

38. (a) At the bottom of the conduction band  $E = 0.67 \text{ eV}$ . Also  $E_F = 0.67 \text{ eV}/2 = 0.335 \text{ eV}$ . So the probability that the bottom of the conduction band is occupied is

$$\begin{aligned} P(E) &= \frac{1}{e^{(E-E_F)/kT} + 1} = \frac{1}{e^{(0.67 \text{ eV} - 0.335 \text{ eV})/[(8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K})(290 \text{ K})] + 1}} \\ &= 1.5 \times 10^{-6} . \end{aligned}$$

- (b) At the top of the valence band  $E = 0$ , so the probability that the state is *unoccupied* is given by

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - P(E) &= 1 - \frac{1}{e^{(E-E_F)/kT} + 1} = \frac{1}{e^{-(E-E_F)/kT} + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{e^{-(0-0.335 \text{ eV})/[(8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K})(290 \text{ K})] + 1}} \\ &= 1.5 \times 10^{-6} . \end{aligned}$$