

Local perturbation in a Tomonaga-Luttinger liquid at $g = 1/2$: Orthogonality catastrophe, Fermi-edge singularity, and local density of states

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The orthogonality catastrophe in a Tomonaga-Luttinger liquid with an impurity is reexamined for the case when the interaction parameter or the dimensionless conductance is $g = 1/2$. By transforming bosons back to fermions, the Hamiltonian is reduced to a quadratic form, which allows for explicit calculation of the overlap integral and the local density of states at the defect site. The exponent of the orthogonality catastrophe due to a backward scattering center is found to be $1/8$, in agreement with previous studies using different approaches. The time dependence of the core-hole Green's function is computed numerically, which shows a clear crossover from a nonuniversal short-time behavior to a universal long-time behavior. The local density of states vanishes linearly in the low-energy limit at $g = 1/2$. [S0163-1829(97)09540-4]

I. INTRODUCTION

One-dimensional interacting fermion systems, Tomonaga-Luttinger (TL) liquids,¹⁻³ have recently attracted much attention due to their anomalous response to local perturbations. Recent extensive studies⁴⁻⁹ on transport properties of TL liquids with an impurity revealed that repulsively interacting fermions have vanishing transmission probability through a potential barrier in the low-energy limit. This is because the interaction between fermions strongly enhances the backward scattering at the barrier. Thus, a single defect effectively cuts a TL liquid into two disconnected ones at zero temperature.⁴ This implies that the local density of states (LDOS) at the defect is reduced for low energy, and according to Kane and Fisher⁴ it shows a power-law energy dependence,

$$\rho(\omega) \propto \omega^{1/g - 1}, \quad (1)$$

where g is a parameter characterizing the TL liquid. This picture was, however, questioned recently by Oreg and Finkel'stein,¹⁰ who claimed based on a mapping to a Coulomb gas problem that the LDOS at the defect is enhanced, rather than suppressed, in the low-energy limit for weakly interacting fermions. This controversy motivates us to reexamine this issue.

The orthogonality catastrophe¹¹ in a TL liquid is another interesting subject that has been discussed by several authors.¹²⁻¹⁸ They showed that the overlap between the ground state of a pure TL liquid $|p\rangle$ and that of a TL liquid with a single scatterer $|s\rangle$ vanishes in the limit of large system size:

$$|\langle p|s\rangle|^2 \propto L^{-\gamma_F - \gamma_B}, \quad (2)$$

where L is the length of the system. The exponent γ_F is due to the forward-scattering potential and depends on its strength.^{12,13} It can be calculated directly using a unitary transformation. The other exponent γ_B due to the backward scattering is believed to be independent of the strength of the potential and take a universal value, $1/8$.¹⁴⁻¹⁷ In Refs. 14, 15, and 17 the exponent γ_B is calculated by assuming that a backward scattering center can be replaced with an impenetrable potential barrier. Oreg and Finkel'stein,¹⁸ however, questioned the validity of the assumption and argued that the exponent of the Fermi-edge singularity due to a backward scattering center is zero, which implies $\gamma_B = 0$. On the other hand, Kane *et al.*¹⁶ used a renormalization-group equation that becomes exact in the limit of weak repulsive interaction between fermions. They could describe a crossover from the high-energy regime to the low-energy regime, and obtained the same exponent $\gamma_B = 1/8$ in the low-energy limit. The result of a recent direct numerical calculation of the overlap integral¹⁹ is also consistent with $\gamma_B = 1/8$.

It is known that, when the TL-liquid parameter g is $1/2$, the bosonized Hamiltonian containing a nonlinear term representing the backward scattering can be transformed to a quadratic Hamiltonian of fermions.²⁰ This is essentially the same technique as the Emery-Kivelson solution of the two-channel Kondo problem.²¹ The exact results on the conductance⁴ and nonequilibrium noise spectra²² were obtained using this refermionization technique. It is thus natural to expect that exact calculation should also be possible for the above-mentioned problems. The purpose of this paper is to show that this is indeed the case.

The structure of this paper is as follows. After introducing a model of interacting fermions in Sec. II, we discuss in Sec. III the exact low-energy behavior of the LDOS for $g = 1/2$. For $g \neq 1/2$ we show that Eq. (1) follows from the assumption that the phase field is pinned at the defect site. The importance of zero modes is emphasized. In Sec. IV we calculate γ_B analytically for $g = 1/2$ without assuming the nature of the low-energy fixed point. We find $\gamma_B = 1/8$. The so-called core-hole Green's function is then computed nu-

merically in Sec. V, which shows a clear crossover from short-time to long-time regimes. We show in Sec. VI that the exponent of the Fermi-edge singularity due to backward scattering is also given by γ_B . We summarize the results in Sec. VII.

II. MODEL

In this section we introduce a model of interacting spinless fermions and briefly explain the bosonization rule to fix the notation.

The Hamiltonian of our model is given by

$$H = iv_F \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left[\psi_L^\dagger(x) \frac{d}{dx} \psi_L(x) - \psi_R^\dagger(x) \frac{d}{dx} \psi_R(x) \right] + g_2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx : \psi_L^\dagger(x) \psi_L(x) : : \psi_R^\dagger(x) \psi_R(x) : \\ + \frac{g_4}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \sum_{\mu=L,R} : \psi_\mu^\dagger(x) \psi_\mu(x) : : \psi_\mu^\dagger(x) \psi_\mu(x) : + \lambda_F \sum_{\mu=L,R} : \psi_\mu^\dagger(0) \psi_\mu(0) : + \lambda_B [e^{i\theta} \psi_L^\dagger(0) \psi_R(0) + \text{H.c.}], \quad (3)$$

where $\psi_{L(R)}$ describes left-going (right-going) fermions, $:A:$ represents normal-ordered operator A , and λ_F ($\lambda_B e^{i\theta}$) is the forward-scattering (backward-scattering) potential. Following the standard bosonization rule,²³ we express fermions ψ_μ in terms of bosonic operators:

$$\psi_L(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha}} \eta_L e^{-i\varphi_L(x)}, \quad (4a)$$

$$\psi_R(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha}} \eta_R e^{i\varphi_R(x)}, \quad (4b)$$

$$: \psi_\mu^\dagger(x) \psi_\mu(x) : = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d}{dx} \varphi_\mu(x), \quad (4c)$$

where α is a short-distance cutoff. The bosonic fields satisfy the commutation relations $[\varphi_L(x), \varphi_L(y)] = -i\pi \text{sgn}(x-y)$, $[\varphi_R(x), \varphi_R(y)] = i\pi \text{sgn}(x-y)$, and $[\varphi_L(x), \varphi_R(y)] = 0$. The operator η_μ 's are Majorana fermions corresponding to zero modes of bosons, which are needed to ensure the anticommutation relation between ψ_L and ψ_R . They satisfy $\{\eta_L, \eta_R\} = 0$ and $\eta_\mu^2 = 1$. We then introduce new bosonic fields as

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} [\varphi_R(x) + \varphi_L(x)], \quad (5a)$$

$$\Pi(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \frac{d}{dx} [\varphi_R(x) - \varphi_L(x)], \quad (5b)$$

which obey $[\phi(x), \Pi(y)] = i\delta(x-y)$. With these fields the Hamiltonian can be transformed to a bosonic form,

$$H = \frac{v}{2} \int dx \left[\frac{1}{g} \left(\frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)^2 + g \Pi^2 \right] + \frac{\lambda_F}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{d\phi(0)}{dx} \\ + i \frac{\lambda_B}{\pi\alpha} \eta_L \eta_R \sin[\sqrt{4\pi}\phi(0) + \theta]. \quad (6)$$

The parameter g is related to g_2 and g_4 by $g = [(1 + \tilde{g}_4 - \tilde{g}_2)/(1 + \tilde{g}_4 + \tilde{g}_2)]^{1/2}$ with $\tilde{g}_i = g_i/2\pi v_F$. Since

the interaction is repulsive, g is less than 1. The renormalized velocity is given by $v = v_F [(1 + \tilde{g}_4)^2 - (\tilde{g}_2)^2]^{1/2}$.

We then introduce another set of bosonic fields $\varphi_\pm(x)$:¹⁷

$$\varphi_\pm(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} - \sqrt{g} \right) [\varphi_R(x) \pm \varphi_L(-x)] \right. \\ \left. + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} + \sqrt{g} \right) [\varphi_R(-x) \pm \varphi_L(x)] \right\}. \quad (7)$$

These fields satisfy $[\varphi_+(x), \varphi_+(y)] = [\varphi_-(x), \varphi_-(y)] = -i\pi \text{sgn}(x-y)$ and $[\varphi_+(x), \varphi_-(y)] = 0$. The advantage of using φ_\pm is that we may separate the Hamiltonian into two commuting parts, $H = H_F + H_B$, where

$$H_F = \frac{v}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{d\varphi_-}{dx} \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda_F}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{2}} \frac{d\varphi_-(0)}{dx}, \quad (8)$$

$$H_B = \frac{v}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{d\varphi_+}{dx} \right)^2 + i \frac{\lambda_B}{\pi\alpha} \eta_L \eta_R \sin[\sqrt{2g}\varphi_+(0) + \theta]. \quad (9)$$

The fermion field at $x=0$ may be written as

$$\psi(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha}} \exp\left[-\frac{i}{\sqrt{2g}}\varphi_-(0)\right] \left\{ \eta_L \exp\left[-i\sqrt{\frac{g}{2}}\varphi_+(0)\right] \right. \\ \left. + \eta_R \exp\left[i\sqrt{\frac{g}{2}}\varphi_+(0)\right] \right\}. \quad (10)$$

III. LOCAL DENSITY OF STATES AT A SCATTERING CENTER

In this section we calculate the following correlation function:

$$D(t) = \langle g_\theta | e^{iHt} \psi^\dagger(0) e^{-iHt} \psi(0) | g_\theta \rangle, \quad (11)$$

where $|g_\theta\rangle$ is a ground state of H . The LDOS is given by $\rho(\omega) = \int (d\omega/2\pi) e^{i\omega t} D(t)$. In general we expect $D(t) \propto e^{-i\Delta t} t^{-\nu}$ for $t \rightarrow \infty$. Since H has gapless excitations, we

know that Δ must be zero. Thus, we will not pay attention to Δ and concentrate only on the exponent ν in the following discussion.

Since H_F and H_B commute, the correlation function is factorized into two parts as $D(t) = (1/2\pi\alpha) D_F(t) D_B(t)$, where

$$D_F(t) = \langle F | e^{iH_F t} e^{i\Phi_-} e^{-iH_F t} e^{-i\Phi_-} | F \rangle, \quad (12a)$$

$$D_B(t) = \langle B | e^{iH_B t} (\eta_L e^{i\Phi_+} + \eta_R e^{-i\Phi_+}) e^{-iH_B t} \times (\eta_L e^{-i\Phi_+} + \eta_R e^{i\Phi_+}) | B \rangle. \quad (12b)$$

Here $\Phi_- = \varphi_-(0)/\sqrt{2g}$, $\Phi_+ = \sqrt{g/2}\varphi_+(0)$, and $|F\rangle$ ($|B\rangle$) is a ground state of H_F (H_B). The Hamiltonian H_F is related to a free Hamiltonian by a unitary transformation as $UH_F U^\dagger = H_F^{(0)} + \text{const}$, where

$$H_F^{(0)} = \frac{v}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{d\varphi_-}{dx} \right)^2 \quad (13)$$

and

$$U = \exp \left[-i \frac{\lambda_F}{\pi v} \sqrt{\frac{g}{2}} \varphi_-(0) \right]. \quad (14)$$

This means $|F\rangle = U^\dagger |F_0\rangle$ with $|F_0\rangle$ being the ground state of $H_F^{(0)}$. We thus get

$$D_F(t) = \langle F_0 | e^{iH_F^{(0)} t} e^{i\Phi_-} e^{-iH_F^{(0)} t} e^{-i\Phi_-} | F_0 \rangle = \left(1 + i \frac{vt}{\alpha} \right)^{-1/2g} \sim t^{-1/2g}. \quad (15)$$

As pointed out in Ref. 10, the forward-scattering potential does not affect the LDOS.

Next we rewrite Eq. (12b) as

$$D_B(t) = \langle B | e^{iH_B t} (e^{i\Phi_+} - \eta_L \eta_R e^{-i\Phi_+}) e^{-i\tilde{H}_B t} \times (e^{-i\Phi_+} + \eta_L \eta_R e^{i\Phi_+}) | B \rangle, \quad (16)$$

where $\tilde{H}_B \equiv \eta_L H_B \eta_L = H_B(\lambda_B \rightarrow -\lambda_B)$. Note that this sign change of the cosine term is a direct consequence of the anticommutation relation $\{\psi_L, \psi_R\} = 0$. At this point we may set $\eta_L \eta_R = -i$ because only the terms involving even powers of $\eta_L \eta_R$ will contribute to $D_B(t)$ when Eq. (16) is calculated perturbatively in powers of λ_B . We then shift $\varphi_+(x) \rightarrow \varphi_+(x) + (1/\sqrt{2g})(\pi/2 - \theta)$ and obtain

$$D_B(t) = 2 \langle + | e^{iH_+ t} e^{i\Phi_+} e^{-iH_+ t} e^{-i\Phi_+} | + \rangle + 2 \cos \theta \langle + | e^{iH_+ t} e^{i\Phi_+} e^{-iH_+ t} e^{i\Phi_+} | + \rangle, \quad (17)$$

where

$$H_\pm \equiv \frac{v}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{d\varphi_\pm}{dx} \right)^2 \pm \frac{\lambda_B}{\pi\alpha} \cos[\sqrt{2g}\varphi_\pm(0)] \quad (18)$$

and we have used the fact that the ground state of H_+ , $|+\rangle$, is invariant under $\varphi_+ \rightarrow -\varphi_+$. It is useful to transform Eq. (17) further to the form

$$D_B(t) = 2 \langle + | e^{iH_+ t} e^{-i\tilde{H}_- t} | + \rangle$$

$$+ 2 \cos \theta \langle + | e^{iH_+ t} e^{-i\tilde{H}_- t} e^{2i\Phi_+} | + \rangle, \quad (19)$$

where

$$\tilde{H}_- = \frac{v}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{d\varphi_+}{dx} - \pi\sqrt{2g}\delta(x) \right)^2 - \frac{\lambda_B}{\pi\alpha} \cos[\sqrt{2g}\varphi_+(0)]. \quad (20)$$

We first consider the case of $g=1/2$. A crucial point in this case is that the cosine term becomes $e^{i\varphi_+(0)} + e^{-i\varphi_+(0)}$. Therefore, fermionizing the chiral boson φ_+ as

$$\frac{e^{i\varphi_+(x)}}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha}} = \eta\psi_+(x), \quad (21)$$

we may transform Eq. (18) to^{20,24}

$$H_\pm = iv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi_+^\dagger(x) \frac{d}{dx} \psi_+(x) \pm \frac{\lambda_B}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha}} [\eta\psi_+(0) + \psi_+^\dagger(0)\eta], \quad (22)$$

where η is a Majorana fermion, satisfying $\eta^2 = 1$. This leads to a simple relation, $\eta H_+ \eta = H_-$. It is important to realize that the fermionic representation (ψ_+ and η) and the bosonic representation (φ_+) are equivalent. In the perturbative expansion of $D_B(t)$ in powers of λ_B , the products of η 's yield a factor $+1$ or -1 in such a way that this series becomes exactly the same as the series calculated in terms of the boson φ_+ . Clearly the fermion representation is more useful because H_+ becomes a quadratic Hamiltonian, which can be easily diagonalized:²⁰

$$H_+ = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \left[\xi_k a_k^\dagger a_k + \frac{\lambda_B}{2\pi\sqrt{\alpha}} (\eta a_k + a_k^\dagger \eta) \right] = \int_0^{\infty} dk \xi_k (c_k^\dagger c_k + d_k^\dagger d_k) + \text{const}, \quad (23)$$

where $\xi_k \equiv vk$ and $\psi_+(x) = \int (dk/\sqrt{2\pi}) e^{-ikx} a_k$. For later convenience we write the transformation rule here:²⁰

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_k + \frac{\xi_k}{\sqrt{2(\xi_k^2 + \Gamma^2)}} d_k + \frac{\Gamma}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \text{P} \int_0^{\infty} dq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi_q^2 + \Gamma^2}} \left(\frac{d_q}{q-k} - \frac{d_q^\dagger}{q+k} \right), \quad (24a)$$

$$a_{-k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_k^\dagger - \frac{\xi_k}{\sqrt{2(\xi_k^2 + \Gamma^2)}} d_k^\dagger + \frac{\Gamma}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \text{P} \int_0^{\infty} dq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi_q^2 + \Gamma^2}} \left(\frac{d_q}{q+k} - \frac{d_q^\dagger}{q-k} \right), \quad (24b)$$

$$\eta = \frac{\lambda_B}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha}} \int_0^\infty dq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\xi_q^2 + \Gamma^2}} (d_q + d_q^\dagger), \quad (24c)$$

where $k > 0$, $\Gamma \equiv \lambda_B^2 / (\pi \alpha v)$, and c_k and d_k satisfy the ordinary anticommutation relation. The ground state $|+\rangle$ is the vacuum of c_k and d_k .

Using Eq. (21), we rewrite Eq. (19) in a fermionic form,

$$D_B(t) = 2 \langle + | e^{iH_+ t} \eta e^{-i\tilde{H}_+ t} \eta | + \rangle + \sqrt{8\pi\alpha} \cos\theta \langle + | e^{iH_+ t} \eta e^{-i\tilde{H}_+ t} \psi_+(0) | + \rangle, \quad (25)$$

where

$$\tilde{H}_+ = H_+ + \pi v : \psi_+^\dagger(0) \psi_+(0) : + \text{const.} \quad (26)$$

From Eqs. (24a) and (24b), the second term becomes

$$\pi v : \psi_+^\dagger(0) \psi_+(0) : = \frac{v}{2} \int_0^\infty dk \int_0^\infty dp \frac{\xi_p}{\sqrt{\xi_p^2 + \Gamma^2}} (c_k + c_k^\dagger) \times (d_p - d_p^\dagger), \quad (27)$$

which is an irrelevant operator with scaling dimension 2. To find the long-time behavior of $D_B(t)$, we can thus treat Eq. (27) as a small perturbation. The lowest-order calculation then gives, for $\Gamma t \gg 1$,

$$D_B(t) = -\frac{4i}{\pi\Gamma t} + \sqrt{2\pi\alpha} \cos\theta \frac{\lambda_B}{\pi v} \frac{\ln(vt/\alpha)}{\Gamma^2 t^2}. \quad (28)$$

Note that the $1/t$ dependence of the first term comes from the correlator $\langle + | \eta(t) \eta(0) | + \rangle$, which also appeared in the two-channel Kondo problem.²¹ Combining Eqs. (15) and (28), we get $D(t) = -2/(\pi^2 v \Gamma t^2)$ for $\Gamma t \gg 1$, which implies

$$\rho(\omega) = \frac{2\omega}{\pi^2 v \Gamma} \quad (29)$$

for $\omega \ll \Gamma$. This is consistent with Eq. (1). We see that the single scatterer at $x=0$ indeed depletes the low-energy excitations around it.

For $g \neq 1/2$ ($0 < g < 1$) we take a different approach. We assume from the outset that the phase field φ_+ is pinned at $x=0$ by the cosine potential in H_+ (18), as in Refs. 14, 15, and 17. We thus replace the cosine by a term that is easier to deal with. A convenient choice is

$$H_M = \frac{v}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx \left[\frac{1}{g} \left(\frac{d\phi}{dx} \right)^2 + g \Pi^2 \right] + \frac{M}{2} [\phi(0)]^2, \quad (30)$$

where M should be a characteristic energy scale at which the cosine term becomes of the order of the band width ($M = \Gamma$ for $g = 1/2$). It immediately follows from the scaling equation $d\lambda_B/dl = (1-g)\lambda_B$ that

$$M \propto \frac{v}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\lambda_B}{v} \right)^{1/(1-g)}. \quad (31)$$

Since H_M is a quadratic Hamiltonian, it is easily diagonalized as $H_M = \int dk \xi_k (\alpha_k^\dagger \alpha_k + \beta_k^\dagger \beta_k)$ with

$$\phi = \int_0^\infty dk \sqrt{\frac{g}{2\pi k}} [\sin(kx) (\alpha_k + \alpha_k^\dagger) + \cos(k|x| - \delta_k) \times (\beta_k + \beta_k^\dagger)] \quad (32)$$

and $\Pi = (1/gv) \partial\phi/\partial t$, where α_k and β_k satisfy the ordinary commutation relations of bosons. The phase shift is given by $\delta_k = \tan^{-1}(gM/2vk)$. Note that $\delta_k \rightarrow \pi/2$ as $k \rightarrow 0$.

Let us denote the ground state of H_M by $|0_M\rangle$. We then find

$$\langle 0_M | \partial_x \varphi_+(0, t) \partial_x \varphi_+(0, 0) | 0_M \rangle = 2\pi g \langle 0_M | \Pi(0, t) \Pi(0, 0) | 0_M \rangle = \frac{24}{g^2 M^2 v^2 t^4} \quad (33)$$

for $Mt \gg 1$, implying that $\partial_x \varphi_+(0)$ is an irrelevant operator with dimension 2. This is consistent with the observation made in Eq. (27). In fact, this is an expected result because φ_+ is pinned at $x=0$. We may thus use H_- instead of \tilde{H}_- to obtain the long-time asymptotic behavior of $D_B(t)$ in Eq. (19). It is also important to note that $e^{i\Phi_+}$ is not fluctuating too much and can be regarded essentially as a constant because $\varphi_+(0)$ is pinned. In fact, we find

$$\langle 0_M | e^{i\Phi_+} | 0_M \rangle = \langle 0_M | \exp[i\sqrt{2\pi/g} \phi(0)] | 0_M \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{e^{\gamma g \alpha M}}{2v}} \quad (34)$$

for $\alpha M \ll v$, where $\gamma = 0.577\dots$ is Euler's constant. Note that, at $g = 1/2$, we get $\langle + | e^{i\Phi_+} | + \rangle = -(\lambda_B/\pi v) \ln(v/\alpha\Gamma)$, which is consistent with Eqs. (31) and (34). Hence, from Eq. (19), we get

$$D_B(t) \propto \langle 0_M | e^{iH_+ t} V e^{-iH_+ t} V^\dagger | 0_M \rangle \approx \langle 0_M | e^{iH_M t} V e^{-iH_M t} V^\dagger | 0_M \rangle, \quad (35)$$

where V is a unitary operator, which shifts $\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(x) + \sqrt{\pi}/2$. The right-hand side of Eq. (35) is known to decay as $\sim t^{-1/2g}$.²⁵ This result can be easily obtained using the following representation for V :

$$V = \exp \left[- \int_0^\infty dk \frac{\sin \delta_k}{\sqrt{2gk}} (\beta_k^\dagger - \beta_k) \right], \quad (36)$$

with which it is easy to check $V\phi(x)V^\dagger = \phi(x) + \sqrt{\pi}/2$ and $\langle 0_M | V(t)V^\dagger(0) | 0_M \rangle \sim t^{-1/2g}$. We thus obtain $D(t) \propto t^{-1/g}$, from which Eq. (1) follows. We conclude that the suppression of the LDOS at low energy (1) is a direct consequence of the pinning of the phase field at $x=0$. However, it is important to note that the exact result (29) is obtained without any assumption on the low-energy fixed point.

IV. ORTHOGONALITY CATASTROPHE

In this section we discuss the orthogonality catastrophe for the special case of $g = 1/2$. We calculate the overlap integral $|\langle p|s\rangle|^2 = |\langle F_0|F\rangle|^2 \times |\langle 0|+\rangle|^2$, where $|0\rangle$ is the ground state of the Hamiltonian $H_0 \equiv H_+|_{\lambda_B=0}$. It is almost trivial to find γ_F in Eq. (2) because $\langle F_0|F\rangle = \langle F_0|U^\dagger|F_0\rangle$. We get^{12,13}

$$\gamma_F = 2g \left(\frac{\lambda_F}{2\pi v} \right)^2. \tag{37}$$

Hence our problem is reduced to calculate the overlap $\langle 0|+\rangle$. In the fermion language, H_0 is

$$H_0 = i v \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi_+^\dagger(x) \frac{d}{dx} \psi_+(x), \tag{38}$$

and $|0\rangle$ is the filled Fermi sea. Then the ground state of H_+ can be written as

$$|+\rangle = T \exp \left[-i \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{\epsilon t} H'(t) dt \right] |0\rangle, \tag{39}$$

where ϵ is positive infinitesimal and $H'(t) = e^{iH_0 t} (H_+ - H_0) e^{-iH_0 t}$. Using the linked-cluster theorem, we can write the overlap integral as

$$\langle 0|+\rangle = \exp[G_c(0, -\infty)], \tag{40}$$

where $G_c(0, -\infty)$ is a sum of connected ring diagrams,

$$G_c(0, -\infty) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{2n}}{2n} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt_1 \cdots \int_{-\infty}^0 dt_{2n} s_0(t_1 - t_2) g_0(t_2 - t_3) \cdots s_0(t_{2n-1} - t_{2n}) g_0(t_{2n} - t_1) \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \epsilon t_i \right). \tag{41}$$

Here $\lambda \equiv \lambda_B / \sqrt{2\pi\alpha}$ and the propagators $s_0(t)$ and $g_0(t)$ are given by

$$s_0(t) = \langle 0|T \eta(t) \eta(0)|0\rangle = \text{sgn}(t), \tag{42a}$$

$$g_0(t) = \langle 0|T[\psi_+(x=0,t) - \psi_+^\dagger(0,t)][\psi_+(0,0) - \psi_+^\dagger(0,0)]|0\rangle = \frac{i}{\pi v [t - i\epsilon \text{sgn}(t)]}, \tag{42b}$$

where ϵ is positive infinitesimal. Differentiating Eq. (41) with respect to λ , we obtain

$$G_c(0, -\infty) = - \frac{v}{4} \int_0^\Gamma d\Gamma \int_{-\infty}^0 dt_1 \int_{-\infty}^0 dt_2 e^{\epsilon(t_1+t_2)} s_0(t_1 - t_2) g(t_2, t_1), \tag{43}$$

where $g(t_1, t_2)$ is a solution of a Dyson equation,

$$g(t_1, t_2) = g_0(t_1 - t_2) - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi i} \text{P} \int_{-\infty}^0 dt_3 \int_{-\infty}^0 dt_4 \frac{e^{\epsilon(t_3+t_4)}}{t_1 - t_3} \text{sgn}(t_3 - t_4) g(t_4, t_2). \tag{44}$$

Since Eq. (44) contains double integral, working in real time is not as convenient as it is in the Fermi-liquid case.²⁶ On the other hand, the Fourier transform of Eq. (44) contains only a single integral:

$$\tilde{g}(\omega, t_2) = - \frac{e^{i\omega t_2}}{v} \text{sgn}(\omega) + \frac{i\Gamma}{|\omega|} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2\pi i} \tilde{g}(\nu, t_2) \left[\frac{1}{\nu - \omega + 2i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2(\nu + i\epsilon)} \right]. \tag{45}$$

This equation can be solved in the limit $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ in the standard way.²⁷

We first introduce functions \tilde{g}_\pm by

$$\tilde{g}_\pm(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2\pi i} \tilde{g}(\nu, t_2) \left[\frac{1}{\nu - \omega \mp 2i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2(\nu + i\epsilon)} \right]. \tag{46}$$

We can then express Eq. (45) as

$$\tilde{g}_+(\omega) - \left(1 - i \frac{\Gamma}{|\omega|} \right) \tilde{g}_-(\omega) = - \frac{e^{i\omega t_2}}{v} \text{sgn}(\omega). \tag{47}$$

A solution of this equation with correct analytic properties is

$$\tilde{g}_\pm(\omega) = - \frac{1}{v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2\pi i} \frac{e^{i\nu t_2} \text{sgn}(\nu)}{\nu - \omega \mp i\delta} \frac{X_\pm(\omega)}{X_+(\nu)}, \tag{48}$$

where δ is positive infinitesimal and

$$X_\pm(\omega) = \exp \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\nu}{2\pi i} \frac{\ln(1 - i\Gamma/|\nu|)}{\nu - \omega \mp i\delta} \right]. \tag{49}$$

With this solution Eq. (43) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
G_c(0, -\infty) &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2 i} \int_0^\Gamma d\Gamma \int_{-\infty}^0 dt_1 \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} dt_2 \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\omega \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\nu e^{-i\omega t_1 + i\nu t_2 + \epsilon(t_1 + t_2)} \frac{\text{sgn}(\nu)}{\nu - \omega + i\delta} \frac{X_-(\omega)}{X_+(\nu)} \\
&= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_0^\Gamma d\Gamma \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\nu e^{i(\nu - i\epsilon)\tau} \frac{\text{sgn}(\nu)}{X_+(\nu)} \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\omega \frac{X_-(\omega)}{(\omega - \nu + 2i\epsilon)(\nu - \omega + i\delta)}, \quad (50)
\end{aligned}$$

where $\tau = t_2 - t_1$ and we have integrated over $(t_1 + t_2)/2$. As pointed out by Hamann,²⁸ in the next step in which we perform the ω integral, it is important to keep ϵ finite while taking the limit $\delta \rightarrow +0$:

$$\begin{aligned}
G_c(0, -\infty) &= -\frac{i}{4\pi} \int_0^\Gamma d\Gamma \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\nu e^{i(\nu - i\epsilon)\tau} \frac{\text{sgn}(\nu)}{2i\epsilon} \frac{X_-(\nu - 2i\epsilon)}{X_+(\nu)} \\
&= -\frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon} \int_0^\Gamma d\Gamma \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\nu \frac{\nu e^{i(\nu - i\epsilon)\tau}}{|\nu| - i\Gamma} + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_0^\Gamma d\Gamma \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\nu_1 \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\nu_2 \frac{\nu_1 e^{i(\nu_1 - i\epsilon)\tau} \ln(1 - i\Gamma/|\nu_2|)}{|\nu_1| - i\Gamma} \frac{1}{(\nu_2 - \nu_1 + i\delta)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

After replacing $\nu/(|\nu| - i\Gamma)$ by $\nu[(|\nu| - i\Gamma)^{-1} - (\nu - i\Gamma)^{-1}]$ and $\ln(1 - i\Gamma/|\nu|)$ by $\ln[(1 - i\Gamma/|\nu|)/(1 + i\Gamma/\nu)]$, we integrate over τ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
G_c(0, -\infty) &= \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon i} \int_0^\Gamma d\Gamma \int_{-\infty}^0 d\nu \frac{\nu}{\nu^2 + \Gamma^2} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\Gamma d\Gamma \int_0^\infty d\nu_1 \int_0^\infty d\nu_2 \frac{1}{(\nu_1 + \nu_2)^2} \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_1^2 + \Gamma^2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\Gamma}{\nu_2}\right) \\
&= \frac{i}{2\epsilon} \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi} \left[\ln\left(\frac{\Lambda}{\Gamma}\right) + 1 \right] - \frac{1}{16} \ln\left(\frac{\Gamma}{E_L}\right), \quad (51)
\end{aligned}$$

where we have introduced the high-energy cutoff $\Lambda \sim v/\alpha$ and the low-energy cutoff $E_L \sim v/L$. From Eqs. (40) and (51) we get $\gamma_B = 1/8$ in agreement with the previous studies.^{14-17,19} Note that the quantity $E_0 \equiv -(\Gamma/2\pi)[\ln(\Lambda/\Gamma) + 1]$ appearing in the first term is equal to the difference between the ground state energies of H_+ and H_0 .²⁰

Since $\delta(E) \equiv \tan^{-1}(\Gamma/E)$ in Eq. (51) is the phase shift for fictitious chiral fermions due to the coupling λ_B in Eq. (22), the above calculation implies that $\gamma_B = \frac{1}{2}[\delta(0)/\pi]^2$, in contrast to the Fermi-liquid result^{11,26} $\gamma_{\text{Fermi}} = [\delta(0)/\pi]^2$. The extra factor 1/2 in our result can be traced back to the peculiar form of the scattering term in Eq. (22). Only the combination $\psi_+ - \psi_+^\dagger$ interacts with η , and the other combination $\psi_+ + \psi_+^\dagger$ is decoupled. Hence only *half* of the degrees of freedom have the phase shift [$\delta(0) = \pi/2$], giving the factor 1/2.

V. CORE-HOLE GREEN'S FUNCTION

Next we calculate the core-hole Green's function,

$$G(t) = \langle 0 | e^{iH_0 t} e^{-iH+t} | 0 \rangle \quad (52)$$

for $g = 1/2$. Using the linked-cluster theorem again, we get $G(t) = \exp[G_c(t, 0)]$, where $G_c(t, 0)$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
G_c(t, 0) &= -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{2n}}{2^n} \int_0^t dt_1 \cdots \int_0^t dt_{2n} s_0(t_1 - t_2) g_0 \\
&\quad \times (t_2 - t_3) \cdots s_0(t_{2n-1} - t_{2n}) g_0(t_{2n} - t_1). \quad (53)
\end{aligned}$$

This time we differentiate Eq. (53) with respect to t to get

$$-\frac{d}{dt} G_c(t, 0) = \lambda^2 \int_0^t dt_1 g_0(t - t_1) s(t_1), \quad (54)$$

where $s(t_1)$ is defined for $0 \leq t_1 \leq t$ and is a solution of a Dyson equation,

$$s(t_1) = -1 - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi i} \text{P} \int_0^t dt_3 \int_0^t dt_4 \frac{\text{sgn}(t_1 - t_3)}{t_3 - t_4} s(t_4). \quad (55)$$

From this equation we can easily show that $s(t_1) = s(t - t_1)$ and $s(+0) = -1$. Thus Eq. (54) becomes

$$-\frac{d}{dt} G_c(t, 0) = \frac{\Gamma}{4} - \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi i} \int_0^t dt_1 \frac{s(t_1)}{t_1}. \quad (56)$$

Here the first term comes from the real part of g_0 in Eq. (42b).

For short times $\Gamma t \ll 1$, we can solve Eq. (55) perturbatively. Up to order $(\Gamma t)^2$ we obtain

$$G_c(t, 0) = i \frac{\Gamma t}{2\pi} \left[\ln\left(\frac{t}{t_c}\right) - 1 \right] - \frac{1}{4} \Gamma t + \frac{1}{24} (\Gamma t)^2, \quad (57)$$

where t_c is a short-time cutoff $\sim 1/\Lambda$. This expansion, however, starts to fail around $\Gamma t \sim 1$. From the analysis in Sec. IV, for $\Gamma t \gg 1$ we expect $G_c(t, 0)$ to approach $-iE_0 t - \frac{1}{8} \ln(\Gamma t)$.¹⁴⁻¹⁷

The crossover from the short-time to the long-time regimes can be seen most conveniently by solving Eq. (55) numerically and putting the solution into Eq. (56). Note that the integral in Eq. (56) is well defined because $\text{Im}s(t_1) \sim t_1 |\ln t_1|$ for $t_1 \rightarrow 0$. Figure 1 shows the t dependence of the real part of $(d/dt)G_c(t, 0)$ computed in this way. It clearly exhibits the crossover at $\Gamma t \sim 1$ from the short-time

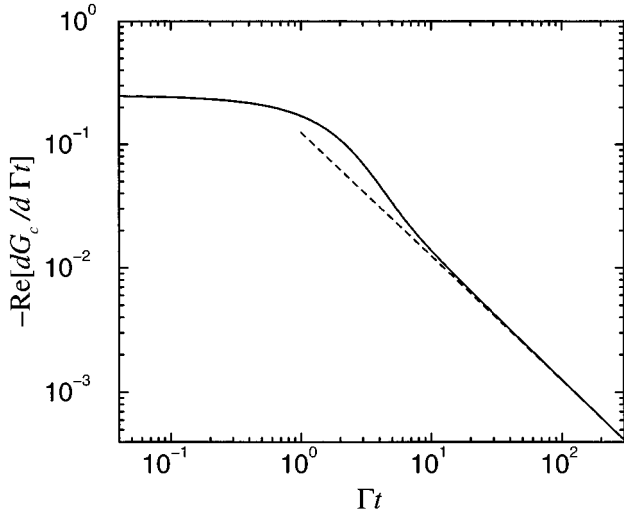


FIG. 1. Time evolution of the core-hole Green's function. There is a clear crossover at $\Gamma t \sim 1$. The dashed line represents $\text{Re}[dG_c/d\Gamma t] = -1/(8\Gamma t)$.

behavior, Eq. (56), to the long-time asymptote, $\text{Re}[dG_c(t,0)/dt] = -1/8t$. Thus we have shown that the exponent for the long-time decay of $G(t)$ is also given by γ_B , the exponent for the orthogonality catastrophe. This result can be easily understood if one accepts the physical picture that in the low-energy limit the system is cut into two semi-infinite TL liquids in which the low-energy excitations (density fluctuations) have the linear dispersion ($\omega \propto k$). We emphasize that our numerically exact result (Fig. 1) is obtained without assuming this, unlike the previous works.¹⁴⁻¹⁷

VI. FERMI-EDGE SINGULARITY

In this section we briefly discuss the Fermi-edge singularity for $g < 1$ to show that the exponents can be easily obtained from the analysis of Secs. IV and V. Here we are concerned with the correlation function

$$I(t) = \langle g_0 | e^{i(H_F^{(0)} + H_0)t} \psi(0) e^{-i(H_F + H_B)t} \psi^\dagger(0) | g_0 \rangle, \quad (58)$$

where $|g_0\rangle \equiv |F_0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$. Following the same path as in Sec. III, we write the correlator as $I(t) = (1/2\pi\alpha) I_F(t) I_B(t)$, where^{12,13}

$$I_F(t) = \langle F_0 | e^{iH_F^{(0)}t} e^{-i\Phi_-} U e^{-iH_F^{(0)}t} U^\dagger e^{i\Phi_-} | F_0 \rangle \sim t^{-\nu_F} \quad (59)$$

with $\nu_F = [(1/\sqrt{2g}) + (\lambda_F/2\pi\nu)\sqrt{2g}]^2$ and

$$I_B(t) = 2\langle 0 | e^{iH_0t} e^{-i\tilde{H}_-t} | 0 \rangle + 2\cos\theta \langle 0 | e^{iH_0t} e^{-i\tilde{H}_-t} e^{2i\Phi_+} | 0 \rangle. \quad (60)$$

We expect that $I_B(t)$ should decay as $I_B(t) \propto t^{-\nu_B}$ in the long-time limit. We now notice that the first term in Eq. (60) is similar to the core-hole Green's function discussed in Sec. V. As we saw in Fig. 1, it should decay as $\sim t^{-\tilde{\gamma}}$ with $\tilde{\gamma}$ being the exponent of the orthogonality catastrophe between $|0\rangle$ and the ground state of \tilde{H}_- : $|\langle 0 | - \rangle|^2 \propto L^{-\tilde{\gamma}}$. The latter state has a finite overlap with the ground state of H_- , because $\partial_x \varphi(0)$ [$\propto (\tilde{H}_- - H_-)$] is an irrelevant operator around the fixed point of H_- . This means $\tilde{\gamma} = \gamma_B = 1/8$. Since the second term in Eq. (60) contains an extra factor, $e^{2i\Phi_+}$, at least it is not larger than the first term. Hence we conclude $\nu_B = 1/8$, in agreement with Refs. 15 and 17. The fact that ν_B equals γ_B is a direct consequence of the pinning of φ_+ at $x=0$. Therefore the insertion of the φ_+ part of the fermion field, $e^{i\Phi_+}$, does not change the exponent. On the other hand, ν_F is not equal to γ_F because the forward scattering potential is a marginal operator.

VII. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have studied the low-energy behavior of the LDOS at the location of a scattering center and the orthogonality catastrophe due to a sudden local perturbation. The characteristic, anomalous low-energy (long-time) properties were obtained by exact calculations for $g=1/2$ by mapping the bosonized Hamiltonian back to a fermionic quadratic Hamiltonian. This method has allowed us to describe the crossover from the weak-coupling (short-time) to the strong-coupling (long-time) regimes. The exact results obtained for $g=1/2$ agree with the previous studies based on the assumption that the phase fields are completely pinned at the impurity site in the low-energy limit. The agreement implies that, to describe the low-energy physics, it is sufficient to use an effective model that incorporates the perfect reflection by the local potential. We conclude that $\gamma_B = 1/8$ and $\rho(\omega) \propto \omega^{1/g-1}$ for $g < 1$. It seems that the mapping to a Coulomb gas problem used in Refs. 10 and 18 makes it difficult to capture the Majorana fermions, which have played an essential role in this paper.

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