

# Statistical mechanics

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## Fermi - Dirac distribution law

In the Fermi-Dirac statistics the particles are indistinguishable but only one particle will be occupied by a single cell. Let

Energy level =  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_k$   
 Degeneracies =  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_i, \dots, g_k$   
 Occupation no =  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_i, \dots, n_k$

In the case of Fermi-Dirac statistics  $n_i$  indistinguishable particles to  $g_i$  distinguishable levels under the restriction that only one particle will be occupied by a single level.  $g_i \geq n_i$  because there must be at least one elementary wave function available for every element in the group.

Now the distribution of  $n_i$  particles among the  $g_i$  states can be done in the following way. We easily find that the first particle can be put in any one of the  $i$ th level in  $g_i$  ways. Now according to Pauli exclusion principle no more particles can be assigned to that filled state. Thus we are left with  $(g_i - 1)$  states in  $(g_i - 1)$  ways and so on. Thus the number of ways in which  $n_i$  particles can be assigned to  $g_i$  states is

F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

$$g_i (g_i - 1) (g_i - 2) \dots (g_i - n_i + 1)$$

$$= \frac{g_i!}{(g_i - n_i)!}$$

The permutations among identical particles do not give distinct distributions and hence such permutations must be excluded from eqn (1) which can be done on dividing it by  $n_i!$ . Thus we have the reduced number as

$$g_i!$$

The total number of eigen states for the whole system is given by

$$G = \prod_i \frac{g_i!}{n_i! (g_i - n_i)!}$$

The probability  $w$  of the specific state being proportional to  $G$  will be

$$w = \prod_i \frac{g_i!}{n_i! (g_i - n_i)!} \times \text{constant}$$

Taking log on both side

$$\log w = \sum_i \left[ \log g_i! - \log n_i! - \log (g_i - n_i)! \right] + \text{constant}$$

Using Stirling approximation

$$\log w = \sum_i (n_i - g_i) \log (n_i - g_i) + g_i \log g_i -$$

differentiating it w.r.t.  $n_i$  + constant

$$\delta \log w = \sum_i \left\{ \log (n_i - g_i) + g_i \log g_i - \right.$$

$$\left. - \frac{(n_i - g_i)}{g_i} \right\} \delta n_i =$$

$$\sum_i \left\{ \log \frac{n_i}{g_i - n_i} - \frac{n_i}{g_i - n_i} \right\} \delta n_i$$

$$= \sum_i \left\{ \log \frac{n_i}{g_i - n_i} - \log (g_i - n_i) \right\} \delta n_i$$

$$= \sum_i \left[ \log \frac{n_i}{g_i - n_i} \right] \delta n_i$$

The condition for maximum probability

$$\sum_i \left[ \log \frac{n_i}{g_i - n_i} \right] \delta n_i = 0$$

$$\delta n = \sum \delta n_i = 0 \quad \text{--- (A)} \quad \delta E = \sum \epsilon_i \delta n_i = 0 \quad \text{--- (B)}$$

Applying the Lagrange method of undetermined multipliers ie multiplying eqn (A) by  $\alpha$  and eqn (B) by  $\beta$

T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

and adding the resulting expression

$$\sum_i \log \frac{n_i}{(g_i - n_i)} + \alpha + \beta \epsilon_i \Big] \delta n_i = 0$$

Since  $\delta n_i$ 's can be treated as

$$\log \frac{n_i}{(g_i - n_i)} = -(\alpha + \beta \epsilon_i)$$

$$\frac{g_i}{n_i} - 1 = e^{(\alpha + \beta \epsilon_i)}$$

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

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

This is the most probable distribution according to Fermi Dirac statistics.