

[tex84] **Classical paramagnet (canonical ensemble)**

Consider an array of N noninteracting localized magnetic dipole moments in the form of classical 3-component unit vectors $\mathbf{m}_i = (m_i^x, m_i^y, m_i^z) = (\sin \theta_i \cos \phi_i, \sin \theta_i \sin \phi_i, \cos \theta_i)$. In the presence of a magnetic field \mathbf{H} pointing in z -direction, the Hamiltonian of this system represents the Zeeman energy:

$$\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{m}_i \cdot \mathbf{H} = -H \sum_{i=1}^N m_i^z.$$

- (a) Calculate the canonical partition function Z_N of this system.
- (b) Calculate the Gibbs free energy $G(T, H, N)$, the magnetization $M(T, H, N)$ (Langevin function), the isothermal susceptibility $\chi_T(T, H, N)$, and the heat capacity $C_H(T, H, N)$.
- (c) Show that the leading term in an expansion of χ_T at small H is H -independent and represents Curie's law $\chi_T \simeq N/3k_B T$.

Note that $\phi, \cos \theta$ are a pair of conjugate canonical coordinates.

Solution: