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A study of momentum entanglement and negativity in Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer states at finite temperature CHUN KIT CHUNG, CHI KWONG LAW, Department of Physics and Institute of Theoretical Physics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, Hong Kong SAR, China — We study the momentum entanglement between the spin-up and spin- down particles of the homogeneous Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS) state at finite temperature. To achieve this, we construct from the BCS state the partial transposition $\rho_2^{T_A}$ of the two particle density matrix in momentum space. The structure of $\rho_2^{T_A}$ and its corresponding negativity \mathcal{N}_2 are examined. We show that $\rho_2^{T_A}$ consists of infinitely many decoupled 2×2 submatrices, and momentum entanglement coexists with the pairing order parameter Δ . It is found that pairs with momenta slightly above a surface related to the Fermi energy contribute this entanglement most significantly. We propose an entanglement witness operator as a measurable quantity to detect momentum entanglement in BCS states.

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