

Semiconductor Electronics: Material Devices and Simple circuit

Classification of metals, Insulator And Semiconductor

ON THE BASIS OF CONDUCTIVITY

(1) For metals:

$$S \sim 10^2 - 10^8 \Omega^{-1} \text{m}$$

$$\sigma \sim 10^2 - 10^8 \text{ S/m}$$

They have high conductivity.

(2) For Semiconductors:

$$S \sim 10^{-5} - 10^6 \Omega^{-1} \text{m}$$

$$\sigma \sim 10^5 - 10^6 \text{ S/m}$$

They have intermediate conductivity to metals and insulators.

(3) For insulators:

$$S \sim 10^{11} - 10^{19} \Omega^{-1} \text{m}$$

$$\sigma \sim 10^{-11} - 10^{-19} \text{ S/m}$$

They have low conductivity

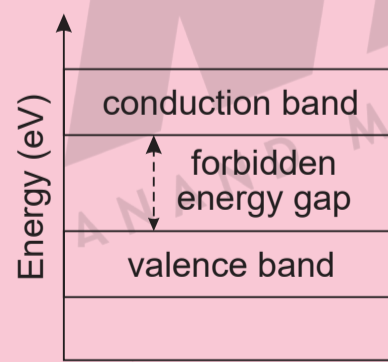
σ = electrical conductivity

ρ = resistivity

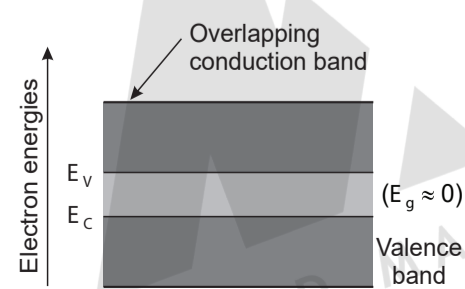
The band which is completely filled with electrons at 0K is called valence band.

Conduction Band is completely empty at 0K.

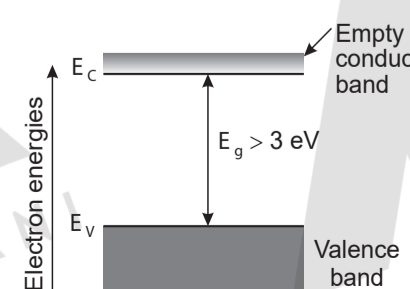
Energy band gap is the difference between valence band and conduction band



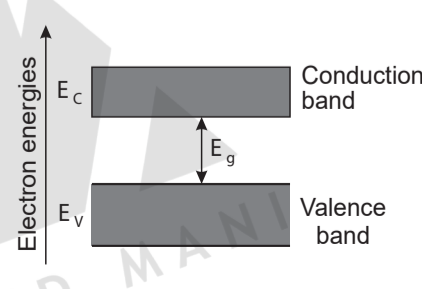
CONDUCTOR (METAL)



INSULATOR



SEMICONDUCTOR



SEMICONDUCTOR AND ITS TYPES

Semiconductors exhibit electrical conductivity between conductors and non-conductors.

INTRINSIC SEMICONDUCTORS

(1) Pure Semiconductors are intrinsic Semiconductors.

(2) $n_i = n_e = n_h$, where, n_e = No. of free electrons, n_h = No. of holes, n_i = intrinsic carrier Concentration

(3) Examples:- Ge, Si

EXTRINSIC SEMICONDUCTORS

(1) Impure or doped Semiconductors are said to be extrinsic Semiconductors

(2) Impurities are added to improve Conductivity

N - type Semiconductor $n_e \gg n_h$

- (1) Electrons are majority charge carriers.
- (2) Holes are minority charge carriers.
- (3) Si or Ge doped with Pentavalent elements (P, As, Sb)

P - type Semiconductor $n_h \gg n_e$

- (1) Si or Ge doped with trivalent (B, Al) elements
- (2) Electrons are minority charge carriers.
- (3) Holes are majority charge carriers

THERMAL EQUILIBRIUM

The electron and hole Concentration in a Semiconductor in thermal equilibrium is given by, $n_e n_h = n_i^2$

P - N JUNCTION diode

P - N JUNCTION diode is the combination of P - type and N - type Semiconductor.

P - region has mobile majority holes and immobile -ve ions.

N - region has mobile majority free electrons and immobile positively charged ions.

POTENTIAL BARRIERS

Potential barrier is the potential difference developed across depletion region.

$V_B = 0.7$ for Silicon
 $= 0.3$ for germanium

FORWARD BIAS

In forward Bias

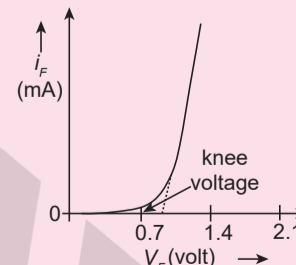
- (1) +ve terminal to P - Side
- (2) -ve terminal to N - Side
- (3) depletion layer reduced
- (4) diffusion current increases

REVERSE BIAS

In reverse Bias

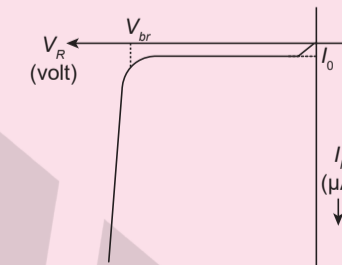
- (1) -ve terminal to P - Side
- (2) +ve terminal to N - Side
- (3) depletion layer increases
- (4) diffusion current increases

Forward characteristics curve



Knee or cut in voltage
Ge \rightarrow 0.3 V, Si \rightarrow 0.7 V

Reverse characteristic curve

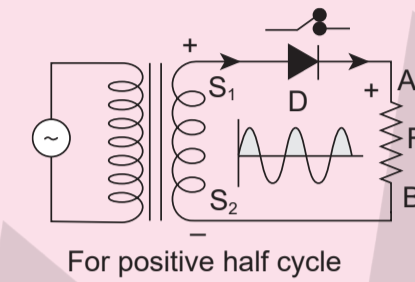


Breakdown voltage
Ge \rightarrow 25 V, Si \rightarrow 35 V

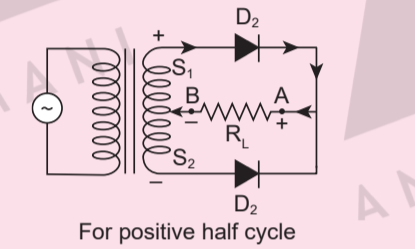
TRANSISTOR

Transistor is a three terminal device
(1) Emitter (E)
(2) Base (B)
(3) Collector (C)

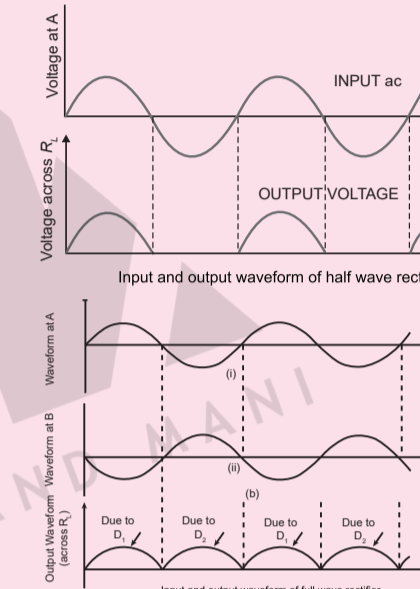
APPLICATIONS OF JUNCTION DIODE



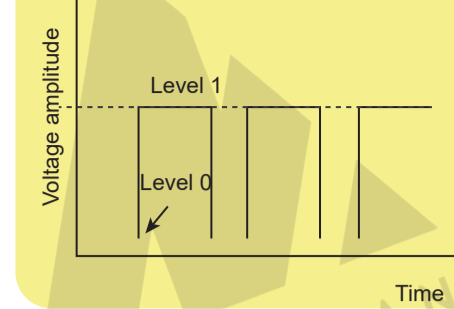
For positive half cycle



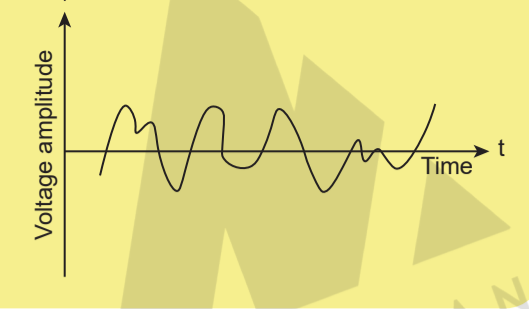
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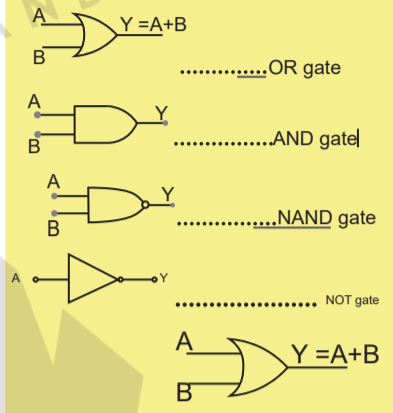
ANALOG SIGNAL



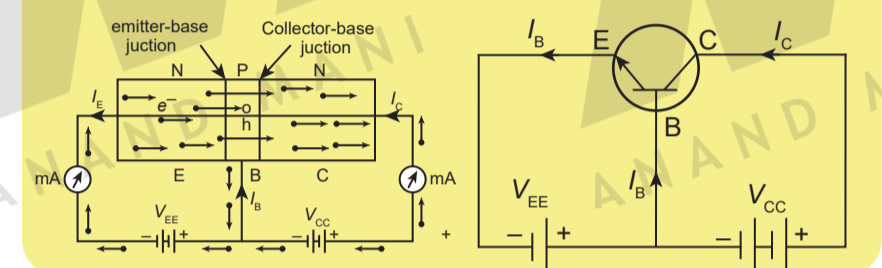
DIGITAL SIGNAL



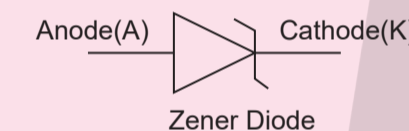
BASIC LOGIC GATES



WORKING OF N - P - N TRANSISTOR

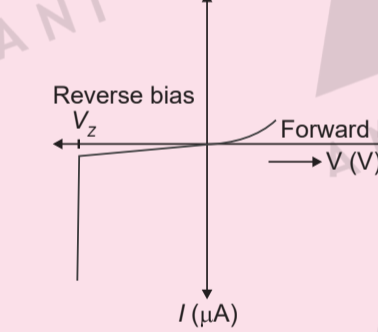


SEMICONDUCTOR ZENER DIODE DIODES

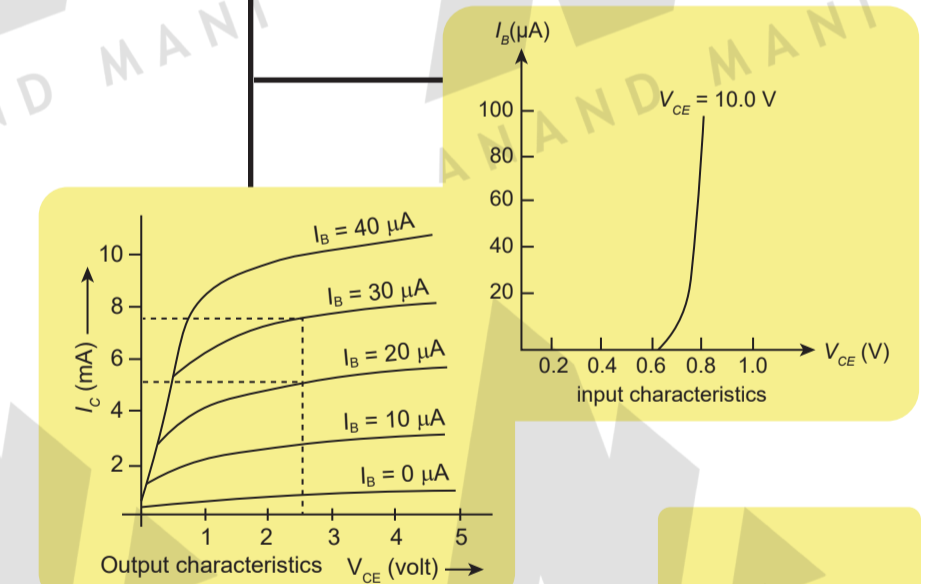
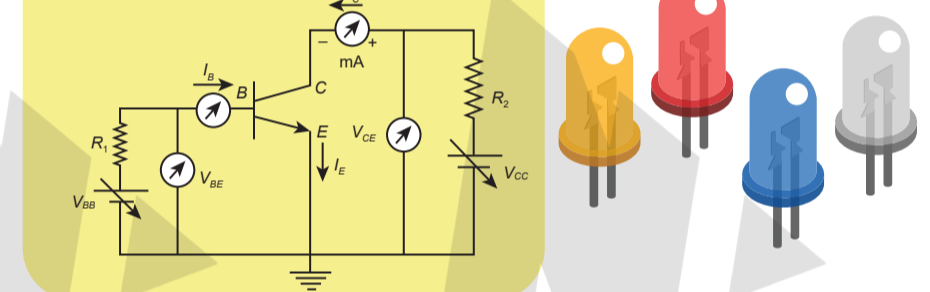


Zener Diode

I-V characteristics



CE CONFIGURATION CHARACTERISTICS

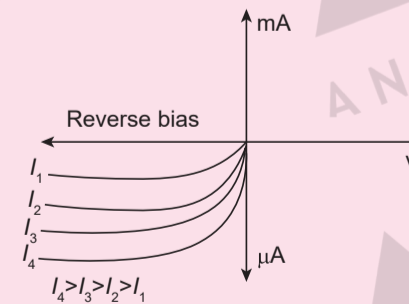


PHOTODIODE

The symbol of photodiode is

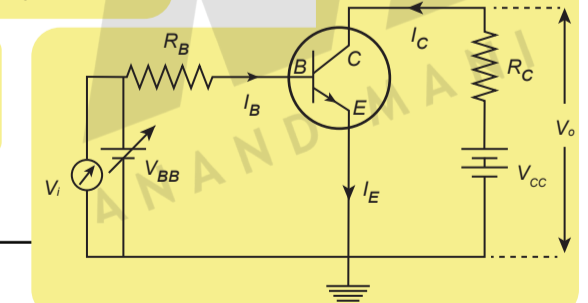


I-V characteristics of a photodiode

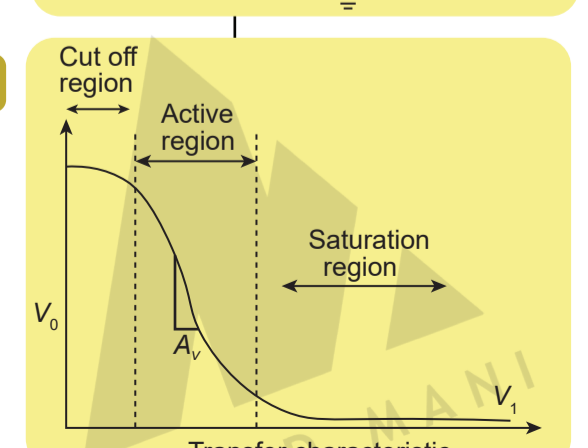


APPLICATION OF TRANSISTOR

AS A SWITCH



AS AN AMPLIFIER



I-V CHARACTERISTICS OF A SOLAR CELL.

SOLAR CELL

