1. ECE 235 Homework 8

Given the width of the depletion region W as  $W=\sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon_s(N_A+N_D)}{qN_AN_D}V_{bi}}$  , where  $N_A,N_D$  are the doping

concentrations,  $V_{bi}$  is the built-in potential, and  $\varepsilon_s$  is the permittivity of the semiconductor. A silicon PN junction has  $N_A=10^{16} {\rm cm}^3$ ,  $N_D=10^{15} {\rm cm}^3$ , and the intrinsic carrier concentration  $n_i=1.5*10^{10} {\rm cm}^-3$ . The permittivity of silicon is  $\varepsilon_s=11.7\varepsilon_0$ , and  $\varepsilon_0=8.85*10^{-14}~{\rm F/cm}$ .

- Calculate the built-in potential  $V_{
  m bi}$
- Calculate the depletion region width at equilibrium.

## 2.

Felectric Fleld in the Depletion Region.

The expression for the maximum electric field in the depletion region is  $E_{\max}=\frac{qN_AW_P}{\varepsilon_s}=\frac{qN_DW_N}{\varepsilon_s}$ , where  $W_P,W_N$  are the widths of the depletion region on the P and N sides, respectively.

- Using the information from problem 1, calculate the maximum electric field at equilibrium.
- Show that the built-in potential  $V_{
  m bi}$  is the integral of the electric field across the depletion region:

$$V_{\rm bi} = \int_0^W E(x) \, \mathrm{d}x \tag{1}$$