

HW#2 Solutions, Chapter 8, Problems 1-5**1. Diamagnetic susceptibility of atomic hydrogen:**

Wave function $\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi a_0^3}} e^{-r/a_0}$, $a_0 = 0.529 \text{ \AA}$. The appropriate expression for atomic diamagnetic susceptibility is:

$$\chi_m \equiv \frac{\vec{M}}{\vec{H}} = \frac{n |\langle \vec{m} \rangle|}{|\vec{B}| / \mu_0} = -\frac{\mu_0 n e^2}{6 m_e} \langle r^2 \rangle$$

where n is the number of atoms N per unit volume V.

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \langle \psi_0 | r^2 | \psi_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi a_0^3} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-r/a_0} r^2 e^{-r/a_0} r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

can immediately integrate over θ and ϕ to get

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{4}{a_0^3} \int_0^\infty r^4 e^{-2r/a_0} dr \dots \{ \text{let } u = 2r/a_0, du = 2dr/a_0 \}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{4}{a_0^3} \left(\frac{a_0}{2} \right) \int_0^\infty u^4 e^{-u} du = a_0^2 \frac{4(4!)}{2^5} = 3a_0^2$$

$$\chi = \frac{-n \mu_0 (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 \cdot 3 (0.53 \times 10^{-10})^2}{6 (9.11 \times 10^{-31})} = -\frac{N}{V} (5.0 \times 10^{-35}) = [MKSA]$$

Let N = Avogadro's number = $6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms/mole}$.

$$\Rightarrow \chi = -3.0 \times 10^{-11} / V \text{ where } V \text{ is the volume of the 1-mole sample in } m^3.$$

2. Paramagnetic Problem: (a) For any magnetic dipole $U = -\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}$, and for a total angular momentum

$$\vec{J}, \vec{m} = -g \mu_B \vec{J} \text{ where } g = 1 \text{ and thus } -\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B} = g \mu_B \vec{J} \cdot \vec{B} = \mu_B m_J \cdot B \text{ where } m_J = +1, 0, \text{ and } -1 \text{ for}$$

$J=1$. So we have three energy levels $U_1 = \mu_B B$, $U_2 = 0$, $U_3 = -\mu_B B$

(b) according to Boltzmann statistics $\langle \vec{m} \rangle = N \cdot \sum_{n=1}^3 \vec{m}_n e^{-U_n/k_B T}$, $N = (e^{-\mu_B B/k_B T} + 1 + e^{\mu_B B/k_B T})^{-1}$, So

along z axis, $\vec{m}_1 = -\mu_B \hat{z}; \vec{m}_2 \equiv 0; \vec{m}_3 = +\mu_B \hat{z}$

and $\langle \vec{m} \rangle = N \mu_B \cdot \hat{z} (-e^{-\mu_B B/k_B T} + e^{\mu_B B/k_B T})$

(c) $\vec{M} = \chi_m \vec{B} / \mu_o \Rightarrow \chi_m = \mu_o |\vec{M}| / |\vec{B}| = \mu_o n \langle \vec{m} \rangle / |\vec{B}|$ where n is the density of magnetic dipoles per

unit volume so for $\vec{B}$ along $\hat{z}$, $\chi_m = (\mu_o \mu_B n \cdot N / B) (e^{\mu_B B/k_B T} - e^{-\mu_B B/k_B T})$

(d) For high temperatures, $\mu_B B / k_B T \ll 1 \Rightarrow \chi_m \approx \mu_o \mu_B n N 2 \mu_B B / (k_B T)$ (by Taylor expansion)

But at high temperatures: $N = (e^{-\mu_B B/k_B T} + 1 + e^{\mu_B B/k_B T})^{-1} \approx 1/3$ (also by Taylor expansion)

$$\text{so } \chi_m \cong 2n\mu_o\mu_B^2 / 3k_B T \equiv C/T \Rightarrow C = 2 \cdot n\mu_o\mu_B^2 / 3k_B$$

(e) for $n = 1 \times 10^{23} [\text{cm}^{-3}] = 1 \times 10^{29} [\text{m}^{-3}] \Rightarrow \chi_m = C/T = 0.522/T = 1.74 \times 10^{-3}$ at $T = 300 \text{ K}$.

3. Langevin model of Paramagnetism

(a) For the classical magnetic dipole, we have $\vec{U}_m = -\vec{m}_0 \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{local}}$. Without loss of generality we can choose B_{local} (henceforth written as B_L) along the z axis in a spherical coordinate system, so that $U_m = -m_0 B_L \cos\theta$. The probability phase space is defined simply by the solid angle since the dipole can be pointed anywhere along a direction θ, ϕ . The probability of pointing in a certain direction is dictated by the Boltzmann ansatz,

$$f(\theta, \phi) = \frac{\exp[-U(\theta, \phi)/k_B T]}{\int_0^{4\pi} \exp[-U(\theta, \phi)/k_B T] d\Omega} = \frac{\exp[\vec{m}_0 \cdot \vec{B}_L \cos\theta / k_B T]}{\int_0^{4\pi} \exp[\vec{m}_0 \cdot \vec{B}_L \cos\theta / k_B T] d\Omega}$$

where $d\Omega$ is the differential solid angle, $d\Omega = \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$. It also allows us to treat the dipole using the inherently random radial unit vector in spherical coordinates,

$$\vec{m} = m_0 \hat{r} = m_0 (\hat{x} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \hat{y} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \hat{z} \cos \theta)$$

This by statistical principles, we can write the mean value of the magnetic dipole moment:

$$\langle \vec{m} \rangle = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi m_0 (\hat{x} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \hat{y} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \hat{z} \cos \theta) \exp[m_0 B_L \cos \theta / k_B T] \sin \theta d\theta d\phi}{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \exp[m_0 B_L \cos \theta / k_B T] \sin \theta d\theta d\phi}$$

Clearly the terms in the numerator that include the x and y unit vectors vanish since they involve integrating $\cos \phi$ or $\sin \phi$ from 0 to 2π . The term containing the z unit vector can be evaluated through the substitution $W = m_0 B_L / k_B T$.

$$\langle \vec{m} \rangle = \frac{\int_0^\pi m_0 (\hat{z} \cos \theta) \exp[W \cos \theta] \sin \theta d\theta}{\int_0^\pi \exp[W \cos \theta] \sin \theta d\theta} \quad (1)$$

Evaluation of the denominator leads to

$$\int_0^\pi \exp[W \cos \theta] \sin \theta d\theta = -\frac{\exp(W \cos \theta)}{W} \Big|_0^\pi = \frac{2}{W} \sinh W \quad (2)$$

The numerator is a bit more work, requiring integration by parts. We set $U = \cos \theta d\theta$ and $dV = \sin \theta \exp(W \cos \theta)$, and get $dU = -\sin \theta d\theta$ and $V = -\exp(W \cos \theta) / W$

$$\int_0^\pi m_0 (\hat{z} \cos \theta) \exp[W \cos \theta] \sin \theta d\theta = UV \Big|_0^\pi - \int_0^\pi V dU$$

$$U \cdot V \Big|_0^\pi = \frac{-\cos \theta}{W} \exp(W \cos \theta) \Big|_0^\pi = \frac{e^{-W}}{W} + \frac{e^W}{W} = \frac{2}{W} \cosh W \quad (3)$$

$$\text{and } -\int_0^\pi V dU = -\int_0^\pi \frac{\sin \theta}{W} \exp(W \cos \theta) d\theta = \frac{\exp(W \cos \theta)}{W^2} \Big|_0^\pi = \frac{e^{-W}}{W^2} - \frac{e^W}{W^2} = \frac{-2 \sinh W}{W^2} \quad (4)$$

Summing (3) and (4), dividing by (2), and substitution into (1) yields

$$\langle \vec{m} \rangle = \frac{m_0 \hat{z} [(2/W) \cosh W - (2/W^2) \sinh W]}{(2/W) \sinh W} = m_0 \hat{z} [\coth W - (1/W)]$$

$$\langle \vec{m} \rangle = m_0 \hat{z} [\coth(m_0 B_L / k_B T) - (k_B T / m_0 B_L)]$$

This is the famous Langevin function

(b) If there are n such dipoles per unit volume, the mean magnetization becomes

$$\langle \vec{M} \rangle = n \langle \vec{m} \rangle = n \cdot m_0 \hat{z} [\coth(m_0 B_L / k_B T) - (k_B T / m_0 B_L)] \quad (5)$$

In the limit of high temperature, it is easy to show that the Taylor's series of $\coth(x)$ for small x is

$$\coth(x) = 1/x + x/3 + \dots$$

The first term of this cancels the last term in (5), so that

$$\langle \vec{M} \rangle \approx n \cdot m_0 \left(\frac{m_0 B_L}{k_B T} \right) \hat{z}$$

The high temperature limit of the paramagnetic susceptibility is

$$\chi_m = \frac{|\vec{M}|}{|\vec{H}|} = \frac{|\vec{M}|}{|\vec{B}| / \mu_0} = \left(\frac{n m_0^2 \mu_0}{k_B T} \right)$$

4. Another Paramagnetic Problem: (a) For any magnetic dipole $U = -\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B}$, and for a total angular momentum $\vec{J}$, $\vec{m} = -g \mu_B \vec{J}$ where $g = 1$. Thus $-\vec{m} \cdot \vec{B} = g \mu_B \vec{J} \cdot \vec{B} = \mu_B m_J \cdot B$ where $m_J = +3/2, +1/2, -1/2, -3/2$ for $J=3/2$. So there are four energy levels $U_1 = 3\mu_B B/2$, $U_2 = \mu_B B/2$, $U_3 = -\mu_B B/2$, $U_4 = -3\mu_B B/2$

(b) occupancy probability $f_n = N e^{-U_n / k_B T}$,

$$N = (e^{-3\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + e^{-\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + e^{\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + e^{3\mu_B B / 2k_B T})^{-1}$$

(c) average magnetic dipole $\langle \vec{m} \rangle = N \cdot \sum_{n=1}^4 \vec{m}_n e^{-U_n / k_B T}$. So along z axis (direction of B field),

$$\vec{m}_1 = -3\mu_B \hat{z} / 2; \vec{m}_2 = -\mu_B \hat{z} / 2; \vec{m}_3 = \mu_B \hat{z} / 2; \vec{m}_4 = 3\mu_B \hat{z} / 2 \text{ and}$$

$$\langle \vec{m} \rangle = N \mu_B \cdot \hat{z} [-(3/2)e^{-3\mu_B B / 2k_B T} - (1/2)e^{-\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + (1/2)e^{\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + (3/2)e^{3\mu_B B / 2k_B T}]$$

(d) $\vec{M} = \chi_m \vec{B} / \mu_0 \Rightarrow \chi_m = \mu_0 |\vec{M}| / |\vec{B}| = \mu_0 n \langle \vec{m} \rangle / |\vec{B}|$ where n is the density of magnetic dipoles, so

$$\chi_m = (\mu_o \mu_B n \cdot N / B) [(3/2)e^{3\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + (1/2)e^{\mu_B B / 2k_B T} - (1/2)e^{-\mu_B B / 2k_B T} - (3/2)e^{-3\mu_B B / 2k_B T}]$$

(e) For high temperature, $N = (e^{-3\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + e^{-\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + e^{\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + e^{3\mu_B B / 2k_B T})^{-1} \approx 1/4$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } & -(3/2)e^{-3\mu_B B / 2k_B T} - (1/2)e^{-\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + (1/2)e^{\mu_B B / 2k_B T} + (3/2)e^{3\mu_B B / 2k_B T} \\ & \approx -(\frac{3}{2})[1 - \frac{3\mu_B B}{2k_B T}] - (\frac{1}{2})[1 - \frac{\mu_B B}{2k_B T}] + (\frac{1}{2})[1 + \frac{\mu_B B}{2k_B T}] + (\frac{3}{2})[1 + \frac{3\mu_B B}{2k_B T}] = \frac{20\mu_B B}{4k_B T} \end{aligned}$$

so that $\chi_m \approx (5/4)(\mu_o \mu_B^2 n / k_B T) \equiv C/T$, and yes, it can be written as $\chi_m = C/T$

(f) We know from the Heisenberg model of ferromagnetism that the factor g is very large of order 1000. This is caused by spin-spin interaction, also called the “exchange” interaction.

5. Curie-Weiss-Heisenberg Model of Ferromagnetism

(a) If $\vec{B}_{local} = \vec{B}_{in} + \gamma\mu_0 \vec{M}$, then by inserting (5) from above, we can write

$$\vec{B}_{local} \equiv \vec{B}_L = \vec{B}_{in} + \gamma\mu_0 n \vec{m} = \vec{B}_{in} + \gamma\mu_0 n \cdot m_0 \hat{z} [\coth(m_0 B_L / k_B T) - (k_B T / m_0 B_L)] \quad (6)$$

This can be re-written as

$$B_L = B_{in} + \gamma\mu_0 n \cdot m_0 [\coth(m_0 B_L / k_B T) - (k_B T / m_0 B_L)] \quad (7)$$

since B_L and B_{in} are both along the z axis. Eqn (7) is an *implicit* equation in B_L since B_L occurs on both sides and can not be isolated.

(b) Eqn (7) can be solved uniquely for B_L in the case of spontaneous magnetization, which means that $B_L \neq 0$ even when $B_{in} = 0$. From such a solution, we can get M through $M = B_L / (\gamma\mu_0)$. To proceed we re-write (7) using $\beta = m_0 B_L / k_B T$, under the spontaneous condition:

$$k_B T \beta / m_0 = \gamma\mu_0 n \cdot m_0 [\coth(\beta) - (1/\beta)]$$

or

$$k_B T \beta / (n\gamma\mu_0 m_0^2) \equiv \alpha \cdot \beta = [\coth(\beta) - (1/\beta)] \quad (8)$$

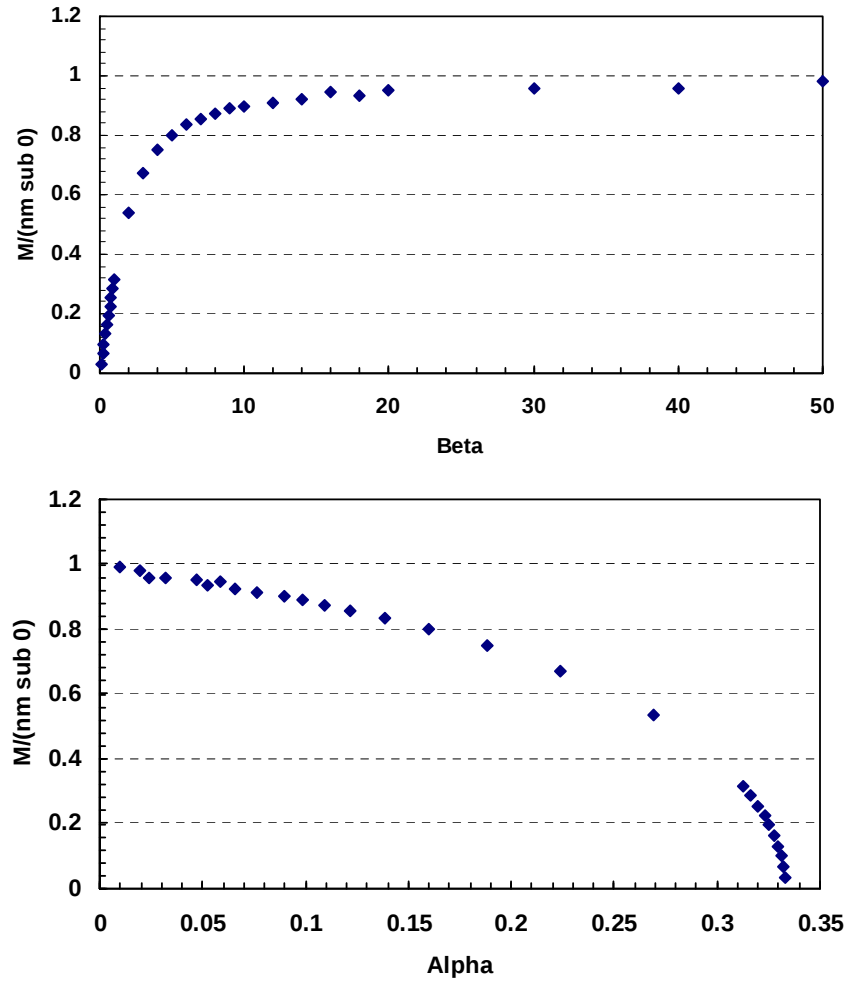


Fig. 2. Top: Magnetization vs β . Bottom: Normalized magnetization vs α , a quantity proportional to temperature. This is the characteristic ferromagnetic phase transition curve. The value of α where M reaches zero defines the Curie temperature.

therefore, an atomic concentration of $2/(2.87 \text{ nm}) = 0.696 \text{ nm}^{-1}$. And we assume there is one magnetic moment per atom. Thus, if $m_0 = \mu_B = 9.27 \times 10^{-24} \text{ [MKSA]}$, and we set $T_C = 300 \text{ K}$, we can solve for $\gamma = 1355$, which is not much higher than expected. Putting in a more realistic value of m_0 would decrease this quadratically as seen from (10) above

Solution table	
β	α
0.1	0.333
0.2	0.332
0.3	0.331
0.4	0.33
0.5	0.328
0.6	0.325

0.7	0.323
0.8	0.32
0.9	0.3165
1	0.313
2	0.269
3	0.224
4	0.188
5	0.16
6	0.139
7	0.122
8	0.109
9	0.0987
10	0.09
12	0.076
14	0.066
16	0.059
18	0.052
20	0.0475
30	0.032
40	0.024
50	0.0196
100	0.0099