QLunch: The ground state energy of dilute 1d many-body quantum systems

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Overview

Background

The scattering length

Theorem 1

For $B_R \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ *with* $R >$ *range*(v), *let* $\phi \in H^1(B_R)$ *satisfy*

$$-\Delta\phi + \frac{1}{2}v\phi = 0, \qquad \text{on } B_R. \tag{1}$$

with boundary condition $\phi(x) = 1$ *for* $|x| = R$. *Then* $\phi(x) = f(|x|)$ *for some* $f : (0, R] \to [0, \infty)$, *and for range*$(v) < r < R$, *we have*

$$f(r) = \begin{cases} (r-a)/(R-a) & \text{for } d = 1 \\ \ln(r/a)/\ln(R/a) & \text{for } d = 2 \\ (1 - ar^{2-d})/(1 - aR^{2-d}) & \text{for } d \geq 3 \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

with some constant a *called the* **scattering length**

Model

We consider a many-body system of Bosons that interacts via a repulsive pair potential $v_{ij} = v(|x_i - x_j|)$

$$\mathcal{E}(\psi) = \int_{\Lambda_L} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} |\nabla_i \psi|^2 + \sum_{i<j} v_{ij} |\psi|^2 \right), \tag{3}$$

on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes_{\mathsf{sym}} N}$.
The ground state energy is defined by

$$E(N,L) := \inf_{\psi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}),\ \|\psi\|^2 = 1} \mathcal{E}(\psi).$$

Previous results

Theorem 2 (3d result)

$$e(\rho) = 4\pi\rho a \left(1 + \frac{128}{15\sqrt{\pi}}\sqrt{(\rho a)^3} + o(\sqrt{\rho a}^3)\right). \qquad (4)$$

Theorem 3 (2d result)

$$e(\rho) = 4\pi\rho \left(\left|\ln(\rho a^2)\right|^{-1} + o(\left|\ln(\rho a^2)\right|^{-1})\right). \qquad (5)$$

Main result

Theorem 4 (A., R. Reuvers, J. P. Solovej, 2022)

Let $v \in L^1 + $ *h.c.p with range*$(v) = R_0$*. Let* $R = \max(2|a|, R_0)$*, then for* $\rho R \ll 1$ *and* $N^{-1} = \mathcal{O}(\rho R)^{6/5}$ *we have*

$$E(N,L) = E_0\left(1 + 2\rho a + \mathcal{O}\left((\rho R)^{6/5}\right)\right), \tag{6}$$

where E_0 *is the free Fermi ground state energy*

$$E_0 = N\frac{\pi^2}{3}\rho^2\left(1 + \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})\right). \tag{7}$$

Variational principle

To obtain an upper bound, we use the variational principle, *i.e.*

$$E(N, L) \leq \frac{\mathcal{E}(\Psi)}{\|\Psi\|^2}, \quad \text{for any } \Psi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}).$$

Trial state

Trial state has to encapture free Fermi energy, as well as correction due to scattering processes. Hence we consider

$$\Psi(x) = \begin{cases} \omega(\mathcal{R}(x))\frac{\tilde{\Psi}_F(x)}{\mathcal{R}(x)} & \text{if } \mathcal{R}(x) < b \\ \tilde{\Psi}_F(x) & \text{if } \mathcal{R}(x) \geq b, \end{cases}$$

where ω is the suitably normalized solution to the two-body scattering equation, $\tilde{\Psi}_F := |\Psi_F|$, and $\mathcal{R}(x) := \min_{i<j}(|x_i - x_j|)$ is uniquely defined a.e.

Some useful bounds

Lemma 1

$$\rho^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) \le \left(\frac{\pi^2}{3}\rho^4 + f(x_2)\right)(x_1 - x_2)^2 + \mathcal{O}(\rho^6 (x_1 - x_2)^4),$$

with $\int f(x_2)\,\mathrm{d}x_2 \le$ const. $\rho^3 \log(N)$.

Lemma 2

We have the following bounds

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho^{(3)}(x_1, x_2, x_3) &\le \text{const. } \rho^9 (x_1 - x_2)^2 (x_2 - x_3)^2 (x_1 - x_3)^2, \\
\rho^{(4)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) &\le \text{const. } \rho^8 (x_1 - x_2)^2 (x_3 - x_4)^2, \\
\sum_{i=1}^{2} \partial_{y_i}^2 \gamma^{(2)}(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2)\Big|_{y=x} &\le \text{const. } \rho^6 (x_1 - x_2)^2, \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

Collecting everything

Upper bound

$$E \leq N\frac{\pi^2}{3}\rho^2 \frac{\left(1+2\rho a+\text{const. } \left[\frac{1}{N}+N(b\rho)^3\left(1+\rho b^2\int v_{\text{reg}}\right)\right]\right)}{\|\Psi\|^2}, \tag{8}$$

where $v_{\text{reg}} \in L^1$ is v with any hard core removed. By lemma 1 we know $\|\Psi\|^2 \geq 1 - \text{const. } N(\rho b)^3$

Localization

Divide in M smaller boxes with $\tilde{N} = N/M$ particles in each, and make distance b between boxes (no interaction between boxes), and choose M such that $\tilde{N} = (\rho b)^{-3/2} \gg 1$.

Lower bound

Proof of lower bound consists of steps:

1. Use Dyson's lemma to reduce to a nearest neighbor double delta-barrier potential.
2. Reduce to the Lieb Liniger model, by discarding **a small part** of the wave function.
3. Use known lower bound for the Lieb Liniger model.

The Lieb-Liniger (LL) model

$$H_{LL} = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \Delta_i + 2c \sum_{i<j} \delta(x_i - x_j). \tag{9}$$

Behavior in thermodynamic limit: $\lim\limits_{\substack{\ell\to\infty, \\ \rho \text{ fixed}}} E_{LL}(n, \ell, c)/L = \rho^3 e(\gamma)$

with $\gamma = \rho/c$.

Lemma 3 (Lieb Liniger lower bound)

Let $\gamma > 0$, *then*

$$e(\gamma) \geq \frac{\pi^2}{3}\left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma+2}\right)^2 \geq \frac{\pi^2}{3}\left(1 - \frac{4}{\gamma}\right). \tag{10}$$

Reducing to the LL model

Lemma 4 (Dyson)

Let $R > R_0 = \mathrm{range}(v)$ *and* $\varphi \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$*, then for any interval* $\mathcal{I} \ni 0$

$$\int_{\mathcal{I}} |\partial\varphi|^2 + \frac{1}{2} v |\varphi|^2 \geq \int_{\mathcal{I}} \frac{2}{R-a} (\delta_R + \delta_{-R}) \varphi, \tag{11}$$

where a *is the s-wave scattering length.*

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int \sum_i |\partial_i \Psi|^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{2} v_{ij} |\Psi|^2 \geq \\ &\int \sum_i |\partial_i \Psi|^2 \chi_{\mathfrak{r}_i(x) > R} + \sum_i \frac{2}{R-a} \delta(\mathfrak{r}_i(x) - R) |\Psi|^2 . \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Reducing to the LL model

Define $\psi \in L^2([0, \ell - (n-1)R]^n)$ by

$$\psi(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = \Psi(x_1, R + x_2, ..., (n-1)R + x_n),$$

for $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq ... \leq x_n$ and symmetrically extended.
Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(\Psi) &\geq E^N_{LL}(n, \ell, 2/(R-a)) \langle \psi | \psi \rangle \\ &\geq n \frac{\pi^2}{3} \rho^2 \left(1 + 2\rho(a - \cancel{R}) + \cancel{2\rho R} - \text{const. } \frac{1}{N^{2/3}} \right) \langle \psi | \psi \rangle \, . \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Lower bound for mass of ψ

Lemma 5

Let ψ be defined as above, then

$$1 - \langle\psi|\psi\rangle \leq \text{const.} \left(R^2 \sum_{i<j} \int_{B_{ij}} |\partial_i \Psi|^2 + R(R-a) \sum_{i<j} \int v_{ij} |\Psi|^2 \right). \tag{14}$$

Combining lemmas 4 and 5 we have

Lemma 6

Let C denote the constant in lemma 5. For $n(\rho R)^2 \leq \frac{3}{16\pi^2}C$, $\rho R \ll 1$ and $R > 2|a|$ we have

$$\langle\psi|\psi\rangle \geq 1 - \text{const.} \left(n(\rho R)^3 + n^{1/3}(\rho R)^2 \right). \tag{15}$$

Lower bound

By the reduction to the LL model we find

Proposition 1

For assumptions as in lemma 6 we have

$$E^N(n,\ell) \geq n\frac{\pi^2}{3}\rho^2\left(1+2\rho a+\text{const.}\ \left(\frac{1}{n^{2/3}}+n(\rho R)^3+n^{1/3}(\rho R)^2\right)\right). \tag{16}$$

Corollary 1

For $n = \text{const.}\ (\rho R)^{-9/5}$ *we have*

$$E^N(n,\ell) \geq n\frac{\pi^2}{3}\rho^2\left(1+2\rho a-\text{const.}\ \left((\rho R)^{6/5}+(\rho R)^{7/5}\right)\right). \tag{17}$$

Lower bound localization

To prove the lower bound, we localize (as in the upper bound) to smaller boxes.

Lemma 5

Let $\Xi \geq 4$ *be fixed and let* $n = m\Xi\rho\ell + n_0$ *with* $n_0 \in [0, \Xi\rho\ell)$ *for some* $m \in \mathbb{N}$ *with* $n^* := \rho\ell = \mathcal{O}(\rho R)^{-9/5}$*. Furhermore, assume that* $\rho R \ll 1$ *and let* $\mu = \pi^2\rho^2\left(1 + \frac{8}{3}\rho a\right)$*, then*

$$E^N(n, \ell) - \mu n \geq E^N(n_0, \ell) - \mu n_0. \tag{18}$$

Theorem 6 (Lower bound)

Let $E^N(N, L)$ *denote the ground state energy of* $\mathcal{E}$ *with Neumann boundary conditions. Then for* $\rho R \ll 1$

$$E^N(N, L) \geq N\frac{\pi^2}{3}\rho^2\left(1 + 2\rho a - \mathcal{O}\left((\rho R)^{6/5}\right)\right). \tag{19}$$

Fermions

For fermions, a in Dyson's lemma is replaced by a_p, *i.e.* the p-wave scattering length. Hence we conclude

Theorem 7 (Fermions)

Let $v \in L^1 +$ *h.c.p with range*$(v) = R_0$. *Let* $R = \max(2a_p, R_0)$, *then for* $\rho R \ll 1$ *and* $N^{-1} = \mathcal{O}(\rho R)^{6/5}$ *we have*

$$E_F(N,L) = E_0 \left(1 + 2\rho a_p + \mathcal{O}\left((\rho R)^{6/5}\right)\right), \tag{20}$$

This is consistent with lower bound $E_F(N,L) \geq E_0$, since $a_p \geq 0$.

Thanks for your attention!