EE 331 Exam 1 Spring 2012 Solutions

Problem 1: Version B

a) In N region,

$$L_p = \sqrt{D_p \tau_{p_n}}$$
$$\mu_p \mid_{N_T = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}} = 400 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{Vs}$$
$$D_p = \frac{\mu_p kT}{q} = 400 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{Vs} \times 0.0259 \text{V} = 10.4 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$
$$L_p = \sqrt{D_p \tau_{p_n}} = \sqrt{10.4 \times 200 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.0456 \text{ cm} = 456 \text{ }\mu\text{m} > \text{W}_n' = 100 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$$
So, N side is short base as well.

b) As p side is short base, n side is short base,

$$\mu_{n}|_{N_{T}=4\times10^{18}\text{cm}^{-3}} = 155\text{cm}^{2}/\text{Vs} \qquad D_{n} = \frac{\mu_{n}kT}{q} = 155\text{cm}^{2}/\text{Vs} \times 0.0259\text{V} = 4.0 \text{ cm}^{2}/\text{s}$$

$$I_{s} = qAn_{i}^{2} \left(\frac{D_{p}}{N_{D}W_{n}} + \frac{D_{n}}{N_{A}W_{p}}\right) =$$

$$1.6 \times 10^{-19}C \times 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{2} \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-6} \left(\frac{10.4\text{cm}^{2}/\text{s}}{10^{16}\text{ cm}^{-3} \times 100 \times 10^{-4}\text{ cm}} + \frac{4.0\text{cm}^{2}/\text{s}}{4 \times 10^{18}\text{ cm}^{-3} \times 100 \times 10^{-7}\text{ cm}}\right) =$$

$$= 6.5 \times 10^{-17} \text{ A}$$

c) Resistance of the undepleted n-region:

$$R_n = \rho_n W_n / A$$

$$\rho_n = \frac{1}{N_D q \mu_n}$$

$$\mu_n |_{N_T = 10^{16}} = 1240 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

$$R_n = 252 \Omega$$

d) I-V relationship of pn junction is

$$I = I_s \left(e^{\frac{V}{V_T}} - 1 \right)$$

Voltage drop in pn junction is

$$V_j \approx V_T \ln\left(\frac{I}{I_s}\right) = 0.0259 \ln\left(\frac{10^{-3}}{6.5 \times 10^{-17}}\right) = 0.79 \text{ V}$$

Voltage drop in neutral n region is:

$$V_n = R_n I = 252 \times 10^{-3} = 0.25 \text{V}$$

Total voltage drop is:

$$V = V_i + V_n = 0.79 + 0.25 = 1.04$$
V

Problem 1, Version A

a)

$$L_p = \sqrt{D_p \tau_{p_n}} = \sqrt{10.4 \times 2 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.00456 \text{ cm} = 45.6 \mu \text{m} << W_n^{-6}$$

So, N side is long base.

b) As the P side is short base, N side is long base,

$$I_{s} = qAn_{i}^{2} \left(\frac{D_{p}}{N_{D}L_{p}} + \frac{D_{n}}{N_{A}W_{p}} \right) =$$

1.6×10⁻¹⁹ C×2×10⁻⁵ cm²×10²⁰ cm⁻⁶ $\left(\frac{10.4 \text{ cm}^{2}/\text{s}}{10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3} \times 45.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}} + \frac{4.0 \text{ cm}^{2}/\text{s}}{2 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3} \times 100 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}} \right)$
= 1.37×10⁻¹⁶ A

c)

$$R_{n} = \rho_{n} W_{n}^{'} / A$$

$$\rho_{n} = \frac{1}{N_{D} q \mu_{n}}$$

$$\mu_{n} |_{N_{T} = 10^{16}} = 1240 \text{ cm}^{2}/\text{s}$$

$$R_{n} = 1260 \Omega$$

d) I-V relationship of pn junction is

$$I = I_s \left(e^{\frac{V}{V_T}} - 1 \right)$$

Voltage drop in pn junction is

$$V_j \approx V_T \ln\left(\frac{I}{I_s}\right) = 0.0259 \ln\left(\frac{10^{-3}}{1.37 \times 10^{-16}}\right) = 0.77 \text{ V}$$

Voltage drop in neutral n region is:

$$V_n = R_n I = 1260 \times 10^{-3} = 1.26$$
V

Total voltage is:

$$V = V_i + V_n = 0.77 + 1.26 = 2.03 \text{ V}$$

2. In the circuit below, use the constant voltage diode model for D1 and D2 with a threshold (turn-on) voltage of V_{on} = (0.7 V for A, 0.8 V for B). The reverse breakdown voltage of the Zener diode (DZ) is -5V and the series resistance is 250 Ω . (30)

a) Assume that D1 is on, D2 is off and DZ is in reverse breakdown. Calculate the voltage across and current through each diode.

b) Check each of the assumptions made in (a). Which mode is each diode actually in (on, off, breakdown)?



Solution:

a) [12 pts] D2 is off, so $i_{D2} = 0$

D1 is on $(V_{D1}=V_{on})$, DZ is in reverse breakdown, and they are in series, so

$$i_{D1} = -i_{DZ} = \frac{10 + V_{DZ} - V_{on}}{1 \ k\Omega + R_{DZ}} = \frac{4.3 \ V}{1250 \ \Omega} = 3.44 \ \text{mA for A} \left[\frac{4.2 \ V}{1250 \ \Omega} = 3.36 \ \text{mA for B}\right]$$
$$V_{DZ} = -5 \ V + i_{DZ}R_{DZ} = -5.86 \ V \ [-5.84 \ V \ \text{for B}]$$

b) [18 pts] $V_{D1} = V_{on}$ and $i_{D1} > 0$, so D1 is on. $V_{D2} = (10V - (1k\Omega \times i_{D1}) - V_{on} - 5V) = 10 - 3.44 - 0.7 - 5 = 0.86V$ [0.84 for B] This is greater than V_{on} , so assumption of D2 off is wrong; D2 is actually on. Since D2 is on, $V_{DZ} = -(5V + V_{on}) < -V_Z = -5V$, so DZ is in still reverse breakdown. Checking, $i_{D2} - i_{D1} = i_{DZ} = \frac{[V_Z - (5V + V_{on})]}{R_{DZ}} = \frac{-V_{on}}{R_{DZ}} < 0.$ 3. For the power supply circuit shown below, the rms value of v_s is 10 V, the operating frequency is 50 Hz, C = 2000 μ F, and the on-voltage of the diode is 0.70 V. The load sinks up to 5 mA. State your assumptions clearly and check them if possible. (40) (30)

- (a) What is the dc output voltage V_0 if the ripple voltage is small?
- (b) What is the maximum value of the ripple voltage at V_0 ?
- (c) What is the minimum PIV rating for the diode?
- (d) What is the maximum current through the diode during start-up transient ($v_c = 0$)?

