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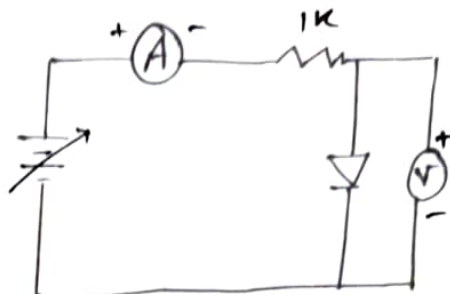
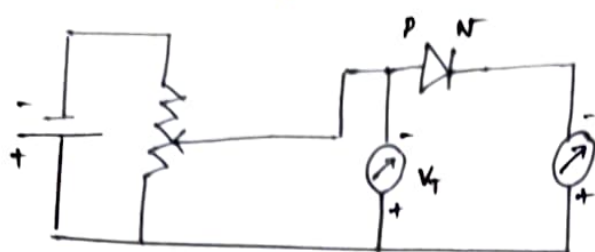
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TITLE: I-V Characteristics of Semiconductor diodes (Si and Ge) under forward and reverse-biased conditions.

OBJECT: To plot I-V characteristic curve to become familiar with the operating characteristic of Ge and Si diodes under both forward and reverse biased conditions.

Circuit Diagram:-

Apparatus:- Bread board, Silicon diode, Germanium diode, DC power supply, Ammeter, Voltmeter, Connection wires.

Observation Table and Graphs:-1. Silicon diodea) Forward Bias:-

No. of obs.	Forward Voltage (V_F) (in V)	Forward Current (I_F) (in mA)
1)	0	0
2)	0.498	0.1
3)	0.535	0.4
4)	0.548	0.6
5)	0.415	27.5

b) Reverse Bias:-

No. of obs.	Reverse Voltage (V_R) (in V)	Reverse Current (I_R) (in μA)
1)	5.8	0.4
2)	10	0.8
3)	15.6	1.4
4)	20.3	1.9
5)	25.2	2.4

Si-diode

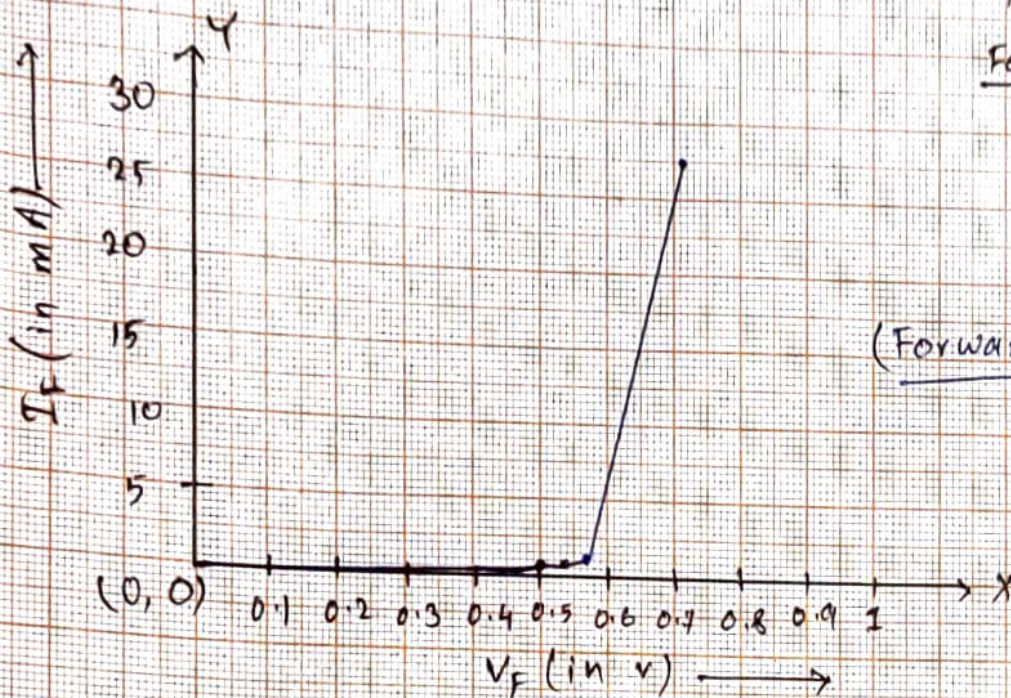
Scale:-

For X-axis,

$$1 \text{ s.s.d.} = 0.01 \text{ V}$$

For Y-axis,

$$1 \text{ s.s.d.} = 0.5 \text{ mA}$$



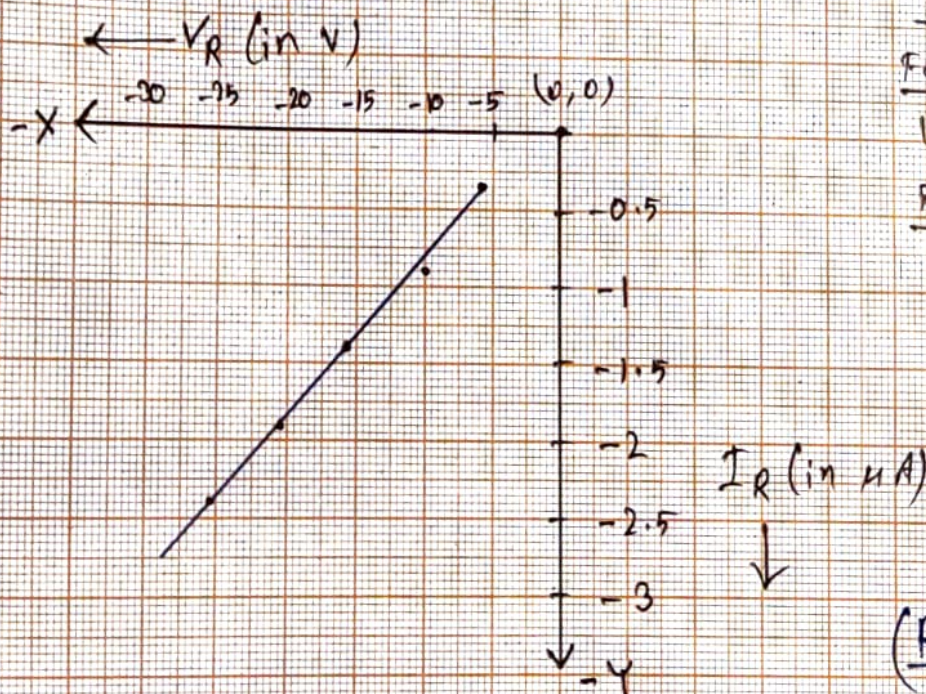
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For Y-axis,

$$1 \text{ s.s.d.} = 0.05 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$



I-V graph of Si-diode in F.B. and R.B.

2. Germanium Diodea) Forward bias:

No. of obs.	Forward Voltage (V_F) (in V)	Forward Current (I_F) (in mA)
1)	0	0
2)	0.28	0.5
3)	0.3	1
4)	0.5	2.7
5)	0.7	4.8
6)	0.9	7.1
7)	1.1	11
8)	1.8	17
9)	2	29

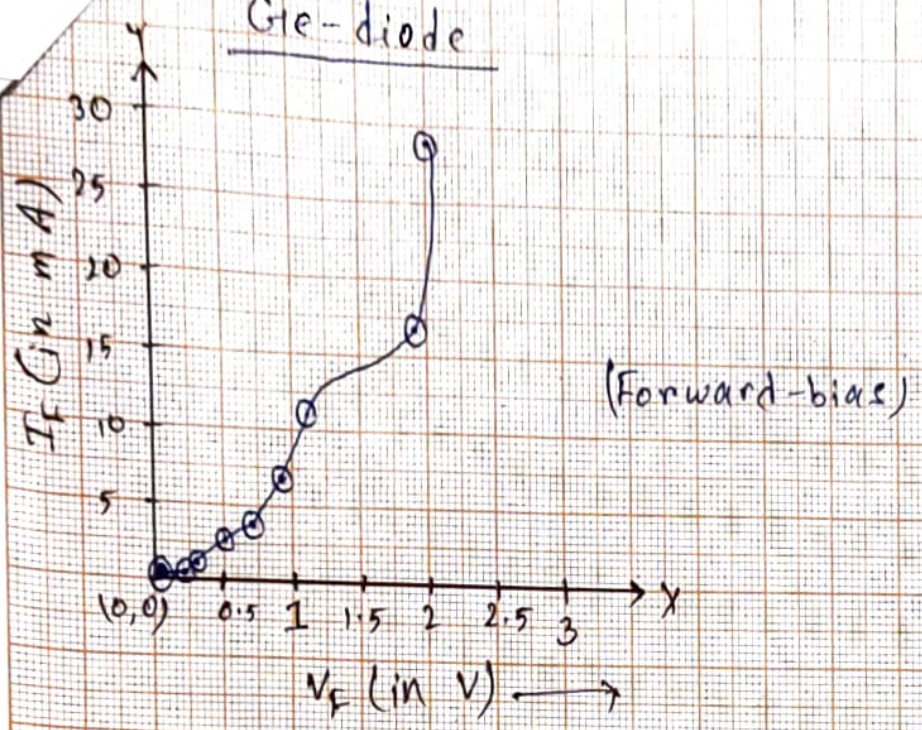
b) Reverse bias:

No. of obs.	Reverse Voltage (V_R) (in V)	Reverse Current (I_R) (in μA)
1)	5	0.13
2)	10	0.55
3)	15	0.8
4)	20	1.3
5)	25	1.4

Conclusion:- We find that:-

- a) For Si-diode, the turn-on and cut-off voltage are about 0.48 and 0.6 V respectively
- b) For Ge-diode, these are about 0.25 and 0.78 V

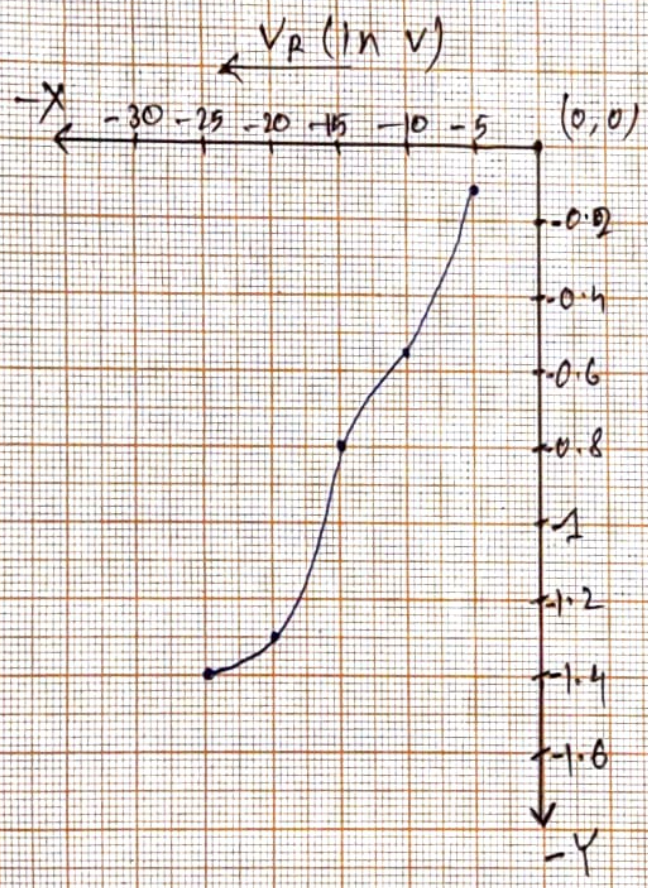
Ge-diode



Scale:-

For X-axis,
1 s.s.d. = 0.05 V

For Y-axis,
1 s.s.d. = 0.5 mA



Scale:-

For X-axis,
1 s.s.d. = 0.5 V

For Y-axis,
1 s.s.d. = 0.02 μA

I-V graph of F.B. and R.B. for Ge-diode