

## 1 Pressure and entropy of a degenerate Fermi gas

- (a) Show that a Fermi electron gas in the ground state exerts a pressure

$$p = \frac{(3\pi^2)^{2/3}}{5} \frac{\hbar^2}{m} \left(\frac{N}{V}\right)^{5/3} \quad (1)$$

In a uniform decrease of the volume of a cube every orbital has its energy raised: The energy of each orbital is proportional to  $\frac{1}{L^2}$  or to  $\frac{1}{V^{2/3}}$ .

- (b) Find an expression for the entropy of a Fermi electron gas in the region  $kT \ll \varepsilon_F$ . Notice that  $S \rightarrow 0$  as  $T \rightarrow 0$ .