

Semiconductors

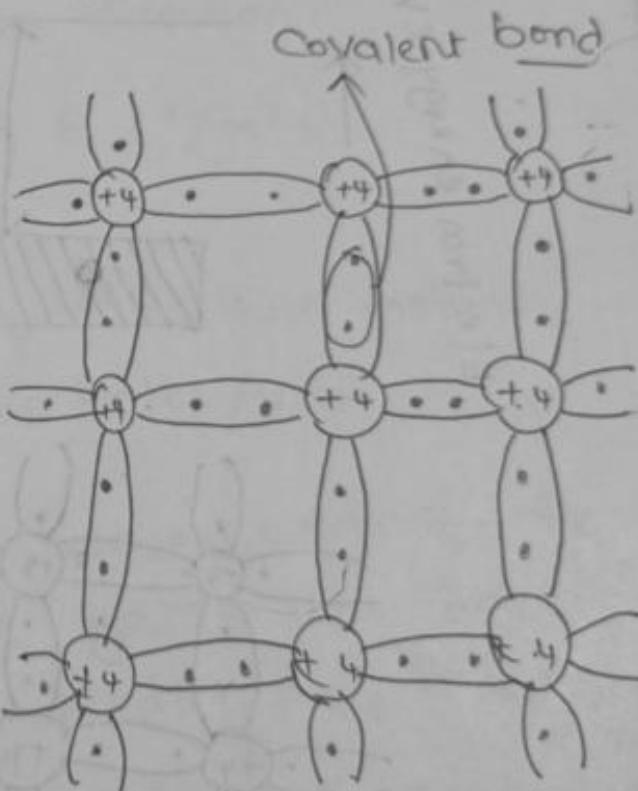
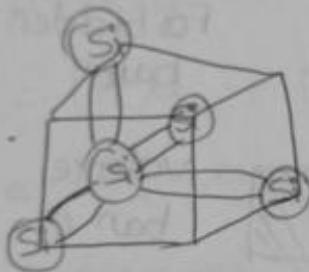
→ What way semiconductors are differ from conductors

In conductors; only electrons are charge carriers

In Semiconductors; Both electrons and holes are charge carriers.

→ By means of conductivity, it may act as conductor or insulator depending on biasing.

Valence electrons

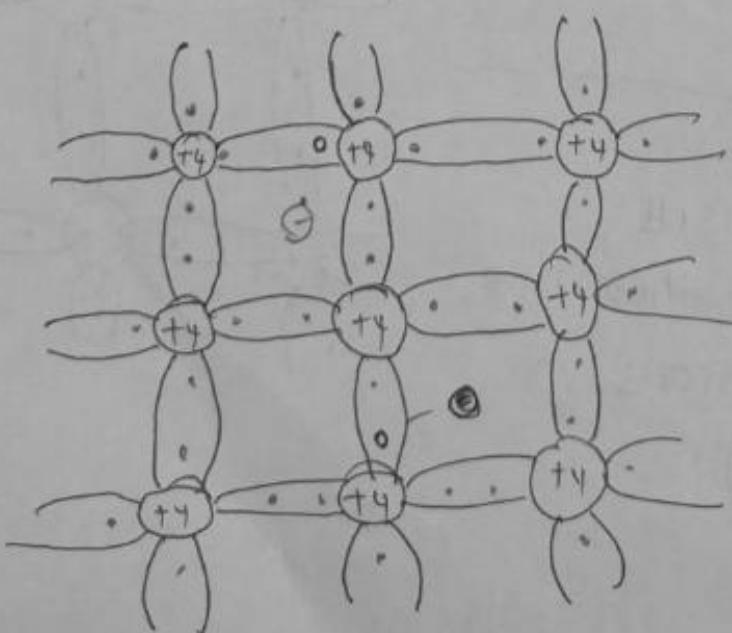
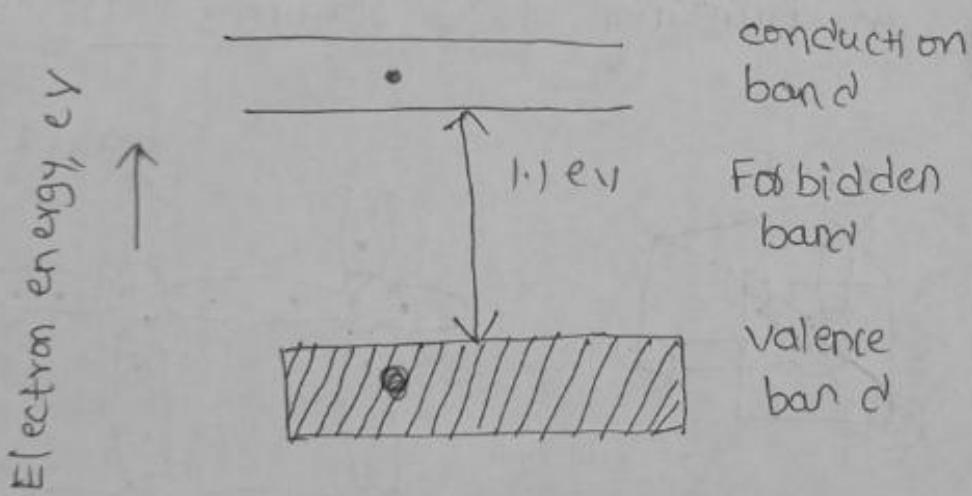


Si, Ge are fourth Group elements
(It means that these have four Valence electrons in the outer orbit).

→ These electrons tightly bonded with other electrons. At this condition, it will act as insulator. [at room Temperature]

→ The energy required to break a covalent bond is about 14.1 eV for Silicon and about ~~0.75 V~~ ^{check it} for Germanium at room Temperature (about 300 K).

figure above is the energy band diagram of silicon from which it is seen that a valence electron must acquire quantum energy jump of well above 14.1 eV to cross over the conduction band.



Available free electrons at room temperature due to covalent bonds.

An electron released from a covalent bond leaves behind a hole and it may fill the hole vacantly in a neighbouring bond which is equivalent to the movement of hole from one position to another. In other words, the hole has moved to the position vacated by the electron from that earlier vacant bond, which is now occupied by the electron. Thus, both electrons and holes act as charge carriers in Semiconductors different from conduction in metals (only free electrons as charge carriers).

When an electric field is applied to semiconductor material, electron drift in opposite direction to the field while holes drift in the direction of the field adding current to positive direction.

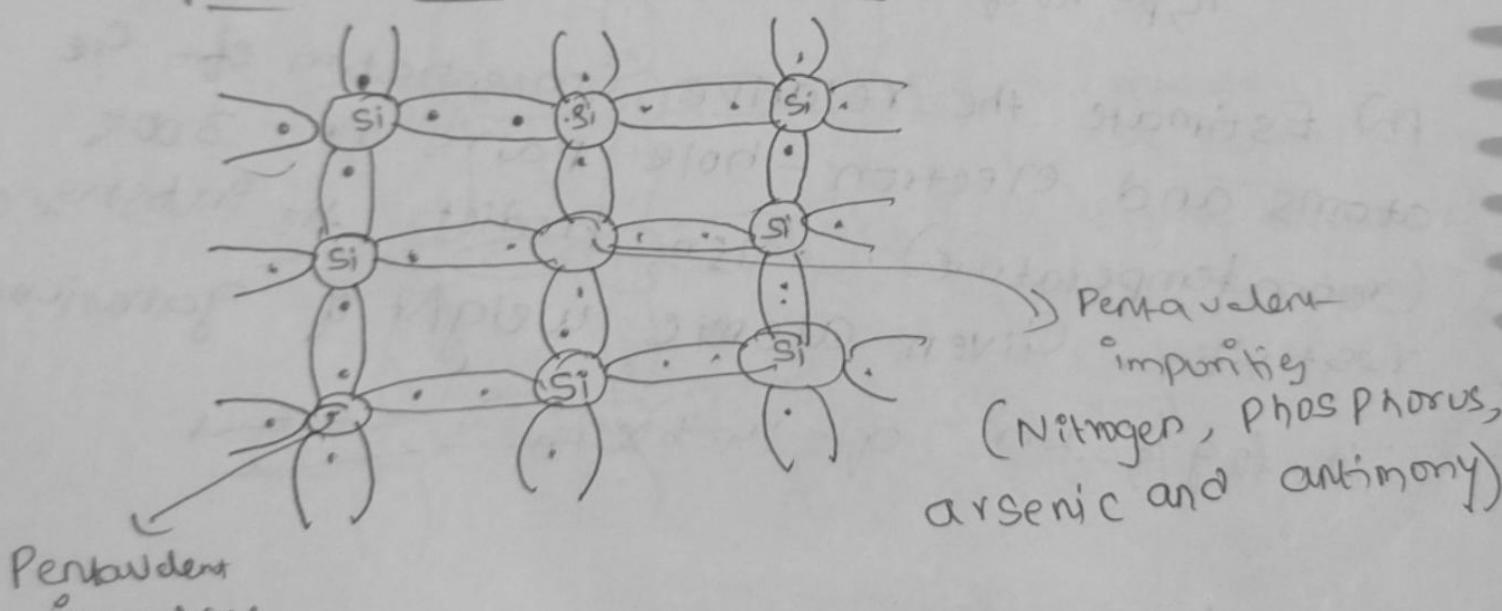
$$J = (n\mu_n + p\mu_p) q \cdot E \text{ A/m}^2$$

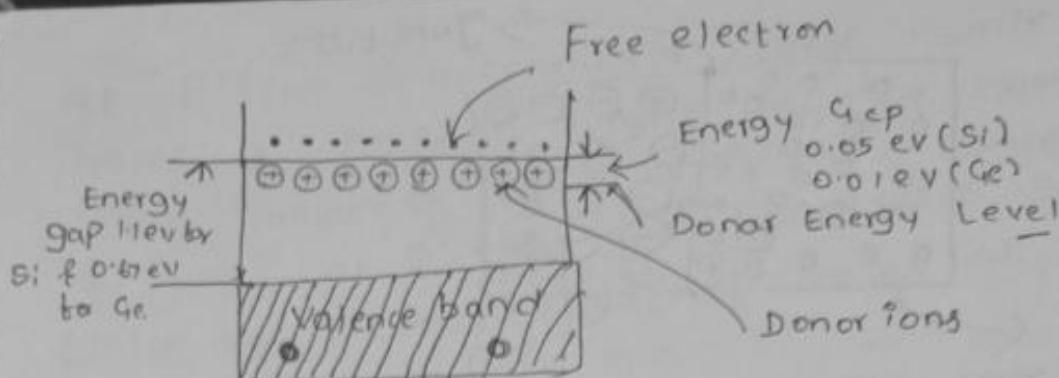
$$\sigma = (n\mu_n + p\mu_p)$$

μ_n = electron mobility μ_p = hole mobility

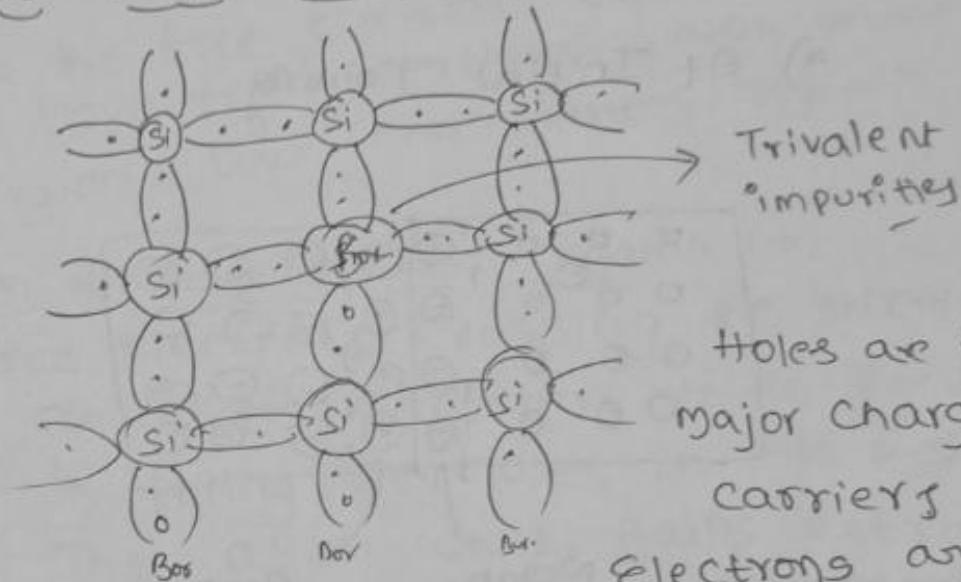
n, p = no of electrons or holes / unit

DOPED SEMI CONDUCTORS (N-TYPE)





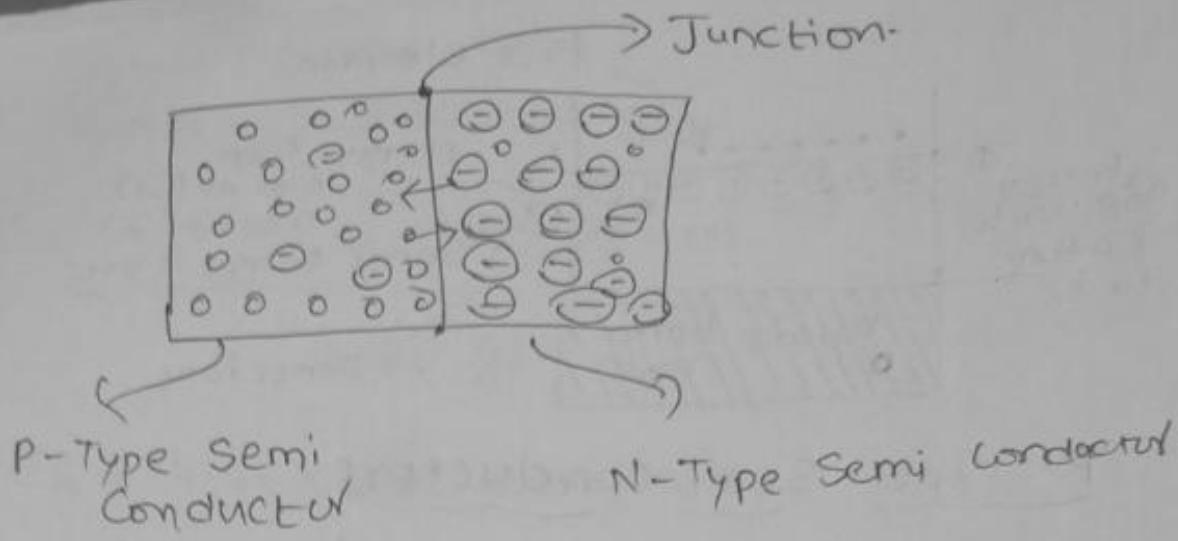
P-Type Semiconductors



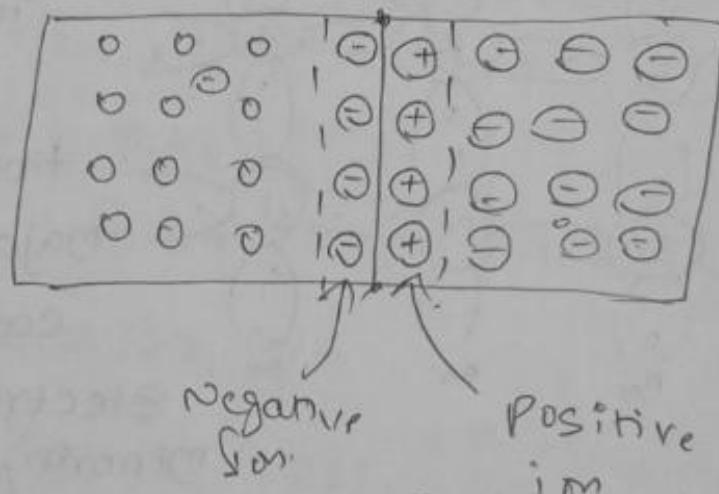
P-N Junction Diode

→ In N-Type Semiconductor materials, Pentavalent impurities are added while in P-type Semiconductor material trivalent impurities are added.

→ If the impurities added to P-type and n-type semiconductor materials are not uniform then at one region large number of charge carriers are present while at another region small number of charge carriers are present.



a) At Initial Joining



→ Due to this non uniform doping charge carriers at high concentration region repel from each other and move towards the low concentration region to achieve uniform concentration all over the barrier

At 'P' type Semiconductor large number of holes is present while 'n' type semiconductor small number of holes is present. Concentration of holes at 'P' type semiconductor is high while the concentration of holes at 'n' type semiconductor is low.

Hence, the holes from the P-side are attracted towards the free electrons at n-side. Thus, the holes move from P-region (high concentration) to n-region (low concentration region).

Formation of positive and negative ion

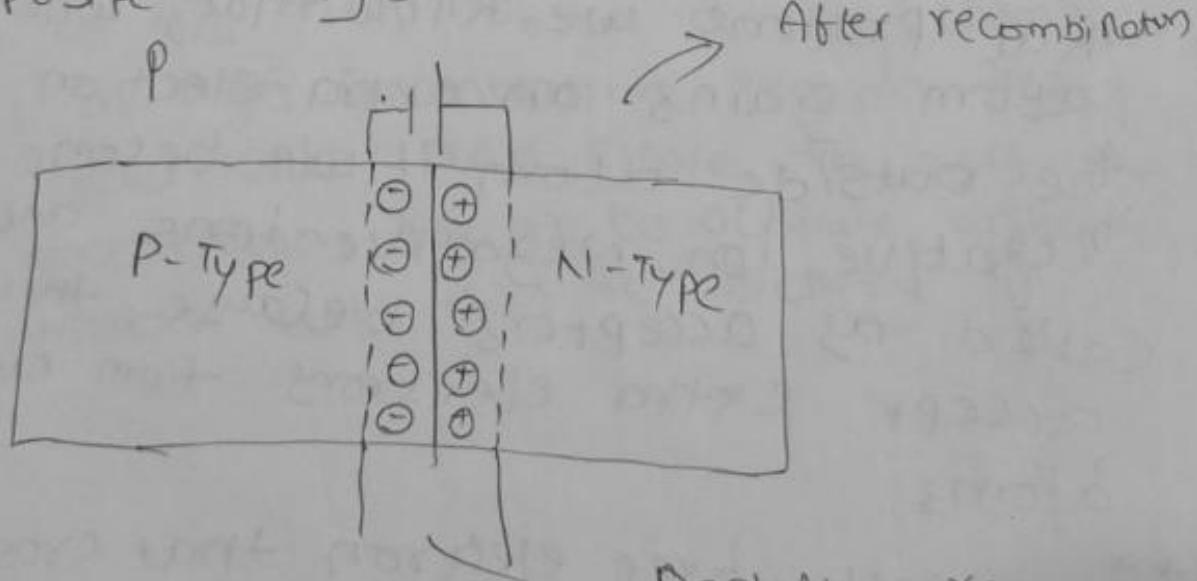
The free electrons crossing the junction provide an extra electron to the P-side atoms by filling the holes in the P-side atoms. The atom which gains extra electron has more number of electrons than protons. We know that, when the atom gains an extra electron from the outside atom it will become a negative ion. Negative ions are also called as acceptors because they accept extra electrons from outside atoms.

** Thus, each free electron that crosses the junction to fill the holes in the P-side creates negative ions on the P-side.

Similarly each free electron that left the n-side atom to fill the holes in the p-side atom creates a hole at n-side atom. The atom which loses an electron has more number of protons than electrons. We know that, when an atom loses an electron it will become a positive ion. Positive ions are also called electron donors because they donate extra electrons to the outside atom.

Thus, each free electron that left the n-side parent atom and crosses the junction to fill the holes in the p-side atom creates positive ion at n-side.

** According to Coulomb's law there exist an electrostatic force of attraction between the opposite charges



(○) Potential barrier
(○) Barrier Voltage

What is Potential Barrier?

→ The n-type and p-type semiconductors materials are electrically neutral before the free electrons and holes had crossed the junction.

→ Once crossed the junction, the n-type & p-type semiconductors becomes charged.

Charged atom
If the atom has unequal number of electrons and protons, the atom is said to be charged. This charged atom may be positive or negative.

Negatively charged
If atom has more number of electrons than protons
Positively charged
If atom has more number of protons than electrons is said to be positively charged.

positive and negative barrier voltage at p-n junction

In positive ion, the positive charge is built at n-side of the p-n junction due to the positive ions at the n-side; similarly a net negative charge is built at p-side of the p-n junction due to negative ions at p-side.

→ This net negative charge at p-side of the p-n junction diode prevents the further flow of electrons crossing from n-side to p-side because the negative charge present at p-side of p-n junction repels free electrons.

→ Similarly, the net positive charge at n-side of p-n junction prevents the further flow of holes crossing from p-side to n-side. Hence, positive charge present at n-side and negative charge present at p-side of p-n junction as barrier between p-type and n-type semi conductor.

Bias

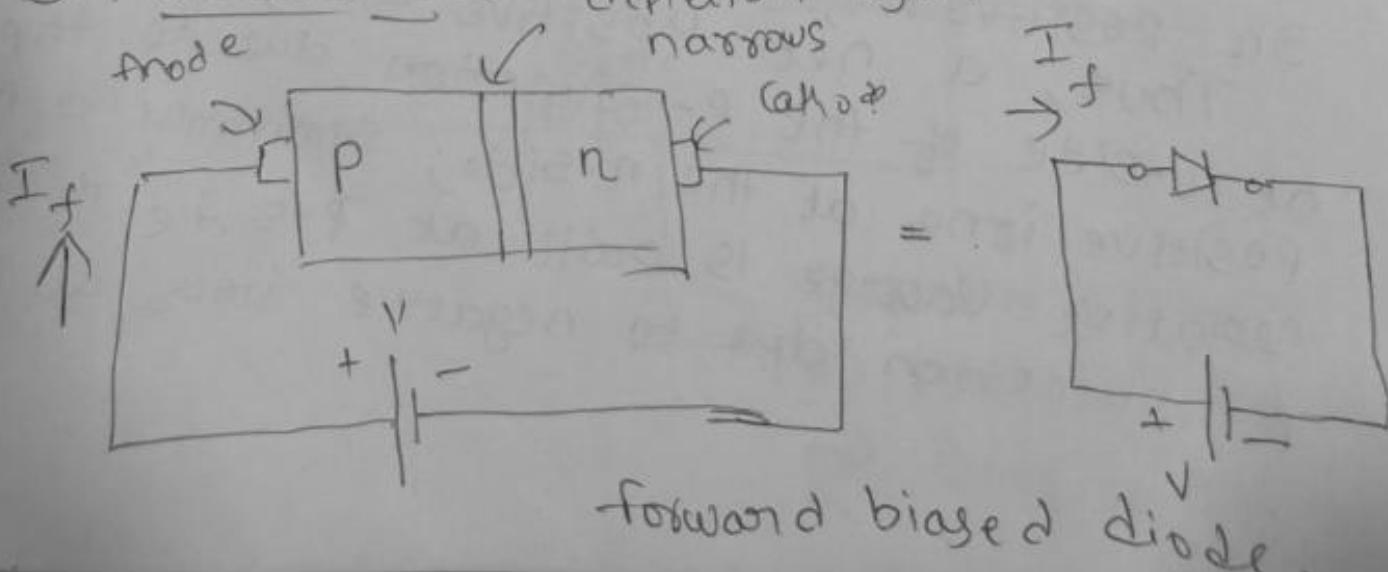
Adding an external voltage to p-n junction diode is known as biasing.

based on connection; either it is

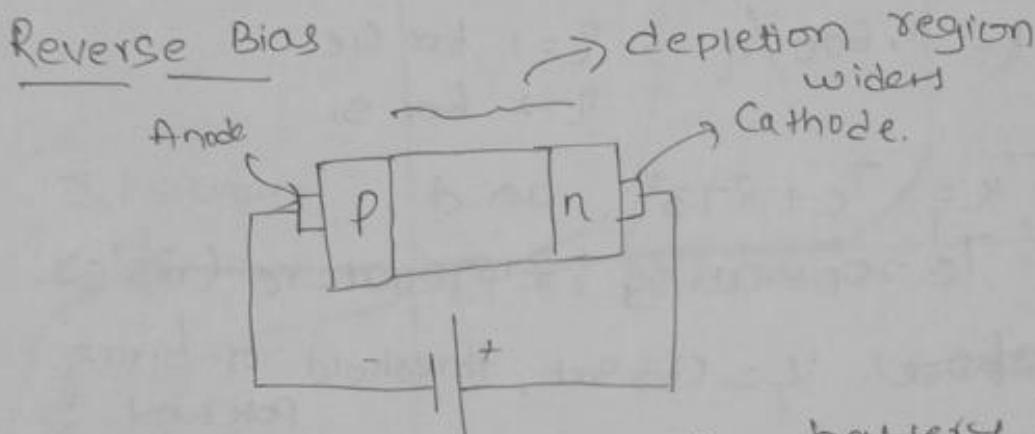
① Forward Bias

② Reverse Bias.

① Forward Bias



- The positive terminal of battery is connected to the anode (P-side) and negative terminal to cathode (N-side).
- The holes from P-side and electrons from N-side get pushed towards the junction, thereby narrowing the depletion region.
- As a result, holes easily cross to N-side and electrons to P-side constituting the Injunction current (I_j).



- Positive terminal of the battery is connected to N-side (Cathode) and negative terminal of battery is connected to P-side (anode) as shown in fig.
- As a result of reverse biasing, the majority of electrons and holes are pulled away from the junction. This causes the width of depletion region to increase. The majority carrier current cannot flow.

→ However, the minority carrier drift current I_s is very low.
 → flows but stays at the saturation level because the minority carrier concentration are very low (nA to μA for Ge).
 which is almost of negligible order (nA to μA for Si and μA to mA for Ge).

Diode Current Relationship

$$I_D = I_s (e^{\frac{kV_T}{T_K}} - 1)$$

I_s = Reverse saturation current.

$$k = 11,600/n ; n=1 \text{ for Ge} \\ n=2 \text{ for Si}$$

$$T_K = T_c + 273^\circ \text{ and}$$

T_c = operating temperature (25°C)

~~V_T~~ = V_T = offset, threshold or biasing potential

$V_T = 0.7\text{V}$ for Si diode

$V_T = 0.3\text{V}$ for Ge diode,

Q5) An Si diode has $I_s = 10 \text{ nA}$ operating at 25°C . Calculate I_D for a forward bias of 0.6V .

$$I_s = 10 \times 10^{-9} \text{ A}$$

$$T_K = 25^\circ + 273^\circ = 298^\circ$$

$$k = \frac{11,600}{2} = 5,800$$

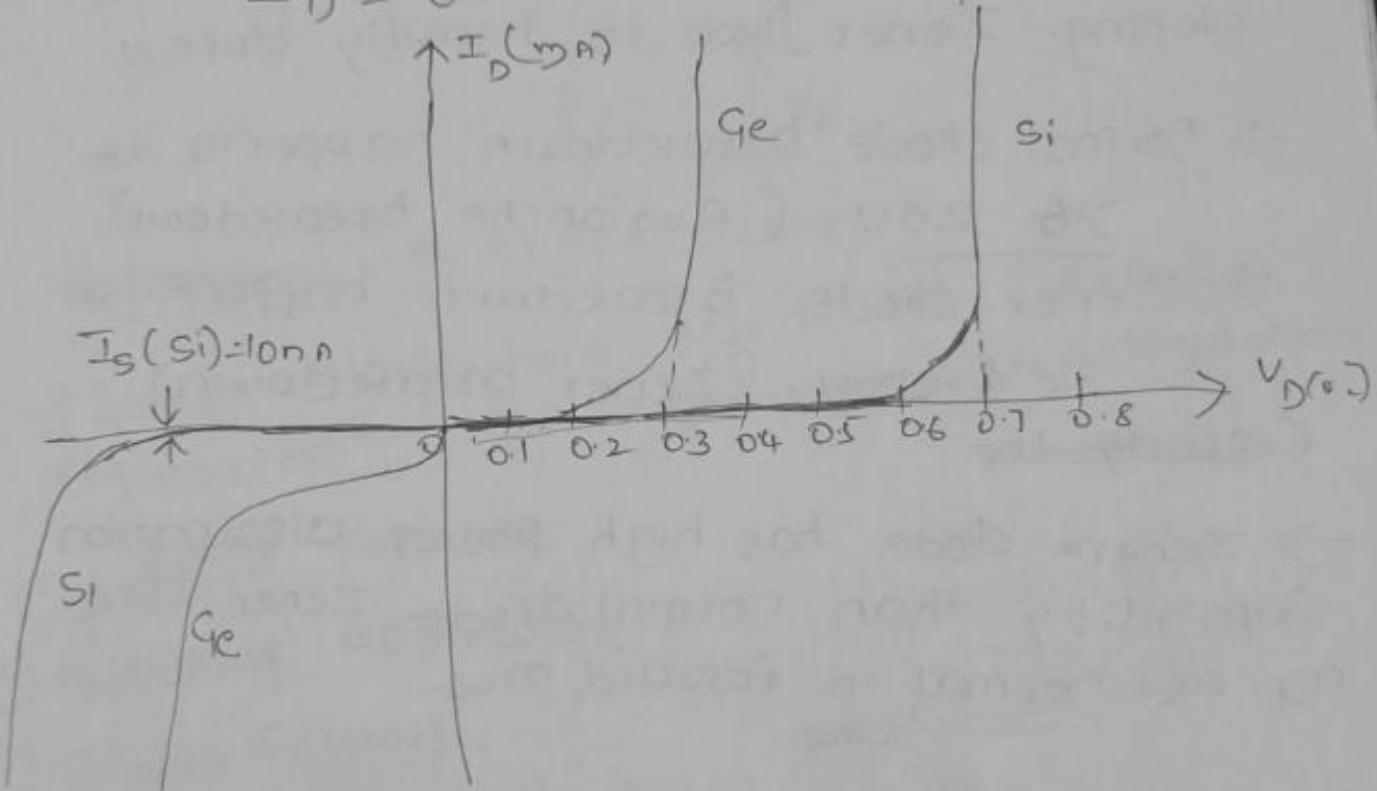
$$\frac{KV_D}{T_K} = \frac{5800 \times 0.6}{298} = 11.68$$

$$e^{11.68} = 117930$$

$$I_D = I_s (e^{KV_D/T_K} - 1)$$

$$I_D = 10 \times 10^{-9} \times (117930 - 1)$$

$$I_D = 0.586 \text{ mA, negligible}$$



Diode V-I Characteristics

ZENER DIODE

→ Zener diode is a special diode widely used in voltage regulation (Both line regulation and Load regulation)

→ It operates in reverse bias only. The difference between normal diode reverse bias and zener diode is level of doping. Zener Diode is heavily doped.

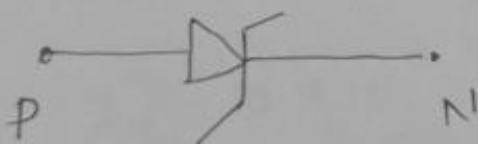
→ Normal diode breakdown happens at $V_{BR} - 20V$ (Avalanche breakdown)

→ Zener diode breakdown happens at $< 6V$ (Zener breakdown)

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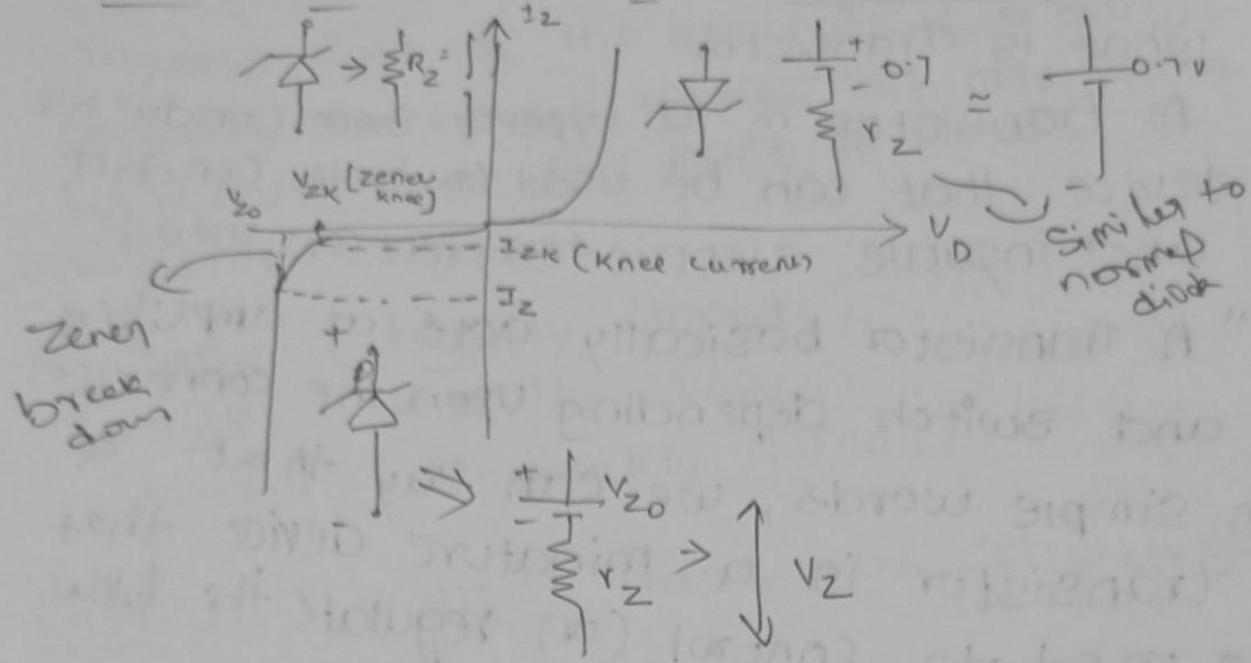
→ Zener diode has high power dissipation capability than normal diode: Zener diode act as normal in forward bias.

Symbols



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V-I characteristics of ZENER Diode



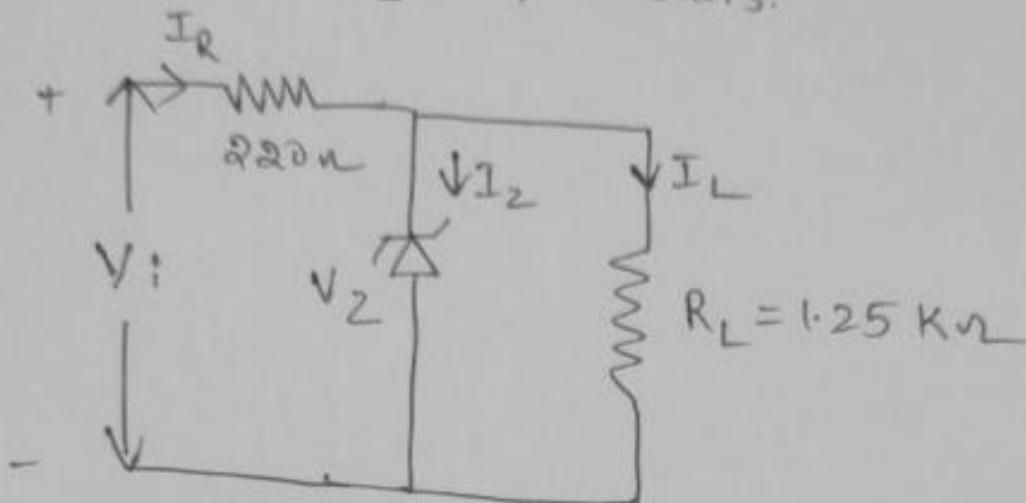
Applications of ZENER DIODE

- ① Zener diodes are used for voltage regulation (Line regulation & Load regulation)
- ② Surge suppressors
- ③ Switching applications
- ④ Clipper Circuits.

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ZENER DIODE classical Example; how it
will act as line regulator

Qb) Determine the range of 'V_i' in which Zener diode of fig 14.19 conducts.



The Zener diode rating was $20\text{V} = V_Z$

Power rating $P_Z(\text{max}) = 35 \text{mW}$
~~1200 mW~~

$$V_Z = 20\text{V}, I_Z = 0$$

$$I_R = I_L = \frac{20}{1.25 \times 10^3} = 16\text{mA}$$

$$V_i = 20 + (220) * (16 \times 10^{-3}) = 23.52\text{V}$$

$$I_Z = I_Z(\text{max}) = \frac{1200}{20} = 60\text{mA}$$

$$I_L = 16\text{mA}$$

$$I_R = 16 + 60 = 76\text{mA}$$

$$V_i = 20 + 220 \times 76 \times 10^{-3} = 36.72\text{V}$$

TRANSISTOR

What is Transistor

A transistor is a type of semiconductor device that can be used to both conduct and insulate electric current (or) voltage.

"A Transistor basically acts as amplifying and switch depending upon the connection. In simple words, we can say that a transistor is a miniature device that is used to control (or) regulate the flow of electrons".

Transistor = Transfer of resistance from one path to another Path.

High resistor to low resistor - Amplifying
low resistor to high resistor - Switch

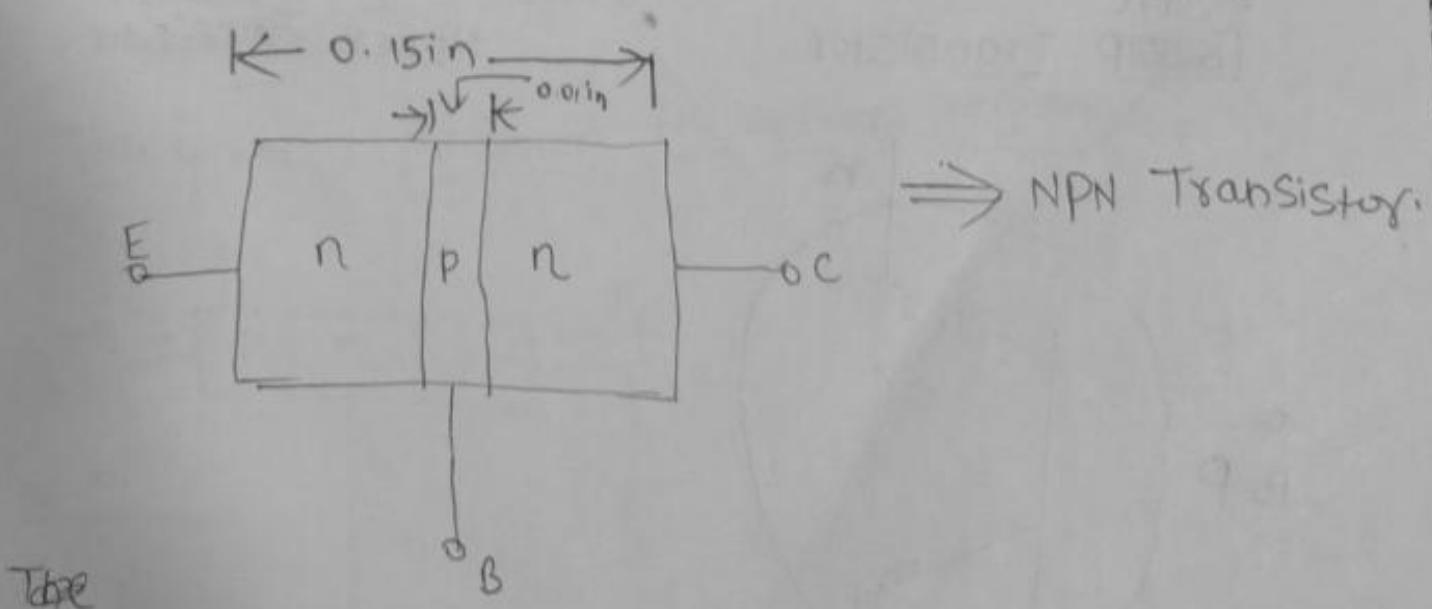
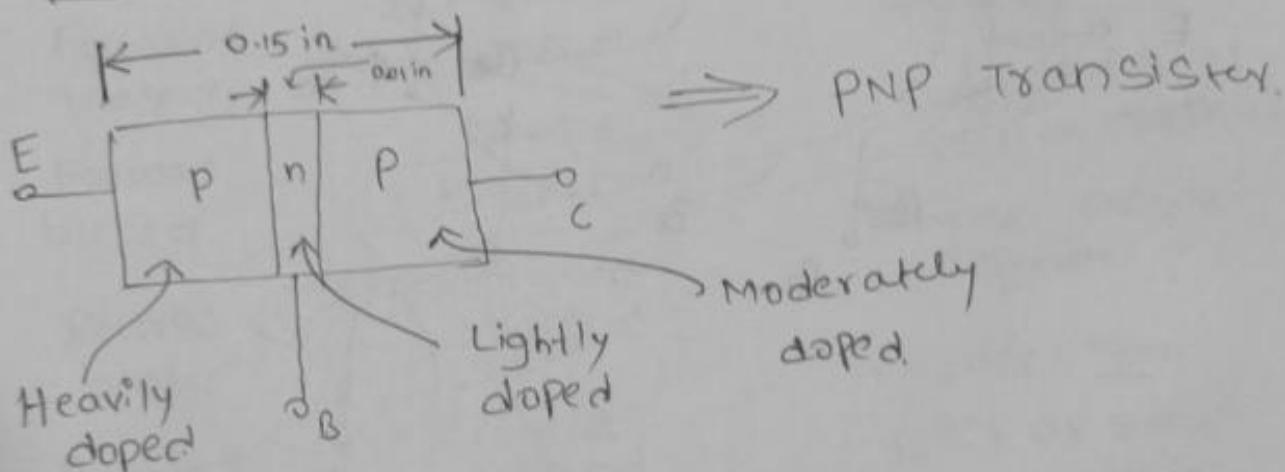
Parts of Transistors

A typical transistor is composed of three layers of semi conductor materials on more specifically terminals which helps make a connection to our external circuit and carry the current.

A voltage (or current) that is applied to anyone pair of the terminals of a transistor controls the current through the other pair of terminals. There are three terminals of transistor. They are

- Base (lightly doped)
- Emitter (Heavily doped)
- collector (Moderately doped)

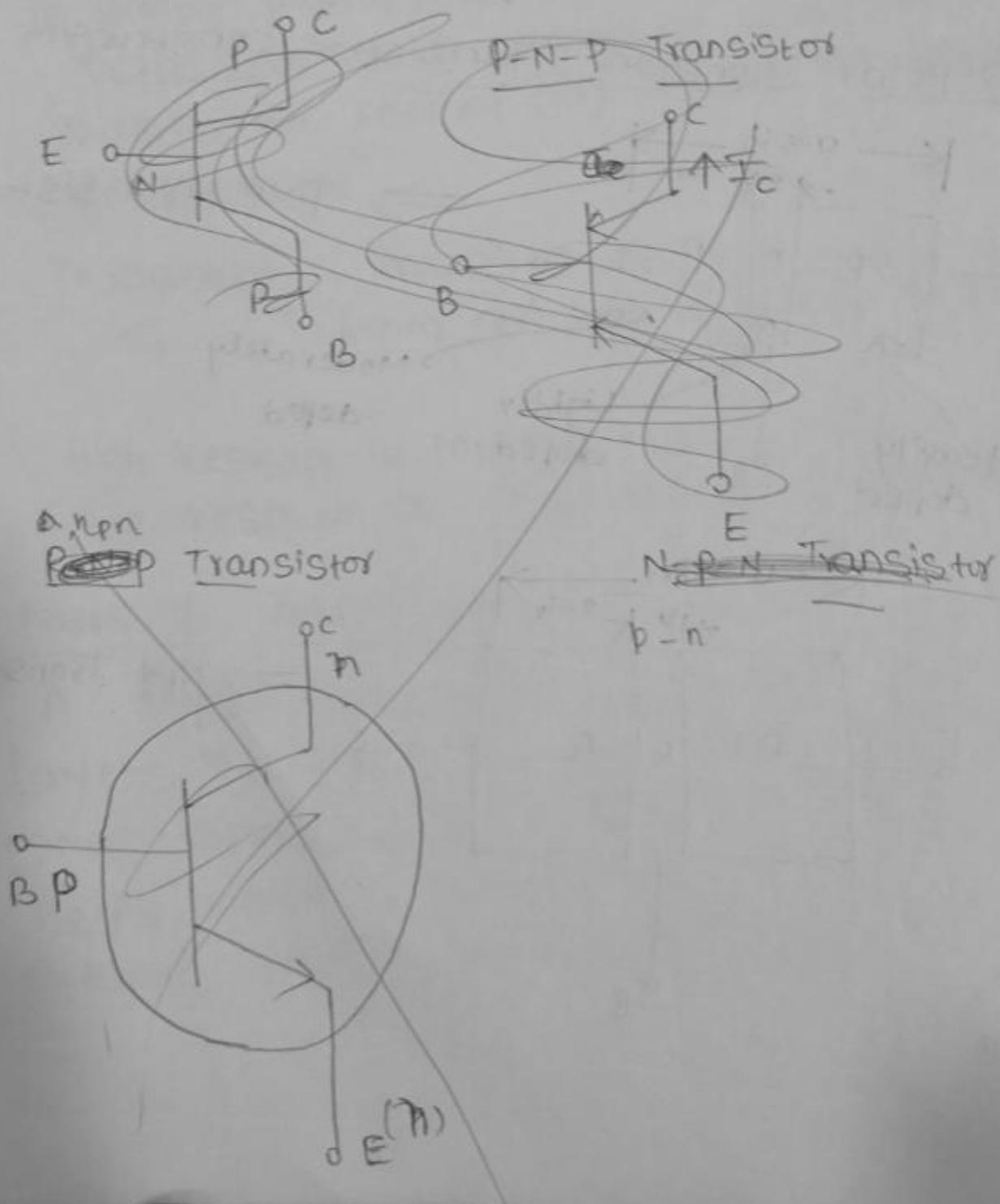
Bipolar Junction Transistor construction



The constructional details and order of dimension for two types of BJT are shown in fig. 1 & 2.

→ In pnp transistor, a thin N-type layer is sandwiched between P-type layers, where in an npn transistor, a thin layer of P-type is sandwiched between two N-type layers.

Transistor Symbol



Biassing

There are two junctions in the transistor

- i) Emitter Base Junction
- ii) collector Base Junction.

→ Basically biassing combination, the transistor can be operate in four modes

Emitter-Base Junction

Forward biased

Forward biased

Reverse biased

Reverse biased

Collector - Base Junction

Forward biased

Reverse biased

forward biased

Reverse biased

Region of operation

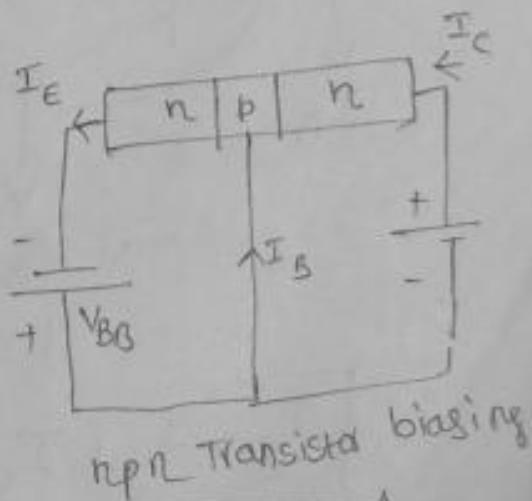
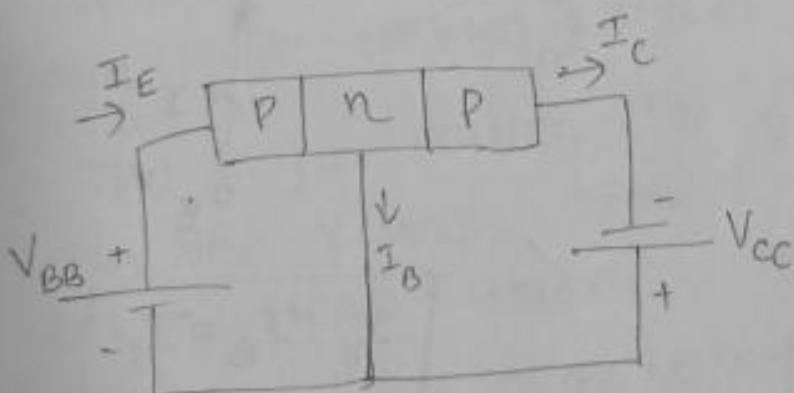
Saturation region

Active (Act as region amplification)

Inverse active region

cutoff region
(Act as switch)

Transistor connection in active region

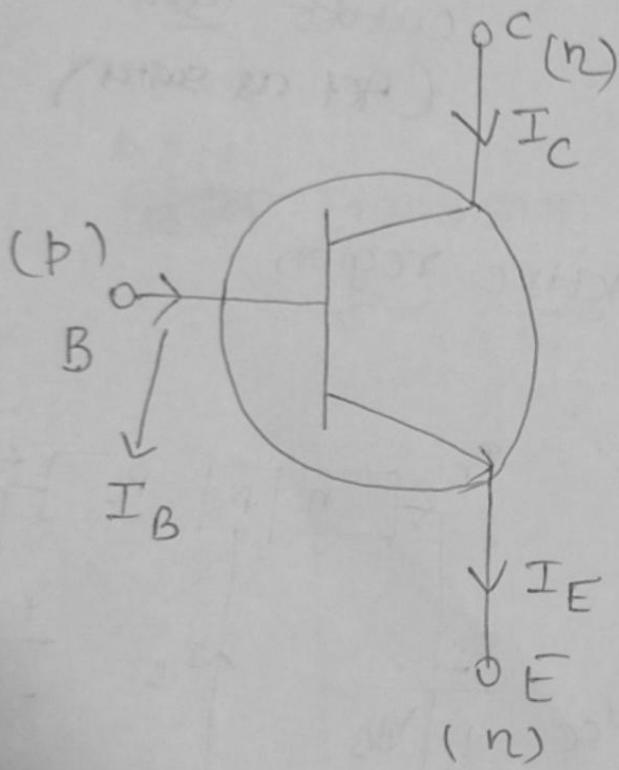




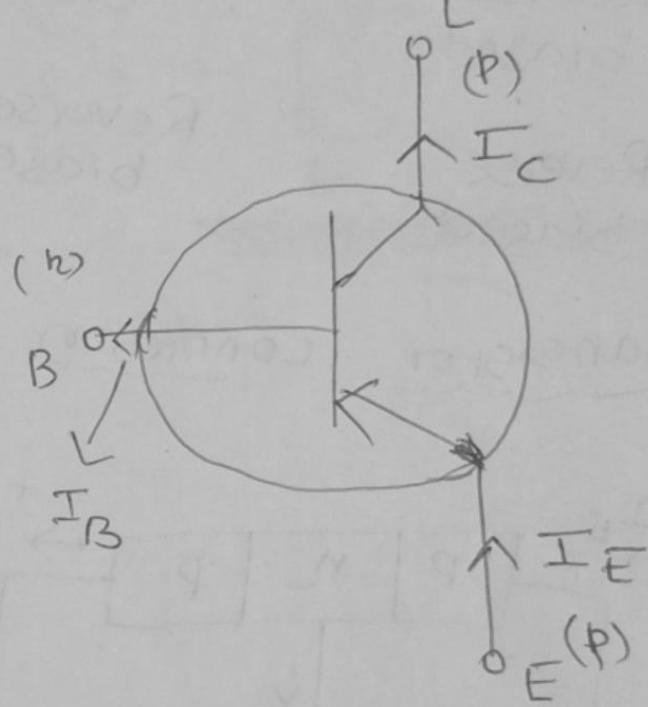
$$I_E$$

Transistor Symbol

n-p-n Transistor



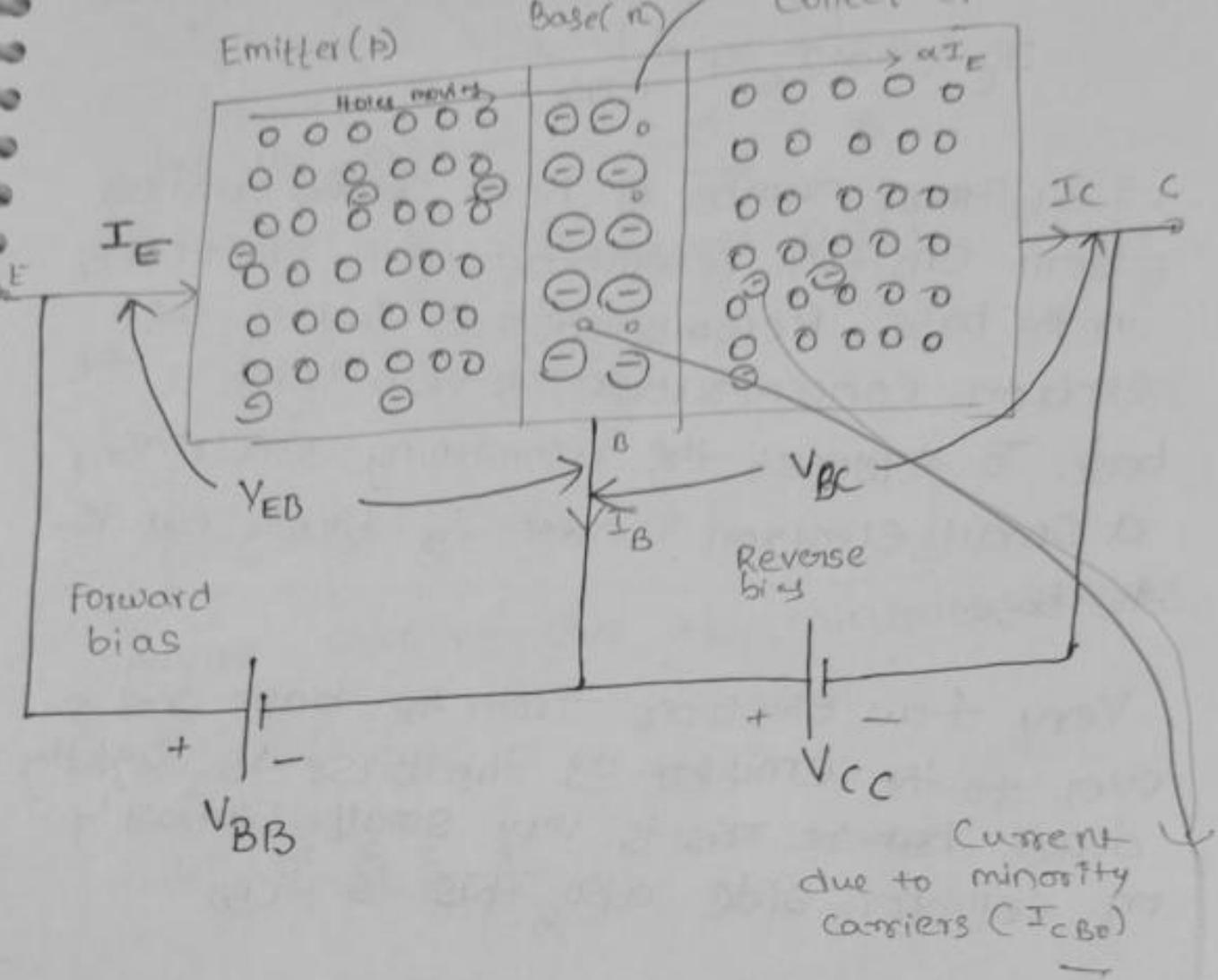
p-n-p Transistor



$$I_E = I_B + I_C$$

$$I_E = I_B + I_C$$

Operation of Transistor (PnP) electron-hole recombination



- Emitter holes (majority carriers) cross the forward-biased EB junction into base. These constitute emitter current I_E .

- The major portion of these holes cross over the reverse-biased CB junction constituting current ' αI_E '.

$$\alpha = 0.98 \text{ to } 0.99.$$

This is why base width kept constant small

The reverse saturation current I_{CBO} flows across CB junction. The collector current

$$I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBO}$$

A small number of holes comes coming from emitter recombine with electrons in the base. Recombination is small as electron concentration is very light in the base. To replenish the recombining electrons, a small electron current I_B flows out of the base.

Very few electrons from the base cross over to the emitter as the base is lightly doped. ~~but~~ This is very small. Similarly on collector side also this is I_{CBO} .

from figure, by applying KCL

$$I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBO} \rightarrow ①$$

by applying KCL

$$I_E = I_C + I_B \rightarrow ②$$

Sub ② in ①

$$I_C = \alpha(I_C + I_B) + I_{CBO}$$

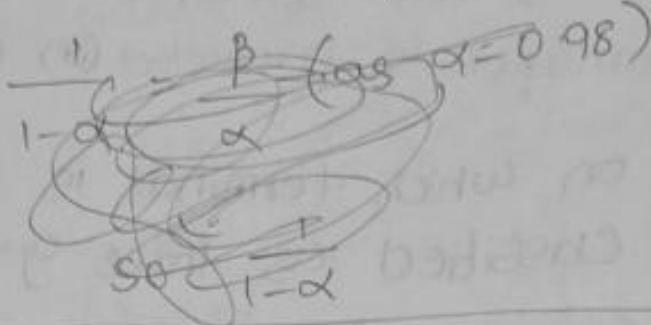
$$I_C = \alpha I_C + \alpha I_B + I_{CBO}$$

$$I_C(1-\alpha) = \alpha I_B + I_{CBO}$$

$$I_C = \left(\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right) I_B + \left(\frac{1}{1-\alpha}\right) I_{CBO}$$

Let us assume $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} = \beta$

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta}$$



$$I_C = \beta I_B + (1+\beta) I_{CBO}$$

Ignore current due to minority carriers

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$\text{where } \beta = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$$

$$\text{if } \alpha = 0.988$$

$$\beta = \frac{0.9888}{1-0.988} = 82.3$$

$$I_C = (82.3) I_B$$

→ In this way in active region
transistor act as "amplifier".

→ In cutoff region and saturation region it
will act as switch.

Rectifier.

→ A rectifier is an electrical device that converts alternating current (AC), which ~~has~~ periodically reverse direction, to direct current (DC) which flows in only one direction.

Rectifier.

Low voltage
rectifier.

High voltage
rectifier

Formed by using diode.

Halfwave
rectifier

Full wave rectifier

Centre tapped
full wave rectifier

Bridge
rectifier.

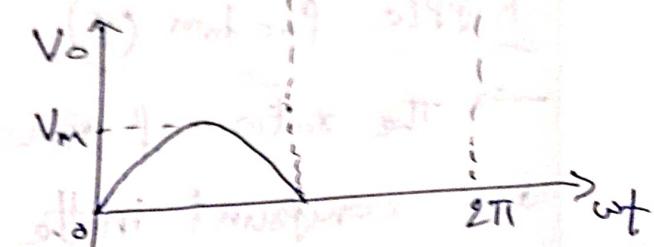
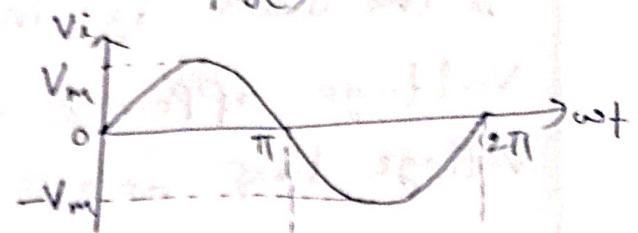
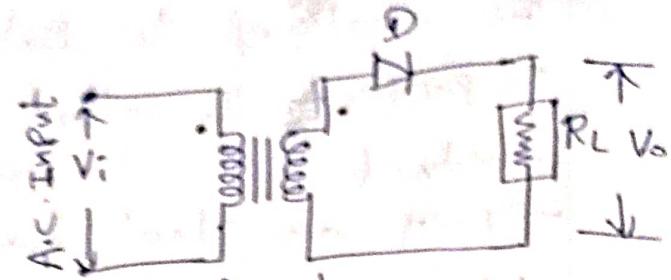
Half-wave Rectifier

→ It converts an AC voltage into a pulsating dc voltage.

Using only one half of the applied AC Voltage.

→ The rectifying diode conducts during one half of the ac cycle only.

fig(c) & fig(b) shows the basic circuit and wave-forming of a half wave rectifier.



fig(b)

→ Let V_i be the input voltage to the Primary of the transformer.

Voltage to the Primary is given by the equation

$$V_i = V_m \sin \omega t$$

$$V_i = V_m \sin \omega t \rightarrow ①$$

→ During the positive half-cycle of the input signal the anode of the diode becomes more positive with respect to the cathode and hence diode "D" conducts.

→ During negative half-cycle of the input signal

the anode of the diode becomes negative with respect to the cathode and hence, diode D does not conduct.

→ For an ideal diode, the impedance offered by the diode is infinity so the whole input voltage appears across diode D. Hence the voltage drop across R_L is zero.

Ripple factor (r)

→ The ratio of rms value of AC component to the DC component in the output is known as ripple factor (r).

$$r = \frac{\text{rms Value of A component}}{\text{DC Value of component}} = \frac{V_{\text{rms}}}{V_{\text{dc}}}$$

where $V_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{V_{\text{rms}}^2 - V_{\text{dc}}^2}$

$$r = \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_{\text{rms}}}{V_{\text{dc}}}\right)^2 - 1} \quad \rightarrow ②$$

→ The DC value or Average value of the voltage across the Load and is given by writing off circuit & from output waveform.

$$V_{\text{av}} = V_{\text{dc}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V_{\text{id}}(wt) dt$$

$$V_{\text{dc}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\int_0^{\pi} V_m \sin wt dt + \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} o.d(wt) dt \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{av} = V_{dc} &= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} \left[-\cos \omega t \right]_0^\pi \\
 &= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} \left[-(\cos \pi) - (-\cos 0) \right] \\
 &= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} \left[-(-1) - (-1) \right] \\
 &= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} (1+1) \\
 &= \frac{2V_m}{2\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

$V_{av} = \frac{V_m}{\pi}$

→ RMS Voltage at the Load resistance can be calculated

$$V_{rms} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V_i^2 d(\omega t) \right]}$$

$$V_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\int_0^\pi V_m^2 \sin^2 \omega t d\omega t + \int_\pi^{2\pi} 0 \cdot d\omega t \right]}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2} [1 - \cos 2\omega t] d(\omega t) \right]}$$

$$V_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[\left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot d\omega t \right] - \left[\frac{\sin 2\omega t}{2} d\omega t \right] \right]}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{V_m^2}{4\pi} \left[[\omega t]_0^\pi - \left[\frac{\sin 2\omega t}{2\omega t} \right]_0^\pi \right]}$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[(\pi - 0) - 0 \right]$$

$$V_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{V_m^2}{2\pi}} \times \pi R$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{V_m}{2} \rightarrow ④$$

Substituting eq 3 & 4 in eq 1

$$r = \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_{rms}}{V_{dc}}\right)^2 - 1}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_m/\pi}{V_{dc}/2}\right)^2 - 1}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 - 1}$$

$$r = 1.21$$

From this expression it is clear that the amount of AC present in the output is 121% of the DC voltage, so the half wave rectifier is not practically useful in converting AC to DC.

Average Value of Load current

$$I_{dc} = \frac{V_{dc}}{R_L}$$

where

$$I_{dc} = \frac{I_m}{\pi}$$

RMS Value of current

$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_m}{2}$$

Form factor for Halfwave Rectifier

Form factor = $\frac{\text{RMS Value}}{\text{Average Value}}$

$$= \frac{V_m/2}{V_m/\pi} = \frac{\pi}{2} = 1.57$$

$$\boxed{F.F. = 1.57}$$

Peak Factor

Peak Factor = $\frac{\text{Peak Value}}{\text{RMS Value}}$

$$\text{Peak Factor} = \frac{V_m}{V_m/2} = 2.$$

$$\boxed{P.F = 2}$$

Efficiency (η)

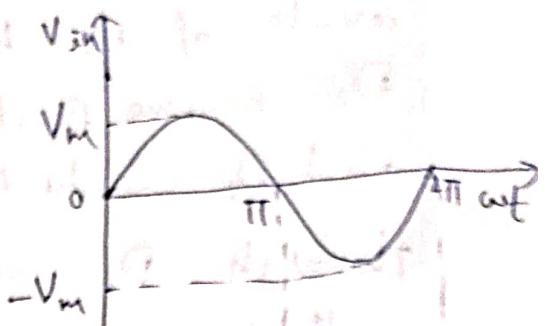
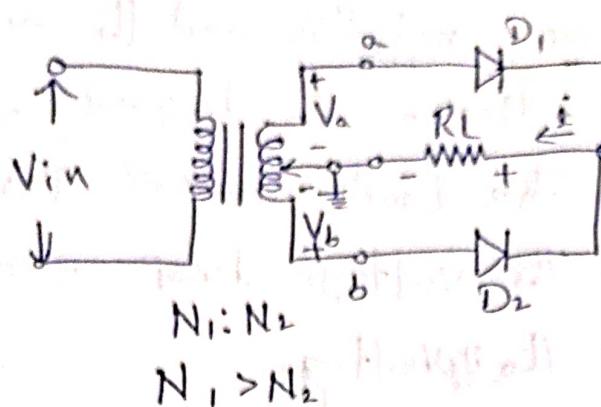
→ The ratio of DC output Power to AC input Power is known as rectifier efficiency (η)

$$\eta = \frac{\text{DC Output Power}}{\text{AC Input Power}} = \frac{P_{DC}}{P_{AC}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{(V_{DC}/R)^2}{(V_{AC})^2} = \frac{(\sqrt{m}\sqrt{T})^2}{\left(\frac{V_m}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{4}{\pi^2} = 0.4$$

Full wave rectifier centre - Topped Rectifier
 Bridge Rectifier.

Centre - Topped Full wave Rectifier



fig(a) centre tapped
Full wave Rectifier.

→ It converts an ac voltage

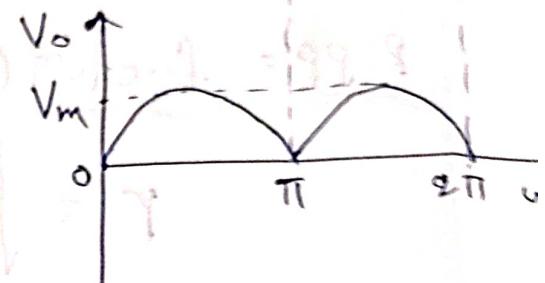
into a pulsating dc

Voltage using both half
cycle of the applied ac voltage

→ It uses two diodes of which one conducts during
one half-cycle while the other diode conducts in
the other half-cycle of the applied ac voltage.

→ fig(a) & fig(b) shows the basic circuit and waveform
of full wave rectifier.

→ During Positive half of the input signal, one
of diode D_1 become positive and at the same
time the anode of diode D_2 become negative.
 D_1 conducts and D_2 does not conduct



→ The load current flowing through D_1 and the voltage drop across R_L will be equal to the input voltage.

→ During the negative half-cycle of the input, the anode of D_1 becomes negative and the anode of D_2 becomes positive. Hence D_1 does not conduct and D_2 conducts. The load current flows through D_2 and the voltage drop across R_L will be equal to the input voltage.

Ripple factor (r)

$$r = \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_{rms}}{V_{dc}}\right)^2 - 1} \quad \text{①}$$

→ The average voltage (V_{dc}) DC voltage available across the load resistance is

$$V_{dc} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int V_{rms} \sin \omega t \, d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[-\cos \omega t \right]_0^\pi$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[-(\cos \pi) - (-\cos 0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} [1 + 1]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi}$$

→ RMS value of the voltage at the load

$$V_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} V_m^2 \sin^2(\omega t) \right]} \quad \text{using formula}$$

$$\boxed{V_{\text{rms}} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}}} \rightarrow ②$$

Substituting eq ② in eq ①

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{N_A \sqrt{2}}{2V_m/\pi}})^2 - 1$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{8} - 1} = 0.482$$

$$\boxed{r = 0.482}$$

Form factor:

$$\text{Form factor} = \frac{\text{RMS value of the out put voltage}}{\text{average value of the output voltage}}$$

$$\text{Value of } F.F = \frac{V_m/\sqrt{2}}{2V_m/\pi} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} = 1.11$$

$$\boxed{F.F = 1.11}$$

Peak factor (P.F):

$$\text{Peak factor} = \frac{\text{Peak Value of the output}}{\text{RMS Value of the output}}$$

$$\boxed{P.F = \frac{V_m}{V_m/\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}}$$

$$V_{rms} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{1}{\pi/8} \int_0^{\pi/2} V_m^2 \sin^2 t dt \right]}$$

$$\boxed{V_{rms} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}}} \rightarrow ②$$

Substituting eq ② in eq ①

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{N_A \sqrt{2}}{(2V_m/\pi)}}^2 - 1$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{8}} - 1 \approx 0.482$$

$$\boxed{r = 0.482}$$

Form factor:

Form factor = $\frac{\text{rms value of the output voltage}}{\text{average value of the output voltage}}$

$$= \frac{V_m / \sqrt{2}}{2V_m / \pi} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} = 1.11$$

$$\boxed{F.F = 1.11}$$

Peak factor (P.F):

Peak factor = $\frac{\text{Peak Value of the output}}{\text{rms Value of the output}}$

$$\boxed{P.F = \frac{V_m}{V_m / \sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}}$$

→ peak inverse voltage for full-wave rectifier is $2V_m$ because the entire secondary voltage appears across the non-conducting diode.

Efficiency (η): The ratio of dc output power to ac input power is known as rectifier efficiency (η).

$$\eta = \frac{\text{dc output power}}{\text{ac input power}} = \frac{P_{dc}}{P_{ac}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{(V_{dc})^2/R_L}{(V_{rms})^2/R_L} = \frac{\left(\frac{2V_m}{\pi}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = \frac{8}{\pi^2}$$

$$\text{For full-wave rectifier, } \eta = 0.812 = 81.2\%$$

→ The maximum efficiency of a full-wave rectifier is 81.2%.