

[tex84] **Classical paramagnet (canonical ensemble)**

Consider an array of  $N$  noninteracting localized magnetic dipole moments in the form of classical 3-component unit vectors  $\mathbf{m}_i = (m_i^x, m_i^y, m_i^z) = (\sin \theta_i \cos \phi_i, \sin \theta_i \sin \phi_i, \cos \theta_i)$ . In the presence of a magnetic field  $\mathbf{H}$  pointing in  $z$ -direction, the Hamiltonian of this system represents the Zeeman energy:

$$\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{m}_i \cdot \mathbf{H} = -H \sum_{i=1}^N m_i^z.$$

- (a) Calculate the canonical partition function  $Z_N$  of this system.
- (b) Calculate the Gibbs free energy  $G(T, H, N)$ , the magnetization  $M(T, H, N)$  (Langevin function), the isothermal susceptibility  $\chi_T(T, H, N)$ , and the heat capacity  $C_H(T, H, N)$ .
- (c) Plot  $M/N$  versus  $H$  for three values of  $T$ . Plot  $C_H/N$  versus  $T$  for three values of  $H$ .
- (d) Show that the leading term in an expansion of  $\chi_T$  at small  $H$  is  $H$ -independent and represents Curie's law  $\chi_T \simeq N/3k_B T$ .

**Solution:**