On the Average-Field Functional for Anyons

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Numerical simulations: $|u_{\beta}^{af}|^2$ (square trap with Dirichlet b.c.) for $\beta = 10, 30, 120$.

- In the homogeneous case, $|u_{\beta}^{\text{af}}|^2$ can be constant only in a very weak sense (say in L^p , $p < \infty$ not too large);
- The phase of u_{β}^{af} contains vortices (with $\# \sim \beta$) almost uniformly distributed with average distance $\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}$ (Abrikosov lattice?), in order to compensate the huge magnetic field.

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Main Results – Homogeneous Gas

Sketch of the Proof (I)



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• Let $V(\mathbf{x})$ be a smooth homogenous potential of degree $s \ge 1$, i.e.,
 $V(\lambda \mathbf{x}) = \lambda^s V(\mathbf{x}), \qquad V \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^2),$
and such that $\min_{|\mathbf{x}| \ge R} V(\mathbf{x}) \xrightarrow[R \to \infty]{} + \infty$ (trapping potential).
• We consider the minimization problem for $\beta \gg 1$
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with $\mathscr{D}[\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{af}}] = H^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \cap \{V|u|^2 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)\}$ and u_{β}^{af} any minimizer.
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TF APPROXIMATION



TF FUNCTIONAL

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LOCAL DENSITY APPROXIMATION (I)



THEOREM (TF APPROX. [MC, LUNDHOLM, ROUGERIE '16]) Under the hypothesis on V and for any R > 0

$$\lim_{\beta \to \infty} \frac{E_{\beta}^{\mathrm{af}}}{\beta^{\frac{s}{s+2}} E_{1}^{\mathrm{TF}}} = 1, \qquad \beta^{\frac{2}{s+2}} \left| u_{\beta}^{\mathrm{af}} \right|^{2} \left(\beta^{\frac{1}{s+2}} \mathbf{x} \right) \xrightarrow{\left(C_{0}^{0,1}(\mathcal{B}_{R}) \right)^{*}}{\beta \to \infty} \rho_{1}^{\mathrm{TF}}(\mathbf{x})$$

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Theoretical (red) and numerical (blue) density profiles for $V(\mathbf{x}) = |\mathbf{x}|^2$, $\beta = 90$ (left) and $V(\mathbf{x}) = |\mathbf{x}|^4$, $\beta = 140$ (right).

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- We conjecture that ρ_{β}^{af} is well approximated in weak sense by a constant on any scale smaller than 1 up to $1/\sqrt{\beta}$;
- Analogous result for trapped anyons...

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THEOREM (LDA [MC, LUNDHOLM, ROUGERIE '16]) In the homogeneous case, for any $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \Omega^\circ$ and any R > 0,

$$\left|u_{\beta,\mathrm{N/D}}^{\mathrm{af}}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}+\beta^{-\eta}\cdot\right)\right| \xrightarrow[\beta \to +\infty]{(C_{0}^{0,1}(\mathcal{B}_{R}))^{*}} |\Omega|^{-1/2}, \qquad \textit{for any } 0 < \eta < \tfrac{1}{14}.$$

- We conjecture that ρ_{β}^{af} is well approximated in weak sense by a constant on any scale smaller than 1 up to $1/\sqrt{\beta}$;
- Analogous result for trapped anyons...

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