

UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA

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ZCT 307E - Solid State Physics I

Time : 3 hours

Please check that the examination paper consists of **SIX** printed pages before you commence this examination.

Answer all **FOUR** questions. Students are allowed to answer all questions in English OR Bahasa Malaysia OR a combination of both.

Given: $e=1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$, $m_e=9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{kg}$, $N_A=6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{mol}^{-1}$, $K_B=1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{JK}^{-1}$

1. (a) State Dulong and Petit's law. (3/25)
- (b) Discuss the variation of specific heat capacity of solids with temperature. (5/25)
- (c) Explain the departure from the law (Dulong and Petit's law) at lower temperatures. (10/25)
- (d) The lattice specific heat at low temperature for copper is $C_v = 4.6 \times 10^{-2} T^3 \text{ J/kmol-K}$. Estimate the Debye temperature for copper. (7/25)
2. (a) Calculate the contribution made by free electrons to the specific heat of metals on the basis of the classical free electron theory (Drude's model). (4/30)
- (b) Does the result in (a) agrees with experiment ? Discuss. (5/30)
- (c) Define Fermi energy. (3/30)

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- (d) Obtain a general expression for the Fermi energy of electrons in solids at zero degree Kelvin.

(5/30)

- (e) Show that at 0 K the average energy of the electron is $3/5$ of the Fermi energy.

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- (f) Show that the wave length associated with an electron having an energy equal to the Fermi energy is given by,

$$\lambda_F = 2\left[\frac{\pi}{3n}\right]^{1/3}$$

(8/30)

3. (a) Figure 1 shows the variation of energy, velocity, effective mass and f_k as function of k according to the band theory. Discuss each variation in accordance to the band theory of solid and compare them with the free electron model.

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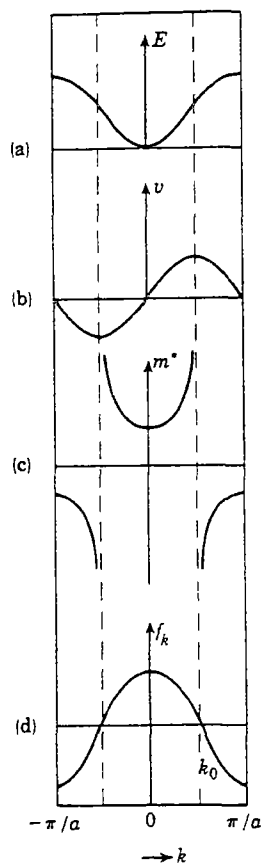


Fig. 1 Energy, velocity, effective mass and f_k as function of k . The dashed lines correspond to the inflection points in the $E(k)$ curve.

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- (b) From (a) discuss how the band theory of solid can explain why certain materials show a positive rather than a negative Hall coefficient. (10/25)
4. (a) Some workers feel that there are only two types of materials, metals and semiconductors. Give a brief discussion on this statement. (8/20)
- (b) In an intrinsic semiconductor the effective mass of an electron is $0.07m_e$ and that of the hole is $0.4m_e$ where m_e is the rest mass of the electron. The mobility of electrons $\mu_e = 0.39 \text{ m}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ and holes $\mu_p = 0.19 \text{ m}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ and the energy gap $E_g = 0.7 \text{ eV}$. Calculate the concentration of electrons and holes at 300 K and determine the conductivity of this material. (12/20)

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