

ZENER DIODE

Semiconductor - 1



CONCEPT
PYQS

JEE MAIN



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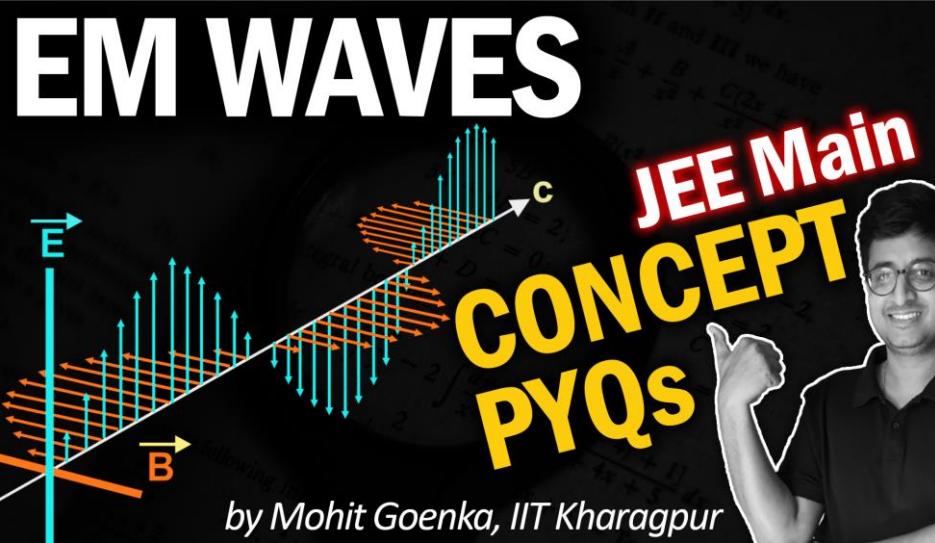


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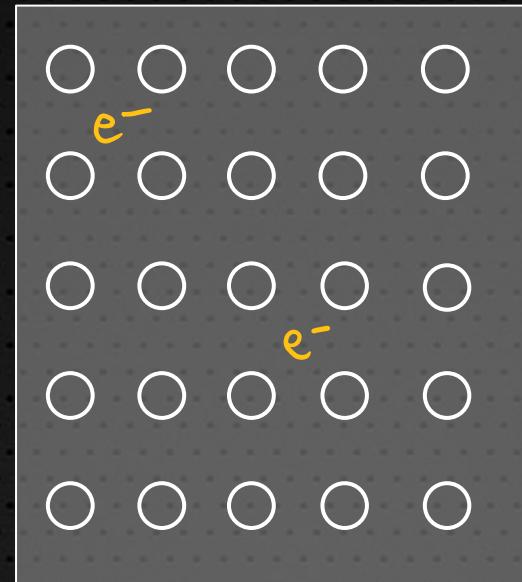
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Extrinsic
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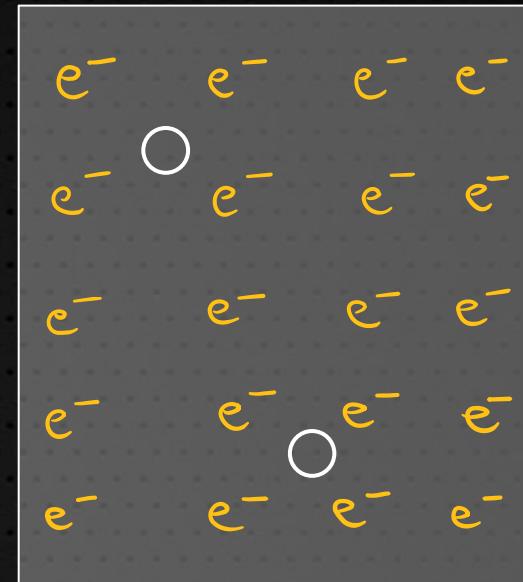
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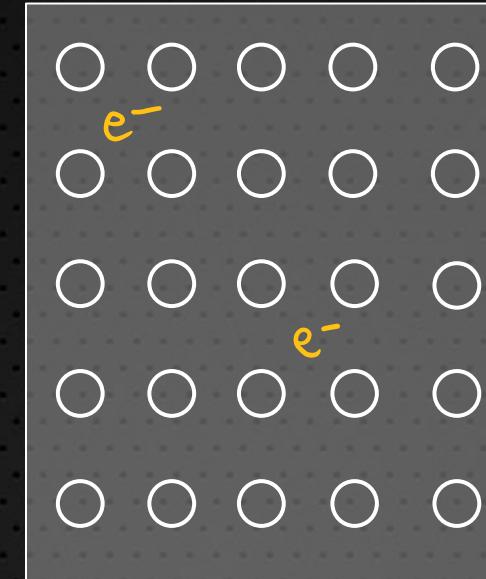


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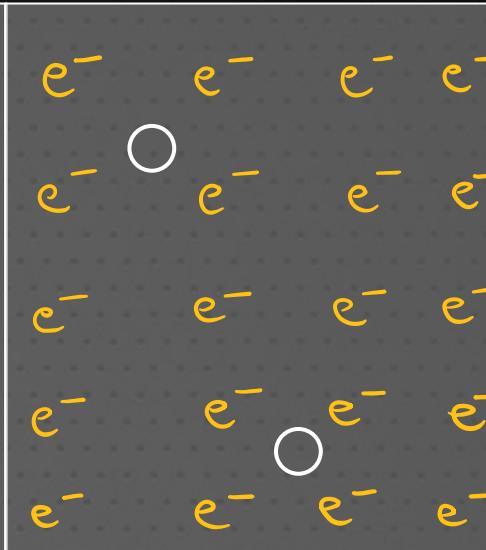
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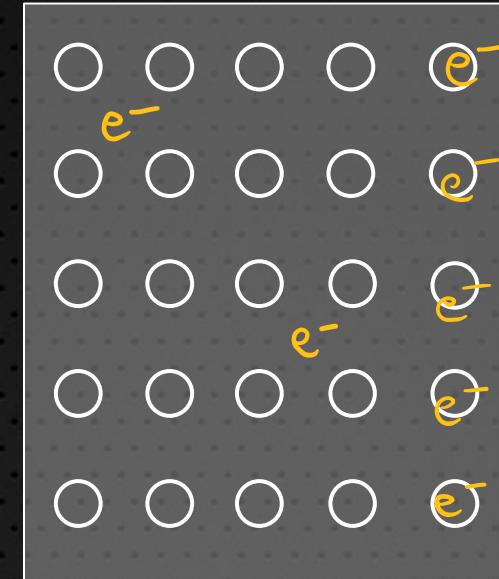


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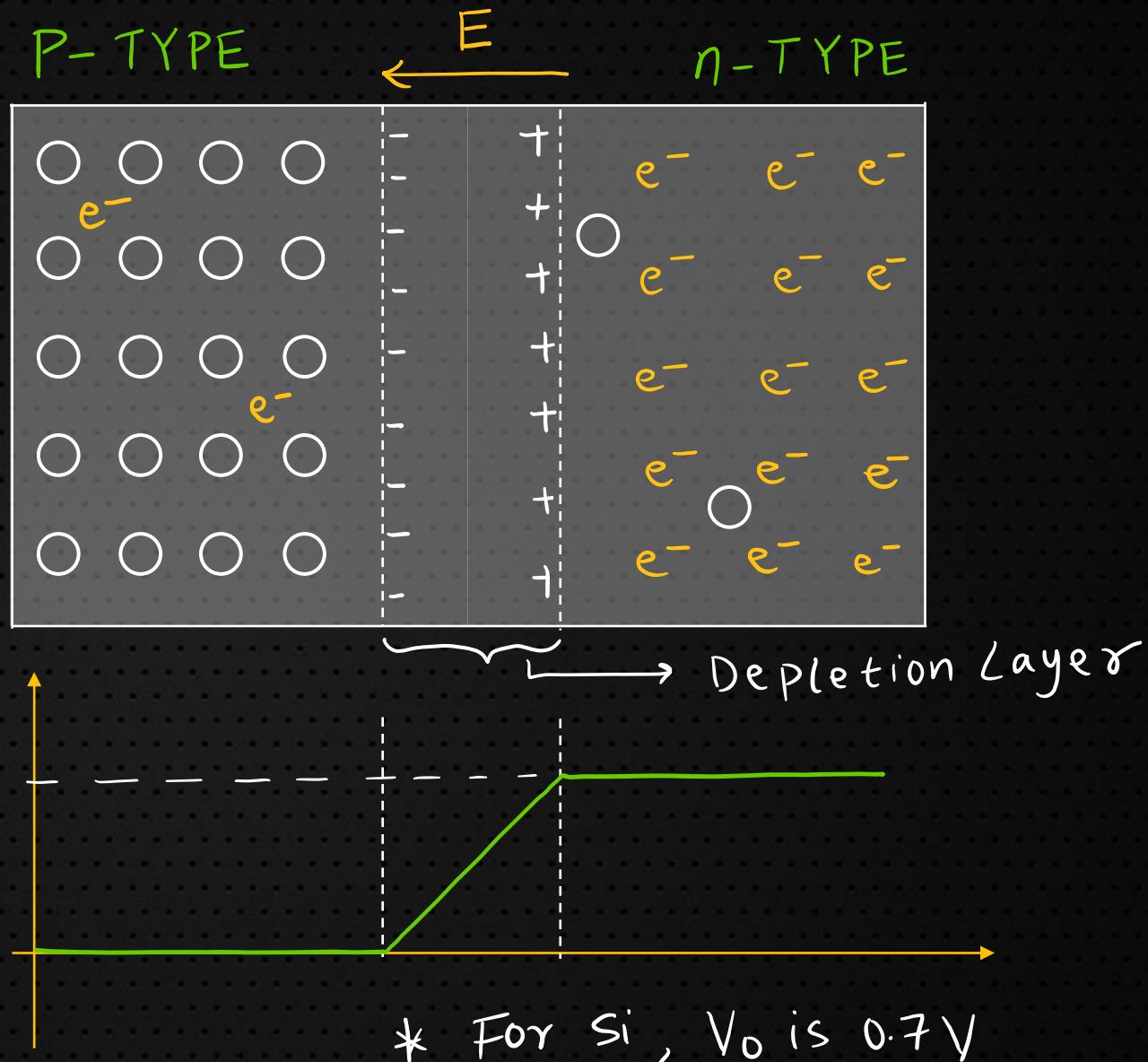


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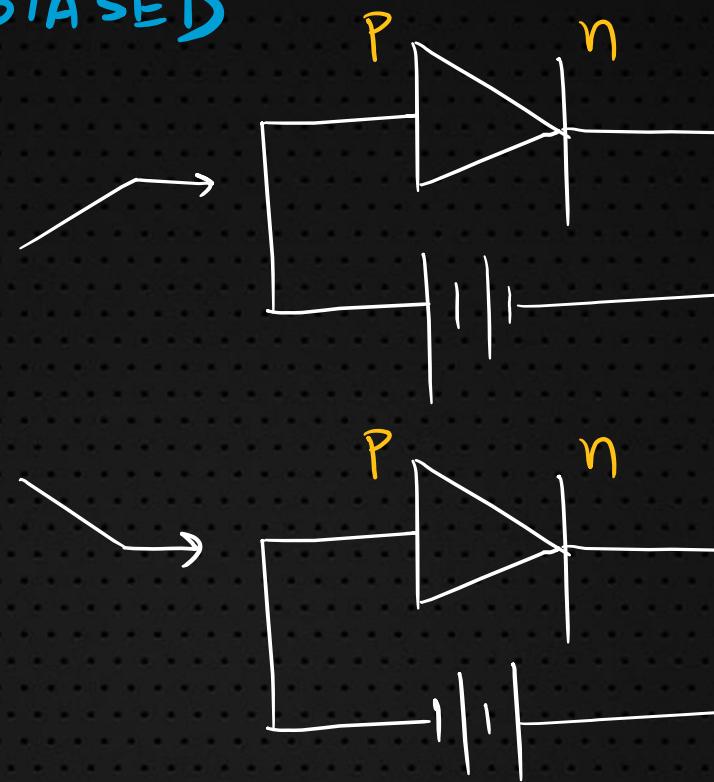
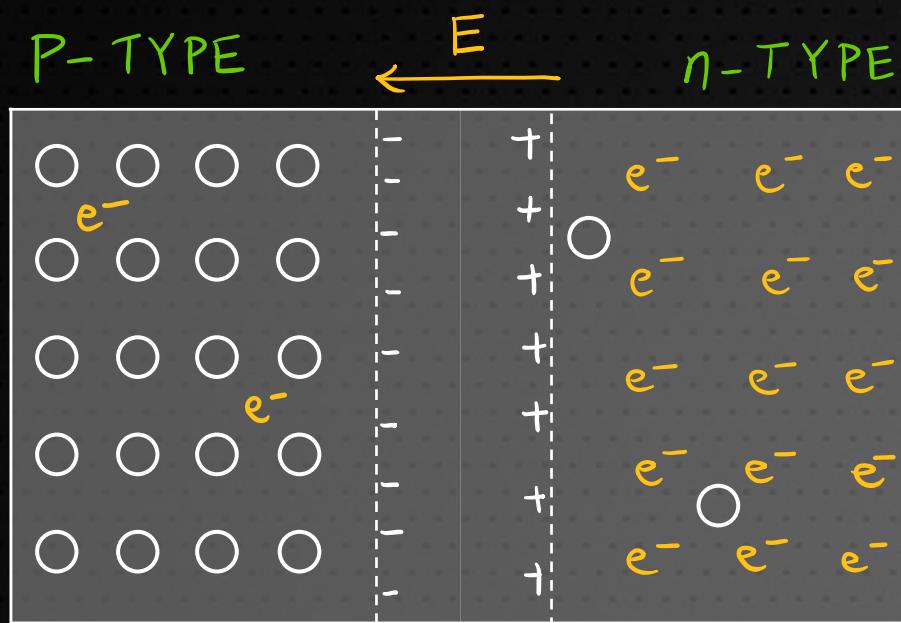
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Potential barrier



2. FORWARD AND REVERSE BIASED



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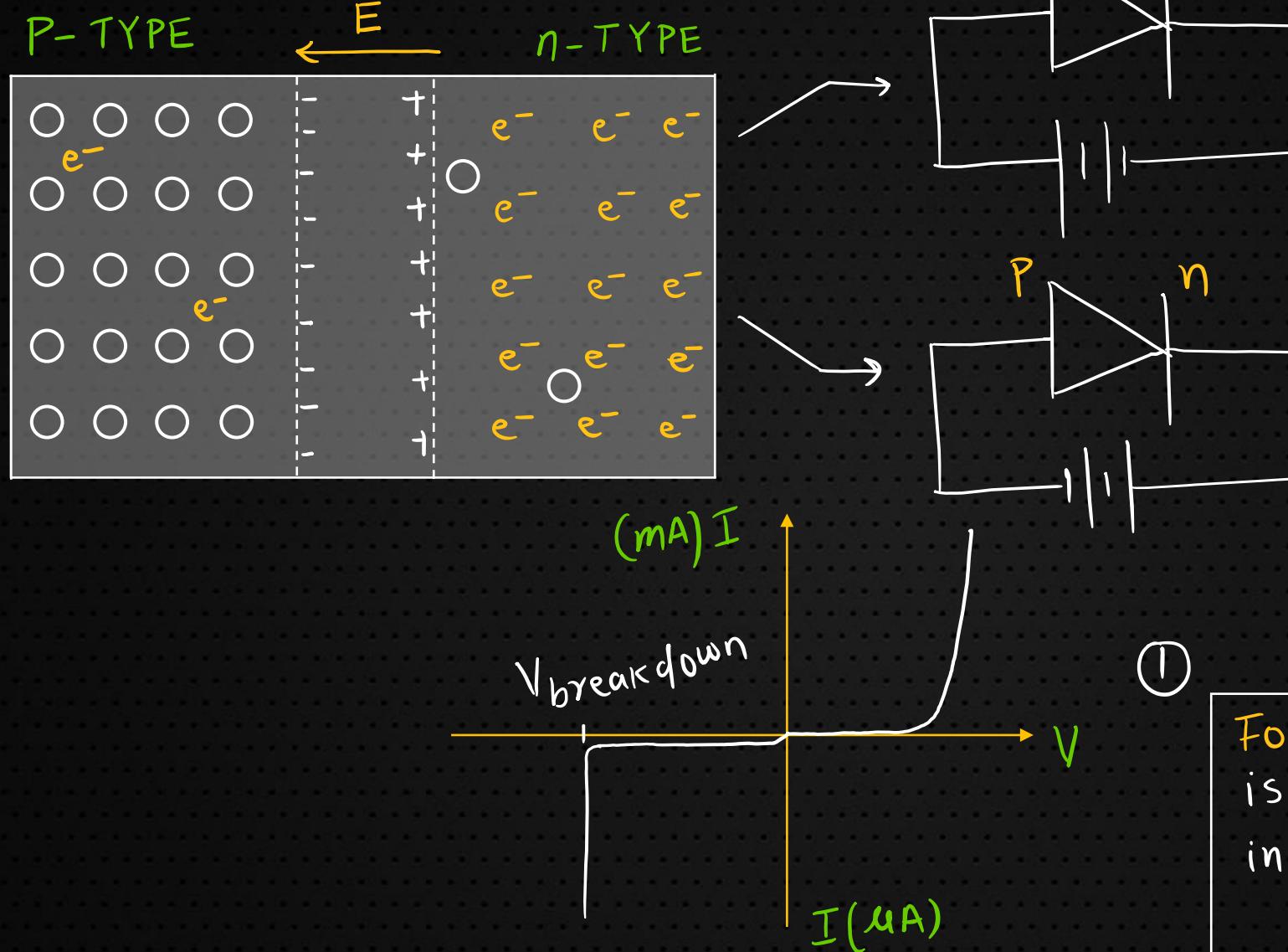
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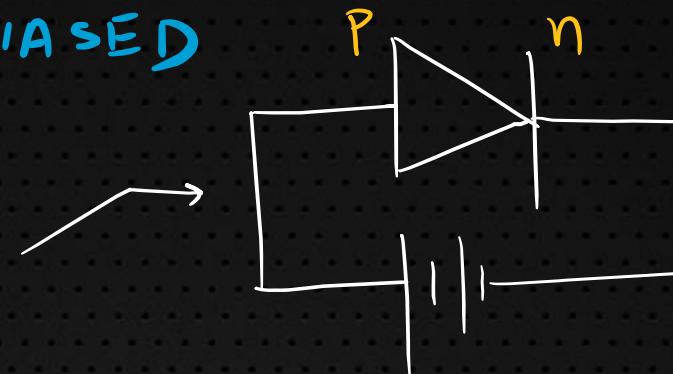
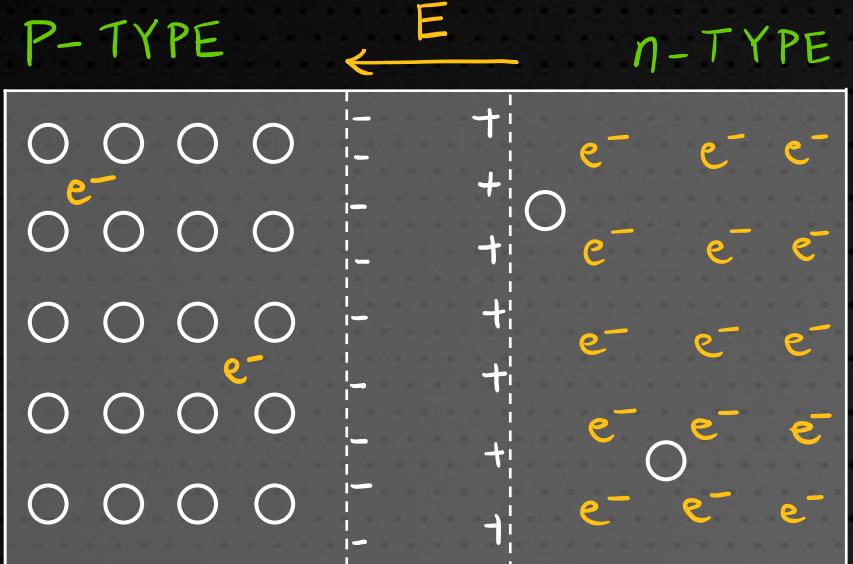
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For ideal diode Resistance is zero (F_B) and infinite (R_B).

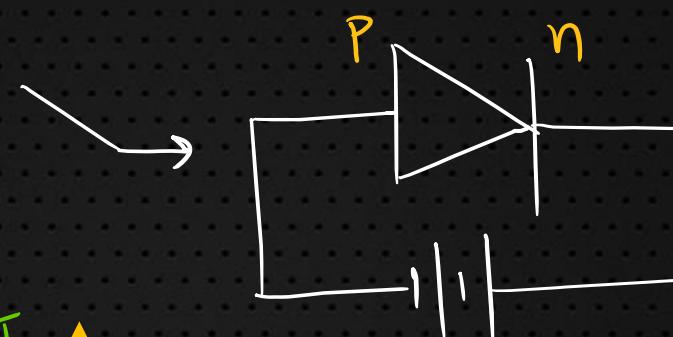


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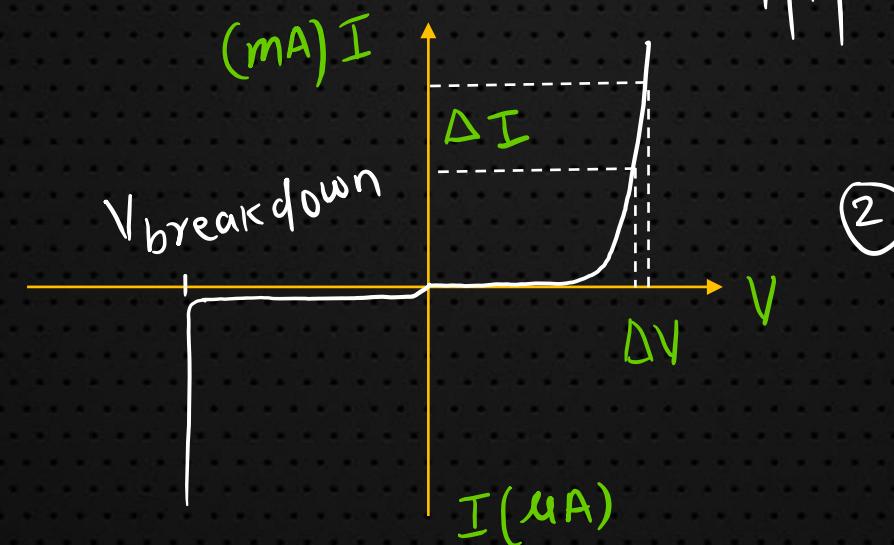
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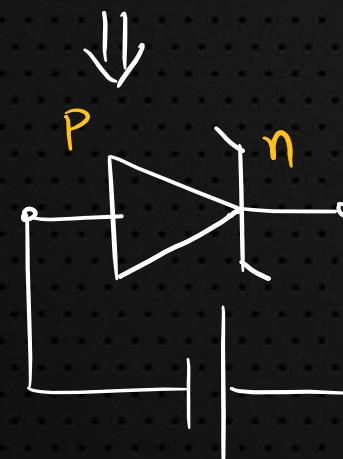
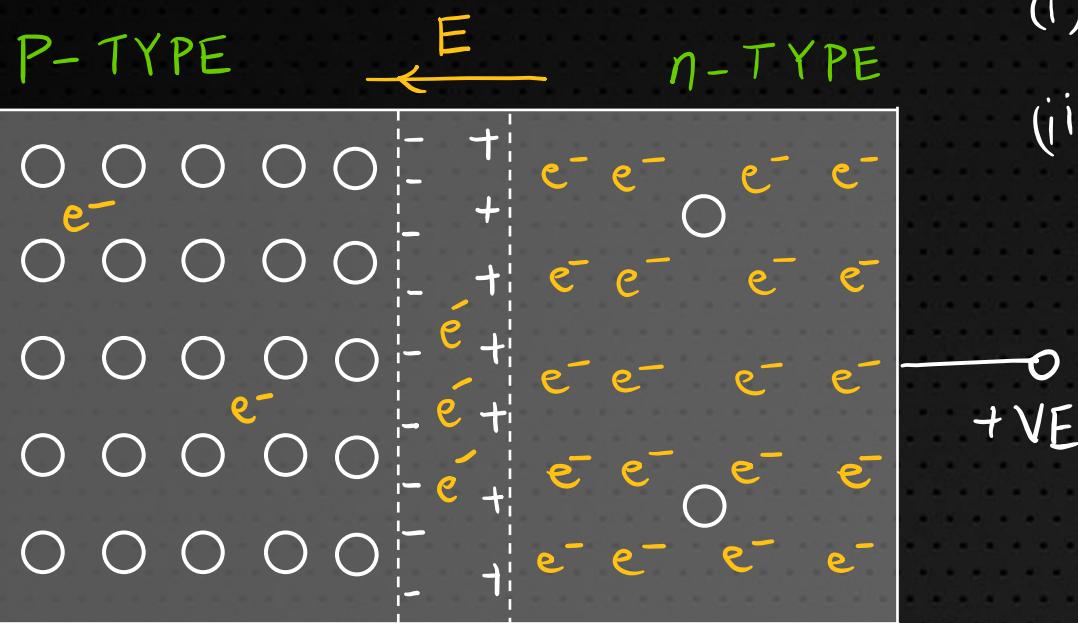
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Dynamic Resistance,

$$R = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I}$$

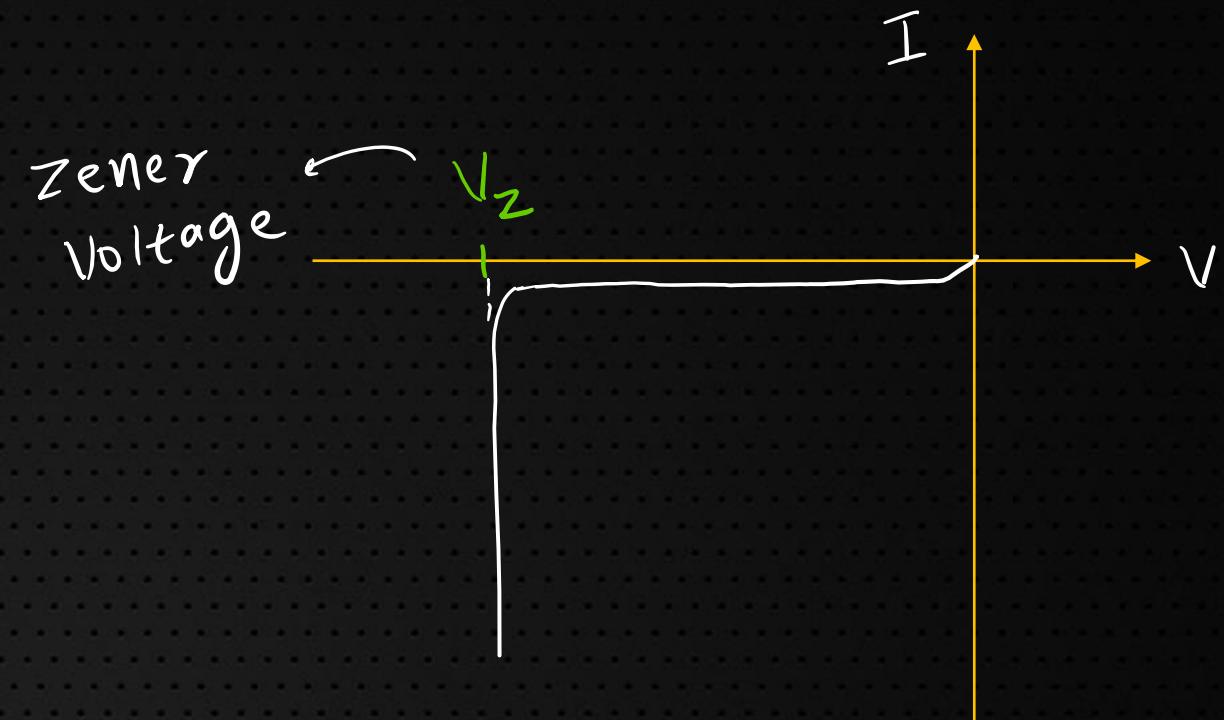
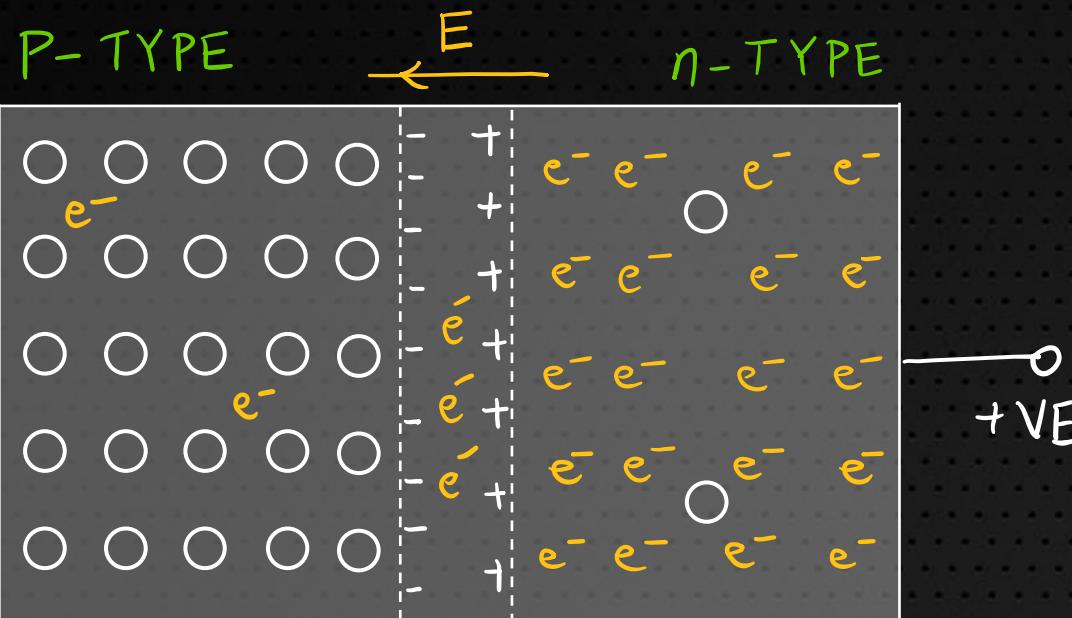
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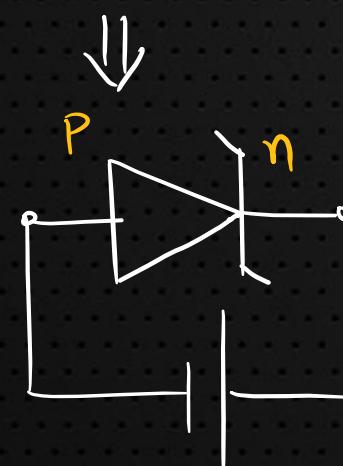
- (i) It is heavily doped
- (ii) Depletion region very thin
 $\Rightarrow E$ is very large.
- (iii) In RB state, E strength ↑ and e^- covalent bonds in depletion region breaks.
- (iv) This e^- moves to n side and reverse current flows from n to p.

Zener Breakdown

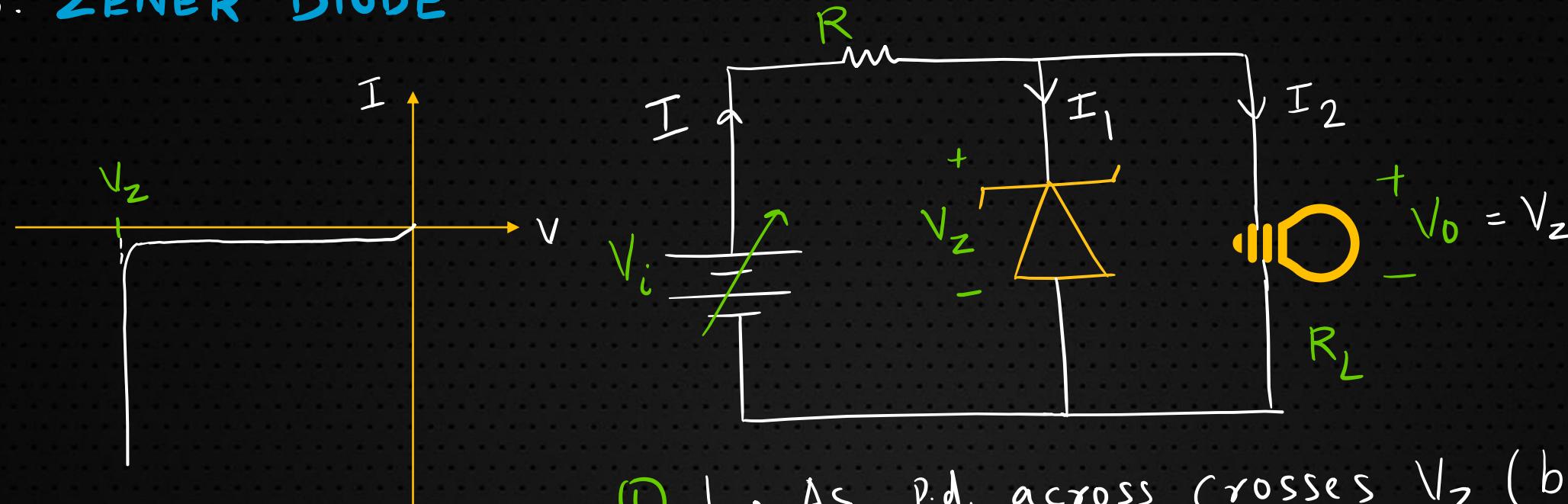
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USED AS Voltage Regulator.



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① ↳ As p.d. across crosses V_z (breakdown voltage), almost all current passes through diode.

② ↳ And constant V_z is across it

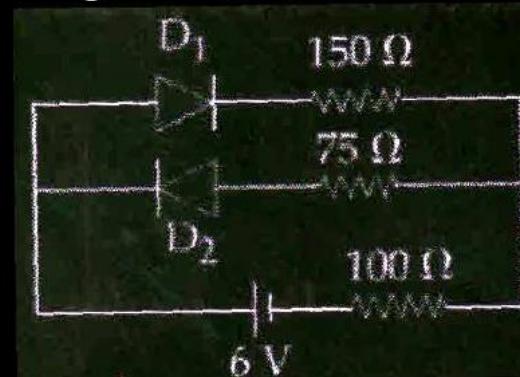
$$\textcircled{3} \quad I_2 = \frac{V_z}{R_L} \quad \textcircled{4} \quad I = I_1 + I_2$$



5 PYQs For UNDERSTANDING



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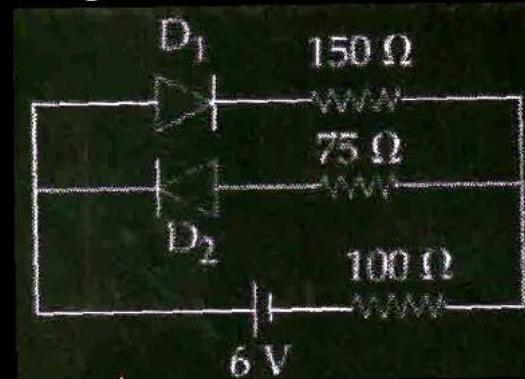
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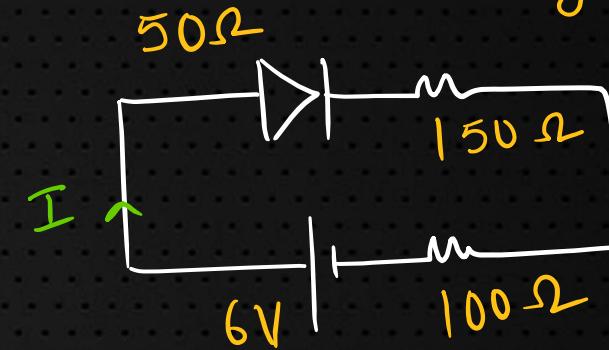
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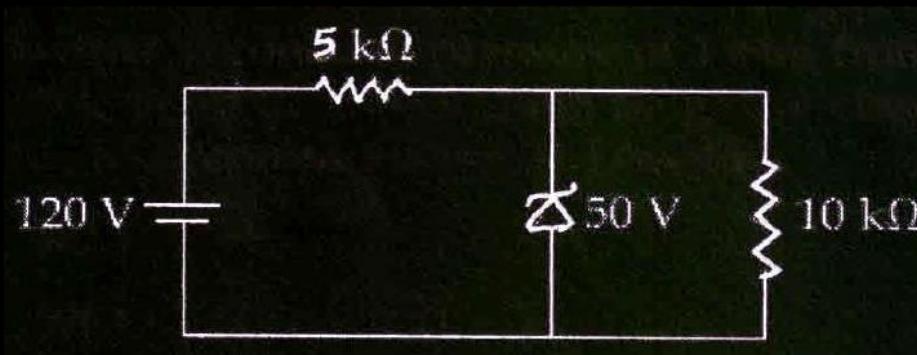
Solⁿ: Ideal diode in reverse state offers infinite resistance. \therefore no current through D_2



$$I = \frac{6}{5 + 150 + 100} = 0.02 \text{ A}$$



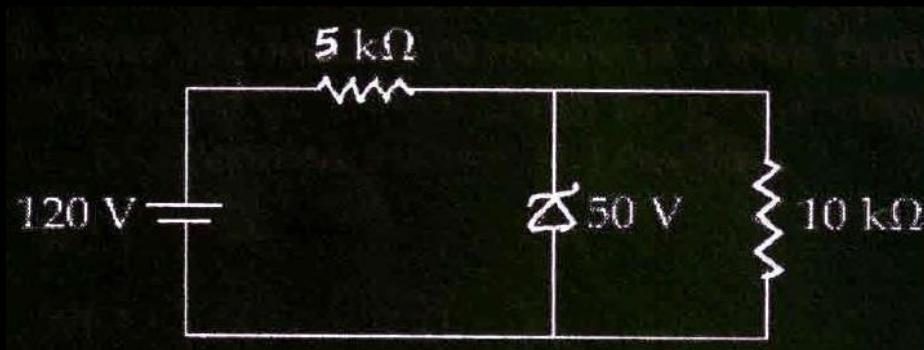
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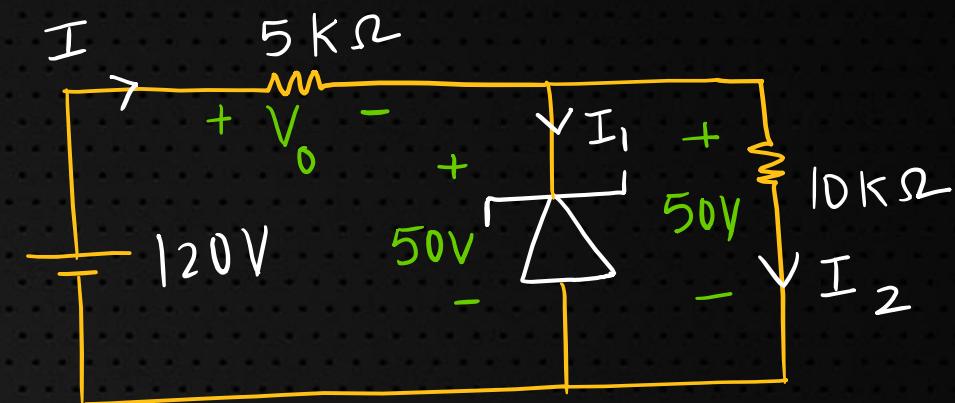
2. For the circuit shown below, the current through the Zener diode is



- (a) 9 mA
- (b) 5 mA
- (c) Zero
- (d) 14 mA

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Sol^n° Zener diode is in Breakdown mode.



$$I_2 = \frac{50 \text{ V}}{10 \text{ k}\Omega} = 5 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_0 = 120 - 50 = 70 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{70 \text{ V}}{5 \text{ k}\Omega} = 14 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_1 = I - I_2 \\ = 14 - 5 = 9 \text{ mA}$$



3. In the given circuit, the current through Zener Diode is close to

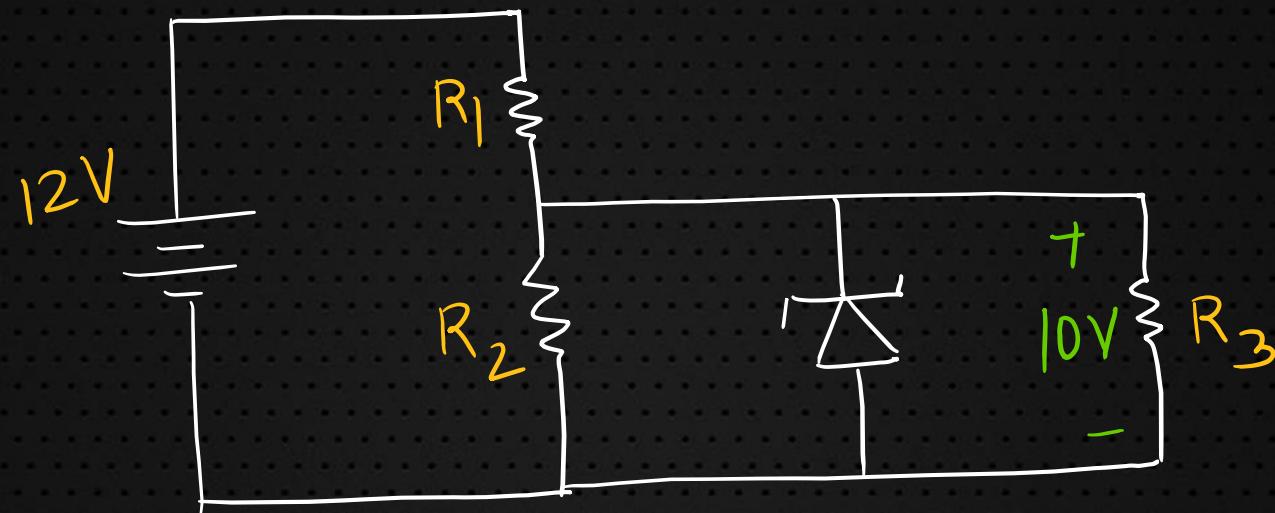
- (a) 0.0 mA
- (b) 6.7 mA
- (c) 4.0 mA
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$$R_1 = 500 \Omega$$

$$R_2 = 1500 \Omega$$



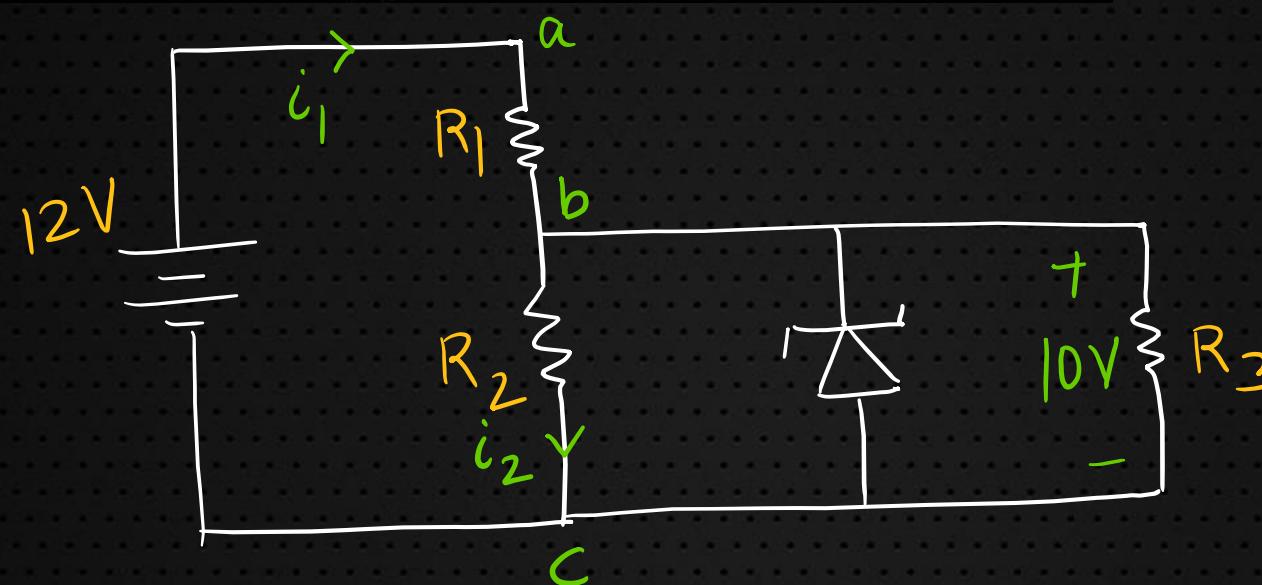
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Sol^{n°}: Assume Zener in Breakdown mode.

$$\therefore V_{bc} = 10V \text{ and } V_{ab} = 2V$$

$$i_1 = \frac{2}{500} = 4 \text{ mA}$$

$$i_2 = \frac{10}{1500} = 6.7 \text{ mA}$$

$\because i_1 < i_2$ not possible

Hence Zener is not in Breakdown and current through it is Zero.

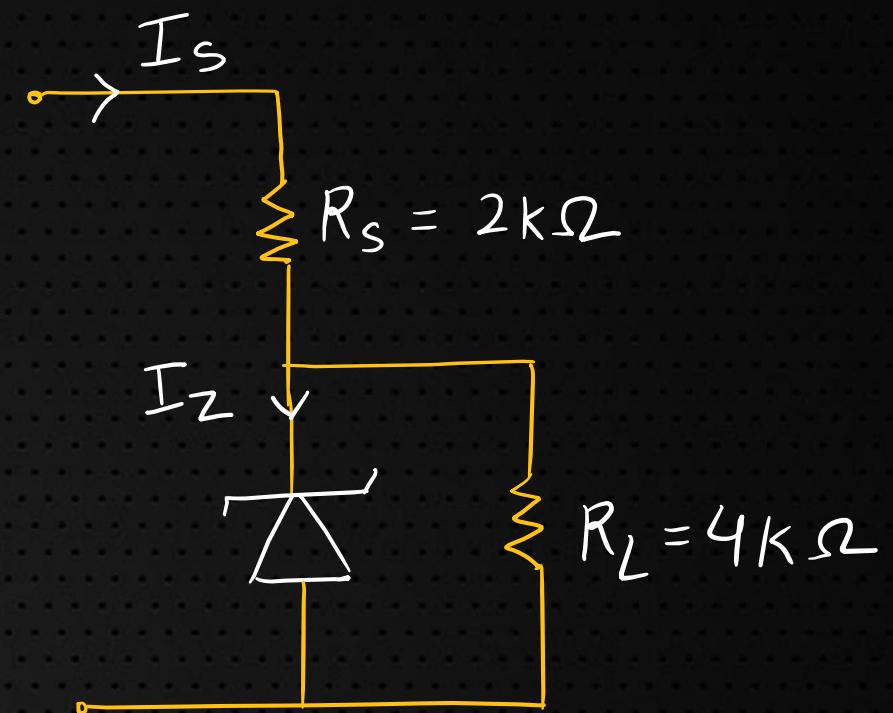


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I_z is max when $V_{in} = 16V$

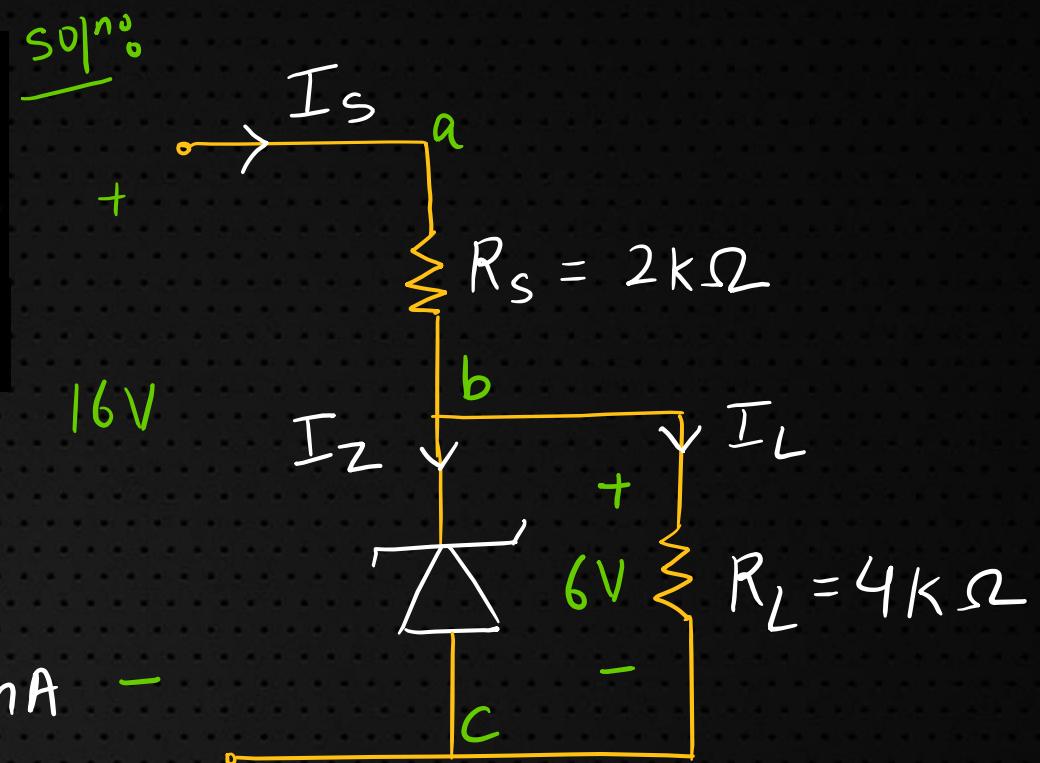
also zeiger will be in Breakdown mode

$$\therefore I_L = \frac{6V}{4\text{ k}\Omega} = 1.5\text{ mA}$$

$$V_{ab} = 16 - 6 = 10 \text{ V}$$

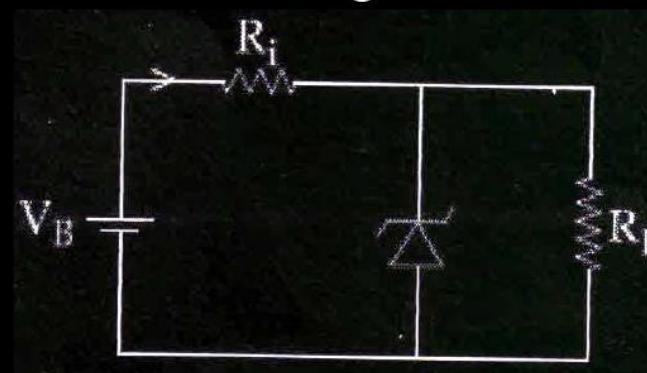
$$\therefore I_s = \frac{10V}{2\text{ k}\Omega} = 5 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_Z = I_S - I_L \\ = 5 - 1.5 = \boxed{3.5 \text{ mA}}$$



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5. The figure represents a voltage regulator circuit using a Zener diode. The breakdown voltage of the Zener diode is 6 V and the load resistance is, $R_L = 4 \text{ k}\Omega$. The series resistance of the circuit is $R_i = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$. If the battery voltage V_B varies from 8 V to 16 V, what are the minimum and maximum values of the current through Zener diode?



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$$\text{Soln: } I_2 = \frac{6\text{V}}{4\text{k}\Omega} = 1.5\text{mA}$$

For Min: $V_B = 8\text{V}$, $V_I = 8 - 6 = 2\text{V}$

$$\therefore I = \frac{2\text{V}}{1\text{k}\Omega} = 2\text{mA}$$

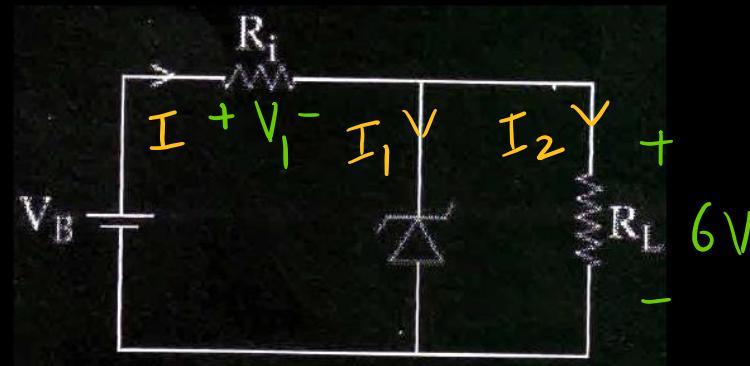
$$\Rightarrow I_1 = I - I_2 = 0.5\text{mA}$$

For Max: $V_B = 16\text{V}$, $V_I = 16 - 6 = 10\text{V}$

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