

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

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

$H > 0$

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

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 $x \geq n_{\max} + 1/2$

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

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

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

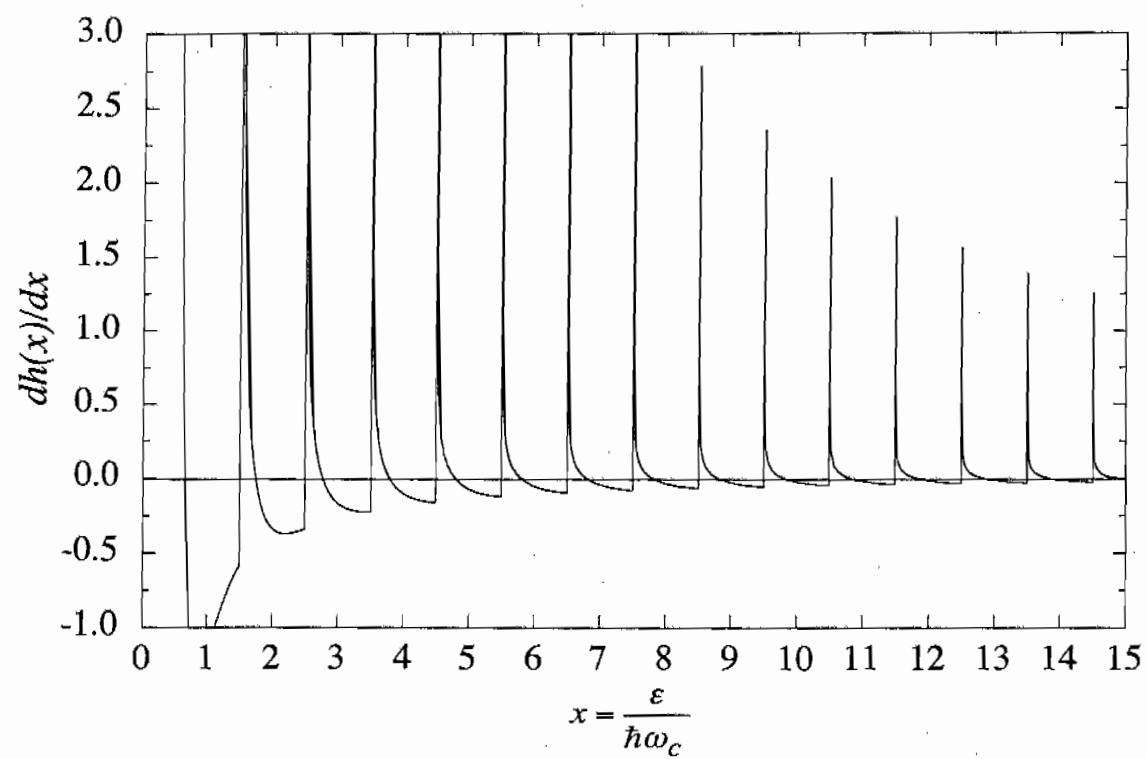
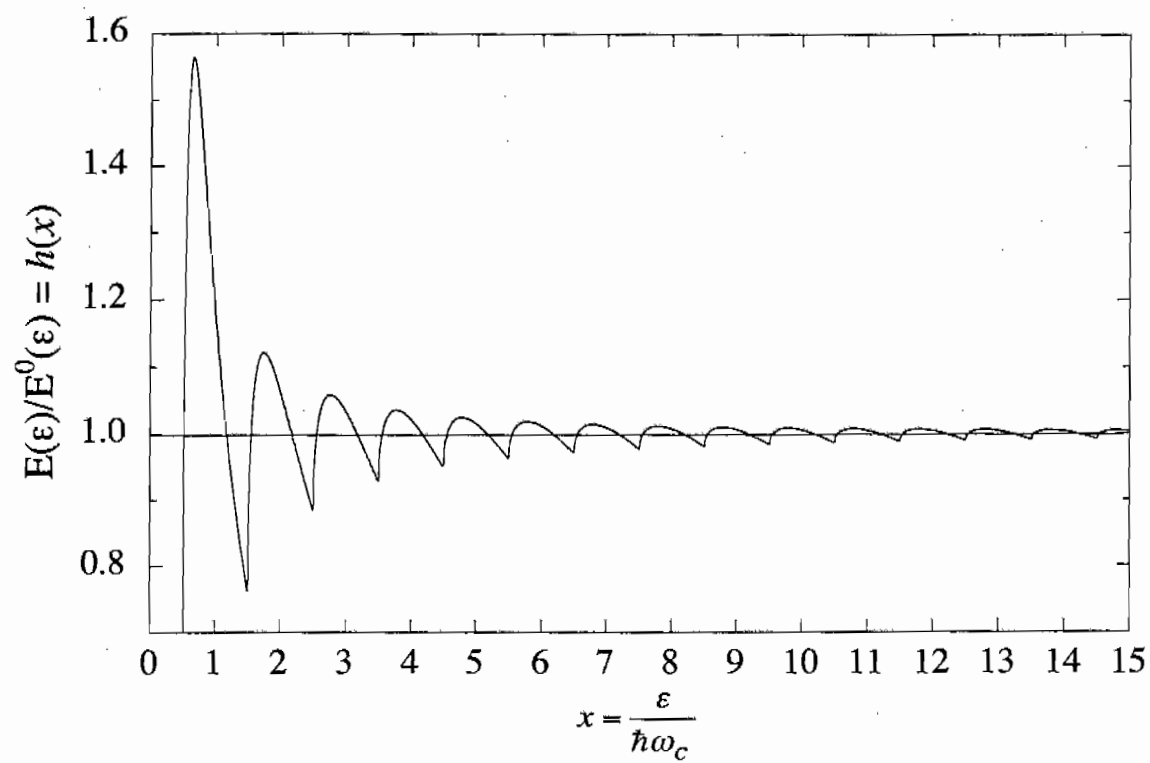
Compare to $\frac{E^0(\epsilon)}{V} = \frac{3}{5} m \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_F^0} \right)^{3/2} \epsilon$ and we have

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

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

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

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



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

$$E(\epsilon_F) = E^0(\epsilon_F^0 + \delta\epsilon) h(x^0 + \delta x) \quad \begin{cases} x^0 = \frac{\epsilon_F^0}{\hbar\omega_c} \\ \delta x = \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\hbar\omega_c} \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

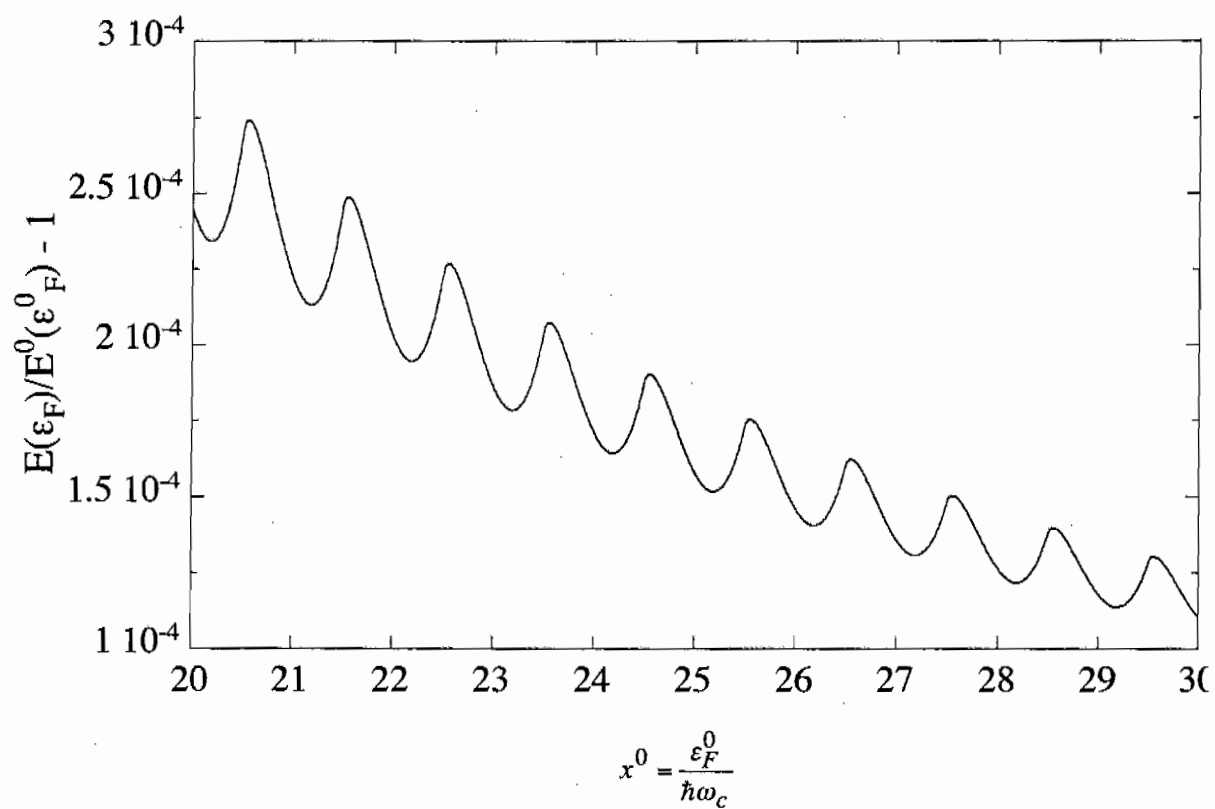
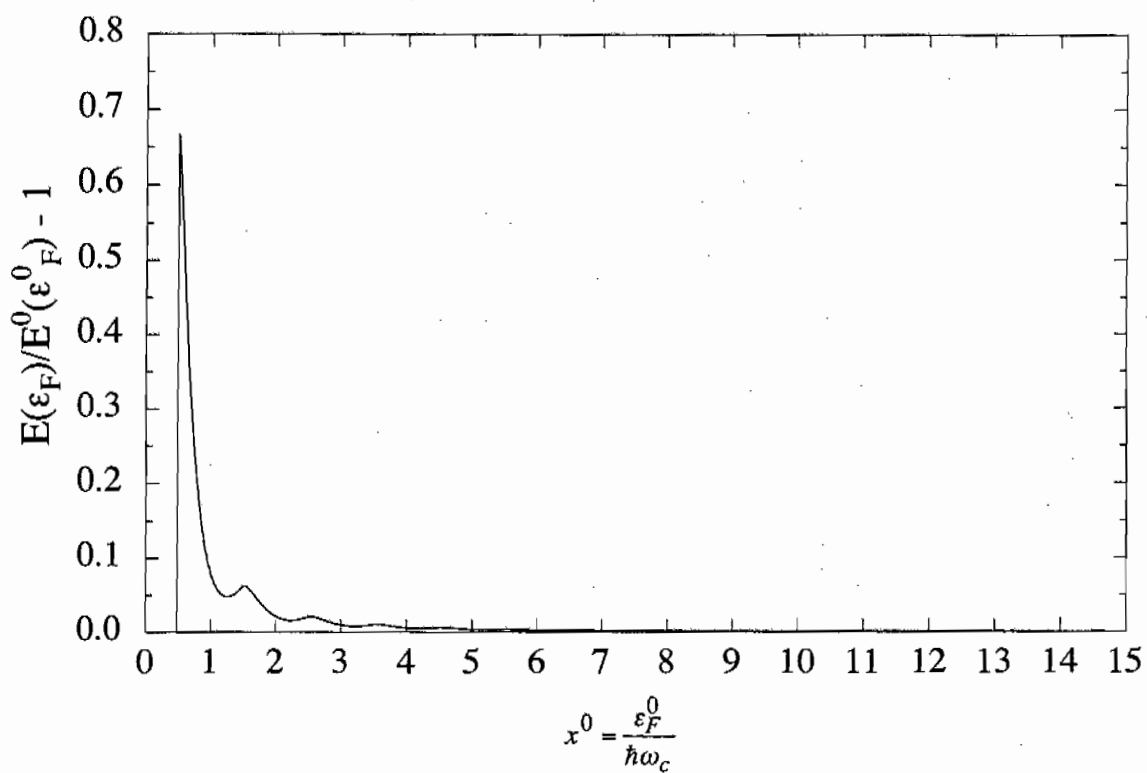
$$E(\epsilon_F) = E^0(\epsilon_F^0) \left[h(x^0) + \left(h'(x^0) + \frac{5}{2} \frac{h(x^0)}{x^0} \right) \delta x \right]$$

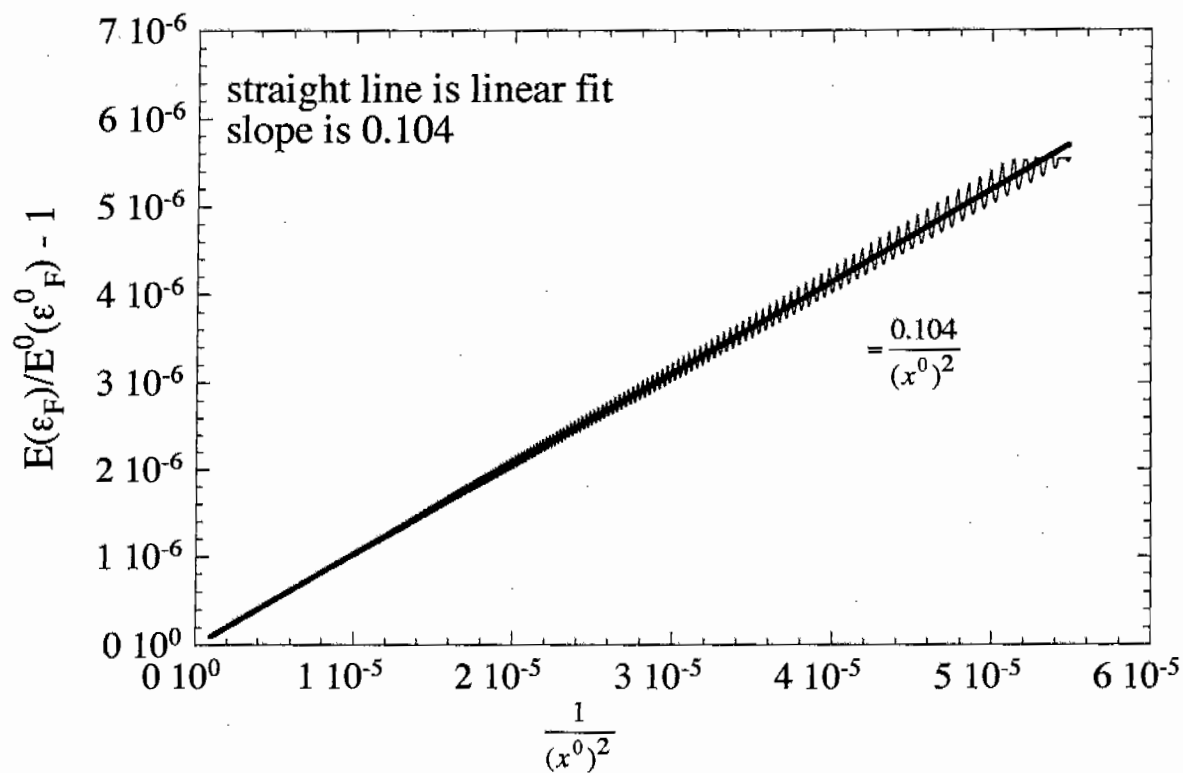
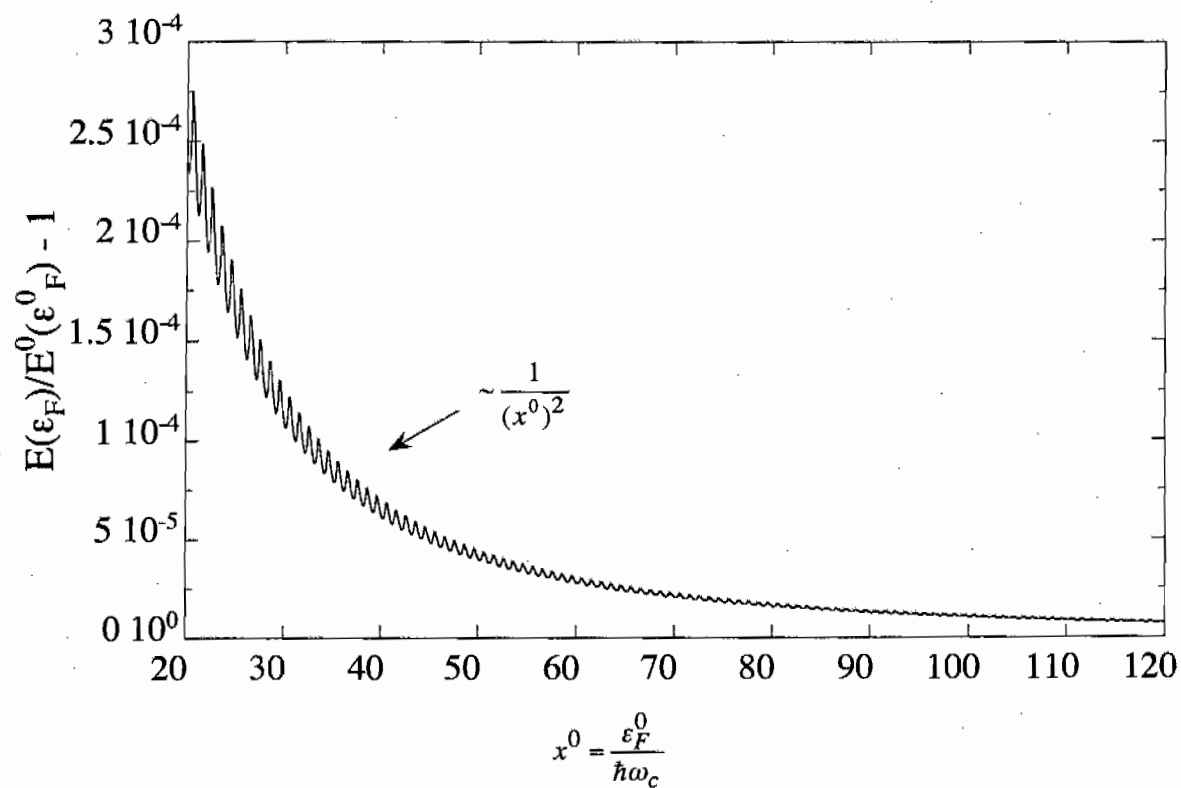
where $x^0 = \epsilon_F^0 / \hbar\omega_c$

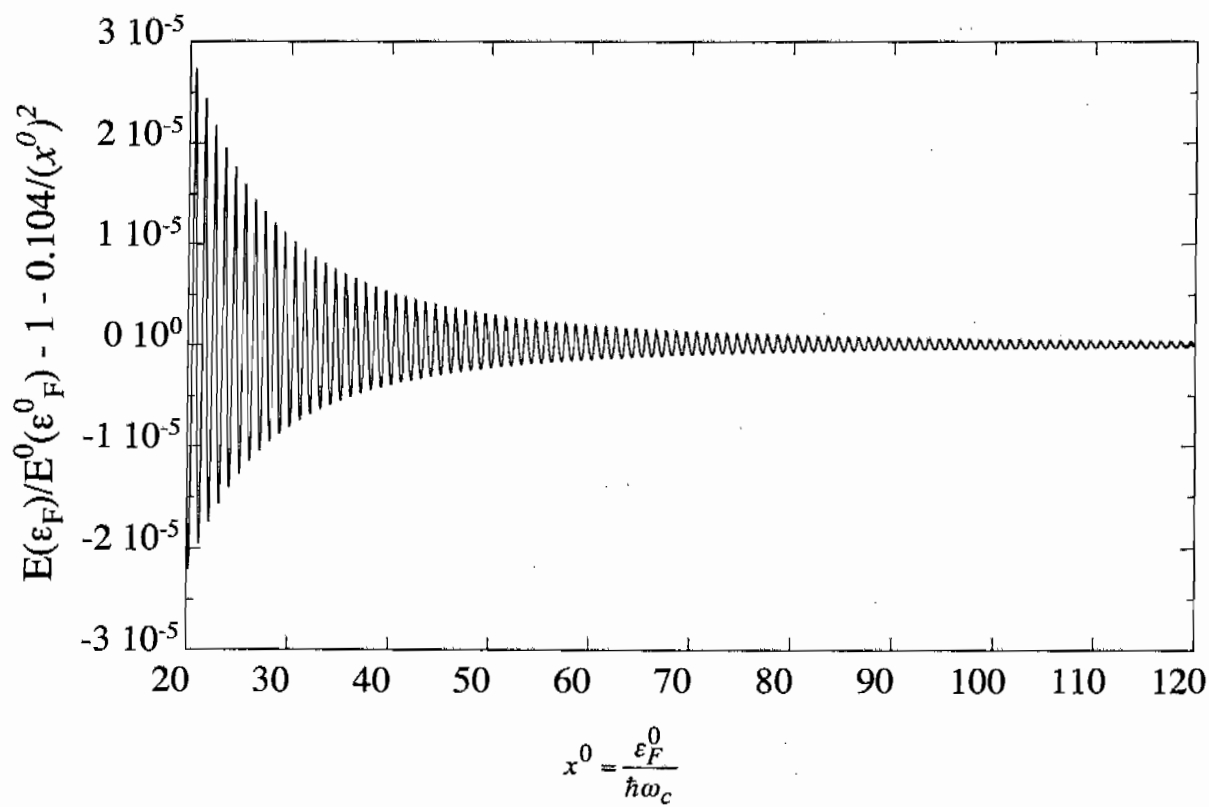
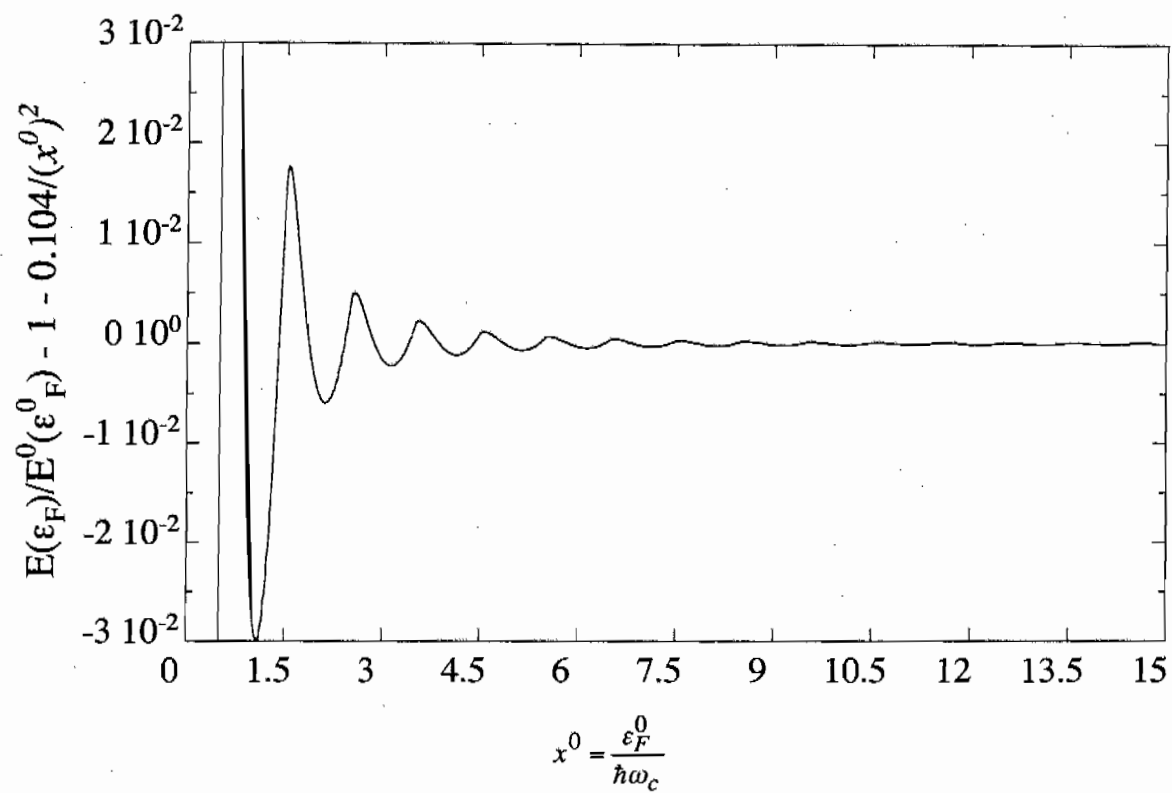
with $\delta x = \frac{1 - f(x^0)}{f'(x^0) + \frac{3}{2} \frac{f(x^0)}{x^0}}$ as found earlier

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 $x \rightarrow \infty$.

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

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

since $x^0 = \frac{E_F^0}{\hbar \omega_c}$ and $\omega_c = \frac{eH}{mc}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So

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

$$\chi_L = -0.333 \chi_p$$

since $\chi_p > 0$ paramagnet.
 $\Rightarrow \chi_L < 0$ diamagnet.

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.

exact result

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

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 μ_B . 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 $M = -\frac{1}{V} \partial E / \partial H$. 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 $\chi = \partial M / \partial H$, 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

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

we can rewrite this as

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

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 ^{extremal} ~~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