

Lectures on Berry phase related physics

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Electric currents and polarization I

Electric polarization expressed by wave function

$$P = \frac{e}{V} \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \langle \psi_n | r | \psi_n \rangle$$
$$H|\psi_n\rangle = E_n|\psi_n\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP}{dt} &= \frac{e}{V} \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \frac{d}{dt} \langle \psi_n | \mathbf{r} | \psi_n \rangle \\ &= \frac{e}{V} \sum_{n=1}^{occ} (\langle \dot{\psi}_n | \mathbf{r} | \psi_n \rangle + \langle \psi_n | \mathbf{r} | \dot{\psi}_n \rangle) \\ &= \frac{e}{V} \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\langle \dot{\psi}_n | \psi_m \rangle \langle \psi_m | \mathbf{r} | \psi_n \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \psi_n | \mathbf{r} | \psi_m \rangle \langle \psi_m | \dot{\psi}_n \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Electric currents and polarization II

Electric polarization expressed by wave function

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dP}{dt} &= \frac{e}{V} \sum_{n=1}^{\text{occ}} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle \langle \psi_m | \mathbf{r} | \psi_n \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \psi_n | \mathbf{r} | \psi_m \rangle \langle \psi_m | \psi_n \rangle)\end{aligned}$$

Velocity operator

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \psi_m | v | \psi_n \rangle &= i\hbar \langle \psi_m | [r, H] | \psi_n \rangle = i\hbar (E_n - E_m) \langle \psi_m | r | \psi_n \rangle \\ \langle \psi_m | r | \psi_n \rangle &= \frac{\langle \psi_m | v | \psi_n \rangle}{i\hbar (E_n - E_m)} \\ \langle \psi_n | r | \psi_m \rangle &= (\langle \psi_m | r | \psi_n \rangle)^*\end{aligned}$$

Electric currents and polarization III

Electric polarization expressed by wave function

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{-ie}{V\hbar} \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \sum_{m \neq n} \left(\frac{\langle \psi_n | \psi_m \rangle \langle \psi_m | v | \psi_n \rangle}{(E_n - E_m)} - c.c \right)$$

Bloch wavefunction and its periodic part

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_n^k\rangle &= e^{ik \cdot r} |u_n^k\rangle \\ H|\psi_n^k\rangle &= E_n^k |\psi_n^k\rangle \\ e^{-ik \cdot r} H e^{ik \cdot r} |u_n^k\rangle &= E_n^k |u_n^k\rangle \\ \tilde{H}|u_n^k\rangle &= E_n^k |u_n^k\rangle \\ \langle \psi_m^k | v | \psi_n^k \rangle &= \langle u_m^k | \tilde{v} | u_n^k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Electric currents and polarization IV

Heisenberg Equation of Motion

$$\begin{aligned}i\hbar \frac{dr}{dt} &= [r, H] \\ i\hbar v &= [r, H]\end{aligned}$$

Bloch wavefunction and its periodic part

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{H} &= e^{-ik \cdot r} H e^{ik \cdot r} \\ e^{-ik \cdot r} [r, H] e^{ik \cdot r} &= e^{-ik \cdot r} \left(i\hbar \frac{dr}{dt} \right) e^{ik \cdot r} = i\hbar \tilde{v} \\ \text{if } [\nabla_k, H] &= 0, \\ \nabla_k \tilde{H} &= -i r e^{-ik \cdot r} H e^{ik \cdot r} + e^{-ik \cdot r} H e^{ik \cdot r} i r \\ \nabla_k \tilde{H} &= -i [r, \tilde{H}] = \hbar \tilde{v} \\ \langle \psi_m^k | v | \psi_n^k \rangle &= \langle u_m^k | \tilde{v} | u_n^k \rangle = \langle u_m^k | \frac{\nabla_k \tilde{H}}{\hbar} | u_n^k \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Electric currents and polarization V

Electric polarization expressed by wave function

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dP}{dt} &= \frac{-ie}{8\pi^3\hbar} \int_{BZ} dk \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \sum_{m \neq n} \left(\frac{\langle \psi_n^k | \psi_m^k \rangle \langle \psi_m^k | v | \psi_n^k \rangle}{(E_n^k - E_m^k)} - c.c \right) \\&= \frac{-ie}{8\pi^3\hbar} \int_{BZ} dk \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \sum_{m \neq n} \left(\frac{\langle \dot{u}_n^k | u_m^k \rangle \langle u_m^k | \tilde{v} | u_n^k \rangle}{(E_n^k - E_m^k)} - c.c \right) \\&= \frac{-ie}{8\pi^3} \int_{BZ} dk \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \sum_{m \neq n} \left(\frac{\langle \dot{u}_n^k | u_m^k \rangle \langle u_m^k | \nabla_k \tilde{H} | u_n^k \rangle}{(E_n^k - E_m^k)} - c.c \right) \\&= \frac{-ie}{8\pi^3} \int_{BZ} dk \sum_{n=1}^{occ} (\langle \dot{u}_n^k | \nabla_k u_n^k \rangle - \langle \nabla_k u_n^k | \dot{u}_n^k \rangle)\end{aligned}$$

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First-order perturbation theory

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\tilde{H} &= \tilde{H}(k + \Delta k) - \tilde{H}(k) \\ |u_n^{k+\Delta k}\rangle &= |u_n^k\rangle \\ &+ \sum_{m \neq n} |u_m^k\rangle \frac{\langle u_m^k | \delta\tilde{H} | u_n^k \rangle}{E_n^k - E_m^k} + O(\delta\tilde{H}^2) \\ |\nabla_k u_n^k\rangle &\simeq \sum_{m \neq n} |u_m^k\rangle \frac{\langle u_m^k | \nabla_k \tilde{H} | u_n^k \rangle}{E_n^k - E_m^k}\end{aligned}$$

Ordinary derivative to partial derivative

$$\frac{d}{dt} |u_{k_\alpha, t}\rangle = \partial_{k_\alpha} |u_{k_\alpha, t}\rangle \frac{dk_\alpha}{dt} + \partial_t |u_{k_\alpha, t}\rangle = \partial_t |u_{k_\alpha, t}\rangle$$

Electric currents and polarization VII

Electric polarization expressed by wave function

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\Delta t} dt \frac{dP}{dt} = P(\Delta t) - P(0) \\ &= \frac{-ie}{8\pi^3} \int_0^{\Delta t} dt \int_{BZ} dk \sum_{n=1}^{occ} (\langle \dot{u}_n^k | \nabla_k u_n^k \rangle - \langle \nabla_k u_n^k | \dot{u}_n^k \rangle) \\ &= \frac{-ie}{8\pi^3} \int_0^{\Delta t} dt \int_{BZ} dk \sum_{n=1}^{occ} (\partial_t \langle u_n^k | \nabla_k u_n^k \rangle - \nabla_k \langle u_n^k | \dot{u}_n^k \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

For k_α direction,

$$\begin{aligned} & P_\alpha(\Delta t) - P_\alpha(0) \\ &= \frac{ie}{8\pi^3} \int dk_\beta dk_\gamma \times \\ & \int_0^{\Delta t} dt \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{occ} (\partial_{k_\alpha} \langle u_n^k | \partial_t u_n^k \rangle - \partial_t \langle u_n^k | \partial_{k_\alpha} u_n^k \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Electric polarization expressed by wave function

$$\nabla_{k_\alpha, t} \equiv (\partial_{k_\alpha}, \partial_t, \partial), \quad A^n = (A_{k_\alpha}^n, A_t^n, 0)$$

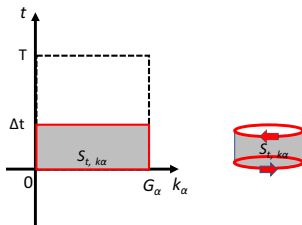
$$dS = (0, 0, dt dk_\alpha), \quad A_\mu^n = \langle u_n^k | \partial_\mu u_n^k \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} & P_\alpha(\Delta t) - P_\alpha(0) \\ &= \frac{ie}{8\pi^3} \int dk_\beta dk_\gamma \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \int_{S_{t, k_\alpha}} (\nabla_{k_\alpha, t} \times A^n) \cdot dS_{t, \alpha} \\ &= \frac{ie}{8\pi^3} \int dk_\beta dk_\gamma \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \oint_{\partial S_{t, k_\alpha}} A^n \cdot dl \end{aligned}$$

Electric currents and polarization IX

Electric polarization expressed by wave function

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \oint_{\partial S_{t,k\alpha}} A^n \cdot dl = \\
 & \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \left(\langle u_n^k(0) | \partial_{k_\alpha} u_n^k(0) \rangle - \langle u_n^k(\Delta t) | \partial_{k_\alpha} u_n^k(\Delta t) \rangle \right) \\
 & + \int_0^{\Delta t} dt \left(\langle u_n^{G_\alpha} | \partial_t u_n^{G_\alpha} \rangle - \langle u_n^0 | \partial_t u_n^0 \rangle \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



Electric currents and polarization X

Electric polarization expressed by wave function

$$\sum_{n=1}^{occ} \oint_{\partial S_{t,k\alpha}} A^n \cdot dl =$$
$$- \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \left(\langle u_n^k(\Delta t) | \partial_{k_\alpha} u_n^k(\Delta t) \rangle - \langle u_n^k(0) | \partial_{k_\alpha} u_n^k(0) \rangle \right)$$

$$P_\alpha(t) = \frac{-ie}{8\pi^3} \int dk_\beta dk_\gamma \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \langle u_n^k(t) | \partial_{k_\alpha} | u_n^k(t) \rangle$$
$$= \frac{e}{8\pi^3} \int dk_\beta dk_\gamma \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \text{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \langle u_n^k(t) | \partial_{k_\alpha} | u_n^k(t) \rangle$$

Example: Orthorhombic unitcell

Case: $(k_\beta, k_\gamma) = (0, 0)$ sampling , $G_\beta = \frac{2\pi}{b}$, $G_\gamma = \frac{2\pi}{c}$

$$\begin{aligned}P_\alpha(t) &= \frac{e}{8\pi^3} \int dk_\beta dk_\gamma \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \text{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \langle u_n^k(t) | \partial_{k_\alpha} | u_n^k(t) \rangle \\&= \frac{e}{8\pi^3} \int dk_\beta dk_\gamma \phi(t) \\&= \frac{e}{8\pi^3} \frac{2\pi}{b} \frac{2\pi}{c} \phi(t) = \frac{e}{2\pi bc} \phi(t) = \frac{ea}{2\pi abc} \phi(t) \\&= \frac{ea}{2\pi \Omega_{cell}} \phi(t) = \frac{ea}{\Omega_{cell}} \left(\frac{\phi(t)}{2\pi} \right)\end{aligned}$$

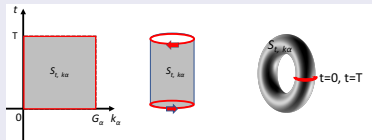
Electric currents and polarization XII

What is a Chern number in $k_\alpha - t$ space?

- Electron moves $a = \langle x(T) \rangle - \langle x(0) \rangle$, i.e., $v_\alpha T = a$.
- Chern number C is given by $2\pi C$ as an integrated Berry curvature over any 2D manifold.

Example: one electron in a unit cell ($C = 1$)

$$\begin{aligned} & P_\alpha(T) - P_\alpha(0) \\ &= \frac{ie}{8\pi^3} \int dk_\beta dk_\gamma \int_{S_{t,k_\alpha}} (\nabla_{k_\alpha,t} \times A) \cdot dS_{t,\alpha} \\ &= \frac{ea}{\Omega_{cell}} \left(\frac{\phi(T) - \phi(0)}{2\pi} \right) = \frac{ea}{\Omega_{cell}} \end{aligned}$$



Numerical calculation of Berry Phase

$$\begin{aligned}P_{\alpha}(t) &= \frac{e}{8\pi^3} \int dk_{\beta} dk_{\gamma} \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \text{Im} \int_0^{G_{\alpha}} dk_{\alpha} \langle u_n^k(t) | \partial_{k_{\alpha}} | u_n^k(t) \rangle \\&= \frac{e}{8\pi^3} \int dk_{\beta} dk_{\gamma} \phi(t) \\ \phi(t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \text{Im} \int_0^{G_{\alpha}} dk_{\alpha} \langle u_n^k(t) | \partial_{k_{\alpha}} | u_n^k(t) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Computing Electric Polarization II

Numerical calculation of Berry Phase

$$\phi(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{occ} \text{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \langle u_n^k(t) | \partial_{k_\alpha} | u_n^k(t) \rangle$$

We define overlap matrix $S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')$, where

$$S_{nm}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') \equiv \langle u_n^{\mathbf{k}}(t) | u_m^{\mathbf{k}'}(t) \rangle.$$

We use well-known matrix identity, $\det \exp A = \exp \text{tr} A$, when $A = \log S \leftrightarrow \exp A = S$. $\log \det S = \text{tr} \log S$.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= \text{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \text{tr} \partial_{k'_\alpha} \langle u_n^{\mathbf{k}}(t) | u_m^{\mathbf{k}'}(t) \rangle |_{\mathbf{k}'=\mathbf{k}} \\ &= \text{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \text{tr} \partial_{k'_\alpha} S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') |_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{k}'} \end{aligned}$$

Computing Electric Polarization III

Numerical calculation of Berry Phase

- $A = \log S \leftrightarrow \exp A = S$
- $\det \exp A = \exp \operatorname{tr} A, \log \det S = \operatorname{tr} \log S$
- $S_{nm}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')|_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{k}'} = \delta_{mn}$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(t) &= \operatorname{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} d\kappa_\alpha \operatorname{tr} \partial_{\kappa'_\alpha} S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')|_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{k}'} \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} d\kappa_\alpha \operatorname{tr} \left[\frac{\partial_{\kappa'_\alpha} S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')}{S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')} \right] \Big|_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{k}'} \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} d\kappa_\alpha \operatorname{tr} \partial_{\kappa'_\alpha} \log S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')|_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{k}'} \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} d\kappa_\alpha \partial_{\kappa'_\alpha} \log \det S(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}')|_{\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{k}'}\end{aligned}$$

Computing Electric Polarization IV

Numerical calculation of Berry Phase

$$\phi(t) = \text{Im} \int_0^{G_\alpha} dk_\alpha \partial_{k'_\alpha} \log \det S(k, k')|_{k=k'}$$

If we use k -point sampling mesh J along k_α direction, $k_{\alpha,s} = sG_\alpha/J$ and $\Delta k_\alpha = G_\alpha/J$.

$$\phi(t) = \text{Im} \lim_{\Delta k_\alpha \rightarrow 0} \sum_{s=0}^{J-1} \Delta k_\alpha \times$$

$$\frac{\log \det S_{nm}(k_{\alpha,s}, k_{\alpha,s} + \Delta k_\alpha) - \log \det S_{nm}(k_{\alpha,s}, k_{\alpha,s})}{\Delta k_\alpha}$$

$$\phi(t) = \text{Im} \lim_{\Delta k_\alpha \rightarrow 0} \sum_{s=0}^{J-1} \log \det S_{nm}(k_{\alpha,s}, k_{\alpha,s} + \Delta k_\alpha)$$

Numerical calculation of Berry Phase

$$P_{\alpha}(t) = \frac{e}{8\pi^3} \int dk_{\beta} dk_{\gamma}$$
$$\text{Im} \lim_{\Delta k_{\alpha} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{s=0}^{J-1} \log \det S_{nm}(k_{\alpha,s} k_{\alpha,s} + \Delta k_{\alpha})$$

Expectation value of position operator in PBC

Ill-defined position operator in PBC

$$\psi_k(x + L) = \psi_k(x)$$

$$\hat{A}\psi_k(x) = \phi(x) = \phi(x + L)$$

$$\hat{x}\psi_k(x) = x\psi_k(x) \neq (x + L)\psi_k(x + L)$$

Resta's definition of position operator in PBC

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \hat{x} \rangle &= \frac{L}{2\pi} \text{Im} \log \int dx \psi_k(x)^* e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}\hat{x}} \psi_k(x) \\ &= \int dx \psi_k(x + L)^* e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}\hat{x}} \psi_k(x + L) \\ &= \frac{L}{2\pi} \text{Im} \log \langle \psi_k | e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}\hat{x}} | \psi_k \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Expectation value of position operator in PBC

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Resta's definition of position operator in PBC and electric current for thermodynamic limit

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\langle\hat{x}\rangle}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} \frac{L}{2\pi} \text{Im} \log \langle\psi_k|e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}\hat{x}}|\psi_k\rangle \\ &= \frac{L}{2\pi} \text{Im} \frac{\langle\dot{\psi}_k|e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}\hat{x}}|\psi_k\rangle + \langle\psi_k|e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}\hat{x}}|\dot{\psi}_k\rangle}{\langle\psi_k|e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}\hat{x}}|\psi_k\rangle} \\ &\simeq \langle\dot{\psi}_k|\hat{x}|\psi_k\rangle + \langle\psi_k|\hat{x}|\dot{\psi}_k\rangle\end{aligned}$$

(for $L = Na$, $N \rightarrow \infty$.)