

AEC Assignment - 3

Q1) Cut-in Voltage :

- It is the minimum voltage at which a diode starts allowing current to flow through it.
- It is also known as threshold voltage.
- It is generally around 0.6 - 0.7V

Knee-Voltage : Max reverse bias voltage for which diode does not break down.

- ~~It is generally the voltage after current through the diode rapidly increases~~
- It is called the ^{reverse} breakdown voltage
- It is around 0.7 to 0.8 V

Reverse Saturation Current :

- It is the current (I_S) that flows across a diode in the reverse bias direction when there is a reverse voltage.
- 'saturation' implies that this current reaches relatively constant levels in reverse bias.

Incremental - diode resistance :

- It is called as dynamic resistance.
- This resistance is used when we want to replace all the DC voltage sources in our circuit, to do small signal analysis.

$$- r_d = \frac{V_T}{I_D} = \left(\frac{1}{\frac{\Delta I_D}{\Delta V_D}} \right) = (\text{slope})^{-1}$$

After placing the cursors in the appropriate plots, we get

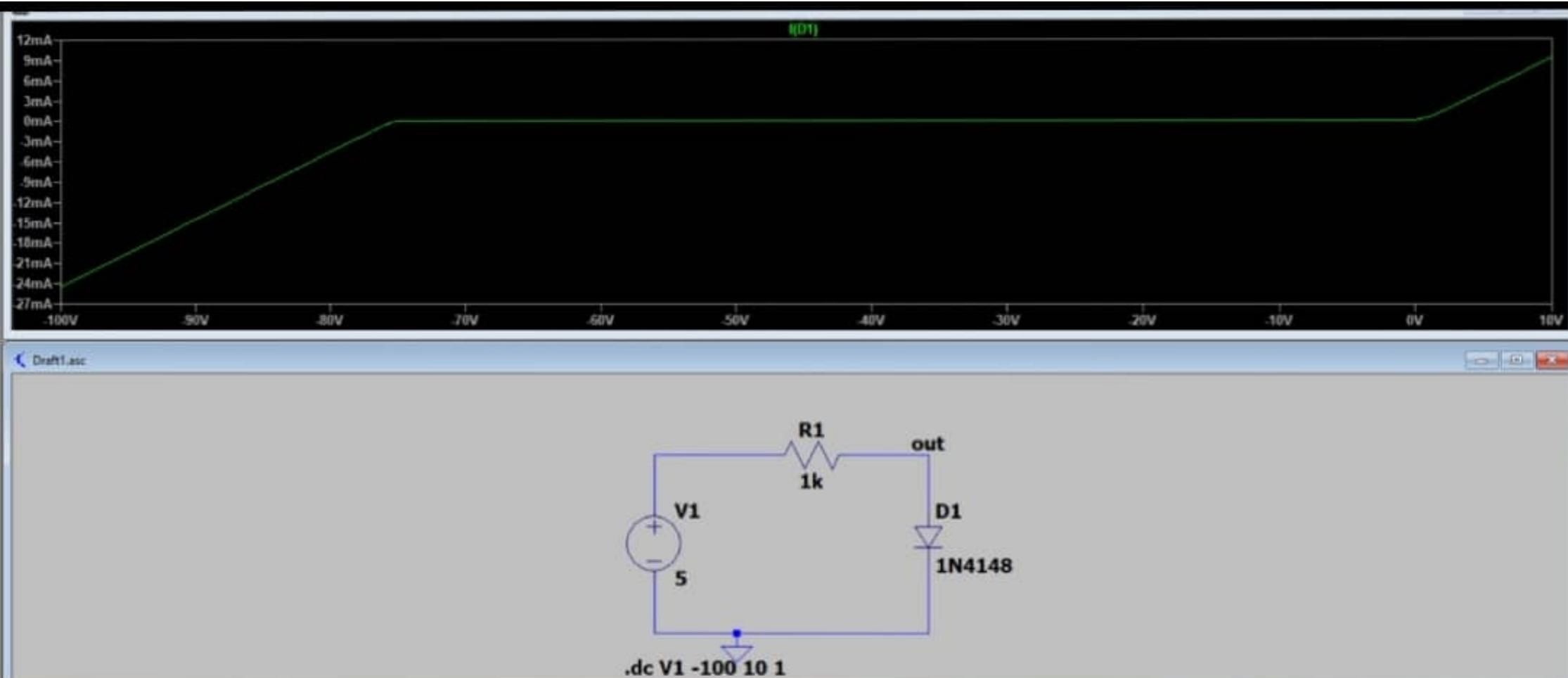
$$\text{Cut-in Voltage} = 0.396 \text{ V}$$

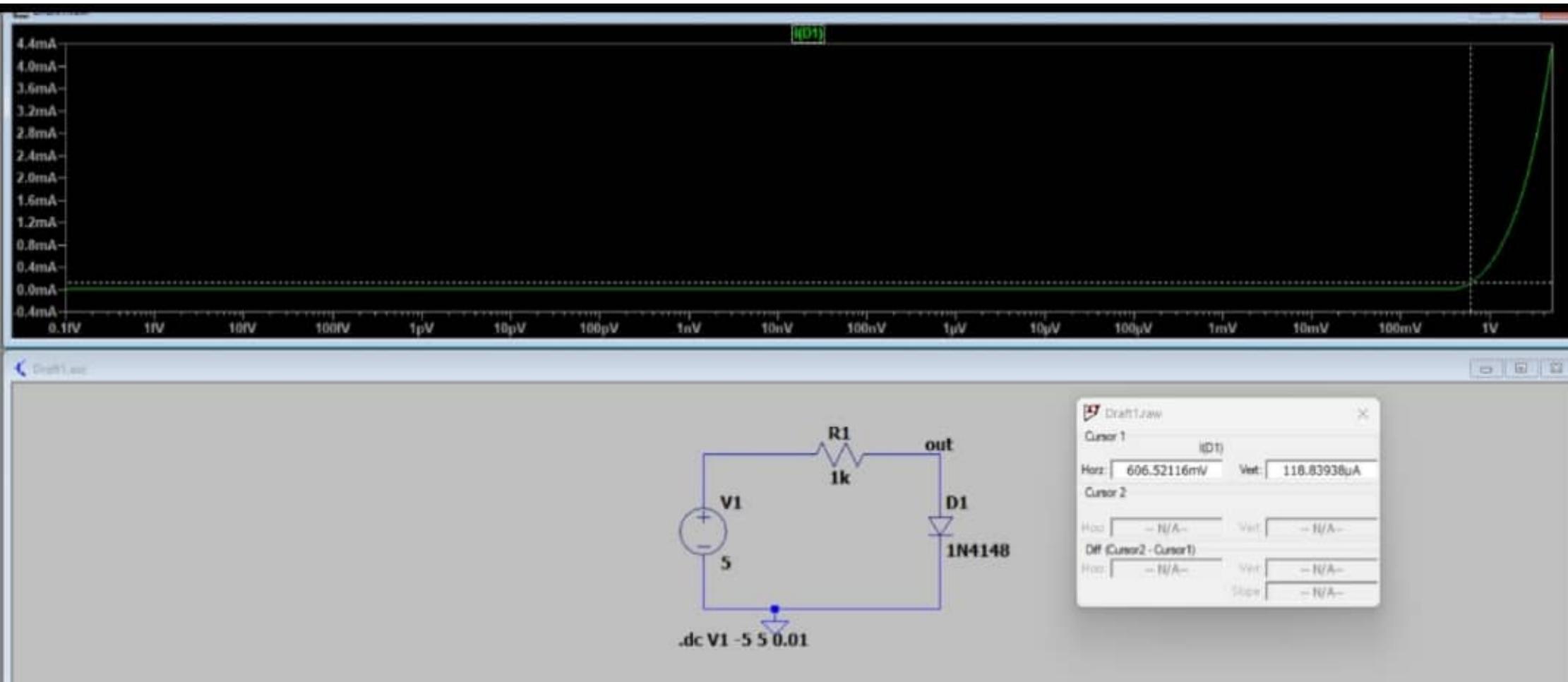
$$\text{Knee Voltage} = 0.606 \text{ V}$$

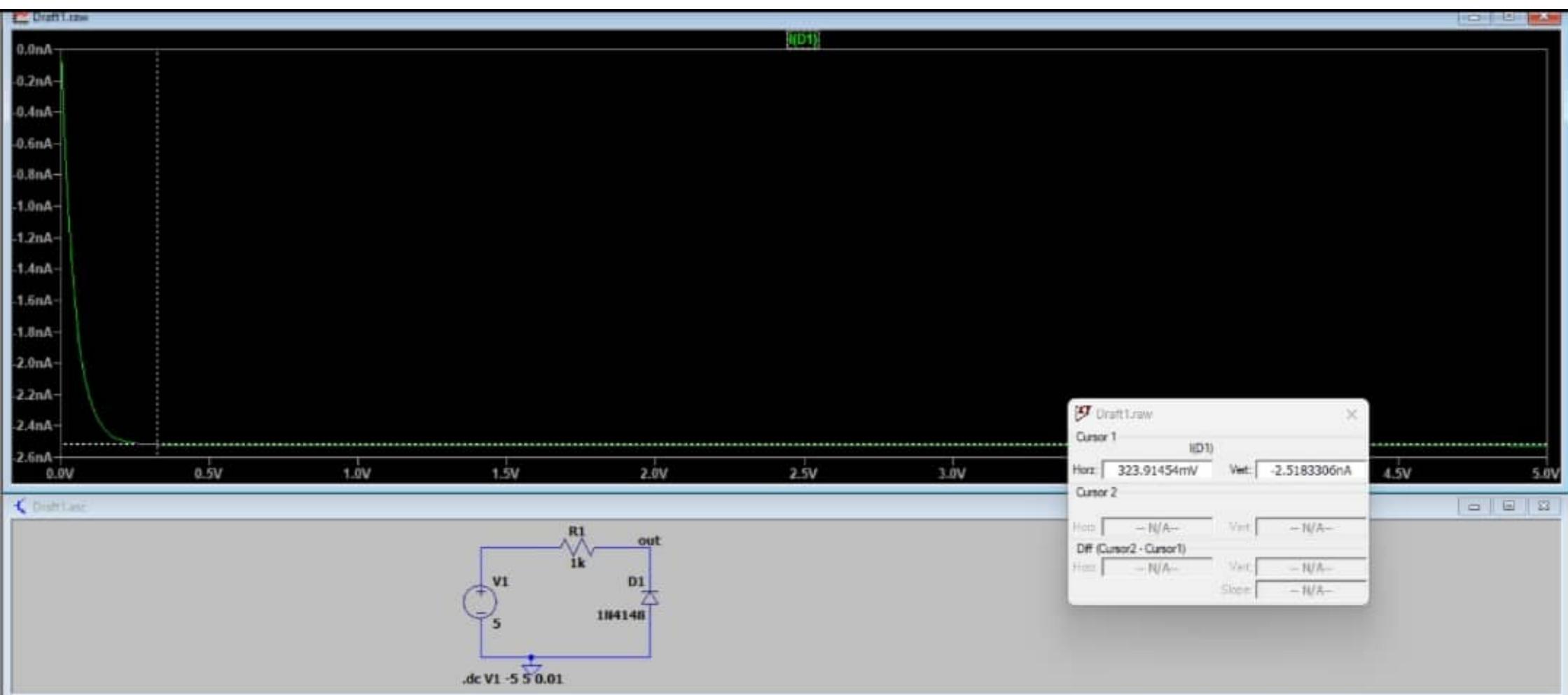
$$\text{Reverse saturation current} \rightarrow 2.5 \mu\text{A}$$

$$\text{Incremental resistance} = \frac{i}{\Delta V}$$

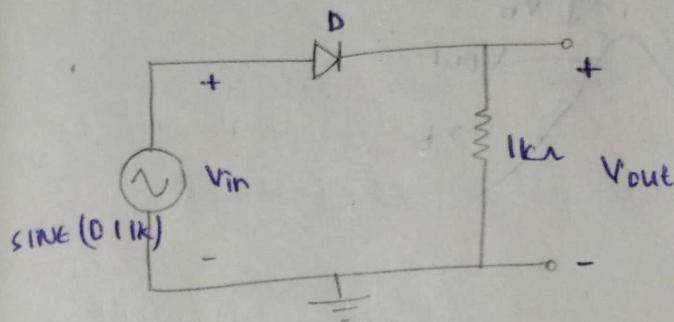
$$\Rightarrow 10.98 \Omega$$







Q2) Half Wave Rectifier:



Here, the voltage input is a sinusoidal signal

→ A half wave rectifier can convert an AC input voltage into DC voltage output.

→ However, it allows only half of the input signal to pass through it.

i.e * During the positive half-cycles of input, the positive V_{in} will cause the current to flow into the diode in forward direction.

* During the negative half-cycles of input, the diode will not allow any current to pass through it.

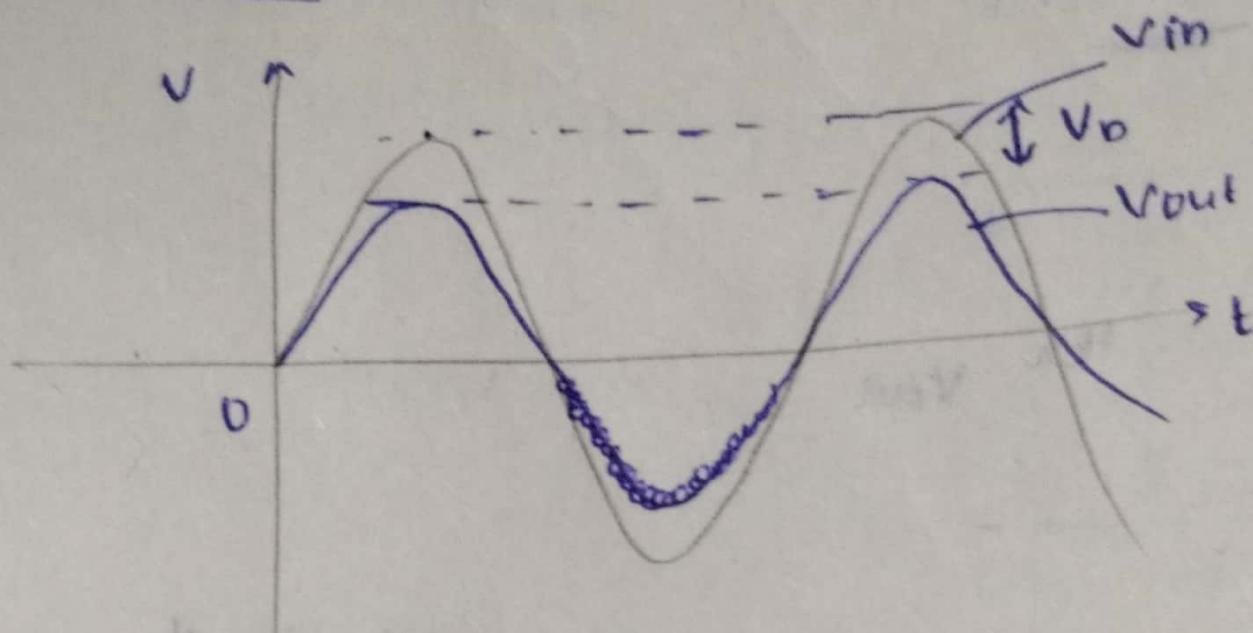
And thus, $V_{out} = 0$.

Here V_{out} is almost equal to V_{in} with small difference.

i.e
$$V_{out} = \begin{cases} 0 & V_{in} < V_D \\ V_{in} - V_D & V_{in} \geq V_D \end{cases}$$

where $V_D = 0.7 / 0.9V$

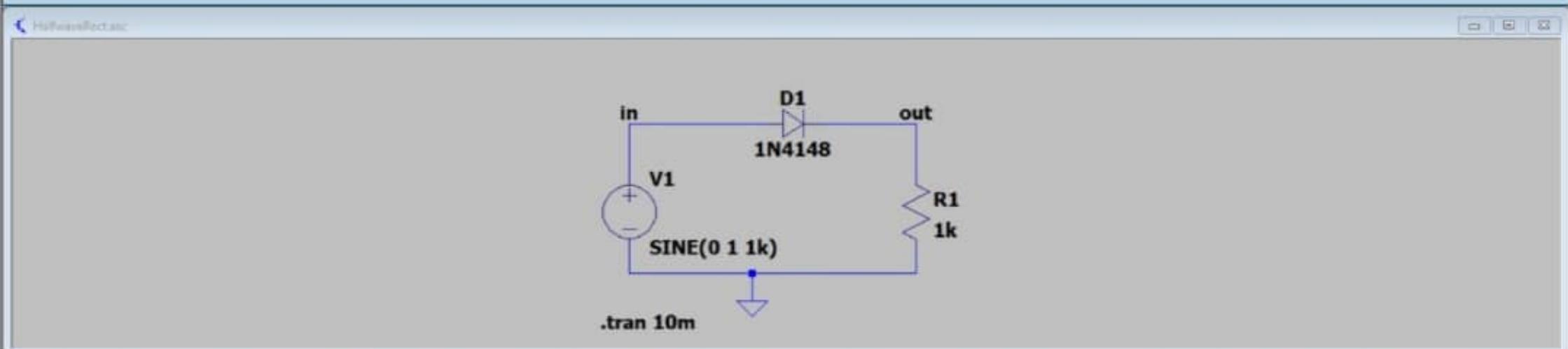
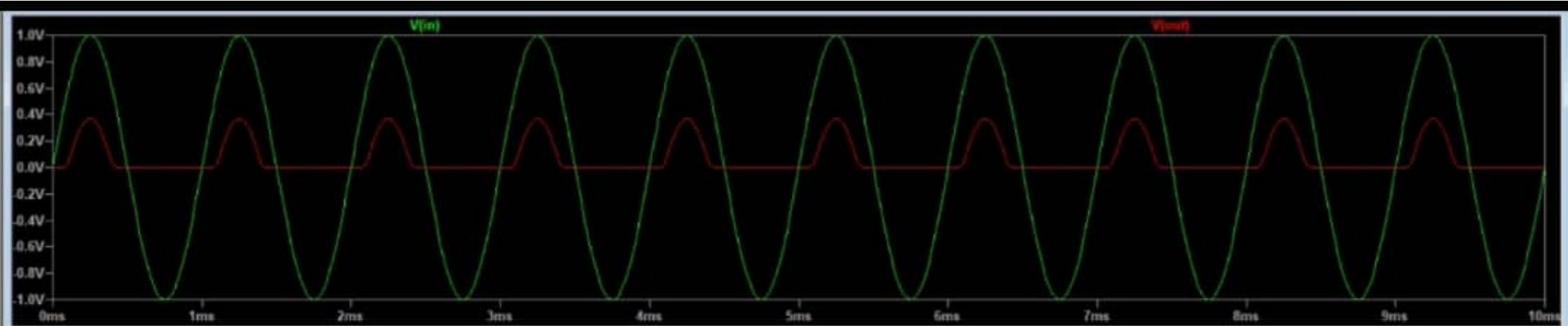
Input signals & output

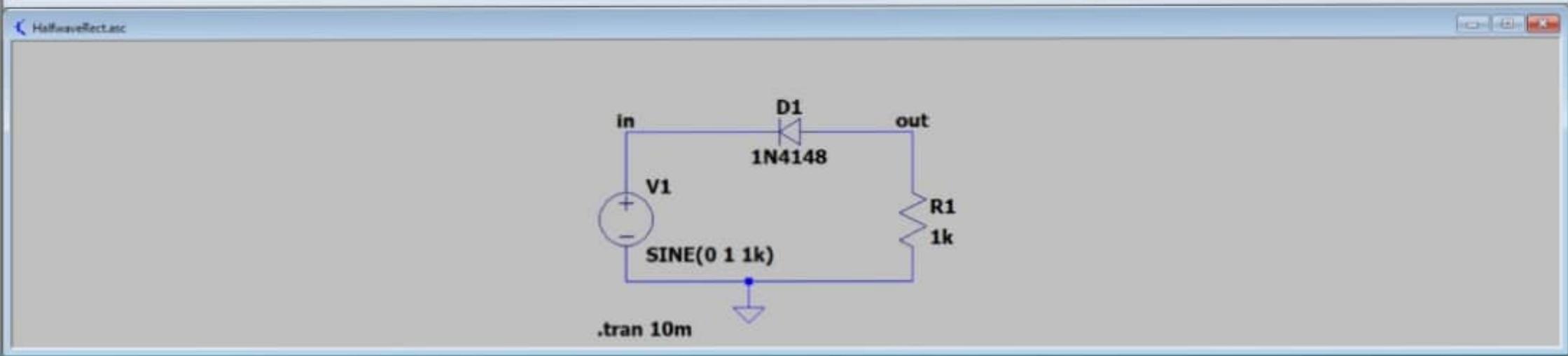
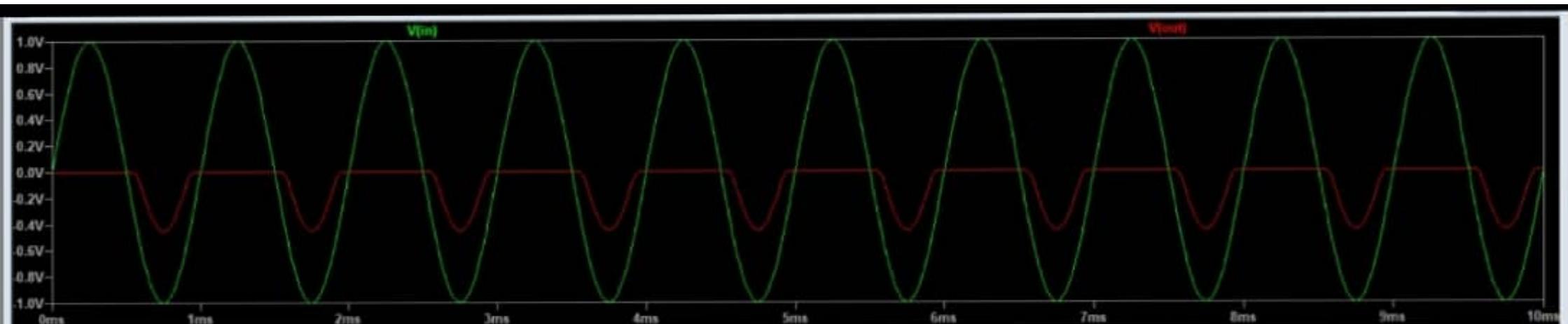


Diode only work when $V_{in} \geq V_D$

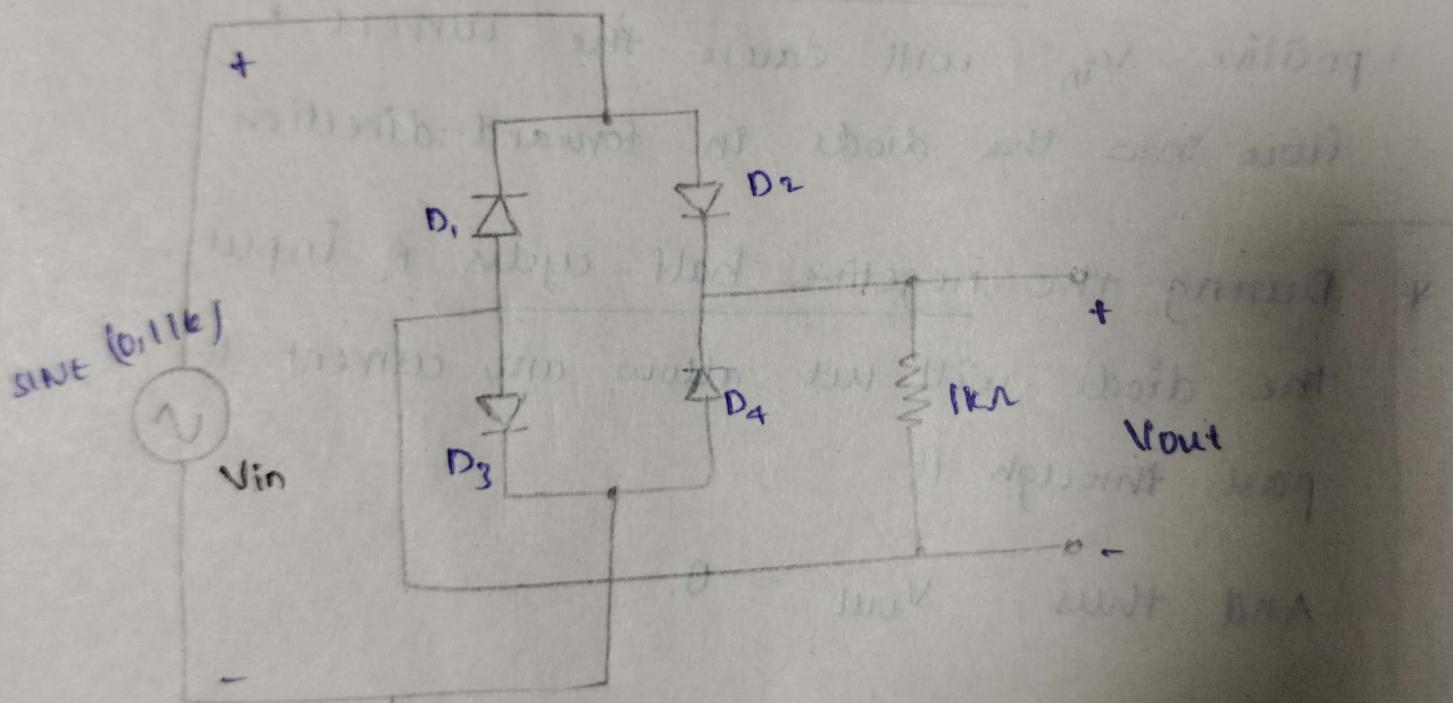
$V_D \rightarrow$ Breakdown Voltage







Q3) Full Wave Rectifier:



Even here, voltage input is given as a sinusoid.

→ A full wave rectifier converts the complete AC voltage signal into a dc signal unlike in a half-wave rectifier.

* During positive half Q cycles,

only diodes D_2 and D_3 are forward-biased,
 D_1 and D_4 are reverse-biased.
Hence, current only flows through D_2 and
 D_3 through the load resistance
(here V_{in} is the)

Diodes D_2 & D_3 offer some cutting voltage
hence,

$$V_{out} = V_{in} - V_{cut D_2} - V_{cut D_3}$$

and also similarly

$$\text{if } V_{in} < 0.7V \\ < V_{cut D_2} + V_{cut D_3}$$

then no current flows through circuit.

* During negative half Q cycles:

Now, D_1 and D_4 are forward-biased
while D_2 and D_3 are reverse-biased.

Now, current flows through D_1 and D_4 through load.

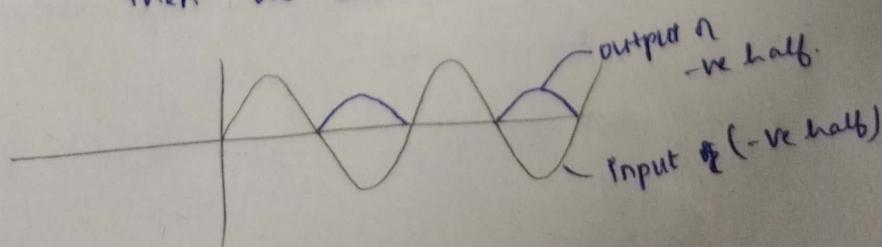
also,

$$V_{out} = V_{in} - V_{cut D_1} - V_{cut D_4}$$

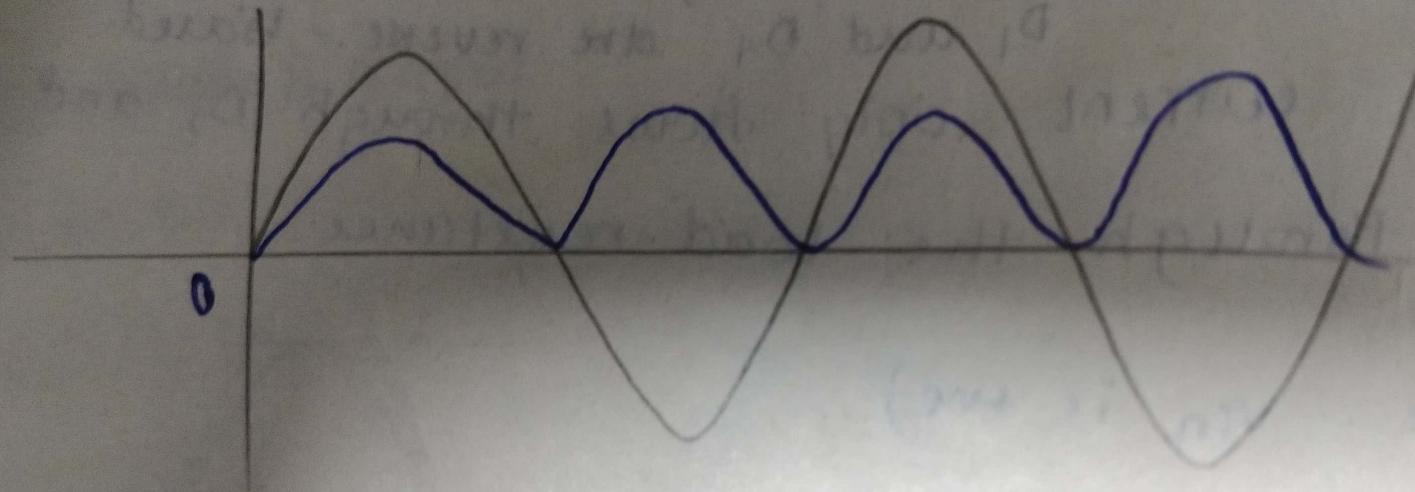
and if $V_{in} < 0.7V$

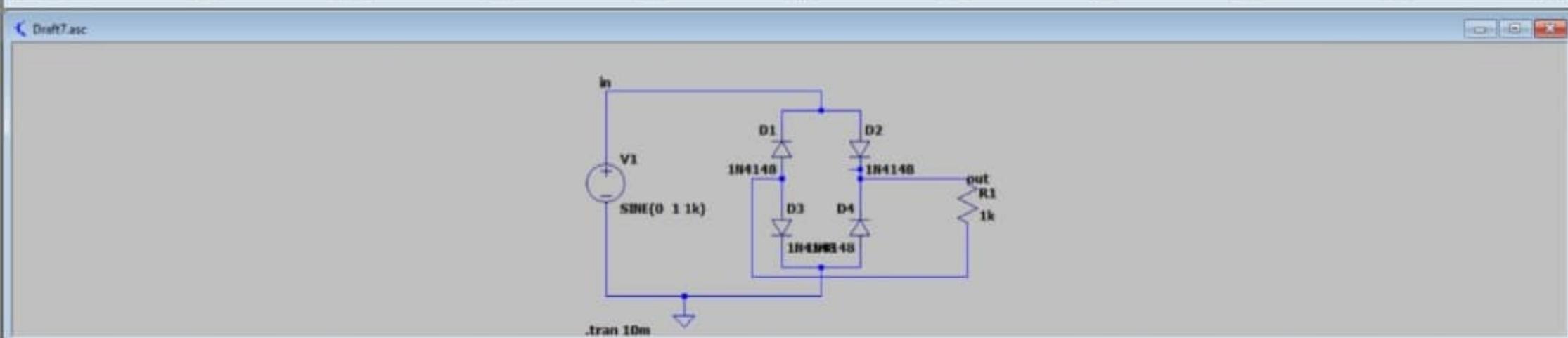
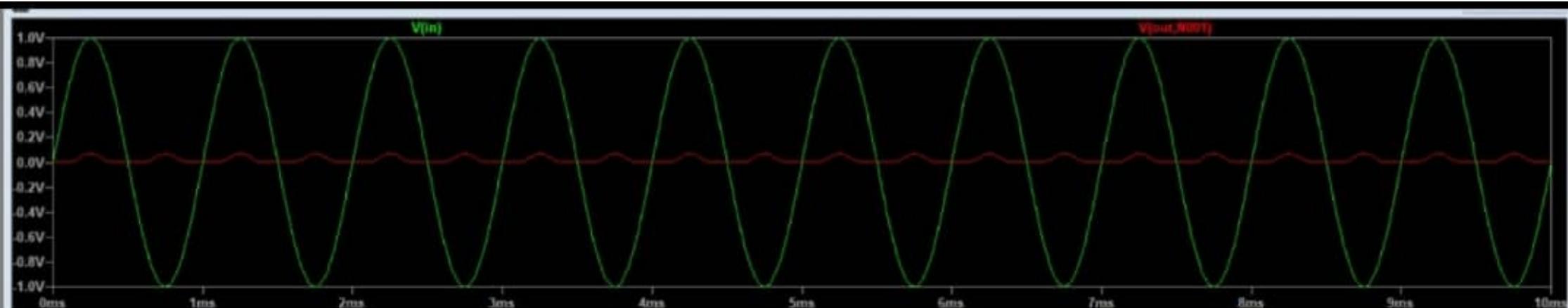
$$< V_{cut D_1} + V_{cut D_4}$$

then no current through circuit

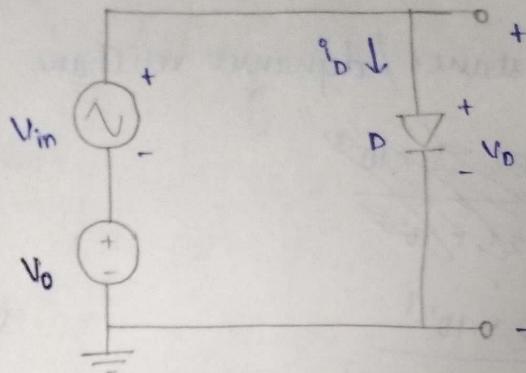


Input & Output:





Q4)



$$\text{Given, } V_D = 1.2 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{in} = V_m \sin(\omega t)$$

(a)

We know that

$$\text{dynamic conductance, } g = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_D} \text{ temp}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_d = \frac{1}{g} = \frac{dV_D}{dI_D}$$

$$\text{also, } I_D = I_s [e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}} - 1] \approx \frac{I_s e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}}}{V_T}$$

$$\frac{dI_D}{dV_D} = I_s e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}} \times \frac{1}{V_T}$$

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

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

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From the LTspice simulation below, we can find I_D at $V = 1.2 \text{ V}$.

$$I_D = 58.38 \text{ mA}$$

$$\text{and } V_T = 26 \text{ mV @ room temp}$$

Thus,

incremental resistance / dynamic resistance

$$\cancel{r_d = \frac{578.28 \times 10^{-3}}{26 \times 10^{-3}}}$$

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$$= 0.0441$$

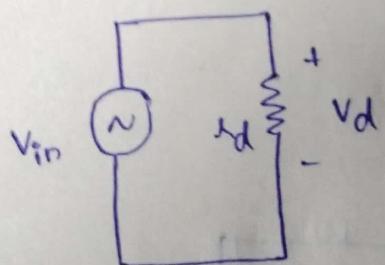
$$\boxed{r_d = 44.1 \text{ m}\Omega}$$

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∴ Incremental resistance at $V = 1.2 \text{ V}$ is $44.1 \text{ m}\Omega$

Small signal model :

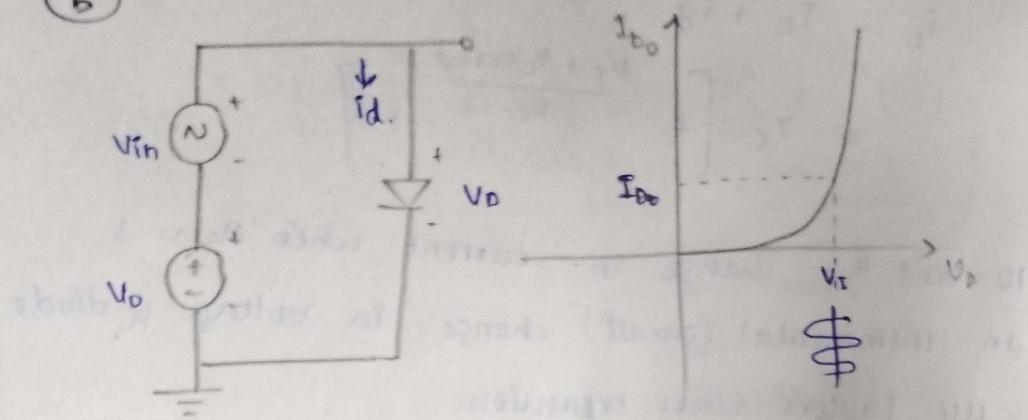
This is obtained by replacing the DC voltage sources with the incremental resistance, r_d .



where

$$r_d = 44.1 \text{ m}\Omega$$

(b)



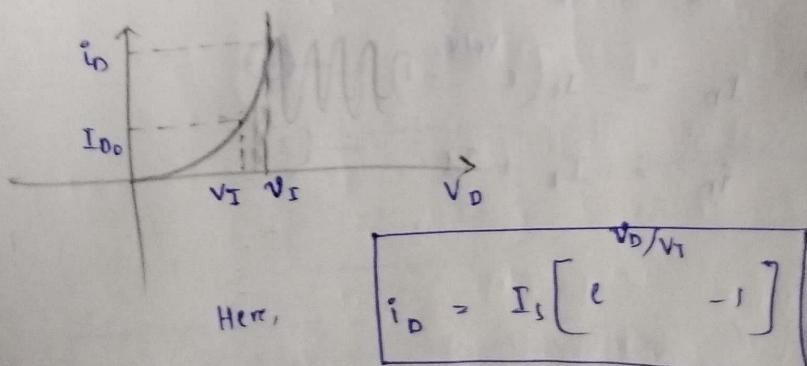
Note:

 v_d / i_d — AC inputs v_D / I_D — DC inputs v_o / i_o — AC + DC inputs [through diode]Voltage input through
the diode

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{AC} \quad \text{DC} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ v_I = v_{in} + V_I \\ = v_o \cos \omega t + V_I \end{array}$$

When V_I reaches V_I , we send in a small sinusoidal signal v_i .

The current fluctuates as shown.



$$i_D = I_S \left[e^{\frac{v_D}{V_T}} - 1 \right]$$

$i_o, v_o \rightarrow \text{DC + AC}$

Using

$$i_D = I_D + i_d \\ = I_C \left[e^{\frac{V_T + V_0 \cos \omega t}{V_T} - 1} \right]$$

To find the change in current when there is an incremental (small) change in voltage or diode, use Taylor's series expansion.

$$y = f(x) = f(x_0) + \frac{\delta f}{\delta x} \Big|_{x_0} (x - x_0) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\delta^2 f}{\delta x^2} (x - x_0)^2 + \dots$$

say $V_T = V_{D_0}$

$$i_d + I_D = i_D = f(V_{D_0}) + \frac{\delta}{\delta V_D} \left(I_C \left(e^{\frac{V_0 + V_T}{V_T} - 1} \right) \right) (V_D - V_{D_0}) + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\delta^2 f}{\delta V_D^2} (V_D - V_{D_0})^2 + \dots$$

(4)

also,

$$V_D = V_d + V_{D_0}$$

$$\underline{V_D = V_d}$$

$$V_d = V_D - V_{D_0} \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{and } I_D = I_C \left(e^{\frac{V_0 + V_T}{V_T} - 1} \right) \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$i_D = I_D + i_d \quad \textcircled{3}$$

using all eqn's ①, ②, ③, ④

$$i_d = \frac{I_0}{V_T} \left(e^{\frac{V_D + V_T}{V_T}} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{I_0}{V_T^2} e^{\frac{V_D + V_T}{V_T}} (V_D)^2$$

+ $\underbrace{\dots}_{\text{These terms are -ve and negligible comparatively}}$

\Rightarrow i.e. $\frac{I_0}{V_T} (e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}}) \cdot V_D \gg \frac{1}{2} \frac{I_0}{V_T^2} e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}} (V_D)^2$

$$V_D \gg \frac{1}{2 V_T} (V_D)^2 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\boxed{V_D \ll 2 V_T} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$V_T \approx 26 \text{ mV} @ 300K$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_D \ll 52 \text{ mV}}$$

further, from ⑤, ⑥

$$i_d = \frac{I_0}{V_T} V_D$$

$$i_d = g V_D$$

$$\boxed{r_d = \frac{V_D}{i_d}} \rightarrow \text{incremental / dynamic resistance}$$

$\therefore \boxed{V_D \ll 52 \text{ mV}}$ is the condition for validity of incremental model

(c)

V_m	ΔV_{out} $V_{max} - V_{min}$	ΔI_D $I_{max} - I_{min}$	Linearity
1mV	$1.2 - 1.19$ $= 0.01 \text{ mV}$	$577.8 - 575.6$ $= 2.2 \text{ mA}$	Linear
10mV (10V)	$1.20 - 1.19$ $= 0.01 \text{ mV}$	$591 - 562.4$ $= 28.6 \text{ mA}$	Linear
200mV	$1.39 - 1.0$ $= 0.39 \text{ mV}$	$892 - 282.9$ $= 609.1 \text{ mA}$	Non-linear

By observing the trends in the above table, there is a drastic change in ΔV_{out} and ΔI for 200mV

Thus, we can conclude

the small signal model can hold true to for inputs 1mV and 10mV and is in a linear mode.

And for input 200mV, the circuit can no longer behave like a small signal and is non-linear.

- ∴ 1mV, 10mV — Linear
- 200mV — Non-linear

