Classification of metals. Insulator And Semiconductor

Semiconductor Electronics: Material Devices and Simple circuit



ON THE BASIS OF CONDUCTIVITY

(1) For metals:

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

They have high conductivity.

(2) For Semiconductors:

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

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

They have intermediate conductivity to metals and insulators.

(3) For insulators:

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

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

They have low conductivity

- σ = electrical conductivity
- ρ = resistivity

The band which is Completely filled with electrons at OK is called valence band.

Conduction Band is completely empty at ok.

energy band gap is the difference between Valence band and Conduction band







Semiconductors exhibit electrical conductivity between conductors and NON - CONductors.

INTRINSIC SEMICONDUCTORS

- (1) Pure Semiconductors are intrinsic semiconductors.
- (2) NI= NE = Nr. Where. NE = NO. Of free electrons. Nh = No. of halles. Ni = 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 - LYPE Semiconductor Ne >> Nh

- (1) Electrons are majority charge carriers.
- (2) Holes are minority charge carriers. (3) Si or Ge doped with pentavalent
- elements (P.AS. SD)

P - type Semiconductor Nh >> Ne

- (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. Neng = 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 BARRIES

Potential barrier is the potential difference developed across depletion region. VB = 0.7 for Silicon

FORWARD BIAS

REVERSE BIAS

= 0.3 for germanium

IN Forward Bias

IN reverse Bias

Forward characteristics curve



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

