

After some manipulation \Rightarrow

$$(\sigma_{xy})_{\alpha} = \frac{ie^2}{h} \left[\partial_1 \langle \alpha | \partial_2 | \alpha \rangle - \partial_2 \langle \alpha | \partial_1 | \alpha \rangle \right]$$

where $\partial_j \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j}$

(Niu - Thouless - Wu)
1985

If we average over the BC's

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \langle (\sigma_{xy})_{\alpha} \rangle &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_2}{2\pi} (\sigma_{xy})_{\alpha} \\ &= -i \frac{e^2}{h} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_2}{2\pi} (\partial_2 \langle \alpha | \partial_1 | \alpha \rangle - \partial_1 \langle \alpha | \partial_2 | \alpha \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

$$-i \langle \alpha | \partial_j | \alpha \rangle \equiv A_j \quad \text{Berry connection}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle (\sigma_{xy})_{\alpha} \rangle = \frac{e^2}{h} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_2}{2\pi} \epsilon_{jk} \partial_j A_k$$

\uparrow Berry flux
through the
torus of BC's!

The quantity

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_2}{2\pi} \epsilon_{jk} \partial_j A_k \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_C d\theta_j A_j \equiv C_1$$

(C: boundary of T^2)

\uparrow
first Chern
number

Fiber Bundles and the Hall conductance

Why is the Hall conductance precisely quantized?

We will show that it is a topological invariant.

The BC's angles, θ_1 and θ_2 , are phases and are defined mod $2\pi \Rightarrow$ Each choice of BC is

a point $\vec{\theta}$ on a 2-torus $S_1 \times S_2$ of BC's

For each BC, i.e. for each $\vec{\theta}$, we have a unique eigenstate $\Psi_\alpha([\vec{x}]; \vec{\theta})$ of the full many-body Hamiltonian. In math this ~~is called a~~ ^{is called a} fiber bundle.

fiber bundle.

The wave function has an amplitude and a phase. The phase of the w.f. is not a physical observable but changes of the phase are.

Let us pick some BC $\vec{\theta}_0$ and let the phase of the w.f. be $\arg[\Psi_\alpha(\vec{\theta}_0)]$. When we turn on

a weak e.m. field the phase ~~is~~ $\vec{\theta}(t)$ (since the ~~is~~ vector potential does)

$\Rightarrow \vec{\theta}_0 = \vec{\theta}(t_0) \rightarrow \vec{\theta}(t)$ (adiabatically)
over a long time T

~~Suppose~~ Suppose that after a long time T the BC returns to $\vec{\theta}_0 \Rightarrow$ as a function of time the BC's traced a closed curve Γ on the 2-torus of BC's.

Change in the phase of the w.f. δ_Γ

$$\delta_\Gamma = \Delta \arg \Psi = \Delta \operatorname{Im} \ln[\Psi] = \arg[\Psi(\vec{\theta}(t_0+T))] - \arg[\Psi(\vec{\theta}(t_0))]$$

If Ψ is an analytic non-vanishing

function of $\vec{\theta} \Rightarrow \delta_\Gamma = 0$ (since we can deform Γ to zero without ~~find~~ finding a singularity)

In that case the only analytic function on a torus is a constant ($\delta_\Gamma = 0$)

\Rightarrow A non-vanishing adiabatic change in phase δ_Γ requires that $\ln \Psi$ should have singularities enclosed by the closed loop Γ .

Non-vanishing changes of phases of w.f.'s ~~is~~ in Q.M. are known as Berry Phases (Berry 1984, Simon)

\Rightarrow Since Ψ is locally ^{an} analytic of $\vec{\theta} \Rightarrow \ln \Psi$ must

have isolated singularities $\Rightarrow \Psi_{\alpha}(\vec{\theta})$ ~~must~~
 have isolated zeros on the 2-torus of BC's.

$\Rightarrow \sigma_P$ counts the # of zeros enclosed by P .

* How is this related ~~to~~ to σ_{xy} ?

Let $|\Psi_{\vec{\theta}}^{(\alpha)}\rangle$ be a state for some BC $\vec{\theta}$

Define the 1-form: $A_k^{(\alpha)} = i \langle \alpha | \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} | \alpha \rangle$

(Berry connection)

$$\equiv i \langle \Psi_{\vec{\theta}}^{(\alpha)} | \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} | \Psi_{\vec{\theta}}^{(\alpha)} \rangle$$

infinitesimal
change

In this notation

$$\langle (\sigma_{xy})_{\alpha} \rangle = \frac{e^2}{h} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta_2}{2\pi} (\partial_1 A_2 - \partial_2 A_1)$$

BC
average

flux of $A(\vec{\theta})$ through the 2-torus
(Berry curvature) of BC's

On the other hand, $|\Psi^{(\alpha)}(\vec{\theta})\rangle$ is defined up to an
 overall phase factor \Rightarrow

$|\Psi^{(\alpha)}(\vec{\theta})\rangle$ and $e^{i f(\vec{\theta})} |\Psi_{\alpha}^{(\alpha)}(\vec{\theta})\rangle$ are equivalent

In other words, we have a "ray" (projective representation of the state, under this arb. change of phase, the 1-form A_k changes

$$A_k \rightarrow A_k + \partial_k \chi$$

$$A_k(\vec{\theta}) = \frac{e^2}{\hbar} i \langle \alpha | \partial_k | \alpha \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow i \langle \alpha | \partial_k | \alpha \rangle - \partial_k f(\vec{\theta})$$

(gauge transformation!)

\Rightarrow the arb. phase factors of the w.f. translate into gauge transf. of the 1-form $A_k(\vec{\theta})$

Let $\Sigma / \partial \Sigma = \Gamma$ and choose

Γ to be a rectangular contour with corners at (θ_1, θ_2) , $(\theta_1 + 2\pi, \theta_2)$, $(\theta_1 + 2\pi, \theta_2 + 2\pi)$

and $(\theta_1, \theta_2 + 2\pi)$

$$\Rightarrow \langle (\sigma_{xy})_\alpha \rangle = \frac{e^2}{\hbar} \oint_{\Gamma} A_k(\vec{\theta}) d\theta_k \quad \text{circulation}$$

A non-zero Hall conductance means that

\vec{A} cannot be a periodic function of $\vec{\theta}$ on the 2-torus

⇒ along the two non-contractible loops of the 2-torus of BC's, A_k must change as

$$A_k(\theta_1 + 2\pi, \theta_2) = A_k(\theta_1, \theta_2) + \partial_k f_1(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

$$A_k(\theta_1, \theta_2 + 2\pi) = A_k(\theta_1, \theta_2) + \partial_k f_2(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

$$\Psi^{(\alpha)}([\vec{x}]; \theta_1, \theta_2 + 2\pi) = e^{if_2(\theta_1, \theta_2)} \Psi^{(\alpha)}([\vec{x}]; \theta_1, \theta_2)$$

$$\Psi^{(\alpha)}([\vec{x}]; \theta_1 + 2\pi, \theta_2) = e^{if_1(\theta_1, \theta_2)} \Psi^{(\alpha)}([\vec{x}]; \theta_1, \theta_2)$$

(This is reminiscent of the Wu-Yang construction of the w.f.'s of charged particles in the presence of a Dirac magnetic monopole.)

Q: Suppose that we have $\Psi^{(\alpha)}(\vec{\theta})$ at some BC $\vec{\theta}$.

Can we determine unambiguously $\Psi^{(\alpha)}(\vec{\theta}')$ for

some other $\vec{\theta}'$? No unless $\sigma_{xy} = 0$!

⇒ $\Psi^{(\alpha)}(\vec{\theta})$ must be defined on patches of the 2-torus.

Consider first the case in which $\Psi^{(\alpha)}(\vec{\theta})$ has a single isolated zero at some point $\vec{\theta}_0$ of the 2-torus.

Let us split $S_1 \times S_1$ into two disjoint regions

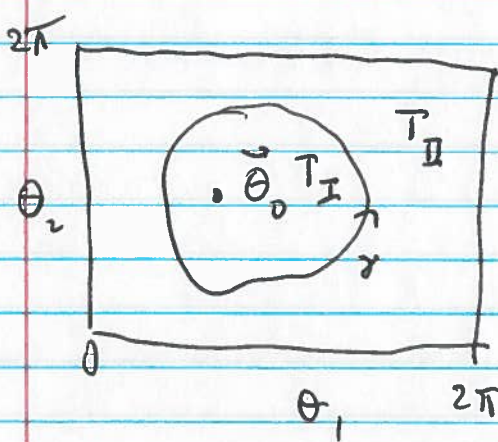
T_I and T_{II} s.t. $\vec{\theta}_0$ is in T_I

Since T_{II} does not have a zero (i.e. $\vec{\theta}_0$

is not in T_{II}) \Rightarrow we can choose the phase of $\Psi^{(a)}(\vec{\theta})$ on T_{II} to be constant, e.g. zero.

(i.e. we can make $\Psi^{(a)}(\vec{\theta})$ to be real on T_{II})

But on T_I , there is a point where $\Psi^{(a)}(\vec{\theta}_0) = 0$



\Rightarrow we ~~can~~ can define

the phase of $\Psi^{(a)}(\vec{\theta}_0)$ to be

some value and extend ^{analytically} its value over some neighborhood

of $\vec{\theta}_0$

\Rightarrow we have two definitions of the phase of $\Psi^{(a)}$

on T_I and on $T_{II} \Rightarrow$ they must be related

by a gauge transformation

$$\Psi_{\alpha}^I([\vec{x}], \vec{\theta}) = e^{if(\vec{\theta})} \Psi_{\alpha}^{II}([\vec{x}], \vec{\theta})$$

where $f(\vec{\theta})$ is a smooth function on the closed contour γ (the common boundary of I and II).

Also $A_k^I(\vec{\theta}) - A_k^II(\vec{\theta}) = \partial_k f(\vec{\theta})$

Now

$$\langle (\sigma_{xy})_\alpha \rangle = \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2 h} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta_1 \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta_2 (\partial_1 A_2 - \partial_2 A_1)$$

$$= \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2 h} \left\{ \int_{\Gamma_I} d\vec{\theta} \cdot \vec{A}_I (\partial_1 A_2 - \partial_2 A_1) + \int_{\Gamma_{II}} d\theta_1 d\theta_2 (\partial_1 A_2 - \partial_2 A_1) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2 h} \left[\oint_{\gamma} \vec{A}_I \cdot d\vec{\theta} - \oint_{\gamma} \vec{A}_{II} \cdot d\vec{\theta} \right]$$

~~to be subtracted~~

$$= \frac{e^2}{4\pi^2 h} \int_{\gamma} \vec{\partial} f \cdot d\vec{\theta} \equiv \frac{e^2}{h} \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\gamma} \vec{\partial} f \cdot d\vec{\theta}$$

$\Rightarrow \langle (\sigma_{xy})_\alpha \rangle$ counts # of ~~zeros~~ $f(\vec{\theta})$ winds by 2π times

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\gamma} \vec{\partial} f \cdot d\vec{\theta} \quad (\text{winding number})$$

is a topological invariant known as the Chern number

C_1 counts the # of zeros enclosed by γ .

Hall conductance and Fiber Bundles

At every point $\vec{\theta}$ of $S_1 \times S_1$ (i.e. for each BC)

we assign a state $\Psi_\alpha(\vec{\theta})$

But $\Psi_\alpha(\vec{\theta})$ is defined up to a phase

\Rightarrow we have a ray of states.

\Rightarrow for each $\vec{\theta} \in T \xrightarrow{S_1 \times S_1}$ ray or bundle of states associated with $\Psi_\alpha(\vec{\theta})$

The 2-torus $T \cong S_1 \times S_1$ is partitioned into a

set of regions T_I, T_{II}, \dots on which $\Psi_\alpha^I, \Psi_\alpha^{II}, \dots$ are smoothly defined.

These state vectors differ by gauge transf. which

are smooth functions $f(\vec{\theta})$ on the overlap

between adjacent regions. The transition functions

$f(\vec{\theta})$ is a smooth map from the closed

curve $\gamma \subset T_I \cap T_{II} \rightarrow$ group of $U(1)$ phases $e^{if(\vec{\theta})}$

$\Rightarrow \gamma \cong U(1) \Rightarrow$ we have a map $U(1) \rightarrow U(1)$

These maps can be classified ~~by~~ into homotopy class

* Each class is defined by a winding # C_1

This map is known as the principal $U(1)$ bundle over the 2-torus T . The 1-form A_k

$A_k(\vec{\theta})$ defines a connection - (Berry connection)

$dA \equiv A_k d\theta_k$ is the 1-form.

curvature 2-form $F = dA$ (Berry curvature)

* Q: Is the Hall conductance always an integer?

NO. We made the assumption that Ψ_α is

unique and single-valued. If Ψ_α is multivalued

(i.e. if there is more than one state on

the torus) \Rightarrow traversing once over $S_1 \times S_1$,

will map one good state to another good state

We will see that this is what happens in the FQH

~~the~~ case.

Quantized Hall conductance of a \mathbb{Z} -non-interacting system.

Consider a system of spinless fermions in the lowest Landau ~~level~~ level. Assume that the # of fluxes $N_\phi = N_e$ (# of electrons)
 \Rightarrow the LLL is full.

(I) Disk geometry

Use the ~~the~~ wigner gauge and the w.f.'s are

$$\psi_m(z) = \# z^m e^{-|z|^2/4l_0^2}$$

$$m = 0, 1, \dots, N_\phi - 1 \quad ; \quad z = x + iy$$

The many-body w.f. of N electrons ($N = N_\phi$) is a Slater determinant

$$\Psi_N(z_1, \dots, z_N) = \# \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ z_1 & \dots & z_N \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ z_1^{N-1} & \dots & z_N^{N-1} \end{vmatrix} e^{-\frac{1}{4l_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^N |z_i|^2}$$

Vandermonde determinant \rightarrow

$$\Psi_N(z_1, \dots, z_N) = \# \prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq N} (z_j - z_k) e^{-\frac{1}{4l_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^N |z_i|^2}$$

which is antisymmetric