

(A.) The de Haas-van Alphen effect:

1. For a grand canonical ensemble with chemical potential μ , the partition function is defined as

$$Z = \sum_i e^{-\beta(\mathcal{E}_i - \mu N_i)}, \quad (1)$$

where $\beta = 1/(k_B T)$. Here, each microstate is labelled by i , and has total energy $\mathcal{E}_i$ and total particle number N_i . Let us now consider a system of free fermions,

$$H = \sum_{\alpha} E_{\alpha} c_{\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{\alpha}, \quad (2)$$

Here α labels the different possible states in which each fermion can be with energy E_{α} . The microstates are described by the occupation number $n_{\alpha} \in \{0, 1\}$ of the different possible states α . We then have $\mathcal{E}_i = \sum_{\alpha} n_{\alpha} E_{\alpha}$ and $N_i = \sum_{\alpha} n_{\alpha}$. The partition function thus reads

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \sum_{n_{\alpha_1}=0}^1 \sum_{n_{\alpha_2}=0}^1 \sum_{n_{\alpha_3}=0}^1 \dots \left(\prod_{\alpha} e^{-\beta n_{\alpha} (E_{\alpha} - \mu)} \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{n_{\alpha_1}=0}^1 e^{-\beta n_{\alpha_1} (E_{\alpha_1} - \mu)} \right) \left(\sum_{n_{\alpha_2}=0}^1 e^{-\beta n_{\alpha_2} (E_{\alpha_2} - \mu)} \right) \left(\sum_{n_{\alpha_3}=0}^1 e^{-\beta n_{\alpha_3} (E_{\alpha_3} - \mu)} \right) \dots \\ &= \prod_{\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^1 e^{-\beta n (E_{\alpha} - \mu)} \\ &= \prod_{\alpha} \left(1 + e^{-\beta (E_{\alpha} - \mu)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In our system, we have

$$E_{n,k_z} = \hbar \omega_c n + \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m} \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (4)$$

where each value with $n \neq 0$ occurs twice (due to the spin degeneracy including the Zeeman effect) and the value with $n = 0$ occurs only once. In addition, for a given k_z the degeneracy of each Landau level is (see course notes)

$$D = \frac{L_x L_y}{2\pi \hbar c} eB = \frac{L_x L_y \omega_c}{2\pi \hbar}. \quad (5)$$

The partition function is thus

$$Z = \prod_{k_z} \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(1 + e^{-\beta (E_{n,k_z} - \mu)} \right)^{d(n)}, \quad (6)$$

where $d(n)$ is the number of states with energy E_{n,k_z} :

$$d(0) = D \quad d(n) = 2D \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \quad (7)$$

The free energy (or more precisely the grand potential, as we work in the grand canonical ensemble) reads

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log Z = -\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{k_z} \sum_n d(n) \log \left(1 + e^{-\beta(E_{n,k_z} - \mu)} \right) \quad (8)$$

In the limit where k_z takes continuous values, the expression in Eq. (6) is not so well behaved (it can still be dealt with). However, for the free energy we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{L_z}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_z \sum_n d(n) \log \left(1 + e^{-\beta(E_{n,k_z} - \mu)} \right) \\ &= -\frac{V\omega_c}{2\pi^2 \hbar \beta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_z \left[\frac{1}{2} \log \left(1 + e^{-\beta \left(\frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m} - \mu \right)} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \log \left(1 + e^{-\beta \left(\hbar\omega_c n + \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m} - \mu \right)} \right) \right] \\ &= \hbar\omega_c \left[\frac{1}{2} f(\mu) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(\mu - \hbar\omega_c n) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where

$$f(\epsilon) = -\frac{mV}{2\pi^2 \hbar^2 \beta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk_z \log \left[1 + e^{\beta \left(\epsilon - \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m} \right)} \right]. \quad (10)$$

Note that we use this notation so that the function f is independent of the magnetic field B .

2. By multiplying by $g(x)$ and by integrating x from 0 to ∞ on both sides of

$$\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x - m) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i n x}, \quad (11)$$

we obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \delta(x - m) dx = \int_0^{\infty} g(x) \delta(x) dx + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} g(x) \delta(x - m) dx = \frac{1}{2} g(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g(n), \quad (12)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{2\pi i n x} dx &= \int_0^{\infty} g(x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} g(x) (e^{2\pi i n x} + e^{-2\pi i n x}) dx, \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} g(x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_0^{\infty} g(x) e^{2\pi i n x} dx, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where we have used the fact that $g(x)$ is real. By equating Eq. (12) to Eq. (13) we obtain the desired relation.

3. We can use the Poisson's formula for F with $g(x) = f(\mu - \hbar\omega_c x)$ and obtain

$$F = \hbar\omega_c \left[\int_0^{\infty} f(\mu - \hbar\omega_c x) dx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_0^{\infty} f(\mu - \hbar\omega_c x) e^{2\pi i n x} dx \right] = F_0 + F_1. \quad (14)$$

We identify

$$F_0 = \hbar\omega_c \int_0^{\infty} dx f(\mu - \hbar\omega_c x), \quad \text{and} \quad F_1 = \frac{mV}{\beta\pi^2 \hbar^2} \operatorname{Re} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n, \quad (15)$$

where

$$I_n = -\hbar\omega_c \int_0^\infty dx \int_{-\infty}^\infty dk_z \log \left[1 + e^{\beta \left(\mu - \hbar\omega_c x - \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m} \right)} \right] e^{2\pi i n x}. \quad (16)$$

Using the change of variable $y = \hbar\omega_c x$ we have

$$F_0 = \hbar\omega_c \int_0^\infty \frac{dy}{\hbar\omega_c} f(\mu - y) = \int_0^\infty dy f(\mu - y), \quad (17)$$

which is independent of B as B is not involved in $f(\mu - y)$.

4. Let us use the change of variable $x \rightarrow \xi = \beta \left(\hbar\omega_c x + \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m} - \mu \right)$:

$$I_n = -\frac{1}{\beta} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dk_z \int_{\beta \left(\frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m} - \mu \right)}^\infty d\xi \log(1 + e^{-\xi}) \exp \left(2\pi i n \left(\frac{\xi}{\beta \hbar\omega_c} - \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m \hbar\omega_c} + \frac{\mu}{\hbar\omega_c} \right) \right). \quad (18)$$

Because we are in the limit $\hbar\omega_c \ll \mu$ and $1 \ll \beta\mu$, we first set the lower boundary of the ξ integral to $-\beta\mu$. Indeed, only small values of k_z contribute significantly to the k_z integral because of the oscillating factor $\exp \left(2\pi i n \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m \hbar\omega_c} \right)$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= -\frac{1}{\beta} e^{\frac{2\pi i n \mu}{\hbar\omega_c}} \int_{-\beta\mu}^\infty d\xi e^{\frac{2\pi i n}{\beta \hbar\omega_c} \xi} \log(1 + e^{-\xi}) \int_{-\infty}^\infty dk_z e^{-\frac{\pi i n \hbar^2}{m \hbar\omega_c} k_z^2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\beta \hbar} \sqrt{\frac{m \hbar\omega_c}{n}} e^{\frac{2\pi i n \mu}{\hbar\omega_c} - i \frac{\pi}{4}} \int_{-\beta\mu}^\infty d\xi e^{\frac{2\pi i n}{\beta \hbar\omega_c} \xi} \log(1 + e^{-\xi}), \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where we used the identity

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-i\alpha k_z^2} dk_z = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}. \quad (20)$$

We now integrate by parts twice for the ξ integral :

$$I_n = \frac{1}{\beta \hbar} \sqrt{\frac{m \hbar\omega_c}{n}} e^{\frac{2\pi i n \mu}{\hbar\omega_c} - i \frac{\pi}{4}} \left(\frac{\beta \hbar\omega_c}{2\pi n} \right)^2 \int_{-\beta\mu}^\infty d\xi e^{\frac{2\pi i n}{\beta \hbar\omega_c} \xi} \frac{e^\xi}{(1 + e^\xi)^2} + \text{boundary terms}, \quad (21)$$

where we have used

$$\frac{d^2}{d\xi^2} \log(1 + e^{-\xi}) = \frac{e^\xi}{(1 + e^\xi)^2}, \quad (22)$$

which is a function that is finite around $\xi = 0$ and vanishes exponentially elsewhere. Because we are only interested in the $1/B$ oscillating behaviour of F , we can neglect the boundary terms in Eq. (21). Indeed, at the $\xi = \infty$ boundary the terms vanish, and at the $\xi = -\beta\mu$ boundary the oscillating factors exactly cancel. Finally, we set the lower boundary of the ξ integral to $-\infty$. This is a good approximation because $\beta\mu \gg 1$ and the dominating contribution to the ξ integral comes from around $\xi = 0$. We calculate

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty d\xi e^{\frac{2\pi i n}{\beta \hbar\omega_c} \xi} \frac{e^\xi}{(1 + e^\xi)^2} = \frac{2\pi^2 n}{\beta \hbar\omega_c} \frac{1}{\sinh \left(\frac{2\pi^2 i n}{\hbar\omega_c \beta} \right)}. \quad (23)$$

Plugging the expression for I_n into Eq. (15), we get

$$F_1 = \frac{(m \hbar\omega_c)^{3/2} V}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3 \beta} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{\cos \left(\frac{2\pi n \mu}{\hbar\omega_c} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)}{n^{3/2} \sinh \left(\frac{2\pi^2 n}{\hbar\omega_c \beta} \right)} + \text{non-oscillating terms}. \quad (24)$$

5. Using

$$\frac{d}{dB} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n\mu}{\hbar\omega_c} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{2\pi n\mu}{\hbar\omega_c} \frac{1}{B} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n\mu}{\hbar\omega_c} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \quad (25)$$

and assuming that all the other terms are independent of B , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{B} \frac{\partial}{\partial B} \left(\frac{F}{V} \right) = -\frac{m^{3/2}\mu\sqrt{\hbar\omega_c}}{B^2\pi\hbar^3\beta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{2\pi n\mu}{\hbar\omega_c} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{\sqrt{n} \sinh\left(\frac{2\pi^2 n}{\hbar\omega_c\beta}\right)}. \quad (26)$$

6. The oscillating parts of the susceptibility, when plotted against $1/B$, have frequencies of $f = \frac{n\mu mc}{\hbar e}$ with $n = 1, 2, \dots$, and thus the overall period is

$$P = \frac{\hbar e}{\mu mc}, \quad (27)$$

corresponding to the $n = 1$ term. Note that in the strong field limit $k_B T \lesssim \hbar\omega_c$, the higher harmonics (terms with $n > 1$) are negligible because of the $\sinh(2\pi^2 n / (\hbar\omega_c\beta))$ factor. Indeed, for $\hbar\omega_c\beta = 1$ we have $\sinh(4\pi^2) / \sinh(2\pi^2) \sim 10^8$.

The following explains the significance of the de Haas-van Alphen effect:

Let us consider a plane perpendicular to k_z in k -space. It intersects the Fermi surface with a certain cross-section, which depends on the position of the plane. Let us denote A_e the extremum of this cross-section. For free electrons, we have a spherical Fermi surface with radius $k_F = \sqrt{2m\mu}/\hbar$, and a maximum of the cross-section for the plane at $k_z = 0$ so that $A_e = \pi k_F^2$. Rewriting the period in terms of A_e we obtain

$$P = \frac{2\pi e}{\hbar c} \frac{1}{A_e}. \quad (28)$$

For a more general Fermi surface, there is a singularity in the density of state at the Fermi energy every time a Landau level crosses the Fermi energy. Remarkably, Eq. (28) still holds in the general case. For a more complicated Fermi surface, there can be several different extremal cross-sections corresponding to different periods. The cross-sections may also change for different orientations of B .

Thus, extremal Fermi surface areas can be detected through the de Haas-van Alphen effect.

7. In the $\hbar\omega_c \ll k_B T$ limit, $1/(\beta\hbar\omega_c) \gg 1$, and thus

$$\sinh\left(\frac{2\pi^2 n}{\hbar\omega_c\beta}\right) \approx \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{2\pi^2 n}{\hbar\omega_c\beta}}, \quad (29)$$

so that the amplitude of the oscillation decays as $e^{-\frac{2\pi^2}{\hbar\omega_c\beta}}$.