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$$13a \quad \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle = e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2}{2}} \left(\langle \psi_0 | + \frac{\alpha^*}{\sqrt{1!}} \langle \psi_1 | + \frac{\alpha^2}{\sqrt{2!}} \langle \psi_2 | + \frac{\alpha^3}{\sqrt{3!}} \langle \psi_3 | + \dots \right) \\ \cdot \left(|\psi_0\rangle + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{1!}} |\psi_1\rangle + \frac{\beta^2}{\sqrt{2!}} |\psi_2\rangle + \frac{\beta^3}{\sqrt{3!}} |\psi_3\rangle + \dots \right)$$

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$$= e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2}{2}} \left(\langle \psi_0 | \psi_0 \rangle + \frac{\alpha^* \beta}{\sqrt{1!}} \langle \psi_1 | \psi_1 \rangle + \frac{\alpha^2 \beta^2}{\sqrt{2!}} \langle \psi_2 | \psi_2 \rangle + \dots \right)$$

as $\langle \psi_i | \psi_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$, thus other terms disappear

$$= e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha^* \beta)^n}{n!} = e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2}{2}} e^{\alpha^* \beta}$$

$$\text{Thus } |\langle \alpha | \beta \rangle|^2 = \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle \cdot \langle \alpha | \beta \rangle^* = e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2}{2}} e^{\alpha^* \beta} \cdot e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2}{2}} e^{\alpha \beta^*}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2}{2}} e^{\alpha^* \beta} e^{\alpha \beta^*}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2}{2}} e^{\alpha^* \beta + \alpha \beta^*}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{(\alpha \alpha^* + \beta \beta^*) + \alpha^* \beta + \alpha \beta^*}{2}}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha^* - \beta^*)}{2}} = e^{-\frac{(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha - \beta)^*}{2}} = e^{-\frac{|\alpha - \beta|^2}{2}}$$

1) b) Let $|\psi\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n |\varphi_n\rangle$ with $c_n \in \mathbb{C}$ and φ_n a basis ^{23/10} vectors

As such, applying the annihilation operator $\hat{c}$ to it yields

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{c}|\psi\rangle &= \hat{c} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n |\varphi_n\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \hat{c}|\varphi_n\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \sqrt{n} |\varphi_{n-1}\rangle + \underbrace{c_0 \cdot 0}_{=0} |\varphi_{-1}\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{n+1} \sqrt{n+1} |\varphi_n\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Which indeed is an eigenstate to $\hat{c}$ if $\exists a \in \mathbb{C}$ such that
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad c_n = a \cdot c_{n+1} \sqrt{n+1}$, which is possible.

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} = \frac{1}{a \sqrt{n+1}}$$

It follows then that $a = \frac{1}{\alpha}$ in the coherent form of coherent states in 13 a. for 12).

(Yes, this was not asked but felt cool to look into.)

Now we apply the creation operator $\hat{c}^\dagger$ to $|\psi\rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{c}^\dagger|\psi\rangle &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{c}^\dagger c_n |\varphi_n\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \sqrt{n+1} |\varphi_{n+1}\rangle \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n-1} \sqrt{n} |\varphi_n\rangle\end{aligned}$$

For $|\psi\rangle$ to be an eigenstate of $\hat{c}^\dagger$ we thus require

$\exists b \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$c_n = b \cdot c_{n-1} \sqrt{n} \quad \Leftrightarrow c_{n-1} = \frac{1}{b \sqrt{n}} c_n$$

and $c_0 = 0$, as the basis vector $|\varphi_0\rangle$ drops out under application of $\hat{c}^\dagger$. By induction, then, if $c_0 = 0$, $c_n = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$,

and $|\psi\rangle \equiv 0$, so ~~there~~ there exists no eigenstate to $\hat{c}^\dagger$.

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For the Cooper problem we assume a two-electron system with wave-functions of position $\vec{r}_i$ and spins σ_i

$$\psi(\vec{r}_1, \sigma_1, \vec{r}_2, \sigma_2) = e^{i\vec{K} \cdot \vec{R}} \phi(\vec{r}) \phi^{\text{spin}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$$

with $\vec{K}$ centre of mass wave number and $\vec{R} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2)$

~~and~~ $\vec{R}$ centre of mass position. We take this form as

We assume the potential ~~to~~ only depend on the relative position $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2$. Furthermore, the lowest energy state corresponds to $\vec{K} = 0$ (see Annett, p. 134). We will look at the SE in the relative position $\vec{r}$.

$$\left[\frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} m} + V(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2) \right] \phi(\vec{r}) = \left[\frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2}{m} + V(\vec{r}) \right] \phi(\vec{r}) = E \phi(\vec{r})$$

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reduced mass

By taking the Fourier transform for this relative motion, we write

$$\phi(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\substack{\vec{k} \in \text{BZ} \\ \vec{k} \in \text{BZ}, \vec{k} + \frac{\vec{Q}_0}{2}} \phi_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

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as we only care about states in the shell above the Fermi surface until the Debye frequency above it. I will omit those restraints in writing. $\vec{Q}_0/2$ is the Bloch wave group velocity at the FS.

Putting this into the SE yields the following

$$\left[\frac{-\hbar^2 \nabla_{\vec{r}}^2}{m} + V(\vec{r}) \right] \sum_{\vec{k}} \phi_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} = E \sum_{\vec{k}} \phi_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{m} \sum_{\vec{k}} \phi_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} + V(\vec{r}) \sum_{\vec{k}} \phi_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \right\} = E \sum_{\vec{k}} \phi_{\vec{k}} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

with $k = |\vec{k}|$. ~~over the whole BZ~~

From this point, I keep writing $q(\vec{k})$ for $\phi_{\vec{k}}$. Note it's the Fourier transform of $\phi(\vec{r})$!

Now we will ~~transform~~ transform back to q_k^2 , which means taking ~~back~~ one $\vec{k}$ from the $\frac{\hbar^2}{m}$ and E term, and integrating over all space for the potential term.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{m} q_k^2 \int d\vec{r} V(\vec{r}) \phi(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} = E q_k^2$$

$$= \int \frac{d\vec{r}}{(2\pi)^n} e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \quad \text{for the Fourier transform}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int d\vec{r} V(\vec{r}) \phi(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} = \left(E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{m}\right) \phi_k^2 \quad \textcircled{I}$$

After transforming $V(\vec{r}) \rightarrow V(\vec{q}) = V(\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2)$,
the integral can be solved by using the convolution theorem
(i.e. for g, h and their Fourier transforms G, H ,
the Fourier transform of $g * h$ equals $G \cdot H$)

$$\int d\vec{r} V(\vec{r}) \phi(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \quad \text{due to Fourier transform.}$$

$$\vec{q} = \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2$$

$$= \int \int \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} V(\vec{q}) d\vec{q} \cdot \int d\vec{r} \phi(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}\right)$$

due to Fourier transform in n dimensions

$$= \int \int \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} V(\vec{q}) \phi(\vec{r}) e^{i(\vec{k} - \vec{q}) \cdot \vec{r}} d\vec{q} d\vec{r}\right)$$

range from 0 to $\frac{\omega_0}{v}$, such that $\vec{k}$ is in the shell

Now the convolution theorem:

$$= \int \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} V(\vec{k} - \vec{k}') \phi(\vec{k}') d\vec{k}'\right) = \left(E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{m}\right) \phi_k^2$$

over shell back to ①

(I am a little sloppy in using integrals for $\vec{k}$ but it does kinda the same.)

Let's be remarkable.



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As $V(\vec{r})$ is quite spread out in real space,
~~then~~ $V(\vec{k})$ is ~~quite~~ strongly peaked. We thus take
 $V(\vec{k})$ to be constant over our range of interest, i.e.
 from the Fermi surface to $\frac{v_F}{v}$ above it, setting $V(\vec{k}) = -V_0$
 in that range, otherwise zero.

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\text{shell above } k_F} \left(-\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\right) V_0 \phi(\vec{k}) d\vec{k} = -\left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\right) V_0 \int \phi(\vec{k}) d\vec{k} = -\left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\right) V_0 \cdot C$$

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shell above k_F

for which I used self-consistency in
 the integral with $\phi(\vec{k})$ with constant C .

$$\Rightarrow -\left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\right) V_0 C = \left(E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}\right) \phi(\vec{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(\vec{k}) = -V_0 C \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\right) \frac{1}{E - \epsilon_k} \quad \text{with } \epsilon_k = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

Again, self-consistency can be used:

$$\int \phi(\vec{k}) d\vec{k} = C = \int -V_0 C \left(\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\right) \frac{1}{E - \epsilon_k} d\vec{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = -\frac{V_0}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d\vec{k}}{E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}}$$

Wolfram Alpha

Now I want to evaluate the integral
 in different dimensions n . I use 3D in
~~the transformation~~ ~~which~~ ~~can~~
~~be easily split~~ ~~into~~ ~~3~~ ~~dimensions~~
 as until now it only affected the power of k .

So,

$$I = -\frac{V_0}{(2\pi)^d} \int \frac{d\vec{k}}{E - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{m}}$$

In 1D, from $k'=0$ to k_F ,

$$I = -\frac{V_0}{2\pi} \int_{k'=0}^{k_F} \frac{dk'}{E - \frac{\hbar^2 k'^2}{m}} = -\frac{V_0}{2\pi} \frac{\sqrt{m}}{\sqrt{|E|\hbar}} \arctan\left(\frac{\hbar k'}{\sqrt{|E|m}}\right) \Big|_{k'=0}^{k_F}$$

$$= -\frac{V_0}{2\pi} \frac{\sqrt{m}}{\sqrt{|E|\hbar}} \arctan\left(\frac{\hbar k_F}{\sqrt{|E|m}}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{V_0}{2\pi} \frac{\sqrt{m}}{\sqrt{|E|\hbar}} \arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{2E_F}}{\sqrt{|E|}}\right)$$

For $\sqrt{2E_F} \gg \sqrt{|E|}$:

$$\approx -\frac{V_0}{2\pi} \frac{\sqrt{m}}{\sqrt{|E|\hbar}} \frac{2\sqrt{E_F}}{\sqrt{|E|}} = -\frac{V_0}{\pi} \frac{k_F}{|E|}$$

Also negative E.

For 2D and 3D it seems kinda the same. If you use polar and spherical coordinates, only prefactors change.

For the thin shell, only limits change.

K Using the SE from above with wave function of form

$$\psi(\vec{r}_1, \sigma_1, \vec{r}_2, \sigma_2) = \psi(\vec{r}) \psi^{\text{spin}}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \phi_R(\vec{R})$$

where $\vec{R}$ is the center of mass which corresponds to $\phi_R(\vec{R})$ in

$$\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2(2m)} \phi_R(\vec{R}) = E_R \phi_R(\vec{R}) \quad \text{with solution of form } \phi_R(\vec{R}) = e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}}$$

E_R is indeed minimal for $\vec{k} = 0$.

$$14 \quad |4\rangle = \sum_{\vec{k}} \alpha_{\vec{k}} \hat{c}_{-\vec{k}, -\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} |FS\rangle$$

$$\hat{H}|4\rangle = E|4\rangle$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\vec{k}, \sigma} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}, \vec{k}_1, \sigma_1, \vec{k}_2, \sigma_2} V_{\vec{k}_2, \vec{q}} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{q}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_2 + \vec{q}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_2} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_1}$$

16 a Show: $E_{qk} = E_{FS} g_{\vec{k}} + 2\epsilon_{\vec{k}} g_{\vec{k}} + \sum_{\vec{k}} V_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}-\vec{k}} \alpha_{\vec{k}}$

Note $\alpha_{\vec{k}} \equiv g_{\vec{k}}$

$$\hat{H}|4\rangle = \left[\sum_{\vec{k}, \sigma} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}, \vec{k}_1, \sigma_1, \vec{k}_2, \sigma_2} V_{\vec{k}_2, \vec{q}} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{q}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_2 + \vec{q}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_2} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_1} \right] \sum_{\vec{k}} \alpha_{\vec{k}} \hat{c}_{-\vec{k}, -\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} |FS\rangle$$

Let's apply $\hat{c}_{\vec{k}', \sigma'}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma}$ from the left.

$$\langle \vec{k}', \sigma' | \hat{H} | 4 \rangle = E_{qk} = \langle FS | \hat{c}_{\vec{k}', \sigma'}^{\dagger} \left[\sum_{\vec{k}, \sigma} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{q}, \vec{k}_1, \sigma_1, \vec{k}_2, \sigma_2} V_{\vec{k}_2, \vec{q}} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{q}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_2 + \vec{q}}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_2} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}_1} \right] \sum_{\vec{k}} \alpha_{\vec{k}} \hat{c}_{-\vec{k}, -\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} |FS\rangle$$

Splitting this eqn into parts by the terms of $\hat{H}$ helps a lot.

① $\langle FS | \hat{c}_{\vec{k}', \sigma'}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} \sum_{\vec{k}, \sigma} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} \sum_{\vec{k}} \alpha_{\vec{k}} \hat{c}_{-\vec{k}, -\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} |FS\rangle$

If $\vec{k} \neq \vec{k}'$, the $\hat{c}$ and $\hat{c}^{\dagger}$ will cancel.

Only if $\vec{k} = \vec{k}'$ in the second sum ($\vec{k}, \sigma = \pm \vec{k}', \sigma$), the result will yield $\sum_{\vec{k}} \epsilon_{\vec{k}} \alpha_{\vec{k}}$, this two times, for $\hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\vec{k}, \sigma} |FS\rangle$, and for each pair in the second and last sum, part of $E_{FS} g_{\vec{k}}$ is contributed.

② The potential term only yields $V_{\vec{k}_2, \vec{q}}$ if $\vec{q} = \vec{k}' - \vec{k}$.

~~CFH~~ the last sum creates pair $(-\vec{k}_1, -\sigma) + (\vec{k}_1, \sigma)$, the middle V only acts for $\vec{q} = \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2$ or $\vec{k}_2$ equal to $\vec{k}$.

Let's be remarkable.

Enough.



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