

## Homework # 1, due 17 Feb

1. Consider a non-interacting fermion gas. Derive the following formula for the entropy per baryon  $s$

$$ns = -\frac{g}{h^3} \int [f \ln f + (1 - f) \ln (1 - f)] d^3p, \quad (1)$$

where  $f$  is the probability that a given momentum state will be occupied:

$$f = \left[ 1 + \exp \left( \frac{E - \mu}{T} \right) \right]^{-1}. \quad (2)$$

Here, the energy of a non-interacting particle, in terms of its rest mass  $m$  and momentum  $p$ , is

$$E^2 = m^2c^4 + p^2c^2, \quad (3)$$

and  $\mu$  is the chemical potential. Show your work.

2. Determine the entropy per baryon of a room-temperature gas. Alternatively, you may compute the entropy density of a room-temperature gas. Show your work.
3. Determine the entropy per baryon or the entropy density at the center of the Sun. Show your work.