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A system consisting of two coupled subsystems B, and L contained in a volume V is investigated. The space of states \mathcal{H} of such a system is tensor product of the corresponding separable Hilbert spaces: $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_B \otimes \mathcal{H}_L$. Consider the case when B is a free boson field with M modes having energies $\omega_k \geq \omega_0 > 0 (k=1, 2, \dots, M)$ and the N-particle subsystem L is described by a Hamiltonian $\mathbb{H}_{L,N}$ which obeys the following conditions:

$$\frac{1}{N} \|\mathbb{H}_{L,N}\| \leq c_1, \quad \left| \frac{1}{\beta N} \ln \text{Tr}_{\mathcal{H}_L} \exp \{-\beta \mathbb{H}_{L,N}\} \right| \leq c_2. \quad (1)$$

Here the trace is over the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_L(N)$ for the N particles.

In the present note we confine our attention to a class of models described on $\mathcal{H}(M, N) = \mathcal{H}_B(M) \otimes \mathcal{H}_L(N)$ by a Hamiltonian $\mathbb{H}_N = T + U$ with

$$T = \sum_{k=1}^M \omega_k b_k^\dagger b_k \otimes I \quad (2)$$

$$U = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=1}^M \lambda_k [b_k \otimes L_k^\dagger + b_k^\dagger \otimes L_k] \otimes \mathbb{H}_{L,N}.$$

Theorem. If a system is described by a Hamiltonian of the form (2) satisfying conditions (1) and if

$$\frac{1}{N} \|\mathbb{H}_{L,N}, L_k\|_{\mathcal{H}_L(N)} \leq c_3, \quad \frac{1}{N} \|L_k\|_{\mathcal{H}_L(N)} \leq c_4, \quad (3)$$

then (i) $f_N[H_N] = -\frac{1}{\beta N} \ln \text{Tr} \exp \{-\beta H_N\}$ exists and is bounded uniformly in N ,

$$(ii) |f_N[H_N] - \min_{(\eta)} f_N[H_{0,N}(\eta)]| \leq \max_{(k)} |\lambda_k| \cdot M \cdot \epsilon_N,$$

where $\epsilon_N \rightarrow 0$
 $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$H_{0,N}(\eta) = \sum_{k=1}^M \omega_k (b_k^+ + \frac{\lambda_k}{\omega_k} \sqrt{N} \eta_k^*) (b_k + \frac{\lambda_k}{\omega_k} \sqrt{N} \eta_k) \otimes I - 1 \otimes \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\lambda_k^2}{\omega_k} (L_k^+ \eta_k^+ + L_k \eta_k) + 1 \otimes H_{L,N} + 1 \otimes \sum_{k=1}^M N \frac{\lambda_k^2}{\omega_k} |\eta_k|^2. \quad (4)$$

We shall present here the main points of the proof. Short arguments for the validity of the first part of our statement have been given by Hepp and Lieb in Ref. /1/.

(i) One can easily verify that the densely defined self-adjoint operators $T \geq 0$ and U satisfy the conditions of the Kato-Rellich theorem /2/, i.e., $D(T) \subset D(U)$ and U is a T -bounded operator

$$|U\psi| \leq a|\psi| + b|T\psi|, \quad \psi \in D(T), \quad (5)$$

with $b < 1$ if

$$a > 4c_4^2 \frac{\lambda_{\max}^2}{\omega_0} NM^2 + \sqrt{2} (c_4 \lambda_{\max} \sqrt{N} \cdot M + c_1 N).$$

Thus operator H_N is self-adjoint and bounded from below on the domain $D(T)$. Put H_N in the form $H_N = H_0 + V_1$ where

$$H_0 = \frac{3}{4} \sum_{k=1}^M \omega_k b_k^+ b_k \otimes I + I \otimes H_{L,N},$$

$$V_1 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^M \omega_k (b_k^+ \otimes I + \frac{4\lambda_k}{\omega_k \sqrt{N}} I \otimes L_k^+) \times (b_k \otimes I + \frac{4\lambda_k}{\omega_k \sqrt{N}} I \otimes L_k) - \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{4\lambda_k^2}{N \omega_k} I \otimes L_k^+ L_k. \quad (6)$$

Since $D(H_0) = D(V_1) = D(T)$ the self-adjoint operator H_N is represented as a sum of two self-adjoint operators bounded from below: $H_0 \geq -c_1 N$, $V_1 \geq -4 \max_{(k)} \lambda_k^2 \cdot \omega_0^{-1} \cdot c_4 \cdot M \cdot N \equiv -A \cdot N$. Thus $H_N = H_0 + V_1$

defined on $D(T)$, obeys the conditions of a theorem proved by Ruskai /3/ and having in mind that $\exp \{-\beta H_0\}$ is a trace-class operator we can make use of the Golden-Thompson inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr} \exp \{-\beta H_N\} &\leq \text{Tr} \{ \exp \{-\beta H_0\} \exp \{-\beta V_1\} \} \leq \\ &\leq \exp [\beta (A + c_2) N] \cdot [1 - \exp(-\frac{3}{4} \beta \omega_0)]^{-M}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the first part of the theorem.

(ii) Let us write now H_N in the form $H_N = H_{0,N}(\eta) + H_{1,N}(\eta)$ where $H_{0,N}(\eta)$ (see (4)) is bounded from below,

$$D(H_{0,N}(\eta)) \subset D(H_{1,N}(\eta)),$$

and

$$H_{1,N}(\eta) = \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{\lambda_k}{\sqrt{N}} (b_k + \frac{\lambda_k}{\omega_k} \sqrt{N} \eta_k) \otimes (L_k^+ - \sqrt{N} \eta_k^*) + \text{h.c.} \quad (7)$$

Using the explicit form of the symmetric operator $H_{1,N}(\eta)$ one can easily prove that it is $H_{0,N}(\eta)$ -bounded (see (5)) with $b < 1$ and $a > \text{const. } N$. Therefore, by the Kato-Rellich theorem /2/ for all $|t| < b^{-1}$

$H_N(t) = H_{0,N}(\eta) + tH_{1,N}(\eta)$ is self-adjoint bounded from below operator defined on $D(H_N(t)) = D(H_{0,N}(\eta))$.

Further, operator $H_N(t)$ satisfies the conditions of the Maison theorem^{4/}. Hence for $|t| < b^{-1}$, $\exp[-\beta H_N(t)]$ is a trace-class operator since $\exp[-\beta H_{0,N}(\eta)]$ is trace-class. Furthermore, $Z_\beta(t) = \text{Tr} \exp[-\beta(H_{0,N}(\eta) + tH_{1,N}(\eta))]$ is an analytic function of t in the domain $\{|t| < b^{-1}\} \times \{\beta > 0\}$. This makes it possible to prove the Bogolubov inequality by direct differentiation with respect to $t \in [0, 1]^{1/3}$:

$$\frac{1}{N} \langle H_{1,N}(\eta) \rangle_{t=1} \leq f_N[H_N] - f_N[H_{0,N}(\eta)] \leq \frac{1}{N} \langle H_{1,N}(\eta) \rangle_{t=0}. \quad (8)$$

Using inequality (8) and the results of a previous work of the authors^{6/} we obtain the estimate (ii) which proves the thermodynamic equivalence of the Hamiltonians H_N and $H_{0,N}(\eta)$.

Note that in the cases when the limit $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \min f_N[H_{0,N}(\eta)]$ exists^{6,7/} inequality (ii) implies the existence of the thermodynamic limit for the free energy density of the original Hamiltonian (2).

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