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$$\text{Resistivity } (\rho) = \frac{RA}{L}$$

metal / conductor : $\rho \approx 10^{-2} \text{ to } 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$

$$\sigma \approx 10^2 \text{ to } 10^8 \text{ Sm}^{-1}$$

Semiconductor :

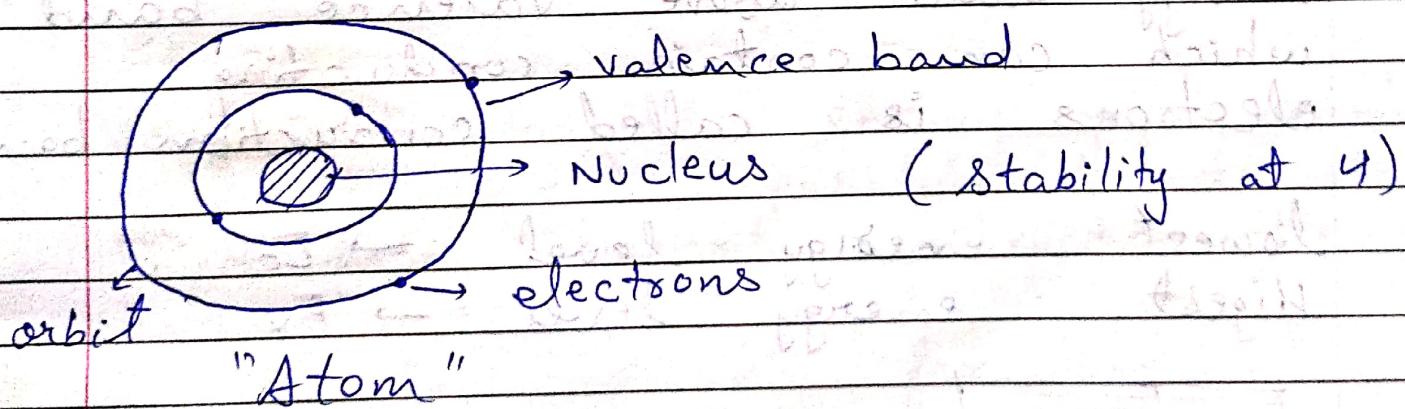
$$\rho \approx 10^{-5} \text{ to } 10^6 \Omega \text{ m}$$

$$\sigma \approx 10^5 \text{ to } 10^{-6} \text{ Sm}^{-1}$$

Insulator :

$$\rho \approx 10^0 \text{ to } 10^{19} \Omega \text{ m}$$

$$\sigma \approx 10^{-11} \text{ to } 10^{-19} \text{ Sm}^{-1}$$



Conduction band

Energy gap

Valence band

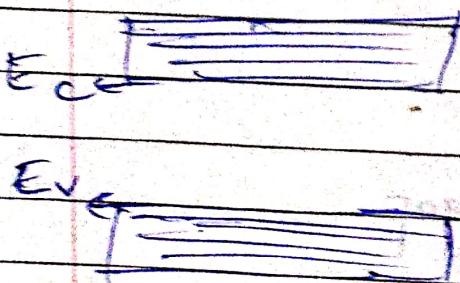
Energy gap \rightarrow minimum energy required to detach electrons from valence band to conduction band. It is a function of temperature and it decreases as temp. rises.

At temp T ,

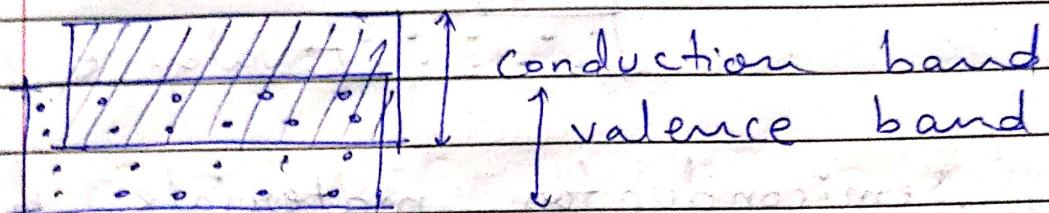
$$E_g = E_{g0} - \beta T \rightarrow \text{Temp. } \downarrow$$

\downarrow material, constant
 \downarrow at 0K

- Energy band which includes the energy levels of valence electrons is called valence band.
 - energy band above valence band which can contain conducting electrons is called conduction band
- lowest energy level $\rightarrow E_c$
highest energy level $\rightarrow E_v$



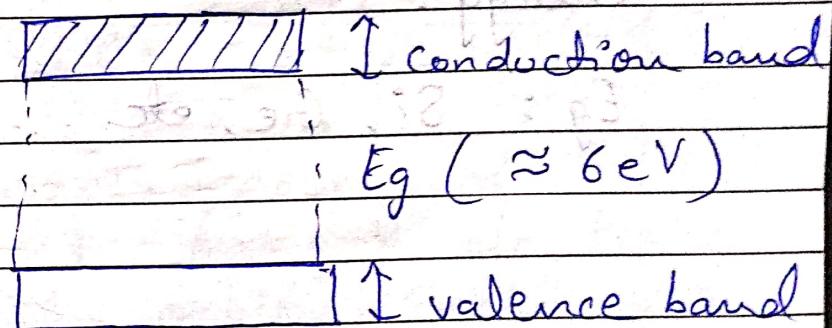
• metals / Conductors :-



no forbidden gaps between valence and conduction band. without any additional energy it contains a large number of free electrons and that is why it is a good conductor.

Eg \rightarrow Al, Cu, Fe, etc.

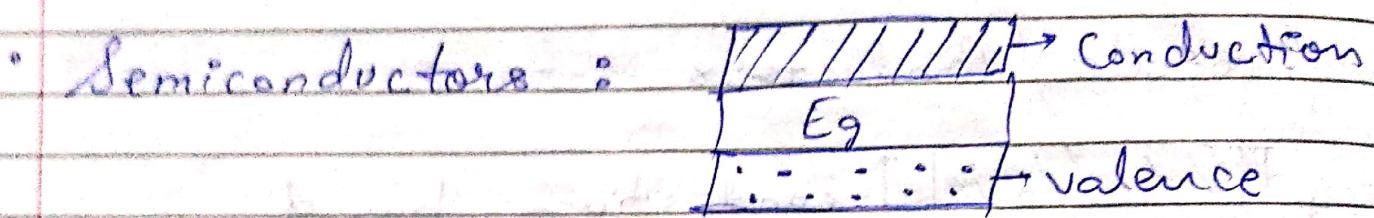
• Insulators :-



Very wide forbidden energy gap (nearly equal to 6 eV) separating filled valence band from vacant conduction band.

So it is impossible for an el^- in valence band to jump the gap.

At room temp. there is no conduction. It may conduct if its temp. is very high this is termed as breakdown of insulator.



At OK, semiconductor materials have same structure as insulators except the difference in size of Band gap which is much smaller in semiconductors. Relatively small gaps allow for excitation of electrons from lower band to upper band by reasonable amount of thermal energy.

Eg : Si, Ge, etc ..

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→ Types of semiconductor materials

i) Elemental / Intrinsic → Si, Ge

ii) Compound / Extrinsic → ZnO, CdS

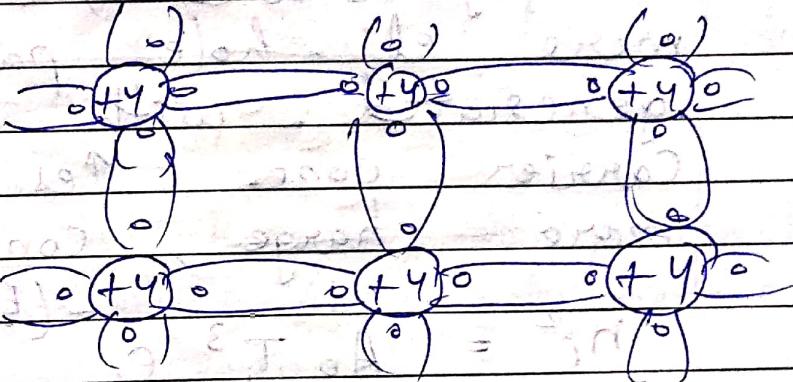
↳ p-type (tri-Valent)

↳ n-type (pentavalent)

(I) Intrinsic:

Absolute zero

temp. (-273K)



- It is the purest form of semiconductor. it has 4 electrons in the outermost orbit. Each atom attempts to acquire 8 e^- in outermost shell. Sharing of 1 e^- from each of 4 neighbouring atoms this sharing is known as covalent bonding.

- At absolute zero, all valence e^- are tightly bound to parent atom. no free electrons are available for conduction. At room temp. sufficient thermal energy is supplied to break the covalent

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bond generating e^- - hole pairs.

- Conc. of free $e^- (n)$, and holes (p) will always be equal

$$n = p = n_i \text{ (intrinsic carrier conc.)}$$

- At room temp., some e^- - hole pair are generated, if temp. rises more e^- - hole pair will be generated. with increase in temp. Carrier conc. Yes. As there is more charge, conductivity will be

$$n_i^2 = A_0 T^3 e^{-\frac{(E_g)}{kT}} \rightarrow \text{Band gap at } 0K$$

↓ Temp. ↓ Boltzmann constant
material constant

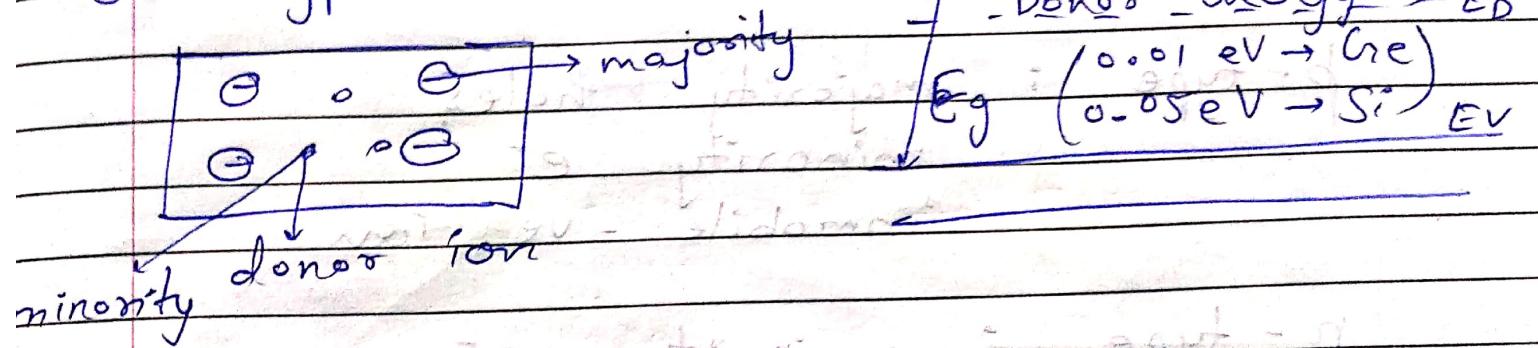
(II) Extrinsic :-

Doping is done to vary the conductivity by doping crystal has pre-dominance of either e^- or holes.

① n-type

② p-type

① n-type :-



- pentavalent impurity is added to intrinsic silicon such impurities donate excess el^- and refer to as donor or n-type.

- excess el^- loosely bound to parent atom is relatively free to move within n-type material.
When impurities are added, additional energy levels are added in energy band structure. extra energy level is called Donor energy level (E_D) and it does not depend on temp.

- When doped with n-type impurity not only no. of el^- rises but the no. of holes lies below that which could be available in intrinsic semiconductor.

(opposite for p-type)

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P-N Junction:

p-type : majority holes

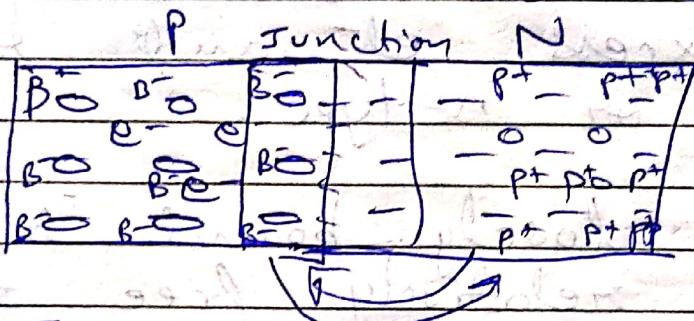
minority e^-

immobile -ve ion

n-type : majority e^-

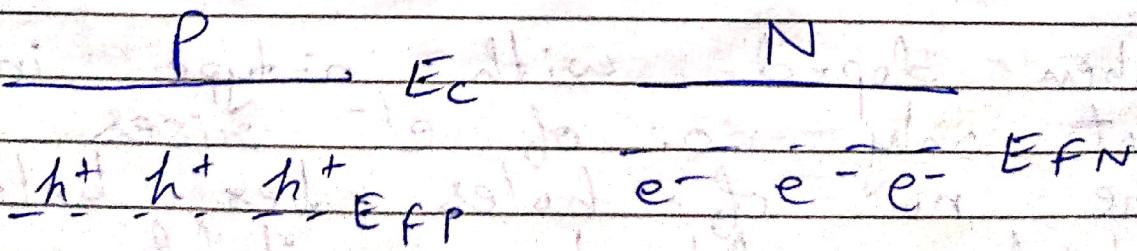
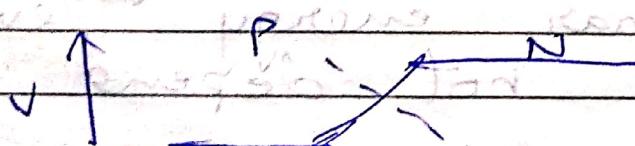
minority holes

immobile +ve ion



$$I_{\text{diff}} = I_{\text{drift}} = 0$$

$V_i = \text{P.E. of } +1 \text{ C charge}$



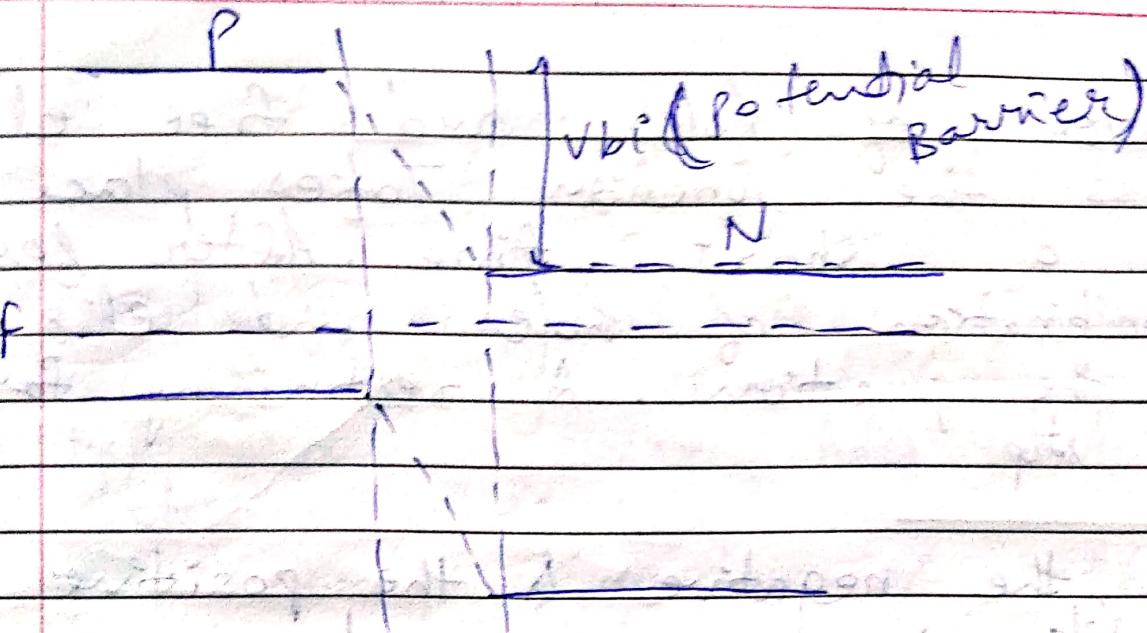
Conduction

valence

depletion region

conduction

valence



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Formation of P-N Junction :-

holes from p-side diffuse to n-side where they combine with free el⁻

free el⁻s from n-side diffuse to p-side, where they combine with holes.

Diffusion of holes from 'p' to 'n' and free el⁻ from 'n' to 'p' takes place due to difference in concentration in two regions. This difference creates concentration gradient across the junction and results in diffusion of mobile charge carriers across the junction.

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diffusion of holes and free electrons across the junction takes place for a short time. After few recombination of holes and electrons at the junction. A restraining force is setup.

Here, the negative & the positive immobile ions are exposed. more holes trying to diffuse from p to n gets repelled by the positive ions. Similarly the electrons trying to diffuse from n to p gets repelled by the negative ions. So, the ions act as a barrier for diffusion. Some might be energetic enough that they can diffuse even after Repulsion. So, there is more diffusion, more ions are exposed and thus, the diffusion becomes hard.

The minority carrier at p enter at Junction region because of the charge and it attracts the electrons which gets suck into the n type. This second motion happens in the opposite direction of diffusion. As time passes diffusion decreases.

and the second motion (Drift) in the opposite direction Yes.

Eventually, a point is reached where every el- diffusing to n type and every holes will be sucked back.

on average, number of charge carriers on the p-side & n-side remains same. this is equilibrium

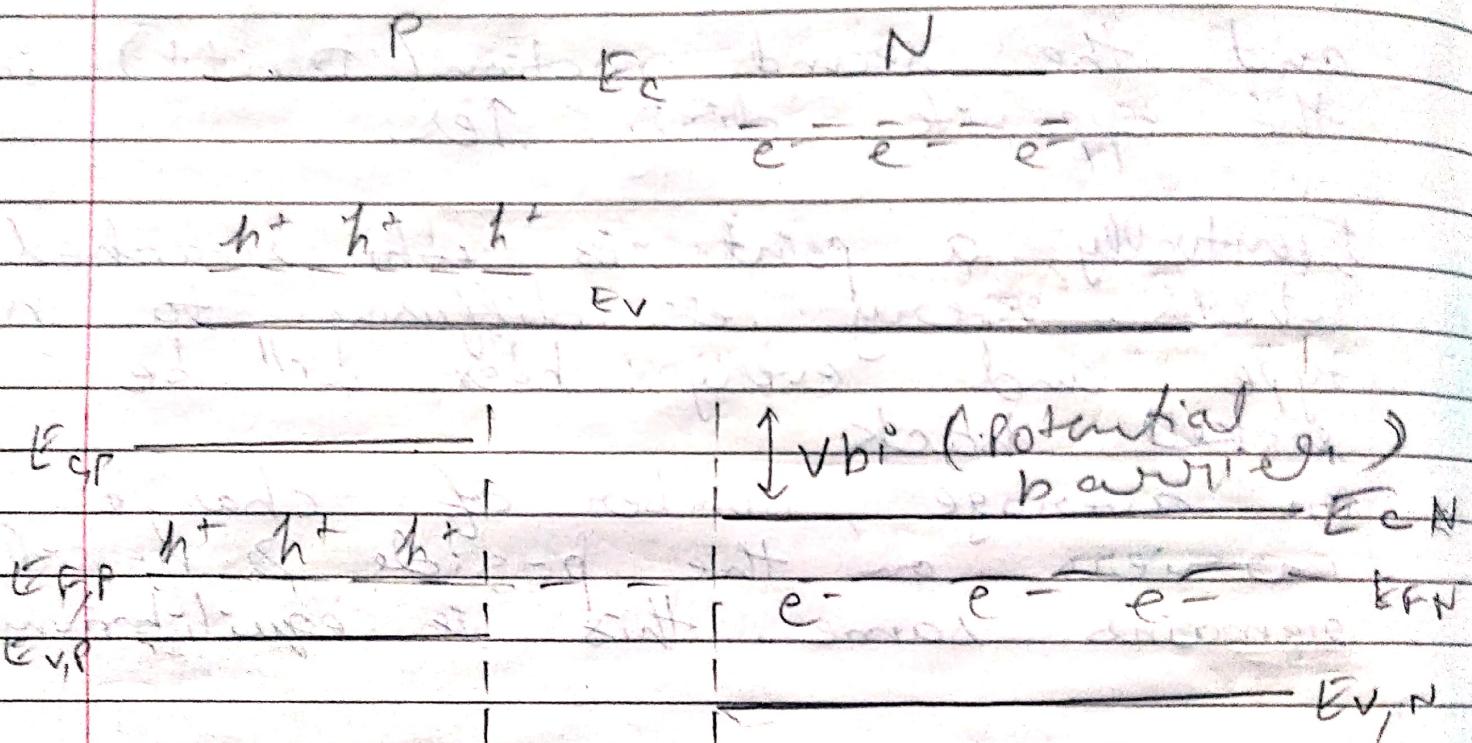
* Band Diagram of P-N Junction:-

free el- in n region occupy upper part of conduction band.
 holes in p-region occupy bottom part of valence band now these free el- from n-region diffuse across the junction and moves to the lower part of p-region

After crossing the junction, the el's lose energy & falls into the holes of p-region valence band
 At equilibrium.

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As diffusion continues depletion region forms and the energy level lies at n-side of conduction band. The less in conduction band of n-side is due to loss of higher energy ele that has already diffused across the junction to p-side. Thus the top of n-side conduction band gets a line to align to bottom of p-side conduction band. This is in equilibrium state.

Depletion region

Conduction

V_{bi}

Conduction

Valence

Valence

P

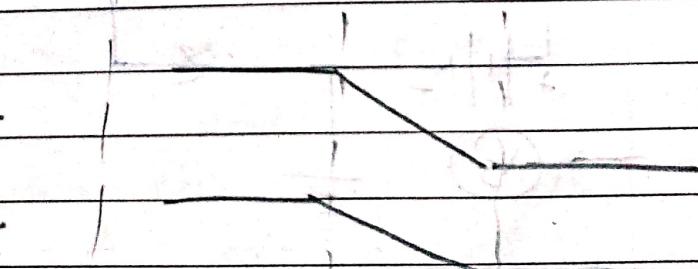
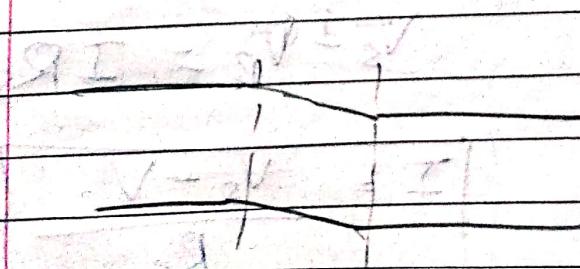
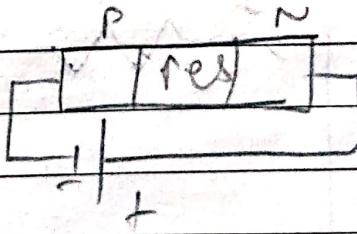
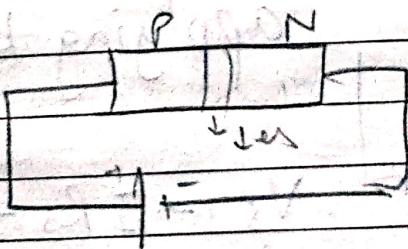
p-p

Junction

N

depletion region is complete as diffusion has stopped. thus we have added an energy gradient across the junction. the n-region else now needs to climb the hill towards the p-side but as conduction band has shifted down simultaneously. Valence band has also shifted. the energy gap between Valence band & E_c remains same.

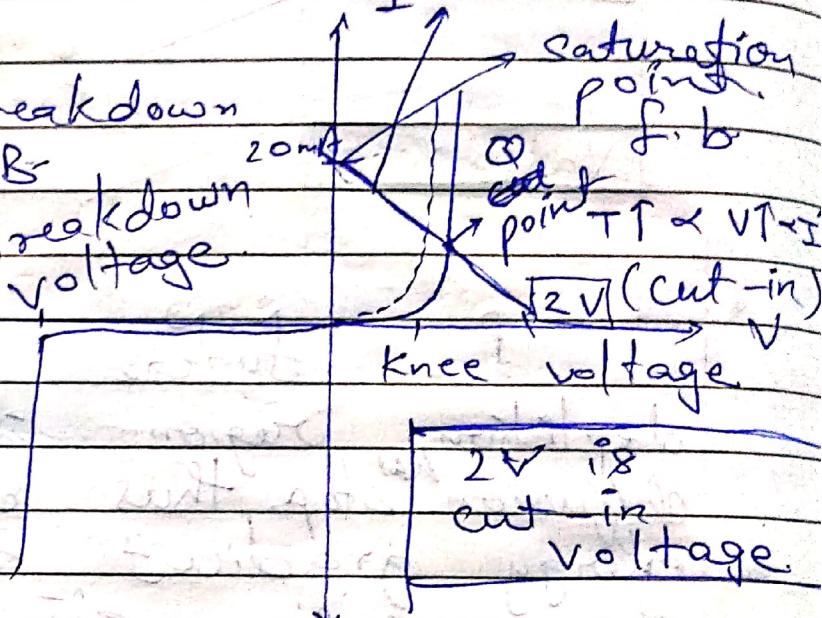
→ forward biased → Reverse biased



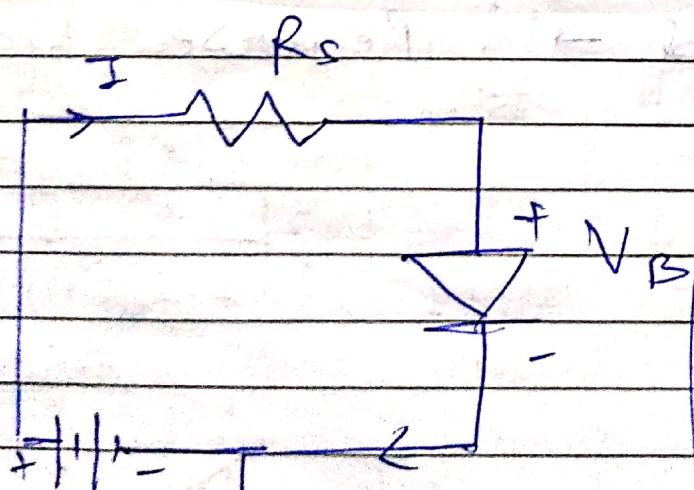
Transfer characteristics of p-n junction diode :-

Process of breakdown voltage in R.B
is called breakdown voltage "Avalanche"

or
process by which
free e^- are
formed.



n-type :- ~~so that there is no~~ ~~on~~



applying KVL,

$$V_s - IR_s - V_b = 0$$

$$V_s - V_B = I R_s$$

$$I = \frac{V_s - V_R}{R_s}$$

$$V_S = \frac{1}{2} V$$

$$R_S = 100 \Omega$$

$$V_R = 0$$

$$I = \frac{2 - 0}{100} = 0.02 \text{ A}$$

20 mA

* Mass - Action law:

under thermal equilibrium, product of electrons and holes concentration is always constant and is equal to the square of intrinsic carrier concentration.

$$\cancel{n^2} = n_e \cdot h \quad \boxed{n_i^2 = n_p} = \text{constant}$$

$$n = e^- \text{ conc.}$$

$$h = \text{hole conc.}$$

$$n_i^2 = \text{intrinsic conc.}$$

this law mainly finds concentration of minority carriers

$$p\text{-type} \rightarrow n_p = \frac{n_i^2}{P_p}$$

$$n\text{-type} \rightarrow P_n = \frac{n_i^2}{n_p}$$

$$\frac{\text{minority carrier conc.}}{\text{majority carrier conc.}} = \frac{n_i^2}{n_p}$$

but majority carrier conc. is directly proportional to doping.

$$\rightarrow \text{maj. conc.} \propto \text{doping}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{min. conc.} \propto \frac{1}{\text{doping}}$$

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product of majority & minority conc is constant.

Q → In p-type silicone Sample, hole conc is $2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

if the intrinsic carrier conc is $1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, then find the el- conc. in p-type silicone sample

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = np$$

$$(1.5 \times 10^{10})^2 = n \times 2.5 \times 10^{15}$$

$$\frac{1.5 \times 1.5 \times 10^{20}}{10^3 \times 10} = n \times \frac{2.5}{10} \times 10^{18}$$

$$\frac{1.5 \times 1.5 \times 10^{20} \times 10^{-15}}{10 \times 2.5} = n$$

$$n = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

→ Charge neutrality equation :-

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total +ve charge} &= \text{Total -ve charge} \\ (p^+) + N_D &= (n) + N_A \end{aligned}$$

n = el- conc.

p^+ = holes

N_D = donor ion

N_A = Acceptor ion

$$\text{n-type} \rightarrow P + N_D = n + N_A$$

$n > P \Rightarrow N_A = 0$

$$\frac{n_i^2}{n} + N_D = n \quad (P = \frac{n_i^2}{n})$$

$$N_D = n - \frac{n_i^2}{n}$$

$$N_D = \frac{n^2 - n_i^2}{n}$$

$$n N_D = n^2 - n_i^2$$

$$n_i^2 - n^2 + n N_D = 0$$

$$n = \frac{N_D}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{N_D}{2}\right)^2 + n^2}$$

$$N_D \ggg n_i^2$$

$$n \approx N_D$$

$$\text{for p-type} \rightarrow (P \approx N_A)$$

\Rightarrow Temperature & Conductivity relation :-

effect of Temp on conductivity in intrinsic semiconductor :

$$\sigma = n_i q (\mu_n + \mu_p)$$

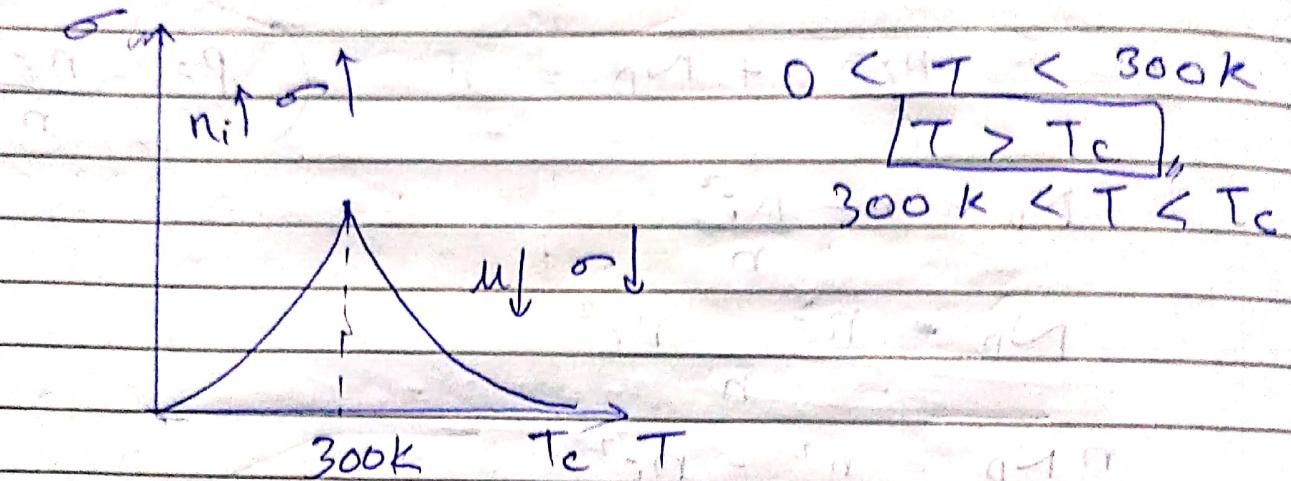
Conductivity

mobility
of et.

mobility of holes.

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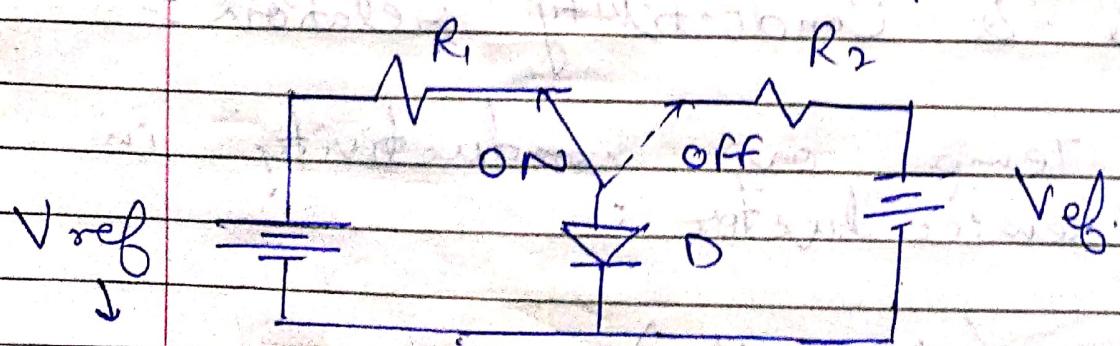
effect of Temp. on conductivity in extrinsic semiconductor :



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Application of Diode.

- 1) as a switch
- 2) As a rectifier
- 3.) As clipper & clumper



V_{ref} → reference voltage.

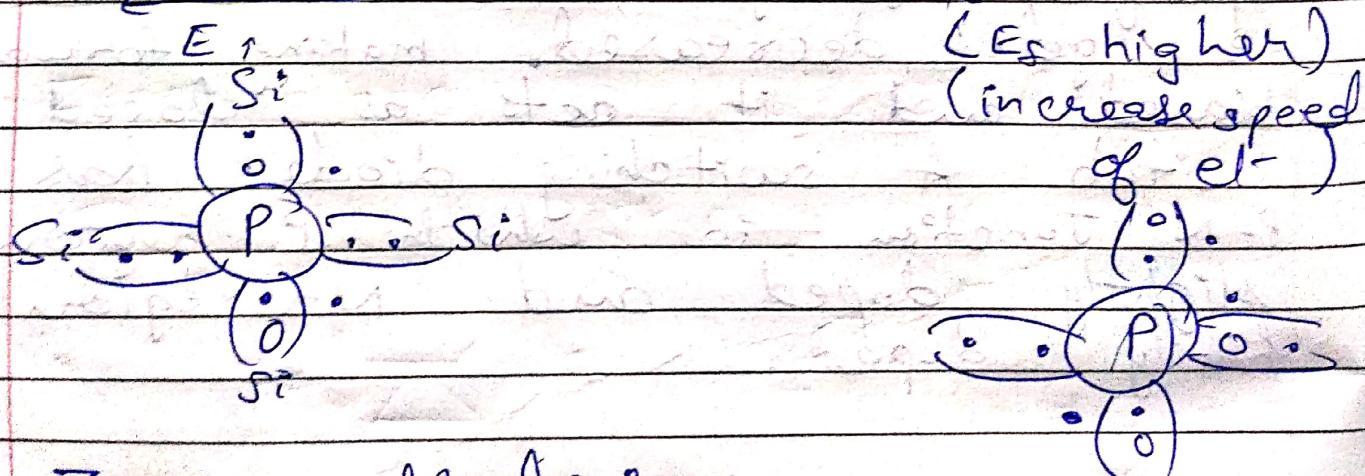
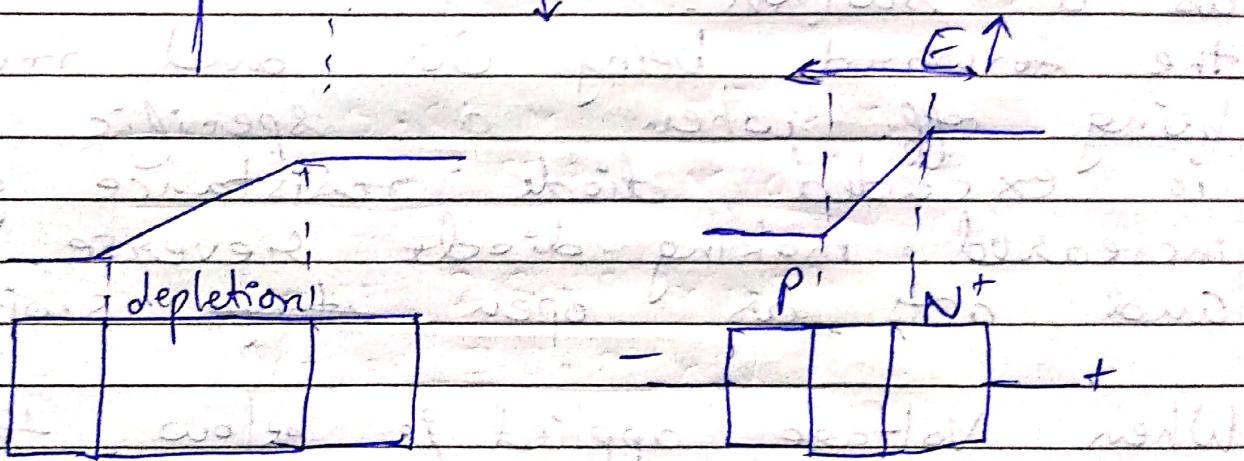
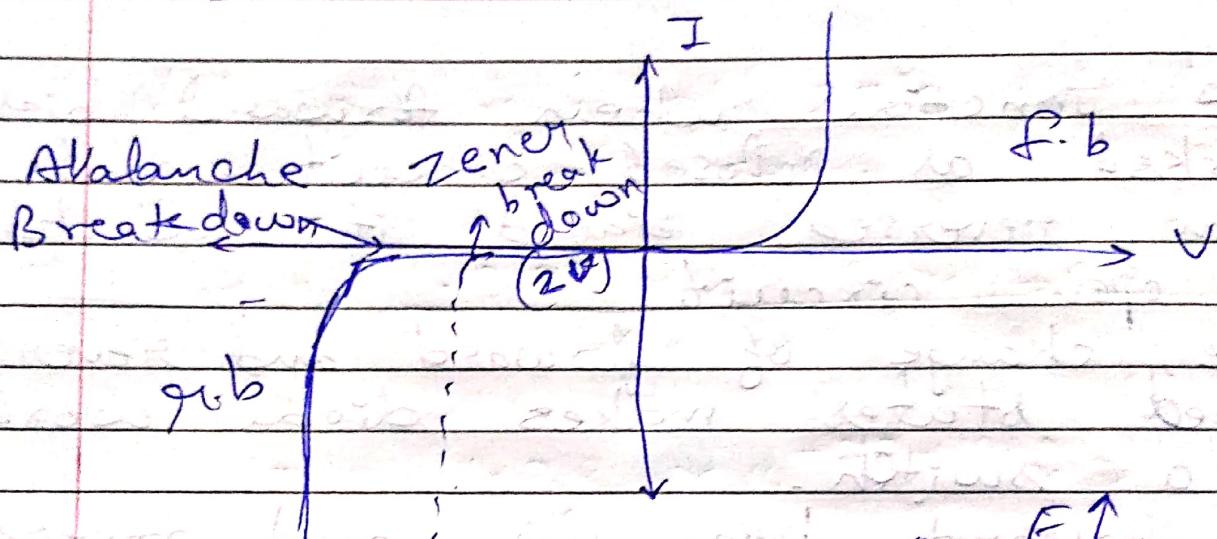
P-N Junction when forward biased works as closed circuit and when reversed biased it works as open circuit.

Hence, change of forward and reverse biased states makes diode work as a switch.

The forward being on and reverse being off. When a specific voltage is exceeded, diode resistance gets increased. making diode reverse biased and acts as open ~~stage~~ switch.

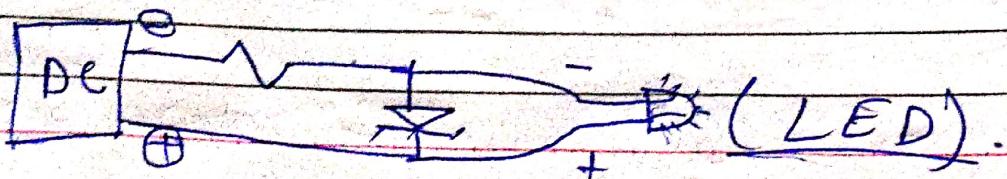
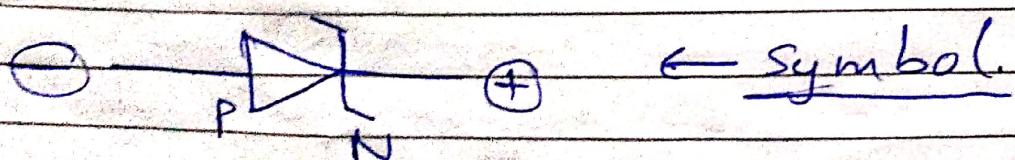
When Voltage applied is below the specified voltage, the diode resistance gets decreased. making forward biased and it acts as closed switch. A switching diode has P-N Junction in which P+ region is slightly doped and N-region is heavily doped.

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Zener diode :-

(use as a voltage regulator)



* Built-in potential Voltage:

V_{bi} = potential barrier.

P N

$$V_{bi} \quad | V_{bi} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left(\frac{N_A \cdot N_D}{n_i^2} \right)$$

V_{bi} is the potential difference across the depletion region of a diode even when no external voltage is applied.

Diode Current Eqn

$$I_D = I_s (e^{V_D/nV_T} - 1)$$

$$V_T = \frac{kT}{q}$$

(I_s = reverse saturation current)

(V_D = Applied voltage)

(n = ideality factor)

(V_T = thermal voltage)

$$q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$$

$$k = \text{Boltzmann constant} = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$$

$$T_K = \text{absolute temp.} = 273 + \text{temp. J/K}$$

in $^{\circ}C$

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Q. At a temp. of 27°C , find out the thermal voltage.

$$\Rightarrow V_T = \frac{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 300}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$$

$$V_T = \frac{1.38 \times 10^{-23+19+2}}{1.6} \times 3$$

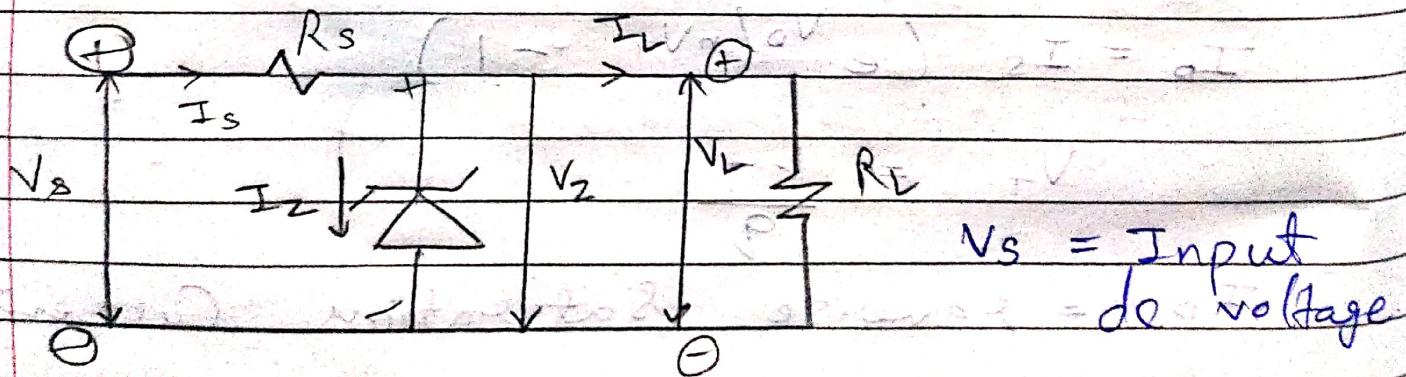
$$V_T = 2.578 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$V_T = 25.8 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$V_T = 25.8 \text{ mV}$$

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→ Zener diode as Voltage Regulator:



$$I_S = V_S - V_Z + I_Z$$

$$V_Z = \text{Zener Voltage}$$

No voltage drop across V_Z γ_Z = reverse resistance
 $= I_Z \cdot \gamma_Z$

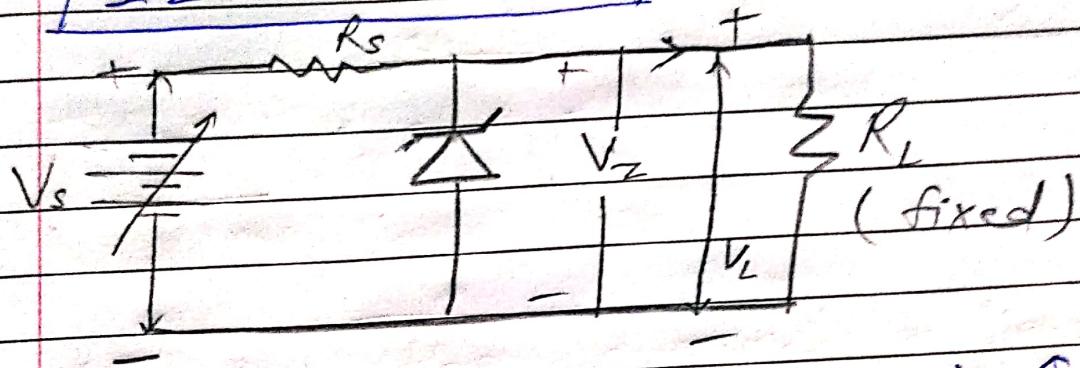
Voltage across terminal (V_L) = $V_Z + I_Z \cdot \gamma_Z$

if r_z is negligible.

$$V_L = V_Z$$

$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L}$$

$$I_Z = I_S - I_L$$

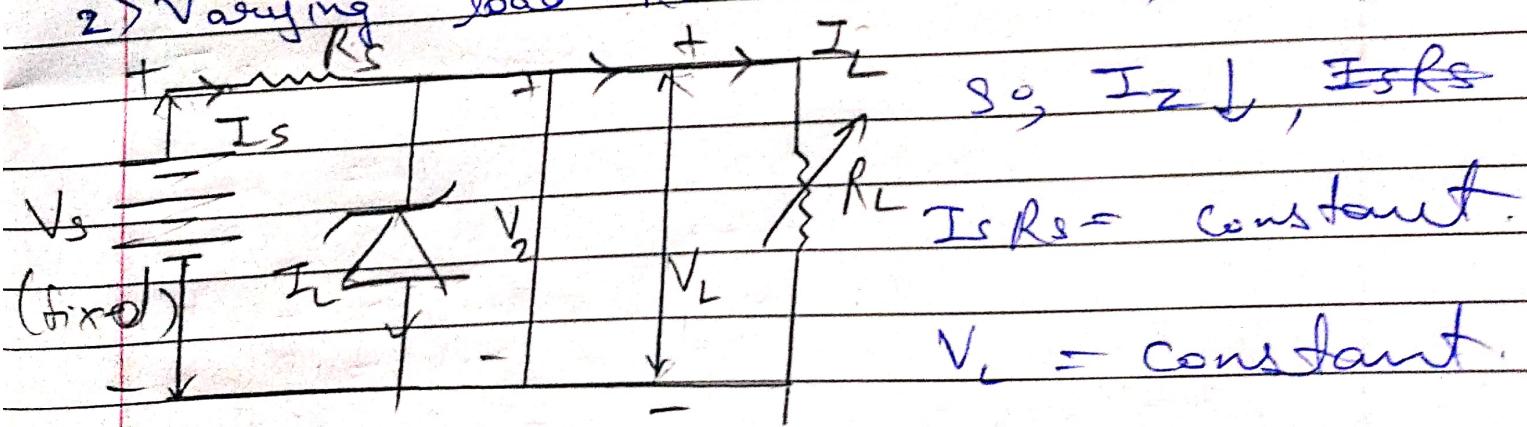


1) Varying input voltage: $V_S \uparrow$, $I_S \uparrow$
 $I_L = \text{constant}$
 $V_S \uparrow$, voltage drop \uparrow
 $R_S \uparrow$, $V_L = \text{const.}$

$V_S \downarrow$, $I_S \downarrow$, voltage drop \downarrow , $R_S \downarrow$,

I_L , $V_L = \text{constant}$.

2) Varying load Resistance: $R_L \downarrow$, $I_L \uparrow$, \nexists



$V_L = \text{constant}$.

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 $I_L \uparrow, I_R \downarrow, I_Z \uparrow$ $I_{SRs} = \text{constant}, V_L = \text{constant}$