

1. Coulomb Interaction in second Quantization

The total (Coulomb) interaction operator of an electron gas in second Quantization is given by

$$\hat{V}_c = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \int d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} \psi_{\sigma_1}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_1) \psi_{\sigma_2}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{r}_2) \psi_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{r}_1) \quad (1)$$

where $\psi_{\sigma_1}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_1)$ is a fermionic quantum field, which creates an electron on position \mathbf{r}_1 , and $\sigma = \pm \frac{1}{2}$.

(a) Why is the factor $\frac{1}{2}$ necessary to correctly define the Coulomb interaction in this language?

Sonst würden wir die Wechselwirkung doppelt zählen (r1, r2) und (r2, r1)

(b) Apply the following Fourier transform

$$\psi_{\sigma}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} f_{\sigma}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}) \quad \psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} f_{\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) \quad (2)$$

where V , is the volume of the crystal to obtain the Coulomb-Interaction in momentum space.

Hint: Apply the substitution $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1$ and a similar substitution for two momentum variables.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{V}_c &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} \int \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} \frac{1}{V^2} \left[\sum_{\mathbf{k}_1} e^{-i\mathbf{k}_1 \mathbf{r}_1} f_{\sigma_1}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}_1) \right] \left[\sum_{\mathbf{k}_2} e^{-i\mathbf{k}_2 \mathbf{r}_2} f_{\sigma_2}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}_2) \right] \\ &\quad \left[\sum_{\mathbf{k}_3} e^{i\mathbf{k}_3 \mathbf{r}_2} f_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{k}_3) \right] \left[\sum_{\mathbf{k}_4} e^{i\mathbf{k}_4 \mathbf{r}_1} f_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{k}_4) \right] d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 V^2} \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4} f_{\sigma_1}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}_1) f_{\sigma_2}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}_2) f_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{k}_3) f_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{k}_4) \\ &\quad \int \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_4 - \mathbf{k}_1) \mathbf{r}_1} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_2) \mathbf{r}_2} d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \end{aligned}$$

Variablwechsel:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{k}_3 &\rightarrow \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{k}_4 &\rightarrow \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}' \\ \mathbf{r}_1 &\rightarrow \mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{V}_c &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 V^2} \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}'} f_{\sigma_1}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}_1) f_{\sigma_2}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}_2) f_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{q}) f_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}') \\ &\quad \int \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|} e^{-i\mathbf{q}'(\mathbf{r}_2 + \mathbf{r})} e^{i\mathbf{q}\mathbf{r}_2} d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 V^2} \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}'} f_{\sigma_1}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}_1) f_{\sigma_2}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}_2) f_{\sigma_2}(\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{q}) f_{\sigma_1}(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{q}') \\ &\quad \int \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|} e^{i(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}') \mathbf{r}_2} e^{i\mathbf{q}' \mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}_2 d\mathbf{r} \end{aligned}$$

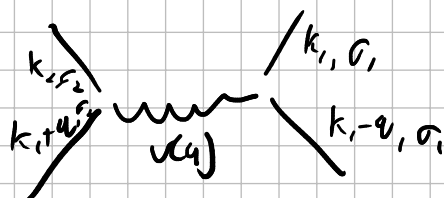
$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 V} \sum_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 k_1 k_2 q} f_{\sigma_1}^\dagger(k_1) f_{\sigma_2}^\dagger(k_2) f_{\sigma_2}(k_2+q) f_{\sigma_1}(k_1-q) \int \frac{e^{iq \cdot r}}{|r|^3} d^3r$$

(c) Solve the remaining integral $V(q)$ in 3 spatial dimensions.

Hint: You will need to multiply a convergence factor $e^{-\kappa|r|}$ with $\kappa > 0$ to the integral and evaluate $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ afterwards in order to make the integral converge. Give a physical argument to justify this procedure.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{e^{iq \cdot r}}{|r|^3} d^3r &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} \int \frac{e^{iq \cdot r}}{|r|^3} e^{-\kappa r} d^3r \\ &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} \int \frac{e^{iq r \cos \theta}}{|r|^3} e^{-\kappa |r|} d^3r \\ &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} r^2 e^{iq r \cos \theta} e^{-\kappa r} \sin \theta d\varphi d\theta dr \\ &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} 2\pi \int_0^\infty r e^{-\kappa r} \frac{2 \sin(qr)}{qr} dr \\ &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} 2\pi \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{iq} [e^{iqr} - e^{-iqr}] dr \\ &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\pi}{iq} \left[-\frac{1}{-\kappa + iq} + \frac{1}{-\kappa - iq} \right] \\ &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\pi}{iq} \left[\frac{1}{-\kappa + iq} + \frac{1}{\kappa + iq} \right] \\ &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} -\frac{2\pi}{iq} \left[\frac{2iq}{-q^2 - \kappa^2} \right] \\ &= \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} \frac{4\pi}{q^2 + \kappa^2} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \end{aligned}$$

(d) The result you just calculated will be required in order to do perturbation theory for the Coulomb interaction. How can the result be written as a Feynman-Diagram?



2. Bose-Einstein Distribution

From thermodynamics, the grand canonical partition function Z is known to be

$$Z = \text{tr} \left[e^{-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu \hat{N})} \right], \quad (5)$$

where μ denotes the chemical potential and the trace over the Hamilton operator \hat{H} and total number operator \hat{N} is taken over the whole many-particle Hilbert space (also known as Fock space) \mathcal{F} , i.e.

$$\text{tr} [\hat{O}] = \sum_i \langle \psi_i | \hat{O} | \psi_i \rangle \quad (6)$$

for any base $\{|\psi_i\rangle\}$ of \mathcal{F} .

We can compute thermal averages of any operator \hat{O} as

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \text{tr} [\hat{O} e^{-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu \hat{N})}]. \quad (7)$$

Suppose, that we can find a basis, labeled by the quantum number λ , in which the Hamiltonian is diagonal, i.e.

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda} \hat{n}_{\lambda}, \quad (8)$$

where \hat{n}_{λ} is a *bosonic* number operator.

(a) Write \hat{H} and \hat{N} in terms of (bosonic) creation and annihilation operators.

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\lambda} \epsilon_{\lambda} a_{\lambda}^{\dagger} a_{\lambda}$$

$$\hat{N} = \sum_{\lambda} a_{\lambda}^{\dagger} a_{\lambda}$$

(b) Show, that one can write $Z = \prod_{\lambda} Z_{\lambda}$ and calculate Z_{λ} .

Hint: Geometric series

$$Z_{\lambda} = \text{tr} \left[e^{-\beta(\epsilon_{\lambda} - \mu) a_{\lambda}^{\dagger} a_{\lambda}} \right]$$

$$\text{tr} \left[e^{\sum_{\lambda} -\beta(\epsilon_{\lambda} - \mu) a_{\lambda}^{\dagger} a_{\lambda}} \right] = Z = \prod_{\lambda} Z_{\lambda} = \prod_{\lambda} \text{tr} \left[e^{-\beta(\epsilon_{\lambda} - \mu) a_{\lambda}^{\dagger} a_{\lambda}} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \text{tr} \left[e^{\sum_{\lambda} -\beta(\epsilon_{\lambda} - \mu) a_{\lambda}^{\dagger} a_{\lambda}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{\lambda} \langle \psi_{\lambda} | e^{\sum_{\lambda} -\beta(\epsilon_{\lambda} - \mu) a_{\lambda}^{\dagger} a_{\lambda}} | \psi_{\lambda} \rangle \end{aligned}$$