

Supplement: Relativistic ideal Fermion gas (8 May)

We have seen:

Ultra-rel. boson (photon) gas

Non-rel. Fermion gas

How does an ultra-rel. Fermion gas behave?

example: neutrinos, mass $\lesssim 10^{-37}$ kg $\sim \frac{m_e}{10^6}$

$$E_v = c p_v = \hbar \omega$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda} = c \frac{\pi}{L} h$$

$$k_{x,y,z} = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Easy to create & absorb

→ grand-canonical ensemble $\mu = 0$

Follow photon gas steps w/ different signs (2 spins vs. 2 pol.)

$$\Phi_v = - \frac{VT}{c^3 \pi^2} \int_0^\infty \omega^2 \log(1 + e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}) d\omega$$

Average particle #:

$$\langle N \rangle_v = \frac{-\partial}{\partial \mu} \Phi_v \Big|_{\mu=0} = \frac{VT}{c^3 \pi^2} \int_0^\infty \omega^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log(1 + e^{-\beta \hbar \omega} e^{\beta \mu}) d\omega \Big|_{\mu=0}$$

$$= \frac{VT}{c^3 \pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\omega^2 e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}}{1 + e^{-\beta \hbar \omega}} d\omega$$

$$x = \beta \hbar \omega = \frac{\hbar \omega}{T}$$

$$= \frac{V}{c^3 \pi^2} \left(\frac{T}{\hbar} \right)^3 \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2}{e^x + 1} dx$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2} \right) \Gamma(3) \zeta(3)$$

$$\langle N \rangle_v = \frac{3}{2} \zeta(3) \left(\frac{1}{\pi^2 \hbar^3 c^3} \right) VT^3$$

For internal energy, add factor of $E = \hbar \omega = xT$

$$\langle E \rangle_V = \frac{VT^4}{\pi^2 \hbar^3 c^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^3}{e^x + 1} dx = 7 \left(\frac{3}{4} \right) \left(\frac{\pi^4}{90} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\pi^2 \hbar^3 c^3} \right) VT^4 \propto \langle N \rangle_V T$$

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$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^3} \right) \Gamma(4) \zeta(4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle E \rangle_V &= 7 \left(\frac{3}{4} \right) \left(\frac{2}{35(3)} \right) \left(\frac{\pi^4}{90} \right) \langle N \rangle_V T = \frac{7\pi^4}{180 \zeta(3)} \langle N \rangle_V T \\ &= \frac{7}{2} \frac{\zeta(4)}{\zeta(3)} \langle N \rangle_V T \end{aligned}$$

Entropy $S_V = \frac{\langle E \rangle_V - \Phi_V}{T} \propto VT^3$

$$\Phi_V = \frac{-VT}{c^3 \pi^2} \left(\frac{T}{\hbar} \right)^3 \int_0^\infty x^2 \log(1 + e^{-x}) dx \propto VT^4$$

$$\frac{7}{4} \zeta(4) = \frac{7\pi^4}{360}$$

Condition of constant entropy $T = bV^{-1/3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pressure } P_V &= - \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \langle E \rangle_V \Big|_{S_V} = \frac{-7\pi^2}{120 \hbar^3 c^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial V} (b^4 V^{-1/3}) \\ &= \frac{1}{3V} \left(\frac{7\pi^2}{120 \hbar^3 c^3} b^4 V^{-1/3} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\langle E \rangle_V}{V} \end{aligned}$$

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Equation of state

$$P_V V = \frac{1}{3} \langle E \rangle_V = \frac{7}{6} \frac{\zeta(4)}{\zeta(3)} \langle N \rangle_V T = \frac{7\pi^4}{540 \zeta(3)} \langle N \rangle_V T \approx 1.05 \langle N \rangle_V T$$

Very similar to photon gas, just extra factor of $\frac{7}{6}$