

# Homework problems #4

1. *Computer problem:* Approximate the value of Riemann function  $\zeta(3/2)$  a) using a numerical integration of

$$\zeta(n) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{e^x - 1} dx,$$

b) by calculating sum of

$$\zeta(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^n}.$$

2. From the Landau potential of extremely relativistic bosonic gas

$$\Omega = -\frac{8\pi gV}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \frac{(k_B T)^4}{c^2} B_4 \left( \frac{\mu}{k_B T} \right) \quad (1)$$

determine the number of particles, the entropy, and energy of the gas. In the limit of very high temperatures, determine the specific heat  $c_V$  and the state equation  $p = p(N, V, T)$ .

3. Let us consider ideal Fermi-Dirack gas with particle energy proportional to the momentum via  $\varepsilon \propto p^s$ . The gas is closed in a box with energy  $V$  in  $n$  dimensional space. Show that the pressure  $P$  is

$$PV = \frac{s}{n} E, \quad (2)$$

and that the adiabatic equation ( $S$  and  $N$  is constant) is

$$PV^{1+\frac{s}{n}} = \text{const.} \quad (3)$$

Show that for  $T \rightarrow \infty$  the heat capacity becomes

$$c_V = \frac{n}{s} N. \quad (4)$$

4. Let us assume that our Universe is a spherical cavity with radius  $10^{28}$  cm in thermal equilibrium and opaque walls.

- (a) If the cavity temperature is 3 K, estimate the total number of photons and their energy in the cavity.  
(b) If the temperature of the cavity is 0 K and the Universe contains  $10^{80}$  electrons, estimate the Fermi momentum of these electrons.

The solution should be submitted not later than on May 4th.