

Problems on diode circuits:

Q1: (a)

$\frac{6}{10k} = I \Rightarrow 0.6mA$
 $V_D = -3V$
 Determine the voltage and current

(b)

$V_D = 3V$
 $I = 0$

(c)

$V_D = -3V$
 $I = 0$

Use Thevenin's eq. model. to simplify the circuit.

(d)

$\Rightarrow 6V$
 $I = \frac{6}{26.67k} = 0.225mA$
 $V = I \cdot 20k = 4.5V$

(e)

$I = 0$
 $V = 2V$

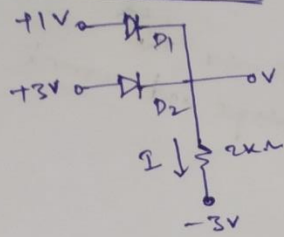
(f)

$\Rightarrow \frac{3 \times 2}{5} = \frac{6}{5} = 1.2V$
 $V = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4V$

(g)

$I_D = 0.227mA$
 $V_D = 0.5V$

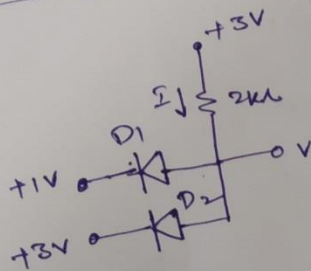
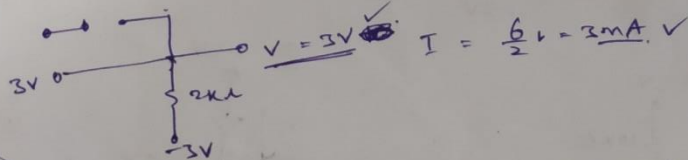
two diode circuit



if $D_1 \rightarrow on$ $D_2 \rightarrow on$

results to a case where $1V \parallel 3V$ X

if $D_2 \rightarrow on$ $D_1 \rightarrow off$. ✓



if $D_1 on$ $D_2 off$

$$V = 1V$$

$$I = 1mA$$

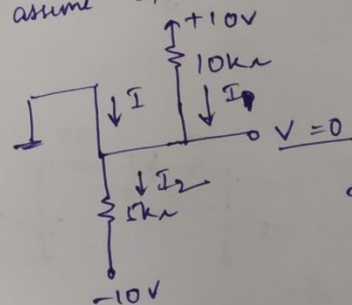
valid condition ✓

if $D_1 off$ $D_2 on$

$V = 2V \rightarrow$ means D_1 is on

there is a possibility of positive feedback on an op-amp

assume D_1 and D_2 are on.



$$V_B = 0$$

$$I_1 = \frac{10 - 0}{10} = 1mA$$

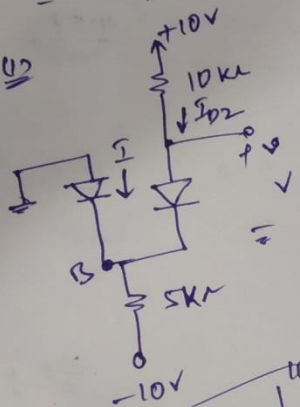
$$I_2 = \frac{0 - (-10)}{5k} = 2mA$$

$$I_1 + I_2 = I_2 \Rightarrow I = 1mA$$

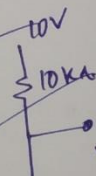
our assumption is correct.

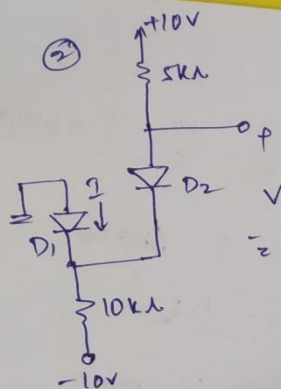
$$V = 10 - 15 \cdot 1mA = -3.3V$$

Q2

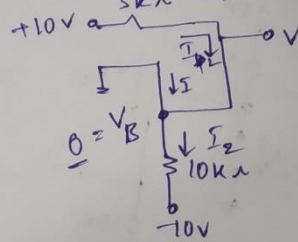


if $D_1 off$;





Case 1: $D_1 = on$; $D_2 = on$;



$I_1 = \frac{20}{15} = 1.33 \text{ mA}$

$I_1 = \frac{10-0}{5k} = 2 \text{ mA}$

$I_2 = \frac{10}{10k} = 1 \text{ mA}$

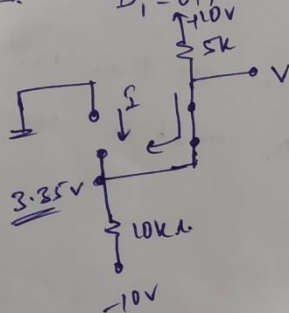
the assumption
is wrong

which is not possible

Case 2:

$D_1 = off$

$D_2 = on$

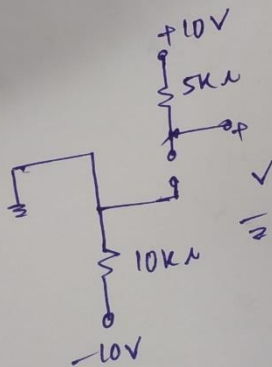


$I_1 = I_2 = \frac{20}{15} = 1.33 \text{ mA}$

$V = 10 - 5k(1.33 \text{ mA}) \Rightarrow 10 - 6.65 = 3.35$

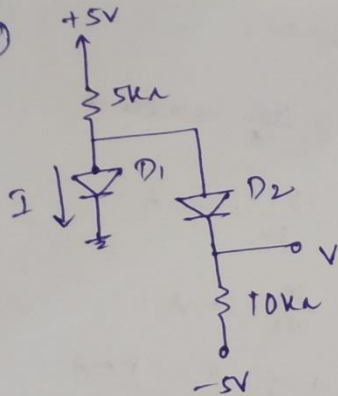
then; $D_1 \Rightarrow off$ since voltage at
cathode is more positive than the
anode and the assumption correct

Case 3:

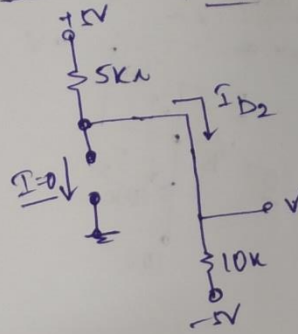


D_2 Anode of D_2 is more
+ve than the cathode
then the D_2 must be on
then the assumption is wrong

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Case 1: $D_1 = \text{off}$ $D_2 = \text{on}$



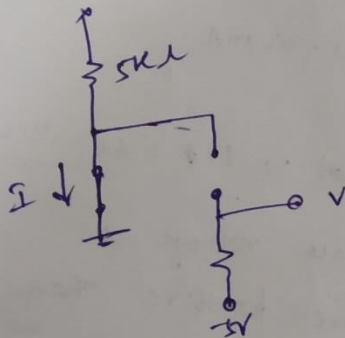
$$I_{D2} = \frac{10}{15} = \frac{2}{3} = 0.66 \text{ mA}$$

$$V = 5 - 5k(0.66)$$

$$V = 1.6 \text{ V}$$

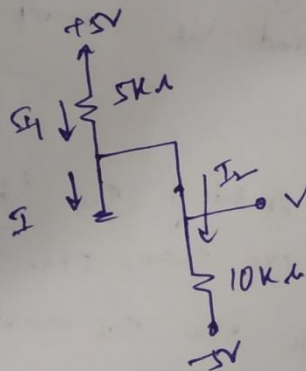
Hence anode of D_1 is more
+ve than D_2 cathode then
 D_1 must be on.

Case 2: $D_1 = \text{on}$; $D_2 = \text{off}$



D_2 , Anode is more +ve than the
cathode then D_2 must be on

Case 3:



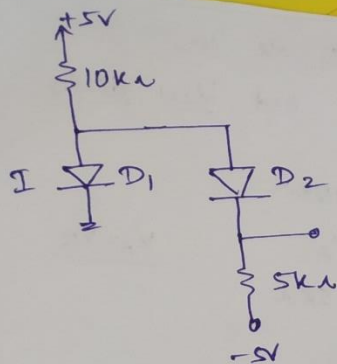
$$I_1 = \frac{5-0}{5k} = 1 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{5}{10} = 0.5 \text{ mA}$$

$$I + 0.5 = I_1$$

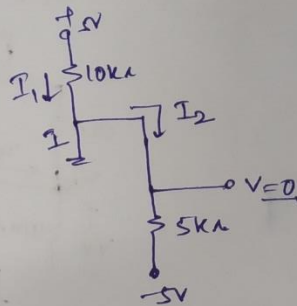
$$I = 0.5 \text{ mA} \checkmark$$

$$V = 0 \text{ V}$$



Case 1: D_1 and D_2 are on

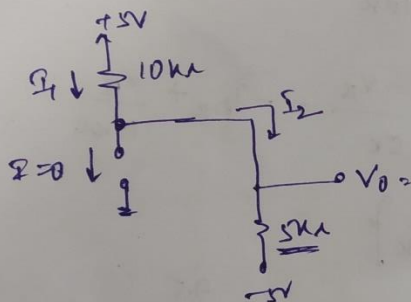
(3)



$$I_1 = \frac{5}{10} = 0.5 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{5}{5} = 1 \text{ mA}$$

Case 2: $D_1 \rightarrow$ off $D_2 \rightarrow$ on



$$I_1 = I + I_2$$

$$0.5 = I + 1 \Rightarrow I = -0.5 \text{ mA}$$

which is not possible

$$I_1 = I_2 = \frac{10}{15} = 0.66 \text{ mA}$$

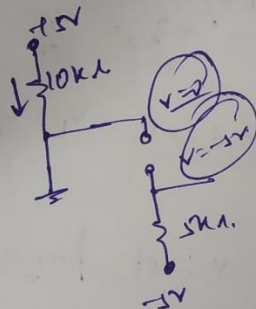
$$V_0 = 5 - 10 \text{ k} (0.66 \text{ mA}) = \text{~~0.66 V~~}$$

$$= 5 - 6.6 = -1.6 \text{ V} \checkmark$$

$$V_0 = 5 \text{ k} \times (0.66) - 5$$

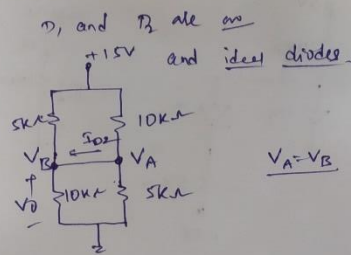
$$= 3.3 - 5 = -1.6$$

Case 3: $D_1 =$ on $D_2 =$ off



$$I_1 = I_2 = \frac{5}{10} = 0.5 \text{ mA}$$

Anode are then the cathode
hence D_2 must be off.
not a valid condition



$$\frac{15}{10k} - \frac{V_A}{10k} - \frac{V_A}{5k} = I_{D2} \quad \frac{15 - V_A}{10k} = I_{D2} + \frac{V_A}{5k} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{15 - V_A}{5k} - \frac{V_A}{10k} + \frac{15}{10k} - \frac{V_A}{10k} - \frac{V_A}{5k} = 0 \quad \frac{15 - V_B}{5k} = -I_{D2} + \frac{V_B}{10k}$$

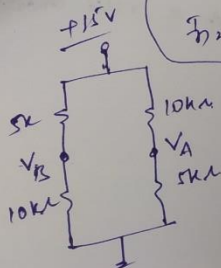
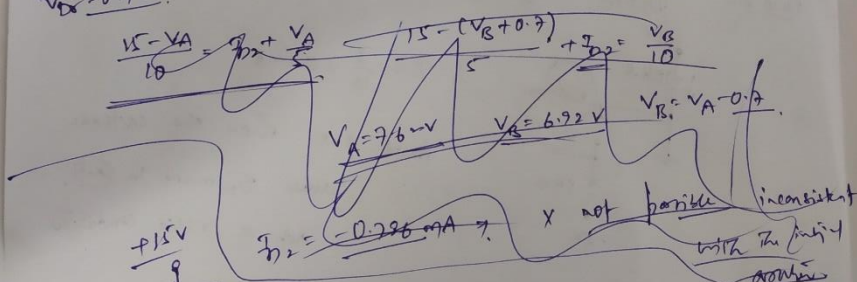
$$15 \left[\frac{1}{5k} - \frac{1}{10k} \right] = V_A \left[\frac{2}{5k} - \frac{2}{10k} \right]$$

$$\frac{15}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = V_A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{V_A = 7.5 \text{ V} = V_B}$$

$I_m = 0$

$$V_D = 0.7V$$



$$V_B = \frac{15 \times 10^4}{1.5 \times 10^3} = 10V \quad \checkmark$$

$$V_A = \frac{15 \times 5}{15} = \underline{\underline{5V}}$$