

2.1 (a)

$$\begin{aligned}k &= 8.617 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K} \\n_i(T = 300 \text{ K}) &= 1.66 \times 10^{15} (300 \text{ K})^{3/2} \exp \left[-\frac{0.66 \text{ eV}}{2 (8.617 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}) (300 \text{ K})} \right] \text{ cm}^{-3} \\&= \boxed{2.465 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \\n_i(T = 600 \text{ K}) &= 1.66 \times 10^{15} (600 \text{ K})^{3/2} \exp \left[-\frac{0.66 \text{ eV}}{2 (8.617 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}) (600 \text{ K})} \right] \text{ cm}^{-3} \\&= \boxed{4.124 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}}\end{aligned}$$

Compared to the values obtained in Example 2.1, we can see that the intrinsic carrier concentration in Ge at $T = 300 \text{ K}$ is $\frac{2.465 \times 10^{13}}{1.08 \times 10^{10}} = 2282$ times higher than the intrinsic carrier concentration in Si at $T = 300 \text{ K}$. Similarly, at $T = 600 \text{ K}$, the intrinsic carrier concentration in Ge is $\frac{4.124 \times 10^{16}}{1.54 \times 10^{15}} = 26.8$ times higher than that in Si.

(b) Since phosphorus is a Group V element, it is a donor, meaning $N_D = 5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. For an n-type material, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}n &= N_D = \boxed{5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \\p(T = 300 \text{ K}) &= \frac{[n_i(T = 300 \text{ K})]^2}{n} = \boxed{1.215 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \\p(T = 600 \text{ K}) &= \frac{[n_i(T = 600 \text{ K})]^2}{n} = \boxed{3.401 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}}\end{aligned}$$

2. (a) Mobility of electrons in Si = $1350 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$
Mobility of holes in Si = $480 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{velocity of electrons} = \mu_n E = \left(1350 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{V}\cdot\text{s}}\right) \left(\frac{0.1 \text{ V}}{\mu\text{m}}\right)$$
$$= 1.35 \cdot 10^4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{velocity of holes} = \mu_p E = \left(480 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{V}\cdot\text{s}}\right) \left(\frac{0.1 \text{ V}}{\mu\text{m}}\right)$$
$$= 4.8 \cdot 10^3 \text{ m/s}$$

(b) Given $E = 0.1 \text{ V}/\mu\text{m}$ hole current negligible
 $\mu_n = 1350 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ $\mu_p = 480 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$

$$J_{\text{tot}} = 1 \text{ mA}/\mu\text{m}^2 = q [\mu_n n E + \mu_p p E] \approx q \mu_n n E$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{J_{\text{tot}}}{q \mu_n E} = \frac{1 \text{ mA}/\mu\text{m}^2}{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C})(1350 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s})(0.1 \text{ V}/\mu\text{m})}$$
$$= 4.6 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

- 2.3 (a) Since the doping is uniform, we have no diffusion current. Thus, the total current is due only to the drift component.

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{tot} &= I_{drift} \\
 &= q(n\mu_n + p\mu_p)AE \\
 n &= 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
 p &= n_i^2/n = (1.08 \times 10^{10})^2/10^{17} = 1.17 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
 \mu_n &= 1350 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s} \\
 \mu_p &= 480 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s} \\
 E &= V/d = \frac{1 \text{ V}}{0.1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}} \\
 &= 10^5 \text{ V/cm} \\
 A &= 0.05 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \times 0.05 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \\
 &= 2.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $n\mu_n \gg p\mu_p$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{tot} &\approx qn\mu_n AE \\
 &= \boxed{54.1 \text{ } \mu\text{A}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) All of the parameters are the same except n_i , which means we must re-calculate p .

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_i(T = 400 \text{ K}) &= 3.657 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
 p &= n_i^2/n = 1.337 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $n\mu_n \gg p\mu_p$ still holds (note that n is 9 orders of magnitude larger than p), the hole concentration once again drops out of the equation and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{tot} &\approx qn\mu_n AE \\
 &= \boxed{54.1 \text{ } \mu\text{A}}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.4 (a) From Problem 1, we can calculate n_i for Ge.

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_i(T = 300 \text{ K}) &= 2.465 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
 I_{tot} &= q(n\mu_n + p\mu_p)AE \\
 n &= 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
 p &= n_i^2/n = 6.076 \times 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
 \mu_n &= 3900 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s} \\
 \mu_p &= 1900 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s} \\
 E &= V/d = \frac{1 \text{ V}}{0.1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}} \\
 &= 10^5 \text{ V/cm} \\
 A &= 0.05 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \times 0.05 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \\
 &= 2.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $n\mu_n \gg p\mu_p$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{tot} &\approx qn\mu_nAE \\
 &= \boxed{156 \text{ } \mu\text{A}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) All of the parameters are the same except n_i , which means we must re-calculate p .

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_i(T = 400 \text{ K}) &= 9.230 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
 p &= n_i^2/n = 8.520 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $n\mu_n \gg p\mu_p$ still holds (note that n is 5 orders of magnitude larger than p), the hole concentration once again drops out of the equation and we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{tot} &\approx qn\mu_nAE \\
 &= \boxed{156 \text{ } \mu\text{A}}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.5 Since there's no electric field, the current is due entirely to diffusion. If we define the current as positive when flowing in the positive x direction, we can write

$$I_{tot} = I_{diff} = AJ_{diff} = Aq \left[D_n \frac{dn}{dx} - D_p \frac{dp}{dx} \right]$$

$$A = 1 \mu\text{m} \times 1 \mu\text{m} = 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$D_n = 34 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

$$D_p = 12 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

$$\frac{dn}{dx} = -\frac{5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}} = -2.5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-4}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}} = 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-4}$$

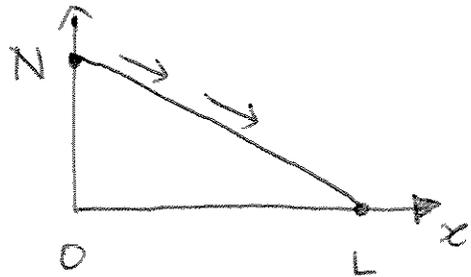
$$I_{tot} = (10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2) (1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}) [(34 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}) (-2.5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-4}) - (12 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}) (10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-4})]$$

$$= \boxed{-15.54 \mu\text{A}}$$

b. Given Area = a

find total electrons stored.

$$n(x) = -\frac{N}{L}x + N$$



∴ total electrons stored

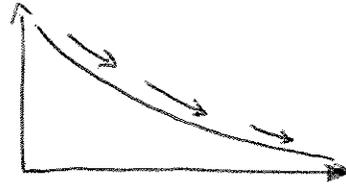
$$= \int a \cdot n(x) dx = \int_0^L a \left(-\frac{N}{L}x + N \right) dx$$

$$= aN \left(-\frac{x^2}{2L} + x \right) \Big|_0^L = \frac{aNL}{2}$$

7. Given Area = a

find total electrons stored.

$$n(x) = N \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-x}{L_d}\right)$$



∴ total electrons stored

$$= \int_0^{\infty} a \cdot n(x) \, dx = \int_0^{\infty} a \cdot N \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-x}{L_d}\right) \, dx$$

$$= aN \left(-L_d \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-x}{L_d}\right) \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} = aNL_d.$$

For the linear profile, the result depends on the length, L .

For the exponential profile, the result is constant (since L_d is constant.)

2.8 Assume the diffusion lengths L_n and L_p are associated with the electrons and holes, respectively, in this material and that $L_n, L_p \ll 2 \mu\text{m}$. We can express the electron and hole concentrations as functions of x as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 n(x) &= Ne^{-x/L_n} \\
 p(x) &= Pe^{(x-2)/L_p} \\
 \# \text{ of electrons} &= \int_0^2 an(x)dx \\
 &= \int_0^2 aNe^{-x/L_n} dx \\
 &= -aNL_n \left(e^{-x/L_n} \right) \Big|_0^2 \\
 &= -aNL_n \left(e^{-2/L_n} - 1 \right) \\
 \# \text{ of holes} &= \int_0^2 ap(x)dx \\
 &= \int_0^2 aPe^{(x-2)/L_p} dx \\
 &= aPL_p \left(e^{(x-2)/L_p} \right) \Big|_0^2 \\
 &= aPL_p \left(1 - e^{-2/L_p} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Due to our assumption that $L_n, L_p \ll 2 \mu\text{m}$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{-2/L_n} &\approx 0 \\
 e^{-2/L_p} &\approx 0 \\
 \# \text{ of electrons} &\approx \boxed{aNL_n} \\
 \# \text{ of holes} &\approx \boxed{aPL_p}
 \end{aligned}$$

9. Drift is analogous to water flow in a river.

Water flows from top of mountain to bottom because of gravitational field; electron flows from one terminal to the other because of electric field.

<u>DRIFT</u>		<u>WATER FLOW</u>
electrons	↔	water
electric field	↔	gravitational field.
drift/current	↔	water flow

2.10 (a)

$$n_n = N_D = \boxed{5 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}}$$

$$p_n = n_i^2/n_n = \boxed{233 \text{ cm}^{-3}}$$

$$p_p = N_A = \boxed{4 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}}$$

$$n_p = n_i^2/p_p = \boxed{2916 \text{ cm}^{-3}}$$

(b) We can express the formula for V_0 in its full form, showing its temperature dependence:

$$V_0(T) = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left[\frac{N_A N_D}{(5.2 \times 10^{15})^2 T^3 e^{-E_g/kT}} \right]$$

$$V_0(T = 250 \text{ K}) = \boxed{906 \text{ mV}}$$

$$V_0(T = 300 \text{ K}) = \boxed{849 \text{ mV}}$$

$$V_0(T = 350 \text{ K}) = \boxed{789 \text{ mV}}$$

Looking at the expression for $V_0(T)$, we can expand it as follows:

$$V_0(T) = \frac{kT}{q} [\ln(N_A) + \ln(N_D) - 2 \ln(5.2 \times 10^{15}) - 3 \ln(T) + E_g/kT]$$

Let's take the derivative of this expression to get a better idea of how V_0 varies with temperature.

$$\frac{dV_0(T)}{dT} = \frac{k}{q} [\ln(N_A) + \ln(N_D) - 2 \ln(5.2 \times 10^{15}) - 3 \ln(T) - 3]$$

From this expression, we can see that if $\ln(N_A) + \ln(N_D) < 2 \ln(5.2 \times 10^{15}) + 3 \ln(T) + 3$, or equivalently, if $\ln(N_A N_D) < \ln[(5.2 \times 10^{15})^2 T^3] - 3$, then V_0 will decrease with temperature, which we observe in this case. In order for this not to be true (i.e., in order for V_0 to increase with temperature), we must have either very high doping concentrations or very low temperatures.

2.11 Since the p-type side of the junction is undoped, its electron and hole concentrations are equal to the intrinsic carrier concentration.

$$\begin{aligned}n_n &= N_D = 3 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\p_p &= n_i = 1.08 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\V_0 &= V_T \ln \left(\frac{N_D n_i}{n_i^2} \right) \\&= (26 \text{ mV}) \ln \left(\frac{N_D}{n_i} \right) \\&= \boxed{386 \text{ mV}}\end{aligned}$$

2.12 (a)

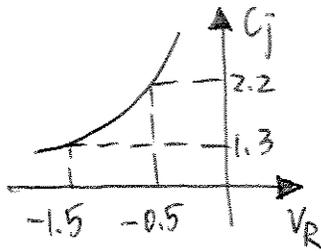
$$\begin{aligned}
C_{j0} &= \sqrt{\frac{q\epsilon_{\text{Si}}}{2} \frac{N_A N_D}{N_A + N_D} \frac{1}{V_0}} \\
C_j &= \frac{C_{j0}}{\sqrt{1 - V_R/V_0}} \\
N_A &= 2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
N_D &= 3 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\
V_R &= -1.6 \text{ V} \\
V_0 &= V_T \ln\left(\frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2}\right) = 701 \text{ mV} \\
C_{j0} &= 14.9 \text{ nF/cm}^2 \\
C_j &= 8.22 \text{ nF/cm}^2 \\
&= \boxed{0.082 \text{ fF/cm}^2}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Let's write an equation for C'_j in terms of C_j assuming that C'_j has an acceptor doping of N'_A .

$$\begin{aligned}
C'_j &= 2C_j \\
\sqrt{\frac{q\epsilon_{\text{Si}}}{2} \frac{N'_A N_D}{N'_A + N_D} \frac{1}{V_T \ln(N'_A N_D/n_i^2) - V_R}} &= 2C_j \\
\frac{q\epsilon_{\text{Si}}}{2} \frac{N'_A N_D}{N'_A + N_D} \frac{1}{V_T \ln(N'_A N_D/n_i^2) - V_R} &= 4C_j^2 \\
q\epsilon_{\text{Si}} N'_A N_D &= 8C_j^2 (N'_A + N_D) (V_T \ln(N'_A N_D/n_i^2) - V_R) \\
N'_A [q\epsilon_{\text{Si}} N_D - 8C_j^2 (V_T \ln(N'_A N_D/n_i^2) - V_R)] &= 8C_j^2 N_D (V_T \ln(N'_A N_D/n_i^2) - V_R) \\
N'_A &= \frac{8C_j^2 N_D (V_T \ln(N'_A N_D/n_i^2) - V_R)}{q\epsilon_{\text{Si}} N_D - 8C_j^2 (V_T \ln(N'_A N_D/n_i^2) - V_R)}
\end{aligned}$$

We can solve this by iteration (you could use a numerical solver if you have one available). Starting with an initial guess of $N'_A = 2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, we plug this into the right hand side and solve to find a new value of $N'_A = 9.9976 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Iterating twice more, the solution converges to $N'_A = 1.025 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Thus, we must increase the N_A by a factor of $N'_A/N_A = 5.125 \approx \boxed{5}$.

B.



$$\frac{C_{j0}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{0.5}{V_0}}} = 2.2 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\frac{C_{j0}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1.5}{V_0}}} = 1.3 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\text{①} \div \text{②} : \quad \frac{1 + \frac{1.5}{V_0}}{1 + \frac{0.5}{V_0}} = \left(\frac{2.2}{1.3}\right)^2 \Rightarrow V_0 = 0.0365 \text{ V}$$

Substitute V_0 into ①:

$$C_{j0} = 2.2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{0.5}{V_0}} \approx 8.43 \text{ fF}/\mu\text{m}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{N_A N_D}{N_A + N_D} &= (C_{j0})^2 \cdot V_0 \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon_{si}} \\ &= \left(8.43 \frac{\text{fF}}{\mu\text{m}^2}\right)^2 \times (0.0365 \text{ V}) \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon_{si}} \approx 3.13 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

Fix a value for $N_A > \frac{N_A N_D}{N_A + N_D} \cong \eta$

$$\begin{aligned} N_A = 2 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3} &\Rightarrow N_D = \frac{\eta N_A}{N_A - \eta} \\ &= \frac{(3.13 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3})(2 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3})}{(2 \cdot 10^{18} - 3.13 \cdot 10^{17}) \text{ cm}^{-3}} \\ &\approx 3.71 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

14 (a) In forward bias, $I_D = 1 \text{ mA}$, $V_D = 750 \text{ mV}$

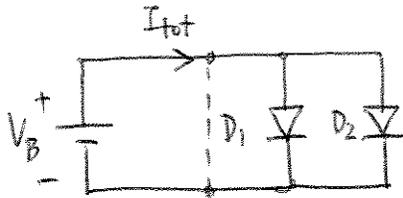
$$\begin{aligned}\therefore I_S &\approx I_D e^{-\frac{V_D}{V_T}} = (1 \text{ mA}) \exp[-750 \text{ mV}/26 \text{ mV}] \\ &= 2.97 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}\end{aligned}$$

(b) Since $I_S \propto \text{Area}$, doubling area implies doubling I_S . From (a),

$$I_D = 1 \text{ mA} = 2 \times I_S e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore V_D &= V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_D}{2I_S}\right) = (26 \text{ mV}) \ln\left(\frac{1 \text{ mA}}{2 \cdot 2.97 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}}\right) \\ &= 0.732 \text{ V}\end{aligned}$$

15 (a)



$$I_{tot} = I_{D_1} + I_{D_2} = I_{S_1} (e^{V_B/V_T} - 1) + I_{S_2} (e^{V_B/V_T} - 1)$$

$$= (I_{S_1} + I_{S_2}) (e^{V_B/V_T} - 1)$$

Therefore, the parallel combination operates as an exponential device, with an equivalent saturation current of $I_{S_1} + I_{S_2}$.

(b) By KVL, $V_{D_1} = V_{D_2}$

$$\Rightarrow V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{D_1}}{I_{S_1}}\right) = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{D_2}}{I_{S_2}}\right)$$

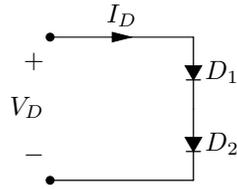
$$\text{Also, } I_{tot} = I_{D_1} + I_{D_2} \Rightarrow I_{D_2} = I_{tot} - I_{D_1}$$

$$\therefore V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{D_1}}{I_{S_1}}\right) = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{tot} - I_{D_1}}{I_{S_2}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{D_1} = I_{tot} \left(\frac{I_{S_1}}{I_{S_1} + I_{S_2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{D_2} = I_{tot} \left(\frac{I_{S_2}}{I_{S_1} + I_{S_2}} \right)$$

2.16 (a) The following figure shows the series diodes.



Let V_{D1} be the voltage drop across D_1 and V_{D2} be the voltage drop across D_2 . Let $I_{S1} = I_{S2} = I_S$, since the diodes are identical.

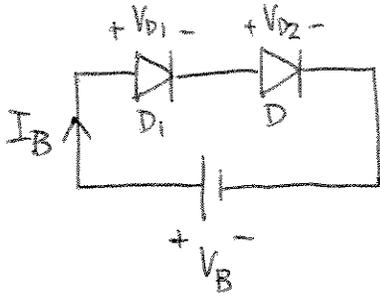
$$\begin{aligned} V_D &= V_{D1} + V_{D2} \\ &= V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_D}{I_S} \right) + V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_D}{I_S} \right) \\ &= 2V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_D}{I_S} \right) \\ I_D &= I_S e^{V_D/2V_T} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the diodes in series act like a single device with an exponential characteristic described by $I_D = I_S e^{V_D/2V_T}$.

(b) Let V_D be the amount of voltage required to get a current I_D and V'_D the amount of voltage required to get a current $10I_D$.

$$\begin{aligned} V_D &= 2V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_D}{I_S} \right) \\ V'_D &= 2V_T \ln \left(\frac{10I_D}{I_S} \right) \\ V'_D - V_D &= 2V_T \left[\ln \left(\frac{10I_D}{I_S} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{I_D}{I_S} \right) \right] \\ &= 2V_T \ln(10) \\ &= \boxed{120 \text{ mV}} \end{aligned}$$

17.



Find I_B , V_{D1} , V_{D2} in terms of V_B , I_1 , I_{S2}

$$\text{By KVL, } V_B = V_{D1} + V_{D2} = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_B}{I_{S1}}\right) + V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_B}{I_{S2}}\right)$$

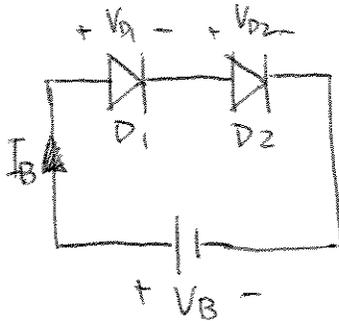
$$\Rightarrow V_B = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_B^2}{I_{S1} I_{S2}}\right)$$

$$\therefore I_B = \sqrt{I_{S1} I_{S2}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{V_B}{2V_T}\right) = \sqrt{I_{S1} I_{S2}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{V_B}{2V_T}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{D1} &= V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_B}{I_{S1}}\right) = V_T \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{I_{S1} I_{S2}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{V_B}{2V_T}\right)}{I_{S1}}\right) \\ &= V_T \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{I_{S2}}{I_{S1}}}\right) + \frac{V_B}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{D2} &= V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_B}{I_{S2}}\right) = V_T \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{I_{S1} I_{S2}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{V_B}{2V_T}\right)}{I_{S2}}\right) \\ &= V_T \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{I_{S1}}{I_{S2}}}\right) + \frac{V_B}{2} \end{aligned}$$

18.



$$V_B = V_T \ln \frac{I_B}{I_{S1}} + V_T \ln \frac{I_B}{I_{S2}} = V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_B^2}{I_{S1} I_{S2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_B = \sqrt{I_{S1} I_{S2}} \cdot \exp \frac{V_B}{2V_T}$$

Increase I_B by 10 times:

$$I_{B, \text{new}} = 10 I_B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow V_{B, \text{new}} &= V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_{B, \text{new}}^2}{I_{S1} I_{S2}} \right) = V_T \ln \left[\frac{(10 I_B)^2}{I_{S1} I_{S2}} \right] \\ &= V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_B^2}{I_{S1} I_{S2}} \right) + V_T \ln 100 \\ &= V_B + V_T \ln 100 \approx V_B + 0.120 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore V_B$ increases by 0.120 V.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_X &= I_X R_1 + V_{D1} \\
 &= I_X R_1 + V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_X}{I_S} \right) \\
 I_X &= \frac{V_X}{R_1} - \frac{V_T}{R_1} \ln \left(\frac{I_X}{I_S} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

For each value of V_X , we can solve this equation for I_X by iteration. Doing so, we find

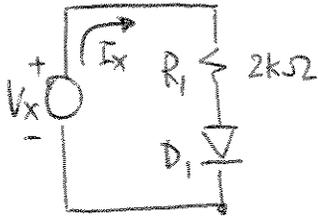
$$\begin{aligned}
 I_X(V_X = 0.5 \text{ V}) &= 0.435 \text{ } \mu\text{A} \\
 I_X(V_X = 0.8 \text{ V}) &= 82.3 \text{ } \mu\text{A} \\
 I_X(V_X = 1 \text{ V}) &= 173 \text{ } \mu\text{A} \\
 I_X(V_X = 1.2 \text{ V}) &= 267 \text{ } \mu\text{A}
 \end{aligned}$$

Once we have I_X , we can compute V_D via the equation $V_D = V_T \ln(I_X/I_S)$. Doing so, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_D(V_X = 0.5 \text{ V}) &= \boxed{499 \text{ mV}} \\
 V_D(V_X = 0.8 \text{ V}) &= \boxed{635 \text{ mV}} \\
 V_D(V_X = 1 \text{ V}) &= \boxed{655 \text{ mV}} \\
 V_D(V_X = 1.2 \text{ V}) &= \boxed{666 \text{ mV}}
 \end{aligned}$$

As expected, V_D varies very little despite rather large changes in I_D (in particular, as I_D experiences an increase by a factor of over 3, V_D changes by about 5%). This is due to the exponential behavior of the diode. As a result, a diode can allow very large currents to flow once it turns on, up until it begins to overheat.

20.



Since $I_{s1} \propto \text{Area}$, I_{D1} becomes:

$$I_{D1} = \frac{10 \times (2 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ A})}{I_{s1}'} \left(e^{\frac{V_{D1}}{V_T}} - 1 \right)$$

$V_x = 0.8 \text{ V}$ Suppose D_1 is on. Assume $V_{D1} = 0.7 \text{ V}$

$$V_{D1} = 0.7 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_x = \frac{V_x - V_{D1}}{R_1} = \frac{0.1 \text{ V}}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.05 \text{ mA}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow V_{D1} &= V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_x}{I_{s1}'}\right) = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.05 \text{ mA}}{20 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ A}}\right) \\ &= 0.563 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{D1} = 0.563 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_x = \frac{(0.8 - 0.563) \text{ V}}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.12 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D1} = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.12 \text{ mA}}{20 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ A}}\right) \approx 0.585 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{D1} = 0.585 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_x = \frac{(0.8 - 0.585) \text{ V}}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.11 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D1} = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.11 \text{ mA}}{20 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ A}}\right) \approx 0.583 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{D1} = 0.583 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_x = \frac{(0.8 - 0.583) \text{ V}}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.11 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D1} = 0.583 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore V_{D1} \approx 0.583 \text{ V}$$

$$I_x \approx 0.11 \text{ mA}$$

$V_x = 1.2 \text{ V}$ Suppose D_1 is on. Use results from previous calculations as starting point.

$$V_{D_1} = 0.583 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_x = \frac{(1.2 - 0.583) \text{ V}}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.31 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.31 \text{ mA}}{20 \times 10^{-15} \text{ A}}\right) \approx 0.610 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{D_1} = 0.610 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_x = \frac{(1.2 - 0.610) \text{ V}}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.30 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.30 \text{ mA}}{20 \times 10^{-15} \text{ A}}\right) \approx 0.609 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{D_1} = 0.609 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_x = \frac{(1.2 - 0.609) \text{ V}}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.30 \text{ mA}$$

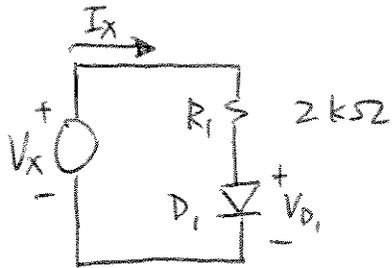
$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = 0.609 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore V_{D_1} \approx 0.609 \text{ V}$$

$$I_x \approx 0.30 \text{ mA}$$

By increasing the cross-section area of D_1 , intuitively this means D_1 can conduct same amount of current with less V_{D_1} . The results have shown that in this problem, V_{D_1} is less and I_x is more.

21.



Given: @ $V_x = 2V$, $V_{D_1} = 850mV$

$$\Rightarrow I_x = \frac{V_x - V_{D_1}}{R_1} = 0.58 \text{ mA}$$

$$\therefore I_s = \frac{I_x}{(e^{V_{D_1}/V_T} - 1)} \approx I_x \exp[-V_{D_1}/V_T]$$

$$= (0.58 \text{ mA}) \exp[-0.85/0.026] \approx 3.64 \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ A}$$

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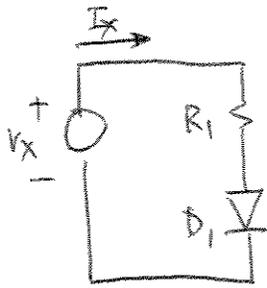
$$V_X/2 = I_X R_1 = V_{D1} = V_T \ln(I_X/I_S)$$

$$I_X = \frac{V_T}{R_1} \ln(I_X/I_S)$$

$$I_X = 367 \mu\text{A} \text{ (using iteration)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_X &= 2I_X R_1 \\ &= \boxed{1.47 \text{ V}} \end{aligned}$$

23.



$$\text{Given } V_x = 1V \Rightarrow I_x = 0.2\text{mA}$$

$$V_x = 2V \Rightarrow I_x = 0.5\text{mA}$$

Find R_1 and I_s .

$$\text{By KVL, } V_{D_1} = V_x - I_x R_1 = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_x}{I_s}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - (0.2\text{mA})R_1 = (0.026\text{V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.2\text{mA}}{I_s}\right) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$2 - (0.5\text{mA})R_1 = (0.026\text{V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.5\text{mA}}{I_s}\right) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{(2) - (1) : } 1 - (0.3\text{mA})R_1 = (0.026\text{V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.5}{0.2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_1 = \frac{1 - (0.026) \ln\left(\frac{0.5}{0.2}\right)}{0.3\text{mA}} = 3.25\text{ k}\Omega$$

Substitute R_1 into (1):

$$I_s = I_x \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{V_x - I_x R_1}{V_T}\right]$$

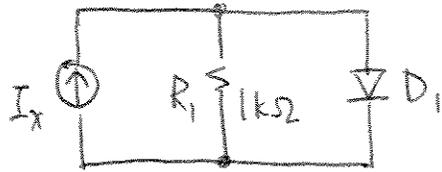
$$= (0.2\text{mA}) \exp\left[-\frac{1 - (0.2\text{mA})(3.25\text{k})}{0.026}\right] \approx 2.94 \cdot 10^{-10}\text{A}$$

$$\therefore R_1 \approx 3.25\text{ k}\Omega$$

$$I_s \approx 2.94 \cdot 10^{-10}\text{A}$$

24.

Given $I_s = 3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}$,
find V_{D_1} .



$$\text{By KCL, } I_x = \frac{V_{D_1}}{R_1} + I_{D_1} = \frac{V_T}{R_1} \ln\left(\frac{I_{D_1}}{I_s}\right) + I_{D_1}$$

Since I_x , V_T , R_1 and I_s are known, this can be solved directly with special programs or graphing calculators. However, this can be also solved by iterations. Assume a V_{D_1} , calculate I_{D_1} , and re-iterate on V_{D_1} .

Assume $V_{D_1} = 0.7 \text{ V}$ as starting point.

$$\boxed{I_x = 1 \text{ mA}}$$

$$V_{D_1} = 0.7 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_{D_1} = I_x - \frac{V_{D_1}}{R_1} = 1 \text{ mA} - \frac{0.7 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.3 \text{ mA}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow V_{D_1} &= V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_x}{I_s}\right) \\ &= (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.3 \text{ mA}}{3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}}\right) \approx 0.718 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{D_1} = 0.718 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_{D_1} = 1 \text{ mA} - \frac{0.718 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.28 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln\left(\frac{0.28 \text{ mA}}{3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}}\right) \approx 0.717 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{D_1} = 0.717 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_{D_1} = 1 \text{ mA} - \frac{0.717 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.28 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = 0.717 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore V_{D_1} \approx 0.717 \text{ V.}$$

$I_X = 2 \text{ mA}$ Assume $V_{D_1} = 0.717 \text{ V}$ from previous result.

$$V_{D_1} = 0.717 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_{D_1} = 2 \text{ mA} - \frac{0.717 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.28 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln \left(\frac{1.28 \text{ mA}}{3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}} \right) \approx 0.756 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{D_1} = 0.756 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_{D_1} = 2 \text{ mA} - \frac{0.756 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.24 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln \left(\frac{1.24 \text{ mA}}{3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}} \right) \approx 0.755 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{D_1} = 0.755 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_{D_1} = 2 \text{ mA} - \frac{0.755 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.24 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = 0.755 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore V_{D_1} = 0.755 \text{ V}$$

$I_x = 4 \text{ mA}$ Assume $V_{D_1} = 0.755 \text{ V}$ from previous result.

$$V_{D_1} = 0.755 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_{D_1} = 4 \text{ mA} - \frac{0.755 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 3.25 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln \left(\frac{3.25 \text{ mA}}{3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}} \right) \approx 0.780 \text{ V}$$

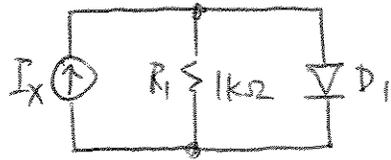
$$V_{D_1} = 0.780 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_{D_1} = 4 \text{ mA} - \frac{0.780 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 3.22 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln \left(\frac{3.22 \text{ mA}}{3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}} \right) \approx 0.780 \text{ V}$$

$\therefore V_{D_1} \approx 0.780 \text{ V}$.

Note: As I_x increases, I_{D_1} increases, while (V_{D_1}/R_1) stays relatively the same. Because of the exponential characteristic, the diode, once on, will absorb as much current as necessary to satisfy KCL.

25.



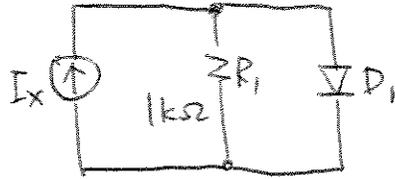
Given $I_{D_1} = 0.5 \text{ mA}$ when $I_x = 1.3 \text{ mA}$, find I_s .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{This means } V_{D_1} &= (I_x - I_{D_1}) R_1 \\ &= (0.8 \text{ mA}) 1k\Omega = 0.8 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I_s &= I_{D_1} \cdot \exp[-V_{D_1}/V_T] \\ &= (0.5 \text{ mA}) \exp[-0.8 \text{ V}/0.026 \text{ V}] \\ &\approx 2.17 \cdot 10^{-17} \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

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Given $I_{R_1} = I_x/2$
 $I_s = 3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}$

find I_x .

$$V_{D_1} = \frac{I_x}{2} \cdot R_1 = V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_x/2}{I_s} \right)$$

This can be solved directly with special programs or graphing calculators. Alternatively, one can solve this iteratively by hand.

Assume $V_D = 0.8 \text{ V}$.

$$V_D = 0.8 \text{ V} \Rightarrow \frac{I_x/2}{R_1} = \frac{V_D}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = \frac{0.8 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.8 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_D = V_T \ln \left(\frac{I_x/2}{I_s} \right) = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln \left(\frac{0.8 \text{ mA}}{3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}} \right)$$

$$\approx 0.744 \text{ V}$$

$$V_D = 0.744 \text{ V} \Rightarrow \frac{I_x/2}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = \frac{0.744 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.744 \text{ mA}$$

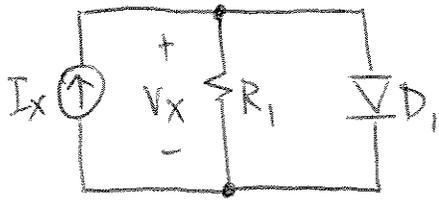
$$\Rightarrow V_D = (0.026 \text{ V}) \ln \left(\frac{0.744 \text{ mA}}{3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}} \right) \approx 0.742 \text{ V}$$

$$V_D = 0.742V \Rightarrow I_x/2 = \frac{0.742V}{1k\Omega} = 0.742 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_D = (0.026V) \ln\left(\frac{0.742 \text{ mA}}{3 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}}\right) \approx 0.742V$$

$$\therefore I_x = 2(0.742 \text{ mA}) = 1.48 \text{ mA}$$

27.



Given $I_x = 1\text{mA} \rightarrow V_x = 1.2\text{V}$
 $I_x = 2\text{mA} \rightarrow V_x = 1.8\text{V}$

find R_1 and I_s .

$$I_{D_1} = I_x - V_x/R_1 \quad (\text{KCL})$$

$$\text{By KVL, } V_x = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{D_1}}{I_s}\right) = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_x - V_x/R_1}{I_s}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1.2\text{V}) = (0.026\text{V}) \ln\left[\frac{(1\text{mA}) - (1.2\text{V})/R_1}{I_s}\right] \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$(1.8\text{V}) = (0.026\text{V}) \ln\left[\frac{(2\text{mA}) - (1.8\text{V})/R_1}{I_s}\right] \quad \text{--- ②}$$

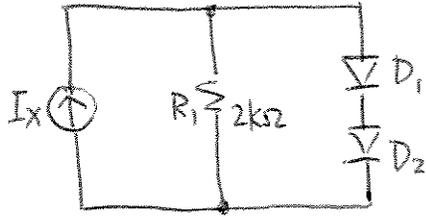
$$\text{②} - \text{①}: 0.6\text{V} = (0.026\text{V}) \ln\left(\frac{2\text{mA} - 1.8\text{V}/R_1}{1\text{mA} - 1.2\text{V}/R_1}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_1 = \frac{1.2 \cdot \exp\left[\frac{0.6}{0.026}\right] - 1.8}{1\text{mA} \cdot \exp\left[\frac{0.6}{0.026}\right] - 2\text{mA}} \approx 1.2\text{ k}\Omega$$

$$I_s = I_D \exp\left[-\frac{V_x}{V_T}\right] = \left(2\text{mA} - \frac{1.8\text{V}}{1.2\text{k}\Omega}\right) \exp\left[-\frac{1.8\text{V}}{0.026\text{V}}\right]$$

$$\approx 4.29 \cdot 10^{-34}\text{ A.}$$

28.



Given $D_1 = D_2$ with
 $I_s = 5 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}$

Find V_{R_1} for $I_x = 2 \text{ mA}$.

Current through the diodes = I_D
 $= I_x - \frac{V_{R_1}}{R_1}$ where V_{R_1} = voltage across R_1

$$\Rightarrow V_{R_1} = 2 \cdot V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_D}{I_s}\right) = 2 \left[V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_x}{I_s} - \frac{V_{R_1}}{I_s R_1}\right) \right]$$

This can be solved directly with special programs or graphing calculators or by hand iteratively.

Assume a V_{R_1} , calculate I_D , and re-iterate on new $V_{R_1} = (2 \times V_{D_1})$. From experience, most diodes conduct at $V_D \approx 0.7 \text{ V}$. Assume $V_{R_1} = 1.4 \text{ V}$.

$$V_{R_1} = 1.4 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_D = I_x - \frac{V_{R_1}}{R_1} = 2 \text{ mA} - \frac{1.4 \text{ V}}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.3 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{R_1} = 2 V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_D}{I_s}\right)$$

$$= 2(0.026 \text{ V}) \ln\left(\frac{1.3 \text{ mA}}{5 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}}\right) \approx 1.49 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{R_1} = 1.49 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_D = 2 \text{ mA} - \frac{1.49}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.26 \text{ mA}$$

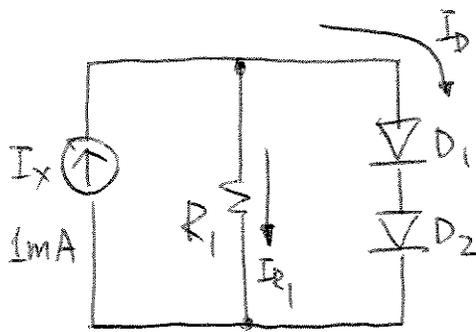
$$\Rightarrow V_{R_1} = 2(0.026 \text{ V}) \ln \left(\frac{1.26 \text{ mA}}{5 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ A}} \right) \approx 1.48 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{R_1} = 1.48 \text{ V} \Rightarrow I_D = 2 \text{ mA} - \frac{1.48 \text{ V}}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.26 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{R_1} = 1.48 \text{ V}$$

\therefore voltage across $R_1 = 1.48 \text{ V}$

29.



Given $I_{R_1} = 0.5\text{ mA}$,
 $I_s = 5 \cdot 10^{-16}\text{ A}$ for
 each diode.

Find R_1 .

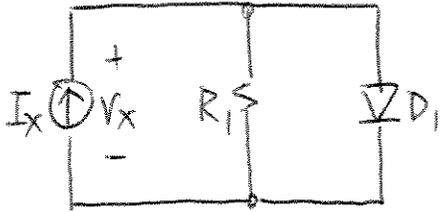
$$\text{By KCL, } I_D = I_x - I_{R_1} = 0.5\text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{D_1} = V_{D_2} = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_D}{I_s}\right) = 0.026 \ln\left(\frac{0.5\text{ mA}}{5 \cdot 10^{-16}\text{ A}}\right)$$

$$\approx 0.718\text{ V}$$

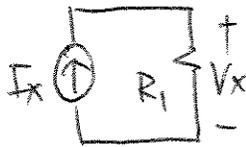
$$\therefore R_1 = \frac{V_{R_1}}{I_{R_1}} = \frac{2 V_{D_1}}{I_{R_1}} = \frac{2(0.718\text{ V})}{0.5\text{ mA}} = 2.87\text{ k}\Omega$$

30.



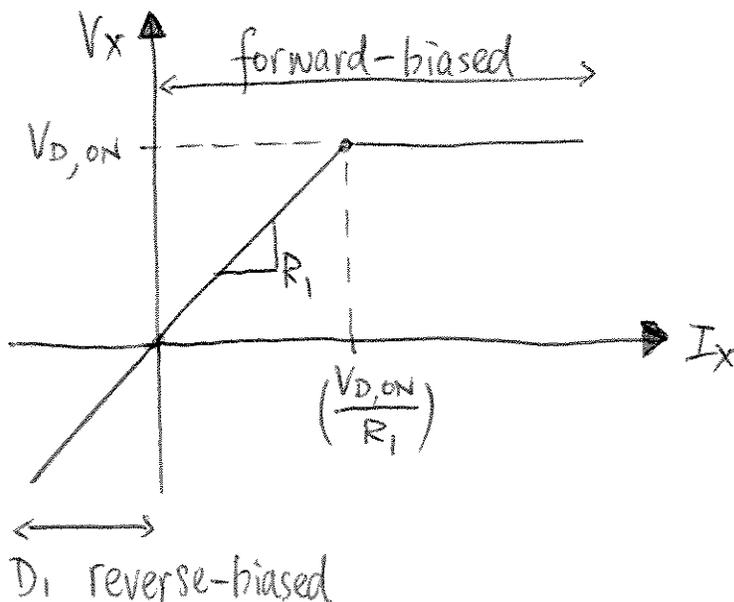
(a) Constant-voltage model:

Consider, first, the extreme cases: when D_1 is off, we have the following:

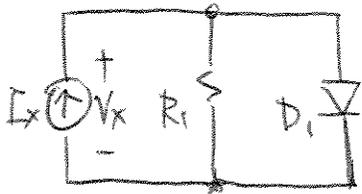


This implies V_x is linearly proportional to I_x

When D_1 is on, V_x is fixed (by KVL) by D_1 ($= V_{D,ON}$). This implies that any additional current from I_x cannot flow through R_1 , which means D_1 will absorb all the currents to satisfy KVL.



(b) exponential model :



Assume I_s negligible.

When D_1 is off, most of I_x flows through R_1 . When D_1 is on, $V_{D_1} (= V_x)$ follows this relationship:

$$V_{D_1} = V_x = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{D_1}}{I_s}\right) = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_x - \frac{V_x}{R_1}}{I_s}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_x = I_s \exp(V_x/V_T) + V_x/R_1$$

$$\approx I_s \exp(V_x/V_T) \quad \text{when } D_1 \text{ is forward-biased } (V_x > V_T)$$

i.e. $V_x \approx V_T \ln(I_x/I_s)$

