

2014 Spring CS 210002 Circuits and Electronics Midterm I

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Part One: Calculation (82%)

$$E_g = 1.1 \text{ eV for Si, } B = 5.23 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-3/2} \text{ for Si, } k = 86 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eVK}^{-1},$$

$$u_n = 1350 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ S}^{-1}, \quad u_p = 480 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ S}^{-1}, \quad ni(T) = BT^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{(-E_g / 2kT)}$$

- (11%) The impurity concentration in silicon at $T = 320 \text{ K}$ is $N_a = 1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.
(a)(4%) Determine the electron concentration. (b)(2%) Is the material n-type or p-type? (c)(2%) What might the impurity be? (d)(3%) What is the resistivity ρ of this material?
- (10%) Prove that the current density in a semiconductor can be expressed as $J = J_n + J_p = qnu_n E + qp u_p E$ where q is charge, n is electron concentration, p is hole concentration, u_n is the electron mobility, u_p is the hole mobility, and E is electrical field.
- (6%) Prove that the $V_p = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} V_{rms}$ for a sine wave $V = V_p \sin \theta$ where V_p is peak value and V_{rms} is the root-mean-square value of signal V .
- (8%) Given a diode circuit as shown in Fig. 1. Assume the $I_s = 4 \times 10^{-14} \text{ A}$, $n=2$, and $T = 320 \text{ K}$. Using the iteration method to determine the diode voltage V_D and diode current I_D .

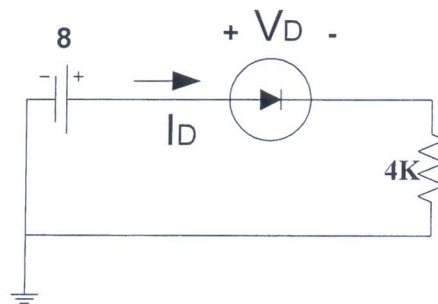


Fig. 1

5. (6%) (a) At what reverse bias voltage does the reverse-bias current in a silicon pn junction diode reach 80 percent of its saturation value? (b) What is the ratio of the current for a forward-bias voltage of 0.4V to the current for reverse-bias voltage of 0.4V? ($T = 300\text{ K}$, $n = 1$)
6. (5%) Using the superposition theorem, solve for the current I in Fig. 2.

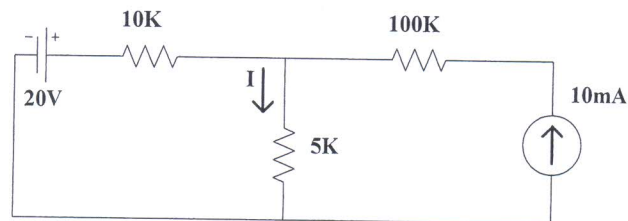


Fig. 2

7. (6%, 4%) The circuit as shown in Fig. 3 is terminal equivalent to that as shown in Fig. 4 by seeing from the $15\text{K}\Omega$ resistor according to Thevenin's theorem. (a) Determine the values of V_{th} , R_{th} , and I in Fig. 4, respectively. (b) Determine the values of I in Fig. 4 if the $15\text{K}\Omega$ resistor is replaced with a $9\text{K}\Omega$ resistor.

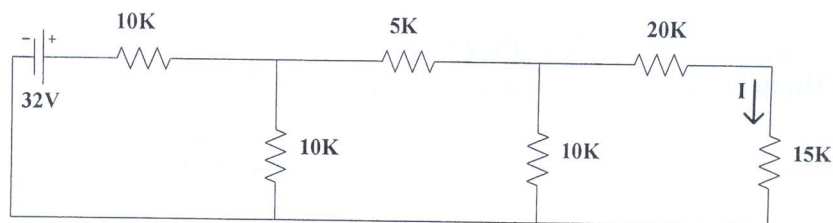


Fig. 3

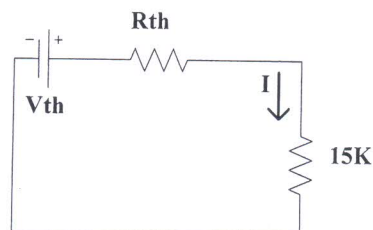


Fig. 4

8. (6%) Assume the parameters of the diode in Fig. 5 are $V_y = 0.7\text{V}$ and $r_f = 0$ (constant-voltage drop model), find the V_D and I_D .

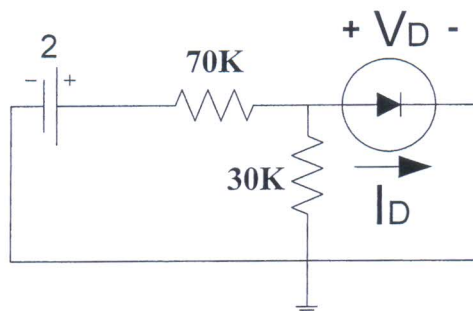


Fig. 5

9. (4%, 3%) (a) In the circuit shown in Fig. 6, find the diode voltage V_D and the supply voltage V such that the current is $I = 0.80\text{ mA}$. Assume the reversed-saturation current is $I_s = 2 \times 10^{-12}\text{ A}$ and $n=2$, $T = 300\text{ K}$. (b) From the results of part (a), determine the power dissipated in the diode.

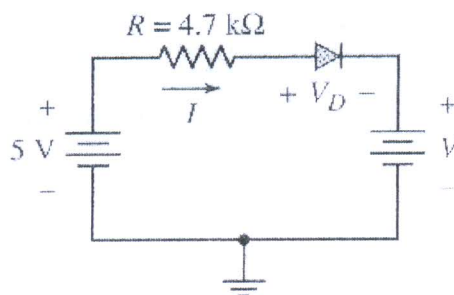


Fig. 6

10. (7%) Find the equivalent resistance between terminals a and b in Fig. 7.

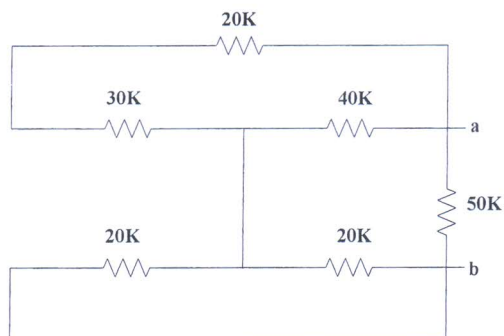


Fig. 7

11. (6%) Use the mesh analysis method to solve for the current in Fig. 8. List the equations only.

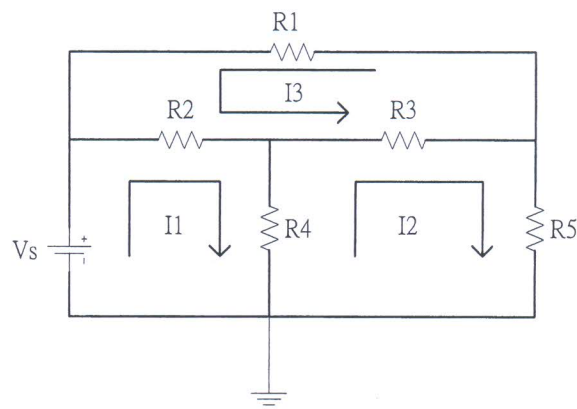


Fig. 8

Part Two: Brief Answer (18%)

1. (3%) Describe the difference between donor and acceptor impurities.
2. (3%) Explain why the iteration method is useful in solving the current and voltage of a diode circuit.
3. (3%) Why is the breakdown voltage of a diode positive-temperature-coefficient under the mechanism of the avalanche breakdown?
4. (3%) What is the purpose of doping impurity into a semiconductor?
5. (3%) What is the key difference among conductor, semiconductor, and insulator?
6. (3%) What is the difference between drift current and diffusion current in a semiconductor from the mechanism viewpoint?