

Solution 3

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1 The Density and Current Correlation Function

1.1

Using the definition of J_0 and \vec{J} operators, we can calculate

$$\langle G | [J_k(\vec{x}, t), J_0(\vec{x}', t)] | G \rangle = \langle G | [J_k(\vec{x}), J_0(\vec{x}')] | G \rangle \quad (1)$$

$$= \langle G | \left[\frac{ie\hbar}{2m} \sum_{\sigma} (\psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(x) \partial_k \psi_{\sigma}(x) - \partial_k \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(x) \psi_{\sigma}(x)) + \frac{e^2}{mc} A(x) \sum_{\sigma} \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(x) \psi_{\sigma}(x), e \sum_{\sigma'} \psi_{\sigma'}^{\dagger}(x') \psi_{\sigma}(x') \right] | G \rangle \quad (2)$$

For the first two terms,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle G | \left[\frac{ie\hbar}{2m} \sum_{\sigma} (\psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(x) \partial_k \psi_{\sigma}(x) - \partial_k \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(x) \psi_{\sigma}(x)), e \sum_{\sigma'} \psi_{\sigma'}^{\dagger}(x') \psi_{\sigma}(x') \right] | G \rangle \\ &= -\frac{ie^2\hbar}{2m} (2\rho(x') \partial_k \delta^3(x - x') - \partial'_k \rho(x') \delta^3(x - x')) \\ &= \frac{ie^2\hbar}{2m} (-\partial'_k (\rho(x') \delta^3(x - x'))) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

For the third term

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle G | \left[\frac{e^2}{mc} A(x) \sum_{\sigma} \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(x) \psi_{\sigma}(x), e \sum_{\sigma'} \psi_{\sigma'}^{\dagger}(x') \psi_{\sigma'}(x') \right] | G \rangle \\
&= \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} \frac{e^3}{mc} \langle G | \left[\psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(x) \psi_{\sigma}(x), \psi_{\sigma'}^{\dagger}(x') \psi_{\sigma'}(x') \right] | G \rangle \\
&= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Hence we have

$$\langle G | [J_k(\vec{x}, t), J_0(\vec{x}', t)] | G \rangle = -\frac{ie^2\hbar}{2m} \partial'_k (\rho(x') \delta^3(x - x')) \tag{5}$$

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Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
\partial'^{\nu} D_{\mu, \nu}^R(x, x') &= \partial'^{\nu} (-i\theta(t - t') \langle G | [J_{\mu}(x), J_{\nu}(x')] | G \rangle) \\
&= \partial'^{\nu} (-i\theta(t - t')) \langle G | [J_{\mu}(x), J_{\nu}(x')] | G \rangle \\
&= \partial'^0 (-i\theta(t - t')) \langle G | [J_{\mu}(x), J_0(x')] | G \rangle \\
&= -i\delta(t - t') \langle G | [J_{\mu}(x), J_0(x')] | G \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

If $\mu = 0$, we have

$$\partial'^{\nu} D_{0, \nu}^R(x, x') = -i\delta(t - t') \langle G | [J_0(x), J_0(x')] | G \rangle = 0 \tag{7}$$

If $\mu = k$, according to the result in Eq.(5), we have

$$\partial'^{\nu} D_{k, \nu}^R(x, x') = -\frac{e^2\hbar}{2m} \partial'_k (\rho(x') \delta^3(x - x')) \tag{8}$$

Hence,

$$\partial'^{\nu} D_{\mu, \nu}^R(x, x') = \begin{cases} 0, & \mu = 0 \\ -\frac{e^2\hbar}{2m} \partial'_k (\rho(x') \delta^3(x - x')), & \mu = k \end{cases} \tag{9}$$

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From the above equation, if $\mu = 0$, we have

$$\partial'^0 D_{00}^R(x, x') - \partial'^k D_{0k}^R(x, x') = 0 \quad (10)$$

Using Fourier transformation, we have

$$-i\omega D_{00}^R(p, \omega) - ip_k D_{0k}^R(p, \omega) = 0 \quad (11)$$

If $\mu = k$,

$$\partial'^\nu D_{k,\nu}^R(x, x') = -\frac{e^2 \hbar}{2m} \partial'_k (\rho(x') \delta^3(x - x')) \quad (12)$$

Assume that ρ is a constant, we have

$$\partial^0 D_{k0}^R(x, x') - \partial^l D_{kl}^R(x, x') = -\frac{e^2 \hbar \rho}{m} \partial'_k (\delta^3(x - x')) \quad (13)$$

In the momentum space, it becomes

$$-i\omega D_{k0}^R(p, \omega) - ip_l D_{kl}^R(p, \omega) = -\frac{e^2 \hbar \rho}{m} ip_k \quad (14)$$

Combined with result in Eq.(11), we have

$$\omega^2 D_{00}^R(p, \omega) - p_l p_k D_{kl}^R(p, \omega) = -\frac{e^2 \hbar \rho}{m} \vec{p}^2 \quad (15)$$

Notice that

$$D_{lk}^R(p, \omega) = D_{\perp}^R(p, \omega) \frac{p_l p_k}{p^2} + D_{\parallel}^R(p, \omega) \left(\frac{p_l p_k}{p^2} - \delta_{lk} \right) \quad (16)$$

Substituting the above equation into Eq.(15), we have

$$\omega^2 D_{00}^R(p, \omega) - \vec{p}^2 D_{\parallel}^R(p, \omega) = -\frac{e^2 \hbar \rho}{m} \vec{p}^2 \quad (17)$$

1.4

From the lecture note, we have

$$\vec{E}_{ext} = \left(\frac{e^2 \rho}{mc^2} \mathbb{I} - \frac{1}{\hbar} D^R + p \otimes p - \vec{p}^2 \mathbb{I} + \omega^2 \mathbb{I} \right)^{-1} (p \otimes p - \vec{p}^2 \mathbb{I} + \omega^2 \mathbb{I}) \vec{E} \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} i\omega \vec{J}_{ind} &= \left(\frac{1}{\hbar} D^R - \frac{e^2 \rho}{mc^2} \mathbb{I} \right) \left(\frac{e^2 \rho}{mc^2} \mathbb{I} - \frac{1}{\hbar} D^R + p \otimes p - \vec{p}^2 \mathbb{I} + \omega^2 \mathbb{I} \right)^{-1} \\ &\times (p \otimes p - \vec{p}^2 \mathbb{I} + \omega^2 \mathbb{I}) \vec{E} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Using $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} i\omega \sigma(p, \omega) &= \left(\frac{1}{\hbar} D^R - \frac{e^2 \rho}{mc^2} \mathbb{I} \right) \left(\frac{e^2 \rho}{mc^2} \mathbb{I} - \frac{1}{\hbar} D^R + p \otimes p - \vec{p}^2 \mathbb{I} + \omega^2 \mathbb{I} \right)^{-1} \\ &\times (p \otimes p - \vec{p}^2 \mathbb{I} + \omega^2 \mathbb{I}) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Breaking σ into longitudinal and transverse components,

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{\parallel} \frac{p_i p_j}{p^2} + \sigma_{\perp} \left(\frac{p_i p_j}{p^2} - \delta_{ij} \right) \quad (21)$$

this leads to

$$p_i \sigma_{ij} p_j = \sigma_{\parallel} p^2 \quad (22)$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} i\omega \sigma_{\parallel} &= \frac{p_i p_j}{p^2} i\omega \sigma_{ij} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\hbar} D_{\parallel}^R - \frac{e^2 \rho}{mc^2} \right) \left(1 - \frac{mc^2}{e^2 \rho} \left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} D_{\parallel}^R + \omega^2 \right) + \dots \right) \frac{mc^2}{e^2 \rho} \omega^2 \\ &\approx \left(\frac{1}{\hbar} D_{\parallel}^R - \frac{e^2 \rho}{mc^2} \right) \frac{1}{1 + \frac{mc^2}{e^2 \rho} \left(-\frac{1}{\hbar} D_{\parallel}^R + \omega^2 \right)} \frac{mc^2}{e^2 \rho} \omega^2 \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Hence,

$$\sigma_{\parallel}(\vec{k}, \omega) = -i\omega \left(\frac{\frac{1}{\hbar} D_{\parallel}^R(k, \omega) - \frac{e^2 \rho}{mc^2}}{\frac{e^2 \rho}{mc^2} - \frac{1}{\hbar} D_{\parallel}^R(\vec{k}, \omega) + \omega^2} \right) \quad (24)$$

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2.1

According to the linear response theory,

$$I(t) = \frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^t dt' \theta(t-t') \langle [H(t'), \mathcal{I}_{tunnel}(t)] \rangle \quad (25)$$

where

$$H(t') = \Gamma e^{-ieVt'/\hbar} A(x_0, t') + h.c. \quad (26)$$

and

$$\mathcal{I}_{tunnel}(t) = -ie\Gamma (A(x_0, t)e^{-ieVt/\hbar} - A^\dagger(x_0, t)e^{ieVt/\hbar}) \quad (27)$$

Substituting the above two equations into $I(t)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= \frac{e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \int dt' \theta(t-t') \left(e^{-ieV(t+t')/\hbar} \langle [A(x_0, t'), A(x_0, t)] \rangle \right. \\ &\quad - e^{ieV(t-t')/\hbar} \langle [A(x_0, t'), A^\dagger(x_0, t)] \rangle + e^{-ieV(t-t')/\hbar} \langle [A^\dagger(x_0, t'), A(x_0, t)] \rangle \\ &\quad \left. e^{-ieV(t+t')/\hbar} \langle [A^\dagger(x_0, t'), A^\dagger(x_0, t)] \rangle \right) \\ &= \frac{ie\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \int dt' (e^{-ieV(t-t')/\hbar} D_A^R(t-t', x_0))^* - e^{-ieV(t-t')/\hbar} D_A^R(t-t', x_0) \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where $D_A^R(t-t', x_0)$ is the retarded Green function

$$D_A^R(t-t', x_0) = -i\theta(t-t') \langle [A(x_0, t), A^\dagger(x_0, t')] \rangle \quad (29)$$

Thus we show that

$$I(t) = \frac{2e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \int dt' \text{Im} \left\{ e^{-ieV(t-t')/\hbar} D_A^R(t-t', x_0) \right\} \quad (30)$$

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Using Fourier transformation of $D_A^R(t-t', x_0)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I(t) &= \frac{2e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \int dt' \text{Im} \left\{ e^{-ieV(t-t')/\hbar} D_A^R(t-t', x_0) \right\} \\
&= \frac{2e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \text{Im} \left(\int dt' \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega(t-t')} e^{-ieV(t-t')/\hbar} \tilde{D}_A^R(x_0, \omega) \right) \\
&= \frac{2e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \text{Im} \left(\int dt' \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} 2\pi\delta(eV/\hbar + \omega) e^{-i\omega t} e^{-ieVt/\hbar} \tilde{D}_A^R(x_0, \omega) \right) \\
&= \frac{2e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \text{Im} \tilde{D}_A^R(x_0, -\frac{eV}{\hbar})
\end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

2.3

Using the Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorem, we have

$$J_1(k, \omega) = -\frac{2}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}} \text{Im} D^R(k, \omega) \tag{32}$$

where

$$J_1(k, \omega) = \int dt \int d^3(x-x') e^{i(-k \cdot (x-x') + \omega t)} \langle O(x, t) O^\dagger(x, 0) \rangle \tag{33}$$

Undo the Fourier transformation, we have

$$J_1(x, x', \omega) = -\frac{2}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}} \text{Im} D^R(x, x', \omega) \tag{34}$$

Notice that

$$\langle O(x, t) O^\dagger(x', 0) \rangle = G^>(x_0, t) \tag{35}$$

where $O(x, t) = A(x, t)$. Hence we have

$$J_1^A(x_0, \omega) = -\frac{2}{1 - e^{-\beta\hbar\omega}} \text{Im} \tilde{D}_A^R(x_0, \omega) \tag{36}$$

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The correlation function

$$\begin{aligned}
G_A^>(x_0, t - t') &= \langle A(x_0, t) A^\dagger(x_0, t') \rangle \\
&= \langle e^{i(H_{tip}+H)t/\hbar} A(x_0) e^{-i(H_{tip}+H)t/\hbar} e^{i(H_{tip}+H)t'/\hbar} A^\dagger(x_0) e^{-i(H_{tip}+H)t'/\hbar} \rangle \\
&= \langle e^{i(H_{tip}+H)t/\hbar} \psi^\dagger(x_0) \varphi(x_0) e^{-i(H_{tip}+H)t/\hbar} e^{i(H_{tip}+H)t'/\hbar} \varphi^\dagger(x_0) \psi(x_0) e^{-i(H_{tip}+H)t'/\hbar} \rangle \\
&= \langle e^{iHt/\hbar} \psi^\dagger(x_0) e^{iH(t'-t)/\hbar} \psi(x_0) e^{-iHt'/\hbar} e^{iH_{tip}t/\hbar} \varphi(x_0) e^{iH_{tip}(t'-t)/\hbar} \varphi^\dagger(x_0) e^{-iH_{tip}t'/\hbar} \rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

When $\Gamma = 0$, there is no tunneling and so we can separate the ground state into the tip and the system ground state

$$|G\rangle = |G_{sys}\rangle |G_{tip}\rangle \tag{38}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
G_A^>(x_0, t - t') &= \langle G_{sys} | \psi^\dagger(x_0, t') \psi(x_0, t) | G_{sys} \rangle^* \langle G_{tip} | \varphi(x_0, t) \varphi^\dagger(x_0, t') | G_{tip} \rangle \\
&= G_{sys}^<(x_0, t - t')^* G_{tip}^>(x_0, t - t')
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

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Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1^A(x_0, \omega) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} G_A^>(x_0, t) \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} G_{sys}^<(x_0, t)^* G_{tip}^>(x_0, t) \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \int \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} e^{i\omega't} J_2^{sys}(x_0, \omega') \int \frac{d\omega''t}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega''t} J_1^{tip}(x_0, \omega'') \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{i\omega t} \int \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} e^{i\omega't} e^{-\beta\hbar\omega'} J_1^{sys}(x_0, \omega') \int \frac{d\omega''t}{2\pi} e^{-i\omega''t} J_1^{tip}(x_0, \omega'') \\
&= \int \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} J_1^{sys}(x_0, \omega') J_1^{tip}(x_0, \omega + \omega') e^{-\beta\hbar\omega'}
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

Hence we have

$$J_1^A(x_0, \omega) = \int \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} J_1^{sys}(x_0, \Omega) J_1^{tip}(x_0, \omega + \Omega) e^{-\beta\hbar\Omega} \tag{41}$$

where $\Omega = \omega'$.

2.6

According to question 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_t &= \frac{2e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \text{Im} \tilde{D}_A^R(x_0, -\frac{eV}{\hbar}) \\
&= -\frac{e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \left(1 - e^{-\beta\hbar(-\frac{eV}{\hbar})}\right) J_1^A(x_0, -\frac{eV}{\hbar}) \\
&= \frac{e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} (e^{\beta eV} - 1) \int \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} e^{-\beta\hbar\Omega} \frac{2}{1 + e^{-\beta\hbar\Omega}} \text{Im} \tilde{G}_{sys}^R(x_0, x_0, \Omega) \frac{2}{1 + e^{-\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}} \text{Im} \tilde{G}_{tip}^R(x_0, x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Notice that

$$\rho_{tip}(x, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \tilde{G}_{tip}^R(x, x, \omega) \tag{43}$$

$$\rho_{sys}(x, \omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \tilde{G}_{sys}^R(x, x, \omega) \tag{44}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_t &= \frac{e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} (e^{\beta eV} - 1) \int \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} e^{-\beta\hbar\Omega} \frac{2}{1 + e^{-\beta\hbar\Omega}} \pi^2 \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \frac{2}{1 + e^{-\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}} \rho_{tip}(x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}) \\
&= \frac{2\pi e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} (e^{\beta eV} - 1) \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \rho_{tip}(x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}) \frac{1}{e^{\beta\hbar\Omega} + 1} \left[1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}\right] \\
&= \frac{2\pi e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} (e^{\beta eV} - 1) \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \rho_{tip}(x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}) f(\beta\hbar\Omega) \left[1 - f\left(\beta\hbar\left(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}\right)\right)\right]
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

where

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{e^z + 1} \tag{46}$$

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Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
I_t &= \frac{2\pi e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} (e^{\beta eV} - 1) \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \rho_{tip}(x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}) f(\beta\hbar\Omega) \left[1 - f\left(\beta\hbar\left(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}\right)\right)\right] \\
&= \frac{2\pi e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \rho_{tip}(x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}) \left[\frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}} - \frac{1}{e^{\beta\hbar\Omega} + 1}\right]
\end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

At $T = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_t &= \frac{2\pi e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \rho_{tip}(x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}) \left[\theta(\frac{eV}{\hbar} - \Omega) - \theta(-\Omega) \right] \\
&= \frac{2\pi e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \int_0^{\frac{eV}{\hbar}} d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \rho_{tip}(x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

2.8

Assuming that $\rho_{tip}(x_0, \omega) = \rho_{tip}(0)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G_t(V) &= \frac{dI_t}{dV} \\
&= \frac{d}{dV} \left(\frac{2\pi e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \int_0^{\frac{eV}{\hbar}} d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \rho_{tip}(x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}) \right) \\
&= \frac{2\pi e\Gamma^2}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \rho_{sys}(x_0, \frac{eV}{\hbar}) \frac{d}{dV} \left(\frac{eV}{\hbar} \right) \\
&= \frac{2\pi e^2\Gamma^2}{\hbar^2} \rho_{tip}(0) \rho_{sys}(x_0, \frac{eV}{\hbar})
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

2.9

2.9.1 $T = 0$

(a) If $\rho_{sys}(x_0, \omega) = \rho_{sys}(0)$, according to the result in Eq.(49), we have

$$G_t(V) = \frac{2\pi e^2\Gamma^2}{\hbar^2} \rho_{tip}(0) \rho_{sys}(0) \tag{50}$$

(b) If $\rho_{sys}(x_0, \omega) \propto |\omega|^\alpha$, according to the result in Eq.(49), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G_t(V) &= \frac{2\pi e^2\Gamma^2}{\hbar^2} \rho_{tip}(0) \rho_{sys}(x_0, \frac{eV}{\hbar}) \\
&\propto \frac{2\pi e^2\Gamma^2}{\hbar^2} \rho_{tip}(0) \left| \frac{eV}{\hbar} \right|^\alpha \\
&= \frac{2\pi\Gamma^2 e^{2+\alpha}}{\hbar^{2+\alpha}} \rho_{tip}(0) V^\alpha
\end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

(c) If $\rho_{sys}(x_0, \omega) \propto \theta(|\omega| - \Delta/\hbar)(|\omega| - \Delta/\hbar)^\nu$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G_t(V) &= \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2}{\hbar^2} \rho_{tip}(0) \rho_{sys}(x_0, \frac{eV}{\hbar}) \\
&\propto \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2}{\hbar^2} \rho_{tip}(0) \theta\left(\left|\frac{eV}{\hbar}\right| - \Delta/\hbar\right) \left(\left|\frac{eV}{\hbar}\right| - \Delta/\hbar\right)^\nu \\
&= \frac{2\pi e^{2+\nu} \Gamma^2}{\hbar^{2+\nu}} \rho_{tip}(0) \theta(V - \Delta/e) (V - \Delta/e)^\nu
\end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

2.9.2 $T \neq 0$

Using the result in Eq.(45),

$$I_t = \frac{2\pi e \Gamma^2}{\hbar} (e^{\beta eV} - 1) \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \rho_{tip}(x_0, \Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar}) f(\beta \hbar \Omega) \left[1 - f\left(\beta \hbar (\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})\right) \right] \tag{53}$$

We can derive that

$$\begin{aligned}
G_t(V) &= \frac{dI_t}{dV} = \frac{2\pi e \Gamma^2}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta \hbar (\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}} \right) \\
&= \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2 \beta}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \frac{e^{\beta \hbar (\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta \hbar (\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}\right)^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

(a) If $\rho_{sys}(x_0, \omega) = \rho_{sys}(0)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G_t(V) &= \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2 \beta}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \frac{e^{\beta \hbar (\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta \hbar (\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}\right)^2} \\
&= \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2 \beta}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \rho_{sys}(0) \int d\Omega \frac{e^{\beta \hbar (\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta \hbar (\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}\right)^2} \\
&= \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2}{\hbar^2} \rho_{tip}(0) \rho_{sys}(0)
\end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

In this case, the nonzero temperature has no effect on the conductance.

(b) If $\rho_{sys}(x_0, \omega) \propto |\omega|^\alpha$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G_t(V) &= \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2 \beta}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \frac{e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}\right)^2} \\
&\propto \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2 \beta}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \int d\Omega |\Omega|^\alpha \frac{e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}\right)^2} \\
&= \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2 \beta}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \left(\int_0^\infty d\Omega \Omega^\alpha \frac{e^{\beta\hbar(-\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}{1 + e^{\beta\hbar(-\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}} + \int_0^\infty d\Omega \Omega^\alpha \frac{e^{\beta\hbar(-\Omega + \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta\hbar(-\Omega + \frac{eV}{\hbar})}\right)^2} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

At finite temperature, the simple power law disappears.

(c) If $\rho_{sys}(x_0, \omega) \propto \theta(|\omega| - \Delta/\hbar)(|\omega| - \Delta/\hbar)^\nu$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
G_t(V) &= \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2 \beta}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \int d\Omega \rho_{sys}(x_0, \Omega) \frac{e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}\right)^2} \\
&\propto \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2 \beta}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \int d\Omega \theta(|\Omega| - \Delta/\hbar)(|\Omega| - \Delta/\hbar)^\nu \frac{e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar})}\right)^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

We can split the above integral into two parts (1) $\Omega \in [-\infty, -\Delta/\hbar]$ and (2) $\Omega \in [\Delta/\hbar, \infty]$. The final result is

$$G_t(V) \propto \frac{2\pi e^2 \Gamma^2 \beta}{\hbar} \rho_{tip}(0) \left(\int_0^\infty d\Omega \Omega^\nu \frac{e^{\beta\hbar(-\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar} - \Delta/\hbar)}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta\hbar(-\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar} - \Delta/\hbar)}\right)^2} + \int_0^\infty d\Omega \Omega^\nu \frac{e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar} + \Delta/\hbar)}}{\left(1 + e^{\beta\hbar(\Omega - \frac{eV}{\hbar} + \Delta/\hbar)}\right)^2} \right) \tag{58}$$

From the above result, we can see that at finite temperature, we do not have a simple power law anymore. We have an infinite sum over positive frequencies. Furthermore, it is also determined by the temperature and the gap Δ .