## Numerical

- 1. A conduction wire has a resistivity of  $1.54 \times 10^{-8} \Omega$ -m at room temperature. There are  $5.8 \times 10^{28}$  conduction electrons per m<sup>3</sup>. Calculate the mobility and relaxation time of electrons. [Ans.  $6.997 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{V-s}$ ;  $3.979 \times 10^{-14} \text{ second}$ ]
- 2. A silicon wafer (intrinsic carrier concentration  $1 \times 10^{16} \,\mathrm{m}^{-3}$ ) is doped with  $2 \times 10^{22}$  aluminium atoms/m<sup>3</sup> and  $1 \times 10^{22}$  arsenic atoms/m<sup>3</sup>. Determine the minority carrier concentration. Assume complete dopant ionization.

[Ans.  $1 \times 10^{10}/\text{m}^3$ ]

3. The electron and hole concentration in a P-type semiconductor is 10<sup>12</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> and 10<sup>22</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> respectively. If the mobility of electrons and holes are 0.04 and 0.06 m<sup>2</sup>/V-s respectively, determine the conductivity of the material

[Ans. 96 (ohm-metre)<sup>-1</sup>]

- 5. A semiconductor has the electron concentration  $4 \times 10^{12}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> and hole concentration  $7 \times 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. Is the semiconductor *n*-type or *p*-type? Also calculate the conductivity of this semiconductor. Given, electron mobility = 22,0000 cm<sup>2</sup> V<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and hole mobility = 150 cm<sup>2</sup>V<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>.
- Determine the number density of donor atoms which have to be added to an intrinsic germanium to produce an *n*-type semiconductor of conductivity  $0.06 \text{ Sm}^{-1}$ . Given the mobility of electron  $= 0.39 \text{ m}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Neglect the contribution of the holes to the conductivity.  $[96 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}^{-1}]$

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4. Find the concentration of holes and electrons in an N-type silicon at 300 K if the conductivity is 0.1 (Ω-cm)<sup>-1</sup>. Given that  $n_i$  at 300 K for silicon is 1.5 × 10<sup>10</sup>/cm<sup>3</sup>.  $\mu_e$  at 300 K for silicon is 1,300 cm<sup>2</sup>/V-s.

[Ans.  $n = 4.8 \times 10^{14}$  electrons/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $p = 4.688 \times 10^5$  holes/cm<sup>3</sup>]

- 5. Find the diffusion coefficients of holes and electrons for germanium at 300 K. The carrier mobilities in cm<sup>2</sup>/V-s at 300 K for electrons and holes are respectively 3,600 and 1,700. Density of carriers is  $2.5 \times 10^{13}$ /cm<sup>3</sup>. Boltzmann constant k =  $1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  J/ K.  $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  C. [Ans. 93 cm<sup>2</sup>/s; 43.93 cm<sup>2</sup>/s]
- 6. A 1 k $\Omega$  resistors is to be fabricated as a narrow strip of P-type silicon, 4 mm thick. If the strip is 400  $\mu$ m long and 20  $\mu$ m wide, what concentration of acceptor atoms is required? Given hole mobility at room temperature as 480 cm<sup>2</sup> V<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.

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[Ans.  $6.51 \times 10^{22}$ /m<sup>3</sup>]

- 7. The intrinsic resistivity of silicon at 27°C is  $2.8 \times 10^3 \Omega$ -m. The electron and hole mobilities are 0.38 and 0.18 m<sup>2</sup>/V-s respectively. Calculate intrinsic carrier density at the given temperature. [Ans.  $3.986 \times 10^{15}$ /m<sup>3</sup>]
- 8. For a given semiconductor, the effective mass of electron is  $m_e = 1.2$  m and the Fermi level is 0.25 eV above the valence band. Determine the effective density of states in the conduction band and concentrations of electrons in semiconductor at (i) T = 300 K and (ii) T = 400 K.

[Ans. (i)  $3.292 \times 10^{25}$ /m<sup>3</sup>;  $2.084 \times 10^{21}$ /m<sup>3</sup>; (ii)  $5.075 \times 10^{25}$ /m<sup>3</sup>;  $36 \times 10^{21}$ /m<sup>3</sup>]

- 9. The effective mass of electron and hole are  $m_e = 0.75$  m and  $m_h = 0.5$  m respectively. Determine the position of the intrinsic Fermi level in germanium at (i) 300 K and (ii) 400 K. [Ans.  $-7.864 \times 10^{-3}$  eV;  $-10.485 \times 10^{-3}$  eV]
- 10. In an N-type semiconductor, the Fermi level is 0.3 eV below the conduction band at a room temperature of 300 K. If the temperature is increased to 400 K, determine the new position of Fermi level.

  [Ans. 0.4 eV]
- 11. In a P-type semiconductor, the Fermi level is 0.25 eV above the valence band at a room temperature of 300 K. Find the new position of the Fermi level at a temperature of 360 K.

  [Ans. 0.3 eV]
- 12. In an N-type semiconductor, the Fermi level lies 0.25 eV below the conduction band. Find the new position of Fermi level if the concentration of donor atoms is made 4 times. Assume kT = 0.026 eV. [Ans. 0.214 eV]

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- 1. A semiconductor has equal electron and hole concentration of  $2 \times 10^8$  m<sup>-3</sup>. On doping with a certain impurity, the hole concentration increases to  $4 \times 10^{10}$  m<sup>-3</sup>.
  - (i) What type of semiconductor is obtained on doping?
  - (ii) Calculate the new electron concentration of the semiconductor.
  - (iii) How does the energy gap vary with doping? [(i) p-type (ii)  $10^6$  m<sup>-3</sup> (iii) decreases]
- 2. The number density of electrons and holes in intrinsic silicon at a given temperature is  $4.94 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Calculate the resistivity and conductivity of the silicon. Given electron mobility =  $1000 \text{ cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$  and hole mobility =  $100 \text{ cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ . [9 × 10<sup>4</sup>  $\Omega$  cm; 11.1 × 10<sup>-6</sup> Sm<sup>-1</sup>]
- 3. Determine the number density of donor atoms which have to be added to an intrinsic germanium semiconductor to produce an *n*-type semiconductor of conductivity  $5\Omega^{-1}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. Given that mobility of electrons in *n*-type Ge is 3900 cm<sup>2</sup>V<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. Neglect the contribution of holes to conductivity.
- 4. A semiconductor has the electron concentration of  $8 \times 10^{13}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> and hole concentration of  $4 \times 10^{12}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. Is the semiconductor *p*-type or *n*-type? Also calculate the resistivity of this semiconductor. Given, electron mobility = 24,000 cm<sup>2</sup>V<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> and hole mobility = 200 cm<sup>2</sup>V<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. In-type;  $3.254 \times 10^{-2}$   $\Omega$ m]