

1. *Magnetic susceptibility of electron gas*

a. Why is

$$\chi = \frac{N_e (g\mu_B)^2}{4 k_B T}$$

(ie, number of electrons times the χ for a single spin- $\frac{1}{2}$) *not* a correct result for an electron gas?

b. Give a derivation of the correct expression

$$\chi = \mathcal{D}(\epsilon_F) \left(\frac{1}{2} g\mu_B\right)^2 .$$

2. *Specific heat*

Compute the specific heat of a single $s = \frac{1}{2}$ spin in an external magnetic field \vec{B} , as a function of temperature. Sketch the curve $C(T)$ and estimate the location of the maximum. The characteristic peak is called the Schottky anomaly.

3. *Conductivity*

Show that the expression (2.14) for the conductivity of an electron gas reduces to the Drude formula (2.13) when the relaxation time is independent of ϵ and T .

4. *Hybridization*

Assume that we have a $d = 1$ spin-less electron gas with a density of states which is constant and equal to ρ for $0 < \epsilon < D$ and zero for $\epsilon > D$. At zero temperature there is a Fermi energy ϵ_F , $0 < \epsilon_F < D$. We also have an impurity level ϵ_{imp} , $\epsilon_{\text{imp}} < \epsilon_F$, which can be occupied with zero or one electron.

Now assume that we turn on a hybridization interaction

$$V \sum_{\epsilon} \left(c_i^{\dagger} c_{\epsilon} + c_{\epsilon}^{\dagger} c_i \right) .$$

Due to this interaction, the ground state energy of the system will be lowered by an amount ΔE . Compute ΔE in second order perturbation theory (your answer will depend on D).

5. *Perturbation theory for scattering amplitude*

- a. Draw the diagrams that represent the contributions to the scattering amplitude $\langle \vec{k}', s', \alpha' | T | \vec{k}, s, \alpha \rangle$ of chapter 4 in *third* order perturbation theory.
- b. For each diagram, label the internal lines and give the appropriate factors f and $(1 - f)$ that are needed when summing over internal momenta.
- c. Use information from chapter 4 to identify the most divergent contribution to the spin-dependent scattering amplitude in this order. (This problem has an easy solution. You are *not* supposed to work out the formulas that correspond to the diagrams that you drew!)

6. *Higher order in scaling relation*

It can be shown that, through *third* order in j , the scaling relation between d and j reads

$$\frac{dj}{dd} = -\frac{j^2}{d} + \frac{j^3}{2d}. \quad (*)$$

- a. show that for $|j| \ll 1$ (*) is equivalent to

$$\delta(\ln(d)) = -\delta j \left(\frac{1}{j^2} + \frac{1}{2j} \right). \quad (**)$$

- b. For scaling according to (**), $d e^{-1/j}$ is no longer an invariant. Find an invariant for (**).
- c. We know that for the second order scaling relation, $j(d)$ diverges at $d = d_0 e^{-1/j_0}$ when $j_0 > 0$. For both scaling equations (*) and (**), study the behavior of $j(d)$ when d is lowered from d_0 , for an initial value $j_0 = j(d_0)$ satisfying $0 < j_0 < 2$. Make a sketch showing the curves $j(d)$ for the three cases (second order, third order (*) and (**)) in one figure.

Hint: you may *not* assume that $j \ll 1$ when d gets small; (*) and (**) give different behavior for small d !

- d. Which of the results under c. resembles most closely the non-perturbative result obtained by Wilson?