

a) in 1D: $E_n = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} n^2$



the number of states is given by the length of the line (positive side only)

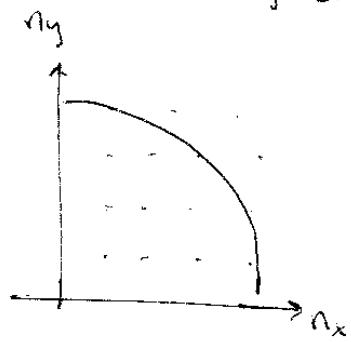
$$S(E) = 2 \times n' = 2 \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\pi\hbar} L$$

per unit length, spin

$$S_L(E) = \frac{S(E)}{L} = \frac{2\sqrt{2mE}}{\pi\hbar}$$

$$g(E) = \frac{dS_L(E)}{dE} = \frac{2\sqrt{2m}}{\pi\hbar} \frac{1}{2} E^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\pi\hbar} \left(\frac{2m}{E}\right)^{1/2}$$

b) in 2D: $E_{n_x, n_y} = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2)$, $E_{n'} = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} n'^2$



$S(E) = 2 \times \frac{1}{4} \times \pi n'^2 = \frac{1}{2} \# \frac{2mE L^2}{\pi^2 \hbar^2} = \frac{mE L^2}{\pi \hbar^2}$

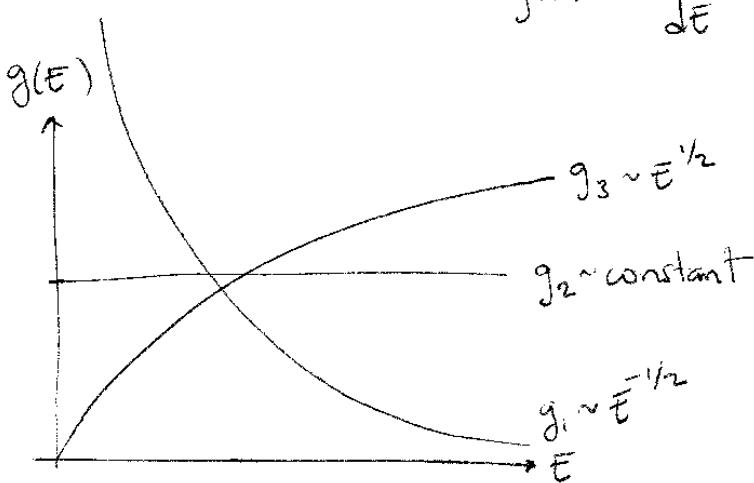
spin
positive
 n_x, n_y

per unit area,

$$S_A(E) = \frac{S(E)}{L^2} = \frac{mE}{\pi \hbar^2}$$

$$g(E) = \frac{dS_A(E)}{dE} = \frac{m}{\pi \hbar^2}$$

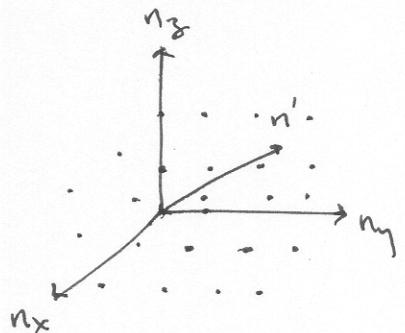
c)



Density of states in 3D:

$$E = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2) \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{aligned} n_x &= 1, 2, \dots \\ n_y &= 1, 2, \dots \\ n_z &= 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

The possible values of (n_x, n_y, n_z) correspond to points in the positive octant of a cubic lattice:



$$n' = \sqrt{n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2}$$

$$E' = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} n'^2 \rightarrow n' = \frac{L \sqrt{2mE'}}{\pi \hbar}$$

The number of states with $E < E'$:

$$S(n') = 2 \times \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{4}{3} \pi n'^3 = \frac{1}{3} \pi n'^3 = \frac{1}{3} \pi \left(\frac{L \sqrt{2mE'}}{\pi \hbar} \right)^3 = \frac{\pi L^3 (8mE')^{3/2}}{3\hbar^3} = S(E')$$

spin
 positive
 octant
 only

volume of
 sphere with
 radius n'

per unit volume ($V=L^3$):

$$S_V(E') = \frac{\pi (8mE')^{3/2}}{3\hbar^3}$$

Then the density of states (number of states per unit volume per unit energy) is:

$$g(E') = \frac{dS_V}{dE'} = \frac{\pi (8m)^{3/2}}{3\hbar^3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} E'^{1/2} = \boxed{8\pi\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{m}{\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} E'^{1/2} = g(E')}$$