

[tex86] Quantum paramagnet (Brillouin function)

Consider an array of N noninteracting localized magnetic dipole moments \mathbf{m}_i produced by localized effective atomic spins in a paramagnetic insulator. In the presence of a magnetic field \mathbf{H} pointing in z -direction, the Hamiltonian of this system represents the Zeeman energy:

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

where m_i^z can assume the $2s + 1$ values $(-s, -s + 1, \dots, s - 1, s)$ for fixed $s = \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, \dots$

- Calculate the canonical partition function Z_N of this system.
- Calculate the Gibbs free energy $G(T, H, N)$. Calculate the magnetization $M(T, H, N)$ (Brillouin function).
- Set $s = \frac{1}{2}$ to recover the result of [tex85]. Take the limit $s \rightarrow \infty$ and recover the result of [tex84] for the rescaled quantities $\tilde{M} = M/s, \tilde{H} = Hs$.

Solution: