

Sharp upper bounds for a singular perturbation problem related to micromagnetics

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Abstract. We construct an upper bound for the following family of functionals $\{E_\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon>0}$, which arises in the study of micromagnetics:

$$E_\varepsilon(u) = \int_{\Omega} \varepsilon |\nabla u|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |H_u|^2.$$

Here Ω is a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^2 , $u \in H^1(\Omega, S^1)$ (corresponding to the magnetization) and H_u , the demagnetizing field created by u , is given by

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(\tilde{u} + H_u) = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2, \\ \operatorname{curl} H_u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^2, \end{cases}$$

where \tilde{u} is the extension of u by 0 in $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega$. Our upper bound coincides with the lower bound obtained by Rivière and Serfaty.

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