### Notes:

**Homework :** I will post a new HW set later today.

**No class tomorrow**, we will meet again next Tuesday.

## **Recall for Fermions:**

$$n = \frac{1}{(1 + e^{(E-\mu)/kT})}$$

Fermi-Dirac distribution =  $\langle N \rangle$  for a single eigenstate.

Same as "Fermi function"; f(E)



Discrete eigenstates, with each  $\langle N \rangle$  between 0 and 1 (Pauli exclusion principle). Or, f(E) maps a continuous probability function, with D(E).

#### **Bosons:**

$$Z_g = \prod_i \sum_N e^{-(NE_i - N\mu)/kT}$$
$$\approx \prod_i 1/(1 - e^{-(E_i - \mu)/kT})$$
$$\frac{1}{1 - x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$$

Bose-Einstein product of single-particle states; Converges to lower form if  $E_i > \mu$  (no condensation).

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4 particles, 6 states where is  $\mu$ ?

## Fermions, Bosons:

$$n_{BE} = \frac{1}{(e^{(E-\mu)/kT} - 1)}$$

Bose-Einstein distribution

$$n_{FD} = \frac{1}{(1 + e^{(E-\mu)/kT})}$$

Fermi-Dirac distribution

$$n_{MB} \approx e^{-(E-\mu)/kT}$$

Maxwell-Boltzmann = high T classical limit for both particle types (µ becomes large & negative)

# Fermi-Dirac statistics & Fermi ideal gas



- Metals: electron gas typically strongly <u>degenerate</u>.
- White dwarf stars: degenerate electrons + nuclei ~ classical gas
- Neutron stars
- Etc.

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set of identical particles: refers actually to a specific spin state