

# PHYSICS

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SYMETRIC AND ANTISYMMETRIC WAVE FUNCTIONS

PAULI EXCLUSION PRINCIPLE

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## Symmetric and Antisymmetric wave function

Let us consider an atom having two electrons. one is in quantum state 'a' and the second in the quantum state 'b'. When <sup>first</sup> particle is in the quantum state 'a' and second particle in the quantum state 'b' then.

$$\psi(1,2) = \psi_a(1) \psi_b(2) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

If the second particle is in the quantum state (a) and 1st particle in the quantum state (b) then.

$$\psi(2,1) = \psi_a(2) \psi_b(1) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The wave function may be interchanged by the phase factor  $e^{i\alpha}$

$$\psi(2,1) = e^{i\alpha} \psi(1,2) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Where  $\alpha$  is real constant

The wave function may be again interchanged to the original wave function when it is multiplied by the phase factor  $e^{2i\alpha}$ . Hence this implies that

$$e^{2i\alpha} = 1$$

$$\text{or } e^{i\alpha} = 1^{\pm 1} = \pm 1$$

$$\text{From eqn (3) } \psi(1,2) = \pm \psi(2,1)$$



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If a wave function changes sign on interchanging the particles, it is said to be an antisymmetric function. For such function

$$\psi(1,2) = -\psi(2,1)$$

The particles that are described by the antisymmetric wave function are termed "fermion". They obey "Fermi-Dirac Statistics".

If a wave function remains unchanged on interchanging the particles it is said to be symmetric wave function

$$\psi(1,2) = \psi(2,1)$$

The particles that are described by symmetric functions are called "bosons". They obey "Bose-Einstein Statistics".



# Pauli Exclusion Principle

Statement:- The wavefunction of a many electron system is antisymmetric to exchange of co-ordinate of any two electron.

- There are four quantum number of the electron
- ① Principal quantum number (n) :- This gives total energy
- ② Orbital quantum number (l) :- This gives orbital angular momentum and magnetic moment of electron.
- ③ Magnetic quantum number (m<sub>l</sub>) :- This gives the spatial quantisation of the angular momentum and magnetic moment of electron in applied mag. field.
- ④ Spin magnetic quantum number (m<sub>s</sub>) :- This gives the spin angular momentum and magnetic moment due to the spin of electron.

$$m_l = \pm l, \pm(l-1), \pm(l-2), \dots, 0$$

$$m_s = \pm 1/2$$

In an electron having more than one electron, the electrons may arrange themselves in different quantum state. The wavefunction of the electron should be antisymmetric. They obey Fermi-Dirac statistics.

The antisymmetric combination of N function corresponding to the N! Permutation of the particle can be expressed in the Slater determinant

$$\psi(1,2,3 \dots N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \begin{vmatrix} \psi_1(1) & \psi_1(2) & \psi_1(3) & \dots & \psi_1(N) \\ \psi_2(1) & \psi_2(2) & \psi_2(3) & \dots & \psi_2(N) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \psi_N(1) & \psi_N(2) & \psi_N(3) & \dots & \psi_N(N) \end{vmatrix}$$



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When ever two or more rows of the determinant are identical, the determinant vanishes. So that two or more fermions of a system can't occupy the same state. This principle is k/a Pauli's exclusion Principle.

The end.

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