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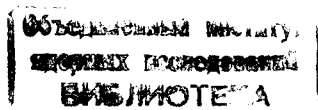
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1. The equations for vertex functions of the Larkin-Migdal ^{/1/} approach to superfluid Fermi liquid were solved, in the acoustic limit (i.e., for $|\omega|, kv \ll \Delta$, where ω, \vec{k} denote the frequency and the wave vector of an external field, respectively, for Δ and v being the energy gap and the quasiparticle velocity on the Fermi sphere, respectively) for systems with isotropic S-pairing in paper ^{/1/} . For the system with the Balian-Werthamer ^{/2/} pairing * such equations for such a limit were solved by us for scalar and vector vertices ^{/4/} and for spin vertices ^{/5/} . In papers ^{/1/} and ^{/4,5/} the effective interaction in the particle-hole channel, coinciding with the effective quasiparticle interaction for normal system,

* It is known to very few persons only that the main results of this paper were obtained independently by Vdovin ^{/3/} .

was of quite general form. On the other hand, the effective interaction in the particle-particle (or hole-hole) channel was restricted only to pairing channel, i.e., to $\ell = 0$ in ^{/1/} and to $\ell = 1$ in ^{/4,5/}. Note that according to papers ^{/1,4/} this interaction can be represented by two functions $f_{\ell}^{\xi}(\hat{p}\hat{p}')$, $\ell = \pm 1$, such that

$$f_{\ell}^{\xi}(\hat{p}\hat{p}') = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (2\ell+1) f_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\hat{p}\hat{p}'), \quad (1)$$

with the summation over even ℓ for $\xi = 1$ and over odd ℓ for $\xi = -1$. The Legendre amplitudes of such an interaction, f_{ℓ} , are equal, for dimensionless interaction, to $[\ln(2\xi/r_{\ell})]^{-1}$, where ξ denotes the cut-off energy with r_{ℓ} being some nonnegative constants (cf. paper ^{/1/}). In the pairing channel, i.e., for $\ell = 0$ for S-pairing and $\ell = 1$ for pairing ^{/2,3/}, $r_{\ell} = \Delta$, ^{/1,4/}; we will denote hereafter ℓ_0 for the pairing channel by ℓ_0 . It can be easily verified for equations for vertex functions in papers ^{/1,4,5/} that if $\min_{\ell \neq \ell_0} |\ln(\Delta/r_{\ell})|$, is at least, a number of order of unity, then the harmonics with $\ell \neq \ell_0$ could be neglected in the acoustic limit. On the other hand, if $\min_{\ell \neq \ell_0} |\ln(\Delta/r_{\ell})| \ll 1$ and the harmonic fulfilling this inequality appears in the equations for the vertex functions, then the solutions obtained in papers ^{/1,4,5/} are not valid unless $|\omega|, kv \ll \Delta \left[\min_{\ell \neq \ell_0} |\ln(\Delta/r_{\ell})| \right]^{1/2}$. Note that only in the equations for spin vertices for systems with Balian-Werthamer-Vdovin (BWV) pairing there appear together both functions f_{ℓ}^{ξ} , $\ell = \pm 1$ (cf. papers ^{/1,4/}) Hence, only for BWV pairing

and spin vertices one can meet the Legendre amplitudes with $\Delta \ell = 1$; in the remaining cases the minimal $\Delta \ell = 2$. The f_{ℓ} amplitudes have to diminish beginning from some ℓ , as a result of the centrifugal force ^{/1/}.

Hence, it is rather unexpected to fulfil the condition $|\ln(\Delta/r_{\ell})| \ll 1$ for $\ell = 2, 4, 5 \dots$ (BCS pairing) or $\ell = 3, 5, 7 \dots$ (BWV pairing). On the other hand, the condition $|\ln(\Delta/r_{\ell})| \ll 1$ seems to be quite natural for the BWV pairing, since the tendency to diminish f_{ℓ} for increasing ℓ acts here against a tendency for greater f_{ℓ} in the pairing channel. Hence, it is interesting to solve the equations for the spin vertex for systems with the BWV pairing assuming that $|\ln(\Delta/r_{\ell})| \ll 1$ only for $\ell = 0$. Our results can play a role for spin waves in the B-phase of superfluid ³He. Our previous results ^{/5/} can be obtained from the present ones by a limiting transition. Our present notation coincides with the previous one; the definitions of ^{/5/} will not be repeated, as a rule, here. Our paper ^{/5/} will be hereafter denoted as I; its formulae by (n,I), where n denotes the number of the formula in I.

2. The equations for the tensor describing the normal spin vertex, in the acoustic limit, will be now of the form (cf. I and ^{/3/})

$$J_{a\ell} = \delta_{a\ell} - \langle B \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(1+\tilde{P})J_{a\ell} - \tilde{P}\hat{p}'_d J_{ac} \hat{p}'_c - [\omega + (\vec{k}\vec{v})][i\tau_{ac}\hat{p}'_d \epsilon_{cdb} + \lambda_a \hat{p}'_b] \right\} \rangle_{\hat{p}, \hat{p}'}. \quad (2)$$

The equations for χ_{ac} will coincide with those in I. The equation for the variable $\lambda_a^{(4)}$, for f_1^{\dagger} consisting of only zeroth Legendre harmonic, in the acoustic limit, can be rewritten as follows

$$\lambda_a [\ln(a/r) - \langle \omega^2 - (\vec{k}\vec{v})^2 \rangle_{\hat{p}}] = - \langle [\omega + (\vec{k}\vec{v})] J_{ab} \hat{p}_b \rangle_{\hat{p}}, \quad (3)$$

where the label "0" near r was omitted for simplicity. It is clear for the symmetry reasons that $\lambda_a = \lambda \hat{k}_a$ and, hence, eq. (3) can be rewritten as

$$\lambda [\ln(a/r) + \frac{1}{3} k^2 v^2 - \omega^2] = - \langle [\omega + (\vec{k}\vec{v})] \hat{k}_a J_{ab} \hat{p}_b \rangle_{\hat{p}} \quad (4)$$

Let us define $J_{ab} = J_{ab}^{(1)} + J_{ab}^{(2)}$, where $J_{ab}^{(1)}$ is expressed by χ_{ab} , as in I. Hence

$$J_{ab}^{(2)} = \lambda \langle B [\omega + (\vec{k}\vec{v})] \hat{k}_a \hat{p}_b \rangle_{\hat{p}} - \langle B [\frac{1}{2}(1+\tilde{P}) J_{ab}^{(2)} - \tilde{P} \hat{p}_b J_{ac}^{(2)} \hat{p}_c'] \rangle_{\hat{p}} \quad (5)$$

Using formulae (19.I) one can find that the first term of the right-hand side of eq. (5) is given by

$$\lambda [(\omega b_1 + kv b_2 w) \hat{k}_a \hat{p}_b + \frac{1}{3} kv (b_0 - b_2) \hat{k}_a \hat{k}_b], \quad (6)$$

with $w \equiv (\hat{k} \hat{p})$. Hence one can find that

$$J_{ab}^{(2)} = (C_0' + C_1' w) + E_0' \hat{k}_a \hat{k}_b, \quad (7)$$

if we take into account that the terms (7) form a closed set with respect to multiplication $\hat{p}_b J_{ac}^{(2)} \hat{p}_c$ appearing in (5). Substituting (7) into (5) one finds

$$C_0' = \lambda \omega \frac{b_1}{1+b_1}; E_0' = \frac{1}{3} \lambda kv (b_0 - b_2) S^{-1}; C_1' = \lambda kv b_2 (1+b_1) S^{-1}, \quad (8)$$

with

$$S = 1 + \frac{2}{3} b_0 + \frac{1}{3} b_2. \quad (9)$$

Taking into account the expression of $J_{ab}^{(1)}$ by the variables X, R describing χ_{ab} (cf. I) and formula-(7) one can write

$$J_{ab} = (A_0 + A_1 w) \delta_{ab} + (B_0 + B_1 w) \hat{p}_a \hat{p}_b + D \hat{p}_a \hat{k}_b + [C_0 + C_0' + (C_1 + C_1') w + C_2 w^2] \hat{k}_a \hat{p}_b + (E_0 + E_0' + E_1 w) \hat{k}_a \hat{k}_b, \quad (10)$$

where the variables $A_n - E_n$ are expressed by X, R by formula (17-20, I) and (25-30, I). Substituting (10) into (4) one finds

$$\lambda [\ln(a/r) + \frac{1}{3} k^2 v^2 - \omega^2] = - \frac{1}{3} kv (A_0 + B_0 + C_1 + C_1' + E_0 + E_0') - \omega (C_0 + C_0') - \frac{1}{3} \omega (A_1 + B_1 + E_1 + C_2 + D). \quad (11)$$

Substituting here C'_0, C'_1 and E'_0 from (8) and $A_n - E_n$ from (17-20, I) and (25-30, I) one obtains

$$\lambda (a + k^2 v_2^2 - \omega^2) - \frac{2}{9} \chi k v \omega (b_0 - b_2) (1 + b_1) S^{-1} = -\frac{1}{3} k v (1 + b_1) (1 + b_2) S^{-1}, \quad (12)$$

where

$$a \equiv (1 + b_1) \ln(\Delta/r), \quad (13)$$

and

$$v_2^2 \equiv \frac{1}{3} v^2 (1 + b_0) (1 + b_1) (1 + b_2) (1 + \frac{2}{3} b_0 + \frac{1}{3} b_2)^{-1}. \quad (14)$$

In order to obtain the equations for X and R, corresponding to the equation for \mathcal{T}_{ac} one should substitute \mathcal{J}_{ab} instead of $\mathcal{J}_{ab}^{(1)}$ into eqs. (34.I) and (36.1), i.e., substitute $E_0 + E'_0$, $C_0 + C'_0$ and $C_1 + C'_1$ instead of E_0 , C_0 and C_1 , respectively, with the remaining substitution unchanged. Hence one finds

$$\chi (\omega^2 - \frac{1}{5} k^2 v^2) = -\omega (A_0 + E_0 + E'_0) - \frac{1}{5} k v (A_1 + D + E_1), \quad (15)$$

(cf. (34.I)) and the equation for R remains unchanged. Thus, the solution for R and the formulae for variables expressing by R only (i.e., A_0, A_1, B_0, B_1, D) remain unchanged too. Substituting formulae (8), (17.I), (20.I), (25.I), (29.I) and (30.I) into (15) one gets

$$\frac{1}{3} \lambda \omega k v (b_0 - b_2) + \chi (\omega^2 - v_1^2 k^2) = -\omega, \quad (16)$$

where

$$v_1^2 = \frac{1}{5} v^2 (1 + \frac{2}{3} b_0 + \frac{1}{3} b_2) (1 + b_1) (1 + b_3) (1 + \frac{2}{5} b_1 + \frac{3}{5} b_3)^{-1} \quad (17)$$

denotes the squared velocity of longitudinal spin waves. Solving the system of equations (.2, 16) one finds

$$\chi = \omega (\omega^2 - u_1)^{-1} (\omega^2 - u_2)^{-1} [a + \frac{1}{3} k^2 v^2 (1 + b_1) (1 + b_2) - \omega^2] \quad (18)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{3} k v (1 + b_1) (\omega^2 - u_1)^{-1} (\omega^2 - u_2)^{-1} [\omega^2 - \frac{1}{5} k^2 v^2 (1 + b_1) (1 + b_2) (1 + b_3) (1 + \frac{2}{5} b_1 + \frac{3}{5} b_3)^{-1}], \quad (19)$$

where

$$u_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} (a + k^2 v_0^2 \pm \text{sign } a \sqrt{Q}), \quad (20)$$

with

$$v_0^2 \equiv v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2, \quad v_3^2 \equiv \frac{2}{27} v^2 (b_0 - b_2)^2 (1 + b_1) (1 + \frac{2}{3} b_0 + \frac{1}{3} b_2)^{-1}, \quad (21)$$

and

$$Q = (a + k^2 v_0^2)^2 - 4 a k^2 v_1^2 > 0. \quad (22)$$

It can be proved that $u_{1,2}$ are increasing functions of k^2 , $u_2 \geq 0$ and, for $k^2 \ll |a|$, $u_2 \approx k^2 v_1^2$. Moreover, the sign of u_1 coincides with the sign of a . Hence, we have here always the "acoustic" mode passing, for suitably small k , into the mode determined by us in I. If $a > 0$ (i.e., if the effective interaction in the pairing channel is greater than the one in the channel $l = 0$), then also the "optical" mode appears. Since for $k^2 \ll |a|$ $u_1 \approx a + k^2 (v_2^2 + v_3^2)$ thus it corresponds to excitations with a gap $2\Delta (1 + b_1)^{1/2} [\ln(\Delta/r)]^{1/2} \ll 2\Delta$. If $a < 0$, then

the "optical" mode passes into the diffusive one. Note that in all our previous formulae ω and $k\nu$ are measured in units 2Δ . Hence one should substitute $\omega/2\Delta$ and $k\nu/2\Delta$ instead of ω and $k\nu$, respectively, in order to obtain the formulae without the above restriction. If $|\omega/2\Delta|$, $(k\nu/2\Delta) \ll |a|^{1/2}$ then X passes into his previous value, λ tends to zero, and we obtain our previous solution.

3. Let us pass to the tensor of the paramagnetic susceptibility. According to papers ^{14/} and I, in the acoustic limit, it can be written as follows

$$\chi_{ab} = \langle u_B^2 \rangle \langle J_{6a} - \hat{p}_a J_{6c} \hat{p}_c +$$

$$[\omega + (\vec{k}\vec{v})] [R(\hat{c}_{ab} - \hat{p}_a \hat{p}_b) + (X-R)(\hat{k}_a - \hat{p}_a \omega) \hat{k}_b + \lambda \hat{k}_b \hat{p}_a] \rangle_{\hat{p}} \quad (23)$$

Expressing J_{6a} by R, X and λ , by means of formulae (3), (10) and (17-20, I), (25-30, I) after simple integration one finds

$$\chi_{ab} = \chi_{static} [\delta_{ab} + (\delta_{ab} - \hat{k}_a \hat{k}_b) \omega R + \hat{k}_a \hat{k}_b \omega X + \frac{1}{2} \hat{k}_a \hat{k}_b (1 + \frac{4}{3} b_0 - \frac{1}{3} b_2) k\nu \lambda] \quad (24)$$

Note that if we put $4\Delta^2(1+b_1) \ln(\Delta/\tau)$ instead of a , then we obtain χ_{ab} for ω and $k\nu$ not measured in units 2Δ .

It can be easily checked that, as previously,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} X = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} R = -\frac{1}{\omega} \text{ for } \omega \neq 0 \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \lambda = 0$$

Hence, $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \chi_{ab} = 0$ for $\omega \neq 0$ and this fact has very simple interpretation (cf. I). One can add that even the

appearance of the excitations with a gap much smaller than 2Δ does not lead to terms of order of ω^2/a in $\chi_{ab}(\vec{k} \rightarrow 0, \omega)$ which are here not out of our accuracy. It means that

$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \chi_{ab} \sim \omega^2/a^2$, i.e., it is determined by the energy of a pair dissociation. On the other hand, $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} R = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} X = 0$ but $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \lambda = -k\nu(1+b_2)/4\Delta^2 \ln(\Delta/\tau) (1 + \frac{2}{3} b_0 + \frac{1}{3} b_2)$.

Hence

$$\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \chi_{ab} = \chi_{static} [\delta_{ab} -$$

$$\hat{k}_a \hat{k}_b (k\nu)^2 (1 + \frac{4}{3} b_0 - \frac{1}{3} b_2) [24\Delta^2 \ln(\Delta/\tau) (1 + \frac{2}{3} b_0 + \frac{1}{3} b_2)]^{-1}] \quad (25)$$

Note that for normal Fermi liquids and for our previous χ_{ab} it was sufficient to make only one limiting transition, $\omega \rightarrow 0$ in order to obtain $\chi_{static} \delta_{ab}$. Now it is necessary to perform $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0}$. It means that if $|a| \ll 4\Delta^2$ then, in order to obtain the static response, it is insufficient if the field varies weakly over the correlation length; the field has to vary weakly also over the length $\hbar\nu/|a|^{1/2}$.

The collective excitations with a gap for superfluid (superconducting) Fermi liquids were considered in the literature (cf., e.g., papers ^{16/} and ^{13/}). On the other hand, among them, the collective excitations with a gap much smaller than 2Δ were not considered. It should be noted that the appearance of such excitations is a feature of the Larkin-Migdal approach ^{1/} if the ratio of the Legendre amplitudes of the effective interaction in the particle-particle channel for $l=l_0$ and $l=l' \neq l_0$ is close to unity. It is clear that for consideration of such excitations for superconductors

it is necessary to introduce the long-range Coulomb part in the effective quasiparticle interaction.

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