

Electronic Devices

Lecture 6 P-N Junction

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Diode Models

The diode as a circuit elements:

- Ideal Diode Model
- Large Signal model
- **Small Signal model**

Small Signal Diode Model

The diode current

$$I_D = I_S e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta V_T}}$$

The diode voltage:

$$V_D(t) = V_D + v_d(t)$$

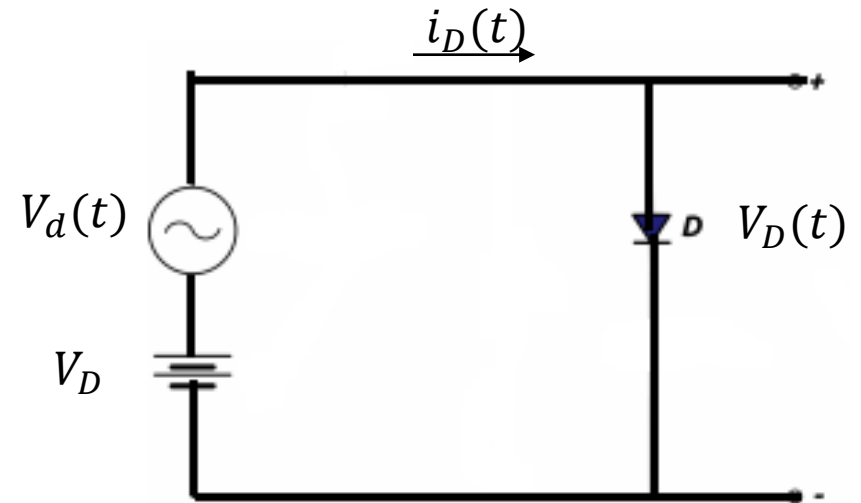
The diode current :

$$i_D(t) = I_S e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta V_T}}$$

$$i_D(t) = I_S e^{\frac{(V_D + v_d)}{\eta V_T}}$$

$$i_D(t) = I_S e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta V_T}} e^{\frac{v_d}{\eta V_T}} = I_D e^{\frac{v_d}{\eta V_T}}$$

$$i_D(t) = I_D e^{\frac{v_d}{\eta V_T}}$$



$$\frac{v_d}{\eta V_T} \ll 1$$

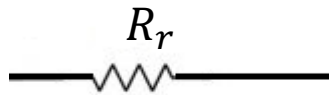
$$i_D(t) \approx I_D \left(1 + \frac{v_d}{\eta V_T}\right)$$

$$i_D(t) \approx I_D + \frac{I_D}{\eta V_T} v_d \quad \text{-----} \rightarrow \frac{I_D}{\eta V_T} = \frac{1}{r_d}$$

$$i_D(t) \approx I_D + i_d ,$$

$$r_d = \frac{\eta V_T}{I_D}$$

Small Signal Model

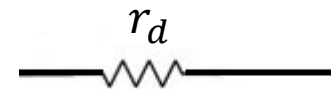


Reverse biased

$$R_r \gg 100\text{K}\Omega \rightarrow \infty$$

Open Circuit

OFF



Forward biased

$$r_d = \frac{\eta V_T}{I_D}$$

ON

Example:

The circuit shown

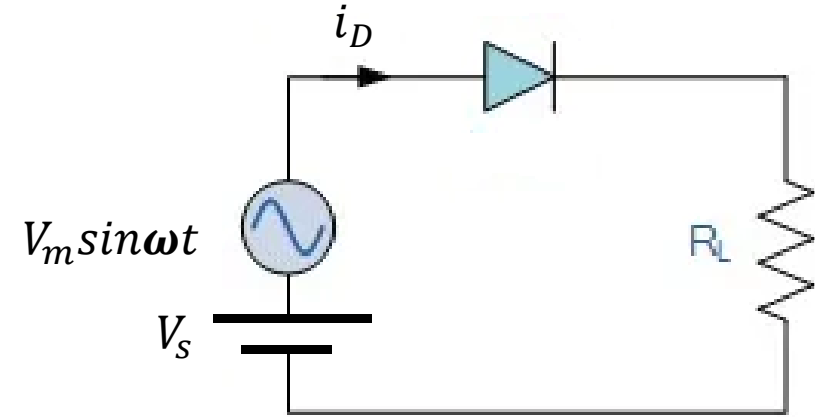
$$V_S = 9V, V_m = 0.2V, R_L = 2K\Omega$$

In Large signal model:

$$R_F = 10\Omega, V_Y = 0.6V, R_r = \infty, \eta = 2.$$

Determine:

The total voltage across R_L



Solution

Assume diode is ON

For the large signal model

$$I_{DQ} = \frac{9-0.6}{2000+10} = 4.18mA$$

$$V_{0Q} = I_{DQ} R_L = 4.18m \times 2000 = 8.36V$$

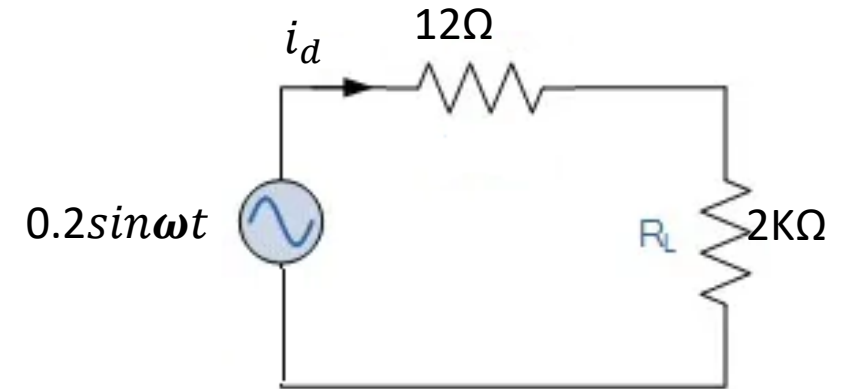
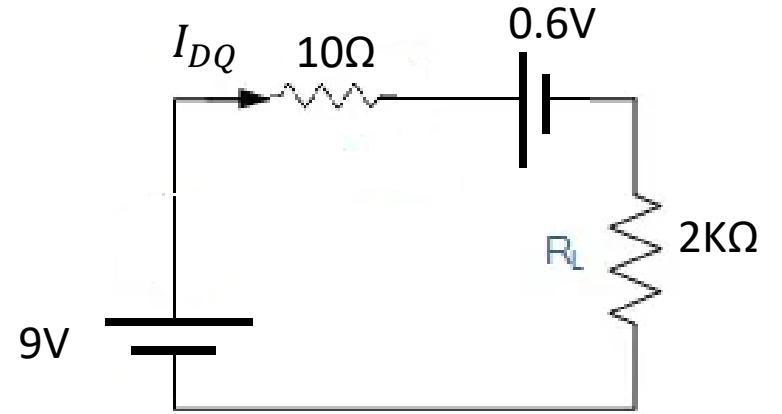
$$r_d = \frac{\eta V_T}{I_D} = \frac{2 \times 25}{4.18} = 12 \Omega$$

For small signal model

$$i_d = \frac{0.2 \sin \omega t}{2000+12}$$

$$V_{0ac} = i_d R_L = 0.199 \sin \omega t$$

Total output voltage = $8.36 + 0.199 \sin \omega t$ v

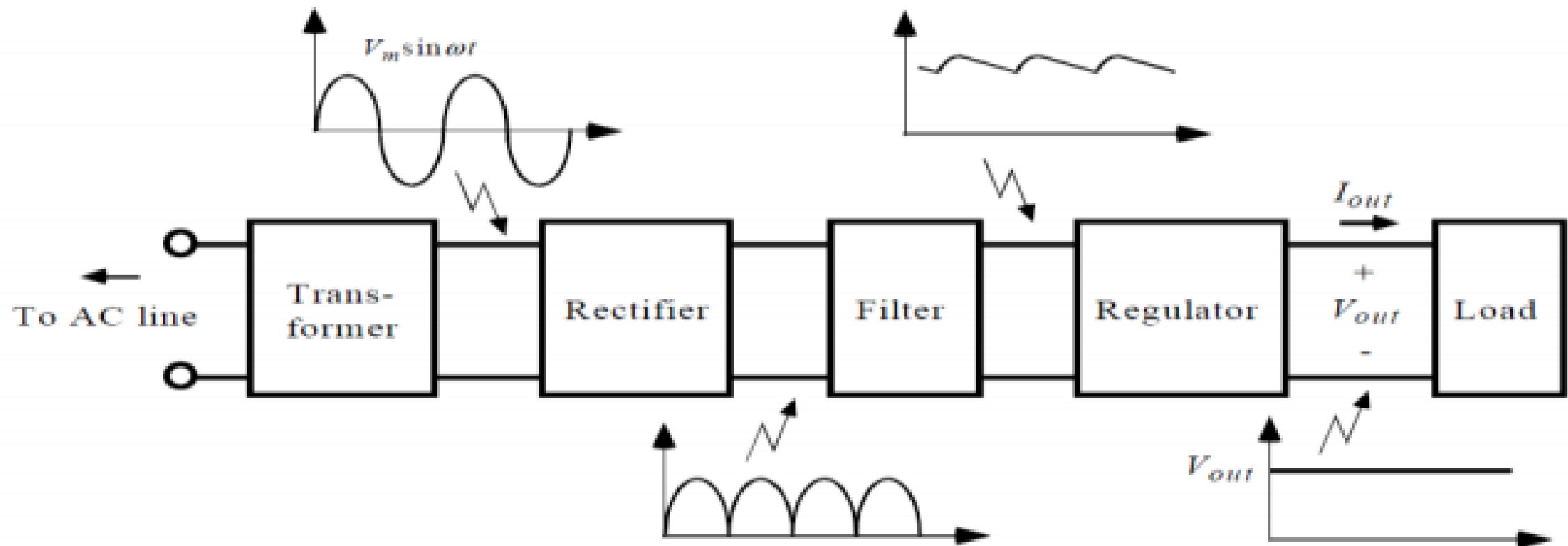


Diode Applications

- Rectifying
- Clipping
- Clamping

Rectifiers

- Rectifier circuit rectifies the AC signal into DC signal, the most known example is the power supply.



Components of a typical linear power supply

Rectifier

- A basic rectifier converts an AC voltage to a pulsating DC voltage.
- A filter then eliminates AC components of the wave form to produce a nearly constant DC voltage output.
- Rectifier circuits are used in virtually all electronic devices to convert the 220V 50Hz AC power line source to the DC voltages required for operation of electronic devices.
- In rectifier circuits, the diode state changes with time and a given piecewise line model is valid only a certain time interval.

Rectifier Circuits

- Half wave rectifier
- Full wave rectifier
- Bridge rectifier.