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We need N for the low-temp Fermi Gas' chemical potential, and U to find C_V (and hence S). Let's find N and U first.

$$\rightarrow \text{By 8.1.2, } N = \sum_{\epsilon} \frac{1}{z^{-1}e^{\beta\epsilon} + 1} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{a(\epsilon) d\epsilon}{z^{-1}e^{\beta\epsilon} + 1} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{a(\epsilon) d\epsilon}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} + 1}$$

Make 2 u-substitutions!

$$x = \beta\epsilon \Rightarrow \epsilon = x/\beta \Rightarrow d\epsilon = dx/\beta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x}{\beta} = \beta\mu$$

$$N = \frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{a(x/\beta) dx}{e^{x-\frac{\mu}{\beta}} + 1} = \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\int_0^{\frac{\mu}{\beta}} a(x/\beta) dx + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{da(x/\beta)}{dx} \right)_{x=\frac{\mu}{\beta}} + \dots \right)$$

By E-18

Transform back to μ and ϵ :

$$N = \int_0^{\mu} a(\epsilon) d\epsilon + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{da(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=\mu} + \dots$$

For low temperatures $\mu \approx \epsilon_F$ for 8.1.34

$$\Rightarrow N = \int_0^{\epsilon_F} a(\epsilon) d\epsilon + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{da(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F}$$

Also, note that $\mu - \epsilon_F \approx 0$, so we can freely add $(\mu - \epsilon_F) a(\epsilon_F)$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad N = \int_0^{\epsilon_F} a(\epsilon) d\epsilon + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{da(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} + (\mu - \epsilon_F) a(\epsilon_F)$$

$$\rightarrow U = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Q = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \int_0^{\infty} \ln(1 + z e^{-\beta\epsilon}) a(\epsilon) d\epsilon = - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{ze^{-\beta\epsilon} a(\epsilon)}{1 + e^{-\beta\epsilon} z} d\epsilon \\ = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon a(\epsilon)}{z^{-1}e^{\beta\epsilon} + 1} d\epsilon$$

Now use the same substitutions as above, and use E-18 exactly as before:

$$U = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left(\int_0^{\frac{\mu}{\beta}} x a(x/\beta) dx + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{d}{dx} x a(x/\beta) \right)_{x=\frac{\mu}{\beta}} + \dots \right) \\ = \int_0^{\mu} \epsilon a(\epsilon) d\epsilon + \frac{1}{\beta^3} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{d}{d\epsilon} \epsilon \beta a(\epsilon) \right)_{\epsilon=\mu}$$

So, letting $\mu = \epsilon_F$, and taking the product-rule derivative:

$$\textcircled{2} \quad U = \int_0^{\epsilon_F} \epsilon a(\epsilon) d\epsilon + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \epsilon_F \left(\frac{da(\epsilon)}{d\epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\pi^2}{6} a(\epsilon_F) + (\mu - \epsilon_F) \epsilon_F a(\epsilon_F)$$

Ok. Now let's find μ .

By 8.1.20, $\int_0^{\epsilon_F} a(\epsilon) d\epsilon = N$. Make this substitution in ①:

$$N \approx N + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{d a(\epsilon)}{d \epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} + (\mu - \epsilon_F) a(\epsilon_F)$$

$$(\epsilon_F - \mu) a(\epsilon_F) \approx \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{d a(\epsilon)}{d \epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} \Rightarrow \mu \approx \epsilon_F - \frac{1}{\beta^2 a(\epsilon_F)} \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{d a(\epsilon)}{d \epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \approx \epsilon_F \left[1 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{kT}{\epsilon_F} \right)^2 \left(\frac{a(\epsilon) d\epsilon}{\frac{1}{\epsilon} d\epsilon} \right)_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} \right]$$

Now, note that $\frac{1}{x} dx = d \ln(x)$.

$$\therefore \boxed{\mu \approx \epsilon_F \left[1 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{kT}{\epsilon_F} \right)^2 \left(\frac{d \ln(a(\epsilon))}{d \ln(\epsilon)} \right)_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} \right]}$$

we then use μ to find C_V . (use $C_V = \left(\frac{dU}{dT} \right)_V$)

Plug the expression we just found into ②:

$$U = \int_0^{\epsilon_F} \epsilon a(\epsilon) d\epsilon + \frac{k^2 T^2 \pi^2}{6} \left(\epsilon_F \frac{d a(\epsilon)}{d \epsilon} \Big|_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} + a(\epsilon_F) \right) - \epsilon_F^2 a(\epsilon_F) + \epsilon_F^2 a(\epsilon_F) \left[1 - \frac{\pi^2 (kT)^2}{6} \frac{d \ln a(\epsilon)}{d \ln \epsilon} \Big|_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} \right]$$

Since we are taking a derivative w/ respect to T , lets ignore the terms without T :

$$U = \text{"constants"} + \frac{k^2 T^2 \pi^2}{6} \left[\epsilon_F \frac{d a(\epsilon)}{d \epsilon} \Big|_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} + a(\epsilon_F) - a(\epsilon_F) \left(\frac{d \ln a(\epsilon)}{d \ln \epsilon} \Big|_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F} \right) \right]$$

Undo the trick that we used before: $a(\epsilon) d \ln(a(\epsilon)) = d a(\epsilon)$
 $\epsilon d \ln(\epsilon) = d\epsilon$

$$U = \text{"constants"} + \frac{k^2 T^2 \pi^2}{6} \left[\cancel{\epsilon_F \frac{a(\epsilon) d \ln(a(\epsilon))}{\epsilon_F d \ln(\epsilon)} \Big|_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F}} + a(\epsilon_F) - a(\epsilon_F) \cancel{\frac{d \ln(a(\epsilon))}{d \ln \epsilon} \Big|_{\epsilon=\epsilon_F}} \right]$$

$$= \text{"constants"} + \frac{k^2 T^2 \pi^2}{6} a(\epsilon_F)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{C_V = \frac{dU}{dT} \approx \frac{k^2 \pi^2}{3} a(\epsilon_F)}$$

Entropy

$$\text{By 1.3.17, } C_V = T \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{N,V} \Rightarrow \frac{k^2 \pi^2}{3} a(\epsilon_F) = \frac{dS}{dT} \quad \text{integrate to get:} \quad \boxed{S \approx \frac{k^2 T \pi^2}{3} a(\epsilon_F)}$$

Now we consider the case where $E \propto p^s$ (i.e. $E = A p^s$) in n-dimensions
 Let's find the density of states.

$$\Sigma(p) = \frac{1}{h^n} \int d^n q d^n p = \frac{V_n}{h^n} V_n(p) = \frac{V_n}{h^n} \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{(n/2)!} p^n \quad \text{by appendix C.7a.}$$

$$g(p) dp = \frac{d\Sigma(p)}{dp} dp = \frac{n V_p^{n-1}}{h^n} \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{(n/2)!} dp$$

$$\text{Now } E = A p^s \Rightarrow p = \left(\frac{E}{A} \right)^{1/s}, \text{ so } dp = dE \frac{dp}{dE} = dE \frac{1}{s A^{1/s}} E^{1/s - 1}$$

$$\text{and } p^{n-1} = \left(\frac{E}{A} \right)^{\frac{n}{s} - \frac{1}{s}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(E) dE \sim (E)^{\frac{n}{s} - \frac{1}{s}} \cdot E^{1/s - 1} dE$$

Thus $a(\varepsilon)d\varepsilon \sim \varepsilon^{\frac{n}{s}-1}d\varepsilon$

Thus for n particles, and $p \propto \varepsilon^s$,

$$C_V \approx S \approx \frac{k^2 T \pi^2}{3} a(\varepsilon_F) \sim \frac{k^2 T \pi^2}{3} \varepsilon_F^{\frac{n}{s}-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } \mu, \text{ we need } \left. \frac{\partial \ln(a(\varepsilon))}{\partial \ln \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=\varepsilon_F} &= \left. \frac{\varepsilon_F}{a(\varepsilon_F)} \frac{\partial a(\varepsilon)}{\partial \varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=\varepsilon_F} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon_F}{\varepsilon_F^{\frac{n}{s}+1}} \left(\frac{n}{s} - 1 \right) \varepsilon_F^{\frac{n}{s}-2} = \frac{n}{s} - 1 \\ \Rightarrow \mu &\approx \varepsilon_F \left[1 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{kT}{\varepsilon_F} \right)^2 \left(\frac{n}{s} - 1 \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

We are expected to examine the following cases:

$$S=1, n=2 : C_V \approx S \approx \frac{k^2 T \pi^2 \varepsilon}{3}, \quad \mu \approx \varepsilon_F \left[1 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left(\frac{kT}{\varepsilon_F} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$S=1, n=3 : C_V \approx S \approx \frac{k^2 T \pi^2 \varepsilon^2}{3}, \quad \mu \approx \varepsilon_F \left[1 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{kT}{\varepsilon_F} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$S=2, n=2 : C_V \approx S \approx \frac{k^2 T \pi^2}{3}, \quad \mu \approx \varepsilon_F$$

$$S=2, n=3 : C_V \approx S \approx \frac{k^2 T \pi^2 \varepsilon^{1/2}}{3}, \quad \mu \approx \varepsilon_F \left[1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \left(\frac{kT}{\varepsilon_F} \right)^2 \right]$$

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