

# Diode Cheat Sheet

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## General Constants

$$q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$$

$$\mu_n \approx 1350 \text{ cm}^2 / (\text{V} \cdot \text{s})$$

$$\mu_p \approx 480 \text{ cm}^2 / (\text{V} \cdot \text{s})$$

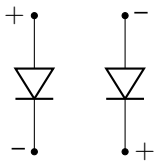
$$D_n \approx 34 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{s}$$

$$D_p \approx 12 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{s}$$

## PN Junction

### General semiconductor equations

|                     |         | Semiconductor type                         |  |
|---------------------|---------|--|--|
|                     |         | p-type                                     | n-type   |
| <b>Polarization</b> | Direct  | electron density $n \approx N_D$           | electron density $n \approx \frac{n_i^2}{N_A}$ |
|                     | Inverse | hole density $p \approx \frac{n_i^2}{N_D}$ | hole density $p \approx N_A$                   |



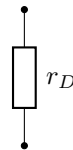
| General values       |   |
|----------------------|---|
| $e^-$ density (Si)   | $n_i = 5.2 \times 10^{15} \cdot T^{3/2} \exp \left[ \frac{-E_g}{2kT} \right]$ |
| $e^-$ density @ 300K | $n_i \approx 10^{10}$   |
| thermal voltage      | $V_T = \frac{kT}{q}$  |
| internal voltage     | $ V_0  = -\frac{kT}{q} \ln \left[ \frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2} \right]$              |
| Saturation Current   | $ I_S  = A q n_i^2 \left[ \frac{D_n}{N_A L_n} + \frac{D_p}{N_D L_p} \right]$  |
| Forward Current      | $I_S = \exp \left[ \left( \frac{V_D}{V_T} \right) - 1 \right]$                |

## Diode Modeling

### Exponential model

$$I_D = I_S \exp \left( \frac{V_D}{\eta V_T} \right)$$

### Small-signal model



$$r_D = \frac{1}{g_D} = \frac{\eta V_T}{I_D}$$