

- 1) (a) Show that the minimum conductivity of a semiconductor sample occurs when

$$n_0 = n_i \sqrt{\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_n}} .$$

- (b) What is the expression for the minimum conductivity σ_{\min} .
 (c) Calculate σ_{\min} for Si at 300K and compare with the intrinsic conductivity.
- 2) Prove that the width of the transition region in terms of the contact potential and doping concentration can be expressed by :

$$w = \left[\frac{2\varepsilon V_0}{q} \left(\frac{1}{N_a} + \frac{1}{N_b} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

- 3) Aluminum is alloyed into an n-type Si sample ($N_d = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$), forming an abrupt junction of circular cross section, with a diameter of 20 mils. Assume that the acceptor concentration in the alloyed regrown region is $N_a = 4 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Calculate V_0, x_{n0}, x_{p0}, Q_+ and E_0 for this junction at equilibrium (300K). Sketch $E(x)$ and charge density to scale. *Hint:* 1mil= 10^{-3} in, 1 in = 2.54 cm, $\varepsilon_r = 11.8, \varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \text{ F/cm}$.
- 4) Discuss why the reverse current of diode depends on temperature and light density ?