

The Hamiltonian of a charged particle in a magnetic field is

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} (\mathbf{p} - e/c \mathbf{A})^2.$$

Given the magnetic field $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$ is a constant, say

$$\vec{B} = B_0 \hat{k} \text{ along } x\text{-axis.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{A} = -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{r} \times \vec{B}) = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ x & y & z \\ 0 & 0 & B_0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} B_0 (y \hat{i} - x \hat{j}) = \frac{B_0}{2} (-y \hat{i} + x \hat{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow A_x = -\frac{B_0}{2} y, \quad A_y = \frac{B_0}{2} x, \quad A_z = 0.$$

\therefore Hamiltonian,

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \left[\left(p_x - e/c A_x \right)^2 + \left(p_y - e/c A_y \right)^2 + \left(p_z - e/c A_z \right)^2 \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left[\left(p_x + e/c \frac{B_0}{2} y \right)^2 + \left(p_y - \frac{e B_0}{2c} x \right)^2 + p_z^2 \right].$$

a) The partition function is,

$$\mathcal{Z} = \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3p_1 \dots d^3p_N d^3q_1 \dots d^3q_N e^{-\frac{\beta}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(p_x^i + e/c \frac{1}{2} q_y^i \right)^2 + \left(p_y^i - \frac{eB_0}{2c} x^i \right)^2 + p_z^i{}^2}$$

where i indicates the particle's momenta/position.

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{Z} = \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx dy dz d^3p_x d^3p_y d^3p_z e^{-\frac{\beta}{2m} \left(p_x + \frac{eB_0 y}{2c} \right)^2 - \frac{\beta}{2m} \left(p_y - \frac{eB_0 x}{2c} \right)^2 - \frac{\beta p_z^2}{2m}} \right]^N$$

Let do a change of integration variable for p_x, p_y

$$\Rightarrow q_x = p_x + \frac{eB_0}{2c} y, \quad q_y = p_y - \frac{eB_0}{2c} x, \quad q_z = p_z$$

with integration limits $-\infty$ to ∞ . and Jacobian is one.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Z} &= \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx dy dz d^3q_x d^3q_y d^3q_z e^{-\frac{\beta}{2m} (q_x^2 + q_y^2 + q_z^2)} \right]^N \\ &= \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx dy dz \right]^N \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^3q_x d^3q_y d^3q_z e^{-\frac{\beta}{2m} (q_x^2 + q_y^2 + q_z^2)} \right]^N \\ &= \frac{V^N}{h^{3N}} \left[\left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{\beta/2m}} \right)^3 \right]^N, \quad \text{where } V \text{ is the volume of the cube.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{Z} = \frac{V^N}{h^{3N}} \left(\frac{2\pi m}{\beta} \right)^{3N/2}, \quad \text{where } \beta \text{ is the inverse temperature, } \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

b) The Magnetisation,

$$M = \frac{\mu}{V}, \quad \text{where } \mu \text{ is total magnetisation}$$

$$\mu = - \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial B} \right) = - \frac{\partial (k_B T \log \mathcal{Z})}{\partial B} = \frac{\partial (k_B T \log \mathcal{Z})}{\partial B} = 0$$

\Rightarrow magnetisation is zero for classical charged particles. It is a quantum phenomenon.