

2. (a) One particle state corresponding to  $F(\vec{k})$

$$|f\rangle = A \sum_{\vec{k}} |\vec{k}\rangle \tilde{F}(\vec{k})$$

To make this normalized we need

$$1 = \langle f|f\rangle = |A|^2 \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{l}} \tilde{F}(\vec{k})^* \langle \vec{k}|\vec{l}\rangle \tilde{F}(\vec{l})$$

$$= |A|^2 \sum_{\vec{k}} e^{-2(\vec{k}-\vec{l})^2/\Delta^2}$$

$$= |A|^2 \int \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{k}}} e^{-2(\vec{k}-\vec{l})^2/\Delta^2}$$

We'll choose

$$C = \left[ \int \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{k}}} e^{-2(\vec{k}-\vec{l})^2/\Delta^2} \right]^{-1/2}$$

so that we can set  $A=1$ . Then a normalized one-particle state is

$$|f\rangle = \sum_{\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger |0\rangle \tilde{F}(\vec{k})$$

(b) Similarly set

$$D = \left[ \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3 2E_k} e^{-2(\vec{k}-\vec{k}_0)^2/\Delta^2} \right]^{-1/2}$$

so that  $|g\rangle = \sum_{\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger |0\rangle \tilde{g}(\vec{k})$  is normalized.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f|g\rangle &= \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{k}'} \tilde{f}(\vec{k})^* \langle \vec{k}|\vec{k}'\rangle \tilde{g}(\vec{k}') \\ &= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3 2E_k} C D e^{-\frac{(\vec{k}-\vec{k}_1)^2}{\Delta^2}} e^{-\frac{(\vec{k}-\vec{k}_0)^2}{\Delta^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{f}(\vec{k})$  is peaked when  $\vec{k}$  is within  $\Delta$  of  $\vec{k}_1$ , & then  $g$  is small, since  $|\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_0| \gg \Delta$ . Similarly  $\tilde{f}$  is small at the peak of  $\tilde{g}$ . Hence the integral is small and  $|f\rangle$  &  $|g\rangle$  are almost non-overlapping.

Hence a one-particle state with 10% probability of being in state  $|f\rangle$  and 90% in  $|g\rangle$  is (to a good accuracy

$$\sqrt{1/10} |f\rangle + \sqrt{9/10} |g\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \sum_{\vec{k}} a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger |0\rangle \left[ \tilde{f}(\vec{k}) + 3\tilde{g}(\vec{k}) \right]$$

(c) Let a 2 particle state be

$$|fg\rangle = \alpha \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{l}} a_{\vec{k}}^+ a_{\vec{l}}^+ |0\rangle \tilde{f}(\vec{k}) \tilde{g}(\vec{l})$$

To normalize it

$$1 = \langle fg | fg \rangle = |\alpha|^2 \sum_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2, \vec{l}_1, \vec{l}_2} \tilde{f}(\vec{k}_1)^* \tilde{g}(\vec{l}_1)^* \tilde{f}(\vec{k}_2) \tilde{g}(\vec{l}_2) \langle 0 | a_{\vec{l}_1, \vec{k}_1} a_{\vec{k}_2, \vec{l}_2}^+ a_{\vec{k}_2}^+ a_{\vec{l}_1}^+ | 0 \rangle$$

In the matrix element commute the  $a_{\vec{k}_1}$  &  $a_{\vec{l}_2}$  to the right to get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | a_{\vec{l}_1, \vec{k}_1} a_{\vec{k}_2, \vec{l}_2}^+ a_{\vec{k}_2}^+ a_{\vec{l}_1}^+ | 0 \rangle &= \langle 0 | a_{\vec{l}_1} a_{\vec{k}_2}^+ a_{\vec{k}_1}^+ a_{\vec{l}_2}^+ | 0 \rangle + \delta_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2} \langle 0 | a_{\vec{l}_1} a_{\vec{l}_2}^+ | 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0 | a_{\vec{l}_1} a_{\vec{k}_2}^+ a_{\vec{l}_2}^+ a_{\vec{k}_1}^+ | 0 \rangle + \delta_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2} \langle 0 | a_{\vec{l}_1} a_{\vec{l}_2}^+ | 0 \rangle \\ &\quad + \delta_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2} [\delta_{\vec{l}_1, \vec{l}_2} + \langle 0 | a_{\vec{l}_2}^+ a_{\vec{l}_1} | 0 \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0 + \delta_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2} [\langle 0 | a_{\vec{k}_2}^+ a_{\vec{l}_1} | 0 \rangle + \delta_{\vec{l}_2, \vec{l}_1}] + \delta_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2} \delta_{\vec{l}_1, \vec{l}_2} \\ &= \delta_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2} \delta_{\vec{l}_2, \vec{l}_1} + \delta_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2} \delta_{\vec{l}_1, \vec{l}_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= |\alpha|^2 \sum_{\vec{l}_1, \vec{l}_2} [\tilde{f}(\vec{l}_2)^* \tilde{g}(\vec{l}_1)^* \tilde{f}(\vec{l}_1) \tilde{g}(\vec{l}_2) + \tilde{f}(\vec{l}_2)^* \tilde{g}(\vec{l}_1)^* \tilde{f}(\vec{l}_2) \tilde{g}(\vec{l}_1)] \\ &= |\alpha|^2 [|\langle f | g \rangle|^2 + \langle f | f \rangle \langle g | g \rangle] \\ &\approx |\alpha|^2 \end{aligned}$$

we can set  $\alpha = 1$  to give  $|fg\rangle = \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{l}} a_{\vec{k}}^+ a_{\vec{l}}^+ |0\rangle \tilde{f}(\vec{k}) \tilde{g}(\vec{l})$ .

(d) Let

$$|ff\rangle = \beta \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{l}} a_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{l}}^{\dagger} |0\rangle \tilde{f}(\vec{k}) \tilde{f}(\vec{l})$$

$$1 = \langle ff|ff\rangle = |\beta|^2 \sum_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{l}_1, \vec{k}_2, \vec{l}_2} \tilde{f}(\vec{k}_1) \tilde{f}(\vec{l}_1) \tilde{f}(\vec{k}_2) \tilde{f}(\vec{l}_2) \times$$

$$= |\beta|^2 \sum_{\vec{k}_1, \vec{l}_1} \left[ \tilde{f}(\vec{k}_1) \tilde{f}(\vec{l}_1) \tilde{f}(\vec{k}_1) \tilde{f}(\vec{l}_1) + \tilde{f}(\vec{k}_1) \tilde{f}(\vec{l}_1) \tilde{f}(\vec{l}_1) \tilde{f}(\vec{k}_1) \right] \times \langle 0|a_{\vec{k}_1} a_{\vec{l}_1} a_{\vec{k}_1}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{l}_1}^{\dagger}|0\rangle$$

$$= |\beta|^2 \times \langle ff|ff\rangle^2$$

$$= 2|\beta|^4$$

∴ choose  $\beta = 1/\sqrt{2}$  to get

$$|ff\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{l}} a_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger} a_{\vec{l}}^{\dagger} |0\rangle \tilde{f}(\vec{k}) \tilde{f}(\vec{l})$$

(e) All the conditions can be met if C & D are multiplied by (possibly different) phases, i.e. by replacing C by  $Ce^{i\phi}$  & D by  $De^{i\delta}$ , where  $\phi$  &  $\delta$  are any real numbers. This gives an overall phase arbitrariness in all parts and an arbitrary relative phase between the 2 components in (a).

Not essential to solution

3.6.5

Approximate normalization factor if  $\Delta$  small

$$1 = |C|^2 \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3 2E_k} e^{-\frac{(\vec{k}-\vec{k}_1)^2}{2\Delta^2}}$$

$$\approx \frac{|C|^2}{16\pi^3 E_{k_1}} \int d^3k e^{-\frac{(\vec{k}-\vec{k}_1)^2}{2\Delta^2}}$$

where the variation of  $E_k$  with  $k$  is neglected

$$= \frac{|C|^2}{16\pi^3 E_{k_1}} \int d^3k e^{-\vec{k}^2/2\Delta^2}$$

$$= \frac{|C|^2}{16\pi^3 E_{k_1}} \left( \frac{\pi \Delta^2}{2} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$|C| = \frac{4 (2\pi)^{3/2} E_{k_1}}{\Delta^{3/2}}$$