Conserving Gapless Mean-Field Theory of a Multi-Component Bose-Einstein Condensate

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1. Introduction

In 1998, Stamper-Kurn et al.\(^1\) have successfully confined \(^{23}\text{Na} \) atoms in an optical dipole trap. They thereby realized Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC) with internal degrees of freedom corresponding to the three hyperfine spin states \( |F = 1, m_F = \pm 1, 0\rangle \). Up to now, multi-component BEC has been observed also in other systems such as \(^{23}\text{Na} (F = 2)^2\) and \(^{87}\text{Rb} (F = 1, 4 \text{ and } F = 2, 5, 6)\). The internal degrees of freedom are expected to bring new physics into BEC absent in magnetically trapped single-component systems.

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2. Formulation

2.1 Hamiltonian

We consider a system described by the Hamiltonian: \(^{(16,17)}\)

\[
\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\sigma} \int dr \psi_\sigma^\dagger(r)(H_0 - \mu)\psi_\sigma(r) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma'\sigma''} \int dr_1 dr_2 \times U_{\sigma\sigma',\sigma''}(r_1 - r_2)\psi_\sigma^\dagger(r_1)\psi_{\sigma'}^\dagger(r_2)\psi_{\sigma''}(r_2)\psi_\sigma(r_1).
\]

(1)

Here \(H_0 \equiv -\frac{\nabla^2}{2M} + V_{\text{ext}}(r)\) with \(M\) the mass and \(V_{\text{ext}}\) the external potential, \(\mu\) is the chemical potential, and \(\psi_\sigma(r)\) is the field operator with the subscript \(\sigma = 0, \pm 1\) denoting the spin component. The quantity \(U_{\sigma\sigma',\sigma''}\) is a spin-dependent interaction given by

\[
U_{\sigma\sigma',\sigma''}(r_1 - r_2) = \delta(r_1 - r_2)(c_0 \delta_{\sigma\sigma'}\delta_{\sigma''} + c_2 F_{\sigma\sigma'} \cdot F_{\sigma''}), \tag{2}
\]

where \(c_0\) and \(c_2\) are parameters defined in terms of spin dependent s-wave scattering length \(a_f (f = 0, 1, \cdots)\) as \(^{(17)}\)

\[
c_0 = \frac{4\pi}{M} \left( a_0 + 2a_2 \right), \tag{3a}
\]

\[
c_2 = \frac{4\pi}{M} \left( a_2 - a_0 \right), \tag{3b}
\]

and \(\mathbf{F} = (F_{\sigma\sigma'})\) is the spin matrix for \(F = 1:\)

\[
F^1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{4a}
\]

\[
F^2 = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{4b}
\]

\[
F^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{4c}
\]

The second term in the round bracket of eq. (2) is similar in form with the Heisenberg spin Hamiltonian. We hence call the \(c_2 > 0\) (\(c_2 < 0\)) case as antiferromagnetic (ferromagnetic).

It is convenient to introduce the Nambu vector:

\[
\hat{\psi}^\dagger = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \psi_1^\dagger \\ \psi_0 \\ \psi_{-1} \\ \psi_1 \end{array} \right], \quad \hat{\psi} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \psi_1 \\ \psi_0 \\ \psi_{-1} \\ \psi_1 \end{array} \right]. \tag{5}
\]

Using eq. (5) and the normal-ordering operator \(\mathcal{N}_r^{28}\) the interaction in eq. (1) is transformed into

\[
\mathcal{H}' = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{\nu=0}^3 \int dr dr' \mathcal{U}_\nu(r - r') \times \mathcal{N}[^\dagger\hat{\psi}(r)\hat{\psi}(r')\hat{\psi}(r')\hat{\psi}(r)] \tag{6}
\]

Here \(\mathcal{U}_\nu\) is defined by

\[
\mathcal{U}_\nu(r - r') = \begin{cases} 
   c_0 \delta(r - r') & : \nu = 0 \\
   c_2 \delta(r - r') & : \nu = 1, 2, 3 
\end{cases}, \tag{7}
\]

and \(\hat{A}'\) denotes the vertex:

\[
\hat{A}' = \left( \hat{A}' \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \delta_0 \end{array} \right)^T, \tag{8}
\]

with \(\hat{A}'\) defined in terms of the unit matrix \(\mathbb{1}\) and eq. (4) as

\[
\hat{A}' = \left( \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \\ \delta_0 \end{array} \right)^T : \nu = 0 \\
\left( \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \\ \delta_0 \end{array} \right)^T : \nu = 1, 2, 3 \tag{9}
\]

The equivalence between the interaction term in eq. (1) and eq. (6) can be checked easily by writing the latter without using \(\mathcal{N}\). The expression (6) has an advantage that the perturbation expansion with respect to \(\mathcal{H}'\) can be carried out directly by using the Nambu Green’s function; see Appendix A of ref. 14 for details.

2.2 Mean-field equations

To describe the condensed phase, let us express the field operator \(\psi(r) \equiv [\psi_1(r) \psi_0(r) \psi_{-1}(r)]^T\) as a sum of the condensate wave function \(\Psi(r)\) and the quasiparticle field \(\phi(r)\) as

\[
\psi(r) = \Psi(r) + \phi(r). \tag{10}
\]

We next introduce the Matsubara Green’s function in the Nambu space as

\[
\hat{G}(r, r', \tau) = -\hat{\tau}_3 \hat{T}(\hat{\tau}_3) \hat{\phi}^\dagger(r') \hat{\phi}(r) \tag{11a}
\]

\[
= \left[ \begin{array}{c} \hat{G}(r, r', \tau) \\hat{G}^*(r, r', \tau) \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \hat{G}(r, r', \tau) \\hat{G}^*(r, r', \tau) \end{array} \right] \tag{11b}
\]

with \(\hat{\tau}_3\) denoting the third Pauli matrix in the Nambu space. Equation (11b) can be Fourier-transformed as

\[
\hat{G}(r, r', \tau) = \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_n \hat{G}(r, r', i\omega_n)e^{-i\omega_n \tau}, \tag{12}
\]

where \(\beta \equiv T^{-1}\) and \(\omega_n\) is the Matsubara frequency \(\omega_n = \frac{2n\pi}{\beta}\) with \(n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots\).

Using eq. (12), we now write down our mean-field Luttinger-Ward functional for BEC as

\[
\Omega = \int \mathcal{dr}\hat{\Psi}^\dagger(r)(H_0 - \mu)\Psi(r)
\]

\[
+ \frac{1}{2\beta} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \text{Tr} \left[ \ln \left( \hat{K} + \hat{\Sigma} - i\omega_n \mathbb{1} \right) + \hat{G}\hat{\Sigma} \right] 1(\omega_n) + \Phi. \tag{13}
\]

Here \(\hat{K}\) is defined by \(\hat{K} \equiv \hat{\tau}_3(H_0 - \mu)\), \(1(\omega_n)\) denotes

\[
1(\omega_n) = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \tag{14}
\]

with \(0^+\) an infinitesimal positive constant, and \(\text{Tr}\) includes integration over space variables. The quantity \(\hat{\Sigma}\) is the proper self-energy obtained from the functional \(\Phi = \Phi[\Psi, \Psi^*, \hat{G}]\) by

\[
\hat{\Sigma}(r, r', \omega_n) = \frac{-2\beta}{\delta\hat{G}(r, r', \omega_n)}. \tag{15}
\]

With eq. (15), functional \(\Omega\) is stationary with respect to a variation of \(\hat{G}\) which satisfies Dyson’s equation:

\[
\hat{G}^{-1} = i\omega_n \hat{1} - \hat{K} - \hat{\Sigma}. \tag{16}
\]
The condensate wave function $\Psi$ in equilibrium is also determined by $\delta \Omega / \delta \Psi^* = 0$. Noting $\delta \Omega / \delta \hat{G} = 0$, we obtain
\begin{equation}
(H_0 - \mu) \Psi(r) + \frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta \Psi^*(r)} = 0. \tag{17}
\end{equation}

Equations (15) and (17) constitute the $\Phi$-derivative approximation where various conservation laws are obeyed automatically. This is one of the main advantages of using the Luttinger-Ward functional.

Now, we choose $\Phi$ so that the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem is satisfied simultaneously; see Appendix for the multi-component version of the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem. Explicitly, our $\Phi$ is given by
\begin{equation}
\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \sum_n \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \mathcal{U}_n(r - r')
\times \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r})^\dagger \right] \right\}
- \frac{2}{\beta} \sum_n \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r})^\dagger \right] \right\}
\times \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{G}(\mathbf{r}', \mathbf{r}', \omega_n) \right] \mathbf{I} = \omega_n \right) \right\}
- \frac{1}{\beta^2} \sum_{n,m} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{G}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}, \omega_n) \right] \right\}
\times \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{G}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}, \omega_m) \right] \mathbf{I} = \omega_m \right) \right\}.
\tag{18}
\end{equation}

This functional $\Phi$ is different from $\Phi_{\text{HFB}}$ of the HFB theory in the Fock terms, i.e., the third and the fifth terms on the right-hand side of eq. (18). Indeed, $\Phi_{\text{HFB}}$ is recovered from $\Phi$ by replacing $\hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Psi} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger$ and $\hat{G} \rightarrow \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{G}$. Put it another way, $\Phi$ is obtained from $\Phi_{\text{HFB}}$ by the following subtraction:
\begin{equation}
\Phi = \Phi_{\text{HFB}} - \sum_n \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \mathcal{U}_n(r - r')
\times \left( \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_n \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r})^\dagger \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{F}(\mathbf{r}, r, \omega_n) \right] \right)
\times \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{A}^\dagger \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{F}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}, \omega_n) \right] \mathbf{I} = \omega_n \right) \right\}.
\end{equation}

The submatrices $\Sigma$ and $\Delta$ satisfy $\Sigma^T(r', r) = \Sigma^T(r', r)$ and $\Delta^T(r', r) = \Delta^T(r', r)$. Similarly, we have $\rho^T(r', r) = \rho^T(r', r)$ and $\hat{\rho}^T(r, r') = \hat{\rho}^T(r, r')$.

Now, the proper self-energy is obtained with eqs. (15) and (18) as
\begin{equation}
\hat{\Sigma}(r, r') = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \Sigma^T(r, r') & -\Delta^T(r, r') \\
-\Delta(r, r') & \Sigma(r, r') \end{array} \right] = \sum_{\nu}^{} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \delta(r - r') \hat{A}^\nu \hat{\tau}_3 \int d\mathbf{r}'' \mathcal{U}_n(r - r'') \right\}
\times \text{Tr} \left[ \hat{A}^\nu \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\rho}(r'', r'') + \mathcal{U}_n(r - r') \hat{A}^\nu \hat{\rho}(r, r') \hat{A}^\nu \right], \tag{21}
\end{equation}

where $\hat{\rho}$ is the one-particle density matrix in the Nambu space defined by
\begin{equation}
\hat{\rho}(r, r') = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \rho(r, r') & \hat{\rho}(r, r') \\
-\hat{\rho}^T(r', r) & -\rho(r', r) \end{array} \right] = \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Psi}(r) \hat{\Psi}(r') \mathbf{I} + \hat{\rho}^\text{(ap)}(r, r'), \tag{22}
\end{equation}

with
\begin{equation}
\hat{\rho}^\text{(ap)}(r, r') = \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_n \hat{\Delta}(r, r', \omega_n) \hat{\mathcal{N}}(\omega_n). \tag{23}
\end{equation}

The following subtraction has the effect to cancel the overcounting of the anomalous pair correlation in the HFB theory, thereby leading to a mean-field theory which satisfies the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem.
with \( \Omega \equiv (u_j, u_j', \ldots), V \equiv (v_j, v_j', \ldots) \) and \( \langle E \rangle \) are the Fermi energy. Using these matrices, the BdG equation can be written compactly as
\[
\int d^{3}r' \hat{H}(r, r') \hat{U}(r') = \hat{U}(r) \hat{E}.
\]
It follows that we can expand Green’s function as
\[
\hat{G}(r, r', \omega_n) = \hat{U}(r)(i\omega_n \hat{1} - \hat{E})^{-1} \hat{U}^\dagger(r').
\] (28)

We now carry out the summation over the Matsubara frequency in eq. (23). We then obtain the quasiparticle contribution to the density matrix in eq. (22) as
\[
\rho^{(qp)}(r, r') = \langle \phi(r) \phi(r') \rangle
\]
\[
= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_{\nu} \mu_{\nu} \frac{\nu}{\nu + 1} + 2 f(\epsilon) \right\} \nu^{\dagger}(r')
\]
\[
+ \nu^{\dagger}(r) \nu^{\dagger}(r') \right\},
\] (29a)

\[
\bar{\rho}^{(qp)}(r, r') = \langle \phi(r) \phi(r') \rangle
\]
\[
= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_{\nu} \mu_{\nu} \frac{\nu}{\nu + 1} + 2 f(\epsilon) \right\} \nu^{\dagger}(r')
\]
\[
+ \nu^{\dagger}(r) \nu^{\dagger}(r') \right\},
\] (29b)

where \( f \) is the Bose distribution function.

Equations (24) and (25) with eqs. (21), (22) and (29) form a closed set of self-consistent equations to determine the equilibrium.

Using eqs. (24) and (25), we can transform the thermodynamic potential of eq. (13) into
\[
\Omega_{eq} = \beta^{-1} \sum_{j} \ln(1 - e^{-\beta E_j}) - \sum_{j} E_j \int |v_j(r)|^2 d\mathbf{r}
\]
\[
- \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' \text{Tr} \left[ \sum_{\nu}(r, r') \rho^{(qp)}(r', r) - \Delta(r, r') \bar{\rho}(r', r) \right].
\] (30)

Also, entropy is obtained as
\[
S = - \sum_{j} \left\{ f(\epsilon_j) \ln f(\epsilon_j) - [1 + f(\epsilon_j)] \ln[1 + f(\epsilon_j)] \right\}.
\] (31)

Finally, the specific heat is calculated by the thermodynamic relation \( C = -T \partial \Omega / \partial T \).

**3. Uniform Gas under Constant Density**

**3.1 Equations to determine equilibrium**

We now apply the previous formulation to a uniform Bose gas with fixed density \( n = N/\mathcal{V} \), where \( \mathcal{V} \) denotes volume of the system. In this case, the condensate wave function \( \Psi \) can be written as
\[
\Psi = \sqrt{n_0} \eta.
\] (32)

with \( n_0 = N_0/\mathcal{V} \) the condensate density and \( \eta \) a constant vector with \( |\eta| = 1 \). Also, eq. (22) may be expanded in plane waves as
\[
\rho^{(k)} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \sum_{k} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \rho^{(k)} \\ \rho^{(k)\dagger} \end{array} \right] e^{i k \cdot (r-r')}.
\] (33)

with
\[
\rho^{(k)} = \delta_{k0} N_0 \eta \eta^\dagger + \rho^{(qp)}(k),
\] (34a)

\[
\bar{\rho}^{(k)} = \delta_{k0} N_0 \eta \eta^\dagger + \bar{\rho}^{(qp)}(k).
\] (34b)

The transition temperature of the noninteracting three-component BEC is given by
\[
T_0 = \frac{2\pi}{M} \left[ \frac{n}{3 \zeta(\frac{3}{2})} \right]^2,
\] (35)

where \( \zeta(\frac{3}{2}) \approx 2.612 \) is the Riemann \( \zeta \)-function. This \( T_0 \) is \( 3^{-2/3} \) times the transition temperature of the one-component BEC.

The self-energy (21) becomes \( k \)-independent in momentum space for the contact interaction of eq. (7). Indeed, \( \Sigma \) and \( \Delta \) in \( k \) space are obtained as
\[
\frac{\Delta}{T_0} = \frac{2}{N} \left[ \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{2/3} \sum_{\nu \kappa} \delta_{\nu} \bar{\Delta}_{\nu} \rho(k) \Delta_{\nu}^\dagger + \Delta_{\nu} \rho(k) \Delta_{\nu}^\dagger \right],
\] (36a)

\[
\frac{\Delta}{T_0} = \frac{2}{N} \left[ \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)^{2/3} \sum_{\nu \kappa} \delta_{\nu} \bar{\Delta}_{\nu} \rho(k) \Delta_{\nu}^\dagger, \right.
\] (36b)

where \( \delta_{\nu} \) denotes dimensionless interaction strength defined in terms of eq. (3) by
\[
\delta_{\nu} = \frac{\{ M c_0 n_0 \}^{1/3} : \nu = 0}{\{ M c_2 n_0 \}^{1/3} : \nu = 1, 2, 3}.
\] (37)

The GP equation (24) is transformed by using eq. (32) into
\[
\rho^{(k)} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} M c_0 n_0 \rho^{(k)} \\ M c_2 n_0 \rho^{(k)} \end{array} \right\}.
\] (39)

Finally, the specific heat is calculated by the thermodynamic relation \( C = -T \partial \Omega / \partial T \). This is the Hugenholtz-Pines relation of the three-component system; see Appendix for details. The BdG equation (25) now reads
\[
\hat{H}_k \left[ \begin{array}{c} u_{k\sigma} \\ -\bar{v}_{k\sigma} \end{array} \right] = \epsilon_{k\sigma} \left[ \begin{array}{c} u_{k\sigma} \\ -\bar{v}_{k\sigma} \end{array} \right],
\] (39)

where \( \hat{H}_k \equiv \hat{t}_3 \left( \frac{k^2}{2M} - \mu \right) + \hat{\Sigma} \). The eigenstate is normalized as \( |u_{k\sigma}|^2 - |v_{k\sigma}|^2 = 1 \), and the subscript \( \sigma = 0, \pm 1 \) distinguishes the three eigenvalues of each \( k \). This eigenvalue problem includes eq. (38) as the special case for \( E_{k=0} = 0 \) with \( u_{k=0} = v_{k=0} = \zeta \). It hence follows that the quasiparticle excitation is gapless as \( k \rightarrow 0 \) at least for one branch among \( \sigma = 0, \pm 1 \). The quasiparticle contribution (29) to the density matrix is now given by
\[
\rho^{(qp)}(k) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \nu^{(k)} \nu^{\dagger}(k) + \nu^{(k)} \nu^{\dagger}(k) \\ \nu^{\dagger}(k) \nu^{\dagger}(k) + 2 f(\epsilon_k) \nu^{\dagger}(k) \nu^{\dagger}(k) \end{array} \right\},
\] (40a)

\[
\bar{\rho}^{(qp)}(k) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \nu^{\dagger}(k) \nu^{\dagger}(k) + 2 f(\epsilon_k) \nu^{\dagger}(k) \nu^{\dagger}(k) \right],
\] (40b)

with \( \nu^{(k)} \equiv [u_{k1} u_{k0} u_{k-1}] \) and \( \nu^{\dagger}(k) \equiv [v_{k1} v_{k0} v_{k-1}] \). Finally, we sum eq. (34a) over \( k \) and take trace of it subsequently. We thereby obtain an expression for the condensate density as
\[
\frac{n_0}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k} \text{Tr} \rho^{(qp)}(k).
\] (41)
3.2 Numerical procedures

Numerical calculations of the above self-consistent equations have been carried out as follows.

(i) The chemical potential $\mu$ and the vector $\eta$ are determined by eq. (38) as the smallest eigenvalue and its eigenstate. To carry this out, we have to know the expressions of $n_0$, $\bar{\rho}^{(\text{qq})}(k)$ and $\tilde{\rho}^{(\text{qq})}(k)$ in advance, as seen from eqs. (34) and (36). We use the values from the previous calculation for them; we initially set $n_0 = n$ and $\nu^{(\text{qq})} = \tilde{\rho}^{(\text{qq})} = 0$ to start the whole calculation at $T = 0$. We determine $\eta$ self-consistently so that it actually corresponds to the eigenstate of the smallest eigenvalue.

(ii) Using $\mu$ and $\Sigma$ thus calculated, we solve the BdG equation (39) to obtain the quasi-particle spectrum $E_{k\sigma}$ and the matrix $\hat{U}_k$.

(iii) With $E_{k\sigma}$ and $\hat{U}_k$, we compute $\nu^{(\text{qq})}(k)$, $\bar{\rho}^{(\text{qq})}(k)$ and $n_0$ by eqs. (40a), (40b) and (41), respectively.

We iterate procedure (i)-(iii) until a convergence is reached. We start the whole calculation from $T = 0$ and increase the temperature gradually. We identify $T_c$ numerically as the point where we can no longer find a solution of positive $n_0$.

When we calculate $\Delta$ for $T < T_c$ by using eqs. (36b) and (40b), we observe that the summation of $\tilde{\rho}^{(\text{qq})}(k)$ over $k$ diverges. In order to remove it numerically, we have introduced the energy cutoff $\epsilon_c$ so that it satisfies $1 < \epsilon_c < 0.3\delta_0^{-1/4}$.

For $T > T_c$, we put $n_0 = 0$, $\Delta = 0$ and $F = 0$. The calculation procedures (i)-(iii) are nearly the same except that the chemical potential is now determined by

$$N = \sum_{k\sigma} \frac{1}{\exp[\beta E_{k\sigma}(\mu)] - 1}. \quad (42)$$

4. Numerical Results

4.1 Thermodynamic properties

We have fixed the interaction parameters of eq. (37) as $\delta_0 = 0.0075$ and $c_2/c_0 = 0.1, \pm 0.1$. We have confirmed that the stable state is given by $\eta = \{010\}^T$ ($\eta = \{100\}^T$) at all temperatures for the antiferromagnetic (ferromagnetic) interaction of $c_2/c_0 = 0.1$ ($c_2/c_0 = -0.1$). We have found for all these cases that the transition temperature $T_c$ is increased over $T_0$ by $(T_c - T_0)/T_0 \approx 2\delta_0$, which is of the same order as $(T_c - T_0)/T_0 \simeq 2.335$ of the single-component case.\cite{14,25} We have also observed that $T_c$ increases monotonically as a function of $c_2/c_0$.

Figure 1 shows temperature dependence of the condensate density in comparison with the ideal Bose gas result $n_0/n = 1 - (T/T_c)^{3/2}$. We observe that $n_0$ becomes larger as the interaction is increased. We have also confirmed that $n_0$ depends little on $c_2$ as long as $|c_2/c_0|$ is much smaller than 1.

Figure 2 displays temperature dependence of the specific heat per particle in comparison with the ideal gas result. As seen clearly, a divergent behavior shows up just below $T_c$ for the finite interaction. It is quite similar to the behavior of the single-component system.

Figure 3 plots temperature dependence of the chemical potential scaled by $T_0$. With finite interaction, we find a small peak with a discontinuity at $T = T_c$. This discontinuity is a signal of a first-order transition and also seen in the single-component case.

4.2 Energy dispersion of antiferromagnetic interaction

We next study the energy dispersion of the antiferromagnetic interaction ($c_2/c_0 = 0.1$) at $T = 0$ and compare our result with the prediction of the Bogoliubov approximation (BA). In BA, the quantities $\mu$, $\eta$ and $E_{k\sigma}$ can all be obtained analytically as $\mu = c_0n_0$, $\eta = \{010\}^T$, $E_{k0} = \sqrt{\epsilon_k(\epsilon_k + 2c_0n_0)}$ and $E_{k\pm 1} = \sqrt{\epsilon_k(\epsilon_k + 2c_0n_0)}$ with $\epsilon_k = k^2/2M$; thus, $E_{k\pm 1}$ is degenerate in BA.

Figure 4 shows energy dispersion at $T = 0$. The BA predicts that all the three branches have $k$-linear sound-wave dispersions in the long wavelength limit and two
of them are degenerate. Our theory also yields a single gapless excitation in agreement with the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem, and its sound velocity $c_{AF}$ coincides almost completely with the expression $c_{AF}/M$ of BA for the non-degenerate dispersion, as seen in Fig. 4. As for the other two branches, our mean-field theory predicts degenerate gapful excitations. This gap is brought about the anomalous pair potential of the quasiparticle field in the BdG equation, which is absent in BA.

The qualitative features of the energy dispersions mentioned above remain invariant up to $T_c$. The sound velocity decreases monotonically towards $T_c$. In contrast, the energy gap between $E_{k=0,0}$ and $E_{k=0,1}$ displays a more complicated behavior. Figure 5 shows temperature dependence of the energy gap. The gap has a local maximum as a function of temperature, which may be traced to the temperature dependence of the anomalous pair correlation $\sum_k \tilde{\rho}(k)^{(qp)}$. Indeed, $\sum_k \tilde{\rho}(k)^{(qp)}$ has a local maximum even in the single-component case, which is due to the competition between decreasing $\Delta$ and increasing Bose distribution function as $T$ is raised.

We finally comment on the finite energy gap of $E_{k=0,1}$ predicted by our mean-field theory in connection with the collective excitations. Gavoret and Nozières performed a detailed study on the structure of the perturbation expansion for the one-component BEC at $T=0$. They have thereby established that the single-particle (i.e., Bogoliubov) and collective excitations share common dispersions. Indeed, the statement holds even at any finite temperatures of $T \leq T_c$, which stems from the fact that the single-particle propagator appears in the intermediate state of the collective propagator in the condensate; see eq. (2.33) of Szépfalusy and Kondor and also their discussion in the paragraph below eq. (2.34). However, it should be noted that this theorem only states that the single-particle excitation spectra are also included in the collective excitations, but not vice versa.

Thus, it is neither surprising nor contradictory that the collective excitations have extra branches not present in the single-particle excitations.

The theorem may be extended to multi-component systems to tell us that all the single-particle excitation spectra are also present in the collective excitations. It is also worth noting that the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem of the multi-component case only states the existence of a single gapless one-particle excitation spectrum, as shown in Appendix. Thus, the qualitative features of the three branches $E_{k0}$ and $E_{k=\pm 1}$ obtained here satisfy all the exact statements, and it is not contradictory that the collective spin-wave modes are not included in the single-particle excitations.

Recently, Szépfalusy and Szirmai have extended the consideration of Szépfalusy and Kondor to the spin-1 system. They conclude that there appear additional collective excitations due to the spin-degrees of freedom whose spectra in the long-wavelength limit are also gapless and identical with those of the corresponding single-particle excitations. This result is clearly in contradiction with the finite energy gap of $E_{k=0,1}$ in our mean-field theory. We suspect that the conclusion of Szépfalusy and Szirmai on the existence of the spin-wave mode in the single-particle spectra is due to an inappropriate assumption on the poles and zeros of the single-particle Green's function expressed with the same denominator as the collective propagators. Note also that they only confirm their general theory within the Bogoliubov approximation and the random-phase approximation of retaining only the Hartree term where the anomalous pair potential due to quasiparticles was neglected completely.

4.3 Energy dispersion of ferromagnetic interaction

We move on to study the energy dispersion of the ferromagnetic interaction ($c_2/c_0 = -0.1$). In this case, BA near $T=0$ predicts $\mu = (c_0 + c_2)n_0$, $\eta = [100]^T$, $E_{k=1} = \sqrt{E_k^0 + 2(c_0 + c_2)n_0}$, $E_{k=0} = \epsilon_k$, and $E_{k-1} = \epsilon_k - 2c_2n_0$.

Figure 6 shows the energy dispersions of $E_{k+1}$ and $E_{k0}$ at $T=0$. According to BA, the two branches are both gapless and $E_{k+1}$ ($E_{k0}$) has a linear (quadratic) dispersion in the long wavelength limit. However, our mean-field theory predicts a gapless excitation only for $E_{k+1}$, and the other branch $E_{k0}$ acquires an energy gap. The existence of a gapless excitation $E_{k+1}$ agrees with the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem, and its sound velocity $c_{FE}$ coincides almost completely with the expression $(c_0 + c_2)n_0/M$ of BA. On the other hand, a finite gap in $E_{k0}$ is brought about by the anomalous pair potential of the quasiparticle field.

We have confirmed that the vector $\eta$ remains invariant at finite temperatures. Also, the qualitative features of
the dispersions do not change up to $T = T_c$. The sound velocity decreases monotonically towards $T_c$. Figure 7 shows the energy gaps of $E_{k0}$ and $E_{k-1}$ at $k = 0$ as a function of temperature. The gap of $E_{k0}$ has a maximum at finite temperature, which has the same origin as in the antiferromagnetic case.

5. Summary

We have extended a conserving gapless mean-field theory of single-component Bose-Einstein condensates to a three-component system. The equations to determine the equilibrium are given by eqs. (24) and (25) with eqs. (21), (22) and (29), which are applicable to nonuniform systems such as the trapped BEC with and without vortices. They are compatible with the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem and may be extended easily to general multi-component systems. Another advantage of our theory is that various conservation laws are automatically obeyed when applied to dynamical phenomena. Thus, the static and dynamical properties of BEC may be treated systematically within a single theoretical framework.

We have applied the mean-field theory to a uniform gas with constant density. A qualitative difference is found in the quasiparticle dispersions between our theory and the Bogoliubov theory near $T = 0$. The Bogoliubov approximation predicts that there are three (two) gapless excitations for the antiferromagnetic (ferromagnetic) interaction. On the other hand, our theory yields only a single gapless branch with a sound-wave dispersion at low energy, and the others are pushed up to higher energies due to the self-consistent potential of the quasiparticle field. We have presented at the end of §4.2 a detailed discussion on those single-particle excitations in connection with the collective excitations. The speed of sound obtained here well agrees with the corresponding branch in the Bogoliubov approximation. We have also clarified finite-temperature effects on the quasiparticle dispersions as well as temperature dependences of basic thermodynamic quantities.

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Appendix: Hugenholtz-Pines theorem for spin-1 BEC

We here generalize the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem\cite{31} to the spin-1 BEC by closely following the procedure of Popov\cite{31}. It will be shown that there is at least a single gapless excitation spectrum in the spin-1 BEC (and also in any multi-component BEC).

First of all, we present Feynman rules for the bare perturbation expansion of the spin-1 condensate as the basis for our proof. They are obtained by slightly modifying the rules of the single-component system. To see this, let us rewrite the interaction of eq. (6) as

\[
\mathcal{H}' = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu=0}^{3} \int drdr' \mathcal{U}_\nu (r - r')
\]

\[
\times \mathcal{N} [\psi^\dagger (r) \mathcal{A}_\nu \psi (r) \psi^\dagger (r') \mathcal{A}_\nu \psi (r')], \quad (A.1)
\]

where $\mathcal{A}_\nu$ is given by eq. (9), and the field operators are defined by

\[
\psi^\dagger = [\psi_1^\dagger \; \psi_0^\dagger \; \psi_{-1}^\dagger], \quad \psi = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \psi_1 \\ \psi_0 \\ \psi_{-1} \end{array} \right]. \quad (A.2)
\]

The expression (A.1) enables us to perform the perturbation expansion of the spin-1 system in terms of the Feynman diagrams of the single-component system, i.e., no new diagrams are necessary. To be more specific, we first consider the normal system without the condensation. We then notice that: (i) the pairs $\psi^\dagger (r) \mathcal{A}_\nu \psi (r)$ and $\psi^\dagger (r') \mathcal{A}_\nu \psi (r')$ can be moved around anywhere within the $\mathcal{N}$ and/or $T_\tau$ operators in the perturbation expansion; and (ii) a contraction of $\psi (i) (i = r, \tau)$ with $\psi^\dagger (j)$ automatically yields the $3 \times 3$ matrix $\langle T_\tau \psi (i) \psi^\dagger (j) \rangle_0 = -\mathcal{M}_{ij} (i, j)$, where the subscript 0 denotes the average with respect to the non-interacting Hamiltonian. Also, the final contraction within a closed particle loop can be transformed as $\langle T_\tau \psi^\dagger (i) \mathcal{M}_{ij} (i, j) \psi (j) \rangle_0 = \text{Tr} \mathcal{M} (i, j) \mathcal{M} (i, j) \psi^\dagger (i) \psi (j) \rangle_0$ with $\mathcal{M} (i, j)$ denoting some matrix product of contractions. We now realize that the expansion can be performed in terms of the Feynman diagrams of the single-component system with the following modifications: (i) Associate
\( G_\nu(i, j) \) for the particle line from \( j \) to \( i \) and the matrix \( A' \) for each vertex, and (ii) take \( \text{Tr} \) for every closed particle line and perform summations over \( \nu \).

We next consider the condensed system and adopt the shift transformation (10) with the self-consistency condition:

\[ (\phi(r)) = 0. \quad (A-3) \]

Let us substitute eq. (10) into eq. (1) and carry out the perturbation expansion by choosing

\[ \mathcal{H}_0 = \int dr \, \phi^\dagger(r) \{ H_0 - \mu \} \phi(r) \quad (A-4) \]

as the free field. Once again, we only need the Feynman diagrams of the single-component system, and the Feynman rules for the scalar quantities \( G_0, \Psi, \Psi^* \) are modified as follows: (i) \( G_0(i, j) \rightarrow G_\nu(i, j), \Psi(r) \rightarrow \Psi(r), \) and \( \Psi^*(r) \rightarrow \Psi^\dagger(r) \); (ii) \( A' \) for the vertex; (iii) take \( \text{Tr} \) for every closed particle line and perform summations over \( \nu \).

Now, we can directly extend the consideration of Popov\(^{31}\) on the general structure of the perturbation expansion to the spin-1 system. We thereby conclude that eq. (A-3) is equivalent to the extremal property:

\[ \frac{\delta \Omega}{\delta \Psi^\dagger(r)} = 0. \quad (A-5) \]

It is also straightforward to prove the following relation:

\[ \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \Psi^\dagger_{\sigma'}(r') \partial \Psi_{\sigma}(r)} = \sum_{\sigma''} \frac{\xi}{\xi^2} \psi_{\sigma''} \Omega(r', r'') \xi_{\sigma''} = \Delta_{\sigma' \sigma''}(r, r'; \omega_n = 0). \quad (A-6a) \]

We finally consider the uniform condensate, write the condensate wave function as eq. (32), and expand \( \Sigma \) and \( \Delta \) as eq. (33). It is then evident that the thermodynamic potential depends on \( \Psi \) and \( \Psi^\dagger \) via the product \( n_0 \equiv \Psi^\dagger \Psi \). Hence we can write eqs. (A-5) and (A-6) for the uniform case as

\[ \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \Psi_{\sigma}} = \Psi_{\sigma} \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial n_0}, \quad (A-7) \]

and

\[ \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial \Psi_{\sigma} \partial \Psi_{\sigma}^*} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial n_0} + \Psi_{\sigma}^* \Psi_{\sigma} \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial n_0^2}, \quad (A-8a) \]

respectively. Using eqs. (A-5)-(A-8), we arrive at the generalized Hugenholtz-Pines theorem:

\[ \sum_{\sigma'} \Delta_{\sigma' \sigma'}(k = 0, \omega_n = 0) \Psi_{\sigma'}^* \Delta_{\sigma' \sigma'}(k = 0, \omega_n = 0) \Psi_{\sigma'}^* = \mu \Psi_{\sigma}. \quad (A-9) \]

It tells us that there is at least a single gapless one-particle excitation in the spin-1 BEC; see the discussion below eq. (39) on this point. It is also straightforward to extend the consideration to any multi-component system, which leads to the same conclusion.