

EC 100 : Assignment 2

- (2.1) Q3 (a) Show that the minimum conductivity of a semiconductor sample occurs when $n_0 = n_i \frac{m_p}{m_n}$
- b) what is the expression for minimum conductivity σ_{min} ?
- c) calculate σ_{min} for Si at 300K and compare with intrinsic conductivity.

(a) conductivity of a semiconductor is given as,

$$\sigma = (n_0 m_n + p_0 m_p) q$$

From mass action law,

$$n_0 p_0 = n_i^2$$

$$p_0 = \frac{n_i^2}{n_0}$$

$$\therefore \sigma = \left(n_0 m_n + \frac{n_i^2 m_p}{n_0} \right) q$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dn_0} = \left\{ m_n + \frac{n_i^2}{n_0} m_p \right\} q - n_0^2$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dn_0} = \left(m_n - \frac{n_i^2}{n_0^2} m_p \right) q$$

To find minima, we have to put $\frac{d\sigma}{dn_0} = 0$

$$\therefore m_n = \frac{n_i^2}{n_0^2} m_p$$

$$\therefore n_0 = n_i \sqrt{\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_n}}$$

Now, $\frac{d^2\sigma}{dn^2} = \frac{2n_i^2}{n_0^3} \mu_p \nu$ (always > 0)

c) the conductivity will be minimum when

$$n_0 = n_i \sqrt{\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_n}}$$

b) $n_0 p_0 = n_i^2$

$$n_i \sqrt{\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_n}} p_0 = n_i^2$$

$$p_0 = n_i \sqrt{\frac{\mu_n \mu_p}{\mu_p}}$$

$$\sigma_{min} = (n_0 \mu_n + p_0 \mu_p) \nu$$

$$= \left(n_i \sqrt{\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_n}} \mu_n + n_i \sqrt{\frac{\mu_n}{\mu_p}} \mu_p \right) \nu$$

$$\sigma_{min} = \left(n_i \sqrt{\mu_p \mu_n} + n_i \sqrt{\mu_p \mu_n} \right) \nu$$

$$= 2 n_i \sqrt{\mu_p \mu_n} \nu$$

c) For Si at 300 K, $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$,

$$\mu_p = 500 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s} \text{ and } \mu_n = 1300 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$$

$$\therefore \sigma_{min} = 2 \times 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ (cm}^{-3}\text{)} \sqrt{500 \times 1300} \text{ (cm}^2/\text{V-s}) \times \nu$$

$$\sigma_{min} = 23.62 \times 10^{10} \times 10^2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} (\text{A cm})^{-1}$$

$$\sigma_{\min} = 3.779 \times 10^{-6} (\Omega \text{ cm})^{-1}$$

Hence, σ_{\min} for Si at 300K is $3.779 \times 10^{-6} (\Omega \text{ cm})^{-1}$

The intrinsic conductivity of Si at 300K is,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= n_i (e n_{\text{up}} + e n_{\text{down}}) \\ &= 1.5 \times 10^{10} \times 1800 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \\ &= 4.32 \times 10^{-6} (\Omega \text{ cm})^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, intrinsic conductivity of Si at 300K is 1.14 times the minimum conductivity of Si at 300K.

(2-1) Q.11 A conductor material has a free electron density of 10^{24} electrons per m^3 . When a voltage is applied, a constant drift velocity of $1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m/s}$ is attained by the electrons. If the cross-sectional area of material is 1 cm^2 , calculate the magnitude of current.

$$\text{density of free electrons } (n) = 10^{24} \text{ electrons/m}^3$$

$$\text{drift velocity } (v) = 1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{cross-sectional area } (A) = 1 \text{ cm}^2 = 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{current density } J = n q v$$

$$J = 10^{24} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 1.5 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$J = 2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ A/m}^2$$

$$\therefore \text{current } i = J A$$

$$i = 2.4 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A}$$

$$i = 0.24 \text{ A}$$

Therefore, the current in the conductor is 0.24 A.

2.1 Q12 A copper wire of 2mm diameter with conductivity of $5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ S m}^{-1}$ and electron mobility of $0.0032 \text{ m}^2/\text{Vs}$ is subjected to an electric field of 20 mV m^{-1} . Find i) charge density ii) current density iii) current flowing in wire iv) the electron drift velocity.

$$\text{radius of copper wire} = 1 \text{ mm} = 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{cross-section area}(A) = \pi \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{conductivity of copper wire}(\sigma) = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ Sm}^{-1}$$

$$\text{electron mobility } (\mu) = 0.0032 \text{ m}^2/\text{Vs}$$

$$\text{electric field}(E) = 20 \times 10^3 \text{ V m}^{-1}$$

i) Since $\sigma = nq\mu$ and charge density $k = nq$

$$\therefore \sigma = k\mu$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{\sigma}{\mu} = \frac{5.8 \times 10^7}{0.0032} = 1.8125 \times 10^{10} \text{ C m}^{-3}$$

ii) current density $J = \sigma E$

$$J = 5.8 \times 10^7 \times 20 \times 10^3$$

$$= 1.16 \times 10^6 \text{ A m}^{-2}$$

iii) current flowing in wire (i) = $J A$
 $= 1.16 \times 10^6 \times \pi \times 10^{-6}$
 $= 3.6424 \text{ A}$

iv) current density (J) = $n e v = k \mu$

$$\therefore \text{drift velocity } (v) = \frac{J}{k\mu} = \frac{1.16 \times 10^6}{1.8125 \times 10^{10}}$$

$$v = 6.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/sec}$$

2. (Q.2) Find the concentration of holes and electrons in an N-type semiconductor (silicon) at 300K if the conductivity is 0.1 S/cm^2 . Given that n at 300K for silicon is $1.5 \times 10^{10}/\text{cm}^3$ and μ_e at 300K for Si is $1300 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

In n-type semiconductor, conductivity is given by

$$\sigma = n \mu_n q$$

where n is conc. of electrons and μ_n is mobility of electrons

$$n = \frac{\sigma}{q \mu_n}$$

$$n = \frac{0.1 \text{ S/cm}^2}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 1300 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}}$$

$$n = 4.8 \times 10^{-5} \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$n = 4.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

∴ concentration of electrons in the specimen is $4.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ at 300K.

from mass action law,

$$n p = n_i^2$$

$$\therefore n p = \frac{n_i^2}{n} = \frac{(1.5 \times 10^{10})^2}{4.8 \times 10^{14}}$$

$$p = 4.6 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

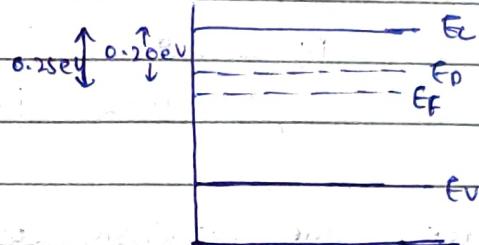
∴ concentration of holes in the specimen is $4.6 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ at 300K.

(2.) Q.1) An unknown semiconductor has $E_g = 1.1 \text{ eV}$ and $N_c = N_v$. It is doped with 10^{15} cm^{-3} donors, where the donor level is 0.2 eV below E_c . Given that E_F is 0.25 eV below E_c , calculate n_i and the concentration of electrons and holes in the semiconductor at 300 K .

$$E_g = E_c - E_v = 1.1 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_c - E_F = 0.25 \text{ eV}$$

$$N_c = N_v$$



Since, donor concentration is

$$10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\therefore n = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$- (E_c - E_F) / kT$$

$$\text{Since } n = N_c e^{- (E_c - E_F) / kT}$$

$$(E_c - E_F) / kT$$

$$N_c = n e^{(E_c - E_F) / kT}$$

$$N_v = N_c = 10^{15} e^{0.25 / 0.0259}$$

$$= 15560 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$= 1.556 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$- (E_F - E_v) / kT$$

$$\text{and, } p = N_v e^{- (E_F - E_v) / kT}$$

→ (11)

$$\text{Since, } E_c - E_v = E_a$$

$$(E_c - E_F) - (E_v - E_F) = E_a$$

$$- (E_v - E_F) = E_a - (E_c - E_F)$$

$$E_F - E_v = 1.1 - 0.25$$

$$= 0.85 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Putting } E_F - E_v = 0.85 \text{ in (11)}$$

$$p = 1.556 \times 10^{19} e^{-0.85 / 0.0259} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$p = 1.556 \times 10^{19} \times 5.506 \times 10^{-15}$$

$$p = 8.69 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

According to Mass Action Law,

$$np = n_i^2$$

$$n_i^2 = 10^{15} \times 8.69 \times 10^4$$

$$n_i^2 = 86.9 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-6}$$

$$n_i = 9.32 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

Hence, the intrinsic concentration $n_i = 9.32 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$,
 the concentration of electrons $n = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and
 concentration of holes $p = 8.69 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

2.1 Q.9) The energy band gap of germanium is 0.72 eV at 300K. Determine the fraction of the total number of electrons in conduction band at 300K. Boltzmann constant is $8.61 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$.

$$E_g = 0.72 \text{ eV at } 300 \text{ K}$$

$$\therefore n = N_c e^{-\frac{(E_c - E_f)}{kT}} \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$E_c - E_f = \frac{E_g}{2} = 0.36 \text{ eV}$$

$$\therefore n = N_c e^{-\frac{0.36}{300 \times 8.61 \times 10^{-5}}}$$

$\frac{n}{N_c}$ is fraction of total electrons in conduction band at 300K.

$$\frac{n}{N_c} = 8.85 \times 10^{-7}$$

Hence, fraction of total number of electrons in

Conduction band is 8.85×10^{-7} .

(2.1) Q.17 In a p-type semiconductor, the Fermi level is 0.27 eV above valence band at a room temperature of 300 K. Find the new position of fermi level at temperature of 400 K.

$$\therefore P = N_v e^{-\frac{(E_F - E_V)}{kT}}$$

$$\therefore kT \ln\left(\frac{P}{N_v}\right) = -(E_F - E_V)$$

$$E_F - E_V = -kT \ln\left(\frac{P}{N_v}\right)$$

$$\text{when } T = 300 \text{ K}, \quad E_F - E_V = 0.27 \text{ eV}$$

$$0.27 = -k(300) \ln\left(\frac{P}{N_v}\right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{when } T = 400 \text{ K, let } E_F - E_V = a \text{ eV}$$

$$a = -k(400) \ln\left(\frac{P}{N_v}\right) \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

Dividing (1) by (11),

$$\frac{0.27}{a} = \frac{300}{400}$$

$$a = 0.36 \text{ eV}$$

Hence, the new position of Fermi level at $T = 400 \text{ K}$
 is 0.36 eV above valence band.

Q18) In a n-type semiconductor, the Fermi level lies 0.3 eV below the conduction band. Find the new position of Fermi level if the conc. of donor atoms is made 5 times. Assume $kT = 0.026 \text{ eV}$.

$$\therefore n = N_c e^{-(E_c - E_F)/kT}$$

$$\therefore kT \ln\left(\frac{n}{N_c}\right) = -(E_c - E_F)$$

$$E_c - E_F = -kT \ln\left(\frac{n}{N_c}\right)$$

when concentration is n , $E_c - E_F = 0.3 \text{ eV}$

$$0.3 = -kT \ln\left(\frac{n}{N_c}\right) \quad \textcircled{I}$$

when concentration is $5n$, let $E_c - E_F = a$

$$a = -kT \ln\left(\frac{5n}{N_c}\right) \quad \textcircled{II}$$

Subtracting \textcircled{I} from \textcircled{II} ,

$$a - 0.3 = -kT \ln\left(\frac{n}{N_c}\right) - -kT \ln\left(\frac{5n}{N_c}\right)$$

$$a = 0.3 + kT \ln\left(\frac{n}{N_c}\right) - kT \ln\left(\frac{n}{N_c}\right) - kT \ln 5$$

$$a = 0.3 - 0.026 \times 1.609$$

$$a = 0.3 - 0.042$$

$$a = 0.258 \text{ eV}$$

Hence, the new position of Fermi level is 0.258 eV below the conduction band.

(2+1) Q24 what is the donor concentration in a sample of N-type germanium having a resistivity of 0.1 Ωm at 300K?

The sample has a resistivity is 0.1 Ωm

$$\therefore \text{conductivity} = 10 (\Omega\text{m})^{-1}$$

for a n-type semiconductor, conductivity is given by

$$\sigma = n e n g$$

$$e_n \text{ for Ge at } 300\text{K} = 3800 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} = 0.38 \text{ m}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{\sigma}{e_n g}$$

$$n = 10 \times$$

$$0.38 \times 1.6 \times 10^{19}$$

$$n = 1.645 \times 10^{20} / \text{m}^3$$

Since in n-type semiconductor, donor concentration is almost equal to concentration of electrons

∴ donor concentration in given sample is $1.645 \times 10^{20} / \text{m}^3$.

(2.1) Q.15 Find the conductivity of intrinsic germanium at 300K. If donor type impurity is added to extent of 1 impurity atom in 10^7 germanium atoms, find its conductivity. Given that n_i at 300K is $2.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and μ_n and μ_p in germanium are 3800 and $1800 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ respectively.

conductivity of intrinsic germanium (σ_i) is given by,

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

$$= 2.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3} (3800 + 1800) \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$= 22400 \times 10^{-6} (\text{2 cm})^{-1}$$

$$= 2.24 \times 10^{-2} (\text{2 cm})^{-1}$$

Since, germanium contains 4.4×10^{22} atoms/ cm^3 .

$$\therefore \text{donor impurity concentration} = \frac{4.4 \times 10^{22}}{10^7} \text{ atoms/cm}^3 \\ = 4.4 \times 10^{15} \text{ atoms/cm}^3.$$

Adding donor impurity makes it a n-type semiconductor, and in n-type semiconductor, conductivity is given by

$$\sigma_n = N_p \mu_n q$$

$$\sigma_n = 4.4 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3} \times 3800 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$\sigma_n = 26752 \times 10^{-4} = 2.6752 (\text{2 cm})^{-1}$$

Hence, intrinsic conductivity of Ge at 300K is

$2.24 \times 10^{-2} (\Omega\text{-cm})^{-1}$ and conductivity at 300K

when donor impurity is added as 1 atom in 10^7 Ge atoms is $2.6752 (\Omega\text{-cm})^{-1}$.

2.2 Q.3. Find the resistivity of (a) intrinsic silicon

b) p-type silicon doped with $N_A = 10^{16}/\text{cm}^3$. Use

$n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and assume for intrinsic

silicon $\mu_n = 1350 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$ and $\mu_p = 480 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$,

and for doped silicon $\mu_m = 1110 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$ and

$\mu_p = 400 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$.

(a) conductivity of intrinsic semiconductor is given as

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

$$= 1.5 \times 10^{10} \times (1350 + 480) \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} (\Omega\text{-cm})^{-1}$$

$$= 4392 \times 10^{-9} (\Omega\text{-cm})^{-1}$$

$$= 4.39 \times 10^{-6} (\Omega\text{-cm})^{-1}$$

∴ resistivity of intrinsic silicon is,

$$\rho_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_i} = \frac{1}{4.39 \times 10^{-6}}$$

$$\rho_i = 2.27 \times 10^5 \Omega\text{-cm}$$

b) p-type silicon doped with $N_A = 10^{16}/\text{cm}^3$.

In p-type semiconductor conductivity is given by

$$\sigma_p = p \mu_p q$$

In p-type semiconductor $p \approx N_A$

$$\therefore \sigma_p = N_A \mu_p v$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_p &= 10^{16} \times 400 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \\ &= 0.64 (\text{cm})^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{resistivity } \rho_p = \frac{1}{\sigma_p} = \frac{1}{0.64} = 1.5625 \text{ cm}$$

Hence, resistivity of silicon semiconductor when doped with acceptor impurity $N_A = 10^{16}/\text{cm}^3$ is ~~1.5625 cm~~.

(2-2) Q.4). Consider a bar of silicon in which hole concentration profile described by

$$p(x) = p_0 e^{-x/L_T}$$

is established. Find the hole current density at $x = 0$, let $p_0 = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $L_T = 1 \text{ um}$. If cross-sectional area of bar is $100 \text{ }\mu\text{m}^2$, find current I_p .

The hole current density is given by

$$J_p = -q D_p e^{-x/L_T} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\therefore p(x) = p_0 e^{-x/L_T}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dp(x)}{dx} = -\frac{p_0}{L_T} e^{-x/L_T}$$

$$p_0 = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}, L_T = 1 \text{ um}$$

$$\therefore \left. \frac{dI}{dx} \right|_{x=0} = -\frac{P_0}{L^2}$$

$$= -\frac{10^{16}}{10^{-4}} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$= -10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-4}$$

$\therefore D_p$ for silicon is $13 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$.

$$\therefore J_p = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 13 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \times -10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-4}$$

$$= 208 \text{ A cm}^{-2}$$

$$= 208 \times 10^4 \text{ A m}^{-2}$$

Hence, hole current density is $2.08 \times 10^6 \text{ A m}^{-2}$.

$$\text{cross sectional area (A)} = 100 \times 10^{-6} \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

$$= 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\therefore \text{diffusion current due to hole (} I_p \text{)} = J A$$

$$= 2.08 \times 10^6 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$= 2.08 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A}$$

$$= 208 \text{ nA}$$

Hence, ^{hole diffusion} current at $x=0$ is 208 nA .

(2.2) Q.9. Use the Einstein relationship to find D_n and D_p for intrinsic silicon using $u_n = 1350 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $u_p = 480 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 300 K.

The Einstein relationship is:

$$\frac{D_p}{\mu_p} = \frac{D_n}{\mu_n} = \frac{T}{11600}$$

$$\therefore \frac{D_p}{\mu_p} = \frac{T}{11600}$$

$$\therefore D_p = \frac{\mu_p T}{11600} = \frac{480 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1} \times 300}{11600}$$

$$= 12.41 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

and since, $\frac{D_n}{\mu_n} = \frac{D_p}{\mu_p}$

$$D_n = \frac{\mu_n D_p}{\mu_p}$$

$$D_n = \frac{3.1850 \times 12.41}{14.80}$$

$$D_n = 34.90 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Hence, $D_n = 34.9 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $D_p = 12.41 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

(2.1) Q.30 Determine the built-in potential of a silicon p-n junction at 300K with doping density of $N_A = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $N_D = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ for intrinsic concentration of $1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

Given $N_A = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_D = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

$$V_0 = V_T \ln \left(\frac{N_A \cdot N_D}{n_i^2} \right)$$

where V_0 is built-in potential of p-n junction

$$\text{and } V_T = \frac{kT}{qV} = \frac{T}{11600} \text{ mVolts}$$

$$\therefore V_0 = \frac{300}{11600} \ln \left(\frac{10^{16} \times 10^{15}}{1.5 \times 1.5 \times 10^{20}} \right)$$

$$V_0 = \frac{3}{116} \ln \left(\frac{10^{40} \times 10^{10}}{279} \right)$$

$$V_0 = \frac{2.303 \times 3}{116} \left\{ \log \left(\frac{40}{9} \right) + \log (10^{10}) \right\}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{2.303 \times 3}{116} \times \{ 0.648 + 10 \}$$

$$= \frac{2.303 \times 3 \times 10.648}{116}$$

$$V_0 = 0.635 \text{ V}$$

Hence, built-in potential of p-n junction is 0.635 V.

(2.1) Q.19) A germanium diode has each of the acceptor and donor impurities of concentration $9.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

Assume $n_i = 2.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. At room temperature of 300 K, calculate the height of potential barrier under open circuited conditions.

Boltzmann constant $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$.

Given, $N_A = N_D = 9.5 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

and $n_i = 2.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $T = 300 \text{ K}$

$$V_o = V_T \ln \left(\frac{N_A \cdot N_D}{n_i^2} \right)$$

V_o is height of potential barrier in open-circuited condition

$$\text{and, } V_T = \frac{kT}{q} = \frac{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times T}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = \frac{T}{11600} \text{ Volts}$$

$$\therefore V_o = \frac{T}{11600} \ln \left(\frac{N_A \cdot N_D}{n_i^2} \right)$$

$$V_o = \frac{300}{11600} \ln \left(\frac{9.5 \times 10^{14} \times 9.5 \times 10^{14}}{2.5 \times 10^{13} \times 2.5 \times 10^{13}} \right)$$

$$V_o = \frac{3}{116} \ln \left(\frac{19 \times 19 \times 100}{5 \times 5} \right)$$

$$V_o = \frac{3}{116} \ln \left(\frac{36100}{25} \right)$$

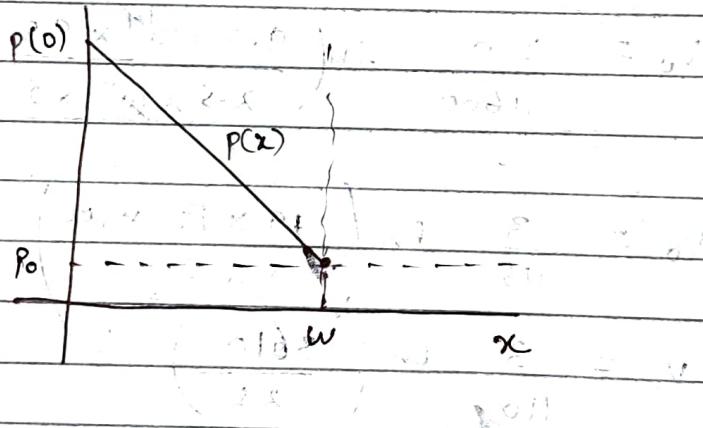
$$\therefore V_o = \frac{3}{116} \ln (14.44)$$

$$V_o = \frac{3 \times 7.275}{116} = 0.188 \text{ Volts}$$

Hence, the height of potential barrier in open-circuited condition is 0.188 V.

(2.2) Q.36 The hole concentration in a semiconductor specimen is shown.

- Find an expression for J_{hp} and sketch the hole current density $J_p(x)$ for the case in which there is no externally applied electric field.
- Find an expression and sketch the built-in electric field that must exist if there is to be no net hole current associated with the distribution shown.
- Find the value of potential between the points $x=0$ and $x=W$ if $p(0)/p_0 = 10^3$.



a) from the graph, $p(x)$ is related to x as

$$p(x) = \left(\frac{p_0 - p(0)}{W} \right) x + p(0).$$

$$p(x) = \{p_0 - p(0)\}x + Wp(0)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dp(x)}{dx} = \frac{p_0 - p(0)}{W}$$

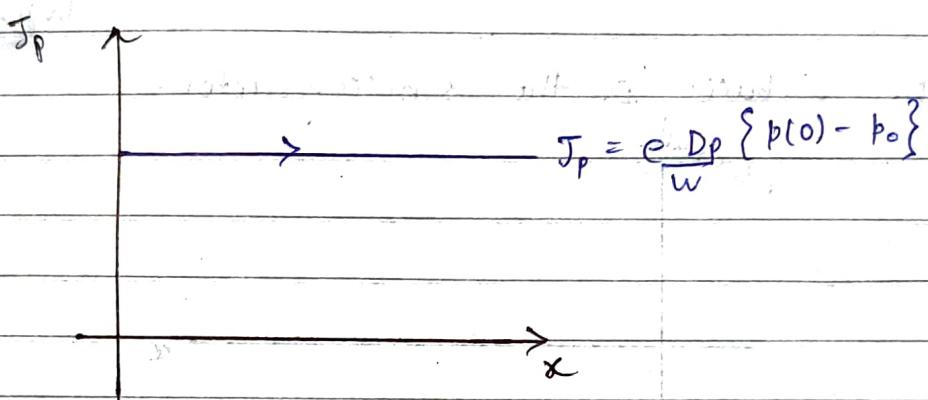
∴ diffusion current density due to holes is given by

$$J_p = -q D_p \frac{dp(n)}{dx}$$

$$\therefore J_p = -e D_p \left\{ p_0 - p(0) \right\} \frac{w}{w}$$

$$J_p = \frac{e D_p}{w} \left\{ p(0) - p_0 \right\}$$

Hence, diffusion current density is constant.



b) If no net hole current is associated, there must be exist a drift hole current.

Net current density due to hole is given by $J_{p_{net}}$

$$J_{p_{net}} = p e n_p E +$$

$J_{p_{net}}$ = drift current density + diffusion current density

$$J_{p_{net}} = p e n_p E + \frac{e D_p}{w} \left\{ p(0) - p_0 \right\}$$

net hole current density = 0, i.e., $J_{p_{net}} = 0$

Here, p_0 is conc. of holes and E is electric field built-in the semiconductor.

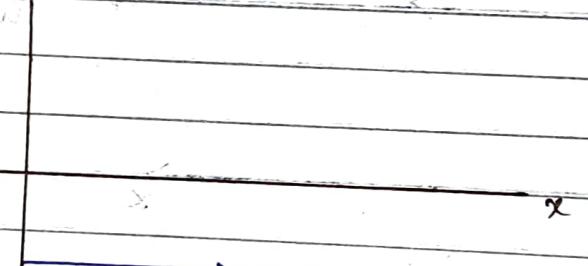
$$\therefore p_0 e^{up} E = + \frac{e D_p}{w} \{ p(0) - p_0 \}$$

$$\therefore E = - \frac{e D_p}{w p_0 e^{up}} \{ p(0) - p_0 \}$$

$$\therefore E = - \frac{D_p}{w p_0 e^{up}} \{ p(0) - p_0 \}$$

Hence, a constant electric field $E = - \frac{D_p \{ p(0) - p_0 \}}{w p_0 e^{up}}$ will be built in the semiconductor.

electric field



$$E = - \frac{D_p}{p_0 w e^{up}} \{ p(0) - p_0 \}$$

$$(c) E = - \frac{dV}{dx}$$

$$- \frac{dV}{dx} = - \frac{D_p}{w p_0 e^{up}} \{ p(0) - p_0 \}$$

$$\int_0^V dV = \int_0^W \frac{D_p}{p_0 w e^{up}} \{ p(0) - p_0 \} dx$$

$$\therefore V = \left[\frac{D_p}{p_0 w e^{up}} \{ p(0) - p_0 \} (x) \right]_0^W$$

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$$V = \frac{D_p}{\mu_p} \left\{ \frac{p(0) - p_0}{p_0} \right\} W$$

$$V = \frac{D_p}{\mu_p} \left\{ \frac{p(0) - 1}{p_0} \right\}$$

~~V~~

for semiconductor $\frac{D_p}{\mu_p} = V_T$. Since T is not given

given, assume it to be room temperature.

$$\therefore V_T = \frac{T}{11600} \text{ Volts} = \frac{300}{11600} \text{ Volts}$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{3}{116} \left\{ 10^3 - 1 \right\} \quad \left(\text{given } \frac{p(0)}{p_0} = 10^3 \right)$$

$$V = \frac{3}{116} \times 999$$

$$V = 25.83 \text{ V}$$

Hence value of potential between $x=0$ and $x=W$ is 25.83 V.