



The Fermi-Dirac Distribution :-

The systems have half-integral angular momentum and obey the Pauli exclusion principle, the individual states can be occupied by a singular system.

The given configuration is then specified by the values of (n_s) , the occupation numbers of the sheets for the various values of (s) . because of the fixed number of systems and the fixed total energy the conditions.

$$\sum_s n_s = N, \quad \sum_s n_s E_s = E$$

the total number of arrangements corresponding to the given configuration will be again : $W = \prod_s W_s$

where (W_s) is the ways of arranging the (n_s) systems in sheet (s) among the (g_s) states.



Because, by the exclusion principle, the occupation numbers of a single state can be only (0) or (1) then (n_s) of the g_s states in sheet (s) will be occupied by a system and the other ($g_s - n_s$) of the g_s states will be empty, then

$$W_s = \frac{g_s!}{n_s! (g_s - n_s)!} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\therefore W = \prod_s \frac{g_s!}{n_s! (g_s - n_s)!} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

To illustrate this form of arrangement the figure below shows the number of ways of arranging three filled states among a total of five states. the result is in agreement with equation (1) so:

$$W_s = \frac{5!}{3! 2!} = 10 \text{ ways of arranging five states of which three are occupied by dots (systems) and two are empty.}$$



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The sheets are chosen to give values of (g_s) and (n_s) sufficiently large for the use of Stirling's approximation to be justified, equation (2) will give

$$\log W = \sum_s \log \frac{g_s!}{n_s!(g_s - n_s)!}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \log g_s! - \log n_s! - \log (g_s - n_s)! \\
 &= g_s \log g_s - g_s - n_s \log n_s + n_s - (g_s - n_s) \log (g_s - n_s) + g_s - n_s \\
 &= g_s \log g_s - n_s \log n_s - (g_s - n_s) \log (g_s - n_s)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \frac{\partial \log W}{\partial n_s} &= \cancel{n_s} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{n_s}} - \log n_s \times 1 + (g_s - \cancel{n_s}) \times \frac{1}{\cancel{(g_s - n_s)}} - \log (g_s - \cancel{n_s}) \times -1 \\
 \therefore \frac{\partial \log W}{\partial n_s} &= \log \left(\frac{g_s - n_s}{n_s} \right) \quad \text{--- (3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

The condition for the most probable configuration is again given by:

$$\sum_s \left\{ \frac{\partial \log W}{\partial n_s} + \alpha + \beta E_s \right\} dn_s = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \log W}{\partial n_s} + \alpha + \beta E_s = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Substituting (3) in (5)

$$\therefore \log \frac{g_s - n_s}{n_s} + \alpha + \beta E_s = 0$$



$$\therefore \frac{g_s}{n_s} = \frac{e^{-(\alpha + \beta E_s)}}{e^{-(\alpha + \beta E_s)} + 1}$$

$$\therefore n_s = \frac{g_s}{e^{-(\alpha + \beta E_s)} + 1}$$

The value of (n_s) in the most probable configuration, the Fermi-Dirac distribution.

For an assembly of (Fermions)

$$f(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{-(\alpha + \beta E_s)} + 1} \quad (\text{Fermi function})$$

$$\therefore \beta = \frac{-1}{kT}, \quad \alpha = E_F / kT$$

The Fermi function can be more conveniently and written in the form:

$$f(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{e^{(E - E_F)/kT} + 1}$$



Example (1) :

Calculate the number of possible ways to configure (8) indistinguishable balls in (10) distinguishable boxes, so that the box doesn't contain more than one ball.

Sol.:

$$\therefore W_{FD} = \frac{g_s!}{n_s! (g_s - n_s)!}$$

$$\therefore W_{FD} = \frac{10!}{8! (10-8)!} = \frac{10!}{2! 8!} = 45$$

Example (2):

Consider a system of two identical non-interacting particles, each having three states of energy E , Zero, $-E$, describe all the state of the system according to M.B, B.E and F.D statistics.



Sol.

① For Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution

$$W_{M.B} = N! \prod \left[\frac{g_s^{n_s}}{n_s!} \right] = 2! \frac{3^2}{2!} = 9$$

② For Bose-Einstein distribution

$$W_{B.E} = \frac{[(g_s - 1) + n_s]!}{(g_s - 1)! n_s!} = \frac{[(3 - 1) + 2]!}{(3 - 1)! 2!} = \frac{4!}{2! 2!} = 6$$

③ For Fermi-Dirac distribution

$$W_{F.D} = \frac{g_s!}{n_s! (g_s - n_s)!} = \frac{3!}{2! (3 - 2)!} = 3$$



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(F.D)