Modern Physics

Semiconductors

Problem 1.- A sample of pure silicon has been heavily doped with indium. What carriers do you expect to dominate electric transport, electrons, or holes? Explain the reason(s) for this behavior.

Solution: Indium has valence 3, so it behaves like an electron acceptor when doping silicon. Hole-carriers will dominate electron transport. This is because the three electrons leave a hole in the valence band.