Comparative studies of many-body corrections to an interacting Bose-Einstein condensate

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We compare many-body theories describing fluctuation corrections to the mean-field theory in a weakly interacting Bose-condensed gas. Using a generalized random-phase approximation, we include both density fluctuations and fluctuations in the particle-particle scattering channel in a consistent manner. We also separately examine effects of the fluctuations within the framework of the random-phase approximation. Effects of fluctuations in the particle-particle scattering channel are also separately examined by using the many-body T-matrix approximation. We assess these approximations with respect to the transition temperature T_c , the order of phase transition, as well as the so-called Nepomnyashchii-Nepomnyashchii identity, which states the vanishing off-diagonal self-energy in the low-energy and low-momentum limit. Since the construction of a consistent theory for interacting bosons which satisfies various required conditions is a long-standing problem in cold atom physics, our results would be useful for this important challenge.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Since the realization of the Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC) in ultracold atomic gases, various interesting phenomena observed in this system have been theoretically explained. Even now, however, the theory of a weakly interacting Bose gas still has room for improvement. Indeed, while the mean-field Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS) theory is applicable to the entire temperature region below the transition temperature $T_{\rm c}$, the applicability of mean-field theories for a condensed Bose gas is restricted to the region far below T_c , because they unphysically give the first-order phase transition [1,2]. In addition, the Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov (HFB) theory does not satisfy the Hugenholtz-Pines theorem [3], leading to gapped excitations below T_c . This unphysical result is absent in the Bogoliubov approximation [4] and the HFB-Popov approximation [2,5–8] (i.e., Shohno model [9]). However, they do not satisfy the identity proved by Nepomnyashchii and Nepomnyashchii [10,11], stating the vanishing off-diagonal self-energy in the low-energy and low-momentum limit in the BEC phase.

Another problem associated with these mean-field theories is that they cannot correctly describe interaction corrections to T_c , although more sophisticated approaches predict the deviation of T_c from an ideal Bose gas result ($\equiv T_c^0$). In a trapped gas, T_c is lowered, because the density profile spreads out by a repulsive interaction, leading to the decrease in the central particle density [12–15]. In the uniform system, the enhancement of T_c has been predicted in the region of small gas parameter [16–34]. In particular, Monte Carlo simulations give $(T_c - T_c^0)/T_c^0 = c_1 a n^{1/3}$ with $c_1 \simeq 1.3$ [20,22,28]. In the strongly correlated case (which corresponds to liquid ⁴He), however, it has been pointed out that T_c is suppressed by mass enhancement [34,35].

Toward the construction of a consistent theory of a weakly interacting Bose gas, we investigate many-body effects on this system. In this regard, we recall that, within the framework of the many-body *T*-matrix approximation, Shi and Griffin showed the vanishing effective interaction in the low-energy and static limit at T_c [2], which is never obtained in the

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mean-field theories mentioned above. Using this, they obtained the expected second-order phase transition, although their many-body T-matrix theory with the static approximation still gives the same value of T_c as that in an ideal Bose gas.

Stimulated by this many-body approach [2], in this paper, we extend it to include fluctuation corrections beyond the static approximation. We include fluctuations in both the particle-particle scattering channel and density channel within the framework of the generalized random-phase approximation (GRPA). To examine effects of fluctuations in each channel, we also consider the case with the former fluctuations by using the many-body *T*-matrix approximation (MBTA). Effects of the latter fluctuations are also separately examined within the framework of the random-phase approximations (RPA). In order to achieve them, we develop the 4×4 matrix formalism, which includes all the possible polarization functions in fourpoint vertex functions. By using this formalism, we develop the GRPA and extend the MBTA as well as the RPA.

Treating these many-body theories without employing the static approximation, we evaluate T_c , as well as the order of phase transition. The critical temperature shift has been evaluated at most in the static limit ([26] and the references therein). The order of the phase transition has been discussed also in the static limit based on the many-body theory above T_c [33]. We assess these problems using our formalism below T_c . We also examine if they satisfy the Nepomnyashchii-Nepomnyashchii identity, stating the vanishing off-diagonal self-energy in the low-energy and low-momentum limit.

In contrast to the earlier study of the MBTA [2], the critical temperature in our calculation is shifted, because we extend this formalism beyond the static approximation. In this earlier study [2], the infrared divergence in the polarization function was omitted by hand to obtain the nonvanishing off-diagonal self-energy. In this study, we do not apply this *ad hoc* omission.

In Sec. II, we explain the many-body theories used in this paper. We show our numerical results for T_c in Sec. III. The condensate fraction below T_c is discussed in Sec. IV. In Sec. V, we assess the many-body theories on the viewpoint of the Nepomnyashchii-Nepomnyashchii identity. In this paper, we set $\hbar = k_B = 1$, and the system volume V is taken to unity.

II. FORMULATION

We consider a weakly interacting Bose gas, described by the Hamiltonian,

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} (\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} - \mu) a_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{p}} + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}', \mathbf{q}} a_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{p}'-\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{p}'} a_{\mathbf{p}}.$$
 (1)

Here, $a_{\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger}$ is the creation operator of a Bose atom with the kinetic energy $\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} - \mu = \mathbf{p}^2/(2m) - \mu$, measured from the chemical potential μ (where *m* is an atomic mass). *U* is a repulsive interaction, which is related to the *s*-wave scattering length *a* as

$$\frac{4\pi a}{m} = \frac{U}{1 + U \sum_{\mathbf{p}}^{p_c} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_{\mathbf{p}}}},\tag{2}$$

where p_c is a cutoff.

As usual, the order parameter (which is also referred to as the condensation fraction n_0) is introduced by the Bogoliubov prescription [4]. That is, $a_{\mathbf{p}=\mathbf{0}}$ and $a_{\mathbf{p}=\mathbf{0}}^{\dagger}$ are replaced by $\sqrt{n_0}$. Physical properties in the BEC phase is conveniently described by the (2×2) -matrix single-particle thermal Green's function,

$$G(p) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n\sigma_3 - \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} + \mu - \Sigma(p)}.$$
 (3)

Here, we have simply written $p = (\mathbf{p}, i\omega_n)$, where ω_n is the boson Matsubara frequency. σ_j (j = 1,2,3) are the Pauli matrices, acting on the space spanned by $(a_{\mathbf{p}}, a_{-\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger})$. The (2×2) -matrix self-energy satisfies $\Sigma_{22}(p) = \Sigma_{11}(-p)$ and $\Sigma_{21}(p) = \Sigma_{12}(-p)$ [2]. The diagonal component of Eq. (3) is related to the noncondensate density $n' = n - n_0$ as (where *n* is the total particle density)

$$n' = -T \sum_{p} G_{11}(p) e^{i\omega_n \delta}.$$
 (4)

To explain the GRPA, MBTA, and RPA, it is convenient to introduce the (4×4) -matrix four-point vertex $\Gamma(q)$, diagrammatically given in Fig. 1(a). The explicit expression is

$$\Gamma(q) = \frac{U}{1 - U\Pi(q)},\tag{5}$$

where

$$\Pi(q) = -T \sum_{p} \begin{pmatrix} K_{1111}(p,q) & K_{1112}(p,q) & K_{1211}(p,q) & K_{1212}(p,q) \\ K_{1121}(p,q) & K_{1122}(p,q) & K_{1221}(p,q) & K_{1222}(p,q) \\ K_{2111}(p,q) & K_{2112}(p,q) & K_{2211}(p,q) & K_{2212}(p,q) \\ K_{2121}(p,q) & K_{2122}(p,q) & K_{2221}(p,q) & K_{2222}(p,q) \end{pmatrix}$$
(6)

is the (4×4) -matrix generalized polarization function diagrammatically described in Fig. 1(b). Here, $K_{ijkl}(p,q) = g_{ij}(p+q)g_{kl}(-p)$ is the two-particle Green's function. $g_{ij}(p)$ is a matrix element of the one-particle Green's function in the

FIG. 1. (a) Bethe-Salpeter equation of the four-point vertex function $\Gamma(q)$ in the generalized random-phase approximation (GRPA). The double solid line shows the (2×2) -matrix Green's function g(p). The wavy line describes the repulsive interaction U. (b) Generalized polarization function $\Pi(q)$. Each solid line denotes a matrix element of the Green's function g(p) in Eq. (7). (c) Effective interaction $U_{\text{eff}}(q)$ involving density fluctuations. (d) Regular part χ_{R} of the density-density correlation function [36]. HFB-Popov approximation, given by

$$g(p) = \frac{1}{i\omega_n \sigma_3 - \xi_{\mathbf{p}} - U n_0 \sigma_1},\tag{7}$$

where $\xi_{\mathbf{p}} = \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} + Un_0$. Using the symmetry properties $g_{22}(p) = g_{11}(-p)$ and $g_{12}(p) = g_{12}(-p)$, one finds that the matrix elements of Π are given by

$$\Pi(q) = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{11}(q) & \Pi_{12}(q) & \Pi_{12}(q) & \Pi_{14}(q) \\ \Pi_{12}(q) & \Pi_{22}(q) & \Pi_{14}(q) & \Pi_{12}^*(q) \\ \Pi_{12}(q) & \Pi_{14}(q) & \Pi_{22}(q) & \Pi_{12}^*(q) \\ \Pi_{14}(q) & \Pi_{12}^*(q) & \Pi_{12}^*(q) & \Pi_{11}^*(q) \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (8)

(For the detailed expressions of $\Pi_{11,12,14,22}$, see Appendix A.) Some of $\Gamma_{ij}(q)$ are thus also related to each other as

$$\Gamma(q) = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{11}(q) & \Gamma_{12}(q) & \Gamma_{12}(q) & \Gamma_{14}(q) \\ \Gamma_{12}(q) & \Gamma_{22}(q) & \Gamma_{23}(q) & \Gamma_{12}^*(q) \\ \Gamma_{12}(q) & \Gamma_{23}(q) & \Gamma_{22}(q) & \Gamma_{12}^*(q) \\ \Gamma_{14}(q) & \Gamma_{12}^*(q) & \Gamma_{12}^*(q) & \Gamma_{11}^*(q) \end{pmatrix}.$$
(9)

We also introduce the effective interaction $U_{\text{eff}}(p)$ [Fig. 1(c)], describing effects of density fluctuations, given by

$$U_{\rm eff}(p) = \frac{U}{1 - U\chi_{\rm R}(p)}.$$
 (10)

Here, χ_R is the regular part of the density-density correlation function [Fig. 1(d)] [36],

$$\chi_{\mathbf{R}}(q) = \frac{1}{2} \langle f_0 | [\Pi(q) + \Pi(q)\Gamma(q)\Pi(q)] | f_0 \rangle, \quad (11)$$

where $\langle f_0 | = (0, 1, 1, 0)$ and $| f_0 \rangle = (0, 1, 1, 0)^{\mathrm{T}}$.

A. Generalized random-phase approximation (GRPA)

In the GRPA, the self-energy correction may be conveniently written as the sum of the two parts,

$$\Sigma(p) = \Sigma_0(p) + \Sigma'(p). \tag{12}$$

Here, $\Sigma_0(p)$ is characterized by condensate Green's functions $G_{1/2} = \sqrt{-n_0}(1,1)^{\mathrm{T}}$ and $G_{1/2}^{\dagger} = \sqrt{-n_0}(1,1)$, and $\Sigma'(p)$ has an internal loop of the diagonal Green's function g_{11} , diagrammatically described as Figs. 2(a) and 2(b), and 2(c)–2(f), respectively. Each of these components can be further decomposed into the *p*-independent part $(\Sigma_0^{\mathrm{I}}, \Sigma^{\mathrm{I}})$ and the remaining *p*-dependent part $(\Sigma_0^{\mathrm{I}}, \Sigma^{\mathrm{II}})$ as

$$\Sigma_0(p) = \Sigma_0^{\mathrm{I}} + \Sigma_0^{\mathrm{II}}(p), \qquad (13)$$

$$\Sigma'(p) = \Sigma^{\mathrm{I}} + \Sigma^{\mathrm{II}}(p). \tag{14}$$

The two components in Eq. (13) are given by

$$\Sigma_{0}^{I} = -U_{\text{eff}}(0)\frac{1}{2}G_{1/2}^{\dagger}G_{1/2} - U_{\text{eff}}(0)\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{\dagger}(0)\hat{T}\mathcal{G}_{1/2}G_{1/2} - \gamma'(0)U_{\text{eff}}(0)\frac{1}{2}G_{1/2}^{\dagger}G_{1/2} - \mathcal{G}_{1/2}^{\dagger}\hat{T}\tilde{\Gamma}^{I}(0)\hat{T}\mathcal{G}_{1/2}, \quad (15)$$

$$\Sigma_{0}^{II}(p) = -G_{1/2}U_{\text{eff}}(p)G_{1/2}^{\dagger} - \mathcal{G}_{1/2}^{\dagger}\hat{T}\Gamma^{II}(p)\hat{T}\mathcal{G}_{1/2} - \mathcal{G}_{1/2}^{\dagger}\hat{T}\Gamma^{II}(p)\hat{T}\mathcal{G}_{1/2} - \mathcal{G}_{1/2}^{\dagger}\hat{T}\boldsymbol{\gamma}(p)U_{\text{eff}}(p)G_{1/2}^{\dagger} - \mathcal{G}_{1/2}^{\dagger}U_{\text{eff}}(p)\hat{T}\mathcal{G}_{1/2}, \quad (16)$$

where

$$\mathcal{G}_{1/2} = \sqrt{-n_0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{G}_{1/2}^{\dagger} = \sqrt{-n_0} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$
(17)

$$\hat{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(18)



FIG. 2. Self-energy corrections in the generalized random-phase approximation (GRPA). (a) Σ_0^{I} , (b) Σ_0^{II} , (c) Σ_{11}^{II} , (d) Σ_{12}^{II} , (e) $\Sigma_{11}^{II}(p)$, and (f) $\Sigma_{12}^{II}(p)$.

(a)
$$\Gamma^{I} = \frac{1}{2} \times \left[\gamma \psi^{eff} \gamma^{\dagger} \right] + \Gamma - \left\{ U \right\}$$

(b)
$$\Gamma^{\Pi} = V_{\text{eff}} \gamma^{\dagger} + \Gamma - \frac{1}{2}U$$

(c) $\gamma = \Gamma \gamma^{\dagger} \gamma^{\dagger} = \langle f_0 | \Pi \rangle$

FIG. 3. Four-point vertices (a) Γ^{I} and (b) Γ^{II} . (c) Three-point vertices $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ and $\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{\dagger}$.

In Eqs. (15) and (16), the four-point vertices $\Gamma^{I}(p)$ and $\Gamma^{II}(p)$ diagrammatically given by Figs. 3(a) and 3(b) have the forms

$$\Gamma^{\mathrm{I}}(p) = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\gamma}(p) U_{\mathrm{eff}}(p) \boldsymbol{\gamma}^{\dagger}(p) + \Gamma(p) - U, \qquad (19)$$

$$\Gamma^{\rm II}(p) = \boldsymbol{\gamma}(p) U_{\rm eff}(p) \boldsymbol{\gamma}^{\dagger}(p) + \Gamma(p) - U.$$
 (20)

 $\tilde{\Gamma}^{I}(p)$ in Eq. (15) is also a four-point vertex, given by

$$\tilde{\Gamma}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{23}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{13}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{24}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{14}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) \\ \Gamma_{43}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{33}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{44}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{34}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) \\ \Gamma_{21}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{11}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{22}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{12}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) \\ \Gamma_{41}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{31}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{42}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) & \Gamma_{32}^{\mathrm{I}}(p) \end{pmatrix}.$$
(21)

 $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \Gamma(q)\Pi(q)|f_0\rangle$ and $\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{\dagger} = \langle f_0|\Pi(q)\Gamma(q)$ in Eqs. (15), (16), (19), and (20) are three-point vertices diagrammatically shown in Fig. 3(c). $\gamma'(p)$ in Eq. (15) is also a three-point vertex, having the form

$$\gamma'(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_2(p) & \gamma_1(p) \\ \gamma_4(p) & \gamma_3(p) \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (22)

The self-energy corrections Σ^{I} and Σ^{II} in Eq. (14) are respectively given by

$$\Sigma^{\rm I} = (U_{11}\sigma_0 + U_{12}\sigma_1)n'_0, \qquad (23)$$

$$\Sigma^{\text{II}}(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^{\text{II}}_{11}(p) & \Sigma^{\text{II}}_{12}(p) \\ \Sigma^{\text{II}}_{12}(-p) & \Sigma^{\text{II}}_{11}(-p) \end{pmatrix},$$
(24)

where $n'_0 = -T \sum_p g_{11}(p) e^{i\omega_n \delta}$, and

$$U_{11} = U_{\text{eff}}(0)[1 + \gamma_2(0) + \gamma_2^{\dagger}(0)] + \tilde{\Gamma}_{11}^{\text{I}}(0) + \tilde{\Gamma}_{33}^{\text{I}}(0),$$

$$U_{12} = U_{\text{eff}}(0)\gamma_1(0) + \tilde{\Gamma}_{12}^{\text{I}}(0) + \tilde{\Gamma}_{34}^{\text{I}}(0).$$
(25)

Expressions for $\Sigma_{ii}^{\text{II}}(p)$ in Eq. (24) are

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11}^{\mathrm{II}}(p) \\ \Sigma_{12}^{\mathrm{II}}(p) \end{pmatrix} = -T \sum_{q} \begin{pmatrix} A(q) & B(q) \\ C(q) & D(q) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G_{11}(+p-q) \\ G_{11}(-p+q) \end{pmatrix},$$
(26)

where

$$A(q) = U_{\text{eff}}(q)[1 + \gamma_3(q) + \gamma_3^{\dagger}(q)] + \Gamma_{33}^{\text{II}}(p) + \Gamma_{23}^{\text{II}}(p),$$
(27)

$$B(q) = 2\Gamma_{11}^{\rm II}(q), \tag{28}$$



FIG. 4. Self-energy in the many-body *T*-matrix approximation (MBTA). (a) Diagonal component Σ_{11} . (b) Off-diagonal component Σ_{12} . The dashed lines describe $\sqrt{n_0}$.

$$C(q) = U_{\rm eff}(q)\gamma_4^{\dagger}(q) + \Gamma_{34}^{\rm II}(q) + \Gamma_{24}^{\rm II}(q), \qquad (29)$$

$$D(q) = U_{\rm eff}(q)\gamma_1(q) + 2\Gamma_{12}^{\rm II}(q).$$
(30)

B. Many-body T-matrix approximation (MBTA)

The MBTA self-energy $\Sigma(p)$ involves particle-particle scattering processes [2]. Summing up the diagrams in Fig. 4, we have

$$\Sigma_{11}(p) = 2n_0 \Gamma_{11}(p) - 2T \sum_q \Gamma_{11}(q) g_{11}(-p+q), \quad (31)$$

$$\Sigma_{12}(p) = n_0 \Gamma_{11}(0). \tag{32}$$

In the normal state, because of $\Pi_{14} = \Pi_{12} = n_0 = 0$, one obtains the vanishing off-diagonal self-energy, and

$$\Sigma_{11}(p) = -2T \sum_{q} \frac{U}{1 - U \Pi_{11}(q)} g_{11}(-p+q), \quad (33)$$

which is just the same expression as the self-energy in the ordinary many-body *T*-matrix approximation above T_c .

The many-body *T*-matrix theory developed by Shi and Griffin [2] approximates the four-point vertex to $\Gamma_{11} = U/[1 - U\Pi_{11}(0)]$, where the static approximation is also taken. In this approximation, $\Pi_{11}(0)$ always diverges below T_c , leading to the vanishing off-diagonal self-energy ($\Sigma_{12}(p) = 0$). To avoid this, Ref. [2] eliminates this singularity by hand, assuming that such infrared divergence should be absent when one appropriately includes higher-order corrections.

In contrast to this earlier work [2], we fully take into account the energy and momentum dependence of the particleparticle scattering vertex function Γ_{11} in Eq. (9). As shown in Appendix B, the infrared divergence in this Γ_{11} is canceled out, so that the off-diagonal self-energy does not vanish even below T_c .



FIG. 5. Self-energy in the random-phase approximation (RPA). (a) Diagonal component Σ_{11} . (b) Off-diagonal component Σ_{12} .

C. Random-phase approximation (RPA)

The RPA self-energy is diagrammatically given in Fig. 5. Summing them up, one has

$$\Sigma_{11}(p) = (n_0 + n'_0)U_{\text{eff}}(0) + n_0 U_{\text{eff}}(p) - T \sum_{q} U_{\text{eff}}(q)g_{11}(p-q),$$
(34)

$$\Sigma_{12}(p) = n_0 U_{\text{eff}}(p). \tag{35}$$

At T_c , the regular part of the density-density correlation function (11) is reduced to

$$\chi_{\rm R}(p) = \frac{\Pi_{22}(p)}{1 - U\Pi_{22}(p)},\tag{36}$$

which is consistent with the ordinary RPA in the normal state. When we retain the lowest-order bubble diagram in Fig. 1(d), the polarization function in Eq. (10) is further simplified as $\chi_{\rm R}(q) = \Pi_{22}(q)$. In this paper, we also deal with this simpler version [which we call *the simplified RPA* (s-RPA)].

III. PHASE-TRANSITION TEMPERATURE T_c

All the approximations (MBTA, RPA, s-RPA, and GRPA) give the enhancement of T_c by the repulsive interaction U (Fig. 6), which is consistent with the previous work [16–34]. Measuring the shift of T_c from the ideal Bose gas result (T_c^0) as

$$\frac{T_{\rm c} - T_{\rm c}^0}{T_{\rm c}^0} = c_1 a n^{1/3},\tag{37}$$

one finds $c_1 = 6.7$ (GRPA), 3.9 (MBTA), 2.1 (s-RPA), and 1.1 (RPA). Among them, the RPA result is closest to the Monte Carlo result $c_1 \simeq 1.3$ [20,22,28].

To understand the difference among the four results in Fig. 6, it is worth noting that, when the self-energy Σ_{11} takes a constant value, one never obtains any many-body correction to T_c . In addition, the self-energy in the low-energy and low-momentum regime is a key to understanding the many-body correction to T_c , because single-particle excitations in this



FIG. 6. (Color online) BEC phase-transition temperatures T_c in a weakly interacting Bose gas, calculated in the many-body *T*-matrix approximation (MBTA), the random-phase approximation (RPA), the simplified RPA (s-RPA), and the generalized RPA (GRPA). The interaction is measured in terms of the scattering length *a*. In numerical calculations, we set $p_c = 5p_0$ (where $p_0 = \sqrt{2mT_c^0}$).

regime are crucial for the BEC phase transition. Indeed, the increase in Re[$\Sigma_{11}(\mathbf{p}, i\omega_n = 0)$] from the value at $\mathbf{p} = \omega_n = 0$ is most remarkable in the GRPA, being consistent with the largest value of c_1 [Fig. 7(a)].

As pointed out in Refs. [2,37], $\Gamma_{11}(\mathbf{0},0)$ vanishes at T_c [Fig. 7(b)]. While such a vanishing interaction is also obtained in the s-RPA, the RPA gives a finite value, $U_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{0},0) = U/2 > 0$. Apart from this difference, the effective interactions in the three approximations are almost **p** independent when $\omega_n \neq 0$.



FIG. 7. (Color online) (a) Re[$\Delta \Sigma_{11}(\mathbf{p}, 0)$], where $\Delta \Sigma_{11}(\mathbf{p}, 0) \equiv \Sigma_{11}(\mathbf{p}, 0) - \Sigma_{11}(0, 0)$. (b) Particle-particle scattering vertex Re[Γ_{11}] and the effective interaction U_{eff} in the random-phase approximation (RPA) and simplified RPA (s-RPA). U_{eff} in the s-RPA is almost the same as Γ_{11} in this panel. We take $T = T_{\text{c}}$, $an^{1/3} = 10^{-4}$, and $p_{\text{c}} = 10p_{0}$.

From the comparison of Figs. 7(b) with 7(a), one finds that the momentum dependence of Σ_{11} (which is crucial for manybody corrections to T_c) is dominated by the **p** dependence of the effective interaction in the low-energy and low-momentum region.

IV. CONDENSATE FRACTION

While the MBTA, RPA, as well as s-RPA give almost the same result as the HFB-Popov approximation (Shohno model) [5–7,9], the GRPA result exhibits somehow marked deviation from the mean-field result when $T \gtrsim 0.5 T_c^0$ (Fig. 8). As shown in the inset, although the MBTA and s-RPA realize the expected second-order phase transition, the remaining two approximations still give the first-order phase transition, as in the HFB-Popov approximation [1,2]. In the RPA, however, the first-order behavior is less marked than the mean-field result. The order of phase transition in these results agrees with the recent work in [33], which approaches T_c from the normal state.

Except for the GRPA, the off-diagonal self-energy Σ_{12} is proportional to the effective interaction. [See Eqs. (32) and (35).] In particular, at $\mathbf{p} = \omega_n = 0$, when one simply writes the effective interactions as V_{eff} [which equals $\Gamma_{11}(0)$ in the MBTA, and $U_{\text{eff}}(0)$ in the RPA and s-RPA], $\Sigma_{12}(0)$ in these three approximations formally has the same form as

$$\Sigma_{12}(0) = n_0 V_{\text{eff}}.$$
 (38)

In the mean-field theory, the first-order behavior at T_c is known to become more marked for a stronger repulsive interaction $U_0 = 4\pi a/m$. In this sense, the suppression of the effective interaction in the low-energy and low-momentum region shown in Figs. 7(b) and 9(a) is favorable to the expected second-order phase transition. Indeed, both the MBTA and s-RPA (that exhibit the vanishing effective interaction at $\mathbf{p} = \omega_n = 0$) give the second-order phase transition as shown in Fig. 8. In contrast, the effective interaction at $p \rightarrow 0$ remains finite in the RPA (which gives the first-order phase transition).

For the static part of the off-diagonal self-energy $\Sigma_{12}(p = 0)$ in the GRPA, we find that $\Sigma_{12}(0) \propto n_0^{0.45}$ near T_c [Fig. 9(b)],



FIG. 8. (Color online) Calculated condensate fraction n_0 below T_c . The inset shows n_0 magnified near T_c . We set $an^{1/3} = 10^{-2}$ and $p_c = 5p_0$. The Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov (HFB)-Popov approximation uses the interaction strength $U_0 = 4\pi a/m$, instead of U.



FIG. 9. (Color online) (a) Effective interaction $V_{\text{eff}}(0)$, as a function of the temperature scaled by T_c in each approximation. (b) Off-diagonal self-energy $\Sigma_{12}(p = 0)$, as a function of the condensation fraction n_0/n in the generalized random-phase approximation (GRPA). We take $an^{1/3} = 10^{-2}$ and $p_c = 5p_0$.

which indicates that $\Sigma_{12}(0)$ in the GRPA approaches zero near T_c more slowly than the cases of the HFB-Popov approximation and the RPA [that give $\Sigma_{12}(0) \propto n_0$]. As a result, the first-order phase transition is more marked in the former approximation than the latter two theories, as shown in Fig. 8.

V. NEPOMNYASHCHII-NEPOMNYASHCHII IDENTITY

Nepomnyashchii and Nepomnyashchii proved that the offdiagonal self-energy in the low-energy and low-momentum limit exactly vanishes below T_c [10,11]. This Nepomnyashchii-Nepomnyashchii (NN) identity is, however, not satisfied in the mean-field theory, where $\Sigma_{12} = n_0 U > 0$. In the three manybody theories (MBTA, RPA, and s-RPA) giving Eq. (38), the condition for the NN identity requires the vanishing V_{eff} in the BEC phase, because the condensate fraction n_0 is finite below T_c .

Among the three theories, the s-RPA only satisfies this requirement, as shown in Fig. 9(a). In the MBTA, although V_{eff} vanishes at T_c , it becomes finite below T_c , leading to the breakdown of this identity. V_{eff} is already finite at T_c in the RPA, so that this approximation also contradicts with this identity. The GRPA also does not satisfy the NN identity, as shown in Fig. 9(b).

TABLE I. Aspects of four many-body approximations discussed in this paper.

	$\Delta T_{\rm c}/T_{\rm c}^0 = c_1 a n^{1/3}$	Phase transition	NN identity
GRPA	$c_1 = 6.7$	1st order	Х
MBTA	$c_1 = 3.9$	2nd order	×
s-RPA	$c_1 = 2.1$	2nd order	\checkmark
RPA	$c_1 = 1.1$	1st order	Х

While the MBTA does not satisfy the NN identity, it gives the expected second-order phase transition. In this sense, the NN identity is not necessary for the second-order phase transition to be obtained. However, as expected from the result for the s-RPA, the vanishing off-diagonal self-energy at p = 0itself seems favorable to the second-order phase transition.

VI. SUMMARY

To summarize, we have presented comparative studies on four kinds of many-body theories for a weakly interacting condensed Bose gas. We have treated the generalized randomphase approximation (GRPA) and the many-body *T*-matrix approximation (MBTA) involving multiscattering processes in the particle-particle scattering channel, as well as the two kinds of random-phase approximations [with (RPA) and without (s-RPA) vertex corrections to each bubble diagram] describing density fluctuations. To treat them, we developed the 4×4 matrix formalism, which includes all the possible polarization functions in four-point vertex functions.

For these approximate theories, we have examined the phase-transition temperature T_c , the order of phase transition (the first-order or the second-order transition), and the Nepomnyashchii-Nepomnyashchii identity, stating the vanishing off-diagonal self-energy in the low-energy and low-momentum limit. Our results are summarized in Table I, which indicates that each theory still has room for improvement. For example, while the simplified random-phase approximation satisfies both the second-order phase transition and the Nepomnyashchii-Nepomnyashchii identity, the calculated $T_{\rm c}$ is found to be somehow overestimated when the result is compared with the Monte Carlo result. Since the construction of a reliable and consistent many-body theory is a crucial issue in the field of the interacting Bose gases, our results would be helpful in considering how to improve these theories for this purpose.

Other than the above, the following issues can be raised. An interesting challenge is the extension of the present formalism to satisfy both the conservation law and the gapless excitation. The difficulty constructing the number-conserving and gapless approximation [8,38–40] is known as the Hohenberg-Martin dilemma [41]. Since we determined the chemical potential based on the Hugenholtz-Pines relation [3], the excitation is gapless. However, the number conservation does not hold, since we used the Green's function (7) for the polarization functions, where the anomalous average is absent in the self-energy.

Another challenging extension is to develop the twoparticle irreducible (2PI) effective action approach with including many-body corrections. In association with the issue mentioned above, the conservation law is important for dynamics. The Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov approximation [42] and others [43–45] are theories satisfying the number conservation. Among approaches for dynamics [46–53], the 2PI effective action approach provides a systematic method to derive the equations of motion of condensates and excitations with satisfying the conservation law. In fact, this formalism is a Φ -derivable approximation [41,54].

Applying this work to low-dimensional Bose gases is also interesting. For the system dimensionality d = 2, the Bose-Einstein condensation does not occur in the thermodynamic limit at nonzero temperatures, because of the Mermin-Wagner-Hohenberg theorem [55,56]. A phase transition in the thermodynamic limit in this dimensionality is the Kosterlitz-Thouless transition [57]. An interesting prospect is to discuss the quasicondensate in low dimensionality using the modified Popov approximation [58,59] with including many-body effects beyond the static limit.

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APPENDIX A: POLARIZATION FUNCTIONS

We summarize the polarization functions used in this paper as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{11}(q) &= -\sum_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{2} \left[(E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{\mathbf{p}}) \left(1 - \frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}\xi_{\mathbf{p}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) + i\omega_n \left(\frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}} - \frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) \right] \frac{n_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\omega_n^2 + (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{\mathbf{p}})^2} \\ &- \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{2} \left[(E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + E_{\mathbf{p}}) \left(1 + \frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}\xi_{\mathbf{p}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) + i\omega_n \left(\frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}} + \frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) \right] \frac{1 + n_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\omega_n^2 + (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + E_{\mathbf{p}})^2}, \end{aligned}$$
(A1)
$$&\Pi_{12}(q) = -\sum_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{2} \Delta \left[\frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}E_{\mathbf{p}}} (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{\mathbf{p}}) + \frac{i\omega_n}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right] \frac{n_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\omega_n^2 + (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{\mathbf{p}})^2} \\ &+ \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{2} \Delta \left[\frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}E_{\mathbf{p}}} (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + E_{\mathbf{p}}) + \frac{i\omega_n}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right] \frac{1 + n_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\omega_n^2 + (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{\mathbf{p}})^2}, \end{aligned}$$
(A2)

$$\Pi_{14}(q) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta^2}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}E_{\mathbf{p}}} \left[(E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{\mathbf{p}}) \frac{n_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\omega_n^2 + (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{\mathbf{p}})^2} - (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + E_{\mathbf{p}}) \frac{1 + n_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\omega_n^2 + (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + E_{\mathbf{p}})^2} \right],$$
(A3)

$$\Pi_{22}(q) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{2} \left[(E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{\mathbf{p}}) \left(1 + \frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}\xi_{\mathbf{p}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) + i\omega_n \left(\frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}} + \frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) \right] \frac{n_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\omega_n^2 + (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} - E_{\mathbf{p}})^2} \\ + \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \frac{1}{2} \left[(E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + E_{\mathbf{p}}) \left(1 - \frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}\xi_{\mathbf{p}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) + i\omega_n \left(\frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}}} - \frac{\xi_{\mathbf{p}}}{E_{\mathbf{p}}} \right) \right] \frac{1 + n_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + n_{\mathbf{p}}}{\omega_n^2 + (E_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}} + E_{\mathbf{p}})^2},$$
(A4)

where $\xi_{\mathbf{p}} \equiv \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} + \Delta$, $\Delta \equiv U n_0$, $E_{\mathbf{p}} \equiv \sqrt{\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}}(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} + 2\Delta)}$, and $n_{\mathbf{p}}$ is the Bose distribution function $n_{\mathbf{p}} \equiv 1/(e^{\beta E_{\mathbf{p}}} - 1)$.

APPENDIX B: VERTEX FUNCTIONS IN STATIC AND ZERO-MOMENTUM LIMIT

We evaluate the vertex functions Γ_{ij} in the static and lowmomentum limit. Noting that $g_{11}(p) = -g_{12}(p)$ in this limit [60], we find

$$\lim_{p \to 0} \Pi_{11,22,14}(p) = -\lim_{p \to 0} \Pi_{12}(p).$$
(B1)

For the dimensionality of the system d = 3 at $T \neq 0$, all the polarization functions show the infrared divergence as $\Pi_{ij}(\mathbf{p},0) \propto 1/|\mathbf{p}|$ for small **p**. Because of these properties, the vertex functions Γ_{ij} in the limit $p \rightarrow 0$ converge as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{11}(0) \\ \Gamma_{12}(0) \\ \Gamma_{14}(0) \\ \Gamma_{22}(0) \\ \Gamma_{23}(0) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma'(0) + \Gamma'_{11}(0) \\ \Gamma'(0) - \Gamma'_{11}(0) \\ \Gamma'(0) + \Gamma'_{22}(0) \\ \Gamma'(0) - \Gamma'_{22}(0) \end{pmatrix}.$$
(B2)

Here,

$$\Gamma'_{ii}(p) = \frac{U}{1 - U\Pi'_{ii}(p)} \quad (i = 1, 2), \tag{B3}$$

$$\Gamma'(p) = \frac{U}{2 - U\Pi'(p)},\tag{B4}$$

where

$$\Pi'_{ii}(p) = \Pi_{ii}(p) - \Pi_{14}(p) \quad (i = 1, 2), \tag{B5}$$

$$\Pi'(p) = \Pi_{11}(p) + \Pi_{22}(p) + 2\Pi_{14}(p) + 4\Pi_{12}(p).$$
 (B6)

Note that $\Pi'_{ii}(p)$ and $\Pi'(p)$ converge because the infrared divergences of $\Pi_{ij}(p \to 0)$ are canceled out owing to the relation in Eq. (B1).

In the same manner, the effective interaction $U_{\text{eff}}(p)$ and the regular part of the density-density correlation function $\chi_{\text{R}}(p)$, as well as the three-point vertices $\gamma(p)$ and $\gamma^{\dagger}(p)$, are also found to converge in the static and zero-momentum limit as

$$U_{\rm eff}(0) = U \frac{2 - U \Pi'(0)}{3 - 2U \Pi'(0)},$$
 (B7)

$$\chi_{\rm R}(0) = -\frac{1}{U} \frac{1 - U \Pi'(0)}{2 - U \Pi'(0)},\tag{B8}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}(0) = \frac{\Gamma'(0)}{U} \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\1\\1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{B9}$$

Since all the vertex functions neither vanish nor diverge in the static and zero-momentum limit, Σ_0 also converges as

$$\Sigma_{011}(0) = U n_0 \frac{A_{\Sigma 11}}{B_{\Sigma}}, \quad \Sigma_{012}(0) = U n_0 \frac{A_{\Sigma 12}}{B_{\Sigma}}, \quad (B10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\Sigma 11} &= 6 + 9U \Pi'(0) - U^2 [16\Pi'_{11}(0) + 5\Pi'(0)] \Pi'(0) \\ &+ 7U^3 \Pi'_{11}(0) \Pi'^2(0), \\ A_{\Sigma 12} &= 6 - U [12\Pi'_{11}(0) - 9\Pi'(0)] - U^2 [2\Pi'_{11}(0) \\ &+ 5\Pi'(0)] \Pi'(0) + 3U^3 \Pi'_{11}(0) \Pi'^2(0), \\ B_{\Sigma} &= [1 - U \Pi'_{11}(0)] [2 - U \Pi'(0)] [3 - 2U \Pi'(0)]. \end{aligned}$$

Since $A_{\Sigma 11,\Sigma 12}$ and B_{Σ} remain finite in the limit $p \to 0$, we find $\Sigma_{011}(0) \neq 0$ and $\Sigma_{012}(0) \neq 0$.

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