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Universal properties of ultracold Fermi gases SHIZHONG ZHANG, UIUC, ANTHONY LEGGETT — We present some general considerations on the properties of a two-component ultra-cold Fermi gas along the BEC-BCS crossover. It is shown that the interaction energy and the free energy can be written in terms of a single dimensionless function $h(\xi, \tau)$, where $\xi = -(k_F a_s)^{-1}$ and $\tau = T/T_F$. The function $h(\xi, \tau)$ incorporates all the many-body physics and naturally occurs in other physical quantities as well. In particular, we show that the average rf-spectroscopy shift $\bar{\varphi}(\xi, \tau)$ and the molecular fraction $f_c(\xi, \tau)$ in the closed channel can be expressed in terms of $h(\xi, \tau)$ and thus have identical temperature dependence. The conclusions should have testable consequences in future experiments.

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