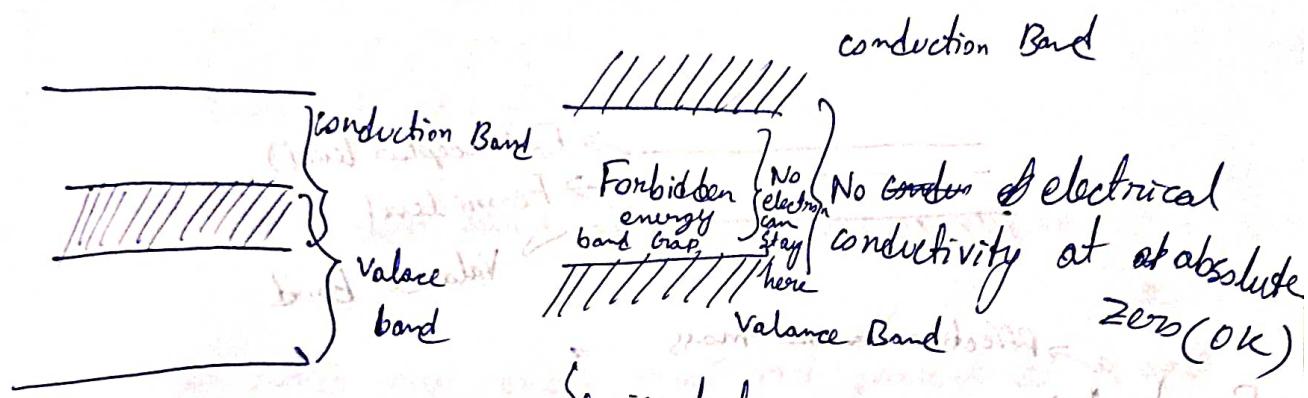


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## Semiconductors

- conduction Band  $\rightarrow$  Free electron (can move under an applied electric field)
- Valence Band  $\rightarrow$  Bounded electrons (electrons)



conductor

Fermi level

Intrinsic

Extrinsic  
P-type

n-type  
(Si + Arsenic)  
(valency  $\rightarrow 5$ )

(Fermi level shifted towards conduction band)

$\rightarrow$  Fermi - belt Level ( $E_F$ )

(exactly at half distance  
for intrinsic

Semiconductor)

Arsenic (n-type)  
Si + Arsenic

conduction Band  
Fermi level ( $E_F$ )  
 $E_D \rightarrow$  Donor level

Form Si + Boron  
(3 valence electrons) (P-type)

↓  
Conduction Band

→  $E_A$  (Acceptor level)

→ Fermi level

→ Valence Bond

Effective mass

$$\bullet E = \frac{1}{2} m^* v^2$$

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m}; p = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

Wave number

$$\therefore p = \frac{h k}{2\pi}$$

$E_g$   
(Energy  
band  
gap)

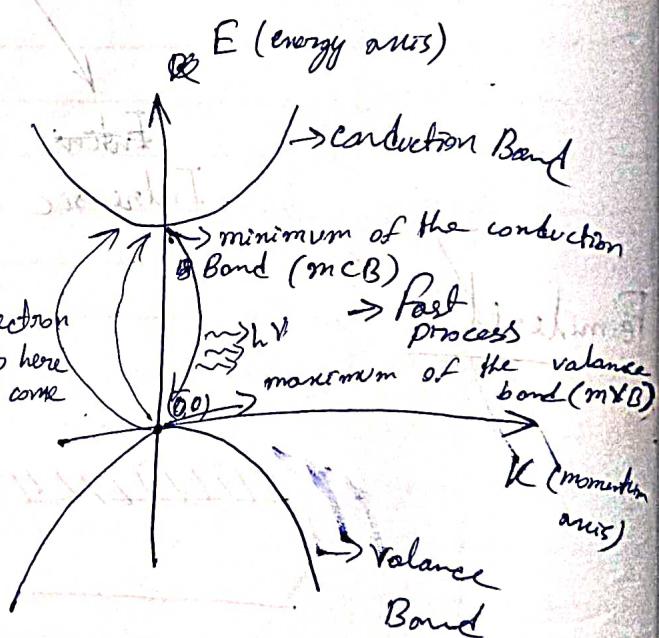
electron  
will go here  
and will come  
back

$$\therefore E = \frac{h^2 k^2}{8\pi^2 m}$$

$$E = \frac{h^2}{8\pi^2 m} k^2$$

$$(y = m u^2)$$

A ~~parabola~~ parabola



Energy-moment diagram

$$E_g = h\nu$$

→ Good for optoelectronic devices

- Direct-Band gap Semiconduction → if at  $K=0$  the  $m_{VB}$  and  $m_{CB}$  are present (Ex → Gallium Arsenide) (GaAs)

$$\frac{dE}{dk} = \frac{h^2 k}{4\pi^2 m^*}$$

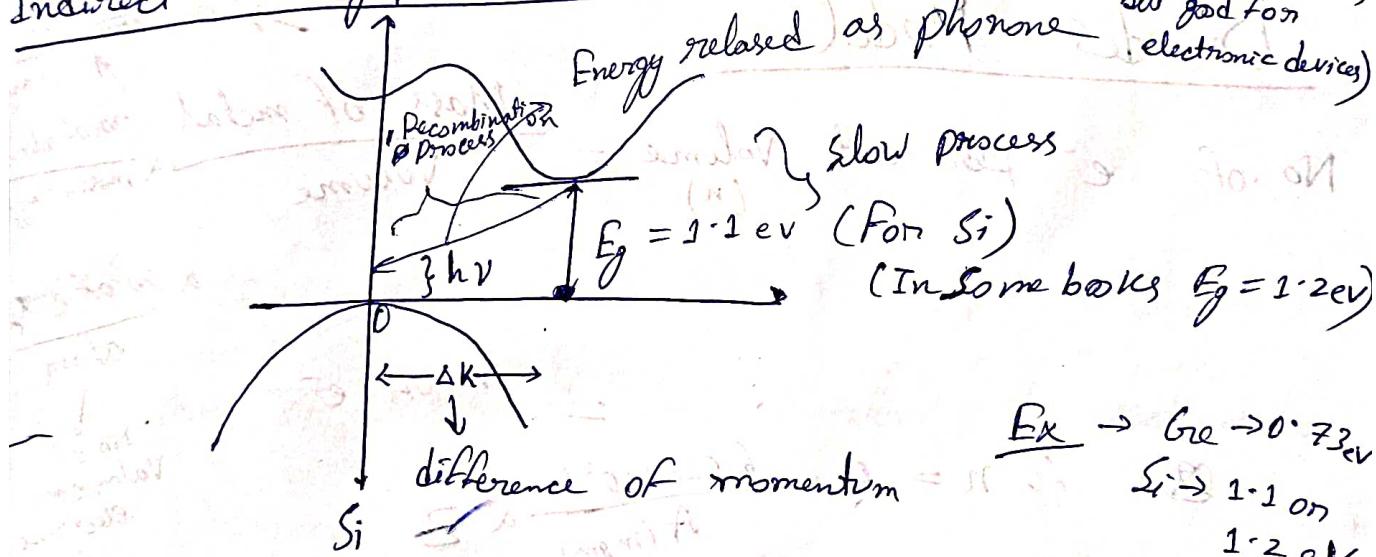
$$\frac{d^2 E}{dk^2} = \frac{h^2}{4\pi^2 m^*}$$

$$\Rightarrow m^* = \frac{h^2}{4\pi^2} \left( \frac{d^2 E}{dk^2} \right)^{-1}$$

Another Example of direct Band Semiconductor, ~~GaAs~~ GaSb

If ~~mVB~~ and ~~mCB~~ are not present at  $k=0$

Indirect Band gap Semiconductor (Not good for optoelectronic devices but good for electronic devices)



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex} &\rightarrow \text{Ge} \rightarrow 0.73 \text{ eV} \\ \text{Si} &\rightarrow 1.1 \text{ eV} \\ &1.2 \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

Phonon ??



Recombination Process

- Radiative → Responsible for the emission of photons
- Non Radiative → Not " "

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## Conductivity & Electron density

$$\propto \frac{1}{\text{relaxation time}} = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$\propto \frac{1}{\text{mass of electron}}$$

$$\propto \text{charge of electron}$$

Model connected macroscopic and microscopic properties

models  $\rightarrow$  Theories  $\rightarrow$  Field

### Dowdes Model

$$\text{No. of } e^- \text{ per unit Volume} = \frac{\text{Mass of metal}}{\text{Volume}} \times \frac{N_A}{\text{mass of one atom}}$$

$$\therefore n = \rho \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23}}{A \text{ (in gms)}} \times Z$$

$\downarrow$   
Atomic mass in grams

radius of H-atom =  $0.5 \text{ \AA}$

i.e. radius of the sphere with a single  $e^-$  inside it.

Let  $\frac{1}{n} = \frac{4\pi r_s^3}{3}$   $\rightarrow$  radius of sphere occupied by single electron

$$a_0 = 0.5 \text{ \AA}$$

Now,  $\frac{r_s}{a_0} \rightarrow$  dimensionless number

For a metal made of pure H, this ratio will be

- Average distance between atoms  $\rightarrow 1 \text{ \AA}$
- Set up assumptions (first step in creating a model)

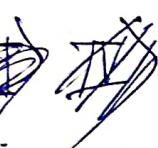
## Druide Assumptions

I) Independent electron approximation  $\rightarrow$  No  $e^- - e^-$  repulsion

II) Free  $e^-$  approximation  $\rightarrow$  no  $e^-$ -ion attraction  
 electrons collide with ions so we get const current ( $e^-$  travels with const  $v$  not const acceleration)

III) Electrons collide with ions and not with themselves

$t = \text{relaxation time} = \text{average time between two collision}$



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IV) Heating of electron  $\rightarrow$  Heat transferred to electron by ions.

• Ohm's law  $\rightarrow V = IR$   $\rightarrow$  Extensive equation  
 we want to write as Intensive  $\rightarrow$  equation

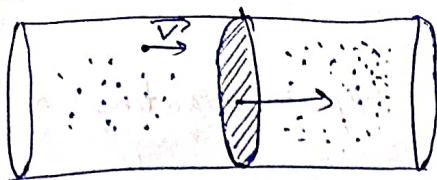
$$V = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{L}$$

$$I = \vec{j} \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$R = \rho \frac{\vec{L}}{\vec{A}}$$

Intensive Parameters

$\therefore \vec{E} = \rho \vec{j} \rightarrow$  Intensive Equation  
 Electric field  $\downarrow$   
 Current density  $\downarrow$   
 Resistivity  $\downarrow$



$\therefore I dt$

$$\text{current} (I) = \underbrace{(n e \vec{V} dt A)}_{\substack{\text{No. of Electrons} \\ \text{flowing through A in} \\ \text{time } dt}} \quad n \cdot (\vec{V} dt) \cdot A$$

charge current that flows  
in  $dt$  time

$A t$  unit time

$$I = -n e \vec{V} A$$

$$j = -n e \vec{V} \rightarrow \text{Microscopic property}$$

For No electric field the average  $\vec{V}$  is zero

$$\therefore \langle \vec{V} \rangle = 0 \text{ for zero } \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{V}(t) = \vec{V}_0 + \vec{a} \cdot t$$

$$a = \frac{\vec{F}}{m} = -\frac{e \vec{E}}{m}$$

$$\therefore \vec{V}(t) = \vec{V}_0 + \left( \frac{-e \vec{E}}{m} \right) t + \vec{v}_{\text{thermal}}$$

$$\langle \vec{V}(t) \rangle = \langle \vec{V}_0 \rangle^0 + \langle \left( \frac{-e \vec{E}}{m} \right) t \rangle$$

$$\langle \vec{V}(t) \rangle = -\frac{e \vec{E}}{m} t \rightarrow \text{Relaxation time}$$

$$\text{Now, } j = -n e v$$

$$= -n e \left( \frac{-e \vec{E}}{m} - \tau \right)$$

$$\vec{j} = \frac{ne^2 T}{m} E$$

Conductivity  
( $\sigma$ )

After Drude's calculation

$T = 10^{-14}$  to  $10^{-15}$  sec

Derive on condition  
for Hall effect  
use today

Point of failure of Drude's theorem

} Not a function of electric field but an inherent property of the material

e are not Ideal gases, they are waves  
So we cannot apply equipartition theorem to e<sup>-</sup>

• Equipartition theory (Energy of each degree of freedom  $\geq \frac{1}{2} K_B T$ )  
for single atom:

∴ For each atom  $K_B = 3 \times \frac{1}{2} K_B T$

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_t^2 = \frac{3}{2} K_B T$$

Thermal Velocity

Boltzmann constant

$\ell$  = mean free path

$$\ell = \vec{v}_t \cdot \tau$$

$$\ell (1 \text{ to } 10 \text{ Å})$$

Quantum number

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2}{8 m a^2}$$

$$n^2 = n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2$$

$N(E) \rightarrow$  no. of the electrons having the energy E

$Z(E) \rightarrow$  no. of states of having energy E that the electrons can occupy

Electrons present between energy states  $E$  and  $E+dE$

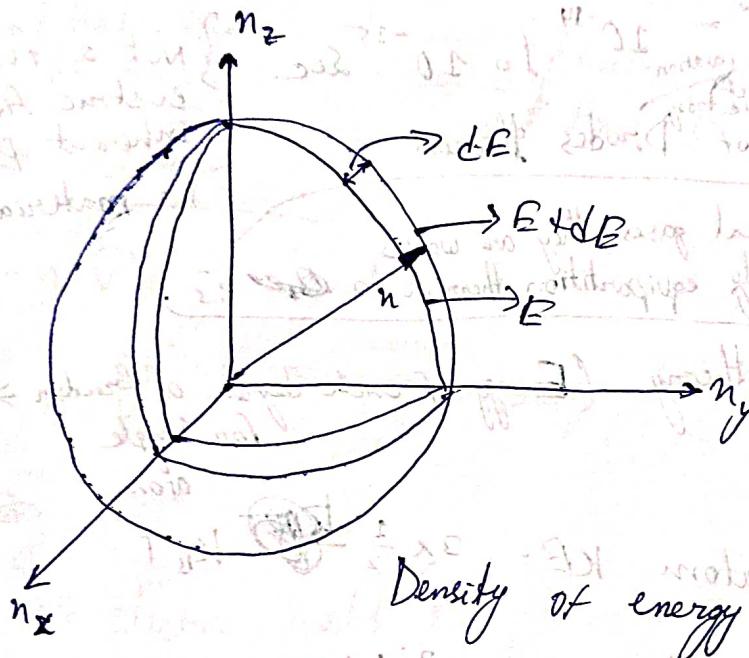
is  $N(E)dE$

$$\text{Now, } N(E)dE = \underbrace{Z(E)dE}_{\text{Probability}} \times F(E)$$

$\rightarrow$  Prob. Fermi-Dirac distribution probability

Probability

$\downarrow$  Applied to Fermions  
(like  $e^-$ )



$$n^2 = n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2$$

$$\text{Valence} = \frac{4}{3}\pi n^3 \times \frac{1}{8} \rightarrow E$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \times \frac{4}{3}\pi (n + dn)^3 \rightarrow E + dE$$

$$\therefore Z(E)dE = \frac{1}{8} \frac{4\pi}{3} (n + dn)^3 - \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) n^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} n^2 dn$$

$$E = \frac{h^2 n^2}{8ma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = \frac{8m\alpha^2 E}{h^2}$$

$$n = \left[ \frac{8m\alpha^2}{h^2} \right]^{1/2} E^{1/2}$$

$$\therefore 2ndn = \left[ \frac{8m\alpha^2}{h^2} \right] dE$$

$$\Rightarrow dn = \frac{1}{2n} \left[ \frac{8m\alpha^2}{h^2} \right] dE$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{No. of states } Z(E) dE = \frac{\pi}{2} n \times n d n$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{8m\alpha^2}{h^2} \right]^{1/2} \times E^{1/2} \sqrt{n \times \frac{1}{2n}}$$

$$Z(E) dE = \frac{\pi}{4} \left[ \frac{8m\alpha^2}{h^2} \right]^{3/2} E^{1/2} dE$$

$a = \text{length}$

$$e \rightarrow +\frac{1}{2}$$

$$e \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$Z(E) dE = 2 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \dots$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \dots$$

The no. of energy states present in unit volume between the energy  $E$  and  $E+dE$  is  $\frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{8m}{h^2} \right]^{3/2} E^{1/2} dE$ .  
 → density of states between  $E$  and  $E+dE$ .

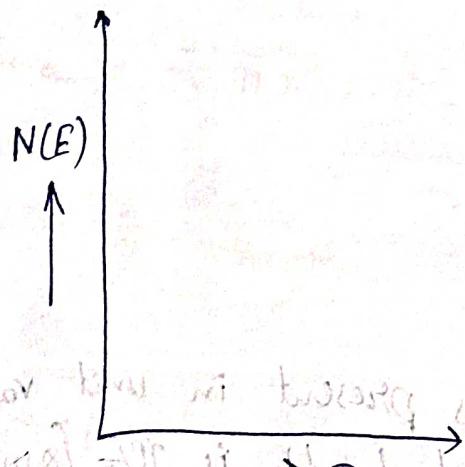
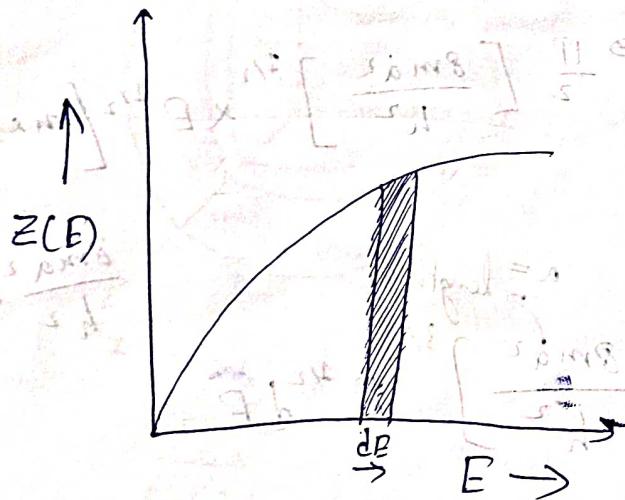
$$\therefore Z'(E) dE = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{8m}{h^2} \right]^{3/2} E^{1/2} dE$$

$$\therefore \text{No. of states } N(E) dE = Z'(E) dE \times F(E)$$

Now,  $F(E) = \frac{dE}{1 + e^{\frac{E - E_F}{kT}}}$

$E - E_F$   $\rightarrow$  Fermi-level energy  
 $kT$   $\downarrow$  Boltzmann constant  
Coming from Pauli exclusion principle

$$N(E)dE = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \left( \frac{8\pi}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} V E^{1/2} \frac{dE}{1 + e^{\frac{E - E_F}{kT}}}$$



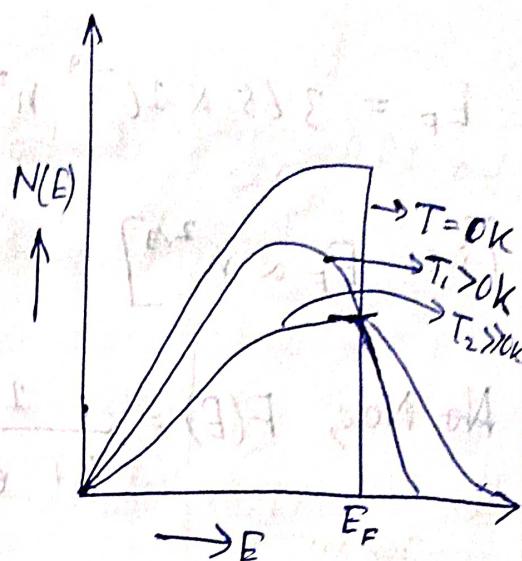
~~At T=0~~  $\frac{\text{Case I}}{T=0}$

$$F(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\frac{(E_F - E)}{kT}}}$$

At  $T=0$

$$F(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\infty}}$$

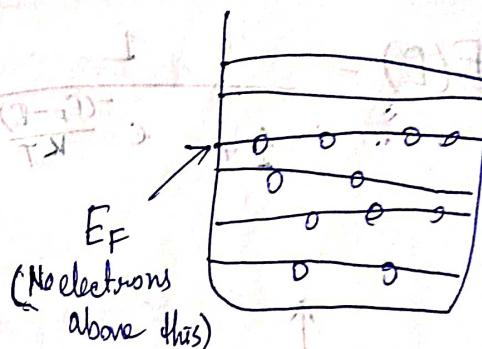
$$\therefore F(E) = 1$$



Now Case II

$$T_2 \gg 0K$$

$$T_1 > 0K$$



$$\text{Now } N(E) dE = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{8m\alpha^2}{h^2} \right]^{3/2} E^{1/2} dE F(E)$$

$$\text{at } T=0K, F(E) = 1, E < E_F$$

Now Now

$$\int N(E) dE = \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{8m\alpha^2}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^{E_F} E^{1/2} dE$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{\pi}{3} \left( \frac{8m}{h^2} \right) V E_F^{3/2}$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{N}{V} = \frac{\pi}{3} \left( \frac{8m}{h^2} \right) E_F^{3/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_F^{3/2} = \left( \frac{3n}{\pi} \right) \left( \frac{h^2}{8m} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$E_F = \left(\frac{h^2}{8m}\right) \left(\frac{3n}{\pi}\right)^{2/3}$$

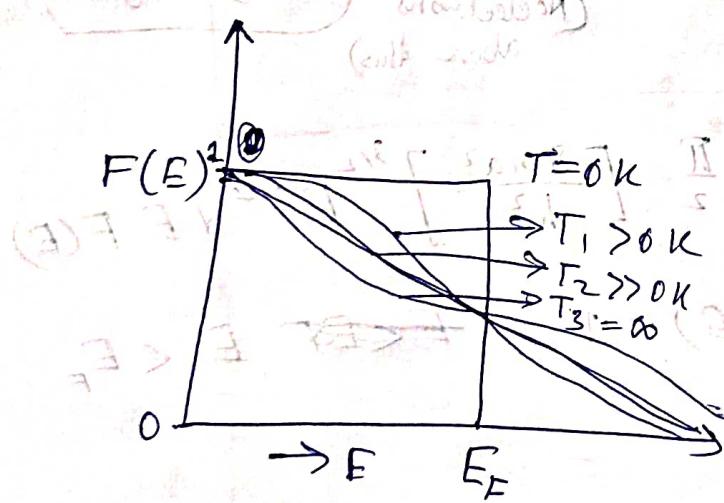
$$E_F = 3.65 \times 10^{-19} n^{2/3}$$

[i.e.  $E_F \propto n^{2/3}$ ]

Now,  $F(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{E-E_F}{kT}}}$

a)  $E < E_F, T=0K$

$$F(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{(E_F-E)}{kT}}} = 1$$



$B = E_F$  (Probability will be zero here)

b)  $E > E_F, T=0$

$$F(E) = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E-E_F}{kT}} + 1}$$

$$E = E_F$$

$$F(E) = \frac{1}{e^0 + 1} = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Q) Let  $F(E)$  be the Fermi distribution function characterised by some Fermi energy  $E_F$

calculate the energy range between  $F(E) = 0.01$  and  $F(E) = 0.99$  for the two different temperature

case a)  $T = 300 \text{ K}$  ( $\Delta E = 0.238 \text{ eV}$ ) At 300 K

case b)  $T = 77 \text{ K}$  ( $\Delta E = 0.061 \text{ eV}$ )  $kT = 26 \text{ mE}_V$

$$\text{Ans} \quad F(E) = \left[ 1 + e^{\frac{E - E_F}{kT}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$\Delta E = E_{0.99} - E_{0.01}$$

Next class problems

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- At low temp  $e^-$  transfers heat more than ionic vibrations (As then ionic vibrations are low)
- At low temp the heat conducting material transfers current also
- ~~Weidemann - Franz law~~ → If a material conducts heat then its conductivity ratio of thermal and electrical conductivity is constant.