

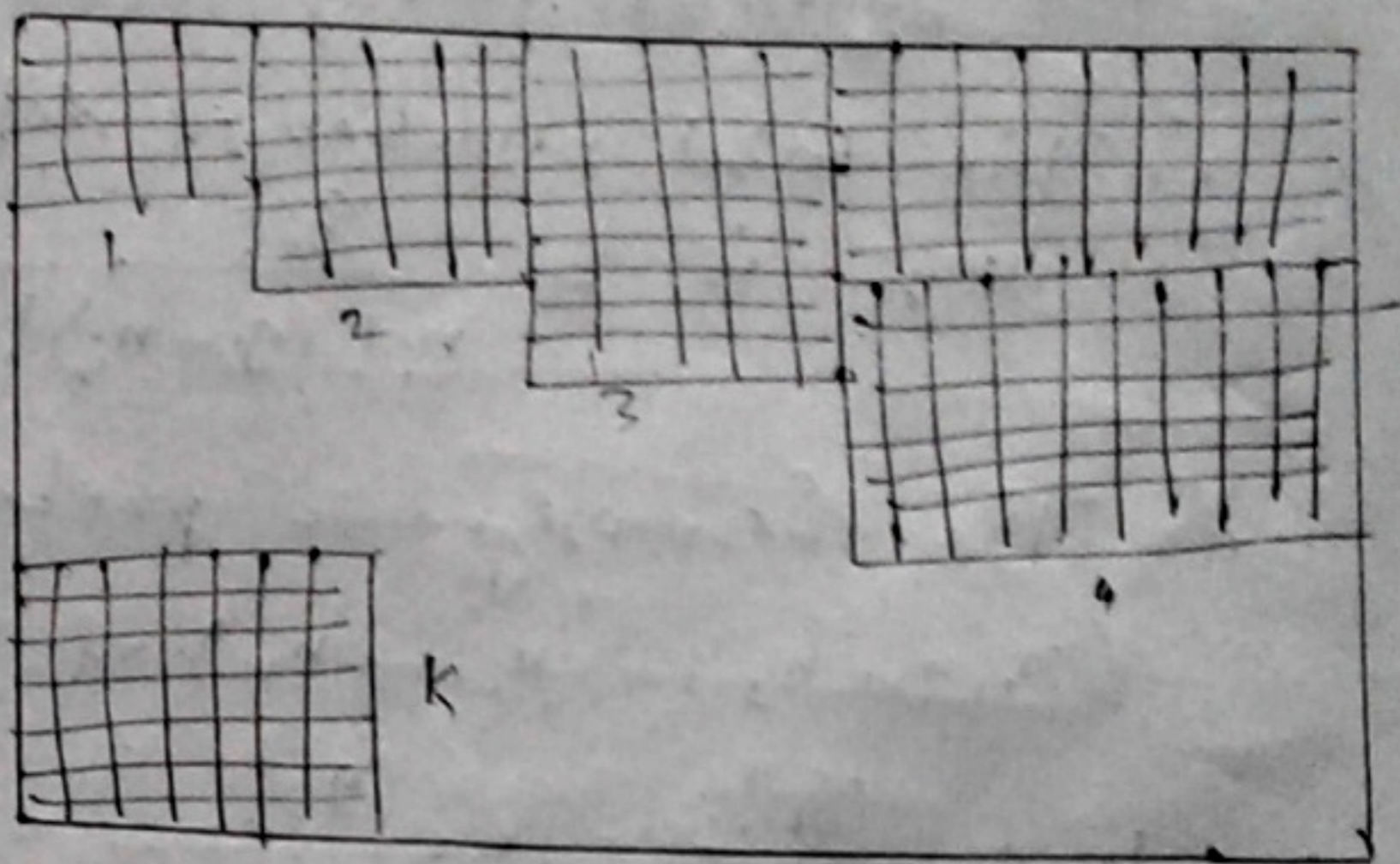
Fermi Dirac distribution law

Basic postulates:

- ① The particles are indistinguishable.
- ② The particles obey Pauli's exclusion principle. Therefore, the number of cells must be much greater than the number of particles i.e. $g_i \gg n_i$.

Consider a system consisting of 'n' independent and indistinguishable particles. Let us divide the available volume Φ in the phase space into large number (say K) of compartments (quantum groups or energy levels), each compartment is further divided into elementary cells, each of size h^3 , where h is a Planck's constant.

Let the compartments be marked 1, 2, 3, 4, ..., K and their mean energy values be represented by $E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_i, \dots, E_K$ containing $g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_i, \dots, g_K$ cells respectively in them.



The total number of particles in the system is

$$n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_i + \dots + n_K \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where $n_1 \rightarrow$ no. of particles in compartment 1

$n_2 \rightarrow$ " " " " " 2

$n_i \rightarrow$ " " " " " i

$n_k \rightarrow$ " " " " " K

Our work is to find the distribution of n_i particles (fermions) out of the total 'n' particles in g_i cells of the i^{th} compartment.