

CL27\_Q1. Explain the concept of Fermi energy.

CL27\_Q2. Obtain an expression for Fermi energy using the concept of density of states.

CL27\_Q3. Determine the Fermi temperature and Fermi velocity in a metal with  $18 \times 10^{28}$  free electrons per unit volume.

CL27\_Q4. Calculate the Fermi energy in eV for a metal at 0K, whose density is  $10500 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , atomic weight is 107.9, and it has one conduction electron per atom.

CL27\_Q5. Using the expression of density of states, show that average energy of electrons in a metal at 0K is  $\frac{3}{5} E_F$

CL27\_Q6. A current of 5A can easily be carried in a copper wire of length 3m and resistance 20 mΩ at room temperature. Given: Density of copper =  $8.95 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , mobility of charge carriers =  $4.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{Vs}$  and Fermi energy = 7eV. Estimate and compare the values of

- a. Drift velocity
- b. Thermal velocity
- c. Fermi velocity