

The Fermi Hole

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Some properties of Fermi gas

Particles dwell in a large but finite volume \mathcal{V} .

Periodical boundary conditions.

Restriction on values of the wave vector:

$$\mathbf{k} = 2\pi \left(\frac{n_x}{L_x}, \frac{n_y}{L_y}, \frac{n_z}{L_z} \right) \quad (1)$$

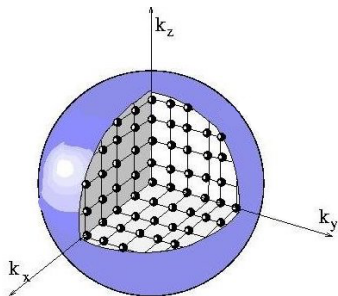
The volume of the unit cell in k-space:

$$dk_x dk_y dk_z = d^3k = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{\mathcal{V}} \quad (2)$$

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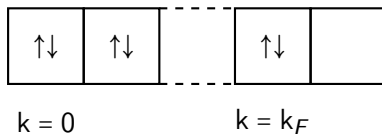
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Number of particles:

$$N = g_\sigma \frac{V_k}{d^3k} = \frac{2 \frac{4}{3}\pi k_F^3 \mathcal{V}}{8\pi^3} = \frac{k_F^3 \mathcal{V}}{3\pi^2} \implies \quad (4)$$
$$k_F^3 = \frac{3\pi^2 N}{\mathcal{V}}$$

Fermionic ground state

In the ground state $|g\rangle$ fermions occupy all available levels in the k -space up to k_F :



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The state after removing a particle. In coordinate space:

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But we want to use momentum space:

Fourier transform

$$\hat{\psi}_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \psi_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\psi_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{V}}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \sigma$$

Density in momentum space

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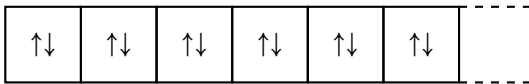
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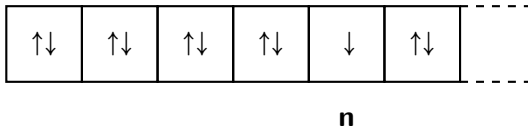
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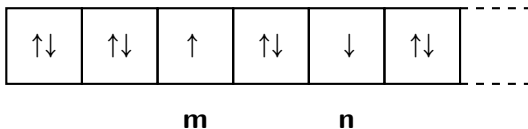
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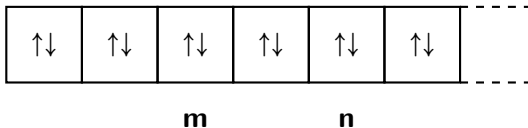
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Number of particles operator

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Heaviside step function

$$\langle g | \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} | g \rangle = H(k_F - |\mathbf{k}|)$$

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Change to summation inside the Fermi sphere

$$F(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| \leq k_F} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}}$$

From summation to integration

Multiply and divide by unit cell volume

$$F(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| \leq k_F} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \frac{\mathcal{V}}{8\pi^3} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| \leq k_F} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} d^3\mathbf{k}$$

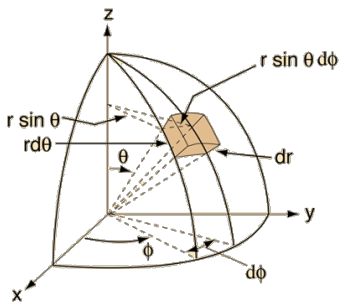
In the limit $\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \infty$

$$F(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| \leq k_F} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} d^3\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \int_{|\mathbf{k}| \leq k_F} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} d^3\mathbf{k}$$

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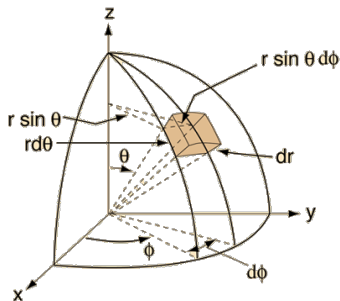
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Fermi wavenumber

$$k_F^3 = \frac{3\pi^2 N}{\mathcal{V}}$$

Evaluation of the integral

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} e^{-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{r}} \langle g | \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} | g \rangle = \left(\frac{N}{2\mathcal{V}} \right) \frac{3 \{ \sin(k_F r) - k_F r \cos(k_F r) \}}{(k_F r)^3}$$

No divergence at zero: at $k_F r \rightarrow 0 \iff r \ll \lambda_F$

$$3 \frac{\sin(k_F r) - k_F r \cos(k_F r)}{(k_F r)^3} \approx 3 \frac{x - x^3/6 - x(1 - x^2/2)}{x^3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

Visualization

