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Theorie zu Magnetismus, Supraleitung und Elektronische Korrelation in
Festkörpern
Sommersemester 2019

Blatt 10

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Aufgabe 1 (London theory of superconductivity) (4=3+1 Punkte)

We want to derive a (classical) phenomenological theory to explain the Meissner effect in superconductors. We assume that the superconducting charge carriers underlie the Newtonian equation of motion

$$m_e \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \vec{r} = e \vec{E},$$

where \vec{E} is the applied electric field. Together with the superconducting carrier density n_s and the definition of the current density $\vec{j} = n_s e \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r}$ we derive

$$\frac{d}{dt} \vec{j} = \frac{n_s e}{m_e} \vec{E}.$$

- i) We assume the magnetic field \vec{B} to be zero at $t = -\infty$. Use Maxwells equation and neglect the second time derivative of the magnetic field $\partial_t^2 \vec{B}$ to derive the equation

$$\Delta \vec{B} = \frac{1}{\lambda_L} \vec{B},$$

where we defined the London penetration depth as $\lambda_L^{-2} = \frac{4\pi n_s e^2}{m_e c^2}$.

- ii) Consider a superconducting slab in the $x - y$ -plane, where the slab is located only on the positive x -axis. We apply a constant magnetic field along the y -direction, i.e. the magnetic field in the slab can only depend on x . Calculate the magnetic field within the slab.

Aufgabe 2 (Complex Integration and the Residue Theorem) (6=2+2+2 Punkte)

Calculate the following integrals by choosing a proper integration contour and using the residue theorem. Draw the contour path that you chose and show why some parts of the contour integral vanish.

- i) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-ias}}{s^2 + 2} ds, \quad a > 0$
ii) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(s^2 + a^2)^2} ds, \quad a > 0$
iii) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{s^{1/2}}{s^2 + 3s + 2} ds$

Hints:

- i) *The residue of a pole c of order n of a function f is given by*

$$\text{Res}(f, c) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \lim_{z \rightarrow c} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dz^{n-1}} [(z-c)^n f(z)]$$

- ii) *Put the branch cut of the function $f(z) = z^{1/2} = \exp(1/2 \log(z))$ onto the positive real axis.*