

**FÍSICA da MATÉRIA CONDENSADA**  
Mestrado em Engenharia Física Tecnológica  
Série 4b

1. In the usual treatment of the BCS equations, one usually solves the equation

$$E_k^2 = (\epsilon_k - \mu)^2 + |\Delta_k|^2$$

for  $E_k = +|\sqrt{(\epsilon_k - \mu)^2 + |\Delta_k|^2}|$ . However, there is also another solution for  $E_k = -|\sqrt{(\epsilon_k - \mu)^2 + |\Delta_k|^2}|$ .

Study this solution and interpret it physically, checking what happens, if we change the sign of  $E_k$ , to the usual BCS equations:

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \prod_k (u_k + v_k c_k^\dagger c_{-k}^\dagger) |0\rangle$$

$$\gamma_k = u_k c_k - v_k c_{-k}^\dagger$$

$$\gamma_{-k} = u_k c_{-k} + v_k c_k^\dagger$$

$$\gamma_k |\psi_0\rangle = 0$$

$$\gamma_{-k} |\psi_0\rangle = 0$$

$$\Delta_k = 2E_k u_k^* v_k \quad E_k = \sqrt{(\epsilon_k - \mu)^2 + |\Delta_k|^2}$$

$$|u_k|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon_k - \mu}{E_k} \right) \quad |v_k|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon_k - \mu}{E_k} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle c_k^\dagger c_k \rangle &= |u_k|^2 f(E_k) + |v_k|^2 (1 - f(E_k)) \quad T \geq 0^\circ \\ &= |v_k|^2 = \langle \psi_0 | c_k^\dagger c_k | \psi_0 \rangle \quad T = 0^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta_k = - \sum_{k'} V_{kk'} \langle c_{-k'} c_{k'} \rangle = - \sum_{k'} V_{kk'} \frac{\Delta_{k'}}{2E_{k'}} \tanh\left(\frac{\beta E_{k'}}{2}\right)$$

$$f(E_k) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta E_k} + 1}$$

where the simplified notation  $k = \{\vec{k} \uparrow\}$  and  $-k = \{-\vec{k} \downarrow\}$  was used.