## Thermal Physics - PH441

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## Heat capacity for Fermi-gas

Recall that the heat capacity is given by  $C_V = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T}\right)_V$ . Thus we can find this using our density of states

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

$$\Rightarrow C_V = \int D(\varepsilon)\varepsilon \left(\frac{\partial f(\varepsilon)}{\partial T}\right)_{\varepsilon} d\varepsilon$$

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

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial T} = \frac{-e^{\beta(\varepsilon - \mu)}}{(e^{\beta(\varepsilon - \mu)} + 1)^2} \left[\frac{(\varepsilon - \mu)}{kT^2} - \beta\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial T}\right]$$

where the  $\partial_T \mu$  term goes to zero if we assume that  $\mu$  isn't changing much with temperature. Thus we have  $\mu = \varepsilon_f$  as well. So,

$$\partial_T f(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\left(e^{\beta(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_f)} + 1\right) \left(e^{-\beta(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_f)} + 1\right)} \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_f}{kT^2}$$