The calculated curent of  $4.3 \times 10^5 \, \text{A}$  for a forward voltage of 0.9 V is unreasonable because

- 1. No account has been taken of the resistance of the wires
- 2. No account has been taken of the resistance of the semiconductor material
- 3. Only the junction characteristic has been considered
- 4. No reasonable bench supply would provide this current

Why does the diode reverse current appear as a multiplying factor in the equation for the diode forward current?

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Equal small changes in the diode forward bias voltage

- 1. Give proportional changes in the diode current
- Give equal percentage changes in the diode current
- Cause the diode current to increase by a fixed amount

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