

Microscopic theory of soliton propagation in a mixture of two boson fluid films

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Abstract. A microscopic theory of soliton propagation in a mixture of two boson fluids at $T = 0^\circ\text{K}$ has been provided.

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Introduction

In a recent paper Warke and the author gave a microscopic theory of soliton propagation in a film of liquid ^4He . In this paper we give a microscopic theory of soliton propagation in a film of a mixture of two boson fluids. Such a mixture can be visualized as a mixture of superfluid ^3He and liquid ^4He . We can also think of a mixture of liquid ^6He and liquid ^4He .

The Hamiltonian is

$$H = \sum \frac{P_i^2}{2M} + \sum \frac{P_i^2}{2m} + \sum u(r_i - r_j) + \sum V(r_i - r_j) + \sum_{i,j} W(r_i - r_j) + \sum u_1(r_i) + \sum u_2(r_j), \quad (1)$$

where $u(r_i - r_j)$ is the interaction between the particles of system (1) and $V(r_i - r_j)$ is the interaction between particles of system (2), $W(r_i - r_j)$ is the interaction between particles of system (1) and system (2), $u_1(r_i)$ and $u_2(r_j)$ are the Van der Waal's interaction for the system (1) and system (2) particles respectively.

The action is

$$L = \int \left\langle \psi \left| i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - H \right| \psi \right\rangle dt. \quad (2)$$

We use the Hartree-Fock decomposition of the wave function and write

$$\psi = \prod_{i=1}^{N_1} \phi_1(r_i, t) \prod_{j=1}^{N_2} \phi_2(r'_j, t). \quad (3)$$

We put

$$\phi_1(r_j, t) = [\rho_{01} \mathbb{D}(z_j - \eta)]^{1/2} \exp[i\theta(\eta_j, t)], \quad (4)$$

$$\phi_2(r'_j, t) = [\rho_{02} \mathbb{D}(z_j - \eta)]^{1/2} \exp[i\theta(\eta_j, t)], \quad (5)$$

where $\Theta(x)$ is the Heaviside theta function (since $z_j \leq \eta$ the surface height).

The action is composed of

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &= \int dt dx dz [\rho_{01} \Theta(z_i - \eta)]^{1/2} \exp(-i\theta_i) [\rho_{02} \Theta(z'_j - \eta)]^{1/2} \exp(-i\theta_j) \\
 &\quad i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [\rho_{01} \Theta(z_i - \eta)]^{1/2} [\rho_{02} \Theta(z'_j - \eta)]^{1/2} \exp(i\theta_i) \exp(-i\theta_j) \\
 &= \int dt dx dz \rho_{01} \frac{1}{2} i\hbar \delta(z_i - \eta) (-\partial/\partial t) \\
 &\quad + \int dt dx dz \rho_{02} i\hbar \frac{1}{2} \delta(z_j - \eta) (-\partial/\partial t) \\
 &\quad - \int dt dx dz \hbar \rho_{01} \Theta(z_i - \eta) (\partial\theta_i/\partial t) - \int dt dx dz \rho_{02} \Theta \\
 &\quad (z_j - \eta) (\partial\theta_j/\partial t) \\
 &= \int dt dx \rho_{01} i\hbar (-\partial\eta/\partial t) + \int dt dx \rho_{02} \frac{1}{2} i\hbar (-\partial\eta/\partial t) - \int dt dx \hbar \rho_{01} \\
 &\quad \times \int_0^\eta \frac{\partial\theta_1}{\partial t} dz - \int dt dx \hbar \rho_{02} \int_0^\eta \frac{\partial\theta_2}{\partial t} dz. \tag{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that the total number of particles in the system is conserved we derive,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \frac{\partial\eta}{\partial t} dx &= 0, \\
 I_2 &= \int dt dx \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \rho_{01} \left[\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\hbar_0} \left(-\frac{\partial\eta}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\partial^2\eta}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} i \left(-\frac{\partial\eta}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial\theta_1}{\partial x} \Big|_{z=\eta} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \int_0^\eta \left(\frac{\partial\theta_1}{\partial x} \right)^2 dz + i \int_0^\eta \frac{\partial^2\theta_1}{\partial x^2} dz \right] + \int dt dx \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \rho_{02} \left[\frac{1}{4} \left(-\frac{\partial\eta}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\partial^2\eta}{\partial x^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} i \left(-\frac{\partial\eta}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial\theta_2}{\partial x} \Big|_{z=\eta} - \int_0^\eta \left(\frac{\partial\theta_2}{\partial x} \right)^2 dz + i \int_0^\eta \frac{\partial^2\theta_2}{\partial x^2} dz \right] \\
 &\quad - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_\eta dt dx \rho_{01} \left[\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\hbar_0} + i \frac{\partial\theta_1}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=\eta} - \int_0^\eta \left(\frac{\partial\theta_1}{\partial z} \right)^2 dz \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + i \int_0^\eta \frac{\partial^2\theta_1}{\partial z^2} dz \right] - \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \int dt dx \rho_{02} \left[\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\hbar_0} + i \frac{\partial\theta_2}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=\eta} - \int_0^\eta \left(\frac{\partial\theta_2}{\partial z} \right)^2 dz \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + i \int_0^\eta \frac{\partial^2\theta_2}{\partial z^2} dz \right] - \int dt dx' dy dy' dx \int_0^\eta \int_0^{\eta'} u(|r-r'|) dz dz' \\
 &\quad + \int dt dx dy \int_0^\eta W_1(r) dz - \int dt dx dy \int_0^\eta W_2(r) dz. \tag{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

We scale all lengths with respect to the length l which is the extent in the x -direction ($\eta \ll l$). The action L then comes out to be

$$\begin{aligned}
 L = & - \int dt d\bar{x} \hbar \rho_{01} l \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial t} d\bar{z} - \int dt d\bar{x} \hbar \rho_{02} l \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial t} d\bar{z} \\
 & - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int dt d\bar{x} \rho_{01} \left[\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{h_0} \left(-\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(-l \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} i \left(-\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \frac{1}{l} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{x}} \Big|_{\bar{z}=\bar{\eta}} \right) \right] \\
 & - \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \left(\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{x}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{l} d\bar{z} + i \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \bar{x}^2} \frac{1}{l} d\bar{z} \Big] - \frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \int dt d\bar{x} \rho_{01} \left[\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{h_0} \left(-\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right)^2 \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \left(-l \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} i \left(-\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \frac{1}{l} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \bar{x}} \Big|_{\bar{z}=\bar{\eta}} \right) - \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \left(\frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \bar{x}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{l} d\bar{z} \\
 & + i \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \bar{x}^2} \frac{1}{l} d\bar{z} \Big] - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int dt dx \rho_{01} \left[\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{h_0} + i \frac{1}{l} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{z}} - \frac{1}{l} \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \left(\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{z}} \right)^2 d\bar{z} \right. \\
 & + i \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \frac{1}{l} \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \bar{z}^2} d\bar{z} \Big] - \int dt d\bar{x}' d\bar{y} d\bar{y}' d\bar{x} \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} u(|r-r'|) d\bar{z} d\bar{z}' \\
 & - \int dt d\bar{x}' d\bar{y} d\bar{y}' d\bar{x} \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} V(|r-R|) d\bar{z} d\bar{z}' \\
 & - \int dt d\bar{x} d\bar{y} \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} W_1(r) d\bar{z} - \int dt d\bar{x} d\bar{y} \int_0^{\bar{\eta}} W_2(r) d\bar{z}. \tag{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the above h_0 is the minimum thickness of the film for which our treatment is valid. By varying w.r.t. $\bar{\eta}$, θ_1 , θ_2 we get the following equations

$$-\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{x}} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \bar{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \bar{z}^2} - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0, \tag{9}$$

$$-\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \bar{x}} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \bar{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_2}{\partial \bar{z}^2} - \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0, \tag{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\hbar C_1 \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial t} - \hbar C_2 \frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial t} - \left(\frac{\hbar^2 C_1}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 C_2}{2M} \right) \frac{1}{4lh_0} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}^2} - \frac{\hbar^2 C_1}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{z}} \right)^2 \Big|_{\bar{z}=\bar{\eta}} \\
 & - \frac{\hbar^2 C_2}{2M} \left(\frac{\partial \theta_2}{\partial \bar{x}} \right)^2 \Big|_{\bar{z}=\bar{\eta}} - C_1^2 \int_{\bar{z}'=\bar{\eta}'} u(|r-r'|) \Big|_{\bar{z}=\bar{\eta}} dx dx' dy dy' - C_1 C_2 \\
 & \int_{\bar{z}'=\bar{\eta}'} W(|r-r'|) \Big|_{\bar{z}=\bar{\eta}} dx dx' dy dy' - C_2^2 \int_{\bar{z}'=\bar{\eta}'} V(|r-R|) \Big|_{\bar{z}=\bar{\eta}} dx dx' dy dy' \\
 & - C_1 \int_{\bar{z}=\bar{\eta}} W_1(r) dx dy - C_2 \int_{\bar{z}=\bar{\eta}} W_2(r) dx dy = 0. \tag{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider the equation

$$-\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{x}} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \bar{x}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \theta_1}{\partial \bar{z}^2} - \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0. \tag{12}$$

We put

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1(\bar{x}, \bar{z}, t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \theta_1^{(n)}(x, t) \bar{z}^n, \\ \theta_{1\bar{z}} &= 0 \text{ at } \bar{z} = 0 \text{ gives } \theta_1^{(1)} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} -\eta_x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \theta_{1x}^{(n)}(x, t) z^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \theta_{1xx}^{(n)} z^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \theta_1^{(n)} n(n-1) z^{n-1} \\ - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \theta_1^{(n)} n z^{n-1} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

From (14) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (n+2)(n+1) \theta_1^{(n+2)} - (n+1) \theta_1^{(n+1)} + \theta_{1xx}^{(n)} - \bar{\eta}_x \theta_{1x}^{(n)} = 0 \\ 2 \cdot 1 \theta_1^{(2)} = -\theta_{1xx}^{(0)} + \bar{\eta}_x \theta_{1x}^{(0)}. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Similarly

$$2 \cdot 1 \theta_2^{(2)} = -\theta_{2xx}^{(0)} + \bar{\eta}_x \theta_{2x}^{(0)}. \tag{16}$$

Assuming both θ_1 and θ_2 slowly varying functions of \bar{z} we have

$$\theta_{1\bar{x}\bar{x}}^0 = \bar{\eta}_x \theta_{1x}^{(0)}, \tag{17}$$

$$\theta_{2\bar{x}\bar{x}}^0 = \bar{\eta}_x \theta_{2x}^{(0)}. \tag{18}$$

Integrating (17) and (18) we have

$$\theta_{1x}^{(0)} = C_1 e^{\bar{\eta}}, \tag{19}$$

$$\theta_{2x}^{(0)} = C_2 e^{\bar{\eta}}. \tag{20}$$

C_1 and C_2 are constants to be determined. Let V be the velocity of the fluid at an infinitesimal thickness. Then

$$C_1 = \frac{mVl}{\hbar}, \quad C_2 = \frac{MVl}{\hbar}. \tag{21}$$

We have then

$$\theta_{1x}^{(0)} = \frac{mVl}{\hbar} e^{\bar{\eta}}, \quad \theta_{2x}^{(0)} = \frac{MVl}{\hbar} e^{\bar{\eta}}. \tag{22}$$

Expanding w.r.t. $\bar{\eta}$ and retaining upto quadratic terms

$$\theta_{1x}^{(0)} = \frac{mVl}{\hbar} \left(1 + \bar{\eta} + \frac{\bar{\eta}^2}{2} \right), \tag{23}$$

$$\theta_{2\bar{x}}^{(0)} = \frac{MVI}{\hbar} \left(1 + \bar{\eta} + \frac{\bar{\eta}^2}{2} \right). \quad (24)$$

Equation (11) can be written as (using expansion of θ_1 and θ_2 and retaining the first terms only).

$$\begin{aligned} & -\hbar C_1 \frac{\partial \theta_1^{(0)}}{\partial t} - \hbar C_2 \frac{\partial \theta_2^{(0)}}{\partial t} - \left(\frac{\hbar^2 C_1}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 C_2}{2M} \right) \frac{1}{4lh_0} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}^2} \\ & - C_1^2 (\alpha_1 \bar{\eta}^2 - 2\alpha_1 \bar{\eta} d + d^2) - C_1 C_2 (\beta_1 \bar{\eta}^2 - 2\beta_1 \bar{\eta} d + d^2) \\ & - C_2^2 (\gamma_1 \bar{\eta}^2 - 2\gamma_1 \bar{\eta} d + d^2) - C_1 (\delta_0 + \delta_1 \bar{\eta}^2) - C_2 (\delta_2 + \delta_3 \bar{\eta}^2) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

where $\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1, \delta_0, \delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$ are interaction constants. d is the equilibrium thickness of the film. C_1, C_2 are concentrations of the two types of boson fluids in the film.

Differentiating (25) w.r.t. \bar{x} we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\hbar C_1 \frac{\partial \theta_{1\bar{x}}^{(0)}}{\partial t} - \hbar C_2 \frac{\partial \theta_{2\bar{x}}^{(0)}}{\partial t} - \left(\frac{\hbar^2 C_1}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 C_2}{2M} \right) \frac{1}{4lh_0} \frac{\partial^3 \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}^3} \\ & - C_1^2 \left(2\alpha_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} - 2\alpha_1 d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) - C_1 C_2 \left(2\beta_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} - 2\beta_1 d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) \\ & - C_2^2 \left(2\gamma_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} - 2\gamma_1 d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) - C_1 \left(2\delta_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) - C_2 \left(2\delta_3 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\hbar C_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{mVI}{\hbar} \left(1 + \bar{\eta} + \frac{\bar{\eta}^2}{2} \right) - \hbar C_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{MVI}{\hbar} \left(1 + \bar{\eta} + \frac{\bar{\eta}^2}{2} \right) \\ & - \left(\frac{\hbar^2 C_1}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 C_2}{2M} \right) \frac{1}{4lh_0} \frac{\partial^3 \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}^3} - C_1^2 \left(\alpha_1 2\bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} - 2\alpha_1 d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) \\ & - C_1 C_2 \left(2\beta_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} - 2\beta_1 d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) - C_2 \left(2\gamma_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} - 2\gamma_1 d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) \\ & - C_1 \left(2\delta_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) - C_2 \left(2\delta_3 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \right) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -\hbar C_1 \frac{mVI}{\hbar} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial t} + \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial t} \right) - \hbar C_2 \frac{MVI}{\hbar} \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial t} + \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial t} \right) \\ & - \left(\frac{\hbar^2 C_1}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 C_2}{2M} \right) \frac{1}{4lh_0} \frac{\partial^3 \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}^3} - C_1^2 \left(2\alpha_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} - 2\alpha_1 d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} \right) \\ & - C_1 C_2 \left(2\beta_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} - 2\beta_1 d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} \right) - C_2^2 \left(2\gamma_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} - 2\gamma_1 d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} \right) \\ & - C_1 \left(2\delta_1 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} \right) - C_2 \left(2\delta_3 \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial x} \right) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -Vl(mC_1 + MC_2) \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial t} + \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial t} \right) - \left(\frac{\hbar^2 C_1}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 C_2}{2M} \right) \frac{1}{4lh_0} \frac{\partial^3 \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}^3} \\
& - (2\alpha_1 C_1^2 + 2\beta_1 C_1 C_2 + 2\gamma_1 C_2^2 + 2\delta_1 C_1 + 2\delta_3 C_2) \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} \\
& + (2\alpha_1 C_1^2 + 2\beta_1 C_1 C_2 + 2\gamma_1 C_2^2) d \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} = 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Put

$$Vl(mC_1 + MC_2) = A, \tag{30}$$

$$(2\alpha_1 C_1^2 + 2\beta_1 C_1 C_2 + 2\gamma_1 C_2^2) d = B, \tag{31}$$

$$2\alpha_1 C_1^2 + 2\beta_1 C_1 C_2 + 2\gamma_1 C_2^2 + 2\delta_1 C_1 + 2\delta_3 C_2 = C, \tag{32}$$

$$\left(\frac{\hbar^2 C_1}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 C_2}{2M} \right) \frac{1}{4lh_0} = D. \tag{33}$$

From (29) we have

$$A \left(\frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial t} + \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial t} \right) + D \frac{\partial^3 \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}^3} + C \bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} - B \frac{\partial \bar{\eta}}{\partial \bar{x}} = 0. \tag{34}$$

It is clear from equation (34) that the two fluids act as a single mixture producing a common third sound. Let us put

$$\bar{\eta} = f(\bar{x} - ct) = f(\xi). \tag{35}$$

From (34) we have

$$Df''' - (Ac + B)f' + (C - Ac)ff' = 0. \tag{36}$$

Integrating (36) we have

$$f = \frac{3(Ac + B)}{C - Ac} \operatorname{sech}^2 \frac{1}{6} \frac{[3(Ac + B)]^{1/2}}{D} (\bar{x} - ct). \tag{37}$$

This defines a soliton moving with velocity c , amplitude $3(Ac + B)/(C - Ac)$ and width $6\{D/[3(Ac + B)]\}^{1/2}$. Note that the amplitude is a function of velocity c and the soliton is a crest if $c > C/A$ and a trough if $c < C/A$. A soliton with $c = C/A$ is unstable.

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