Large-momentum distribution of a polarized Fermi gas and \( p \)-wave contacts

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We present a derivation of the adiabatic energy relations as well as the large momentum distribution of a polarized Fermi gas near \( p \)-wave Feshbach resonances. The leading asymptotic behavior \((k^{-2})\) and subleading behavior \((k^{-4})\) of the large momentum distribution have recently been predicted by Yu et al. [Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 135304 (2015)] and by He et al. [Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 045301 (2016)] using two different approaches. Here, we show that the subleading asymptotic behavior \((\sim k^{-4})\) can not fully be captured by the contact defined from the adiabatic energy relation related to the \( p \)-wave effective range, and there should be an extra term resulted from the center-of-mass motion of the pairs. The omission of this extra term is perhaps a reasonable approximation at zero temperature. However, it should be taken into account at finite temperature and should be of significant importance to understand the recently measured momentum distribution in a resonant \( p \)-wave Fermi gas of ultracold \(^{40}\)K atoms [Luciuk et al., Nature Phys. 12, 599 (2016)].

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I. INTRODUCTION

In ultracold atomic physics, some key properties of a many-particle system are governed by a set of universal relations that follow from the short-range behavior of the two-body physics. For strongly interacting two-component Fermi gases with \( s \)-wave contact interactions, in his seminal works \([1, 3]\), Tan discovered the intrinsic connection between the \( k^{-4} \) tail of the momentum distribution at large \( k \) and the derivative of the total energy of the system with respect to the inverse \( s \)-wave scattering length, both of which are related to a quantity named contact \([1, 3]\). Afterwards, more universal Tan relations were derived within the concept of contact \([4]\). Over the past decade, an impressive amount of both theoretical and experimental efforts have been devoted to confirm such universal Tan relations and explore their important consequences \([5, 14]\).

For a polarized Fermi gas, in which all the atoms are in the same hyperfine state, the low-energy collision is dominated by the \( p \)-wave interaction channel due to its unique statistical properties, as experimentally observed in \(^{6}\)Li \([13]\) as well as in \(^{40}\)K \([16, 17]\). The non-zero orbital angular momentum \((l = 1)\) of the \( p \)-wave interaction leads to a spatial anisotropic scattering and opens a new way to manipulate resonant interatomic interactions by using a magnetic field vector \([15, 19]\). Recently, the universal relations near a \( p \)-wave resonance attract a great deal of attention \([20, 21]\). Unlike the \( s \)-wave case, there are two \( p \)-wave contacts involved, which are related to the adiabatic variation of the energy with respect to the scattering volume and to the effective range, and also capture the leading and subleading asymptotic behavior of the large momentum distribution, i.e., the \( k^{-2} \) and \( k^{-4} \) tails, respectively \([20]\). These \( p \)-wave universal relations have recently confirmed experimentally, although the measured contact related to the effective range can not be explained theoretically \([20]\). Furthermore, the \( p \)-wave contacts are also defined based on a two-channel model \([21, 22]\). Besides, He et al. defined the contacts according to the large-momentum distribution, based on the removing of the divergence of the internal energy, then more contacts would appear if higher partial waves are included \([23, 24, 26]\). Currently, the research on the \( p \)-wave universal relations grows rapidly, and all the above progress is made within less than one year. Among these universal relations, the adiabatic energy theorem and large momentum distribution are of particular interest, since they manifest in an elegant way how two seemingly uncorrelated observables - the thermodynamics and the short-range behavior of a many-particle system - are related.

In this work, we present a rigorous derivation of the adiabatic energy theorem as well as the large momentum distribution of a polarized Fermi gas with \( p \)-wave interaction, following the route of Tan’s original work about the \( s \)-wave case \([1, 2]\). We define two \( p \)-wave contacts as in the previous work \([20]\) by using the adiabatic energy theorems, i.e., \( C_a \) and \( C_b \) which are proportional to the derivative of the total energy with respect to the inverse \( p \)-wave scattering volume and to the effective range, respectively. We show that the contact \( C_a \) related to the scattering volume completely captures the leading asymptotic behavior of the large momentum distribution \( C_a/k^2 \), a result that fully agrees with those of \([24, 21]\).
can be decoupled as atomic Fermi gas confined in an external potential, with the external potential technical details, which turn out to be crucial in handling their results, the derivation presented below clarify some This case has been previously addressed by Werner and general case, in which the finite-range effect is included. length $\ell_\text{c}$ on the many-body wavefunction: For any pair of fermions $i,j$ on the same theoretical model, which otherwise provides a good qualitative explanation for the measured $C_6$.

This paper is arranged as follows. To warm up, in the next section (Sec. II), we briefly review the definitions of the $s$-wave contacts, and introduce an additional contact due to the $s$-wave effective range. We derive the corresponding adiabatic energy theorems, and show their connection to the tails of the large momentum distribution. The non-trivial consequence of the effective range is highlighted. In Sec. III we derive two adiabatic energy theorems of a polarized Fermi gas with $p$-wave interaction, and define two contacts associated with the scattering volume and effective range. The asymptotic behavior of the large momentum distribution near $p$-wave resonances is discussed in Sec. IV. We show how the extra term resulted from the c.m. motion of the pairs appears in the subleading order ($k^{-4}$), in addition to the contact term related to the effective range. Finally, our main results are summarized in Sec. V.

II. REVIEW ON THE $s$-WAVE CONTACTS

Before the discussion of the $p$-wave contacts, we review the definition of the $s$-wave contact, and consider a more general case, in which the finite-range effect is included. This case has been previously addressed by Werner and Castin [9]. In addition to confirming and generalizing their results, the derivation presented below clarify some technical details, which turn out to be crucial in handling the more complicated $p$-wave case.

Let us consider a strongly interacting two-component atomic Fermi gas confined in an external potential, with $N_\uparrow$ spin-up and $N_\downarrow$ spin-down fermions, respectively. The interatomic interaction between two fermions with unlike spins is assumed to be short range with a characteristic length $\epsilon$, which is much smaller than the length scale of the external potential $\eta$. Then we may deal with the interaction by setting a short-range boundary condition on the many-body wavefunction: For any pair of fermions $i$ and $j$ in different spin states, there exists a regular function $A(X,R)$, and the many-body wavefunction can be decoupled as

$$\Psi(X,R,r) \approx A(X,R)\psi(r), \quad (1)$$

when the fermions $i,j$ get close enough to each other but still far away compared to the range of the interaction potential, i.e., $\epsilon \ll r \ll \eta$. Here, $r = r_i - r_j$ and $R = (r_i + r_j)/2$ are respectively the relative and c.m. coordinates of the pair $(i,j)$, $X$ includes those of the rest of the fermions, and $\psi(r)$ can approximately be treated as the relative wavefunction of the pair. The regularity of the function $A(X,R)$ means that no more pairs except the fermions $i,j$ can interact with each other, according to such a short-range interaction.

A. Adiabatic energy theorems

For two many-body wavefunction $\Psi$ and $\Psi'$ corresponding to different interatomic interaction strengths, they satisfy the Schrödinger equation with different energies

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N_\uparrow} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_n^2 + U(r_n)\right] \Psi = E \Psi, \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N_\downarrow} \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla_n^2 + U(r_n)\right] \Psi' = E' \Psi', \quad (3)$$

if there is no pair with different spin states within the range of the interaction. Here, $N$ is the total atom number, $M$ is the atomic mass, and $U(r_n)$ is the external potential experienced by the $n$-th fermion. By subtracting $\Psi \times [Eq. (3)]^* \Psi' \times [Eq. (2)]$, and integrating over the domain $D_\varepsilon$, the set of all configurations $(r_i,r_j)$ in which $r = |r_i - r_j| > \epsilon \in [2,\epsilon]$ we arrive at

$$(E - E') \int_{D_\varepsilon} \Psi^* \Psi dX dR d\mathbf{r} =$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{M} \mathcal{N} \int_{r=\varepsilon} \left(\Psi^* \nabla_r \Psi - \Psi \nabla_r \Psi^*\right) \cdot \hat{n} dS, \quad (4)$$

where $\mathcal{N} \equiv N_\uparrow N_\downarrow$ is the number of all the possible ways to pair atoms, $S$ is the surface that the distance between the two pairs $(i,j)$ is $\epsilon$, and $\hat{n}$ is the direction normal to $S$, but is opposite to the radial direction.

For the $s$-wave interaction, when $\epsilon \ll r \ll \eta$, the many-body wavefunction $\Psi(X,R,r)$ in Eq. (1) takes the form of

$$\Psi(X,R,r) \approx A(X,R) \cdot k \left[j_\ell(kr) \cot \delta_0 - n_0(kr)\right], \quad (5)$$

where $j_\ell(\cdot), n_\ell(\cdot)$ are the spherical Bessel functions of the first and the second kinds, $\delta_0$ is the $s$-wave scattering phase shift, $k$ is the relative wavenumber of the pair $(i,j)$, i.e., $\hbar^2 k^2/M = \varepsilon(X,R)$ [3],

$$\varepsilon(X,R) \equiv E - \frac{1}{A(X,R)} \left[T(X,R) + U(X,R)\right] A(X,R), \quad (6)$$

and $T(X,R)$ and $U(X,R)$ are respectively the kinetic and external potential operators including the c.m. motion of the pair $(i,j)$ and those of the rest of the fermions. Expanding at $r \sim 0^+$ ($\gg \epsilon$), we easily obtain the following asymptotic form of the many-body wavefunction

$$\Psi(X,R,r) = A(X,R) \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(r), \quad (7)$$
where we have used the effective-range expansion of the $s$-wave scattering phase shift at small $k$,
\[ k \cot \delta_0 = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} bk^2 + O(k^4), \]
where $a$, $b$ are the $s$-wave scattering length and effective range, respectively. Inserting the asymptotic form of the many-body wavefunction \[^7\] into Eq. \[(4)\], we find
\[ (E - E') \int_{D_r} \Psi^* \Psi dX dR dr \]
\[ = -\frac{4\pi \hbar^2}{M} I_a \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{a'} \right) + 2\pi (\varepsilon - \varepsilon'), \]
where \[\varepsilon = N \int dX dR A^* [E - T - U] A, \]
\[\varepsilon' = N \int dX dR A [E' - T - U] A^*, \]
and
\[ I_a \equiv N \int dX dR A^* (X, R) A (X, R). \]

Let \( E' \to E, a' \to a \), and \( b' \to b \), then we find
\[ \delta E \cdot \int_{D_r} |\Psi|^2 dX dR dr \]
\[ = -\frac{4\pi \hbar^2}{M} I_a \cdot \delta a^{-1} + 2\pi \varepsilon \cdot \delta b + 2\pi I_a b \cdot \delta E, \]
and
\[ I_a \equiv N \int dX dR |A (X, R)|^2. \]

If the finite-range effect cannot be neglected, i.e., \( b \neq 0 \) but small, we find (see Appendix A)
\[ \int_{D_r} |\Psi|^2 dX dR dr \approx 1 + 2\pi I_a b, \]
and then
\[ \delta E = -\frac{4\pi \hbar^2}{M} I_a \cdot \delta a^{-1} + 2\pi \varepsilon \cdot \delta b, \]
which yields
\[ \frac{\partial E}{\partial a^{-1}} = -\frac{4\pi \hbar^2}{M} I_a, \]
\[ \frac{\partial E}{\partial b} = 2\pi \varepsilon, \]
and \( \varepsilon \) becomes
\[ \varepsilon = N \int dX dR A^* [E - T - U] A. \]

We note that, the normalization of the wave-function Eq. \[^{[15]}\] - derived by us in Appendix A - is crucial to obtain the adiabatic energy relation. In the previous work \[^{[9]}\], Werner and Castin considered the finite-range correction in the limit of \( b = 0 \) only, where the third term on the right-hand-side of Eq. \[^{[13]}\] drops out automatically.

### B. Large momentum distribution

Next, let us consider the asymptotic behavior of the large momentum distribution of the system. The momentum distribution of the system for spin-up fermions is defined as
\[ n_\uparrow (k) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_i} \prod_{l \neq i} dr_l \left| \int dr \Psi e^{-i k \cdot r} \right|^2. \]

When the \( i \)th spin-up and the \( j \)th spin-down fermions are close, we formally expand the many-body wavefunction at the short range \( r \sim 0^+ ( \gg \epsilon) \) up to the order \( O(r) \) as
\[ \Psi (X, R, r) = A (X, R) + B (X, R) r \]
\[ + C (X, R) + r \cdot L (X, R) + O (r^2), \]
where \( A, B, C \) and \( L \) are all regular functions, and the last term in the above, i.e., \( r \cdot L (X, R) \), represents the coupling between the relative and c.m. motions of the pair \((i, j)\), resulted from the external confinement. Comparing Eqs. \[^{[5]}\] and \[^{[21]}\] at small \( r \), we easily find
\[ B (X, R) = -A (X, R) \cdot \frac{M \varepsilon (X, R)}{2 \hbar^2}, \]
\[ C (X, R) = A (X, R) \left[ -\frac{1}{a} + b \cdot \frac{M \varepsilon (X, R)}{2 \hbar^2} \right], \]
or the constraint on the expansion coefficients \( A, B, C \):
\[ \frac{A (X, R)}{a} + b B (X, R) + C (X, R) = 0, \]
which is an alternative expression of the short-range boundary condition for the many-body wavefunction. In addition, \( \varepsilon \) in Eq. \[^{[19]}\] can be written as
\[ \varepsilon = -\frac{2\hbar^2}{M} N \int dX dR A^* (X, R) B (X, R) \equiv -\frac{2\hbar^2}{M} I_\varepsilon, \]
where
\[ I_\varepsilon \equiv N \int dX dR A^* (X, R) B (X, R) \]
should be real, apparently. In the definition of the momentum distribution \[^{[20]}\], we may rewrite \( n_\uparrow (k) \) as
\[ \hat{\Psi}_i (k) \equiv \int dr \Psi e^{-i k \cdot r}. \]
In the large-\( k \) limit, we know that the Fourier transform with respect to \( r_i \) is dominated by the behavior of the wavefunction at short distances between the atom \( i \) and the other atoms, then we have \[^{[9]}\]
\[ \hat{\Psi}_i (k) \approx \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} e^{-i k \cdot r_j} \int dr \psi (X, r_j + \frac{r_j}{2}, r) e^{-i k \cdot r}. \]
Using $\nabla^2 \left( r^{-1} \right) = -4\pi \delta(r)$, we have the identity

$$f(k) \equiv \int \frac{e^{-ik \cdot r}}{r} = \frac{4\pi}{k^2},$$

so that

$$\int \frac{A(X, r_j + r/2)}{r} e^{-ik \cdot r} \approx A(X, r_j) f(k) + i \frac{\nabla_r A(X, r_j)}{2} \nabla_k f(k)$$

$$- \frac{1}{8} \left( \nabla_r \cdot \nabla_k \right) \left[ \nabla_r A(X, r_j) \cdot \nabla_k f(k) \right]$$

$$= A(X, r_j) \frac{4\pi}{k^2} - i \left( \nabla_r A \cdot \hat{k} \right) \frac{4\pi}{k^3}$$

$$+ \left[ k^4 \left( \nabla_r \cdot \nabla_k \right) \frac{\nabla_r A \cdot \hat{k}}{k^3} \right] \frac{\pi}{k^4} + O(k^{-5}),$$

where $\hat{k}$ is the unit vector of the radial direction of $k$, and

$$\int dr B(X, r_j + r/2) r e^{-ik \cdot r} \approx -B(X, r_j) \frac{8\pi}{k^4} + O(k^{-5}).$$

We can easily verify that the terms $C(X, r_j + r/2)$ and $r \cdot L(X, r_j + r/2)$ contribute only to the small momentum other than the large-momentum tail. By substituting Eqs. (30) and (31) into Eq. (25), and then into Eq. (27), we finally obtain the asymptotic behavior of $n_\uparrow(k)$ at $k \to \infty$,

$$n_\uparrow(k) \sim \frac{C_a}{k^4} + \text{Im} \left[ \mathcal{N} \int dX dR A^* \left( \nabla_R A \cdot \hat{k} \right) \right] \frac{32\pi^2}{k^6}$$

$$+ \left\{ C_b + 8\pi^2 \mathcal{N} \int dX dR \left[ 6 \left| \nabla_R A \cdot \hat{k} \right|^2 - \left| \nabla_R A \right|^2 \right] \right\} \frac{1}{k^6}$$

$$+ O(k^{-8}),$$

where we have defined two contacts as

$$C_a \equiv 16\pi^2 a,$$

$$C_b \equiv -64\pi^2 b,$$

and have set $r_j = R$. If we take the average of the momentum distribution over the direction of $k$, i.e., $\int dk n(k)/4\pi$, we find the odd-order terms of $k^{-1}$ vanish (for example, the coefficient of $k^{-3}$ term is simply proportional to $\cos \theta_k$, where $\theta_k$ is the polar angle of $k$, and then vanishes after the integration over $\theta_k$). In the $k^{-6}$ term, since $\int dk \cos^2 \theta_k/4\pi = 1/3$, we find $\left| \nabla_R A \cdot \hat{k} \right|^2$ becomes $|\nabla_R A|^2/3$ after taking the average. Then the average of the momentum distribution becomes

$$n_\uparrow(k) \sim \frac{C_a}{k^4} + \left( C_b + 8\pi^2 \mathcal{N} \int dX dR \left| \nabla_R A \right|^2 \right) \frac{1}{k^6}$$

$$+ O(k^{-8}),$$

which exactly agrees with the result of [9]. Obviously, there is an extra term besides the contact $C_b$ appearing in the coefficient of the subleading behavior $1/k^{-6}$, which is resulted from the c.m. motion of the pairs [9]. Physically, for a pair of fermions $\uparrow$ and $\downarrow$, the wavevector $k_\uparrow$ is the linear combination of the relative wavevector $k$ and the c.m. wavevector $K$, i.e., $k_\uparrow = k + K/2$. Therefore, a nonzero $K$ provides an extra $k_\uparrow^{-6}$ subleading contribution to the single-particle momentum distribution $n_\uparrow(k)$, even if the probability distribution $n_\uparrow(k)$ is exactly scaled as $k^{-4}$.

Using the definitions of the contacts, i.e., Eqs. (33) and (34), the adiabatic energy theorems (17) and (18) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial a^{-1}} = -\frac{\hbar^2 C_a}{4\pi M},$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial b} = \frac{\hbar^2 C_b}{16\pi M}.$$

Eq. (36) is the well-known $s$-wave adiabatic energy theorem derived by Tan [2] at the zero-range limit. However, if the finite-range effect is included, there is an additional adiabatic energy theorem (37) related to the effective range [9], and the contact $C_b$ appears.

However, it is obvious from Eq. (36) that in the presence of a finite effective range, the subleading tail ($k^{-6}$) cannot be simply described by the contact $C_b$. As we shall see below, this turns out to be a very general feature and happens to the $p$-wave interaction as well.

### III. P-WAVE ADIABATIC ENERGY THEOREMS

The derivation of the $s$-wave universal relations in the above can be directly generalized to spin-polarized Fermi gases with $p$-wave interatomic interactions. When the distance between the fermions $i, j$ becomes small, while the other fermions are all far away from each other, the many-body wavefunction takes the form (27)

$$\Psi(X, R, r) \approx A(X, R) \times$$

$$\sum_{m=-1}^{1} G_m k^2 \left| j_1(k) \cot \delta_{1m} - n_1(kr) \right| Y_{1m}(\hat{r}),$$

where $\delta_{1m}$ is the $p$-wave scattering phase shift corresponding to the magnetic quantum number $m$. $Y_{1m}(\hat{r})$ is the spherical harmonics, $k$ is the relative wavenumber of the pair $(i, j)$ defined similarly to that of the $s$-wave case, and $G_m$ is the expansion coefficient of the relative wavefunction of the pair $(i, j)$. Expanding the many-body wavefunction (38) at small $r$, we obtain

$$\Psi(X, R, r) \approx A(X, R) \sum_{m} G_m \left[ \frac{1}{r^2} + \frac{k^2}{2} \right.$$
where we have used the effective-range expansion of the p-wave scattering phase shift,

\[ k^3 \cot \delta_{1m} = -\frac{1}{a_m} + \frac{1}{2} b_m k^2. \]  

(40)

We should note that the quantities \( a_m \) and \( b_m \) have the dimensions of length \(^3\) and length \(^{-1}\). Therefore, \( a_m \) is usually called the p-wave scattering volume, while \( b_m \) is still called the effective range as a matter of convention. Here, we assume the scattering volume \( a_m \) and the effective range \( b_m \) are dependent on \( m \), which is true for p-wave collisions, such as in \(^{40}\)K \[16, 17\]. Inserting Eq. (39) into Eq. (4), we obtain

\[ (E - E') \int_{D_x} \Psi^* \Psi dX dR d\tau = \sum_m G_m^* G_m \left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{M} I_a \left( \frac{1}{a_m} - \frac{1}{a_m} \right) + \left[ \left( \frac{b_m}{2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right) \tilde{\varepsilon} - \left( \frac{b_m'}{2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right) \varepsilon' \right] \right\}, \]

(41)

where \( \tilde{\varepsilon}, \varepsilon', \) and \( I_a \) are defined in the similar way as those in the s-wave case, i.e., Eqs. (10)-(12), but with \( N = N (N - 1) / 2 \), and \( N \) is the total number of atoms. Letting \( E' \to E, a_m' \to a_m, \) and \( b'_m \to b_m \), we obtain

\[ \delta E \int_{D_x} |\Psi|^2 dX dR d\tau = \sum_m |G_m|^2 \left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2}{M} I_a a_m^{-1} + \tilde{\varepsilon} \delta b_m + I_a \left( \frac{b_m}{2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right) \delta E \right\}, \]

(42)

where \( I_a \) is similarly defined (see Eq. (14)). This expression can be simplified by using the normalization of the wavefunction,

\[ \int_{D_x} |\Psi|^2 dX dR d\tau \approx 1 + \sum_m |G_m|^2 \left( \frac{b_m}{2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right), \]

(43)

which is discussed in Appendix A. We find

\[ \delta E = \sum_m |G_m|^2 \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{M} I_a a_m^{-1} + \tilde{\varepsilon} \cdot \delta b_m \right), \]

(44)

and hence

\[ \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_m} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{M} I_a |G_m|^2, \]

(45)

\[ \frac{\partial E}{\partial b_m} = \tilde{\varepsilon} \frac{|G_m|^2}{2}. \]

(46)

IV. TAIL OF THE LARGE MOMENTUM DISTRIBUTION NEAR P-WAVE RESONANCES

The momentum distribution at large \( k \) is determined by the short-range behavior of the many-body wavefunction when the fermions \( i \) and \( j \) are close. Similar to the s-wave case, we formally write the many-body wavefunction as

\[ \Psi (X, R, r) \approx \sum_m G_m \left( \frac{\mathcal{A}}{r^2} + \mathcal{B} + \mathcal{C} \right) Y_{1m} (\hat{r}) + r \cdot L + \mathcal{O} (r^2), \]

(47)

where we have omitted the arguments \( X, R \) of the functions \( \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \) and \( L \) to simplify the expression. Expanding Eq. (23) at small \( r \), and comparing with Eq. (17), we easily obtain

\[ \mathcal{B} (X, R) = \frac{M \varepsilon}{2 \hbar^2} \mathcal{A} (X, R), \]

(48)

\[ \mathcal{C} (X, R) = \left( \frac{b_m \varepsilon}{6 \hbar^2} - \frac{1}{3 \alpha_m} \right) \mathcal{A} (X, R), \]

(49)

or the constraint on the expansion coefficients \( \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C} \):

\[ \frac{\mathcal{A} (X, R)}{3 \alpha_m} - \frac{b_m}{3} \mathcal{B} (X, R) + \mathcal{C} (X, R) = 0, \]

(50)

which is an alternative expression of the short-range boundary condition for the p-wave interaction \[18\]. Here, \( \varepsilon \) is defined as in Eq. (6). Then we find

\[ \tilde{\varepsilon} = \frac{2 \hbar^2}{M} \mathcal{N} \int dX dR A^* (X, R) B (X, R) \approx 2 \frac{\hbar^2}{M} I_b, \]

(51)

where

\[ I_b = \mathcal{N} \int dX dR A^* (X, R) B (X, R). \]

(52)

In the following, we derive the momentum distribution \( n (k) \) at large \( k \) using its definition Eq. (27) and the many-body wavefunction Eq. (17). With the help of the identities,

\[ e^{ik \cdot r} = 4 \pi \sum_{lm} i \delta j_l (kr) Y^*_l m (\hat{k}) Y_{lm} (\hat{r}), \]

(53)

and

\[ \int_0^\infty x' j_1 (x') dx' = \lim_{\tau \to 0^+} \int_0^\infty e^{-\tau x} x' j_1 (x) dx = -\nu \cos \left( \frac{\pi \nu}{2} \right) \Gamma (\nu - 1) \]

(54)

for \( \nu > -2 \), after a similar procedure as that of the s-wave case, we obtain

\[ \int dr \frac{\mathcal{A} (X, r_j + r/2) Y_{1m} (\hat{r})}{r^2} e^{-ik \cdot r}, \]

(55)

\[ = -i \mathcal{A} (X, r_j) Y_{1m} (\hat{k}) \frac{4 \pi}{k} + a_m \left( X, r_j, \hat{k} \right) \frac{2 \pi}{k^2}, \]

\[ + i \beta_m \left( X, r_j, \hat{k} \right) \frac{\pi}{2k^3} + \mathcal{O} (k^{-4}), \]

(56)
the amplitude of $k$ momentum distribution introduced, if we use the coefficients of the leading and subleading orders to define contacts, just as what has been done in the work \cite{22} for $C_{a}^{(m'm')}$. If we are only interested in the dependence of $n(k)$ on the amplitude $k$, the expression can be simplified by integrating $n(k)$ over the direction of $k$, and we find that all the odd-order terms of $k^{-1}$ vanish. We finally arrive at

\begin{equation}
\int \text{d}r' C(X, r_j + r/2) r Y_{1m}(\hat{r}) e^{-ikr} = 0, \quad (57)
\end{equation}

where

\begin{equation}
\alpha_m \left( X, R, \hat{k} \right) = k^2 \nabla_R A \left( X, R \right) \cdot \left[ \frac{Y_{1m}(\hat{k})}{k^2} \right], \quad (58)
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\beta_m \left( X, R, \hat{k} \right) = k^3 \left( \nabla_R \cdot \nabla_k \right) \left[ \nabla_R A \left( X, R \right) \cdot \frac{Y_{1m}(\hat{k})}{k^2} \right], \quad (59)
\end{equation}

and $\alpha_m$ and $\beta_m$ are independent on the amplitude of $k$. The coupling term $r \cdot L \left( X, r_j + r/2 \right)$ contributes nothing to the tail of the large momentum distribution. Inserting Eqs. (55), (56), and (57) into the expression of the momentum distribution Eqs (27) and (28), we obtain

\begin{equation}
n(k) \sim 32\pi^2 I_a \sum_{mm'} G_m G_m^* Y_{1m} \left( \hat{k} \right) Y_{1m'}^* \left( \hat{k} \right) + \text{Im} \left[ N \int \text{d}X \text{d}R \sum_{m'm'} G_m G_m^* \text{AY}_{1m} \left( \hat{k} \right) \alpha_{m'} \right] \cdot \frac{32\pi^2}{k^3} + 128\pi^2 I_b \sum_{mm'} G_m G_m^* Y_{1m} \left( \hat{k} \right) Y_{1m'}^* \left( \hat{k} \right) + 8\pi^2 \text{Re} \sum_{m'm'} G_m^* G_m \int \text{d}X \text{d}R \left[ \alpha_{m'} \alpha_m - \text{AY}_{1m} \left( \hat{k} \right) \beta_{m'} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{k^4} + \mathcal{O}(k^{-5}), \quad (60)
\end{equation}

where we have rewritten the integral variable $r_j$ as $R$. From the above equation, we can see that the $p$-wave momentum distribution $n(k)$ is not only dependent on the amplitude of $k$, but also on the direction of $k$. Therefore, the contact tensors, i.e., $C_a^{(mm')}$ and $C_b^{(mm')}$, may be introduced, if we use the coefficients of the leading and subleading orders to define contacts, just as what has been done in the work \cite{22} for $C_a^{(mm')}$. If we are only interested in the dependence of $n(k)$ on the amplitude $k$, the expression can be simplified by integrating $n(k)$ over the direction of $k$, and we find that all the odd-order terms of $k^{-1}$ vanish. We finally arrive at

\begin{equation}
n(k) \sim \sum_m \frac{C_a^{(m)}}{k^2} + \sum_m \frac{C_b^{(m)}}{k^2} + 8\pi^2 \text{Re} \sum_{m'm'} G_m^* G_m \int \text{d}X \text{d}R \int \text{d}^3 k \left[ \alpha_{m'} \alpha_m - \text{AY}_{1m} \left( \hat{k} \right) \beta_{m'} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{k^4} + \mathcal{O}(k^{-6}), \quad (61)
\end{equation}

where the contacts $C_a^{(m)}$ and $C_b^{(m)}$ are defined as

\begin{equation}
C_a^{(m)} \equiv \frac{32\pi^2 I_a}{\left| \text{G}_m \right|^2}, \quad (62)
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
C_b^{(m)} \equiv \frac{128\pi^2 I_b}{\left| \text{G}_m \right|^2}, \quad (63)
\end{equation}

which are simply the diagonal elements of $C_a^{(mm')}$ and $C_b^{(mm')}$, if the contact tensors are introduced. According to the definitions of $C_a^{(m)}$ and $C_b^{(m)}$, the adiabatic energy theorems \cite{15} and \cite{16} can alternatively be rewritten as

\begin{equation}
\frac{\partial E}{\partial a_m} = -\frac{\hbar^2 C_a^{(m)}}{32\pi^2 M}, \quad (64)
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\frac{\partial E}{\partial b_m} = \frac{\hbar^2 C_b^{(m)}}{128\pi^2 M}, \quad (65)
\end{equation}

which are consistent with the earlier definitions adopted in the previous work \cite{21, 28}, if one takes into account the difference in the definitions of the effective range between ours and \cite{20}.

However, in the subleading behavior of the large momentum distribution, there is an important difference. A new term appears, in addition to the contact $C_b^{(m)}$, similar to what occurs in the $s$-wave case. This extra term is obviously resulted from the c.m. motion of the pairs. Unfortunately, this crucial contribution was omitted in the previous works \cite{20}. At zero temperature, it is perhaps a reasonable approximation to neglect this extra term, as the c.m. motion of the pairs is likely frozen. However, at finite temperature, it may contribute significantly, i.e.,
at the same order as $C_b^{(m)}$ in magnitude. As a result, the experimentally observed subleading behavior of the large momentum distribution may not be simply explained by the predicted contact $C_b^{(m)}$, which is calculated theoretically by using the adiabatic energy theorem Eq. 65.

Indeed, in the recent experiment by Luciuk et al. [28], both the leading and subleading behavior of the large momentum distribution of a $p$-wave resonantly interacting Fermi gas of $^{40}$K atoms were measured. A simple theoretical model, based on the adiabatic energy theorems Eqs. (64) and (65), was used to understand the experimental data. While the leading behavior is reasonably explained using the calculated $C_b^{(m)}$, the subleading behavior cannot be described using the calculated $C_b^{(m)}$ from the same model [23]. The very existence of the extra term in the subleading behavior - as we focused in this work - may give a possible reason for the disagreement.

V. CONCLUSIONS

To conclude, we have systematically derived the adiabatic energy theorems as well as the large momentum distribution of a polarized Fermi gas with $p$-wave interactions, adopting the same approach used earlier by Tan in his seminal works [1-3]. Two $p$-wave contacts have been defined by connecting the tails of the large momentum distribution to the adiabatic energy theorems, following Tan’s original idea of defining the contact for the $s$-wave interatomic interaction. We have predicted that there is an extra term appearing in the subleading behavior ($k^{-4}$) of the large momentum distribution besides the contact related to the effective range, which has unfortunately been omitted in the previous work [20]. This extra term is associated with the center-of-mass motion of the interacting pairs, and should be taken into account at finite temperature, and even at zero temperature near the resonance with large pair fluctuations.

We believe that the existence of such an extra term - or alternatively a new universal parameter - in the subleading behavior of the large momentum distribution of strongly interacting Fermi gases is a general feature, due to the introduction of the effective range of interactions, which is necessary to regularize the higher-partial-wave interatomic interactions. As a result, we cannot fully determine the short-distance, large-momentum, or high-frequency behavior of correlation functions, by simply defining some contacts through the adiabatic energy theorems, as anticipated in the previous work [20]. At this point, the full set of $p$-wave universal Tan relations remains to be amended. On the other hand, the temperature dependence of the extra term or the new universal parameter is to be understood.

Note added. — We have recently become aware of an erratum by Yu et al. published in Physical Review Letters [28], in which the contribution from the center-of-mass motion of the pairs to the subleading asymptotic behavior ($\sim k^{-4}$) is included within their original theoretical frame.

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APPENDIX A: DERIVATION OF $\int_{D_{r'}} |\Psi (X, R, r)|^2 dX dR dr$

In this appendix, we calculate $\int_{D_{r'}} |\Psi (X, R, r)|^2 dX dR dr$, where $r$ and $R$ are respectively the relative and center-of-mass coordinates of the interacting pair of fermions $(i, j)$, and $X$ represents all the coordinates of the rest of the fermions. Here, the domain $D_{r'}$ is all the configurations $(r_i, r_j)$ in which $r = |r_i - r_j| > \epsilon$, and $\epsilon$ is the finite range of the interaction potential between fermions. Since we consider the situation that only the fermions $(i, j)$ interact with each other, while no more pairs are close, the many-body wavefunction can approximately be written as Eq. (14), i.e., $\Psi (X, R, r) \approx A (X, R) \psi (r)$ with $A (X, R)$ being a regular function. Then

$$\int_{D_{r'}} |\Psi (X, R, r)|^2 dX dR dr \approx I_{\epsilon} \int_{r > \epsilon} dr |\psi (r)|^2,$$

and $I_{\epsilon}$ is already defined in Eq. (14). Therefore, it turns out that we only need to consider a two-body problem, and calculate the probability of finding the two particles outside the interaction range $\epsilon$.

For a realistic two-body interaction potential with the finite range $\epsilon$, the relative wavefunctions of two fermions
corresponding to different energies should be orthogonal, i.e.,

$$\int d\mathbf{r} \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) = \delta_{k' k}, \quad (67)$$

where \( k' \) and \( k \) are two relative wavevectors. However, the wavefunction obtained from the pseudopotential method is singular at the origin \( \mathbf{r} = 0 \), since only the behavior of the wavefunction outside the interaction potential, i.e., \( r > \epsilon \), is well-defined, and that inside the potential is not correctly described. To see this, let us check the scalar product of \( \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \) and \( \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) \) outside the range of the interaction potential. We easily obtain from the Schrödinger equation that

$$\int_{r > \epsilon} d\mathbf{r} \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\epsilon^2}{k^2 - k'^2} \int_{r = \epsilon} d\mathbf{r} \left[ \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \frac{\partial \psi_k (\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} - \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) \frac{\partial \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r})}{\partial r} \right], \quad (68)$$

where the integral on the right-hand side is over the surface \( r = \epsilon \). The \( l \)-th partial wavefunction obtained from the pseudopotential takes the form

$$\psi_k (\mathbf{r}) = \sum_m G_m k^l+1 \left[ \cot \delta_{lm} \cdot j_l (kr) - n_l (kr) \right] Y_{lm} (\hat{\mathbf{r}}), \quad (69)$$

which is in principle applicable even in the limit of \( r = 0 \). Here, \( \delta_{lm} \) is the \( l \)-th partial wave scattering phase shift. By inserting Eq. (69) into Eq. (68), we find that the scalar product of \( \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \) and \( \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) \) is divergent as \( 1/\epsilon^{2l-1} \) in the zero-range limit \( \epsilon \to 0^+ \) except the \( s \)-wave case \( (l = 0) \). This is not in agreement with the result obtained from a realistic two-body potential, which should vanish as \( \epsilon \to 0 \). This unphysical result is due to the use of the pseudopotential, and then the two-body wavefunction obtained from the pseudopotential approach should be normalized. For this purpose, we divide the integral \( \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) \) into two parts as

$$\int d\mathbf{r} \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) = \int_{r < \epsilon} d\mathbf{r} \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) + \int_{r > \epsilon} d\mathbf{r} \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad (70)$$

for different \( k \) and \( k' \), which in turn gives

$$\int_{r < \epsilon} d\mathbf{r} \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_k (\mathbf{r}) = - \int_{r > \epsilon} d\mathbf{r} \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_k (\mathbf{r}). \quad (71)$$

1. \( s \)-wave

For the \( s \)-wave interaction with \( l = 0 \), we find

$$\int_{r < \epsilon} d\mathbf{r} |\psi_k (\mathbf{r})|^2 = - \lim_{k' \to k} \int_{r > \epsilon} d\mathbf{r} \psi_{k'}^* (\mathbf{r}) \psi_k (\mathbf{r})$$

$$= - 4\pi \frac{\partial}{\partial k^2} (k \cot \delta_0)$$

$$= - 2\pi b, \quad (72)$$

where we have used Eq. (68), and also set \( |G_0|^2 = 4\pi \) without loss of generality. This means that the probability of two atoms getting as close as \( r < \epsilon \) should be \(-2\pi b\), where the effective range \( b \) should be \( negative \) in order to guarantee the positive probability inside the interaction potential. Apparently, this is an alternative presentation of the well-known Wigner's bound on the effective range, which was firstly derived by Wigner from the causality and unitarity [24], and then studied by Phillips and Cohen concerning the nucleon-nucleon scattering [30]. Subsequently, the probability of two atoms outside the two-body potential should be

$$\int_{r > \epsilon} d\mathbf{r} |\psi_k (\mathbf{r})|^2 = \int d\mathbf{r} |\psi_k (\mathbf{r})|^2 + 2\pi b. \quad (73)$$

This yields a well-normalized many-body wavefunction,

$$\int_{D_\epsilon} |\Psi (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{X} d\mathbf{R} d\mathbf{r} \approx 1 + 2\pi T_0 b. \quad (74)$$

In the zero-range limit, i.e., \( \epsilon \to 0^+ \), the correction from the \( s \)-wave effective range may reasonably be ignored due to \( b \approx 0^- \).
2. \( p \)-wave

However, the situation is quite different for the higher partial waves. For example, for the \( p \)-wave interaction with \( l = 1 \), we know

\[
\psi_k(r) = \sum_{m=-1}^{1} G_m k^2 [\cot \delta_{1m} \cdot j_1(kr) - n_1(kr)] Y_{1m}(\hat{r}),
\]

and hence

\[
\int_{r<\epsilon} dr \, |\psi_k(r)|^2 = - \lim_{k' \to k} \int_{r>\epsilon} dr \, \psi^*_k(r) \psi_k(r) \\
= - \lim_{k' \to k} \frac{\epsilon^2}{k^2 - k'^2} \int_{r=\epsilon} dr \left[ \psi^*_k(r) \frac{\partial \psi_k(r)}{\partial r} - \psi_k(r) \frac{\partial \psi^*_k(r)}{\partial r} \right] \\
= - \sum_m |G_m|^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{\partial}{\partial k} (k^3 \cot \delta_{1m}) \right] \\
= - \sum_m |G_m|^2 \left( \frac{b_m}{2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right). \tag{76}
\]

It is clear that the \( p \)-wave effective range should satisfy \( b_m \leq -2/\epsilon \). This is the simple generalization of Wigner’s bound on the \( p \)-wave effective range \([31][33]\). We can see that the \( p \)-wave effective range is driven to \(-\infty\) if we try to take the zero-range limit, i.e., \( \epsilon \to 0^+ \), in order to guarantee a positive probability inside the two-body potential \([34][36]\). Then the probability of two atoms outside the two-body \( p \)-wave potential should be

\[
\int_{r>\epsilon} dr \, |\psi_k(r)|^2 = \int dr \, |\psi_k(r)|^2 + \sum_m |G_m|^2 \left( \frac{b_m}{2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right), \tag{77}
\]

and consequently,

\[
\int_{D_x} |\Psi(X,R,r)|^2 dXdRdr \approx 1 + I_a \sum_m |G_m|^2 \left( \frac{b_m}{2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right). \tag{78}
\]

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