

Time evolution of a quantum solvable many body system (the Luttinger model)

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- One can consider for instance a $d = 1$ system on the interval $[-L/2, L/2]$ for $L > 0$ prepared in an initial state which is different to the left and right of the origin, evolve the system in time t , and consider an interval $[-\ell, \ell]$ for $L > \ell > 0$, followed by first letting $L \rightarrow \infty$ and then $t \rightarrow \infty$ while keeping ℓ fixed but arbitrary.

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- Here I will expose some result on a solvable model for which exact results can be derived. Continuum but with intrinsic length.

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Non Equilibrium properties

In order to describe the evolution of a domain wall state we consider the ground state of an Hamiltonian with different chemical potentials in the left and right sides ($\mu_L = \mu_0 + \mu$, $\mu_R = \mu_0 - \mu$)

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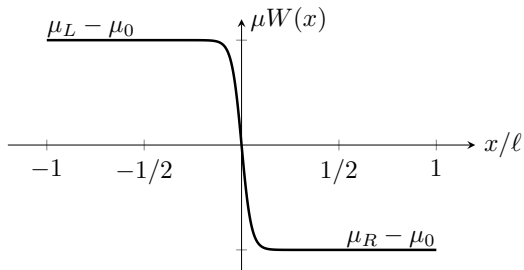


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- Similarly, the current is non-zero in the same region, and, as $t \rightarrow \infty$, it tends to the non-vanishing value $\mu/2\pi = \frac{e^2}{h} (\mu_L - \mu_R)$ everywhere.

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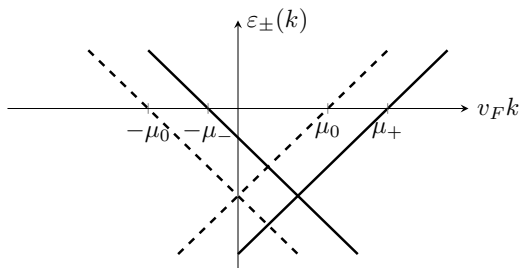


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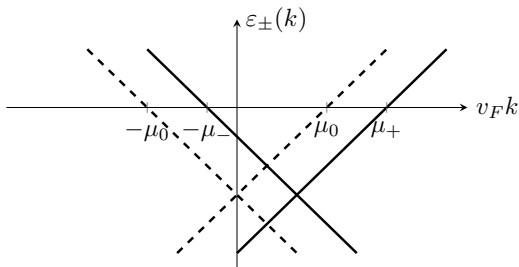


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- The system evolves **ballistically** but non-local interaction produces **dispersion** effects.

Plots

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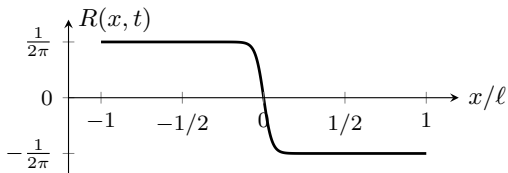
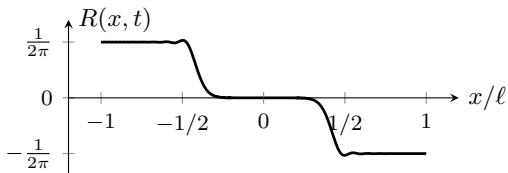


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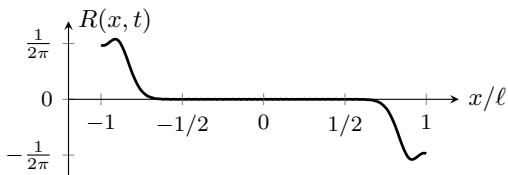


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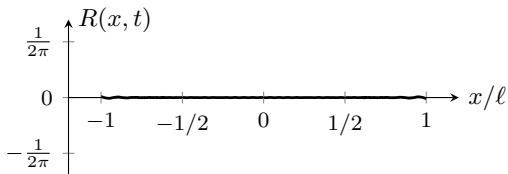


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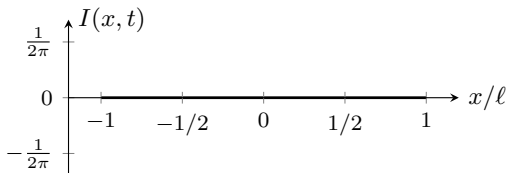
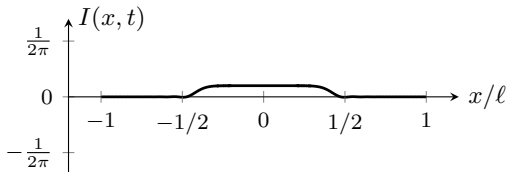


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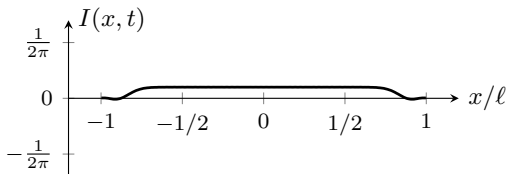


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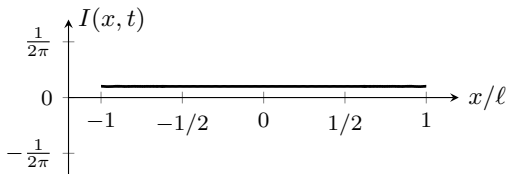


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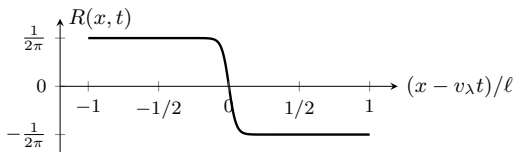


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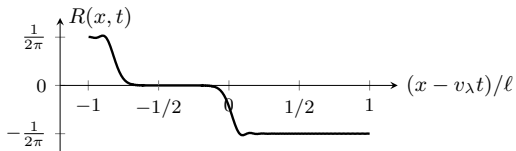


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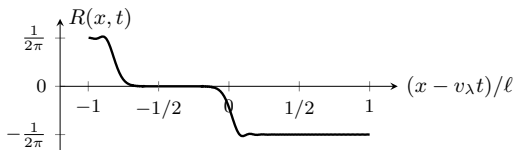


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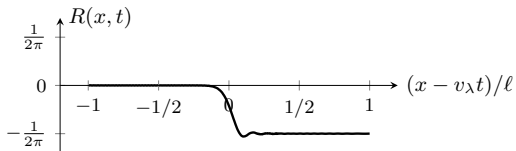


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Large time behavior

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- zero density

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- Fermions with different chemical potentials for right- and left-moving particles,

$$\mu_{\pm} = \mu_0 \pm \frac{\mu}{2} \frac{K_{\lambda} v_{\lambda'}}{v_{\lambda}}, \quad (3)$$

- the final state depends on the details of the time evolution and the initial state but the Landauer conductance is universal:

$$G = \frac{I}{\mu_+ - \mu_-} = \frac{\mu K_{\lambda} v_{\lambda'}}{2\pi v_{\lambda}} \frac{v_{\lambda}}{\mu K_{\lambda} v_{\lambda'}} = \frac{1}{2\pi}$$

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$$\langle O(t) \rangle_{neq} = \text{Tr} \rho_{neq}(t) O = \text{Tr} \rho_{neq} O(t), \quad (5)$$

where $O(t) = e^{i\mathbf{H}t} O e^{-i\mathbf{H}t}$, $\rho_{neq}(t) = e^{i\mathbf{H}t} \rho_{neq} e^{-i\mathbf{H}t}$. If $\varepsilon = 0$ is an equilibrium expectation value with temperature $T = \beta^{-1}$

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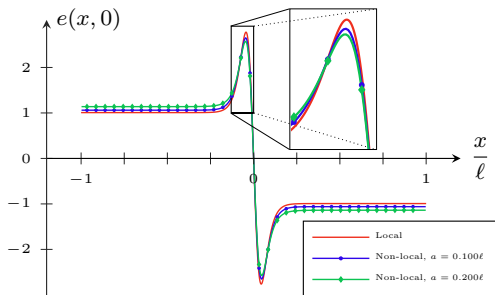


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Non Local interaction

In the case of non local interaction there is an extra length; results only at first order

$$E(x, t) = E_0 + \varepsilon E_1(x, t) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$
$$J(x, t) = \varepsilon J_1(x, t) + O(\varepsilon^2),$$

where E_0 is equal to $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E(x, t)$ and

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with

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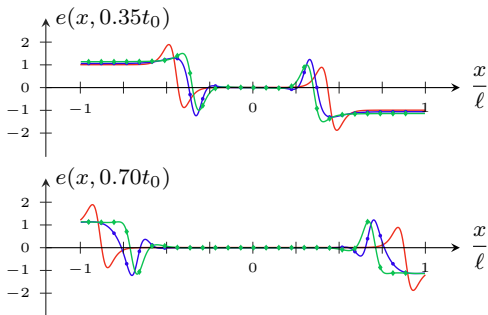
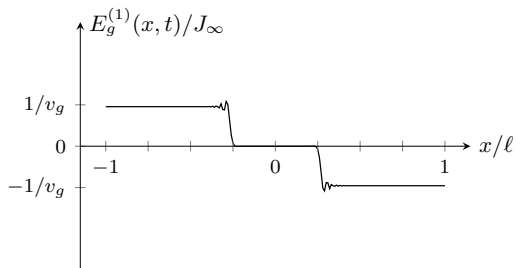
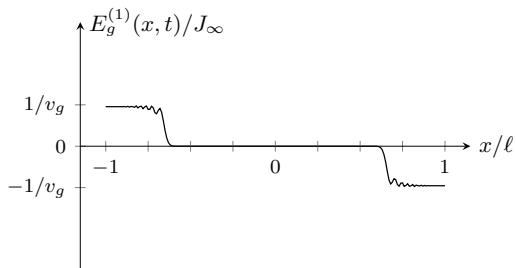


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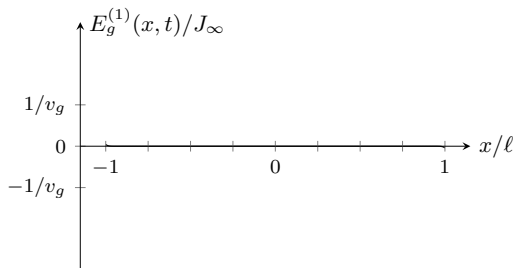
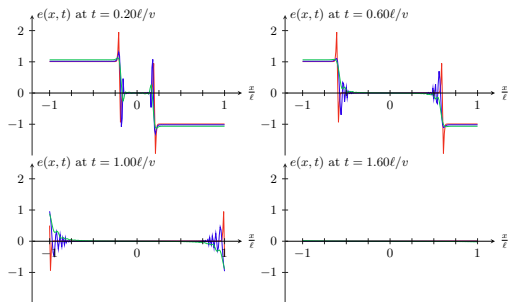


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