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**Two-body and Three-body Contacts for Identical Bosons near
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recent experiment with ultracold trapped ^{85}Rb atoms, Makotyn et al. have studied
a quantum-degenerate Bose gas in the unitary limit where its scattering length is
infinitely large. We show that the observed momentum distributions are compatible
with a universal relation that expresses the high-momentum tail in terms of the
2-body contact C_2 and the 3-body contact C_3 . We determine the contact densities
for the unitary Bose gas with number density n to be $C_2 \approx 20 n^{4/3}$ and $C_3 \approx 2 n^{5/3}$.
We also show that the observed atom loss rate is compatible with that from 3-atom
inelastic collisions, which gives a contribution proportional to C_3 , but the loss rate is
not compatible with that from 2-atom inelastic collisions, which gives a contribution
proportional to C_2 . We point out that the contacts C_2 and C_3 could be measured
independently by using the virial theorem near and at unitarity, respectively.

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