

4.45 A particular semiconductor material is doped at $N_d = 2 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $N_a = 1.2 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. The thermal equilibrium electron concentration is found to be $n_0 = 1.1 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Assuming complete ionization, determine the intrinsic carrier concentration and the thermal equilibrium hole concentration.

Since $N_d > N_a$, use (4.60)

$$n_0 = \frac{(N_d - N_a)}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{N_d - N_a}{2}\right)^2 + n_i^2}$$

$$1.1 \times 10^{14} = \frac{(2 \times 10^{14} - 1.2 \times 10^{14})}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{2 \times 10^{14} - 1.2 \times 10^{14}}{2}\right)^2 + n_i^2}$$

$$1.1 \times 10^{14} = 4 \times 10^{13} + \sqrt{(4 \times 10^{13})^2 + n_i^2}$$

$$7 \times 10^{13} = \sqrt{(4 \times 10^{13})^2 + n_i^2}$$

$$n_i^2 = (7 \times 10^{13})^2 - (4 \times 10^{13})^2 = 3.3 \times 10^{27} \Rightarrow \underline{n_i = 5.74456 \times 10^{13} \text{ \#/cm}^3}.$$

Per (4.43), $n_0 p_0 = n_i^2 \Rightarrow p_0 = n_i^2 / n_0 = 3.3 \times 10^{27} / 1.1 \times 10^{14}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{p_0 = 3 \times 10^{13} \text{ \#/cm}^3}.$$