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6.1. Show that the kinetic energy of 3D gas of  $N$  free electrons at 0K is  $U_0 = \frac{3}{5} N \epsilon_F$ .

At  $T=0$ K, the occupation is binary, thus

$$U_0 = \int_0^{\epsilon_F} \frac{dN}{d\epsilon} \epsilon d\epsilon$$

$$= \int_0^{\epsilon_F} \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \epsilon^{3/2} d\epsilon$$

$$= \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \frac{2}{5} \epsilon^{5/2} \Big|_0^{\epsilon_F}$$

$$= \frac{V}{3\pi^2} \left( \frac{2m \epsilon_F}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} \frac{2}{5} \epsilon_F$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3}{5} N \epsilon_F} \quad \text{since } N = \frac{V}{3\pi^2} \left( \frac{2m \epsilon_F}{\hbar^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

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