

**7.3** (a) Plot the built-in potential barrier for a symmetrical ( $N_a = N_d$ ) silicon pn junction at  $T = 300$  K over the range  $10^{14} \leq N_a = N_d \leq 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

- for a germanium (Ge) pn junction. Do both linear and semilog plots using Matlab. Include m-file.

From Table B.4,  $n_i = 2.4 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  for Ge at 300 K.

### m-file

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% EE 362 problem 7.3a(p7_03a_Ge.m)
% Plot Vbi for Na = Nd from 10^14 to 10^17 cm^-3
clear; clc; close all;
kB = 1.380649e-23; % Boltzmann constant (J/K)
T = 300; % temperature (K)
qe = 1.602176634e-19; % magnitude of electron charge (C)
ni = 2.4e13; % n_i (cm^-3) for Ge at 300 K
Vt = kB*T/qe; % thermal voltage (V)
n = 1:9; N1 = 1e14*n; N2 = 1e15*n; N3 = 1e16*n;
N = [N1, N2, N3, 1e17];
Vbi = Vt*log(N.*N/ni^2);
% ***** Plot Vbi in linear format *****
plot(N,Vbi,'r-')
axis([0 1e17 0 0.5]);
xlabel('\it N_a = N_d (cm^{-3})','fontsize',14,'fontname','times'),
ylabel('\it V_{bi} (V)','fontsize',14,'fontname','times'),
% ***** Plot Vbi in semilog format *****
figure; semilogx(N,Vbi,'r-');
axis([1e14 1e17 0 0.5]);
xlabel('\it N_a = N_d (cm^{-3})','fontsize',14,'fontname','times'),
ylabel('\it V_{bi} (V)','fontsize',14,'fontname','times'),
set(findobj('type','axes'),'fontsize',12,'fontname','times')
set(findobj('type','line'),'linewidth',1.5)
set(findobj('type','axes'),'linewidth',2)
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