Quantentheorie II Übung 8

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1. Questions

- (a) Which Hilbert space(s) can a bosonic creation operator a_{ψ}^{\dagger} act onto: \mathcal{H}_N , $\mathcal{H}_N^{(+)}$, $\mathcal{H}_N^{(-)}$? What is (are) the results?
- (b) Write down the (anti)commutation relations for fermionic and bosonic creation/annihilation operators!
- (c) Write down a relationship of the form $|0\rangle = (???)|\psi\rangle$.
- (d) What is the meaning of a "one-particle observable", and how is such an observable represented in terms of a, a^{\dagger} ?
- (e) Is the operator $a_{\psi}^{\dagger}a_{\psi}$ an observable/if yes, what does it mean?
- (f) Is the operator $a^{\dagger}_{\psi}a^{\dagger}_{\phi}a_{\psi}$ an observable/if yes, what does it mean?
- (g) Suppose a very complicated Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{k} \frac{p_k^2}{2m} a_{p_k}^{\dagger} a_{p_k} + \sum_{ijklmn} x_{ijklmn} a_i^{\dagger} a_j^{\dagger} a_k^{\dagger} a_l a_m a_n,$$

which through some approximation leads to

$$H = \mathcal{E}_0 + \sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha} b_{\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{\alpha} ,$$

with

$$\epsilon_{\alpha} > 0, \quad [b_{\alpha}, b_{\beta}^{\dagger}] = \delta_{\alpha\beta}, \quad [b_{\alpha}, b_{\beta}] = 0,$$

and \mathcal{E}_0 is a numerical constant.

- i. What does this mean? How does it help? Explain an interpretation using the term "quasi-particle"! What is the ground state and its energy? What is the lowest excited state, and is this unique? How stable is the ground state against very small perturbations?
- ii. In answering, is it useful to distinguish the following cases?
 - A. $\epsilon_{\alpha} > 0$ and nothing else
 - B. $\epsilon_{\alpha} \geq \epsilon_{\min} > 0$
 - C. $\epsilon_1 > 0, \epsilon_\alpha > \epsilon_1 \forall \alpha \neq 1$
- 2. Weakly interacting bose gases and superfluidity: the second quantization expression of the Hamiltonian of N interacting particles in a box of volume $V = L^3$ is

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{k} \frac{p_k^2}{2m} a_{p_k}^{\dagger} a_{p_k} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{P}} \frac{1}{L^3} \omega (\vec{p_l} - \vec{p_i}) a_{p_l}^{\dagger} a_{p_m}^{\dagger} a_{p_i} a_{p_k} , \qquad (1)$$

where $\omega(\vec{p}) \equiv \int d^3q V(|\vec{q}|) e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{q}}$, and the summation of the second term in Eq. (1) is subject to the condition $\vec{p}_l + \vec{p}_m = \vec{p}_i + \vec{p}_k$. We consider an almost condensed situation, i.e. most of the particles are found in the ground state, $a_0^{\dagger}a_0 = n_0 \approx N$.

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The particle number in p-state n_p is very small $n_p \ll N$, and $\sum_{p \neq 0} a_p^{\dagger} a_p = N - n_0 \approx 0$.

(b) Introduce new operators b_p and b_p^{\dagger} related to a_p and a_p^{\dagger} (symplectic transformation):

$$a_p = u_p b_p + v_p b_{-p}^{\dagger}, \qquad a_p^{\dagger} = u_p b_p^{\dagger} + v_p b_{-p},$$
 (3)

where u_p and v_p are unknown functions of p, which are determined in such a way that the following conditions are satisfied:

i. They satisfy the usual commutation relations,

$$[b_p, b_{p'}^{\dagger}] = \delta_{pp'}, \qquad [b_p, b_{p'}] = [b_p^{\dagger}, b_{p'}^{\dagger}] = 0$$
 (4)

ii. The Hamiltonian in Eq. (2) transforms into a diagonal form. In other words all non-diagonal terms vanish.

Determine u_p , v_p accordingly.

(c) Verify that the diagonalized Hamiltonian is

$$\hat{H} = \frac{N^2}{2V}\omega(0) - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{p\neq 0} \left[\frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{N}{V}\omega(p) - \epsilon(p) \right] + \sum_{p\neq 0} \epsilon(p)b_p^{\dagger}b_p, \qquad (5)$$

where

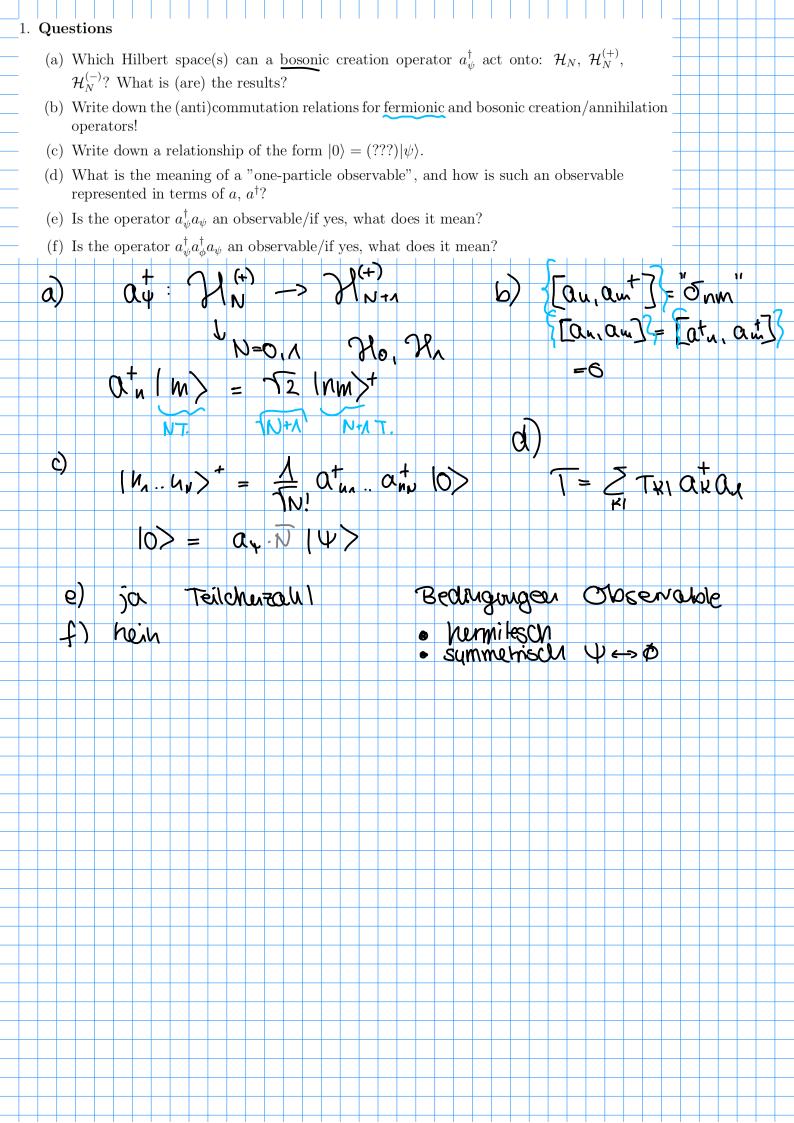
$$\epsilon(p) = \sqrt{\frac{N\omega(p)}{V} \frac{p^2}{m} + \frac{p^4}{4m^2}}, \text{ and } n_0 \approx N.$$
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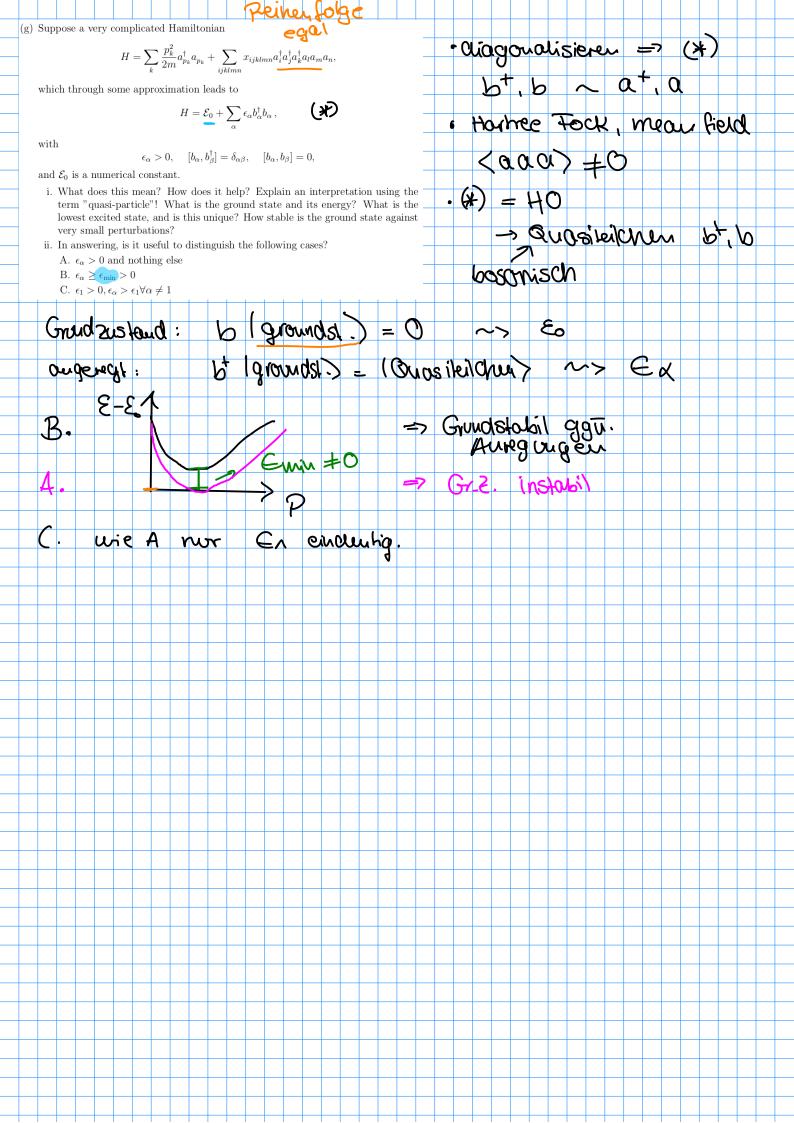
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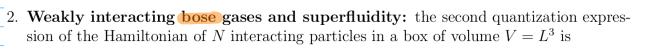
- (d) Suppose that the potential is $V(x) = \lambda \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x})$. What is the dominant term in $\epsilon(p)$ for $p \approx 0$ and for $p \gg 1$ respectively?
- (e) We now consider that the particles are moving with velocity \vec{v} and think of two reference frames. One is moving along with the particles with velocity \vec{v} and the other fixed. E denotes the total kinetic energy in the moving reference frame and E' the total kinetic energy in the fixed reference frame. E and E' are related as

$$E' = E + N \frac{mv^2}{2} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{P} ,$$

where \vec{P} is the total momentum of the system. Any decrease in the velocity of the system is equivalent to the creation of a "quasi-particle" having a momentum in a direction opposite to that of \vec{v} . What is the kinetic energy change $\Delta E'$? Negative $\Delta E'$ means kinetic energy loss of the system. What is the physical meaning of non-zero value of $\min_p \frac{\epsilon(p)}{p}$? What is the condition that this N particle system can show superfluid properties?





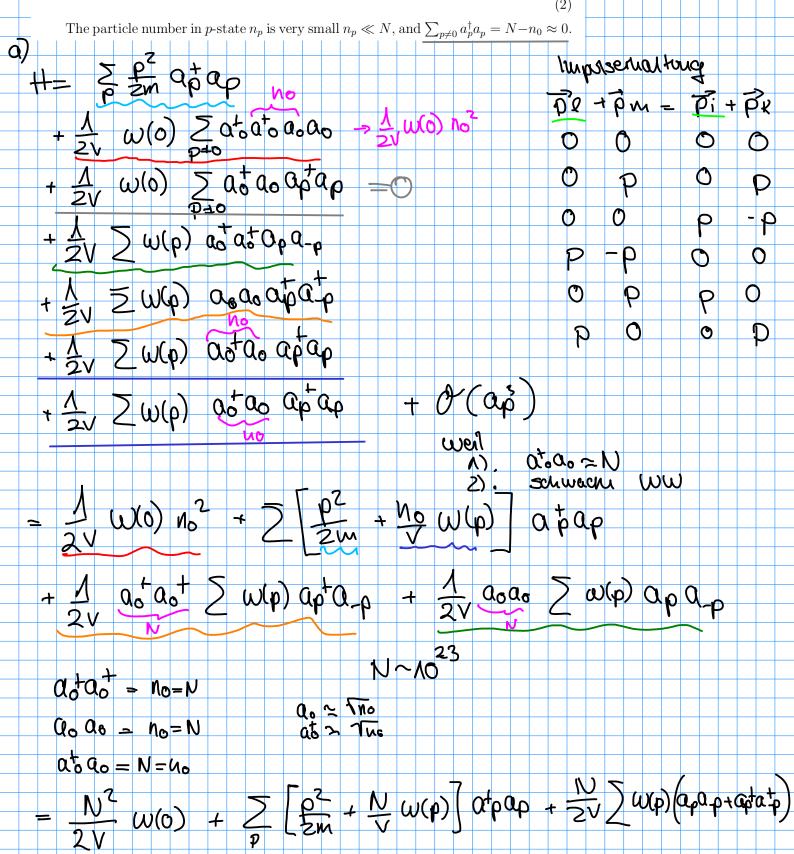


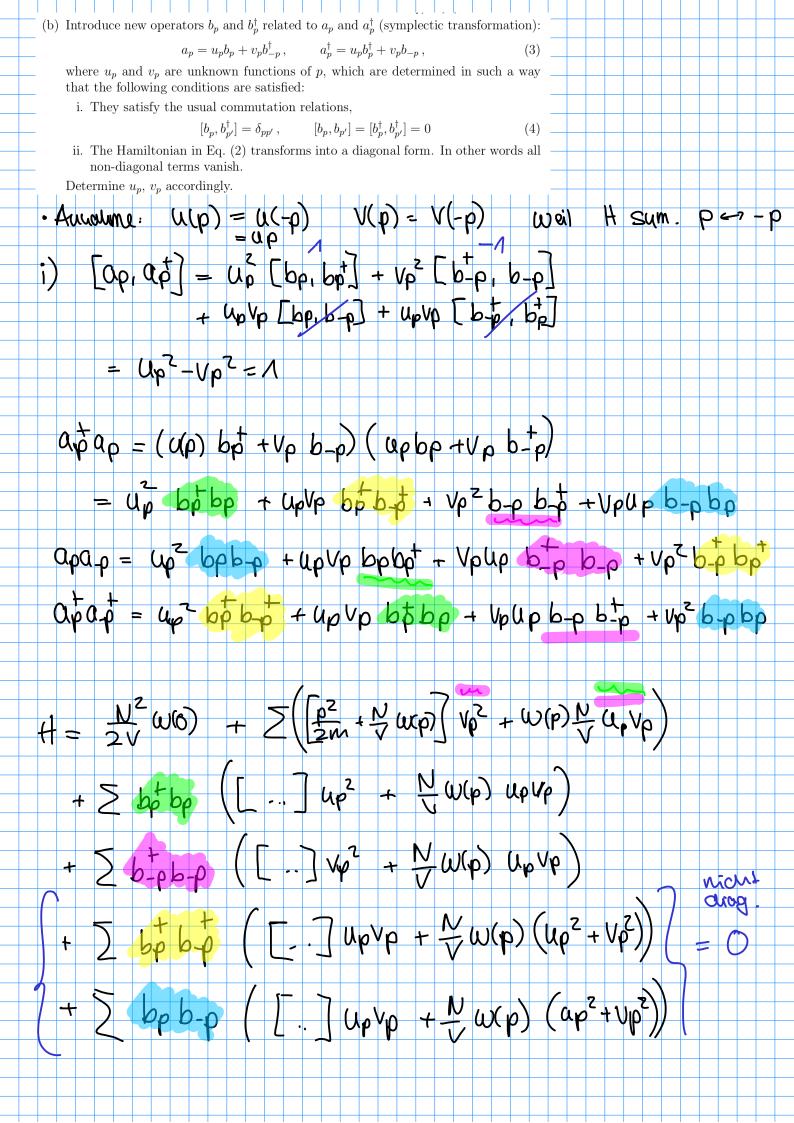
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$$C(p) = \frac{1}{4m^2} + \frac{p^2}{m} \frac{V}{V} \omega(p)$$

$$Vp (lp = -C(p) + \frac{p^2}{2M} + \frac{N}{V} \omega(p)$$

$$2e(p)$$

$$UpVp = -\frac{N}{2V} \omega(p) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{p^2}{p^2} \frac{V}{V} \omega(p) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{e(p)}{p^2}$$

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