

Chapter 3

3.1 - 3.2

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Consider a low density two-dimensional gas of non-relativistic spin $\frac{1}{2}$ fermions of mass \mathbf{m} at temperature $\mathbf{T} = 1/\beta$ and chemical potential μ .

In the context of the virial expansion:

$$P = \rho T \left[A_1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_n \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{n-1} \right], \quad \rho_0 \equiv \frac{(2s+1)}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \int d^3p e^{-\epsilon_p/T}$$

- (a) Find ρ_0 in terms of \mathbf{m} and \mathbf{T} .
- (b) Expand the density ρ to second order in $\exp(\beta\mu)$. Express your answers to this part and the next two parts in terms of ρ_0 .
- (c) Expand ρ^2 to second order in $\exp(\beta\mu)$.
- (d) Expand $\delta P = P - \rho T$ to second order in $\exp(\beta\mu)$. (Hint: $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \dots$).
- (e) Determine the second virial coefficient.