

BECE201L Electronic Materials and Devices F1+TF1 slot WS 2021-22

Assignment 1

1. The Fermi energy level for a particular material at $T = 300$ K is 5.50 eV. The electrons in this material follow the Fermi–Dirac distribution function. (a) Find the probability of an electron occupying an energy at 5.80 eV. (b) Repeat part (a) if the temperature is increased to $T = 700$ K. (Assume that E_F is a constant.) (c) Determine the temperature at which there is a 2 percent probability that a state 0.25 eV below the Fermi level will be empty of an electron.

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2. Determine the probability that a quantum state at energy $E = E_c + kT$ is occupied by an electron, and calculate the electron concentration in GaAs at $T = 300$ K if the Fermi energy level is 0.25 eV below E_c . At $T = 300$ K, N_c for GaAs is 4.7×10^{17}

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3. Determine the thermal equilibrium electron and hole concentration in GaAs at $T = 300$ K for the case when the Fermi energy level is 0.30 eV above the valence-band energy E_v . The value of E_g is 1.42 eV

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4. Silicon atoms, at a concentration of $7 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, are added to gallium arsenide. Assume that the silicon atoms act as fully ionized dopant atoms and that 5 percent of the concentration added replace gallium atoms and 95 percent replace arsenic atoms. Let $T = 300$ K. (a) Determine the donor and acceptor concentrations. (b) Is the material n type or p type? (c) Calculate the electron and hole concentrations. (d) Determine the position of the Fermi level with respect to E_{Fi} .

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5. Two semiconductor materials have exactly the same properties except material A has a bandgap energy of 0.90 eV and material B has a bandgap energy of 1.10 eV. Determine the ratio of n_i of material B to that of material A for (a) $T = 200$ K, (b) $T = 400$ K.

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