

**Q1 Problem 9.13**

Given that the voltage source follows a pulse as shown in Fig P9.13, sketch the diode current if:

- The diode is treated as ideal
- The diode is assumed to have an offset voltage of 0.7V

Find the power dissipated in the diode when it is conducting (just for the offset model case).

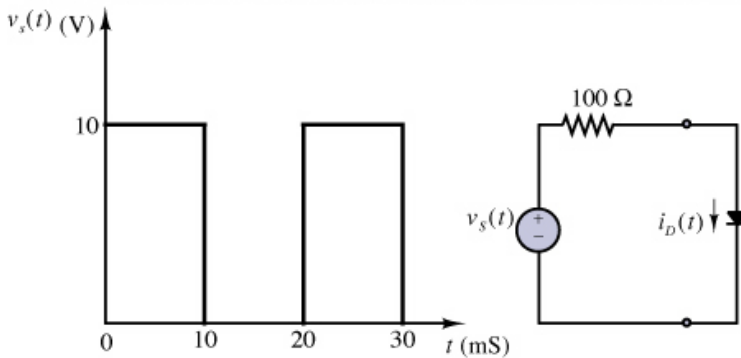


Fig P9.13

**Q2 Problem 9.22**

When  $V_{in} = 3V$ , determine the states of the diodes. Hence find the range of values for  $V_{in}$  such that:

- $D_1$  is OFF,  $D_2$  is OFF
- $D_1$  is ON,  $D_2$  is OFF
- $D_1$  is ON,  $D_2$  is ON

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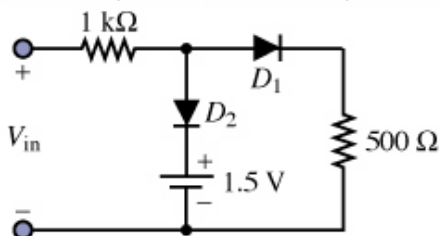


Fig P9.22

**Q3 Problem 9.24**

Assuming ideal diodes and  $v_s(t) = 10\sin(2000\pi t)$ ,

- Sketch  $v_o(t)$  against time axis,
- Sketch  $v_o$  against  $v_s$

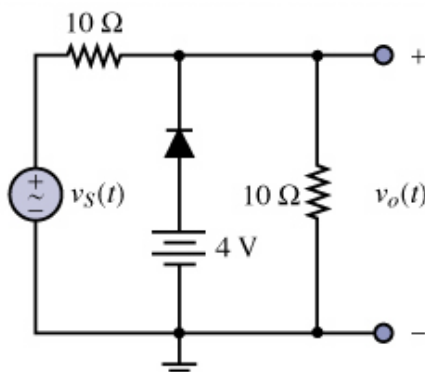


Fig P9.24

**Q4 Problem 9.25**

Repeat part (b) of Q3 using the offset diode model with  $V_\gamma = 0.7V$

## Numerical answers

### Q1 Problem 9.13

(a) Waveform: 100mA ( $t < 10\text{ms}$ ), 0mA ( $10 < t < 20\text{ms}$ ), 100mA ( $20 < t < 30\text{ms}$ )

(b) Waveform: 93mA ( $t < 10\text{ms}$ ), 0mA ( $10 < t < 20\text{ms}$ ), 93mA ( $20 < t < 30\text{ms}$ )

Power =  $0.7 \times 93 = 65.1\text{mW}$  (Power is dissipated only where there is current through the diode).

### Q2 Problem 9.22

When  $V_{in} = 3\text{V}$ , assuming **D1 is ON, D2 is OFF** (replace D2 with open circuit and D1 with short circuit):

Current through D1,  $I_{D1} = 3/1.5\text{k} = 2\text{mA}$  (confirms D1 as ON✓)

Voltage across  $500\Omega = 1\text{V} \rightarrow$  Voltage drop across D2 =  $1 - 1.5 = -0.5$  (confirm D2 as OFF✓)

If we had chosen both D1 and D2 to be ON (replace both with short circuits):

Current through D1,  $I_{D1} = 1.5/500 = 3\text{mA}$  (confirms D1 as ON✓)

Current through  $1\text{k}\Omega$  resistor,  $I_S = (3 - 1.5)/1\text{k} = 1.5\text{mA}$

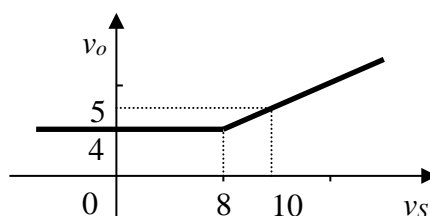
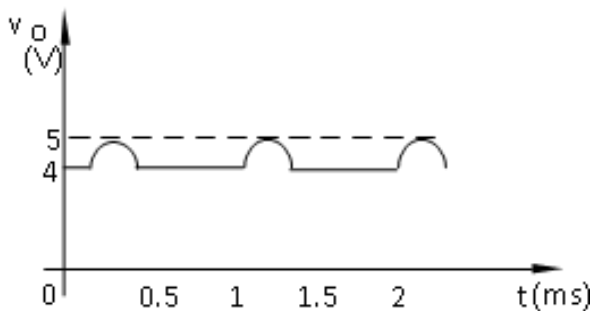
But  $I_{D1} + I_{D2} = I_S \rightarrow I_{D2} = 1.5 - 3 = -1.5\text{mA}$  (opposite direction: contradicts D2 as ON✗)

- (i)  $V_{in} < 0\text{V}$
- (ii)  $0\text{V} < V_{in} < 4.5\text{V}$
- (iii)  $V_{in} > 4.5\text{V}$

Hint regarding the state of D2 for parts (i) and (ii): When D2 is just starts to conduct, the voltage across the  $500\Omega$  resistor will be  $1.5\text{V}$  and the current through it is therefore  $3\text{mA}$ . This  $3\text{mA}$  has to be supplied by  $V_{in}$  as it cannot come from the  $1.5\text{V}$  source (think about the direction of the forward bias current in D2).

This  $3\text{mA}$  source current will be dropped across the  $1\text{k}\Omega$  resistor. Therefore  $V_{in}$  must be at least  $4.5\text{V}$  for D2 to turn on.

### Q3 Problem 9.24



Consider the conditions that determine the state of the diode and the outcomes that result from each diode state.

When diode is off (1):  $V_o = V_s/2$  (two resistors are in series for this condition)

When diode is on (2):  $V_o = 4\text{V}$  (set by voltage source and no voltage drop across diode)

The transition point is when  $V_o = 4\text{V}$ .

If  $V_o > 4\text{V}$ , diode is off and  $V_o = V_s/2$  (from (1)).

Hence  $V_s = 8\text{V}$  is the transition point.

So if  $V_s < 8\text{V}$ , diode is on and  $V_o = 4\text{V}$ .

### Q4 Problem 9.25

