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Last gasps...

RPA in pictures:

- We considered the non-interacting approximation to the response function $D_0(\vec{q}, \omega)$:

$$D_0(\vec{q}, \omega) = \text{diag} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow q \\ \searrow k \\ \text{---} \omega \end{array}$$

which we were able to calculate explicitly.

- For the RPA, we want to sum up the rings and ladders: "chain diagrams"

$$D_{\text{RPA}}(\vec{q}, \omega) = \text{diag} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow q \\ \searrow k \\ \text{---} \omega \end{array} + \text{diag} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow q \\ \searrow k \\ \text{---} \omega \\ \text{---} \omega \end{array} + \text{diag} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow q \\ \searrow k \\ \text{---} \omega \\ \text{---} \omega \\ \text{---} \omega \end{array} + \dots$$

We can do this most directly by opening the vertices connecting to the external perturbation, so that we are dealing with the "particle-hole" Green's function, which is a special case of the general four-point (or two-particle) Green's function.

- The equation for the chain diagrams in pictures is:

$$\text{diag} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow k_1 q \\ \searrow k_2 \\ \text{---} \omega \end{array} = \text{diag} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow k_1 q \\ \searrow k_2 \\ \text{---} \omega \end{array} + \text{diag} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow k_1 q \\ \searrow k_3 \\ \text{---} \omega \\ \text{---} \omega \end{array} - \text{diag} \begin{array}{c} \nearrow k_1 q \\ \searrow k_3 \\ \text{---} \omega \\ \text{---} \omega \end{array}$$

- The boxes on the right are the same as the are on the left.
- By iterating this equation, we precisely generate the sum of chain diagrams with open ends. At the end we can close the ends and we have D_{RPA} . (we sum over k_1 and k_2).

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We can see that the potential in the direct term only depends on the momentum transfer \vec{q} , so we get the Fourier transform of the potential $\tilde{V}(\vec{q})$ [or a constant if it is a delta function interaction].

If we just include the direct terms, we find (in Nyele/Orland notation):

$$G^{RPA}(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{q}, \vec{k}_1 | \vec{k}_2 + \vec{q}, \vec{k}_2; \omega) = G_0^{ph}(\vec{k}_1; \vec{q}, \omega) \left[\delta_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2} + \frac{\tilde{V}(\vec{q}) G_0^{ph}(\vec{k}_2; \vec{q}, \omega)}{1 - \tilde{V}(\vec{q}) D_0(\vec{q}, \omega)} \right]$$

where

$$G_0^{ph}(\vec{k}; \vec{q}, \omega) = \frac{(1 - n_{\vec{k} + \vec{q}}) n_{\vec{k}}}{\omega + \epsilon_{\vec{k} + \vec{q}} - i\eta} - \frac{(1 - n_{\vec{k}}) n_{\vec{k} + \vec{q}}}{\omega + \epsilon_{\vec{k}} - \epsilon_{\vec{k} + \vec{q}} - i\eta}$$

← particles →

holes

and

$$D_0(\vec{q}, \omega) = \sum_{\vec{k}} G_0^{ph}(\vec{k}; \vec{q}, \omega)$$

We find

$$D^{RPA}(\vec{q}, \omega) = \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}_2} G^{RPA}(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{q}, \vec{k}_1 | \vec{k}_2 + \vec{q}, \vec{k}_2; \omega)$$

Since the excited states are found by looking at the poles of D^{RPA} (or G^{RPA}) in ω , we see that these occur when

$$\tilde{V}(\vec{q}) D_0(\vec{q}, \omega) = 1$$

For fixed \vec{q} , if \vec{k} is in the Fermi sea and $\vec{k} + \vec{q}$ is outside, then there is a pole in $D_0(\vec{q}, \omega)$ when $\omega = \epsilon_{\vec{k} + \vec{q}} - \epsilon_{\vec{k}}$. For a repulsive potential then, $D_0(\vec{q}, \omega)$ as a function of ω goes to $+\infty$ or $-\infty$ at these ω 's (depending on whether approaching from above or below) and is a decreasing function in between.

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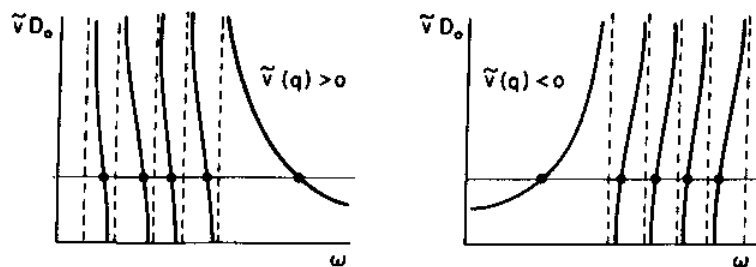


Fig. 5.13 Graphical solution for the RPA modes. The vertical asymptotes correspond to the particle-hole excitations $\omega = \epsilon_{k+q} - \epsilon_q$ and the curves show the qualitative behavior of $\tilde{v}(q)D_0(q, \omega)$ for the repulsive and attractive potentials, respectively.

The qualitative behavior of $\tilde{v}D_0$ is shown by the solid lines in the figure. The straight line is 1 and the intersections are the desired poles in ω of $D^{RPA}(q, \omega)$.

Note that they lie between the "unperturbed" energies except for one state that is pushed up (repulsive) or down (attractive). The latter are the collective states.

- An example in a electron gas (Coulomb force) is the plasmon. (see Negele and Orland, pp 269-270.)

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Sum Rules

Consider the integral of $\text{Im } D(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2; \omega)$ over ω :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int d\omega \text{Im } D(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2; \omega) &= -\pi \sum_n \int d\omega \delta(\omega - E_n^N + E_0^N) \\
 &\quad \times \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_1) \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_2) | \Psi_n^N \rangle \langle \Psi_n^N | \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_2) \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_1) | \Psi_0^N \rangle \\
 &= -\pi \langle \Psi_0^N | (\hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_1) \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_2)) (\hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_2) \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_1)) | \Psi_0^N \rangle \\
 &= -\pi [\langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_1) \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_2) | \Psi_0^N \rangle - \langle \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_1) \rangle \langle \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_2) \rangle] \\
 &= -\pi [\langle \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_1) \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_2) \rangle - \langle \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_1) \rangle \langle \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_2) \rangle] \\
 &= -\pi [g(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) + \delta(\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2) \rho(\vec{x}_1)]
 \end{aligned}$$

where $g(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2)$ is the two-body correlation function:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) &\equiv \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\vec{x}_1) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\vec{x}_2) \hat{\psi}(\vec{x}_2) \hat{\psi}(\vec{x}_1) | \Psi_0^N \rangle \\
 &\quad - \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_1) | \Psi_0^N \rangle \langle \Psi_0^N | \hat{\rho}(\vec{x}_2) | \Psi_0^N \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

In uniform systems,
and

$$g(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2) = g(\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2)$$

$$S(q) \equiv -\frac{1}{\pi N} \int d\omega \text{Im } D(q, \omega) = \rho \int d\vec{x} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} g(\vec{x}) + 1$$

so measuring $\text{Im } D(q, \omega)$ in inelastic scattering gives us the Fourier transform of the two-body correlation function. An example for ^4He is on the next page.

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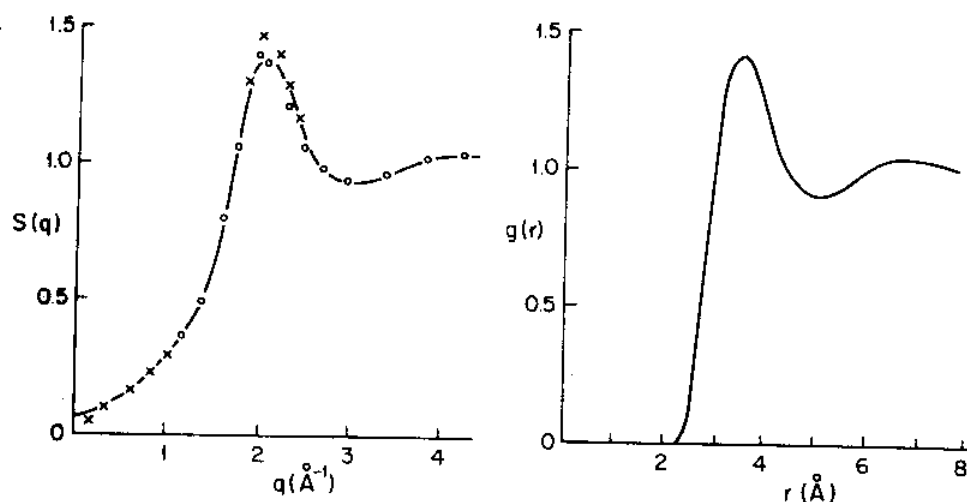


Fig. 5.18 Liquid structure function $S(q)$ and two-body correlation function $g(r)$ for liquid ^4He . The left-hand graph compares X-ray scattering data of Hallock (1972) and Rubkoff et al. (1979) (crosses) and neutron scattering data of Svensson et al. (1980) (circles) with the structure function obtained from Monte Carlo calculations (solid curves) of Kales et al. (1981). The right-hand graph shows the two-body correlation function corresponding to this $S(q)$.

Various sum rules can be derived by calculating the ground state expectation value of double commutators. For example, considering $[[A, \hat{p}_q], \hat{p}_q]$ yields

$$\left[\frac{1}{\pi N} \int d\omega \, \omega \, \text{Im} \, D(q, \omega) \right] = \frac{q^2}{2M}$$

and if \hat{D} is the ^{define} dipole moment operator of a nucleus relative to the COM, then the general sum rule

$$\langle \Psi_0 | [[\hat{D}, [A, \hat{D}]] | \Psi_0 \rangle = \sum_n (E_n - E_0) |\langle \Psi_n | \hat{D} | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2$$

becomes $4 \sum_n (E_n - E_0) |\langle \Psi_n | \hat{D} | \Psi_0 \rangle|^2 = \frac{6\hbar^2 N^2}{MA^2}$ For N neutrons $A=Z+N$
 "Giant" dipole resonance states exhausts large fraction of sum rule!