

**Second quantization: Application**  
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Here we discuss how to apply the second quantization method on several many body systems.

**1. The Hamiltonian in terms of field operator**

The true power of field operators is that they can provide a complete and closed description of a dynamical system of identical particles without invoking any wave functions or the Schrödinger equation. Since the dynamics of a quantum system is determined by its Hamiltonian, our next step is to get the Hamiltonian in terms of field operators. Let us start with a system of non-interacting particles. The many-particle Hamiltonian is just the sum over all one-particle Hamiltonians. In the Schrödinger wave field, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \psi | [\frac{1}{2m} \hat{\mathbf{p}}^2 + \hat{V}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})] | \psi \rangle &= \iint d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \langle \psi | \mathbf{r}_1 \rangle \langle \mathbf{r}_1 | [\frac{1}{2m} \hat{\mathbf{p}}^2 + \hat{V}^{(1)}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})] | \mathbf{r}_2 \rangle \langle \mathbf{r}_2 | \psi \rangle \\
 &= \iint d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \langle \psi | \mathbf{r}_1 \rangle [-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_2}^2 + V^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_2)] \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \langle \mathbf{r}_2 | \psi \rangle \\
 &= \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \langle \psi | \mathbf{r}_1 \rangle [-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}_1}^2 + V^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}_1)] \langle \mathbf{r}_1 | \psi \rangle \\
 &= \int d\mathbf{r} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) [-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V^{(1)}(\mathbf{r})] \psi(\mathbf{r})
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the quantum field operator, the Hamiltonian is given by

$$\hat{H}^{(1)} = \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) [-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V^{(1)}(\mathbf{r})] \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}).$$

This Hamiltonian can also be expressed in terms of the creation and annihilation operators

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{H}^{(1)} &= \sum_{k,k'} \hat{b}_k^\dagger \hat{b}_{k'} \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_k^*(\mathbf{r}) \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \phi_{k'}(\mathbf{r}) \\
&= \sum_{k,k'} \hat{b}_k^\dagger \hat{b}_{k'} \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_k^*(\mathbf{r}) \varepsilon_k \phi_{k'}(\mathbf{r}) \\
&= \sum_{k,k'} \varepsilon_k \hat{b}_k^\dagger \hat{b}_{k'} \delta_{k',k} \\
&= \sum_k \varepsilon_k \hat{b}_k^\dagger \hat{b}_k
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon_k$  is the energy of the one-particle state  $\phi_k(\mathbf{r})$ .

$$\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_k \hat{b}_k \phi_k(\mathbf{r}), \quad \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_k \hat{b}_k^\dagger \phi_k^*(\mathbf{r})$$

and

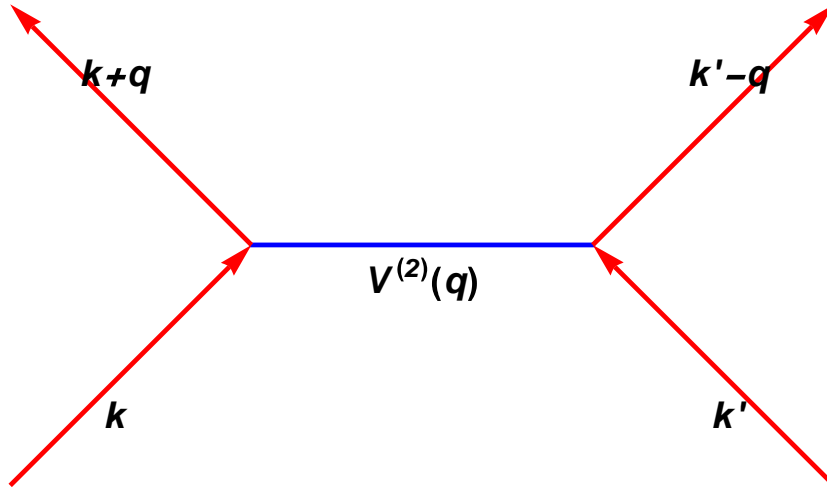
$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \phi_k(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_k \phi_k(\mathbf{r})$$

Next we consider the interaction between particles. Using the field operator,

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{H}^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_1) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}_2) V^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_2) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_1) \\
&= \frac{1}{2V} \sum_{k,k',q} V^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}) \hat{b}_{k+q}^\dagger \hat{b}_{k'-q}^\dagger \hat{b}_k \hat{b}_{k'}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_k \hat{b}_k e^{ik \cdot \mathbf{r}}, \quad \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \sum_k \hat{b}_k^\dagger e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$



**Fig.** Two particles with wave vectors  $k$  and  $k'$  can interact and thereby exchange momentum  $q$ . After this interaction the particles have wave vectors  $k+q$  and  $k'-q$ . The amplitude of the process is proportional to the Fourier component  $V^{(2)}(q)$  of the interaction potential.

## 2. Expression of operators in terms of quantum field operator

### (a) Density operator

Schrödinger wave field:

$$\rho(x) = \psi^*(x)\psi(x)$$

The density operator (second quantization)

$$\hat{\rho}(x) = \hat{\psi}^+(x)\hat{\psi}(x)$$

where  $\hat{\psi}(x)$  is a quantum field operator. The expectation value of density operator for the state given by

$$|\Phi\rangle = \hat{b}_k^+ |\Phi_0\rangle, \quad \langle\Phi| = \langle\Phi_0| \hat{b}_k$$

is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\rho}(x) &= \langle \Phi | \hat{\psi}^+(x) \hat{\psi}(x) | \Phi \rangle \\
&= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{b}_k \sum_{\mu, \nu} \hat{b}_\mu^+ \phi_\mu^*(x) \hat{b}_\nu \phi_\nu(x) \hat{b}_k^+ | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \sum_{\mu, \nu} \phi_\mu^*(x) \phi_\nu(x) \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{b}_k \hat{b}_\mu^+ \hat{b}_\nu \hat{b}_k^+ | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \sum_{\mu, \nu} \phi_\mu^*(x) \phi_\nu(x) \langle \Phi_0 | (\hat{b}_\mu^+ \hat{b}_k + \delta_{\mu, k}) (\hat{b}_k^+ \hat{b}_\nu + \delta_{\nu, k}) | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \sum_{\mu, \nu} \phi_\mu^*(x) \phi_\nu(x) \delta_{\mu, k} \delta_{\nu, k} \langle \Phi_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \phi_k^*(x) \phi_k(x)
\end{aligned}$$

**(b) Position operator**

The position operator is defined by

$$\hat{x} = \int dx \psi^+(x) x \psi(x)$$

The expectation value  $\langle \Phi | \hat{x} | \Phi \rangle$  is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi | \hat{x} | \Phi \rangle &= \langle \Phi | \int dx \psi^+(x) x \psi(x) | \Phi \rangle \\
&= \sum_{\mu, \nu} \int dx \phi_\mu^*(x) x \phi_\nu(x) \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{b}_k \hat{b}_\mu^+ \hat{b}_\nu \hat{b}_k^+ | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \sum_{\mu, \nu} \int dx \phi_\mu^*(x) x \phi_\nu(x) \delta_{\mu, k} \delta_{\nu, k} \\
&= \int dx \phi_k^*(x) x \phi_k(x)
\end{aligned}$$

**(c) Potential energy**

The average potential energy is given by

$$\int dx \psi^*(x) V(x) \psi(x)$$

The corresponding operator is

$$\hat{V}_{op} = \int dx \psi^+(x) V(x) \hat{\psi}(x)$$

The expectation value  $\langle \Phi | \hat{V}_{op} | \Phi \rangle$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi | \hat{V}_{op} | \Phi \rangle &= \sum_{\mu, \nu} \int dx \phi_{\mu}^*(x) V(x) \phi_{\nu}(x) \langle \Phi | \hat{b}_{\mu}^+ \hat{b}_{\nu} | \Phi \rangle \\
&= \sum_{\mu, \nu} \int dx \phi_{\mu}^*(x) V(x) \phi_{\nu}(x) \delta_{\mu, k} \delta_{\nu, k} \\
&= \int dx \phi_k^*(x) V(x) \phi_k(x)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi | \hat{b}_{\mu}^+ \hat{b}_{\nu} | \Phi \rangle &= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{b}_k \hat{b}_{\mu}^+ \hat{b}_{\nu} \hat{b}_k^+ | \Phi \rangle \\
&= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{b}_{\mu}^+ \hat{b}_k + \delta_{\mu, k} \rangle (\hat{b}_k^+ \hat{b}_{\nu} + \delta_{\nu, k} | \Phi_0 \rangle) \\
&= \delta_{\mu, k} \delta_{\nu, k}
\end{aligned}$$

#### (d) Kinetic energy

Schrödinger wave field;

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int d\mathbf{r} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}) \nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

The corresponding operator;

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}^+(\mathbf{r}) \nabla^2 \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) &= \sum_{\mu, \nu} \hat{b}_{\mu}^+ \hat{b}_{\nu} \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\right) \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{r}) \nabla^2 \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}) \\
&= \sum_{\mu, \nu} E_{\nu} \hat{b}_{\mu}^+ \hat{b}_{\nu} \int d\mathbf{r} \phi_{\mu}^*(\mathbf{r}) \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}) \\
&= \sum_{\mu, \nu} E_{\nu} \hat{b}_{\mu}^+ \hat{b}_{\nu} \delta_{\mu, \nu} \\
&= \sum_{\mu} E_{\mu} \hat{b}_{\mu}^+ \hat{b}_{\mu}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}) = E_{\nu} \phi_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}) \quad (\text{Schrödinger equation})$$

#### (e) Coulomb interaction

The Schrödinger field operator is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2} \iint dx dx' \hat{\psi}^+(x) \hat{\psi}^+(x') \frac{e^2}{|x-x'|} \hat{\psi}(x') \hat{\psi}(x) \\
&= \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta} \frac{1}{2} \iint dx dx' \phi_\alpha^*(x) \phi_\beta^*(x') \frac{e^2}{|x-x'|} \phi_\gamma(x') \phi_\delta(x) \hat{b}_\alpha^+ \hat{b}_\beta^+ \hat{b}_\gamma \hat{b}_\delta
\end{aligned}$$

The expectation

$$\langle \Phi | \frac{1}{2} \iint dx dx' \hat{\psi}^+(x) \hat{\psi}^+(x') \frac{e^2}{|x-x'|} \hat{\psi}(x') \hat{\psi}(x) | \Phi \rangle$$

$$\langle \Phi | \frac{1}{2} \iint dx dx' \hat{\psi}^+(x) \hat{\psi}^+(x') \frac{e^2}{|x-x'|} \hat{\psi}(x') \hat{\psi}(x) | \Phi \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta} \frac{1}{2} \iint dx dx' \phi_\alpha^*(x) \phi_\beta^*(x') \frac{e^2}{|x-x'|} \phi_\gamma(x') \phi_\delta(x) \langle \Phi | \hat{b}_\alpha^+ \hat{b}_\beta^+ \hat{b}_\gamma \hat{b}_\delta | \Phi \rangle$$

$$| \Phi \rangle = \hat{b}_{\mu_1}^+ \hat{b}_{\mu_2}^+ | \Phi_0 \rangle, \quad \langle \Phi | = \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{b}_{\mu_2} \hat{b}_{\mu_1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \Phi | \hat{b}_\alpha^+ \hat{b}_\beta^+ \hat{b}_\gamma \hat{b}_\delta | \Phi \rangle &= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{b}_{\mu_2} \hat{b}_{\mu_1} \hat{b}_\alpha^+ \hat{b}_\beta^+ \hat{b}_\gamma \hat{b}_\delta \hat{b}_{\mu_1}^+ \hat{b}_{\mu_2}^+ | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \delta_{\mu_1, \delta} \delta_{\gamma, \mu_2} | \Phi_0 \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{b}_\gamma \hat{b}_\delta \hat{b}_{\mu_1}^+ \hat{b}_{\mu_2}^+ | \Phi_0 \rangle &= \hat{b}_\gamma (\hat{b}_{\mu_1}^+ \hat{b}_\delta + \delta_{\mu_1, \delta}) \hat{b}_{\mu_2}^+ | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \delta_{\mu_1, \delta} \hat{b}_\gamma \hat{b}_{\mu_2}^+ | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \delta_{\mu_1, \delta} (\hat{b}_{\mu_2}^+ \hat{b}_\gamma + \delta_{\gamma, \mu_2}) | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \delta_{\mu_1, \delta} \delta_{\gamma, \mu_2} | \Phi_0 \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\hat{b}_{\mu_2} \hat{b}_{\mu_1} \hat{b}_\alpha^+ \hat{b}_\beta^+ | \Phi_0 \rangle = \delta_{\alpha, \mu_1} \delta_{\mu_2, \beta} | \Phi_0 \rangle.$$

Thus we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle \Phi | \frac{1}{2} \iint dx dx' \hat{\psi}^+(x) \hat{\psi}^+(x') \frac{e^2}{|x-x'|} \hat{\psi}(x') \hat{\psi}(x) | \Phi \rangle \\
&= \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta} \frac{1}{2} \iint dx dx' \phi_{\alpha}^*(x) \phi_{\beta}^*(x) \frac{e^2}{|x-x'|} \phi_{\gamma}(x') \phi_{\delta}(x) \delta_{\mu_1, \delta} \delta_{\gamma, \mu_2} \delta_{\alpha, \mu_1} \delta_{\mu_2, \beta} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \iint dx dx' \phi_{\mu_1}^*(x) \phi_{\mu_2}^*(x) \frac{e^2}{|x-x'|} \phi_{\mu_2}(x') \phi_{\mu_1}(x)
\end{aligned}$$

**(f) Calculation of the interaction  $V$  for charged bosons**

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \frac{e^2}{2} \sum_{k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4} \iint d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{r}'' \phi_{k_1}^*(\mathbf{r}') \phi_{k_2}^*(\mathbf{r}'') \frac{e^{-\mu|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|}}{|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|} \phi_{k_4}(\mathbf{r}'') \phi_{k_3}(\mathbf{r}') \hat{b}_{k_1}^+ \hat{b}_{k_2}^+ \hat{b}_{k_4}^- \hat{b}_{k_3}^-$$

Here we use

$$\phi_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \frac{e^2}{2} \iint d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{r}'' \phi_{k_1}^*(\mathbf{r}') \phi_{k_2}^*(\mathbf{r}'') \frac{e^{-\mu|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|}}{|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|} \phi_{k_4}(\mathbf{r}'') \phi_{k_3}(\mathbf{r}') \\
&= \frac{e^2}{2V^2} \iint d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{r}'' e^{-i\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}'} e^{-i\mathbf{k}_2 \cdot \mathbf{r}''} \frac{e^{-\mu|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|}}{|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|} e^{i\mathbf{k}_4 \cdot \mathbf{r}''} e^{i\mathbf{k}_3 \cdot \mathbf{r}'} \\
&= \frac{e^2}{2V^2} \iint d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{r}'' e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2-\mathbf{k}_3-\mathbf{k}_4) \cdot \mathbf{r}''} \frac{e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_1-\mathbf{k}_3) \cdot (\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}'')} e^{-\mu|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|}}{|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|}
\end{aligned}$$

We use the new variables,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{r}''$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''$  and  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_3$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \frac{e^2}{2V^2} \iint dx dy e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2-\mathbf{k}_3-\mathbf{k}_4) \cdot \mathbf{x}} \frac{e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{y}}}{y} e^{-\mu y} \\
&= \frac{e^2}{2V^2} \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3+\mathbf{k}_4} \int dy \frac{e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{y}}}{y} e^{-\mu y} \\
&= \frac{e^2}{2V^2} \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3+\mathbf{k}_4} \frac{4\pi}{q^2 + \mu^2}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\int dy \frac{e^{-iq \cdot y}}{y} e^{-\mu y} &= 2\pi \int y e^{-\mu y} dy \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta e^{-iqy \cos \theta} \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{q} \int_0^\infty dy e^{-\mu y} \sin(qy) \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{q} \frac{q}{q^2 + \mu^2} \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{q^2 + \mu^2}
\end{aligned}$$

The last integral corresponds to the Laplace transform of  $\sin(qy)$ . Finally we get

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \frac{e^2}{2V^2} \sum_{k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4} \delta_{k_1+k_2, k_3+k_4} \frac{4\pi}{q^2 + \mu^2} \hat{b}_{k_1}^+ \hat{b}_{k_2}^+ \hat{b}_{k_4} \hat{b}_{k_3}$$

### 3. The interaction between two fermions with spin 1/2 (Sakurai and Napolitano)

The interaction between two fermions with spin 1/2 can be expressed by

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \frac{e^2}{2} \sum_{k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4} \iint d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{r}'' \phi_{k_1, \lambda_1}^*(\mathbf{r}') \phi_{k_2, \lambda_2}^*(\mathbf{r}'') \frac{e^{-\mu|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|}}{|\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{r}''|} \phi_{k_4, \lambda_2}(\mathbf{r}'') \phi_{k_3, \lambda_1}(\mathbf{r}')$$

Using the quantum field operator for fermion with spin 1/2

$$\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{k, \lambda} \hat{a}_{k, \lambda} \phi_k(\mathbf{r})$$

with

$$\phi_k(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{ik \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

the interaction can be rewritten as

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \frac{e^2}{2V} \sum_{k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4} \delta_{k_1+k_2, k_3+k_4} \frac{4\pi}{q^2 + \mu^2} \hat{a}_{k_1, \lambda_1}^+ \hat{a}_{k_2, \lambda_2}^+ \hat{a}_{k_4, \lambda_2} \hat{a}_{k_3, \lambda_1},$$

where  $\lambda$  indicates the electron spin. The diagrammatic representation of  $\hat{H}_{\text{int}}$  is given by



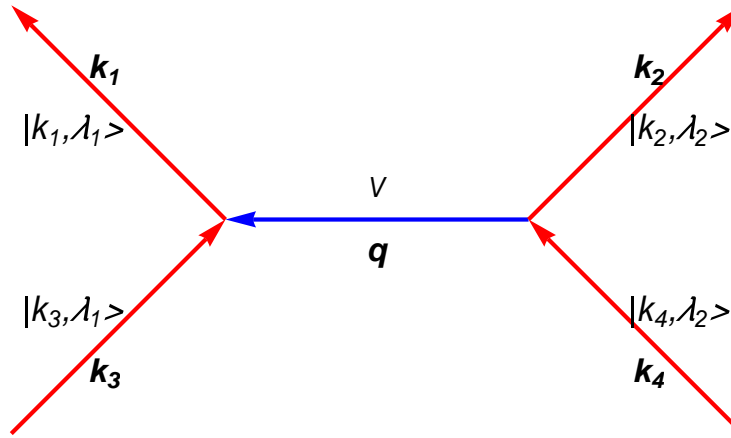
The total Hamiltonian is

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} = 0) + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} \neq 0)$$

where

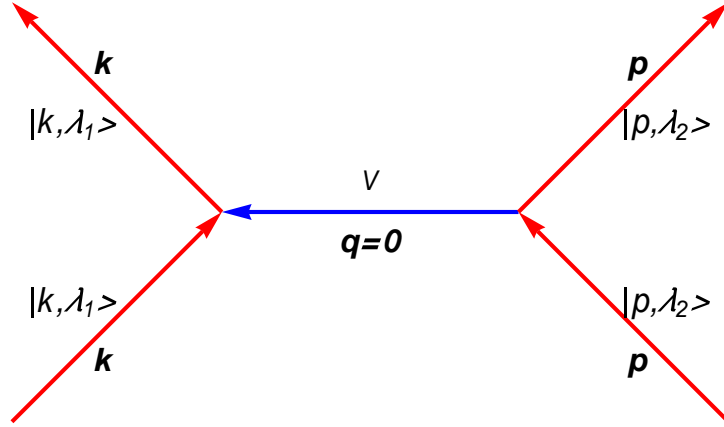
$$\hat{H}_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} E_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}$$

The diagrammatic representation in the momentum space is shown below.



**Fig.** Diagrammatic representation of the momentum-space matrix element for  $\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} \neq 0)$ .  $\mathbf{k}_1 = \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{q}$ .  $\mathbf{k}_4 = \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{q}$ .  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_3 = \mathbf{k}_4 - \mathbf{k}_2$

#### 4. Evaluation of $\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} = 0)$



In the above expression, we redefine  $\mathbf{k}_3 = \mathbf{k}$ , and  $\mathbf{k}_4 = \mathbf{p}$ . Then the term of  $\hat{H}_{\text{int}}$  for which  $\mathbf{q} = 0$  become

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} = 0) &= \frac{e^2}{2V} \frac{4\pi}{\mu^2} \sum_{k\lambda_1, p\lambda_2} \hat{a}_{k\lambda_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\lambda_2}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\lambda_2} \hat{a}_{k\lambda_1} \\
 &= \frac{e^2}{2V} \frac{4\pi}{\mu^2} \sum_{k\lambda_1, p\lambda_2} \hat{a}_{k\lambda_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\lambda_2}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k\lambda_1} \hat{a}_{p\lambda_2} \\
 &= \frac{e^2}{2V} \frac{4\pi}{\mu^2} \sum_{k\lambda_1, p\lambda_2} \hat{a}_{k\lambda_1}^\dagger (\hat{a}_{k\lambda_1} \hat{a}_{p\lambda_2}^\dagger - \delta_{k,p} \delta_{\lambda_1\lambda_2}) \hat{a}_{p\lambda_2} \\
 &= \frac{e^2}{2V} \frac{4\pi}{\mu^2} \sum_{k\lambda_1, p\lambda_2} [\hat{a}_{k\lambda_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k\lambda_1} \hat{a}_{p\lambda_2}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\lambda_2} - \delta_{k,p} \delta_{\lambda_1\lambda_2} \hat{a}_{k\lambda_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\lambda_2}] \\
 &= \frac{e^2}{2V} \frac{4\pi}{\mu^2} (\hat{N}^2 - \hat{N})
 \end{aligned}$$

### 5. Reformulation of $\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} \neq 0)$

The  $\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} = 0)$  term vanishes in the limit of  $V \rightarrow \infty$ . The  $\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} \neq 0)$  term can be redefined as

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{k}_4 = \mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}, \quad \mathbf{k}_2 = \mathbf{k}_4 + \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}$$

or

$$\mathbf{k}_2 = \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$$

Then the total Hamiltonian is expressed by

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} \neq 0)$$

with

$$\hat{H}_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda} E_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda}$$

and

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{q} \neq 0) = \frac{e^2}{2V} \sum'_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2} \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}, \lambda_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}, \lambda_2}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{p}, \lambda_2} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}, \lambda_1}$$

where the notation  $\sum'$  indicates that the terms with  $\mathbf{q} = 0$  are to be omitted. Here we assume that the screening parameter  $\mu = 0$ .

## 6. Quantum box (fermions)

We consider a quantum box with the volume  $V = L^3$  (cube with side  $L$ ). The quantum state is defined by  $|\mathbf{k}\rangle$  with  $k_x = \frac{2\pi}{L}n_x$ ,  $k_y = \frac{2\pi}{L}n_y$ , and  $k_z = \frac{2\pi}{L}n_z$  ( $n_x, n_y, n_z$  are integers). The wave function is given by

$$\langle \mathbf{r} | \mathbf{k} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}},$$

The quantum field operator is defined by

$$\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}(t).$$

Note that the annihilation and creation operators are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{r}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d\mathbf{r} \sum_{k'} \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} e^{i(k'-k) \cdot \mathbf{r}} \hat{a}_{k'}(t) \\
&= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{k'} \int d\mathbf{r} e^{i(k'-k) \cdot \mathbf{r}} \hat{a}_{k'}(t) \\
&= \sum_{k'} \hat{a}_{k'}(t) \delta_{k', k} \\
&= \hat{a}_k(t)
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\hat{a}_k(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{r}}, \quad \hat{a}_k^+(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}^+(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{ik \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

where

$$\frac{1}{V} \int d\mathbf{r} e^{i(k'-k) \cdot \mathbf{r}} = \delta_{k', k}.$$

The commutation relation:

$$\begin{aligned}
[\hat{a}_k(t), \hat{a}_{k'}^+(t)]_+ &= \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{r}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d\mathbf{r}' \hat{\psi}^+(\mathbf{r}', t) e^{ik' \cdot \mathbf{r}'} \right]_+ \\
&= \frac{1}{V} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{r}} e^{ik' \cdot \mathbf{r}'} [\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t), \hat{\psi}^+(\mathbf{r}', t)]_+ \\
&= \frac{1}{V} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{r}} e^{ik' \cdot \mathbf{r}'} \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \\
&= \frac{1}{V} \int d\mathbf{r} e^{i(k-k') \cdot \mathbf{r}} \\
&= \delta_{k, k'}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
[\hat{a}_k(t), \hat{a}_{k'}(t)]_+ &= \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{r}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d\mathbf{r}' \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}', t) e^{-ik' \cdot \mathbf{r}'} \right]_+ \\
&= \frac{1}{V} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' e^{-ik \cdot \mathbf{r}} e^{-ik' \cdot \mathbf{r}'} [\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}, t), \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}', t)] \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

At  $t=0$ , we have

$$\hat{a}_k(t=0) = \hat{a}_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \int d\mathbf{r} \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_0 &= \int d\mathbf{r} \left\{ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \nabla \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) + V(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) \right\} \\ &= \sum_k \frac{\hbar^2 \mathbf{k}^2}{2m} \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_k + \sum_{k,k'} V_{k'-k} \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger \hat{a}_k \end{aligned}$$

with

$$V_k = \frac{1}{V} \int d\mathbf{r} V(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

**((The interaction Hamiltonian))**

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \int d\mathbf{r}' \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}') U(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}') \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,p} \sum_{k',p'} \delta_{k+p,k'+p'} U(|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k}'|) \hat{a}_{p'}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k'}^\dagger \hat{a}_k \hat{a}_p \end{aligned}$$

where

$$U(|\mathbf{k}|) = \frac{1}{V} \int d\mathbf{x} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} U(|\mathbf{r}|)$$

**((Momentum operator))**

$$\hat{P} = \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} \frac{\hbar}{i} \{ \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r},t) \nabla \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r},t) - \nabla \hat{\psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r},t) \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{r},t) \}$$

$$\hat{P} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hbar \mathbf{k} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

## 7. Free electron Fermi gas model in metal

We consider the properties of a Fermi gas of non-interacting spin 1/2 fermions in their ground state. The ground state  $|\Phi_0\rangle$  is characterized by all the momentum states being filled up to the Fermi momentum  $p_F$ . Then we have

$$n_{p\uparrow} = \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{a}_{p\uparrow}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p\uparrow} | \Phi_0 \rangle = \theta(p_F - |\mathbf{p}|) = \begin{cases} 1 & |\mathbf{p}| \leq p_F \\ 0 & |\mathbf{p}| > p_F \end{cases}$$

and

$$n_{p\uparrow} = n_{p\downarrow}.$$

**(a) The Fermi momentum:  $p_F$**

The Fermi momentum is determined by the condition that the total number of particles is given by

$$N = \sum_p (n_{p\uparrow} + n_{p\downarrow}) = \frac{2}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \frac{4\pi}{3} p_F^3 = \frac{V p_F^3}{3\pi^2 \hbar^3} = \frac{V k_F^3}{3\pi^2}$$

or

$$\frac{V p_F^3}{3\pi^2 \hbar^3} = N, \quad p_F^3 = 3\pi^2 \hbar^3 n$$

or

$$k_F^3 = 3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} = 3\pi^2 n$$

where  $n$  is the number density and  $k_F$  is the wave number ( $p_F = \hbar k_F$ ).

**(b) Average density**

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \rho(\mathbf{r}) \rangle &= \sum_\sigma \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{\psi}_\sigma^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\psi}_\sigma(\mathbf{r}) | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\sigma, p, p'} \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{a}_{p\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'\sigma} | \Phi_0 \rangle \exp\left[\frac{-i(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}') \cdot \mathbf{r}}{\hbar}\right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma$  is the spin variable, and

$$\langle \Phi_0 | \hat{a}_{p\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p'\sigma} | \Phi_0 \rangle = \delta_{p, p'} n_{p, \sigma}$$

Then we have

$$\langle \rho(\mathbf{r}) \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\sigma, p} n_{p\sigma} = n$$

Thus the density in the gas is uniform.

**(c) One-particle density matrix**

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') &= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{\psi}_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\psi}_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r}') | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_p n_{p,\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')\right] \end{aligned}$$

Converting the sum to an integral, we get

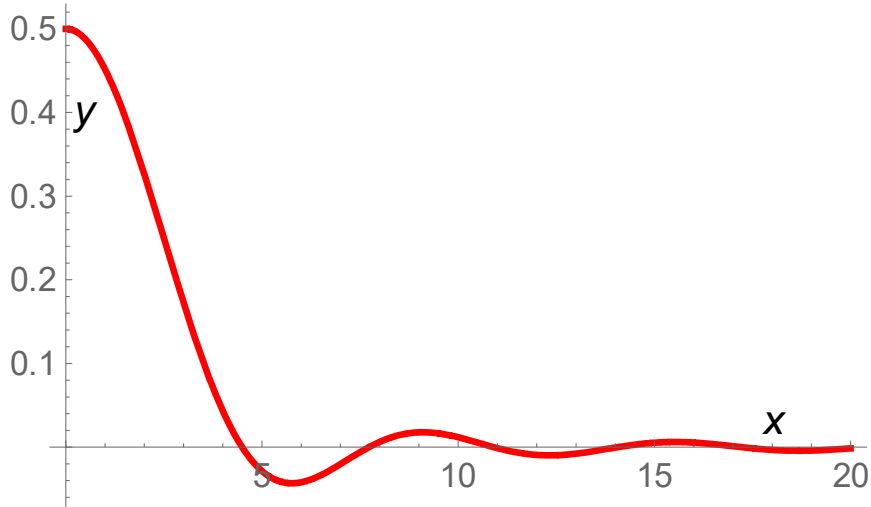
$$\begin{aligned} G_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') &= \frac{1}{V} \frac{V}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int_0^{p_F} d\mathbf{p} \exp\left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2\hbar^3} \int_0^{p_F} p^2 dp \int_0^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta \exp\left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} p \cos\theta |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi^2\hbar^3} \int_0^{p_F} p^2 dp \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \exp\left[-\frac{i}{\hbar} p |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| \mu\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2\hbar^2 |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \int_0^{p_F} p \sin\left(\frac{p}{\hbar} |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|\right) dp \\ &= \frac{p_F^3}{2\pi^2\hbar^3} \frac{(-x \cos x + \sin x)}{x^3} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$G_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \frac{3n}{2} \frac{\sin x - x \cos x}{x^3}$$

where

$$p_F^3 = 3\pi^2\hbar^3 n$$



**Fig.** Plot of  $y = \frac{G_\sigma}{n}$  as a function of  $x = \frac{p_F}{\hbar} |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|$ .

#### (d) Pair correlation function

The **Pauli exclusion principle** is the quantum mechanical **principle** that states that two or more identical fermions (particles with half-integer spin) cannot occupy the same quantum state within a quantum system simultaneously.

Suppose that there is one fermion at the point  $\mathbf{r}$ . We calculate the relative probability of finding another particle at  $\mathbf{r}'$ . One way to formulate these problem is to remove (mathematically) a particle (with spin  $\sigma$ ) at the point  $\mathbf{r}$  from the system, leaving behind  $(N-1)$  particles in the state

$$|\Phi'(\mathbf{r}, \sigma)\rangle = \hat{\psi}_\sigma(\mathbf{r})|\Phi_0\rangle$$

and ask for the density distribution of particles (with spin  $\sigma'$ ) in this new state. This density is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi'(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) | \hat{\psi}_{\sigma'}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}') \hat{\psi}_{\sigma'}(\mathbf{r}') | \Phi'(\mathbf{r}, \sigma) \rangle &= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{\psi}_{\sigma'}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}') \hat{\psi}_{\sigma'}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\psi}_{\sigma'}(\mathbf{r}') \hat{\psi}_\sigma(\mathbf{r}) | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 g_{\sigma, \sigma'}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \\ &= \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 - [G_s((\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'))]^2 \end{aligned}$$

#### 9. Expectation value of $\hat{H}_0$



$$\begin{aligned}
E^{(0)} &= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{k,\sigma} k^2 \langle \Phi_0 | n_{k\sigma} | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{k,\sigma} k^2 \theta(k_F - k) \\
&= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} 2 \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{k_F} 4\pi k^4 dk \\
&= \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{V}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{5} k_F^5
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
N^{(0)} &= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{N} | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \sum_{k,\sigma} \langle \Phi_0 | n_{k\sigma} | \Phi_0 \rangle \\
&= \sum_{k,\sigma} \theta(k_F - k) \\
&= 2 \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{k_F} 4\pi k^2 dk \\
&= \frac{V k_F^3}{3\pi^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$E^{(0)} = \frac{3}{5} \varepsilon_F N$$

or

$$E^{(0)} = \frac{3}{5} \varepsilon_F N = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k_F^2 N = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2 N}{2m r_0^2} \left(\frac{9\pi}{4}\right)^{2/3} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{\hbar^2 N}{2m a_B^2 r_s^2} \left(\frac{9\pi}{4}\right)^{2/3}$$

or

$$E^{(0)} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{e^2}{2a_B} \frac{N}{r_s^2} \left(\frac{9\pi}{4}\right)^{2/3} = \frac{e^2}{2a_B} \frac{N}{r_s^2} 2.2099$$

where

$$\varepsilon_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k_F^2, \quad r_0 = \left(\frac{9\pi}{4}\right)^{1/3} \frac{1}{k_F}, \quad r_s = \frac{r_0}{a_B}$$

$$a_B = \frac{\hbar^2}{me^2} = 0.529177 \text{ \AA}.$$

The first-order energy shift

$$\begin{aligned} E^{(1)} &= \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_1 | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= \frac{e^2}{2V} \sum_{kq} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{a}_{k+q,\sigma_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p-q,\sigma_2}^\dagger \hat{a}_{p,\sigma_2} \hat{a}_{k,\sigma_1} | \Phi_0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

The states  $p, \sigma_2$  and  $k, \sigma_1$  must be inside the Fermi sea. Similarly,  $k+q, \sigma_1$  and  $p-q, \sigma_2$  must also be inside the Fermi sea. There are two possibilities.

$$k+q, \sigma_1 = k, \sigma_1, \quad p-q, \sigma_2 = p, \sigma_2 \quad (\text{the first pairing})$$

or

$$p-q, \sigma_2 = k, \sigma_1 \quad k+q, \sigma_1 = p, \sigma_2 \quad (\text{the second pairing})$$

The first pairing is forbidden because the term  $q=0$  is excluded from the sum. Then the matrix becomes

$$\begin{aligned} E^{(1)} &= \frac{e^2}{2V} \sum_{kq} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{k+q,p} \delta_{\sigma_1,\sigma_2} \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{a}_{k+q,\sigma_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k,\sigma_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k+q,\sigma_1} \hat{a}_{k,\sigma_1} | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= -\frac{e^2}{2V} \sum_{kq} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{k+q,p} \delta_{\sigma_1,\sigma_2} \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{a}_{k+q,\sigma_1}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k+q,\sigma_1} \hat{a}_{k,\sigma_1} \hat{a}_{k,\sigma_1} | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= -\frac{e^2}{2V} \sum_{kq} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{k+q,p} \delta_{\sigma_1,\sigma_2} \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{n}_{k+q,\sigma_1} \hat{n}_{k,\sigma_1} | \Phi_0 \rangle \\ &= -\frac{e^2}{2V} \sum_{kq} \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \delta_{k+q,p} \delta_{\sigma_1,\sigma_2} \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \theta(k_F - |\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}|) \theta(k_F - k) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$E^{(1)} = -\frac{e^2}{2V} \frac{4\pi V^2}{(2\pi)^6} 2 \int d\mathbf{k} \int d\mathbf{q} \frac{\theta(k_F - |\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}|) \theta(k_F - k)}{q^2}$$

It is convenient to change variables from  $\mathbf{k}$  to  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}$  in order to get the symmetric form;

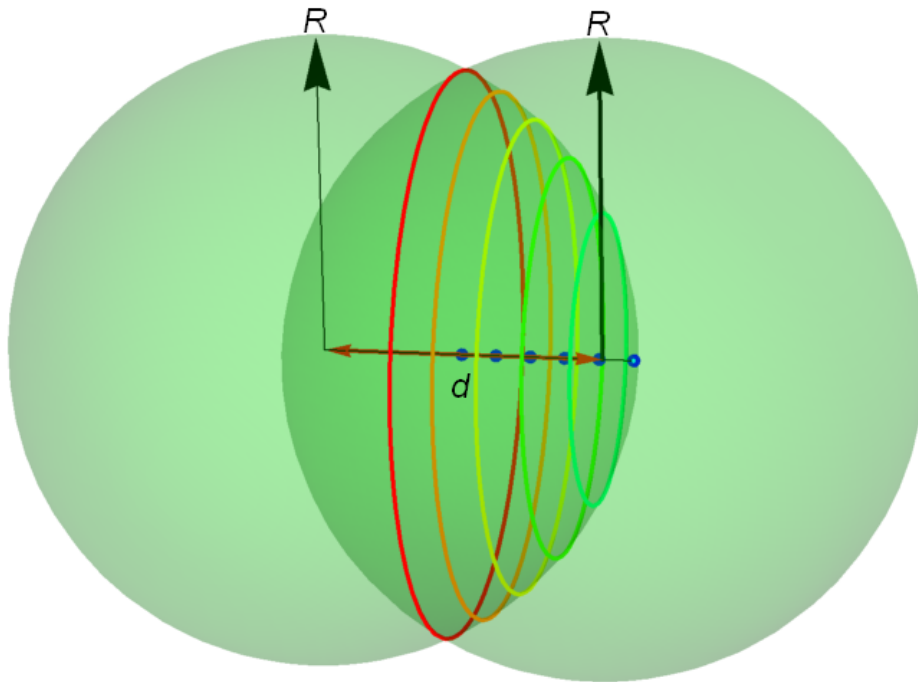
$$E^{(1)} = -\frac{4\pi e^2 V}{(2\pi)^6} \int \frac{1}{q^2} d\mathbf{q} \int d\mathbf{P} \theta(k_F - \left| \mathbf{P} + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2} \right|) \theta(k_F - \left| \mathbf{P} - \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2} \right|)$$

We note that

$$\int d\mathbf{P} \theta(k_F - \left| \mathbf{P} + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2} \right|) \theta(k_F - \left| \mathbf{P} - \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2} \right|) = \frac{4\pi}{3} k_F^3 \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x^3\right) \theta(1-x)$$

with  $x = \frac{q}{2k_F}$ . Thus we get

**((Note)) Mathematics: volume of the overlap of two spheres**



Let two spheres with the same radius  $R$  be located along the  $x$ -axis centered at  $(0,0,0)$  and  $(d,0,0)$ , respectively. The equations of the two spheres are

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2, \tag{1}$$

$$(x-d)^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2 \quad (2)$$

Combining Eqs.(1) and (2) gives

$$(x-d)^2 - x^2 = 0$$

or

$$x = \frac{d}{2}$$

The intersection of the spheres is therefore a curve lying in a plane parallel to the  $yz$ -plane at  $x = \frac{d}{2}$ . Plugging this back into Eq.(1) gives

$$y^2 + z^2 = R^2 - \frac{d^2}{4}$$

which is a circle with radius  $\sqrt{R^2 - \frac{d^2}{4}}$ . The volume of the 3D lens common to the two spheres can be found by adding the two spherical caps. The volume is

$$\begin{aligned} V &= 2 \int_{d/2}^R \pi(\sqrt{R^2 - x^2})^2 dx \\ &= 2\pi \int_{d/2}^R (R^2 - x^2) dx \\ &= 2\pi \left[ R^2 x - \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right]_{d/2}^R \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \left( 1 - \frac{3}{2} \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^3 \right) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\alpha = \frac{d}{2R}$

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$$\begin{aligned}
E^{(1)} &= -\frac{4\pi e^2 V}{(2\pi)^6} \int \frac{1}{q^2} 4\pi q^2 dq \frac{4\pi}{3} k_F^3 \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x^3\right) \theta(1-x) \\
&= -\frac{4\pi e^2 V}{(2\pi)^6} 4\pi \frac{4\pi}{3} k_F^3 (2k_F) \int_0^1 dx \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x^3\right) \\
&= -\frac{(4\pi)^3 e^2 V}{(2\pi)^6} \frac{16}{9} k_F^4 \\
&= -\frac{e^2 N}{2r_0} \frac{3}{2\pi} \left(\frac{9\pi}{4}\right)^{1/3} \\
&= -\frac{e^2}{2a_B} N \frac{0.916331}{r_s}
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$E^{(1)} = -\frac{e^2}{2a_B} N \frac{0.916331}{r_s}$$

where

$$V = \frac{4\pi}{3} r_0^3 N, \quad N = \frac{V k_F^3}{3\pi^2}, \quad a_B = \frac{\hbar^2}{me^2} \text{ (Bohr radius)}$$

$$r_s = \frac{r_0}{a_B}, \quad k_F = \left(\frac{9\pi}{4}\right)^{1/3} \frac{1}{r_0}.$$

So the total energy is

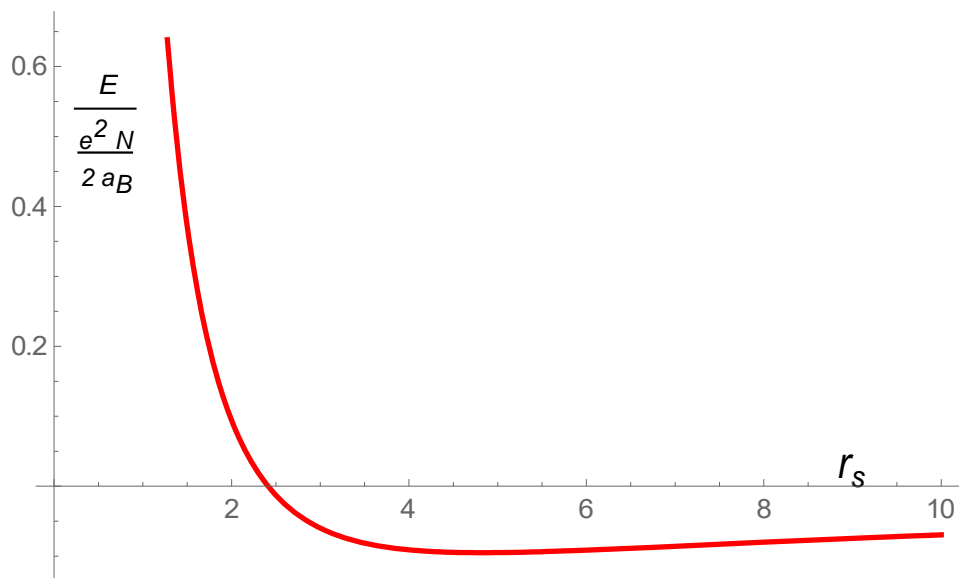
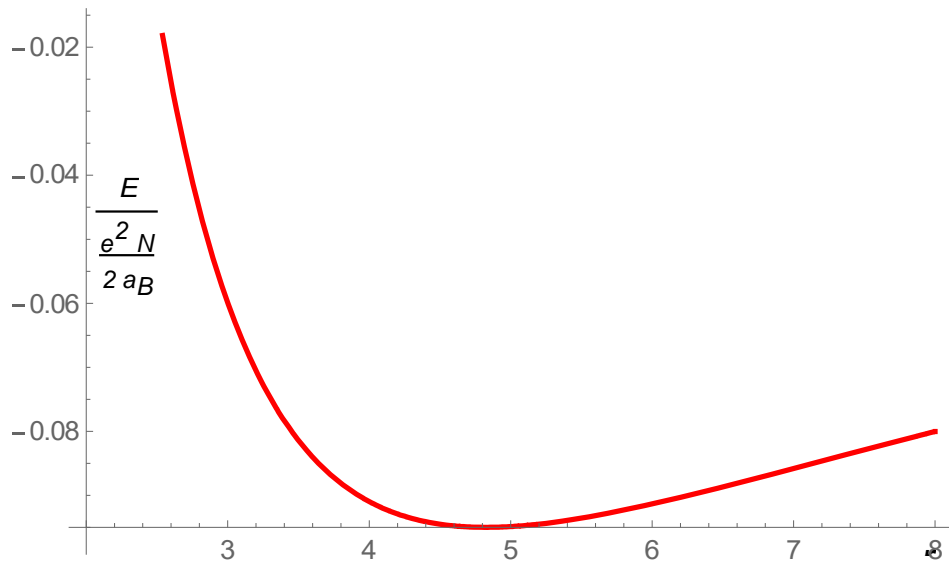
$$E = E^{(0)} + E^{(1)} = \frac{e^2 N}{2a_B} \left( \frac{1}{r_s^2} 2.099 - \frac{0.916331}{r_s} \right)$$

with  $\frac{e^2}{2a_B} = 13.6057 \text{ eV}$ . We make a plot of

$$\frac{E}{\frac{e^2 N}{2a_B}} = \frac{1}{r_s^2} 2.2099 - \frac{0.916331}{r_s}$$

as function of  $r_s$ . This function has a minimum ( $=-0.0949887$ ) at  $r_s = 4.82337$ .

Li:  $r_s = 3.22$   
Na:  $r_s = 3.86$   
K:  $r_s = 4.87$   
Rb:  $r_s = 5.18$   
Cs:  $r_s = 5.57$



**Fig.** Plot of  $\frac{E}{e^2 N}$  as a function of  $r_s = \frac{r_0}{a_B}$ . Minimum value (= -0.0949887) at  $r_s = 4.82337$ .

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