

ECE 656: Fall 2009
Lecture 5 Homework

1) Work out the 1D ballistic conductance for finite temperature.

1a) Show that
$$\int_{\varepsilon_1}^{\infty} f_0(E) dE = \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E-E_F)/k_B T}} dE = k_B T \mathcal{F}_0(\eta_F)$$
 where $\mathcal{F}_0(\eta_F) = \ln(1 + e^{\eta_F})$

1b) Use the results of problem 1a) so show what $G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \mathcal{F}_{-1}(\eta_F)$

1c) Show that $\mathcal{F}_{-1}(\eta_F) = e^{\eta_F} / (1 + e^{\eta_F})$

2) For single subband conduction, the diffusive conductance in 1D is

$$G_{1D} = \frac{2q^2}{h} \frac{\langle \lambda(E) \rangle}{L} \mathcal{F}_{-1}(\eta_F)$$

where

$$\langle \lambda(E) \rangle = \frac{\int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} \lambda(E) \left(-\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE}{\int_{\varepsilon_1}^{+\infty} \left(-\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE}$$

Assume power law scattering, $\lambda(E) = \lambda_0 (E/k_B T)^r$ where r is a characteristic exponent that depends on the scattering physics. Work out an expression for $\langle \lambda(E) \rangle$ in terms of λ_0 and the characteristic exponent, r .

HINT: For the above two problems, you may find the following notes useful.

“Notes on Fermi-Dirac Integrals,” 3rd Ed., by R. Kim and M. Lundstrom)
<https://www.nanohub.org/resources/5475>

3) Consider the conductance in the diffusive limit and under non-degenerate conditions. Assume that the energy dependent mean free path and mean scattering time can be written in power law form as

$$\lambda(E) = \lambda_0 (E/k_B T)^r$$

Derive an expression for the mobility in terms of the pre-factor and the characteristic exponent.