

# Anomalous Hall effect

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The Hamiltonian of the problem is

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \lambda(k_x \sigma_y - k_y \sigma_x) - \Delta \sigma_z \quad (1)$$

It can be easily diagonalized, the energies are

$$E_k^{(1,2)} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 k^2 + \Delta^2} \quad (2)$$

It is convenient to introduce  $\epsilon_k = \sqrt{\lambda^2 k^2 + \Delta^2}$ .

The eigenvectors are, as usual,

$$\begin{aligned} u_\uparrow &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \\ u_\downarrow &= \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{-i\phi} \\ \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Here

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= -\frac{\Delta}{\epsilon_k} \\ e^{i\phi} &= \frac{-k_y + ik_x}{k} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The Berry curvature can be evaluated from the gauge-invariant formula. For the upper band,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_z = \Omega_{xy} &= -\frac{i\lambda^2}{4\epsilon_k^2} [\langle u_\uparrow | \sigma_y | u_\downarrow \rangle \langle u_\downarrow | \sigma_x | u_\uparrow \rangle - \langle u_\uparrow | \sigma_x | u_\downarrow \rangle \langle u_\downarrow | \sigma_y | u_\uparrow \rangle] \\ \Omega_x = \Omega_y &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The matrix elements:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_\uparrow | \sigma_x | u_\downarrow \rangle &= \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - e^{-2i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \langle u_\downarrow | \sigma_y | u_\uparrow \rangle &= i(\cos \frac{\theta}{2} + e^{2i\phi} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

So,

$$\Omega_z^{\text{upper}} = -\frac{\lambda^2}{2\epsilon_k^2} \cos \theta = \frac{\lambda^2 \Delta}{2\epsilon_k^3} \quad (7)$$

For lower band, we obtain similarly

$$\Omega_z^{\text{lower}} = -\frac{\lambda^2 \Delta}{2\epsilon_k^3} \quad (8)$$

Now let's find the Hall conductivity. Let the electric field be  $(E, 0, 0)$ . Then the equations of motion for the wave packet read

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E_k}{\partial k_x} - y \Omega_z \\ \dot{y} &= \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E_k}{\partial k_y} + x \Omega_z \\ \hbar \dot{k}_x &= -eE \\ \hbar \dot{k}_y &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$