

2. Consider a Fermi gas of N non-interacting particles in d dimensions where each particle has kinetic energy K.E. = $a|\vec{p}|^\nu$. The Fermi gas is placed in a box of volume V . Here, a and ν are positive constants, and N is assumed to be very large.

- (a) The Fermi energy can be written approximately as $E_F \approx \gamma N^\lambda$ for some γ and λ . Determine the exponent λ in terms of d and ν .
- (b) How does the heat capacity scale with temperature and the number of particles at small temperatures? Give the answer in terms of λ .
- (c) For this Fermi gas at temperature $T > 0$ the pressure P is related to the total energy E through $P = \alpha E/V$. Find α in terms of ν and d .

Hint: P may be expressed through an appropriate derivative of the partition function. Think about how the energy of any given state changes with V .

- (d) For a relativistic Fermi gas in 3 dimensions $\nu = 1$. For this case derive $P = \alpha E/V$ also from the kinetic theory, with P expressed as the force per unit area exerted by the gas particles on the walls of the container.