

12.20 $\psi_h(x, m) = -hm + g(t) + r(t)m^2 + s(t)m^4 + U(t)m^6$

a) First minimize ψ wrt m : $\frac{d\psi}{dm} = 0 = -h + 2rm + 4sm^3 + 6Um^5$

(The ordering field h can be assumed to be negligible) Solve for m :

$$m = \pm \frac{\frac{s}{u} \pm \frac{\sqrt{s^2 - 3ru}}{u}}{\sqrt{3}}, \text{ or } m = 0$$

Now, if $r > 0$, and $s > -\sqrt{3ru}$, and we recall $u > 0$, then $-3ru < 0$.

Thus, $s^2 - 3ru$ will be negative, yielding an imaginary solution = not possible.

$\Rightarrow m_0 = 0$

b) Let's start by simplifying m : $m = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-s \pm \sqrt{s^2 - 3ru}}{3u}}$ \otimes

Now $r > 0$ and $-(4ur)^{1/2} < s \leq -(3ur)^{1/2}$. $m_0 = 0$ still works obviously, but

now $s^2 - 3ru \geq 0$, so we get from \otimes

$$m_1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{-s \pm \sqrt{s^2 - 3ru}}}{\sqrt{3u}}. \text{ However, plugging in } s = -(4ur)^{1/2}, \text{ we get}$$

$$m_1 = \pm \left(\frac{r}{u}\right)^{1/4} \text{ or } m_1 = \pm \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{r}{u}\right)^{1/4} \text{ These can never be zero (since } r > 0), \text{ so}$$

$$m_0 = 0 \text{ is still the lowest equilibrium value. Same for } s = -(3ur)^{1/2} \Rightarrow m_1 = \pm \left(\frac{3r}{u}\right)^{1/4},$$

and everywhere in between.

plug in to ψ to ascertain minima info

c) we saw above in (b), that for $s = -(4ur)^{1/2}$, $m_0 = 0$ or $m_1 = \pm \left(\frac{r}{u}\right)^{1/4}$ (this is smaller than the other value: $\pm \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{r}{u}\right)^{1/4}$). The negative value could give this spontaneous magnetization.

d) Working w/ m_1^2 , let's plug in $s = -(4ur)^{1/2} \alpha$, where $\alpha > 1$ (Thus $s < -(4ur)^{1/2}$)

$$\Rightarrow m_1^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{ru} \alpha \pm \sqrt{ru(4\alpha^2 - 3)}}{3u}$$

Thus we have 2 possible states available from the plus or minus sign.

(Note that $2\sqrt{ru} \alpha > 0$, $\sqrt{ru(4\alpha^2 - 3)} > 0$, and $3u > 0$.)

e) $r = 0, s < 0 \Rightarrow m_1 = \pm \frac{\sqrt{\frac{s}{u} \pm \frac{|s|}{u}}}{\sqrt{3}} = \begin{cases} \pm \sqrt{\frac{2|s|}{3u}} \\ 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow m_0 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2|s|}{3u}}, \text{ or } 0$

f) Clearly, if $s > 0$, and $r \rightarrow 0$, then $m \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{-s \pm \sqrt{s^2}}{3u}} \rightarrow 0$ (from \otimes)

But for $r < 0$ we have a situation where $m \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{-s \pm \sqrt{s^2 + \delta}}{3u}}$ ($\delta > 0$), so,

as shown before $m_0 = \pm m_1$.

g) If $r = 0$, and $s > 0$, then $m = \sqrt{\frac{-s \pm \sqrt{s^2}}{3u}} = 0$. (from \otimes)