

Quiz Answers: Week 1
ECE 656: Electronic Conduction In Semiconductors
Mark Lundstrom
Purdue University, Fall 2013

Lecture 2 Quiz :

- 1) Which bandstructure below best describes graphene?
 - a) $E = E_C + \hbar^2 k^2 / (2m_n^*)$
 - b) $E = E_V - \hbar^2 k^2 / (2m_p^*)$
 - c) $E = \hbar v_F k$
 - d) $E = \pm \hbar v_F k$**
 - e) $E = \pm \hbar v_F k^2$

- 2) What is the “crystal momentum” of an electron?
 - a) $\vec{p} = m_0 \vec{v}$
 - b) $\vec{p} = m_n^* \vec{v}$
 - c) $\vec{p} = (m_n^* + m_p^*) \vec{v}$
 - d) $\vec{p} = \hbar \vec{k}$**
 - e) $\vec{p} = \hbar^2 k^2 \vec{k}$

- 3) What is the quantity, $\psi(\vec{r}) = u(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$, called?
 - a) a plane wave electron wavefunction
 - b) the envelope function
 - c) an atomic orbital
 - d) a Wannier function
 - e) a Bloch wave**

- 4) Consider a 2D semiconductor sheet in the x-y plane. The top surface is at $z = 0$ and the bottom at $z = t$. What is the wavefunction of the **second** subband? (Assume infinite confining potentials on the top and bottom).
 - a) $\psi(\vec{r}) = \sin(\pi z / t) e^{i2k_x x} \times e^{i2k_y y}$
 - b) $\psi(\vec{r}) = \cos(2\pi z / t) e^{ik_x x} \times e^{ik_y y}$
 - c) $\psi(\vec{r}) = \sin(2\pi z / t) e^{ik_x x} \times e^{ik_y y}$**
 - d) $\psi(\vec{r}) = \cos(\pi z / t) e^{ik_x x} \times e^{ik_y y}$
 - e) $\psi(\vec{r}) = \cos(2\pi z / t) e^{ik_x x} \times e^{ik_y y}$

- 5) What is a “quasi-electric field” for electrons?
- a) **A quantity that exerts a force on electrons due to variations in electron affinity**
 - b) A quantity that exerts a force on electrons due to variations in bandgap
 - c) A quantity that exerts a force on electrons due to variations in effective mass
 - d) A quantity that exerts a force on electrons due to variations in the density of states
 - e) A quantity that exerts a force on electrons and that is obtained by solving the Poisson equation.

Lecture 3 Quiz:

- 1) Which of the following is true about the density of states in k -space?
- a) It depends on the dimensionality of the semiconductor.
 - b) States are spaced uniformly in k -space.
 - c) It is independent of the semiconductor’s bandstructure.
 - d) **All of the above.**
 - e) None of the above.
- 2) Which of the following is true about the density of states in energy space?
- a) **It depends on the dimensionality of the semiconductor.**
 - b) States are spaced uniformly in energy space.
 - c) It is independent of the semiconductor’s bandstructure.
 - d) All of the above.
 - e) None of the above.

- 3) What is the quantity, $\frac{\sum_{k_x > 0, k_y, k_z} v_x f_0(E_k)}{\sum_{k_x > 0, k_y, k_z} f_0(E_k)}$?
- a) Zero.
 - b) The average, thermal equilibrium electron velocity
 - c) **The average, thermal equilibrium velocity of electrons with a +x-directed velocity**
 - d) The rms thermal velocity
 - e) The Richardson thermal velocity

4) What is the difference between a “script F” Fermi-Dirac integral, $\mathcal{F}_j(\eta_F)$ and a “roman F” Fermi-Dirac integral, $F_j(\eta_F)$?

a) There is no difference – they are the same quantity.

b) $\mathcal{F}_j(\eta_F) = dF_j/d\eta_F$

c) $F_j(\eta_F) = d\mathcal{F}_j/d\eta_F$

d) $F_j(\eta_F) = \Gamma(j+1)\mathcal{F}_j(\eta_F)$

e) $F_j(\eta_F) = \mathcal{F}_j(\eta_F)$ for $\eta_F \ll 0$

5) Which of the following is true when $\eta_F \gg 0$?

a) $\mathcal{F}_j(\eta_F) \rightarrow \exp(\eta_F)$

b) $\mathcal{F}_j(\eta_F) > \exp(\eta_F)$

c) $\mathcal{F}_j(\eta_F) < \exp(\eta_F)$

d) $\mathcal{F}_j(\eta_F) \rightarrow \exp(\eta_F^j)$

e) $\mathcal{F}_j(\eta_F) \rightarrow 1$.