

1. **Cyclotron effective mass**

For free electron $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}) = \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m$. Calculate $\partial A(\mathcal{E}, k_z) / \partial \mathcal{E}$ and show that the general expression for the period in a magnetic field reduces to the free electron result.

2. **Effective mass tensor**

For electrons near a band minimum (or maximum) $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k})$ has the form

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k}) = \text{constant} + \frac{\hbar^2}{2} (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_0) \cdot \mathbf{M}^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_0),$$

where the matrix \mathbf{M} is independent of \mathbf{k} . Calculate the cyclotron effective mass using $m^* = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\pi} \frac{\partial A(\mathcal{E}, k_z)}{\partial \mathcal{E}}$ and show that it is independent of \mathcal{E} and k_z and given by

$$m^* = \left(\frac{|\mathbf{M}|}{\mathbf{M}_{zz}} \right)^{1/2},$$

where $|\mathbf{M}|$ is the determinant of the matrix \mathbf{M} .

3. **Effective mass tensor**

When $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{k})$ is as in problem 2, the semiclassical equations of motion are linear, and therefore easily solved.

- a) Assuming that the mean free time between electron collisions is τ , show that the DC conductivity is given by

$$\sigma = ne^2 \tau \mathbf{M}^{-1}$$

- b) Rederive the result of the problem 2 by finding explicitly the time dependent solutions to

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -e \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{H} \right),$$

and noting that the angular frequency is related to m^* by $\omega = eH/m^*c$.