

Assignment-2¹

Conduction Phenomenon in Semiconductors

Prerequisite for solving the below problems is thorough understanding of Lecture notes-1 and 2. All the constants are given in table-1 of the lecture notes-1 and -2. Any missing data may be suitably assumed and stated.

$$n = \frac{dv}{AM} = \frac{A_0 dv \times 10^3}{A}$$

where d = density, kg/m^3 ; v = valence, free electrons per atom; A = atomic weight; M = weight of atom of unit weight, kg; A_0 = Avogadro's number, molecules/mole.

1. (a) Using the above mentioned formula, calculate the concentration of atoms in Germanium, taking monatomic germanium. ($v = 1$)
 - (b) Find the resistivity of intrinsic germanium at $300^\circ K$.
 - (c) If a donor-type impurity is added to the extent of 1 part in 10^8 germanium atoms, find the resistivity.
 - (d) If germanium were a monovalent metal, find the ratio of its conductivity to that of the n -type semiconductor in the part (c).
2. (a) Find the concentration of holes and electrons in p -type germanium at $300^\circ K$ if the conductivity is $100 (\Omega - cm)^{-1}$.
 - (b) Repeat (a) for n -type silicon if the conductivity is $0.1 (\Omega - cm)^{-1}$
3. Consider intrinsic germanium at room temperature ($300^\circ K$). By what percent does the conductivity increase per degree rise in temperature.
4. The hole concentration in a semiconductor specimen is shown in Figure-1.
 - (a) Find an expression for and sketch the hole current density $J_p(x)$ for the case in which there is no externally applied electric field.
 - (b) Find an expression for and sketch the built-in electric field that must exist if there is to be no net hole current associated with the distribution shown.
 - (c) Find the value of the potential between the points $x = 0$ and $x = W$ if $p(0)/p_0 = 10^3$
5. Repeat problem-3 for intrinsic silicon.

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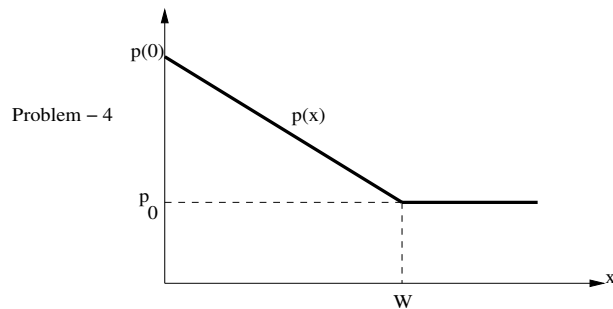


Figure 1: Concentration of holes in the specimen

6. A sample of germanium is doped to the extent of 10^{14} donor atoms/ cm^3 and 7×10^{13} acceptor atoms/ cm^3 . At the temperature of the sample the resistivity of pure (intrinsic) germanium is $60 \Omega - cm$. If the applied electric field is $2 V/cm$, find the total conduction current density.
7. (a) Consider the step-graded germanium semiconductor of Figure-2 with $N_D = 10^3 N_A$ and with N_A corresponding to 1 acceptor atom per 10^8 germanium atoms. Calculate the contact difference of potential V_0 at room temperature.
- (b) Repeat part (a) for silicon $p-n$ junction.

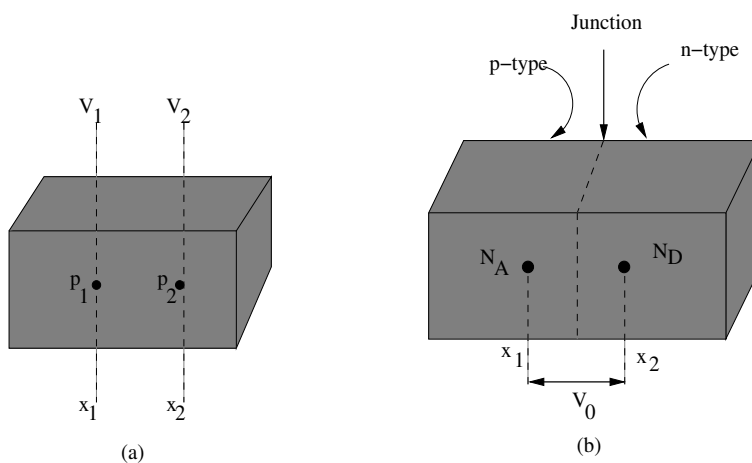


Figure 2: Concentration of holes in the specimen