

Numericals: Electronic Devices

1. A Si abrupt junction in thermal equilibrium at $T=300K$ is doped such that $E_c - E_F = 0.21eV$ in the n region and $E_F - E_v = 0.18eV$ in the p region. (Given: $N_c = 2.8 \times 10^{19}/cm^3$, $N_v = 1.04 \times 10^{19}/cm^3$)
- Draw the EBD of pn junction in equilibrium
 - Determine impurity doping concentrations in each region
 - Find V_{bi}

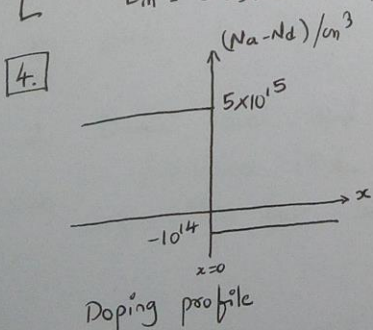
[Ans: $N_d = 8.69 \times 10^{15}/cm^3$ (n-region), $N_a = 1.02 \times 10^{16}/cm^3$ (p-region)
 $V_{bi} = 0.694V$]

2. An abrupt Si pn junction has dopant concentration of $N_a = 2 \times 10^{16}/cm^3$ and $N_d = 2 \times 10^{15}/cm^3$ at $T=300K$. Calculate i) V_{bi} ii) W at $V_R=0$ and $V_R=8V$ and iii) the maximum E-field in the space-charge region at $V_R=0$ and $V_R=8V$. Comment on result obtained for $V_R=0$ & $V_R=8V$

[Ans: For $V_R=0$, $W = 0.68 \times 10^{-4}cm$, $V_{bi} = 0.673V$
 For $V_R=8V$, $W = 2.44 \times 10^{-4}cm$
 For $V_R=0$, $E_m = 19.79 \times 10^4 v/cm$
 For $V_R=8V$, $E_m = 71.09 \times 10^4 v/cm$]

3. Consider a uniformly doped Si pn junction with $N_a = 5 \times 10^{17}/cm^3$ and $N_d = 10^{17}/cm^3$. The junction has a cross-sectional area of $10^{-4}cm^2$ and has an applied reverse-bias voltage of $V_R = 5V$. Find a) V_{bi} b) x_n, x_p, W c) E_m and d) total junction capacitance.

[Ans: $V_{bi} = 0.858V$
 $W = 29.64 \times 10^{-6}cm$
 $x_n = 24.7 \times 10^{-6}cm$, $x_p = 4.94 \times 10^{-6}cm$
 $E_m = 3.95 \times 10^5 v/cm$, $C_j = 3.37 \times 10^{-12}F = 3.37 pF$]



A Si pn junction at $T=300K$ has the doping profile shown here. Calculate a) V_{bi} b) x_n and x_p at zero bias

[Ans: $V_{bi} = 0.559V$
 $x_n = 261.72 \times 10^{-6}cm$
 $x_p = 5.23 \times 10^{-6}cm$]

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 5. Consider an ideal pn junction diode at $T=300\text{K}$ operating in the forward-bias region. Calculate the change in diode voltage that will cause a factor of 10 increase in current.

[Ans: (change in diode voltage $(V_1 - V_2) = 59.86\text{mV}$)]

6. Consider a pⁿ Si diode at $T=300\text{K}$ with $N_A = 10^{18}/\text{cm}^3$ and $N_D = 10^{16}/\text{cm}^3$, $D_p = 12\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$, $\tau_{p0} = 10^{-7}\text{sec}$, $A = 10^{-4}\text{cm}^2$. Calculate the reverse saturation current and the diode current at a forward-bias voltage of 0.5V .

[Ans: $I_S = 3.94 \times 10^{-15}\text{A}$; Hint: for a pⁿ Si diode
 $I_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-7}\text{A}$ $I_S = Aq n_i^2 \left[\frac{1}{N_D} \sqrt{\frac{D_p}{\tau_{p0}}} \right]$]

7. A Si pn junction diode at $T=300\text{K}$ has $A = 10^{-2}\text{cm}^2$. The length of the p-region is 0.2cm and the length of n-region is 0.1cm . $N_D = 10^{15}/\text{cm}^3$, $N_A = 10^{16}/\text{cm}^3$. Given: $\mu_p = 480\text{cm}^2/\text{V-s}$, $\mu_n = 1350\text{cm}^2/\text{V-s}$. Find a) approximately the series resistance of the diode.

[Ans: $R_S = R_n + R_p$, $R_n = 46.3\Omega$, $R_p = 26\Omega$, $R_S = 72.3\Omega$
 Total series resistance Hint: use $R = \frac{\rho L}{A} = \frac{L}{\sigma A}$]

8. An ideal Si pn junction diode at $T=300\text{K}$ is forward-biased at $V_a = 20\text{mV}$. The reverse saturation current is $I_S = 10^{-13}\text{A}$. Calculate the small-sig diffusion resistance.

[Ans: $r_d = 1.2 \times 10^{11}\Omega$ Hint: $\frac{1}{r_d} = \frac{dI_0}{dV_a}$]

9. The critical E-field for breakdown in Si is $E_{crit} = 4 \times 10^5 \text{ V/cm}$.
Determine the max n-type doping concⁿ in an abrupt p-n junction such that the breakdown voltage is 30V.

[Ans: $N_D = N_A = 1.73 \times 10^{16} / \text{cm}^3$, Hint: $V_B = \frac{E_s E_{crit}^2}{2q N_B}$]

10. Find cut-off freqⁿ of a BJT and beta-cut-off freqⁿ if $\beta = 100$, emitter to collector transit time is $104 \text{ ps} \times 10^{-12} \text{ sec}$.

[Ans: $f_T = 1.53 \text{ GHz}$, $f_{\beta} = 15.3 \text{ MHz}$]

11. A Si npn BJT is uniformly doped & biased in forward-active region. Given: $W_B = 0.8 \mu\text{m}$, $N_E = 5 \times 10^{17} / \text{cm}^3$, $N_B = 10^{16} / \text{cm}^3$, $N_C = 10^{15} / \text{cm}^3$

- i) Calculate the values of P_{E0} , n_{B0} and P_{C0}
ii) For $V_{BE} = 0.625 \text{ V}$, determine n_B at $x=0$

[Ans: $P_{E0} = 4.5 \times 10^{-2} / \text{cm}^2$, $n_{B0} = 6.2 \times 10^{14} / \text{cm}^3$
 $n_{B0} = 2.25 \times 10^4 / \text{cm}^3$
 $P_{C0} = 2.25 \times 10^5 / \text{cm}^2$]

12. The following currents are measured in a uniformly doped npn BJT.

$$I_{nE} = 1.2 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{pE} = 0.1 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{nC} = 1.18 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_R = 0.2 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_G = 0.001 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{pC} = 0.001 \text{ mA}$$

- Find a) Emitter injection efficiency (δ) b) Base transport factor (b or α_T)

- c) Recombination factor (σ) d) α e) β

[Ans: $\delta = 0.923$, $b = 0.983$, $\sigma = 0.867$
 $\alpha = 0.7867$, $\beta = 3.68$]

13. In a BJT, base transit time is 20% of total delay time. The base width is $0.5 \mu\text{m}$ & $D_B = 20 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$. Find cut-off freqⁿ of transistor

[Ans: $f_T = 509 \text{ MHz}$]