

# Physics 460 Homework 8 Solutions

## 1. Kittel 8-1

(a)

$$E_d = \frac{e^4 m_e}{2\epsilon^2 \hbar^2} = \frac{13.6}{\epsilon^2} \frac{m_e}{m} \text{ eV} = \frac{13.6}{18^2} \cdot 0.015 = 6.29 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$$

(b)

$$a_d = \frac{\epsilon \hbar^2}{m_e e^2} = \frac{0.53 \epsilon}{m_e/m} \text{ \AA} = \frac{0.53 \times 18}{0.015} \text{ \AA} = 636 \text{ \AA}$$

(c)

Overlap when

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi a_d^3 n \approx V \Rightarrow \text{concentration } n \approx \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3} \pi a_d^3} = 9.28 \times 10^{20} \frac{1}{\text{m}^3}$$

## 2. Kittel 8-2

Error in original solution - the final answer is the same

(a)

$$n \approx (n_0 N_d)^{1/2} e^{-E_d/2k_B T}$$

$$N_d = 10^{13} \text{ donors/cm}^3, m_e = 0.01 m$$

$$n_0 = 2 \left( \frac{m_e k_B T}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} = 2 \left( 0.01 \cdot 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \cdot 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J} / 2\pi (1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js})^2 \right)^{3/2}$$

$$= 3.856 \times 10^{19} \text{ /m}^3$$

$$n \approx (3.856 \times 10^{19} \times 10^{13})^{1/2} e^{-(10^{-3}/2 \cdot 4) \cdot 1.16 \times 10^4} = 4.606 \times 10^{16} \text{ /m}^3$$

(b)

$$R_H = -\frac{1}{ne} = -\frac{1}{4.606 \times 10^{16} \cdot 1.602 \times 10^{-19}} = -1.355 \times 10^6 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{Coul}}$$

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$$(a) R_H = -\frac{1}{ne} = -\frac{1}{(n_0 N_d)^{1/2} e} e^{E_d/2k_B T}$$

$$\text{as } T \rightarrow 0, R_H \rightarrow -\infty$$

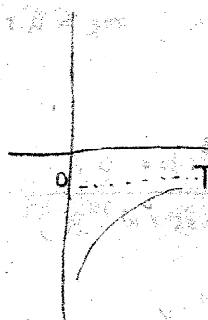
(b)

$$R_H = -\frac{1}{ne} \text{ roughly constant}$$

(c)

$$R_H = \frac{1}{ne} = \frac{1}{(n_0 N_d)^{1/2} e} e^{E_d/2k_B T}$$

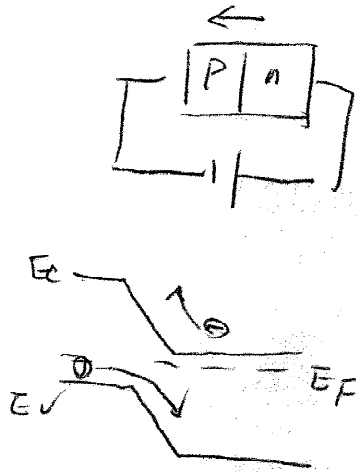
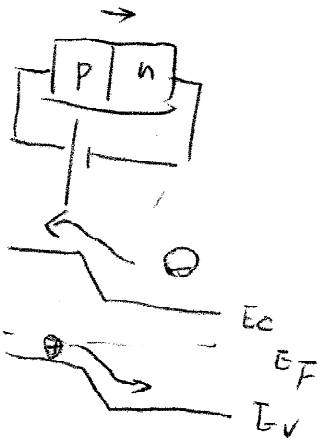
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Forward bias

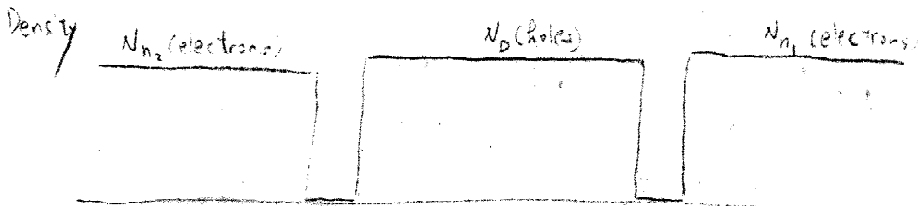
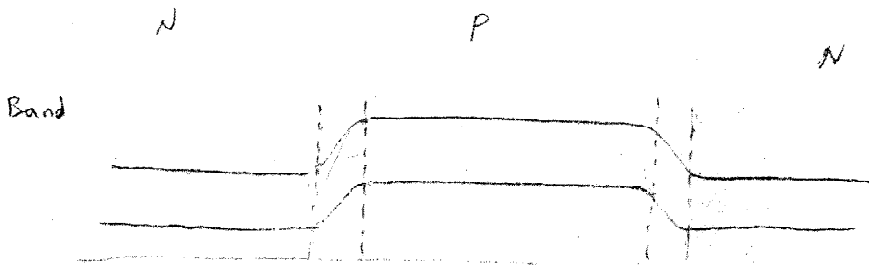
reverse bias



Allowed:  $p \rightarrow n$

block:  $n \rightarrow p$

5 From the result of prob. 2.



$N_{n1}, N_D, N_{n2}$  can be different

← result from the model in prob 2

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In  $z$ -direction, the electron motion is quantized

$$k_z = \frac{n\pi}{L} \quad (n=1,2,3,\dots) \quad \text{while } k_x, k_y \text{ are not restricted}$$

$$\text{Thus } E_k = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*} (k_x^2 + k_y^2 + \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2)$$

\(\therefore\) The lowest possible energy relative to that of the conduction band bottom

$$\text{is } E_{\text{lowest}} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*} \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

$$m^* = 0.066 m \quad \text{for GaAs}$$

$$E_{\text{lowest}} = \frac{(1.055 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js})^2}{2 \cdot 0.066 \cdot 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}}\right)^2 = 2.284 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J} = 1.426 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$

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Because the electrons can be considered to be only in the lowest quantum state in the  $z$ -direction, they are not free to move in that direction. They are two-dimensional.

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$k_x, k_y, k_z$  are quantized

$$k_x = \frac{n_x \pi}{L}, \quad k_y = \frac{n_y \pi}{L}, \quad k_z = \frac{n_z \pi}{L}$$

$$E_k = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*} \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2) \quad n_x, n_y, n_z = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$= 1.426 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV} (n_x^2 + n_y^2 + n_z^2)$$

$$\text{The lowest } n_x = n_y = n_z = 1 \quad E_k = 4.278 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{The next one } n_x = n_y = 1, n_z = 2$$

$$E_k = 1.426 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV} \times 6 = 8.556 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$