

3. An uncharged particle of mass  $M$  and magnetic moment  $m$  sits in a vacuum above a superconductor. The surface of the superconductor is the infinite plane  $z = 0$ . It is an ideal superconductor, so the magnetic field vanishes ( $\vec{B} = 0$ ) inside the superconductor ( $z < 0$ ). The particle's position and the orientation of its magnetic moment are those that minimize its energy in the presence of gravity  $\vec{g} = -g\hat{z}$ .
- (a) How far above the superconductor does the particle sit?
  - (b) What is the orientation of its magnetic moment relative to the  $z$ -axis?