

**Result:**

- (i) From  $\angle i - \angle D$  graph we see that as  $\angle i$  increases,  $\angle D$  first decreases, attains a minimum value ( $D_m$ ) & then again starts increasing for further increase in  $\angle i$ .
- (ii) Angle of minimum deviation =  $D_m = 37.8^\circ$
- (iii) Refraction index of material of prism,  $\mu = 1.5077$

**Precautions:**

- (i) The angle of incidence should be between  $30^\circ - 60^\circ$ .
- (ii) The pins should be fixed vertical.
- (iii) The distance between the two pins should not be less than 8 cm.

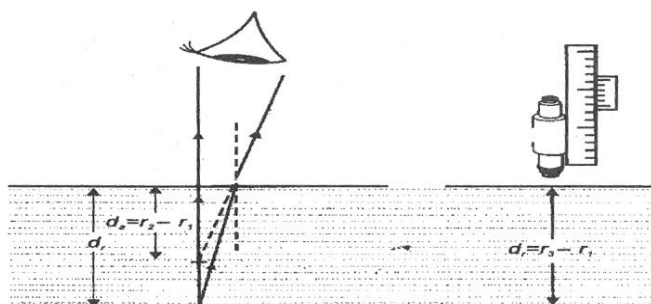
**Sources of Error:**

- (i) Pin pricks may be thick.
- (ii) Measurement of angles may be wrong.

**EXPERIMENT – 12**

**Aim:** To determine the refractive index of a glass using travelling microscope.

**Apparatus:** A marker, glass slab, travelling microscope, lycopodium powder.

**Formulae Used:**

$$\text{Refractive index } \mu = \frac{\text{real depth}}{\text{apparent depth}} = \frac{r_3 - r_1}{r_2 - r_1}$$

**Observations:**

Least count of travelling microscope = 0.001 cm or 0.01 mm

Mean values:  $r_1 = 0$  mm  $r_2 = 6.81$  mm  $r_3 = 10.25$  mm

**Observations: Reading of Microscope focused on:**

S. No.	Mark without slab $r_1 = M + n \times \text{LC min}$	Mark with slab on it $r_2 = M + n \times \text{LC min}$	Powder on top of slab $R_3 = M + n \times \text{LC min}$
1	0	$6.5 + 29 \times 0.01 = 6.79\text{mm}$	$10 + 23 \times 0.01 = 10.23\text{mm}$
2	0	$6.5 + 31 \times 0.01 = 6.81\text{mm}$	$10 + 25 \times 0.01 = 10.25\text{mm}$
3	0	$6.5 + 33 \times 0.01 = 6.83\text{mm}$	$10 + 27 \times 0.01 = 10.27\text{mm}$

**Calculations:**

Real depth =  $d_r = r_3 - r_1 = \text{Mean } d_r = 10.25$  mm

Apparent depth =  $d_a = r_2 - r_1$

Mean  $d_a = 6.81$  mm

$$\therefore \text{Refractive index, } \mu = \frac{\text{real depth}}{\text{apparent depth}} = \frac{d_r}{d_a} \quad \therefore \mu = 1.52$$

**Result:**

The refractive index of the glass slab by using travelling microscope is determined as  $1.52 = \mu$

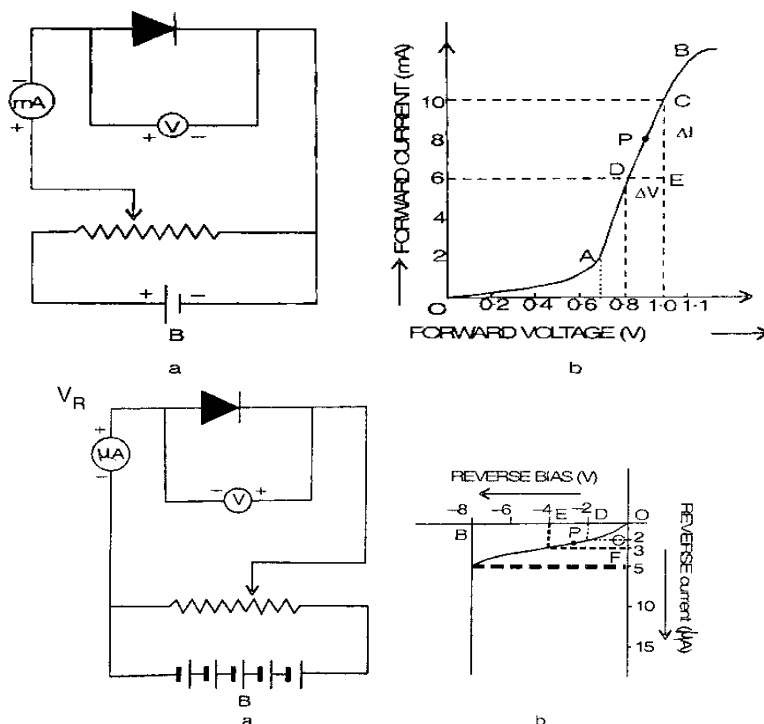
**Precautions:**

- (i) Microscope once focused on the cross mark, the focusing should not be disturbed throughout the experiment. Only rack and pinion screw should be turned to move the microscope upward.
- (ii) Only a thin layer of powder should be spread on top of slab.
- (iii) Eye piece should be so adjusted that cross-wires are distinctly seen.

## EXPERIMENT – 13

**Aim:** To draw the I – V characteristics curve of *p-n* junction in forward bias & reverse bias.

**Apparatus:** A *p-n* junction semi-conductor diode, a three volt battery, a high resistance, a rheostat, a voltmeter (0-3v), a milli ammeter (0-30 mA), one – way key, connecting wires.



### Observations:

Least count of voltmeter = 0.02 & 1 v/div Zero error = –

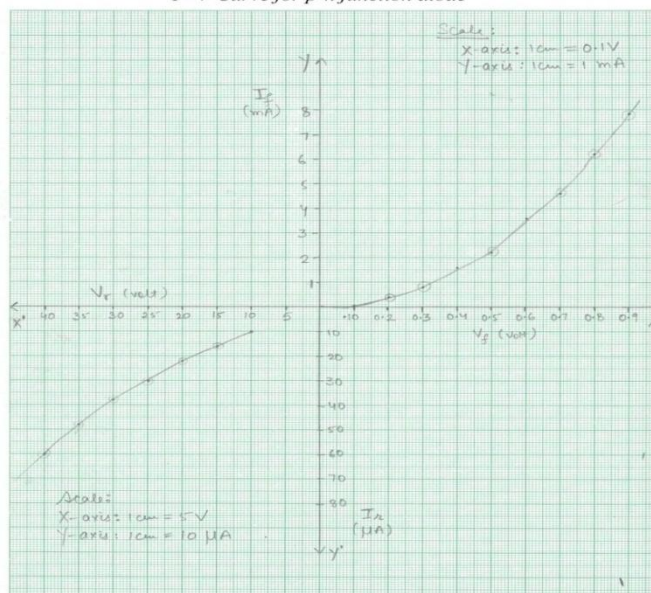
Least count of milli-ammeter = 0.2 mA/div Zero error = –

Least count of micro-ammeter = 2 μA/div Zero error = –

**Observation Table:**

S. No.	Forward Bias Voltage (V)	Forward Current (mA)	Reverse bias Voltage (V)	Reverse Current (μA)
1	10 x 0.02 = 0.20	2 x 0.2 = 0.4	10 x 1 = 10	5 x 2 = 10
2	0.30	4 x 0.2 = 0.8	15	16
3	0.40	6 x 0.2 = 1.6	20	22
4	0.50	11 x 0.2 = 2.2	25	30
5	0.60	18 x 0.2 = 3.6	30	38
6	0.70	23 x 0.2 = 4.6	35	48
7	0.80	31 x 0.2 = 6.2	40	60
8	0.90	39 x 0.2 = 7.8	45	72

*I - V Curve for p-n junction diode*



### Calculations:

Graph is plotted between forward – bias voltage ( $V_F$ ) (on x-axis) and forward current,  $I_F$  (on y – axis)

Scale: X – axis: 1 cm = V of  $V_F$       Y – axis: 1 cm = mA of  $I_F$

Graph is plotted between reverse bias voltage,  $V_R$  (along X' axis) and reverse current,  $I_R$  (along Y' axis).

Scale: X' axis = 1 cm = V of  $V_R$       Y' axis = 1 cm =  $\mu A$  of  $I_F$

**Result:** The obtained curves are the characteristics curves of the semi-conductor diode.

### Precautions:

(i) All connections should be neat, clean & tight. (ii) Key should be used in circuit & opened when the circuit is not being used. (iii) Forward bias voltage beyond breakdown should not be applied.

**Sources of error:** The junction diode supplied maybe faulty.

## EXPERIMENT – 14

**Aim:** To draw the characteristics curves of a zener diode and to determine its reverse breakdown voltage.

**Apparatus:** One  $p-n$  junction Zener diode, a power supply with potential divider (0-15V), a resistance of  $\Omega$ , a micro ammeter of range (0-100  $\mu A$ ), a voltmeter (0-15V), connecting wires.

### Theory:

**Zener diode:** It is a semi conductor diode; in which  $n$ -type &  $p$ -type sections are heavily doped i.e. they have more percentage of impurity atoms. It results into low value of reverse breakdown voltage ( $V_{br}$ ).

The reverse breakdown voltage of a zener diode is called zener voltage ( $V_z$ )- The reverse current that results after the breakdown is called zener current ( $I_z$ ).

Circuit Parameters:

$V_I$  = Input (reverse bias) voltage

$V_o$  = Output voltage     $R_I$  = Input resistance,  $R_L$  = Load Resistance

Relation:  $I_L = I_I - I_z$

$V_o = V_I - R_I I_I$

$V_o = R_L I_I$

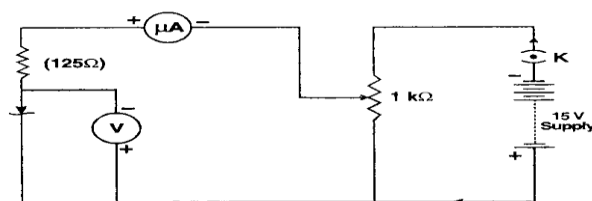


Fig 17.1 : Circuit diagram for plotting characteristic of a Zener diode

S. No.	Input Voltage $V_I = n \times LC$	Input Current $I_I = n \times LC$ (mA)
1	$5 \times 0.25 = 1.0$	0
2	$10 \times 0.25 = 2.5$	0
3	$15 \times 0.25 = 3.75$	0
4	$20 \times 0.25 = 5$	0
5	$25 \times 0.25 = 6.25$	0
6	$30 \times 0.25 = 7.5$	0
7	$35 \times 0.25 = 8.75$	$13 \times 0.05 = 0.65$
8	$40 \times 0.25 = 10$	1.8
9	$41 \times 0.25 = 10.25$	2.25
10	$43 \times 0.25 = 10.75$	3

Initially as  $V_I$  increases,  $I$  increases a little.

At breakdown, increase of  $V_I$  increases  $I_I$  by large amount.

So that  $V_o = V_I - R_I I_I = \text{constant}$

This constant value of  $V_o$  is called zener voltage ( $V_z$ ) or reverse breakdown voltage.

**Observations:** Least count of voltmeter: 0.25 v/div

Least count of milli ammeter: 0.05mA/div

**Result:** From the graph of  $I_I$  vs  $V_I$ , the reverse breakdown voltage for the zener diode is 10.75V

**Precautions:** (i) The Zener diode  $p-n$  junction should be connected in reverse-bias i.e.  $p$ -terminal to –ve and to positive terminal of battery. (ii) Zero error in the instruments should be adjusted in readings.

(iii) Voltmeter & ammeter of appropriate least counts should be used.

