

The s.c. eq of motion

$$\hbar \dot{\mathbf{k}} = -\frac{e}{c} \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = -\frac{e}{\hbar^2 c} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) \times \mathbf{B},$$

hence we get

$$\frac{d\varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k})}{dt} = \mathbf{k} [\nabla_{\mathbf{k}}, \varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k})] = 0,$$

thus $\varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k})$ is a c.o.m.

Consider 2D system with holes and electrons: $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$. What is corresponding real space trajectory? We could look at components

$$\mathbf{e}_B \times \hbar \dot{\mathbf{k}} = -\frac{e}{c} \mathbf{e}_B \times [\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}] = -\frac{eB}{c} [\mathbf{v}_n(\mathbf{k}) - \mathbf{e}_B \cdot (\mathbf{e}_B \cdot \mathbf{v}_n(\mathbf{k}))] = -\frac{eB}{c} \mathbf{v}_\perp.$$

We could integrate over time

$$\mathbf{r}_\perp - \mathbf{r}_\perp(0) = -\frac{\hbar c}{eB} \mathbf{e}_B \times [\mathbf{k}(t) - \mathbf{k}(0)].$$

Thus \mathbf{r}_\perp orbit is simply the rotated momentum space orbit:

$$z(t) - z(0) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{\hbar} \partial_{k_z} \varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}(z)) dz \quad \text{maybe.}$$

The period of an orbit

$$T = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt = \oint \frac{1}{|\dot{\mathbf{k}}|} d|\mathbf{k}| = \oint \frac{d|\mathbf{k}|}{|(\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}))_\perp|} \frac{\hbar^2 c}{eB}.$$

Consider two trajectories with energy difference $\Delta\varepsilon$ and Δk in momentum space:

$$\Delta\varepsilon = \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \Delta(\mathbf{k}) = |(\nabla_{\mathbf{k}} \varepsilon_n)_\perp| \cdot |\Delta(\mathbf{k})|.$$

and back to the period

$$T = \frac{\hbar^2 c}{eB} \oint |d\mathbf{k}| \frac{|\Delta(\mathbf{k})|}{\Delta\varepsilon} = \frac{\hbar^2 c}{eB} \frac{A(\varepsilon + \Delta\varepsilon) - A(\varepsilon)}{\Delta\varepsilon} = \frac{\hbar^2 c}{eB} \frac{\partial A}{\partial \varepsilon} \Big|_{kz}.$$

For example with $\varepsilon = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$ we have $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_c}$ with $\omega_c = \frac{eB}{m^* c}$.

The Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization rule

It is true that

$$\Delta\varepsilon = \frac{2\pi\hbar}{T} = \frac{2\pi eB}{\hbar c} \left(\frac{\partial A(\varepsilon)}{\partial \varepsilon} \right)^{-1},$$

and that directly leads to a quantization of momentum space.

$$\left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial \varepsilon} \right) \Delta\varepsilon = \Delta A = \frac{2\pi eB}{\hbar c} \Rightarrow A_n = \frac{2\pi eB}{\hbar c} (n + \nu),$$

with ν is arbitrary. Energy thus

$$\varepsilon_n = \hbar\omega_c \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right).$$