

The Pressure in the Huang–Yang–Luttinger Model of an Interacting Boson Gas

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Abstract. This completes our study of the equilibrium thermodynamics of the Huang–Yang–Luttinger model of a boson gas with a hard-sphere repulsion. In an earlier paper we obtained a lower bound on the pressure, but our proof of an upper bound held only for a truncated version of the model. In this paper we establish an upper bound on the pressure in the full model; the upper and lower bounds coincide and provide a variational formula for the pressure. The proof relies on recent second-level large deviation results for the occupation measure of the free boson gas.

1. Introduction

Huang, Yang and Luttinger [1] introduced a model of a boson gas with a hard-sphere repulsion which may be described thus: let $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \dots$ be a sequence of regions in \mathbb{R}^d with V_l the volume of Λ_l , tending to infinity with l ; with each region Λ_l , we associate the sequence $\varepsilon_l(1) \leq \varepsilon_l(2) \leq \dots$ of ordered real numbers interpreting $\varepsilon_l(j)$ as the j^{th} eigenvalue of the single-particle Hamiltonian of the non-interacting system in the region Λ_l , so that the free-gas Hamiltonian H_l^0 is given by

$$H_l^0 = \sum_{j \geq 1} \varepsilon_l(j) n_l(j), \tag{1.1}$$

where $n_l(j)$ is the occupation number of the j^{th} level; then the Huang–Yang–Luttinger model is described by the Hamiltonian

$$H_1^{\text{HYL}} = H_1^0 + \frac{a}{2V_1} \left\{ 2N_1^2 - \sum_{j \geq 1} n_1(j)^2 \right\}, \tag{1.2}$$

where $N_l = \sum_{j \geq 1} n_l(j)$ is the total number of particles and $a > 0$. The physics of this model was discussed by Huang, Yang and Luttinger [1] and by Thouless [2] and reviewed in our recent paper [3]; we do not repeat the discussion here, except to recall that in [1] the authors argued that the condensate, if any, would occupy