

In order to determine thermodynamic properties of free fermions one typically has to evaluate integrals of the type

$$I(T) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(\omega) f(\omega) d\omega \quad (1)$$

with  $f(\omega) = (e^{\beta(\omega-\mu)} + 1)^{-1}$  and  $H(\omega)$  some function which is assumed to vanish for  $\omega \rightarrow -\infty$ . In case of the particle number  $H(\omega) = N\rho_0(\omega)$ , whereas in case of the internal energy  $H(\omega) = \omega N\rho_0(\omega)$ .

We introduce

$$K(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\omega} H(\omega') d\omega' \quad (2)$$

i.e.  $H(\omega) = \frac{dK(\omega)}{d\omega}$  and get

$$I = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K(\omega) \frac{\partial f(\omega)}{\partial \omega} d\omega. \quad (3)$$

At low temperatures  $-\frac{\partial f(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$  is sharply peaked at the Fermi function such that only  $K(\omega)$  close to  $\omega = \mu$  contributes and we can expand

$$K(\omega) = K(\mu) + K'(\mu)(\omega - \mu) + \frac{1}{2}K''(\mu)(\omega - \mu)^2 + \dots \quad (4)$$

Inserting this gives for the linear term zero since  $\frac{\partial f(\omega)}{\partial \omega}$  is even with respect to  $\mu$ . Due to  $-\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial f(\omega)}{\partial \omega} d\omega = 1$  follows that

$$I = K(\mu) - \frac{1}{2}K''(\mu) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\omega - \mu)^2 \frac{\partial f(\omega)}{\partial \omega} d\omega \quad (5)$$

$$= K(\mu) - \frac{1}{2}K''(\mu) (k_B T)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{e^x + 1} dx \quad (6)$$

The last integral can be done as well:  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{e^x + 1} dx = -\frac{\pi^2}{3}$  such that

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu(T)} H(\omega) d\omega + \frac{\pi^2}{6} H'(\mu) (k_B T)^2. \quad (7)$$

In the last step we have used the fact that at lowest order in temperature  $\mu \simeq E_F$  and that  $H(\omega) = K'(\omega)$ , i.e.  $H'(\omega) = K''(\omega)$ .