

$$1) |\Psi\rangle = \sum_{r,s} c_{rs} |r\rangle |s\rangle$$

$\rho_t = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$ describes the system plus reservoir

We find ρ describing just the system by tracing out the reservoir,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \text{Tr}_{\text{res}}(\rho_t) = \sum_{r'} \langle r' | \Psi \rangle \langle \Psi | r' \rangle \\ &= \sum_{r'} \langle r' | \left(\sum_{rs} c_{rs} |r\rangle |s\rangle \right) \left(\sum_{r''s''} c_{r''s''}^* \langle r'' | \langle s'' | \right) | r' \rangle \\ &= \sum_r \left[\left(\sum_s c_{rs} |s\rangle \right) \left(\sum_{s'} c_{rs'}^* \langle s' | \right) \right] = \sum_{ss'} \underbrace{\left[\sum_r c_{rs} c_{rs'}^* \right]}_{P_{ss'}} |s\rangle \langle s'| \end{aligned}$$

Now evaluating the trace over the system,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}_{\text{sys}}(\rho) &= \sum_s \langle s | \rho | s \rangle \\ &= \sum_s \sum_r \langle s | \left(\sum_{s'} c_{rs'} |s'\rangle \right) \left(\sum_{s''} c_{rs''}^* \langle s'' | \right) | s \rangle \\ &= \sum_s \sum_r c_{rs} c_{rs}^* = 1 \quad \text{by normalization of } |\Psi\rangle. \end{aligned}$$



2) The expression for the one-particle density matrix,

$$\rho(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{N_0(T)}{N} \cdot \phi_n(\vec{x}) \phi_n^*(\vec{x}') + \frac{1}{N} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x} - i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}'}}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_k - \mu)} - 1}$$

So to find the correction we evaluate the second term.

First, let us move to spherical coords with the z-axis along $(\vec{x} - \vec{x}')$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^3k \frac{e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')}}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_k - \mu)} - 1} &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^\infty k^2 dk \frac{e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'| \cos\theta}}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_k - \mu)} - 1} \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^2}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_k - \mu)} - 1} \int_{-1}^1 dz e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|z} \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^2}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_k - \mu)} - 1} \frac{(e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} - e^{-ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|})}{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k \sin(k|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|)}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_k - \mu)} - 1} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \text{Im} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}}{e^{\beta(\epsilon_k - \mu)} - 1} \end{aligned}$$

For a single particle, $\epsilon_k = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$, and in this limit we can set $z \rightarrow 1$,

$$= \frac{4\pi}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \text{Im} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}}{e^{\beta \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}} - 1}$$

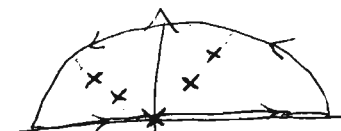
Note the integrand, or rather the imaginary part which is all we're interested in even in k ,

$$= \frac{2\pi}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \text{Im} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k e^{iz|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}}{e^{\beta \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m} - 1}$$

At this point we evaluate this integral by contour integration.

The poles are at $e^{\beta \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}} - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\beta \hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \pm 2\pi n i$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

We close the contour in the upper half plane,
The residue at zero is on the contour so we take the principal value.



So,

$$= \frac{2\pi}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \text{Im} \left(\frac{2\pi i}{2} \text{Res}(k=0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2\pi i [\text{Res}(k = \sqrt{2\pi n} e^{i\pi/4}) + \text{Res}(k = \sqrt{2\pi n} e^{i3\pi/4})] \right)$$

$$\text{Res}(k=0) = \frac{k^2 e^{ik|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}}{e^{\beta \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m} - 1} \Big|_{k=0} = \frac{2m}{\beta \hbar^2}$$

$\text{Res}(k = \sqrt{2\pi n} e^{i\pi/4}) \propto e^{-k|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|/\sqrt{\pi n}}$, since we are interested in the limit of large $|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|$, we can drop these residues. Therefore to first order,

$$\Rightarrow \rho(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \simeq \rho_0 + \frac{m}{2\pi \beta \hbar^2} \frac{1}{N|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

$$3a) n = \frac{N}{V} = 2 \int_0^{k_F} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} = \frac{k_F^3}{3\pi^2} \Rightarrow k_F = (3n\pi^2)^{1/3}$$

$$n = \frac{N}{V} = \frac{\left(\frac{M}{2m_p}\right) / \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3\right)}{8\pi R^3 m_p} = \frac{3M}{8\pi R^3 m_p}$$

$$k_F = \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p \pi R^3}\right)^{1/3} = \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p}\right)^{1/3} \frac{1}{R}$$

$$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e R^2} \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)$$

$$b) \mathcal{E} = 2N \int_0^{k_F} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m_e} = \frac{\hbar^2}{m_e (2\pi)^3} \int_0^{k_F} k^5 dk$$

$$= \frac{\hbar^2 V}{2\pi^3 m_e} \frac{k_F^6}{6} = \mathcal{E}_F \cdot \frac{V k_F^3}{10\pi^3}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_F = \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m_e}, \quad V k_F^3 = V (3n\pi^2)^{1/3} = 3N\pi^2$$

$$N = \frac{M}{2m_p}$$

$$= \frac{3N}{10} \mathcal{E}_F = \frac{3M}{20m_p} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p}\right)^{2/3} \frac{1}{R^2}$$

$$c) U_g = -\frac{3EM^2}{5R}$$

$$d) \mathcal{E} = \frac{3N}{10} \mathcal{E}_F - \frac{3EM^2}{5R} = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p}\right)^{2/3} \frac{1}{R^2}\right) \cdot \frac{3M}{20m_p} - \frac{3EM^2}{5R}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial R} = \frac{3M \hbar^2}{40m_p m_e} \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p}\right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{-2}{R^3}\right) + \frac{3EM^2}{5R^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3EM^2}{5} R = \frac{3M \hbar^2}{20m_p m_e} \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p}\right)^{2/3}$$

$$R = \frac{\hbar^2}{4EM m_p m_e} \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p}\right)^{2/3}$$

$$= \left(\frac{9\pi}{8}\right)^{2/3} \frac{\hbar^2}{4EM^2 m_e} \left(\frac{M}{m_p}\right)^{4/3}$$

$\sim \hbar^2 M^{1/3}$
 $k_F \sim M^{-1/3}$
 $\mathcal{E}_F \sim M^{-2/3}$
 $\mathcal{E} \sim M^{-1/3}$

$$e) \quad E_k = \hbar c k$$

$$E = \langle KE \rangle = 2V \int_0^{k_f} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} (\hbar c k)$$

$$= \frac{V \hbar c}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{k_f} dk k^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \hbar c \frac{k_f^4}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hbar c}{6\pi} R^3 \left[\left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{R} \right]^4$$

$$= \frac{\hbar c}{6\pi} \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p} \right)^{2/3} \cdot \frac{1}{R}, \quad \text{same } \frac{1}{R} \text{ dependence as } U_g.$$

$$f) \quad E > |U_g| \text{ or collapse } (R \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hbar c}{6\pi} \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p} \right)^{4/3} > \frac{3GM^2}{5}$$

Setting equal to find the limit,

$$M^2 < \frac{5\hbar c}{18\pi G} \left(\frac{9\pi M}{8m_p} \right)^{4/3}$$

$$M < \left(\frac{5\hbar c}{18\pi G} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{9\pi}{8m_p} \right)^2$$

f) $\epsilon_k = -2t \cos(ka)$ $k = [-\frac{\pi}{a}, \frac{\pi}{a}]$

a) To find the number of states in the band,

$$N = \sum_k (\text{2 spin states}) = 2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{a}}^{\frac{\pi}{a}} \left(\frac{L}{2\pi}\right) dk = \frac{2L}{a}$$

So a half-filled band,

$$n = \frac{N \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{L} = \frac{1}{a}$$

b) The band splits in half at $k_F = 0$, so $\epsilon_F = 0$.

c) $\frac{d\epsilon}{dk} = 2at \sin(ka)$

$$d\epsilon = 2at \sin(ka) dk \quad \rho(k) = \frac{L}{2\pi}$$

So,

$$\rho(k) dk = \frac{L}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2at \sin(ka)} d\epsilon = \frac{L}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2at \sqrt{1 - \cos^2(ka)}} d\epsilon$$

$$= \frac{L}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2at \sqrt{1 - (\epsilon/2t)^2}} d\epsilon$$

$$= \frac{L}{2\pi a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4t^2 - \epsilon^2}} d\epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(\epsilon) = \frac{L}{2\pi a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4t^2 - \epsilon^2}} \times 2 \leftarrow \text{spins}$$

d) First, for those looking for a more illuminating treatment of this sort of problem I recommend Ashcroft & Mermin, look under the entries for Sommerfeld expansion.

There is a quick symmetry argument here that gives the desired result that μ is independent of T . The Fermi function is symmetric around μ in the sense that $f(\mu+x) = 1 - f(\mu-x)$. When combined with the situation here where $\rho(\epsilon)$ is symmetric around ϵ_F , you can see that raising the temperature will not change N , so μ does not need to change with T to enforce the constancy of N .

$$4) E = \int_{-2t}^{2t} \partial E p(\epsilon) f(\epsilon) \epsilon$$

$$p(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2t)^2 - \epsilon^2}} \frac{1}{\pi a} \quad f(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(\epsilon - \mu)} + 1} \quad \mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \frac{L}{\pi a} \int_{-2t}^{2t} \partial \epsilon \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{(2t)^2 - \epsilon^2}} \frac{1}{e^{\beta \epsilon} + 1}$$

We're going to use the Sommerfeld expansion, (Ashcroft + Mermin 2.70)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(\epsilon) f(\epsilon) \partial \epsilon = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} H(\epsilon) \partial \epsilon + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 H'(\mu) + \frac{7\pi^4}{360} (k_B T)^4 H'''(\mu) + O\left(\frac{k_B T}{\mu}\right)$$

In our case,

$$H(\epsilon) = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{(2t)^2 - \epsilon^2}} \quad \mu = 0$$

So now we need to evaluate the terms in the Sommerfeld expansion,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\mu} H(\epsilon) \partial \epsilon = \int_{-2t}^0 \partial \epsilon \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{(2t)^2 - \epsilon^2}} \quad x = 4t^2 - \epsilon^2 \quad \partial x = -2\epsilon \partial \epsilon$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{4t^2} \partial x \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = -\frac{1}{2} (2\sqrt{x}) \Big|_0^{4t^2} = -2t$$

$$H'(\mu) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{(2t)^2 - \epsilon^2}} \right) \Big|_{\epsilon=0} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4t^2 - \epsilon^2}} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} (4t^2 - \epsilon^2)^{-3/2} (-2\epsilon) \right) \Big|_{\epsilon=0}$$

$$= \left((4t^2 - \epsilon^2)^{-1/2} + \epsilon^2 (4t^2 - \epsilon^2)^{-3/2} \right) \Big|_{\epsilon=0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2t}$$

$$H'''(\mu) = \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \epsilon^3} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{4t^2 - \epsilon^2}} \right) \Big|_{\epsilon=0} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \epsilon^2} \left((4t^2 - \epsilon^2)^{-1/2} + \epsilon^2 (4t^2 - \epsilon^2)^{-3/2} \right) \Big|_{\epsilon=0}$$

$$= \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon} \left(\epsilon (4t^2 - \epsilon^2)^{-3/2} \right) + 2(4t^2 - \epsilon^2)^{-3/2} + \epsilon f_1(\epsilon) + \epsilon^2 f_2(\epsilon) \right] \Big|_{\epsilon=0}$$

$$= \left[3(4t^2 - \epsilon^2)^{-3/2} + \epsilon f_1(\epsilon) + \epsilon^2 f_2(\epsilon) \right] \Big|_{\epsilon=0}$$

$$= 3(4t^2)^{-3/2} = \frac{3}{8t^3}$$

So, plugging this back in,

$$E = \frac{L}{\pi a} \left[-2t + \frac{\pi^2}{6} (k_B T)^2 \frac{1}{2t} + \frac{7\pi^4}{360} (k_B T)^4 \left(\frac{3}{8t^3} \right) + \dots \right]$$

f) Specific heat is just the derivative of the above,

$$C_V = \frac{\partial E}{\partial T} = \frac{L}{\pi a} \left[\frac{\pi^2}{3} \frac{k_B^2}{2t} T + \frac{7\pi^4}{240} \frac{k_B^4}{t^3} T^3 + \dots \right]$$