

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

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

determine the number of particles, the entropy, and energy of the gas. In the limit of very high temperatures, determine the specific heat $c_{V,N}$ 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

$$c_{V,N} = \frac{n}{s} N. \quad (4)$$

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 14th.