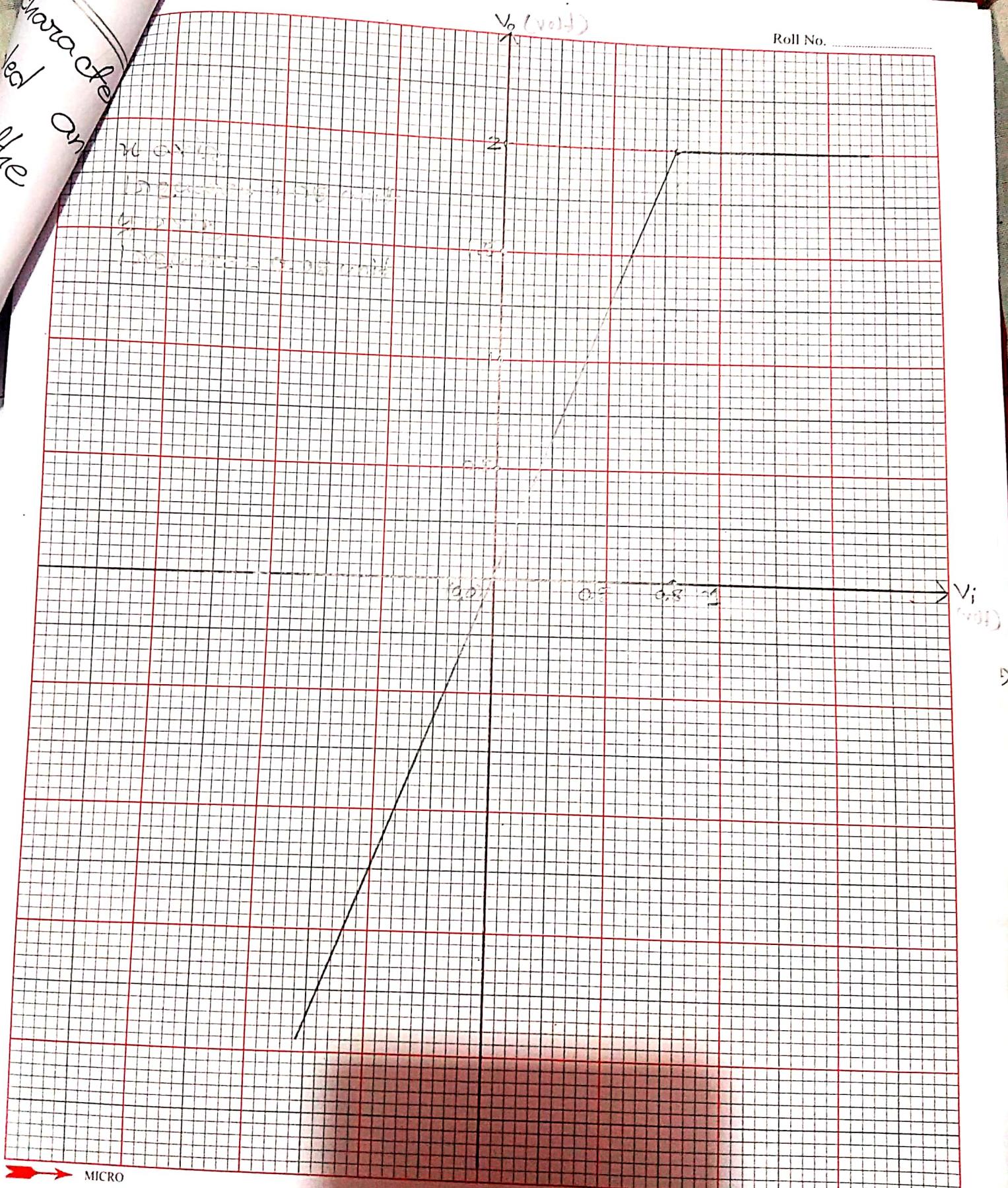


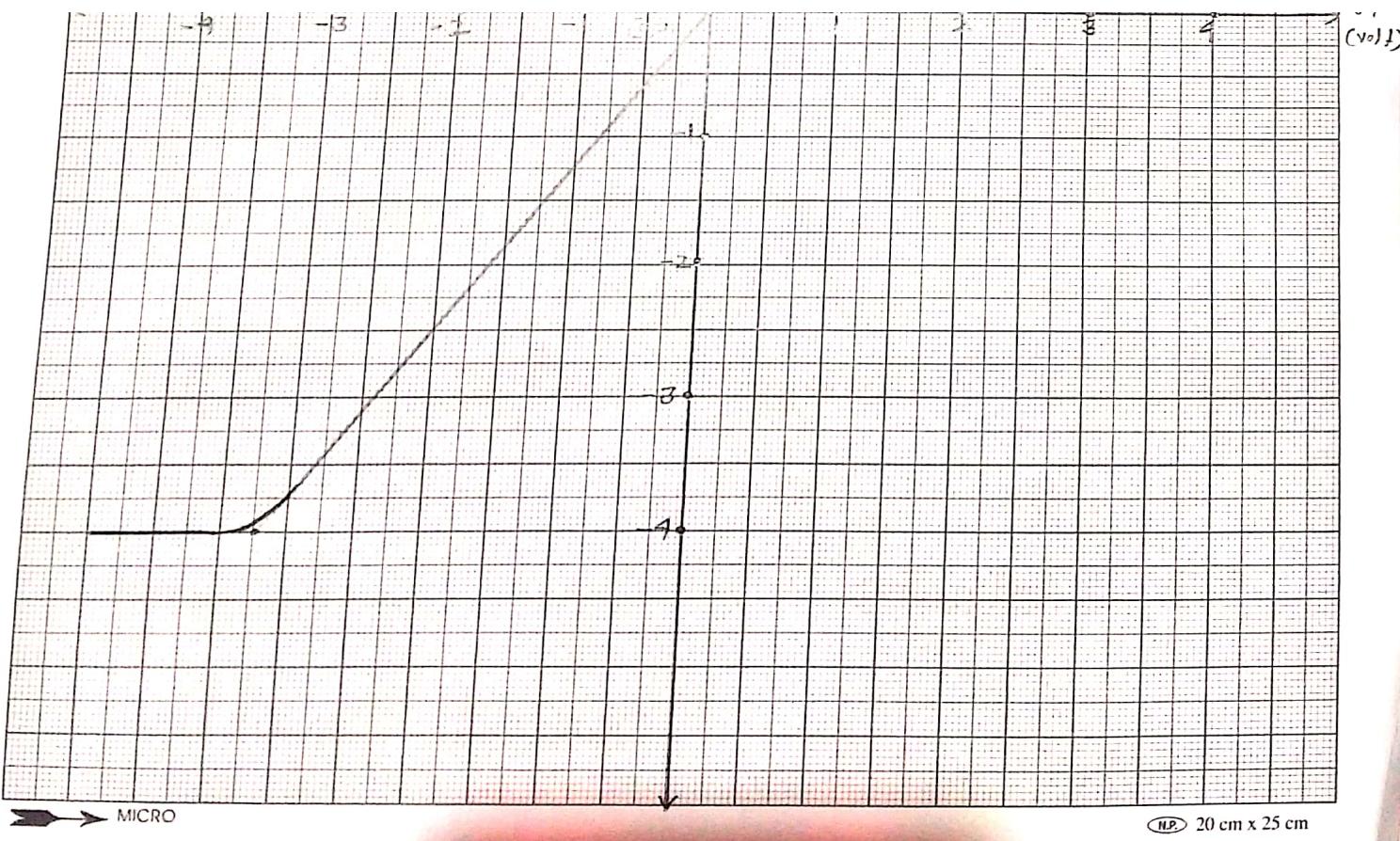
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## Report:

Ques 1:

what is a clipping circuit?  
Explain the operation of the circuit in Fig. 1.

Ans: Clipping circuit is a circuit which uses diodes in order to clip a part of a signal. It can cut any portion of the input signal but rest of the waveform remains unchanged. It consists of a diode, a resistor and a constant DC voltage source.

The circuit in Fig. 1 is a clipping circuit. (we can represent the diode with an ideal one by adding 0.7 V dc source.)

In the positive half cycle, as long as  $V_i$  is smaller than 3.2 V, the diode becomes reverse biased.

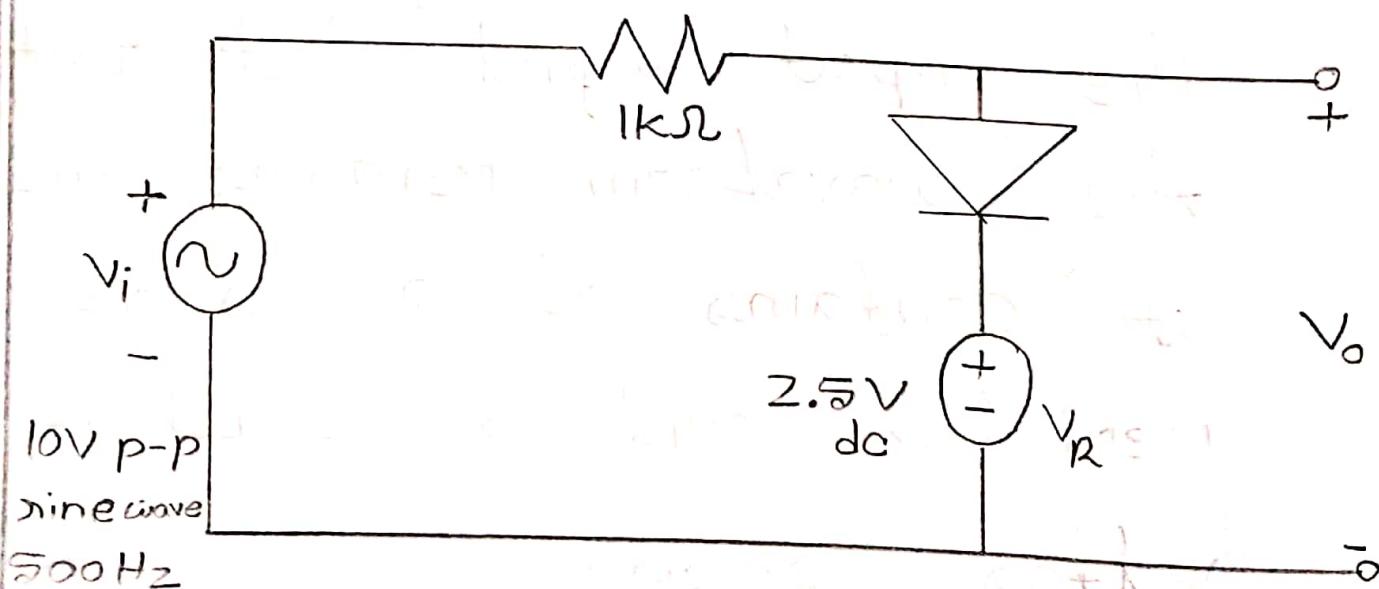


Fig: positive half cycle.

So no current flows through it. And  $V_i$  is same as  $V_o$ . But when  $V_i$  gets larger than 3.2V the diode becomes a short circuit and  $V_o$  gets equal to 3.2V.

In the negative cycle, the diode is always reversed biased.

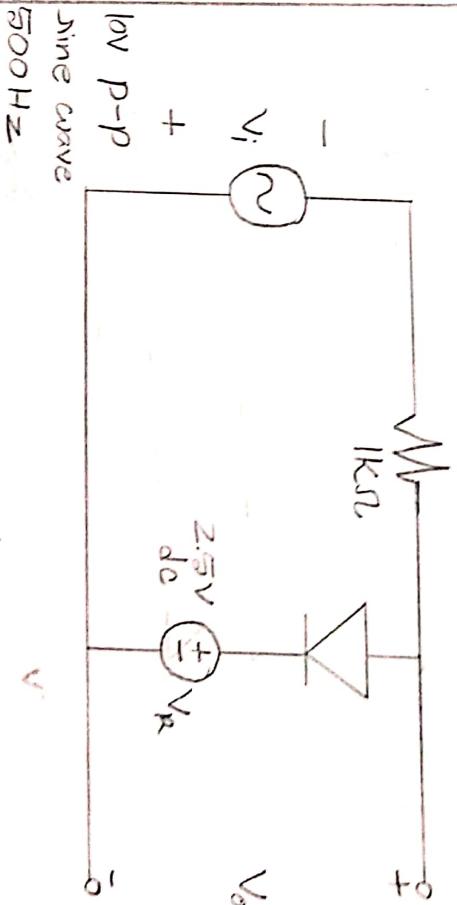
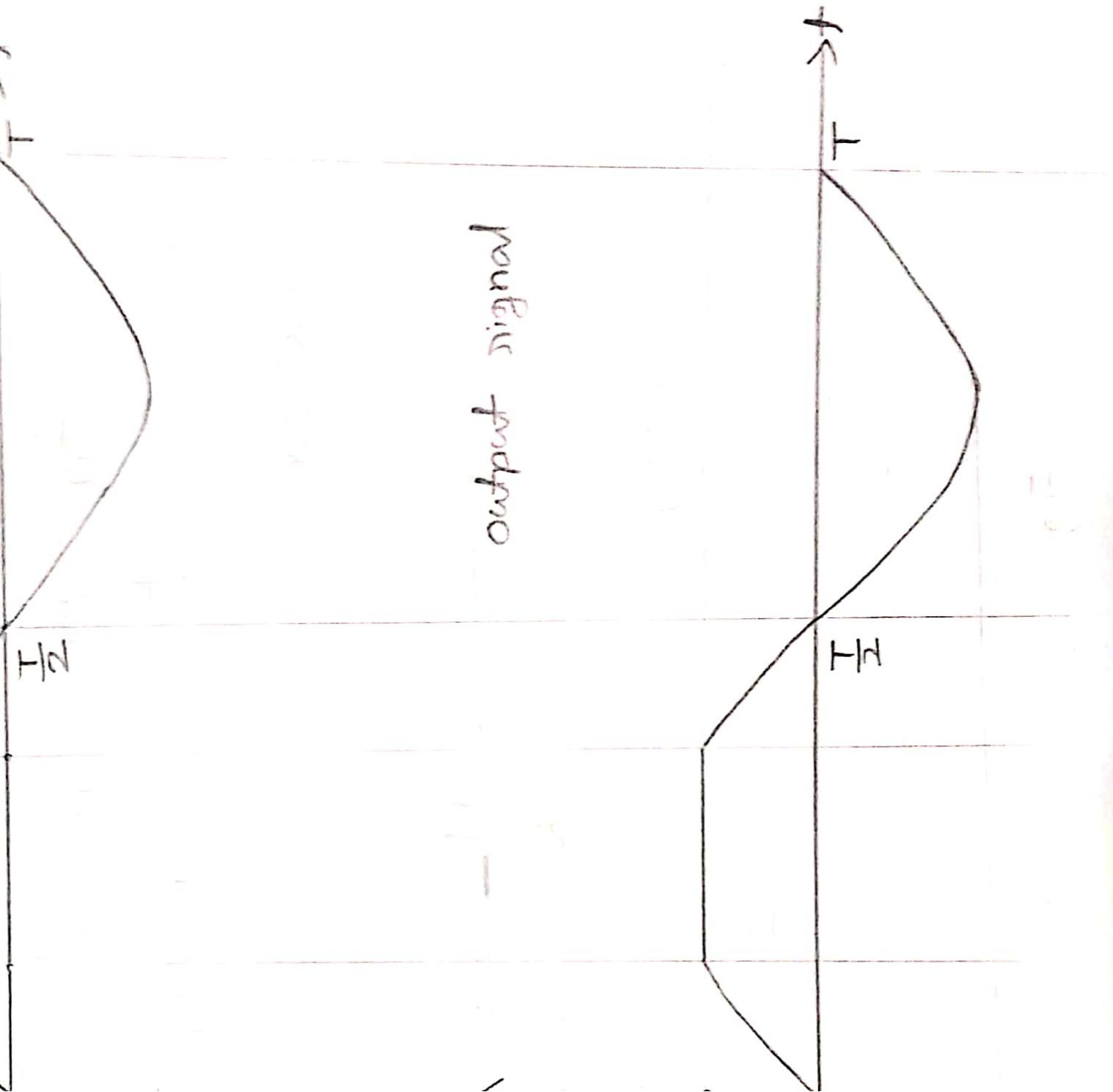


Fig: negative half cycle.



Ques 2:

Design a circuit in which the input voltage  $V_i = 5 \sin \omega t$  and the output should be limited between  $+2.5V$  and  $-3.5V$ . Assume that the diodes are ideal.

Ans: To limit the output between  $+2.5V$  and  $-3.5V$ , we two ideal diodes  $D_a$  and  $D_b$  are added parallelly. Then two  $2.5V$  and  $3.5V$  dc sources are added with them.

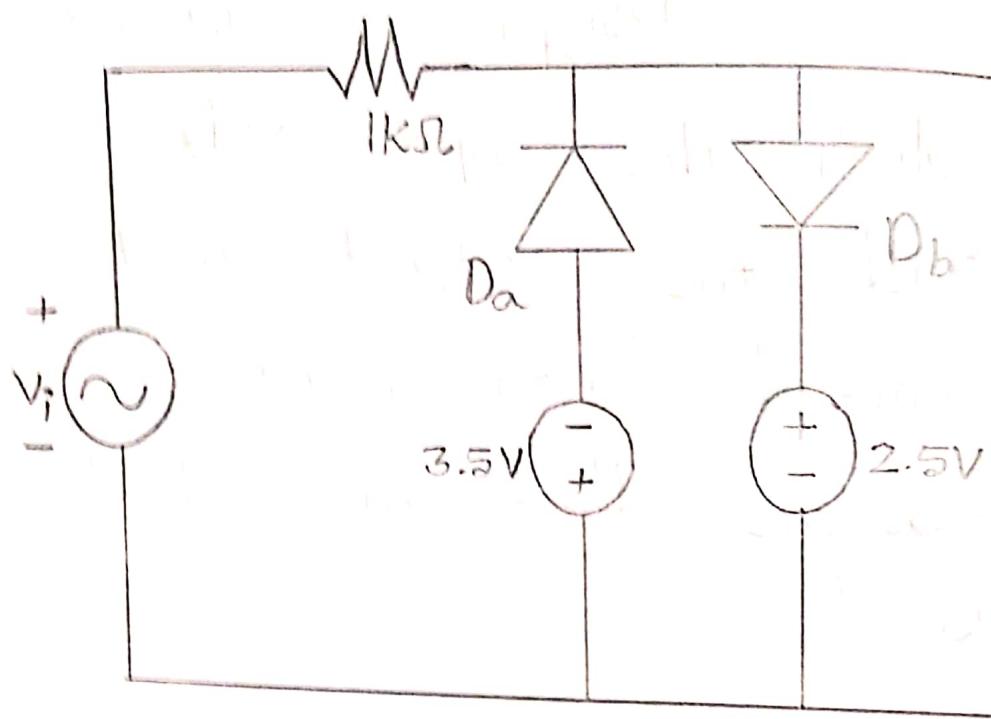


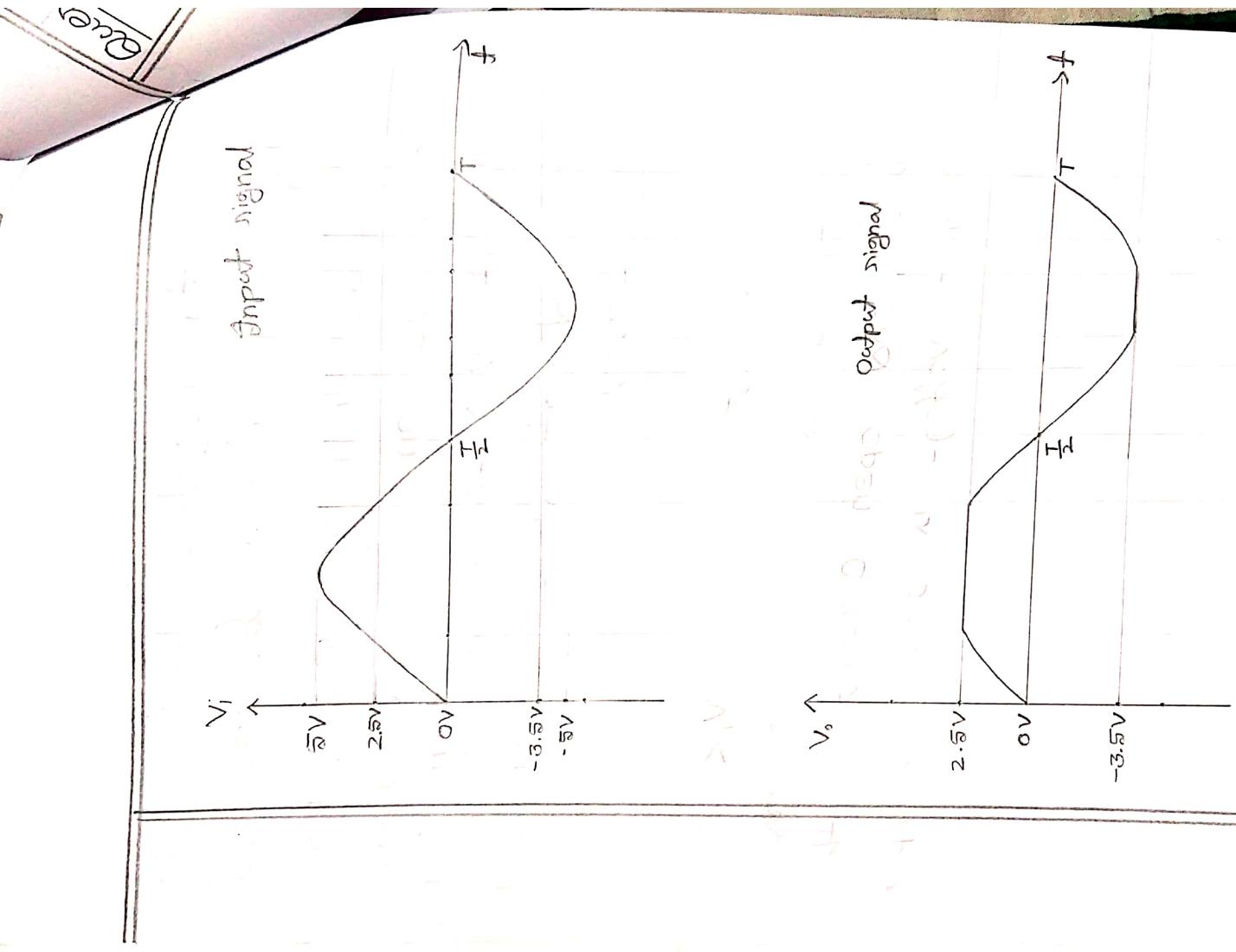
Fig: 2.1

In positive half cycle  $D_a$  will be on reverse bias but when  $v_i > 2.5V$ ,  $D_b$  will be on forward bias. So at  $v_i < 2.5V$   $v_o$  will follow  $v_i$  and at  $v_i > 2.5V$  then  $v_o$  will be  $2.5V$ .

In negative half cycle,  
 $D_b$  will always be reversed  
biased. when  $V_i < -3.5 V_-$ ,  $D_a$   
will be on forward bias.  
So, at  $V_i > -3.5 V_-$ ,  $V_o$  will follow  
 $V_i$  and at  $V_i < -3.5 V_-$ ,  $V_o$  will  
be  $-3.5 V$

So, between  $-3.5 V < V_i < 2.5 V_-$   
both diodes will be reversed  
biased and open circuit. so the  
output voltage is same as input.

Fig 2.2



Ques 3:

Explain the operation of the circuit in Fig. 2

Ans: A clamping circuit is a circuit which clamps a signal to a different dc level. It doesn't change the shape of the signal, if just increases or decreases the dc part. Clamp circuit consists of a capacitor and a diode parallel with a resistor.

The circuit in Fig 2 is a clamping circuit. we can replace

the diode with a 0.7V drop  
and an ideal diode.

For the positive half cycle,  
the diode will always remain  
forward biased. The capacitor  
will be charged and the output  
will be 0.7V.

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$$-V_i + V_c + 0.7 = 0$$

$$\therefore V_c = 14.3 \text{ V}$$

for the negative cycle, the  
diode will be open circuit.  
So the capacitor will discharge.

with a 0.7V DC source  
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$$V_i + V_C + V_o = 0$$
$$\therefore V_o = -9.3V$$

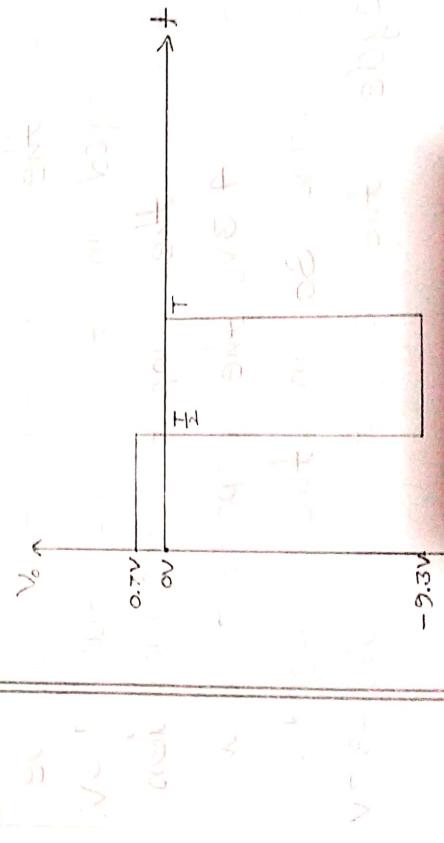


Fig. 3

Ques 4:

Sketch the output voltage of the circuit of Fig.2 if

$$V_i = 5\sin(2\pi 1000t)$$

Ans: The circuit of Fig.2 is a clamping circuit.

In the positive half cycle when  $V_i$  is zero, the output voltage will be the voltage of the capacitor. It will be charged in this time till 4.3V. After the input becomes less than 4.3V, the capacitor will discharge. So in the negative cycle the output will be -9.3V.

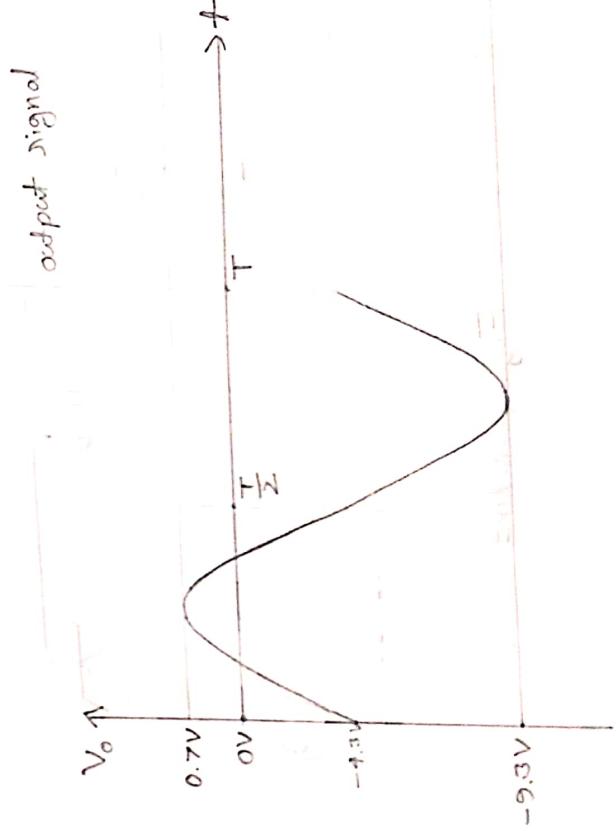
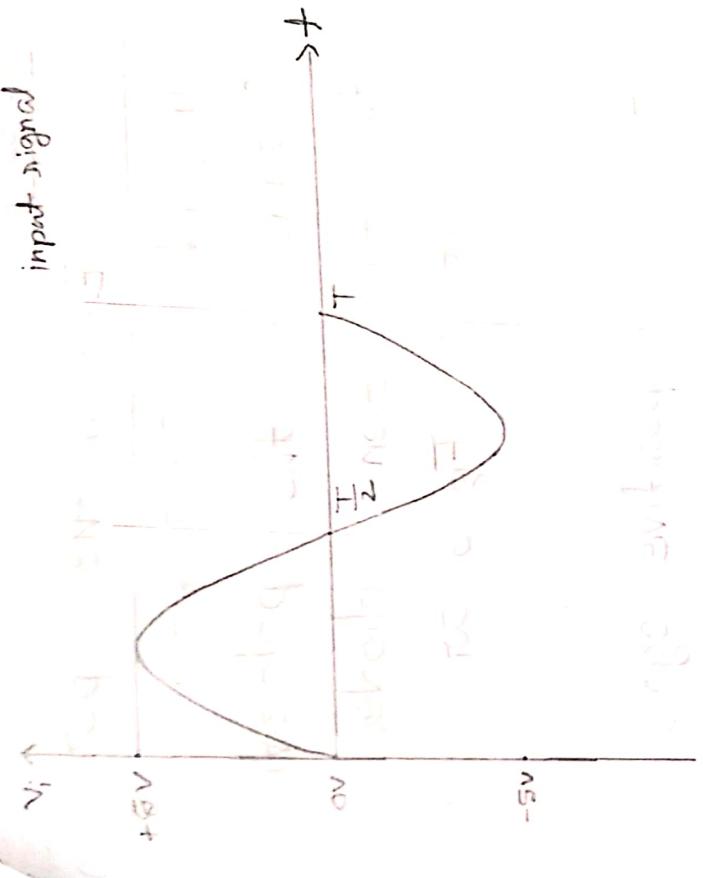


Fig: Input, output for  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Ques 5:

Explain the operation of circuit in Fig. 3. How will  $V_o$  change if the polarities of the two Zener diodes in the circuit of Fig. 3 are reversed?

Ans: for positive cycle

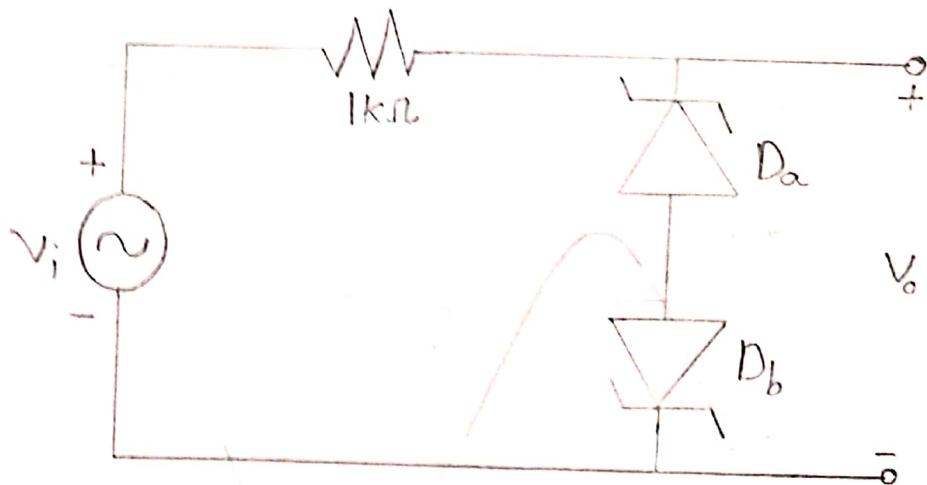


Fig: positive cycle.

During positive cycle,  $D_b$  in forward biased and  $D_a$  becomes reverse biased. So,  $D_b$  works like a normal diode and as soon as the voltage  $V_i$  exceeds the breakdown voltage, the output becomes  $V_{D_a} + V_b$ .

Hence  $V_{D_a}$  is the Zener voltage of  $D_a$  and  $V_b$  is the voltage drop across  $D_b$ .

In the negative cycle,  $D_b$  becomes reverse biased.  $D_a$  works normally. So the output voltage becomes  $V_{D_b} + V_a$ . It will be the peak value by

clipping the voltage.

changing polarifiers.

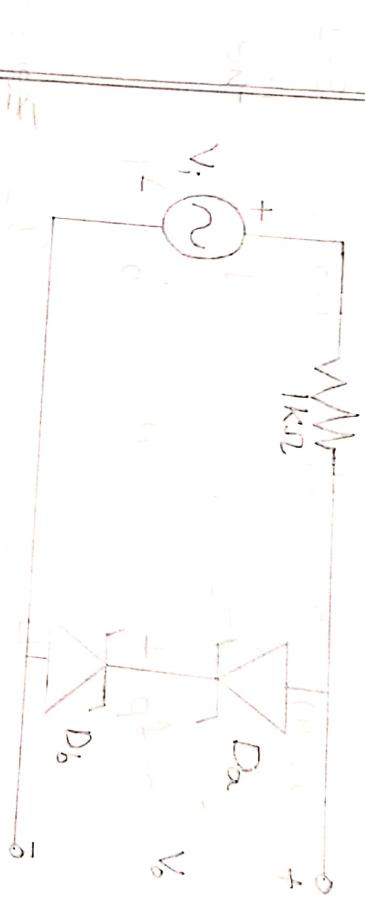


Fig: changing polarizers.

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If we change the polarizers,

when  $V_i$  will cross the breakdown voltage of  $D_b$ , the output voltage will be clipped to a peak value of  $V_{D_b} + V_a$  where

$V_a$  is the voltage drop across  
 $D_a$  and  $V_{bb}$  is the breakdown  
voltage of  $D_b$ .

In the negative cycle,  $V_o$   
will be limited to a peak  
value of  $V_{Da} + V_b$ .

