

## Numericals on Unit 2 & 3

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Q1. Consider that in an n-type GaAs semiconductor at 300K temperature, the  $e^-$  concentration varies linearly from  $1 \times 10^{18}$  to  $7 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  over a distance of 0.10 cm. So, Calculate the diffusion current density if  $e^-$  diffusion coefficient is  $D_n = 225 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ .

Soln 1. Diffusion Current density is

$$J_{\text{diff}} = e D_n \frac{dn}{dx} \approx e D_n \frac{\Delta n}{\Delta x}$$

So, as per value

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\text{diff}} &= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 225 \times \frac{(1 \times 10^{18} - 7 \times 10^{17})}{0.10} \\ &= 108 \text{ A/cm}^2 \quad \underline{\text{Ans.}} \end{aligned}$$

Q2. Consider a p-type Si sample for which the hole diffusion coefficient is  $9 \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$ . If the hole concentration varies from  $10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  to  $10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  over a length of 1 cm, then find out the diffusion current density.

Soln 2- Diffusion current density is given by

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\text{diff}} &= p D_p \frac{dp}{dx} \approx p D_p \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta x} \\ &= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 9 \times \frac{(10^{16} - 10^{13})}{1 \times 10^{-6} \times 100} = 143.86 \text{ A/cm}^2 \quad \underline{\text{Ans.}} \end{aligned}$$

Q3. Find the position of fermi level  $E_F$  at room temperature (27°C) for Germanium crystal having  $5 \times 10^{22}$  atoms/m<sup>3</sup>. (2)

Ans 3. Given  $T = 27^\circ\text{C} = 300\text{K}$  and  $n_e = 5 \times 10^{22}$  atoms/m<sup>3</sup>

$$n_e = 2 \left( \frac{2\pi m_e^* kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} e^{(E_F - E_c)/kT}$$

$$= e^{(E_F - E_c)/kT} = \frac{n_e}{2 \left( \frac{2\pi m_e^* kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2}}$$

$$= e^{(E_F - E_c)/kT} = \frac{5 \times 10^{22}}{2 \left[ \frac{2 \times 3.14 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 300}{(6.62 \times 10^{-34})^2} \right]^{3/2}}$$

$$= e^{(E_F - E_c)/kT} = \frac{5 \times 10^{22}}{25.115 \times 10^{24}}$$

$$e^{-(E_c - E_F)/kT} = 0.1991 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$e^{-(E_c - E_F)/kT} = 502.296 \quad \text{or} \quad E_c - E_F = \log 502.296$$

$$\frac{E_c - E_F}{kT} = 6.2192 \quad \text{or} \quad E_c - E_F = 0.161 \text{ eV}$$

Q4- For an intrinsic semiconductor having band gap  $E_g = 0.7 \text{ eV}$  Calculate the density of holes and electrons at room temperature ( $= 27^\circ \text{C}$ ). Given  $h = 6.62 \times 10^{-34}$ ,  $m = 9.1 \times 10^{-31}$ ,  $\pi = 3.14$  &  $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  (3)

Soln 4- Given  $E_g = 0.7 \text{ eV}$

In intrinsic semiconductor the concentration of electrons and holes are same. So

$$n_e = n_h = 2 \left[ \frac{2\pi k T m}{h^2} \right]^{3/2} e^{(E_F - E_c)/kT}$$

The fermi level lies exactly in between the middle of conduction and valence band.

$$E_F = \frac{E_c + E_v}{2}$$

$$E_F - E_c = \frac{E_c + E_v}{2} - E_c = -\frac{(E_c - E_v)}{2} = -\frac{E_g}{2}$$

$$\therefore n_e = n_h = 2 \left[ \frac{2\pi k T m}{h^2} \right] e^{-E_g/2kT}$$

$$= 2 \times \left[ \frac{2 \times 3.14 \times 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 300 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31}}{6.62 \times 10^{-34}} \right] e^{-\left[ \frac{0.7}{2 \times 0.026} \right]}$$

$$= 3.6 \times 10^{19} / \text{m}^3.$$



Q5- A single solar cell ( $10\text{cm} \times 10\text{cm}$ ) produces a voltages of  $0.5\text{V}$  and a current upto  $0.25\text{A}$ . If the solar insulation is  $800\text{W/m}^2$ , find the efficiency of solar cell?

Sol<sup>n</sup> 5- Surface Insulation (S.I.) =  $800\text{W/m}^2$ ,  $V = 0.5\text{V}$ ,  
~~I = 2.5A~~  $I = 0.25\text{A}$ ,  $\eta = ?$

$$\eta = \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{in}}} \times 100$$

where  $P_{\text{out}} = \text{Voltage (V)} \times \text{Current (I)}$   
 $P_{\text{in}} = \text{S.I} \times \text{area}$

$$\eta = \frac{VI}{\text{S.I} \times \text{area}} = \eta = \frac{0.5 \times 0.25}{800 \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$= \frac{1.25}{8}$$

$$\eta = 0.1562 = \underline{\underline{15.62\%}}$$

Q6- Solar insulation on a rectangular module ( $1.5\text{m} \times 2.0\text{m}$ ) of photovoltaic cell is  $550\text{W/m}^2$ . If the efficiency of cell is  $12\%$ . What is the power output of the module?

Sol<sup>n</sup> 6-  $\eta = \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{P_{\text{in}}} \times 100$

$$\eta = \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{\text{Area} \times \text{S.I}} = 0.12 = 12\%$$

$$0.12 = \frac{P_{\text{out}}}{550 \times 3} = 0.12 \times 550 \times 3$$

$$= \underline{\underline{198\text{W}}}$$

Q7. Calculate the drift velocity of  $e^-$  in an aluminium wire of diameter 0.9 mm carrying current of 6 A. Assume that  $4.5 \times 10^{28}$  el./m<sup>3</sup> are available for conduction.

Soln -  $I = 6 \text{ A}$ ,  $n = 4.5 \times 10^{28} \text{ el./m}^3$  & radius ( $r$ ) =  $\frac{d}{2} = \frac{0.9 \times 10^{-3}}{2}$   
 $= 4.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$

$$J = \frac{I}{A} = \frac{6.0}{\pi \times (4.5 \times 10^{-4})^2}$$

(Current Density)

$$= \frac{6.0}{3.14 \times (4.5 \times 10^{-4})^2} = 9.44 \times 10^6 \text{ A/m}^2$$

& drift velocity  $v_d = \frac{J}{n_e} = \frac{9.44 \times 10^6}{4.5 \times 10^{28} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$   
 $= 1.311 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/sec.}$