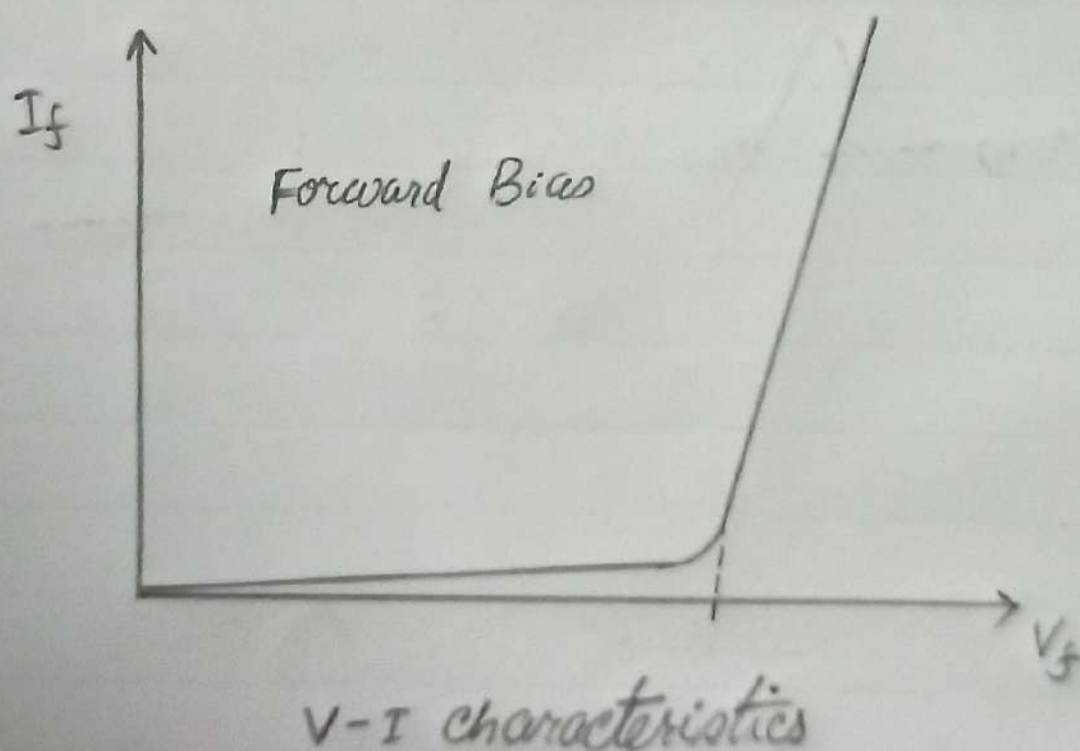


### P-N Junction Forward Bias



## Characteristics of PN junction diode under forward bias

AIM: To plot the characteristics curve of PN junction diode in Forward Bias.

### APPARATUS:

A diode, DC voltage supplies, bread board,  $100\ \Omega$  resistor, 2 multimeter for measuring current and voltage and connecting wires.

### PROCEDURE:

For the forward bias of a P-N junction diode, P-type is connected to the positive terminal while the N-type is connected to the -ve terminal of a battery. The potential at P-N junction can be varied with help of potential divider. At some forward voltage ( $0.3\text{ V}$  for Ge and  $0.7\text{ V}$  for Si) the potential barrier is altogether eliminated and current starts flowing. This voltage is known as threshold voltage ( $V_{th}$ ) or cut in voltage or knee voltage. It is same as barrier voltage ( $V_b$ ). For  $V < V_{th}$ , the current is negligible. As the forward applied voltage increase beyond threshold voltage, the forward current rises exponentially.



# OBSERVATION

S.No	Forward Voltage ( $V_f$ ) volt	Forward current ( $I_f$ ) mA
1.	0	0
2.	0.2	0
3.	0.4	0.5
4.	0.6	1.0
5.	0.8	2.0
6.	1.0	3.0
7.	1.2	5.0
8.	1.4	7.5
9.	1.6	10.0
10.	1.8	15.0
11.	2.0	20.0
12.	2.2	25.0

Graph drawn on adjacent page.

RESULT : The V-I characteristics of P-N Junction diode is studied and the curve is drawn.

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Teacher's Signature



Scale: Along X : 10 small boxes = 0.4 volt  
Along Y : 20 small boxes = 5 mA



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