One-dimensional multicomponent fermions with delta function interaction in strong
and weak coupling limits: Two-component Fermi gas

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The Fredholm equations for one-dimensional two-component Fermions with repulsive and
attractive delta-function interactions are solved by an asymptotic expansion for A) strong repulsion,
B) weak repulsion, C) weak attraction and D) strong attraction. Consequently, we obtain the first
few terms of the expansion of ground state energy for the Fermi gas with polarization for these
regimes. We also prove that the two sets of the Fredholm equations for weakly repulsive and attractive
interactions are identical as long as the integration boundaries match each other between the two
sides. Thus the asymptotic expansions of the energies of the repulsive and attractive Fermions are
identical to all orders in this region. The identity of the asymptotic expansions may not mean that
the energy analytically connects.

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I. INTRODUCTION

One-dimensional (1D) Fermi gases with delta-function interaction are important exactly solvable quantum
many-body systems and have had tremendous impact in quantum statistical mechanics. The two-component
delta-function interaction Fermi gas with arbitrary polarization was exactly solved by Yang [1] using the Bethe
ansatz hypothesis in 1967. Sutherland [2] generalized the ansatz to solve the 1D multicomponent Fermi gas
with delta-function interaction in 1968. The study of multicomponent attractive Fermi gases was initiated by
Yang [3] and by Takahashi [4] in 1970. Since then exactly solvable models have been extensively studied by a variety
of methods developed in the context of mathematical physics, see [5–12]. In particular, recent breakthrough
experiments on trapped fermionic atoms confined to one dimension [7] have provided a better understanding of
significant quantum statistic effects and novel pairing nature in quantum many-body systems. The observed re-
sult is seen to be in good agreement with the result obtained using the analysis of exactly solved models [8–12].

Despite the Bethe ansatz equations for the 1D two-component delta-function interaction Fermi gas with arbit-
rary polarization were found long ago [1], it was not until much later that this model began to receive more
attention from cold atoms [13]. The asymptotic ground state energy of the Fermi gas with polarization was stud-
ied by the discrete Bethe ansatz equations in a strongly and weakly interacting regimes in [14]. But it turns
out that the asymptotic expansion of the discrete Bethe ansatz equations can only be controllable up to the lead-
ing order correction to the interaction energy. However, the fundamental physics of integrable models are usu-
ally determined by the set of the generalised Fredholm integral equations in the thermodynamic limit, see an
insightful article by Yang [15]. The solutions of the Fredholm equations have not been thoroughly investigated
analytically except few limiting cases [13, 16] and numerical result [8, 9, 17, 18]. It is usual a difficult task to
solve those Fredholm equations analytically. It is highly desirable to find a systematic way to treat the generalized
Fredholm equations.

In the present paper, we develop a systematic method to solve asymptotically the Fredholm equations for 1D
two-component Fermi gas with delta function interaction and with polarization in four regimes: A) strongly
repulsive regime; B) weakly repulsive regime; C) weakly attractive regime and D) strongly attractive regime. The
first few terms of the expansion of the ground state energy for the Fermi gas with polarization are obtained
explicitly for these regimes. We also address the analytical behaviour of the ground state energy at vanishing
interaction strength. This method which we develop can be directly applied to 1D multicomponent Fermi gases.
The result of 1D $\kappa$-component fermions will be reported in the second paper of this study [19].

II. THE FREDHOLM EQUATIONS

The Hamiltonian for the 1D $N$-body problem [1, 20]

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + g_{1D} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \delta(x_i - x_j).$$

(1)

describes $N$ Fermions of the same mass $m$ with two internal spin states confined to a 1D system of length
$L$ interacting via a $\delta$-function potential. For an irreducible representation $[2^{N_\uparrow}, 1^{N_\uparrow-N_\downarrow}]$, the Young
tableau has two columns. Where $N_\uparrow$ and $N_\downarrow$ are the numbers of Fermions in the two hyperfine levels $|\uparrow\rangle$ and $|\downarrow\rangle$ such
that \( N = N_1 + N_1 \). The coupling constant \( g_{1D} \) can be expressed in terms of the interaction strength \( c = -2/a_{1D} \) as \( g_{1D} = \hbar^2 c/m \) where \( a_{1D} \) is the effective 1D scattering length \([21]\). Let \( 2m = h = 1 \) for our convenience. We define a dimensionless interaction strength \( \gamma = c/n \) for the physical analysis, with the linear density \( n = N/L \). For repulsive Fermions, \( c > 0 \) and for attractive Fermions, \( c < 0 \).

The energy eigenspectrum is given in terms of the quasimomenta \( \{k_i\} \) of the fermions via \( E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^{N} k_j^2 \), which in terms of the function \( e_\ell(x) = (x + i\ell c/2)/(x - i\ell c/2) \) satisfy the BA equations

\[
\exp(i k_i L) = \prod_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} e_1 (k_i - \lambda_\alpha),
\]

\[
\prod_{j=1}^{N} e_1 (\lambda_\alpha - k_j) = - \prod_{\beta=1}^{N_j} e_2 (\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_\beta), \tag{2}
\]

where \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, N \) and \( \alpha = 1, 2, \ldots, N_i \). The parameters \( \{\lambda_\alpha\} \) are the rapidities for the internal hyperfine spin degrees of freedom. The fundamental physics of the model are determined by the set of transcendental equations which can be transformed to the generalised Fredholm types of equations in the thermodynamic limit. This transformation was found by Yang and Yang in a series of papers on the study of spin XXZ model in 1966, see an insightful article \([15]\).

### A. Repulsive regime

For repulsive interaction, it is shown from \([2]\) that the Bethe ansatz quasimomenta \( \{k_i\} \) are real, but all \( \{\lambda_\alpha\} \) are real only for the ground state, see Ref. \([6]\). There are complex roots of \( \lambda_\alpha \) called spin strings for excited states. In the thermodynamic limit, i.e., \( L, N \rightarrow \infty \), \( N/L \) is finite, the roots of the Bethe ansatz equations \([2]\) are dense enough in the parameter space. Therefore we can define the particle quasimomentum distribution function \( r_{1}(k_i) = 1/[L(k_i - k_{i+1})] \) in the quasimomentum space. Here \( k_i \) and \( k_{i+1} \) are two conjunction quasimomenta. Similarly, the distribution function of the spin rapidity is defined \( r_{2}(\lambda_i) = 1/[L(\lambda_i - \lambda_{i+1})] \) in spin parameter space. In order to unify the notations in the Fredholm equations, we replace the parameter \( \lambda \) by \( k \) for the distribution function of the spin rapidity. Thus the above Bethe ansatz equations \([2]\) can be written as the generalized Fredholm equations

\[
r_{1}(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \int_{-B_2}^{B_2} K_{1}(k-k')r_{2}(k')dk', \tag{3}
\]

\[
r_{2}(k) = \int_{-B_1}^{B_1} K_{1}(k-k')r_{1}(k')dk
- \int_{-B_2}^{B_2} K_{2}(k-k')r_{2}(k')dk'. \tag{4}
\]

The associated integration boundaries \( B_1, B_2 \) are determined by the relations

\[
n : \equiv N/L = \int_{-B_1}^{B_1} r_{1}(k)dk,
\]

\[
n_1 : \equiv N_1/L = \int_{-B_2}^{B_2} r_{2}(k)dk, \tag{5}
\]

where \( n \) denotes the linear density while \( n_1 \) is the density of spin-down Fermions. The boundary \( B_1 \) characterizes the Fermi point in the quasimomentum space whereas the boundary \( B_2 \) characterizes the spin rapidity distribution interval with respect to the polarization. They can be obtained by solving the equations in \([5]\). In the above equations, we denote the kernel function as

\[
K_k(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\ell c}{(\ell c/2)^2 + x^2}. \tag{6}
\]

The ground state energy per unit length is given by

\[
E = \int_{-B_1}^{B_1} k^2 r_{1}(k)dk. \tag{7}
\]

The magnetization per length is defined by \( s_z = (n - 2n_1)/2 \). Through the boundary conditions \([1]\), the ground state energy \([7]\) can be expressed as function of total particle density \( n \) and magnetization \( s_z \). In the grand canonical ensemble, we can also get the magnetic field \( h \) and chemical potential \( \mu \) via

\[
h = 2\frac{\partial E(n, s_z)}{\partial s_z}, \quad \mu = \frac{\partial E(n, s_z)}{\partial n}. \tag{8}
\]

### B. Attractive regime

For attractive regime, i.e. \( c < 0 \), it is found from \([4]\) that complex string solutions of \( k_i \) also satisfy the Bethe ansatz equations. Thus the quasimomenta \( \{k_i\} \) of the fermions with different spins form two-body bound states \([4, 22]\), i.e., \( k_i = k_i' + \frac{\ell c}{2} \), accompanied by the real spin parameter \( k_i' \). Here \( i = 1, \ldots, N_i \). The excess fermions have real quasimomenta \( \{k\} \) with \( j = 1, \ldots, N - 2N_i \). Thus the Bethe ansatz equations are transformed into the Fredholm equations regarding to the densities of the pairs \( \rho_2(k) \) and density of single Fermi atoms \( \rho_1(k) \). They satisfy the following Fredholm equations \([3, 4]\)

\[
\rho_1(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} K_{1}(k-k')\rho_2(k')dk' \tag{9}
\]

\[
\rho_2(k) = \frac{2}{2\pi} + \int_{-Q_1}^{Q_1} K_{1}(k-k')\rho_1(k')dk' + \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} K_2(k-k')\rho_2(k')dk'. \tag{10}
\]

Here \( c < 0 \) in the kernel functions \( K_\ell(x) \). Here the integration boundaries \( Q_1 \) and \( Q_2 \) are the Fermi points of
the single particles and pairs, respectively. They are determined by

\[ n \equiv \frac{N}{L} = 2 \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} \rho_2(k) dk + \int_{-Q_1}^{Q_1} \rho_1(k) dk, \]

\[ n_4 \equiv \frac{N_4}{L} = \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} \rho_2(k) dk. \]  

(11)

The ground state energy per length is given by

\[ E = \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} (2k^2 - c^2/2) \rho_2(k) dk + \int_{-Q_1}^{Q_1} k^2 \rho_1(k) dk. \]  

(12)

In a similar way, the magnetic field and chemical potential can be determined from the relations (8). In next section, we will discuss solutions and analytical behaviour of the Fredholm equations.

III. ASYMPTOTIC SOLUTIONS OF THE FREDHOLM EQUATIONS

A. Strong repulsion

The strong coupling condition \( cL/N \gg 1 \) naturally gives the condition \( c \gg B_1 \), where the Fermi boundary \( B_1 \propto n\pi \) according to the Fermi statistics. For balanced case, the numbers of spin-up and -down Fermions are equal. Thus there is no finite “Fermi” points in spin parameter space, i.e., the boundary \( B_2 \to \infty \). Taking a Taylor expansion with the kernel function \( K_1(k - k') \) in [4] at \( k' = 0 \), we obtained with an accuracy up to the order of \( 1/c^4 \)

\[ r_2(k) \approx nK_1(k) + \frac{E}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{3c}{(\frac{c^2}{4} + k^2)^2} - \frac{c^3}{(\frac{c^2}{4} + k^2)^3} \right] - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K_2(k - k') r_2(k') dk'. \]  

(13)

Here \( E \) is the ground state energy per length. By taking Fourier transformation with [13], we may obtain the distribution function

\[ \tilde{r}_2(\omega) = \left( n - \frac{E\omega^2}{2} \right) / \left( 2\cosh \frac{\omega c}{2} \right). \]  

(14)

Substituting [13] into the Fredholm equation [3], we have

\[ r_1(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}c|\omega|} \tilde{r}_2(\omega) e^{ik\omega} d\omega \]

\[ = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{n}{2\pi} \left( Y_0(k) - \frac{E}{2n} Y_2(k) \right) \]  

(15)

where

\[ Y_\alpha(k) \approx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{ik\omega} \omega^\alpha d\omega}{1 + e^{\omega c/2}}. \]

After some algebra, we obtain

\[ Y_0(k) = \frac{2\ln 2}{c} - \frac{3k^2}{2c^3} \zeta(3), \quad Y_2(k) \approx \frac{3}{c^3} \zeta(3). \]

Here \( \zeta(z) \) is the Riemann’s zeta function. Then we obtain

\[ r_1(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{n\ln 2}{\pi c} - \frac{3n\pi^2 \zeta(3)}{4\pi c^3} \left( k^2 + \frac{E}{n} \right) + O(c^{-4}). \]  

(16)

We see clearly that for strong repulsion the distribution of \( r_1(k) \) is very flat and it is a constant up to the order of \( 1/c^4 \) correction. This naturally suggests that the 1D Fermions with strong repulsion can be treated as an ideal particles with fractional statistics. Substituting [16] into linear density [5] and energy [7], we obtain

\[ n = \frac{B_1}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{2n\ln 2}{c} - \frac{3E\zeta(3)}{2c^3} - \frac{n^3\pi^2 \zeta(3)}{2c^3} \right), \]

\[ E = \frac{B_3^3}{3\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{2n\ln 2}{c} - \frac{3E\zeta(3)}{2c^3} - \frac{9n^3\pi^2 \zeta(3)}{10c^3} \right) \]

that give

\[ B_1 = n\pi \left[ 1 - \frac{2\ln 2}{\gamma} \left( 1 - \frac{2\ln 2}{\gamma} \right) - \frac{8(\ln 2)^3}{\gamma^3} \right] + O(c^{-4}), \]

(17)

\[ E = \frac{n^3\pi^2}{3} \left[ 1 - \frac{4\ln 2}{\gamma} + \frac{12(\ln 2)^2}{\gamma^2} - \frac{32(\ln 2)^3}{\gamma^3} \right] + O(c^{-4}). \]  

(18)

We see that the energy is given in terms of the dimensionless strength \( \gamma = c/n \). The leading order of \( 1/\gamma \) correction was found in [13, 14]. Actually, the two sets of the Fredholm equations can be converted into dimensionless units. Therefore the ground state energy can be written as analytical functions of \( \gamma \) except at \( \gamma = 0 \). This ground state energy is a good approximation for the balanced Fermi gas with a strongly repulsive interaction (good agreement is seen for \( cL/N > 8 \)), see Figure [I] and Figure [2]. In these figures, solid lines are obtained from the ground state energy [7] and [12] with the numerical solutions to the two sets of the Fredholm equations [3] and [4] for repulsive regime and [9] and [11] for attractive regime. The dashed lines are plotted from the asymptotic ground state energy for the four regimes.

However, it seems to be extremely hard to obtain a close form of the ground state energy of the gas with an arbitrary spin population imbalance in repulsive regime. This is mainly because that the distribution function \( r_2(k) \) spans in the region \( -B_2 < k < B_2 \), where the integration boundary \( B_2 \) can vary from zero to infinity as the polarization changes. The integration boundary \( B_2 \) decreases as the polarization increases. An intuitive way of understanding this point is that zero polarization
corresponds to $B_2 = \infty$ while fully-polarized Fermi case corresponds to $B_2 = 0$. From dressed energy formalism \cite{10}, we can easily see this monotonic relation between the Fermi boundary and polarization by analysing the band filling under external field. For high polarization and strong repulsion (i.e., $N_{1} \ll N$), we have the conditions $c \gg B_1, B_2$, that allows us to do the following Taylor expansion:

\[
r_2(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-B_2}^{B_2} \frac{cr_1(k')}{c^2 + k^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{-2kk' + k'^2}{c^2 + k'^2} + \cdots \right] dk' \]

\[
- \int_{-B_2}^{B_2} K_2(k - k')r_2(k'dk' = n \left( 1 - \frac{4E}{c^2n} \right) K_1(k) - n_1K_2(k) + O(c^{-4}). \quad (19)
\]

Here we denote $n_1 = N_1/L$. We notice that the leading order of the distribution function $r_2(k)$ is proportional to $1/c$. Furthermore, taking Taylor expansion in \cite{20}, we obtain

\[
r_1(k) \approx \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-B_2}^{B_2} \frac{cr_1(k')}{c^2 + k^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{-2kk' + k'^2}{c^2 + k'^2} \right] dk' \]

\[
= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ 1 + \frac{cn_1}{c^2 + k^2} \right] + O(c^{-4}). \quad (20)
\]

From the asymptotic distribution functions \cite{10} and \cite{20}, we calculate the density

\[
n = \int_{-B_1}^{B_1} r_1(k)dk \approx \frac{B_1}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{4n_1}{c} - \frac{16B_1^2n_1}{3c^3} \right)
\]

that gives

\[
B_1 \approx n\pi \left( 1 - \frac{4n_1}{c} + \frac{16n_1^2}{c^2} + \frac{16n_1^2\pi}{3c^3} - \frac{64n_1^3}{3c^4} \right). \quad (21)
\]

From the energy \cite{21} and the distribution function $r_1(k)$ \cite{20}, we may obtain an asymptotic ground energy of the highly polarized Fermi gas with a strong repulsion ($c \gg B_1, B_2$)

\[
E \approx \frac{1}{3} n^2\pi^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{8n_1}{c} + \frac{48n_1^2}{c^2} \right] - \frac{1}{c^3} \left( 256n_1^3 - \frac{32}{3} \pi^2 n_1^2 \right). \quad (22)
\]

In fact, for strong repulsion, the interacting energy in the ground state energy of the highly polarized Fermi gas solely depends on the BA quantum number $N_1$. A structure can be found for 1D $\kappa$-component fermions \cite{19}. By numerical checking, we see that for $\gamma > 8$ and polarization $P = (N_1 - N_1)/(N_1 + N_1) \geq 0.5$, the energy \cite{22} is very accurate, see Fig. 2.

![Figure 1](image)

**FIG. 1:** (Color online) The ground state energy per length vs logarithmic $\gamma = cL/N$ in the unit of $\hbar^2N^3/2m$, comparison between the asymptotic solutions and numerical solutions of the Fredholm equations for polarization $P = 0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0$. In attractive regime, the binding energy $\varepsilon_b = -c^2/2$ was subtracted. The crossing of the two lowest curves in attractive regimes indicates a relation between the critical polarization and interaction, where the chemical potential of single Fermions exceed the chemical potential of the pairs. An excellent agreement between our asymptotic results and numerical plots is seen for A) strong repulsion, B) weak repulsion, C) weak attraction and D) strong attraction.

**B. Weak repulsion**

For weakly repulsive regime, it is convenient to rewrite the Fredholm equations \cite{3} and \cite{4} as

\[
r_1(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \int_{-B_2}^{B_2} K_1(k - k')r_2(k')dk', \quad (23)
\]

\[
r_2(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} - \int_{|k'| > B_1} K_1(k - k')r_1(k')dk' \quad (24)
\]

The derivation of \cite{23} is straightforward by using Fourier transform of the Fredholm equations \cite{3} and \cite{4}, where for our convenience in the study, we actually used

\[
r_{m_{\text{in}}}(k) = \begin{cases} r_m(k) & |k| \leq B_m \\ 0 & |k| > B_m \end{cases}, \quad (25)
\]

\[
r_{m_{\text{out}}}(k) = \begin{cases} r_m(k) & |k| > B_m \\ 0 & |k| \leq B_m \end{cases}
\]

with $m = 1, 2$ in Fourier transformation. These Fredholm equations are valid for arbitrary polarization including the balanced case. In the following unification of the ground state energy, we assume $B_1 > B_2$ as an ansatz. In the light of Takahashi’s unification of the ground state
energy, we give the ground state energy per length

\[ E = \frac{B^2}{3\pi} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-B}^{B} H(k, B_1) dk \]

\[ - \int_{-B}^{B} \left[ \int_{|k'| > B_1} K_1(k-k')r_1(k') dk' \right] H(k, B_1) dk, \]

where

\[ H(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ (x^2 - \frac{c^2}{4}) \pi g_y(x) + yc \right. \]

\[ + \frac{1}{2} \left[ c \ln \frac{4(x-y)^2 + c^2}{4(x+y)^2 + c^2} \right], \]

\[ g_y(x) = 1 - G_+(y, x), \]

\[ G_{\pm}(x, y) = \tan^{-1} \frac{c}{2(x-y)} \pm \tan^{-1} \frac{c}{2(x+y)} .\]

From [5], we find that the integration boundaries \( B_1 \) and \( B_2 \) satisfy the following conditions

\[ \frac{N_1}{L} = \frac{B_1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-B_2}^{B_2} r_2(k) G_+(B_1, k) dk, \]

\[ \frac{N_1}{L} = \frac{B_2}{\pi} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|k| > B_1} r_1(k) G_-(k, B_2) dk, \]

in this weakly repulsive regime. Using the condition (28), we may obtain the integration boundary \( B_2 \) (up to an order of \( c \) contributions),

\[ B_2 \approx \frac{n_1 \pi + c}{2\pi} \ln \left( \frac{B_1 + B_2}{|B_1 - B_2|} \right) + O(c^2). \]

The logarithm term in (30) is converged as \( B_1 = B_2 \). However, the logarithm term in (30) becomes divergent as \( B_1 \neq B_2 \). This divergent term in the ground state energy can be canceled out. Here we see a subtlety of this asymptotic expansion. Similarly, we calculate the Fermi momentum \( B_1 \) by definition [5] and the distribution (23).
This leading order correction to the interaction energy indicates a mean field effect. By numerical checking, we see that the energy agrees well with numerical result in this weak coupling regime, see Fig. 2.

For balanced case, the integration boundary $B_2$ tends to infinity. It is different from above setting where we consider $B_1 > B_2$. Fredholm equations (3) and (4) (or from (23) and (24)), can be simplified with the help of Fourier transformation

$$r_1(k) = \frac{1}{\pi} - \int_{|k| > B_1} K_2(k - k') r_{\text{out}}(k') dk'. \quad (35)$$

However, for $|k| > B_1$, we find

$$r_{\text{out}}(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R(k - k') r_{\text{in}}(k') dk', \quad (36)$$

where the function $R(k)$ is given by

$$R(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-i\omega k}} e^{-i\omega k} d\omega = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{c}{4k^2} + \frac{c^3}{8k^4} + \cdots \right).$$

We see clearly that the second term in (30) gives a contribution $O(c)$. Substituting the leading term $r_1(k) = 1/2\pi$ for the region $|k| > B_1$ into the distribution function $r_1(k)$ (35), we obtain the distribution function $r_1(k)$ for $|k| < B_1$

$$r_1(k) \approx \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{c}{k + B_1} + \tan^{-1} \frac{c}{B_1 - k} \right].$$

From the relation $n = \int_{-B_1}^{B_1} r_1(k) dk$, we find

$$B_1 \approx \frac{n\pi}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{c}{4\pi B_1} \log 4B_1^2 + c^2 \right] + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{c}{2B_1}.$$  \quad (37)

Then we obtain the balanced ground state energy for weakly repulsive interaction

$$E = \frac{2}{3\pi} B_1^3 \left[ 1 - \frac{3}{4\pi} \log 4B_1^2 + c^2 \right] + \frac{4}{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{c}{2B_1 - \frac{8}{3} B_1} + O(c^2). \quad (38)$$

It is clearly seen that up to the order $O(c^2)$ the ground state energy of the balanced gas with a weak repulsion is converged as $c \to 0$ (or say $cL/N \to 0$ by a rescaling in the above equations). By substituting $B_1$ into (35), we find that the logarithmic term is canceled. The ground state energy for balanced case is given by

$$E = \frac{1}{12} a^3 \pi^2 + \frac{1}{2} n^2 c + O(c^2). \quad (39)$$

We will further discuss the continuity of the energy at a vanishing interaction strength next section.

### C. Weak attraction

For weakly attractive regime, the Fredholm equations (9) and (10) are rewritten as

$$\rho_1(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \int_{Q_1}^{Q_2} K_1(k - k') \rho_2(k') dk', \quad (40)$$

$$\rho_2(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} - \int_{|k| > Q_1} K_1(k - k') \rho_1(k') dk'. \quad (41)$$

These Fredholm equations are valid for arbitrary polarization. It is seen clearly that the Fredholm equations (23) and (24) for repulsive regime and the Fredholm equations (40) and (41) for attractive regime are identical as long as the integration boundaries match each other between the two sides. Similarly, for unification of the energy of the gas with a weak attraction, we assume $Q_1 > Q_2$. In the above equations, $Q_1$ and $Q_2$ are determined by

$$N_i \frac{L}{\rho} = \int_{Q_1}^{Q_2} \rho_2(k) G_+(Q_1, k) dk, \quad (42)$$

$$N_i \frac{L}{\rho} = \int_{|k| > Q_1} \rho_1(k) G_-(Q_2, k) dk. \quad (43)$$

From the equations (12) and (24), we find

$$Q_1 = n_1 \pi - \frac{|c|}{4\pi} \ln \frac{4(Q_1 + Q_2)^2 + c^2}{4(Q_1 - Q_2)^2 + c^2} + \frac{(Q_1 - Q_2)}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{|c|}{2(Q_1 - Q_2)} + O(c^2), \quad (45)$$

$$Q_2 = n_1 \pi - \frac{|c|}{4\pi} \ln \frac{4(Q_1 + Q_2)^2 + c^2}{4(Q_1 - Q_2)^2 + c^2} + \frac{(Q_1 + Q_2)}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{|c|}{2(Q_1 + Q_2)} + O(c^2). \quad (46)$$

Indeed, by calculating the ground state energy with the integration boundaries (44) and (45) for weakly attractive interaction, we do find a similar form of the ground state energy

$$E = \frac{1}{3} a^3 \pi^2 + \frac{1}{3} n^2 c^2 - 2|c| n_1 n_2 + O(c^2). \quad (47)$$
We see that the asymptotic ground state energy [34] and [47] continuously connect at \( c = 0 \) for arbitrary polarization, see Figures 1 and 2.

For balanced attractive regime, the Fermi boundaries \( Q_1 = 0 \) and \( Q_2 \) is finite, the Fredholm equations (3) and (10) (or (4) and (11)) reduce to

\[
\rho_2(k) = \frac{1}{\pi} + \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} K_2(k-k')\rho_2(k')dk'.
\] (48)

By a iteration, the Fermi boundary \( Q_2 \) is obtained from

\[
Q_2 \approx \frac{n\pi}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{|c|}{4\pi Q_2} \log \frac{4Q_2^2 + c^2}{c^2} - \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1} \frac{|c|}{2Q_2} \right] + O(c^2).
\] (49)

that gives a similar form as the Fermi boundary \( B_1 \) has, see [57]. After a length algebra and iteration, we obtain the ground state energy

\[
E = \frac{2}{3\pi} Q_2^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{3}{4\pi} \log \frac{4Q_2^2 + c^2}{c^2} + \frac{4}{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{|c|}{2Q_2} \right] + O(c^2).
\] (50)

It is clearly seen that up to the order \( O(c^2) \) the ground state energy of the balanced gas with an attractive interaction is converged too as \( c \to 0^- \). By substituting \( Q_2 \) into (49), we find that the logarithmic term is canceled out. Thus the energy is given by

\[
E = \frac{1}{12} n^3 \pi^2 - \frac{1}{2} n^2 |c| + O(c^2)
\] (51)

that continuously connects to the energy [39] at \( c \to 0 \). But the identity of the asymptotic expansions may not mean that the energy analytically connects because of the divergence in the small region \( c \to i0 \) and the mismatch of the Fermi boundaries associated the two sets of the Fredholm equations for both sides. Nevertheless, we see that under a mapping

\[
r_1(k) \leftrightarrow \rho_1(k), \quad r_2(k) \leftrightarrow \rho_2(k), \quad c \leftrightarrow c,
\] (52)

the Fredholm equations [23] and [24] with [27] for repulsive regime and the Fredholm equations [40] and [41] with [42] for attractive regime are identical for the regions \( Q_1 > Q_2 \) and \( B_1 > B_2 \). In the above equations \( c > 0 \) for repulsive interaction regime and \( c < 0 \) for attractive interaction regime are implied. We also see that the ground state energy of the gas with a weakly repulsive interaction [26] and a weakly attractive interaction [44] are unified under the mapping [52]. This unification leads to the continuity of the energy for this polarized gas at vanishing interaction strength, i.e. \( c \to 0 \). Thus the asymptotic expansions of the energies of the repulsive and attractive Fermions with non-zero polarization are identical to all orders in the vanishing interaction strength limits as long as the conditions \( Q_1 > Q_2 \) and \( B_1 > B_2 \) hold.

The analyticity of the energy at \( c = 0 \) was discussed by Takahashi [28]. Takahashi’s theorem states that a) the energy function \( f(n_\uparrow, n_\downarrow; c) \) is analytic on the real axis of \( c \) when \( n_\uparrow \neq n_\downarrow \); b) \( f(n_\uparrow, n_\downarrow; c) \) is analytic on the real axis of \( c \) except for \( c = 0 \) when \( n_\uparrow = n_\downarrow \). This theorem appears not to be true for the region \( B_1 < B_2 \) and \( Q_1 < Q_2 \) in our study. Takahashi’s proof of this theorem relies on his Lemma 2, i.e. the function \( f \), density \( n \) and density of spin-down Fermions \( n_\downarrow \) are analytic as functions of \( Q, B \) and \( c \) except for the region \( c = 0 \), and \( Q < B \). Here \( Q \) and \( B \) are two integration boundaries. Even the identity of the asymptotic expansions of the energy may not mean the energy analytically connects due to the divergence of the two sets Fredholm equations in the limit \( c \to i0 \) and the mismatch of the intervals for the density distribution functions. Although we unified the two sets of Fredholm equations [23], [24] and [40], [41] for arbitrary polarization, the integration boundaries between the two regimes are mismatched for the regions \( Q_1 < Q_2 \) and \( B_1 < B_2 \), i.e.

\[
\frac{N_\uparrow}{L} = \frac{B_2}{\pi} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{B_1 < k < B_2} r_2(k)G_+(B_1, k)dk
\] (53)

\[
\frac{N_\downarrow}{L} = -\frac{B_2}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{k < B_2} r_1(k)G_-(B_2, k)dk
\] (54)

for weakly repulsive regime, and

\[
\frac{N_\uparrow}{L} = \frac{Q_1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{Q_1 < k < Q_2} \rho_2(k)G_+(Q_1, k)dk
\] (55)

\[
\frac{N_\downarrow}{L} = \frac{Q_2}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{k < Q_2} \rho_1(k)G_-(Q_2, k)dk
\] (56)

for weakly attractive regime. It is obvious the signs in the last term in each equation are mismatched. In the above equations \( c > 0 \) for repulsive interaction regime and \( c < 0 \) for attractive interaction regime are implied. This mismatch is clearly seen from the balanced case: \( B_1 \to Q_2 \), \( B_2 \to \infty \) and \( Q_1 \to 0 \). Thus we see that the Fredholm equations can not be unified for the region \( Q_1 < Q_2 \) and \( B_1 < B_2 \) in the vanishing interaction strength.

D. Strong attraction

In recent years, strong attractive Fermi gas has been received a considerable attention from theory and experiment due to the existence of a novel pairing state. For the
spin-1/2 Fermi gas with strongly attractive interaction, two Fermions with different spin states can form a tightly bound pair. For the ground state, the model has three distinguished quantum phases, i.e. fully paired phase with equal number spin-up and -down Fermions, fully polarized phase of single spin-up Fermions and a partially polarized phase with both pairs and excess Fermions. The key features of this $T = 0$ phase diagram of the strongly attractive spin-1/2 Fermi gas were experimentally confirmed using finite temperature density profiles of trapped fermionic $^6\text{Li}$ atoms.

Here we calculate the ground state energy (12) from the Fredholm equations (9) and (10) with the integration boundaries $Q_1, Q_2$ that characterize the Fermi points of two Fermi seas, i.e. the Fermi seas for excess Fermions and pairs, respectively. Therefore, for strong attraction, i.e. $|c|L/N \gg 1$, all integration boundaries are finite, i.e. $Q_1$ and $Q_2$ are finite. In this regime, the conditions $c \gg Q_1, Q_2$ hold for arbitrary polarization. From the following calculation, we will see that the conditions $Q_1 \gg Q_2$ and $Q_1 < Q_2$ do not change the expression of the energy. Therefore, the following result is valid for arbitrary polarization, including the balance case. In this regime, it is convenient to use a notation $|c|$ instead of a negative value of $c$. The ground state energy is calculated in the following way

$$E = \frac{Q_1^3}{3\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{4n_\uparrow}{|c|} + \frac{48Q_1^2n_\downarrow}{5|c|^3} + \frac{32Q_2^3}{3\pi|c|^3} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \lambda |c| \ln \left( \frac{4(k - Q_1)^2 + c^2}{4(k + Q_1)^2 + c^2} \right)$$

$$- Q_1 |c| - \frac{1}{2\lambda |c|} \lambda |c| \ln \left( \frac{4(k - Q_1)^2 + c^2}{4(k + Q_1)^2 + c^2} \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} |c| \ln \frac{n_\downarrow}{4(k + 2Q_1)^2 + c^2}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} |c| \ln \frac{n_\downarrow}{4(k + Q_2)^2 + c^2}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} |c| \ln \frac{n_\downarrow}{4(k + Q_1 - Q_2)^2 + c^2}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} |c| \ln \frac{n_\downarrow}{4(k - Q_1)^2 + c^2}.$$

Furthermore, we consider strong coupling expansion in the energy (58), here we assume $|c| \gg Q_1, Q_2$. We collect contributions up to the order of $1/|c|^3$, i.e.

$$E \approx \frac{Q_1^3}{3\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{4n_\uparrow}{|c|} + \frac{48Q_1^2n_\downarrow}{5|c|^3} + \frac{32Q_2^3}{3\pi|c|^3} \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2\lambda |c|} \lambda |c| \ln \left( \frac{4(k - Q_1)^2 + c^2}{4(k + Q_1)^2 + c^2} \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} |c| \ln \frac{n_\downarrow}{4(k + 2Q_1)^2 + c^2}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} |c| \ln \frac{n_\downarrow}{4(k + Q_2)^2 + c^2}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} |c| \ln \frac{n_\downarrow}{4(k + Q_1 - Q_2)^2 + c^2}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} |c| \ln \frac{n_\downarrow}{4(k - Q_1)^2 + c^2}.$$

In the last equation of (58), the first part in the square bracket is the kinetic energy of excess single atoms including marginal interference effect between the single atoms and molecules of two-atoms. The second term is the total binding energy of the bound pairs. The last term characterizes the total energy of the molecules of two-atom. We now calculate the Fermi momenta $Q_1$ and $Q_2$ and the energy of the molecules of two-atom. For our convenience, we denote

$$E = E_0^u + E_0^b + n_\downarrow \varepsilon_b$$

with

$$E_0^u = \frac{Q_1^3}{3\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{4n_\uparrow}{|c|} + \frac{48Q_1^2n_\downarrow}{5|c|^3} + \frac{32Q_2^3}{3\pi|c|^3} \right],$$

$$E_0^b = 2 \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} \rho_2(k) k^2 dk,$$

$$\varepsilon_b = -\frac{c^2}{2}.$$

We calculate $Q_1$ from (11) with the density (9):

$$n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow = \int_{-Q_1}^{Q_1} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} K_1(k - k') \rho_2(k') dk' \right) dk$$

$$\approx \frac{Q_1}{\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{4n_\downarrow}{|c|} + \frac{16Q_1^2n_\downarrow}{3|c|^3} + \frac{32Q_2^3}{3\pi|c|^3} \right].$$

Then we obtain the Fermi momentum

$$Q_1 \approx (n - n_\downarrow)\pi \left[ 1 + \frac{4n_\downarrow}{|c|} + \frac{16Q_1^2}{c^2} - \frac{16}{3|c|^3} \left( n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow \right)^2 n_\downarrow + \frac{n_\downarrow^2 \pi^2}{4} - 12n_\downarrow^3 \right]$$

Similarly, we calculate $Q_2$ from (11) with the distributions (9) and (10)

$$Q_2 \approx \frac{n_\downarrow^4}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{2n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow}{|c|} + \frac{(2n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)^2}{c^2} + \frac{(2n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)^3}{|c|^3} \right]$$

$$- \frac{n_\downarrow^2 \pi^2 (8n_\uparrow - 7n_\downarrow)}{12|c|^3}$$

We observe that the kernels in the Fredholm equations (9) and (10) converge quickly with the distribution functions as the interacting strength $|c|$ increases. This allows one to take a proper Taylor series expansion in the distribution functions. In this way, from Eq. (10), we may obtain

$$\rho_2(k) \approx \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{n_\downarrow |c|}{c^2 + k^2} + \frac{|c|/2}{(c^2 + k^2)^2} \right]$$

$$- \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{|c|}{c^2 + k^2} + \frac{|c|/2}{(c^2 + k^2)^2} \right] \int_{-Q_1}^{Q_1} \rho_1(k') k'^2 dk'$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{2Q_1^2}{c^2 + k^2} + \frac{8Q_1^3}{3\pi^2|c|^3} \right]$$

$$- \frac{n_\downarrow^4}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{c^2 + k^2} + \frac{1}{3\pi^2|c|^3} \right]$$

Substituting (63) into the energy $E_0^b$ (60),

$$E_0^b \approx \frac{4Q_1^3}{3\pi} + \frac{8Q_1^3}{9\pi^2|c|^3} + \frac{32Q_1^3Q_2^3}{9\pi^2|c|^3}$$

$$- \frac{2n_\downarrow}{\pi} \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} \frac{|k|^2}{c^2 + k^2} dk$$

$$- \frac{n_\downarrow^4}{\pi} \int_{-Q_2}^{Q_2} \frac{|k|^2}{c^2 + k^2} dk$$

$$\approx \frac{4Q_1^3}{3\pi} \left[ 1 - \frac{2n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow}{|c|} + \frac{2(Q_3^3 + 4Q_1^3)}{3\pi|c|^3} \right]$$

$$+ 3(8n_\uparrow - 7n_\downarrow)Q_2^2 \left[ \frac{5}{3\pi|c|^3} \right].$$

(64)
Substituting equations (61) and (62) into the ground state energy (58) and (63), we obtain the ground state energy of the gas with a strongly attractive interaction and with an arbitrary polarization

$$E_0^n \approx \left( n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow \right)^3 \frac{3}{\pi^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{8n_\downarrow}{|c|} + \frac{48n_\downarrow^2}{c^2} \right] \left( 12\pi^2(n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)^2 - 380n_\downarrow^2 + 5n_\downarrow^2 \pi^2 \right)$$ (65)

$$E_0^\kappa \approx \frac{n_\downarrow^3 \pi^2}{6} \left[ 1 + \frac{2(2n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)}{|c|} + \frac{3(2n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)^2}{c^2} \right] \left( 180n_\downarrow n_\uparrow^2 + 20\pi^2 n_\downarrow^2 - 90n_\downarrow n_\uparrow^2 - 22\pi^2 n_\downarrow^4 + 15n_\downarrow^3 - 120n_\downarrow^2 + 63\pi^2 n_\downarrow^2 n_\uparrow - 60\pi^2 n_\downarrow^2 n_\uparrow^2 \right)$$ (66)

We define polarization $P = (N_\uparrow - N_\downarrow)/N = (n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow)/n$, then the energy in terms of polarization is given by

$$E \approx \frac{\hbar^2 n^3}{2m} \left[ \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 - P \right) \gamma^2 + \frac{\pi^2(1 - 3P + 3P^2 + 15P^3)}{48} + \frac{\pi^2(1 - P)(1 + P - 5P^2 + 67P^3)}{64\gamma^2} \right]$$

$$- \frac{\pi^2(1 - P)}{1440\gamma^2} \left[ 15 - 31125P^4 + 1861\pi^2 P^5 - 15765P^5 - 659\pi^2 P^4 + 346\pi^2 P^3 - 142P^2 \right]$$

$$+ \frac{\pi^2P + \pi^2 - 105P - 150P^2 - 15090P^3}{48\gamma^2} \right].$$ (67)

that agrees with the result derived from dressed energy equations [10, 11]. This result is highly accurate as being seen in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. From the energies [59] and [60], we see the bound pairs have tails and the interfere with each other. But, it is impossible to separate the intermolecular forces from the interference between molecules and single Fermions. If we consider $n_\uparrow \gg x = n_\uparrow - n_\downarrow$, the single atoms are repelled by the molecules, i.e.,

$$E(n_\downarrow, x) \approx \frac{E(n_\downarrow, 0)}{L} + \frac{1}{6} n_\downarrow^3 \frac{4x}{|c|} + \frac{12x(x + n_\downarrow)}{c^2}$$. (69)

Where

$$E(n_\downarrow, 0) \approx \frac{1}{6} n_\downarrow^3 \frac{2n_\downarrow}{|c|} + \frac{3n_\downarrow^2}{c^2} + \frac{\varepsilon_b}{\pi^2}$$.

In addition, the phase diagram and magnetism can be work out directly from the relations [5] with the ground state energy for the four regimes. The phase boundaries of the full phase diagrams may be analytically and numerically obtained by imposing the conditions $s_z = 0, 0.5$ in the conditions [5], which has been discussed in literature [8, 10, 18].

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have presented a systematic method to derived the first few of terms of the asymptotic expansion of the Fredholm equations for the spin-1/2 Fermi gas with repulsive delta-function and attractive delta-function interactions in the four regimes: A) strongly repulsive regime; B) weakly repulsive regime; C) weakly attractive regime and D) strongly attractive regime. We have obtained explicitly the ground state energy of the Fermi gas with polarization in these regimes, see the key result (18), (22), (24), (27), (65) and (66). By numerical checking, these asymptotic ground state energy are seen to be highly accurate in the four regimes. In weakly attractive and repulsive regimes, the ground state energies, integration boundary relations and the associated two sets of the Fredholm equations have been unified. The two sets of the Fredholm equations can be identical as long as the associated integration boundaries match each other between the two sides. This suggests that the asymptotic expansions of the energies of the repulsive and attractive Fermions are identical to all orders in this region as $c \to 0$. The identity of the asymptotic expansions may not mean that the energy analytically connects due to the divergence of the two sets Fredholm equations in the limit $c \to 0$ and the mismatch of the associated integration boundaries between two sides at some intervals, e.g., $B_1 < B_2$ and $Q_1 < Q_2$.

Moreover, the explicit result of the ground state energy obtained provides facilities to study universal nature of many-body phenomena. The local pair correlation for opposite spins can be calculated directly from the ground state energy by

$$g^{(2)}_{\uparrow, \downarrow}(0) = \frac{1}{2n_\uparrow n_\downarrow} \partial E(n, s_z)/\partial c.$$ (70)

This naturally gives the 1D analog of the Tan’s adiabatic theorem [24] through the relation

$$C = \frac{4}{a_{1D}} n_\uparrow n_\downarrow g^{(2)}_{\uparrow, \downarrow}(0),$$

where $C$ is called the universal contact, measuring the probability that two fermions with opposite spin stay together. It was shown [24] that the momentum distribution exhibits universal $C/k^4$ decay as the momentum tends to infinity. The significant feature of Tan’s universal contact is that it can be applied to any many-body system of interacting bosons and fermions in 1D, 2D and 3D [24, 25]. In addition, the explicit forms of the ground state energies in the four regimes can be used to determine magnetism and phase diagram of the system in the grand canonical ensemble. It can help conceive quantum statistical effect by a comparison between the ground state energies of 1D delta-function interacting fermions and spinless bosons. These provide a precise understanding of many-body correlations and quantum magnetism in the context of cold atoms. The method
which we have developed in this paper can be generalized to study ground state properties of 1D multicomponent Fermi and Bose gases with delta-function interaction. We will consider it in [19].

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