

Supersymmetric low-energy theory and renormalization group for a clean Fermi gas with a repulsion in arbitrary dimensions

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We suggest a method of calculations for a clean Fermi gas with a repulsion in any dimension. This method is based on writing equations for quasiclassical Green functions and reducing them to equations for collective spin and charge excitations. The spin excitations interact with each other, and this leads to nontrivial physics. Writing the solution of the equations and the partition function in terms of a functional integral over super-vectors and averaging over fluctuating fields we come to an effective field theory describing the spin excitations. In some respects, the theory is similar to bosonization but also includes the “ghost” excitations, which prevents overcounting of the degrees of freedom. Expansion in the interaction reveals logarithmic in temperature corrections. This enables us to suggest a renormalization group scheme and derive renormalization group equations. Solving these equations and using their solutions for calculating thermodynamic quantities we obtain explicit expression for the specific heat containing only an effective amplitude of the backward scattering. This amplitude has a complicated dependence on the logarithm of temperature, which leads to a nontrivial temperature dependence of the specific heat.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Landau theory of the Fermi liquid (FL) suggested 50 years ago¹ is the basis for a description of normal metals. Roughly speaking, the main statement of the FL theory is that the low-energy behavior of interacting fermions is similar to that for the ideal Fermi gas. This theory explains very successfully properties of a large number of metals and ³He. It is quite common to discuss experimental systems just forgetting about the interaction and using phenomenological parameters like, e.g., effective mass, density of states at the Fermi surface, etc., instead.

Yet recent progress in the study of unconventional metals like high-temperature superconductors and heavy-fermion materials has revealed considerable deviations of their properties from those predicted by the FL theory (for a recent review see, e.g., Refs. 2 and 3). As a result, quite a few theoretical works have appeared recently where the validity of the Landau FL theory was discussed.^{4–10}

At first glance, being phenomenological from the beginning, the Landau theory has been later confirmed by analyzing diagrammatic expansions¹¹ (see also Refs. 12–15) and looks very well established. However, a very strong assumption was used in this discussion—namely, that one could single out a singular particle-hole channel and sum proper ladder diagrams. Two-particle-irreducible vertices entering the ladder diagrams should remain finite and analytic in the limit of small momenta and frequencies. Of course, this is not always true and under certain conditions the system may become a superconductor, antiferromagnet, etc. In many cases, the failure of the Fermi liquid description can be checked by a more careful consideration of the perturbation theory and, e.g., the existence of the superconducting transition can be established in this way.^{12–14}

Nevertheless, it is believed that the system of fermions with a repulsion should behave like a Fermi liquid provided

the dimensionality $d > 1$ and there are no Van Hove-type singularities on the Fermi surface. Naturally, the similarity between the Fermi liquid and ideal Fermi gas cannot be exact and, clearly, there are corrections at finite temperatures, finite frequencies, or finite momenta. These corrections become especially interesting when they are nonanalytic functions of the values of the temperatures, frequencies, or momenta.

For the ideal Fermi gas, such quantities as $C(T)/T$ and $\chi(T)$, where $C(T)$ is the specific heat and $\chi(T)$ is the spin susceptibility, can be represented in a form of an asymptotic series in T^2/ε_F^2 (ε_F is the Fermi energy). Fermion-fermion interactions lead to additional contributions to these quantities that are not necessarily analytic in T^2 . It is well established that in $D=3$ the next-to-leading term in $C(T)/T$ is $T^2 \ln T$; see Refs. 16–20. It was claimed in Ref. 21 that the nonuniform spin susceptibility $\chi(Q)$ depends on the momentum Q as $Q^2 \ln Q$. In two dimensions (2D), nonanalytical corrections to $C(T)/T$ and $\chi(Q, T)$ found so far scale as T (see Refs. 22–25) and $\max\{Q, T\}$ (see Refs. 21, 23, and 26–29), respectively.

The existence of the nonanalytical corrections to the physical quantities is not accidental. In fact, all of the singular corrections to the thermodynamic quantities can be understood in terms of the dynamics of the low-lying collective excitations; see, e.g., Refs. 25 and 29. A detailed analysis of nonanalytical corrections to the specific heat of a three-dimensional Fermi liquid was given recently in Ref. 19. It was shown in Ref. 29 that all the other contributions that contain integrations over the entire Fermi surface are regular in T^2 , unlike the contributions of the collective modes which contain $2k_F$ scattering.

Explicit calculations for systems such low-lying modes are not simple even in the lowest orders of the perturbation theory. This situation is analogous to that in the theory of

disordered metals, where the low-energy behavior of the system is governed by the multiple interference of the electron waves scattered by impurities. In diagrammatic language, this effect can be expressed in terms of an interaction between electrons and diffusion modes (so-called Cooperons and diffusons^{30,31}). Calculations in high orders in the diffusion modes (weak localization corrections) using the diagrammatic expansions are also quite involved.

However, another approach has been developed in the theory of disordered metals based on integrating out electron degrees of freedom and deriving an effective Lagrangian describing the diffusion modes. This reduction simplifies calculations because only low-lying excitations are left in the theory. The Lagrangian has the form of a so-called σ model, first introduced in the theory of disordered metals in Ref. 32 using the replica trick. Another supermatrix form of the σ model is based on a supervector representation³³ of Green functions, and this method has found numerous applications (for a review, see, e.g., Ref. 34).

One can see a certain analogy between calculating the nonanalytical corrections for the Fermi gas with interaction and the weak localization corrections in theory of disordered metals. Following this analogy it seems quite natural to try to develop a scheme that would allow us to reduce the initial model of the interacting Fermi gas to a model describing only low-lying excitations. Then, we would have that in the theory, not the initial fermions, but the collective excitations, like the zero sound, may be weakly interacting with each other. Apparently, the latter are bosons and we would have, as a result, a system of bosons instead of the initial fermionic system. Reducing fermion models to boson ones is usually referred to as *bosonization*, and we will loosely use this word in the subsequent discussion, though the final theory we derive will be necessarily supersymmetric and contain also the fermionic degrees of freedom—“ghosts.”

The notion of the supersymmetry appears quite naturally already in the consideration of the leading nonanalytic corrections to, say, the specific heat C . Namely, for the spinless electrons, the ring-diagram correction to C is of the form

$$\delta C = -T \frac{\partial^2 \delta \Omega}{\partial T^2},$$

$$\delta \Omega = \frac{T}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d k d\mathbf{n}}{(2\pi)^d} \ln[1 + \hat{\mathbb{F}} \hat{\Pi}(\omega_n, \mathbf{k})]_{\mathbf{nn}}, \quad (1.1)$$

where the unit vector \mathbf{n} characterizes the position of the momentum on the Fermi surface and $\omega_n = 2\pi nT$ is a bosonic Matsubara frequency. The quasiparticle polarization operator acts on any function $b(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{q})$ as

$$\hat{\Pi}(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}) b(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{k}) = \left[1 - \frac{i\omega_n}{i\omega_n - v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \right] b(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{k}),$$

with v_F being the Fermi velocity. The operator $\hat{\mathbb{F}}$ is defined as

$$[\hat{\mathbb{F}} b](\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{k}) = \int d\mathbf{n}_2 \mathbb{F}(\widehat{\mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{n}_2}) b(\mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{k}),$$

and $\mathbb{F}(\widehat{\mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{n}_2})$ is the Fermi-liquid function describing the interaction between the quasiparticles moving in directions \mathbf{n}_1 and \mathbf{n}_2 . We can imply the proper normalization of the solid angle—i.e.,

$$\int d\mathbf{n} = 1, \quad (1.2)$$

when integrating over the momentum directions.

Equation (1.1) can be rewritten identically as

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \Omega &= \Omega_\rho - \Omega_g, \\ \Omega_\rho &= \frac{T}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d k d\mathbf{n}}{(2\pi)^d} \{\ln[i\omega_n - v_F(1 + \hat{\mathbb{F}})\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}]\}, \\ \Omega_g &= \frac{T}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d k d\mathbf{n}}{(2\pi)^d} [\ln(i\omega_n - v_F \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k})]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

(In all considerations we will not write factors of volume whenever they are self-evident for an educated reader). The form of this expression is quite instructive. The first term Ω_ρ is nothing but the contribution of the noninteracting bosons, whose spectrum is determined by the kinetic equation in Landau theory. However, those bosons are made out of electrons which are already included in the leading term of the specific heat. That is why the second term Ω_g simply subtracts the contribution of the electron-hole pairs in the absence of interactions to avoid a double counting. Since the contribution of the second term is opposite to the contribution of the physical bosons, it will be natural to treat them as *pseudofermions*, or “ghosts,” and include them in the field theory description on equal footing with the bosonic field.³⁵

However, one cannot proceed in a direct analogy with the supersymmetry method of Ref. 34 because the latter is essentially based on the use of a sufficiently strong disorder leading to a diffusion motion at not very long distances. Fortunately, the method can be generalized to the clean case by writing equations for quasiclassical Green functions and representing their solution in terms of functional integrals. Equations for the quasiclassical Green functions for the disorder problems were introduced in Ref. 36. The authors of Ref. 36 suggested writing their solutions from the condition for a minimum of functional having a form of a ballistic σ model. This could be written in a form of a functional integral provided this integral could be calculated by the saddle point method. At the same time, it was not clear why the saddle point approximation could work well for the clean or weakly disordered case.

Later it was realized³⁷ that the solution of the quasiclassical equations can be *exactly* written in terms of a functional integral with a Lagrangian having the form of the ballistic σ model. Within such an approach one reduces the initial electron model to a model describing “collective excitations,” and therefore it is relevant to call it loosely bosonization. A

smooth potential could be considered in this approach but no interaction was included.

In the present paper we develop a method for studying clean fermion systems with a fermion-fermion repulsive interaction. It is based on decoupling the interaction by a proper Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation. Both the forward and backward scattering are taken into account, and therefore the slow decoupling field $\Phi(\mathbf{r}, \tau)$ has a spin structure (where \mathbf{r} is the coordinate and τ is the imaginary time). After the decoupling we derive equations for the quasiclassical Green functions. In order to solve the equations we use a trick based on a slow dependence of the field $\Phi(\mathbf{r}, \tau)$. As a result, we obtain linear nonhomogeneous equations for spin and charge excitations. The spin excitations are most important, and we represent the solution of the corresponding equation in terms of an integral over supervectors. Averaging over the field Φ , we obtain an effective theory with a $\psi^3 + \psi^4$ interaction. This theory describes collective Bose excitations. It is important to emphasize that the ψ^3 and ψ^4 terms arise due to spin-spin interactions. For fermion models containing only a density-density interaction, those terms vanish and the theory becomes free.

Making expansions in the $\psi^3 + \psi^4$ interaction we found that the theory is logarithmic in any dimension, which allowed us to use a renormalization group (RG) approach to sum up the parquet series. Writing and solving the RG equations we are able to express the nonanalytical contribution to the specific heat with a logarithmic accuracy.

It is relevant to mention that the method we develop now is completely different from the σ -model approach for disordered systems with an interaction³⁸ (see also a recent supersymmetric formulation³⁹). In the present approach the collective excitations are described by a Lagrangian with the $\psi^3 + \psi^4$ interaction and not by a σ model.

Attempts to bosonize fermionic models in dimensionality $d > 1$ have been undertaken in the past starting from Ref. 40. In this first work the one-dimensional bosonization was directly extended to higher dimensions. This idea was further developed more recently in a number of publications.^{7,8,41-48} Our approach is completely different and more general. The high-dimensional bosonization developed previously can be applicable only for a long-range interaction when backward scattering is absent. In this case the fermion-fermion interaction is replaced by an interaction of the local densities (local in space and in the position on the Fermi surface). This means that effects related to electron spins are beyond the possibility of that method. In contrast, backward scattering is included in our approach and plays a very important role.

The article is organized as follows.

In Sec. II, we formulate the model and single out slow pairs in the interaction term. We perform a Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation and reduce the model with the interaction to a model with slowly fluctuating fields. Then we derive quasiclassical equations for electron Green functions.

In Sec. III, we introduce an eikonal type method (also known as the Schwinger ansatz) for solving the equations. As a result, we obtain equations for effective charges and spins in the presence of fluctuating fields. We express the partition function in terms of the solutions of these equations and calculate it, neglecting the interaction between the excitations.

In Sec. IV, we write the solutions of the equations for the collective modes and the partition function in terms of functional integrals over supervectors. We average over the fluctuating fields and derive an effective field theory containing interaction terms.

Section V contains an explanation how one obtains logarithmic contributions. Then, we develop a RG scheme, integrating over fast variables and writing renormalized coupling constants.

In Sec. VI, we derive renormalization group equations and find their solutions.

Section VII is devoted to calculation of the thermodynamic potential and specific heat using the solutions of the RG equations. Explicit formulas are obtained in two, three, and, separately, in one dimensions.

Our findings are discussed in Sec. VIII.

II. MODEL AND BASIC EQUATIONS

A. Formulation of the model and singling out slow modes

We start with formulating the model we would like to investigate. This is the most general model for fermions with a short-range interaction⁴⁹ in an arbitrary dimension d . The Fermi surface is assumed to have no singularities. In order to avoid unnecessary trivial generality we consider the Fermi surface to be just a d -dimensional sphere.

It will be convenient for us to express the physical quantities in terms of a functional integral over anticommuting variables χ with an Euclidian action \mathcal{S} . In this formulation, one can use imaginary time τ in the interval $0 < \tau < 1/T$, where T is the temperature, and write the temperature Green function $G_{\sigma\sigma'}(x, x')$ as follows:

$$G_{\sigma\sigma'}(x, x') = Z^{-1} \int \chi_{\sigma}(x) \chi_{\sigma'}^*(x') \exp(-\mathcal{S}) D\chi D\chi^*, \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$x = (\mathbf{r}, \tau), \quad \int dx \equiv \int d^d \mathbf{r} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau, \quad (2.2)$$

where \mathbf{r} is the spatial coordinate and σ labels the spin.

The partition function Z entering Eq. (2.1) has the form

$$Z = \int \exp(-\mathcal{S}) D\chi D\chi^*. \quad (2.3)$$

The action \mathcal{S} in Eq. (2.1) can be written as

$$\mathcal{S} = \int \mathcal{L}_0 dx + \mathcal{S}_{int}, \quad (2.4)$$

where the term \mathcal{L}_0 ,

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \sum_{\sigma} \chi_{\sigma}^*(x) \left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \hat{H}_0 \right) \chi_{\sigma}(x), \quad (2.5)$$

$$\hat{H}_0 = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{p}}^2}{2m} - \varepsilon_F, \quad (2.6)$$

stands for the Lagrangian density of free fermions (ε_F is the Fermi energy, m is the mass, and $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$ is the momentum operator) and \mathcal{S}_{int} describes the fermion-fermion interaction,

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} \int dx dx' v(x-x') [\chi_{\sigma}^*(x) \chi_{\sigma'}^*(x') \chi_{\sigma'}(x') \chi_{\sigma}(x)], \quad (2.7)$$

where $v(x-x') = U(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}') \delta(\tau-\tau')$ and $U(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')$ is the potential of the interaction.

The field variable χ must be antiperiodic in τ with the period $1/T$:

$$\chi(\mathbf{r}, \tau) = -\chi(\mathbf{r}, \tau + 1/T). \quad (2.8)$$

The thermodynamic potential Ω can be written as

$$\Omega = -T \ln Z. \quad (2.9)$$

The functional integrals over χ with the Lagrangian \mathcal{L} , Eqs. (2.4)–(2.7), are too complicated to be calculated exactly, and making controllable approximations is inevitable. For performing further formal manipulations we restrict ourselves with the case of a weak interaction and discuss the changes of the theory for stronger interactions in the end of Sec. III B. As we have mentioned in the Introduction, the most interesting contributions come from the interaction of the fermions with low-lying collective excitations and we would like to concentrate on such contributions. Thus, we will try to simplify the interaction term \mathcal{S}_{int} to display these collective modes explicitly.

This can be achieved by singling out in the interaction term \mathcal{S}_{int} pairs of the variables χ slowly varying in space. Using the Fourier representation we write the effective interaction $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{\text{int}}$ containing the slow pairs as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{\text{int}} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} \int dP_1 dP_2 dK \\ &\times \{ V(\mathbf{k}) \chi_{\sigma}^*(P_1) \chi_{\sigma}(P_1 + K) \chi_{\sigma'}^*(P_2) \chi_{\sigma'}(P_2 - K) \\ &- V(\mathbf{p}_{12}) \chi_{\sigma}^*(P_1) \chi_{\sigma'}(P_1 + K) \chi_{\sigma'}^*(P_2 + K) \chi_{\sigma}(P_2) \}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$V(\mathbf{p}) = \int d\mathbf{r} e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{r}} U(\mathbf{r})$$

and $\mathbf{p}_{12} \equiv \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2$. In Eq. (2.10), $P_i = (\mathbf{p}_i, \varepsilon_{n_i})$, where \mathbf{p}_i is the momentum and $\varepsilon_{n_i} = \pi T(2n_i + 1)$ are Matsubara fermionic frequencies ($i=1, 2$). The shorthand notation K reads $K = (\mathbf{k}, \omega_n)$, where $\omega_n = 2\pi Tn$ are Matsubara bosonic frequencies.

The symbol of the integration $\int dP_i$ in Eq. (2.10) reads as

$$\int dP_i(\dots) = T \sum_{\varepsilon_{n_i}} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^d}(\dots), \quad (2.11)$$

whereas the symbol $\int dK$ has the meaning

$$\int dK(\dots) = T \sum_{\omega_n} \int f(\mathbf{k}) \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d}(\dots). \quad (2.12)$$

In Eq. (2.12) we define the cut off function

$$f(\mathbf{k}) = f_0(kr_0), \quad k = |\mathbf{k}|. \quad (2.13)$$

The function $f_0(t)$ has the following asymptotics: $f_0(t) = 1$ at $t=0$ and $f_0(t) \rightarrow 0$ at $t \rightarrow \infty$. This function is written in order to cut large momenta k . The parameter r_0 is the minimal length in the theory, and we assume that r_0 much larger than the Fermi wavelength $\lambda_F = 1/p_F$. In other words, the momenta k are cut by the maximal momentum $k_c = r_0^{-1} \ll p_F$ and the partition (2.13) is not threatened by double counting; see also the discussion in the end of this subsection.

Equation (2.10) permits the further simplifications for the short-range interaction potential. In the first term one can neglect the dependence on the transmitted momentum \mathbf{k} ,

$$V(\mathbf{k} \ll p_F) = V_2. \quad (2.14a)$$

In the second term one notices that the momenta \mathbf{p}_{12} are close to the Fermi surface, so one can write⁵⁰

$$V(\mathbf{p}_{12}) = V_1(\widehat{\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2}), \quad V_1(\theta) \equiv V\left(2p_F \sin \frac{\theta}{2}\right). \quad (2.14b)$$

In Eq. (2.10) we recombine the terms with the help of the identity

$$2\delta_{\sigma_1 \sigma_4} \delta_{\sigma_2 \sigma_3} = \delta_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \delta_{\sigma_3 \sigma_4} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\sigma_3 \sigma_4},$$

where $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$ and σ_i , $i=x, y, z$, are the Pauli matrices. Utilizing the definitions (2.14), we rewrite Eq. (2.10) as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{\text{int}} &= \frac{1}{2} \int dP_1 dP_2 dK \left[\rho(P_1, K) V_s(\theta_{12}) \rho(P_2, K) \right. \\ &\left. + \sum_{i=x, y, z} S_i(P_1, K) V_i(\theta_{12}) S_i(P_2, K) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

where, as before, $\theta_{12} = \widehat{\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2}$ and the definitions

$$\rho(P, K) = \sum_{\sigma} \chi_{\sigma}^* \left(P + \frac{K}{2} \right) \chi_{\sigma} \left(P - \frac{K}{2} \right),$$

$$S_i(P, K) = \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2} \sigma_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \chi_{\sigma_1}^* \left(P + \frac{K}{2} \right) \chi_{\sigma_2} \left(P - \frac{K}{2} \right) \quad (2.16)$$

are introduced. The functions $V_s(\theta)$ and $V_i(\theta)$ are known as amplitudes of the singlet and triplet scattering, respectively. They are related to the amplitudes V_1 and V_2 as

$$V_s(\theta) = V_2 - \frac{1}{2} V_1(\theta), \quad V_i(\theta) = -\frac{1}{2} V_1(\theta). \quad (2.17)$$

In what follows we assume the operator $\hat{V}_s(\theta)$,

$$[\hat{V}_{s,t}b](\mathbf{n}_1) = \int d\mathbf{n}_2 V_{s,t}(\widehat{\mathbf{n}_1\mathbf{n}_2})b(\mathbf{n}_2), \quad (2.18)$$

to be positive definite and the operator $\hat{V}_t(\theta)$ to be negative definite. According to Eq. (2.17), those assumptions imply the repulsive interaction.

Equation (2.15) can be recast in a more transparent form. Performing a Fourier transform over K in Eq. (2.15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{S}_{int} = & \frac{1}{2} \int dP_1 dP_2 \int d\mathbf{r} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \\ & \times \left[\rho(P_1; \mathbf{r}, \tau) V_s(\theta_{12}) \rho(P_2; \mathbf{r}, \tau) \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{i=x,y,z} S_i(P_1; \mathbf{r}, \tau) V_t(\theta_{12}) S_i(P_2; \mathbf{r}, \tau) \right]. \quad (2.19) \end{aligned}$$

The entries in Eq. (2.19),

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(P; \mathbf{r}, \tau) = & T \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} - i\omega_n \tau} f^{1/2}(\mathbf{k}) \rho(P, K), \\ S_j(P; \mathbf{r}, \tau) = & T \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r} - i\omega_n \tau} f^{1/2}(\mathbf{k}) S_j(P, K), \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

have the meaning of the smooth charge and spin density accumulated in the phase space, and Eq. (2.19) is equivalent to the Landau description of the interacting quasiparticles. The appearance of the cutoff function $f(\mathbf{k})$, Eqs. (2.12) and (2.13), means that those densities may vary only with a spatial scale much larger than the Fermi wavelength λ_F .

Equations (2.15)–(2.20) constitute the reduction of the original interaction to the interaction involving the soft electron-hole pair only. These are the only terms that may produce the nonanalytic contributions to the observable quantities. In what follows we will manipulate with interaction (2.19) to obtain the low-energy theory in terms of the charge and the spin densities in the phase space.

Closing this subsection, we discuss a very crucial issue that might start worrying an attentive reader at this point—what is the fate of the Cooper channel? Indeed, examination of the scattering processes induced by the Hamiltonian (2.10) (see Fig. 1) shows that the vertex V_3 , describing the particle-particle interaction between the pairs $\chi(P_1)\chi(-P_1)$ with $\chi^*(P_2)\chi^*(-P_2)$, is missing. These are just terms that generate Cooperons for the system with the time reversal symmetry.^{34,38}

At first glance, we might miss important contributions because the Cooper channel generates logarithms in any dimension¹² and it looks as if we neglected them. However, this is not so, although the reason for necessity to neglect the third vertex V_3 , Fig. 1(c), is rather nontrivial.

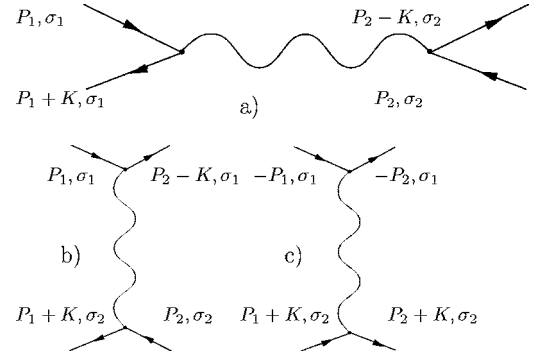


FIG. 1. Vertices describing separation into soft modes; see Eq. (2.10) or (2.19). Momenta k are small, $k < k_c \ll p_F$. Diagrams (a) and (b) correspond to the first and second terms in Eq. (2.19). The vertex (c) was rightfully omitted in the low-energy effective theory; see text.

As we will see, the most interesting contributions to interaction vertices and, finally to the thermodynamic quantities originate from the scattering on angle either 0 or π and not from an integral over the entire Fermi surface, so only such scattering amplitudes will be important.

Therefore, we must investigate the effect of the interactions in the Cooper channel on these particular amplitudes; see Figs. 2(a) and 3(a). Direct comparison of those contributions with the diagram generated by vertex V_1 [see Figs. 2(b) and 3(b)] shows that the perturbation theory in V_1 generates in particular all the terms⁵² the Cooper channel is responsible for. (These analogies in the two lowest orders of the logarithmic expansion are easily followed to all the higher orders.) The only difference is the region of the integration over the intermediate momenta. In the diagrams of Figs. 2(a)

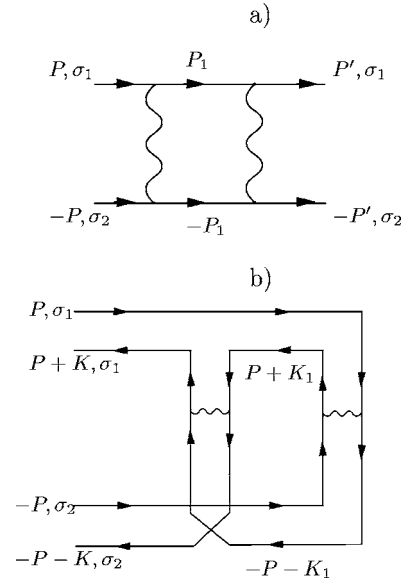


FIG. 2. (a) Lowest logarithmic contribution due to the Cooper channel, $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$. (b) The same contribution obtained as an interaction of the spin modes generated by vertices Fig. 1(b), and $k \ll p_F$. This diagram coincides with the renormalization of the quadratic part of the spin-wave Lagrangian [see Fig. 9(b)] rewritten in terms of electronic lines.

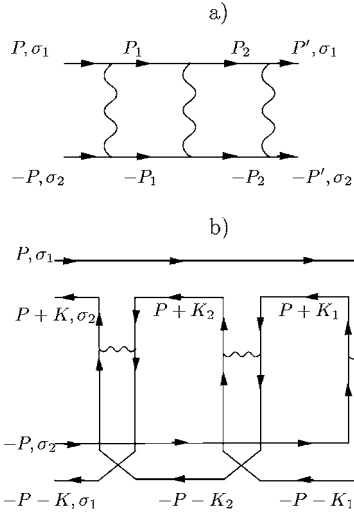


FIG. 3. (a) Second-order logarithmic contribution due to the Cooper channel, $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$. (b) The same contribution obtained as an interaction of the spin modes generated by vertices Fig. 1(b), and $k \ll p_F$. This diagram coincides with the renormalization of the quadratic and quartic parts of the spin-wave Lagrangian [see Figs. 9(b) and 6(a)] rewritten in terms of electronic lines.

and 3(a) integrals over the intermediate momenta \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 span all over the Fermi surface. On the other hand (due to the condition $|\mathbf{k}| \approx 1/r_0 \ll p_F$), the change in the momenta in Figs. 2(b) and 3(b) is very close to the backscattering. To be concrete, Fig. 3(b) describes the region of momenta

$$|\pi - \widehat{\mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}}_1|, \quad |\pi - \widehat{\mathbf{p}_2\mathbf{p}}_1|, \quad |\pi - \widehat{\mathbf{p}_2\mathbf{p}}'| \leq \theta_*$$

in Fig. 3(a), where the maximal angle appearing in our theory is $\theta_* \approx (p_F r_0)^{-1}$.

Taking into account the third vertex V_3 in such region of the momentum space would mean double counting the contribution of this region that is most important for our consideration.⁵³ On the other hand, the region with the scattering angle exceeding θ_* does not appear very interesting. One could integrate over this region from the beginning and this would simply renormalize the coupling constant V_t . As we work in the limit of a weak coupling, this renormalization cannot lead to any nontrivial effects and we assume in the subsequent discussion that it has already been performed. We will return to the discussion of this renormalization in Sec. VII C.

One more uncertainty in the channel separation appears when all four momenta in \mathcal{S}_{int} of Eq. (2.7) are close to each other. In this limit the separation into slowly varying pairs in Eq. (2.10) is ambiguous. We can resolve this uncertainty by attributing this region of the momenta to the vertex V_1 . As a consequence, the vertex V_2 of Eq. (2.14a) should vanish for the momenta \mathbf{p}_1 and \mathbf{p}_2 , such that $|\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2| \approx k \ll p_F$. However, the vertex V_2 enters only the singlet channel [see Eq. (2.17)], which as we will see shortly can be reduced to the noninteracting field theory for the collective modes. Alternatively, one can treat action (2.19) with the smooth amplitudes as a starting point instead of the original action (2.7). It is

worth emphasizing, however, that Eq. (2.20) retains all the effects associated with the Pauli principle for the forward scattering, as can be seen from Eq. (2.20).

Finally, we notice that singling out the small- and large-angle scattering amplitudes performed here is very similar to the one carried out for one-dimensional systems.⁵¹ In 1D the vertices V_1 and V_3 are not distinguishable at all.

B. Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation

Having reduced the interaction \mathcal{L}_{int} , Eq. (2.7), to the interaction $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{int}$, Eq. (2.15), we can decouple the quartic term by integration over an additional field $\phi_{\sigma,\sigma'}(x; \mathbf{n})$ slowly varying in space. We will still use the notation (2.2), and the unit vector \mathbf{n} labels the direction of the momentum on the Fermi surface. We introduce a matrix operator $\hat{\Phi}$ by defining its action on any function $\eta_\sigma(x)$ as

$$[\hat{\Phi}\eta]_{\sigma}(x) = \sum_{\sigma'} \int \frac{dx_1 d^d \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{p}\cdot(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}_1)} \times \left\{ \phi_{\sigma,\sigma'}\left(\frac{\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}}{2}, \tau, \frac{\mathbf{p}}{|\mathbf{p}|}\right) \eta_{\sigma'}(\mathbf{r}_1, \tau) \right\}. \quad (2.21)$$

Then we represent the 2×2 matrix in the spin space $\hat{\phi}(x; \mathbf{n})$ in the form

$$\hat{\phi}(x, \mathbf{n}) = i\varphi(x, \mathbf{n})\mathbb{1}_\sigma + \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n}), \quad (2.22)$$

where $\mathbb{1}_\sigma$ is the 2×2 unit matrix in the spin space, $\varphi(x, \mathbf{n})$ is a real function, $\mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n})$ is a three-dimensional real vector function $\mathbf{h} = (h_x, h_y, h_z)$, and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ is the vector of the Pauli matrices, as was defined after Eq. (2.14b). The auxiliary fields are defined as bosonic:

$$\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{r}, \tau; \mathbf{n}) = \hat{\phi}\left(\mathbf{r}, \tau + \frac{1}{T}; \mathbf{n}\right). \quad (2.23)$$

Then, the partition function Z , Eq. (2.3), can be rewritten as a functional integral over the smooth fields:

$$Z = \frac{1}{Z_{st}} \int Z\{\hat{\phi}\} W_s\{\phi\} W_t\{\mathbf{h}\} D\varphi D\mathbf{h}, \quad (2.24)$$

$$Z_{st} = \int W_s\{\phi\} W_t\{\mathbf{h}\} D\varphi D\mathbf{h}.$$

Here, the functional $Z\{\hat{\phi}\}$ is the partition function of the noninteracting fermions subjected to the smooth field $\hat{\phi}$:

$$Z\{\hat{\phi}\} = \int \exp\left(-\int dx \mathcal{L}_{eff}\{\hat{\phi}\}\right) D\chi D\chi^*. \quad (2.25)$$

The Lagrangian density \mathcal{L}_{eff} for a given configuration of the fields φ and \mathbf{h} reads

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff}\{\hat{\phi}\} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \sum_{\sigma} \chi_{\sigma}^*(x) [\hat{\Phi}\chi]_{\sigma}(x), \quad (2.26)$$

where the Lagrangian density for the fermions \mathcal{L}_0 is defined in Eq. (2.5).

The weights for the bosonic fields W_{st} are of the form

$$W_s = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \int \varphi(x, \mathbf{n}) [\hat{V}_s^{-1} \varphi](x, \mathbf{n}) dx d\mathbf{n} \right\}, \quad (2.27a)$$

$$W_t = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=x,y,z} \int h_i(x, \mathbf{n}) [\hat{V}_t^{-1} h_i](x, \mathbf{n}) dx d\mathbf{n} \right\}. \quad (2.27b)$$

Here we use the notation (2.2) and the convention (1.2) for integration over the direction of the momentum \mathbf{n} .

The operators $\hat{V}_{s,t}$ in Eqs. (2.27a) and (2.27b) are defined by its action on any function $a(x, \mathbf{n})$:

$$[\hat{V}_{s,t} a](x, \mathbf{n}) = \pm \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \bar{f}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1) [\hat{V}_{s,t} a](\mathbf{r}_1, \tau; \mathbf{n}), \quad (2.28)$$

where $\hat{V}_{s,t}$ are defined in Eq. (2.18). Different signs for the singlet (+) and triplet (−) channels correspond to the fact that the operator \hat{V}_s is the positive definite and \hat{V}_t is the negative definite; see Eq. (2.17). The choice of the weights (2.27) together with the fact that the fields φ and \mathbf{h} must be real is guided by the requirement that the functional integrals to be absolutely convergent. The function $\bar{f}(\mathbf{r})$ is the Fourier transform of the function $f(\mathbf{k})$ defined in Eq. (2.13),

$$\bar{f}(\mathbf{r}) = r_0^{-d} \bar{f}_0(r/r_0), \quad (2.29)$$

and $\bar{f}_0(r)$ is the Fourier transform of $f_0(k)$. The function $\bar{f}(\mathbf{r})$ tends to a constant $r_0^{-d} \bar{f}_0(0)$ in the limit $|\mathbf{r}|/r_0 \rightarrow 0$ and vanishes in the limit $|\mathbf{r}| \rightarrow \infty$. The role of this function is to regularize the theory at small distances, leaving all interesting long-distance physics intact.

Notice that Eqs. (2.27) and (2.28) are local in time and, therefore, the factors $Z_{s,t}$ of Eq. (2.24) are not relevant for the determining the properties of the system. Those factors will be usually suppressed in the subsequent formulas.

Thus, we have decoupled the interaction term \tilde{S}_{int} , Eq. (2.15), in the action \mathcal{S} , Eq. (2.4), with the Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation, Eqs. (2.24)–(2.26), (2.27a), and (2.27b). As the field $\hat{\phi}(x, \mathbf{n})$ varies slowly in space, we can apply quasiclassical description for the electron Green functions in such fields.

C. Quasiclassical Green functions

Let us introduce Green functions $G_{\sigma,\sigma'}(x, x' | \{\hat{\phi}\})$ corresponding to the Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L}_{eff}(\phi)$, Eq. (2.26), as

$$G_{\sigma,\sigma'}(x, x' | \{\hat{\phi}\}) = Z^{-1} \{ \hat{\phi} \} \int \chi_{\sigma}(x) \chi_{\sigma'}^*(x') \exp \left(- \int dx \mathcal{L}_{eff}[\Phi] \right) D\chi D\chi^*. \quad (2.30)$$

In what follows we will suppress the argument $|\{\hat{\phi}\}|$ whenever its presence is self-evident.

The Green function $\hat{G}(x, x' | \{\hat{\phi}\})$ is the matrix 2×2 in the free space, is the functional of real fields φ, \mathbf{h} , and satisfies the equations

$$\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \hat{H}_{0\mathbf{r}} \right) \hat{G} + \hat{\Phi} \hat{G} = \delta(x - x') \mathbb{1}_{\sigma}, \quad (2.31a)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau'} - \hat{H}_{0\mathbf{r}'} \right) \hat{G} + \hat{G} \hat{\Phi} = \delta(x - x') \mathbb{1}_{\sigma}, \quad (2.31b)$$

where $\hat{H}_{0\mathbf{r}}$, Eq. (2.6), acts on \mathbf{r} . The action of the operator $\hat{\Phi}$ on the Green function is determined by Eq. (2.21) as

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{\Phi} \hat{G}]_{\sigma\sigma'}(x, x') &= \sum_{\sigma''} \int \frac{dx_1 d^d \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1)} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \phi_{\sigma, \sigma''} \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}}{2}, \tau; \frac{\mathbf{p}}{|\mathbf{p}|} \right) G_{\sigma''\sigma'}(\mathbf{r}_1, \tau; x') \right\}, \\ [\hat{G} \hat{\Phi}]_{\sigma\sigma'}(x, x') &= \sum_{\sigma''} \int \frac{dx_1 d^d \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}')} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ G_{\sigma\sigma''}(x; \mathbf{r}_1, \tau') \phi_{\sigma'', \sigma'} \left(\frac{\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}'}{2}, \tau'; \frac{\mathbf{p}}{|\mathbf{p}|} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.31c)$$

The derivation of the equations for the quasiclassical Green functions can be carried out in the same way as in Ref. 54. Subtracting Eq. (2.31a) from Eq. (2.31b) and making a Wigner transformation

$$G(x; x') = \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^d} e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}} G \left(\tau, \tau'; \frac{\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}'}{2}, \mathbf{p} \right) \quad (2.32)$$

of the result, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau'} - \frac{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}}{m} \right) \hat{G}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) + [\hat{G}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{r}, \tau'; \mathbf{n}) \\ &\quad - \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{r}, \tau; \mathbf{n}) \hat{G}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.33)$$

Equation (2.33) is justified provided the dependence of the field $\hat{\phi}(x, \mathbf{n})$ and, hence, of $\hat{G}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}; \mathbf{p})$ on the coordinate \mathbf{r} is slow on the scale of the order of the Fermi wavelength. This is guarded by the cutoff scale r_0 in Eq. (2.13). In principle, one could derive Eq. (2.33) more accurately, which would produce additional terms containing phase space derivatives of the functions ϕ and \hat{G} in the second line. However, the additional derivatives would suppress the infrared singularities we are interested in and that is why we neglected them. At the same time, no higher derivatives arise in

the first set of brackets in Eq. (2.33) and this term is exact for the quadratic spectrum of the fermions, Eq. (2.6).

The next step is to reduce the Green function $G(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})$ to a function involving the degrees of freedom describing the motion of the system along the Fermi surface. To accomplish this task we linearize the spectrum by putting

$$\frac{\mathbf{p}}{m} \approx v_F \mathbf{n} \quad (2.34)$$

in Eq. (2.33), where \mathbf{n} is the unit vector. The justification of such approximation is that the fluctuating fields can mix the electron states only in the vicinity of the Fermi surface whereas the states deep in the Fermi sea remain intact. After the approximation (2.34) the operators in Eq. (2.33) do not depend on the variable,

$$\xi = \mathbf{p}^2/2m - \varepsilon_F, \quad (2.35)$$

which describes the evolution perpendicular to the Fermi level, and the latter can be integrated over. Then, one obtains^{54,55}

$$0 = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau'} - iv_F \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \right) \hat{g}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) + [\hat{g}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{r}, \tau'; \mathbf{n}) - \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{r}, \tau; \mathbf{n}) \hat{g}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n})], \quad (2.36)$$

where

$$\hat{g}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}) = \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{G} \left[\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}; \left(p_F + \frac{\xi}{v_F} \right) \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\} \right] d\xi. \quad (2.37)$$

The function \hat{g} must obey the antiperiodicity conditions

$$\hat{g}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) = -\hat{g}(\tau + 1/T, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) = -\hat{g}(\tau, \tau' + 1/T; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}), \quad (2.38)$$

which follow from Eqs. (2.8), (2.30), (2.32), and (2.37). Clearly, this condition is consistent with Eq. (2.36) for the periodic fluctuating fields $\hat{\phi}$; see Eq. (2.33).

Equation (2.36) is linear and therefore is not sufficient to find $\hat{g}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n})$ unambiguously. In order to define the problem completely, one has to complement Eq. (2.38) with a certain constraint. To derive this constraint, we introduce a new function

$$\hat{B}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}) = \int_0^{1/T} d\tau'' \hat{g}(\tau, \tau''; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}) \hat{g}(\tau'', \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}). \quad (2.39)$$

Using the definition (2.39), we obtain, from Eq. (2.36),

$$0 = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau'} - iv_F \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \right) \hat{B}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) + [\hat{B}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{r}, \tau'; \mathbf{n}) - \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{r}, \tau; \mathbf{n}) \hat{B}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n})]. \quad (2.40)$$

In the absence of the fluctuating field, $\hat{\phi}=0$, the Green function can be easily found from Eqs. (2.31a), (2.32), and (2.37):

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | 0) &= \frac{i \mathbb{1}_\sigma T}{\pi} \sum_{\epsilon_n} e^{i\epsilon_n(\tau' - \tau)} \int \frac{d\xi}{i\epsilon_n - \xi} \\ &= -i \mathbb{1}_\sigma \text{Re} \left[\frac{T}{\sin \pi T(\tau - \tau' + i0)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.41)$$

Substituting Eq. (2.41) into the definition (2.39) and performing the integration, we find

$$\hat{B}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | 0) = \mathbb{1}_\sigma \delta(\tau - \tau'). \quad (2.42)$$

Substitution of Eq. (2.42) into Eq. (2.40) shows that Eq. (2.43) remains valid for the arbitrary field ϕ ,

$$\hat{B}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}) = \mathbb{1}_\sigma \delta(\tau - \tau'); \quad (2.43)$$

i.e., no perturbation by the Hubbard-Stratonovich fields can violate the condition (2.42).

Equations (2.39) and (2.43) complement Eq. (2.36), and these equations are sufficient to find the function \hat{g} . Equation (2.36) is much simpler than the original Schrödinger equation (2.31a) as it operates with the smooth quantities and involves only the first derivatives. The further program is to solve Eqs. (2.36), (2.39), and (2.43) for arbitrary configurations of the fields ϕ . After that, in order to calculate physical quantities, one should perform a proper averaging over fields ϕ with the weights defined in Eqs. (2.27). All this is still not a simple task, and in the next sections we will express the solution of these equations in terms of a functional integral over supervectors in order to obtain the *local* theory in terms of only the bosonic variables describing the collective excitations.

III. CHARGE AND SPIN COLLECTIVE VARIABLES: PARTITION FUNCTION

A. Further simplification of the quasiclassical equations

Solutions of Eqs. (2.36), (2.39), and (2.43) describe collective excitations, and our task is to find them at least symbolically in order to facilitate calculation of the partition function $Z\{\phi\}$ [see Eq. (2.25)] and the averaging over the auxiliary field ϕ .

At first glance, we could simply follow the scheme developed in Ref. 37, writing the solution of these equations in terms of a functional integral over constrained supermatrices. However, in the present situation this scheme is not convenient due to the dependence of the Hubbard-Stratonovich field ϕ on τ .

Instead, we look for the solution of Eqs. (2.36), (2.43), and (2.39) in a form

$$\hat{g}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}) = \hat{T}(\tau; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}) \hat{g}(\tau, \tau' | 0) \hat{T}^{-1}(\tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}), \quad (3.1)$$

where the Green function for the free electrons, $\hat{g}(\tau, \tau' | 0)$, is defined in Eq. (2.41). The 2×2 matrix in the spin space, \hat{T} , satisfies the condition

$$\hat{T}(\tau; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}) = \hat{T}\left(\tau + \frac{1}{T}; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{\hat{\phi}\}\right), \quad (3.2)$$

so that the antiperiodicity of the Green function (2.38) is preserved. In the remainder of this subsection, we will suppress the argument $|\{\hat{\phi}\}|$ whenever it is self-evident.

The representation of the Green function in the form of Eq. (3.1) is nothing but the matrix form of the eikonal approximation, which can also be viewed as a generalization of the Schwinger ansatz.⁵⁶ It is easy to check that the Green function, Eq. (3.1), is consistent with Eqs. (2.43) and (2.39), and what remains to be done is to find the proper matrix \hat{T} , such that Eq. (2.36) is satisfied.

Substituting Eq. (3.1) into Eq. (2.36) we obtain

$$\hat{g}(\tau, \tau' | 0) [\hat{K}(\tau, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) - \hat{K}(\tau', \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n})] = 0, \quad (3.3)$$

where the 2×2 matrix in the spin space \hat{K} is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{K}(x, \mathbf{n}) &= \hat{T}^{-1}(x, \mathbf{n}) (\partial_\tau - iv_F \mathbf{n} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{T}(x, \mathbf{n}) \\ &\quad - \hat{T}^{-1}(x, \mathbf{n}) \hat{\phi}(x, \mathbf{n}) \hat{T}(x, \mathbf{n}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

and we use the shorthand notation (2.2).

Equation (3.3) must be fulfilled for any τ and τ' . This is possible only for $\partial_\tau \hat{K}(x, \mathbf{n}) = 0$. Using Eq. (3.4), we obtain

$$(-\partial_\tau + iv_F \mathbf{n} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{T}(x, \mathbf{n}) = \hat{T}(x, \mathbf{n}) \hat{A}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) - \hat{\phi}(x, \mathbf{n}) \hat{T}(x, \mathbf{n}), \quad (3.5a)$$

where $\hat{A}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n})$ is an arbitrary time-independent matrix.

We can transform Eq. (3.5a) into a more convenient form, writing the corresponding equation for $\hat{T}^{-1}(x, \mathbf{n})$:

$$(\partial_\tau - iv_F \mathbf{n} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{T}^{-1}(x, \mathbf{n}) = \hat{A}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) \hat{T}^{-1}(x, \mathbf{n}) - \hat{T}^{-1}(x, \mathbf{n}) \hat{\phi}(x, \mathbf{n}). \quad (3.5b)$$

We differentiate Eq. (3.5a) with respect to τ and postmultiply it by $\hat{T}^{-1}(x, \mathbf{n})$. Then we premultiply Eq. (3.5b) by $\partial_\tau \hat{T}(x, \mathbf{n})$ and subtract thus obtained equations from each other. As the result, we find

$$(-\partial_\tau + iv_F \mathbf{n} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}) \hat{M}(x, \mathbf{n}) + [\hat{\phi}(x, \mathbf{n}), M_{\mathbf{n}}(x)] = -\partial_\tau \hat{\phi}(x, \mathbf{n}), \quad (3.6)$$

where

$$\hat{M}(x, \mathbf{n}) = \frac{\partial \hat{T}(x, \mathbf{n})}{\partial \tau} \hat{T}^{-1}(x, \mathbf{n}) \quad (3.7)$$

and the symbol $[\dots, \dots]$ stands for the commutator.

Using the representation (2.22) for the matrix $\hat{\phi}(x, \mathbf{n})$, we look for the matrix $\hat{M}(x, \mathbf{n})$ in the form

$$\hat{M}(x, \mathbf{n}) = i\rho(x, \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{1}_\sigma + \mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}, \quad (3.8)$$

where $\rho(x, \mathbf{n})$ is a scalar real field and $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{n}}(x, \mathbf{n})$ is a real three-dimensional vector field. As follows from Eqs. (3.8) and (3.2), those fields are periodic:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\tau, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) &= \rho\left(\tau + \frac{1}{T}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}\right), \\ \mathbf{S}(\tau, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}) &= \mathbf{S}\left(\tau + \frac{1}{T}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Substituting Eq. (3.8) into Eq. (3.6) we obtain two independent equations for $\rho(x, \mathbf{n})$ and $\mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n})$:

$$\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + iv_F \mathbf{n} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}\right) \rho_{\mathbf{n}}(x) = -\frac{\partial \varphi(x, \mathbf{n})}{\partial \tau}, \quad (3.10a)$$

$$\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + iv_F \mathbf{n} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}\right) \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{n}}(x) + 2i[\mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{n}}(x) \times \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{n}}(x)] = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{n}}(x)}{\partial \tau}. \quad (3.10b)$$

It is easy to see that Eqs. (3.10) are consistent with the periodicity requirements (3.9) and (2.22).

Equations (3.10) are the final quasiclassical equations that will be used for further calculations. We emphasize that Eqs. (3.10) are obtained from Eqs. (2.36), (2.39), and (2.43) without making any further approximation. The field $\rho(x, \mathbf{n})$ corresponds to the density fluctuation in the phase space, whereas the field $\mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n})$ describes the spin fluctuations.

Equations (3.10a) and (3.10b) determining these fluctuations due to the Hubbard-Stratonovich fields are remarkably different from each other. Equation (3.10a) for the density is rather simple and can be solved immediately by the Fourier transform. This is what one obtains using the high-dimensional bosonization of Refs. 7, 8, and 41–48 from an eikonal equation. Of course, we could take into account gradients of the field $\varphi(x, \mathbf{n})$ and this would lead to additional terms in the left-hand side (LHS) of Eq. (3.10a). However, this does not lead to new physical effects.

In contrast, Eq. (3.10b) is not readily solvable due to the presence of $\mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n})$ in the LHS of this equation. Actually, the LHS of Eq. (3.10b) is just the equation of motion of a classical spin density in an external magnetic field \mathbf{h} . We will see that the presence of this form will result in nontrivial effects that will be considered later. To the best of our knowledge, this difference between the charge and spin excitations in $d > 1$ has not been emphasized in the literature.

B. Partition function

Having found the semiclassical representation for the Green functions, we are prepared to express the partition function $Z\{\hat{\phi}\}$ from Eq. (2.25) in terms of the collective variables $\rho(x, \mathbf{n})$ and $\mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n})$. Integrating over χ and χ^* in Eq. (2.25) and using Eqs. (2.26) and (2.5) for the Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L}_{eff}\{\hat{\phi}\}$, we write $Z\{\hat{\phi}\}$ in the form

$$\ln Z\{\hat{\phi}\} = \text{Tr} \int \ln(-\partial_\tau \mathbb{1}_\sigma - H_0 \mathbb{1}_\sigma + \hat{\Phi}), \quad (3.11)$$

where the Hamiltonian H_0 is introduced in Eq. (2.6), the operator $\hat{\Phi}$ is defined by Eq. (2.21), and “Tr” includes the trace in the spin space as well as the integration over \mathbf{r}, τ .

Equation (3.11) can be rewritten using the standard trick of integration over coupling the constant as

$$\begin{aligned} \ln Z\{\hat{\phi}\} - \ln Z\{0\} &= \int_0^1 du \partial_u \text{Tr} \int \ln(-\partial_\tau \mathbb{1}_\sigma - H_0 \mathbb{1}_\sigma + u\hat{\Phi}) \\ &= \int_0^1 du \sum_\sigma \int dx [\hat{\Phi} \hat{G}\{u\hat{\phi}\}]_{\sigma\sigma}(x, x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

where the Green function $\hat{\Phi} \hat{G}\{u\hat{\phi}\}$ is obtained from that of Eq. (2.31a) by the rescaling of the Hubbard-Stratonovich fields, $\hat{\Phi} \rightarrow u\hat{\Phi}$, and the action of the operator $\hat{\Phi}$ is defined by Eq. (2.31c). The term $\ln Z\{0\}$ describes the thermodynamics of the noninteracting fermions, and we will suppress this term in all the subsequent formulas.

Using Eqs. (2.31c) and (2.32), we obtain, from Eq. (3.12),

$$\ln Z\{\hat{\phi}\} = \int_0^1 du \int dx \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^d} \text{Tr}_\sigma \hat{\phi}(x; \mathbf{n}) \hat{G}(\tau, \tau; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p} | \{u\hat{\phi}\}), \quad (3.13)$$

where Tr_σ denotes the trace in the spin space and the shorthand notation (2.2) is used. We represent the integration over the momentum as

$$\int \frac{d^d \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^d} \cdots = \int \nu(\xi) d\xi \int d\mathbf{n} \cdots,$$

where $\nu(\xi)$ is the density of states (DOS) per one spin orientation, $\xi=0$ corresponds to the Fermi level, and we use the convention (1.2) for integration over the direction over the momentum on the Fermi surface, \mathbf{n} . Neglecting the energy dependence of the DOS, we obtain, from Eq. (3.13),

$$\ln Z\{\hat{\phi}\} = -i\pi\nu \int_0^1 du \int dx \int d\mathbf{n} \text{Tr}_\sigma \hat{\phi}(x; \mathbf{n}) \hat{g}(\tau, \tau; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{u\hat{\phi}\}), \quad (3.14)$$

where $\nu \equiv \nu(\xi=0)$ is the DOS on the Fermi level per one spin orientation and the Green function $\hat{g}(\tau, \tau'; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p} | \{u\hat{\phi}\})$ satisfies the constraints (2.39) and (2.43) and satisfies Eq. (2.36) with the rescaling $\hat{\phi} \rightarrow u\hat{\phi}$. According to Eq. (2.41), \hat{g} is a singular function at coinciding time, so that the equal-time value should be understood as

$$\hat{g}(\tau, \tau) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} [\hat{g}(\tau, \tau + \delta) + \hat{g}(\tau, \tau - \delta)]. \quad (3.15)$$

Next, we substitute Eq. (3.1) into Eq. (3.14). Using Eq. (2.41) and the rule (3.15), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}(\tau, \tau; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{u\hat{\phi}\}) &= \frac{i}{2} \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\delta} \left[\hat{\mathcal{T}}(\tau; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{u\hat{\phi}\}) \hat{\mathcal{T}}^{-1}(\tau + \delta; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{u\hat{\phi}\}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \hat{\mathcal{T}}(\tau; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{u\hat{\phi}\}) \hat{\mathcal{T}}^{-1}(\tau - \delta; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{u\hat{\phi}\}) \right] \\ &= -i \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{T}}(\tau; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{u\hat{\phi}\})}{\partial \tau} \hat{\mathcal{T}}^{-1}(\tau; \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n} | \{u\hat{\phi}\}). \end{aligned}$$

Using the definition (3.7), the representation (3.8), and equations of motion (3.10), we obtain finally, from Eq. (3.14),

$$Z\{\hat{\phi}\} = Z_0 Z_\rho\{\varphi\} Z_s\{\mathbf{h}\}. \quad (3.16a)$$

Here

$$Z_\rho = \exp \left[2\nu \int_0^1 du \int \rho(x, \mathbf{n}; u) \varphi(x, \mathbf{n}) dx d\mathbf{n} \right], \quad (3.16b)$$

$$Z_s = \exp \left[-2\nu \int_0^1 du \int \mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n}; u) \mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n}) dx d\mathbf{n} \right]. \quad (3.16c)$$

The functions $\rho(x, \mathbf{n}; u)$ and $\mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n}; u)$ should be found from the equations [cf. Eqs. (3.10)]

$$(-\partial_\tau + iv_F \mathbf{n} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}) \rho(x, \mathbf{n}; u) = -u \partial_\tau \varphi(x, \mathbf{n}), \quad (3.17)$$

$$\hat{L}_u \mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n}; u) = -u \partial_\tau \mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n}). \quad (3.18)$$

In Eq. (3.18), the operator \hat{L}_u equals

$$\hat{L}_u = (-\partial_\tau + iv_F \mathbf{n} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}) \mathbb{1}_s + 2iu \hat{h}(x, \mathbf{n}), \quad (3.19)$$

where the matrix \hat{h} has the form

$$\hat{h}(x, \mathbf{n}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -h_z(x, \mathbf{n}) & h_y(x, \mathbf{n}) \\ h_z(x, \mathbf{n}) & 0 & -h_x(x, \mathbf{n}) \\ -h_y(x, \mathbf{n}) & h_x(x, \mathbf{n}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}_s \quad (3.20)$$

and $h_x, h_y,$ and h_z are the components of the real vector \mathbf{h} ($\hat{h}\mathbf{a} = [\mathbf{h} \times \mathbf{a}]$ for any vector \mathbf{a}). We will call this space of three-dimensional vectors the “spin space” as the 2×2 spin space for the original electron will be no longer needed in further considerations. The functions $\mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n}; u)$ and $\rho(x, \mathbf{n}; u)$ satisfy the periodicity condition (3.9).

The operator \hat{L}_u , Eq. (3.19), is antisymmetric:

$$\hat{L}_u^T = -\hat{L}_u, \quad (3.21)$$

where the transposition T includes both the changing of the sign of the derivatives and the transposition of the spin indices. However, this operator is neither Hermitian nor anti-Hermitian. The importance of this subtlety will be underlined in the next section.

Thus, in order to calculate the partition function, Eq. (2.3), for the system of interacting fermions in the quasiclassical approximation, one should solve Eqs. (3.17) and (3.18)

and substitute their solutions into Eqs. (3.16a), (3.16b), and (3.16c). Then, one should use Eq. (2.24) and average over the fields φ and \mathbf{h} with the weight given by Eq. (2.27).

Before proceeding, we notice that there is a well-known flaw in the quasiclassical approximation (3.14) to the exact Eq. (3.12) (this flaw is usually referred to as an ultraviolet anomaly). In Eq. (3.12), the two times in the Green function are put equal to each other *before* the integration over the momentum is performed, whereas Eqs. (3.14) and (3.15) imply the opposite order of the limits. Those operations do not commute as they treat contributions from the region far from the Fermi surface differently: in the quasiclassical approximation the information that the electron states are limited from below at $\xi > -\epsilon_F$ is lost. Lost contributions, however, are coming from the transitions with the large energy and therefore are perfectly analytic functions of fields φ and \mathbf{h} and their gradients. As a result, Eq. (3.16a) is modified as

$$\begin{aligned} Z\{\hat{\phi}\} &= Z_0 Z_\rho\{\varphi\} Z_\rho^{uv}\{\varphi\} Z_s\{\mathbf{h}\} Z_s^{uv}\{\mathbf{h}\}, \\ \ln Z_\rho^{uv} &= -\nu \int dx d\mathbf{n} d\mathbf{n}' \phi(x, \mathbf{n}) d_\rho(\widehat{\mathbf{nn}'}) \phi(x, \mathbf{n}') + \dots, \\ \ln Z_s^{uv} &= \nu \int dx d\mathbf{n} d\mathbf{n}' \mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n}) d_s(\widehat{\mathbf{nn}'}) \mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n}') + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

where the ellipses stand for the terms containing higher gradients of the field or higher powers of the field. All such terms, however, will be small as $1/\epsilon_F$ and that is why keeping them would be an overstepping of the accuracy of the quasiclassical equations (2.36).

The functions $d_{\rho,s}(\theta)$ depend on the details of the ultraviolet cutoff (for the weakly interacting gas $d_\rho = d_\sigma$). One property, however, remains intact—the response of the system on the fields independent of the coordinate but arbitrary periodic function of time $\varphi(\tau)$, $\mathbf{h}(\tau)$: $\int_0^{1/T} \varphi(\tau) d\tau = \int_0^{1/T} \mathbf{h}(\tau) = 0$ should vanish, because the total charge and the total spin commute with the Hamiltonian:

$$Z_\rho\{\varphi(\tau)\} Z_\rho^{uv}\{\varphi(\tau)\} = Z_s\{\mathbf{h}(\tau)\} Z_s^{uv}\{\mathbf{h}(\tau)\} = 1. \quad (3.23)$$

For such fields, Eqs. (3.17) and (3.18) are trivially solved, $\rho(\tau, u) = -u\phi(\tau)$, $\mathbf{S}(\tau, u) = -u\mathbf{h}(\tau)$, and we obtain, from Eqs. (3.23), (3.16b), (3.16c), and (3.22),

$$\int d_\rho(\widehat{\mathbf{nn}'}) d\mathbf{n} = \int d_s(\widehat{\mathbf{nn}'}) d\mathbf{n} = 1. \quad (3.24)$$

All the other properties of $d_{\rho,s}$ are model dependent and can be established by direct perturbative calculation for stationary fields for which the semiclassical contributions (3.16b) and (3.16c) vanish.

However, it would be a redundant exercise, as Eq. (3.22) has the same form as the weights (2.27), and the role of the terms (3.22) is just a renormalization of the constants in those weights. The contribution of the interaction terms with high-momentum transfer not included in the Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation leads to similar effects. It means that the form of the weights for the fields h and φ should be

established not from first principles but from the requirement that the quadratic part of the theory should reproduce the bosonic modes obtained from the kinetic equation in the Landau theory of the Fermi liquid. It leads to the replacement of Eqs. (2.27) with

$$\mathcal{W}_s = \exp\left\{-\frac{\nu}{2} \int \varphi(x, \mathbf{n}) [\hat{\Gamma}_s^{-1} \varphi](x, \mathbf{n}) dx d\mathbf{n}\right\}, \quad (3.25a)$$

$$\mathcal{W}_t = \exp\left\{-\frac{\nu}{2} \sum_{i=x,y,z} \int h_i(x, \mathbf{n}) [\hat{\Gamma}_t^{-1} h_i](x, \mathbf{n}) dx d\mathbf{n}\right\}, \quad (3.25b)$$

where the operators $\hat{\Gamma}_{s,t}$ are defined by its action on any function $a(x, \mathbf{n})$ as

$$2\hat{\Gamma}_s = \hat{f} \frac{\hat{\mathbb{F}}^\rho}{1 + \hat{\mathbb{F}}^\rho}, \quad (3.25c)$$

$$2\hat{\Gamma}_t = -\hat{f} \frac{\hat{\mathbb{F}}^\sigma}{1 + \hat{\mathbb{F}}^\sigma}. \quad (3.25d)$$

Here operators \hat{f} and $\hat{\mathbb{F}}$ are defined by their action on an arbitrary function $b(\tau, \mathbf{r}; \mathbf{n})$ as

$$[\hat{f}b](\mathbf{r}, \tau; \mathbf{n}) = \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \bar{f}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1) b(\mathbf{r}_1, \tau; \mathbf{n}),$$

$$[\hat{\mathbb{F}}^{\rho,\sigma} b](\mathbf{r}, \tau; \mathbf{n}) = \int d\mathbf{n}_2 \mathbb{F}^{\rho,\sigma}(\widehat{\mathbf{nn}_2}) b(\mathbf{r}, \tau; \mathbf{n}_2), \quad (3.25e)$$

and the convention (1.2) is used. The cutoff function \bar{f} is defined by Eq. (2.29), while the functions $\mathbb{F}^{\rho,\sigma}$ are the Fermi liquid functions describing the interaction between two quasiparticles in the singlet or triplet states. We will see in the next subsection that the choice (3.25) indeed reproduces the correct propagators for the collective modes in the Fermi liquid theory. In what follows we assume the operators $\hat{\Gamma}_{s,t}$ to be positive definite and the system far from Pomeranchuk instabilities.

With the help of the quasiclassical consideration we can recast Eq. (2.24) into the form

$$\Omega = -T \ln Z = \Omega_0 + \Omega_\rho + \Omega_s, \quad (3.26a)$$

where $\Omega_0 = -T \ln Z_0$ describes the leading contribution of the quasiparticles. The leading singular corrections are associated with the collective modes, and they are given by

$$\exp\left(-\frac{\Omega_\rho}{T}\right) = \int D\varphi \mathcal{W}_s\{\varphi\} Z_\rho\{\varphi\}, \quad (3.26b)$$

$$\exp\left(-\frac{\Omega_s}{T}\right) = \int D\mathbf{h} \mathcal{W}_t\{\mathbf{h}\} Z_s\{\mathbf{h}\}, \quad (3.26c)$$

where the functionals $Z_{\rho,s}$ are given by Eqs. (3.16b) and (3.16c). In writing the expression for the partition function

we ignored the terms [e.g., Z_{st} in Eq. (2.24)] which do not lead to change of any observable quantities.

The results of the present section show that study of the system of the interacting fermions can be reduced to an investigation of a system of bosonic charge and spin excitations. Therefore the word “bosonization” is most suitable for our approach. We see that the method should work in any dimension. At the same time, it is more general than the scheme of the high-dimensional bosonization of Refs. 7, 8, and 41–48 because we can consider the spin excitations that are much less trivial than the charge ones.

C. Thermodynamics of free modes

Before we start formulating the proper field theory description for calculating the partition functions (3.26b) and (3.26c), it is instructive to try to determine it by the brute force analysis of Eqs. (3.16b) and (3.16c).

For the charge mode we immediately solve Eq. (3.17) by the Fourier transform

$$\rho(\omega_n, k; \mathbf{n}) = u \frac{i\omega_n}{i\omega_n - v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \varphi(\omega_n, k; \mathbf{n}), \quad (3.27)$$

where $\omega_n = 2\pi Tn$ is the bosonic Matsubara frequency, Eq. (3.9), and

$$\varphi(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}) = \varphi^*(-\omega_n, -\mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}), \quad (3.28)$$

because the field $\varphi(x; \mathbf{n})$ is real. Substituting Eq. (3.27) into Eq. (3.16b), we find

$$Z_\rho = \exp \left[\nu T \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k} d\mathbf{n}}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{i\omega_n |\varphi(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n})|^2}{i\omega_n - v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \right]. \quad (3.29)$$

Both the partition function, Eq. (3.29), and the weight, Eq. (3.25a), are Gaussian functionals and, therefore, the functional integration in Eq. (3.26b) can be readily performed with the result

$$\Omega_\rho = \frac{T}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k} d\mathbf{n}}{(2\pi)^d} \ln \left[1 + f(\mathbf{k}) \hat{\mathbb{F}}^\rho \frac{v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{-i\omega_n + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \right]. \quad (3.30)$$

Here, the factor of 1/2 originates due to the constraint (3.28) and the action of the interaction function $\hat{\mathbb{F}}^\rho$ is defined by Eq. (3.25e). The function $f(\mathbf{k})$, Eq. (2.13), cuts momenta k exceeding r_0^{-1} . However, its presence in Eq. (3.30) is important only for calculation of corrections to the coefficient in the linear term in the specific heat. Nontrivial contributions to the specific heat C come from the momenta $k \sim T/v_F \ll r_0^{-1}$ and do not depend on the function f . The explicit formulas for the specific heat given by Eq. (3.30) will be derived in Sec. VII; however, here we will give the equivalent representation of Eq. (3.30) more convenient for the comparison with future material:

$$\Omega_\rho = \frac{T}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k} d\mathbf{n}}{(2\pi)^d} \ln \left[1 + f(\mathbf{k}) \hat{\gamma}^\rho \frac{i\omega_n + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{-i\omega_n + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \right],$$

$$\hat{\gamma}^\rho = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbb{F}}^\rho}{\frac{1}{2} + \hat{\mathbb{F}}^\rho}. \quad (3.30')$$

Equation (3.30) has a very simple form and describes the thermodynamic potential of the collective noninteracting charge mode. In conventional diagrammatic language, Eq. (3.30) corresponds to the contribution of ring diagrams. The advantage of the derivation here is the explicit demonstration that Eq. (3.30) completely solves the problem of the singular corrections in the charge channel (which is the only one present for the spinless electrons). No further terms are present for the linearized spectrum, and all of the other corrections have additional smallness of the order of T/ϵ_F in comparison with Eq. (3.30). This means that no further consideration of the singlet channel is necessary.

Let us turn to the triplet channel. One can see that due to the presence of the Hubbard-Stratonovich field \mathbf{h} in the operator (3.19), one can solve Eq. (3.18) only approximately. In particular for $|\mathbf{h}| \rightarrow 0$, one finds [cf. Eq. (3.27)]

$$\mathbf{S}(\omega_n, k; \mathbf{n}) = u \frac{i\omega_n}{i\omega_n - v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{h}(\omega_n, k; \mathbf{n}) + \dots, \quad (3.31)$$

where the ellipsis stands for functionals of the second and higher orders in the field \mathbf{h} and

$$\mathbf{h}(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{h}^*(-\omega_n, -\mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}). \quad (3.32)$$

Substitution of Eq. (3.31) into Eq. (3.16c) yields

$$Z_s = \exp \left[-\nu T \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k} d\mathbf{n}}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{i\omega_n}{i\omega_n - v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \times \sum_{j=x,y,z} |h_j(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n})|^2 + \dots \right], \quad (3.33)$$

where the ellipsis denotes functionals of the third and higher orders in \mathbf{h} . It is important to emphasize that such nonlinear terms do not have any additional smallness in T/ϵ_F in contrast to the singlet-channel formula (3.29).

If we ignore those nonlinear terms, we end up with the Gaussian functional integral in Eq. (3.26c) and we obtain, analogously to Eq. (3.30),

$$\Omega_s^{(0)} = \frac{3T}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k} d\mathbf{n}}{(2\pi)^d} \ln \left[1 + f(\mathbf{k}) \hat{\mathbb{F}}^\sigma \frac{v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{-i\omega_n + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \right] \quad (3.34)$$

and the action of the interaction function $\hat{\mathbb{F}}^\sigma$ is defined by Eq. (3.25e). The additional factor of 3 in comparison with Eq. (3.30) stands for the three independent components of the spin density. The equivalent representation for Eq. (3.34) is [cf. Eq. (3.30)]

$$\Omega_\rho = \frac{3T}{2} \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k} d\mathbf{n}}{(2\pi)^d} \ln \left[1 + f(\mathbf{k}) \hat{\gamma} \frac{i\omega_n + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{i\omega_n - v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \right],$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = - \frac{\frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbb{F}}^\sigma}{\frac{1}{2} + \hat{\mathbb{F}}^\sigma}. \quad (3.34')$$

Let us mention for future comparison with previous works that for weakly interacting systems, the kernels γ are the linear function of the scattering amplitudes (2.17):

$$\gamma_\rho = \nu V_s, \quad \gamma = -\nu V_t. \quad (3.35)$$

However, due to the presence of the ignored nonsmall terms in Eq. (3.33), formulas (3.34) and (3.34') are by no means an exact or correct low-temperature asymptotic expression. The next section presents an efficient calculational scheme to deal with this nonlinearity.

IV. SUPERSYMMETRY APPROACH FOR THE BOSONIC EXCITATIONS

As we have already explained, the exact derivation of the functional $Z_s\{\mathbf{h}\}$ determining the thermodynamics of the triplet mode, Eq. (3.26c), is not possible. Moreover, obtaining the nonlinear terms by further expansion of the solution in powers of \mathbf{h} is not a correct way to proceed because the resulting theory in terms of \mathbf{h} will be not only nonlinear but also *nonlocal* which would obscure such important features of the theory as its renormalizability.

An analogous problem exists in the theory of disordered metals but in many cases it can be overcome using the supersymmetry method.^{33,34} The main idea of the method is to express the solution of a linear equation with a disorder in terms of a functional integral over auxiliary supervectors containing both conventional complex numbers and anticommuting Grassmann variables. Then, one is able to average over the disorder and reduce the disordered system to a regular model without any disorder but with a *local* effective interaction.

We will borrow these ideas. The role of the disorder here will be played by the field \hat{h} itself, so its imaginary time dependence will lead to certain modifications.

We will discuss the number and the properties of the necessary fields in Sec. IV A in somewhat simpler form and will write down the full-fledged effective Lagrangian in Sec. IV B. The final form of the field theory obtained after the averaging over field \mathbf{h} is given in Sec. IV C and it is generalized further in Sec. IV D.

A. Number of auxiliary fields and Hermitization

The solution of Eq. (3.18) can still be written in a symbolic form as

$$\mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n}; u) = -u \hat{L}_u^{-1} \partial_\tau \mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n}), \quad (4.1)$$

where the *local* operator \hat{L}_u is given by Eq. (3.19). Substitution of Eq. (4.1) into Eq. (3.16c) yields

$$Z_s = \exp \left[2\nu \int_0^1 u du \int dx d\mathbf{n} \mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n}) \hat{L}_u^{-1} \partial_\tau \mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n}) \right], \quad (4.2)$$

and we use the notation (2.2) throughout this section.

The argument of the exponent is nonlocal, and our goal is to get rid of such a nonlocality. The standard route to proceed would be to rewrite Eq. (4.2) as a functional integral:

$$Z_s\{\mathbf{h}\} = \int DS^\dagger DSD\chi D\chi^\dagger \exp \left[-2\nu \int_0^1 du \int dx d\mathbf{n} \times \{ \mathbf{S}^* \hat{L}_u \mathbf{S} + \chi^* \hat{L}_u \chi + u \hat{S} \partial_\tau \mathbf{h} + \hat{S}^* \mathbf{h} \} \right]. \quad (4.3)$$

Here

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} S_x \\ S_y \\ S_z \end{pmatrix}_s, \quad \chi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_x \\ \chi_y \\ \chi_z \end{pmatrix}_s,$$

$$\mathbf{S}^\dagger = (S_x^*, S_y^*, S_z^*)_s, \quad \chi^\dagger = (\chi_x^*, \chi_y^*, \chi_z^*)_s. \quad (4.4)$$

The spin space s was introduced after Eq. (3.20). The fields \mathbf{S}^* and \mathbf{S} are the usual complex vector fields, and χ and χ^* are anticommuting Grassmann fields needed to cancel out the operator determinant. All the fields are functions of x , \mathbf{n} , and u and satisfy the periodicity conditions⁵⁷

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}(x, \mathbf{n}, u) &= \mathbf{S}\left(\mathbf{r}, \tau + \frac{1}{T}, \mathbf{n}, u\right), \\ \mathbf{S}^*(x, \mathbf{n}, u) &= \mathbf{S}^*\left(\mathbf{r}, \tau + \frac{1}{T}, \mathbf{n}, u\right), \\ \chi(x, \mathbf{n}, u) &= \chi\left(\mathbf{r}, \tau + \frac{1}{T}, \mathbf{n}, u\right), \\ \chi^*(x, \mathbf{n}, u) &= \chi^*\left(\mathbf{r}, \tau + \frac{1}{T}, \mathbf{n}, u\right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Because the Grassmann fields are periodic rather than antiperiodic, we will call them pseudofermions. The argument of the exponent (4.3) would be, then, the local functional linear in \mathbf{h} , so the integration in Eq. (3.26c) could be easily performed, yielding the *local* expression in terms of powers of \mathbf{S} and χ only.

However, Eq. (4.3) is rather deceptive. Indeed, the possibility to write such a functional integral is based on the assumption that the integration over the bosonic fields is defined for an arbitrary configuration of the field \mathbf{h} ; in particular, the directions of such integrations cannot depend on the field \mathbf{h} at all. Therefore, Eq. (4.3) would be correct only if the operator \hat{L}_u of Eq. (3.19) were positive definite which is not the case. Moreover, as we have mentioned after Eq. (3.21), \hat{L}_u is not even Hermitian and we do not have *a priori* knowledge about the signs of the real and imaginary parts of eigenvalues.

Those complications make expression (4.3) mathematically meaningless. Fortunately, the proper procedure for non-Hermitian operators containing first-order derivatives has also been worked out previously⁵⁹ and we will use this method for further calculations.

Let us double the number of the bosonic and pseudofermionic fields as

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{S}^1 \\ \mathbf{S}^2 \end{pmatrix}_H, \quad \boldsymbol{\chi} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\chi}^1 \\ \boldsymbol{\chi}^2 \end{pmatrix}_H,$$

$$\mathbf{S}^\dagger = ([\mathbf{S}^1]^\dagger, [\mathbf{S}^2]^\dagger)_H, \quad \boldsymbol{\chi}^\dagger = ([\boldsymbol{\chi}^1]^\dagger, [\boldsymbol{\chi}^2]^\dagger)_H, \quad (4.6)$$

where each element has the structure of Eq. (4.4). We will call the additional space of the two-component vectors ‘‘Hermitized’’ space and use the subscript $(\dots)_H$ for writing explicitly the structure in this space. We define the new operator \hat{M}_u acting in this doubled space:

$$\hat{M}_u = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{L}_u + \hat{L}_u^\dagger & \hat{L}_u - \hat{L}_u^\dagger \\ \hat{L}_u^\dagger - \hat{L}_u & -\hat{L}_u - \hat{L}_u^\dagger \end{pmatrix}_H, \quad (4.7)$$

where each element of this matrix is a matrix in the spin space [see Eq. (3.19)]. By construction, the operator, Eq. (4.7), is Hermitian, $M = M^\dagger$, and thus the functional

$$\int dx (\mathbf{S}^\dagger \hat{M}_u \mathbf{S})$$

is real. Therefore, the identity

$$1 = \int D\mathbf{S}^\dagger D\mathbf{S} D\boldsymbol{\chi} D\boldsymbol{\chi}^\dagger \exp[-\mathcal{S}_h^{\text{eff}}], \quad (4.8)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_h^{\text{eff}} = -2iv \int_0^1 du \int dx d\mathbf{n} \times \{ \mathbf{S}^\dagger (\hat{M}_u + i\delta) \mathbf{S} + \boldsymbol{\chi}^\dagger (\hat{M}_u + i\delta) \boldsymbol{\chi} \}$$

holds for an arbitrary configuration of the field \mathbf{h} as the integral over the bosonic fields is always convergent. Here δ is a positive real number and the limit $\delta \rightarrow +0$ is to be taken at the end of the calculation. The fields satisfy the periodicity conditions, Eq. (4.5). Finally, using Eq. (4.8) and the obvious formula

$$\frac{1}{\hat{M}_u} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\hat{L}_u} + \frac{1}{\hat{L}_u^\dagger} & \frac{1}{\hat{L}_u} - \frac{1}{\hat{L}_u^\dagger} \\ \frac{1}{\hat{L}_u^\dagger} - \frac{1}{\hat{L}_u} & -\frac{1}{\hat{L}_u} - \frac{1}{\hat{L}_u^\dagger} \end{pmatrix}_H,$$

we obtain, instead of Eq. (4.3),

$$Z_s\{\mathbf{h}\} = \int D\bar{\mathbf{S}} D\mathbf{S} D\bar{\boldsymbol{\chi}} D\boldsymbol{\chi} \exp[-\mathcal{S}_0^{\text{h}}] \exp \left[v\sqrt{2i} \int_0^1 du \int dx d\mathbf{n} \times \{ u(\hat{\mathbf{S}}^1 + \hat{\mathbf{S}}^2) \partial_\tau \mathbf{h} + ([\hat{\mathbf{S}}^1]^\dagger - [\hat{\mathbf{S}}^2]^\dagger) \mathbf{h} \} \right]. \quad (4.9)$$

Equations (4.8) and (4.9) are the final result of this subsection. We have succeeded in rewriting the original *nonlo-*

cal expression written in terms of the Hubbard-Stratonovich field \mathbf{h} into the theory local in terms of the new fields \mathbf{S} and $\boldsymbol{\chi}$. As this action is a linear functional in \mathbf{h} , we will be able to integrate it out and obtain the action in terms of those new fields \mathbf{S} and $\boldsymbol{\chi}$ only. Before doing so, we will recast Eqs. (4.8) and (4.9) in a more compact form.

B. Supervectors and the effective Lagrangian

We introduce the superspace (graded space) as the space of vectors having the same number of complex and Grassmann components.³⁴ In particular, the field introduced in Eq. (4.6) can be compactified as one supervector⁶⁰

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\chi} \\ \mathbf{S} \end{pmatrix}_g, \quad \boldsymbol{\varphi}^\dagger = (\boldsymbol{\chi}^\dagger, \mathbf{S}^\dagger)_g, \quad (4.10)$$

where the subscript g stands for the graded space and each element has the structure of Eq. (4.6), so the fields are defined in a linear space obtained as a direct product of Hermitized (H) spin (s) and superspace (g). In other words, the notation $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ means the 12-component supervector defined in a linear space $s \otimes H \otimes g$.

Using notation (4.10) the action from Eq. (4.8) can be rewritten in a short form

$$\mathcal{S}_h^{\text{eff}} = -2iv \int_0^1 du \int dx d\mathbf{n} [\boldsymbol{\varphi}^\dagger (\hat{M}_u \otimes \mathbb{1}_g + i\delta) \boldsymbol{\varphi}], \quad (4.11)$$

where $\mathbb{1}_g$ is the 2×2 unit matrix acting in the superspace.

We will see shortly that the most interesting contribution will come from the scattering terms where the direction of the spin changes its direction to the opposite one. Anticipating this fact, we will join $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{n})$ and $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(-\mathbf{n})$ in one vector of larger dimensionality

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{n}) = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{n}) \\ \boldsymbol{\varphi}(-\mathbf{n}) \end{pmatrix}_n, \quad \boldsymbol{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{n}) = (\boldsymbol{\varphi}^\dagger(\mathbf{n}); \boldsymbol{\varphi}^\dagger(-\mathbf{n}))_n, \quad (4.12)$$

where each element has the structure of Eq. (4.10), and keep the integration over \mathbf{n} in all of the subsequent formulas over the d -dimensional hemisphere—say, $n_x > 0$. The final answers definitely will not depend on the particular choice of the hemisphere. From now on the integration over the momentum direction will mean

$$\int d\mathbf{n} \dots \equiv \int_{n_x > 0} d\mathbf{n} \dots, \quad \int 1 d\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (4.13)$$

We will call the two-dimensional space defined in Eq. (4.11) the ‘‘left-right’’ space, using the analogy with the one-dimensional systems, and will denote it by the subscript n .

The final step in the definition of the supervector is once again performed for calculational convenience, and it is equivalent to the introduction of the Gorkov-Nambu spinors in the theory of the superconductivity.⁶¹ We increase the size of the supervector as

$$\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^* \\ \phi \end{pmatrix}_{eh}, \quad \psi^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ([\phi^*]^\dagger; \phi^*)_{eh}, \quad (4.14)$$

where each component has the structure of Eq. (4.12). We will call the corresponding space “electron-hole space” and denote it by the subscript eh when written explicitly. The benefit of this doubling of the size of the supervector will become apparent when the perturbation theory for the resulting model is developed in Sec. V. To avoid misunderstanding, we emphasize that the “electron-hole” introduced here has nothing to do with the electrons and holes in the original system and introduced here to label the fields of the spin excitations only.

Using the standard convention for the complex conjugate of the Grassmann variables,

$$[\chi^*]^\dagger = -\chi, \quad (4.15)$$

and definitions (4.12)–(4.14) we rewrite Eq. (4.11) as

$$\mathcal{S}_h^{\text{eff}} = -2i\nu \int_0^1 du \int dx d\mathbf{n} [\psi^\dagger (\hat{\mathcal{M}}_u \otimes \mathbb{1}_g + i\delta) \psi]. \quad (4.16)$$

Here $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_u$ is the matrix in the $H \otimes n \otimes eh$ space and it has the structure

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}}_u = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{M}}_u & 0 \\ 0 & [\hat{\mathbf{M}}_u]^T \end{pmatrix}_{eh}, \quad (4.17)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}}_u(\mathbf{n}) = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{M}_u(\mathbf{n}) & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{M}_u(-\mathbf{n}) \end{pmatrix}_n,$$

with the matrix \hat{M}_u given by Eq. (4.7).

To make the notation consistent with the previous work,^{33,34,59} we introduce the conjugated supervector as

$$\bar{\psi} = \psi^\dagger \hat{\Lambda}; \quad \hat{\Lambda} = \mathbb{1}_g \otimes \mathbb{1}_n \otimes \mathbb{1}_s \otimes \mathbb{1}_{eh} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_H. \quad (4.18)$$

Using the explicit structure of the supervectors, Eq. (4.14), and the convention (4.15) one can verify that the conjugated supervector $\bar{\psi}$ is related to ψ as

$$\bar{\psi} = (\hat{C}\psi)^T,$$

$$\hat{C} = \mathbb{1}_s \otimes \mathbb{1}_n \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C}_0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\hat{C}_0 \end{pmatrix}_H, \quad C_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{c}_2 \end{pmatrix}_g,$$

$$\hat{c}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{eh}, \quad \hat{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{eh}. \quad (4.19)$$

Accordingly, the conjugation of supermatrices is introduced as

$$\bar{A} = CA^T C^T \quad (4.20)$$

for an arbitrary supermatrix A acting in $s \otimes g \otimes H \otimes n \otimes eh$ space. For the two supervectors $\psi_{1,2}$ of the structure (4.14) one finds

$$(\bar{\psi}_1 A \psi_2) = (\bar{\psi}_2 \bar{A} \psi_1). \quad (4.21)$$

Substituting the definition (4.18) into Eq. (4.16) and finding an explicit form of $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_u$ from Eqs. (4.17), (4.7), and (3.19)–(3.21), we obtain

$$\mathcal{S}_h^{\text{eff}} = -2i\nu \int \bar{\psi}(X) \mathcal{L}_h \psi(X) dX, \quad (4.22)$$

where we use the shorthand notation

$$X = (\mathbf{r}, \tau, \mathbf{n}, u),$$

$$\int dX \dots = \int d\mathbf{r} \int_0^{1/T} d\tau \int d\mathbf{n} \int_0^1 du \dots \quad (4.23)$$

and the convention (4.13) for the angular integration.

The Lagrangian in Eq. (4.22) is given by

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_h = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 - 2iu\hat{\tau}_3 \delta \hat{\mathcal{L}}_h - i\delta \hat{\Lambda}, \quad (4.24)$$

where the matrix in the spin space \hat{h} is defined in Eq. (3.20) and the free propagation Lagrangian has the form

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -iv_F(\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Sigma}_3 - \partial_\tau \hat{\Lambda}_1,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_0^\dagger = -iv_F(\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Sigma}_3 + \partial_\tau \hat{\Lambda}_1. \quad (4.25)$$

The rotation of the spin excitation by the Hubbard-Stratonovich field [cf. Eq. (3.20)] is described by

$$\delta \hat{\mathcal{L}}_h(x, \mathbf{n}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\hat{H}_z(x, \mathbf{n}) & \hat{H}_y(x, \mathbf{n}) \\ \hat{H}_z(x, \mathbf{n}) & 0 & -\hat{H}_x(x, \mathbf{n}) \\ -\hat{H}_y(x, \mathbf{n}) & \hat{H}_x(x, \mathbf{n}) & 0 \end{pmatrix}_s,$$

$$\hat{H}_\gamma(x, \mathbf{n}) = \mathbb{1}_g \otimes \mathbb{1}_H \otimes \mathbb{1}_{eh} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} h_\gamma(x, \mathbf{n}) & 0 \\ 0 & h_\gamma(x, -\mathbf{n}) \end{pmatrix}_n. \quad (4.26)$$

The supermatrices in Eqs. (4.25) and (4.26) are introduced as

$$\hat{\tau}_3 = \mathbb{1}_s \otimes \mathbb{1}_g \otimes \mathbb{1}_H \otimes \mathbb{1}_n \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_{eh},$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_3 = \mathbb{1}_s \otimes \mathbb{1}_g \otimes \mathbb{1}_H \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}_n \otimes \mathbb{1}_{eh},$$

$$\hat{\Lambda}_1 = \mathbb{1}_s \otimes \mathbb{1}_g \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_H \otimes \mathbb{1}_n \otimes \mathbb{1}_{eh}. \quad (4.27)$$

The action $\mathcal{S}_h^{\text{eff}}$ is supersymmetric—i.e., invariant with respect to all possible homogeneous rotations in g space.

To complete the derivation, we have to express the exponent in Eq. (4.9) in terms of the supervector ψ . Those are

only terms that break the supersymmetry and thus lead to finite contributions to physical quantities. Using the definitions (4.14), (4.12), (4.6), and (4.4), we find

$$\int_0^1 du \int dx d\mathbf{n} ([\hat{\mathbf{S}}^1]^* - [\hat{\mathbf{S}}^2]^*) \mathbf{h} = 2 \int dX [\bar{\psi}_\gamma(X) \mathbf{F}^1(X)],$$

$$F_\gamma^1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_g \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_H \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{eh} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} h_\gamma(\mathbf{n}) \\ h_\gamma(-\mathbf{n}) \end{pmatrix}_n,$$
(4.28a)

and, analogously,

$$\int_0^1 du \int dx d\mathbf{n} (\hat{\mathbf{S}}^1 + \hat{\mathbf{S}}^2) \mathbf{h} = 2 \int dX [\bar{\psi}_\gamma(X) \mathbf{F}^2(X)],$$

$$F_\gamma^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_g \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}_H \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{eh} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} u \partial_\tau h_\gamma(\mathbf{n}) \\ u \partial_\tau h_\gamma(-\mathbf{n}) \end{pmatrix}_n,$$
(4.28b)

where Eq. (4.23) is used and $\gamma=x, y, z$ labels the components in the spin space.

Equations (4.28) and (4.22) enable us to obtain a representation of formulas (4.8) and (4.9) in supersymmetric notation,

$$Z_s\{\mathbf{h}\} = \int D\psi \exp[-\mathcal{S}_h^{\text{eff}}] \times \exp\left[2\nu\sqrt{2i} \int \bar{\psi}(X) \mathbf{F}(X) dX\right],$$
(4.29)

where $\mathcal{S}_h^{\text{eff}}$ is given by Eq. (4.22) and

$$\mathbf{F}(X) = \mathbf{F}^1(X) + \mathbf{F}^2(X).$$
(4.30)

The superfields in Eq. (4.29) satisfy the periodic boundary conditions

$$\psi(\tau, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}; u) = \psi(\tau + 1/T, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}; u).$$
(4.31)

Equation (4.29) is the main result of this subsection and will be used for the further manipulations.

It is worthwhile to notice that the functional (4.29) has an interesting symmetry. Let us make a shift of the variables

$$\bar{\psi} \rightarrow \bar{\psi} - (1-\alpha) \frac{u}{\sqrt{2i}} \mathbf{F}_1^T$$
(4.32)

in the functional integral (4.29), where α is an arbitrary constant. Using Eqs. (4.28), we find, for the transformation,

$$2\nu\sqrt{2i} \int \bar{\psi}(X) \mathbf{F}(X) dX \rightarrow 2\nu\sqrt{2i} \int \bar{\psi}(X) \mathbf{F}(X) dX + (1-\alpha)\nu$$

$$\times \int dx d\mathbf{n} [\mathbf{h}^2(\mathbf{n}) + \mathbf{h}^2(-\mathbf{n})],$$
(4.33)

where the notation (2.2) and the convention (4.13) for the angular integration are used. Analogously using

$$\hat{h}\mathbf{h} = 0,$$

which can easily be checked using the definition of \hat{h} , Eq. (3.20), one obtains, from Eq. (4.22),

$$\int \bar{\psi}(X) \hat{\mathcal{L}}_h \psi(X) dX \rightarrow \int \bar{\psi}(X) \hat{\mathcal{L}}_h \psi(X) dX - (1-\alpha) \frac{2u}{\sqrt{2i}}$$

$$\times \int \bar{\psi}(X) \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 \psi \hat{\mathcal{C}} \mathbf{F}^1(X) dX.$$
(4.34)

The extra term appearing in Eq. (4.33) has the same functional form as the interaction (3.25b) and can be incorporated into renormalization of the interaction constant, whereas the extra term in Eq. (4.34) can be accommodated into redefinition of the operator $F^2(X) \rightarrow F^2(X; \alpha)$ in Eq. (4.28b) as

$$F_\gamma^2(X; \alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_g \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}_H \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{eh}$$

$$\otimes \begin{pmatrix} u[\alpha \partial_\tau + i(1-\alpha)v_F \mathbf{n} \nabla] \mathbf{h}_\gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{n}) \\ u[\alpha \partial_\tau - i(1-\alpha)v_F \mathbf{n} \nabla] \mathbf{h}_\gamma(\mathbf{x}, -\mathbf{n}) \end{pmatrix}_n.$$
(4.35)

Accordingly, the low-energy representation of Eq. (3.26c) can be written for an arbitrary parameter α as

$$\exp\left(-\frac{\Omega_s}{T}\right) = \int D\mathbf{h} \mathcal{W}_t(\{\mathbf{h}\}; \alpha) Z_s(\{\mathbf{h}\}; \alpha),$$
(4.36)

where [cf. Eqs. (3.25b) and (3.25c)]

$$\mathcal{W}_t(\alpha) = \exp\left\{-\frac{\nu}{2} \int \mathbf{h}(x, \mathbf{n}) [\hat{\Gamma}_t^{-1}(\alpha) \mathbf{h}](x, \mathbf{n}) dx d\mathbf{n}\right\},$$

$$2\hat{\Gamma}_t(\alpha) = -\hat{f} \frac{\hat{\Gamma}^\sigma}{1 + \alpha \hat{\Gamma}^\sigma},$$
(4.37)

the angular integration over the whole d -dimensional sphere is meant, and the convention (1.2) is implied.

The partition function $Z_s(\alpha)$ is a generalization of Eq. (4.29):

$$Z_s\{\mathbf{h}, \alpha\} = \int D\psi \exp[-\mathcal{S}_h^{\text{eff}}]$$

$$\times \exp\left[2\nu\sqrt{2i} \int \bar{\psi}(X) \mathbf{F}(X; \alpha) dX\right],$$

$$\mathbf{F}(X; \alpha) = \mathbf{F}^1(X) + \mathbf{F}^2(X; \alpha),$$
(4.38)

where the vectors $\mathbf{F}^1; \mathbf{F}^2(\alpha)$ are given by Eqs. (4.28a) and (4.35), respectively. A particular choice of the parameter α is merely a matter of convenience.

Closing this subsection, we recast the supersymmetry breaking terms in Eq. (4.38) into a form more convenient for further application. We introduce a 16-component supervector \mathcal{F}_0 ,

$$\mathcal{F}_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_g \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_n \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{eh} \\ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{eh} \end{pmatrix}_H, \quad (4.39)$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{F}}_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0 \ 1)_g \otimes (1 \ 1)_n \otimes ((1 \ 1)_{eh} (-1 \ 1)_{eh})_H,$$

and the operator $\hat{l}_{u,\alpha}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{l}_{u,\alpha} &= \frac{u}{2} [(2\alpha - 1)\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0^\dagger] \tau_+ + \tau_-, \\ \hat{l}_{u,\alpha} &= \frac{u}{2} [(2\alpha - 1)\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0^\dagger] \tau_- + \tau_+, \\ \hat{\tau}_\pm &= \frac{1 \pm \hat{\tau}_3}{2}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.40)$$

and $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0$ and $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0^\dagger$ are defined in Eq. (4.25). The conjugation for the matrix operator is given by Eq. (4.20), and the supermatrix $\hat{\tau}_3$ is given by Eq. (4.27). Then it is easy to check by explicit calculation that Eqs. (4.38), (4.28a), and (4.35) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \int \bar{\psi}(X) \mathbf{F}(X; \alpha) dX &= \int \bar{\psi}_\gamma(X) \hat{l}_{u,\alpha} \hat{\mathbb{H}}_\gamma(X) \mathcal{F}_0 dX \\ &= \int \bar{\mathcal{F}}_0 \hat{\mathbb{H}}_\gamma(X) \hat{l}_{u,\alpha} \psi_\gamma(X) dX, \end{aligned} \quad (4.41)$$

where operator $\hat{\mathbb{H}}_\gamma$ is given by Eq. (4.26) and summation over the repeated index $\gamma=x,y,z$ is implied.⁶² The latter formula is most convenient for integration over \mathbf{h} which will be performed in the next subsection.

C. Averaging over the Hubbard-Stratonovich field

The argument of the exponential in Eq. (4.38) is a linear functional of the Hubbard-Stratonovich field \mathbf{h} , and thus the integral over \mathbf{h} in Eq. (4.36) is purely Gaussian. The field \mathbf{h} enters both the function \mathbf{F} and the Lagrangian (4.24). This means that the new effective field theory will contain quadratic, cubic, and quartic in ψ terms. The quartic term originates from the averaging of the supersymmetric part of the action, and therefore, it preserves the supersymmetry, whereas the quadratic and cubic terms lift it.

Performing Gaussian integration over \mathbf{h} in Eq. (4.36) with the help of Eqs. (4.41) and (4.26), we find the contribution of the spin modes to the thermodynamic potential:

$$\Omega_s = -T \ln \left[\int \exp(-\mathcal{S}[\psi]) D\psi \right], \quad (4.42)$$

with

$$\mathcal{S}[\psi] = \mathcal{S}_0\{\psi\} + \mathcal{S}_2[\{\psi\}; \alpha] + \mathcal{S}_3[\{\psi\}, \alpha] + \mathcal{S}_4[\{\psi\}; \alpha]. \quad (4.43)$$

In Eq. (4.43), the free supersymmetric part of the action can be written as

$$\mathcal{S}_0[\psi] = -2i\nu \int \bar{\psi}_\gamma(X) [\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 - i\delta\hat{\Lambda}] \psi_\gamma(X) dX, \quad (4.44)$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0$ is given by Eq. (4.25), the summation is implied over the repeated spin subscripts γ (see also Ref. 62), the variables X are defined in Eq. (4.23), and the convention (4.13) is used for the angular integration.

The term \mathcal{S}_4 describes the quartic interaction, and it takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_4[\{\psi\}; \alpha] &= -4\nu \varepsilon_{\delta\beta\gamma\varepsilon} \delta_{\beta_1\gamma_1} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \lambda_{ij} \int dX \\ &\times [\bar{\psi}_\beta(X) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \psi_\gamma(X) u] \hat{\Gamma}_i (u \bar{\psi}_{\beta_1}(X) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \psi_{\gamma_1}(X)), \end{aligned} \quad (4.45)$$

where

$$\hat{\lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.46)$$

and we introduced the 16×16 self-conjugated supermatrices [see Eqs. (4.18) and (4.27) and Ref. 62]

$$\hat{\Pi}_1 = 1, \quad \hat{\Pi}_2 = \hat{\Sigma}_3, \quad \hat{\Pi}_3 = \hat{\Lambda}_1 \hat{\tau}_3, \quad \hat{\Pi}_4 = \hat{\Lambda}_1 \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Sigma}_3. \quad (4.47)$$

The significance of the matrices $\hat{\Pi}_{3,4}$ will become clear in the next subsection.

The operators $\hat{\Gamma}_i$ here are a slight modification of $\hat{\Gamma}_i(\alpha)$ in Eqs. (4.37) and (3.25c):

$$\hat{\Gamma}_i(\alpha) = \hat{f} \hat{\gamma}_i(\alpha), \quad (4.48a)$$

where action of the cutoff operator \hat{f} is defined in Eq. (3.25e) and the operators $\hat{\gamma}_i(\alpha)$ are defined by

$$[\hat{\gamma}_i b](X) = \int d\mathbf{n}_1 \int_0^1 du_1 \gamma_i(\widehat{\mathbf{nn}}_1; u, u_1) b(\mathbf{r}, \tau, \mathbf{n}_1, u_1). \quad (4.48b)$$

Hereinafter, the convention (4.13) is used for the angular integration. The kernels in Eq. (4.48b) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1(\widehat{\mathbf{nn}}_1; u, u_1; \alpha) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left\langle \mathbf{n} \left| \frac{\mathbb{F}^\sigma}{\alpha + \mathbb{F}^\sigma} \right| \mathbf{n}_1 \right\rangle \equiv \gamma_f^0, \\ \gamma_2(\widehat{\mathbf{nn}}_1; u, u_1; \alpha) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left\langle -\mathbf{n} \left| \frac{\hat{\mathbb{F}}^\sigma}{\alpha + \hat{\mathbb{F}}^\sigma} \right| \mathbf{n}_1 \right\rangle \equiv \gamma_b^0, \end{aligned} \quad (4.49)$$

and they are independent of the parameters u and u_1 . We will see that this will change when we consider the fluctuation

corrections to the bare action (4.45). As we will see later, the most interesting effects will come from $\mathbf{n} \simeq \mathbf{n}_1$ so that the notation $\gamma_{f(b)}$ for the forward (backward) scattering will be self-evident.

The tensor $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ is the antisymmetric tensor of the third rank ($\varepsilon_{123}=1$) and the summation over repeated indices is implied in Eq. (4.45). Also, the relation

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma}\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta_1\gamma_1} = \delta_{\beta\beta_1}\delta_{\gamma\gamma_1} - \delta_{\beta\gamma_1}\delta_{\beta_1\gamma} \quad (4.50)$$

holds.

The term $\mathcal{S}_3[\{\psi\}, \alpha]$ describes the cubic interaction, and we write it as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_3[\{\psi\}, \alpha] = & -4\nu\sqrt{2i\varepsilon_{\delta\beta\gamma}} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \lambda_{ij} \int dX \\ & \times [\bar{\psi}_\beta(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\psi_\gamma(X)u]\hat{\Gamma}_i(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_0\hat{l}_{u,\alpha}\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\psi_\delta(X)), \end{aligned} \quad (4.51)$$

where the operator $\hat{l}_{u,\alpha}$ and supervector \mathcal{F}_0 are given by Eqs. (4.40) and (4.39), respectively.

At last, the quadratic term $\mathcal{S}_2[\{\psi\}, \alpha]$ reads

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_2[\{\psi\}, \alpha] = & -2i\nu \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \lambda_{ij} \int dX \\ & \times [\bar{\mathcal{F}}_0\hat{l}_{u,\alpha}\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\psi_\delta(X)]\hat{\Gamma}_i(\hat{\mathcal{F}}_0\hat{l}_{u,\alpha}\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\psi_\delta(X)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.52)$$

Equations (4.42)–(4.47), (4.48a), (4.48b), and (4.49)–(4.52) completely specify the field theory that describes the collective spin excitations. We will see that the interaction between the modes given by the terms $\mathcal{S}_{3,4}$ leads in the limit $T \rightarrow 0$ to logarithmically divergent terms of the perturbation theory in these interactions. These divergences make the theory nontrivial and interesting. The logarithmic contributions can be summed up using a renormalization group theory. This will be done in Sec. V. Before doing so, however, we will slightly generalize the action to a form reproducing itself under the renormalization group procedure.

D. Further generalization of the theory

We start with generalization of the quartic interaction by including all the matrices $\hat{\Pi}_k$ [see Eq. (4.47)] to the interaction part of the action. We increase the dimensionality of matrix $\hat{\lambda}$ of Eq. (4.46) as

$$\hat{\lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.53)$$

with the properties

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} = 4\delta_{k1}, \quad \sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} = 4\delta_{i2}. \quad (4.54)$$

Then, Eq. (4.45) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_4[\{\psi\}, \alpha] = & -2\nu\varepsilon_{\delta\beta\gamma}\varepsilon_{\delta\beta_1\gamma_1} \sum_{i,j=1}^4 \lambda_{ij} \int dX \\ & \times [\bar{\psi}_\beta(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\psi_\gamma(X)u]\hat{\Gamma}_i[u\bar{\psi}_{\beta_1}(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\psi_{\gamma_1}(X)], \end{aligned} \quad (4.55)$$

where the operators $\hat{\Gamma}_i$ are defined by their action on any function $b(X)$ as [cf. Eqs. (4.48)]

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{\Gamma}_i b](X) = & \int d\mathbf{n}_1 \int_0^1 du_1 \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \bar{f}(\mathbf{r}_1) \\ & \times \Gamma_i(\hat{\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n}_1; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_1^\perp) b(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_1, \tau, \mathbf{n}_1, u_1), \end{aligned} \quad (4.56)$$

where

$$\mathbf{r}_\perp(\mathbf{n}) \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \quad (4.57)$$

denotes the coordinate transverse to the direction of the momentum, the cutoff function $\bar{f}(\mathbf{r})$ is defined in Eq. (2.29), and [cf. Eq. (4.49)]

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_1(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = & \Gamma_2(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = \gamma_f^0(\theta), \\ \Gamma_3(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = & \Gamma_4(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = \gamma_b^0(\theta). \end{aligned} \quad (4.58)$$

Analogously, we rewrite Eq. (4.51) as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_3[\{\psi\}, \alpha] = & -2\nu\sqrt{2i\varepsilon_{\beta\gamma\delta}} \sum_{i,j=1}^4 \lambda_{ij} \sum_{\sigma=\pm} \int dX \\ & \times [\bar{\psi}_\beta(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\psi_\gamma(X)u]\hat{\mathcal{B}}_i^\sigma(\bar{\mathbb{D}}_\sigma\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\psi_\delta(X)), \end{aligned} \quad (4.59)$$

$$\bar{\mathbb{D}}_\pm \equiv \bar{\mathcal{F}}_0\hat{l}_{u,\alpha}\hat{\tau}_\pm, \quad \mathbb{D}_\pm \equiv \hat{\tau}_\mp\hat{l}_{u,\alpha}\mathcal{F}_0,$$

where, similarly to Eq. (4.56),

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{\mathcal{B}}_i^\sigma b](X) = & \int d\mathbf{n}_1 \int_0^1 du_1 \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \bar{f}(\mathbf{r}_1) \\ & \times \mathcal{B}_i^\sigma(\hat{\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n}_1; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_1^\perp) b(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_1, \tau, \mathbf{n}_1, u_1), \end{aligned} \quad (4.60)$$

the operator $\hat{l}_{u,\alpha}$ and matrices $\hat{\tau}_\pm$ are defined in Eq. (4.40), and the bare values of the coupling functions are

$$\mathcal{B}_i^\sigma(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = \Gamma_i(\theta, u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp). \quad (4.61)$$

Finally, the quadratic term, Eq. (4.52), is recast as

$$\begin{aligned} S_2[\{\psi\}; \alpha] = & -i\nu \sum_{i,j=1}^4 \lambda_{ij} \sum_{\sigma_{1,2}=\pm} \int dX \\ & \times [\overline{\psi}_\delta(X) \hat{\Pi}_j \tau_3 \mathbb{D}_{\sigma_1} \hat{\Delta}_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} (\overline{\mathbb{D}}_{\sigma_2} \tau_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \psi_\delta(X)), \end{aligned} \quad (4.62)$$

where \mathbb{D}_σ are defined in Eq. (4.59). [The different overall sign in comparison with Eq. (4.52) appears because the matrix $\hat{\tau}_3$ is anticonjugate, $\hat{\tau}_3 = -\hat{\tau}_3^\dagger$.]

Though it appears that four coupling matrices $\hat{\Delta}_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}$, $i=1,2,3,4$, may be present in Eq. (4.62), only two of them actually give a nonvanishing contribution. Indeed, using Eqs. (4.59), (4.39), and (4.47), we find $\hat{\Pi}_3 \hat{\mathbb{D}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{D}} \hat{\Pi}_3 = \hat{\Pi}_1 \hat{\mathbb{D}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{D}} \hat{\Pi}_1$ and $\hat{\Pi}_2 \hat{\mathbb{D}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{D}} \hat{\Pi}_2 = \hat{\Pi}_4 \hat{\mathbb{D}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{D}} \hat{\Pi}_4$, which leads, using Eq. (4.53), to

$$\sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{\mathbb{D}} \otimes \hat{\mathbb{D}} \hat{\Pi}_k = 0, \quad i=1,4. \quad (4.63)$$

The nonvanishing operators $\hat{\Delta}_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}$, $i=2,3$, in Eq. (4.62) are defined as [cf. Eqs. (4.56) and (4.60)]

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{\Delta}_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} b](X) = & \int d\mathbf{n}_1 \int_0^1 du_1 \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \bar{f}(\mathbf{r}_1) \\ & \times \Delta_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\widehat{\mathbf{nn}}_1; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_1^\perp) b(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_1, \tau, \mathbf{n}_1, u_1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.64)$$

Equations (4.62)–(4.64) reproduce Eq. (4.52) for

$$\Delta_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = \Gamma_i(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp), \quad i=2,3. \quad (4.65)$$

We will see that the form of the action (4.55), (4.59), and (4.62) for $\alpha=1/2$ will be reproduced by the renormalization group but the relation between constants (4.58), (4.61), and (4.65) will be violated, so that Eqs. (4.58), (4.61), and (4.65) will serve as initial conditions for the renormalization group flow of Sec. V.

The reason for the introduction of the Π_k matrices (4.47) into the definition of the interaction actions is that they separate the combination of the supervectors which may transform the free Lagrangian $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0$, Eq. (4.25), into $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0^\dagger$. We will show in the next section that it will be a necessary condition to give rise to the logarithmic divergence.

To understand such partition, note that any supermatrix \hat{P} can be represented as

$$\hat{P} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \hat{P}^{(i)}, \quad (4.66)$$

where $\hat{P}^{(i)}$ are supermatrices such as

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{P}^{(1)}, \hat{\Sigma}_3] &= 0, \quad \{\hat{P}^{(1)}, \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Lambda}_1\} = 0, \\ [\hat{P}^{(2)}, \hat{\Sigma}_3] &= 0, \quad [\hat{P}^{(2)}, \tau_3 \hat{\Lambda}_1] = 0, \\ \{\hat{P}^{(3)}, \hat{\Sigma}_3\} &= 0, \quad [\hat{P}^{(3)}, \tau_3 \hat{\Lambda}_1] = 0, \\ \{\hat{P}^{(4)}, \hat{\Sigma}_3\} &= 0, \quad \{\hat{P}^{(4)}, \tau_3 \hat{\Lambda}_1\} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (4.67)$$

where $[\dots, \dots]$ stands for the commutator, $\{\dots, \dots\}$ stands for the anticommutator, and the relevant supermatrices are defined in Eq. (4.27).

It is not difficult to invert Eq. (4.66):

$$\hat{P}^{(i)} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{P} \hat{\Pi}_k, \quad (4.68)$$

where the 4×4 matrix $\hat{\lambda}$ is given by Eq. (4.53). Equation (4.68) can easily be checked by using the property (4.54) and the commutation relations of the matrices Π_k .

One can see that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Str}(\hat{P}^{(i)} \hat{P}^{(j)}) &= \delta_{ij} \text{Str}(\hat{P}^{(i)})^2, \\ \text{Str}(\hat{P} \hat{Q}) &= \sum_k \text{Str}(\hat{P}^{(k)} \hat{Q}^{(k)}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.69)$$

for arbitrary supermatrices \hat{P} and \hat{Q} , where the supertrace operation is defined³⁴ as

$$\text{Str} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} & \hat{\rho} \\ \hat{\sigma} & \hat{b} \end{pmatrix}_g = \text{Tr} \hat{a} - \text{Tr} \hat{b}. \quad (4.70)$$

We note that the following very useful relation,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i_1, i_2, k_1, k_2=1}^4 a_{i_1} b_{i_2} \lambda_{i_1 k_1} \lambda_{i_2 k_2} \text{Str}(\hat{A} \hat{\Pi}_{k_1} \hat{\Pi}_{k_2} \hat{B} \hat{\Pi}_{k_1} \hat{\Pi}_{k_2}) \\ &= 4 \sum_{i,k=1}^4 a_i b_i \lambda_{ik} \text{Str}(\hat{A} \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{B} \hat{\Pi}_k), \end{aligned} \quad (4.71)$$

is valid for arbitrary coefficients a_i and b_i . One can prove Eq. (4.71) by a direct calculation using the fact that a product of two matrices (4.47) is once again one of the matrices (4.47). Finally, combining relations (4.68) and (4.71), one finds

$$\text{Str}(\hat{P}^{(i)} \hat{Q}^{(j)}) = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{4} \sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} \text{Str}(\hat{P} \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{Q} \hat{\Pi}_k). \quad (4.72)$$

V. PERTURBATION THEORY AND THE RENORMALIZATION GROUP

This section contains the perturbative analysis of the field theory derived in the previous section. We will start in Sec. V A with a brief formulation of the rules of the diagrammatic technique,¹² emphasizing the aspects different from the conventional models. We will show the origin of the logarithmic divergence in Sec. V B and formulate the renormalization

group procedure of summation of the leading logarithmic series in Sec. V C. We will be able to derive the RG equation for the coupling constant equations (4.55), (4.59), and (4.62). The solution of the RG equation will be done in Sec. VI.

A. Rules of perturbation theory

As usual, we would like to construct the expansion of the observable quantities in terms of the interaction vertices produced by Eqs. (4.55), (4.59), and (4.62) and the Green functions (in our case supermatrices) of the free motion,

$$\hat{G}_0(X_1, X_2) = -4i\nu \langle \psi(X_1) \otimes \bar{\psi}(X_2) \rangle_0, \quad (5.1)$$

where the variables X are defined in Eq. (4.23) and the averaging means

$$\langle \dots \rangle_0 = \int \dots \exp(-S_0[\psi]) D\psi, \quad (5.2)$$

the free action is defined in Eq. (4.44), and the normalization is trivial due to the supersymmetry:

$$\int \exp(-S_0[\psi]) D\psi = 1.$$

The factor of $-4i\nu$ is introduced in Eq. (5.2) for the sake of convenience. All higher-order averages are, then, to be found using the Wick theorem and Eq. (5.1).

Using Eqs. (4.44) and (4.25), one easily finds

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{G}_0(X_1, X_2) &= \delta(u_1 - u_2) \delta(\mathbf{n}_1; \mathbf{n}_2) \\ &\times T \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} e^{-i\omega_n(\tau_1 - \tau_2) + i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)} \hat{G}_0(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}_1), \\ \hat{G}_0(\omega, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}) &= \frac{1}{i\omega \hat{\Lambda}_1 + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n} \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Sigma}_3 - i\delta \hat{\Lambda}} \\ &= \frac{-i\omega \hat{\Lambda}_1 + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n} \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Sigma}_3 + i\delta \hat{\Lambda}}{\omega^2 + v_F^2 (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n})^2 + \delta^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

From Eq. (5.3) we see that terms involving $\delta \rightarrow 0$ are dangerous only for a zero-Matsubara-frequency contribution. These contributions are associated with the real scattering event with energy transfer much smaller than the temperature. Such processes, though determining the kinetic of the system, are not interesting for equilibrium thermodynamics and will be considered elsewhere.⁶³ For the logarithmic contributions considered further in this paper, the real processes are not important and we will put $\delta=0$ from now on.

Let us discuss peculiar features of the perturbation theory. First of all, due to the supersymmetry of S_0 , the averages of the operators \hat{A}_1 not perturbing the supersymmetry vanish:

$$\langle (\bar{\psi} \hat{A}_1 \psi) \rangle_0 = 0, \quad \langle (\bar{\psi} \hat{A}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{A}_2 \psi) \rangle_0 = 0, \quad \dots \quad (5.4)$$

This leads to a cancellation of the closed-loop contributions; see, e.g., Fig. 6(b).

The second feature originates from the dependence of the supervectors ψ and $\bar{\psi}$ on each other; see Eq. (4.19). This

mutual dependence makes the rules of the Wick contractions of the supervectors very similar to ones for the real fields (so that the arrow in the Green function loses its meaning). To illustrate this point, consider the connected average ($\hat{Q}_{1,2}$ are the arbitrary self-conjugated supermatrices, $\hat{Q}_{1,2} = \hat{Q}_{1,2}^\dagger$)

$$\langle (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi) \rangle_0 = \overbrace{(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi)} \quad (5.5a)$$

$$+ \overbrace{(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi)}, \quad (5.5b)$$

where overbrackets and underbrackets stand for the Wick contractions. The line (5.5b) can be transformed with the help of Eq. (4.21) as

$$(5.5b) = \overbrace{(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi)},$$

which coincides with the first term in the right-hand side of Eq. (5.5), because \hat{Q}_1 is self-conjugate. As a result, we obtain

$$\langle (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi) \rangle_0 = -2 \text{Str}[\hat{Q}_1 \hat{G}_0 \hat{Q}_2 \hat{G}_0], \quad (5.6)$$

where we omitted the trivial factors of proportionality between the averages and the Green function, Eq. (5.1). The appearance of the factor of 2 in such an average is the feature of the real fields. The minus sign in Eq. (5.6) originates from the definition of the supertrace operation, Eq. (4.70), where the commuting sector is taken with the negative sign.

To further utilize the analogy with real fields, let us consider a connected average involving eight fields but with only four fields contracted (such an averaging appears, e.g., as a correction to the interaction constant for the quartic scattering term):

$$\mathcal{J}_1 = [(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi)] [(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi)],$$

$$\mathcal{J}_2 = [(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi)] [(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi)],$$

If ψ were a usual fermionic field, the contributions \mathcal{J}_1 and \mathcal{J}_2 would be responsible for different processes (particle-hole and particle-particle, respectively). For the superfields, however, we can transform \mathcal{J}_2 [cf. derivation of Eq. (5.6)] and thus obtain

$$\mathcal{J}_2 = [(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi)] [(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi)] = \mathcal{J}_1;$$

i.e., the construction \mathcal{J}_2 describes precisely the same contributions. Analogously one finds

$$[(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi)] [(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi)] = \mathcal{J}_1,$$

$$[(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_1 \psi)] [(\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi) (\bar{\psi} \hat{Q}_2 \psi)] = \mathcal{J}_1,$$

so that the permutations of the fields in the vertices do not give rise to any new effects but simply lead to the multiplication by a factor of 4—the number of trivial symmetries of the interaction vertex. That decrease of the number of differ-

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}, u &= \frac{i}{4\nu} \hat{G}_0(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}) \\
 \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ \hline u_1 \\ \hline \beta \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \gamma_1, \mathbf{k} \\ \hline u_2 \\ \hline \beta_1, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} \end{array} \\
 &= [8] \times 2\nu f(q) \varepsilon_{\delta\beta\gamma} \varepsilon_{\delta\beta_1\gamma_1} \sum_{i,j=1}^4 \lambda_{ij} \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \cdot \left(u_1 \hat{\Gamma}_i u_2 \right) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \\
 \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ \hline u_1 \\ \hline \beta \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \delta \\ \hline u_2 \\ \hline \mathbf{q} \end{array} \\
 &= [2] \times 2\nu f(q) \sqrt{2i} \varepsilon_{\beta\gamma\delta} \sum_{i,j=1}^4 \sum_{\sigma=\pm} \lambda_{ij} \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \cdot \left(u_1 \hat{B}_i^\sigma \right) \mathbb{D}_\sigma \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \\
 & \quad u, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}, \gamma \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad u_1, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}_1, \gamma \\
 &= [2] \times i\nu f(k) \sum_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2=\pm} \lambda_{ij} \text{---} \hat{\Pi}_j \tau_3 \mathbb{D}_{\sigma_1} \hat{\Delta}_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \mathbb{D}_{\sigma_2} \tau_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \text{---}
 \end{aligned}$$

FIG. 4. Basic element for the diagrammatic technique. External legs of the vertex are amputated. The expression for the interaction vertices are found from Eqs. (4.55), (4.59), and (4.62), and the additional symmetry factors (in the brackets) are discussed in text. The lines in the analytic expressions for the diagrams indicate the directions of the insertion of the Green function G_0 . Expressions for \mathbb{D}_\pm are obtained from Eqs. (4.59) and (4.40) with $\mathcal{L}_0 = i\omega\hat{\Lambda}_1 + v_F(\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{n})\hat{\Sigma}_3\hat{\tau}_3$ and $\mathcal{L}_0^\dagger = -i\omega\hat{\Lambda}_1 + v_F(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{n})\hat{\Sigma}_3\hat{\tau}_3$. The cutoff function f is defined in Eq. (2.13).

ent contractions is a great simplification in a further derivation.

This observation enables us to formulate the simple diagrammatic rules for the generation of the perturbation expansion; see Fig. 4.

As usual the summation of the coordinates $\omega_i, \mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{n}_i, u_i$ nonfixed by the external legs or conservation laws must be performed and the supermatrix product be calculated. The closed loop of the supersymmetric Green functions brings-Str of the product of all the terms in the loop [cf. comment after Eq. (5.6)].

B. Identification of logarithmic divergence

Having established the basic rules of the diagrammatic technique we are ready to demonstrate the logarithmic singularity in any dimensions.

As usual in the logarithmic series, one has to look at the perturbation theory for the interaction vertices. The lowest-order diagram of interest is shown in Fig. 5, and all the remaining terms are enumerated and discussed in Sec. V C.

According to the rules of the diagrammatic technique, Fig. 4, the term of Fig. 5 (let us denote it by \mathcal{J}_5) can schematically be presented as

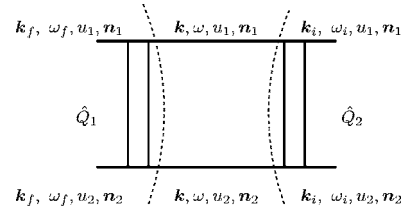


FIG. 5. Lowest-order correction to the quartic interaction vertex (external legs are amputated). This contribution logarithmically diverges at $T \rightarrow 0, \mathbf{n}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{n}_2$, independently of dimensionality. Objects separated by dotted arcs are named $Q_{1,2}$ in Eq. (5.7).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{J}_5^{ij} &= -\frac{4T}{\nu} \sum_{\omega_n \neq 0} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} f(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_f) f(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_i) \\
 & \quad \times \gamma_i(\mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{n}_2) \gamma_j(\mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{n}_2) \\
 & \quad \times \text{Str}(\hat{\tau}_3 \hat{Q}_1 \hat{G}_0(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}_1) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{Q}_2 \hat{G}_0(\omega_n, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}_2)), \quad (5.7)
 \end{aligned}$$

where the supermatrices $\hat{Q}_{1,2}$ indicate all the combinations of the supermatrices and direct products of the supervectors standing on the left and on the right of the Green functions; see Fig. 5. The only important point is that we will neglect their momentum dependence, which suffices our aim for the logarithmic accuracy. The extra matrix $\hat{\tau}_3$ and the numerical coefficient in front are introduced for convenience.

Substituting Eq. (5.3) into Eq. (5.7) and keeping only nonvanishing terms, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{J}_5^{ij} &= -\frac{4T}{\nu} \sum_{\omega_n \neq 0} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} f(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_f) f(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_i) \\
 & \quad \times \frac{\gamma_i(\mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{n}_2) \gamma_j(\mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{n}_2)}{[\omega_n^2 + v_F^2(k_1^\parallel)^2][\omega_n^2 + v_F^2(k_2^\parallel)^2]} \\
 & \quad \times (v_F^2 k_1^\parallel k_2^\parallel \text{Str} \hat{Q}_1 \hat{\Sigma}_3 \hat{Q}_2 \hat{\Sigma}_3 - \omega_n^2 \text{Str} \hat{Q}_1 \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Lambda}_1 \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{Q}_2 \hat{\Lambda}_1), \\
 & \quad k_{1,2}^\parallel \equiv \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{1,2}. \quad (5.8)
 \end{aligned}$$

Direct examination of Eq. (5.8) shows that the integral can exhibit logarithmic divergence for $\mathbf{n}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{n}_2$ only if the two terms in the last factor have the same sign. The last condition is conveniently taken care of by representing each Q matrix in the form of Eq. (4.66) and using relations (4.67). To facilitate further manipulations, we introduce

$$\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{n}_2)/2, \quad \delta \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}_1 - \mathbf{n}_2,$$

$$k_\parallel = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}, \quad \mathbf{k}_\perp = \mathbf{k} - k_\parallel \mathbf{n}, \quad (5.9)$$

and consider $|\delta \mathbf{n}| \ll 1$. After integration over k_\parallel in Eq. (5.8), one finds [using the decomposition (4.66)]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{J}_5^{ij} &= \gamma_i(|\delta \mathbf{n}|) \gamma_j(|\delta \mathbf{n}|) \text{Str}[\hat{Q}_1^{(3)} \hat{Q}_2^{(3)} - \hat{Q}_1^{(1)} \hat{Q}_2^{(1)}] \\
 & \quad \times \frac{4T}{\nu v_F} \sum_{\omega_n > 0}^{[v_F/r_0]} \int \frac{d^{d-1} \mathbf{k}_\perp}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \frac{4\omega_n f(\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{k}_f) f(\mathbf{k}_\perp - \mathbf{k}_i)}{4\omega_n^2 + v_F^2(\delta \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}_\perp)^2}, \quad (5.10)
 \end{aligned}$$

where the upper limit on the frequency summation appears

because we neglected the k_{\parallel} dependence of the cutoff function f and the typical momenta contributing to the integral are of the order of ω_n/v_F .

Summation over the Matsubara frequency leads immediately to a logarithmic result independently of the dimensionality of the system:

$$\mathcal{J}_5^j = \gamma_i(|\delta\mathbf{n}|) \gamma_j(|\delta\mathbf{n}|) \text{Str}[\hat{Q}_2^{(3)} \hat{Q}_2^{(3)} - \hat{Q}_1^{(1)} \hat{Q}_2^{(1)}] \times f^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_f; \mathbf{k}_i) \ln\left(\frac{v_F}{r_0 \tilde{\epsilon}}\right), \quad (5.11)$$

where the infrared cutoff of the logarithm is determined by

$$\tilde{\epsilon} = \max\{T, |\delta n| v_F r_0^{-1}\} \ll \frac{v_F}{r_0}. \quad (5.12)$$

The supertrace in Eq. (5.11) can be reexpressed using Eq. (4.72) as

$$\text{Str}[\hat{Q}_1^{(3)} \hat{Q}_2^{(3)} - \hat{Q}_1^{(1)} \hat{Q}_2^{(1)}] = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1,3} \sum_{k=1}^4 \times (-1)^{(i-1)/2} \lambda_{ik} \text{Str}[\hat{Q}_1 \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{Q}_2 \hat{\Pi}_k]. \quad (5.13)$$

Although the logarithmic divergence (5.11) is present in any dimension, the coefficient in front of the logarithm in Eq. (5.11) is determined by the dimensionality and the details of the ultraviolet cutoff:

$$f^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_f; \mathbf{k}_i) = \frac{2}{\pi \nu v_F} \int \frac{d^{d-1} \mathbf{k}_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} f(\mathbf{k}_{\perp} - \mathbf{k}_f) f(\mathbf{k}_{\perp} - \mathbf{k}_i), \quad (5.14)$$

where the cutoff function $f(\mathbf{k})$ is given by Eq. (2.13). For $d=1$ there is no integration over the transverse momentum; $f(k)$ cuts the logarithmic divergence only, so

$$f_{d=1}^{(2)} = \mu_1 = 2 \quad (5.15a)$$

for $\mathbf{k}_{f,i} \lesssim (1/r_0)$ and decreases rapidly for the larger momenta. For $d=2,3$ we notice that logarithmic contributions originate from the region $|k_{\parallel}| \ll |\mathbf{k}_{\perp}| \ll 1/r_0$, and this feature will persist in all the further terms of the perturbation theory. Neglecting the parallel components in Eq. (5.14), we find

$$f^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_f; \mathbf{k}_i) = \mu_d \int \frac{d^{d-1} r}{(r_0)^{d-1}} e^{i(\mathbf{k}_f - \mathbf{k}_i) \cdot \mathbf{r}} \left[\bar{f}_{\perp} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{r}|}{r_0} \right) \right]^2, \quad (5.15b)$$

$$\mu_2 = 4(p_F r_0)^{-1}, \quad \mu_3 = 4\pi(p_F r_0)^{-2},$$

$$\bar{f}_{\perp} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{r}|}{r_0} \right) = r_0^{d-1} \int \frac{d^{d-1} \mathbf{k}_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} e^{i\mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{r}} f(\mathbf{k}),$$

where the coordinate integration is in the plane $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$, The significance of \bar{f}_{\perp} is the regularization of the fields that are otherwise singular functions of the transverse coordinates.

Equation (5.11) demonstrates that the field theory under study is logarithmic in any dimensions. The corrections coming from the interaction diverge in the limit $\{T, |\delta\mathbf{n}|\} \rightarrow 0$.

Therefore, we can use a renormalization group scheme for calculation of physical quantities. This can be done in the limit of small Γ considered here.

A remarkable feature of the corrections is that the main contribution comes from configurations with either parallel or antiparallel alignment of the vectors \mathbf{n} . To some extent, the spin degrees of freedom of the electron system have a tendency to forming a one-dimensional structure and this happens in all dimensions.

C. Integration over fast variables

This subsection is devoted to summation of the perturbation series in the leading-logarithmic approximation. It means that the expansion for a physical quantity y is classified not in powers of a coupling constant $y = \sum_n a_n \gamma^n$ but as an expansion of the type $y = \sum_n [\gamma \ln(\cdots)]^n a_n(\gamma)$. The renormalization group corresponds to the Taylor series expansion of each function $a_n(\gamma)$, whereas the value of the logarithmic factor itself can be large.

Following the conventional scheme [see, e.g., Ref. 64], we subdivide the supervectors $\boldsymbol{\psi}$ into slow, $\boldsymbol{\Psi}(X)$, and fast, $\mathbf{Y}(X)$, parts,

$$\boldsymbol{\psi}(X) = \boldsymbol{\Psi}(X) + \mathbf{Y}(X), \quad (5.16)$$

and integrate over the fast variable $\mathbf{Y}(X)$ using the perturbation theory in the effective interaction.

One should be careful defining the fast and slow variables because, as we saw from Eqs. (5.8)–(5.11), the logarithmic contributions originate from the configuration of the fields highly anisotropic in space (smooth along directions of the momentum \mathbf{n} and sharp in the transverse direction). Therefore, we cannot separate the fast and slow variables considering the moduli of the momenta.⁶⁵

Fortunately, this problem can be avoided because we can define the fast and slow variables with respect to frequencies only. As the main contribution in the integral over k_{\parallel} [see Eqs. (5.8) and (5.10)] comes from $k_{\parallel} \sim \omega/v_F$, this type of separation is sufficient. As concerns the perpendicular components k_{\perp} , they do not participate in the renormalization group treatment entering equations as a parameter (like the other variable u).

After the decomposition (5.16) the action acquires the form

$$\mathcal{S}\{\boldsymbol{\Psi}, \mathbf{Y}\} = \mathcal{S}_0\{\boldsymbol{\Psi}\} + \mathcal{S}_0^Y\{\mathbf{Y}\} + \mathcal{S}_2\{\boldsymbol{\psi}\} + \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}\{\boldsymbol{\Psi}, \mathbf{Y}\}, \quad (5.17)$$

where

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}\{\boldsymbol{\Psi}, \mathbf{Y}\} = \mathcal{S}_2\{\mathbf{Y}\} + \mathcal{S}_3\{\boldsymbol{\Psi} + \mathbf{Y}\} + \mathcal{S}_4\{\boldsymbol{\Psi} + \mathbf{Y}\}. \quad (5.18)$$

The free action for the fast fields has the form [cf. Eq. (4.44)]

$$\mathcal{S}_0^Y\{\mathbf{Y}\} = -2i\nu \int \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{\gamma} [\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 - i(\kappa\omega_c)\hat{\Lambda}] \mathbf{Y}_{\gamma} dX, \quad (5.19)$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0$ is given by Eq. (4.25). The second term in brackets leaves the contribution only from frequencies

$$\varkappa\omega_c \lesssim |\omega|, \quad (5.20)$$

where ω_c is the running cutoff of the problem, so that $|\omega| \lesssim \omega_c$ and $\varkappa < 1$.

With such a choice, one step of the renormalization group transforms the running cutoff as

$$\omega_c \rightarrow \varkappa\omega_c. \quad (5.21)$$

Our goal is to obtain the correction to the action of the slow variables Ψ arising due to the interaction with the fast fluctuations:

$$\delta\mathcal{S}_\Psi = -\ln\langle \exp[-\mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}\{\Psi, \mathbf{Y}\}] \rangle_{\mathbf{Y}} - \mathcal{S}_{\text{int}}\{\Psi, 0\}. \quad (5.22)$$

Hereinafter, the averaging over the fast fields \mathbf{Y} is defined as [cf. Eq. (5.2)]

$$\langle \cdots \rangle_{\mathbf{Y}} = \int \cdots \exp(-S_0\{\mathbf{Y}\}) D\mathbf{Y}. \quad (5.23)$$

The integration over the fast field $\{\mathbf{Y}\}$ is performed using the Wick theorem and, thus, all the machinery of Sec. V A is still applicable. The only difference is that in the intermediate lines one has to replace $\hat{G}_0 \rightarrow \hat{G}_Y$, where

$$\hat{G}_Y(\omega, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}) = \frac{f_1\left(\frac{|\omega|}{\omega_c}\right)}{i\omega\hat{\Lambda}_1 + v_F\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Sigma}_3 - i\hat{\Lambda}\omega_c\varkappa}, \quad (5.24)$$

which differs from Eq. (5.24) by the regularization term restricting the domain of the frequency integration from below $\hat{\Lambda}\omega_c$, and from above $f_1\left(\frac{|\omega|}{\omega_c}\right)$. The smooth function $f_1(x)$ has the asymptotic behavior $f_1(x) \rightarrow 1$, $x \ll 1$, and $f_1(x \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow 0$.⁶⁶

Analogously to the bare action, its correction can be decomposed:

$$\delta\mathcal{S}_\Psi = \delta\mathcal{S}_4 + \delta\mathcal{S}_3 + \delta\mathcal{S}_2 + \delta\mathcal{S}_0. \quad (5.25)$$

We will consider each of those contributions separately.

1. Renormalization of the quartic term $\delta\mathcal{S}_4\{\Psi\}$

The first loop diagrams leading to the renormalization of the quartic interaction are shown in Fig. 6. Only the diagram of Fig. 6(a) may produce a logarithm. Indeed, the diagram of Fig. 6(b) contains a closed loop and vanishes because of supersymmetry; see Eq. (5.4). The diagram of 6(c) does not produce a logarithm because of the locations of the poles in the corresponding Green functions, as it will be more formally discussed in the end of this subsection.

To obtain the analytic expression for diagram 6(a), we apply the rules of Fig. 4 and notice that the result has the structure of Eq. (5.7) (see also Fig. 5), with the replacement of $\hat{G}_0 \rightarrow \hat{G}_Y$ and

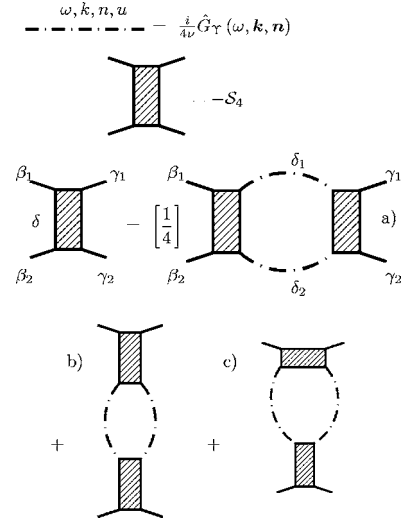


FIG. 6. First-loop renormalization of the quartic interaction. The notation is introduced in Fig. 4, and filling means the vertices with renormalized interaction constants γ_i . The Green function for the fast fields, \hat{G}_Y , is introduced in Eq. (5.24). The factor of $[1/4]$ in diagram (a) accounts for the symmetries of the diagram. Diagram (b) vanishes because of the supersymmetry; see Eq. (5.4). Diagram (c) does not produce the logarithmic contribution; see Eqs. (5.30) and (5.29).

$$[\hat{Q}_{1,2}]_{\delta_1\delta_2}^i = \sqrt{\nu} \sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_1\delta_1} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_2\delta_2} u \hat{\Pi}_k \Psi_{\beta_1} \otimes \bar{\Psi}_{\beta_2} \hat{\Pi}_k u \hat{\tau}_3, \quad (5.26)$$

where the indices in the spin space are written explicitly and the index $i=1,2,3,4$ labels the coupling constant in Eq. (5.7).

It is easy to see that the appearance of the cutoffs in Eq. (5.24) leads to the replacement of $\ln\left(\frac{v_F}{r_0\epsilon}\right) \rightarrow \ln(1/\varkappa)$ in Eq. (5.11) without affecting the matrix structure of the latter. Using Eq. (5.13) and applying Eq. (4.71) twice, we find

$$\delta\mathcal{S}_4 = 2\nu\Xi\beta_2\gamma_2 \sum_{i,j=1}^4 \lambda_{ij} \int dX [\bar{\Psi}_{\gamma_1}(X) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \Psi_{\beta_1}(X) u] \times \delta\hat{\Gamma}_i(u\bar{\Psi}_{\beta_2}(X) \hat{\tau}_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \Psi_{\gamma_2}(X)), \quad (5.27)$$

where the action of the operator $\delta\hat{\Gamma}_i$ is defined by Eq. (4.56) with the kernels

$$\delta\Gamma_2 = \delta\Gamma_4 = 0,$$

$$\delta\Gamma_1(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = -\mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \ln \varkappa [\Gamma_1(\cdots)]^2,$$

$$\delta\Gamma_3(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = \mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \ln \varkappa [\Gamma_1(\cdots)]^2, \quad (5.28)$$

where we suppressed the arguments on the right-hand side implying that they are the same as on the left-hand side. Equation (5.28) is valid for $|\theta| \lesssim \omega_c r_0 / v_F$; otherwise, the logarithmic renormalization vanishes. The function $\bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp)$ is defined in Eq. (5.15b).

The tensor $\Xi_{\beta_1\gamma_1}^{\beta_2\gamma_2}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\Xi_{\beta_1\gamma_1}^{\beta_2\gamma_2} &= 2\epsilon_{\alpha_1\beta_1\delta_1}\epsilon_{\alpha_1\beta_2\delta_2}\epsilon_{\alpha_2\beta_1\delta_1}\epsilon_{\alpha_2\beta_2\delta_2} \\ &= 2\delta_{\gamma_1\gamma_2}\delta_{\beta_1\beta_2} + 2\delta_{\gamma_1\beta_1}\delta_{\gamma_2\beta_2} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_1\gamma_1}\epsilon_{\alpha\beta_2\gamma_2} + \delta\Xi_{\beta_1\gamma_1}^{\beta_2\gamma_2}, \\ \delta\Xi_{\beta_1\gamma_1}^{\beta_2\gamma_2} &= 2\delta_{\gamma_1\beta_1}\delta_{\gamma_2\beta_2} + \delta_{\gamma_1\gamma_2}\delta_{\beta_1\beta_2} + \delta_{\gamma_1\beta_2}\delta_{\beta_1\gamma_2}.\end{aligned}\quad (5.29)$$

As the matrices (4.47) are self-conjugate and $\hat{\tau}_3$ is anticonjugate, one finds, using Eqs. (4.20) and (4.21),

$$(\bar{\Psi}_{\beta_1}(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_{\gamma_1}(X)) = -(\bar{\Psi}_{\gamma_1}(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_{\beta_1}(X)),$$

and the contribution proportional to $\delta\Xi$ will vanish after substitution into Eq. (5.30).

Therefore, the resulting action (5.27) is nothing but the original quartic interaction (4.55) with the couplings $\hat{\Gamma}_i$ renormalized according to Eq. (4.65). This is sufficient to write down the renormalization group equation. We will do it in the next section after we consider the transformation of the remaining terms in the action under the RG step.

Closing our consideration of the quartic interaction, let us give a formal proof that the diagram of Fig. 6(c) does not give a logarithmic contribution. Once again, we apply the rules of Fig. 4 and notice that the result has the structure of Eq. (5.7) with [cf. Eq. (5.26)]

$$\begin{aligned}[\hat{Q}_2]_{\delta_1\delta_2}^i &= \sqrt{\nu u_1} \sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_1\delta_1} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_2\delta_2} \hat{\Pi}_k \Psi_{\beta_1} \otimes \bar{\Psi}_{\beta_2} \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{\tau}_3, \\ [\hat{Q}_1]_{\delta_1\delta_2}^i &= \sqrt{\nu u_1} \sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_1\delta_1} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_2\delta_2} \hat{\Pi}_k (\bar{\Psi}_{\beta_2} \hat{\Pi}_k \tau_3 \Psi_{\beta_1}).\end{aligned}\quad (5.30)$$

Using Eq. (5.13), we find

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Str}[\hat{Q}_1^{(3)}\hat{Q}_2^{(3)} - \hat{Q}_1^{(1)}\hat{Q}_2^{(1)}] \\ \propto \sum_{i=1,3} \sum_{k=1}^4 (-1)^{(i-1)/2} \lambda_{ik} \text{Str}[\hat{\Pi}_i \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{Q}_2 \hat{\Pi}_k] \\ = \sum_{i=1,3} \sum_{k=1}^4 (-1)^{(i-1)/2} \lambda_{ik} \text{Str}[\hat{\Pi}_i \hat{Q}_2] = 0,\end{aligned}\quad (5.31)$$

as the matrices $\hat{\Pi}_k$ [see Eq. (4.47)] commute with each other, $[\hat{\Pi}_k]^2=1$, and the second of the properties (4.54) is used.

2. Renormalization of the cubic term $\delta\mathcal{S}_3\{\Psi\}$

The first-loop diagrams leading to the renormalization of the cubic interaction are shown in Fig. 7. Similarly to what we saw when calculating $\delta\mathcal{S}_4$, only the diagram of Fig. 7(a) produces a logarithm and we turn to the calculation of this contribution now.

The only difference in this calculation from the one for the quartic term is the presence of the differential operator \hat{D}_- in the expression for the vertex. Using Eqs. (4.59) and (4.40) we write

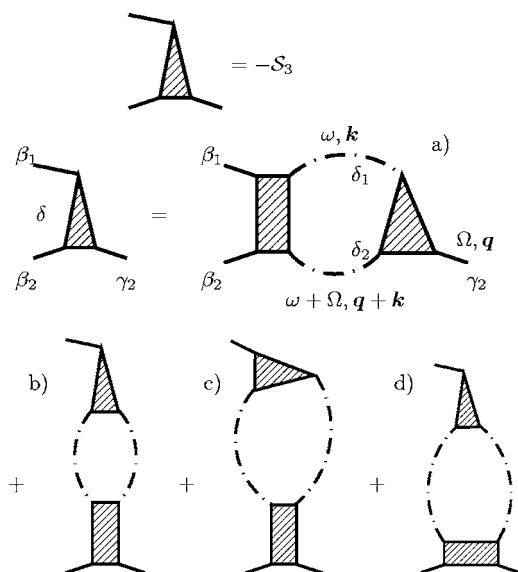


FIG. 7. First-loop renormalization of the cubic interaction. The notation is introduced in Figs. 4 and 6, and the filling means the vertices with renormalized interaction constants β_i . Diagram (b) vanishes due to the supersymmetry, similarly to Fig. 6(b). Diagrams (c) and (d) do not contain a logarithmic contribution, similarly to Fig. 6(c).

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{D}_-(\omega, \mathbf{k}) &= \frac{u}{2} \bar{\mathcal{F}}_0 [(2\alpha - 1) \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0(\omega, \mathbf{k}) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0^\dagger(\omega, \mathbf{k})] \hat{\tau}_- \\ &= \frac{u}{2} \bar{\mathcal{F}}_0 [(2\alpha - 1) \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0(\omega, \mathbf{k}) - \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0^\dagger(\omega + \Omega, \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{k})] \hat{\tau}_- \\ &\quad - \frac{u}{2} \bar{\mathcal{F}}_0 \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0^\dagger(-\Omega, -\mathbf{k}) \hat{\tau}_-, \end{aligned}\quad (5.32)$$

where frequencies and momenta are arranged as in Fig. 7(a).

The terms in the second line cancel the small denominator in one of the Green functions. Integration over ω, \mathbf{k} does not produce terms $\propto \ln \kappa$ because

$$\begin{aligned}\int d\omega dk_{\parallel} \hat{A} \hat{\mathcal{L}}_0^\dagger(\omega, k_{\parallel}) \hat{G}_\gamma(\omega, k_{\parallel}) \hat{B} \hat{G}_\gamma^\dagger(\omega, k_{\parallel}) \\ \simeq \int d\omega dk_{\parallel} \hat{A} \hat{B} \hat{G}_\gamma(\omega, k_{\parallel}) \simeq -i(\kappa\omega_c \ln \kappa) \hat{\Lambda};\end{aligned}\quad (5.33)$$

i.e., it is determined by the lower limit of the integration and must be excluded from RG scheme.

The term in the last line is not affected by the integration, so the result can be once again recast in the form of Eq. (5.7) and the calculation proceeds similarly as was done for the quartic term. Instead of Eq. (5.26), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\hat{Q}_1]_{\delta_1\delta_2}^{i,\sigma} &= \sqrt{2i\nu}\epsilon_{\delta_1\gamma_2\delta_2}\sum_{k=1}^4\lambda_{ik}\hat{\Pi}_k\Psi_{\gamma_2}\otimes\bar{\mathbb{D}}_\sigma\hat{\Pi}_k\hat{\tau}_3, \\
 [\hat{Q}_2]_{\delta_1\delta_2}^i &= \sqrt{\nu}\sum_{k=1}^4\lambda_{ik}\epsilon_{\alpha\beta_1\delta_1}\epsilon_{\alpha\beta_2\delta_2}\times u\hat{\Pi}_k\Psi_{\beta_1}\otimes\bar{\Psi}_{\beta_2}\hat{\Pi}_k u\hat{\tau}_3,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.34}$$

where we introduced the notation

$$\bar{\mathbb{D}}_\sigma \equiv \bar{\mathbb{D}}_\sigma(\alpha = 1/2). \tag{5.35}$$

Repeating the same steps as when deriving Eq. (5.27) and using the identity

$$(\epsilon_{\alpha\beta_1\delta_1}\epsilon_{\alpha\delta_2\beta_2})\epsilon_{\delta_2\gamma_2\delta_1} = \epsilon_{\beta_1\beta_2\gamma}, \tag{5.36}$$

we obtain [cf. Eq. (4.59)]

$$\delta\mathcal{S}_3 = \delta\mathcal{S}_3^+ + \delta\mathcal{S}_3^-, \tag{5.37a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta\mathcal{S}_3^+ &= -2\nu\sqrt{2i}\epsilon_{\beta\gamma\delta}\sum_{i,j=1}^4\lambda_{ij}\sum_{\sigma=\pm}\int dX \\
 &\times [\bar{\Psi}_\beta(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\gamma(X)u]\delta\hat{\mathcal{B}}_i^+(\bar{\mathbb{D}}_+\tau_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\delta(X)),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.37b}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta\mathcal{S}_3^- &= 4\nu\sqrt{2i}\epsilon_{\beta\gamma\delta}\sum_{i,j=1}^4\lambda_{ij}\sum_{\sigma=\pm}\int dXu \\
 &\times \text{Str}[\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\gamma(X)\otimes\delta\hat{\mathcal{B}}_i^-\bar{\mathbb{D}}_-\hat{\tau}_3][\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\delta(X)\otimes\bar{\Psi}_\beta(X)\hat{\tau}_3],
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.37c}$$

where the sign difference between Eqs. (5.37b) and (5.37c) appears because of the definition of the supertrace (4.70).

The action of the operators $\delta\hat{\mathcal{B}}_i^\pm$ in Eqs. (5.37) are defined by Eq. (4.60) with the kernels given by [cf. Eq. (5.28)]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta\mathcal{B}_2^\pm &= \delta\mathcal{B}_4^\pm = 0, \\
 \delta\mathcal{B}_1^+ &= -2\mu_d u u_{1\perp} \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \ln \kappa \Gamma_1 \mathcal{B}_1^+, \\
 \delta\mathcal{B}_1^- &= -\mu_d u u_{1\perp} \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \ln \kappa \Gamma_1 \mathcal{B}_1^-, \\
 \delta\mathcal{B}_3^+ &= 2\mu_d u u_{1\perp} \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \ln \kappa \Gamma_3 \mathcal{B}_3^+, \\
 \delta\mathcal{B}_3^- &= \mu_d u u_{1\perp} \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \ln \kappa \Gamma_3 \mathcal{B}_3^-,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.38}$$

for $|\theta| \lesssim \omega_c r_0 / v_F$; otherwise, the logarithmic renormalizations vanish. We did not write the arguments of the kernels, implying that they are the same as on the left-hand side of Eq. (5.28).

Equation (5.37c) is apparently not of the original form (4.59) yet as the differentiation in Eq. (5.37c) acts on two fields on its right whereas the derivative of only one field is present in Eq. (4.59). However, it can be transformed using

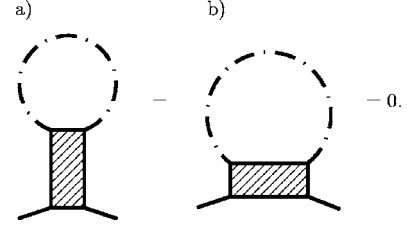


FIG. 8. First-order corrections to the quadratic term. Diagram (a) vanishes due to the supersymmetry. Diagram (b) vanishes after ω, \mathbf{k} integration; see Eq. (5.33).

$$\epsilon_{\beta\gamma\delta}\bar{\Psi}_\delta\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}\partial_z\Psi_\gamma = \frac{\epsilon_{\beta\gamma\delta}}{2}\partial_z[\bar{\Psi}_\delta\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}\partial_z\Psi_\gamma]$$

(as matrix $\hat{\tau}_3$ is anticonjugated) and z denotes either τ or \mathbf{r} . We thus rewrite Eq. (5.37c) as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta\mathcal{S}_3^- &= 4\nu\sqrt{2i}\epsilon_{\beta\gamma\delta}\sum_{i,j=1}^4\lambda_{ij}\sum_{\sigma=\pm}\int dX \\
 &\times \left[[\bar{\Psi}_\beta(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\gamma(X)u]\delta\hat{\mathcal{B}}_i^-(\bar{\mathbb{D}}_-\tau_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\delta(X)) \right. \\
 &\left. + \frac{1}{2}[\bar{\Psi}_\beta(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\gamma(X)u]\delta\hat{\mathcal{B}}_i^-(\hat{\mathbb{D}}_-\tau_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\delta(X)) \right],
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.39}$$

where the notation $\hat{\mathbb{D}}$ means that the differential operators included in \mathbb{D} act on the left:

$$c\hat{\mathbb{D}}d \equiv (\partial_z c)d \tag{5.40}$$

for arbitrary functions c and d . After integration by parts in the last term we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta\mathcal{S}_3^- &= 2\nu\sqrt{2i}\epsilon_{\beta\gamma\delta}\sum_{i,j=1}^4\lambda_{ij}\sum_{\sigma=\pm}\int dX \\
 &\times [\bar{\Psi}_\beta(X)\hat{\tau}_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\gamma(X)u]\delta\hat{\mathcal{B}}_i^-(\bar{\mathbb{D}}_-\tau_3\hat{\Pi}_j\Psi_\delta(X)),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.41}$$

which has the same form as Eq. (4.59) for the particular choice of the parameter α :

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2}. \tag{5.42}$$

In what follows we will use only this value of α .⁶⁷

Equations (5.37) and (5.41) show that the cubic term is reproduced under the RG step and Eq. (5.38) determines the new values of the coupling constants.

3. Renormalization of the quadratic interaction $\delta\mathcal{S}_2\{\Psi\}$ and free action $\delta\mathcal{S}_0\{\Psi\}$

The one-loop diagrams that may change the values of $\delta\mathcal{S}_{0,2}\{\Psi\}$ are shown in Figs. 8–10.

One immediately notices that all the diagrams of the first order in quartic interactions, Fig. 8, vanish. Indeed, the dia-

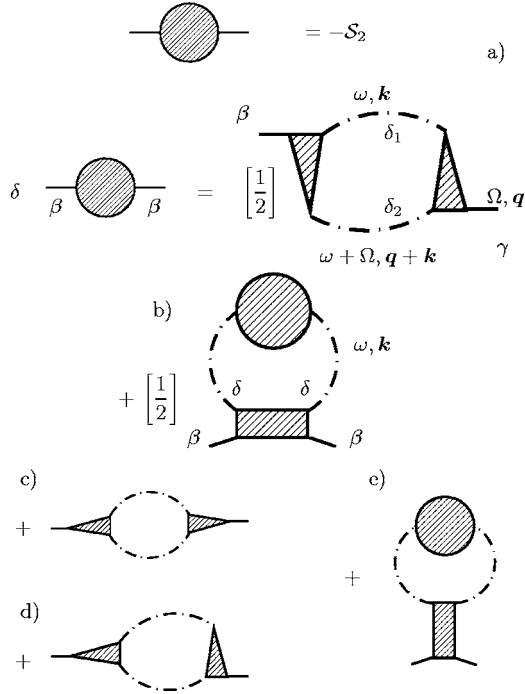


FIG. 9. First-loop corrections to the quadratic term S_2 . The notation is introduced in Figs. 4 and 6, and the filling means the vertices with renormalized interaction constants $\Delta_i^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}$. Diagrams (a) and (b) are logarithmic. Diagram (c) vanishes due to the supersymmetry, similarly to Figs. 6(b) and 7(b). Diagrams (d) and (e) do not contain the logarithmic contribution, similarly to Figs. 6(c), 7(c), and 7(d). The factor of $[1/2]$ in the panels (a) and (b) appears because of the symmetry of the diagrams.

gram of Fig. 8(a) vanishes because of the supersymmetry. The diagram of Fig. 8(b) vanishes because it involves integration of one Green function only and cannot produce a logarithmic divergence; see Eq. (5.33).

Among the diagrams of the second order, Figs. 9 and 10, only Figs. 9(a) and 9(b) give the logarithmic contribution to the quadratic interaction. We transform contributions involving $\bar{D}_-(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ and $D_-(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ in the diagrams of Fig. 9(a) according to Eq. (5.32), for $\alpha=1/2$. Then, the contributions from the last line of Eq. (5.32) are not affected by the integration, so the result can be once again recast in the form of Eq. (5.7) with [cf. Eqs. (5.34) and (5.26)]

$$[\hat{Q}_{1,2}]_{\delta_1\delta_2}^{i,\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{i\nu} \epsilon_{\delta_1\gamma_2\delta_2} \sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} \hat{\Pi}_k \Psi_{\gamma_2} \otimes \bar{D}_{\sigma} \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{\tau}_3 u. \quad (5.43)$$

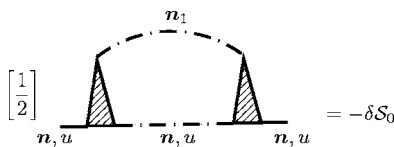


FIG. 10. First-loop correction to the free action, S_0 . This correction is logarithmic only for $d=1$. For $d>1$, the logarithmic divergence vanishes due to the integration over $\widehat{\mathbf{m}}_1$.

The first line of Eq. (5.32) for the quadratic interaction does not produce any logarithmic divergence for terms involving either $\bar{D}_+(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \cdots D_-(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ or $\bar{D}_+(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \cdots D_-(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ due to the integral, Eq. (5.33). The terms involving $\bar{D}_-(\omega + \Omega, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}) \cdots D_-(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ have all the denominators canceled, and the integral is ultraviolet divergent. This ultraviolet divergence will be discussed later on in this subsection after we complete the derivation of the logarithmic terms.

In the diagram of Fig. 9(b) only the terms involving $\bar{D}_+(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \cdots D_+(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ are logarithmic. Diagrams involving $\bar{D}_+(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \cdots D_-(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ and $\bar{D}_-(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \cdots D_+(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ are of the type of Eq. (5.33) and do not contribute to the logarithmic renormalization group. Finally, the term $\bar{D}_-(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \cdots D_-(\omega, \mathbf{k})$ gives rise to the ultraviolet divergence which will be discussed shortly; see Eq. (5.50). The logarithmic part of Fig. 9(b) is of the form (5.7) with

$$[\hat{Q}_1]_{\delta_1\delta_2}^i = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\nu} \sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_1\delta_1} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_2\delta_2} \times u \hat{\Pi}_k \Psi_{\beta_1} \otimes \bar{\Psi}_{\beta_2} \hat{\Pi}_k u \hat{\tau}_3, \quad (5.44)$$

$$[\hat{Q}_2]_{\delta_1\delta_2}^i = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\nu} i \epsilon_{\delta_1\gamma_2\delta_2} \sum_{k=1}^4 \lambda_{ik} \hat{\Pi}_k D_+ \otimes \bar{D}_+ \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{\tau}_3. \quad (5.44)$$

Collecting all the logarithmic contributions from Figs. 9(a) and 9(b) with the help of Eqs. (5.7), (5.43), and (5.44) and the identity

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta_1\gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta_2\gamma} = 2 \delta_{\beta_1\beta_2}, \quad (5.45)$$

we obtain [cf. Eq. (4.62)]

$$\delta S_2[\{\psi\}; \alpha] = -i\nu \sum_{i,j=1}^4 \lambda_{ij} \sum_{\sigma_{1,2}=\pm} \int dX \times [\bar{\psi}_{\delta}(X) \hat{\Pi}_j \tau_3 D_{\sigma_1}] \delta \Delta_i^{\sigma_1\sigma_2} (\bar{D}_{\sigma_2} \tau_3 \hat{\Pi}_j \psi_{\delta}(X)). \quad (5.46)$$

The action of the operators $\delta \Delta_i^{\pm\pm}$ for $i=2,3$ is given by Eq. (4.64) with the kernels [cf. Eqs. (5.28) and (5.38)]

$$\delta \Delta_2^{\sigma_1\sigma_2} = 0,$$

$$\delta \Delta_3^{++} = 2 \mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_{\perp}) \ln \kappa [\Gamma_3 \Delta_3^{++} + (\mathcal{B}_3^+)^2],$$

$$\delta \Delta_3^{+-} = \delta \Delta_3^{-+} = 2 \mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_{\perp}) \ln \kappa \mathcal{B}_3^- \mathcal{B}_3^+, \quad (5.47)$$

and

$$\delta \Delta_3^{--} = 2 \mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_{\perp}) \ln \kappa (\mathcal{B}_3^-)^2. \quad (5.48)$$

Equation (5.47) is valid for $|\theta| \lesssim \omega_c r_0 / v_F$, otherwise, the logarithmic renormalizations vanish. Once again, we did not write the arguments of the kernels, implying that they are the same as those in the left-hand side of Eq. (5.28). The reason why the correction $\delta \Delta_3^{--}$ is written separately from all the other couplings will be explained momentarily.

To complete the calculation of the correction to the quadratic interaction, we have to compute actually the ultraviolet

divergent terms in Figs. 9(a) and 9(b). We found

$$[\text{Fig. 9(a) + Fig. 9(b)}]_{uv} \simeq \sum_{i=2,3} \mathcal{O}(\omega_c^2) \{[\beta_i^-]^2 - \gamma_i \Delta_i^-\}. \quad (5.49)$$

The ultraviolet divergences cancel each other for the initial couplings (4.61) and (4.65). In fact, the vanishing of such divergences precludes the formation of the gap in the spectrum of the excitations forbidden by the spin rotational symmetry and should be valid in any order of the perturbation theory. On the other hand, the accuracy of our renormalization group procedure does not allow us to determine finite logarithmic terms from the uncertainty “ $\infty - \infty$.” This makes the correction (5.48) meaningless. Fortunately, we can use the symmetry of the system, forbidding the formation of such ultraviolet divergences to fix this coupling constant. Requiring the most divergent part of the ultraviolet divergence to cancel at any stage of the RG procedure, we find

$$\Gamma_3 \Delta_3^- = (\beta_3^-)^2 \quad (5.50)$$

and use this equation for the further RG flow.

The last interesting diagram is shown in Fig. 10. As it conserves both the momentum direction \mathbf{n} and the value of the coordinates ω , \mathbf{k} , and u , it is natural to classify it as the correction to the free action, $\delta\mathcal{S}_0$. The pole structure of the Green functions allows for the logarithmic divergence at $\mathbf{n}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{n}$. A calculation is performed using the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{K}_k^{\sigma_1\sigma_2} &\equiv [\bar{\mathbb{D}}_{\sigma_1}(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}; u) \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}) \mathbb{D}_{\sigma_2}(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}; u)], \\ \mathbb{K}_3^{\sigma_1\sigma_2} &= -\mathbb{K}_1^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}; \quad \mathbb{K}_4^{\sigma_1\sigma_2} = -\mathbb{K}_2^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}, \\ \mathbb{K}_k^{++} &= \mathbb{K}_k^{--} = 0, \\ \mathbb{K}_1^{+-}(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}; u) &= \mathbb{K}_1^{-+}(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}; u) = u \frac{\omega^2 - v_F^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2}{\omega^2 + v_F^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2}, \\ \mathbb{K}_2^{+-}(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}; u) &= \mathbb{K}_2^{-+}(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}; u) = u \frac{2iv_F\omega(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k})}{\omega^2 + v_F^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.51)$$

which can be checked directly using the definitions (5.3) and (4.59) for $\alpha=1/2$. However, for $d=2,3$ integration over \mathbf{n}_1 cancels out this logarithmic divergence. For $d=1$, one finds

$$\delta\mathcal{S}_0 \simeq i\nu \ln \kappa \int \bar{\Psi}_\gamma(X) [\hat{\mathcal{L}}_0 \hat{R}] \Psi_\gamma(X) dX,$$

$$\hat{R} \simeq \mathcal{B}_1^+ \mathcal{B}_1^- (1 - \hat{\Pi}_3) + \mathcal{B}_3^+ \mathcal{B}_3^- (1 + \hat{\Pi}_3).$$

This correction can be eliminated by the rescaling of the fields $\Psi \rightarrow [1 - (\ln \chi) \hat{R}] \Psi$. This rescaling will give the third-order correction to the coupling constants in the interaction part of the action and thus has to be taken into account only in the two-loop RG equation. As we do not consider such a loop in the present paper, we will have to disregard $\delta\mathcal{S}_0$ even for $d=1$.

Equations (5.27), (4.65), (5.37)–(5.41), (5.46), and (5.47) are the main results of this section. They show that the functional form of the interaction part of the action is reproduced after integration over the fast variables and, moreover, describe the changes of the coupling constants in Eqs. (4.55), (4.59), and (4.62) under the renormalization. This will enable us to write proper renormalization group equations in a standard way. These equations and their solutions are presented in the next section.

VI. RENORMALIZATION GROUP EQUATIONS AND THEIR SOLUTION

A. General structure of RG equations

We have demonstrated in the previous section that the functional form of the interaction part of the action (4.55), (4.59), and (4.62) is reproduced after integration over the fast variables, Y . On the other hand, each integration over the fast variables corresponds to the transform (5.21) of the high-energy cutoff

$$\ln \omega_c \rightarrow \ln \kappa + \ln \omega_c. \quad (6.1)$$

This enables us to write a most general form of the RG equations as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{\Gamma}_i}{d \ln \omega_c} &= \hat{\mathfrak{B}}_{\Gamma_i}(\hat{\Gamma}_i; \hat{\mathcal{B}}_j; \hat{\Delta}_j), \\ \frac{d\hat{\mathcal{B}}_i}{d \ln \omega_c} &= \hat{\mathfrak{B}}_{\mathcal{B}_i}(\hat{\Gamma}_j; \hat{\mathcal{B}}_j; \hat{\Delta}_j), \\ \frac{d\hat{\Delta}_i}{d \ln \omega_c} &= \hat{\mathfrak{B}}_{\Delta_i}(\hat{\Gamma}_j; \hat{\mathcal{B}}_j; \hat{\Delta}_j). \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

The renormalization group flow starts from $\omega_c \simeq v_F/r_0$ with the initial conditions (4.58), (4.61), and (4.65), and it should stop at $\omega_c \simeq \max(T, |\theta|v_F/r_0)$. One sees immediately a significant difference between the standard RG scheme and the problem at hand. In our case, the entire coupling operators may be renormalized, its renormalization is a functional of all the other operators, etc. Thus, we are dealing with the *functional renormalization group*.

Surprisingly, in the one-loop approximation, the functional RG equations can be obtained explicitly and solved in a closed form.

B. One-loop RG equations

The one-loop equations for the kernels Γ_i , \mathcal{B}_i , and Δ_i in Eqs. (4.56), (4.60), and (4.64) are obtained by dividing both sides of Eqs. (5.28), (5.38), (5.47), and (5.50) by $\ln \kappa$ and taking the limit $\ln \kappa = d \ln \omega_c \rightarrow 0$. As a result, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\Gamma_1(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp)}{d \ln \omega_c} &= -\mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) [\Gamma_1(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp)]^2, \\ \frac{d\mathcal{B}_1^+(\cdots)}{d \ln \omega_c} &= -2\mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \Gamma_1(\cdots) \mathcal{B}_1^+(\cdots), \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{B}_1(\cdots)}{d \ln \omega_c} = -\mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \Gamma_1(\cdots) \mathcal{B}_1(\cdots),$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma_4}{d \ln \omega_c} = \frac{d\mathcal{B}_4^\sigma}{d \ln \omega_c} = 0, \quad (6.3a)$$

for the set of couplings not having a counterpart in the quadratic part of the action. Here (\cdots) is shorthand notation for the omitted arguments $(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp)$.

For the couplings affecting the quadratic part of the action, we find

$$\frac{d\Gamma_3(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp)}{d \ln \omega_c} = \mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) [\Gamma_3(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp)]^2,$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{B}_3^+(\cdots)}{d \ln \omega_c} = 2\mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \Gamma_3(\cdots) \mathcal{B}_3^+(\cdots),$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{B}_3^-(\cdots)}{d \ln \omega_c} = \mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \Gamma_3(\cdots) \mathcal{B}_3^-(\cdots),$$

$$\frac{d\Delta_3^{++}(\cdots)}{d \ln \omega_c} = 2\mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \times \{\Gamma_3(\cdots) \Delta_3^{++}(\cdots) + [\mathcal{B}_3^+(\cdots)]^2\},$$

$$\frac{d\Delta_3^{+-}(\cdots)}{d \ln \omega_c} = \frac{d\Delta_3^{-+}(\cdots)}{d \ln \omega_c} = 2\mu_d u u_1 \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \mathcal{B}_3^+(\cdots) \mathcal{B}_3^-(\cdots),$$

$$\Gamma_3(\cdots) \Delta_3^-(\cdots) = [\mathcal{B}_3^-(\cdots)]^2,$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma_2}{d \ln \omega_c} = \frac{d\mathcal{B}_2^\sigma}{d \ln \omega_c} = \frac{d\Delta_2^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}}{d \ln \omega_c} = 0. \quad (6.3b)$$

The form of Eqs. (6.3) suggests immediately the following scaling form for the coupling kernels:

$$\Gamma_i(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = \gamma_i[\xi(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp); \gamma_i^0(\theta)],$$

$$\mathcal{B}_i^\sigma(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = \beta_i^\sigma[\xi(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp); \gamma_i^0(\theta)],$$

$$\Delta_i^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = \Delta_i^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}[\xi(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp); \gamma_i^0(\theta)],$$

$$\xi(\theta; u, u_1; \mathbf{r}_\perp) = u u_1 \mu_d \bar{f}_\perp(\mathbf{r}_\perp) \ln \left[\min \left(\frac{1}{\theta}, \frac{v_F}{r_0 T} \right) \right], \quad (6.4)$$

where $\gamma_1^0 = \gamma_2^0 = \gamma_f$ and $\gamma_3^0 = \gamma_4^0 = \gamma_b$; see Eqs. (4.49) and (4.58). Comparing Eq. (6.4) with Eqs. (6.3), we obtain

$$\frac{d\gamma_1(\xi)}{d\xi} = [\gamma_1(\xi)]^2,$$

$$\frac{d\beta_1^+(\xi)}{d\xi} = 2\gamma_1(\xi) \beta_1^+(\xi),$$

$$\frac{d\beta_1^-(\xi)}{d\xi} = \gamma_1(\xi) \beta_1^-(\xi),$$

$$\frac{d\gamma_4}{d\xi} = \frac{d\beta_4^\sigma}{d\xi} = 0 \quad (6.5a)$$

and

$$\frac{d\gamma_3(\xi)}{d\xi} = -[\gamma_3(\xi)]^2,$$

$$\frac{d\beta_3^+(\xi)}{d\xi} = -2\gamma_3(\xi) \beta_3^+(\xi),$$

$$\frac{d\beta_3^-(\xi)}{d\xi} = -\gamma_3(\xi) \beta_3^-(\xi),$$

$$\frac{d\Delta_3^{++}(\xi)}{d\xi} = -2\Delta_3^{++}(\xi) \gamma_3(\xi) - 2[\beta_3^+(\xi)]^2,$$

$$\frac{d\Delta_3^{-+}(\xi)}{d\xi} = \frac{d\Delta_3^{+-}(\xi)}{d\xi} = -2\beta_3^-(\xi) \beta_3^+(\xi),$$

$$\Delta_3^-(\xi) \gamma_3(\xi) = [\beta_3^-(\xi)]^2,$$

$$\frac{d\gamma_2}{d\xi} = \frac{d\beta_2^\sigma}{d\xi} = \frac{d\Delta_2^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}}{d\xi} = 0. \quad (6.5b)$$

Equations (6.5a) and (6.5b) have to be solved with the initial conditions [cf. Eqs. (4.58), (4.61), and (4.65)]

$$\gamma_i(\xi=0) = \beta_i^\pm(\xi=0) = \Delta_i^\pm(\xi=0) = \gamma_i^0, \quad (6.5c)$$

where $\gamma_1^0 = \gamma_2^0 = \gamma_f$ and $\gamma_3^0 = \gamma_4^0 = \gamma_b$.

There is a good intuitive reason to separate the equations for the coupling constants for $i=1,4$ from those for $i=2,3$. The latter group contains the quadratic interaction breaking the supersymmetry. Moreover, this would be the only group if we did not introduce the Hermitization procedure of Sec. IV A. Those are the modes that will directly contribute to the observable quantities (see next section), and we will call this sector “physical.”

The coupling constants with $i=1,4$ are related to the fields that appear as a result of the Hermitization procedure. Their quadratic parts remain supersymmetric, and that is why this sector by itself does not contribute to any observables. This is the reason why we will call this sector “nonphysical.”

In the one-loop approximation, Eq. (6.5), these two sectors do not talk to each other and we will consider them separately.

C. Solution of RG equations in the “physical” sector

Equations (6.5b) are the system of first-order nonlinear equations with triangular structure (there is no feedback of the constants Δ and β into the evolution of the four-particle vertex γ). As such, it can be easily solved with the initial conditions, Eqs. (6.5c),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_2(\xi) &= \beta_2^\pm(\xi) = \Delta_2^{\pm\pm}(\xi) = \gamma_f(\theta), \\
 \gamma_3(\xi) &= \frac{1}{\xi_b^* + \xi}, \\
 \beta_3^+(\xi) &= \frac{\xi_b^*}{(\xi_b^* + \xi)^2}, \\
 \beta_3^-(\xi) &= \frac{1}{\xi_b^* + \xi}, \\
 \Delta_3^{++}(\xi) &= \frac{2\xi_b^{*2}}{(\xi_b^* + \xi)^3} - \frac{\xi_b^*}{(\xi_b^* + \xi)^2}, \\
 \Delta_3^{--}(\xi) &= \frac{1}{\xi_b^* + \xi}, \\
 \Delta_3^{+-}(\xi) &= \Delta_3^{-+}(\xi) = \frac{\xi_b^*}{(\xi_b^* + \xi)^2},
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.6}$$

where we introduced the notation

$$\xi_b^*(\theta) \equiv \frac{1}{\gamma_b(\theta)} > 0 \tag{6.7}$$

and the backscattering amplitude γ_b^0 is defined in Eq. (4.49).

From Eq. (6.6) we see that the forward-scattering amplitude is not renormalized in contrast to the backscattering ones. As we consider the repulsive case, the amplitudes γ_3 , β_3 , and δ_3 tend to zero in the limit $T, |\theta| \rightarrow 0$ and this is a “zero-charge” situation. This behavior should, in principle, be seen using the conventional diagrammatic analysis. However, as the spin excitations considered here correspond to two-particle electron Green functions, one should consider four-particle electron Green functions in order to identify the behavior described by Eq. (6.6). Such interactions in four-particle Green functions have not been studied previously, and the result of Eq. (6.6) is a major and decisive step in this direction. The “zero-charge” behavior does not indicate any drastic changes of the ground state of the system but is interesting on its own because it is definitely not present in the orthodox Fermi liquid picture.

As the result corresponds to the zero-charge flow, the one-loop renormalization group and Eq. (6.6) would solve the problem completely. The renormalized amplitudes Δ can be used for calculating the thermodynamic properties of the system, as will be done in the next section. On this route, however, a potential obstacle may rise and we turn to the statement of this problem now.

D. Solution of the RG in the “nonphysical” sector and possible instability

Solving Eq. (6.5a) with the initial conditions (6.5c), we obtain

$$\gamma_1(\xi) = \beta_1^\pm(\xi) = \gamma_f,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_1(\xi) &= \frac{1}{\xi_f^* - \xi}, \\
 \beta_1^+(\xi) &= \frac{\xi_f^*}{(\xi_f^* - \xi)^2}, \\
 \beta_1^-(\xi) &= \frac{1}{\xi_f^* - \xi},
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.8}$$

where we introduced the notation

$$\xi_f^*(\theta) \equiv \frac{1}{\gamma_f(\theta)} > 0 \tag{6.9}$$

and the forward-scattering amplitude γ_f^0 is defined in Eq. (4.49).

The behavior of the amplitude $\gamma_1(\xi)$ from Eq. (6.8) comes as a real surprise because it demonstrates the existence of a logarithmic pole. This pole should be reached at $\xi = \xi_f$ and may signal an instability of the ground state because, at first glance, the scenario looks similar to the one leading to the BCS theory of superconductivity. Does the logarithmic pole in Eq. (6.9) lead to a phase transition? We do not try to answer this question in this paper but the situation looks more complicated than usual because, within the RG scheme, the scattering amplitude γ_1 does not enter thermodynamic quantities like, e.g., the specific heat (see the next section) and it does not couple to the physical sector at least on the level of the one-loop renormalization group.

We can envision two different scenarios that may follow from the existence of the pole in γ_1 in Eq. (6.9).

(i) The amplitude $\gamma_1(\xi)$ does not enter any physical quantity and, therefore, the pole does not mean anything. In this case, we would be able to use all the equations for the backscattering amplitudes down to $\xi=0$, which would allow us to go in temperature down to $T=0$. This would mean that there are nonanalytical corrections to the Fermi liquid but otherwise the Landau theory of Fermi liquid is a correct low-temperature limit.

(ii) The logarithmic pole means that at $\xi = \xi_f^*$ a reconstruction of the ground state (either in a form of phase transition or sharp crossover) occurs at a critical temperature T_c , which would manifest itself in a formation of the gap in the non-physical sector, which would affect the physical degrees of freedom. In this case the ground state would change and one would expect the formation of an order parameter. Then, the present RG treatment of the effective action would be applicable for $T > T_c$ only. The formation of the gap means a breakdown of the Fermi liquid description for the spin excitations. As concerns the charge degrees of freedom, we have seen that they decouple from the spin ones on the very early stage (see Sec. III) and the Landau kinetic equation is applicable for them for arbitrary small temperatures.

It is still to be seen which of these two scenarios corresponds to the original action and we relegate this question to the further study.⁶³ We emphasize, however, that the answer may differ for $d=1$ and $d>1$, because there is a large set of diagrams logarithmic in 1D and nonlogarithmic for $d=2,3$; see, e.g., Fig. 10.

VII. SPECIFIC HEAT

We have performed renormalization group calculations for the case when the vectors \mathbf{n} and \mathbf{n}' of two spin excitations were close to each other (parallel or antiparallel motion). Only in this limit does one obtain large logarithms that determined the renormalization of the vertices. A crucial question is whether or not this narrow region of the phase space can bring an important contribution to thermodynamics or other physical quantities. This is not quite a trivial question because the system was not assumed to be one- or quasi-one-dimensional, and one could imagine that all the effect of the singularities in the vertices would be washed out after the summation over the whole phase space.

In fact, this almost parallel motion of the spin excitations does not contribute much into the thermodynamic potential $\Omega_s(T)$ itself. Fortunately, this is not a very interesting quantity and what one would like to know are derivatives of the thermodynamic potential with respect to temperature or other sources. In the present paper, we restrict ourselves with the specific heat

$$C = -T \frac{\partial^2 \Omega}{\partial T^2}. \quad (7.1)$$

Our goal is to identify the nonanalytic contributions to the specific heat using the properties of the effective theory established in the previous sections.

As we will show, our low-energy field theory is applicable for the calculation of

$$\delta\Omega_s(T) = \Omega_s(T) - \Omega_s(T=0), \quad (7.2)$$

and we will focus in this section on the calculation of the latter quantity.

We will present the main approximations and manipulations suitable for any dimensions in Sec. VII A. We will collect the final results for two- and three-dimensional systems in Sec. VII B and discuss their relation to the contribution of the Cooper channel in Sec. VII D. For one-dimensional systems approximations of Sec. VII A will turn out not to be sufficient and we will have to take additional terms into account specific for one-dimensional systems; see Sec. VII D.

A. General formulas

Using the diagrammatic method of the calculations one can always cut one of the Green functions and express the thermodynamic potential $\Omega(T)$ in terms of a sum over bosonic Matsubara frequencies $\omega_n = 2\pi Tn$ transmitted through this particular Green function:

$$\Omega_s(T) = T \sum_{\omega_n} R(\omega_n), \quad (7.3)$$

where $R(\omega_n)$ is a function of the frequency to be calculated later.

The sums of the type (7.3) are very often divergent at high frequencies if one uses expressions available from a low-energy effective theory. This problem can be avoided calculating the quantity $\delta\Omega(T)$ from Eq. (7.2). Using the Poisson formula, we represent $\delta\Omega(T)$ in the form

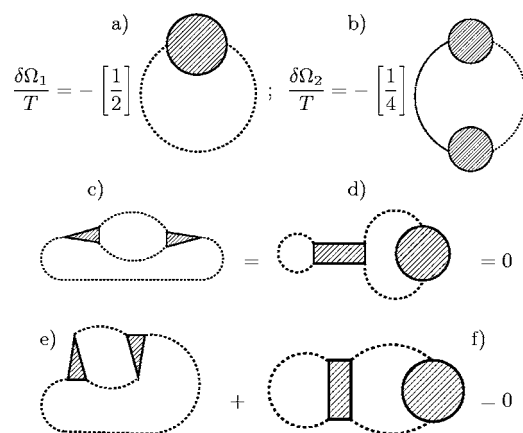


FIG. 11. Lowest-order corrections to the temperature-dependent part of the thermodynamic potential $\delta\Omega(T)$. The notations are explained in Sec. V; see Figs. 4–9. The coefficients in the brackets correspond to the number of symmetries of the diagram. The dotted line for the Green function means that summation over the frequency of this line is performed with Eq. (7.4) replacing the summation (7.3). Diagrams (c) and (d) vanish due to the supersymmetry. Diagrams (e) and (f) are separately of higher order in the forward-scattering amplitude and, moreover, cancel each other.

$$\delta\Omega(T) = \sum_{l \neq 0} \int R(\omega) \exp\left(-\frac{l\omega}{T}\right) \frac{d\omega}{2\pi}, \quad (7.4)$$

which improves the convergence significantly. The essential frequencies in Eq. (7.4) are of the order of T and are smaller than those frequencies that form logarithms in the vertices. That is why the renormalized vertices calculated in the previous section become useful.

To proceed with an actual calculation, we notice that if we kept in the action $\mathcal{S}\{\psi\}$ only the supersymmetric part $\mathcal{S}_0\{\psi\} + \mathcal{S}_4\{\psi\}$ [see Eqs. (4.44), (4.45), and (4.55)] only, we would obtain unity for the partition function and, thus, no contribution to the thermodynamic potential Ω . The interaction terms $\mathcal{S}_2\{\psi\}$ and $\mathcal{S}_3\{\psi\}$ [see Eqs. (4.51), (4.59), (4.52), and (4.62)] violate the supersymmetry and, as a result, one obtains a finite contribution to Ω_s only when expanding in such terms.

As all the high-frequency $\omega \geq T$ contributions are already included in the renormalized value of the vertices, the thermodynamic potential $\Omega(T)$ can be expanded in terms of the renormalized action $\mathcal{S}_2\{\Psi\}$ [Eq. (4.62)] and the lowest non-vanishing orders take the form

$$\Omega_s(T) = \Omega_1(T) + \Omega_2(T),$$

$$\Omega_1(T) = T \langle \mathcal{S}_2\{\psi\} \rangle_0,$$

$$\Omega_2(T) = -\frac{T}{2} \langle [\mathcal{S}_2\{\psi\}]^2 \rangle_0, \quad (7.5)$$

and $\langle \cdots \rangle_0$ was defined in Eq. (5.2). The corresponding diagrams are depicted in Figs. 11(a) and 11(b).

It will turn out that correction Ω_1 is an analytic function of temperature whereas the most interesting term Ω_2 is nonanalytic. For pedagogical reasons, we will consider an

analytic correction first and then use the knowledge gained for a more involved analysis of the nonanalytic contribution.

1. Analytic contribution

Using the rules of the diagrammatic technique of Sec. V we can obtain analytic expression for $\Omega_1(T)$ (for unit volume) in terms of the function \mathbb{K} introduced in Eq. (5.51):

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{3T}{4} \sum_{\omega_n} \sum_{i=2,3} \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_{ij} \int_0^1 du \int d\mathbf{n} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} \\ \times \sum_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 = \pm} \mathbb{K}_1^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}; u) \Delta_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\theta=0; u, u; \mathbf{k}),$$

$$\mathbf{k}_\perp = \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}), \quad \mathbf{r}_\perp = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}),$$

$$\Delta_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\theta; u, u; \mathbf{k}_\perp) = \int d^d \mathbf{r} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} \Delta_i^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\theta; u, u; \mathbf{r}_\perp) \bar{f}(|\mathbf{r}|), \quad (7.6)$$

where the cutoff function $\bar{f}(\mathbf{r})$ is defined by Eq. (2.29), all the other entries were introduced in Secs. IV and V, and the convention (4.13) for the angular integration is used. Replacing the summation over the Matsubara frequency with the integrations according to Eqs. (7.3) and (7.4) and using λ_{ij} from Eq. (4.53), we obtain

$$\delta\Omega_1(T) = 3 \int_0^1 u du \int d\mathbf{n} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \exp\left(\frac{-i\omega}{T}\right) \\ \times \int \frac{f(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} \left(\frac{i\omega + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{i\omega - v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \right) \Delta_2^{+-}(\theta=0), \quad (7.7)$$

and the value of Δ_2^{+-} is given by Eq. (6.6). The integral in Eq. (7.7) contains integration over all directions of the unit vector \mathbf{n} with the normalization of Eq. (1.2). As we obtained in the previous section, Δ_2^{+-} is not renormalized by interaction and it is given by its bare value $\gamma_f \equiv \gamma_f(\theta=0)$. Nevertheless, the remaining integral in Eq. (7.7) gives a temperature-dependent contribution and let us show how one can calculate this integral.

The integration over u is trivial and gives 1/2. The integration over \mathbf{k} can be performed separately for the component k_\parallel parallel to \mathbf{n} and \mathbf{k}_\perp perpendicular to \mathbf{n} . Essential k_\parallel are of the order of T/v_F , whereas k_\perp are of the order of the maximum momentum $k_c \approx r_0^{-1}$. Therefore, we can neglect k_\parallel in the cutoff function. Integration over k_\parallel is, then, immediately performed with the result

$$\delta\Omega_1(T) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} |\omega| \exp\left(-i\frac{l\omega}{T} - \eta|\omega|\right) \\ \times \frac{3\gamma_f}{2v_F} \int f_0(k_\perp r_0) \frac{d^{d-1} \mathbf{k}_\perp}{(2\pi)^{d-1}}. \quad (7.8)$$

The small parameter η in the exponential is added to provide the convergence of the integral over ω .

The expression in the first line of Eq. (7.8) takes after the ω integration the following form:

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\left(\eta + \frac{il}{T}\right)^2} + \frac{1}{\left(\eta + \frac{-il}{T}\right)^2} \right] = -\frac{(\pi T)^2}{3}. \quad (7.9)$$

Substituting Eqs. (7.8) and (7.9) into Eq. (7.1) we obtain the corresponding contribution $\delta C_1(T)$ to the specific heat:

$$\frac{\delta C_1}{T} = \frac{\pi(3\gamma_f)}{6v_F \lambda_0^{d-1}}, \quad \lambda_0^{1-d} = \int f_0(k_\perp r_0) \frac{d^{d-1} \mathbf{k}_\perp}{(2\pi)^{d-1}}. \quad (7.10)$$

The parameter $\lambda_0 \approx 1/r_0$ becomes of the order of k_F^{-1} in the limit of the applicability of the theory.

We see from Eq. (7.10) that the correction $\delta C_1(T)$ does not change the linear dependence of the specific heat on temperature.

Let us discuss the significance of this result and its relation to the free-mode consideration of Sec. III C. First of all, direct comparison shows that Eq. (7.7) is equivalent to the first term in the perturbative expansion of temperature-dependent parts of Eqs. (3.34') and (3.30'). Therefore, the singlet contribution (3.30') also has to be taken into account in Eq. (7.10), which leads to the replacement $(3\gamma_f) \rightarrow (3\gamma_f - \gamma_f^p)$, where $\gamma_f^p \equiv \gamma^p(\theta=0)$.

Equation (7.10) gives the contribution which does not depend on the cutoff in one dimension. In this case it describes the renormalization of the velocities of the spin and charge modes in the Luttinger liquid regime. In contrast, in higher dimensions $d > 1$, the coefficient does depend on the cutoff. However, the entirety of this contribution coming from the small distances can be ascribed to the renormalization of the effective mass and included in the partition function of non-interacting quasiparticles $[Z\{0}]$ from Eq. (3.12).

The effective theory of the interacting collective modes being the effective low-energy theory does not describe such ultraviolet corrections, and that is why we cannot identify the numerical coefficient from our theory. However, the effective low-energy theory⁶⁸ does describe the nonanalytic corrections as the latter are associated with the spatial scales $\approx v_F/T \gg 1/k_F$. We turn to the derivation of such nonanalytic corrections now.

2. Nonanalytic contribution

The analytic expression for the diagram Fig. 11(b) reads [see Eq. (7.6) for the notations]

$$\Omega_2 = -\frac{3T}{4} \sum_{\omega_n} \sum_{i=2,3} \sum_{j=1}^4 \lambda_{ij} \int \int_0^1 du_1 du_2 \int \int d\mathbf{n}_1 d\mathbf{n}_2 \\ \times \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} \sum_{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_4 = \pm} \\ \times \{ \mathbb{K}_j^{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}_1; u_1) \Delta_i^{\sigma_2 \sigma_3}(\widehat{\mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{n}_2}; u_1, u_2; \mathbf{k}_\perp) \\ \times \mathbb{K}_j^{\sigma_3 \sigma_4}(\omega, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}_2; u_2) \Delta_i^{\sigma_4 \sigma_1}(\widehat{\mathbf{n}_2 \mathbf{n}_1}; u_2, u_1; \mathbf{k}_\perp) \}, \quad (7.11)$$

where the convention (4.13) for the angular integration is

implied and, in definition of \mathbf{k}_\perp , the direction \mathbf{n} means $\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{n}_2)/2$. Using Eqs. (5.51) and (4.53), keeping only terms with the pole location such that the result does not vanish after integration over $k_\parallel = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}$, and using the replacements, Eqs. (7.3) and (7.4), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\Omega_2(T) = & -6 \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{d\omega}{(2\pi)} \exp\left(-i\frac{l\omega}{T} - \eta|\omega|\right) \\ & \times \int d\mathbf{n}_1 d\mathbf{n}_2 \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} Y(\widehat{\mathbf{n}_1 \mathbf{n}_2}; \mathbf{k}_\perp; k_\parallel) \mathcal{P}_d(\omega, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) \end{aligned} \quad (7.12)$$

and the convention (4.13) for the angular integration is implied. The function $Y(\theta; \mathbf{k}_\perp)$ defined as

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\theta; \mathbf{k}_\perp, k_\parallel) = & \int \int_0^1 u_1 u_2 du_1 du_2 \{ [\Delta_3^{+-}(\theta; u_1, u_2; \mathbf{k}_\perp, k_\parallel)]^2 \\ & + \Delta_3^{++}(\theta; u_1, u_2; \mathbf{k}_\perp, k_\parallel) \Delta_3^{--}(\theta; u_1, u_2; \mathbf{k}_\perp, k_\parallel) \} \end{aligned} \quad (7.13)$$

will be the most important entry in the final expression for the specific heat. In Eq. (7.13), we wrote explicitly the transverse and longitudinal momenta of \mathbf{k} [see Eq. (7.7)] as their role will be different.

The form factor

$$\mathcal{P}_d(\omega, \mathbf{k}; \mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) = \frac{(i\omega + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}_2)(i\omega - v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1)}{(i\omega - v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}_2)(i\omega + v_F \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1)} \quad (7.14)$$

depends on the dimensionality of the system, and it describes basically the free propagation of the two spin excitations in almost opposite directions.

If one used the bare values of Δ [see Eq. (4.65)] we would obtain the second term in the expansion of Eq. (3.34') in powers of γ . The main advantage of Eq. (7.14) is that it accounts for the logarithmic renormalization of the quadratic interaction obtained in Secs. V and VI; see Eq. (6.7).

The nonanalytic contributions originate from the small region of the phase space $|\mathbf{n}_1 - \mathbf{n}_2| \ll 1$. It enables us to introduce [cf. Sec. V B]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} &= (\mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{n}_2)/2, \quad \delta\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}_1 - \mathbf{n}_2, \\ k_\parallel &= \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}, \quad \mathbf{k}_\perp = \mathbf{k} - k_\parallel \mathbf{n}, \end{aligned} \quad (7.15)$$

and integrate over k_\parallel in Eq. (7.13).

To facilitate the integration we introduce the function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_d(\delta\mathbf{n}; k_\perp) \equiv & \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{d\omega dk_\parallel}{(2\pi)^2} \exp\left(-i\frac{l\omega}{T} - \eta|\omega|\right) \\ & \times \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\pm} \mathcal{P}_d\left(\omega, \pm \mathbf{k}_\perp + k_\parallel \mathbf{n}; \mathbf{n} + \frac{\delta\mathbf{n}}{2}, \mathbf{n} - \frac{\delta\mathbf{n}}{2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (7.16)$$

Using

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int d\omega \exp\left(-i\frac{l\omega}{T} - \eta|\omega|\right) \left(\int dk_\parallel f^2(\mathbf{k}) \right) = 0,$$

we obtain

$$\mathcal{P}_{d=1} = 0, \quad (7.17a)$$

which means that for one-dimensional systems there is no contribution to the specific heat of the second order in the backscattering amplitude in accordance with known results.⁷² This does not mean, however, that there are no logarithmic contributions to the specific heat in 1D at all. Corrections of the third order in the effective amplitude will be recovered in Sec. VII D.

For higher dimensions we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{d=2,3} = & \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{d\omega}{(2\pi)} \exp\left(-i\frac{l\omega}{T} - \eta|\omega|\right) \\ & \times \left(|\omega| - \frac{4|\omega|^3}{4\omega^2 + (\delta\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{n})^2 v_F^2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (7.17b)$$

The first term in Eq. (7.17b) is similar to Eq. (7.8) and produces only an analytic contribution to the specific heat. We will disregard this term and focus only on the second contribution. It is this contribution that quantifies the effect of the small region of the phase space where the interaction renormalization is strong. It is worth noting that the characteristic k_\parallel contributing into the result where of the order of T/v_F and, therefore, the separation of the integration on the transverse and longitudinal parts is well justified.

Substituting Eq. (7.17b) into Eq. (7.13) and performing the Fourier transform in the transverse direction we find, for $d > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\Omega_2(T) = & -\frac{12}{v_F^2} \int \int \frac{d\mathbf{n} d\delta\mathbf{n}}{|\delta\mathbf{n}|} \int dx \bar{Y}(|\delta\mathbf{n}|; x) \\ & \times \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +0} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{\omega^2 d\omega}{2\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{2|\omega x|}{|\delta\mathbf{n}| v_F} - \frac{i\omega l}{T} - \eta|\omega|\right), \end{aligned} \quad (7.18)$$

where the integrations over \mathbf{n} and $\delta\mathbf{n}$ are performed using the conventions (4.13) and (1.2), respectively, and

$$\bar{Y}(\theta; |\mathbf{r}_\perp|) = \int \frac{d^{d-1} \mathbf{k}_\perp}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} e^{i\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}_\perp} Y(\theta; \mathbf{k}_\perp; \mathbf{k}_\parallel = 0). \quad (7.19)$$

Integration over ω and \mathbf{n} in Eq. (7.18) can be immediately performed with the result

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\Omega_2(T) = & -\frac{6T^3}{\pi^2 v_F^2} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^{d-1} \delta\mathbf{n}}{2^{d-2} |\delta\mathbf{n}|} \int dx \\ & \times \bar{Y}(|\delta\mathbf{n}|; x) \text{Re} \left(\frac{1}{il + \frac{2T|x|}{|\delta\mathbf{n}| v_F}} \right)^3, \end{aligned} \quad (7.20)$$

where integration over $\delta\mathbf{n}$ has to be understood as integration over the usual $(d-1)$ -dimensional vector with $|\delta\mathbf{n}| \leq 1$.

The remaining integrations in Eq. (7.18) are slightly different for $d=2,3$, and we will describe them separately. For $d=2$, $\delta\mathbf{n}$ is a one-dimensional variable. After obvious rescaling, Eq. (7.20) gives

$$\delta\Omega_2^{d=2}(T) = -\frac{12T^3}{\pi^2 v_F^2} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{l^3} \int dx \times \text{Re} \int_0^{lv_F/2|x|T} \frac{d\phi \phi^2 \bar{Y}\left(\frac{2\phi|x|T}{lv_F}; x\right)}{(i\phi+1)^3}. \quad (7.21)$$

The integral in Eq. (7.21) is convergent at $\phi \approx 1$. Because $x \approx r_0$ and $T \ll v_F/r_0$, the upper limit in the integral can be put to infinity. On the other hand, according to Eq. (6.4), $Y(\theta)$ does not depend on θ at $\theta < \text{Tr}_0/v_F$; therefore, we can put the first argument in \bar{Y} equal to zero. The remaining integral takes the form

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\phi \phi^2}{(i\phi+1)^3} = -\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

The sum over l is trivial, and we obtain

$$\delta\Omega_2^{d=2}(T) = \frac{6\zeta(3)T^3}{\pi v_F^2} Y(\theta=0), \quad (7.22)$$

where $\zeta(3) \approx 1.202\dots$ is the Riemann zeta function and

$$Y(\theta) \equiv Y(\theta; \mathbf{k}=0); \quad (7.23)$$

see Eq. (7.13). The value $\theta=0$ in the function $Y(\theta)$ entering Eq. (7.22) corresponds to the exactly backward scattering.

Let us consider, now, the three-dimensional case. The result turns out to be logarithmic with the main contribution from $Tx/v_F \approx |\delta_n| \gg 1$. Expanding the last factor in Eq. (7.20) and keeping only the first nonvanishing contribution we find

$$\delta\Omega_2^{d=3}(T) = \frac{36T^4}{\pi^2 v_F^3} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{l^4} \int \frac{d^2 \delta\mathbf{n}}{|\delta\mathbf{n}|^2} \int_0^{v_F|\delta_n|/T} x dx \bar{Y}(|\delta\mathbf{n}|; x). \quad (7.24)$$

As the integrand decays rapidly at $x \approx r_0$, the upper limit in the last integral can be put to infinity for $\theta = |\delta\mathbf{n}| \geq \text{Tr}_0/v_F$. Using

$$2\pi \int_0^{\infty} x dx \bar{Y}(\theta; x) = Y(\theta)$$

[see Eq. (7.23)], we obtain

$$\delta\Omega_2^{d=3}(T) = \frac{2\pi^2 T^4}{5v_F^3} \int_{\text{Tr}_0/v_F}^1 \frac{d\theta Y(\theta)}{\theta}. \quad (7.25)$$

Equations (7.22) and (7.25) are the main results of this subsection. They show that the thermodynamic potential for the both two- and three-dimensional systems can be expressed in terms of the function $Y(\theta)$, which has to be determined from Eqs. (7.13) and (6.6). Carrying on this program and obtaining the final expressions for the specific heat will

be subject of the next subsection. Here, we just emphasize the difference between Eqs. (7.22) and (7.25). Namely, in the 2D case one has to take the function Y at strictly $\theta=0$, whereas in 3D it involves integrals over all angles. At the same time, even in 3D, the main contribution comes with the logarithmic accuracy from small angles $\theta \lesssim 1$, which describe again the scattering close to backward one.

B. Final results for two- and three-dimensional systems

From now on we will concentrate only on the nonanalytic contribution $\delta\Omega_2^{d=2,3}$ and that is why we will omit the subscript. Before writing the final results in a general form, it is instructive to perform the calculation replacing the quadratic interaction constants $\Delta^{\pm\pm}$ in Eqs. (7.13) and (7.23) with their bare values (4.65). After integration over $u_{1,2}$ in Eq. (7.13) one obtains

$$Y^{(0)}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} [\gamma_b(\theta)]^2 f^2(0) = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_b^2(\theta), \quad (7.26)$$

where $\gamma_b(\theta)$ is defined in Eq. (4.49) and $f(\mathbf{k})$ is given by Eq. (2.13). Substitution of Eq. (7.26) into Eqs. (7.22) and (7.25) yields

$$\delta\Omega_{(t,\text{bare})}^{d=2}(T) = 3[\gamma_b]^2 \frac{\zeta(3)T^3}{\pi v_F^2}, \quad \gamma_b \equiv \gamma_b(\theta=0), \quad (7.27a)$$

where we restored the explicit subscript t for the triplet contribution. If $Y^{(0)}(\theta)$ is a smooth function for $\theta \rightarrow 0$, the three-dimensional thermodynamic potential reads, with logarithmic accuracy,

$$\delta\Omega_{(t,\text{bare})}^{d=3}(T) = 3[\gamma_b]^2 \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{15v_F^3} \ln \frac{\varepsilon_F}{T}. \quad (7.27b)$$

Similarly to Eq. (7.10), formula (7.27) is equivalent to the second term in the perturbative expansion of temperature-dependent parts of Eqs. (3.34') and (3.30'). Therefore, the singlet contribution (3.30') has also to be taken into account in Eqs. (7.27), which leads to the replacement $(3\gamma_b^2) \rightarrow (3\gamma_b^2 + [\gamma_b^{\rho}]^2)$, where $\gamma_b^{\rho} \equiv \gamma^{\rho}(\theta=\pi)$. Unlike the analytic contribution, Eqs. (7.27) do not contain the ultraviolet cutoff and their contribution cannot be ascribed to the renormalization of the effective mass. These are clear effects of the contribution of the bosonic collective modes of the Fermi liquid into the thermodynamics of the system.

Using Eqs. (7.27) in Eq. (7.1) and introducing the density of particles,

$$N_{d=2} = \frac{p_F^2}{2\pi}, \quad N_{d=3} = \frac{p_F^3}{3\pi^2}, \quad (7.28)$$

we write the correction to the specific heat per particle $\delta c = \delta C/N$ as

$$\delta c_{d=2}^{(\text{bare})} = -\frac{3\zeta(3)}{\pi} \left(\frac{T}{\varepsilon_F}\right)^2 (3\gamma_b^2 + [\gamma_b^{\rho}]^2), \quad (7.29a)$$

$$\delta c_{d=3}^{(\text{bare})} = -\frac{3\pi^4}{10} \left(\frac{T}{\varepsilon_F}\right)^3 \ln\left(\frac{\varepsilon_F}{T}\right) [3\gamma_b^2 + [\gamma_b']^2 + \mathcal{O}(\gamma^3)]. \quad (7.29b)$$

[The last term in Eq. (7.29) is the contribution of the third order in coupling constant which was obtained in Ref. 29 and we refer the reader to this reference for the explicit form of the coefficients in this term and will not write explicitly in the subsequent considerations.] It is worth recalling that p_F is not renormalized by an interaction, whereas $\varepsilon_F \equiv v_F p_F/2$ is significantly affected.¹ Actually, v_F has meaning only as a quantity describing the slope in a leading linear-in-temperature quasiparticle contribution to the specific heat.

Equations (7.29) agree with the corresponding expressions obtained previously in a number of works using conventional diagrammatic expansions [see, e.g., Refs. 19 and 29 for the latest developments consisting of an accurate evaluation of the angular and q integrals in expressions similar to Eqs. (3.30) and (3.34) and obtaining correct analytic expressions for the first time].⁶⁹

Using the conventional diagrammatic technique one can hardly go beyond first order, which would be definitely enough for the singlet channel. At the same time, using the present bosonization scheme we have found for the first time the logarithmic contributions discussed in the previous sections and have derived and solved the proper renormalization group equations. Now we can include the logarithmic contributions in the formulas for the specific heat. The only thing that remains to be done is to calculate the function $Y(\theta)$ from Eqs. (7.23) and (7.13).

Using the explicit expressions (6.6) for the couplings $\Delta_3^{\pm\pm}$ and the formula

$$\int \int_0^1 du_1 du_2 (u_1 u_2)^2 \left[\frac{(1+x_1 u_1 u_2)^2 + (1+x_2 u_1 u_2)^2}{(1+x_1 u_1 u_2)^3 (1+x_2 u_1 u_2)^3} - \frac{(x_1+x_2)u_1 u_2}{2(1+x_1 u_1 u_2)^2 (1+x_2 u_1 u_2)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{2(1+x_1)(1+x_2)},$$

we reduce Eq. (7.13) to the form

$$Y(\theta) = \frac{\gamma_b^2(\theta)}{2} \left[\int \frac{d^{d-1} \mathbf{r}_\perp}{r_0^{(d-1)}} \frac{\bar{f}_\perp\left(\frac{|\mathbf{r}_\perp|}{r_0}\right)}{1 + \bar{f}_\perp\left(\frac{|\mathbf{r}_\perp|}{r_0}\right) \mathcal{X}(\theta)} \right]^2, \quad (7.30)$$

where the function $\bar{f}_\perp(r_\perp/r_0)$ is given by Eq. (5.15b). The variable \mathcal{X} is defined as

$$\mathcal{X}(\theta) = -\mu_d \gamma_b(\theta) \ln[\max\{\theta, T/\varepsilon_0\}],$$

$$\mathcal{X}(T) \equiv \mathcal{X}(\theta=0) = \mu_d \gamma_b \ln\left(\frac{\varepsilon_0}{T}\right), \quad (7.31)$$

with the parameter μ_d given by Eq. (5.15b) and the cutoff energy defined as $\varepsilon_0 = \frac{v_F}{r_0} \approx \varepsilon_F$.

Equation (7.30) gives the most general form of the function $Y(\theta)$ for any function f . The asymptotics of the function

$Y(\theta)$ in the limit $X \ll 1$ can easily be written as

$$Y(\theta) = \gamma_b^2(\theta) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \mathcal{X}(\theta) r_0^{d-1} \int f^2(\mathbf{k}_\perp) \frac{d^{d-1} \mathbf{k}_\perp}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \right), \quad (7.32)$$

where the cutoff function $f(\mathbf{k})$ is given Eq. (2.13).

The first term in Eq. (7.32) is what has been used when deriving Eqs. (7.29). The second term leads to an additional logarithm in the T^d dependence of the specific heat in both two- and three-dimensional systems. Notice that the latter term depends on the form of the ultraviolet cutoff $f(\mathbf{k})$. As the function $f(\mathbf{k})$ has been introduced in our theory phenomenologically, the complete results depend on its form, which is a deficiency of our low-energy bosonization approach, where the bare coupling constants were introduced independently of the ultraviolet cutoff. At the same time, we will see that it gives at least a good qualitative description of the interesting temperature behavior and we will address the issue of the dependence of the coupling constants versus the cutoff function in the next subsection.

A simple expression for the specific heat for arbitrary \mathcal{X} can be obtained if we choose the function $\bar{f}_\perp(r_\perp/r_0)$, Eq. (5.15b), as

$$\bar{f}_\perp^d\left(\frac{r_\perp}{r_0}\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi^{d-2} r_0^{d-1}} \exp\left(-\frac{r_\perp}{r_0}\right). \quad (7.33)$$

The choice (7.33) in coordinate space corresponds to

$$f_{d=2}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{1 + \mathbf{k}^2 \cdot \mathbf{r}_0^2}, \quad f_{d=3}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{(1 + \mathbf{k}^2 \cdot \mathbf{r}_0^2)^{3/2}} \quad (7.34)$$

in momentum space.

Substituting Eq. (7.33) into Eq. (7.30) and performing the remaining integration, we obtain

$$Y_{d=2}(\theta) = \frac{\gamma_b^2 \{\ln[1 + \mathcal{X}(\theta)]\}^2}{2[\mathcal{X}(\theta)]^2},$$

$$Y_{d=3}(\theta) = \frac{\gamma_b^2 \{\text{Li}_2[-\mathcal{X}(\theta)]\}^2}{2[\mathcal{X}(\theta)]^2}, \quad (7.35)$$

where $\text{Li}_2(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^k/k^2$ is the polylogarithm function. Using Eq. (7.35) we can write the asymptotics of the function $Y(\theta)$ for $X \gg 1$ as

$$Y_{d=2}(\theta) \approx \frac{\gamma_b^2 \ln^2 \mathcal{X}}{2\mathcal{X}^2}, \quad Y_{d=3}(\theta) \approx \frac{\gamma_b^2 \ln^4 \mathcal{X}}{8\mathcal{X}^2}. \quad (7.36)$$

The asymptotic behavior \mathcal{X}^{-2} in Eq. (7.36) is not very sensitive to the form of the function $f(\mathbf{k})$, although the power of $\ln \mathcal{X}$ is not universal. On the other hand, a more accurate treatment of those double-logarithmic temperature dependences would be an overstepping of the accuracy of the one-loop approximation anyway.

The final formula for the specific heat δc per particle can be written with logarithmic accuracy as

$$\delta c_{d=2} = -\frac{3\zeta(3)T^2}{\pi\varepsilon_F^2} \left\{ [\gamma_b^\rho]^2 + \frac{3\gamma_b^2 \{\ln[1 + \mathcal{X}(T)]\}^2}{2[\mathcal{X}(T)]^2} \right\}, \quad (7.37a)$$

$$\delta c_{d=3} = -\frac{3\pi^4}{10} \left(\frac{T}{\varepsilon_F} \right)^3 \times \left\{ [\gamma_b^\rho]^2 \ln \frac{\varepsilon_F}{T} + \frac{3\gamma_b}{2\mu_3} \int_0^{\mathcal{X}(T)} \frac{dz}{z^2} [\text{Li}_2(-z)]^2 \right\}, \quad (7.37b)$$

where the variable $\mathcal{X}(T)$ is defined in Eq. (7.31). Equations (7.37) refine Eqs. (7.29) by including all the leading-logarithmic corrections originating from the interaction of the spin modes.

Equations (7.31), (7.32), (7.35), and (7.36) give the final results for different cases and demonstrate nontrivial logarithmic dependences on temperature. This behavior is more complicated than what one usually expects for the Fermi liquid picture. The unusual behavior is due to the interaction between the spin excitations. As concerns the charge excitations, they contribute in a more simple way and their contribution is completely expressible in terms of the Fermi liquid interaction function.

C. Role of the Cooper channel and choice of ultraviolet cutoff function

Strictly speaking, all the results we present here can be justified for $r_0 p_F \gg 1$, where r_0 has been introduced as the shortest length of our low-energy theory. However, we hope that they remain relevant for the initial model of the Fermi gas with a repulsion. The scale r_0 in this case has to be found from the explicit calculation of the logarithmic corrections in the original model of the interacting fermions rather than in the reduced model (2.10). Such a calculation will not be done in the present paper; however, we will try to outline the steps which should be performed, without claiming too much rigor.

It is well known¹² that the Fermi liquid functions experience the strong logarithmic renormalization for scattering directions close to backwards. (Such a logarithmically divergent term for the Fermi liquid function was obtained for the first time in Ref. 70.) This is because the Cooper channel (see Fig. 12) at such angles has a strong mixing with the electron-hole channel. If the logarithmic renormalization were present only in the Cooper channel, the result would read

$$\hat{\gamma}_c(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = \frac{\hat{\gamma}_0}{1 + \hat{\gamma}_0 \mathcal{L}}, \quad (7.38)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \ln \left[\frac{\varepsilon_F}{\max(|\omega|, v_F |\mathbf{Q}|)} \right];$$

i.e., one had a zero-charge situation provided the operator $\hat{\gamma}_0$ is positive definite. The needed function $\hat{\gamma}_c(\theta; Q, \omega)$ is defined as kernels of the operator $\hat{\gamma}_c$. Notice, however, that the

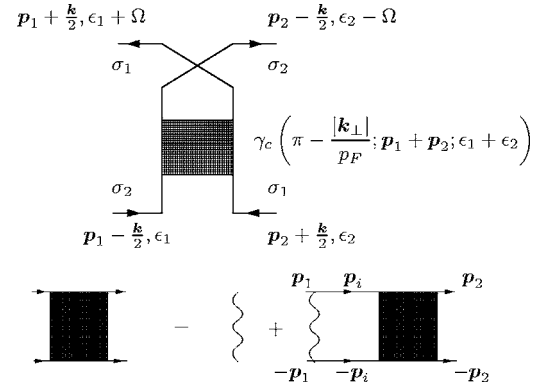


FIG. 12. Leading-logarithmic renormalization of the vertex γ_b . The integration over the intermediate momenta P_i has to exclude the region $|\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_{1,2}| \lesssim 1/r_0$ as the latter has already been included in the effective energy theory for the spin excitations; see also Figs. 2 and 3.

result depends on all of the angular harmonics of the bare interaction $\hat{\gamma}_0$.

There is a region in the phase space, however, where the Cooper channel and the triplet channel cannot be distinguished from each other (see also Figs. 2 and 3) and this is the region that was studied in previous sections. Even though the structure of the results (7.37) indicates that, indeed, the result can be factorized to the logarithmic renormalization of the backscattering amplitudes as was argued in Ref. 19, however, it does not mean that they coincide with the renormalization by the Cooper channel only.

Closing this section, we notice that the main contribution in the Kohn-Luttinger⁷¹ scenario of the superconducting instability also originates from the region of the phase space studied in our paper. As in this region the Cooper channel intervenes the particle-hole channel, the simple use of the second-order screened interaction in the Cooper channel⁷¹ does not appear to be justified.

D. Peculiarities for one-dimensional systems

The purpose of this subsection is to find the leading singular correction to the specific heat in the one-dimensional case and compare the result with the one obtained in Ref. 72 for the spin chain. The low-energy properties of the latter model are the same as for the spin dynamics for the interacting electrons.

We represent the temperature-dependent part of the desired correction as [cf. Eq. (7.4)]

$$\delta\Omega_3(T) = \sum_{l \neq 0} \int \frac{d\omega_2}{2\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{i l \omega_2}{T}\right) \times [\text{R}_a(\omega_2) + \text{R}_b(\omega_2) + \text{R}_c(\omega_2)]$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{l_1, l_2 \neq 0 \\ l_1 \neq l_2}} \int \int \frac{d\omega_1 d\omega_2}{(2\pi)^2} \times \exp\left(\frac{i l_1 \omega_1}{T} + \frac{i l_2 \omega_2}{T}\right) \text{R}_e(\omega_1, \omega_2), \quad (7.39)$$

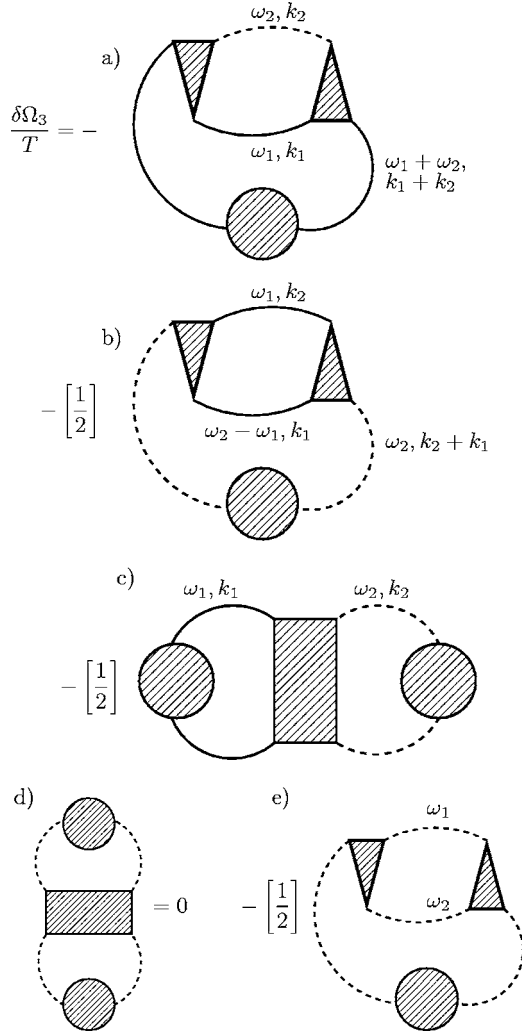


FIG. 13. Diagrams of the third order, $\delta\Omega_3(T) \propto \gamma_b^3$, giving the leading-logarithmic contribution in the one-dimensional case. The notation are introduced in Sec. V; see Figs. 4–9. The coefficients in brackets correspond to the number of symmetries of the diagram. The dotted line for the Green function means that the summation over the frequency of this line is performed with Eq. (7.4) replacing the summation (7.3). The solid line implies simple integration over frequency as at $T=0$. Diagram (d) does not contribute to the specific heat.

where the subscripts a , b , c , and e indicate the analytic expression for the corresponding diagrams of Fig. 13.

Summation over the matrix indices is performed using the formula analogous to Eq. (5.51) with the result

$$\mathcal{R}_{a,b} = -\frac{6}{\nu} \sum_{\sigma_{1,2}=\pm} Y^{\sigma_1\sigma_2} \mathcal{R}_{a,b,e}^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}(\omega_2),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_a^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}(\omega_2) &= 2 \lim_{\eta_1 \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\eta_2 \rightarrow \eta_1} \int \frac{d\omega_1}{2\pi} \int \frac{dk_1 dk_2}{(2\pi)^2} \\ &\times \cos(k_1 \eta_1 + k_2 \eta_2) \mathcal{R}^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}(\omega_1, \omega_2; k_{1,2}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_b^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}(\omega_2) &= \lim_{\eta_1 \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\eta_2 \rightarrow \eta_1} \int \frac{d\omega_1}{2\pi} \int \frac{dk_1 dk_2}{(2\pi)^2} \\ &\times \cos(k_1 \eta_1 + k_2 \eta_2) \mathcal{R}^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}(\omega_2 - \omega_1, \omega_1; k_{1,2}), \\ \mathcal{R}_c^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}(\omega_2) &= \lim_{\eta_1 \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\eta_2 \rightarrow \eta_1} \int \frac{dk_1 dk_2}{(2\pi)^2} \\ &\times \cos(k_1 \eta_1 + k_2 \eta_2) \mathcal{R}^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}(\omega_2 - \omega_1, \omega_1; k_{1,2}), \end{aligned} \quad (7.40)$$

where $Y^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}$ depends on the interaction constants only:

$$Y^{\sigma_1\sigma_2} = \int \int_0^1 (u_1 u_2)^2 du_1 du_2 [\Delta_3^{\sigma_1\sigma_2} \beta_3^{-\sigma_1} \beta_3^{-\sigma_2}]. \quad (7.41)$$

The most interesting factors $\mathcal{R}^{\sigma_1\sigma_2}(\omega_1, \omega_2; k_{1,2})$ are given by

$$\mathcal{R}^{++} = \frac{(i\omega_2 + k_2)(i\omega_1 - k_1)}{\mathcal{D}(\omega_{1,2}; k_{1,2})}, \quad (7.42a)$$

$$\mathcal{R}^{+-} = \frac{(i\omega_2 + k_2)[i(\omega_1 + \omega_2) - (k_2 + k_1)]}{\mathcal{D}(\omega_{1,2}; k_{1,2})}, \quad (7.42b)$$

$$\mathcal{R}^{-+} = \frac{[i(\omega_1 + \omega_2) + (k_2 + k_1)](i\omega_1 - k_1)}{\mathcal{D}(\omega_{1,2}; k_{1,2})}, \quad (7.42c)$$

$$\mathcal{R}^{--} = \frac{[i(\omega_1 + \omega_2) + (k_2 + k_1)][i(\omega_1 + \omega_2) - (k_2 + k_1)]}{\mathcal{D}(\omega_{1,2}; k_{1,2})},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\omega_{1,2}; k_{1,2}) &= (i\omega_1 + v_F k_1)(i\omega_2 - v_F k_2)[i(\omega_1 + \omega_2) - v_F(k_1 \\ &+ k_2)] \\ &\times [i(\omega_1 + \omega_2) + v_F(k_1 + k_2)]. \end{aligned} \quad (7.42d)$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_c &= \frac{12}{\nu} \int \int_0^1 du_1 du_2 (u_1 u_2)^2 \gamma_3 \Delta_3^{+-} \Delta_3^{-+} \\ &\times \lim_{\eta_1 \rightarrow 0} \lim_{\eta_2 \rightarrow \eta_1} \\ &\times \int \int \frac{dk_1 dk_2}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d\omega_1}{2\pi} \frac{\cos(k_1 \eta_1 - k_2 \eta_2)}{(i\omega_1 - v_F k_1)(i\omega_2 + v_F k_2)}, \end{aligned} \quad (7.43)$$

and all the other contributions \mathcal{R}_c either vanish or produce contributions independent of ω_2 .

As usual for the one-dimensional system with the linearized spectrum, the integrals (7.40), with the integrands (7.42), and Eq. (7.43) have the anomalous character: each term could be eliminated by the shifts of the momentum if such arbitrary shifts were allowed. That is why the chosen order of limits is very crucial for the complete definition of the action. In terms of the original model, it corresponds to the regularization of the singular terms $[\phi_L^\dagger(x)\phi_L(x)]\phi_R^\dagger(x)$ and $[\phi_L^\dagger(x)\phi_L(x)][\phi_R^\dagger(x)\phi_R(x)]$, etc., in the notation of Eq. (4.10), by shifting the coordinate of the left (right) movers by

$\eta_1 (-\eta_2)$. Such shifts eliminate all the divergent terms.

Calculating the integrals (7.40) we find

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{++} = \mathcal{R}_b^{++} = -\frac{|\omega_2|}{2\pi v_F^2}, \quad (7.44a)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_a^{--} = \mathcal{R}_b^{--} = -\frac{|\omega_2|}{4\pi v_F^2}, \quad (7.44b)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_e^{--} = -\frac{\text{sgn } \omega_1 \text{sgn } \omega_2}{4v_F^2}, \quad \mathcal{R}_e^{++} = 0, \quad (7.44c)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{a,b,e}^{+-} + \mathcal{R}_{a,b,e}^{-+} = \mathcal{R}_{a,b,e}^{++} + \mathcal{R}_{a,b,e}^{--}, \quad (7.44d)$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_c = \left(\frac{|\omega_2|}{4\pi v_F^2} \right) \frac{12}{\nu} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 du_1 du_2 (u_1 u_2)^2 \gamma_3 \Delta_3^{+-} \Delta_3^{+-}. \quad (7.44e)$$

Substituting Eqs. (7.44) into Eq. (7.39), using Eq. (7.9), the explicit form of the coupling constants, Eq. (6.6), $\mu_1=2$, $\nu=1/(\pi v_F)$, and the formula

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 du_1 du_2 (u_1 u_2)^2 \left[\frac{4}{(1+xu_1u_2)^5} - \frac{1}{(1+xu_1u_2)^4} \right] = \frac{1}{3(1+x)^3},$$

we find the leading-logarithmic contribution to the thermodynamic potential:

$$\delta\Omega_3(T) = -\frac{\pi T^2}{16v_F} \left[\frac{2\gamma_b}{1+2\gamma_b \ln \frac{\epsilon_F}{T}} \right]^3. \quad (7.45)$$

This correction agrees with the one previously obtained one for the spin chains [see Eq. (3.17) of Ref. 72], and we conclude that the supersymmetric low-energy theory developed in this paper reproduces all of the known physical results despite the fact that the intermediate degrees of freedom apparently differ from those for the conventional bosonization.

One can also prove by the explicit calculation that there is no contribution to the specific heat proportional to $\gamma_f \gamma_b^2$. The corresponding diagrams are shown in Fig. 14.

VIII. DISCUSSION

We have considered thermodynamics of an electron gas with a repulsion in arbitrary dimensions. In order to investigate low-lying excitations like spin or charge ones we developed a method of bosonization that allows us to replace the initial electron model by a model for low-lying excitations. Our approach is based on a method of quasiclassical Green functions and differs from earlier high-dimensional bosonization schemes.^{7,8,41-48} In contrast to the latter approaches we can consider not only charge excitations but also spin ones. This advantage is crucial because the spin

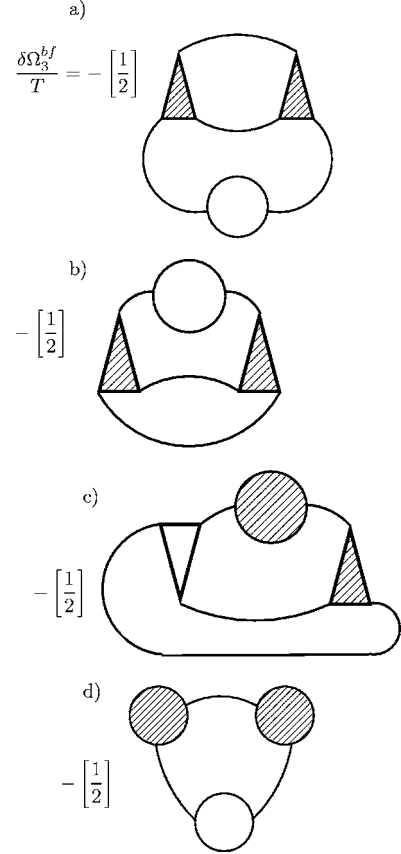


FIG. 14. Diagrams of the third order, $\delta\Omega_3^{bf}(T) \propto \gamma_b^2 \gamma_f$. Those diagrams do not contribute to the specific heat. Nonfilled vertices correspond to the physical forward-scattering amplitudes which are not renormalized. Diagram (b) vanishes due to the supersymmetry. Diagram (a) vanishes separately.

excitations are much more interesting than the charge ones. The importance of the spin excitations is seen from Eqs. (3.10a) and (3.10b). In contrast to the charge excitations, the spin ones interact with each other via the fluctuational magnetic field \mathbf{h} .

Studying the low-lying spin excitations we have discovered nontrivial logarithmic contributions to thermodynamic quantities originating from their interaction and succeeded in summing them using a renormalization group scheme. The logarithmic contributions come from momenta of the two excitations parallel or antiparallel to each other [forward (which does not contribute to the physical quantities studied in this paper) and backward scattering]. To some extent, the system manifests one-dimensional properties even if we work in two or three dimensions.

In principle, we could solve Eq. (3.10b) using a perturbation theory in the effective field \mathbf{h} . Then, substituting such a solution into Eq. (3.11) we would be able to calculate the thermodynamic quantities. However, this is not a completely safe scheme. The problem is that the linear operator acting on the variable \mathbf{S}_n in Eq. (3.10b) is not Hermitian because it contains linear derivatives in time and coordinates. It is well established^{59,73} that linear derivatives in the operators can lead to a new physics because the non-Hermitian operators may have complex eigenvalues. This problem can be

avoided by the process of the Hermitization,⁵⁹ and everything can be reformulated in terms of a field theory containing supervectors. This is why we developed a supersymmetric scheme and used it for the calculations. This gives also advantages because we can demonstrate the renormalizability of the theory, which is difficult using the perturbation theory.

The method we developed is applicable also for one-dimensional systems, and it exactly reproduced the known result for the logarithmic correction to the specific heat. It gave us a great deal of confidence in the correctness of our procedure. However, our main interest is the higher-dimensional systems and we do not intend to compete with the very well-developed methods in 1D.

Using the method of the renormalization group we calculated all relevant vertices of the theory, which allowed us to calculate the thermodynamic potential and the specific heat, Eqs. (7.37a) and (7.37b). In the lowest order one neglects the interaction between the spin excitations and obtains Eqs. (7.29a) and (7.29b), which have been obtained previously by conventional diagrammatic expansions (see the latest works in Refs. 19 and 29 and references therein). These corrections are already nonanalytic in T^2 , which was the main motivation for their previous study. We see from the results obtained here that the problem is even more interesting and the temperature behavior of the thermodynamic quantities in really nontrivial.

We derived the results in the weak-coupling limit, and the approximations we used are justified. Although we cannot apply the results in the strong-coupling limit, it is difficult to imagine that the nontrivial temperature dependence would not be relevant in that region. This can lead to complicated effects near quantum critical points.

The application of the RG scheme we developed has led us to a very unusual result; namely, the amplitude γ_1 describing the forward scattering of the spin excitations has a logarithmic pole, Eq. (6.8), and can diverge below a critical temperature. We emphasize that the appearance of this diverging vertex is a consequence of the Hermitization procedure we used for the derivation of the field theory and its existence cannot be noticed using conventional diagrammatic expansions.

Very often divergences of scattering amplitudes lead to a phase transition as, e.g., in the theory of superconductivity. At the same time, the logarithmic pole in the Kondo problem does not lead to any phase transition. The situation now is even more tricky because the forward-scattering amplitude does not enter the thermodynamic quantities in the perturbation theory and the RG scheme at all. Therefore, even if it diverges, this does not necessarily mean a phase transition because it may drop out from physical quantities. Clarifying this situation is the most challenging continuation of the present study.

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