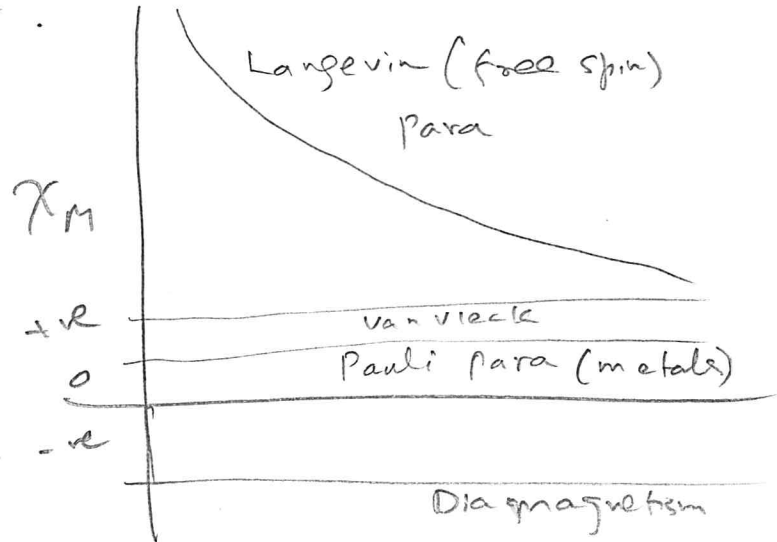


# Pauli paramagnetism

Using Classical mechanics,  $M = N \mu_B^2 B / k_B T$  (Anil)

Instead it is observed magnetism of non-ferro material is independent of  $T$ .



Most electrons cannot respond to external field because states are already occupied. Only electrons within  $k_B T$  can respond. Only a fraction  $T/T_F \approx 0.01$  contribute to spin susceptibility.

$$M = \frac{N \mu_B^2 B}{k_B T} \left( \frac{T}{T_F} \right) \approx \frac{N \mu_B^2 B}{k_B T_F}$$

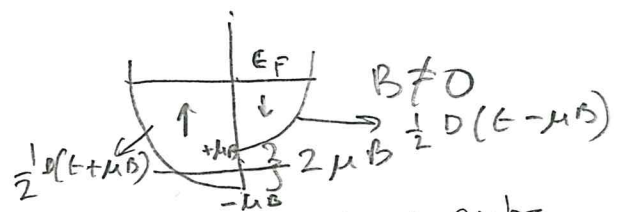
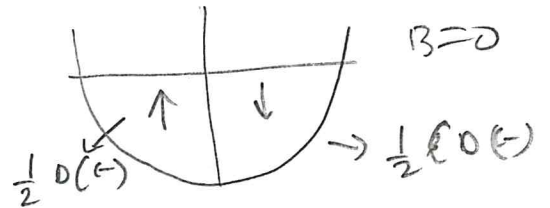
Better derivation: Assume  $T \ll T_F$  and  $\mu_B \ll E_F$

$$N_+ = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\mu_B}^{E_F} dE f(E) D(E + \mu_B)$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{E_F} dE f(E) D(E) + \frac{1}{2} \mu_B B D(E_F)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } N_- = \frac{1}{2} \int_{+\mu_B}^{E_F} dE f(E) D(E - \mu_B)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{E_F} dE f(E) D(E) - \frac{1}{2} \mu_B B D(E_F)$$



There are some extra electrons in spin up direction due to  $B$ .

$$M = \mu (N_+ - N_-) \approx \mu^2 D(\epsilon_F) B$$

$$D(\epsilon_F) = \frac{3N}{2\epsilon_F} = \frac{3N}{2k_B T_F}$$

$$\chi = \frac{\partial M}{\partial H} = \mu^2 D(\epsilon_F) = \frac{3N}{2k_B T_F} \mu^2$$

In reality, there is another contribution to susceptibility. contribution. Spatial motion of electrons is affected by magnetic field - causes a diamagnetic moment equal to  $-1/3$  of paramagnetic moment

$$M = \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \right) \frac{N \mu_B^2}{k_B T_F}$$

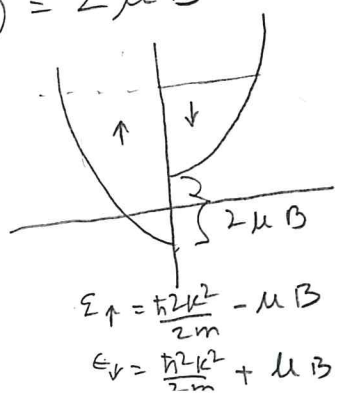
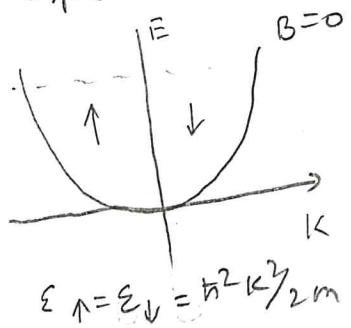
$$= \frac{N \mu_B^2}{k_B T_F}$$

### Motivation for using split-band diagram

Note at  $B=0$ , moments pointing in  $\pm z$  direction have same energy  $\epsilon_{\uparrow}(k) = \epsilon_{\downarrow}(k) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$ . When a magnetic field is applied, the total energy changes due to Zeeman contribution. But, more importantly, with opposite signs for  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  moments. Assume  $\vec{B} = B \hat{z}$

$\epsilon_{\uparrow}(k, B) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} - \mu B$  and  $\epsilon_{\downarrow}(k, B) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \mu B$ . Therefore energy of every spin with moments parallel to the direction of  $B$  is reduced by  $-\mu B$ , and energy of every spin with moments antiparallel to  $B$  is raised by  $+\mu B$

$$\epsilon_{\uparrow}(k, B) - \epsilon_{\downarrow}(k, B) = 2\mu B$$



The split-band, therefore, merely reflects that energy of  $\uparrow$  moments have reduce by  $-\mu B$  for all electrons irrespective of  $k$  value, and energy of all  $\downarrow$  moments have increased by  $+\mu B$ . This picture carries over to the case of Ferromagnets.

## Total energy of free-electron gas

It is instructive and useful to work out Pauli Paramagnetism from energy minimization point of view, i.e., the groundstate energy is always a minimum. Let us quickly review the energy of a free electron gas at  $B=0$  and  $T=0$

For discrete energy eigenvalues  $\epsilon_i$  with  $n_i$  states, the total energy is  $E = \sum_i n_i \epsilon_i$

In the continuous case,  $n \rightarrow \int_0^{\epsilon_F} f(\epsilon) D(\epsilon) d\epsilon$

$$\Rightarrow E = \int_0^{\epsilon_F} f(\epsilon) D(\epsilon) \epsilon d\epsilon$$

Recall,  $D(\epsilon) = \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \epsilon^{1/2}$  and  $\epsilon_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{3\pi^2 N}{V}\right)^{2/3}$

Taking  $f(\epsilon) = 1$  at  $T=0$   $\Rightarrow \epsilon_F^{3/2} = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{3\pi^2 N}{V}\right)$

So,  $E = \int_0^{\epsilon_F} \left(\frac{V}{2\pi^2}\right) \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \epsilon^{1/2} d\epsilon = \left(\frac{V}{2\pi^2}\right) \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \int_0^{\epsilon_F} \epsilon^{3/2} d\epsilon$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{V}{2\pi^2}\right) \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \epsilon^{5/2} \Big|_0^{\epsilon_F}$$

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$$\text{Or, } \boxed{E = \frac{3}{5} N \epsilon_F}$$

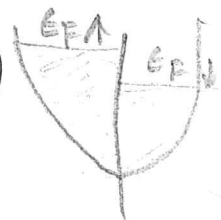
Total energy is greater than  $\frac{1}{2} N \epsilon_F$  due to parabolic bands

Since  $N_{\uparrow} = N_{\downarrow} = \frac{N}{2}$  at  $B=0$

$$\epsilon_{\uparrow} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{N}{2} \epsilon_F = \frac{3}{10} N \epsilon_F = \epsilon_{\downarrow} = E_0 \text{ in the calculation performed next.}$$

Pauli Paramagnetism (from total energy)

Let's say  $N_{\uparrow} = \frac{N}{2}(1+\Delta)$ ;  $N_{\downarrow} = \frac{N}{2}(1-\Delta)$



$N = N_{\uparrow} + N_{\downarrow}$  /  $N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow} = \Delta N$

$E_{\uparrow} \rightarrow KE = \frac{3}{5} N_{\uparrow} E_F = \frac{3}{5} N_{\uparrow} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{3\pi^2}{V} N_{\uparrow} \right)^{2/3}$

$E_{\uparrow} = \frac{3}{5} \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \right) \left( \frac{3\pi^2}{V} \right)^{2/3} N_{\uparrow}^{5/3} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{N}{2} \left( \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \right) \left( \frac{3\pi^2 N}{2V} \right)^{2/3} (1+\Delta)^{5/3}$

$= E_0 (1+\Delta)^{5/3}$   $E_0 = \frac{3}{5} \frac{N}{2} E_F$

$E_{\downarrow} = E_0 (1-\Delta)^{5/3}$

Magnetic energy =  $-\mu B (N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}) = -\mu B \left( \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N}{2}\Delta - \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N}{2}\Delta \right)$

$= -N\mu\Delta B$

Total KE

Total energy =  $E_{\uparrow} + E_{\downarrow} + \text{Magnetic energy}$

$= E_0 \left[ (1+\Delta)^{5/3} + (1-\Delta)^{5/3} \right] - N\mu\Delta B$

We are minimizing this energy.  $\Rightarrow \frac{dE}{d\Delta} = 0$

$E_0 \left[ \frac{5}{3} (1+\Delta)^{2/3} - \frac{5}{3} (1-\Delta)^{2/3} \right] - N\mu B = 0$

$\Rightarrow E_0 \left[ \frac{5}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{3}\Delta \right) - \frac{5}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{3}\Delta \right) \right] - N\mu B = 0$

$\Rightarrow E_0 \left[ \frac{10}{9}\Delta + \frac{10}{9}\Delta \right] - N\mu B = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{9}{20} \frac{N\mu B}{E_0}$

$M = (N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}) \mu = \Delta N \mu = \frac{9}{20} \frac{N^2 \mu B}{E_0} = \frac{9^3}{20} \frac{N^2 \mu^2 B}{\frac{3}{5} N E_F} = \frac{3}{2} N \mu^2 B$

same result