

THE PROBLEM OF THE “CHARGE” $Q^{(4)} = \text{div } \mathbf{v}_s$ FOR SUPERFLUID VELOCITY IN CASE OF BOSE SYSTEMS

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The relation $\text{div } \mathbf{v}_s(t, \mathbf{r}) = Q^{(4)}(t, \mathbf{r}) \rightarrow -Q^{(4)}(-t, \mathbf{r})$ is considered for superfluid helium 4 and weakly interacting Bose gas. In respect to the latter it was shown that $Q^{(4)}$ is expressed in terms of the phase χ . It characterizes the order parameter $\langle \psi \rangle = \sqrt{\rho_c} e^{i\chi}$ as a consequence of the broken gauge symmetry. So, similarly to the Josephson effect the phase has here significance.

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In [1–3] it has been shown that for superfluid helium 3 ($^3\text{He-A}$, $^3\text{He-B}$) it is necessary to introduce the notion of the magnetic type “charge” $Q^{(3)}(t, \mathbf{r})$. Namely, the normalization condition $A_{ij}A_{ij}^* = 1$ for the matrix order parameter A_{ij} leads to the relation $\dot{A}_{ij}A_{ij}^* + A_{ij}\dot{A}_{ij}^* = 0$ where \dot{A}_{ij} denotes the equation of motion. The presented relation is equivalent to the condition of the form $\text{div } \mathbf{v}_s(t, \mathbf{r}) = Q^{(3)}(t, \mathbf{r})$ where \mathbf{v}_s denotes superfluid velocity. In $^3\text{He-A}$ the gauge symmetry and the rotation symmetry in the spin space and the orbital space are broken. The “charge” Q seems to occur because of the breaking of the rotation symmetry in the spin space (see also [4]).

Now we are interested in examining this problem in the case of superfluid helium 4. For the superfluid Bose system

$$\langle \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle \neq 0 \quad (1)$$

where ψ is a Bose field operator and $\langle \dots \rangle$ denotes averaging with the density matrix. Formula (1) which is a manifestation of the breaking of the gauge symmetry in

superfluid ^4He ($\langle \chi \rangle$ plays a role of the parameter).

Because of the breaking of the gauge symmetry a new hydrodynamical parameter, superfluid velocity \mathbf{v}_s , should be introduced to the description of our system.

According to [5] we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle &= \sqrt{\rho_c(t, \mathbf{r})} e^{i\chi(t, \mathbf{r})}, \\ \langle \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle \langle \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle &= \rho_c(t, \mathbf{r}). \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

We see that $\langle \psi \rangle$ vanishes if the density of the condensate ρ_c vanishes i.e. $\sqrt{\rho_c}$ can be treated as the order parameter. The hydrodynamic variable \mathbf{v}_s is defined

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_s(t, \mathbf{r}) &\equiv \frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla \chi(t, \mathbf{r}) \\ \rightarrow -\mathbf{v}_s(-t, \mathbf{r}) &= -\frac{\hbar}{m} \nabla \chi(-t, \mathbf{r}). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The considered superfluid Bose system is described with the help of the Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H} &= \frac{1}{2m} \int \nabla \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}) \nabla \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} - \lambda \int \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}) \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int \int V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}) \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}') \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) \psi(t, \mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}'. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

We omitted here the additional term introduced in [5] in order to underline the breaking of the gauge invariance. For the order parameter $\psi(t, \mathbf{r})$ we have the following equation of motion

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(t, \mathbf{r})}{\partial t} = [\psi(t, \mathbf{r}), \hat{H}] = -\lambda \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) - \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) + \int d\mathbf{r}' V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \hat{\rho}(t, \mathbf{r}') \psi(t, \mathbf{r}). \quad (5)$$

After averaging (5) and taking into account (2), (3) we have

$$\hbar \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} = \lambda + \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2 \sqrt{\rho_c}}{2m\sqrt{\rho_c}} - \frac{m\mathbf{v}_s^2}{2} - \frac{1}{\rho_c} \int V \mathbf{R} \operatorname{Re} X_t(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{R}) d\mathbf{R}, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_c}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div}(\rho_c \mathbf{v}_s) = -2 \int V \mathbf{R} \operatorname{Im} X_t(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{R}) d\mathbf{R}, \quad (7)$$

$$X_t(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}) = X_t(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) = \langle \hat{\rho}(t, \mathbf{r}') \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle \langle \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}') \rangle, \quad (8)$$

$$(\rho_c)_{eq} = \rho_0, \quad \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}.$$

Near the equilibrium $\rho_c \simeq \rho_0$, we get the following relation which is of interest to us

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_s(t, \mathbf{r}) = -\frac{2}{\rho_0} \int V(\mathbf{R}) \operatorname{Im} X_t(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}) d\mathbf{R} = Q^{(4)}(t, \mathbf{r}) \rightarrow Q^{(4)}(-t, \mathbf{r}). \quad (9)$$

In the absence of correlations, as in the mean-field approach, the expected value in (8) can be decoupled and

$$\operatorname{Im} X_t = \operatorname{Im} \langle \hat{\rho}(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle \langle \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle \langle \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle = \operatorname{Im} \langle \hat{\rho}(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle \rho_c = 0. \quad (10)$$

Thus $Q^{(4)} = 0$ because $\langle \hat{\rho}(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle$ is real.

Now we will try to get expression for $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_s$ for a simple model of weakly interacting Bose systems. They are described by the Hamiltonian (6) (λ -fixed ensemble)

$$\hat{H} = \frac{U_0 b_0^+ b_0}{2V} + \sum_{p \neq 0} \left(\frac{\hbar^2 p^2}{2m} - \lambda \right) b_p^+ b_p + \frac{U_0}{2V} \sum_{p \neq 0} [b_0^2 b_{-p}^+ b_p^+ + b_0^{+2} b_p b_{-p} + b_0^+ b_0 b_p^+ b_p]. \quad (11)$$

The Hamiltonian (11) leads to the following equations of motion

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{\partial b_k(t)}{\partial t} &= \left(\frac{\hbar^2 p^2}{2m} - \lambda \right) b_k(t) + \frac{U_0 \rho_0}{V} [b_{-k}^+(t) + 2b_k(t)], \\ -i\hbar \frac{\partial b_k^+(t)}{\partial t} &= \left(\frac{\hbar^2 p^2}{2m} - \lambda \right) b_{-k}^+(t) + \frac{U_0 \rho_0}{V} [2b_{-k}^+(t) + b_k(t)]. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

In addition

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{\partial b_0(t)}{\partial t} &= (U_0 \rho_0 - \lambda) b_0(t) \\ &= -\lambda b_0 + U_0 \rho_0 (2b_0 + b_0^+) - U_0 \rho_0 (b_0 + b_0^+), \\ -i\hbar \frac{\partial b_0^+(t)}{\partial t} &= (U_0 \rho_0 - \lambda) b_0^+(t) \\ &= -\lambda b_0^+ + U_0 \rho_0 (2b_0^+ + b_0) - U_0 \rho_0 (b_0 + b_0^+), \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Eqs. (12), (13) give

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(t, \mathbf{r})}{\partial t} &= -\lambda \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) \\ &+ U_0 \rho_0 [2\psi(t, \mathbf{r}) + \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r})] - 2U_0 \rho_0 \sqrt{\rho_0}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r})}{\partial t} &= -\lambda \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}) \\ &- U_0 \rho_0 [2\psi^+(t, \mathbf{r}) + \psi(t, \mathbf{r})] + 2U_0 \rho_0 \sqrt{\rho_0}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

From formula (2) we find

$$\begin{aligned} i\hbar \frac{\partial \langle \psi \rangle}{\partial t} &= e^{i\chi} \left[\frac{i\hbar}{2\sqrt{\rho_c}} \frac{\partial \rho_c}{\partial t} - \hbar \sqrt{\rho_c} \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial r} \right], \\ i\hbar \frac{\partial \langle \psi^+ \rangle}{\partial t} &= e^{-i\chi} \left[\frac{i\hbar}{2\sqrt{\rho_c}} \frac{\partial \rho_c}{\partial t} + \hbar \sqrt{\rho_c} \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial r} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

On the basis of eqs. (15) we can derive the equation analogous to (7). Namely

$$\frac{\partial \rho_c}{\partial t} = -i \frac{\rho_c}{\hbar} \left[e^{i\chi} i\hbar \frac{\partial \langle \psi^+ \rangle}{\partial t} + e^{i\chi} i\hbar \frac{\partial \langle \psi \rangle}{\partial t} \right]. \quad (16)$$

Now we average eqs. (14) and substitute (16). We have

$$\frac{\partial \rho_c}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho_c \mathbf{v}_s) = -\frac{U_0 \rho_c \sqrt{\rho_c}}{\hbar} \times \sin \chi(\sqrt{\rho_c} \cos \chi - \sqrt{\rho_c}). \quad (17)$$

Near the equilibrium $\rho_c \sim \text{const}$. We have

$$\text{div} \mathbf{v}_s(t, \mathbf{r}) = -\frac{4U_0 \rho_0}{\hbar \sqrt{\rho_c}} \times \sin \chi(\sqrt{\rho_c} \cos \chi - \sqrt{\rho_c}) = Q^{(4)}(t, \mathbf{r}). \quad (18)$$

We see that in the expression for $Q^{(4)}(t, \mathbf{r})$ the phase plays an important role similarly as it happens at the consideration of the Josephson effect. The existence of the phase is a consequence of the gauge symmetry breaking. In the case of $^3\text{He-A}$ more important is the breaking of the rotation symmetry in the spin space.

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ПРОБЛЕМА "ЗАРЯДУ" $Q^{(4)} = \text{div } \mathbf{v}_s$ ДЛЯ НАДПЛИННОЇ ШВИДКОСТІ У ВИПАДКУ БОЗЕ СИСТЕМ

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Розглядається співвідношення $\text{div } \mathbf{v}_s(t, \mathbf{r}) = Q^{(4)}(t, \mathbf{r}) \rightarrow -Q^{(4)}(-t, \mathbf{r})$ для надплинної гелію 4 і слабо взаємодіючого Бозе газу. Для останнього випадку показано, що $Q^{(4)}$ виражається через фазу χ . Вона характеризує параметр порядку $\langle \psi \rangle = \sqrt{\rho_c} e^{i\chi}$ в результаті порушення калібрувальної симетрії. Отже, подібно до ефекту Джозефсона фаза відіграє тут важливу роль.