

25. (a) According to Appendix F the molar mass of silver is 107.870 g/mol and the density is 10.49 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The mass of a silver atom is

$$\frac{107.870 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/mol}}{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}} = 1.791 \times 10^{-25} \text{ kg} .$$

We note that silver is monovalent, so there is one valence electron per atom (see Eq. 42-2). Thus, Eqs. 42-4 and 42-3 lead to

$$n = \frac{\rho}{M} = \frac{10.49 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3}{1.791 \times 10^{25} \text{ kg}} = 5.86 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3} .$$

- (b) The Fermi energy is

$$\begin{aligned} E_F &= \frac{0.121 h^2}{m} n^{2/3} = \frac{(0.121)(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})^2}{9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} (5.86 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3})^{2/3} \\ &= 8.80 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 5.49 \text{ eV} . \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Since  $E_F = \frac{1}{2}mv_F^2$ ,

$$v_F = \sqrt{\frac{2E_F}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(8.80 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J})}{9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}} = 1.39 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s} .$$

- (d) The de Broglie wavelength is

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv_F} = \frac{6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}}{(9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg})(1.39 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s})} = 5.23 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m} .$$