

December 2023

B.Sc.VI SEMESTER

Statistical Mechanics(BPH-602)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks:75

- Instructions:**
1. It is compulsory to answer all the questions (1.5 marks each) of Part -A in short.
  2. Answer any four questions from Part -B in detail.
  3. Different sub-parts of a question are to be attempted adjacent to each other.
  4. Use of scientific calculator is allowed.

**PART -A**

- Q1 (a) What do you mean by the term phase space? (1.5)
- (b) What is Gibb's paradox? How this paradox is solved? (1.5)
- (c) What are the main constituents of white dwarf stars? What prevent the gravitational collapse of white dwarf stars? (1.5)
- (d) Calculate the surface temperature of the sun, given that  $\lambda_m = 4753 \text{ \AA}$  and Wien's constant = 0.2898. (1.5)
- (e) The fermi energy for metal A is 3.15eV. Find the value of fermi energy for metal B given that electron density in metal B is 9 times that of A. (1.5)
- (f) Three particles are to be distributed in four energy levels. Calculate all possible ways of this distribution when particles are Fermions. (1.5)
- (g) What is black body radiation? Explain its temperature dependence. (1.5)
- (h) Explain the ultraviolet catastrophe according to Rayleigh-Jeans distribution law. (1.5)
- (i) What do you mean by photon gas? (1.5)
- (j) Differentiate the term microstate and macrostate in classical statistics. (1.5)

**PART -B**

- Q2 (a) Explain concept of ensemble. Differentiate between micro-canonical, canonical and grand-canonical ensembles. Where they are used. (10)
- (b) A three-state system with energies  $E = -E_0, 0, +E_0$  is in thermal equilibrium at a temperature T. If  $\beta E_0 = x$ , Find the probability of finding the system with  $E=0$ . (5)
- Q3 (a) What is Bose-Einstein statistics? What are the basic postulates used? Derive an expression for the most probable distribution of the particle obeying B.E. statistics. (10)
- (b) Show that the single partition function for an ideal monoatomic gas is given by (5)
- $$Z = V \left[ \frac{2\pi mkT}{h^2} \right]^{3/2}$$
- Q4 (a) Using Maxwell's law of distribution of speeds of molecules in a gas, obtain expressions for most probable speed, average speed and root-mean square speed. (8)
- (b) Write down the postulates of Fermi-Dirac Statistics. Derive an expression for the probability distribution of particle governed by Fermi-Dirac statistics. (7)

- Q5 (a) Derive Planck's law of black body radiation? Under what condition does this law reduce to Rayleigh Jean's law and Wien's law? (10)
- (b) Calculate the radiant emittance of a black body at a temperature of (i) 400 K (5)  
(ii) 4000 K. [Given:  $\sigma = 5.672 \times 10^{-8}$  M.K.S. units]
- Q6 (a) What do you understand by thermodynamics probability? How is it related with the entropy of the system? Establish the necessary relation. (10)
- (b) Evaluate the temperature at which there is 1% probability that a state with energy 0.5eV above Fermi energy will be occupied by an electron. (5)
- Q7 (a) Define Fermi energy and Fermi Temperature. Explain the significance of Fermi energy. (5)
- (b) Prove that the pressure due to diffuse radiation on a surface is  $u/3$ , where  $u$  is energy density of radiation. (5)
- (c) Write short note on any one (i) Statistical equilibrium (ii) Kirchoff's law of black body radiation (5)

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