

## Notes:

**Homework :** Due next Tuesday.

**Last class day:** Weds. Dec 8.

**Final Exam:** Friday Dec. 10, 12:30 PM, will be comprehensive. Formula sheet allowed, similar to previous exam. More details later this week.

# Recall, Fermi-Dirac statistics & Fermi ideal gas

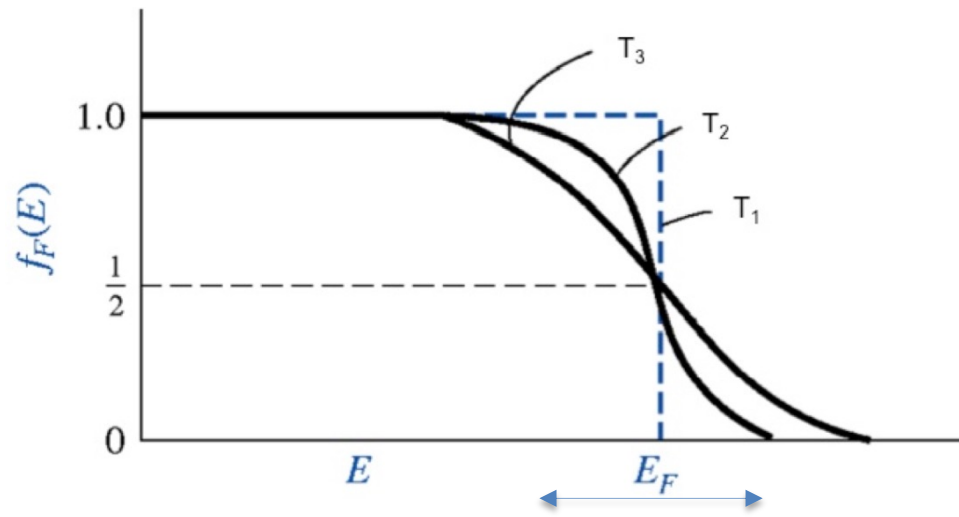
$$\varepsilon = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

Weak or non-existing interactions

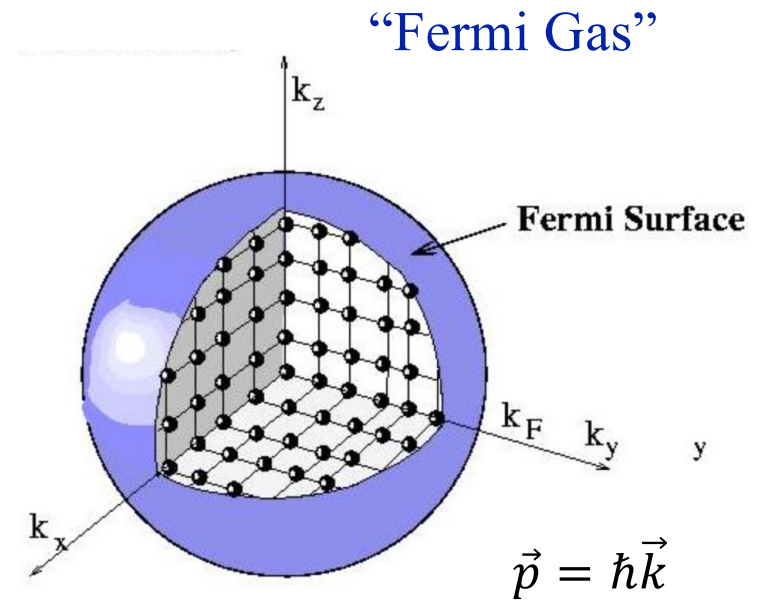
$$n_{FD} = \frac{1}{(1 + e^{(\varepsilon_i - \mu)/kT})} = f(\varepsilon_i)$$

Fermi-Dirac distribution

“Fermi function”



10-90% width  $\approx 4kT$



- Metals: electron gas typically *strongly degenerate*.
- White dwarf stars: degenerate *electron Fermi gas*, nuclei  $\approx$  classical gas
- Neutron stars: neutrons (spin  $1/2$ ) strongly degenerate.

# Fermi-Dirac statistics & Fermi ideal gas

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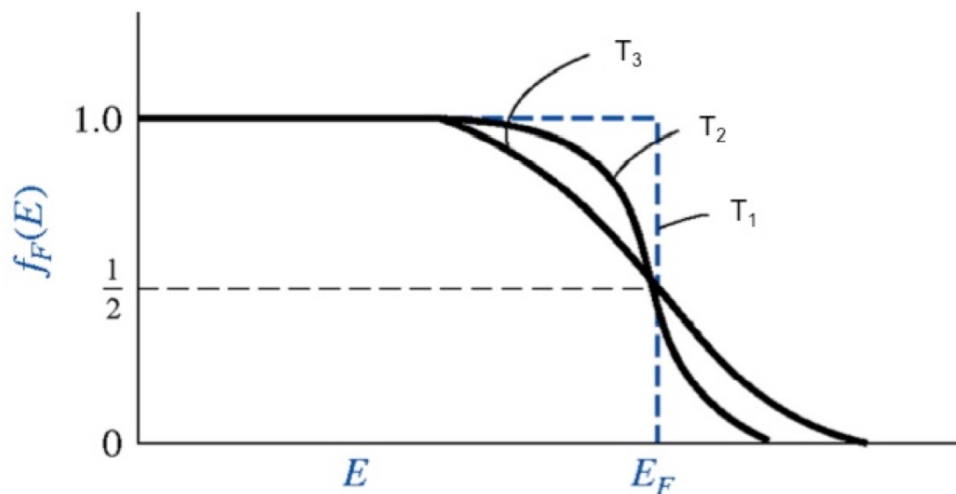
$$\langle N \rangle = \sum_i f(\varepsilon_i)$$

Total # particles

$$U = \sum_i \varepsilon_i f(\varepsilon_i)$$

Total (average) energy

For sums, use 3D density of states:



$$D(\varepsilon) = \frac{2V}{(4\pi^2)} \left( \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

We saw this before; it is in chapter 18 except missing a factor of 2 for spin.

## Summations (for spin-1/2)

$$\sum_i [X(\varepsilon_i)] \Rightarrow \int D(\varepsilon)[X(\varepsilon)]d\varepsilon$$

Any function that depends on the energy

$$D(\varepsilon) = \frac{g}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\varepsilon}$$

Density of states, ideal gas  
(includes  $2s+1$  spin term)

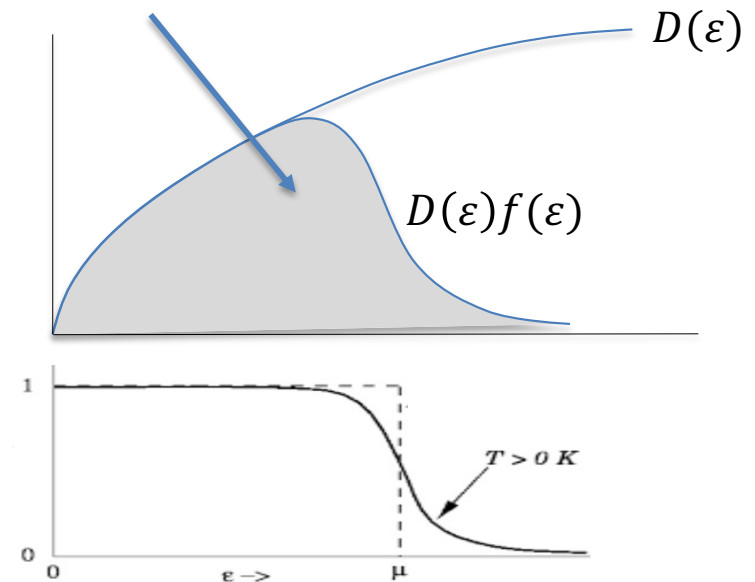
Specific cases:

$$U = \sum_i \varepsilon_i f(\varepsilon_i)$$

↓ ideal gas,  
large  $N$

$$U = \int \varepsilon D(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

$N = \int D(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$       $[f(\varepsilon) = n(\varepsilon)]$   
is the area.

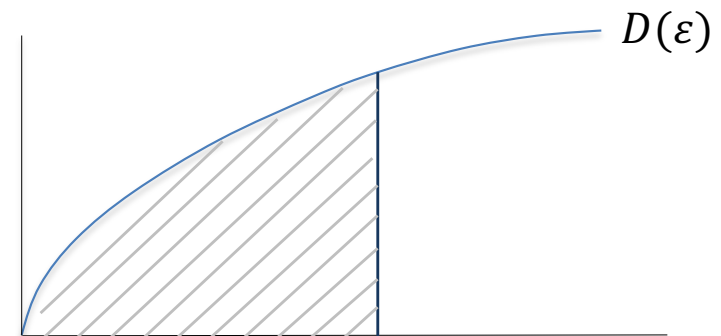
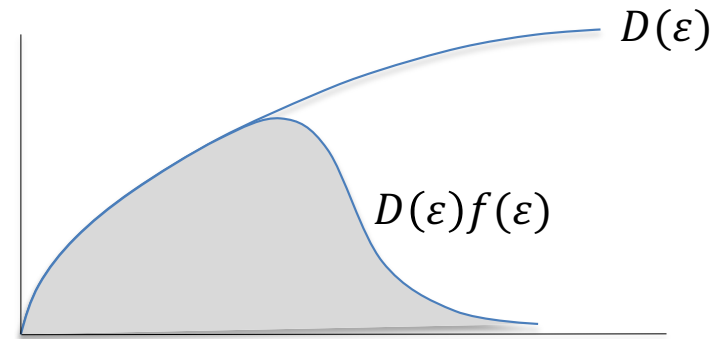


Fermi gas:

$$D(\varepsilon) = \frac{V}{(2\pi^2)} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \quad \& \text{ note, } D(\varepsilon_F) = \frac{3N}{2\varepsilon_F}$$

$$N = \int D(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

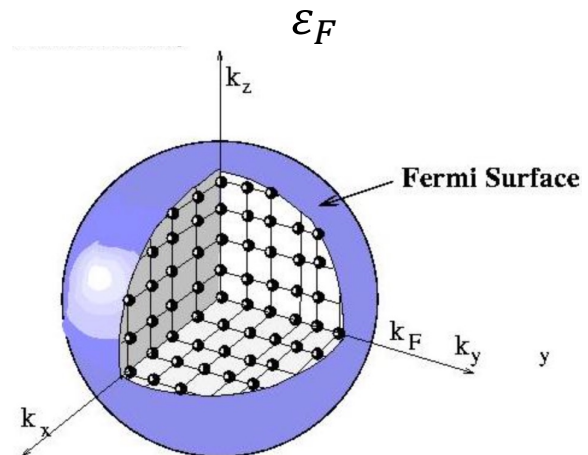
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$T = 0$  results

$$\varepsilon_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{(2m)} \left(3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V}\right)^{2/3}$$

Fermi Energy defined as  $T = 0$  chemical potential



## Fermi gas:

Metal,  $T_F \sim 10,000$ 's K

White dwarf,  $T_F \sim 10^{10}$  K      ( $T \sim 10^5$  K)

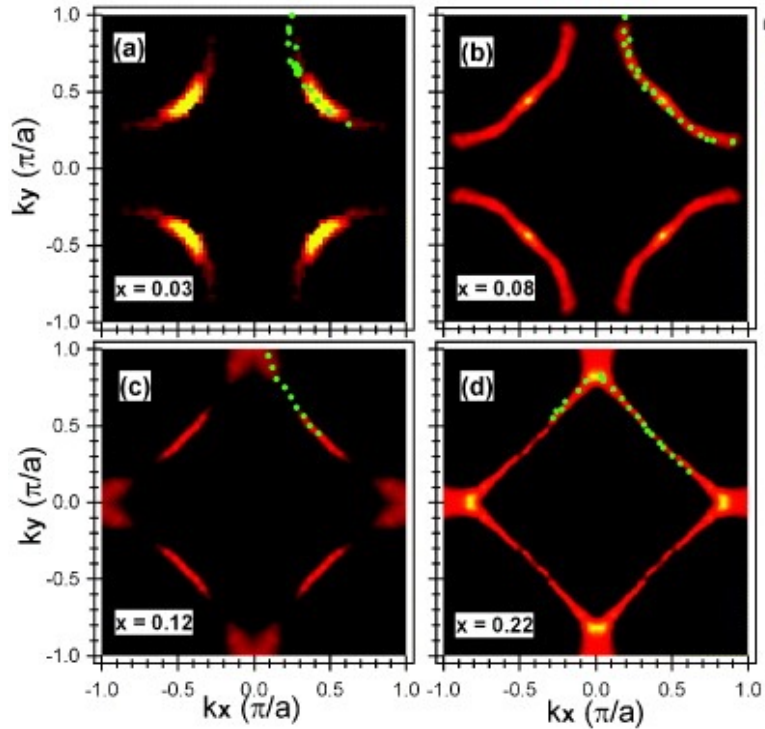
Neutron star,  $T_F \sim 10^{12}$  K      ( $T \sim 10^6 - 10^{11}$  K)

Semiconductor, typically  
nondegenerate

### $T = 0$ results

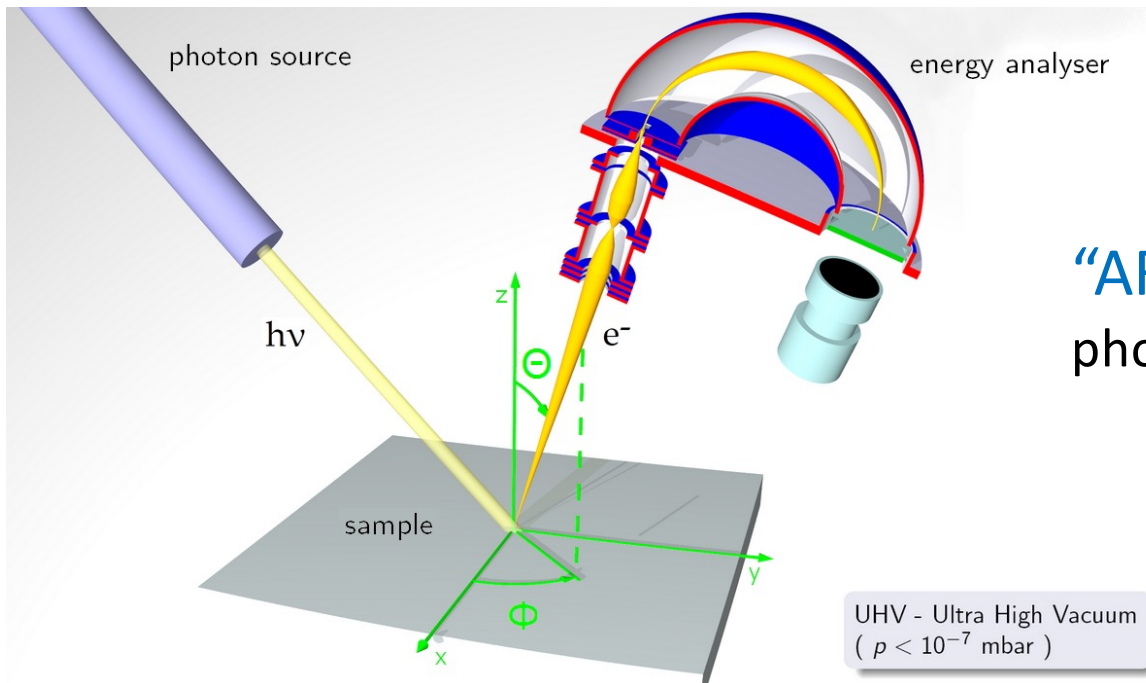
$$\varepsilon_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{(2m)} \left( 3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{2/3} \quad \text{Fermi Energy} \qquad k_F = \left( 3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{1/3} \quad \text{Fermi wavevector}$$

$$T_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{k_B(2m)} \left( 3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{2/3} \quad \text{Fermi temperature} \qquad p_F = \hbar \left( 3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{1/3} \quad \text{Fermi momentum}$$



La<sub>1-x</sub>Sr<sub>x</sub>CuO<sub>4</sub>  
superconductor  
Razzoli et al. New J.  
Physics 2010

Photoemission: can detect  
momentum distribution of  
electrons  
Detects Fermi sphere for  
simple metal (sodium).



“ARPES” Angle-resolved  
photoemission spectroscopy

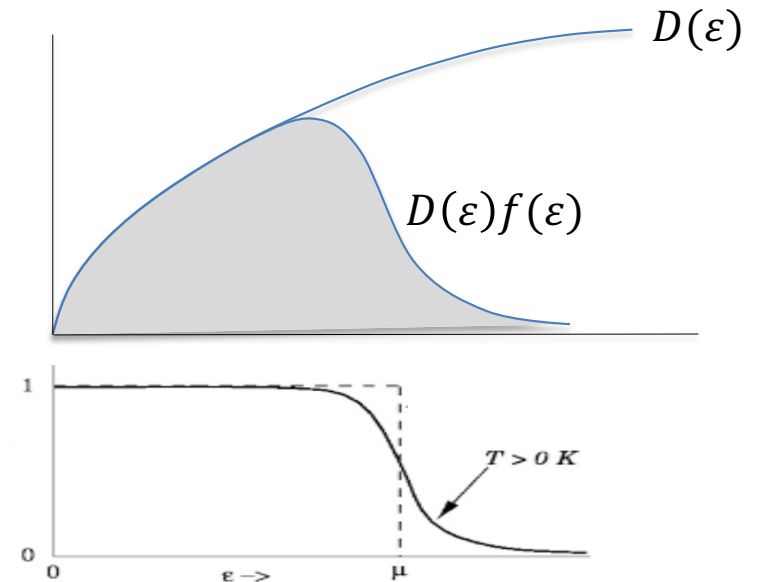
UHV - Ultra High Vacuum  
(  $p < 10^{-7}$  mbar )

## Fermi gases:

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$$U = \int \varepsilon D(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

$$D(\varepsilon) = \frac{V}{(2\pi^2)} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \quad \text{spin-1/2}$$



$$T = 0: \quad \varepsilon_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{(2m)} \left(3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V}\right)^{2/3} \quad \text{Fermi Energy}$$

$$\langle \varepsilon \rangle = \frac{3}{5} \varepsilon_F \quad P = \frac{2}{5} \frac{N}{V} \varepsilon_F \quad \text{degeneracy pressure}$$

- good approximations as long as  $T \ll T_F$
- $P$  does not go to zero at  $T = 0$ . (Entropy *does*.)
- Metal conduction properties etc. controlled by thin slice  $\sim kT$  at FS
- Degeneracy pressure supports white dwarf, neutron star vs. collapsing

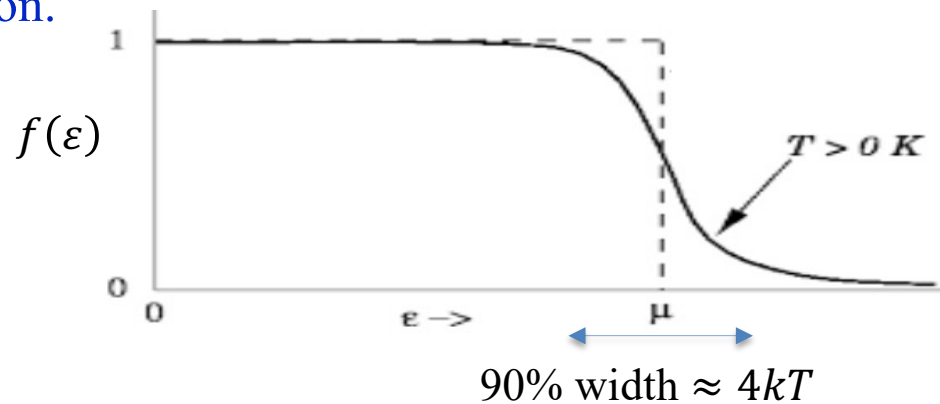
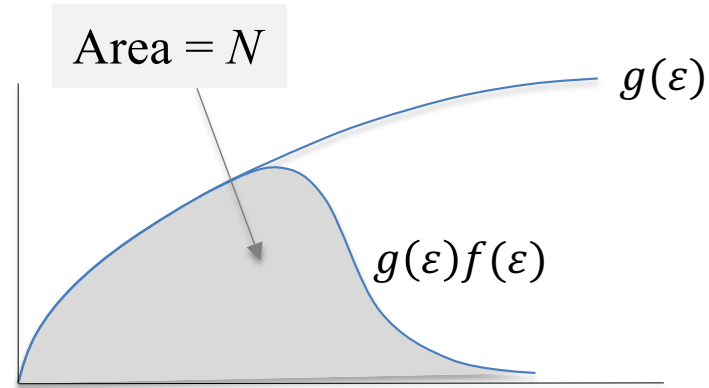


# Fermi gas, $T \neq 0$

- Chemical potential:  $\varepsilon_F \approx \mu$ ,  $T \ll T_F$

- $\mu \approx$  constant in degenerate regime. We will solve for  $T$  dependence soon.
- Energy  $\propto T^2$  can see

notation:  $\varepsilon_F$  is  $T = 0$  limit, constant parameter determined by  $N/V$ .



- Crossover to MB regime,  $T \approx T_F$  :

$$\lambda_{th}^3 = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \frac{V}{N} \right)$$

- Overlapping of thermal de Broglie wavelengths is (approximate) boundary of degenerate regime

$$T_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{k_B(2m)} \left( 3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$p_F = \hbar \left( 3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\left( \frac{\hbar^2}{2\pi m k T} \right)^{1/2} = \lambda_{th}$$

Electron:  $\sim 30 \text{ \AA}$  at RT

$T$  dependence:

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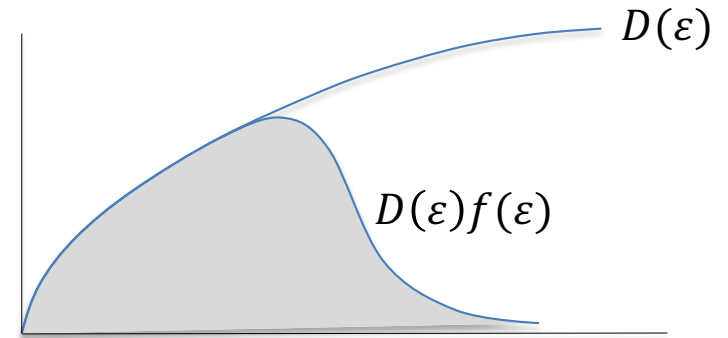
$$U = \int \varepsilon D(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon$$

$T \neq 0$  cases **Sommerfeld expansion**

$$\mu - \varepsilon_F \sim \left(\frac{T}{T_F}\right)^2:$$

$$N = \int D(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = - \int \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\varepsilon} D(\varepsilon') d\varepsilon' \right] \frac{df}{d\varepsilon} d\varepsilon \quad \leftarrow \frac{df}{d\mu}$$

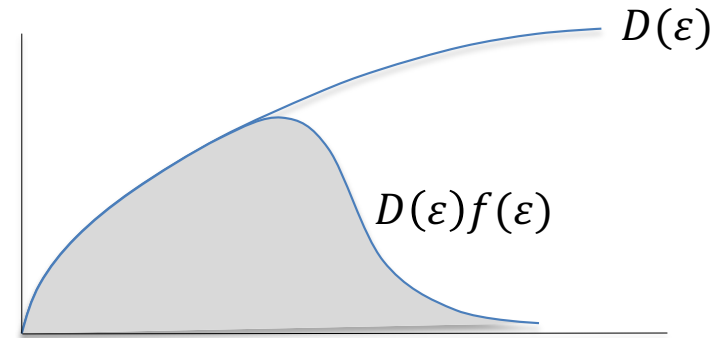
by parts



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Taylor expand square bracket

0, odd function

# T dependence:

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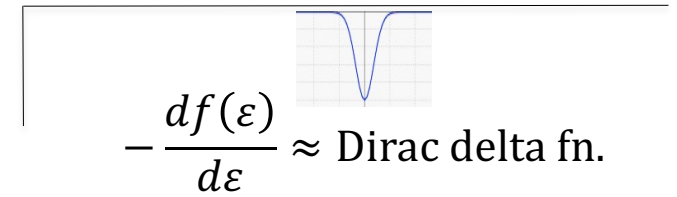
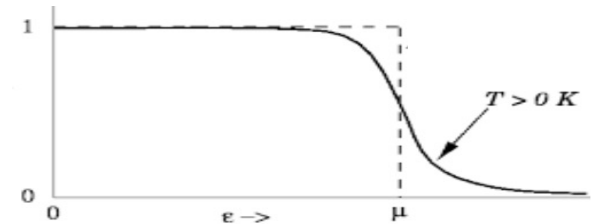
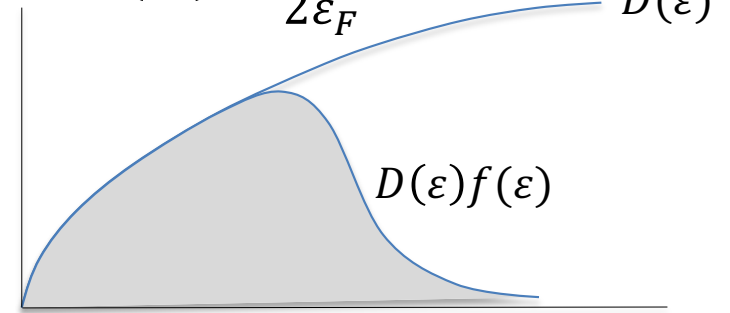
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$$N \approx \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} D(\epsilon') d\epsilon' + (kT)^2 \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left[ \frac{dD(\mu)}{d\mu} \right]$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial T} \right|_N = - \frac{\left. \frac{\partial N}{\partial T} \right|_{\mu}}{\left. \frac{\partial N}{\partial \mu} \right|_T} = - \frac{Vk^2 T^2 \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left[ \frac{dD(\mu)}{d\mu} \right]}{VD(\mu) + (small)}$$

$$D(\epsilon_F) = \frac{3N}{2\epsilon_F}$$



Fermi gases:  $\mu \approx \varepsilon_F \left( 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{12} \left[ \frac{T}{T_F} \right]^2 \right)$

similar expansion for energy:

$$E = \int \varepsilon D(\varepsilon) f(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon = - \int \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\varepsilon} \varepsilon' D(\varepsilon') d\varepsilon' \right] \frac{df}{d\varepsilon} d\varepsilon$$

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$$+ \int \left[ \frac{d[\mu D(\mu)]}{d\mu} \right] \frac{(\varepsilon - \mu)^2}{2} \frac{df}{d\mu} d\varepsilon + \dots$$

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$$E \approx \int_{-\infty}^{\varepsilon_F} \varepsilon D(\varepsilon) d\varepsilon + \cancel{[\varepsilon_F D(\varepsilon_F)]} (\mu - \varepsilon_F) + (kT)^2 \frac{\pi^2}{6} D(\varepsilon_F) + \cancel{(kT)^2 \frac{\pi^2}{6} D(\varepsilon_F)} \frac{dD}{d\mu} \Big|_{\varepsilon_F}$$

2 terms cancel

$$E \approx E_0 + (kT)^2 \frac{\pi^2 N}{4\varepsilon_F}$$