

EEG 808 Electronic Devices, Modelling and Circuit Simulation

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Tutorial 1

Question 1

An Si *npn* transistor at 300 K has an area of 1 mm^2 , base width of $1.0 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$, and doping of $N_{de} = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_{ab} = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_{dc} = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. The minority carrier lifetimes are $\tau_E = 10^{-7} \text{ s} = \tau_B$; $\tau_C = 10^{-6} \text{ s}$. Calculate the collector current in the active mode for (a) $V_{BE} = 0.5 \text{ V}$, (b) $I_E = 2.5 \text{ mA}$, and (c) $I_B = 5 \text{ }\mu\text{A}$. The base diffusion coefficient is $D_b = 20 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

Question 2

An *npn* silicon transistor is operated in the inverse active mode (i.e., collector-base is forward biased and emitter base is reverse biased). The doping concentrations are $N_{de} = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_{ab} = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and $N_{dc} = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. The voltages are $V_{BE} = -2 \text{ V}$, $V_{BC} = 0.6 \text{ V}$. Calculate and plot the minority carrier distribution in the device. Also calculate the current in the collector and the emitter. The device parameters are: $W_b = 1.0 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$, $\tau_E = \tau_B = \tau_C = 10^{-7} \text{ s}$, $D_b = 20 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $D_e = 10 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $D_c = 25 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $A = 1 \text{ mm}^2$.

Question 3

The $V_{CE}(\text{sat})$ of an *npn* transistor decreases as the base current increases for a fixed collector current. In the Ebers-Moll model, assume $\alpha_F = 0.995$, $\alpha_R = 0.1$, and $I_C = 1.0 \text{ mA}$. At 300 K, at what base current is the $V_{CE}(\text{sat})$ value equal to (a) 0.2 V , (b) 0.1 V ?

Question 4

Consider a *npn* Si-BJT at 300 K with the following parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} N_{de} &= 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\ N_{ab} &= 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\ N_{dc} &= 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\ D_b &= 30.0 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \\ L_b &= 10.0 \text{ }\mu\text{m} \\ W_b &= 1.0 \text{ }\mu\text{m} \\ D_e &= 10 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \\ L_e &= 10.0 \text{ }\mu\text{m} \\ \text{emitter thickness} &= 1.0 \text{ }\mu\text{m} \\ \text{device area} &= 4.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

(a) Calculate the emitter efficiency and gain β when the EBJ is forward biased at 1.0 V and the BCJ is reverse biased at 5.0 V . (b) Calculate the output conductance of the device defined by