Self-Consistent Second Order Perturbation Theory for the Hubbard Model in Two Dimensions

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We apply self-consistent second order perturbation theory (SCSOPT) with respect to the on-site repulsive interaction \( U \) to study the Hubbard model in two dimensions. We investigate single particle properties of the model over the entire doping range at zero temperature. It is shown that as doping decreases toward half-filling \( \omega \)-mass enhancement factor increases, while \( k \)-mass enhancement factor decreases. The increase in \( \omega \)-mass enhancement factor is larger than the decrease in \( k \)-mass enhancement factor, so that total-mass is larger than that in the non-interacting case. When particle number density per unit cell \( n \) is given by \( 0.64 < n < 1.0 \) interaction enhances anisotropy of the Fermi surface, whereas at lower densities \( n < 0.64 \) interaction suppresses anisotropy of it. Due to the decrease in \( k \)-mass enhancement factor the density of states (DOS) at the Fermi level is suppressed. It is possible to understand the results within the framework of the weak coupling Fermi liquid theory.

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§1. Introduction

Since the discovery of the high-\( T_c \) superconducting cuprates (HTSC), \[ \square \] two dimensional layered materials have been attracting the attention of many researchers. Two dimensional Hubbard model is one of the promising model to understand such materials. Investigations of the Hubbard model have a long history and the understanding of the one dimensional and the infinite dimensional cases is in a higher level. In the case of one dimension DOS at the Fermi level becomes zero with infinitesimal interaction \( U \). On the other hand in the case of infinite dimensions DOS at the Fermi level doesn’t change at all until metal-insulator transition happens due to the locality of the self-energy. For the case of two dimensions the feature of the model hasn’t been sufficiently elucidated.

We use here the self-consistent second order perturbation theory (SCSOPT) with respect to the on-site repulsive interaction \( U \) to study the Hubbard model in two dimensions. The SCSOPT satisfies the Luttinger sum rule, which is necessary to construct the Fermi liquid theory. The SCSOPT was formerly used for studying the infinite dimensional case and was known to describe the low energy excitations of the paramagnetic metallic phase of the model correctly in the weak coupling case. Therefore in the present paper we restrict our attention to the metallic phase of the model without magnetic order, which is suggested for a non-half-filling case in Quantum Monte Carlo simulations. On the contrary to infinite dimensional case the self-energy of the two dimensional Hubbard model has \( k \)-dependence. The \( k \)-dependence of the self-energy is considered to play an important role in Mott transition in two dimensional systems such as \( \text{Ca}_x\text{Sr}_y\text{VO}_3 \) and HTSC. The \( k \)-dependence effects of the two dimensional Hubbard model were examined so far by second order perturbation theory (SOPT) and the fluctuation exchange (FLEX) approximation. In the case of SOPT it was reported that for sufficiently large \( U \) \( n(\mu) \) exceeds unity in spite of \( \mu < 0 \) around \( \mu \approx 0 \), which leads to unphysical negative charge susceptibility. Then we define \( U_1(\mu) \) so that in the region \( U > U_1 \) SOPT is unphysical. In addition SOPT satisfies the Luttinger sum rule only approximately for small \( U \) except for half-filling. This disagreement between the Fermi surface volume and the expectation value of the number operator is also remarkable near the half-filling. Then we define \( U_2 \) so that in the region \( U > U_2 \) physical features are affected by that disagreement. We can use SOPT only in the region \( U < \min\{U_1, U_2\} \). There are not such limitations in SCSOPT. Meanwhile the FLEX approximation includes SCSOPT diagrams, but it would be meaningful to distinguish the contribution from SCSOPT diagrams from the contribution from the other diagrams.

We adopt the unit system in which \( \hbar = 1 \) and \( k_B = 1 \).

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§2. Model and Calculations

The Hubbard Hamiltonian is
\[
H = -t \sum_{n \ldots \sigma} (c_{n \sigma}^\dagger c_{n+1 \sigma} + \text{h.c.}) + U \sum_i n_i n_i^\dagger ,
\] (2.1)
where \( t \) is the transfer integral between the nearest neighbors sites and \( U \) stands for the on-site repulsive interaction.

The one particle Green’s function at zero temperature is defined as \[ \langle ... \rangle \] and \( \langle \rangle \) respectively. The Green’s function can be expressed by the spectral function as \[ \Sigma_{\omega} = \frac{1}{\omega - \xi_k - \Sigma_{\omega}^{(R)}(\omega)} , \] (2.3a)
where
\[
\xi_k = \varepsilon_k - \mu \quad (2.3b)
\]
and
\[
\varepsilon_k = -2 \cos(k_x) - 2 \cos(k_y) . \quad (2.3c)
\]

We define here the retarded self-energy and the retarded Green’s function as
\[
\Sigma_{\omega}^{(R)}(\omega) \equiv \begin{cases} \Sigma_{\omega}^{(R)}(\omega) & \omega > 0 \\ \Sigma_{\omega}^{(R)}(\omega) & \omega < 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.4)
\]
and
\[
G_{\omega}^{(R)}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - \xi_k - \Sigma_{\omega}^{(R)}(\omega)} . \quad (2.5)
\]

The Green’s function can be expressed by the spectral function as
\[
G_{\omega}^{(R)}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE \frac{A_{\omega}^{(R)}(E)}{\omega - E - i\delta \text{sign}(E)} , \quad (2.6)
\]
where
\[
A_{\omega}^{(R)}(E) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G_{\omega}^{(R)}(E) . \quad (2.7)
\]
Then it follows
\[
G_{\omega}^{(R)}(\omega) = i\theta(-t) \int_{-\infty}^{0} dE e^{-iEt - \delta t} A_{\omega}^{(R)}(E) - i\theta(t) \int_{0}^{\infty} dE e^{-iEt + \delta t} A_{\omega}^{(R)}(E) \quad (2.8)
\]
\[
= i\theta(-t)a_{\omega}^{(R)}(t) - i\theta(t)b_{\omega}^{(R)}(t) . \quad (2.9)
\]
Here we define
\[
a_{\omega}^{(R)}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{0} dE e^{-iEt + \delta t} A_{\omega}^{(R)}(E) \quad (2.10a)
\]
and
\[
b_{\omega}^{(R)}(t) = \int_{0}^{\infty} dE e^{-iEt - \delta t} A_{\omega}^{(R)}(E) . \quad (2.10b)
\]
Real space Green’s functions can be calculated as
\[
G_{\omega}^{(R)}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} G_{\mathbf{k}}^{(R)}(t) e^{ik\mathbf{R}} . \quad (2.11)
\]

The contribution of the Hartree diagram (Fig. 1) to the self-energy is
\[
\Sigma_{\omega}^{(\text{Hartree})}(\omega) = U n_{\omega} . \quad (2.12)
\]
As we consider the paramagnetic state in the present paper,
\[
\Sigma_{\omega}^{(\text{Hartree})}(\omega) = U \frac{n}{2} . \quad (2.13)
\]
This static contribution to the self-energy can be incorporated into the chemical potential, and as a result the redefined chemical potential takes the value 0 at half-filling.

Fig. 1. Hartree diagram. The wavy and double solid lines represent the on-site repulsive interaction and the exact one particle Green’s function, respectively.

The second order contribution (Fig. 2) to the self-energy is
\[
\Sigma^{(2)}_{\omega}(t) = U^2 G_{R}^{(0)}(t) G_{R-\sigma}^{(0)}(t) G_{-R-\sigma}^{(0)}(-t) , \quad (2.14)
\]
where \( G_{R}^{(0)}(t) \) is the Green’s function of the non-interacting system. Similarly the SCSOPT contribution (Fig. 3) to the self-energy is
\[
\Sigma^{(sc)}_{\omega}(t) = U^2 G_{R}^{(sc)}(t) G_{R-\sigma}^{(sc)}(t) G_{-R-\sigma}^{(sc)}(-t) , \quad (2.15)
\]
where
\[
G_{\omega}^{(sc)}(t) = \frac{1}{\omega - \xi_k - \Sigma_{\omega}^{(sc)}(\omega)} . \quad (2.16)
\]
In real space the retarded self-energy of SCSoPT is expressed as
\[
\Sigma_{\omega}^{(R)(sc)}(t) = -iU^2 \theta(t) \left\{ b_{R}^{(sc)}(t) b_{R-\sigma}(t) a_{R-\sigma}(-t) + a_{R}^{(sc)}(t) a_{R-\sigma}(t) b_{R-\sigma}(-t) \right\} - U^2 \theta(t) \left\{ a_{R}^{(sc)}(t) G_{R}^{(sc)}(t) G_{R-\sigma}^{(sc)}(t) G_{-R-\sigma}^{(sc)}(-t) \right\} .
\]
The real and the imaginary parts of the retarded self-energy satisfy the Kramers-Kronig (K.K.) relation,

\[
\text{Re}\Sigma_{k\sigma}^{(R)}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{d}\omega' \frac{\text{Im}\Sigma_{k\sigma}^{(R)}(\omega')}{\omega' - \omega} .
\] (2.18)

The algorithm for numerical calculations is as follows.

1. We choose the initial \(\Sigma_{k\sigma}^{(R)}(\omega)\), for example, the self-energy of SOPT.
2. We calculate \(G_{R\sigma}(t)\) using eqs. (2.5), (2.7), (2.8) and (2.11). At this time, since \(A_k(\omega)\) is localized with respect to energy within the extent of the band width, the integration in eq. (2.8) can be reduced to an appropriate finite energy interval.
3. Using eq. (2.17) we calculate \(\Sigma_{k\sigma}^{(R)}(t)\) which goes to zero more rapidly than \(\Sigma_{R\sigma}^{(R)}(t)\) as \(t\) increases.
4. We calculate \(\Sigma_{k\sigma}^{(R)}(\omega)\) using the Fast Fourier Transformation (FFT). At this time it is efficient to calculate first \(\text{Im}\Sigma_{k\sigma}^{(R)}(\omega)\) which is localized and calculate \(\text{Re}\Sigma_{k\sigma}^{(R)}(\omega)\) using the K.K. relation eq. (2.18).
5. If we iterate this procedure until convergence occurs, we obtain the SCSOPT \(\Sigma_{k\sigma}^{(R)}(\omega)\).

Here we present the results for a lattice with \(256 \times 256\) sites and the anti-periodic boundary condition. The FFT from time to energy variable was performed on 512 points. The energy spacing \(\delta\omega\) is 0.06 and the momentum spacing \(\delta k = 2\pi/256\) is 0.025. All of the numerical results are calculated for zero temperature. A typical run to solve the Hubbard model with a fixed chemical potential value takes 1 hour on a DEC alpha station 250 4/266.

Hereafter we drop the spin indices for physical quantities as we are in the paramagnetic phase.

\[ \Sigma(R,t) = \frac{G(R,t)}{1 + G(R,t) \Sigma(R,t) G(R,t)} \]

Fig. 3. Diagrammatic representation of SCSOPT. The solid, the double solid, and the wavy lines represent free Green’s functions, renormalized Green’s functions, and on-site repulsive interactions, respectively.

Fig. 4. Chemical potential shifts v.s. particle density. \(\mu\) and \(\mu_0\) represent the chemical potential of the interacting and the non-interacting system, respectively.

\[ \delta\mu \simeq < \text{Re}\Sigma_{k_{F_0}}^{(R)}(0) >_{FS0} , \]

where \(k_{F_0}\) is the Fermi momentum of the non-interacting system and \(< ... >_{FS0}\) means the average over the non-interacting Fermi surface

\[ < \text{Re}\Sigma_{k_{F_0}}^{(R)}(0) >_{FS0} = \frac{\sum_k \delta(\epsilon_k - \mu_0) \text{Re}\Sigma_{k_{F_0}}^{(R)}(0) }{\sum_k \delta(\epsilon_k - \mu_0) } , \]

where \(\mu_0\) is the unperturbed chemical potential.

Figure 5 shows the SCSOPT \(\text{Re}\Sigma_{k_{F_0}}^{(R)}(0)\) as a func-

§3. Results

In the weak coupling theory the chemical potential shift is related with the \(\omega = 0\) self-energy on the non-interacting Fermi surface as

\[ \delta\mu \simeq \text{Re}\Sigma_{k_{F_0}}^{(R)}(0) >_{FS0} , \]
tion of $n$. The curve of chemical potential shift is put between the curve of $\text{Re}\Sigma_{F0}(0)$ of $(\pi,0)$ direction and that of $(\pi,\pi)$ direction. The variation of $\text{Re}\Sigma_{F0}(0)$ on the non-interacting Fermi surface is much smaller than $\text{Re}\Sigma_{F0}(0)$ itself. Therefore we can conclude that the deviation of $\delta\mu$ from eq. (3.1) is small compared with $\delta\mu$ itself.

![Graph showing Fermi surface deformation](image)

Fig. 5. $\Sigma_{F0}(0)$ of SCSOPT as a function of $n$ for interaction strength $U = 4$. The results are shown for $(\pi,0)$ and $(\pi,\pi)$ directions on the non-interacting Fermi surface. Chemical potential shift for the same interaction strength is also shown for comparison.

3.2 Fermi surface

The excitation energy of the quasi-particle is determined by the secular equation

$$E_k = \xi_k - \text{Re}\Sigma_k(0) = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

The Fermi surface of the interacting system is determined by the condition $E_k = 0$, hence

$$\xi_{k_F} + \text{Re}\Sigma_{k_F}(0) = 0 \quad (3.4)$$

where $k_F$ is the Fermi momentum of the interacting system.

As shown in Fig. 6 at densities $0.64 < n < 1.0$ the Fermi momentum of the interacting system is larger than that of the non-interacting system in $(\pi,0)$ direction, whereas in $(\pi,\pi)$ direction it is smaller than that of the non-interacting system. On the other hand at densities $n < 0.64$ the Fermi momentum of the interacting system is smaller than that of the non-interacting system in $(\pi,0)$ direction, whereas in $(\pi,\pi)$ direction it is larger than that of the non-interacting system.

Figure 7 shows the Fermi surface deformation for various densities. $\delta k_F$ is defined as

$$\delta k_F(k_{F0}) \equiv (k_F - k_{F0}) \cdot n_{F0} \quad (3.5)$$

where we take the non-interacting Fermi momentum $k_{F0}$ so that $k_F - k_{F0}$ is perpendicular to the non-interacting Fermi surface, and $n_{F0}$ is a unit vector normal to the non-interacting Fermi surface and always is directed outwards from $k_{F0}$. $\phi$ represents the polar angles of positions on the non-interacting Fermi surface in units of degree, which is described as $\text{Arctan}(k_{F0y}/k_{F0x})$ mathematically. At densities 0.9, 0.8 and 0.7, which are larger than 0.64 $\delta k_F$ is monotonously decrease as $\phi$ changes from 0° to 45°. On the other hand at densities 0.5 and 0.3, which are smaller than 0.64 $\delta k_F$ is monotonously increase in that region of $\phi$. Then there is a unique intersection of interacting and non-interacting Fermi surfaces in that region of $\phi$ except for the cases of $n = 1$ (due to particle-hole symmetry) and 0.64. That intersection moves from 0° to 22.5° monotonously as $n$ changes from 1 to 0.

Then from Figs. 6 and 7 it is concluded that at densities $0.64 < n < 1.0$ interaction enhances anisotropy of the Fermi surface, whereas at densities $n < 0.64$ it suppresses anisotropy.

Fermi surface deformation is very small and the topology doesn’t change.

![Graph showing Fermi momentum shifts](image)

Fig. 6. Fermi momentum shifts induced by the interaction over the entire doping range in SCSOPT. $k_F$ and $k_{F0}$ denote the Fermi momentum of the interacting and the non-interacting system, respectively. The results are shown for $(\pi,0)$ and $(\pi,\pi)$ directions on the Fermi surface. Interaction strength $U = 4$.

In the weak coupling case eq. (3.4) is reduced to

$$\delta k_F(k_{F0}) \simeq \frac{\delta\mu - \text{Re}\Sigma_{F0}(0)}{v_0 k_{F0}} \quad (3.6)$$

where $v_0 k_{F0} \equiv |\nabla E_{F0}|$ is the Fermi velocity of the non-interacting system. Putting eq. (3.3) into eq. (3.6) we get

$$\delta k_F(k_{F0}) \simeq \frac{\langle \text{Re}\Sigma_{F0}(0) \rangle_{FS0} - \text{Re}\Sigma_{F0}(0)}{v_0 k_{F0}} \quad (3.7)$$

Halboth and Metzner calculated the second order coefficient of $\delta k_F$ in $U$ using eq. (3.7) in SOPT. The
results of Fig. 7 are almost the same as the results of Halboth and Metzner except for the scale of the $y$-axis. This means that in SCSOPT eqs. (3.1) and (3.6) are in fact satisfied approximately and low energy part of Halboth and Metzner except for the scale of the $\omega$-mass and the decrease in $\omega$-mass enhancement factor increases, while $k$-mass enhancement factor decreases (Exceptionally $\gamma_\omega(90^\circ)$ increases slightly in the region $0.81 < n < 0.87$). The amounts of the increase in $\omega$-mass enhancement factor and the decrease in $k$-mass enhancement factor are larger in $(0, \pi)$ direction than those in $(\pi, \pi)$ direction.

From eq. (3.13) total mass enhancement factor is determined by $\gamma_\omega \gamma_k$. The increase in $\omega$-mass enhancement factor is larger than the decrease in $k$-mass enhancement factor, so that total mass is larger than that of the non-interacting system. As shown in Fig. 9 total mass enhancement factor in $(0, \pi)$ direction has a peak at $n = 0.97$, and decreases for $n > 0.97$ due to the decrease in $k$-mass enhancement factor.

The decrease in $k$-mass in this weak coupling theory is not sufficient to explain the experimental data of Mott-Hubbard systems such as Ca$_{1-x}$Sr$_x$VO$_3$ HTSC La$_{2-x}$Sr$_x$CuO$_{4-y}$ and an organic conductor BEDT-TTF salt $\alpha$-(ET)$_2$KHg(SCN)$_4$. Recently Yoda and Yamada investigated the effect of the long-range Coulomb interaction on the $k$-dependence of the self-energy using the perturbation theory up to the second-order terms. For the half-filling case they found that the first-order term made a large reduction of the $k$-mass.

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The relation between these theories and real systems is not clarified enough now.

\[ E_k = \frac{k_F}{m\gamma_k} |(k - k_F) \cdot n_k| , \quad (3.13) \]

where we take $k_F$ so that $(k - k_F)$ is perpendicular to the Fermi surface and $n_k$ is a unit vector normal to the Fermi surface and always is directed outwards from $k_F$. Figure 8 shows that as $n$ increases toward half-filling $\omega$-mass enhancement factor increases, while $k$-mass enhancement factor decreases. Exceptionally $\gamma_\omega(90^\circ)$ increases slightly in the region $0.81 < n < 0.87$. The amounts of the increase in $\omega$-mass enhancement factor and the decrease in $k$-mass enhancement factor are larger in $(0, \pi)$ direction than those in $(\pi, \pi)$ direction.

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\[ \gamma_k \equiv \frac{m_k}{m_o}. \quad (3.12) \]

Dispersion of the quasi-particle energy is expressed in terms of mass enhancement factors as

\[ E_k = \frac{k_F}{m\gamma_k} |(k - k_F) \cdot n_k| , \quad (3.13) \]

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in momentum space

\[ D(0) = \gamma_k D_{U=0}(0). \quad (3.18) \]

As shown in Fig. 10 the peak width of DOS shrinks as interaction increases, and the peak position of the DOS moves toward the Fermi level. These features resemble those in the infinite dimensional case. On the other hand DOS at the Fermi level is suppressed with the decrease in the \( k \)-mass enhancement factor. This feature is not found in the infinite dimensional case because the self-energy does not have \( k \)-dependence, and consequently DOS at the Fermi level remains the same as that of the non-interacting case.

Figure 11 shows the comparison of the DOS of SCSOPT with that of SOPT for \( n = 1 \). In the case of SOPT the weight near the Fermi level decreases and two peaks build up at high energies. These two peaks are related with the upper and lower Hubbard bands.

On the other hand the SCSOPT DOS does not have such two peaks. The lack of high-energy resonance peaks in SCSOPT indicates that the SCSOPT is a weak coupling theory and is not correct for large \( U \).

### 3.5 Charge susceptibility

If the chemical potential is represented by \( \mu_t \), charge susceptibility \( \chi_c \) is defined as \( d\hat{n}/d\mu_t \). Since we define \( \mu \) as \( \mu_t - Un/2 \) in §3, charge susceptibility is described as

\[ \chi_c = \frac{d\hat{n}}{d\mu_t \left( 1 + \frac{Un}{2} \right)}. \quad (3.19) \]

Charge susceptibility for \( U = 0 \) is described as

\[ \chi_c^0 = \frac{d\hat{n}}{d\mu_0} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{FS} ds \frac{1}{v_{k_F}^{(0)}}. \quad (3.20) \]

For \( U = 0 \), \( \chi_c \) diverges logarithmically toward half-filling due to the Van-Hove singularity.
In the interacting case \( \frac{dn}{d\mu} \) in eq. (3.13) is described in the Fermi liquid theory as

\[
\frac{dn}{d\mu} = \sum_{k\sigma} \delta(E_k) Z_k [1 - \frac{\partial \text{Re} \Sigma_k(0)}{\partial \mu}] .
\]  

(3.21)

Putting eq. (3.13) into eq. (3.21) we obtain

\[
\frac{dn}{d\mu} = 2 \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{FS} ds \frac{1}{v_0} \gamma_{k}\gamma_{\mu} ,
\]  

(3.22)

where we define

\[
\gamma_{\mu} \equiv 1 - \frac{\partial \text{Re} \Sigma_k(0)}{\partial \mu} .
\]  

(3.23)

As shown in Fig. 12 the charge susceptibility \( \chi_c \) is suppressed by interaction near half-filling. This suppression is caused by the factor \( \gamma_{\mu} \) in eq. (3.22), and can be thought as the precursor of the Mott insulator charge gap. Similar features have been reported in other theories which are in the framework of the Fermi liquid theory, such as the theory of infinite dimensional Hubbard model and second order perturbation theory for \( \chi_c \) of the two dimensional Hubbard model.

On the other hand our result is inconsistent with Furukawa and Imada’s Quantum Monte Carlo study, where \( \chi_c \) diverges as \( n \) goes to 1.

§4. Conclusion

We have applied the self-consistent second order perturbation theory to study the two dimensional Hubbard model, which is a weak coupling theory and is expected to describe metallic phase of the model correctly. The SCSOPT satisfies the Luttinger sum rule exactly, which is necessary to construct the Fermi liquid theory.

First we have calculated the Fermi surface deformation, and the result shows that the interaction enhances the anisotropy of the Fermi surface near half-filling and reduces the anisotropy of it at lower particle densities.

The peak width of DOS shrinks as interaction increases, and the peak position of the DOS moves toward the Fermi level at non-half-filling densities. These features resemble those in the infinite dimensional case. On the other hand DOS at the Fermi level is suppressed with the decrease in \( k \)-mass enhancement factor. The decrease in \( k \)-mass enhancement factor is small and about 10 percent for \( U = 4 \) at half-filling where it is maximum. This feature can not be found in the infinite dimensional case.

In the weak coupling theory the chemical potential shift induced by the interaction is related with the average of the \( \omega = 0 \) self-energy over the non-interacting Fermi surface, and the Fermi surface deformation is related with the variation of it on that Fermi surface. These relations are well satisfied in SCSOPT for the two dimensional Hubbard model.

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