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School of Electronics Engineering
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Course Code : BEVD101L Duration : 90 Minutes.
Course Name : Electronic Materials Slot : B1+TB1
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Instructions: Answer all the questions. Use standard values of the physical constants.

$q = v$
 $v = 0.3$

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| Q1 | Gold has the FCC crystal structure, a density of 19.3 g cm^{-3} , and an atomic mass of $196.97 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$.
What is the atomic concentration n , lattice parameter a , and atomic radius of gold? | 4+3+3 |
| Q2 | The primitive translation vectors of the hexagonal space lattice may be taken as: $\mathbf{a}_1 = (3^{1/2}a/2)\mathbf{a}_x + (a/2)\mathbf{a}_y$; $\mathbf{a}_2 = -(3^{1/2}a/2)\mathbf{a}_x + (a/2)\mathbf{a}_y$; $\mathbf{a}_3 = c\mathbf{a}_z$.
a) Find the volume of primitive cell in terms of the lattice constants: a and c
b) Find the primitive translations of the reciprocal lattice (i.e., the reciprocal lattice vectors) and show that the lattice is its own reciprocal, but with a rotation of the axes | 4+6 |
| Q3 | The electron drift mobility in silver has been measured to be $54 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 27°C . The atomic mass and density of Ag are given as 107.87 amu or g mol^{-1} and 10.50 g cm^{-3} , respectively. Given the Wiedemann-Franz constant, $C_{WFL} = 2.44 \times 10^{-8} \text{ WOK}^{-2}$
a.) Assuming that each Ag atom contributes one conduction electron, calculate the resistivity of Ag at 27°C . Compare this value with the measured value of $1.6 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{m}$ at the same temperature and suggest reasons for the difference.
b.) Calculate the thermal conductivity of silver at 27°C . | 6+4 |
| Q4 | A doped silicon sample has electron concentration $5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and hole concentration $4.5 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$. The electron and hole mobility in the sample are $1350 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $450 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ respectively. The sample length is 2 cm and cross-section area is 0.02 cm^2 . Calculate the sample:
a) conductivity and resistivity, b) the Hall coefficient, and
c) the Hall voltage E_y when a voltage of 2 V is applied along the length of the sample.
The voltage is applied along the x-direction and a magnetic field of $B_z = 100 \text{ mT}$ is applied along the z-direction. | 4+3+3 |
| Q5 | Consider a crystal having a simple cubic lattice with a lattice constant $a = 0.5 \text{ nm}$. X-ray diffraction is to be performed on the set of planes having Miller indices $(1,0,0)$, $(1,1,0)$ and $(1,1,1)$.
a) Calculate the total number of angles at which diffraction peaks will be observed.
Kindly do not count the cases where $\theta = 0^\circ$ or $\theta = 90^\circ$.
b) Calculate the minimum and the maximum angles at which diffractions peaks can be observed. | 6+4 |

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$\sigma = en\mu$
 $EA = V$
 $\theta \propto \frac{1}{A}$
 $(80 \text{ ns})^x = 1$