

Sr. No. of Question Paper : 8052

Unique Paper code:

Name of the paper: Semiconductor device modeling and simulation

Name of course: B.Sc(H) Instrumentation

Semester: VIII

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Maximum Marks: 60

Instructions for Candidates:

1. Question No.1 is compulsory. All questions carry equal marks. Attempt any 5 questions in all.

2. Use of scientific calculator is allowed.

- Q.1 (a) Under equilibrium conditions and $T > 0K$, what is the probability of an electron state being occupied if it is located at Fermi level? (2)
- (b) What are degenerate semiconductors? Draw energy-band diagram of degenerated p-type semiconductor (2)
- (c) Draw Energy - Momentum diagram for an indirect band gap semiconductor. (2)
- (d) Mention any two industry standard softwares used for semiconductor device simulation. (2)
- (e) Differentiate between FinFET and HEMT. (2)
- (f) The hole concentration in a piece of Si maintained at 300K under equilibrium conditions is $10^6/cm^3$. What is the electron concentration? (2)
- Q.2 (a) What is the significance of Modeling in semiconductor industry? What are the three levels of modeling w.r.t semiconductor industry? (5)
- (b) Define density of states. Express it mathematically (4)
- (c) State the three fundamental equations that form the basis of most classical semiconductor device models in Technology Computer Aided Design (TCAD) simulators? (3)
- Q.3 (a) Plot and compare Fermi function $F(E)$ vs $(E-E_F)$ at $T=0K$ and $T=500K$ (5)
- (b) A silicon ingot is doped with 10^{17} Arsenic atoms/ cm^3 . Find the carrier concentrations and the Fermi level at room temperature (300 K). (4)
- (c) A Si wafer is uniformly doped n-type with $N_D = 10^{16}/cm^3$. At $T=0K$, what are the equilibrium electron and hole concentrations? (3)
- Q.4 (a) For a non-degenerate n type semiconductor, plot- energy band diagram, density of states, Fermi distribution function and carrier concentration (5)

- (b) Define mobility w.r.t semiconductors. How is mobility related to effective mass of the carrier? (4)
- (c) Assume that, in an n-type semiconductor at $T = 300\text{K}$, the electron concentration varies linearly from 1×10^{18} to $7 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ over a distance of 0.1 cm. Calculate the diffusion current density if the electron diffusion coefficient is $D_n = 22.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$. (3)

- Q.5
- (a) Differentiate between Lattice scattering and ionized impurity scattering. (5)
 - (b) What is Generation of charge carriers? Explain any two types of generation processes using suitable energy-band diagrams. (4)
 - (c) State the general form of the continuity equation for holes in a semiconductor. Explain what each term physically represents? (3)

- Q.6
- (a) Draw a flowchart illustrating the sequential steps involved in simulating a p-MOSFET using an industry-standard Technology Computer Aided Design (TCAD) tool to analyse its electrical characteristics. (5)
 - (b) Derive the expression for built in potential for a p-n junction under equilibrium conditions. (4)
 - (c) A Si step junction maintained at room temperature under equilibrium conditions has a p-side doping of $N_A = 2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and n-side doping of $N_D = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Calculate (i) Electric field at the metallurgical junction ($x=0$) (ii) Depletion width on n side- x_n (3)

- Q.7
- (a) Compare the distribution of the electric field and the space charge density in a step-graded p-n junction under two conditions: (i) at thermal equilibrium (zero bias), and (ii) after the application of a forward bias. (5)
 - (b) What is Gummel Poon model? What is the primary advantage of the Gummel-Poon model over the Ebers-Moll model for bipolar junction transistors? (4)
 - (c) Solve one dimensional Poisson's equation to obtain expressions for electric field, potential and depletion width in a step graded p-n junction under equilibrium conditions. (3)