

# Week2-Review of Fermi-Dirac and Bose-Einstein Statistics

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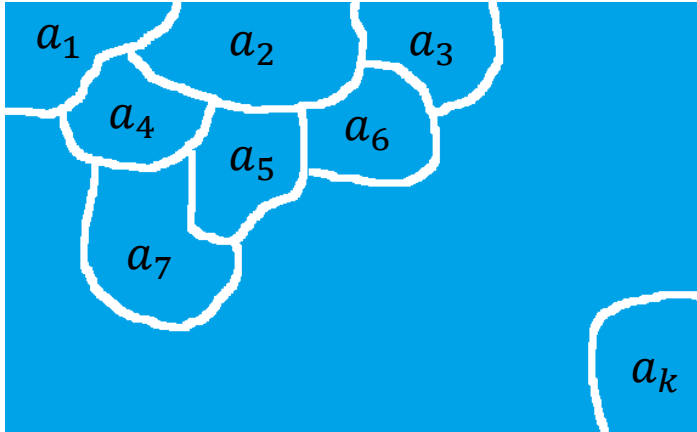
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# Phase space

- a multidimensional space in which each axis corresponds to one of the coordinates required to specify the state of a physical system, all the coordinates being thus represented so that a point in the space corresponds to a state of the system.
- The state of a system of particles can be specified classically at a particular moment if the position and momentum of each particles are known:  $x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z$ .
- This combined position and momentum space is called phase space.
- A point  $(x_i, y_i, z_i, p_{xi}, p_{yi}, p_{zi})$  in phase space corresponds to a particular position and momentum.
- However, from the uncertainty principle, momentum and position cannot be specified as a single point simultaneously. The point is actually a cell with a volume of  $h^3$ .

$$\tau = dx dy dz dp_x dp_y dp_z \quad dx dp_x \geq \hbar \quad \tau = h^3 \geq \hbar^3$$

# The Probability of a Distribution(1)



- Let's assume we toss a coin on a board with the area  $A$ .
- The board is divided by  $k$  sections and the area of each section is  $a_i$ .
- The probability of the coin fall into the  $i$ th cell is

$$g_i = \frac{a_i}{A}.$$

- Naturally,  $A = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k$  and  $\sum g_i = g_1 + g_2 + \dots + g_k = 1$ .
- The probability that two coins fall in the  $i$ th cell is  $g_i^2$ .  $n_i$  balls in the  $i$ th cell is, then,  $g_i^{n_i}$ .
- The probability  $G$  of any particular distribution of the  $N$  balls among  $k$  cells is the product of  $g_i^{n_i}$ s.

$$G = (g_1)^{n_1} (g_2)^{n_2} (g_3)^{n_3} \dots (g_k)^{n_k}$$

- And, of course, the total number of balls equal  $N$ :

$$\sum n_i = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = N$$

## The Probability of a Distribution(2)

- Total number of permutations possible for N balls is N!.
- When more than one ball is in a cell, permuting them has no significance.  
→ We do not care in which sequence  $n_i$  balls fall into  $i$ th cell.
- The thermodynamic probability M of distribution is the total number of possible permutations N! divided by the total number of irrelevant permutations, so

$$M = \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!}$$

- Total probability W of the distribution is the product GM.

$$W = \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!} (g_1)^{n_1} (g_2)^{n_2} \cdots (g_k)^{n_k}$$

- By multinomial theorem,

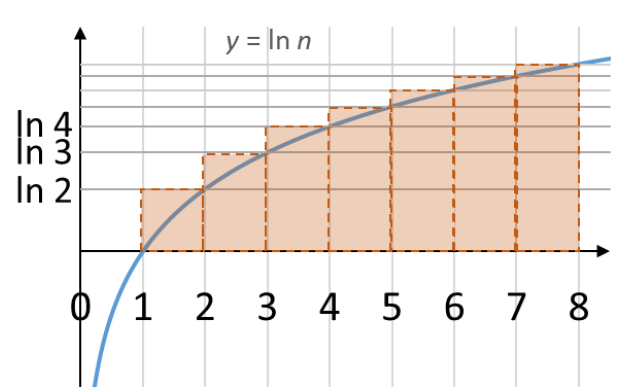
$$\begin{aligned} \sum W &= \sum \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! \cdots n_k!} (g_1)^{n_1} (g_2)^{n_2} \cdots (g_k)^{n_k} \\ &= (g_1 + g_2 + \cdots + g_k)^N = 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Stirling's Formula

- What we are looking for is the most-probable distribution: the distribution that yields the largest  $W$
- $N!$  is usually very large number hard to handle.

$$\ln n! = \ln n + \ln(n-1) + \cdots + \ln 4 + \ln 3 + \ln 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_1^n \ln n \\ &= \int_1^n \ln n \, dn \\ &= n \ln n - n + 1 \end{aligned}$$



$$\ln n! = n \ln n - n$$

$n \gg 1$  : Stirling's formula

# Lagrange Multiplier Method

$$\begin{aligned}\ln W &= \ln N! - \sum \ln n_i! + \sum n_i \ln g_i \\ &= N \ln N - N - \sum n_i \ln n_i + \sum n_i + \sum n_i \ln g_i \\ &= N \ln N - \sum n_i \ln n_i + \sum n_i \ln g_i \quad (\text{since } \sum n_i = N)\end{aligned}$$

- Since  $\ln(x)$  is monotonically increasing function, we can say

$$(\ln W)_{max} = \ln W_{max}$$

- By taking the derivative with respect to  $n_i$ ,

$$\delta \ln W_{max} = - \sum n_i \delta \ln n_i - \sum \delta n_i \ln n_i + \sum \delta n_i \ln g_i = 0$$

## Lagrange Multiplier Method(2)

$$\delta \ln W_{max} = - \sum n_i \delta \ln n_i - \sum \delta n_i \ln n_i + \sum \delta n_i \ln g_i = 0$$

- Since  $\delta \ln n_i = \frac{1}{n_i} \delta n_i$  and  $\sum \delta n_i = \delta n_1 + \delta n_2 + \dots + \delta n_k = 0$ ,

$$\sum n_i \delta \ln n_i = \sum \delta n_i = 0.$$

- Then,  $\delta \ln W_{max} = - \sum \ln n_i \delta n_i + \sum \ln g_i \delta n_i = 0$
- Lagrange Multiplier Method is a way of finding local maxima and minima of a function subject to a constraint.

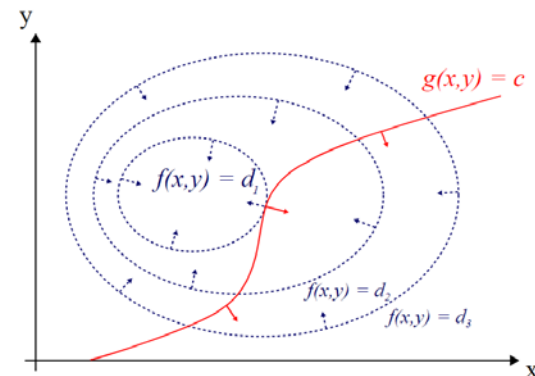
function :  $f(x, y)$  (in our case  $\ln W$ )

constraint:  $g(x, y) = C$  (in our case  $\sum n_i = N$ )

$$L(x, y, \lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(x, y) - \lambda g(x, y)$$

$$\nabla_{x,y} L(x, y, \lambda) = \nabla_{x,y} f(x, y) - \lambda \nabla_{x,y} g(x, y) = 0$$

→ solution is maxima or minima





# Lagrange Multiplier Method

- Add  $\sum \alpha \delta n_i = 0$  to  $\delta \ln W_{max}$ , and here,  $\alpha$  is the Lagrange multiplier.

$$-\sum \ln n_i \delta n_i + \sum \ln g_i \delta n_i + \sum \alpha \delta n_i = -\sum (-\ln n_i + \ln g_i + \alpha) \delta n_i = 0$$

- The solution for the above Eq. is

$$-\ln n_i + \ln g_i + \alpha = 0$$

$$n_i = g_i e^{\alpha}$$

- Adding up all  $n_i$  yields

$$\sum n_i = e^{\alpha} \sum g_i$$

- From  $\sum g_i = 1$ ,  $\sum n_i = e^{\alpha} = N$

- Thus,  $n_i = N g_i$ , and since  $g_i = \frac{a_i}{A}$ ,  $n_i = \frac{N}{A} a_i$ .

- The most probable number of balls in any cell is equal to the average density of balls ( $N/A$ ) multiplied by the area of the cell. (Well, a long story for an easy answer)

# Maxwell-Boltzmann Statistics - Classical

- Using the approach we studied so far, we will determine how a fixed total energy is distributed among the assembly (ensemble) of identical particles.
- The first type of particles are “identical particles of any spin (integer or half integer) that are sufficiently widely separated to be distinguished.”
- For  $N$  particles whose energies are limited to the  $k$  values  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k$ , arranged in order of increasing energy, if there are  $n_i$  particles of energy  $u_i$ , and the total energy of the system is  $U$ , there are two conservation constraints;

$$\sum n_i = n_1 + n_2 \dots + n_k = N \quad : \text{conservation of particles}$$

$$\sum n_i u_i = n_1 u_1 + n_2 u_2 \dots + n_k u_k = U \quad : \text{conservation of energy}$$

- Then, we have to find the distribution of  $n_i$  that maximize  $W$  with these two constrains.

$$\delta \ln W_{max} = - \sum \ln n_i \delta n_i + \sum \ln g_i \delta n_i = 0$$

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$$\sum \delta n_i = \delta n_1 + \delta n_2 \dots + \delta n_k = 0$$

$$\sum \delta n_i u_i = \delta n_1 u_1 + \delta n_2 u_2 \dots + \delta n_k u_k = 0$$

# Maxwell-Boltzmann Statistics(2)

- Using two Lagrange multiplier  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,

$$\sum (-\ln n_i + \ln g_i - \alpha - \beta u_i) \delta n_i = 0$$

$$-\ln n_i + \ln g_i - \alpha - \beta u_i = 0$$

$$n_i = g_i e^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta u_i}$$

Maxwell-Boltzmann  
distribution law

- Now, we will evaluate  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Let's consider a continuous energy level( $u_i$ ).

$$n(u)du = g(u) e^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta u_i} du$$

- Since  $u = \frac{p^2}{2m}$  where  $p$  is the particle momentum,

$$n(p)dp = g(p) e^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta p^2/2m} dp$$

- $g(p)$  is the probability that a molecule has a momentum between  $p$  and  $p+dp$ , so it is equal to the number of cells in phase space within which such a molecule may exist.

$$g(p)dp = \frac{\iiint \iint dx dy dz dp_x dp_y dp_z}{h^3}$$

Phase-space volume  
occupied by particles with a  
specific momentum

# Maxwell-Boltzmann Statistics(3)

- Since  $\iiint dxdydz = V$  and  $\iint dp_x dp_y dp_z = 4\pi p^2 dp$  ,  $g(p)dp = \frac{4\pi V p^2 dp}{h^3}$  .
- Thus,  $n(p)dp = \frac{4\pi V p^2 e^{-\alpha} e^{-\beta p^2/2m}}{h^3} dp$  .

$$\int_0^\infty n(p) dp = N \quad \longrightarrow \quad N = \frac{4\pi e^{-\alpha} V}{h^3} \int_0^\infty p^2 e^{-\beta p^2/2m} dp$$

- Using the integral relation  $\int_0^\infty x^2 e^{-ax^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a^3}}$  ,  $N = \frac{e^{-\alpha} V}{h^3} \left( \frac{2\pi m}{\beta} \right)^{3/2}$  .
- Hence,  $e^{-\alpha} = \frac{N h^3}{V} \left( \frac{\beta}{2\pi m} \right)^{3/2}$  and  $n(p)dp = 4\pi N \left( \frac{\beta}{2\pi m} \right)^{3/2} p^2 e^{-\beta p^2/2m} dp$  .

- To find  $\beta$ , we will calculate the total energy U.
- From  $p^2 = 2mu$  ,  $dp = \frac{m du}{\sqrt{2mu}}$  .

# Maxwell-Boltzmann Statistics(4)

$$n(p)dp = 4\pi N \left( \frac{\beta}{2\pi m} \right)^{3/2} p^2 e^{-\beta p^2/2m} dp \quad \longrightarrow \quad n(u)du = \frac{2N\beta^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{u} e^{-\beta u} du$$

- The total energy is then,

$$U = \int_0^{\infty} u n(u) du$$

$$= \frac{2N\beta^{3/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} u^{3/2} e^{-\beta u} du = \frac{3}{2} \frac{N}{\beta}$$

(We used this relation:  $\int_0^{\infty} x^{3/2} e^{-ax} dx = \frac{3}{4a^2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}$  )

- According to the kinetic theory of gases, the total energy  $U$  of  $N$  particles of an ideal gas at temperature  $T$  is  $U = \frac{3}{2} N k_B T$  .



$$\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

*Boltzmann Distribution of Energy*

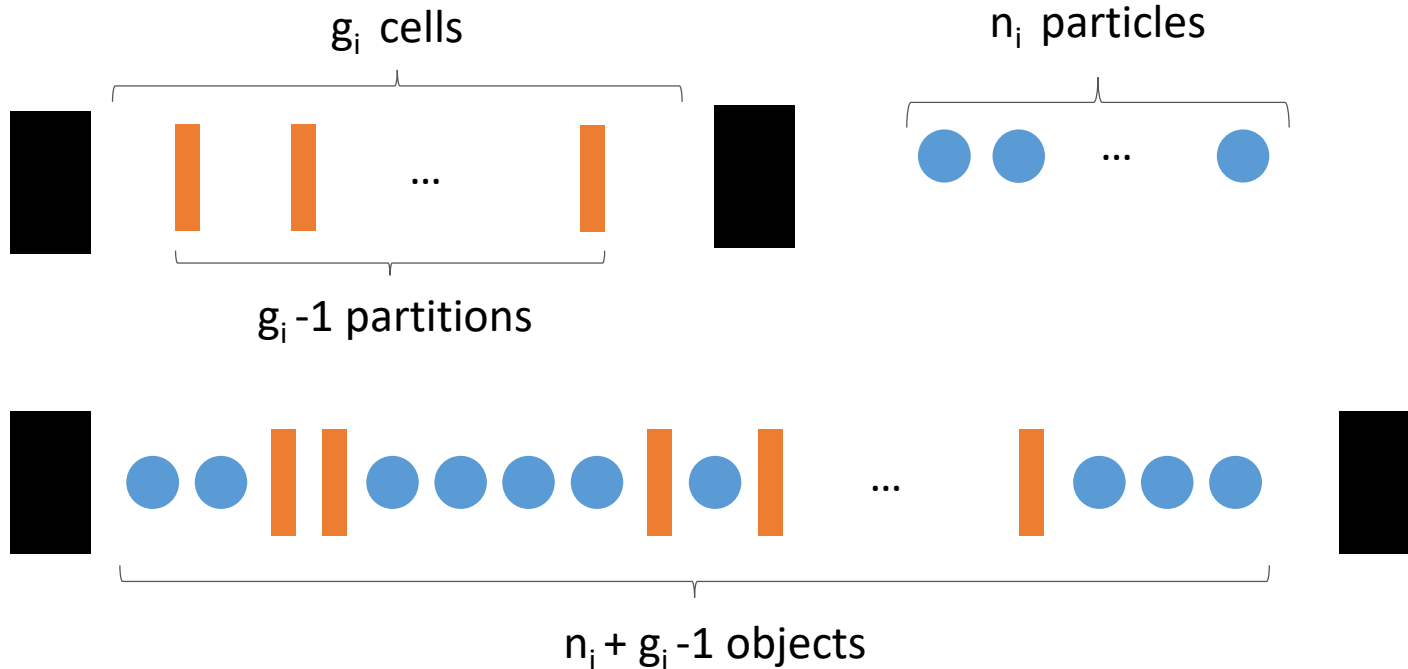
$$n(u) du = \frac{2\pi N}{(\pi k_B T)^{3/2}} \sqrt{u} e^{-u/k_B T} du$$

# Bose-Einstein Statistics


- Bose-Einstein statistics governs identical and indistinguishable particles. (Maxwell-Boltzmann statistics governs identical but distinguishable particles.)
- Assumes all quantum state have equal probabilities - the cells that represent them in phase space have the same volumes.
- $g_i$  represents the number of states that have the same energy level  $u_i$  (degeneracy of energy level  $i$ ).
- The number of states  $g_i$  that are included in the level is equal to the probability that the energy level  $u_i$  be occupied.
- So, for each energy level  $u_i$ , we have to consider the number of possibilities that  $n_i$  particles are distributed in  $g_i$  cells.

# Bose-Einstein Statistics(2)

- We can consider a series of  $n_i + g_i - 1$  objects placed in a line.



- $(n_i + g_i - 1)!$  possible permutations.
- $n_i!$  permutations among particles and  $(g_i - 1)!$  permutations among partitions are irrelevant.



$$\frac{(n_i + g_i - 1)!}{n_i! (g_i - 1)!}$$
 possible distinguishable arrangement

## Bose-Einstein Statistics(3)

- Probability  $W$  of entire  $N$  particle becomes

$$W = \prod \frac{(n_i + g_i - 1)!}{n_i! (g_i - 1)!}$$

and in case of  $(n_i + g_i) \gg 1$

$$W = \prod \frac{(n_i + g_i)!}{n_i! (g_i - 1)!} .$$

- Following a similar approach as in Maxwell-Boltzmann statistics,

$$\ln W = \sum [\ln(n_i + g_i)! - \ln n_i! - \ln(g_i - 1)!]$$

- By applying Stirling's formula (  $\ln n! = n \ln n - n$  )

$$\ln W = \sum [(n_i + g_i) \ln(n_i + g_i) - n_i \ln n_i - \ln(g_i - 1)! - g_i]$$



## Bose-Einstein Statistics(4)

- As before, the condition for most probable distribution can be written, with respect to small changes  $\delta n_i$ , as  $\delta \ln W_{max} = 0$ . Thus,

$$\delta \ln W_{max} = \sum [\ln(n_i + g_i) - \ln n_i] \delta n_i = 0.$$

- There are two constraints; conservation of particles  $\sum \delta n_i = 0$  and conservation of energy,  $\sum u_i \delta n_i = 0$ .
- Using the Lagrange multiplier method,

$$\sum [\ln(n_i + g_i) - \ln n_i - \alpha - \beta u_i] \delta n_i = 0.$$

- And the general solution for this is

$$\ln \frac{n_i + g_i}{n_i} - \alpha - \beta u_i = 0.$$

- This gives

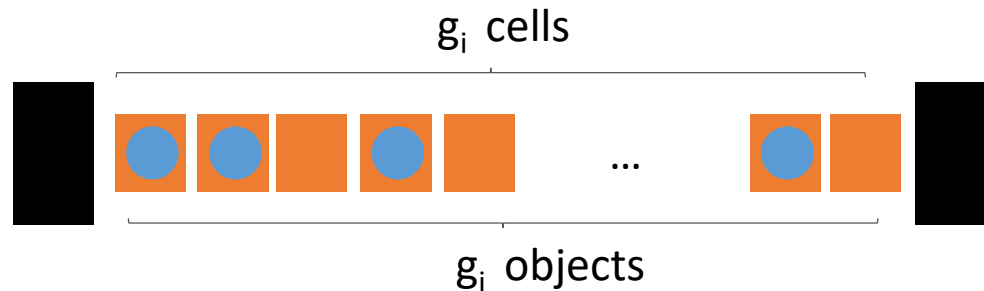
$$n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^\alpha e^{\beta u_i} - 1} = \frac{g_i}{e^\alpha e^{u_i/k_B T} - 1}$$

**Bose-Einstein distribution law**

$$\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

# Fermi-Dirac Statistics

- Fermi-Dirac statistics governs identical and indistinguishable particles with exclusion principle.
- We assume each cell can be occupied by only one particle.
- Then,  $n_i$  cells are filled and  $g_i - n_i$  cells are vacant.



- $g_i$  cells can be rearranged in  $g_i!$  different ways but  $n_i!$  permutations and  $(g_i - n_i)!$  permutations are irrelevant.
- Thus, the number of distinguishable arrangements among the cells is

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

- The probability  $W$  of the entire distribution is then,

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

## Fermi-Dirac Statistics(2)

- By taking the logarithms,

$$\ln W = \sum [\ln g_i! - \ln n_i! - \ln(g_i - n_i)!] .$$

- Applying Stirling's formula gives

$$\ln W = \sum [g_i \ln g_i - n_i \ln n_i - (g_i - n_i) \ln(g_i - n_i)] .$$

- The most probable distribution can be found by

$$\delta \ln W_{max} = \sum [-\ln n_i + \ln(g_i - n_i)] \delta n_i = 0 .$$

- The two constraints for the Lagrange multiplier method are

$$-\alpha \sum \delta n_i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad -\beta \sum u_i \delta n_i = 0 .$$

- This gives

$$\sum [-\ln n_i + \ln(g_i - n_i) - \alpha - \beta u_i] \delta n_i = 0 .$$

## Fermi-Dirac Statistics(2)

- The general solution is

$$\ln \frac{g_i - n_i}{n_i} - \alpha - \beta u_i = 0 \quad .$$

$$\frac{g_i}{n_i} - 1 = e^\alpha e^{\beta u_i}$$

$$n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^\alpha e^{\beta u_i} + 1} = \frac{g_i}{e^\alpha e^{u_i/k_B T} + 1}$$

**Fermi-Dirac distribution law**

# Summary

- Maxwell Boltzmann: Classical Distinguishable Particles

$$n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^\alpha e^{u_i/k_B T}}$$

- Bose-Einstein: Indistinguishable Particles

$$n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^\alpha e^{u_i/k_B T} - 1}$$

- Fermi-Dirac: Indistinguishable Particles with Exclusion Principle

$$n_i = \frac{g_i}{e^\alpha e^{u_i/k_B T} + 1}$$