



$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s}, k = 8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}, q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}, \epsilon_{\text{Si}} = 12 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \text{ F/cm},$$

$$n_i = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}, \ln 10 \approx 2.3$$

1. Explain the following terms: (a) Impurity (b) Line dislocation (10%)
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3. GaAs is more suited than Si for use in high-speed electronic devices. Please explain why. (10%)
4. Consider the Fermi-Dirac probability function $f_F(E)$, and E_F is the Fermi energy. Assume there are two temperatures $T_1 = 0 \text{ K}$ and $T_2 > 0 \text{ K}$.
 - (a) At T_1 , will there be any electron having energy larger than E_F ? Why? (5%)
 - (b) At T_2 , will there be any electron having energy larger than E_F ? Why? (5%)
5. Consider a silicon semiconductor at room temperature in which the concentration of donor atoms is $N_d = 5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Calculate the thermal-equilibrium electron concentration and hole concentration. (10%)
6. Explain or define the following terms:
 - (a) Quasi-Fermi energy (5%)
 - (b) Flat band voltage (5%)
 - (c) Lattice scattering (5%)
7. If temperature is increased about 50 degrees, how many order of current density for Si pn diode will be increased or decreased at small forward voltage ($< V_{on}$) and large forward biases ($\geq V_{on}$), respectively? Explain the reason of these changes. (15%)
8. According $n(E) = D_C(E)f(E)$ where $f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E-E_F)/kT}} \approx e^{-(E-E_F)/kT}$, $D_C(E) = A\sqrt{E - E_C}$ and $A = \frac{4\pi(2m_n^*)^{3/2}}{h^3}$, find the energy E with maximum value of $n(E)$. (Hint: the maximum value is occurred at $dn(E)/dE = 0$.) (20%)