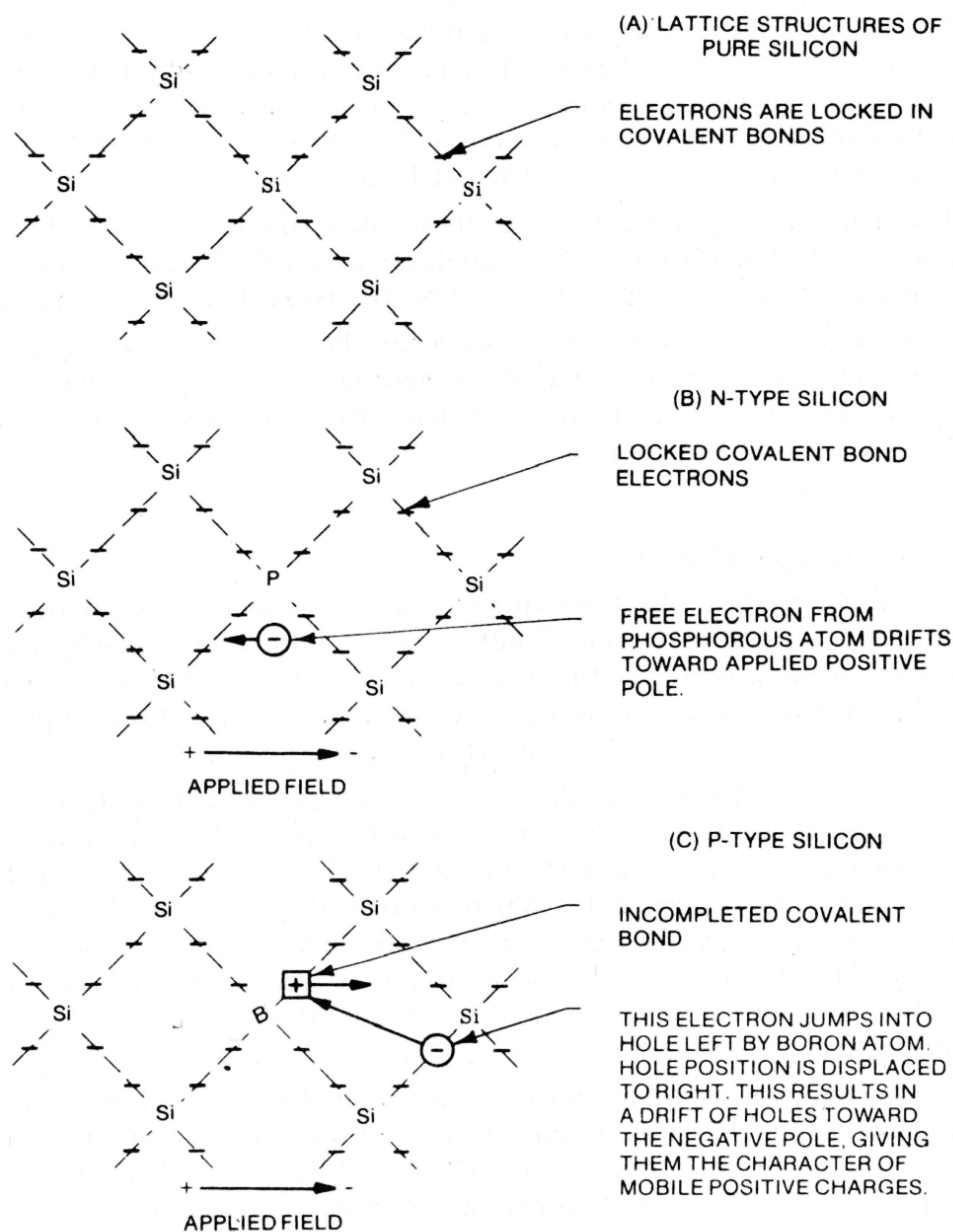


impurities (Group V elements) such as phosphorus are added, the pentavalent phosphorus atoms entering the lattice structure provide extra electrons not required by the covalent bonds. These impurities are called donor impurities since they “donate” a free electron to the lattice. These donated electrons are free to drift from negative to positive across the crystal when a field is applied, as shown in Figure 1-1B. The “N” nomenclature for this kind of conductivity implies “negative” charge carriers.



**Figure 1-1 Semiconductor Structure.**