

HW #11 (221B), due Apr 22, 4pm

1. Suppose annihilation and creation operators satisfy the standard commutation relation $[a, a^\dagger] = 1$.

- (a) Show that the Bogliubov transformation

$$b = a \cosh \eta + a^\dagger \sinh \eta \quad (1)$$

preserves the commutation relation of creation and annihilation operators $[b, b^\dagger] = 1$.

- (b) Use this fact to obtain eigenvalues of the following Hamiltonian

$$H = \hbar\omega a^\dagger a + \frac{1}{2}V(aa + a^\dagger a^\dagger). \quad (2)$$

(There is an upper limit on V for which this can be done).

- (c) Show that the unitarity operator

$$U = e^{(aa - a^\dagger a^\dagger)\eta/2} \quad (3)$$

can relate two set of operators $b = UaU^{-1}$.

- (d) Write down the ground state of the Hamiltonian above in terms of the number states $a^\dagger a |n\rangle = n|n\rangle$.

2. We can discuss macroscopic motions of the superfluid by regarding $\psi(\vec{x}, t)$ as a classical wave with the action

$$S = \int dt \int d\vec{x} \left[\psi^* i\hbar \dot{\psi} - \psi^* \frac{-\hbar^2 \vec{\nabla}^2}{2m} \psi + \mu \psi^* \psi - \frac{\lambda}{2} \psi^* \psi^* \psi \psi \right]. \quad (4)$$

We are particularly interested in time-independent and z -independent solutions of the form

$$\psi(x, y, z, t) = f(r)e^{in\theta}, \quad (5)$$

where $f(r)$ is a real function. Answer the following questions.

- (a) Write down the velocity field $\vec{v} = \vec{j}/\rho$ using the number density $\rho = \psi^* \psi$ and the momentum density $\vec{j} = \frac{\hbar}{2mi}(\psi^* \vec{\nabla} \psi - \vec{\nabla} \psi^* \psi)$. Plot the velocity field for $n = 1, -2$, and 3 (e.g., with `PlotVectorField`).
- (b) Show that the circulation defined by $\kappa = \oint \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{l}$ is quantized for general n .
- (c) Write down the equation of motion in terms of $f(r)$.
- (d) Find a monotopic solution with the boundary conditions $f(0) = 0$ and $f(\infty) = \sqrt{\mu/\lambda}$ for $n = 1$. This solution is called the vortex solution.