

FI 193 – Teoria Quântica de Sistemas de Muitos Corpos – Lista 4

P.01. Matsubara frequency summation.

(a) Show that

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1 &= \frac{1}{\beta\hbar} \sum_n \mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\mathbf{p}, i\omega_n) \mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}, i\omega_n + i\nu_m) = \frac{f(\xi_{\mathbf{p}}) - f(\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}})}{i\nu_m + \xi_{\mathbf{p}}/\hbar - \xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}/\hbar}, \\
 S_2 &= -\frac{1}{\beta\hbar} \sum_n \mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\mathbf{p}, i\omega_n) \mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}, i\nu_m - i\omega_n) = \frac{1 - f(\xi_{\mathbf{p}}) - f(\xi_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{p}})}{i\nu_m - \xi_{\mathbf{p}}/\hbar - \xi_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{p}}/\hbar}, \\
 S_3 &= -\frac{1}{\beta\hbar} \sum_m \mathcal{D}^{(0)}(\mathbf{q}, i\nu_m) \mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}, i\omega_n + i\nu_m) = \frac{n(\omega_{\mathbf{q}}) + f(\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}})}{i\omega_n + \omega_{\mathbf{q}} - \xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}/\hbar} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1 + n(\omega_{\mathbf{q}}) - f(\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}})}{i\omega_n - \omega_{\mathbf{q}} - \xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}/\hbar},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nu_m = 2m\pi/\beta\hbar$ ,  $\mathcal{G}^{(0)}(\mathbf{p}, i\omega_n) = (i\omega_n - \xi_{\mathbf{p}}/\hbar)^{-1}$  is the Matsubara Green's function for free fermions,  $\mathcal{D}^{(0)}(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_n)$  is the Matsubara Green's function for free phonons,  $\hbar\omega_{\mathbf{q}}$  is the phonon energy,  $n(x)$  is the Bose-Einstein function, and  $f(x)$  is the Fermi-Dirac function.

(b) Express the Matsubara Green's functions for fermions  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{p}, i\omega_n)$  and for phonons  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{q}, i\nu_m)$  in terms of the respective spectral functions, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{p}, i\omega_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{A(\mathbf{p}, \omega)}{i\omega_n - \omega} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{q}, i\nu_m) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega'}{2\pi} \frac{B(\mathbf{q}, \omega')}{i\nu_m - \omega'},$$

and determine the Matsubara frequency summation

$$S_4 = -\frac{1}{\beta\hbar} \sum_m \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{q}, i\nu_m) \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}, i\omega_n + i\nu_m).$$

P.02. P.5.2, Miranda: Electron-phonon interaction.

Consider a system of free fermions interacting with the (bosonic) lattice vibrations (phonons). The Hamiltonian of the system is given by

$$H = H_e + H_{\text{ph}} + H_{\text{e-ph}}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$H_e = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}, \quad \xi_{\mathbf{k}} = \epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} - \mu = \hbar^2 k^2 / (2m) - \mu, \quad (2)$$

$$H_{\text{ph}} = \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \omega_{\mathbf{q}} a_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{q}}, \quad \omega_{\mathbf{q}} = cq < cq_0 = \omega_D, \quad (3)$$

$$H_{\text{e-ph}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V^{1/2}}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q}} M_{\mathbf{q}} c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}} (a_{-\mathbf{q}}^\dagger + a_{\mathbf{q}}), \quad M_{\mathbf{q}} = g_{\mathbf{q}} \sqrt{q} = M_{-\mathbf{q}}^*. \quad (4)$$

Here  $c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger$  ( $c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$ ) creates (annihilates) an electron with momentum  $\mathbf{k}$  and spin  $\sigma$ ,  $a_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger$  and  $a_{\mathbf{q}}$  are boson operators associated with acoustic phonons,  $\omega_D = cq_0 \ll E_F$  is the Debye frequency with  $E_F = \hbar^2 k_F^2 / 2m$  being the Fermi energy and  $q_0$  being a momentum cutoff, and  $\mu$  is the chemical potential for the electrons (recall that, for phonons,  $\mu = 0$  since they are not conserved). Let us assume that the electron-phonon coupling  $M_{\mathbf{q}} = g\sqrt{q}$ , with  $g$  being a constant.

(a) The Matsubara Green's function for phonons is defined as

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{q}, \tau) = - \left\langle T_\tau \left[ \left( a_{-\mathbf{q}}(\tau) + a_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger(\tau) \right) \left( a_{\mathbf{q}}(0) + a_{-\mathbf{q}}^\dagger(0) \right) \right] \right\rangle.$$

Determine the Matsubara Green's function  $\mathcal{D}^{(0)}(\mathbf{q}, \nu_n)$  for the system of free phonons. Notice that  $\mathcal{D}^{(0)}(\mathbf{q}, \nu_n) \propto \theta(q_0 - q)$ .

- (b) Determine the self-energy  $\Sigma_\sigma^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}, \omega_n)$  for the electrons in second-order perturbation theory, i.e., up to order  $g^2$ .
- (c) Performe an analytic continuation on  $\Sigma_\sigma^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}, \omega_n)$  and show that the advanced self-energy for the electrons is given by

$$\Sigma^A(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \lambda_{\mathbf{p}} \left[ \frac{1 + n(\omega_{\mathbf{p}}) - f(\xi_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{p}})}{\omega - \xi_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{p}} - \omega_{\mathbf{p}} - i\eta} + \frac{n(\omega_{\mathbf{p}}) + f(\xi_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{p}})}{\omega - \xi_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{p}} + \omega_{\mathbf{p}} - i\eta} \right], \quad (5)$$

where  $\lambda_{\mathbf{p}} = |M_{\mathbf{p}}|^2 \theta(q_0 - p)$  and  $n(x)$  and  $f(x)$  are the Bose-Einstein and Fermi-Dirac distribution functions, respectively.

- (d) From now on, consider the  $T = 0$  limit. Assume that  $q_0 = k_F$  (since they are of the same order) and show that

$$\left| \frac{1}{v_F} \frac{\partial}{\partial k} \text{Re} [\Sigma^A(\mathbf{k}, 0)] \Big|_{k=k_F} \right| \ll \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \text{Re} [\Sigma^A(k_F, \omega)] \Big|_{\omega=0} \right|, \quad (6)$$

where  $v_F = k_F/m \gg c$ . Condition (6) indicates that the dependence of the self-energy with momentum can be neglected.

Hint: Use the fact that  $(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p})^2 = k^2 + p^2 - 2kp\mu$ , where  $\mu = \cos\theta$ .

- (e) From

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \text{Re} [\Sigma^A(k_F, \omega)] \Big|_{\omega=0},$$

determine the renormalized Fermi velocity and the quasiparticle residue  $Z$  due to the electron-phonon interaction. See Sec. 15.4, Bruus for details.

- (f) Determine the quasiparticle decay rate  $\text{Im} [\Sigma_\sigma^{(2A)}(k_F, \omega)]$  as a function of the frequency for  $0 < \omega < \omega_D$ . Show that it obeys the condition  $\text{Im} [\Sigma_\sigma^{(2A)}(k_F, \omega)] \ll \omega$  when  $\omega \rightarrow 0$  (recall Fermi liquid theory).

- (g) Consider the so-called Migdal function

$$\alpha^2 F(\nu, \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \equiv \int \frac{dS_{\hat{\mathbf{p}}}}{(2\pi)^3 v_{\hat{\mathbf{p}}}} |M_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{p}}|^2 \theta(q_0 - |\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}|) \delta(\nu - \omega_{\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{p}}),$$

where  $dS_{\hat{\mathbf{p}}}$  is a area element of the Fermi surface in the  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$  direction,  $v_{\hat{\mathbf{p}}} \nabla_{\xi_{\mathbf{p}}}$  is the Fermi velocity in the  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$  direction, and the momenta  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{p}$  are on the Fermi surface. Show that (5) is approximately given by

$$\Sigma^A(k_F, \omega) = \int_0^\infty d\nu \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\xi \alpha^2 F(\nu, \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \left[ \frac{1 + n(\nu) - f(\xi)}{\omega - \xi - \nu - i\eta} + \frac{n(\nu) + f(\xi)}{\omega - \xi + \nu - i\eta} \right].$$

Consider the  $T = 0$  limit and show that

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^A(k_F, \omega) &= \int_0^\infty d\nu \alpha^2 F(\nu, \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \ln \left( \frac{\omega - \nu - i\eta}{\omega + \nu - i\eta} \right), \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \text{Re} [\Sigma^A(k_F, \omega)] \Big|_{\omega=0} &= 2 \int_0^\infty d\nu \frac{\alpha^2 F(\nu, \hat{\mathbf{k}})}{\nu}, \quad 0 < \omega < \omega_D, \\ \text{Im} [\Sigma^A(k_F, \omega)] &= \pi \int_0^\omega d\nu \alpha^2 F(\nu, \hat{\mathbf{k}}). \end{aligned}$$

Hint: For the integral over  $\xi$ , assume that  $-D < \xi < D$ , where  $\omega, \nu \ll D$ .

(h) Since  $dS_{\mathbf{p}} = k_F^2 d\Omega_{\mathbf{p}}$  and  $v_{\mathbf{p}} = v_F$ , show that

$$\alpha^2 F(\nu) = \frac{\rho_F g^2}{2c} \left( \frac{\nu}{\omega_D} \right)^2 \theta(\nu) \theta(\omega_D - \nu), \quad (7)$$

where  $\rho_F = mk_F^2/(2\pi^2)$  is the electron density (per spin) on the Fermi surface. Rederive the results of itens (e) and (f) from Eq. (7).

(i) Consider the self-energy (5) at finite temperatures and the Migdal function (7). Determine  $\text{Im} [\Sigma^A(k_F, 0)]$  as a function of temperature for  $T \ll \omega_D$ .

03. P.7.3, Fetter and Walecka:

Assuming a uniform system of spin-1/2 fermions at temperature  $T$ , and using the Feynman rules in momentum space:

- (a) Write out the second-order contributions to the proper self-energy in the case of a spin-independent interaction;
- (b) Evaluate the frequency sums.

04. P.7.4, Fetter and Walecka: Free fermions on a external potential.

Consider a system of noninteracting particles in an external static potential with a Hamiltonian

$$H^{ex} = \int d^3r \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger} V_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{r}) \psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{r}).$$

(a) Use Wick's theorem to evaluate the temperature Green's to second order in  $H^{ex}$ . Hence, deduce the Feynman rules for  $\mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta}^{ex}(\mathbf{r}\tau, \mathbf{r}'\tau')$  to all orders.

(b) Define the Fourier transform

$$\mathcal{G}^{ex}(\mathbf{r}\tau, \mathbf{r}'\tau') = \frac{1}{\beta\hbar} \sum_n \int \frac{d^3k d^3q}{(2\pi)^6} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}'} e^{-i\omega_n(\tau-\tau')} \mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta}^{ex}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}; \omega_n).$$

Find  $\mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta}^{ex}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}; \omega_n)$  to second order, and hence obtain the corresponding Feynman rules in momentum space.

(c) Show that Dyson's equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta}^{ex}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}; \omega_n) &= (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}) \mathcal{G}_{\alpha\beta}^0(\mathbf{k}; \omega_n) \\ &+ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3 \hbar} \int d^3p \mathcal{G}_{\alpha\lambda}^0(\mathbf{k}; \omega_n) V_{\lambda\lambda'}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}) \mathcal{G}_{\lambda'\beta}^{ex}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}; \omega_n). \end{aligned}$$

(d) Express the internal energy and thermodynamic potential in a form analogous to Eqs. (23.15) and (23.22) from Fetter and Walecka.

05. P.7.5, Fetter and Walecka: Spin-1/2 fermions under a magnetic field.

Apply the theory of Prob. 7.4, Fetter and Walecka, to a system of spin-1/2 fermions in a uniform magnetic field, where  $V_{\alpha\beta} = -\mu_0 \mathbf{H} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha\beta}$ .

- (a) Express the magnetization  $\mathbf{M}$  (magnetic moment per unit volume) in terms of  $G^{ex}$  and  $\mathcal{G}^{ex}$  respectively for  $T = 0$  and  $T \geq 0$ .
- (b) Solve Dyson's equation in each case and find  $\mathbf{M}$ ; hence obtain the following limits

$$\chi_P = \frac{3\mu^2 n_0}{3\epsilon_F} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{Pauli paramagnetism,}$$

$$\chi_C = \frac{\mu_0^2 n}{K_B T} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{Curie's law,}$$

where  $n$  is the particle density.

- (c) Why does the zero-temperature formalism give the wrong answer?

06. P.2.2, Mahan: Electron-phonon interaction.

For the phonon Green's function  $D(\mathbf{q}, t - t')$ , let  $V(t)$  be the electron-phonon interaction and evaluate all the  $n = 2$  diagrams. Which are connected, and which are disconnected? Draw the Feynman graphs for each term.

P.07. P.x.x, Cologne: Slave-boson approximation for the Kondo model.

The idea of this problem is to study the Kondo model within the so-called slave-boson approximation.

Let us consider the Kondo model

$$\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_1 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} + J \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{s}_0, \quad (8)$$

where  $c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger$  ( $c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$ ) creates (annihilates) a conduction electron with momentum  $\mathbf{k}$  and spin  $\alpha = \uparrow, \downarrow$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$  is the fermion dispersion,  $J$  is the Kondo coupling,  $\mathbf{S}$  is the impurity spin-1/2 operator, and  $\mathbf{s}_0$  is the conduction electron spin operator at the impurity site, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{s}_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger \hat{\tau}_{\alpha, \beta} c_{\mathbf{p}\beta},$$

with  $\hat{\tau} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$  being the vector of Pauli matrices.

- (a) It is convenient to write the impurity spin operator  $\mathbf{S}$  in terms of auxiliary fermion operators  $f_\sigma$  (the so-called Abrikosov fermions), i.e.,  $\mathbf{S} = 1/2 \sum_{\mu, \nu} f_\mu^\dagger \hat{\tau}_{\mu, \nu} f_\nu$ . In order to preserve the size of the Hilbert space, we need a constraint,  $\sum_\alpha f_\alpha^\dagger f_\alpha = 1$ . Show that, apart from a constant,  $\hat{H}_1$  assumes the form

$$\hat{H}_1 = - \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{J}{2} f_\alpha^\dagger c_\alpha c_\beta^\dagger f_\beta, \quad (9)$$

where  $c_\alpha \equiv c_\alpha(\mathbf{r} = 0) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}$  is the conduction electron operator at the impurity site.

- (b) Consider the four-fermion term  $(J/2) f^\dagger c c^\dagger f$  within a Hartree-Fock (mean field) approximation by replacing the *bosonic operator*  $c^\dagger f$  by its average value. Introduce a Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda$  to enforce the occupation constraint on the impurity site and assume that  $\lambda$  is constant. Show that, apart from a constant, the Hamiltonian (8) assumes the form

$$H^{MF} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\alpha} - \sum_{\alpha} \left( b f_\alpha^\dagger c_\alpha + b^\dagger f_\alpha c_\alpha^\dagger \right) + \lambda \left( \sum_{\alpha} f_\alpha^\dagger f_\alpha - 1 \right), \quad (10)$$

with

$$b = \frac{J}{2} \sum_{\sigma} \langle c_\sigma^\dagger f_\sigma \rangle. \quad (11)$$

Notice that  $b$  is in general a complex number.

- (c) The Hamiltonian (10) is bilinear in fermion operators and is thus solvable. It is useful to introduce a propagator  $G_{\alpha,f}(\tau)$  for the  $f$  fermions and a mixed propagator  $G_{\alpha,fc}(\tau)$ , i.e.,

$$G_{\alpha,f}(\tau) = -\langle T_\tau f_\alpha(\tau) f_\alpha^\dagger(0) \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad G_{\alpha,fc}(\tau) = -\langle T_\tau f_\alpha(\tau) c_\alpha^\dagger(0) \rangle.$$

Show that

$$G_f(i\omega_n) \equiv G_{\alpha,f}(i\omega_n) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n - \lambda - |b|^2 G^0(i\omega_n)}, \quad (12)$$

$$G_{fc}(i\omega_n) \equiv G_{\alpha,fc}(i\omega_n) = -b G_f(i\omega_n) G^0(i\omega_n), \quad (13)$$

where  $G^0(i\omega_n) \equiv G^0(\mathbf{r} = 0, i\omega_n) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (i\omega_n - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}})^{-1}$  is the local Green's function for the conduction electrons.

Hint: Recall the discussion about the noninteracting Anderson model.

- (d) From now on, let us assume that  $b$  is real. The assumption made in item (b), that  $\lambda$  is constant, implies that the constraint  $\sum_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\alpha} = 1$  is fulfilled only on average, i.e.,

$$\sum_{\alpha} \langle f_{\alpha}^{\dagger} f_{\alpha} \rangle = 1. \quad (14)$$

Rewrite Eqs. (11) and (14) in terms of the Green's functions (12) and (13). Notice that the two derived equations together with Eq. (12) form a set of self-consistent equations. Once the density of states of the conduction electrons  $\rho_0(\omega)$  and  $J$  are known, the equations can be solved for a fixed temperature.

- (e) Use the results of item (d), convert the Matsubara sums into integrals over real frequencies, and show that Eq. (11) can be written as

$$\frac{1}{J} = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega n_{FD}(\omega) \frac{\rho_0(\omega)}{\omega - \lambda} \left| 1 - \frac{b^2 G^0(\omega + i\eta)}{\omega - \lambda} \right|^{-2}, \quad (15)$$

for small  $b \neq 0$  and

$$\frac{1}{J} = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega n_{FD}(\omega) \left( \frac{\rho_0(\omega)}{\omega - \lambda} + \text{Re} G^0(\omega + i\eta) \delta(\omega - \lambda) \right), \quad (16)$$

for  $b \rightarrow 0$ . Here the spectral density (density of states)  $\rho_0(\omega) = -\text{Im} G^0(\omega + i\eta)/\pi$  and  $n_{FD}(x) = 1/[\exp(\beta x) + 1]$  is the Fermi function.

Hint: The identity  $(1/\beta\hbar) \sum_{i\omega_n} G(i\omega_n) = \int d\omega \rho(\omega) n_f(\omega)$ , where  $\rho(\omega)$  is the spectral density related to  $G(\omega + i\eta)$ , might be useful.

- (f) Assume that  $\rho_0(\omega) = \rho_0$  is constant for  $-D < \omega < D$ , where  $D$  is the bandwidth of the conduction electrons, and discuss the solutions of the mean field equations. Show that it is possible to derive the correct (one-loop) expression for the Kondo temperature  $T_K$  from these equations.

Obs.: The slave-boson approximation introduces an artificial phase transition at  $T_K$ .

08. P.x.x, Cologne: Fermionic Green's function for a chain.

Consider a one-dimensional fermionic system described by the Hamiltonian

$$H = H_0 + V = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ t(c_i^\dagger c_{i+1} + c_{i+1}^\dagger c_i) - \mu c_i^\dagger c_i \right] + \sum_{i=1}^N \Delta \left( c_i c_{i+1} + c_{i+1}^\dagger c_i^\dagger \right), \quad (17)$$

where  $c_i^\dagger$  ( $c_i$ ) creates (annihilates) an electron at site  $i$  of the chain,  $t$  is the nearest-neighbor hopping energy, and  $\mu$  and  $\Delta$  are constants.

(a) Calculate the Green's function  $G_0(\mathbf{q}, i\omega_n)$  for the noninteracting system.  
Hint: Perform a Fourier transform.

(b) Calculate now the Green's function for the interacting system with the help of Dyson's equation. Why does the self-energy only involve even powers of  $V$ ?

09. P.7.1, Cologne: Specific heat of a  $d$ -wave BCS superconductor.

The electronic specific heat of a superconductor is given by

$$C_S = T \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} E_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{k}}}{\partial T}. \quad (18)$$

Here  $f_{\mathbf{k}} = 1/(\exp(E_{\mathbf{k}}/T) + 1)$  is the Fermi-Dirac distribution function and the second equality follows from the fact that the entropy for a Fermi gas can be written as

$$S = - \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} [(1 - f_{\mathbf{k}}) \ln(1 - f_{\mathbf{k}}) + f_{\mathbf{k}} \ln f_{\mathbf{k}}].$$

Let us consider a  $d$ -wave BCS theory in a 2D square lattice. In this case, the energy of the elementary excitations are given by  $E_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\xi_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \Delta_{\mathbf{k}}^2}$ , with  $\xi_{\mathbf{k}} = -2t(\cos k_x + \cos k_y) - \mu$  and  $\Delta_{\mathbf{k}} = 2\Delta_0(\cos k_x - \cos k_y)$ . Show that Eq.(18) can be written as

$$C_S \sim \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi \int \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \sqrt{\xi^2 + \Delta_{\mathbf{k}}^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \left( \frac{1}{\exp(\sqrt{\xi^2 + \Delta_{\mathbf{k}}^2}) + 1} \right) \quad (19)$$

and that for the  $d$ -wave case  $C_S \sim T^2$  in the limit  $T \rightarrow 0$ .

Hint: The important contributions come from the gapless region at the nodal points.

Obs. 1: Notice that, in the derivation of the second equality in Eq. (18), we neglected the fact that  $\Delta = \Delta(T)$ . This procedure is justified in the limit of very low- $T$  because in this case the  $T$ -dependence of the gap provides subleading corrections to the specific heat. Recall that in the BCS theory  $\Delta(T) - \Delta(T=0) \sim T^2$

Obs. 2: Recall that for the  $s$ -wave case,  $C_S \sim (T_c/T)^{5/2} e^{-\Delta(T=0)/T}$ .