Statistical Physics Homework 2

1. The occupation number of the ideal Fermi gas. Verify that for an ideal Fermi gas with Hamiltonian

$$H_0 = \sum_k e_k a_k^{\dagger} a_k, \tag{1}$$

the occupation number is

$$n_k^{(0)} = \left\langle a_k^{\dagger} a_k \right\rangle_0 = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(e_k - \mu)} + 1}.$$
 (2)

2. Matsubara representation of the noninteracting Green's function. Both for bosons and fermions the noninteracting Green's function is given by,

$$\mathcal{G}_{(0)}(x,\tau;x',\tau') = -\sum_{k} \varphi_{k}(x)\varphi_{k}^{*}(x') e^{-\frac{e_{k}-\mu}{\hbar}(\tau-\tau')} \times \begin{cases} 1 \pm n_{k}^{(0)}, & \text{if } \tau > \tau', \\ \pm n_{k}^{(0)}, & \text{if } \tau \leq \tau', \end{cases}$$
(3)

with $\varphi_k(x)$ is the wavefunction of the single-particle state k, e_k is its single-particle energy, and μ is the chemical potential.

Show both for bosons and fermions, that the Green's function's Fourier coefficients read as

$$\mathcal{G}_{(0)}(x, x'; i\omega_n) = \sum_k \frac{\varphi_k(x)\varphi_k^*(x')}{i\omega_n - \hbar^{-1}(e_k - \mu)}.$$
 (4)

3. Calculate the noninteracting Green's function for the case of a homogeneous (translation invariant) system, both for bosons and fermions. Note, that the Hamiltonian in first quantized form is:

$$H_0^1 = -\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hbar^2 \Delta_i}{2M}.$$
 (5)

Remember to use periodic boundary conditions and give $\mathcal{G}_{s,s'}(\mathbf{k},i\omega_n)$ as the final result, which is defined as,

$$\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{r}, s, \mathbf{r}', s', i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{k} \mathcal{G}_{s,s'}(\mathbf{k}, i\omega_n) e^{i\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')}.$$
 (6)

(That is, give the full Fourier transform of the noninteracting Green's function.)

Submission: at the beginning of the practice class on 12 Oct.