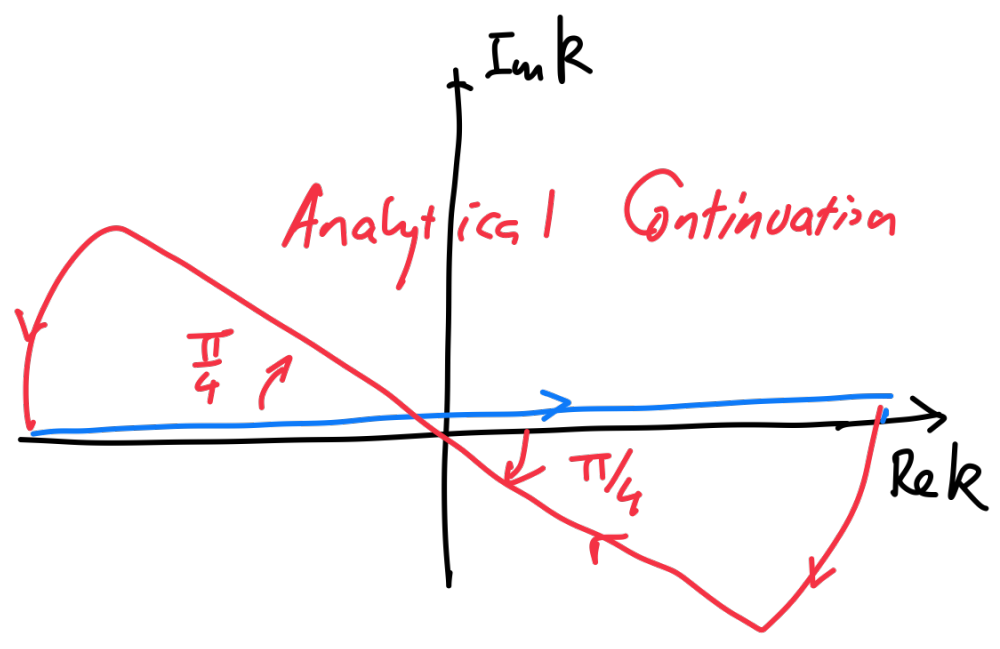
Time ordered in Non-Relativistic Theory (free particles)
 $|0\rangle = |vac\rangle$

$$\langle 0 | T b_{\vec{r}}^\dagger(t) b_0(0) | 0 \rangle = \sum_{\vec{k}} \langle 0 | b_{\vec{r}}^\dagger(t) | \vec{k} \rangle \langle \vec{k} | b_0(0) | 0 \rangle$$

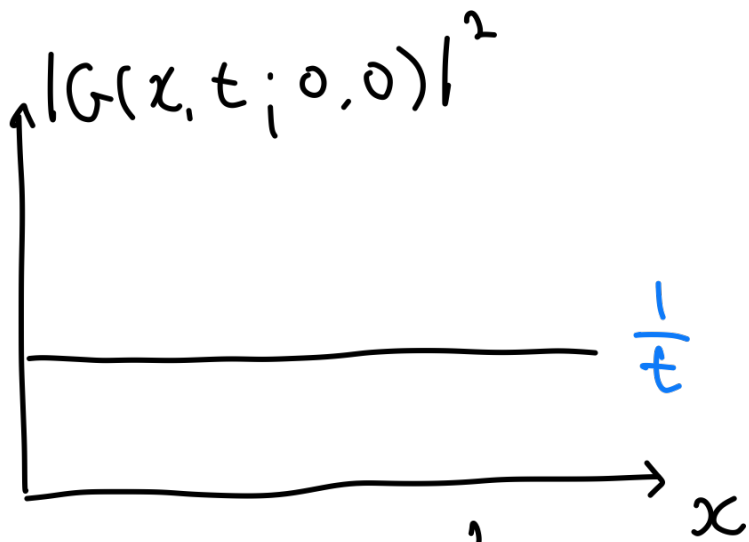
Single particle state
 $(m=1)$

$$= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{r}-0)} e^{-i\epsilon_k t}$$

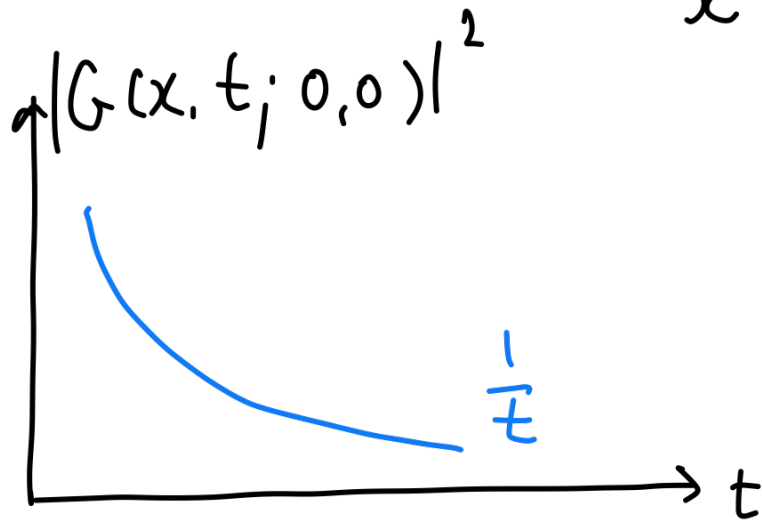
$\int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3}$ (blue arrow) \rightarrow vol. Ω (red arrow) \rightarrow $|\vec{k}|$ (red arrow)
 $\frac{4\pi^{-1/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi i}}$ (red arrow) \rightarrow $\frac{1}{\hbar^{1/2}}$ (red arrow)
 $e^{i \frac{x^2}{2t} \cdot \frac{1}{\hbar^{1/2}}}$ (red arrow)



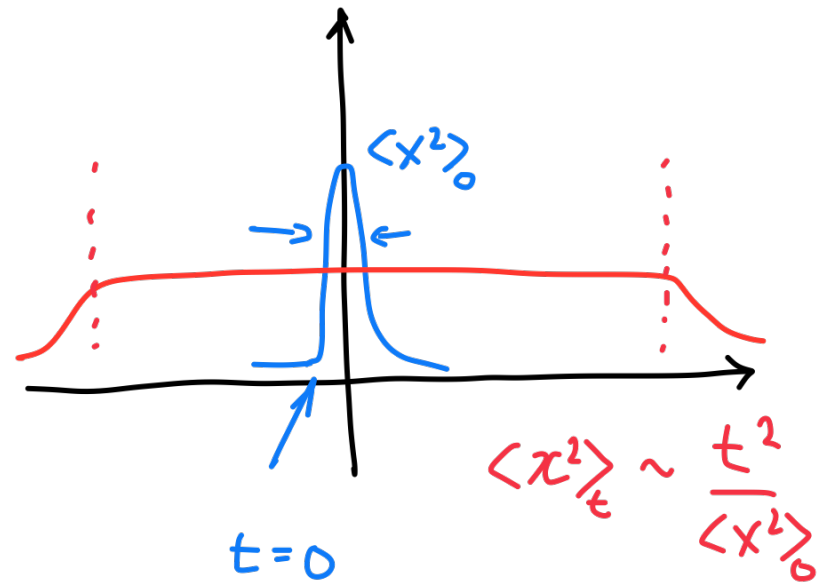
QM 100



0 \mathcal{D}
 $(0, 0)$ (x, t)

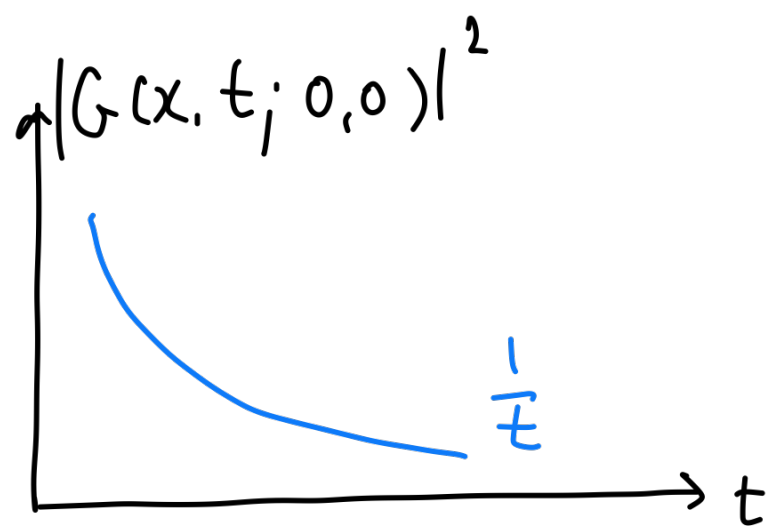
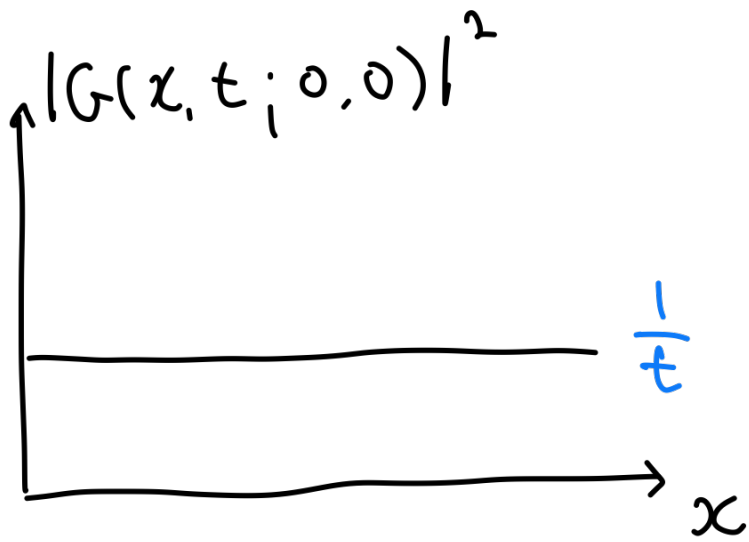


$|\psi(x, t)|^2$

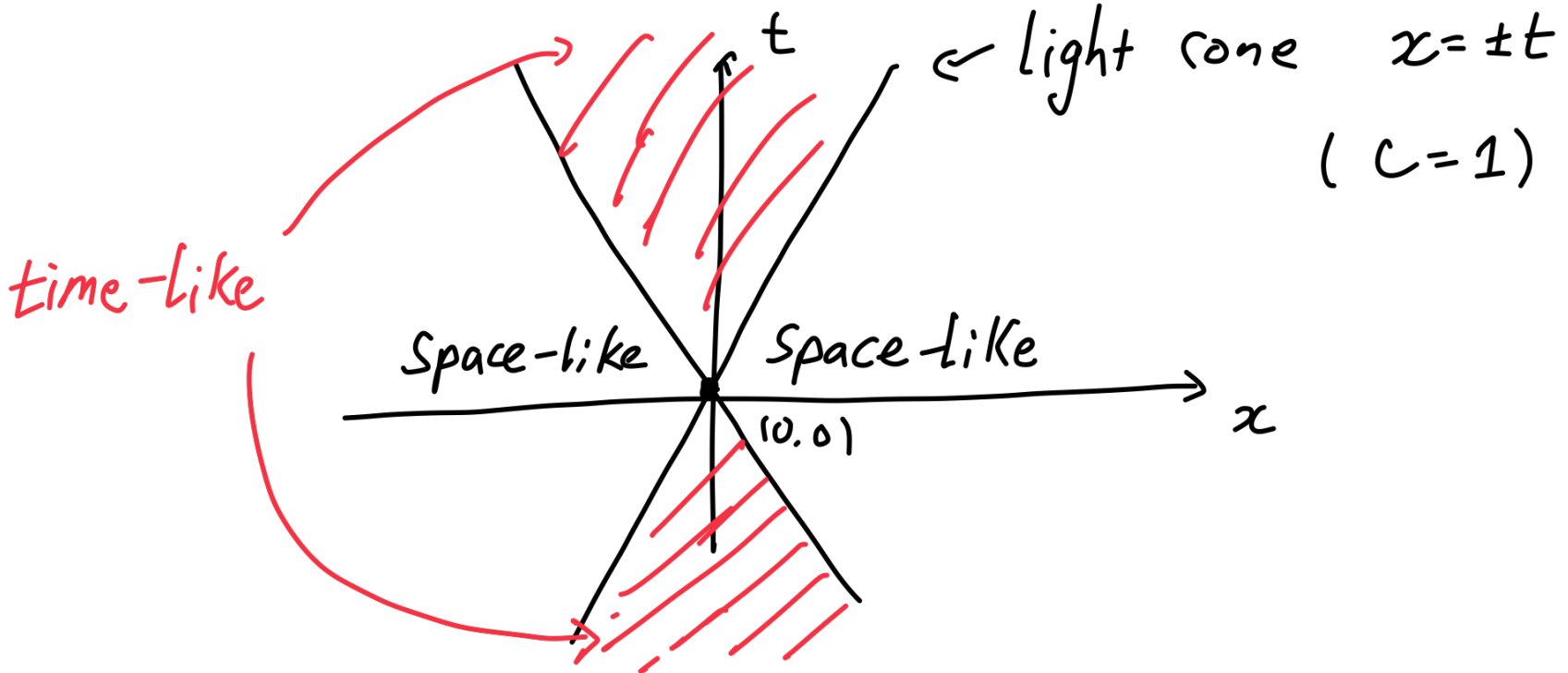


$\langle x^2 \rangle_0 \rightarrow 0$

$$|\psi(x, t)|^2 \longrightarrow |G(x, t; 0, 0)|^2$$



What about $Z=1$ Relativistic QCP?



Generally, Non-Relativistic Theory $z=2$
has $SO(2,1)$ conformal symmetry.

$$\langle \text{vac} | T \hat{O}_{\vec{r}}(t) \hat{O}_0(0) | \text{vac} \rangle \sim \frac{1}{t^{2\Delta_0}} e^{i \frac{r^2}{2t}}$$

Δ_0 : Scaling dimension of Operator \hat{O}_0
"prime"

$$(\Delta_0 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ in 1D for } \hat{O}_0 = b_0^\dagger)$$