Homework Of Superconductivity and Magnetism

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1 Superconductivity

• Considering the 2-D potential have the form:

$$U(r) = \begin{cases} -U_0, & r < a \\ 0, & r > a \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

Find the shallow energy level when $U_0 \ll h^2/ma^2$ for the case $M_z = 0$, where M_z is the projection of the orbital moment on the z-axis.

In the polar coordinate, the kinetic have the form:

$$K(r,\theta)\psi(r,\theta) = \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial\psi(r,\theta)}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial^2\psi(r,\theta)}{\partial\theta^2}$$
(2)

Since $M_z = 0$, we have the ansatz:

$$\psi(r,\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}}R(r) \tag{3}$$

Therefore, the second term of (2) vanished. The stationary Schrödinger equation have the form:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\bigg(\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial R}{\partial r}+\frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial r^2}\bigg)+V(r)R=ER$$

Or in the form of Bessel equation:

$$r^{2} \frac{\partial^{2} R}{\partial r^{2}} + r \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} + \frac{2m(E - V)}{\hbar^{2}} R = 0$$

$$\tag{4}$$

Inside the circle, we have the equation:

$$r^{2}\frac{\partial^{2}R}{\partial r^{2}} + r\frac{\partial R}{\partial r} + \frac{2m(E + U_{0})}{\hbar^{2}}R = 0$$

$$(5)$$

Which have the general solution:

$$R(r) = C_1 J_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m(E + U_0)}{\hbar^2}} r \right) + C_2 Y_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m(E + U_0)}{\hbar^2}} r \right)$$
 (6)

But since the radius have to be continuous at r = 0, where $Y_0(r)$ is not, therefore: $C_2 = 0$. Hence

$$R(r) = C_1 J_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m(E+U_0)}{\hbar^2}} r \right) \tag{7}$$

Outside the circle, we have:

$$r^{2} \frac{\partial^{2} R}{\partial r^{2}} + r \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} - \frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^{2}} R = 0$$
 (8)

Which yields the modified Bessel functions as the solution:

$$R(r) = C_3 I_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}} r \right) + C_2 K_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}} r \right)$$
 (9)

The constrain condition now is R(r) have to vanished at $r \to \infty$, which $I_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}}r\right)$ is not, therefore:

$$R(r) = C_2 K_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}} r \right) \tag{10}$$

At r = a, the function have to be continuous:

$$C_2 = C_1 \frac{J_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{2m(E+U_0)}{\hbar^2}}a\right)}{K_0\left(\sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}}a\right)}$$

$$\tag{11}$$

And also their derivative, we using the properties of Bessel function:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}J_0(x) = -J_1(x); \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}K_0(x) = -K_1(x)$$
(12)

to get:

$$\sqrt{\frac{E+U_0}{|E|}}C_1J_1\left(\sqrt{\frac{2m(E+U_0)}{\hbar^2}}a\right) = C_2K_1\left(\sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}}r\right)$$
(13)

Or:

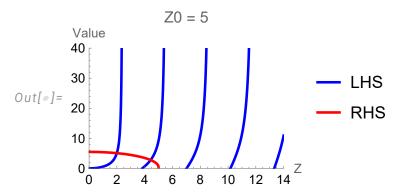
$$\sqrt{\frac{E + U_0}{|E|}} = \frac{K_1 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}}a\right)}{J_1 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m(E + U_0)}{\hbar^2}}a\right)} \frac{J_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m(E + U_0)}{\hbar^2}}a\right)}{K_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{2m|E|}{\hbar^2}}a\right)} \tag{14}$$

set $Z = \sqrt{2m(E+U_0)}a/\hbar$, $Z_0 = \sqrt{2mU_0}a/\hbar$, equation become:

$$\frac{Z}{\sqrt{Z^2 - Z_0^2}} = \frac{K_1(\sqrt{Z_0^2 - Z^2})}{J_1(Z)} \frac{J_0(Z)}{K_0(\sqrt{Z_0^2 - Z^2})}$$

$$Z\frac{J_1(Z)}{J_0(Z)} = \sqrt{Z^2 - Z_0^2} \frac{K_1(\sqrt{Z_0^2 - Z^2})}{K_0(\sqrt{Z_0^2 - Z^2})}$$
(15)

Plot these two, we have: According to the LHS, we seeing that however the U_0 small, always exist a solution Z for



both side to match. At very shallow case: $U_0 \ll \frac{h^2}{2ma^2}$ or $Z \ll 1$, we need to approximate the

2 Magnetism

Consider Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H}_{int.} = -\vec{M} \cdot \vec{H} \tag{16}$$

Choosing the axis to be along the magnetic field \vec{H} .

• Using semi-classical:

$$Z = 2\pi \int_0^{\pi} e^{\beta mH \cos(\theta)} \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{\beta mH} 2 \sinh(\beta mH)$$
 (17)

Calculate: $\left\langle \vec{M}\cdot\vec{a}\right\rangle, \vec{a}=(a_x,a_y,a_z).$ We have:

$$\left\langle \vec{M} \cdot \vec{a} \right\rangle = \left\langle a_x M_x + a_y M_y + a_z M_z \right\rangle = a_x \left\langle M_x \right\rangle + a_y \left\langle M_y \right\rangle + a_z \left\langle M_z \right\rangle$$
 (18)

$$\langle M_x \rangle \propto m \int \cos(\phi) \sin(\theta) e^{\beta m H \cos \theta} \sin(\theta) d\phi d\theta = 0$$
 (19)

$$\langle M_y \rangle \propto m \int \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) e^{\beta mH \cos \theta} \sin(\theta) d\phi d\theta = 0$$
 (20)

$$\langle M_z \rangle = \frac{m}{Z} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos\theta e^{\beta mH \cos(\theta)} \sin\theta d\theta d\phi = \frac{2\pi m}{Z} \partial_{\beta mH} \int_0^{\pi} e^{\beta mH \cos\theta} \sin\theta d\theta$$
$$= m \left(\coth\beta mH - \frac{1}{\beta mH} \right) = mL(\beta mH), \tag{21}$$

in which L(x) is Langevin function. Therefore:

$$\left\langle \vec{M} \cdot \vec{a} \right\rangle = a_z m L(\beta m H) \tag{22}$$

Consider: $\langle M_z^2 \rangle - (\langle M_z \rangle)^2$.

$$\begin{split} \left\langle M_z^2 \right\rangle &= \frac{m^2}{Z} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial (\beta m H)^2} = & m^2 \frac{\beta m H}{\sinh \beta m H} \left(\frac{\sinh (\beta m H)}{\beta m H} - 2 \cosh (\beta m H) \frac{1}{(\beta m H)^2} + \frac{2 \sinh (\beta m H)}{(\beta m H)^3} \right) \\ &= & m^2 \left(1 - 2 \coth (\beta m H) \frac{1}{\beta m H} + \frac{2}{(\beta m H)^2} \right) \end{split}$$

$$(\langle M_z \rangle)^2 = m^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sinh(\beta mH)^2} - \frac{2 \coth \beta mH}{\beta mH} + \frac{1}{(\beta mH)^2} \right)$$
(23)

$$\langle M_z^2 \rangle - (\langle M_z \rangle)^2 = m^2 \left(\frac{1}{(\beta mH)^2} - \frac{1}{\sinh(\beta mH)^2} \right)$$
 (24)

At $T \to 0, \beta \to \infty$:

$$\langle M_z^2 \rangle - (\langle M_z \rangle)^2 \to 0; \langle M_z \rangle = m \left(\coth(\beta mH) - \frac{1}{\beta mH} \right) \to m$$
 (25)

In this case, all spin aligned with the external field, give no fluctuation in the distribution of the $\langle M_z \rangle$. At $T \to \infty, \beta \to 0$:

$$\langle M_z^2 \rangle - (\langle M_z \rangle)^2 \to \frac{m^2}{3}; \langle M_z \rangle = m \left(\coth(\beta mH) - \frac{1}{\beta mH} \right) \to 0$$
 (26)

In this case, the spin align in both side with the same number. And the fluctuation difference than 0, proportional to m^2 .

• Using quantum theory, know that $\vec{L} = 0, S = 1/2, \vec{M} = 2\mu_B \vec{S}$:

$$Z = \sum_{m_z = -1/2}^{1/2} e^{\beta 2\mu_B H m_z} = 2\cosh(\beta \mu_B H)$$
 (27)

Which in turn give:

$$\langle S_z \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m_z = -1/2}^{1/2} m_z e^{\beta 2\mu_B H m_z} = \frac{1}{2} \tanh(\beta \mu_B H)$$
 (28)

$$\langle S_z^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{m_z = -1/2}^{1/2} m_z^2 e^{\beta 2\mu_B H m_z} = \frac{1}{4}$$
 (29)

$$\langle S_z^2 \rangle - \langle S_z \rangle^2 = \frac{1}{4} (1 - \tanh^2(\beta \mu_B H)) = \frac{1}{4 \cosh(\beta \mu_B H)}$$
(30)

At $T \to 0, \beta \to \infty$:

$$\langle S_z^2 \rangle - \langle S_z \rangle^2 \to 0, \langle S_z \rangle \to \frac{1}{2}$$
 (31)

Like the classical results, all the spin align with the external field and no fluctuation with the distribution of S_z , all aligned.

At $T \to \infty, \beta \to 0$:

$$\langle S_z^2 \rangle - \langle S_z \rangle^2 \to \frac{1}{4}, \langle S_z \rangle \to 0$$
 (32)

All the spin equally divided into up and down, make the mean S_z to 0, their distribution make the variation of the spin to be half of the magnitude 1/2, indicate the distribution.

• Considering the dynamic of magnetization:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\vec{M}}{\mathrm{d}t} = -\gamma[\vec{M} \times \vec{H}] \tag{33}$$

With $\vec{H} = H_0 \hat{z} + H_1 e^{-\kappa t} \hat{x}$, we have the set of equation:

$$d_t M_x = -\gamma M_y H_0 \tag{34}$$

$$d_t M_y = \gamma M_x H_0 - \gamma M_z H_1 e^{-\kappa t} \tag{35}$$

$$d_t M_z = \gamma M_u H_1 e^{-\kappa t} \tag{36}$$

Since we have the condition $H_1 \ll H_0$, we can approximate the final equation to $d_t M_z = 0 \to M_z = m_0$, the m_0 also be the total magnitude of the system due to the initial condition $M_x(0) = M_y(0) = 0$. The set of equations become:

$$d_t M_x = -\gamma H_0 M_y \tag{37}$$

$$d_t M_y = \gamma M_x H_0 - \gamma m_0 H_1 e^{-\kappa t} \tag{38}$$

Take derivative the first equation and substituting the second one into it to find:

$$d_t^2 M_x + (\gamma H_0)^2 M_x = \gamma m_0 H_1 e^{-\kappa t} \tag{39}$$

Homogeneous solution yields:

$$M_{xh} = C_1 cos(\gamma H_0 t) + C_2 sin(\gamma H_0 t) \tag{40}$$

Particular solution can be achieved using the ansatz:

$$M_{xp} = Ae^{-\kappa t} \tag{41}$$

Substituting it to get the constant A:

$$M_{xp}(t) = \frac{m_0 \gamma H_1 e^{-\kappa t}}{(\gamma H_0)^2 + \kappa^2} \tag{42}$$

The general solution is:

$$M_x(t) = C_2 \sin(\gamma H_0 t) + \frac{m_0 \gamma H_1}{(\gamma H_0)^2 + \kappa^2} e^{-\kappa t} + C_1 \cos(\gamma H_0 t)$$
(43)

At t = 0:

$$M_x(0) = 0 \to C_1 = -\frac{m_0 \gamma H_1}{(\gamma H_0)^2 + \kappa^2}$$
 (44)

Also at t = 0:

$$M_y(t) = d_t M_x(t) = C_2 \gamma H_0 \cos(\gamma H_0 t) - \kappa \frac{m_0 \gamma H_1}{(\gamma H_0)^2 + \kappa^2} e^{-\kappa t} - C_1 \gamma H_0 \sin(\gamma H_0 t)$$
(45)

$$M_y(0) = 0 \to C_2 = \kappa m_0 \frac{H_1}{H_0} \frac{1}{(\gamma H_0)^2 + \kappa^2}$$
 (46)

So, the solution is:

$$M_x(t) = \kappa m_0 \frac{H_1}{H_0} \frac{\sin(\gamma H_0 t)}{(\gamma H_0)^2 + \kappa^2} + \frac{m_0 \gamma H_1}{(\gamma H_0)^2 + \kappa^2} \left(e^{-\kappa t} + \cos(\gamma H_0 t) \right)$$
(47)

• Adding the hopping interaction with the form¹:

$$-J_{mn} = \begin{cases} J_1, & \text{for the nearest neighbors,} \\ J_2, & \text{for the next nearest neighbors,} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$
(48)

¹I put the minus sign, indicate this calculation is for the ferromagnet

Full Hamiltonian have the form:

$$\mathcal{H} = -2\mu_B \sum_{i} \vec{S}_i \vec{H} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} J_{i,j} \vec{S}_i \vec{S}_j$$
 (49)

Since the $\vec{H} = He_z$, the effective field have to be aligned with the external field instead of any other direction.

$$\left\langle \vec{S}_{i}\vec{S}_{j}\right\rangle \rightarrow 2\vec{S}_{i}\left\langle \vec{S}_{j}\right\rangle - \left\langle \vec{S}_{i}\right\rangle ^{2}$$
 (50)

with: $\left<\vec{S_j}\right> = \vec{m} \parallel \vec{H}$ as our discuss, we have the mean-field Hamiltonian:

$$\mathcal{H}_{MF} = \frac{J_1 N Z_1 m^2}{2} + \frac{J_2 N m^2 Z_2}{2} - (H 2\mu_B + m J_1 Z_1 + m J_2 Z_2) \sum_i S_i^z$$
(51)

$$= \frac{J_1 N Z_1 m^2}{2} + \frac{J_2 N m^2 Z_2}{2} - h_{eff} \sum_{i} S_i^z$$
 (52)

Using this Hamiltonian, we can shift it to neglect the constant term and find the expected value of $\vec{m} = \langle S_z \rangle$, which is nothing more than the Brillouin function for the case J = 1/2:

$$m = \frac{1}{2} \tanh(\beta \mu_B h_{eff.})$$

Approximate up to the first order $tanh(x) \approx x$:

$$m = \frac{1}{2}\beta\mu_B h_{eff} \xrightarrow[H \to 0]{} \frac{1}{2}\beta\mu_B m (J_1 Z_1 + J_2 Z_2)$$

$$\tag{53}$$

To get:

$$k_B T_C = \frac{\mu_B m}{2} (J_1 Z_1 + J_2 Z_2) \tag{54}$$

For simple cubic lattice: $Z_1 = 6, Z_2 = 12$, we have:

$$k_B T_C = \mu_B m (3J_1 + 6J_2) \tag{55}$$

In both extreme case $J_i \ll J_j$, we easily obtain:

$$k_B T_C = \begin{cases} 3J_1 \mu_B m, & (J_1 \ll J_2) \\ 6J_2 \mu_B m, & (J_2 \ll J_1) \end{cases}$$
 (56)