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**PROBLEM ONE:**

10- points

A piece of Si at 300 K is doped with *both* As atoms at  $5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , and Ga atoms at  $10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Please answer the question with *at least* 2 significant figures.

A) What is the density of electrons  $n$ .

$$N_D = 5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$N_A = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

Book equation 2.29a:

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \frac{N_D - N_A}{2} + \left[ \left( \frac{N_D - N_A}{2} \right)^2 + n_i^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} - 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{2} + \left[ \left( \frac{5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} - 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{2} \right)^2 + (10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3})^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &= 4.236 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

Grading criteria:

Write down equation 2.29a from book: 1 point

Write down equation 2.29a from book, and put in correct #s for  $N_A$ ,  $N_D$ : 2 points

All of above and correct answer (range 4-4.5): 3 points

1A is worth a maximum of 3 points.

B) What is the density of holes  $p$ .

2 ways to do problem:

*First way:*

Book eq. 2.29b

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{N_A - N_D}{2} + \left[ \left( \frac{N_A - N_D}{2} \right)^2 + n_i^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} - 5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{2} + \left[ \left( \frac{10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} - 5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{2} \right)^2 + (10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3})^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ &= 2.36 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

*If you did it the first way:*

Grading criteria:

Write down equation 2.29b from book: 1 point

Write down equation 2.29b from book, and put in correct #s for  $N_A$ ,  $N_D$ : 2 points

All of above and correct answer (range 2-2.5): 3 points

1B is worth a maximum of 4 points.

*Second way:*

Equation 2.22 of book:

$$p = \frac{n_i^2}{n} = (10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3})^2 / 4.236 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} = 2.361 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

*If you did it the second way:*

Grading criteria:

Write down equation 2.22 from book: 1 point

All of above and correct answer (range 2-2.5): 3 points

*If you did it both ways:*

If both answers are consistent (i.e. both answers are between 2.2 and 2.5), you will be graded according to way #1.

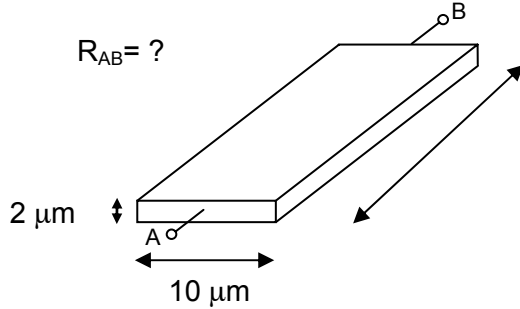
If both answers are inconsistent, no credit at all for part 1B.

Maximum credit for 1B: 3 points.

**PROBLEM ONE (CONTINUED):**

C) What is  $R_{AB}$  for this structure given your answers to the questions above:

100  $\mu\text{m}$



Doping density low, so mobility from fig. 3.5 of book is the low density limit, i.e.:

$$\mu_n = 1358\ \text{cm}^2/\text{V-s}$$

$$\mu_p = 461\ \text{cm}^2/\text{V-s}$$

Resistivity: Book equation 3.7

$$\rho = \frac{1}{q(n\mu_n + p\mu_p)} = \frac{1}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}\ \text{C} (4.236 \times 10^{10}\ \text{cm}^{-3} \times 1358\ \text{cm}^2/\text{V-s} + 2.361 \times 10^9\ \text{cm}^{-3} \times 461\ \text{cm}^2/\text{V-s})}$$

$$= 1.07 \times 10^5\ \Omega\text{-cm}$$

Resistance

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A} = 1.07 \times 10^5\ \Omega\text{-cm} \frac{100\ \mu\text{m}}{10\ \mu\text{m} \times 2\ \mu\text{m}} = 1.07 \times 10^5\ \Omega - (10^{-2}\ \text{m}) \frac{100 \times (10^{-6})\ \text{m}}{10(10^{-6})\ \text{m} \times 2(10^{-6})\ \text{m}}$$

$$= \frac{1.07}{2} 10^{5-2+2-6-1+6+6}\ \Omega = 0.535 \times 10^{10}\ \Omega = 5.35 \times 10^9\ \Omega$$

Grading criteria:

Write down mobility correctly for both n (range 1300-1400) and p (range 400-500) : 1 point

Write down equation 3.7 from book: 1 point

Write down resistance from resistivity formula: 1 point

Correct answer (range 5-5.5) 1 point.

Max points for 1C: 4 points.

**PROBLEM TWO:**

10 points

Assume  $\tau_p = \tau_n = 1 \mu s$ .There is a p-n diode from Si at 300 K, given  $N_A = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $N_D = 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .The cross sectional area of the diode is  $1 \text{ cm}^2$ .A) Calculate the  $I_0$  that appears in  $I = I_0 (e^{qV_A/kT} - 1)$ **Book equation 6.30:**

$$I_0 = qA \left( \frac{D_N}{L_N} \frac{n_i^2}{N_A} + \frac{D_P}{L_P} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) \approx qA \left( \frac{D_P}{L_P} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) = qA \left( \frac{D_P}{\sqrt{D_P \tau_p}} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right)$$

$$= qA \left( \sqrt{\frac{D_P}{\tau_p}} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) = qA \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu_p kT}{\tau_p q}} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right)$$

 $\mu_p$  is the mobility of the holes on the ns-side.The dopant density on the n-side is  $10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .From book fig. 3.5, the mobility of the holes is  $461 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ .

So:

$$I_0 = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 1 \text{ cm}^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{46 \text{ km}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s} \cdot 0.0259 \text{ eV} (10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3})^2}{1 \mu\text{s} \cdot q \cdot 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}}} \right)$$

$$= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 1 \text{ cm}^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{46 \text{ km}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s} \cdot 0.0259 \text{ V} (10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3})^2}{10^{-6} \text{ s} \cdot 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}}} \right)$$

$$= 1.6 \left( \sqrt{46 \times 0.0259} \right) \times 10^{-19} \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{10^{-6}} \frac{(10^{10})^2}{10^{14}}} \right) \frac{\text{C}}{\text{S}} = 5.53 \times 10^{-19+3+20-14} \text{ A} = 5.53 \times 10^{-10} \text{ A} \approx 0.5 \text{ nA}$$

**Grading criteria:****0.5 points if you only write down book equation 6.30 and nothing else.****1 point if you only write down book equation 6.30 and making the approximation that only the second term is important.****2 points if you write down 6.30, use the full formula including both terms, and get the mobility correct for  $\mu_p$  (461, not 437), and get the mobility correct for  $\mu_n$  (1248, not 1358), but don't do the calculation correctly.****2 points if you write down 6.30, use the approximate formula including one term, and get the mobility correct for  $\mu_p$  (461, not 437), but don't do the calculation correctly.****2.5 points if you write down 6.30, use the full formula including both terms, and get the mobility correct for  $\mu_p$  (461, not 437), and get the mobility correct for  $\mu_n$  (1248, not 1358), and do the calculation correctly (range 0.4-0.6).****2.5 points if you write down 6.30, use the approximate formula including one term, and get the mobility correct for  $\mu_p$  (461, not 437), and do the calculation correctly (range 0.4-0.6).****2 points if you write down 6.30, use the full formula including both terms, and get WRONG mobility for  $\mu_p$  (437 or other, not 461), and get WRONG mobility for  $\mu_n$  (1358 or other, not 1248), but get the final answer in range 0.4-0.6.****2 points if you write down 6.30, use the approximate formula including one term, and get WRONG mobility for  $\mu_p$  (437 or other, not 461), but get the final answer in range 0.4-0.6.****Max points for 2A: 2.5 points.**

B) At  $V_A = 0.6$  V, calculate  $\Delta p$  on the n-side at the interface.

**Book equation 6.18:**

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta p_n(x_n) &= \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} (e^{qV_A/kT} - 1) \\ &= \frac{(10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3})^2}{10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}} (e^{0.6/0.0259} - 1) = (10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}) (1.15 \times 10^{10} - 1) = 1.15 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

**Grading criteria:**

**If you only write down equation 6.18, and nothing else right, 1 point.**

**If you write down equation 6.18 and get answer in range 1-1.3, 2.5 points.**

**Max. points for 2B: 2.5 points.**

**PROBLEM TWO (CONTINUED):**

C) At  $V_A = 0.6$  V, calculate  $\Delta n$  on the p-side at the interface.

**Book equation 6.15:**

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta n_p(-x_p) &= \frac{n_i^2}{N_A} (e^{qV_A/kT} - 1) \\ &= \frac{(10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3})^2}{10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}} (e^{0.6/0.0259} - 1) = (10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}) (1.15 \times 10^{10} - 1) = 1.15 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

**Grading criteria:**

If you only write down equation 6.15, and nothing else right, 1 point.

If you write down equation 6.15 and get answer in range 1-1.3, 2.5 points.

Max. points for 2C: 2.5 points

D) Do low level injection conditions prevail for  $V_A=0.6$  V and why?

No, because  $\Delta p \ll n_0$  is NOT true.

**Grading criteria: 0.5 point for "NO" only.**

**2.5 points for "NO" and correct explanation.**

**PROBLEM THREE:***10 points*

A new semiconductor material is discovered.

A team of scientists have determined the following parameters for the new material:

Band gap = 2 eV

Effective mass for holes =  $10^{10} m_0$ Effective mass for electrons =  $1 m_0$ 

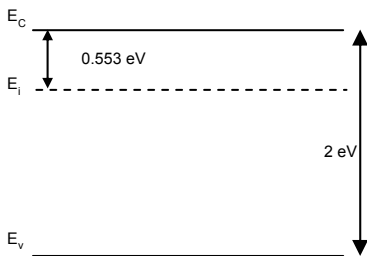
- A) Draw  $E_C$ ,  $E_V$ ,  $E_F$  for the case of no doping for this new material. Label the distance between  $E_C$ ,  $E_V$ , and  $E_F$ .

**Book equation 2.36:**

$$E_i = \frac{E_c + E_v}{2} + \frac{3}{4}kT \ln\left(\frac{m_p^*}{m_n^*}\right)$$

$$E_c - E_i = E_c - \frac{E_c + E_v}{2} - \frac{3}{4}kT \ln\left(\frac{m_p^*}{m_n^*}\right) = \frac{E_c - E_v}{2} - \frac{3}{4}kT \ln\left(\frac{m_p^*}{m_n^*}\right)$$

$$= 1eV - (0.75) \times 0.0259eV * \ln(10^{10}) = 1eV - 0.447eV = 0.553eV$$

**Grading criteria:****1 point for only writing down equation 2.36.****2 points: calculate  $E_i$  location correctly and write down equation 2.36.****3 points: calculate  $E_i$  location correctly and write down equation 2.36, but draw  $E_i$  below midgap.****5 points: calculate  $E_i$  location correctly and write down equation 2.36, draw  $E_i$  above midgap (if labeled correctly).**

**PROBLEM THREE (CONTINUED):**

B) Find p and n for the undoped semiconductor.

**3 ways to do problem:**

**First way: Use initial equations 2.16a, 2.16b, 2.13a, 2.13b:**

$$n = N_c e^{(E_F - E_c)/kT}$$

$$p = N_v e^{(E_v - E_F)/kT}$$

$$N_c = 2 \left[ \frac{m_n^* kT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right]^{3/2} \text{ or } = 2.51 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3} (m_n^* / m_0)^{3/2}$$

$$N_v = 2 \left[ \frac{m_p^* kT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right]^{3/2} \text{ or } = 2.51 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3} (m_p^* / m_0)^{3/2}$$

then explicitly calculate n,p using  $E_F$  from part A, and the other known constants.

(By the way, this is very tedious and time consuming.)

If you do that, the answer you get is:

$$n = p = 1.35 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

**Second way: Use initial equations 2.21, 2.13a, 2.13b:**

$$n = p = n_i$$

$$n_i = \sqrt{N_c N_v} e^{-E_G/2kT}$$

$$N_c = 2 \left[ \frac{m_n^* kT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right]^{3/2} \text{ or } = 2.51 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3} (m_n^* / m_0)^{3/2}$$

$$N_v = 2 \left[ \frac{m_p^* kT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right]^{3/2} \text{ or } = 2.51 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3} (m_p^* / m_0)^{3/2}$$

then explicitly calculate n,p using  $E_G$  and the other known constants.

(By the way, this is also very tedious and time consuming.)

If you do that, the answer you get is:

$$n = p = 1.35 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

**The third way is to use ratios:**



**Use initial equations**

$$n = p = n_i$$

$$n_i = \sqrt{N_c N_v} e^{-E_G/2kT}$$

$$N_c = 2 \left[ \frac{m_n^* kT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right]^{3/2} \propto (m_n^*)^{3/2}$$

$$N_v = 2 \left[ \frac{m_p^* kT}{2\pi\hbar^2} \right]^{3/2} \propto (m_p^*)^{3/2}$$

**then**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n_{i,new}}{n_{i,Si}} &= \frac{\sqrt{N_{c,new} N_{v,new}} e^{-E_{G,new}/2kT}}{\sqrt{N_{c,Si} N_{v,Si}} e^{-E_{G,Si}/2kT}} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{c,new}}{N_{c,Si}}} \sqrt{\frac{N_{v,new}}{N_{v,Si}}} e^{-(E_{G,new} - E_{G,Si})/2kT} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(m_{n,new}^*)^{3/2}}{(m_{n,Si}^*)^{3/2}}} \sqrt{\frac{(m_{p,new}^*)^{3/2}}{(m_{p,Si}^*)^{3/2}}} e^{(E_{G,Si} - E_{G,new})/2kT} = \left( \frac{m_{n,new}^*}{m_{n,Si}^*} \right)^{3/4} \left( \frac{m_{p,new}^*}{m_{p,Si}^*} \right)^{3/4} e^{(E_{G,Si} - E_{G,new})/2kT} \\ &= \left( \frac{1m_0}{1.18xm_0} \right)^{3/4} \left( \frac{10^{10}xm_0}{0.81xm_0} \right)^{3/4} e^{(E_{G,Si} - E_{G,new})/2kT} = \left( \frac{1}{1.18} \right)^{3/4} \left( \frac{10^{10}}{0.81} \right)^{3/4} e^{(-2+1.12)/2(0.0259)} \\ &= 0.883x3.7x10^7 x4.188x10^{-8} = 0.883x3.7x10^6 x4.188x10^{-9} = 1.37 = \frac{n_{i,new}}{n_{i,Si}} \end{aligned}$$

$$n_{i,new} = 1.37x n_{i,Si} = 1.37x10^{10} cm^{-3} = n = p$$

**Grading criteria:****2 points for writing down ALL initial equations for the method you chose.****4 points for writing down initial equations, and getting n or p correct (range 1.2-1.5).****5 points for writing down initial equations, and getting n = p correct in range 1.2-1.5.****If you give inconsistent final answers, no credit at all this problem.****Max points this problem: 5 points.**

**PROBLEM FOUR:**

*10 points*

Given for Si at 300 K:

$$E_C(x) = 1.1 \text{ eV} + 1 \text{ meV} \sin[10^6 \mu\text{m}^{-1} x]$$

$$E_F = 0.5 \text{ eV (constant)}$$

$$E_V = E_C - E_G$$

A) Is the system in equilibrium?

Yes.

Grading criteria: 1 point for yes.

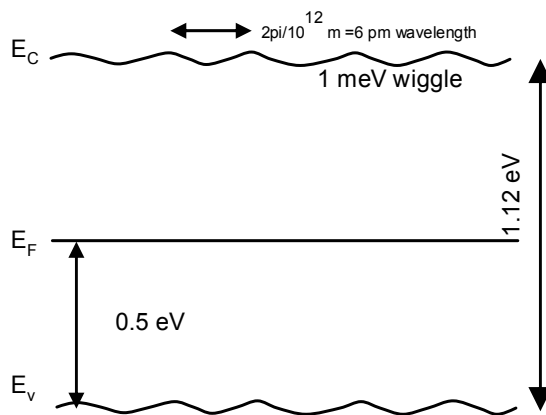
B) Why?

$E_F$  constant.

Grading criteria: 1 point for " $E_F$  constant."

No credit if A answer wrong, even if B answer right.

C) Sketch the band diagram.



Grading criteria: 2 points for 2 wiggly lines and  $E_F$ . 1 point for 1 wiggly line and  $E_F$ .  $E_F$ ,  $E_C$ ,  $E_V$  need to be labeled. Need to label  $E_F$  location, gap, in units.

**PROBLEM FOUR (CONTINUED):**

D) Calculate the electric field  $\varepsilon(x)$ .

**Book 3.15:**

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{q} \frac{dE_c}{dx} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{dE_v}{dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= \frac{1}{q} \frac{d}{dx} \left\{ 1meV \sin(10^6 \mu m^{-1} x) \right\} = \frac{1meV}{q} 10^6 \mu m^{-1} \cos(10^6 \mu m^{-1} x) \\ &= mVx 10^6 \mu m^{-1} \cos(10^6 \mu m^{-1} x) = 10^3 \cos(10^6 \mu m^{-1} x) \text{ V/m} \end{aligned}$$

Write down eq. 3.15, one point.

Write down eq. 3.15, correct answer, 2 points. (Answer must be taken to completion. No qs.)

E) Calculate the electrostatic potential  $V(x)$ .

**Two ways to do problem:**

**First way:**

**Book 3.14:**

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{dV}{dx}$$

$$V = -\int \varepsilon dx + \text{constant} = -10^{-3} \sin(10^6 \mu m^{-1} x) \text{ V} + \text{constant}$$

If you do it this way,

Write down eq. 3.14, one point.

Write down eq. 3.14, correct answer, 2 points. (Answer must be taken to completion. No qs.)

**Second way:**

**Book 3.12:**

$$V = -\frac{1}{q} (E_c - E_{ref})$$

So:

$$V = -10^{-3} \sin(10^6 \mu m^{-1} x) \text{ V} + \text{constant}$$

If you do it this way,

Write down eq. 3.12, one point.

Write down eq. 3.12, correct answer, 2 points. (Answer must be taken to completion. No qs.)

F) Calculate the electron density  $n(x)$ .

$$n = N_c e^{(E_F - E_c)/kT} = N_c e^{(-0.6eV - 1meV \sin(10^6 \mu m^{-1}x))/kT}$$

**Grading criteria:**

**0 credit if only write down 2.16a.**

**1 point if correct.**

**1 point max this part.**

G) Calculate the hole density  $p(x)$ .

**Two ways to do problem:**

**Either:**

$$p = N_v e^{(E_v - E_F)/kT} = N_v e^{(-0.5eV + 1meV \sin(10^6 \mu m^{-1}x))/kT}$$

**Grading criteria:**

**0 credit if only write down 2.16b.**

**1 point if correct.**

**Two ways to do problem:**

**Or**

$$p = \frac{n_i^2}{n} = \frac{n_i^2}{N_c e^{(-0.6eV - 1meV \sin(10^6 \mu m^{-1}x))/kT}}$$

**Grading criteria:**

**1 point if only wrote down law of mass action and previous part correct.**

**1 point if got answer correct (RHS of above equation.)**

**Else 0.**

**1 point max this part.**

**PROBLEM FIVE:***10 points*

Given for Si at 300 K:

Assume  $\tau_p = \tau_n = 1 \mu\text{s}$ .

A p-n diode where the p side is very heavily doped and the n side is very lightly doped, i.e.

 $N_A \gg N_D$ The cross sectional area of the diode is  $1 \text{ cm}^2$ .

At an applied voltage of 0.775 V, a current of 1 mA flows.

What is  $N_D$ ?Hint:  $N_D$  is so small that the mobility (and hence diffusion coefficient) is independent of doping density, i.e. is in the flat region of fig. 3.5a of the book.**Step 1: Book equation 6.30:**

$$I_0 = qA \left( \frac{D_N}{L_N} \frac{n_i^2}{N_A} + \frac{D_P}{L_P} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right)$$

**Step 2: Since n-side lightly doped:**

$$I_0 = qA \left( \frac{D_N}{L_N} \frac{n_i^2}{N_A} + \frac{D_P}{L_P} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) \approx qA \left( \frac{D_P}{L_P} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right)$$

**Step 3: Einstein:**

$$\begin{aligned} I_0 &= qA \left( \frac{D_N}{L_N} \frac{n_i^2}{N_A} + \frac{D_P}{L_P} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) \approx qA \left( \frac{D_P}{L_P} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) \\ &= qA \left( \frac{D_P}{\sqrt{D_P \tau_p}} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) = qA \left( \sqrt{\frac{D_P}{\tau_p}} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) = qA \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu_p kT}{\tau_p q}} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Step 4: Solving for  $N_D$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} I &= I_0 (e^{qV_A/kT} - 1) \approx I_0 e^{qV_A/kT} = qA \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu_p kT}{\tau_p q}} \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} \right) e^{qV_A/kT} \\ \Rightarrow N_D &= qA \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu_p kT}{\tau_p q}} \frac{n_i^2}{I} \right) e^{qV_A/kT} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 5: From book fig. 3.5, the mobility of the holes is  $461 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ .****Step 6:**

$$\begin{aligned} N_D &= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 1 \text{ cm}^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{461 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}}{10^{-6} \text{ s}}} \frac{0.0259 \text{ V}}{10^{-3} \text{ A}} \frac{10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-6}}{10^{-3} \text{ A}} \right) e^{0.775/0.0259} \\ &= 5.47 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

**Grading criteria:****Step 1 worth 1 point****Step 2 worth 1 point****Step 3 worth 1 point****Step 4 worth 5 point****Step 5 worth 1 point****Step 6 worth 1 point****For a total of 10 points.****Extra credit of 5 points if you note that the value of  $N_D$  calculated violates the hint.**

**PROBLEM SIX:**

10 points

Given for Si at 300 K:

The average time between scattering events for electrons is 1 ps.

The average time between scattering events for holes is 1 ps.

## A) Calculate the mobility for the electrons

From book equation on page 79,

$$\mu = \frac{q\tau}{m^*}$$

So:

$$\mu = \frac{q\tau}{m^*} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 1 \text{ ps}}{1.18 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}}{1.18 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} = \frac{1.6}{1.18 \times 9.1} \frac{10^{-19} \times 10^{-12} \text{ C s}}{10^{-31} \text{ kg}} = 0.149 \frac{\text{C s}}{\text{kg}} = 0.149 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{V-s}}$$

Grading criteria:

Write down equation from page 79, 1 point.

Write down equation from page 79 and calculate answer correctly (range 0.13-0.16), 2.5 pts. (Units of Cs/kg acceptable, although not standard.)

## B) Calculate the mobility for the holes

From book equation on page 79,

$$\mu = \frac{q\tau}{m^*}$$

So:

$$\mu = \frac{q\tau}{m^*} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 1 \text{ ps}}{0.81 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}}{0.81 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} = \frac{1.6}{0.81 \times 9.1} \frac{10^{-19} \times 10^{-12} \text{ C s}}{10^{-31} \text{ kg}} = 0.217 \frac{\text{C s}}{\text{kg}} = 0.217 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{V-s}}$$

Grading criteria:

Write down equation from page 79, 1 point.

Write down equation from page 79 and calculate answer correctly (range 0.2-0.24), 2.5 pts. (Units of Cs/kg acceptable, although not standard.)

## C) Calculate the diffusion coefficient for the electrons

Einstein:

$$D = \mu \frac{kT}{q}$$

So:

$$D = \mu \frac{kT}{q} = 0.149 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{V-s}} \times 0.0259 \text{ V} = 3.86 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} = 38.6 \frac{(\text{cm})^2}{\text{s}}$$

Grading criteria:

Write down Einstein equation, 1 point.

Write down Einstein equation and calculate answer correctly (range 35-40), 2.5 pts. (Units of VCs/kg acceptable, although not standard.)

## D) Calculate the diffusion coefficient for the holes

Einstein:

$$D = \mu \frac{kT}{q}$$

So:

$$D = \mu \frac{kT}{q} = 0.217 \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{V-s}} \times 0.0259 \text{ V} = 5.62 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} = 56.3 \frac{(\text{cm})^2}{\text{s}}$$

Grading criteria:

Write down Einstein equation, 1 point.

Write down Einstein equation and calculate answer correctly (range 50-60), 2.5 pts. (Units of VCs/kg acceptable, although not standard.)

**PROBLEM SEVEN:**

10 points

Given for Si at 300 K, doped with Ga atoms at a concentration of  $10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

- A) Calculate the ratio of the number of electrons with energy 0.01 eV above the conduction band edge to the number of electrons with energy 0.02 eV above the conduction band edge.

From page 47 of book, the number of electrons with energy between E and E+dE is given by:

$$g_c(E)f(E)$$

where E is the energy, and f(E) is the Fermi-Dirac distribution function.

The formula for these is 2.6a:

$$g_c(E) = \frac{m_n^* \sqrt{2m_n^*(E - E_c)}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3}$$

and 2.7:

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

Now, from figure 2.15 for our case:

$$f(E) \approx e^{-(E - E_F)/kT}$$

We only want the ratios. Let  $E_1 = E_c + 0.01 \text{ eV}$ ,  $E_2 = E_c + 0.02 \text{ eV} = E_1 + 0.01 \text{ eV}$ , then the requested ratio is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g_c(E_1)f(E_1)}{g_c(E_2)f(E_2)} &= \frac{g_c(E_c + 0.01\text{eV})f(E_c + 0.01\text{eV})}{g_c(E_c + 0.02\text{eV})f(E_c + 0.02\text{eV})} = \frac{\frac{m_n^* \sqrt{2m_n^*(0.01\text{eV})}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3} e^{-(E_c + 0.01\text{eV} - E_F)/kT}}{\frac{m_n^* \sqrt{2m_n^*(0.02\text{eV})}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3} e^{-(E_c + 0.02\text{eV} - E_F)/kT}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{0.01}{0.02}} e^{[-(E_c + 0.01\text{eV} - E_F)/kT] - [-(E_c + 0.02\text{eV} - E_F)/kT]} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{0.01\text{eV}/kT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{0.01/0.0259} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times 1.47 = 1.04 \end{aligned}$$

Grading criteria:

1 point if you only write down statement that # of electrons at energy E is given by  $g^*f$ .

2 points if you write down statement that # of electrons at energy E is given by  $g^*f$  and write down formula 2.6a and 2.7.

3 points if you write down statement that # of electrons at energy E is given by  $g^*f$ , write down formula 2.6a and 2.7, and write approximation given in figure 2.15.

5 points if you write down statement that # of electrons at energy E is given by  $g^*f$ , write down formula 2.6a and 2.7, and write approximation given in figure 2.15, and get correct answer (range 1.0-1.1).

There is a hard way to do this problem, which uses the exact formula equation 2.7. If you did problem the hard way, then you need to calculate  $E_F$ , which takes a lot more time. If you did the problem the hard way, then the grading criteria is:

1 point if you only write down statement that # of electrons at energy E is given by  $g^*f$ .

2 points if you write down statement that # of electrons at energy E is given by  $g^*f$  and write down formula 2.6a and 2.7.

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- B) Calculate the ratio of the number of holes with energy 0.01 eV below the valence band edge to the number of holes with energy 0.02 eV below the valence band edge.

From page 47 of book, the number of holes with energy between E and E+dE is given by:

$$g_v(E)[1 - f(E)]$$

where E is the energy, and f(E) is the Fermi-Dirac distribution function.

The formula for these is 2.6b:

$$g_v(E) = \frac{m_p^* \sqrt{2m_p^*(E_v - E)}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3}$$

and 2.7:

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

Now, from figure 2.15 for our case:

$$1 - f(E) \approx 1 - \left[1 - e^{(E - E_F)/kT}\right] = e^{(E - E_F)/kT}$$

We only want the ratios. Let  $E_1 = E_v - 0.01$  eV,  $E_2 = E_v - 0.02$  eV =  $E_1 - 0.01$  eV, then the requested ratio is:

$$\frac{g_v(E_1)[1 - f(E_1)]}{g_v(E_2)[1 - f(E_2)]} = \frac{g_c(E_v - 0.01eV)[1 - f(E_v - 0.01eV)]}{g_c(E_v - 0.02eV)[1 - f(E_v - 0.02eV)]} = \frac{\frac{m_n^* \sqrt{2m_n^*(0.01eV)}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3} e^{(E_v - 0.01eV - E_F)/kT}}{\frac{m_n^* \sqrt{2m_n^*(0.02eV)}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3} e^{(E_v - 0.02eV - E_F)/kT}} \quad \text{G}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{0.01}{0.02}} e^{0.01eV/kT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{0.01eV/kT} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{0.01/0.0259} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times 1.47 = 1.04$$

Grading criteria:

1 point if you only write down statement that # of holes at energy E is given by  $g^*(1-f)$ .

2 points if you write down statement that # of holes at energy E is given by  $g^*(1-f)$  and write down formula 2.6b and 2.7.

3 points if you write down statement that # of holes at energy E is given by  $g^*(1-f)$ , write down formula 2.6b and 2.7, and write approximation given in figure 2.15.

5 points if you write down statement that # of electrons at energy E is given by  $g^*(1-f)$ , write down formula 2.6b and 2.7, and write approximation given in figure 2.15, and get correct answer (range 1.0-1.1).

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5 points if you write down statement that # of holes at energy E is given by  $g^*(1-f)$ , write down formula 2.6b and 2.7, and get correct answer (range 1.0-1.1).

There is a much easier way to do the problem, which is to note the symmetry between the 2 cases:

The answer to part B is the same as part A!

This takes no time at all.

If you did it this way, 5 points credit.



**PROBLEM EIGHT:**

10 points

Given the following for Si npn bipolar junction transistor at 300 K:

Emitter	Base	Collector
$N_E = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$N_B = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$N_C = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
$\mu_E = 200 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$	$\mu_B = 800 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$	$\mu_C = 200 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$
$D_E = 5.18 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$	$D_B = 20.7 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$	$D_C = 5.18 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$
$\tau_E = 10^{-6} \text{ s}$	$\tau_B = 10^{-6} \text{ s}$	$\tau_C = 10^{-6} \text{ s}$
	$W_B = 0.1 \mu\text{m}$	

Calculate  $\beta$ . Please carry out your calculation to *at least 2* significant figures.

Book equation 11.44:

$$\beta = \frac{1}{\frac{D_E N_B W}{D_B N_E L_E} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{W}{L_B} \right)^2}$$

Now, some of the parameters are known from the table, namely  $D_E$ ,  $D_B$ ,  $N_B$ ,  $N_E$ ,  $W$ .However, we are not given  $L_E$  and  $L_B$ , so we must calculate these from the known parameters:

$$L_E \equiv \sqrt{D_E \tau_E} = \sqrt{5.18 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{V-s}} \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}} = 2.27596 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$$

Similarly:

$$L_B \equiv \sqrt{D_B \tau_B} = \sqrt{20.7 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{V-s}} \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}} = 4.549725 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \frac{1}{\frac{D_E N_B W}{D_B N_E L_E} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{W}{L_B} \right)^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{5.18 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}}{20.7 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}} \frac{10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \frac{0.1 \mu\text{m}}{2.27596 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{0.1 \mu\text{m}}{4.549725 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}} \right)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{5.18 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}}{20.7 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{s}}} \frac{10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \frac{0.01 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}}{2.27596 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{0.01 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}}{4.549725 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}} \right)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{5.18}{20.7} \frac{0.01}{2.27596} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{0.01}{4.549725} \right)^2} = \frac{1}{0.001099 + 0.0000024154592} = 908 \end{aligned}$$

Grading criteria:

Equation 11.44, 1 point.

Correct formula for  $L_E$ , 2 point.Correct formula for  $L_B$ , 2 point.

If all of above are correct and plug in #s correctly but don't calculate correctly, 6 points for problem.

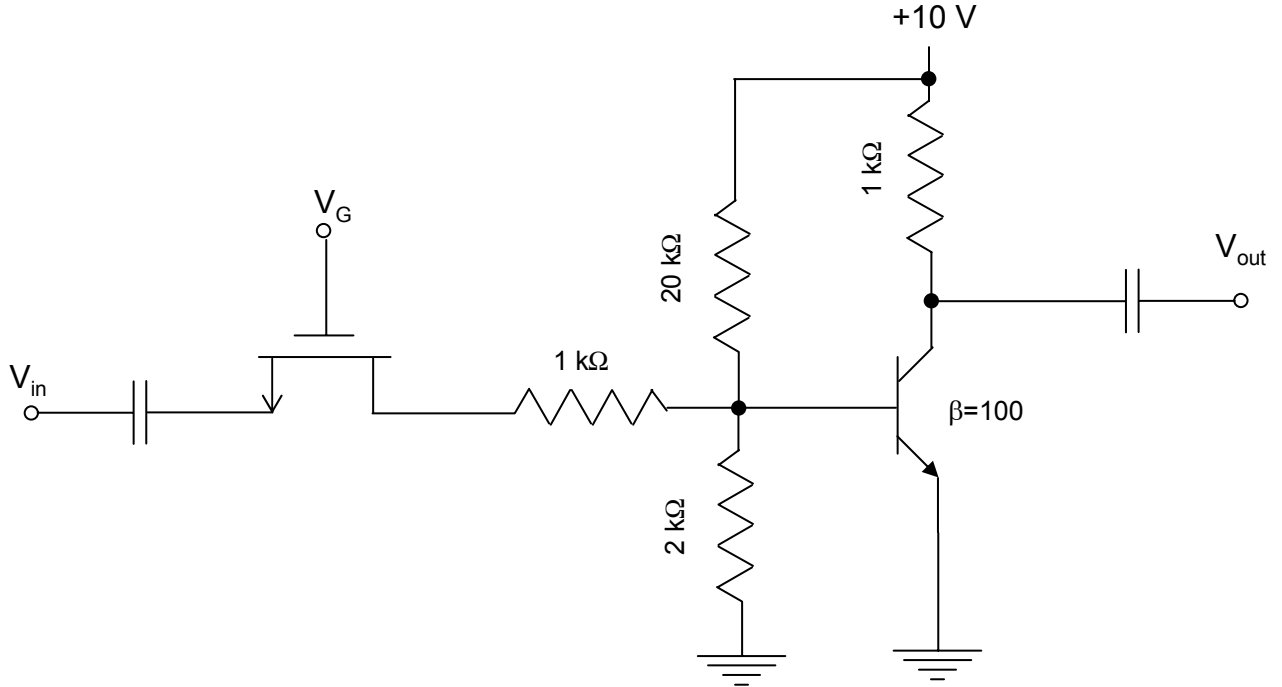
If all of above are correct and plug in #s correctly and calculate correctly (range 900-1000), 10 points for problem.

**PROBLEM NINE:**

10 points

For the MOSFET in the circuit below,  $V_T = 2\text{ V}$ .

The circuit is an amplifier, so in actual use  $V_{in}$  will be restricted to be a very small ac voltage, say less than 1 mV.



A) What is the gain if  $V_G$  is set to 0 V?

This is the amplifier you built in lab. It is on the cover of you lab book. The only difference is the introduction of the MOSFET, which is a variable resistor in this circuit because the voltages are limited to below 1 mV.

In class, we found the gain for the circuit on the cover of the lab book to be:

$$G = \frac{R_C}{R_B} \beta$$

For this problem,  $R_B = 1\text{ k}\Omega + R_{SD}$  so the gain is given by:

$$G = \frac{R_C}{R_B} \beta = 100 \frac{1\text{ k}\Omega}{1\text{ k}\Omega + R_{SD}}$$

If  $V_G$  is set to 0 V,  $R_{SD}$  is very large, so  $G=0$ .

Grading criteria:

Formula for the gain, 1 point.

Say  $R_B = 1\text{ k}\Omega + R_{SD}$ , 1 point.

At 0V,  $R_{SD}$  large, 1 point.

All of above correct, and answer (0), 5 points.

B) What is the gain if  $V_G$  is set to +5 V?

If  $V_G$  is set to +5 V,  $R_{SD}$  is very small, so  $G=100$ .

Grading criteria:

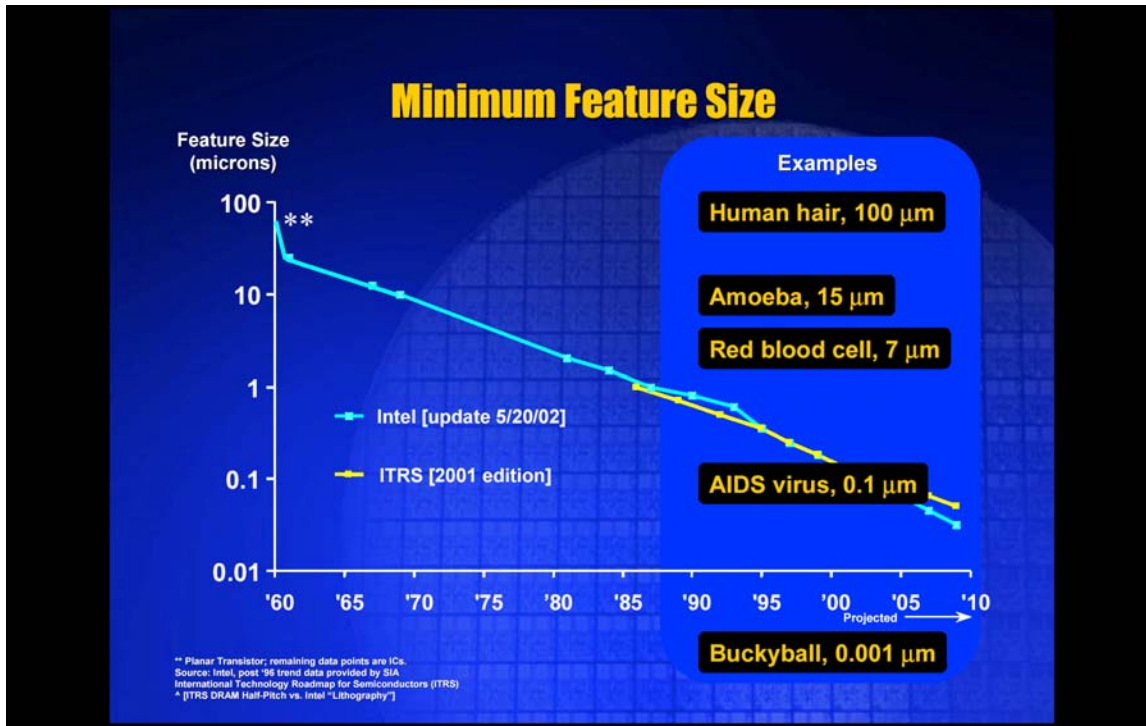
Formula for the gain, 1 point.

Say  $R_B = 1\text{ k}\Omega + R_{SD}$ , 1 point.

At 0V,  $R_{SD}$  small, 1 point.

All of above correct, and answer (100), 5 points.

**PROBLEM TEN:**  
*10 points*



This slide is from a presentation by Gordon Moore this year. He is the CEO of INTEL. Estimate the year in which the size of a transistor will be the size of a single atom. Do you expect this to occur in your lifetime? The study of circuits on this small length scale is called *nanotechnology*.

The size of an atom is about 1 Angstrom.

Extrapolating the curve, gives year 2045-2060.

Grading criteria: Say size of atom 1 Angstrom (range 0.5-5 Angstroms), 2 points.  
Give year 2040-2070, and say correct size of atom: 10 points.