

Calculating the Fermi Energy

$$N = \int_0^{\infty} \mathcal{D}(E) f(E) dE$$

at OK $f(E) = \begin{cases} 1 & E \leq E_F \\ 0 & E > E_F \end{cases}$

$$= \int_0^{E_F} \mathcal{D}(E) dE$$

$$= \int_0^{E_F} \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{E} dE$$

$$= \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \left. \frac{E^{3/2}}{3/2} \right|_0^{E_F}$$

$$N = \frac{V}{3\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} E_F^{3/2}$$

$$E_F = \left[3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \right)^{3/2} \right]^{2/3}$$

$$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{2/3}$$

Easier way? do it in k-space



$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

$$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2 k_F^2}{2m}$$

Volume $\times \frac{\text{pts}}{\text{vol}} = \# \text{pts}$
 $\times 2$ (spin states)

$$N = \frac{4}{3}\pi k_F^3 \cdot \frac{1}{(2\pi/L)^3} \cdot 2 = \frac{4}{3}\pi \frac{V}{8\pi^3} k_F^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{3\pi^2} V k_F^3$$

$$k_F = \left(3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(3\pi^2 \frac{N}{V} \right)^{2/3}$$

same!

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~~$$\frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(3\pi^2 N \frac{V}{\hbar^3} \right)^{2/3} \right]^{1/2}$$~~

~~$$\frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \frac{\hbar^2}{\sqrt{2m}} \left(3\pi^2 N \frac{V}{\hbar^3} \right)^{1/3}$$~~

~~$$\frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} E_F^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{3N}{2E_F}$$

$$\text{Also } E_F = \left(\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \right)^{1/2}$$~~

$$D(E_F) = \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} E_F^{1/2} \rightarrow \text{want to simplify}$$

$$\text{Also } E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(3\pi^2 N \frac{V}{\hbar^3} \right)^{2/3}$$

from yesterday or earlier today

↓
solve for V

$$\left(\frac{2m E_F}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} = 3\pi^2 N \frac{V}{\hbar^3}$$

$$V = 3\pi^2 N \left(\frac{2m E_F}{\hbar^2} \right)^{-3/2}$$

$$D(E_F) = \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} E_F^{1/2}$$

$$D(E_F) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{N}{E_F}$$

useful simplified form as you'll see in a minute.

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@ Back to Heat Capacity of metals calculator

$$U = \int_0^{\infty} D(E) f(E) \times E \, dE \quad \text{weighted average of energies}$$

$$C_v = \frac{dU}{dT} = \int_0^{\infty} D(E) \left(\frac{df}{dT} \right) E \, dE$$

(no work, so $Q=U$)

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really need to know temp dependence of μ ,

but let's say $\mu \approx E_F$ (constant)

$$f = \left[e^{(E-E_F)/kT} + 1 \right]^{-1}$$

$$\frac{df}{dT} = -1 \left[e^{(E-E_F)/kT} + 1 \right]^{-2} e^{(E-E_F)/kT} \left(\frac{E-E_F}{k} \left(-\frac{1}{T^2} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{e^{(E-E_F)/kT}}{\left(e^{(E-E_F)/kT} + 1 \right)^2} \frac{E-E_F}{kT^2}$$

plug into integral

phys $D(E) = \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \sqrt{E}$

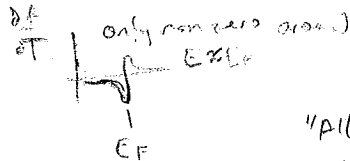
into integrals

Note: k, h uses $T = k_B T$

Result for "mess of math"? After approximation - use $D(E) \approx \text{constant} = D(E_F)$

(take out of integral)

$$C_v = D(E_F) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{(E-E_F)/kT}}{\left(e^{(E-E_F)/kT} + 1 \right)^2} \frac{(E-E_F)}{kT^2} E \, dE$$



"all action takes place near edge of Fermi sphere"

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electron modes can't move since nearby states are occupied

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electron on surface can!

started maybe skip most of this algebra

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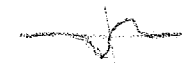
$$\text{let } x = \frac{E - E_F}{kT} \rightarrow E = kTx + E_F$$

$$dE = kT dx$$

$$C_V = D(E_F) \int_{-\frac{E_F}{kT}}^{\infty} \frac{e^x}{(e^x + 1)^2} \cdot \frac{x}{T} (kTx + E_F) (kT dx)$$

if T is small, take this limit to $-\infty$

integrating by parts
between $-\infty$ and ∞

$$\frac{x e^x}{(e^x + 1)^2} \quad \text{odd}$$


$$C_V = D(E_F) \frac{kT}{T} \cdot kT \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2 e^x}{(e^x + 1)^2} dx$$

$\frac{\pi^2}{3}$

$$C_V = \frac{\pi^2}{3} D(E_F) k^2 T$$

↑
calc plug in for this if we wanted. Bottom line $C_V \sim T$

summary handout

~~Next page:
simplified form
of $D(E_F) = \frac{3N}{2EP}$~~

$$\text{Low } T \rightarrow p: C_{V+el} = \gamma T + AT^3$$

↓ electron ↓ phonon

Fig 9.9/145

$$\frac{C_V}{T} = m(T^2) + b$$

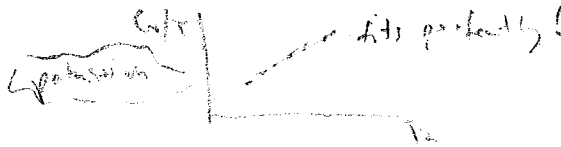


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Experimental γ vs Theoretical γ

→ pretty close, but some differences

Attribute differences to "thermal effective mass"

Trace back $C_V \sim D(E_F) \sim m^{3/2} E_F^{1/2}$
 $E_F \sim \frac{1}{m} \rightarrow E_F^{1/2} \sim \frac{1}{m^{1/2}}$

$$C_V \sim m$$