

### Fermi-Dirac statistics :-

In Fermi-Dirac distribution, the particles are indistinguishable and no two particles can occupy a single quantum state i.e. it follows Pauli exclusion principle. So the occupation number is within zero or one. Its spin is  $\frac{1}{2}$  integral of  $h$ .

Suppose, we have  $n_i$  particles to be put in  $g_i$  states. The first particle can occupy  $g_i$  states in  $g_i$  ways, the second particle is  $(g_i - 1)$  ways, the third particle is  $(g_i - 2)$  ways and so on. The number of possible distinct microstates is

$$\Omega_i \{g_i, n_i\} = \frac{g_i (g_i - 1) \dots (g_i - n_i + 1)}{n_i!}$$

We divide by  $n_i!$  because the distribution among  $n_i$  particles themselves does not create a new state.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_i \{g_i, n_i\} &= \frac{g_i (g_i - 1) \dots (g_i - n_i + 1) (g_i - n_i) \dots 1}{(g_i - n_i)! n_i!} \\ &= \frac{g_i!}{(g_i - n_i)! n_i!} \quad (g_i \geq n_i) \end{aligned}$$

If there are  $K$  possible distinct groups, we have

$$\Omega \{g_i, n_i\} = \prod_{i=1}^K \frac{g_i!}{(g_i - n_i)! n_i!} \quad (g_i \geq n_i)$$

To obtain the Fermi-Dirac distribution function, we maximize  $\Omega \{g_i, n_i\}$  with respect to  $n_i$  subject to the condition that the

Total No. of particles  $(N) = \sum n_i = \text{constant}$   
 and total energy  $(U) = \sum \epsilon_i n_i = \text{constant}$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \Omega \{g_i, n_i\} &= \sum_i (\ln g_i! - \ln n_i!) - \sum_i \ln (g_i - n_i)! \\ &= \sum_i g_i \ln g_i - g_i - n_i \ln n_i + n_i + n_i - (g_i - n_i) \ln \\ &\quad \ln (g_i - n_i) + g_i - n_i \\ &= \sum_i g_i \ln g_i - n_i \ln n_i - (g_i - n_i) \ln (g_i - n_i) \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

We maximize with respect to  $n_i$

$$\therefore \delta \ln \Omega (g_i, n_i) = \sum_i [-\ln n_i + \ln (g_i - n_i)] \delta n_i = 0$$

Using Lagrange's undetermined multipliers, we get

$$\sum_i [-\ln n_i + \ln (g_i - n_i) - (\alpha + \beta \epsilon_i)] \delta n_i = 0$$

Since  $\delta n_i$  is arbitrary, we get

$$\ln \left[ \frac{(g_i - n_i)}{n_i} \right] = \alpha + \beta \epsilon_i$$

$$\therefore n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^{\alpha + \beta \epsilon_i} + 1}$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(\epsilon_i) = \frac{n_i}{g_i} = \frac{1}{e^{\alpha + \beta \epsilon_i} + 1} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

This is Fermi-Dirac distribution function.

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