

Bogoliubov-Valatin Formalism

Forward and reverse transform between γ 's and c 's:

$\gamma_k^\dagger = u_k c_k^\dagger - v_k c_{-k}$	$c_k^\dagger = u_k \gamma_k^\dagger + v_k \gamma_{-k}$
$\gamma_{-k}^\dagger = u_k c_{-k}^\dagger + v_k c_k$	$c_{-k}^\dagger = u_k \gamma_{-k}^\dagger - v_k \gamma_k$

It is straightforward to check that the γ 's obey the usual Fermion anticommutation relations. Define also

$$\eta_k = \gamma_k^\dagger \gamma_k$$

Transform from c 's to γ 's:

$$H - \mu N = \sum_k \tilde{\epsilon}_k [2v_k^2 + (u_k^2 - v_k^2)(\eta_k + \eta_{-k}) + 2u_k v_k (\gamma_k^\dagger \gamma_{-k}^\dagger + \gamma_{-k} \gamma_k)] \quad (i)$$

$$-V \sum_{kk'} [u_k v_k u_{k'} v_{k'} (1 - \eta_{k'} - \eta_{-k'}) (1 - \eta_k - \eta_{-k})] \quad (ii)$$

$$+ (u_k^2 - v_k^2) u_{k'} v_{k'} (1 - \eta_{k'} - \eta_{-k'}) (\gamma_{-k} \gamma_k + \gamma_k^\dagger \gamma_{-k}^\dagger) \quad (iii)$$

$$+ (u_k^2 \gamma_{-k} \gamma_k - v_k^2 \gamma_k^\dagger \gamma_{-k}^\dagger) (u_{k'}^2 \gamma_{k'}^\dagger \gamma_{-k'}^\dagger - v_{k'}^2 \gamma_{-k'} \gamma_{k'})] \quad (iv)$$

Approximate $\eta_k \rightarrow \bar{\eta}_k = \langle \psi | \eta_k | \psi \rangle$ (thermal and quantum expectation; depends on T).

Drop terms (iv).

Require that $\gamma^\dagger \gamma^\dagger$ and $\gamma \gamma$ terms should vanish [line (iii) and second part of (i)]:

$$0 = 2\tilde{\epsilon}_k u_k v_k - (u_k^2 - v_k^2) V \sum_{k'} u_{k'} v_{k'} (1 - \bar{\eta}_{k'} - \bar{\eta}_{-k'})$$

Define $\Delta = V \sum_k u_k v_k (1 - \bar{\eta}_k - \bar{\eta}_{-k})$ or, using $\bar{\eta}_k = \bar{\eta}_{-k} = [\exp(E_k/k_B T) + 1]^{-1}$,

$\Delta = V \sum_k u_k v_k \tanh\left(\frac{E_k}{2k_B T}\right)$
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where $E_k = \sqrt{\tilde{\epsilon}_k^2 + \Delta^2}$. Then $u_k = \cos(\theta_k/2)$ and $v_k = \sin(\theta_k/2)$ are given by

$\tan \theta_k = \frac{\Delta}{-\tilde{\epsilon}_k}$
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Substituting, the finite- T BCS gap equation becomes

$1 = \frac{1}{2} V g_f \int_0^{\omega_D} d\epsilon \frac{\tanh(\sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta^2}/2k_B T)}{\sqrt{\epsilon^2 + \Delta^2}}$

and its solution gives $\Delta(T)$.