

21. (a) We evaluate  $P(E) = 1/(e^{(E-E_F)/kT} + 1)$  for the given value of  $E$ , using

$$kT = \frac{(1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K})(273 \text{ K})}{1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV}} = 0.02353 \text{ eV} .$$

For  $E = 4.4 \text{ eV}$ ,  $(E - E_F)/kT = (4.4 \text{ eV} - 5.5 \text{ eV})/(0.02353 \text{ eV}) = -46.25$  and

$$P(E) = \frac{1}{e^{-46.25} + 1} = 1.00 .$$

Similarly, for  $E = 5.4 \text{ eV}$ ,  $P(E) = 0.986$ , for  $E = 5.5 \text{ eV}$ ,  $P(E) = 0.500$ , for  $E = 5.6 \text{ eV}$ ,  $P(E) = 0.0141$ , and for  $E = 6.4 \text{ eV}$ ,  $P(E) = 2.57 \times 10^{-17}$ .

- (b) Solving  $P = 1/(e^{\Delta E/kT} + 1)$  for  $e^{\Delta E/kT}$ , we get

$$e^{\Delta E/kT} = \frac{1}{P} - 1 .$$

Now, we take the natural logarithm of both sides and solve for  $T$ . The result is

$$T = \frac{\Delta E}{k \ln\left(\frac{1}{P} - 1\right)} = \frac{(5.6 \text{ eV} - 5.5 \text{ eV})(1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})}{(1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}) \ln\left(\frac{1}{0.16} - 1\right)} = 699 \text{ K} .$$