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PHYSICS OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

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Answer Question No.1 which is compulsory and any five from the rest.

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

- Q1** Answer the following questions : (2 x 10)
- a) For a degenerate n-type semiconductor at $E_c = E_F$, what is the donor impurity concentration at 300K? ($N_c = 2.8 \times 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}$ at 300K)
 - b) When do the Fermi – Dirac distribution changes to Boltzmann approximation? Write the expression for the same.
 - c) What are the factors that affect the mobility of the charge carrier in a crystal of semiconductor?
 - d) Calculate the minority carrier diffusion length for a p-type semiconductor with $D_n = 25 \text{cm}^2/\text{V-s}$ and $\tau_{n0} = 10^{-6} \text{s}$.
 - e) Is it necessary that the space charge width of n-side and p-side of the depletion region be same? Justify your answer.
 - f) Draw the energy band diagram for a p-n junction diode in forward bias condition.
 - g) In a bipolar transistor biased in the forward active region, the base current is $i_B = 6.0 \mu\text{A}$ and the collector current is $i_c = 510 \mu\text{A}$. Determine amplification factors α and β of the transistor.
 - h) What is the significance of threshold voltage in MOSFET?
 - i) With proper energy band diagram define donor level and acceptor level.
 - j) Draw energy band diagram for a MOS structure with positive gate voltage and n-type substrate.
- Q2** a) What is meant by Freeze out and complete ionization for an extrinsic semiconductor? Using the concept of charge neutrality derive the expression for equilibrium electron and hole concentration for a compensated semiconductor assuming complete ionization. (5)
- b) The value of p_0 in Silicon at $T = 300 \text{ K}$ is 10^{15} cm^{-3} . Determine the position of the Fermi energy level with respect to conduction band and hence calculate n_0 . Given that for silicon at 300K, ($N_v = 1.04 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $E_g = 1.12 \text{ eV}$) (5)
- Q3** a) Derive an expression of induced electric field for graded impurity distribution in a semiconductor at thermal equilibrium. Using this expression derive the Einstein relationship relating the diffusion coefficient and mobility. (5)
- b) The hole concentration in germanium at $T = 300 \text{ K}$ varies as per the relation $p(x) = 10^6 \exp\left(\frac{-x}{22.5}\right) \text{ cm}^{-3}$. If the hole diffusion coefficient is $D_p = 48 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, determine the hole diffusion current density as a function of x . (5)
- Q4** a) Derive continuity equation for electrons and holes present in a semiconductor. Write the Ambipolar transport equation for excess minority charge carriers. (5)
- b) A semiconductor, in thermal equilibrium, has a hole concentration of $p_0 = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and an intrinsic charge concentration of $n_i = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. The minority carrier lifetime is $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}$. Determine the thermal equilibrium recombination rate of the electrons and the change in the recombination rate of electrons when excess electron concentration is $\delta n = 5 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. (5)

- Q5** a) Derive an expression for electrical field in the space charge region for p-n junction at no biasing. How does the electric field vary inside the space charge region? Where do you get maximum electric field and what is its magnitude? **(5)**
- b) An abrupt p-n junction at zero bias has dopant concentrations of $N_a = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_d = 5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $n_i = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ at $T = 300 \text{ K}$. **(5)**
- i) Calculate the Fermi level on each side of the junction with respect to the intrinsic Fermi level. From the result calculate V_{bi} .
- ii) Sketch the equilibrium energy band diagram for the junction from the result of part (i) indicating all the parameters.
- Q6** a) What is excess minority charge carrier in pn-junction diode in forward biasing? Write expressions for excess minority charge carrier in n-region and p-region. Using these relations, derive ideal current – voltage relationship for a p-n junction diode. **(5)**
- b) A silicon p-n junction at 300 K has the following parameters: $n_i = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_a = 5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_d = 1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $D_n = 25 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, $D_p = 25 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, $\tau_{n0} = 5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}$, $\tau_{p0} = 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}$, $V_a = 0.625 \text{ Volts}$. Calculate the: **(5)**
- i) Minority electron diffusion current density at the edge of the space charge.
- ii) Minority hole diffusion current density at the edge of the space charge.
- Q7** Discuss different type of capacitor present in a MOSFET. Plot a graph to represent the variation of MOS capacitance with the applied gate voltage both for low and high frequency. An ideal n-channel MOSFET with following parameters: $L = 1.25 \mu\text{m}$, $\mu_n = 650 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$, $C_{ox} = 6.9 \times 10^{-8} \text{ F/cm}^2$, $V_T = 0.65 \text{ V}$. Calculate the channel width 'W' such that $I_D(\text{sat}) = 4 \text{ mA}$ for $V_{GS} = 5 \text{ V}$ **(10)**
- Q8** **Write short answer on any TWO :** **(5 x 2)**
- a) Working of a bipolar junction transistor using Ebers-Moll model
- b) Early effect of a transistor
- c) Flat band voltage
- d) IV equation of p-n junction