

5. Magnetic dipole moment μ

μ = strength of magnet

A magnet tries to align w an external magnetic field $\vec{B}$



$$E_{\text{dipole}} = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

electromagnets = loop of current

$$\mu = IA$$



point charge q in a circular orbit of period T

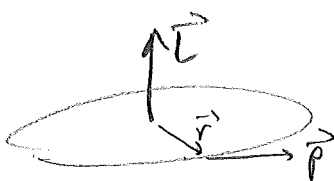


$$I = \frac{q}{T}$$

Can show that μ is proportional to orbital angular momentum

$$\mu = \frac{q}{2m} L$$

[problem]



$$\vec{\mu} = \frac{q}{2m} \vec{L}$$

$$\left[\begin{aligned} dA &= \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta \\ \frac{dA}{dt} &= \frac{1}{2} \omega r^2 = \frac{L}{2m} \\ \mu &= IA = \frac{q}{T} A = q \frac{A}{T} = \frac{qL}{2m} \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$\vec{\mu} = \frac{q}{2m} \vec{L}$$

$\vec{\mu}$ quantized because $\vec{L}$ quantized

Electron in Bohr model $\hbar$ has $L = \hbar$ so $\mu = \underbrace{\left(\frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}\right)}_{\text{minimum dipole moment}} l$

Bohr magneton $\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}$

$$[= 5.788 \times 10^{-11} \frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{T}}]$$

$$[\text{Gauss} - : \mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e}]$$

A particle of spin $\vec{S}$ (intrinsic angular momentum)
also has an intrinsic magnetic dipole moment (not associated w/ motion)
[would expect $\vec{\mu} = \frac{q}{2m} \vec{S}$ but here qu. mech spin differs from classical]

$$\vec{\mu} = g \left(\frac{q}{2m} \right) \vec{S}$$

$\uparrow$
"g-factor" (Landé) not necessarily 1.

Dirac eqn. (1928) predicts that $g=2$ for fundamental spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particle
[deep elegant result, relativistic]

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{\text{electron}} = 2 \left(\frac{e}{2m_e} \right) \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} \right) = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} = \mu_B$$

Dirac eqn is not exact; there are QED corrections

$$\text{exp.} \Rightarrow g_e = 2.002\,319\,304\,361\,4(6)$$

[experimental result: very accurate = 13 sig figs
agrees w theoretical calculation to accuracy measured]
Feynman calls this our "crown jewel"]

usually quoted as fractional difference from Dirac prediction

$$\frac{\mu - \mu_B}{\mu_B} = \frac{g_e - 2}{2} = 0.001\,159\,652\,180\,76(27) \quad (\text{exp})$$

"electron magnetic moment anomaly"

agree w theoretical prediction
[$\frac{g-2}{2} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} + \dots$] [PDG 2012]

Currently there is some discrepancy in muon magnetic moment

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu - 2}{2}\right)_{\text{exp}} = 0.001\,165\,920\,9(6) \quad (\text{exp})$$

(Standard model prediction)

$$\left(\frac{g_\mu - 2}{2}\right)_{\text{th}} = 0.001\,165\,918\,0(6)$$

[RPP 2012, p584]

Difference =

$$0.000\,000\,002\,9(8)$$

~3σ effect

[new physics? susy?]

$$\left(\frac{g_T - 2}{2}\right)_{\text{exp}} = 0.$$

Of course ν have no magnetic moment, being neutral

Proton (spin $\frac{1}{2}$ but not fundamental)

$$\mu = g_p \left(\frac{e}{2m_p} \right) \left(\frac{\hbar}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{expt} \Rightarrow g_p = 2(2.793...) \Rightarrow \mu = 2.793 \mu_N$$

$$\text{where the nuclear magneton } \mu_N \equiv \frac{e\hbar}{2m_p} \quad (\mu_N \ll \mu_B)$$

[we can't predict g_p as accurately as g_e
but quark model comes within 10% $\rightarrow$ later in course]

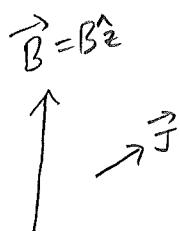
neutron

$$\text{expt} \Rightarrow \mu = -1.913 \mu_N$$

due to charged quarks
inside neutral neutron.

Recall: the $2j+1$ spin states of a spin- j particle are degenerate in a rotationally-symmetric background

An external magnetic field breaks the symmetry & splits the degeneracy

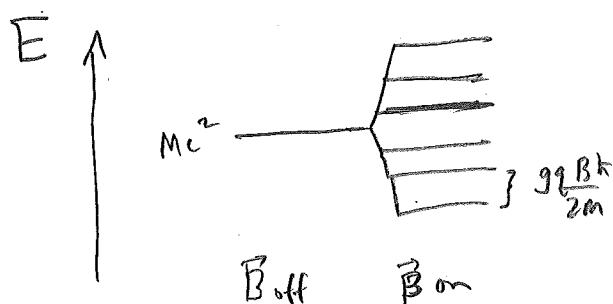


$$E = Mc^2 - \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$= Mc^2 - \frac{g\mu_B}{2M} \vec{J} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{B} \cdot \vec{J} = BJ_z = Bm\hbar$$

$$E = Mc^2 - \left(\frac{g\mu_B \hbar}{2M} \right) m \quad m = -j, \dots, j$$



different energy levels
 $\Rightarrow$ multiple spectral lines

[depends on B & on g]

Zeeman effect
 in atomic physics