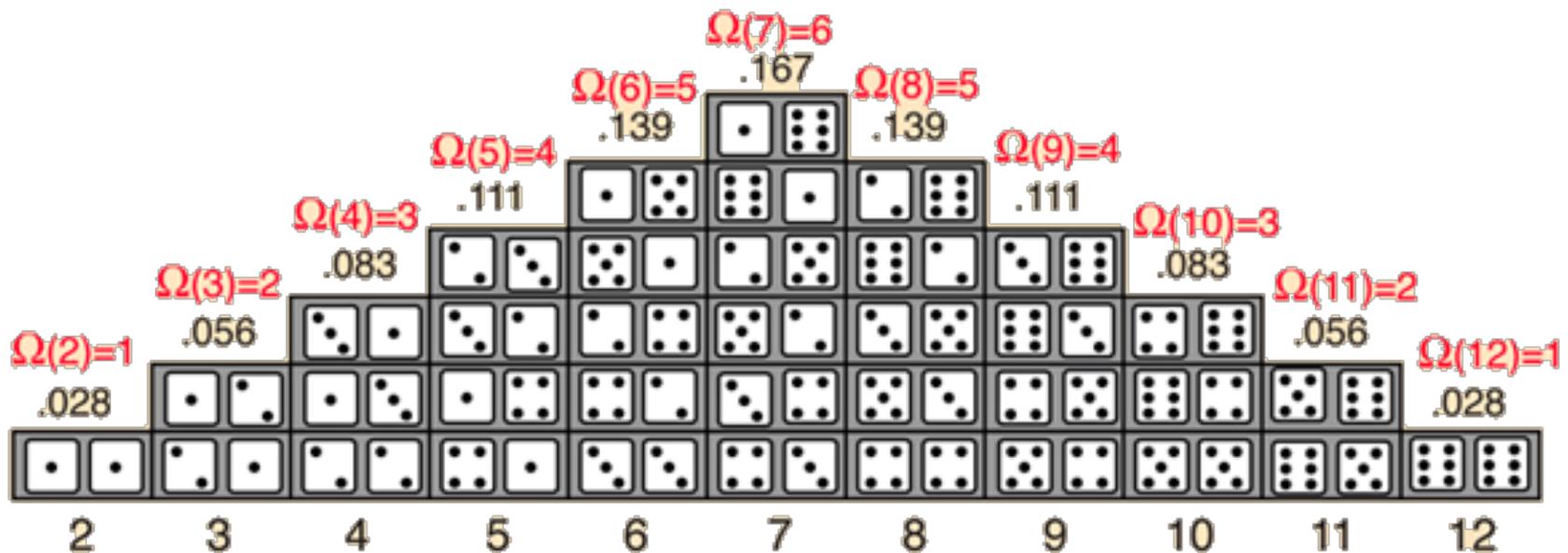


Modern Physics (Phys. IV): 2704

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MWF 12:30-1:20 Lecture

Counting Macrostates/Microstates



Total number of microstates: 36

Total number of macrostates: 11

Binomial Coefficients

Number of ways to
choose 2 of 5 people

A B C D E

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First pick one - 5 possibilities
Then pick second - 4 possibilities

possible picks = 5×4

But $AB = BA$ (double counting)

Unique possible picks = $5 \times 4 / 2$

$$\frac{5 \times 4}{2} = \frac{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 2 \times 1} = \frac{5!}{3! 2!}$$

Binomial Coefficient

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!}$$

Binomial Coefficients

- The binomial coefficient is the number of ways of picking k unordered outcomes from n possibilities (“ n choose k ”)

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

Multinomial Coefficients

Number of ways to put
5 people in 3 groups,
w/ 2 in first bin,
2 in second, and 1 in 3rd.

- First pick 2 of 5

$$\Rightarrow \binom{5}{2} = \frac{5!}{3! 2!}$$

- Then pick 2 of 3

$$\binom{3}{2} = \frac{3!}{2! 1!}$$

- Then pick 1 of 1

$$\binom{1}{1} = \frac{1!}{1!}$$

- multiply $\frac{5!}{3! 2!} \frac{3!}{2! 1!} \frac{1!}{1!}$

$$= \frac{5!}{2! 2! 1!}$$

Generally $\binom{n}{k_1, \dots, k_m} = \frac{n!}{k_1! \times \dots \times k_m!}$

Multinomial Coefficients

- The multinomial coefficient is the number of ways of depositing n distinct objects into m distinct bins, with k_1 objects in the first bin, k_2 objects in the second bin, ...

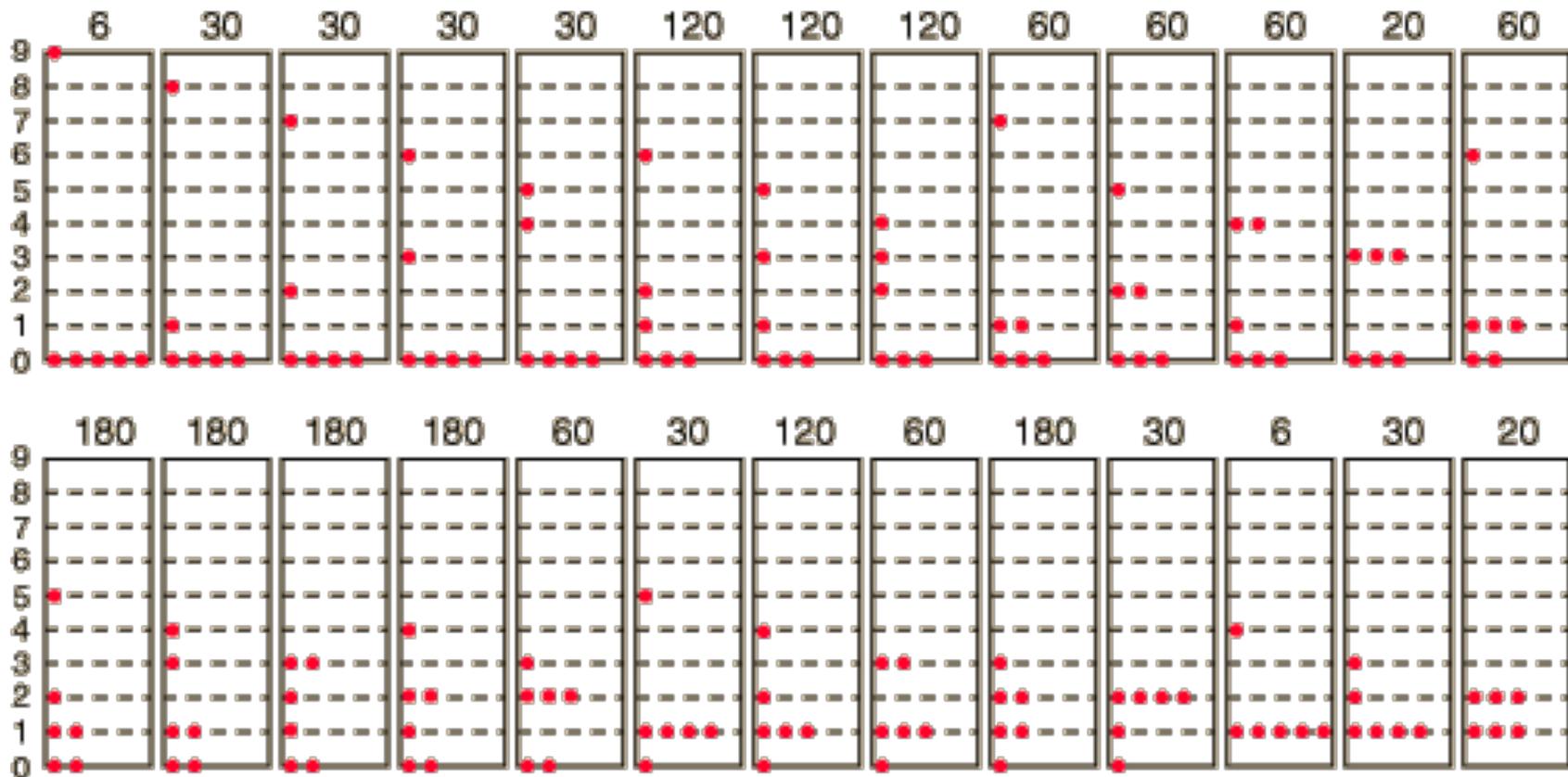
$$\binom{n}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m} = \frac{n!}{k_1! k_2! \cdots k_m!}$$

Caveat

- If you find 10.1-10.2 hard to follow, I recommend the HyperPhysics web site for an alternate treatment (the following slides are partially derived from this site):
 - <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/quantum/disbol.html>

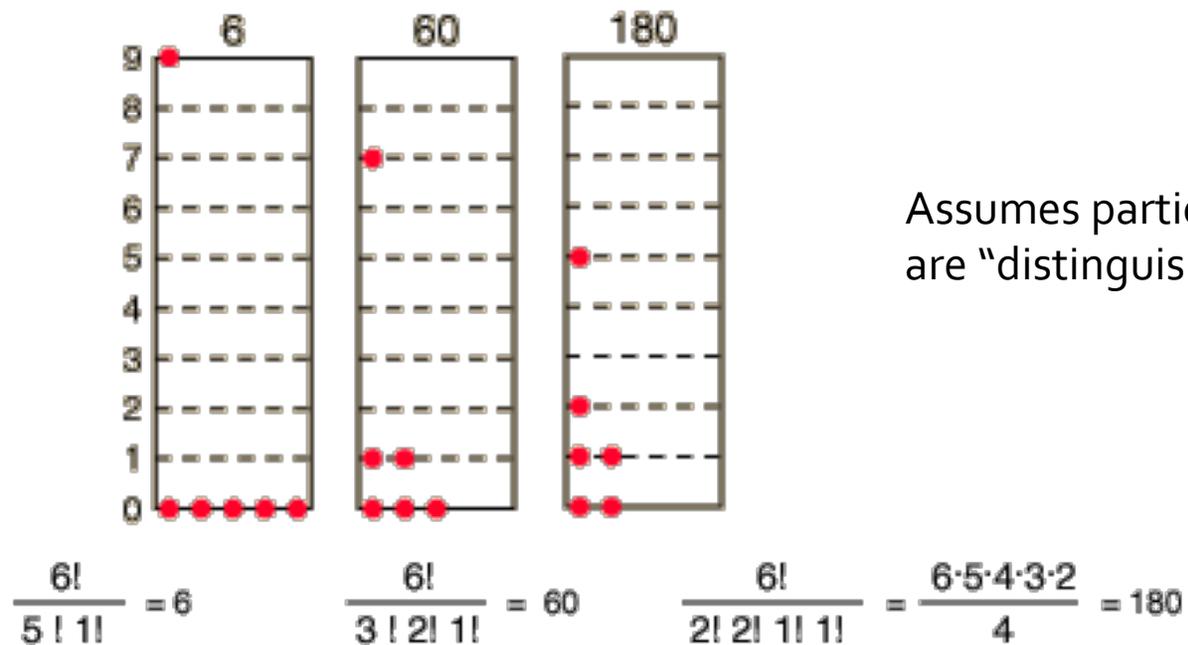
Energy Distribution (n=9, k=6)

9 units of energy distributed among six particles (i.e. $\langle E \rangle = 1.5$)



Counting Microstates

Number of microstates = $\frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! n_3! \dots}$ where N = total number of particles
 n_i = number of particles in level i

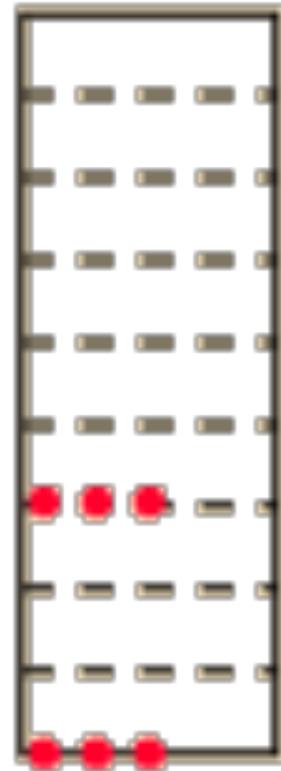


Assumes particles are "distinguishable"

Concept Check

- How many different microstates are in this macrostate?

- A. 6
- B. 20
- C. 30
- D. 60
- E. 180



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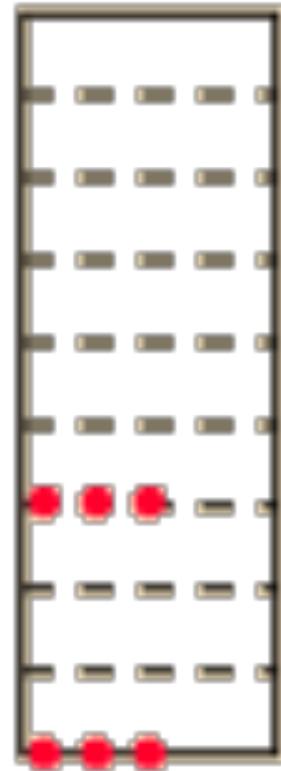
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Total Multiplicity

Macrosstates

$$3 + 0 + 0$$

$$2 + 1 + 0$$

$$1 + 1 + 1$$

Multiplicity

$$3! / 1! 2! = 3$$

$$3! / 1! 1! 1! = 6$$

$$3! / 3! = 1$$

$$\underline{10}$$

Same as

$$\binom{5}{2} = \frac{5!}{3! 2!} = 10$$

$$\underline{3 + 0 + 0}$$

11000

10001

00011

$$\underline{2 + 1 + 0}$$

100101

101001

110010

110100

010011

001011

$$\underline{1 + 1 + 1}$$

01010

Total Multiplicity of Microstates

$$\Omega(N, q) = \binom{q + N - 1}{q} = \frac{(q + N - 1)!}{q!(N - 1)!}$$

This is the formula for “distinguishable” particles

E.g. $N = 4$ particles, $q = 8$ units of energy



Concept Check

- How many total ways can I distribute three units of energy among three distinguishable particles?
- 4
- 6
- 10
- 20

Concept Check

- How many total ways can I distribute three units of energy among three distinguishable particles?

- 4

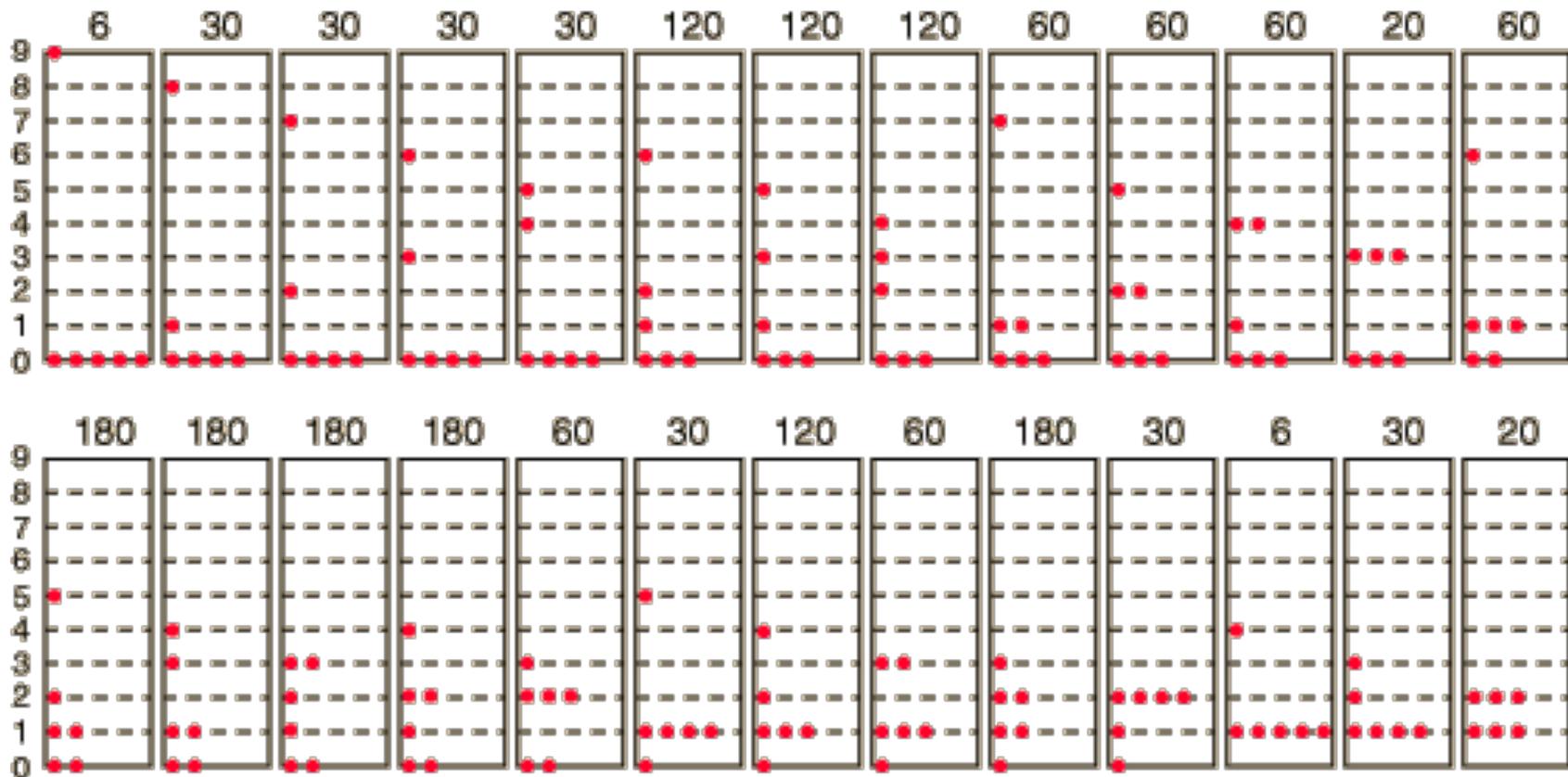
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- 10

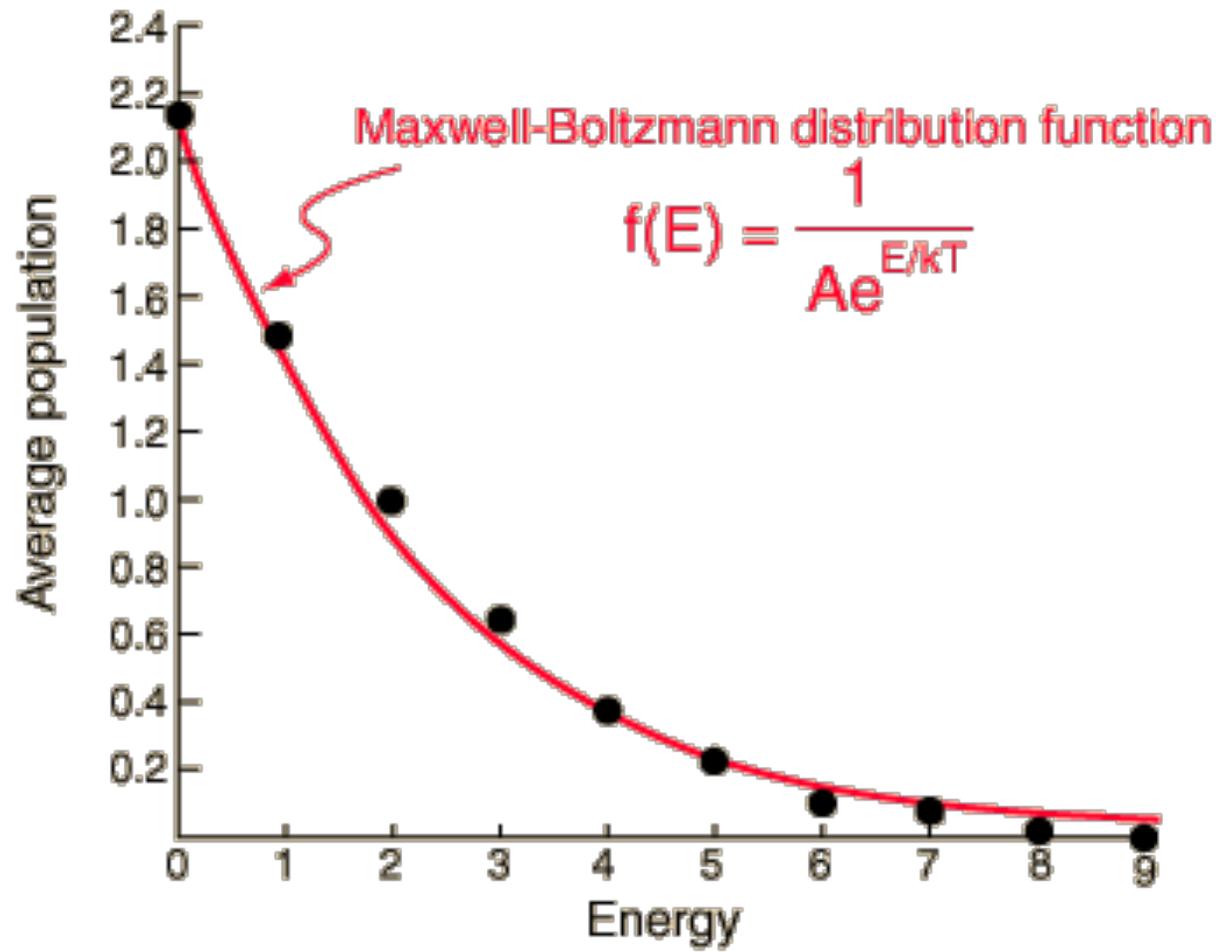
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Energy Distribution (n=9, k=6)

2002 total states to count!



Maxwell-Boltzmann Distribution

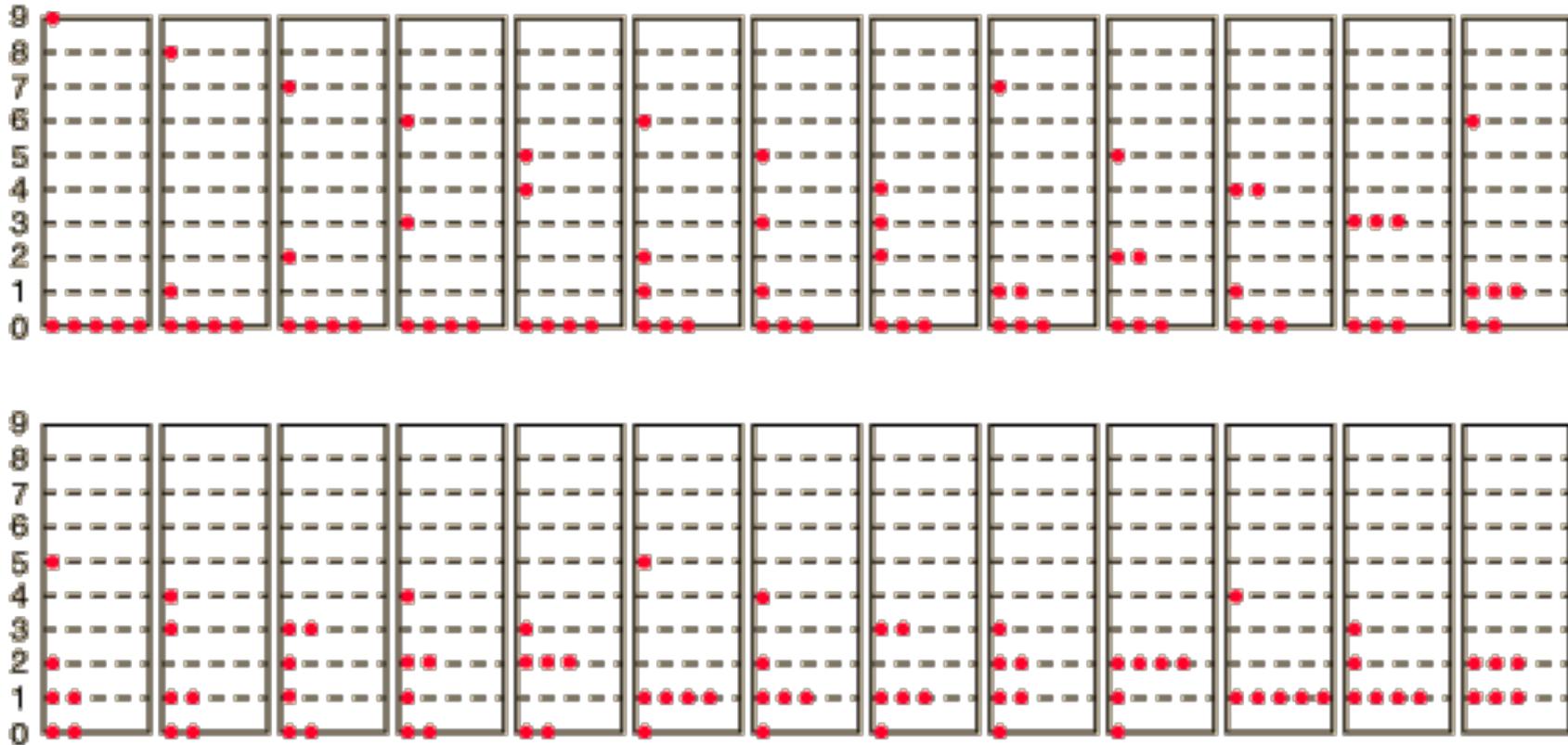


Quantum Particles are Indistinguishable

- Bosons (spin 1 particles)
 - E.g. photons
 - No restrictions on how many can be in the same quantum state
- Fermions (spin $1/2$ particles)
 - E.g. electrons
 - At most two fermions (spin up and spin down) can be in any quantum state

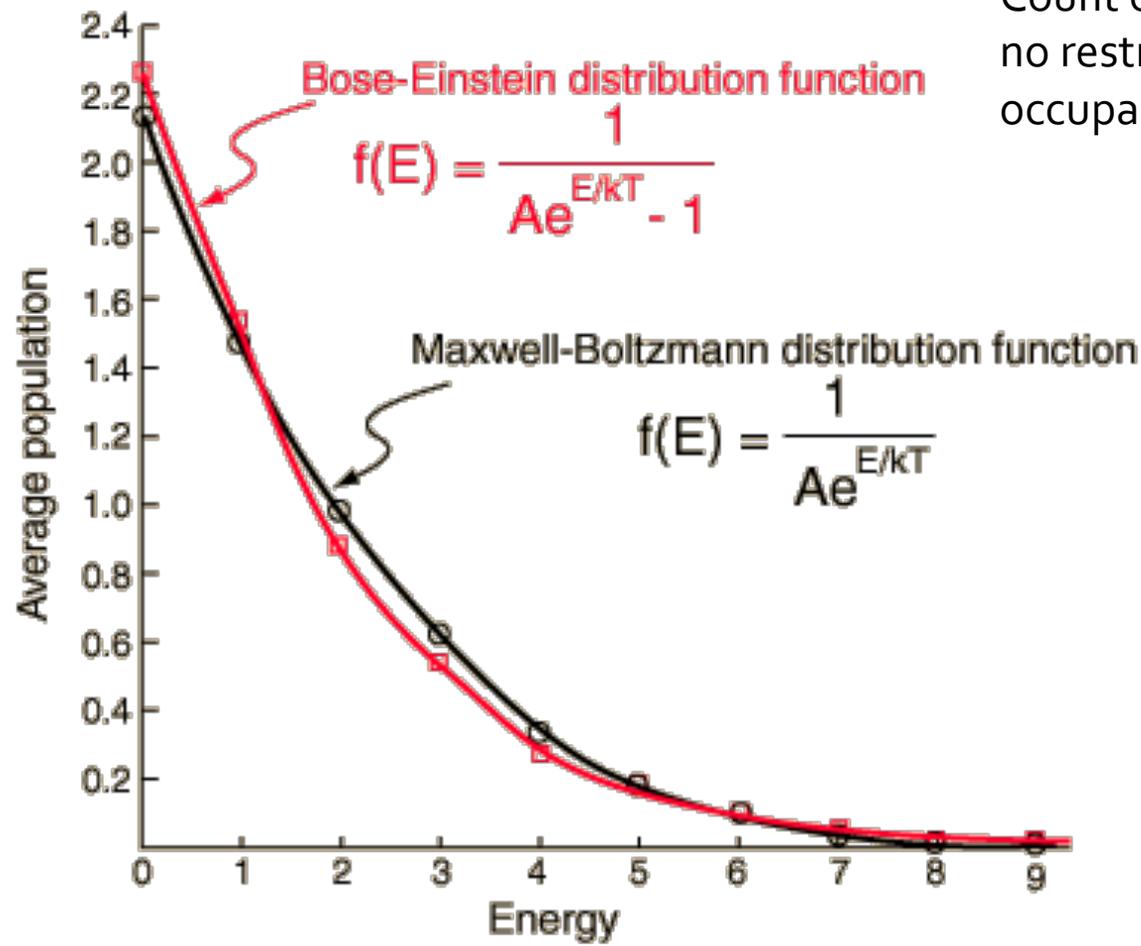
Boson Energy Distribution ($n=9$, $k=6$)

Only 26 total states to count

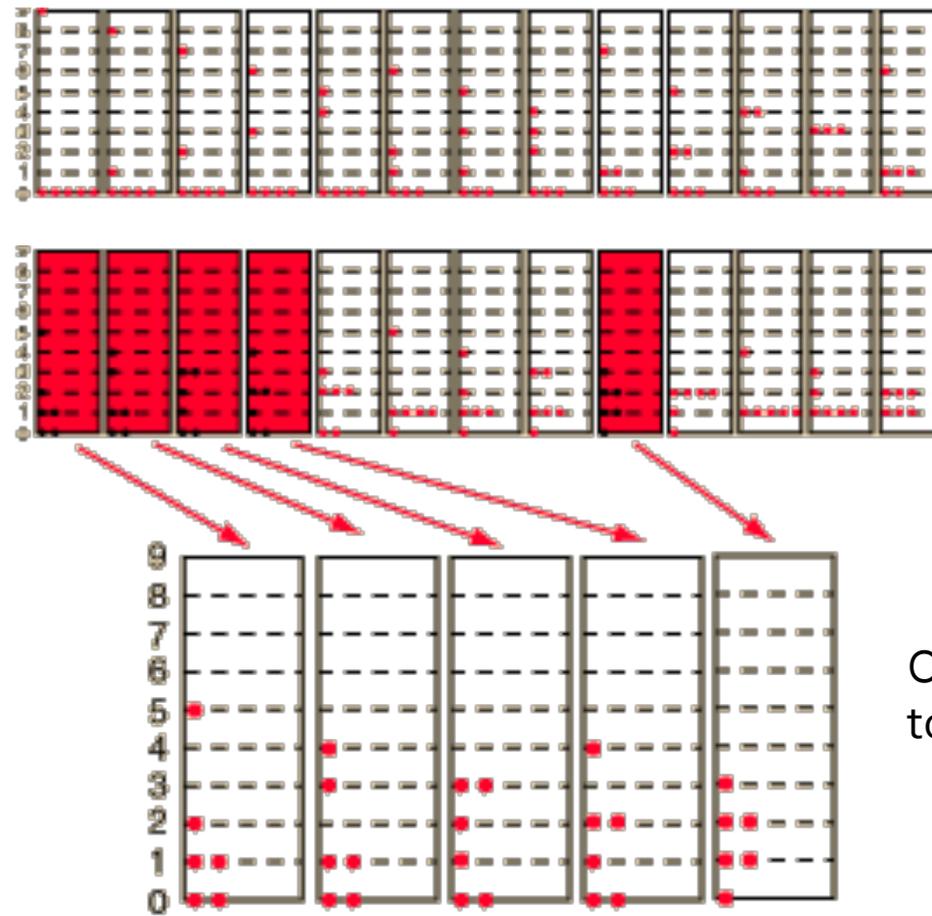


Bose-Einstein Statistics

Count only macrostates,
no restrictions on
occupancy of levels



Fermion Energy Distribution ($n=9$, $k=6$)



Only 5 total states to count!

Fermi-Dirac Statistics

