

# EE101 Tutorial 1

## Topics: Semiconductors and Diodes

**Q1.** The intrinsic carrier concentration of germanium (GE) is expressed as

$$n_i = 1.66 \times 10^{15} T^{3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{E_g}{2kT}\right) \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

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where  $E_g = 0.66 \text{ eV}$

(a) Calculate  $n_i$  at 300 K and 600 K and compare the results with those obtained in Example 2.1 for Si.

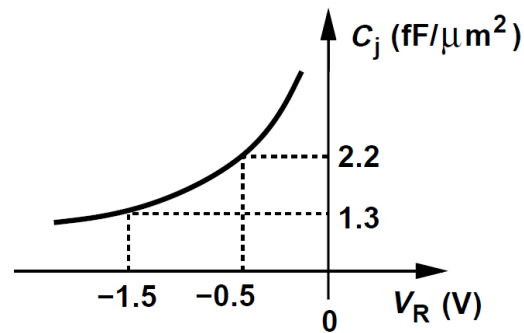
(b) Determine the electron and hole concentrations if Ge is doped with P at a density of  $5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

**Q2.** A junction employs  $N_D = 5 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $N_A = 4 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

(a) Determine the majority and minority carrier concentrations on both sides.

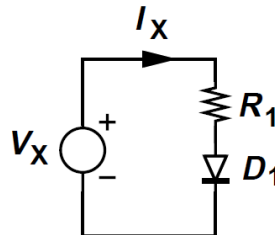
(b) Calculate the built-in potential at 250 K, 300 K, and 350 K. Explain the trend.

**Q3.** An oscillator application requires a variable capacitance with the characteristic shown in Fig. 1. Determine the required  $N_D$  if  $N_A = 10^{17} / \text{cm}^2$



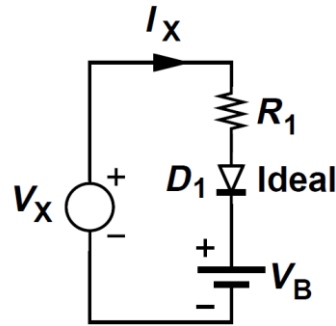
**Fig. 1**

**Q4.** We have received the circuit shown in Fig. 2 and wish to determine  $R_1$  and  $I_S$ . We note that  $V_X = 1 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_X = 0.2 \text{ mA}$  and  $V_X = 2 \text{ V}$  with  $I_X = 0.5 \text{ mA}$ . Calculate  $R_1$  and  $I_S = 1 \text{ V}$



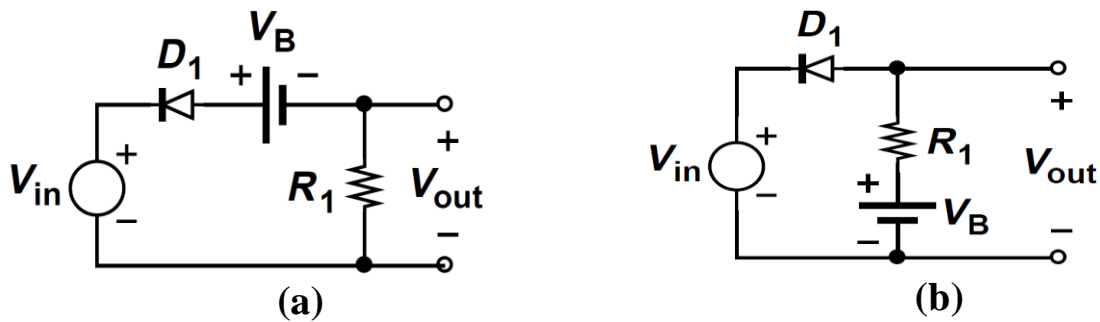
**Fig. 2**

**Q5.** Plot  $I_X$  as a function of  $V_X$  for the circuit shown in Fig. 3 for two cases:  $V_B = -1$  V and  $V_B = +1$  V.



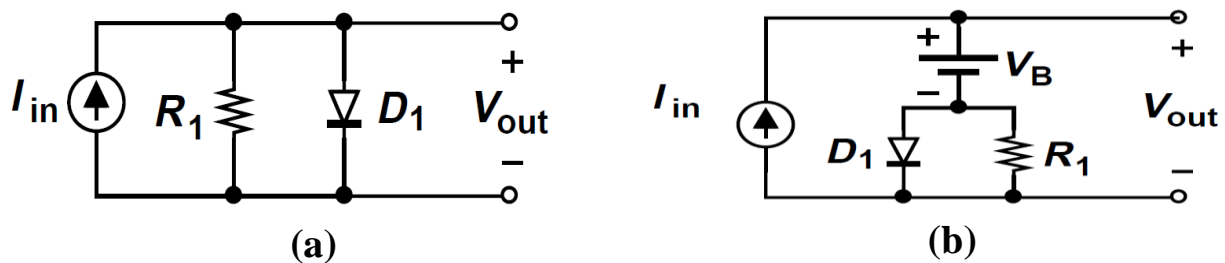
**Fig. 3**

**Q6.** Plot the input/output characteristics of the circuits depicted in Fig. 4 using an ideal model for the diodes. Assume  $V_B = 2$  V.



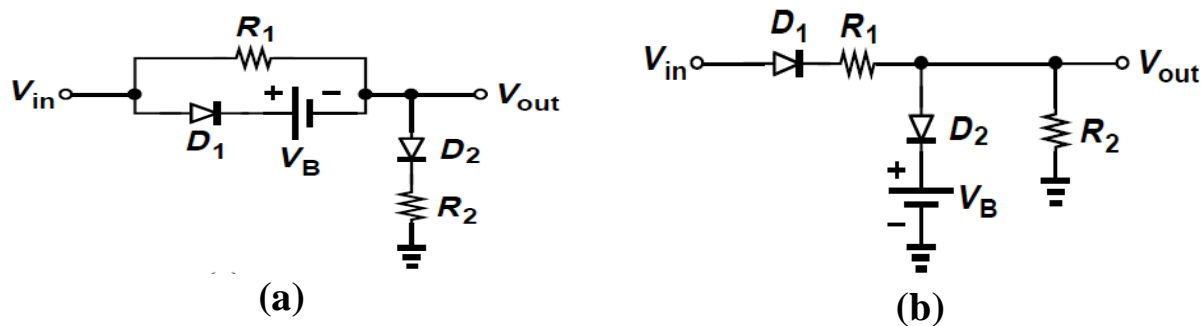
**Fig. 4**

**Q7.** Assuming a constant-voltage diode model, plot  $V_{out}$  as a function of  $I_{in}$  for the circuits shown in Fig. 5.



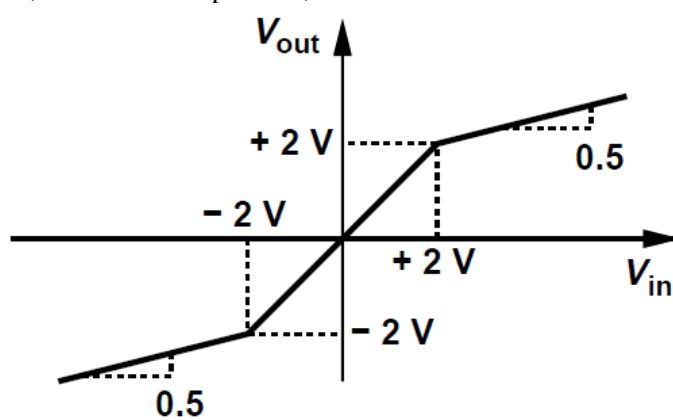
**Fig. 5**

**Q8.** Plot the input/output characteristics of the circuits illustrated in Fig. 6. Assuming a constant-voltage diode model and  $V_B = 2$  V.



**Fig. 6**

**Q9.** We wish to design a circuit that exhibits the input/output characteristic shown in Fig. 7. Using 1-k ohm resistors, ideal diodes, and other components, construct the circuit.



**Fig. 4**