

LECTURE 8

Effect of impurities on the thermodynamic properties of the electron gas.

Define finite-T (or Matsubara) GF for electrons:

$$g(\vec{p}, \tau - \tau') = \langle T_\tau [\tilde{c}_p(\tau) \tilde{c}_p^\dagger(\tau')] \rangle_\beta$$

$$\tilde{c}_p(\tau) = e^{\tau H} c_p e^{-\tau H}$$

$$F(\vec{p}, \vec{p}'; \tau - \tau') = \langle T_\tau [\tilde{c}_\tau(\tau) \tilde{c}_{\tau'}^\dagger(\tau')] \rangle_\beta$$

As before, the change due to impurity potential in the thermodynamic potential can be written as

$$\Omega_u - \Omega_0 = - \int_0^1 d\lambda \sum_{\vec{p}, \vec{p}'} U(\vec{p} - \vec{p}') \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} F(\vec{p}, \vec{p}'; \tau)$$

We will now calculate F by setting up an eq. of motion, as for phonons, in imaginary time.

Begin with calculation of UNPERTURBED GF

$$g^0(\vec{p}, \tau) = \langle T_\tau [\tilde{c}_p(\tau) \tilde{c}_p^\dagger(0)] \rangle_{\rho_0}$$

average at $T = 1/\beta$
 with respect to H_0
 $H_0 = \sum \epsilon_p c_p^\dagger c_p$

$$\tilde{c}_p^\bullet(\tau) = e^{\tau H_0} c_p e^{-\tau H_0} = e^{-\epsilon_p \tau} c_p$$

obtained by expanding
 $e^{\tau H_0} = 1 + \tau H_0 + \dots$
 and performing commutations

$\tau < 0$: $g^0(\vec{p}, \tau) = -\langle \tilde{c}_p^\dagger(0) \tilde{c}_p(\tau) \rangle_{\beta, \mu} = -e^{-\epsilon_p \tau} \langle c_p^\dagger c_p \rangle_{\beta, \mu}$

$$= -e^{-\epsilon_p \tau} f_p$$

$$f_p = \frac{1}{e^{\beta \epsilon_p} + 1} \leftarrow \text{Fermi function}$$

$$g^0(\vec{p}, \tau) = \begin{cases} e^{-\epsilon_p \tau} (1 - f_p) & \tau > 0 \\ -e^{-\epsilon_p \tau} f_p & \tau < 0 \end{cases} \left. \vphantom{g^0(\vec{p}, \tau)} \right\} e^{-\epsilon_p \tau} [\theta(\tau) - f_p]$$

• Antiperiodic property of $g(\vec{p}, \tau)$: One can show

$$g(\vec{p}, \tau + \beta) = -g(\vec{p}, \tau) \quad \text{for fermions. (Check!)}$$

\Rightarrow This implies that $g(\vec{p}, \tau)$ is PERIODIC in τ with period 2β . We therefore take $\tau \in (-\beta, \beta)$ as a fundamental interval for computing F.T.:

$$g^0(\vec{p}, \tau) = \sum_{\gamma_n} e^{i\gamma_n \tau} g^0(\vec{p}, \gamma_n) \quad \tau \in (-\beta, \beta)$$

$$g^0(\vec{p}, \gamma_n) = \frac{1}{2\beta} \int_{-\beta}^{\beta} e^{-i\gamma_n \tau} g^0(\vec{p}, \tau)$$

$$\boxed{\gamma_n = \frac{2\pi n}{2\beta}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\beta} \left[(1-f_F) \int_0^\beta d\tau e^{-i\nu_n \tau} e^{-\epsilon_p \tau} - f_F \int_{-\beta}^0 d\tau e^{-i\nu_n \tau} e^{-\epsilon_p \tau} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\beta} \frac{1}{(-i\nu_n - \epsilon_p)} \left[\frac{e^{-i\nu_n \beta} - e^{\beta \epsilon_p}}{1 + e^{\beta \epsilon_p}} - \frac{1 - e^{i\nu_n \beta} e^{\beta \epsilon_p}}{e^{\beta \epsilon_p} + 1} \right]$$

• Note that this vanishes for n even ($e^{\pm i\nu_n \beta} = 1$)

$$g^0(\vec{p}, \nu_n) = \frac{1/\beta}{i\nu_n + \epsilon_p}, \quad \nu_n = \frac{\pi n}{\beta}, \quad n = \pm 1, \pm 3, \dots$$

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fermionic Matsubara frequencies

Compare $\omega_n = \frac{2\pi n}{\beta}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\nu_n = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

• To find $\mathcal{F}(\vec{p}, \vec{p}'; \tau)$

we set up the same iterative solution as

we did in $T=0$ case.

For short range potential

$U(\vec{x}) = U \delta(\vec{x})$ we find

$$\mathcal{F}(\vec{p}, \vec{p}'; \nu_n) = \delta_{\vec{p}\vec{p}'} g^0(\vec{p}, \nu_n) - g^0(\vec{p}, \nu_n) \beta \frac{U}{V} g^0(\vec{p}, \nu_n)$$

$$- \dots - g^0(\vec{p}, \nu_n) \left[- \sum_{\vec{p}_1} \frac{U}{V} \beta g^0(\vec{p}_1, \nu_n) \right]^n g^0(\vec{p}, \nu_n) + \dots$$

As before, define $g_0(\gamma_n) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{p_i} g^0(p_i, \gamma_n)$

Then

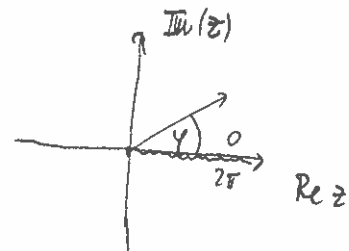
$$F(p, p', \gamma_n) = g^0(p, \gamma_n) \left[\delta_{pp'} - \frac{\beta U/V}{1 + \beta U g_0(\gamma_n)} g^0(p, \gamma_n) \right]$$

Finally

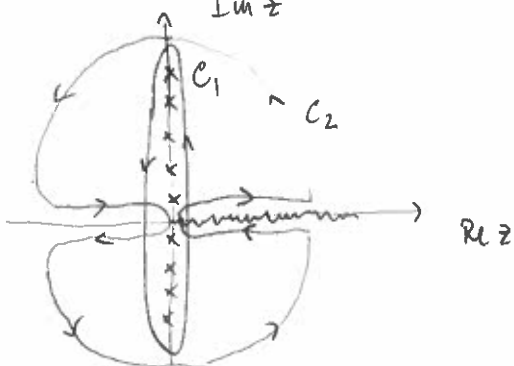
$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_n - \Omega_0 &= -U \sum_n e^{i\gamma_n 0^-} g_0(\gamma_n) \left[1 - g_0(\gamma_n) \int d\lambda \frac{\beta \lambda U}{1 + \beta \lambda U g_0(\gamma_n)} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_n e^{i\gamma_n 0^-} \ln [1 + \beta U g_0(\gamma_n)] \end{aligned}$$

We now have to perform fermionic Matsubara sum involving a function with a branch cut $\ln(z)$

$$z = r e^{i\varphi} \rightarrow \ln z = \ln r + i\varphi$$



$$\sum_n e^{i\gamma_n 0^-} A(-i\gamma_n) = -\frac{\beta}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} dz \frac{e^{z0^-}}{e^{\beta z} + 1} A(z)$$



poles at $e^{\beta z} = -1$

$$z = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= - \frac{\beta}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \frac{1}{e^{\beta\varepsilon} + 1} [A(\varepsilon + i\varepsilon) - A(\varepsilon - i\varepsilon)]$$

$$\Omega_u - \Omega_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varepsilon f(\varepsilon) \ln \left[\frac{1 - U g_0(\varepsilon + i\varepsilon)}{1 - U g_0(\varepsilon - i\varepsilon)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varepsilon f(\varepsilon) \ln \frac{T(\varepsilon - i\varepsilon)}{T(\varepsilon + i\varepsilon)} \quad \leftarrow \text{T-matrix}$$

$$= - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varepsilon f(\varepsilon) \delta_0(\varepsilon)$$

We can obtain change in entropy and specific heat through thermodynamic relations:

$$\Delta S = \frac{d(\Omega_u - \Omega_0)}{dT}$$

$$\frac{\Delta C_v}{T} = - \frac{d^2}{dT^2} (\Omega_u - \Omega_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial T^2} \delta_0(\varepsilon) \quad \leftarrow \text{evaluate using standard Sommerfeld expansion (P.502)}$$

$$\approx \frac{k_B^2}{\pi} \frac{\delta'_0(\varepsilon_f)}{\pi} \left[- \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx x^2 f'(x) \right] + O(T^2)$$