

ECE 659 Quantum Transport: Atom to Transistor

Lecture 12: Cyclotron Frequency

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$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E$$

$$\hbar \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{k}}}{dt} = \nabla E$$

$$\hbar \bar{\mathbf{k}} = m \bar{\mathbf{v}}$$

$$E = U(x) + \frac{(\hbar \bar{\mathbf{k}} - q \bar{\mathbf{A}}) \cdot (\hbar \bar{\mathbf{k}} - q \bar{\mathbf{A}})}{2m}$$

$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \frac{\hbar \bar{\mathbf{k}} - q \bar{\mathbf{A}}}{m} = \frac{\hbar \bar{\mathbf{k}}'}{m}$$

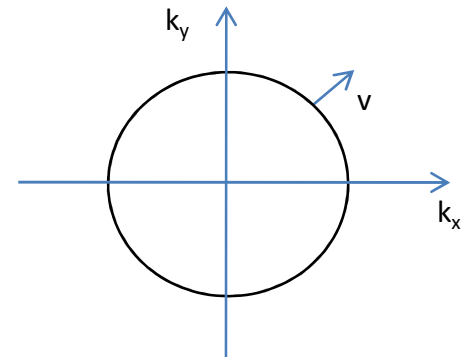
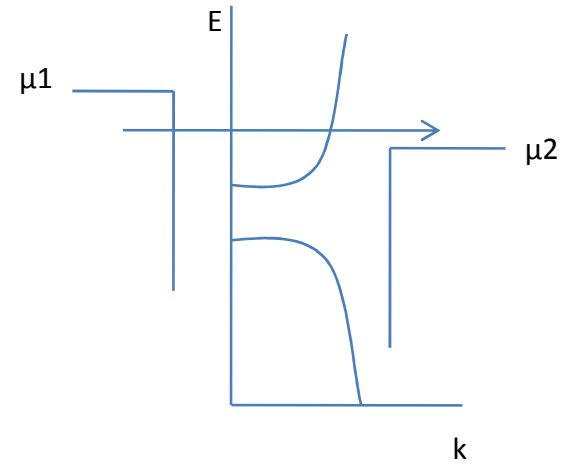
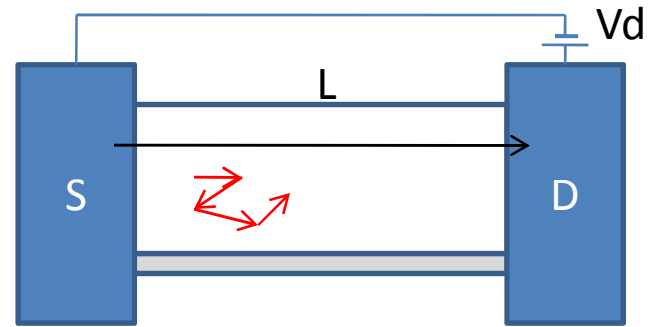
$$\hbar \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{k}}'}{dt} = q (\bar{\mathbf{v}} \times \bar{\mathbf{B}})$$

We keep U as constant and drop it for convenience

$$E = \sum_i \frac{(\hbar k_i - q A_i)^2}{2m} \quad i = x, y, z$$

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial k_i}$$

$$\hbar \frac{dk_i}{dt} = - \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_i}$$



We change i to j in the E expression to avoid confusion

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial k_i} = \frac{\hbar k_i - qA_i}{m}$$

More formally

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial k_i} &= \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_i \frac{\hbar k_i - qA_i}{m} \hbar \delta_{ij} \\ &= \frac{\hbar k_i - qA_i}{m} \end{aligned}$$

Vector notation then follows naturally

Some Tensor notations:

Kronecker delta

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Levi-Civita tensor

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } i \neq j \neq k, \text{ in cyclic order} \\ -1 & \text{if } i \neq j \neq k, \text{ in anti-cyclic order} \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \text{ or } j = k \text{ or } i = k \text{ or } i = j = k \end{cases}$$

$$\hbar \frac{dk_i}{dt} = - \sum_j \underbrace{\frac{\hbar k_j - qA_j}{m}}_{v_j} \cdot -q \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\hbar \frac{dk_i}{dt} = q \sum_j v_j \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x_i} \quad - A$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (qA_i) = q \sum_j \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{dx_j}{dt} \quad - B$$

Subtracting B from A

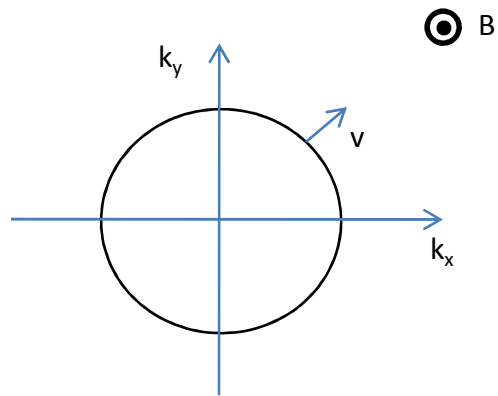
$$\begin{aligned} \hbar \frac{dk_i}{dt} &= q \sum_j v_j \left[\frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_j} \right] \\ &= q \sum_j v_j \left[\nabla_i A_j - \nabla_j A_i \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now: } (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})_k = \sum_{i,j} \epsilon_{ijk} A_i B_j = A_x B_y - A_y B_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \hbar \frac{dk'_i}{dt} &= q \sum_{j,k} v_j \epsilon_{ijk} (\nabla \times \vec{A})_k \\ &= q (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E = \frac{\hbar \bar{\mathbf{k}} - q\bar{\mathbf{A}}}{m} = \frac{\hbar \bar{\mathbf{k}}'}{m}$$

$$\hbar \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{k}}'}{dt} = q \left(\bar{\boldsymbol{\xi}} + \bar{\mathbf{v}} \times \bar{\mathbf{B}} \right)$$



$$\frac{\hbar d(k')}{v} = qBdt$$

Integrating over time T

$$\frac{\hbar 2\pi k}{\hbar k} = qBT$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{qB} \rightarrow \omega_c$$

More generally:

$$\frac{\hbar k d\theta}{1 \frac{dE}{\hbar dk}} = qBdt \xrightarrow{\text{Integrate over T}} \hbar^2 \frac{d}{dE} (A(k)) = qBT$$

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Area in k-space

$$\omega_c \tau = \frac{qB\tau}{m} = \mu B$$