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- **11.1.6** At room temperature, GaAs has an electron affinity of $e\chi = 4.07$ eV and a bandgap of $E_g = 1.424$ eV.
 - (a) Find the work function, the threshold photon energy, and the threshold wavelength for a lightly doped n-type GaAs crystal that has a Fermi level at $E_F = E_c 300$ meV.
 - (b) Find the work function, the threshold photon energy, and the threshold wavelength for a lightly doped p-type GaAs crystal that has a Fermi level at $E_F = E_v + 300 \text{ meV}$.
- **11.1.7** At room temperature, GaAs has an electron affinity of $e\chi = 4.07$ eV and a bandgap of $E_g = 1.424$ eV.
 - (a) Find the work function, the threshold photon energy, and the threshold wavelength for a heavily doped n-type GaAs crystal that has a Fermi level at $E_F = E_c + 300 \text{ meV}$.
 - (b) Find the work function, the threshold photon energy, and the threshold wavelength for a lightly doped p-type GaAs crystal that has a Fermi level at $E_{\rm F} = E_{\rm y} 300$ meV.
- **11.1.8** The intrinsic electron and hole concentrations of GaAs in thermal equilibrium at room temperature are $n_0 = p_0 = n_i = 2.33 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}^{-3}$. It has an electron mobility of $\mu_e = 0.85 \text{ m}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and a hole mobility of $\mu_h = 0.04 \text{ m}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. An intrinsic GaAs crystal used as a photoconductor is uniformly illuminated with an optical beam to generate electron-hole pairs for total electron and hole concentrations of $n \approx p \approx 1.0 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$. Find the dark conductivity and the photoconductivity.
- **11.1.9** The intrinsic electron and hole concentrations of Ge in thermal equilibrium at room temperature are $n_0 = p_0 = n_i = 1.95 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$. It has an electron mobility of $\mu_e = 0.39 \text{ m}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and a hole mobility of $\mu_h = 0.19 \text{ m}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. An intrinsic Ge crystal used as a photoconductor is uniformly illuminated with an optical beam to generate electron-hole pairs. Find the dark conductivity. What are the required concentrations of the photogenerated electrons and holes for the photoconductivity to be 20 times the dark conductivity?
- **11.1.10** A Si photodiode at T = 300 K has a reverse current of $I_0 = 10$ nA and a realistic diode factor of a = 1.2. For the detection of optical signals at the $\lambda = 532$ nm wavelength, its external quantum efficiency is $\eta_e = 0.7$. It is illuminated with an optical signal that has a power of $P_s = 200 \mu$ W at $\lambda = 532$ nm.
 - (a) If the photodiode is operated in the photoconductive mode with a reverse bias voltage of $V_r = 5$ V, what is the required load resistance for the output voltage to be at least 100 mV?
 - (b) If the photodiode is operated in the photovoltaic mode with a very large load resistance, what is the output voltage?
 - (c) What are the output voltages for $P_s = 5$ mW in the photoconductive mode with the load resistance found in (a) and in the photovoltaic mode, respectively?
- **11.1.11** A Ge photodiode has a reverse current of $I_0 = 2 \mu A$ and a realistic diode factor of a = 1.1 at T = 300 K. Its external quantum efficiency is $\eta_e = 0.54$ for an optical signal at $\lambda = 1.55 \mu m$. The power of the optical signal varies between 0.5 mW and 5 mW.
 - (a) The photodiode is operated in the photoconductive mode with a reverse bias voltage of $V_r = 10$ V and a load resistance of $R_L = 50 \Omega$. What is the range of