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Geometric orbital magnetization in adiabatic processes

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Abstract:

We consider periodic adiabatic processes of gapped many-body spinless electrons. We find an additional contribution to the orbital magnetization due to the adiabatic time evolution, dubbed *geometric* orbital magnetization, which can be expressed as derivative of the many-body Berry phase with respect to an external magnetic field. For two-dimensional band insulators, we show that the geometric orbital magnetization generally consists of two pieces, the topological piece that is expressed as third Chern-Simons form in (t, k_x, k_y) space, and the non-topological piece that depends on Bloch states and energies of both occupied and unoccupied bands.