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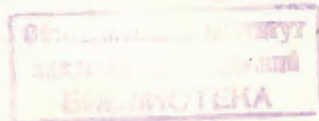
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Спиновая восприимчивость в модели Хаббарда
с зависящим от энергии эффективным взаимодействием

Дана самосогласованная схема расчета спиновой восприимчивости в модели Хаббарда при нулевой температуре. В предположении о локальности двухчастичной вершинной части найдено выражение для статической и однородной парамагнитной восприимчивости. Численные расчеты указывают на возможность ферромагнитной упорядоченности.

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On the Spin Susceptibility for Itinerant
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A self-consistent scheme is given to calculate the spin susceptibility for the Hubbard model at zero temperature. By assuming a local two-particle vertex a correlation-enhanced expression for the static and uniform paramagnetic susceptibility is found. Numerical results exhibit the possibility of ferromagnetic ordering.

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A possible ferromagnetic ordering in a system of interacting electrons described by the Hubbard model^{/1/} depends on the approximation used (^{/2/}to^{/6/}). Spin susceptibility calculations performed within the Hubbard I approximation^{/2/}, Roth's two-pole scheme^{/3/}, and the method of spectral moments^{/4/} yield instabilities of the paramagnetic phase towards ferromagnetic ordering; whereas the susceptibility is proved to remain finite in the Hubbard III approximation^{/5/}. On the other hand, by summing up ladder diagrams both non-magnetic and magnetic spectral properties were found^{/6/}.

In this paper we calculate the magnetic susceptibility with Green functions dressed by the ladder scheme^{/6/}, starting from the Fermi liquid approach^{/7/} to narrow band systems. Then, the longitudinal dynamic susceptibility $\chi(\vec{k}, \omega)$ corresponding to the linear response to a space-and time-varying

magnetic field $h_i(t) = h_0 e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_i - \omega t)}$ can be expressed in terms of causal Green functions at $T=0$ by


$$\chi(\vec{k}, \omega) = \frac{\mu_B}{N} \sum_{ij\sigma} \sigma \int \frac{d\bar{E}}{2\pi} G_{ij\sigma}(\bar{E} + \omega) i \Lambda_{j\sigma}(\bar{E} + \omega, \bar{E}) G_{jio}(\bar{E}) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R}_i} \quad (1a)$$

where μ_B is the Bohr magneton, N is the number of lattice sites, \vec{R}_i is the position vector of site i , σ denotes the spin. The spin vertex Λ following from the two-particle correlation function obeys the integral equation

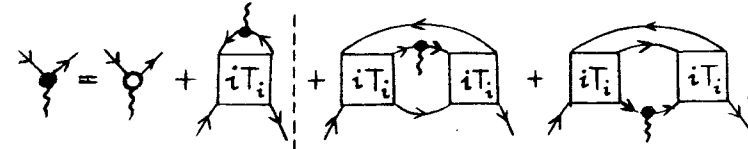
$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{E} + \omega, \mathbf{E}) &= \sigma e^{i\vec{k}\vec{R}_i} - \sum_j \int \frac{d\vec{E}}{2\pi} i T_i(\mathbf{E} + \vec{E}) \times \\ &\times G_{ij-\sigma}(\vec{E} + \omega) G_{ji-\sigma}(\vec{E}) \Lambda_{j-\sigma}(\vec{E} + \omega, \vec{E}) + \\ &+ \sum_j \int \frac{d\vec{E} d\vec{E}}{(2\pi)^2} G_{ii-\sigma}(\vec{E}) G_{ii\sigma}(\mathbf{E} + \vec{E} - \vec{E}) [T_i(\mathbf{E} + \vec{E})]^2 \times \\ &\times G_{ij-\sigma}(\vec{E} + \omega) G_{ji-\sigma}(\vec{E}) \Lambda_{j-\sigma}(\vec{E} + \omega, \vec{E}) + \\ &+ \sum_j \int \frac{d\vec{E} d\vec{E}}{(2\pi)^2} G_{ii-\sigma}(\vec{E}) G_{ii-\sigma}(\mathbf{E} + \vec{E} - \vec{E}) [T_i(\mathbf{E} + \vec{E})]^2 \times \\ &\times G_{ij\sigma}(\vec{E} + \omega) G_{ji\sigma}(\vec{E}) \Lambda_{j\sigma}(\vec{E} + \omega, \vec{E}). \end{aligned} \quad (2a)$$

Formula (2a) involving particle-hole and particle-particle scatterings can be derived self-consistently (reference^{7/}) on the basis of a local effective two-particle vertex T_i . Note that the indices i in the quantities G_{ii} , T_i (below Σ_{ii} , too) are redundant. Off-diagonal elements of Λ in spin and lattice spaces vanish identically, provided the local T_i is only taken into account.

Diagrams representing equations (1a) and (2a) are



$$\sigma \rightsquigarrow \Lambda_{j\sigma} \rightsquigarrow \sigma, \quad (1b)$$



$$\Lambda_{j\sigma} = \text{bare vertex} + iT_i + \dots \quad (2b)$$

To evaluate the scattering amplitude T_i we use the local version of the horizontal ladder approximation (reference^{6/}), i.e., $T_i(\mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2)$ as a shorthand of $T_{iiii}(\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{E}_2; \mathbf{E}_3, \mathbf{E}_1 + \mathbf{E}_2 - \mathbf{E}_3)$ must be determined in the self-consistent cycle:

$$T_i(\mathbf{E}) = \left[\frac{1}{U} + \int \frac{d\vec{E}}{2\pi i} G_{ii\sigma}(\vec{E}) G_{ii-\sigma}(\mathbf{E} - \vec{E}) \right]^{-1}, \quad (3)$$

$$\Sigma_{ii\sigma}(\mathbf{E}) = \int \frac{d\vec{E}}{2\pi i} G_{ii-\sigma}(\vec{E}) T_i(\mathbf{E} + \vec{E}), \quad (4)$$

$$(G^{-1}(\mathbf{E}))_{ij\sigma} = (G_{\Lambda}^{-1}(\mathbf{E}))_{ij} - \Sigma_{ii\sigma}(\mathbf{E}) \delta_{ij}, \quad (5)$$

$$n = \sum_{\sigma} \int \frac{d\vec{E}}{2\pi i} G_{ii\sigma}(\vec{E}). \quad (6)$$

Here U is the bare intra-atomic Coulomb repulsion in the Hubbard model, G_{Λ} is the free propagator, $\Sigma_{ii\sigma}$ is the site-diagonal self-energy in the particle-particle channel, and n is the average number of electrons per site.

Going over to the paramagnetic phase ($\Sigma_{ii\sigma} = \Sigma_{ii-\sigma} = \Sigma_{ii}$) and making the ansatz $\Lambda_{i\sigma}(\mathbf{E} + \omega, \mathbf{E}) = \sigma \Lambda_{\vec{k}}(\mathbf{E} + \omega, \mathbf{E}) e^{i\vec{k}\vec{R}_i}$ one obtains from equation (1) the paramagnetic susceptibility in terms of \vec{k} -transformed Green function as

$$\chi(\vec{k}, \omega) = \frac{2\mu_B^2}{N} \sum_{\vec{k}'} \int \frac{d\vec{E}}{2\pi} G_{\vec{k}+\vec{k}'}(\vec{E} + \omega) G_{\vec{k}}(\vec{E}) i \Lambda_{\vec{k}}(\vec{E} + \omega, \vec{E}), \quad (7)$$

where equation (2) (the last two terms cancel each other exactly) now reads

$$\Lambda_{\vec{k}}(E+\omega, E) = 1 + \int \frac{d\bar{E}}{2\pi} i T_i(E+\bar{E}) \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\vec{k}', \vec{k}+\vec{k}'} G(\bar{E}+\omega) \times G_{\vec{k}'}(\bar{E}) \Lambda_{\vec{k}}(\bar{E}+\omega, \bar{E}). \quad (8)$$

More practically, we approximate the energy dependence in equation (8) by replacing $T_i(E+\bar{E}) \rightarrow \tilde{T}_i(E) = \frac{2 \sum_{ij} \langle E \rangle}{n}$. Then, one gets in the so-called $\vec{k} \rightarrow 0$ -limit the static paramagnetic susceptibility

$$\chi(\vec{k} \rightarrow 0, \omega=0) = \frac{2 \mu_B^2 \int \frac{d\bar{E}}{2\pi} (G^2(\bar{E}))_{ii}}{1 - \frac{2i}{n} \int \frac{d\bar{E}}{2\pi} (G^2(\bar{E}))_{ii} \sum_{ij} \langle \bar{E} \rangle}. \quad (9)$$

This correlation-enhanced expression refers to instabilities of the paramagnetic phase towards ferromagnetic ordering, arising from the condition $\chi^{-1}(\vec{k} \rightarrow 0, \omega=0) = 0$. In the Hartree-Fock approximation there follows from equation (9) the RPA result $\chi^{HF} = 2 \mu_B^2 \rho^{HF}(\mu) / (1 - U \rho^{HF}(\mu))$, where $\rho^{HF}(\mu)$ denotes the one-particle density of states at the Fermi level μ .

In the numerical analysis we suppose the simple form $\rho_{\Lambda}(E) = \frac{2}{\pi \Lambda} (1 - (\frac{E}{\Lambda})^2)^{1/2} \theta(\Lambda - |E|)$ (in the following we set the half-band width $\Lambda = 1/2$) for the unperturbed density of states to calculate G_{Λ} analytically.

Figure 1 shows the one-electron density of states per site per spin defined in terms of the retarded ('r') Green function by

$$\rho_{\sigma}(E) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G_{ii\sigma}^r(E) \text{ and calculated numerically}$$

from equations (3) to (6). It is demonstrated the transition from paramagnetic via ferromagnetic to saturated ferromagnetic solutions with increasing U at fixed n .

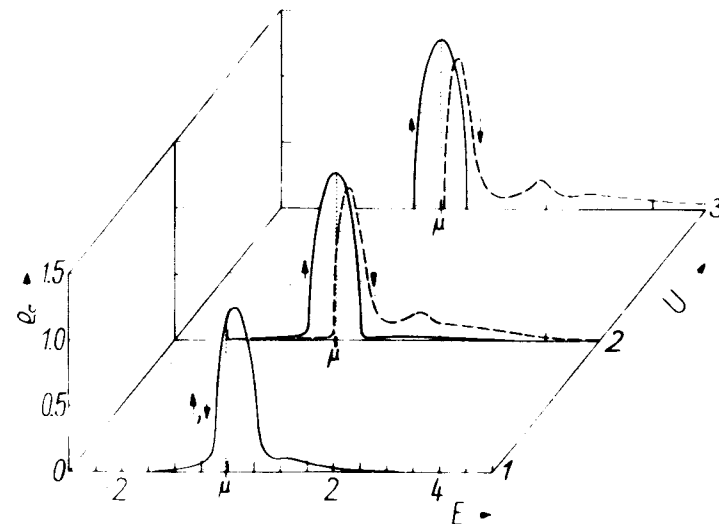


Fig. 1. Spin-dependent electron densities of states $\rho_{\sigma}(E)$ for different values of the intra-atomic Coulomb repulsion U at the electron concentration $n=0.5$. μ is the Fermi energy.

Results for the static paramagnetic susceptibility $\chi = \chi(\vec{k} \rightarrow 0, \omega=0)$ at zero temperature computed from equation (9) on the basis of equations (3) to (6) are represented in **Fig. 2**. χ becoming infinite suggests the possibility of ferromagnetism with increasing n at fixed U (**Fig. 2a**) or increasing U at fixed n (**Fig. 2b**), respectively. For comparison, the phase diagram (**Fig. 2c**) indicated by the susceptibility results confirms the picture of reference ^{6/}; some quantitative

differences may arise by including particle-hole processes. In our treatment an explicit criterion for ferromagnetism can be gi-

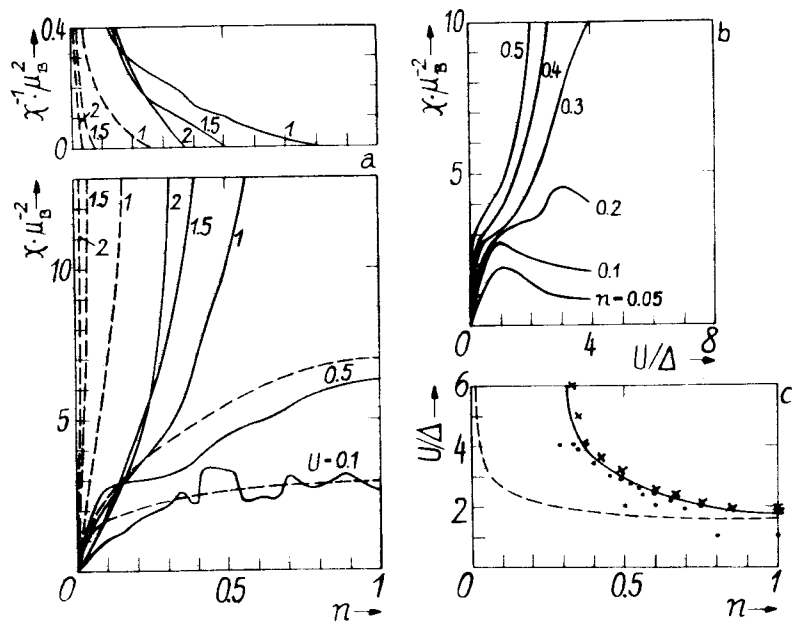


Fig.2. Static paramagnetic susceptibility χ^{-1} (full lines) at $T=0K$ compared with Hartree-Fock results (dashed lines) in dependence on U and n , see a), b); c) dividing line between paramagnetism (●) and ferromagnetism (x).

ven by the zeros of the denominator of equation (9). As a consequence of the gapless single-particle spectrum (see Fig.1) only one zero of χ^{-1} can appear for $n < 1$ (unlike references ³ and ⁴). It seems that some artifices of decoupling methods are avoided in the present approach.

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