

Energy. let us define

$$\frac{E(\epsilon)}{V} = \int_0^{\epsilon} d\epsilon' g(\epsilon') \epsilon'$$

Then the total ground state energy will be  $E(\epsilon_F)$

$$\underline{H=0} \quad g^0(\epsilon) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{m}{\epsilon_F^0} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_F^0}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E^0(\epsilon)}{V} &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{m}{(\epsilon_F^0)^{3/2}} \int_0^{\epsilon} d\epsilon' \epsilon'^{3/2} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{5} \frac{m}{(\epsilon_F^0)^{3/2}} \epsilon^{5/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{E^0(\epsilon)}{V} = \frac{3}{5} m \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_F^0}\right)^{3/2} \epsilon}$$

from above we get familiar result

$$\frac{E^0(\epsilon_F)}{V} = \frac{3}{5} m \epsilon_F^0 \quad \text{at } H=0$$

H > 0

$$g(\epsilon) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{m}{\epsilon_F^0} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_c}{\epsilon_F^0}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_n' \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-n-1/2}}$$

term  $n$  appears in sum only if  $x \geq n+1/2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E(\epsilon)}{V} &= \int_0^{\epsilon} d\epsilon' g(\epsilon') \epsilon' = (\hbar \omega_c)^2 \int_0^x dx' g(x') x' \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{m}{\epsilon_F^0} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_c}{\epsilon_F^0}} (\hbar \omega_c)^2 \sum_n' \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x dx' \frac{x'}{\sqrt{x'-n-1/2}} \end{aligned}$$

as we explained in discussion concerning the computation of  $G(\epsilon)$ , we can rewrite the sum and integrals as

$$\frac{E(\epsilon)}{V} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{m}{\epsilon_F^0} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_c}{\epsilon_F^0}} (\hbar \omega_c)^2 \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} \frac{1}{2} \int_{n+1/2}^x dx' \frac{x'}{\sqrt{x'-n-1/2}}$$

where  $n_{\max}$  is largest integer such that  $x \gg n_{\max} + 1/2$

We can look up the integral in a table to find

$$\int dx \frac{x}{\sqrt{x-a}} = \frac{2}{3} (x+2a) \sqrt{x-a}$$

So

$$\frac{E(\epsilon)}{V} = \frac{m}{2\epsilon_F^0} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \omega_c}{\epsilon_F^0}} (\hbar \omega_c)^2 \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} \left[ (x'+2n+1) \sqrt{x'-n-1/2} \right]_{n+1/2}^x$$

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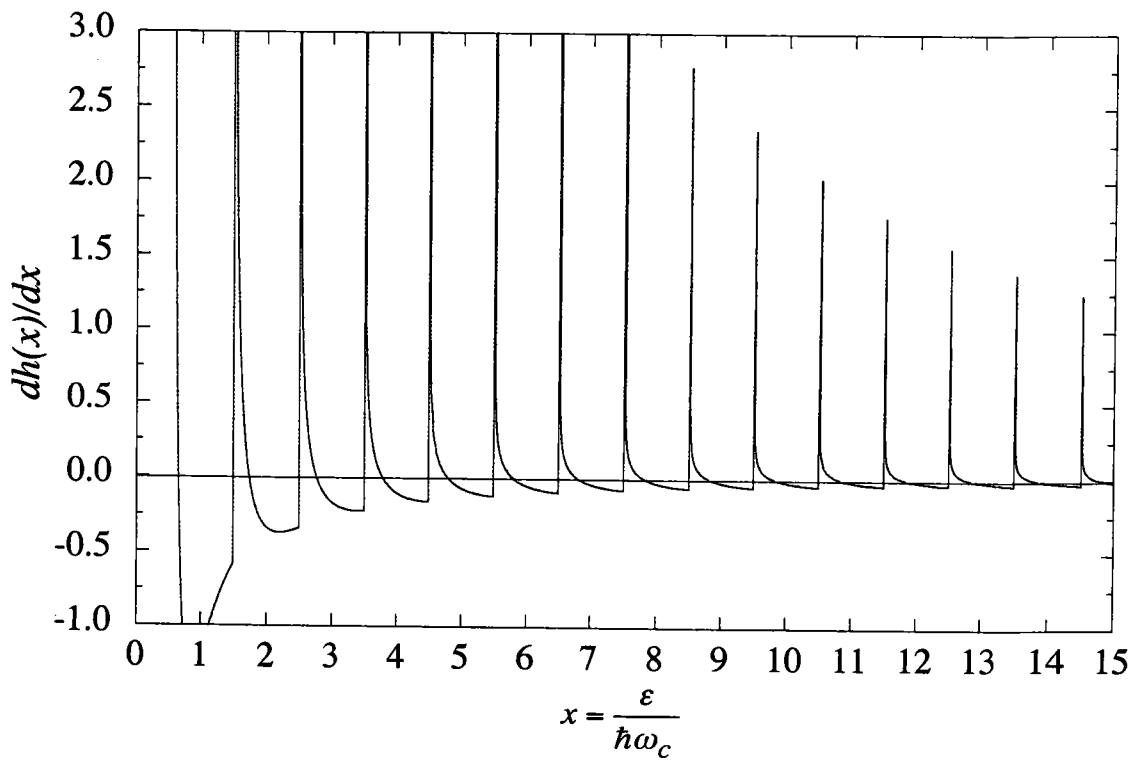
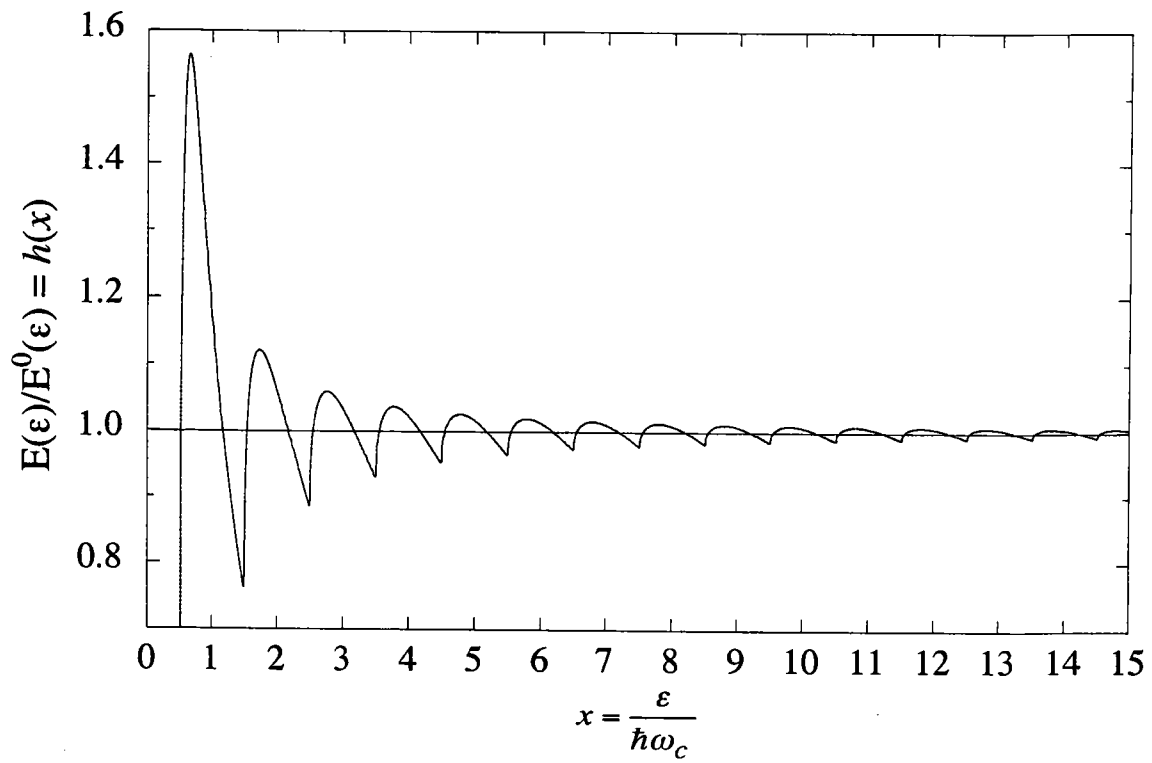
Compare to  $\frac{E^0(\epsilon)}{V} = \frac{3}{5} m \left( \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_F^0} \right)^{3/2} \epsilon$  and we have

$$\frac{E(\epsilon)}{E^0(\epsilon)} = \frac{5}{6} \frac{1}{x^{5/2}} \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} (x+2n+1) \sqrt{x-n-1/2}$$

$x = \epsilon/\hbar \omega_c$  and  $n_{\max}$  such that  $x \gg n_{\max} + 1/2$

$$\text{define } h(x) \equiv \frac{5}{6} \frac{1}{x^{5/2}} \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} (x+2n+1) \sqrt{x-n-1/2}$$

then  $E(\epsilon) = E^0(\epsilon) h(x)$



The ground state energy for finite  $H > 0$  is now  $E(\epsilon_F)$  where  $\epsilon_F = \epsilon_F^0 + \delta\epsilon$

$$E(\epsilon_F) = E^0(\epsilon_F^0 + \delta\epsilon) h(x^0 + \delta x) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^0 = \frac{\epsilon_F^0}{\hbar\omega_c} \\ \delta x = \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\hbar\omega_c} \end{array} \right.$$

Since  $\delta\epsilon$  is small, expand to lowest order

$$E(\epsilon_F) \approx \left[ E^0(\epsilon_F^0) + \frac{dE^0(\epsilon_F^0)}{d\epsilon} \delta\epsilon \right] \left[ h(x^0) + h'(x^0) \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\hbar\omega_c} \right]$$

$$\approx E^0(\epsilon_F^0) h(x^0) + \left[ \frac{E^0(\epsilon_F^0) h'(x^0)}{\hbar\omega_c} + \frac{dE^0(\epsilon_F^0)}{d\epsilon} h(x^0) \right] \delta\epsilon$$

using  $\frac{E^0(\epsilon)}{V} = \frac{3}{5} m \frac{\epsilon^{5/2}}{(\epsilon_F^0)^{3/2}}$  we get

$$\frac{1}{V} \frac{dE^0}{d\epsilon} = \frac{3}{2} m \frac{\epsilon^{3/2}}{(\epsilon_F^0)^{3/2}} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{dE^0(\epsilon_F^0)}{d\epsilon} = \frac{3}{2} m V$$

$$\text{also} \quad \frac{E^0}{V} = \frac{3}{5} m \epsilon_F^0 \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{dE^0(\epsilon_F^0)}{d\epsilon} = \frac{5}{2} \frac{E^0}{\epsilon_F^0}$$

$$E(\epsilon_F) = E^0(\epsilon_F^0) \left[ h(x^0) + \left( \frac{h'(x^0)}{\hbar\omega_c} + \frac{5}{2} \frac{h(x^0)}{\epsilon_F^0} \right) \delta\epsilon \right]$$

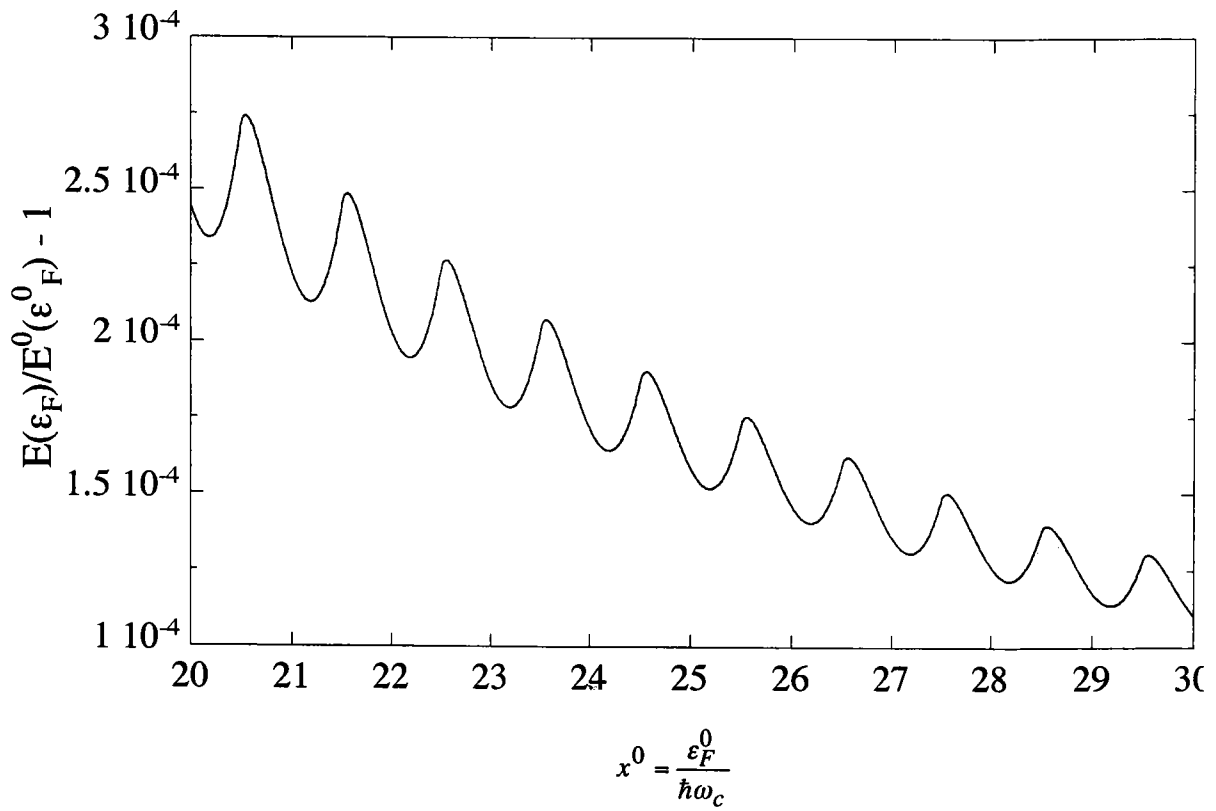
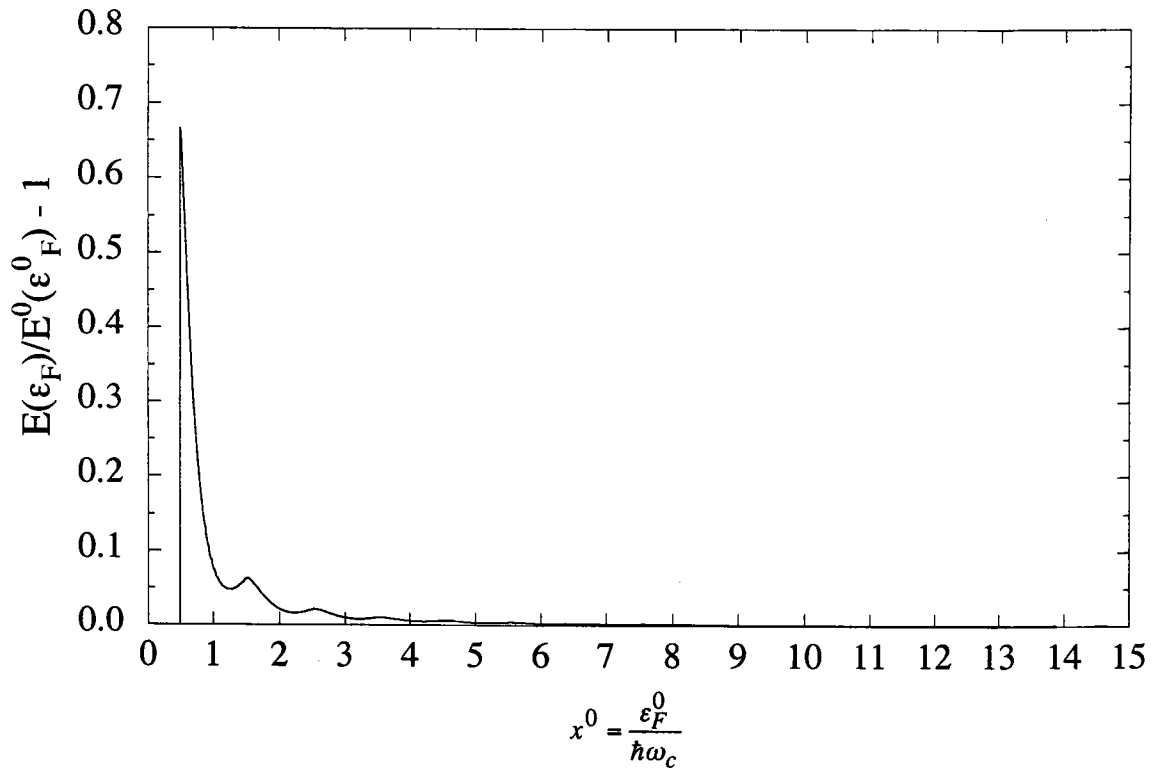
$$E(\epsilon_F) = E^0(\epsilon_F^0) \left[ h(x^0) + \left( h'(x^0) + \frac{5}{2} \frac{h(x^0)}{x^0} \right) \delta x \right]$$

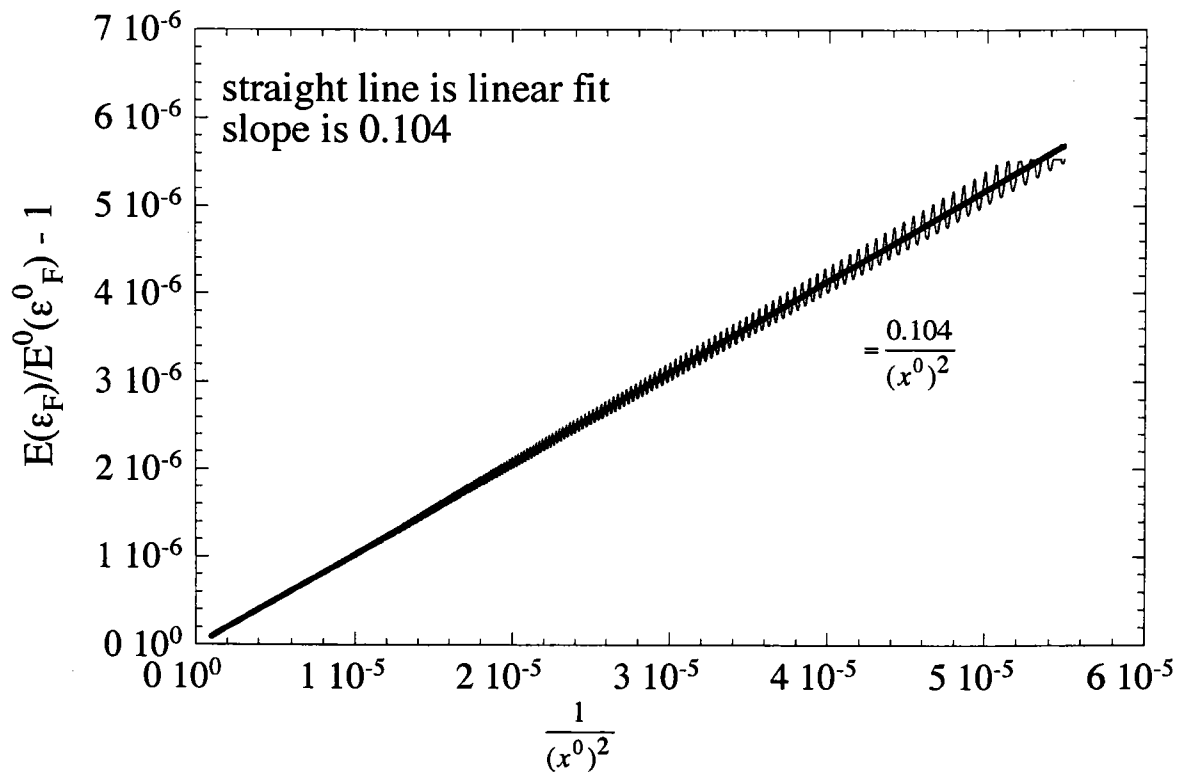
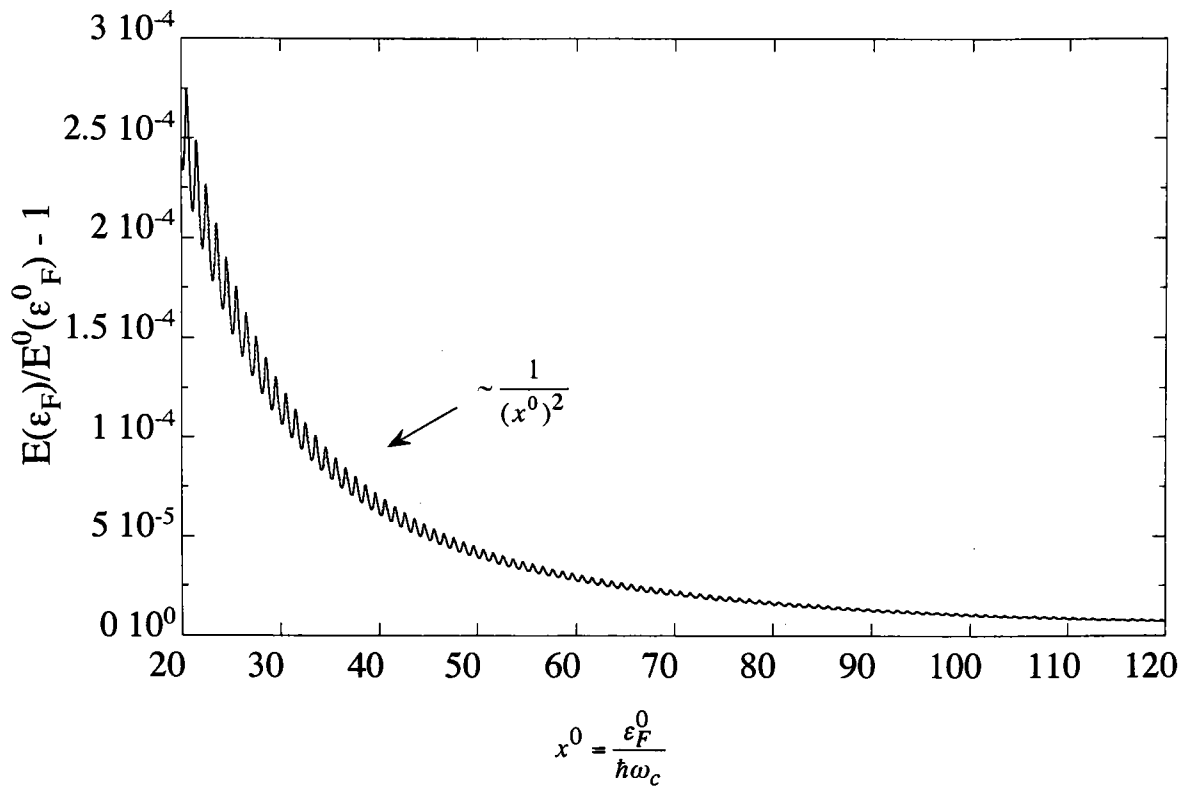
$$\text{where } x^0 = \epsilon_F^0 / \hbar\omega_c$$

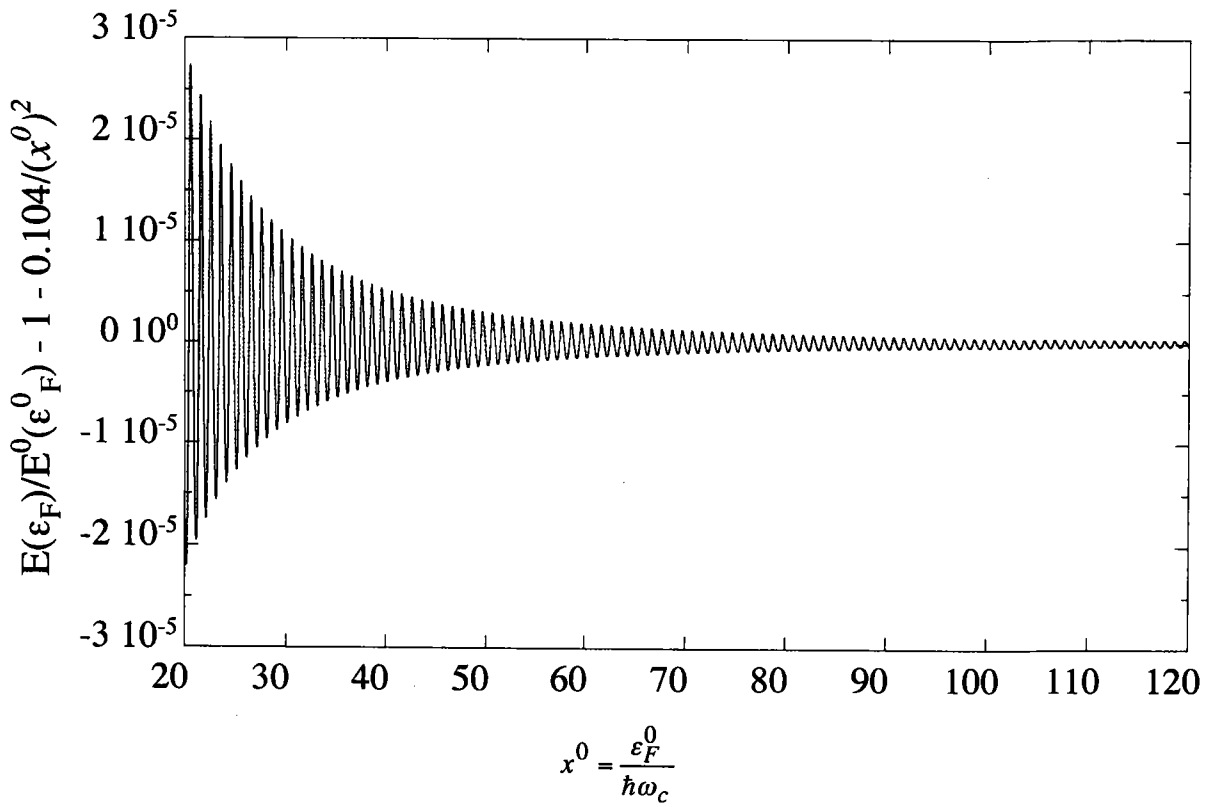
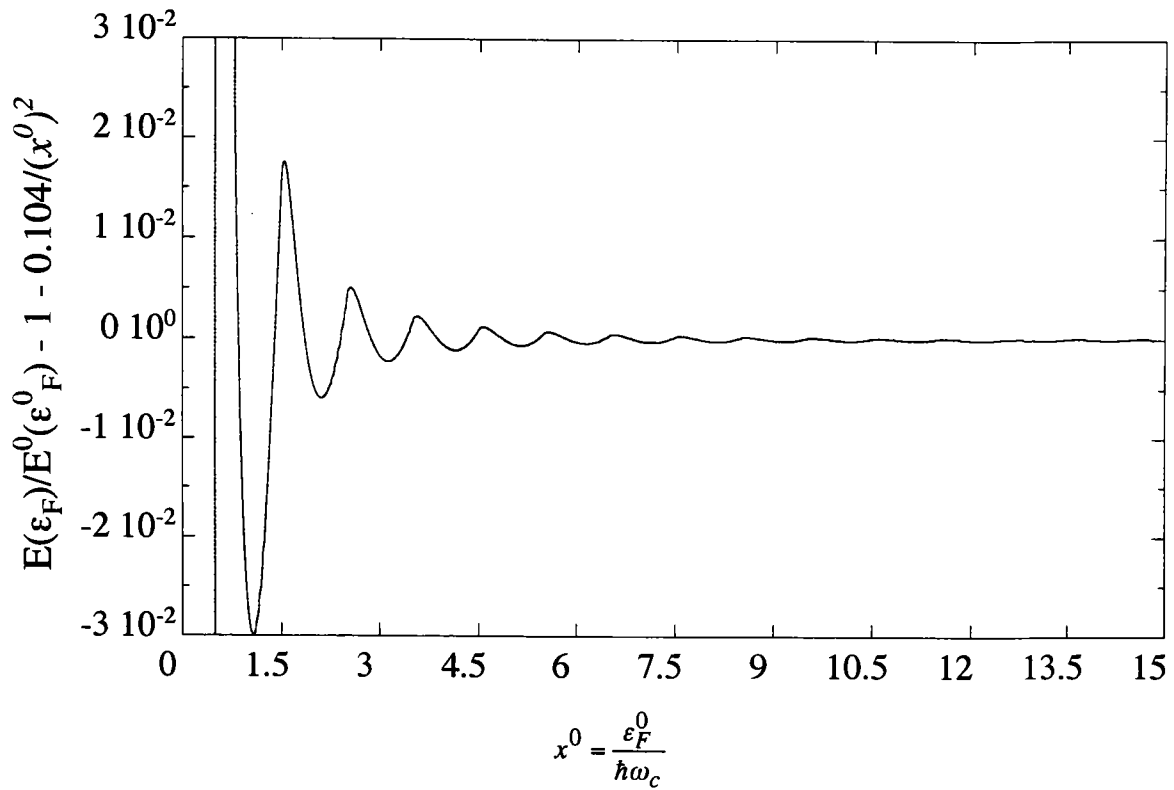
$$\text{with } \delta x = \frac{1 - f(x^0)}{f'(x^0) + \frac{3}{2} \frac{f(x^0)}{x^0}} \quad \text{as found earlier}$$

We can now plot  $\frac{E(\epsilon_F)}{E^0(\epsilon_F^0)}$  as function of  $x^0 = \frac{\epsilon_F^0}{\hbar\omega_c}$

Since we expect  $E(\epsilon_F)/E^0(\epsilon_F^0) \rightarrow 1$  as  $x^0 \rightarrow \infty$ , we plot  $\left[ \frac{E(\epsilon_F)}{E^0(\epsilon_F^0)} - 1 \right]$







From our plot of  $\frac{E(E_F)}{E^0(E_F^0)} - 1$  we conclude that

$E(E_F)$  has the form

$$E(E_F) = E^0(E_F^0) \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha}{(x^0)^2} + g(x^0) \right]$$

where  $\alpha = 0.104$  and  $g(x)$  is a small oscillating part with period  $\Delta x = 1$  and amplitude that vanishes as  $x^0 \rightarrow \infty$ .

At high temperature such that  $k_B T \gg \hbar \omega_c$  (in practice this is anything more than a few  $^\circ K$ ) thermal fluctuations smear out the oscillations  $g(x)$  and average them to zero. One is left with

$$E(E_F) = E^0(E_F^0) + \frac{\alpha E^0(E_F^0)}{(x^0)^2}$$

since  $x^0 = \frac{E_F^0}{\hbar \omega_c}$  and  $\omega_c = \frac{e \hbar}{m c}$

the second term is  $\propto H^2$  and so this is the term that gives the Landau diamagnetic susceptibility

$$E(E_F) = E^0(E_F^0) + \alpha \left( \frac{3}{5} m E_F^0 V \right) \left( \frac{\hbar e H}{m c E_F^0} \right)^2$$

where we used  $E^0(E_F^0) = \frac{3}{5} m E_F^0 V$   $V$  is volume



$$E(\epsilon_F) = E^0(\epsilon_F^0) + \frac{3}{5} \alpha \frac{m}{\epsilon_F^0} V \frac{\hbar^2 e^2}{m^2 c^2} H^2$$

recall the Bohr magneton  $\mu_0 = \frac{e\hbar}{2mc}$

$$\text{So } E(\epsilon_F) = E^0(\epsilon_F^0) + \frac{12}{5} \alpha \frac{m}{\epsilon_F^0} \mu_0^2 H^2$$

$$\text{So } \chi_L = -\frac{1}{V} \left. \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial H^2} \right|_{H=0} = -\frac{24}{5} \alpha \frac{m}{\epsilon_F^0} \mu_0^2$$

Recall that the Pauli paramagnetic susceptibility (due to intrinsic electron magnetic moment) was

$$\chi_p = \frac{3}{2} \frac{m}{\epsilon_F^0} \mu_0^2$$

So

$$\chi_L = -\frac{16}{5} \alpha \chi_p \quad \text{using } \alpha = .104 \text{ we get}$$

$$\chi_L = -0.333 \chi_p$$

since  $\chi_p > 0$  paramagnetic  
 $\Rightarrow \chi_L < 0$  diamagnetic

Now Landau, in his original calculation, did not have such nice computers! So he found a different method, involving a finite temperature calculation of the free energy, and using various integral approximates to discrete sums. This way he arrived at the analytical result

$$\boxed{\chi_L = -\frac{1}{3} \chi_p}$$

certainly in agreement with our numerical result.

Landau's exact result gives

$$\alpha = \frac{5}{48}$$

In the preceding calculations, we treated the paramagnetic and diamagnetic effects separately. i.e., when computing Pauli paramagnetism we ignore the change in electron wavefunction due to the presence of the magnetic field  $H$ , and only considered the interaction of  $H$  with the intrinsic electron magnetic moment  $\mu_0$ . When computing Landau diamagnetism we ignored this interaction with the intrinsic moment, and considered only the effect of  $H$  on the eigenstates and hence the density of states.

Of course both effects are there simultaneously, so the total magnetic susceptibility of the free electron gas is therefore

$$\chi = \chi_p + \chi_L = \chi_p - \frac{1}{3} \chi_L = \frac{2}{3} \chi_p$$

Since  $\chi_p > 0$ , the net effect is paramagnetic.

For some more traditional calculations of Landau diamagnetism see:

Notes from AP Young UC Santa Cruz

<http://bartok.ucsc.edu/peter/231/magnetic-field/node5.htm>

Pathria - "Statistical Mechanics", pgs 206 - 209

Landau + Lifshitz - "Statistical Mechanics v1", pgs 172 - 175

## The de Haas - van Alphen effect

At sufficiently low temperature and high magnetic field, so that  $\hbar\omega_c > k_B T$ , the oscillations due to the discrete Landau levels can be observed in measurements of magnetization  $M = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial E}{\partial H}$ . These were first observed by de Haas and van Alphen in 1930 in magnetization measurements on Bi at 14.2°K. Similar oscillations are found in susceptibility  $\chi = \frac{\partial M}{\partial H}$ , conductivity (Shubnikov-de Haas effect), and many other quantities. Since we found that  $E_F$  has such oscillations, so  $g(E_F)$  will have such oscillations, hence we can easily see why many physical quantities also oscillate.

The period of oscillations is in the inverse magnetic field  $1/H$

$$\text{period is } \Delta X = 1 \Rightarrow \Delta \left( \frac{E_F^0}{\hbar\omega_c} \right) = 1 \quad \omega_c = \frac{eH}{mc}$$

since  $E_F^0$  is fixed while  $H$  varies, we have oscillations that are periodic in  $1/H$  with period

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{H} \right) = \frac{\hbar}{E_F^0} \frac{e}{mc}$$

we can rewrite this as

$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{H}\right) = \frac{\hbar^2 m}{\hbar^2 k_F^2} \frac{e}{mc} = \frac{2e}{\hbar c k_F^2}$$

cross sectional area of the Fermi sphere

is  $A_F = \pi k_F^2$ , so

$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{H}\right) = \frac{2\pi e}{\hbar c} \frac{1}{A_F}$$

The above turns out to be more generally true.

For electrons in a periodic potential (as opposed to our free electron model) the Fermi surface is not necessarily a sphere. Still the above relation holds where  $A_F$  is the <sup>extremal</sup> ~~maximal~~ cross sectional area of the Fermi surface perpendicular to the direction of the applied magnetic field. The de Haas-van Alphen effect thus became one of the methods for measuring the shape of the Fermi surface.

see Ashcroft + Mermin Chpt 14 for more details