

UNIT-1 Semiconductor Diodes & Applications

Lecture - 01

What is Electronics?

Electronics is the branch of Science that deals with the study of flow and control of electrons (electricity) & the study of their behavior & effects in vacuum, gases & semiconductors, & with devices using such electrons.

CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS: Materials are classified

in three different categories

(a) Conductor

(b) Semiconductor

(c) Insulator

Conductor: Allow easy flow of an e⁻ from one atom to another atom when the proper application of voltage.

Example - Gold, copper, steel etc, sodium, magnesium etc.

Semiconductor: Conductivity lies between conductor & insulator.

Example - Si, Ge, GaAs etc.

Insulator: Prevent the flow of energy between two objects

Example :- Glass, Plastic etc.

Classification based on valence electrons -

Valence e⁻: Electron in the outermost orbit of an atom are known as valence electron.

1. No. of valence e⁻ in atom < 4 "Conductor"

Ex - Sodium (1) [11e⁻ 2 8 ①]

Magnesium (2) [12e⁻ 2 8 ②]

2. No. of valence e⁻ in atom = 4 "Semiconductor"

Ex - Carbon (4) [6e⁻ 2 ④] {not a semiconductor}.

Silicon (14) [14e⁻ 2 8 ④]

Group 14 elements acts as Semiconductor.

NOTE: Why carbon is not a semiconductor?

This is because the atoms or molecules in carbon are closely packed to each other whereas Si & Ge acts as semiconductor materials.

3. No. of valence electrons in atom > 4 "Insulator";

Ex- Nitrogen (5) [2 5]

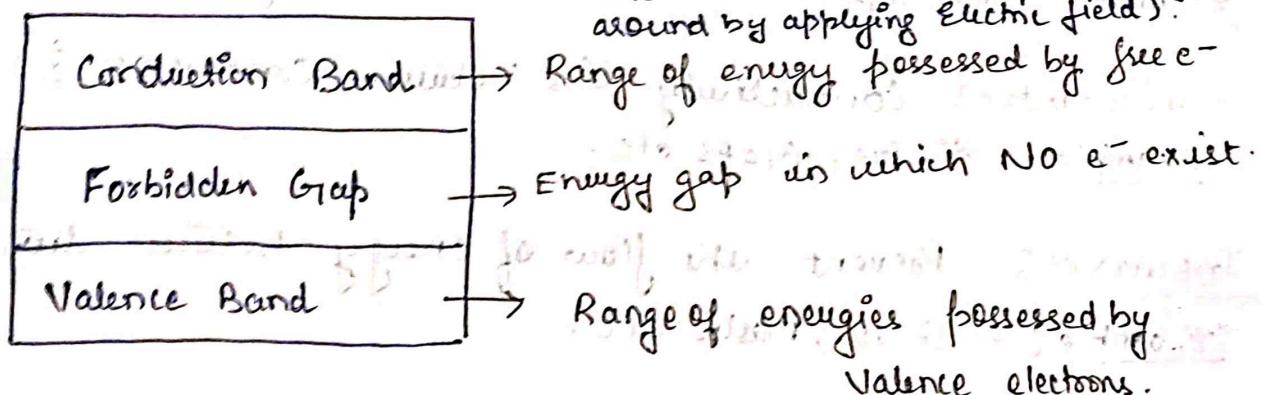
Sulphur (6) [2 6]

Classification of materials based on Energy Band:

Ques. Classify the materials with help of Energy Band? (ARTU QUESTION)

ENERGY BAND:

(e^- in C.B are free or weakly held with nucleus. Hence these e^- can easily move around by applying electric field).

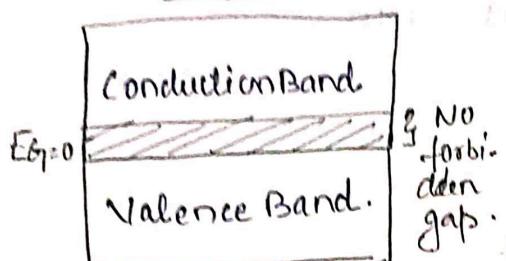


(e^- in V.B are normally in their normal orbit around nucleus & a very large amount of energy must be applied in order to extract an e^- from V.B).

CONDUCTOR

1. In conductor there is no gap between Valence Band & Conduction Band.

$$Eg = 0$$



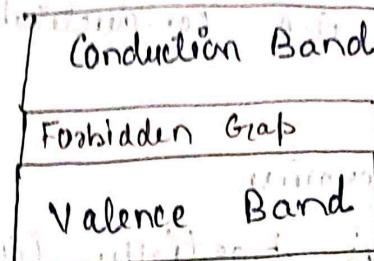
2. Due to zero forbidden gap there are available in the conduction band at low temperature. So allow electric current to pass.

3. Example -
Copper, Aluminium etc.

SEMICONDUCTOR

1. In semiconductor there is a gap of around 1 eV between Valence Band & Conduction Band.

$$Eg \approx 1 \text{ eV}$$



2. Their conductivity lies in between conductor & insulator.
at $0\text{K} \rightarrow$ act as Insulator?
at room temp \rightarrow act as Conductor
as covalent bonds breaks & move e⁻ from V.B to C.B

$$Eg \text{ Si: } 1.1 \text{ eV}$$

$$Eg \text{ Ge: } 0.7 \text{ eV}$$

3. Example -

Si, Ge etc.

Intrinsic Semiconductor

INSULATOR

1. In Insulator there is a gap of around 6 eV which is very high.



$$Eg \approx 6 \text{ eV}$$

2. Have No free charge at low temperature. On increasing temp. its conductivity can be improved. But Eg is large so, it is difficult to move e⁻ from valence Band to conduction Band.

3. Example -

Rubber, glass, wood etc.

Ques - Explain the effect of temperature on conductivity of semiconductor?

At low temperature -

- Valence band is completely filled

- Conduction band is completely empty

So at very low temperature (0°K) semiconductor behaves like an insulator i.e. conductivity is zero.

At Room temperature -

- Valence band is partially filled.

- Conduction band is also partially filled

And as we knew forbidden gap between valence band & conduction band is narrow. As temperature increases

Conductivity of semiconductor increases - the valence e⁻ start acquiring additional energy & close the narrow gap to enter into conduction band.

V. gmb CLASSIFICATION OF SEMICONDUCTOR : (AKTU Question)

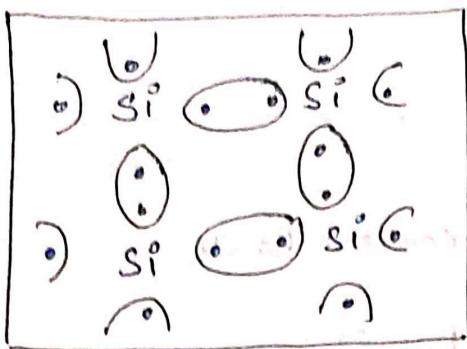
The semiconductors are classified into two categories as

(i) Intrinsic Semiconductors

(ii) Extrinsic Semiconductors

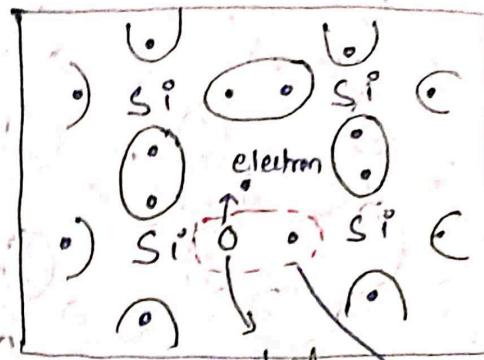
INTRINSIC SEMICONDUCTOR → A semiconductor in pure form is called intrinsic semiconductor. They behave as a

Insulator at 0°K as no free e⁻ available & all are tightly bounded. But at room temperature some of the valence electrons gain enough thermal energy to break up the covalent bonds. The process of ionization creates a vacancy in the bond between the atoms. (this vacancy is hole). Due to movement of electrons & holes, electricity conducts.



Si⁰ crystal @ 0K

• → electron
○ → hole.



Si⁰ crystal

@ Room temperature bond.

INTRINSIC SEMICONDUCTOR

An intrinsic semiconductor is converted into extrinsic semiconductor by adding impurities to a semiconductor is called Doping. & impure semiconductor is called.

Extrinsic Semiconductor

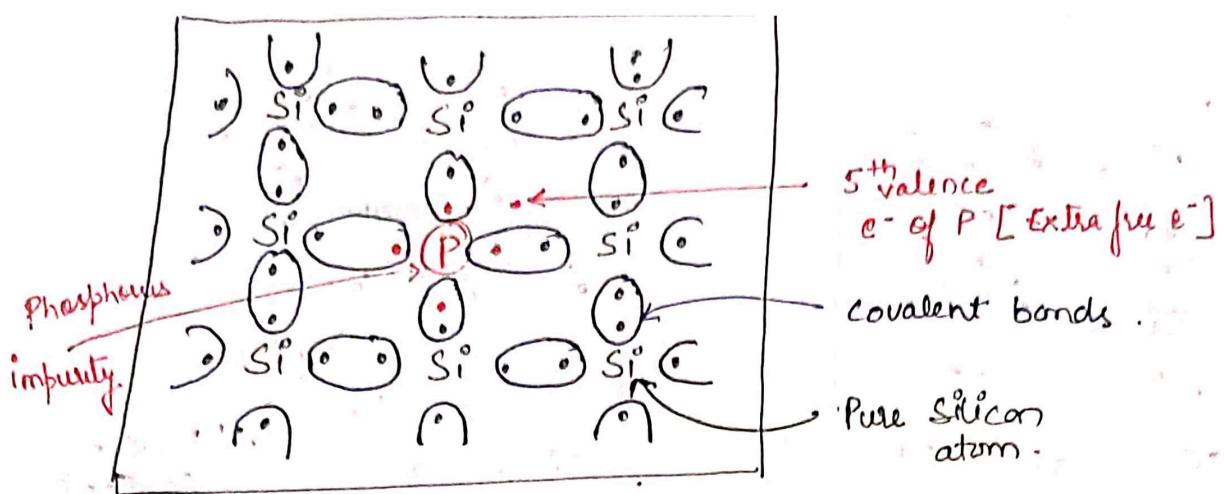
Depending on the type of impurity added extrinsic semiconductor are further classified as -

(i) n type semiconductor

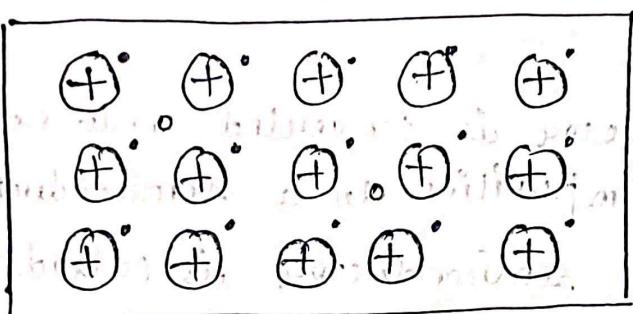
(ii) p type semiconductor

N-Type Semiconductor - When a pentavalent impurity (donor impurity) is added to pure semiconductor (Si or Ge) the resulting semiconductor is n-type. As pentavalent atom (Phosphorus, Arsenic, Antimony) have 5 valence e⁻. Therefore in n-type semiconductor, by adding e⁻ P [donor atom - because it is ready to give a free e⁻ to a semiconductor] to intrinsic semiconductor, 4 valence e⁻ of e⁻ P form covalent bonds with neighbouring atom) & 5th valence e⁻ doesn't form covalent bond. Thus this additional e⁻ which can enter the conduction band very easily to become a free e⁻.

Here Pentavalent impurity provide charge carrier (e⁻) for conduction.



N-Type Semiconductor



Majority carriers → electrons

Minority carriers → holes

There are three particle in N-Type semiconductor.

(+) Donor ions.

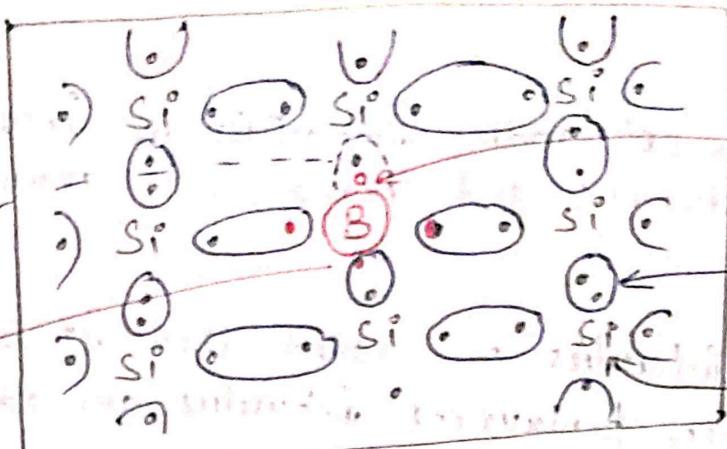
(+) → free e⁻

(+) → holes

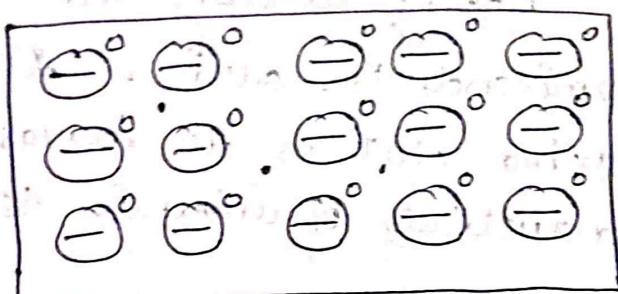
P-Type Semiconductor — When a trivalent impurity (Acceptor) is added in pure semiconductor (Si or Ge), the resulting semiconductor is p-type. As trivalent atom (Boron, Aluminium, Gallium etc) have 3 valence e⁻. Therefore in p-type semiconductor, a 'B' [Acceptor atom — because it is ready to accept a free e⁻ from a semiconductor] is added to intrinsic semiconductor (Si or Ge), a 3 valence e⁻ of 'B' form covalent bond with 3 valence e⁻ of Si (neighboring atom). 4th covalent bond however remains incomplete as a result vacancy (Hole) is created. Here trivalent impurity provide charge carriers for conduction.

incomplete
covalent
bond.

Boron
impurity



P-Type Semiconductor



Majority carriers \rightarrow holes

Minority carriers \rightarrow electrons.

There are three
particle in
P-Type Semiconductor

Acceptor ions.

holes

electrons

Ques Differentiate between N-type & P-type Semiconductor.

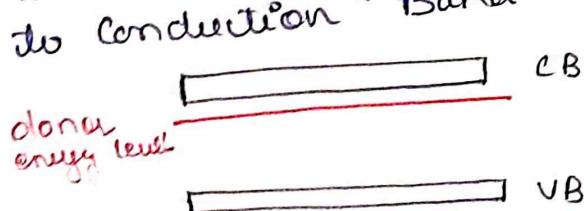
N-Type Semiconductor

1. Pentavalent impurities such as (P, As, Sb) are added.

2. Impurities are called Donor atom.

3. Majority carrier are electron
Minority carrier are holes.

4. The donor energy level is close
to Conduction Band.



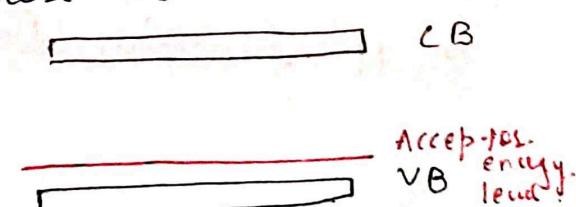
P-Type Semiconductor

1. Trivalent impurities such as (B, Al, Ga) are added.

2. Impurities are called Acceptor atom.

3. Majority carrier are holes.
Minority carrier are electrons.

4. The acceptor energy level is close to Valence Band.



Ques What do you mean by doping? (AKTU QUESTION)

Doping is the process of adding impurities to intrinsic semiconductor. Trivalent and pentavalent atoms are used for doping.

When trivalent impurities are added then it becomes p-type semiconductor. When pentavalent impurities are added then it becomes n-type semiconductor.

Need of Doping — Doping is done to increase the conductivity of Semiconductor devices. Doping creates extra holes or extra electrons to increase the flow of currents. So conductivity of intrinsic semiconductor increases.

Type of current in Semiconductor :- There are two type of current in semiconductors (a) drift current (b) diffusion current.

1. Drift current :- Drift current is due to flow of charge carriers under the influence of electric field.

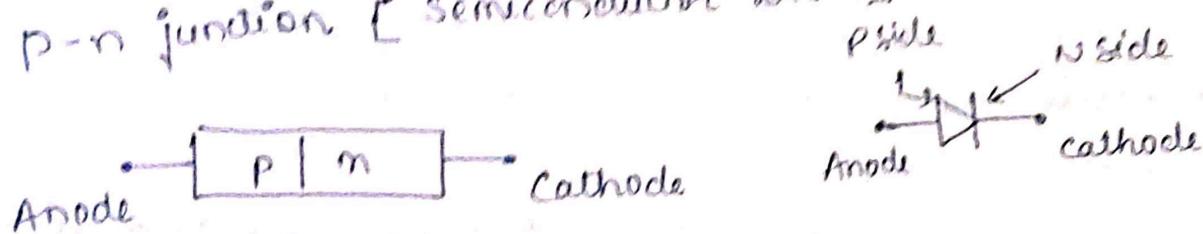
2. diffusion current :- Diffusion current is due to movement of charge carriers from higher concentration to lower concentration (because of concentration gradient).

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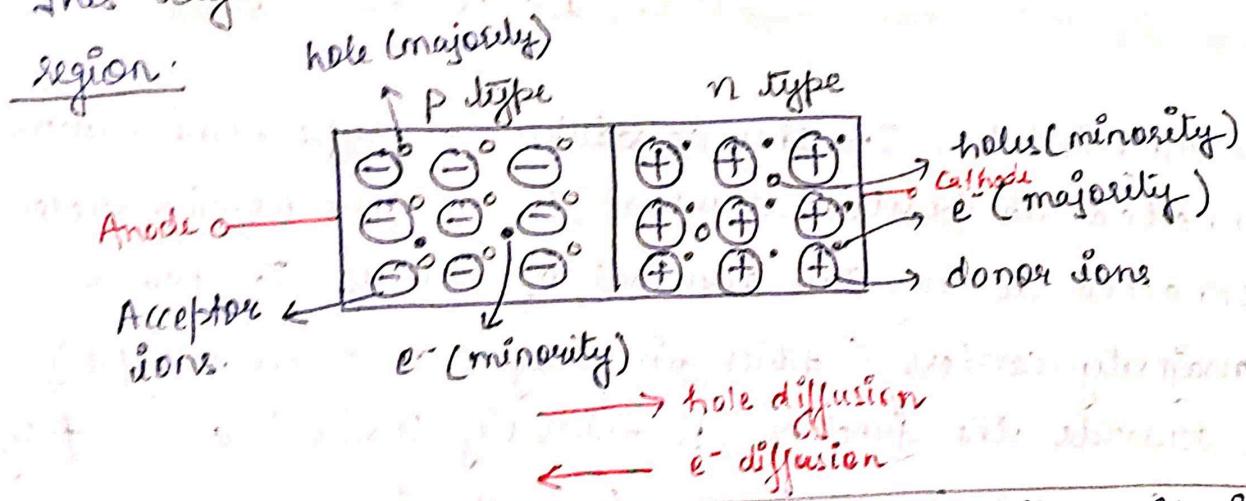
P-N junction Diode

Ques. Define depletion layer in a diode [AKTU QUESTION]

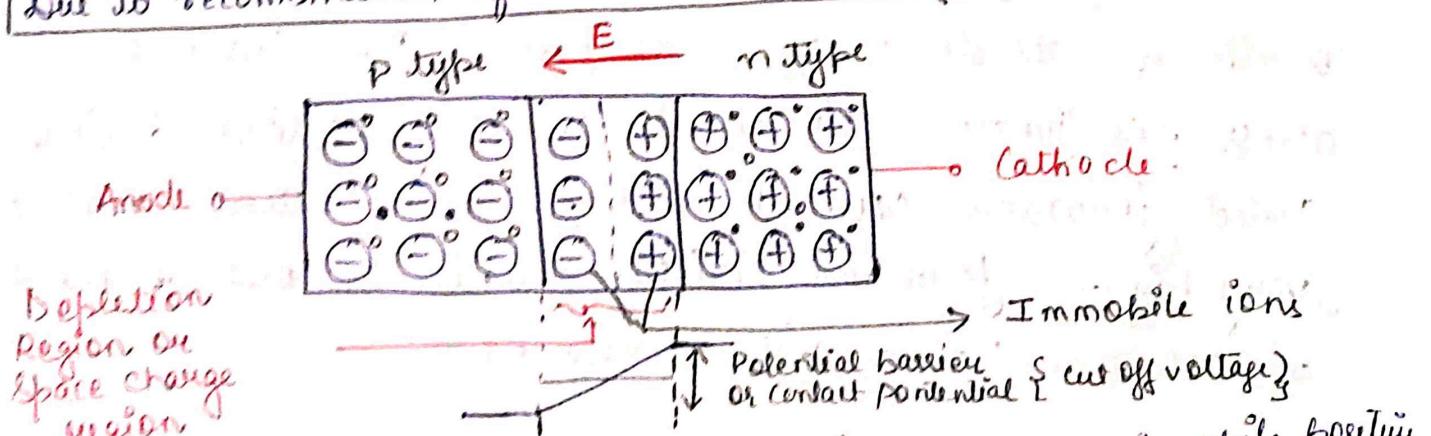
When a p-type semiconductor material is suitably joined to a n-type semiconductor, the contact surface is called p-n junction [Semiconductor Diode].



When a p-n junction is formed then hole starts to move from n to p due to concentration gradient. This is called diffusion process. An electric field is generated at the junction which stops the further movement of electrons & holes. So, a layer of immobile ions is formed at the junction. This layer is called depletion layer or space charge region.



Due to recombination of hole & electron only immobile ion are left



A electric field is created due to presence of immobile positive & negative ions on opposite side of junction is known as Barrier

potential or junction potential or cut off voltage / Knee Voltage
Due to presence of depletion region, the charge carriers (e^- & holes) can't cross the junction anymore & the current flowing through an unbiased p-n junction is zero.

NOTE: Explain the knee voltage. What is the knee voltage for Ge & Si?

A minimum positive voltage is required to start conduction in a forward biased diode. This minimum positive voltage is called knee voltage or cut off voltage (V_k).

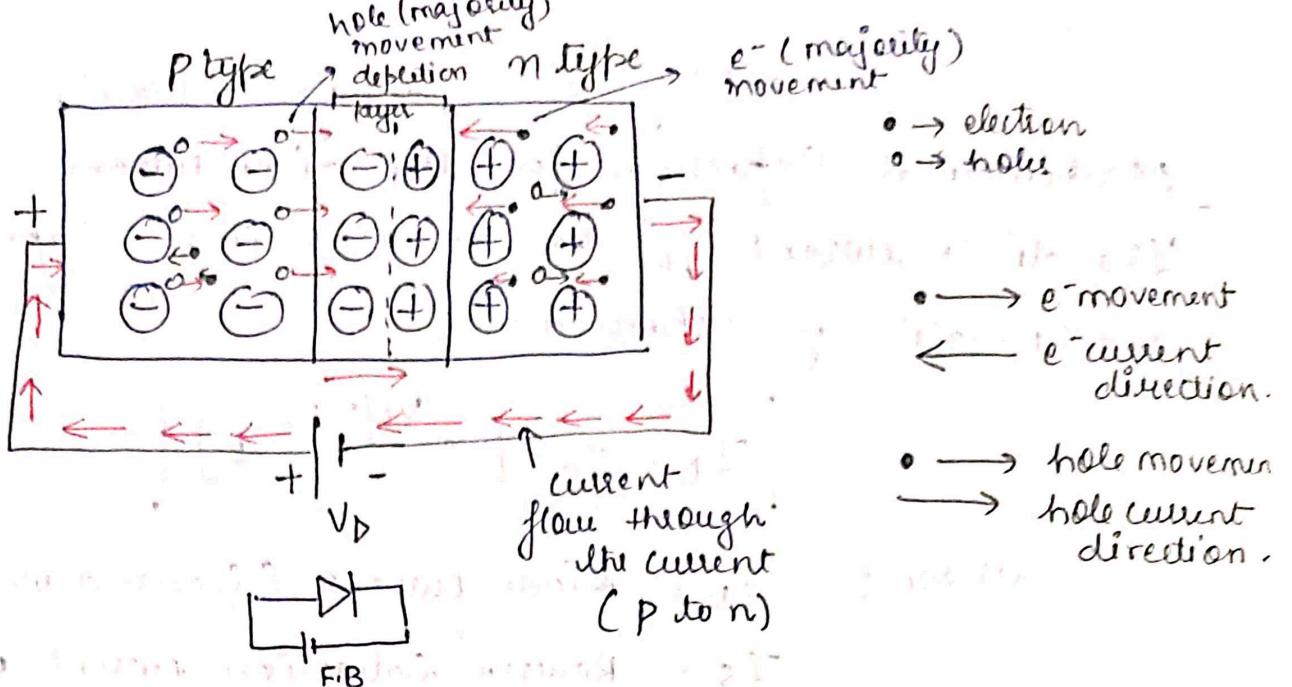
for Ge, $V_k = 0.3$ Volt

Si $V_k = 0.7$ Volt

Connecting a p-n junction to an external dc voltage source is called Biasing.

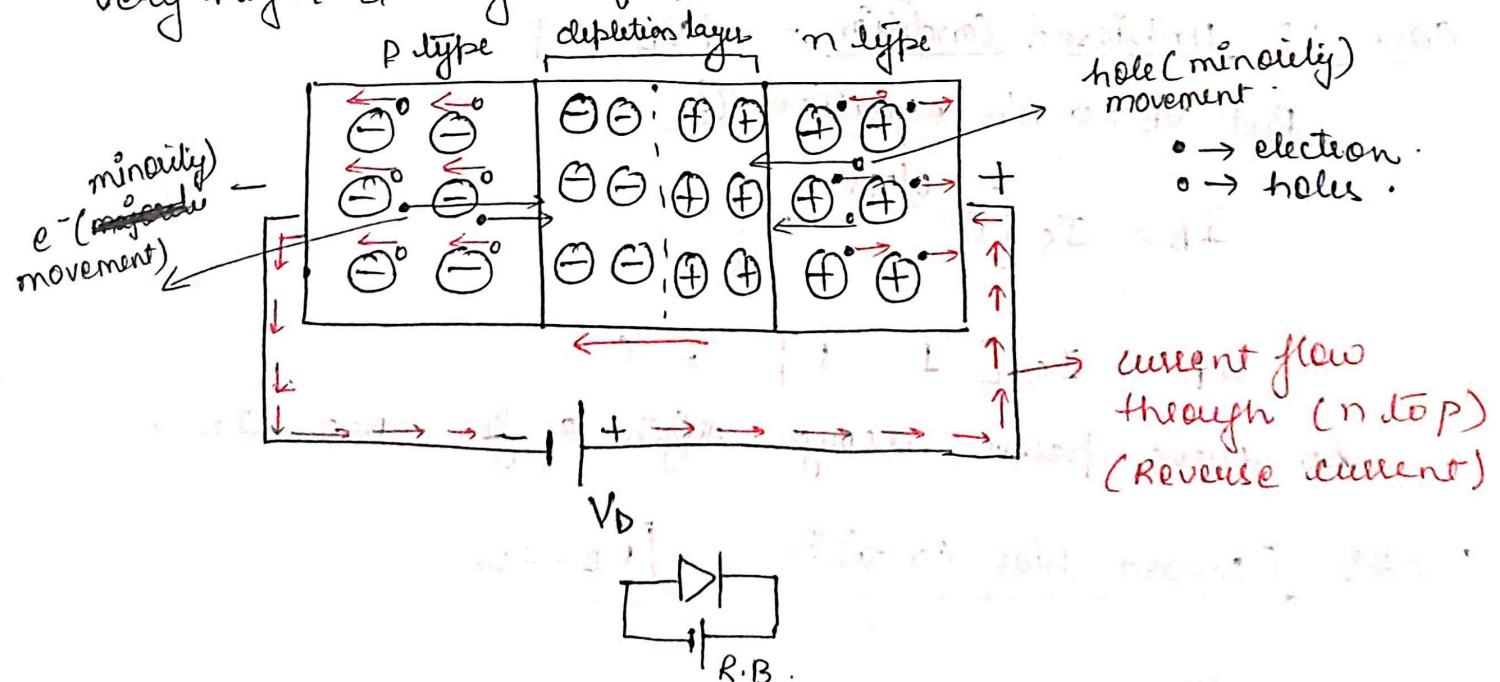
J. ~~Imp.~~ Ques Explain the working of p-n junction under forward bias & reverse bias condition [AKTU QUESTION].

Forward Bias :- In this condition, p-type semiconductor is connected to positive terminal & n-type semiconductor is connected to negative terminal of battery. In forward bias majority carriers (holes in p-type & e^- in n-type) moves towards the junction & minority carriers (e^- in p-type & hole in n-type) move away from the junction. So width of depletion layer decreases. The current across the junction is due to majority carriers & it is called forward current. So forward current will be very high, forward resistance will be low & height of potential barrier will decrease.



Reverse Bias — In this condition p-type semiconductor is connected to negative & n-type semiconductor is connected to positive terminal of battery. So majority carrier move away from the junction (holes in p-type & e⁻ in n-type) & minority carriers (e⁻ in p-type & hole in n-type) move towards the junction. So, width of depletion layer increases. The current across the junction is due to minority carriers & it is called reverse saturation current or leakage current.

So, current will be very low, reverse resistance will be very high & height of potential barrier will increase.



Lecture - 03

Shockley Diode Current Equation

Mathematical Expression for diode current -

The diode current "I_D" has an exponential shape. It is mathematically expressed as :-

$$I_D = I_S [e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta N_T}} - 1]$$

Where : I_D = Diode current (forward or reverse)

I_S = Reverse Saturation current or leakage current

V_D = Diode voltage (voltage across diode)

η = Ideality factor for Ge $\eta = 1$. Si $\eta = 2$

$N_T = \frac{T}{11,600}$ (volt equivalent of Temperature)

(T should be in Kelvin)

at room temp. $N_T = 26 \text{ mV}$.

Ques Draw & Explain the V-I characteristics of p-n junction diode. [AKTU QUESTION]

V-I characteristics of a p-n junction diode is a graph of voltage across diode vs the current flowing through it.

Diode current equation :-

$$I_D = I_S [e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta N_T}} - 1] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Case 1: Unbiased Condition - $V_D = 0$

Put $V_D = 0$ in equation (1).

$$I_D = I_S [e^{0/\eta N_T} - 1]$$

$$I_D = I_S [1 - 1] = 0$$

So curve passes through origin as for $V_D = 0$, $I_D = 0$.

Case 2: Forward bias condition - $V_D = +ve$

Put $V_D + V_e$ in equation ①

$$I_D = I_S [e^{(V_D + V_e)/NVT} - 1]$$

But $e^{V_D/NVT} \gg 1$

Therefore equation reduces to $I_D \approx I_S e^{(V_D/NVT)}$

Hence Forward characteristic is of exponential nature
(1st quadrant)

Case 3 : Reverse Bias Condition : $|V_D| = -V_e$

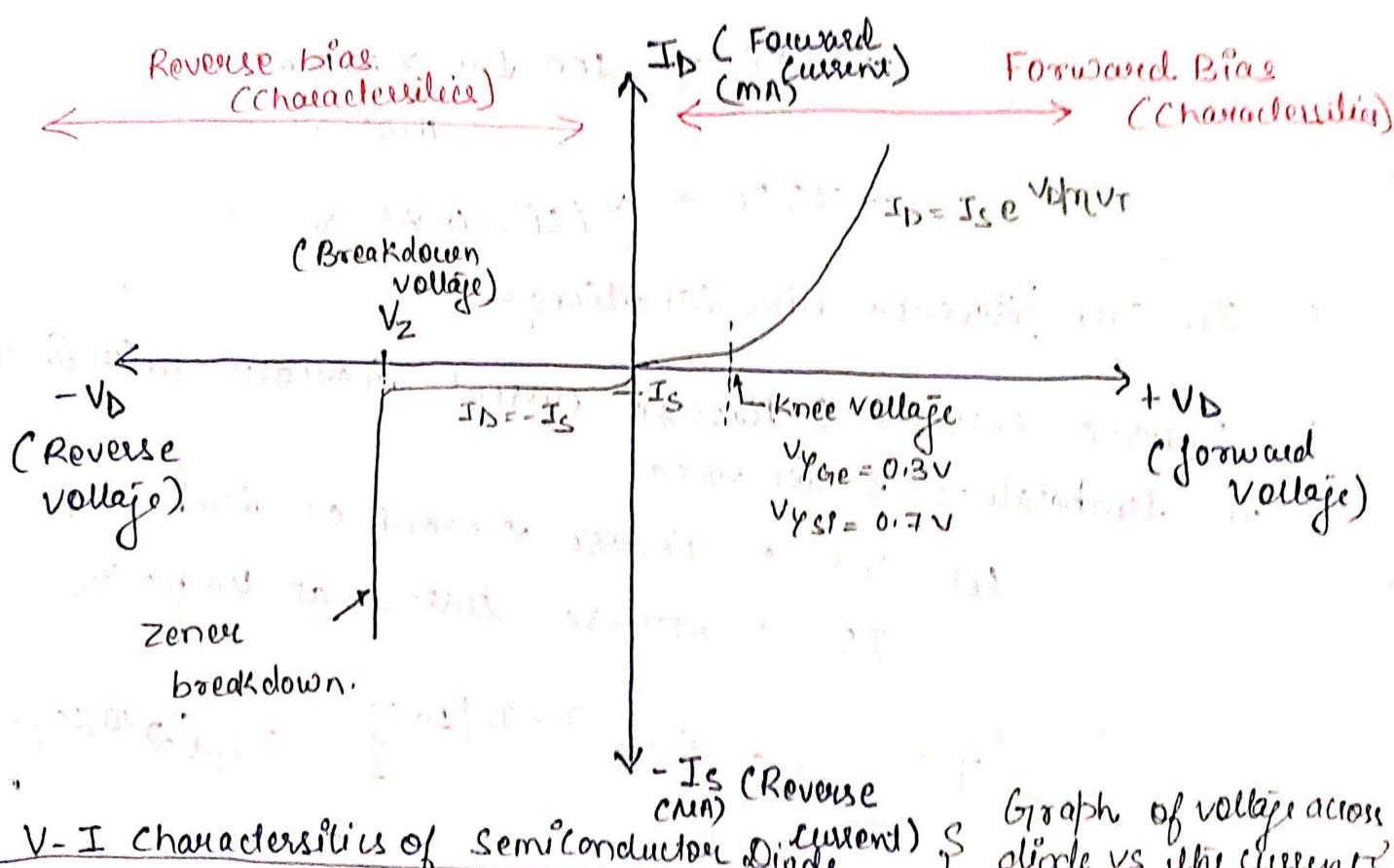
Put $V_D = -V_e$ in equation ①

$$I_D = I_S [e^{-V_D/NVT} - 1] \Rightarrow I_S \left[\frac{1}{e^{V_D/NVT}} - 1 \right]$$

But $\frac{1}{e^{V_D/NVT}} \ll 1$

So equation reduces to $I_D \approx -I_S$

Hence Reverse characteristic is represented by a straight line (3rd quadrant).



V-I characteristics of Semiconductor Diode

Graph of voltage across diode vs the current flowing through it

$$I_{S, Si} : nA$$

$$I_{S, Ge} : mA$$

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Ques: Explain the effect of temperature on the V-I characteristics of p-n junction diode [AKTU QUESTION]

The diode current $I_D = I_S [e^{V_D / (nV_T)}]$

Two parameters I_S & V_T in the expression for diode current are temperature dependent.

Effect of temperature - @ In case of forward biased region

The characteristics of Si diode shift to the left at a rate of $2.5 \text{ mV}/^\circ\text{C}$ rise in temperature. & vice versa.

$$\text{Let at } 25^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow V_{D, Si} = 0.7 \text{ V}$$

$$125^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow 100 \text{ deg} \times 2.5 \text{ mV}$$

$$125^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow V_{D, Si} = 0.25 \text{ V}$$

$$-75^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow 100 \text{ deg} \times 2.5 \text{ mV} \\ = 0.25 \text{ V}$$

$$-75^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow V_{D, Si} = 0.85 \text{ V}$$

(b) In case Reverse bias condition -

\Rightarrow Reverse current \propto Reverse current increases with increase in temperature & vice versa.

Let I_{S1} : Reverse current at temp. T_1

I_{S2} : Reverse current at temp. T_2

$$I_{S2} = I_{S1} \left[2^{\frac{T_2 - T_1}{10}} \right] = I_{S1} (2^{\Delta T / 10})$$

Generally reverse current doubles for every 10°C rise in temperature -

$$\text{Let at } 25^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 10\text{nA}$$

$$125^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 100\text{nA}$$

$$I_{S2} = I_{S1} 2$$

$$= 10 \times 2^{-9} \times 2^{10}$$

$$= 10240 \text{nA}$$

$$\text{Or } 10.24 \mu\text{A}$$

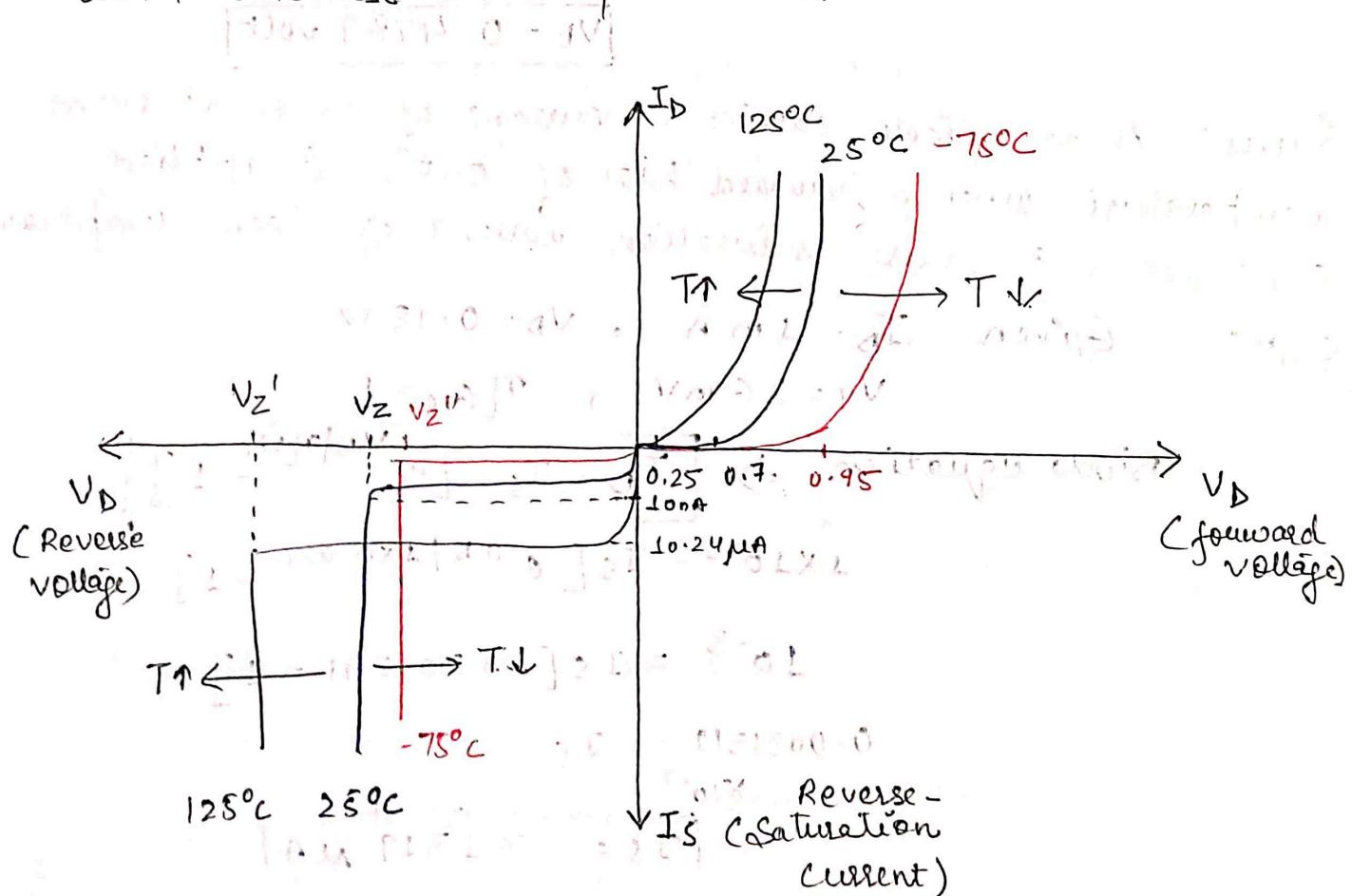
I_S increases [as n] from $25^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 125^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 100\text{nA}$

$$25^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 100\text{nA} \quad I_{S2} = I_{S1} 2^{-10/10}$$

$$= 10 \times 2^{-10} \text{nA}$$

$$= 0.00976 \text{nA}$$

\Rightarrow Breakdown Voltage (V_Z) : Breakdown voltage increases with increase in temperature & vice versa.



NOTE: Long Question on V-I characteristics of P-n junction diode.
And explain effect of temperature on V-I characteristics.

Lecture-04Question On diode equation

Ques: The reverse saturation current of Si° P-N junction diode is $10 \mu\text{A}$ at 300K . Determine the forward bias voltage to be applied to obtain diode current of 100mA .

Soln: Given $I_S = 10\text{mA}$ $\eta_{\text{Si}} = 2$ $V_T = 26\text{mV}$

$$I_D = 100\text{mA}$$

$$\text{Diode equation } \Rightarrow I_D = I_S [e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta V_T - 1}}]$$

$$100 \times 10^{-3} = 10 \times 10^{-6} [e^{\frac{V_D}{2 \times 26 \times 10^{-3} - 1}}]$$

$$10000 = e^{\frac{V_D}{0.052} - 1}$$

$$10001 = e^{\frac{V_D}{0.052}}$$

taking natural log (\ln) on both sides.

$$\ln(10001) = \frac{V_D}{0.052}$$

$$9.210 \times 0.052 = V_D$$

$$V_D = 0.4789 \text{ volt}$$

Ques: A Ge diode carries a current of 1mA at 200mV temperature when a forward bias of 0.15V is applied. Estimate the reverse saturation current at 80mV temperature.

Soln: Given $I_D = 1\text{mA}$, $V_D = 0.15\text{V}$

$$V_T = 26\text{mV}, \eta_{\text{Ge}} = 1$$

$$\text{Diode equation } \Rightarrow I_D = I_S [e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta V_T - 1}}]$$

$$1 \times 10^{-3} = I_S [e^{0.15 / 1 \times 0.026} - 1]$$

$$10^{-3} = I_S [3.20291 - 1]$$

$$0.0031319 = I_S$$

$$\times 10^{-3}$$

$$I_S = 3.1319 \mu\text{A}$$

Ques: A Si° diode has a saturation current of 5nA at 25°C . What is the saturation current at 100°C .

Soln: Reverse saturation current equation

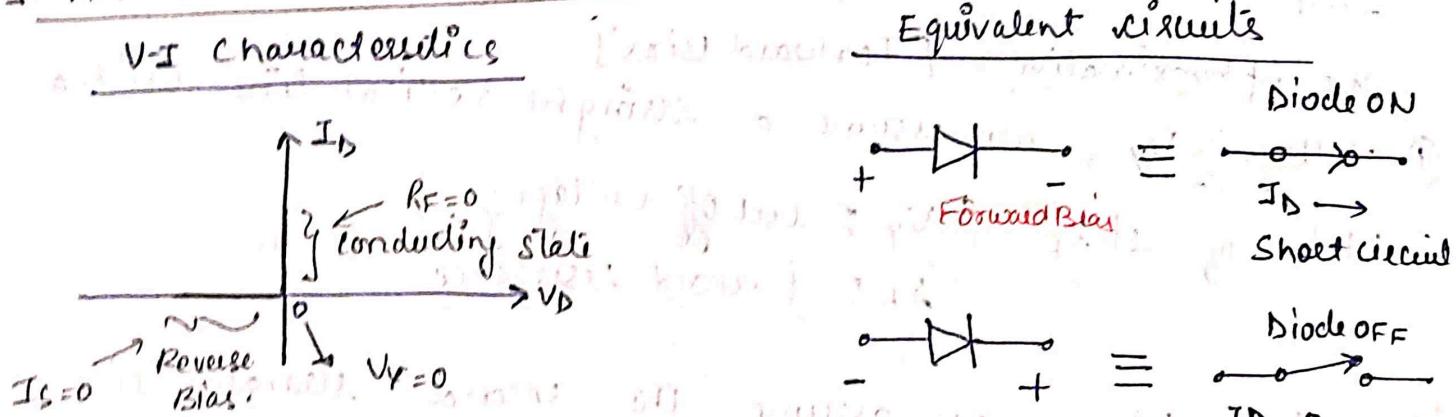
$$I_{S2} = I_{S1} [2^{(T_2 - T_1)/10}] \quad \text{Given: } I_{S1} = 5 \text{ nA}$$
$$I_{S2} = 5 \times 10^{-9} [2^{(100-25)/10}] \quad T_1 = 25^\circ\text{C}$$
$$I_{S2} = 5 \times 10^{-9} [2^{75/10}] \quad T_2 = 100^\circ\text{C}$$
$$I_{S2} = 2^{7.5} \times 5 \times 10^{-9}$$
$$\boxed{I_{S2} = 905.0966 \text{ nA}}$$

Ques: Explain all the equivalent/approximation circuits of a diode. [AKTU QUESTION]

Diode is a non linear device because its input/output characteristics is nonlinear. The analysis of a nonlinear circuit is not as straight forward as the analysis of a linear circuit.

Equivalent linear Equivalent circuits -

1. An Ideal diode (First Approximation):



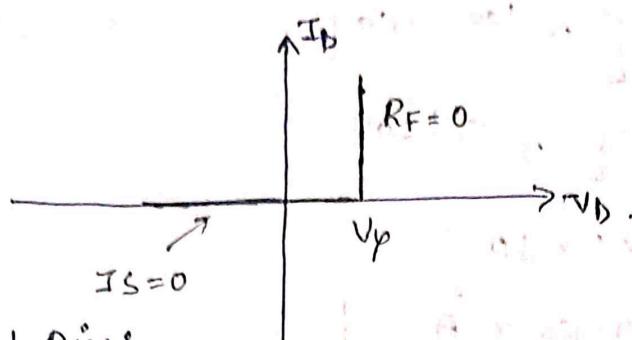
Ideal diode can be used as a perfect switch.

If the diode is Forward bias it acts as close switch, $R_F = 0$ (forward resistance = 0), $V_F = 0$.

For Reverse bias, diode acts as open switch, $I_D = 0$ reverse current is zero as diode resistance is infinite.

2. Simplified equivalent circuit - [Second Approximation]

V-I characteristics



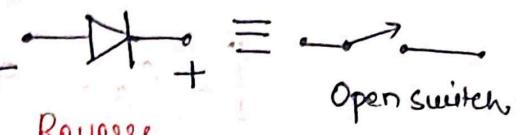
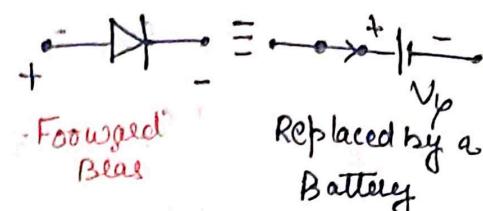
Forward Bias:

Since diode forward resistance is low, so it can be neglected i.e.

i.e. $R_F = 0$. Diode is replaced by battery (V_y : cut off voltage of diode).

Reverse Bias: Acts as an open switch ($I_S = 0$)

Equivalent circuits



3. Piecewise linear equivalent circuits :- In this circuit diode non-linear characteristics is replaced by a straight line.

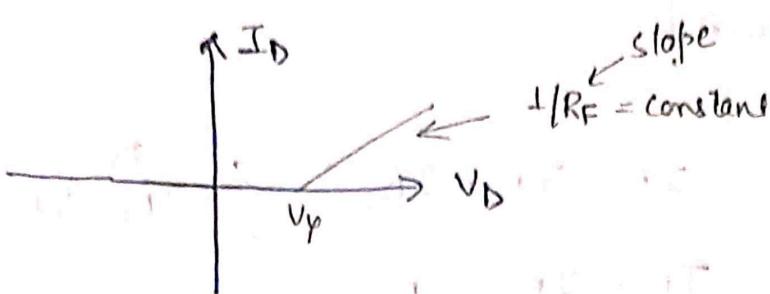
Two Approximation - [Forward Bias]

- ① Voltage $\geq V_y$, we assume a straight vertical line with a slope of $-1/R_F$. { V_p : cut off voltage } R_F : forward resistance.

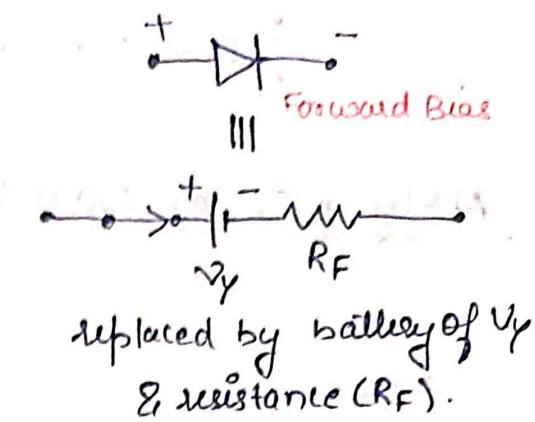
- ② Voltage $< V_y$, we assume the second straight line approximation, parallel to value V_p (X axis) at zero current level.

Reverse Bias : Acts as an open switch ($I_S = 0$)

V-I characteristics



Equivalent circuit



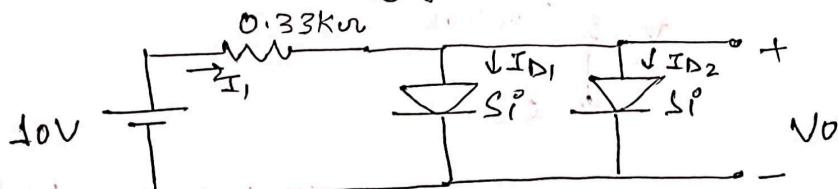
replaced by battery of V_p & resistance (R_F).



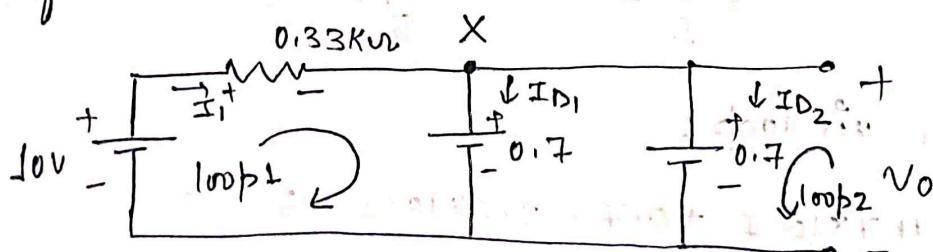
open switch.

Lecture - 05 Problems based on Series & parallel circuit of diode

Ques: Determine V_o , I_1 , ID_1 & ID_2 for the parallel diode configuration shown in figure below.



Soln: When Si diode is forward bias then it is replaced by a short circuit or a battery of 0.7V (knee voltage of Si). Here Both the Si diodes are forward bias, so replaced by a battery of 0.7V .



Apply KVL in loop 1 :-

$$-10 + 0.33 \times 10^{-3} I_1 + 0.7 = 0$$

$$0.33 \times 10^{-3} I_1 = 9.3$$

$$I_1 = \frac{9.3}{0.33 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$I_1 = 28.181 \text{ mA}$$

Apply KCL at Node X

$$I_1 = I_{D1} + I_{D2}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{as} \\ I_{D1} = I_{D2} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\frac{I_1}{2} = I_{D1} = I_{D2}$$

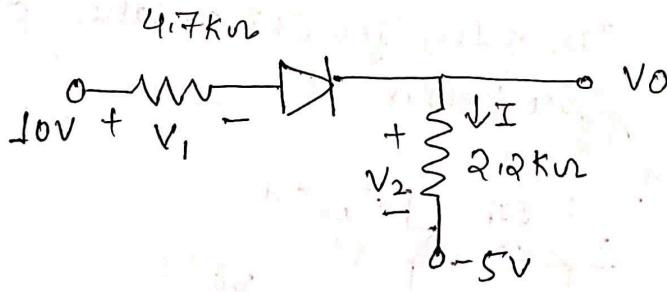
$$I_{D1} = I_{D2} = \frac{28.181}{2} = 14.09 \text{ mA}$$

Apply KVL in loop 2 -

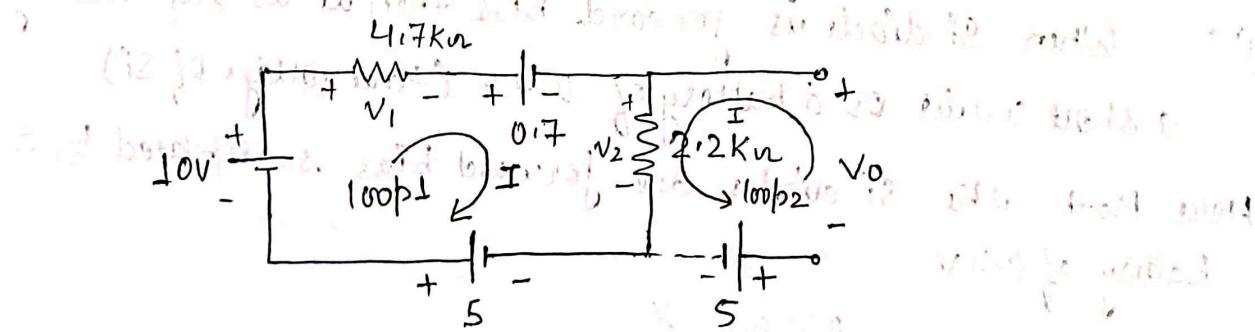
$$V_0 + 0.7 = 0$$

$$V_0 = -0.7 \text{ V}$$

Ques Determine I , V_1 , V_2 & V_0 for the following circuit.



Redraw the circuit, and replace Si diode by battery of 0.7V



Apply KVL in loop 1 -

$$-10 + 4.7 \times 10^3 I + 0.7 + 2.2 \times 10^3 I - 5 = 0$$

$$-14.3 + 6.9 \times 10^3 I = 0$$

$$I = -14.3 / 6.9 \times 10^3 = 2.0724 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$I = 2.0724 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_1 = 4.7 \times 10^3 \times 2.0724 \times 10^{-3} \quad [V = IR]$$

$$\boxed{V_1 = 9.73 \text{ V}}$$

$$V_2 = 2.2 \times 10^3 \times 2.0724 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\boxed{V_2 = 4.55 \text{ V}}$$

Apply KVL in loop 2

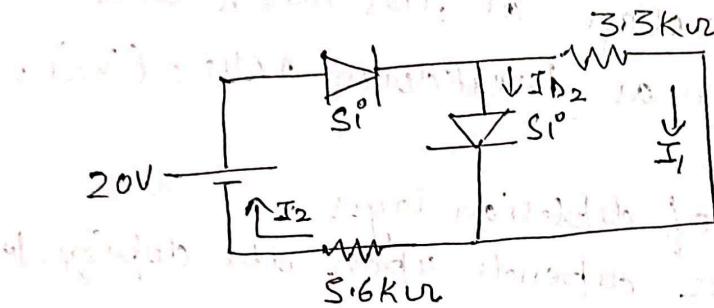
$$-V_0 + 2.2 \times 10^3 \times 2.0724 \times 10^{-3} - 5 = 0$$

$$V_0 = 4.55 - 5$$

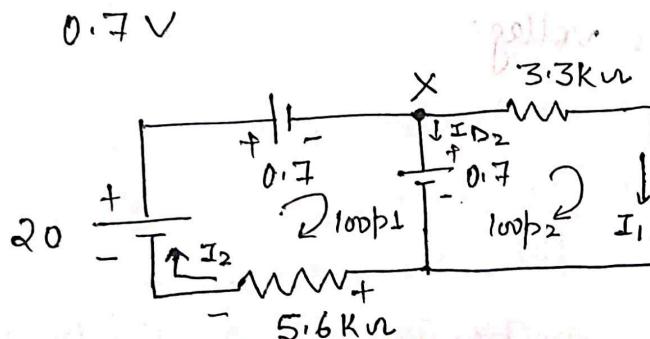
$$\boxed{V_0 = -0.45 \text{ V}}$$

-ve sign shows that
\$V_0\$ polarity is different
from applied one.

Ques Determine \$I_1\$, \$I_2\$ & \$ID_2\$ for the following circuit -



Both diodes are forward bias, so replaced by battery of \$0.7 \text{ V}\$



Apply KVL in loop 1

$$-20 + 0.7 + 0.7 + 5.6 \times 10^3 (I_2) = 0$$

$$5.6 \times 10^3 (I_2) = 18.6$$

$$I_2 = \frac{18.6}{5.6 \times 10^3}$$

$$\boxed{I_2 = 3.321 \text{ mA}}$$

Apply KVL in loop 2

$$-0.7 + 3.3 \times 10^3 I_1 = 0$$

$$I_1 = 0.7 / 3.3 \times 10^3$$

$$\boxed{I_1 = 0.212 \text{ mA}}$$

Apply KCL at Node X

$$I_2 = I_{D1} + I_P$$

$$I_{D1} = I_2 - I_P$$

$$= (3.32 - 0.212) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$I_{D1} = 3.102 \text{ mA}$$

Lecture - 06

Breakdown Mechanism

Breakdown mechanism occurs in reverse biased diode. If applied reverse voltage is continuously increased a condition come at which current increases at a very rapid rate. The maximum reverse voltage at which this condition is achieved is known as breakdown voltage (V_Z).

- It depends on width of depletion layer.
- Width of depletion layer depends upon the doping level.
- The following two process cause junction breakdown due to increase in reverse bias voltage.

(a) Zener Breakdown

(b) Avalanche Breakdown

Ques Describe Breakdown mechanism of diode [AKTU QUESTION]

If the reverse bias applied to p-n junction is increased a point will reach when the junction breakdown & reverse current rises sharply. This specific value of the reverse bias voltage is called breakdown voltage (V_Z). The following two process (Zener & Avalanche) causes junction breakdown.

(i) Zener Breakdown :- It occurs in highly doped diode.

Due to heavy doping of p & n side of diode, the depletion region is narrow in the reverse biased condition. As all the

reverse voltage 'V' appears across the depletion region.

Therefore Electric field is very intense across the depletion

region [Causes high electric field in depletion region].

This high electric field can pull some of the valence electrons from conduction band into by breaking covalent bonds. These electrons then becomes free e⁻. & will constitute a large reverse current. This is called Zener breakdown.

Zener breakdown occurs for voltage less than 6V.

Temperature coefficient for zener breakdown is negative (means raising in temperature will cause smaller breakdown voltage).

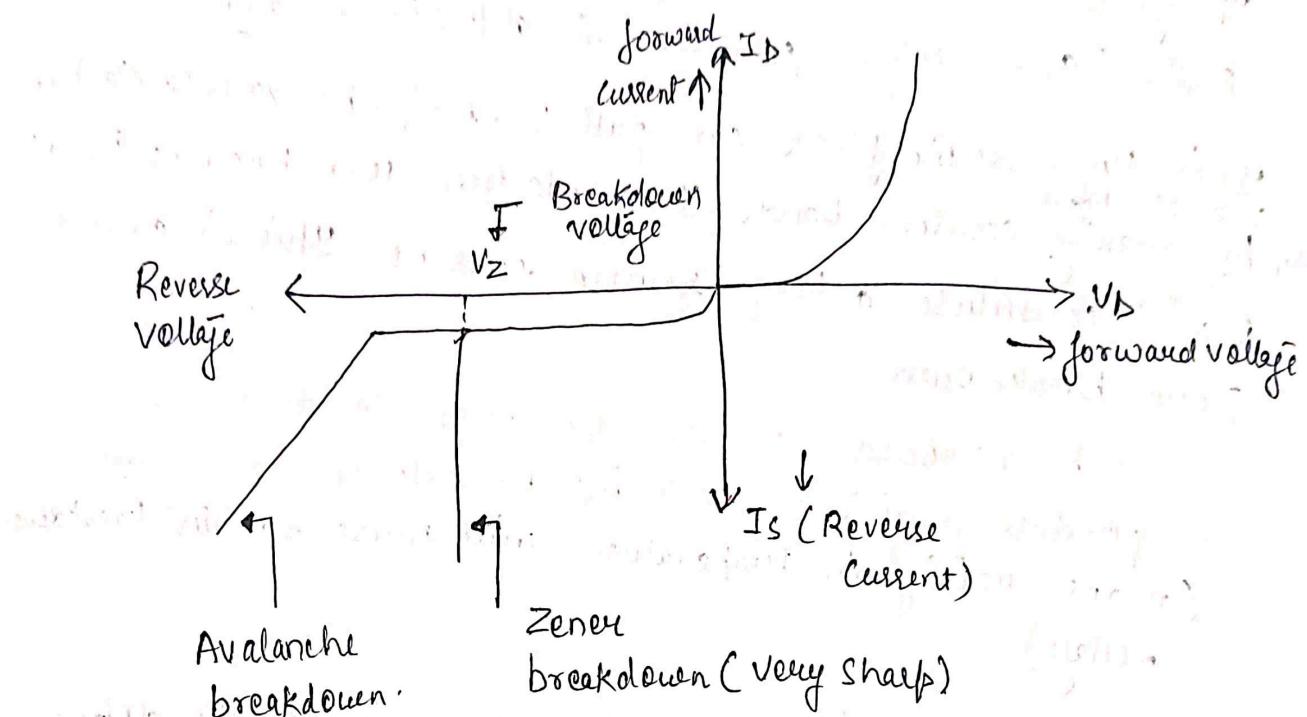
(ii) Avalanche Breakdown - It occurs in lightly doped diode. In this width of depletion region is wide. So electric field & force is low. Therefore can't break covalent bond.

But as the reverse bias voltage is increased (large), the kinetic energy of minority carriers increase. While travelling these minority carriers will collide with the stationary atoms & present in depletion layer & impart some of the kinetic energy to the valence e⁻. These valence e⁻ will break their covalent bond and jump into conduction band to become free e⁻.

Now these newly generated free electrons get accelerated. They will knock some more valence e⁻ by means of collision. This phenomenon is called as carrier multiplication or Avalanche breakdown.

Avalanche breakdown occurs at voltage greater than 6V
 Temperature coefficient is positive (Raising the temperature will cause larger breakdown voltage).

V-I characteristics



Ques Differentiate between Avalanche & Zener Breakdown.

Zener Breakdown

1. Occur in highly doped diode
2. Due to very high electric field, valence e^- are pulled into conduction band.
3. Tunneling effect occurs.
4. Occurs less than 6V.
5. V-I characteristics is very sharp.
6. Covalent bond breaks directly.
7. Temperature coefficient is negative.

Avalanche Breakdown

1. Occur in lightly doped diode.
2. Valence e^- are pushed into conduction band due to energy imparted by collision of accelerated minority carriers.
3. Ionization effect occurs.
4. Occur greater than 6V.
5. V-I characteristics is not as sharp as zener diode.
6. Covalent bonds break indirectly.
7. Temperature coefficient is positive.

APPLICATION of P-N Junction Diode

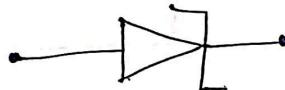
Some applications of p-n junction diode are as follows -

1. Rectifier circuits.
2. Clipping & clamping circuits.
3. Voltage multipliers.
4. Log & antilog amplifiers using OPAMP.

ZENER DIODE :

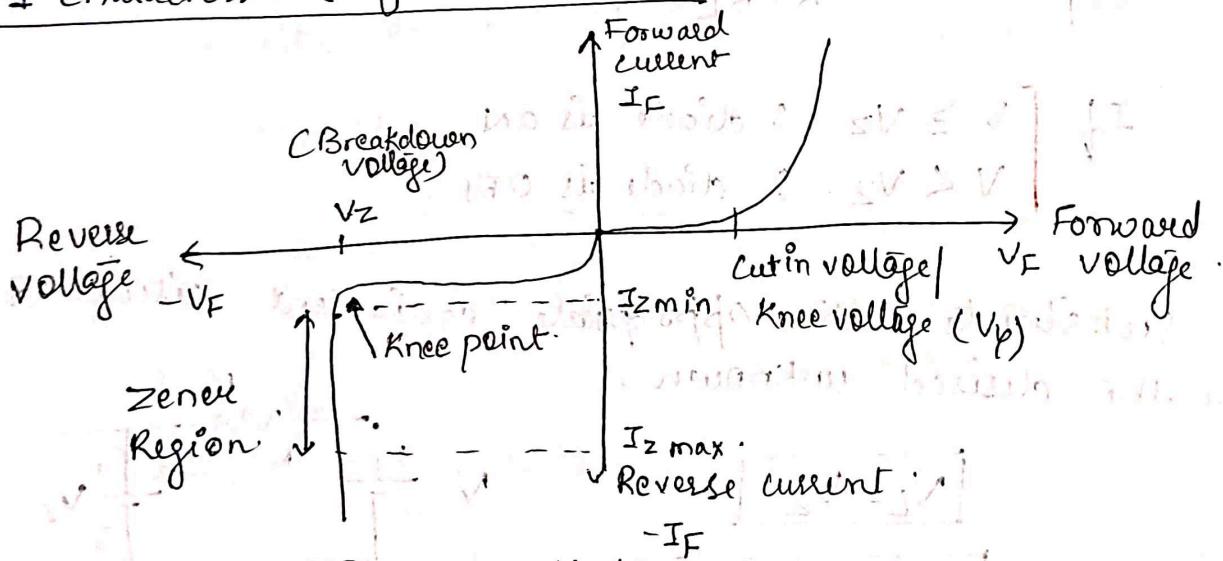
Zener diode is a type of diode that allows current to flow not only from its anode to its cathode, but also in the reverse direction, when the Zener voltage is reached.

Zener diode is a special type of p-n junction semiconductor diode which is used in Breakdown region. It is used for voltage regulation.

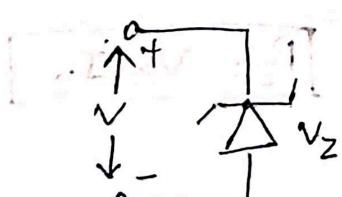


Symbol.

V-I characteristic of a Zener diode



Equivalent circuit of zener diode



If $V \geq V_z$

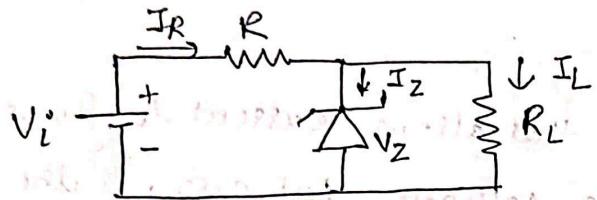
I_F

$\frac{I}{J} + V_z$ (Replaced by battery of V_z)

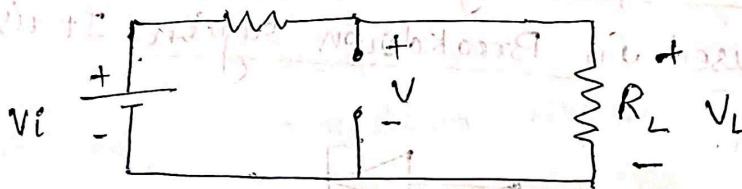
open circuit

Zener diode as a Shunt voltage Regulator :

Voltage Regulators : A voltage regulator is a combination of elements designed to ensure that the output voltage of a supply remains constant.

(I) Fixed V_i & Fixed R_L 

Determine the state of zener diode by removing it from the circuit & find the voltage across the open circuit.



$$V = V_L = \frac{V_i R_L}{R + R_L}$$

using voltage division law.

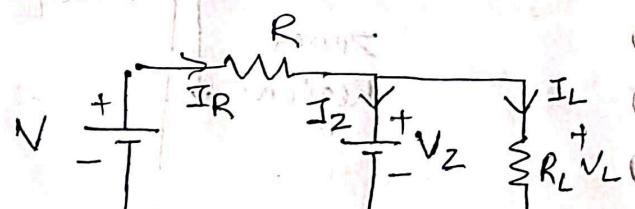
If $V \geq V_z$: diode is ON
 $V < V_z$: diode is OFF

Then substitute the appropriate equivalent circuit & solve for the desired unknown.

$$V_L = V_z$$

$$I_R = I_z + I_L$$

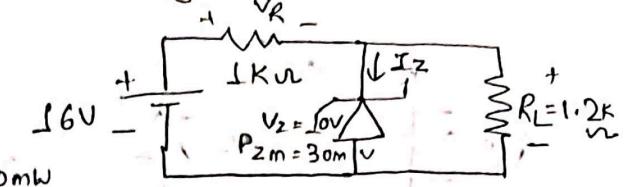
$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{V_z}{R_L}$$



$$P_z = V_z I_z$$

Example: For the zener diode network, find
 (a) V_L , V_R , I_Z & P_Z
 (b) Repeat part (a) with $R_L = 3\text{k}\Omega$

Given: $V_i^o = 16\text{V}$ $R = 10^3\Omega$ $V_Z = 10\text{V}$ $P_{Z\max} = 30\text{mW}$



(a) First check whether diode is ON or OFF.

$$V = V_L = \frac{V_i^o R_L}{R_L + R} = \frac{16 \times 1.2 \times 10^3}{1.2 \times 10^3 + 10^3} = \frac{19.2}{2.2} = 8.72\text{V}$$

Given $V_Z = 10\text{V}$

If $V \geq V_Z$: Diode is ON

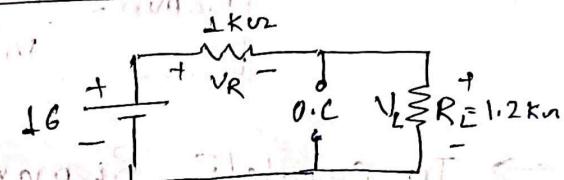
$V < V_Z$: Diode is OFF

Here $V = 8.72 < V_Z = 10$: Diode is OFF

$$V_R = V_i^o - V_L$$

$$V_R = 7.27\text{V}$$

$$I_Z = 0 \quad P_Z = V_Z \times I_Z = 0\text{W}$$



(b) Check whether diode is ON or OFF with $R_L = 3\text{k}\Omega$

$$V = V_L = \frac{V_i^o R_L}{R + R_L} = \frac{16 \times 3 \times 10^3}{1 \times 10^3 + 3 \times 10^3} = 12\text{V}$$

Here $V = 12\text{V} > V_Z = 10\text{V}$: Diode is ON

$$V_L = V_Z = 10\text{V}$$

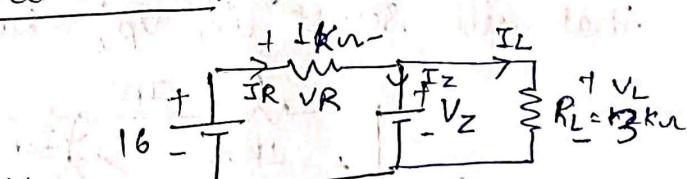
$$V_R = V_i^o - V = 16 - 10 = 6\text{V}$$

$$I_R = I_Z + I_L$$

$$I_Z = I_R - I_L$$

$$= 6 - 3.33 = 2.67\text{mA}$$

$$I_Z = 2.67\text{mA}$$

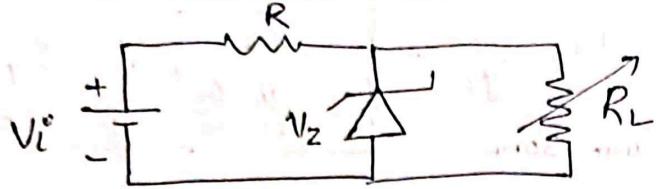


$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{10}{3 \times 10^3} = 3.33\text{mA}$$

$$I_R = \frac{V_R}{R} = \frac{6}{10^3} = 6\text{mA}$$

$$P_Z = V_Z I_Z = (10)(2.67 \times 10^{-3}) = 26.7\text{mW}$$

II Fixed V_i^o & Variable R_L



We have to determine range of R_L —

→ To determine $R_{L\min}$ that will turn the Zener diode ON we put $V_L = V_Z$

$$V_L = V_Z \quad \boxed{V_L = V_Z}$$

$$V_L = V_Z = \frac{R_L V_i^o}{R + R_L}$$

$$R_{L\min} = \frac{R V_Z}{V_i^o - V_Z}$$

$$I_{L\max} = \frac{V_Z}{R_{L\min}}$$

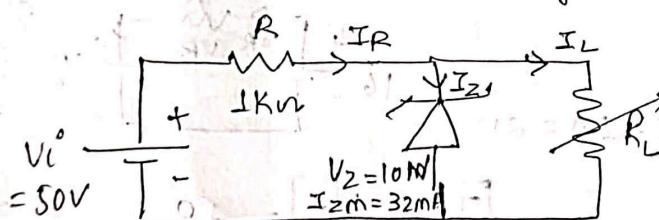
→ To calculate $R_{L\max}$ we have to calculate $I_{L\min}$

$$I_{L\min} = I_R - I_{Z\max}$$

$$I_R = \frac{V_R}{R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad V_R = V_i^o - V_Z$$

$$R_{L\max} = \frac{V_Z}{I_{L\min}}$$

Ques: In the following figure determine the range of R_L & I_L that will result in V_{RL} being maintained at 10V.



Given: $V_i^o = 50V$
 $R = 10^3 \Omega$
 $V_Z = 10$
 $I_{Z\max} = 32mA$

for $R_{L\min}$:

$$V_L = V_Z = \frac{R_L V_i^o}{R + R_L}$$

$$= \frac{50 \times R_{L\min}}{10^3 + R_{L\min}} = 10$$

$$R_{L\min} = \frac{10^3 \times 10}{50 - 10} = \frac{10 \times 10^3}{40} = 250 \Omega$$

$$I_{L\max} = \frac{V_Z}{R_{L\min}} = \frac{10}{250} = 0.04 \text{ or } 40mA$$

$$V_R = V_i^o - V_Z = 50 - 10 = 40 \text{ V}$$

$$I_R = \frac{V_R}{R} = \frac{40}{1 \times 10^3} = 40 \text{ mA}$$

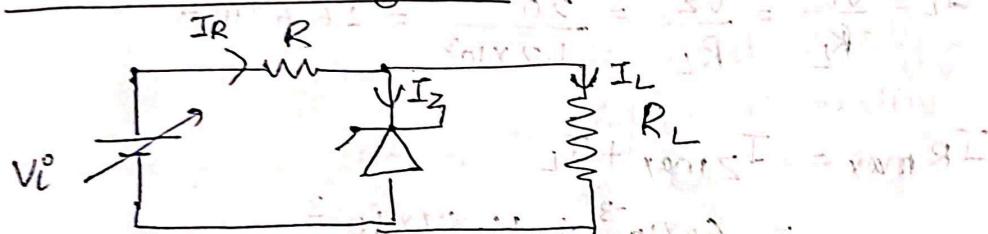
for $R_{L\max}$: $I_{L\min} = I_R - I_{Z\max}$ (Given $I_{Z\max} = 32 \text{ mA}$)

$$= (40 - 32) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$I_{L\min} = 8 \text{ mA}$$

$$R_{L\max} = \frac{V_Z}{I_{L\min}} = \frac{10}{8 \times 10^{-3}} = 1.25 \text{ k}\Omega$$

III Variable V_i^o & fixed R_L



We have to determine range of V_i^o -

The minimum voltage V_i^o that will turn ON the diode is calculated as -

$$V_L = V_Z = \frac{R_L V_i^o}{R + R_L}$$

$$V_{i\min} = \frac{(R + R_L) \cdot V_Z}{R_L}$$

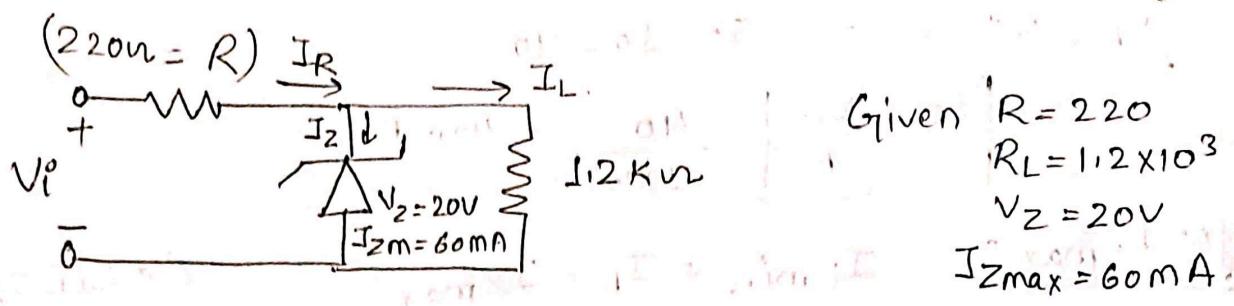
The maximum voltage $V_{i\max}$ is calculated as -

$$I_{R\max} = I_{Z\max} + I_L$$

$$V_{i\max} = V_{R\max} + V_Z$$

$$V_{i\max} = I_{R\max} R + V_Z$$

Ques" find the range of values of V_i^o that will maintain the Zener diode in ON state .



$$V_L = V_Z = \frac{R_L \cdot V_p}{R_L + R}$$

$$V_{min} = \frac{(R_L + R) V_Z}{R_L} = \frac{(1.2 \times 10^3 + 220) \times 20}{1200}$$

$$V_{min} = 23.66V$$

$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{V_Z}{R_L} = \frac{20}{1.2 \times 10^3} = 16.67mA$$

$$I_R max = I_{Zmax} + I_L$$

$$= 60 \times 10^{-3} + 16.67 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$I_{Rmax} = 76.67mA$$

$$V_{max} = I_{Rmax} \times R + V_Z$$

$$= (76.67 \times 10^{-3}) \times 0.22 \times 10^3 + 20$$

$$V_{max} = 36.8674V$$

Lecture-08

Rectification -

A rectifier is a device that converts alternating voltage (current) to pulsating direct voltage (current) or Bipolar signal to unipolar signal.

Rectifiers are of two types :-

(a) Half Wave Rectifier - a rectifier circuit that delivers power to load during only one half cycle of ac supply voltage.

OR

A type of rectifier that only allows half wave voltage to produce a unidirectional load current.

(b) Full Wave Rectifier - circuit which rectify both positive & negative half cycles of an input alternating waveform.

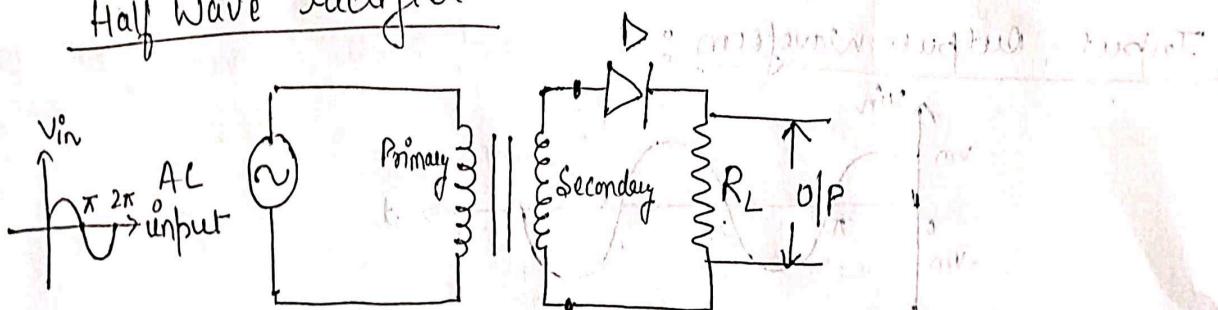
It can be further classify into two category:-

- centre tapped full wave rectifier

- full wave bridge rectifier

Ques: Draw & explain the working of half wave rectifier with input & output waveform. Also derive the expression for rectification efficiency. [AKTU QUESTION]

Half Wave Rectifier -

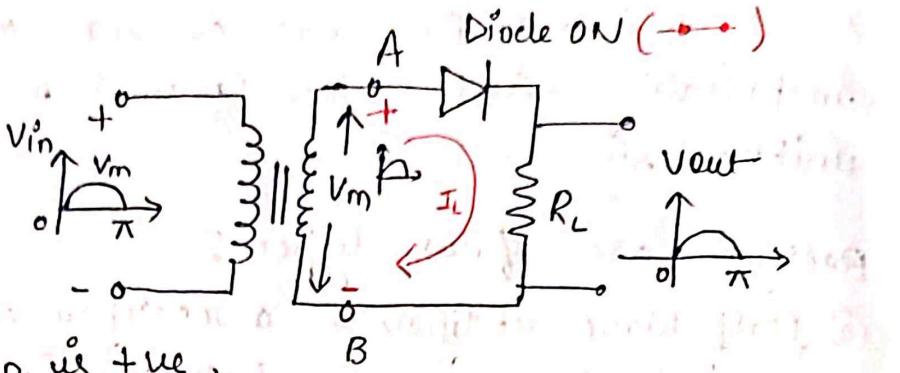


A half wave rectifier consists of a step down transformer, diode & load resistance. Input is applied across primary winding of transformer & output is taken out from load resistance R_L .

Working :-

Positive half cycle :

(0 - π) of ac supply;



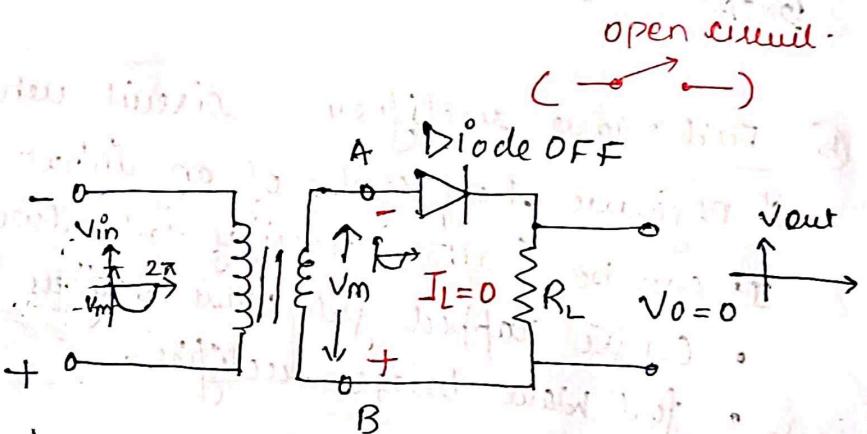
The secondary voltage V_{AB} is +ve,

A \rightarrow +ve B \rightarrow -ve

makes diode forward bias, so diode acts as short circuit and current flows through R_L & a voltage is developed across it.

Negative half cycle :

(π - 2π) of ac supply:

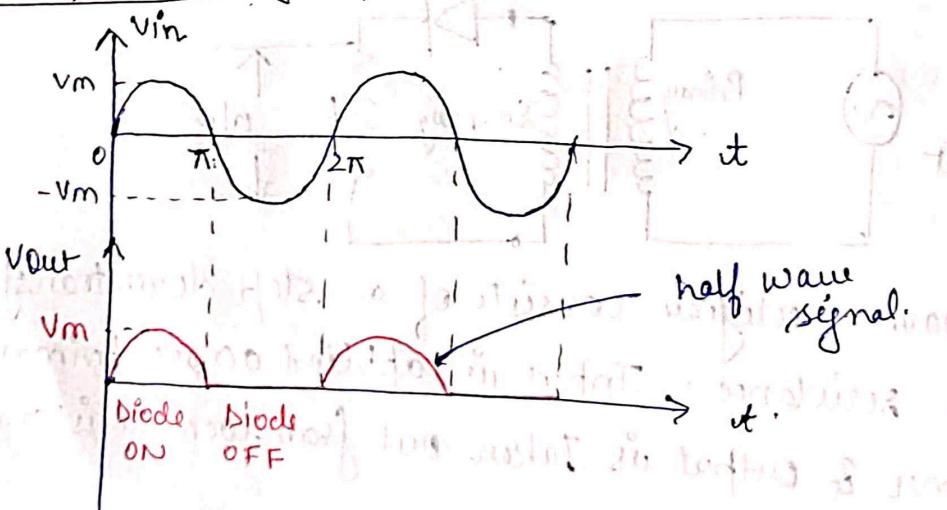


The secondary voltage V_{AB} is -ve

A \rightarrow -ve B \rightarrow +ve

makes diode reverse bias, so diode acts as open circuit & no current flows through R_L . Hence output voltage is zero

Input - Output Waveform :



Expression for rectification efficiency or Power conversion efficiency for half wave rectifier -

Rectification efficiency is defined as the ratio of dc output power & ac input power.

$$\eta = \frac{\text{dc output power}}{\text{ac input power}} = \frac{P_o(\text{dc})}{P_i(\text{ac})} \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

Now, $P_o(\text{dc}) = I^2 \text{dc} \times R_L$ --- (2) where R_L : load resistance
 $P_i(\text{ac}) = I^2 \text{rms} \times (R_L + r_f)$ r_f : diode resistance

* Remember it:

for HWR:

$$I_{\text{dc}} = I_m / \pi$$

$$I_{\text{rms}} = I_m / 2$$

Put value of I_{dc} & I_{rms} in eqn (2)

$$P_o(\text{dc}) = \left(\frac{I_m}{\pi} \right)^2 \times R_L \quad P_i(\text{ac}) = \left(\frac{I_m}{2} \right)^2 (R_L + r_f)$$

Put values in eqn (1)

$$\frac{P_o(\text{dc})}{P_i(\text{ac})} = \frac{I_m^2 / \pi^2 \times R_L}{I_m^2 / 4 \times (R_L + r_f)}$$

$$\eta = \frac{4 \times R_L}{\pi^2 (R_L + r_f)}$$

$$\text{if } r_f = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_{\max} = \frac{4 R_L}{\pi^2 (R_L)} = \frac{4}{\pi^2}$$

$$\eta_{\max} = 0.4052$$

$$\eta_{\max \%} = 40.6 \%$$

so, efficiency of half wave rectifier is low.

Q Expression for Ripple factor for Half wave Rectifier?

Ripple factor: defined as the ratio of rms value of ac component to dc component.

The output of rectifier has ac component (ripple) & dc component both. Ripple factor measure, how much amount of ac component is present in the output.

$$\gamma = \frac{I_{ac}}{I_{dc}} \quad I_{ac} = \sqrt{I_{rms}^2 - I_{dc}^2}$$

$$\frac{I_{ac}}{I_{dc}} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{rms}^2}{I_{dc}^2} - 1}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(Im/\pi)^2 - 1}{(Im/2)^2 - 1}}$$

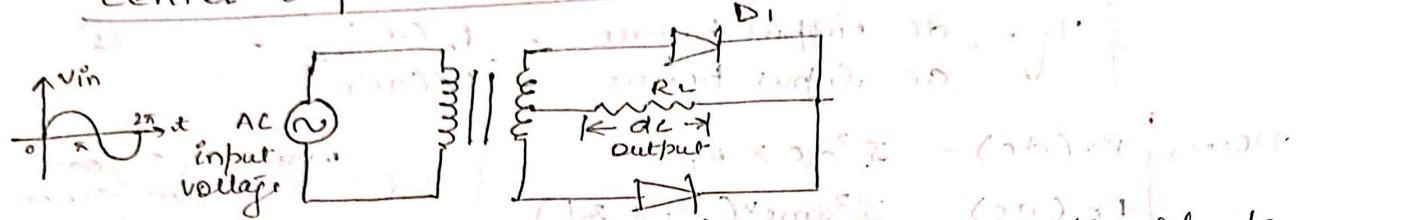
$$\left[\begin{array}{l} I_{dc} = Im/\pi \\ I_{rms} = Im/2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{(\pi/2)^2 - 1} = 1.21 \quad [\gamma = 1.21]$$

So ripple factor of half wave rectifier is very high.

Ques Draw & explain the working principle of center tap full wave rectifier with input & output waveform. Also derive the expression for rectification efficiency. [AKTU QUESTION]

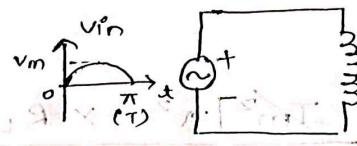
Center tap Full wave Rectifier



center tapped rectifier have a centre tapped step down transformer, two diodes D_1 , D_2 & load resistance R_L . In centre-tapped transformer secondary winding is divided in two equal half.

Working

Positive half cycle : $(0 - \pi)$ of ac supply



The secondary voltage A_0 is +ve voltage B_0 is -ve

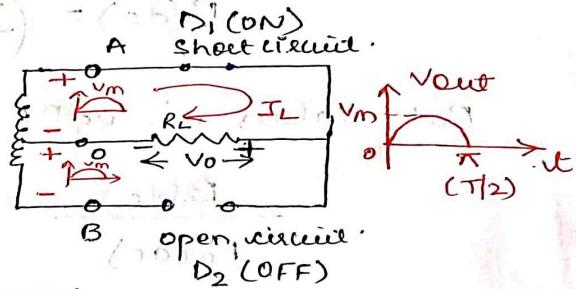
$$V_{A0}+ve [A \rightarrow +ve, 0 \rightarrow -ve]$$

$$V_{B0}-ve [0 \rightarrow +ve, B \rightarrow -ve]$$

Diode D_1 is forward bias, acts as short circuit in series

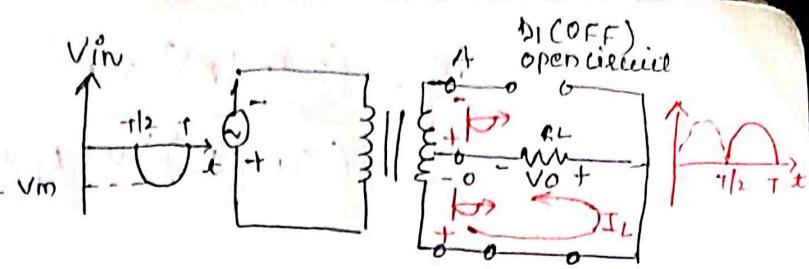
Diode D_2 is reverse bias, acts as open circuit (OFF)

so, current flows through the upper half of secondary winding.



Negative half cycle -

$(\pi - 2\pi)$ of ac supply.



The secondary voltage $A_0 \rightarrow -ve$
voltage $B_0 \rightarrow +ve$

$$V_{AO} = -ve [A \rightarrow -ve, O \rightarrow +ve]$$

$$V_{BO} = +ve [B \rightarrow +ve, O \rightarrow -ve]$$

B. $D_1(ON)$
short circuit

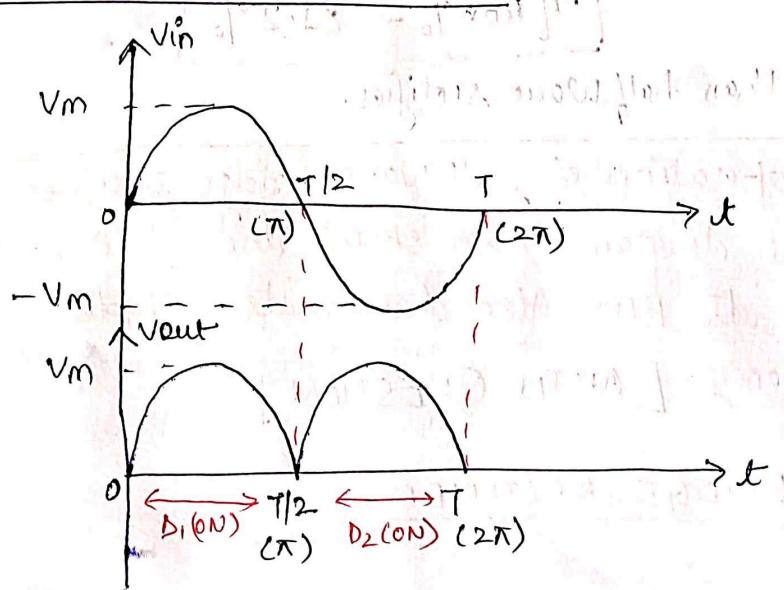
(OFF)

Diode D_1 is reverse bias, acts as open circuit, whereas

Diode D_2 is forward bias, acts as close circuit (ON)

so, current flows through the 'lower half' of
Secondary winding.

Input - Output waveform -



Expression for rectification efficiency -

$$\eta = \frac{\text{dc output Power}}{\text{ac output input Power}} = \frac{P_0(\text{dc})}{P_0(\text{ac})} \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{now, } P_0(\text{dc}) = I_{dc}^2 \times R_L$$

$$P_0(\text{ac}) = I_{rms}^2 \times (R_L + s_f) \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

for FWR

$$I_{dc} = 2Im/\pi$$

$$Im = Im/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\eta = \frac{(2 \operatorname{Im}|\pi|^2 \times R_L)}{(\operatorname{Im}|\pi|^2)^2 \times (R_L + \alpha_f)}$$

Put eqn(3), (2) in (1)

$$\eta = \frac{4 \operatorname{Im}^2 |\pi|^2 \times R_L}{(\operatorname{Im}^2 |\pi|^2) \times (R_L + \alpha_f)}$$

$\eta = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \frac{(R_L)}{(R_L + \alpha_f)}$

If $\alpha_f = 0$, $\eta_{\max} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \frac{R_L}{R_L}$

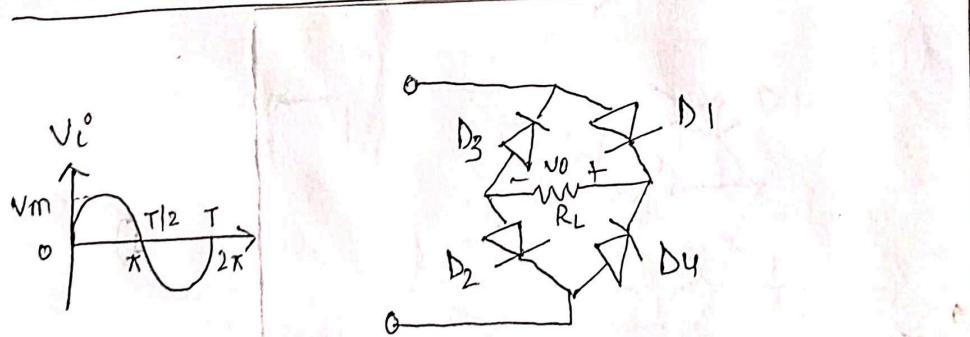
$$\eta_{\max} = 8/\pi^2 = 0.812$$

$\eta_{\max} \% = 81.2\%$

Efficiency is more than half wave rectifier.

~~Ques-~~ Explain the operation of full wave bridge rectifier with the help of a circuit diagram. Also sketch the input & output waveforms. Define its PIV. Also derive itsipple factor & rectification efficiency. [AKTU QUESTION].

FULL WAVE BRIDGE RECTIFIER

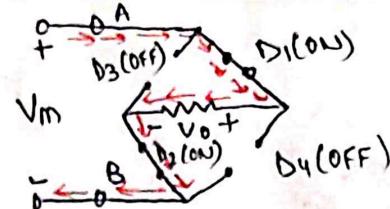
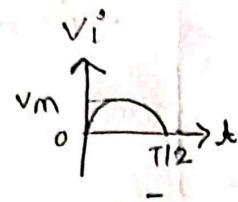


Bridge rectifier consists of 4 diode (D_1, D_2, D_3, D_4) & load resistance R_L , step down transformer.

Working -

Positive Cycle :-

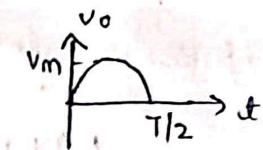
(0 - π)



In the cycle : V_{AB} is +ve ($A \rightarrow +ve, B \rightarrow -ve$)

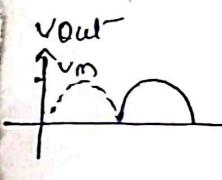
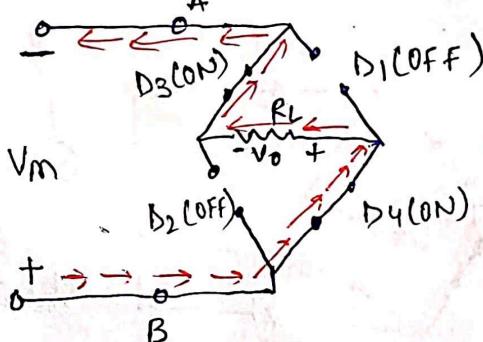
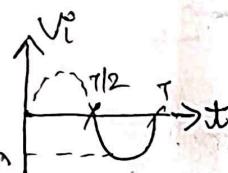
So diode D_1, D_2 are forward bias, so acts as short circuit (ON)

& diode D_3, D_4 are reverse bias, acts as open circuit (OFF)
Current flows through D_1, D_2 and give the output across load resistance.



Negative Cycle :-

(π - 2π)



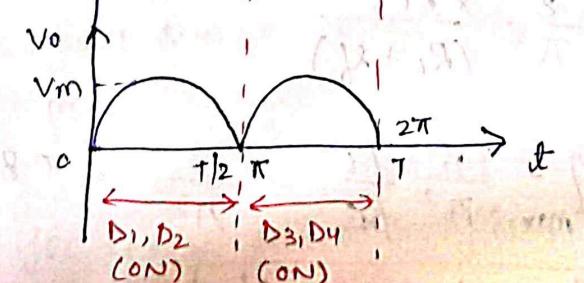
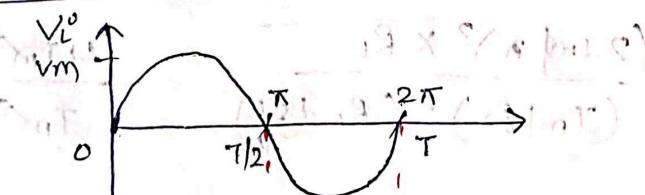
In -ve cycle : V_{AB} is -ve ($A \rightarrow -ve, B \rightarrow +ve$)

so diode D_1, D_2 are reverse bias, acts as open circuit (OFF) &

diode D_3, D_4 are forward bias, acts as short circuit (ON).

Current flows through D_3, D_4 & give the output across load resistance R_L .

Input - Output Waveform -



PIV: (Peak Inverse voltage) :- It is maximum reverse voltage that can be applied across a diode without damaging it.

for Bridge rectifier ($PIV = V_m$)

Expression for ripple factor for centre tapped or bridge rectifier -

$$\text{Ripple factor } (\gamma) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{I_{rms}}{I_{dc}}\right)^2 - 1}$$

(Ratio of rms value of ac component to dc component)

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{(Im/\sqrt{2})^2}{(2Im/\pi)^2} - 1}$$

Remember

For bridge Rectifier

$$I_{rms} = Im/\sqrt{2}$$

$$I_{dc} = 2Im/\pi$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{Im^2/2}{4Im^2/\pi^2} - 1}$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{8} - 1} = 0.48$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = 0.48}$$

The output of rectifiers has ac component (ripple) & dc component both. Ripple factor measure, how much amount of ac component is present in the output.

Expression for rectification efficiency for bridge rectifier -

$$\eta = \frac{\text{dc o/p power}}{\text{ac i/p power}} = \frac{P_o(\text{dc})}{P_i(\text{ac})}$$

$$= \frac{I^2 R_L}{I^2 \text{rms} (R_L + r_f)}$$

$$\eta = \frac{(2Im/\pi)^2 \times R_L}{(Im/\sqrt{2})^2 (R_L + r_f)} = \frac{4Im^2/\pi^2 \times R_L}{Im^2/2 \times (R_L + r_f)}$$

$$\eta = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \times \frac{R_L}{(R_L + r_f)}$$

$$\boxed{r_f = 0}$$

$$\eta_{max} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} \times \frac{R_L}{R_L} = \frac{8}{\pi^2} = 0.812$$

$$\boxed{|\eta_{max}| = 81.2\%}$$

Compare Half Wave & Full wave rectifier

Parameters	Half Wave rectifier	Centre tapped	Full Wave rectifier	Bridge Rectifier
1. No. of diodes	1	2	2	4
2. Operation	conducts during +ve cycle (half)	conducts during both half cycles	conducts during both half cycles	
3. Vdc	V_m/π	$2V_m/\pi$	$2V_m/\pi$	
4. ^{Eff} Idc	I_m/π	$2I_m/\pi$	$2I_m/\pi$	
5. Vrms	$V_m/2$	$V_m/\sqrt{2}$	$V_m/\sqrt{2}$	
6. ^{Eff} Irms	$I_m/2$	$I_m/\sqrt{2}$	$I_m/\sqrt{2}$	
7. Efficiency	40.6%	81.2%	81.2%	
8. PIV	V_m	$2V_m$	V_m	
9. Ripple factor	1.21	0.48	0.48	
10. Ripple frequency	$f_r = f_i$	$f_r = 2f_i$	$f_r = 2f_i$	

Quesⁿ: What is PIV. Write the value of PIV for half wave & full wave rectifiers.

PIV: It the maximum reverse voltage that can be applied across a diode without damaging it.

for half wave rectifier, $PIV = V_m$

for centre tapped rectifier, $PIV = 2V_m$

for Bridge rectifier, $PIV = V_m$

Ques What is ripple frequency. Write the value of for half wave & full wave rectifiers.

Ripple frequency : It is the frequency of output wave in a rectifier. It is also called output frequency.

for half wave rectifier $f_r = f_i$

for center tapped rectifier $f_r = 2f_i$

for Bridge rectifier $f_r = 2f_i$

Lecture - 09 - Different Parameters of Rectifiers

HALF WAVE RECTIFIER

(i) DC or Average output (load) current I_{dc} : Let $V = V_m \sin \theta$

\therefore voltage across secondary winding

$$I = \frac{V_m}{R_L + R_f} \sin \theta = I_m \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_m &= V_m / (R_L + R_f) \\ R_L &: \text{load resistance} \\ R_f &: \text{diode resistance} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{dc} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} I_m \sin \theta d\theta$$

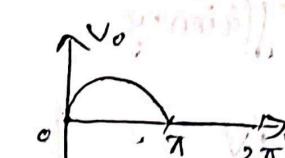
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\int_0^{\pi} I_m \sin \theta d\theta + \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} I_m \sin \theta d\theta \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\int_0^{\pi} I_m \sin \theta d\theta \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[-I_m \cos \theta \right]_0^{\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{I_m}{2\pi} [\cos \pi - \cos 0]$$

$$I_{dc} = -\frac{I_m}{2\pi} [-1 - 1] = I_m / \pi$$

$$\boxed{I_{dc} = I_m / \pi}$$

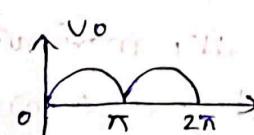


FULL WAVE RECTIFIER

$$I_{dc} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} I_m \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} (I_m) \left[\int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta \right] = \frac{I_m}{\pi} \left[-\cos \theta \right]_0^{\pi} = \frac{-I_m}{\pi} [\cos \pi - \cos 0] = \frac{2I_m}{\pi}$$

$$\boxed{I_{dc} = 2I_m / \pi}$$



$$I_{dc} = \frac{Im}{\pi}$$

$$I_{dc} = \frac{2 Im}{\pi}$$

Half Wave Rectifier

② DC or Average Output (load voltage) V_{dc} :

$$V_{dc} = I_{dc} \times R_L$$

$$= \frac{Im}{\pi} \times R_L$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{Vm}{\pi(R_L + R_f)} \times R_L$$

$$V_{dc} = I_{dc} \times R_L$$

$$= \frac{2 Im}{\pi} \times R_L$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{2 Vm}{\pi(R_L + R_f)} \times R_L$$

$$\boxed{\text{If } R_f = 0, V_{dc} = \frac{Vm \times R_L}{\pi(R_L)}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{If } R_f = 0, V_{dc} = \frac{2 Vm \times R_L}{\pi(R_L)}}$$

$$\boxed{V_{dc} = \frac{Vm}{\pi}}$$

$$\boxed{V_{dc} = \frac{2 Vm}{\pi}}$$

If diode is not ideal,

$$\boxed{V_{dc} = \frac{Vm - V_f}{\pi} = 0.318(V_m - V_f)}$$

If diode is not ideal,

$$\boxed{V_{dc} = \frac{2(V_m - V_f)}{\pi}}$$

③ rms output (load) current (I_{rms}):

$$I_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (Im \sin \theta)^2 d\theta}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \times Im^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta d\theta}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{2\pi} \left[\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta \right]}$$

$$I_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{2\pi} \times \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta + \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta \right]}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{4\pi} \left[\int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta \right]}$$

$$I_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (Im \sin \theta)^2 d\theta}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2 \theta d\theta}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{\pi} \left[\int_0^{\pi} \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta \right]}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2\theta) d\theta}$$

$$I_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{2\pi} \left[(\theta)_0^{\pi} - \left(\frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \right)_0^{\pi} \right]}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{2\pi} [(\pi - 0) - 0]}$$

$$I_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{4\pi} \left[(\theta)_0 - \left(\frac{\sin 2\theta}{2}\right)_0 \right]}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{Im^2}{4\pi} ((\pi - 0) - (0 - 0))}$$

$$I_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{Im^2 (\pi)}{4\pi}} = \frac{Im}{2}$$

$$I_{rms} = Im/2$$

$$I_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{Im^2 \times R}{2\pi}}$$

$$I_{rms} = Im/\sqrt{2}$$

(4) rms output voltage or load voltage (V_{rms}) :-

$$V_{rms} = I_{rms} \times R_L \\ = \frac{Im}{2} \times R_L$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{Vm}{2(R_L + Z_f)} \times R_L$$

$$\boxed{Z_f = 0},$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{Vm \times R_L}{2R_L}$$

$$V_{rms} = Vm/2$$

$$V_{rms} = I_{rms} \times R_L$$

$$= \frac{Im}{\sqrt{2}} \times R_L$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{Vm}{\sqrt{2}(R_L + Z_f)} \times R_L$$

$$\boxed{Z_f = 0},$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{Vm \times R_L}{\sqrt{2}(R_L)}$$

$$V_{rms} = Vm/\sqrt{2}$$

Ques no Expression for half wave rectifier of supply factor :-

$$\frac{V}{2} = \frac{I_{ac}}{I_{dc}}$$

Advantages of Bridge Rectifier - 1. The need for centre-tapped transformer is eliminated.

2. PIV is half ($\pm 1/2$) compared to centre tapped.

3. Used where large amount of power required.

4. Rectifier efficiency is high.

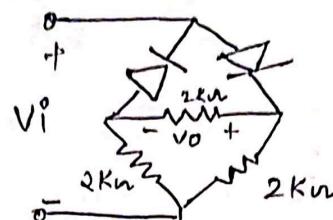
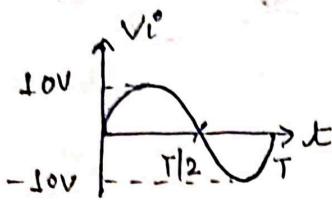
Disadvantage - 1. It requires 4 diode.

2. The use of two extra diodes cause a additional voltage drop thereby reduce the output voltage.

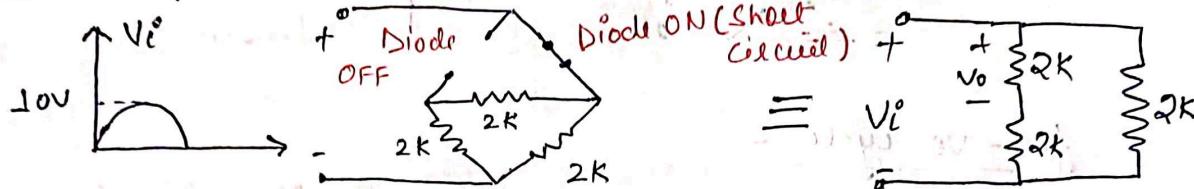
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Quesⁿ1: Determine the output waveform for the following figure & calculate the O/P dc level and required PIV of each diode.

[AKTU numericals]:



Solⁿ: +ve cycle:



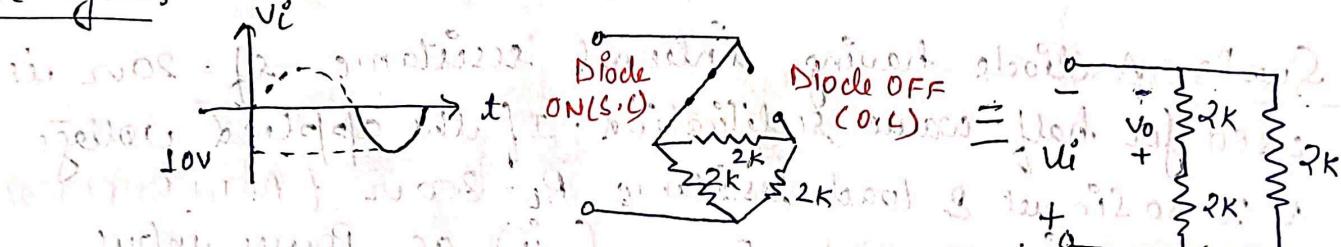
$$V_0 = \frac{V_i^o \times 2 \times 10^3}{2 \times 10^3 + 2 \times 10^3} = \frac{V_i^o \times 2 \times 10^3}{4 \times 10^3} = 5V$$

$$\boxed{V_0 = \frac{V_i^o}{2}}$$

$$V_0 = 10/2 = 5V$$



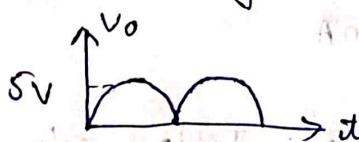
-ve cycle:



$$V_0 = \frac{V_i^o \times 2 \times 10^3}{2 \times 10^3 + 2 \times 10^3} = \frac{V_i^o}{2}$$

$$\boxed{V_0 = 5V}$$

So, O/P wave form -

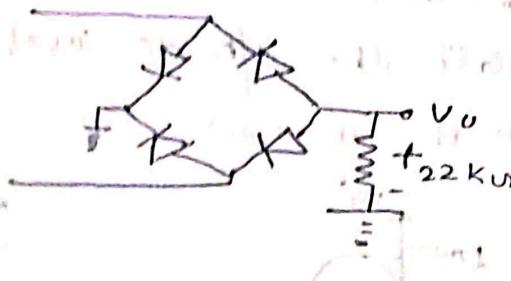
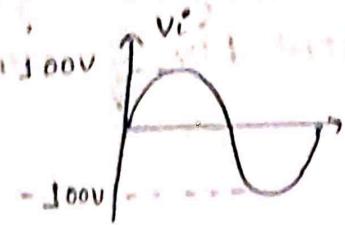


$$\boxed{PIV = 5V}$$

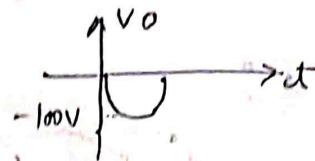
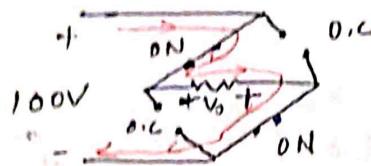
$$V_{DC} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} = \frac{2 \times 5}{\pi} = 0.636 V_m = 0.636 \times 5 = 3.18 V$$

Quesⁿ 2 Determine V_o & required PIV rating of each diode.

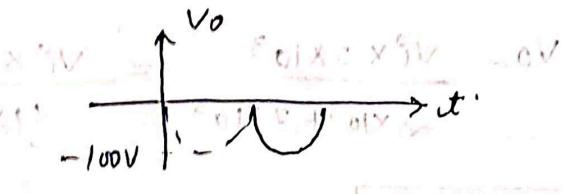
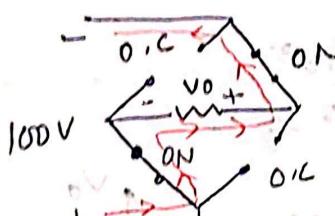
All diodes are ideal.



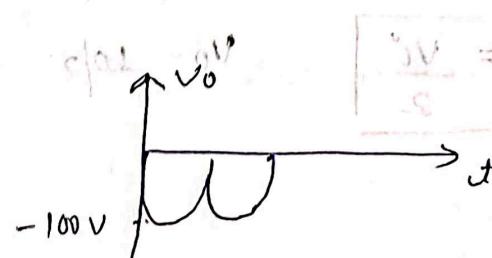
SOLⁿ: for +ve cycle :-



for -ve cycle :-



Output Waveform :-



Required
 $PIV = 100V$

Quesⁿ 3 A diode having internal resistance $r_f = 20\Omega$ is used for half wave rectification. If the applied voltage $v \approx 50 \sin \omega t$ & load resistance $R_L = 800\Omega$. [AKTU QUESTION]. Find? (i) I_m , I_{dc} , I_{rms} (ii) ac Power input (iii) dc power output (iv) DC output voltage. (v) efficiency of rectification.

$$(i) I_m = \frac{V_m}{R_L + r_f} = \frac{50}{800 + 20} = \frac{50}{820} = 61mA$$

$$I_{dc} = I_m / \pi = 61/\pi = 19.4mA, I_{rms} = I_m / 2 = 61/2 = 30.5mA$$

$$(ii) P_i(ac) = (I_{rms})^2 (R_L + r_f) = \left(\frac{30.5}{1000}\right)^2 (800 + 20) = 0.763W$$

$$P_o(dc) = I_{dc}^2 R_L = \left(\frac{19.4}{1000}\right)^2 \times 800 = 0.301W$$

$$(iii) DC output voltage = I_{dc} \times R_L = (19.4 \times 10^{-3}) \times 800 = 15.52V$$

$$(iv) \eta = \frac{0.301}{0.763} \times 100 = 39.5\%$$

Lecture-11 CLAMPER

Clamper is an electronic circuit that changes the DC level of a signal to the desired level without changing the shape of the applied signal as well as peak-to-peak value of input signal is unchanged.

Clamper circuit moves the whole signal up or down to set either positive or negative peak of signal at the desired level.

Clamper circuit is made of diode, capacitor & a large value of resistance.

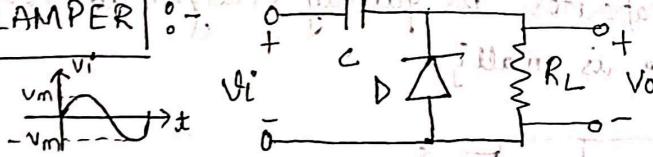
Clamper circuits are of three types -

→ Positive clamper

→ Negative clamper

→ Biased clamper

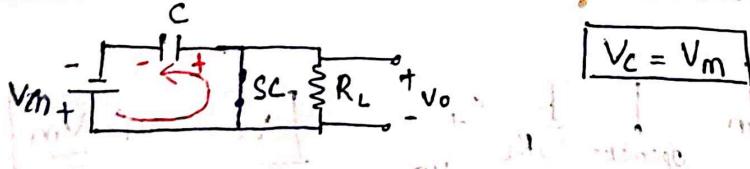
POSITIVE CLAMPER



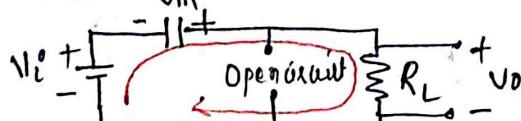
When the clamper circuit shifts ac signal in upward direction then clamper is called positive clamper.

NOTE: Always start the cycle in which diode is ON)

Case 1: -ve cycle - In -ve cycle diode is forward bias & acts as short circuit. So capacitor is quickly charged to voltage V_m as diode resistance is small.

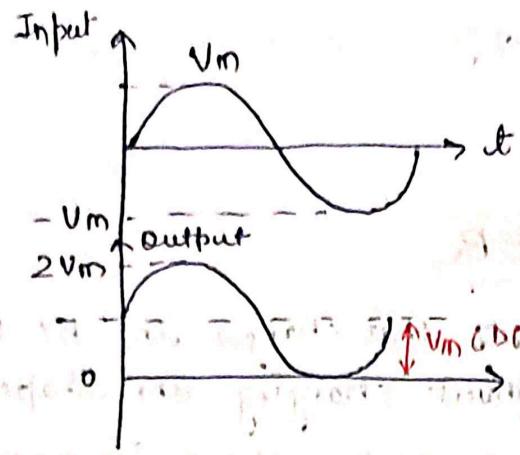


Case 2: +ve cycle & -ve cycle (Subsequent) - due to large RC time constant, the capacitor doesn't lose much charge. So for rest of the operation diode is reverse bias & acts as open circuit (for both cycles).



$$V_o = V_i + V_m$$

Positive DC shift.



$$V_o = V_i^o + V_m$$

$$+ve \rightarrow V_i^o = V_m$$

Large positive half cycle (positive half cycle) $V_o = 2V_m$

Large negative half cycle (negative half cycle) $V_o = -V_m$

At zero voltage, output voltage is zero, so $V_o = 0$

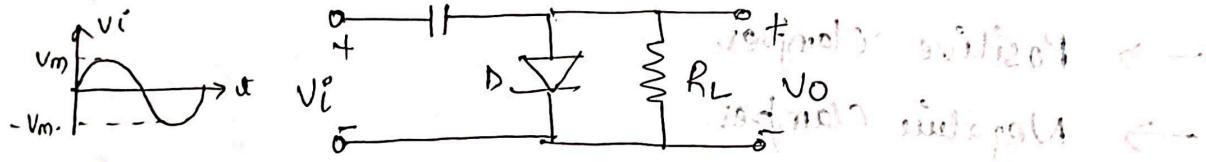
At peak is also $V_o = 2V_m$

First positive half cycle starts from zero, so $V_o = 0$

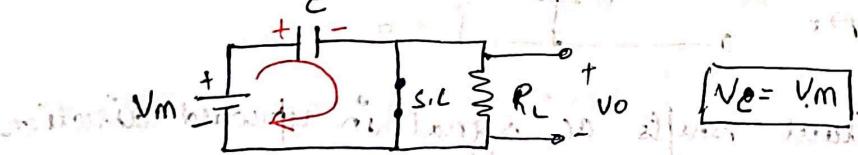
V_i^o	V_o
-ve	V_m
2Vm	

V_i^o	V_o
-ve	$-V_m$
0	

Negative clammer :- When the clammer circuit shifts the ac signal v_i in downward direction, then clammer is known as negative clammer.

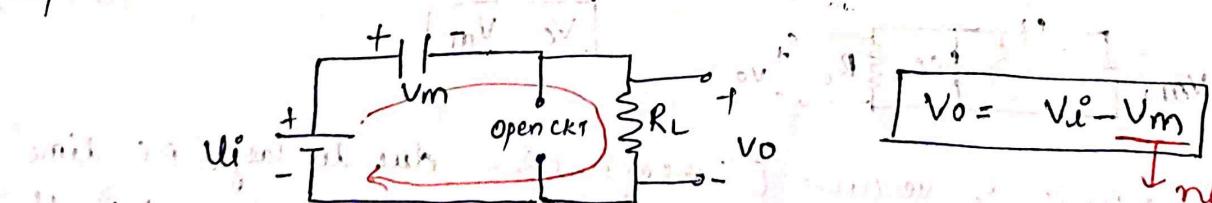


Case 1: +ve cycle In +ve cycle diode is forward biased & acts as a short circuit. So capacitor is quickly charged to voltage (V_m) [as diode resistance is small].



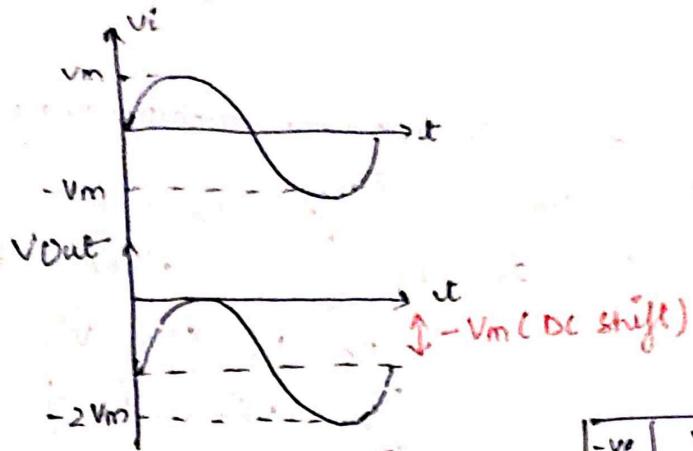
$$V_o = V_m$$

Case 2: -ve cycle & +ve cycle (subsequent) due to large R_C time constant, the capacitor doesn't loose much charge. so for rest of operation diode is reverse biased & acts as open circuit initially.



$$V_o = V_i^o - V_m$$

negative DC shift



$$V_o = V_i - V_m$$

+ve cycle $V_o = V_m$

$$V_o = V_m - V_m = 0$$

-ve cycle $V_i = -V_m$

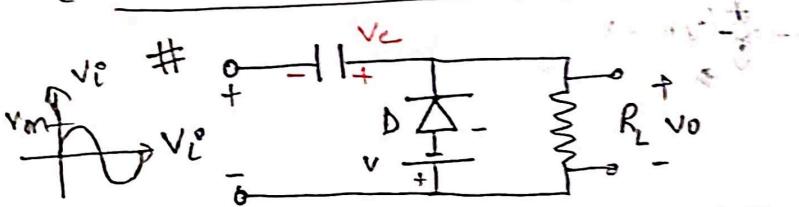
$$V_o = -V_m - V_m = -2V_m$$

V_i	V_o
-ve	V_m
+ve	$-V_m$

V_i	V_o
-ve	0
+ve	$-2V_m$

BIASED CLAMPER :- If dc supply is also present in the clamper circuit then such type of clamper is called biased clamper.

@ Positive bias clamper :-

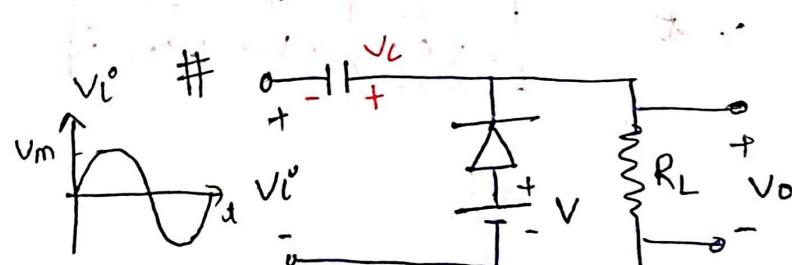
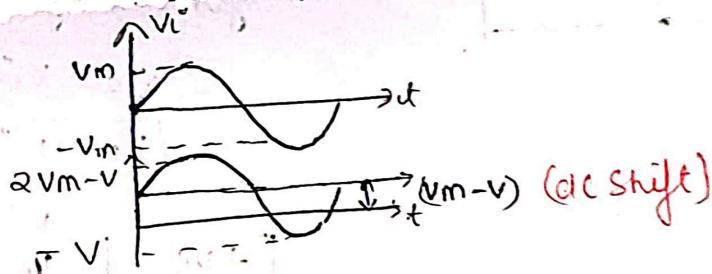


during -ve cycle
capacitor charged to V_c
 $V_c = (V_m - V)$

For other cycles - diode is OFF (Reverse bias). So

$$V_o = V_i + V_m - V$$

	V_i	V_o
+ve	V_m	$-2V_m - V$
-ve	$-V_m$	$-V$

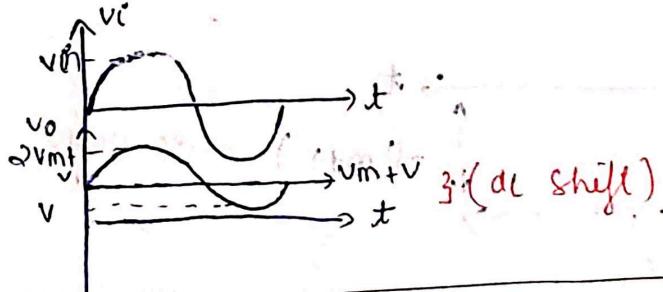


during - ve cycle capacitor charged to V_c .
 $V_c = (V_m + V)$

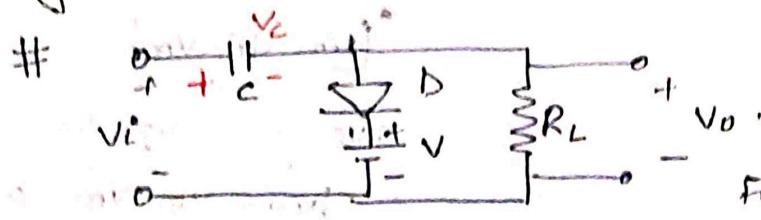
For other cycle - diode is OFF

$$V_o = V_i + V_m + V$$

	V_i	V_o
+ve	V_m	$2V_m + V$
-ve	$-V_m$	V



(B) Negative biased clapper -



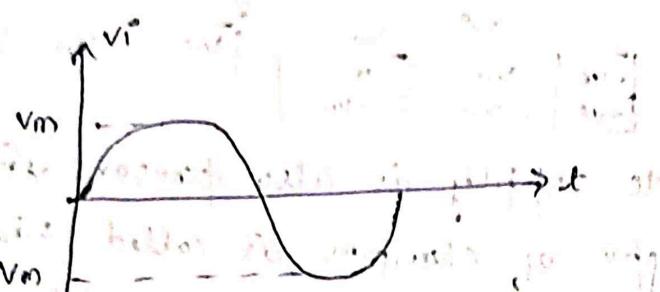
In +ve cycle, capacitor charges

$$V_C = V_m - V$$

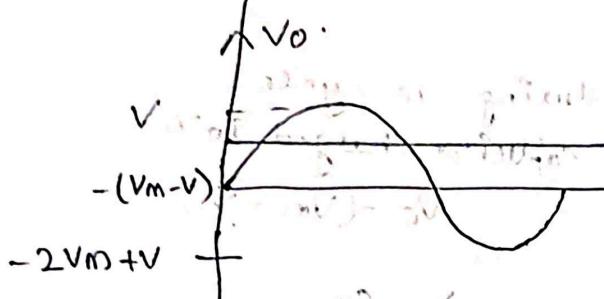
For other cycles — diode is OFF

$$V_o = V_i^o - (V_m - V)$$

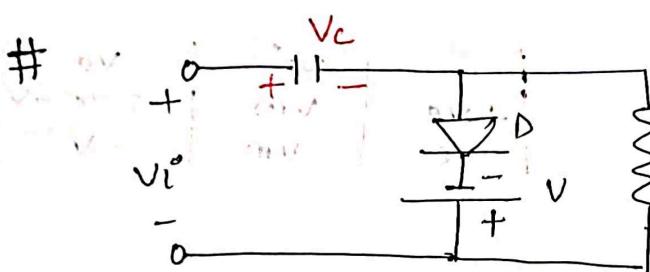
$$V_o = V_i^o - V_m + V$$



	V_i^o	V_o
+ve	V_m	V
-ve	$-V_m$	$-2V_m + V$



{(dc shift)}



In +ve cycle, capacitor charges to

$$V_C = V_m + V$$

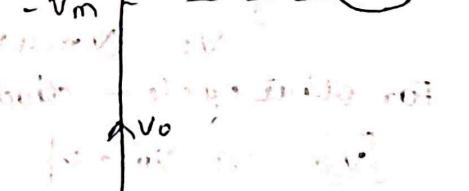
for other cycles — diode is OFF

$$V_o = V_i^o - (V_m + V)$$

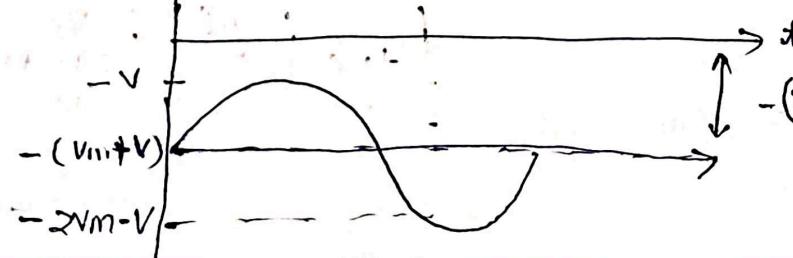
$$V_o = -V_i^o - V_m - V$$



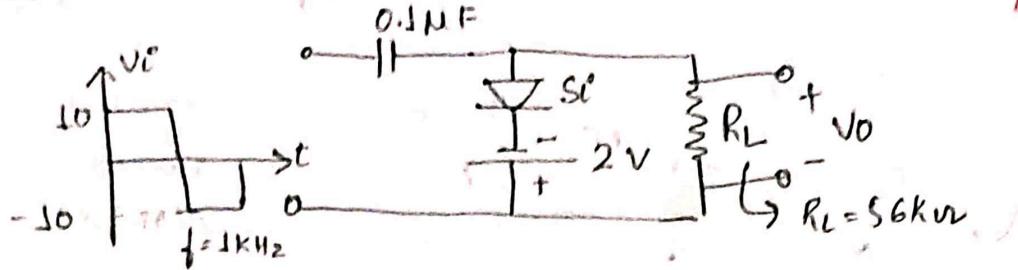
	V_i^o	V_o
+ve	V_m	$-V$
-ve	$-V_m$	$-2V_m - V$



{dc shift}

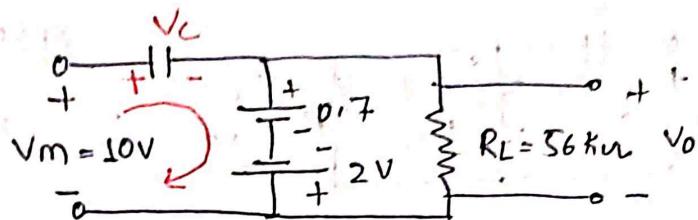


Ques: Determine V_o for the circuit shown in [AKTU QUESTION]



Negative Bias Clapper

Case 1: +ve cycle - The diode is forward-biased (replaced by a battery of 0.7V) & capacitor starts charging quickly.

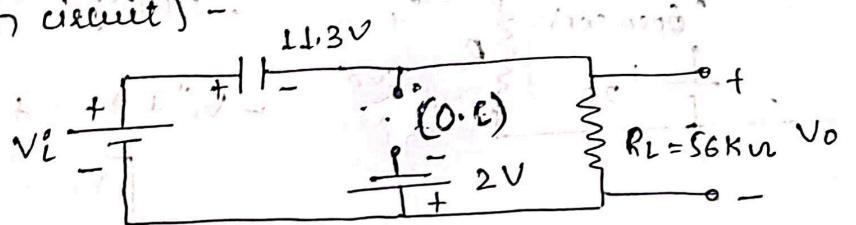


Apply KVL in circuit -

$$-10 + V_C + 0.7 - 2 = 0$$

$$V_C = 11.3 \text{ Volt}$$

Case 2: for other cycle, capacitor is fully charged & doesn't lose charge due to RC constant is high. & diode is Reverse Biased (open circuit) -

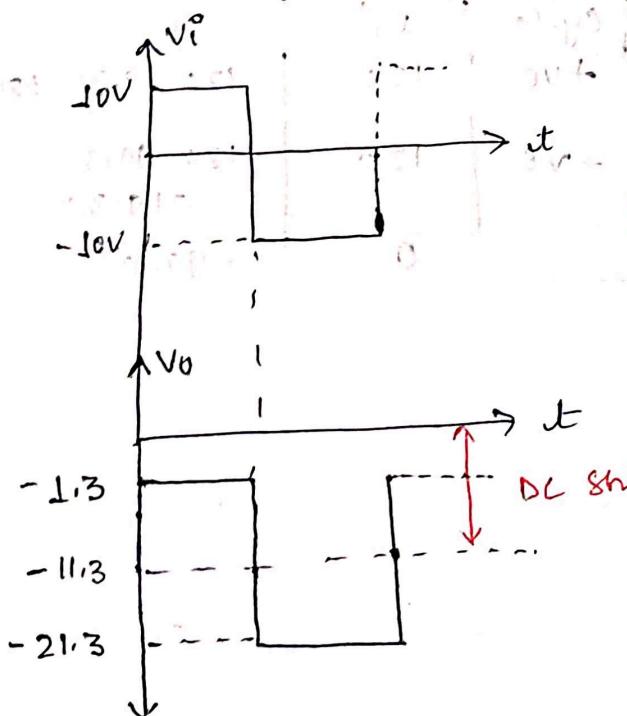


Apply KVL

$$-V_i + 11.3 + V_o = 0$$

$$V_o = V_i - 11.3$$

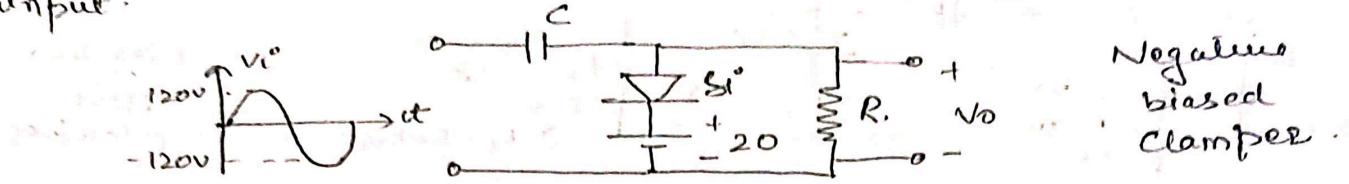
Cycle	U_i	V_o
+ve	10	$10 - 11.3 = -1.3$
-ve	-10	$-10 - 11.3 = -21.3$
	0	-11.3



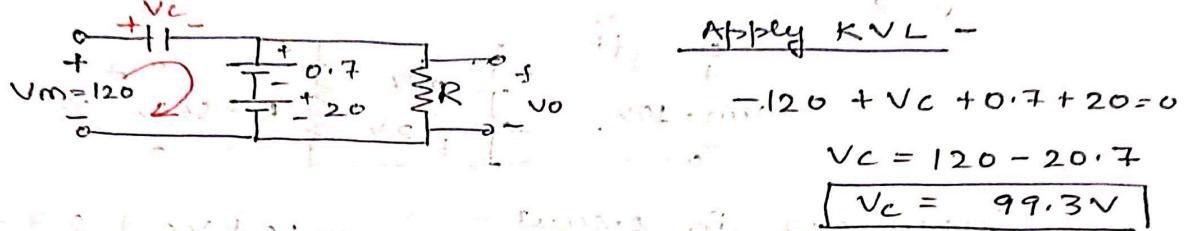
DC shift = 11.3 V

Ques'n Sketch the output for given clamped circuit with shown input.

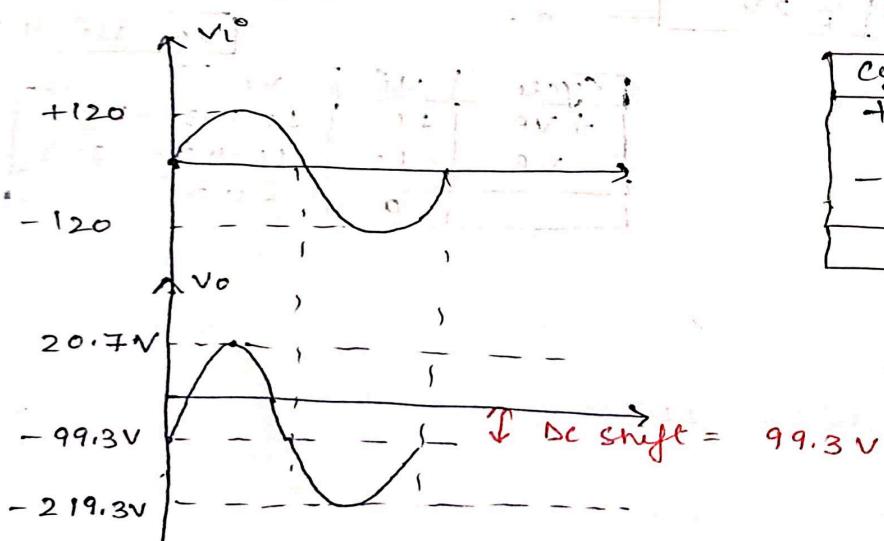
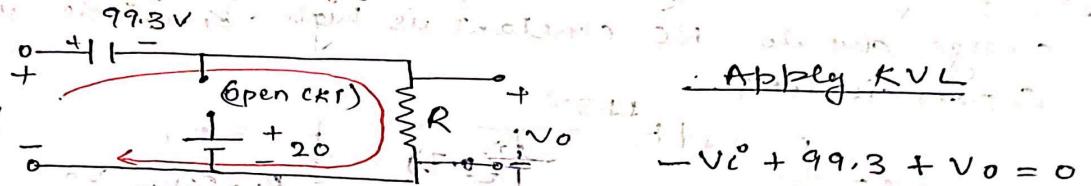
[AKTU QUESTION]



Case 1: +ve cycle - The diode is forward bias (replaced by a battery of 0.7 V) & capacitor starts charging quickly.



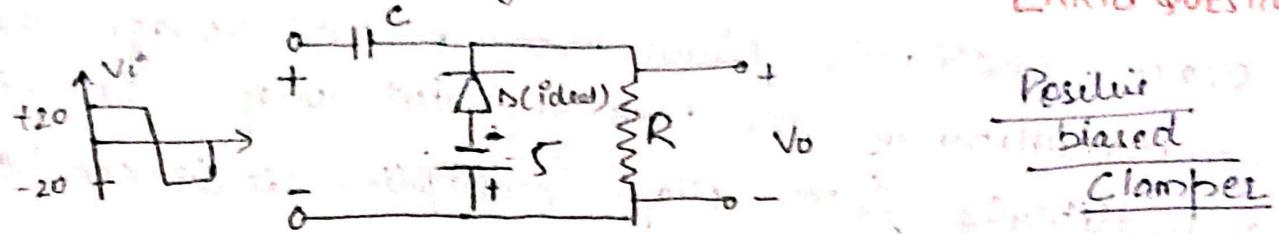
Case 2: -ve cycle - Diode is reverse bias as capacitor is fully charged and doesn't lose charge because of high RC constant.



Cycle	V_i°	V_o
+ve	120	$120 - 99.3 = +20.7V$
-ve	-120	$-120 - 99.3 = -219.3V$
	0	-99.3V

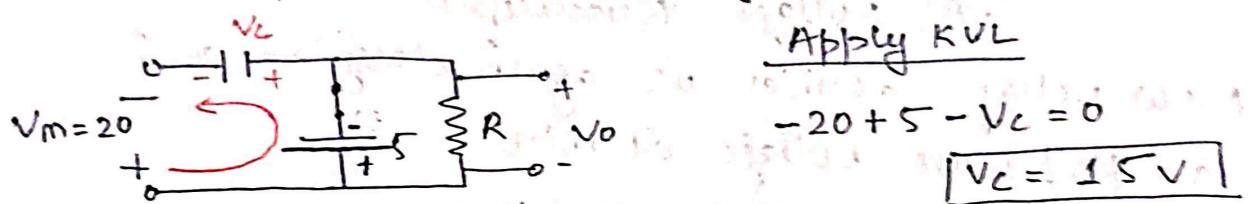
Ques- Draw the output waveform for the circuit of -

[AKTU QUESTION]

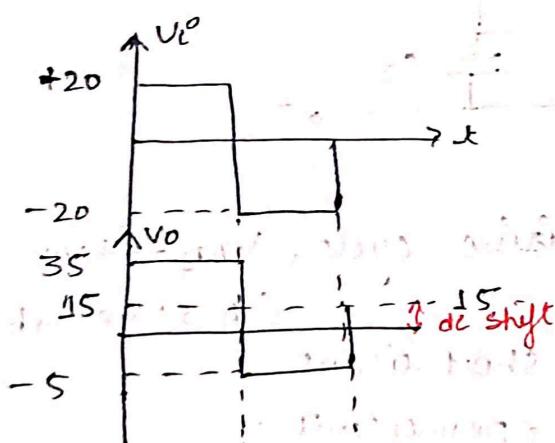
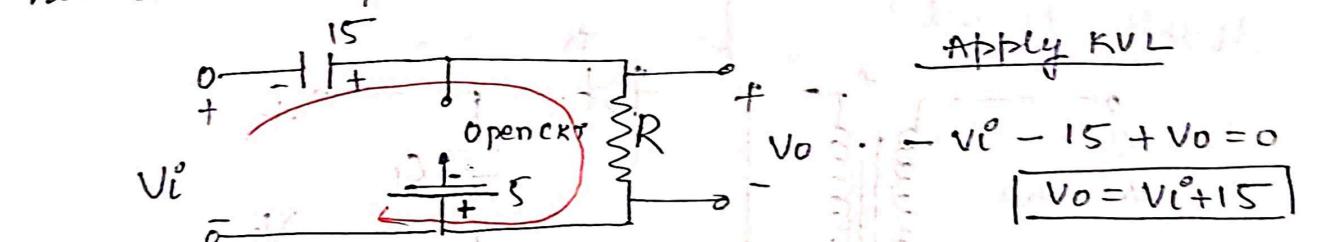


Positive biased
Clamper

Case 1: -ve cycle: Diode is reverse biased acts as short circuit. Capacitor starts charging.



Case 2: Other cycles: Capacitor charged fully, so diode is reverse bias (open circuit).



Cycle	V_i^o	V_o
+ve	20	$20+15=35$
-ve	-20	$-20+15=-5$
0	0	15

Lecture - 12

Voltage Multiplier Circuit

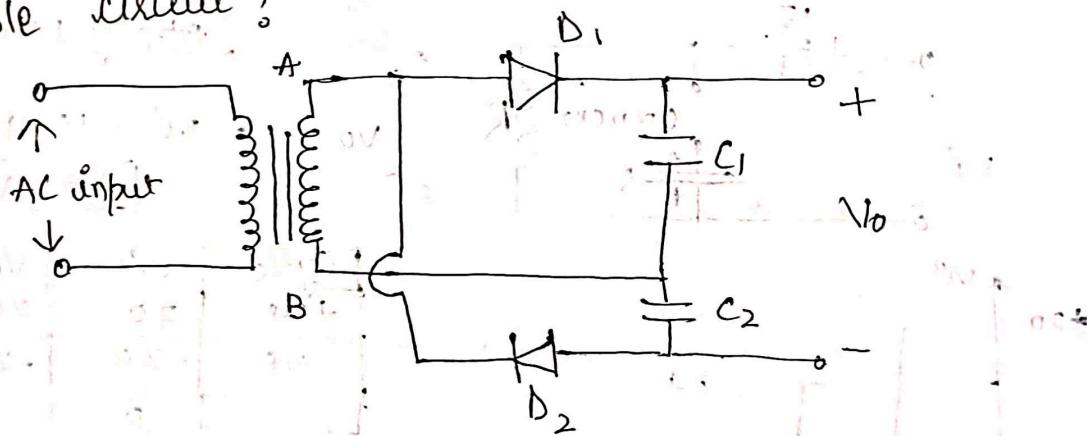
Voltage multiplier circuit produce a dc voltage that is some multiple of the peak ac input voltage. On this basis of multiplying factor voltage multiplier circuit can be classified as :-

- voltage doubler
- voltage tripler
- voltage Quadrupler.

Now voltage doubler is again classified as :-

- (a) Half wave voltage doubler.
- (b) Full wave voltage doubler.

Ques Explain the working of full wave voltage double circuit?

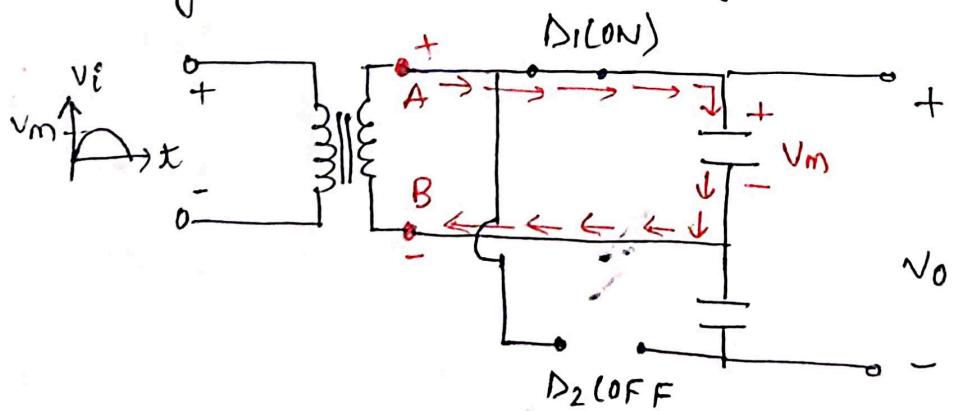


Working - (1) +ve cycle - In positive cycle, $V_{AB} \rightarrow +ve$ ($A \rightarrow +ve, B \rightarrow -ve$)

so, D_1 is forward bias acts as short circuit.

D_2 is reverse bias acts as open circuit.

Therefore capacitor C_1 charges upto V_m .



(2) -ve cycle - In negative cycle, $V_{AB} \rightarrow -ve$
 $(A \rightarrow +ve, B \rightarrow -ve)$

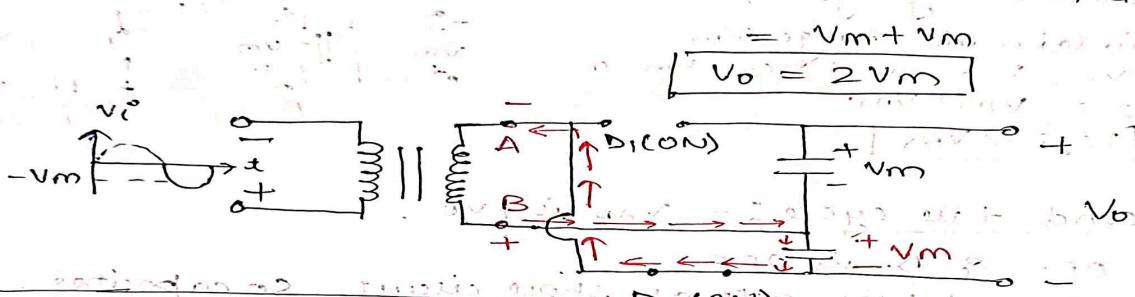
So, D_1 is reverse bias acts as short circuit.

D_2 , is forward bias acts as open circuit.

Therefore capacitor C_2 charges upto $+V_m$

Thus at end of -ve cycle, the voltage across each capacitor is $+V_m$.

Output voltage (V_o) = sum of capacitor voltages:
 $V_o = V_m + V_m = 2V_m$

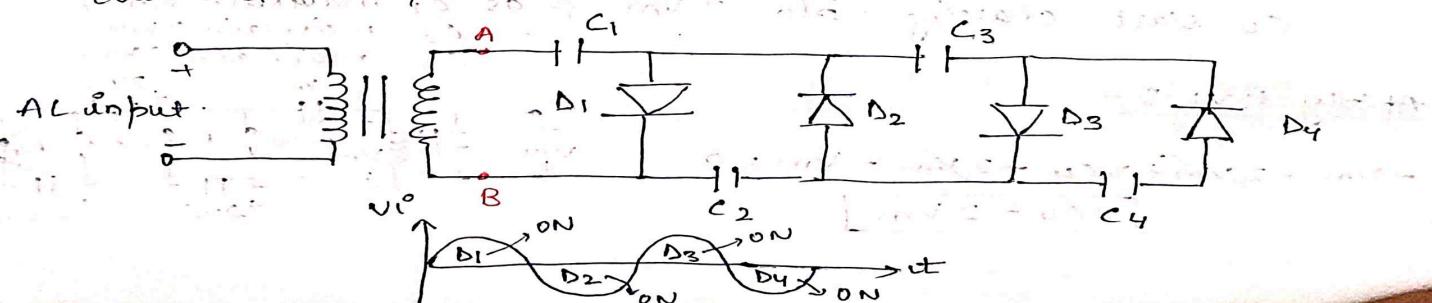


Ques 2: Explain the voltage multiplier circuit. [Half wave double, Tripler, Quadriplifier] [AKTU QUESTION]

This circuit diagram is a general voltage multiplier circuit. It can perform function of voltage doubler, tripler & quadriplifier. So for doubler, two diodes & two capacitors are needed.

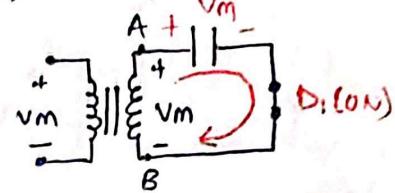
for tripler, 3 diodes & 3 capacitors

If we need nV_m at output we have to use n -diode & n capacitor.



Working :- ① For first +ve cycle :- V_{AB} is +ve, ($A \rightarrow +ve, B \rightarrow -ve$)
 D_1 is forward bias acts as short circuit. So capacitor C_1 charges up to V_m

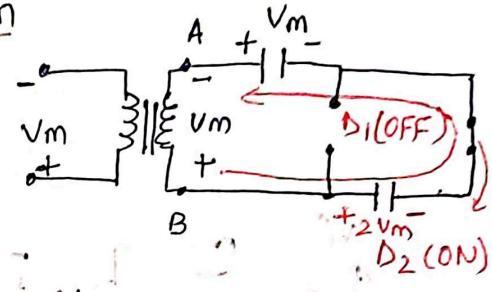
$$V_{C_1} = V_m$$



② for first -ve cycle :- V_{AB} is -ve, ($A \rightarrow -ve, B \rightarrow +ve$)
 D_2 is forward bias acts as short circuit. So capacitor C_2 starts charging upto its $2V_m$ as C_1 maintains its charge V_m .

Apply KVL : $-V_m + V_{C_2} - V_m = 0$
 $V_{C_2} = V_m + V_m$

$$V_{C_2} = 2V_m$$



③ for second +ve cycle :- V_{AB} is +ve.

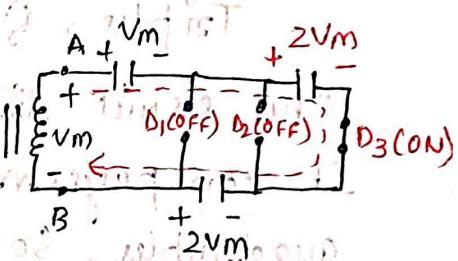
D_1 is OFF & D_2 is OFF

D_3 is forward bias acts as short circuit. So capacitor C_3 starts charging upto $2V_m$. { as C_1 maintains V_m } { C_2 maintains $2V_m$ }

Apply KVL :-

$$-V_m + V_m + V_{C_3} - 2V_m = 0$$

$$V_{C_3} = 2V_m$$



④ for second -ve cycle :- V_{AB} is -ve

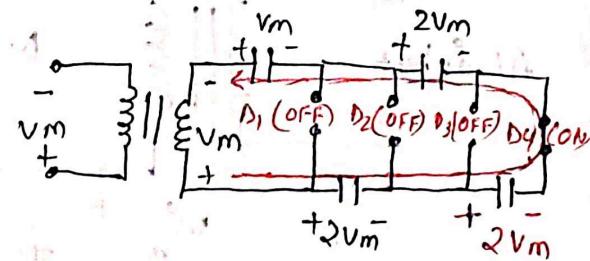
D_1 is OFF, D_2 is OFF, D_3 is OFF

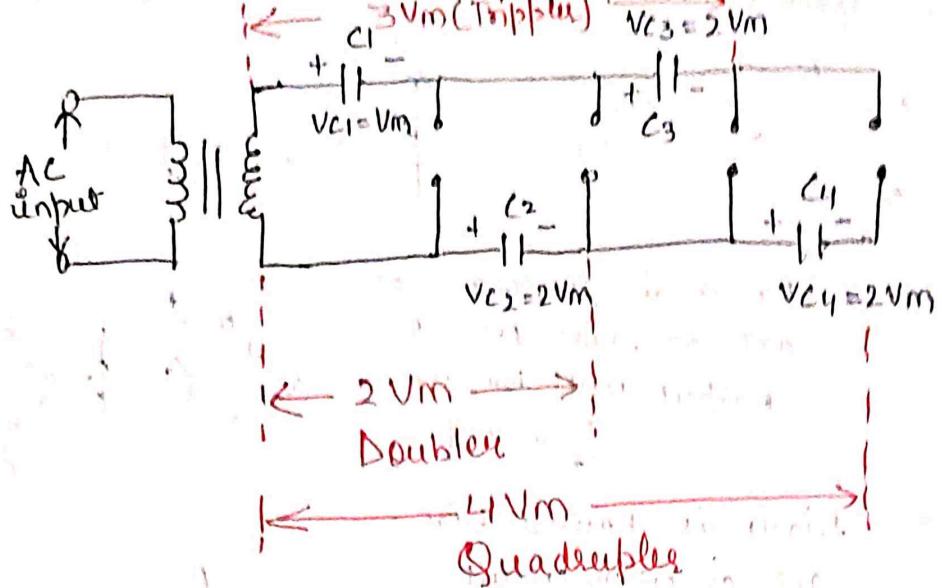
D_4 is forward bias acts as short circuit. So capacitor C_4 starts charging upto $2V_m$. { as C_1 maintains V_m } { C_2 maintains $2V_m$ } { C_3 maintains $2V_m$ }

Apply KVL :-

$$-V_m + 2V_m + V_{C_4} - 2V_m - V_m = 0$$

$$V_{C_4} = 2V_m$$





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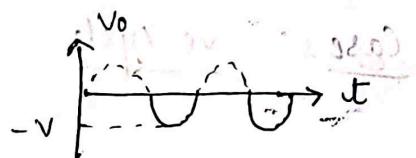
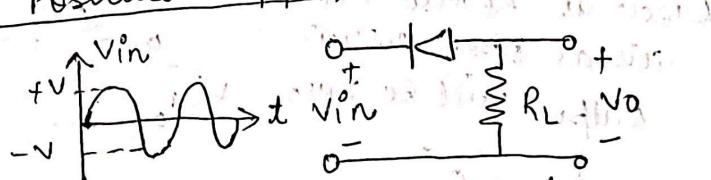
Clippers

Clippers are circuit made of diode, resistance & dc supply.
Clippers can remove or clip off some portion of input ac. signal without distorting remaining part of the signal.

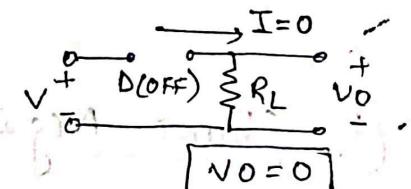
- Types of Clipper circuit :-
 - Positive clipper
 - Negative clipper
 - Biased clipper

POSITIVE CLIPPER :- A positive clipper removes the positive half cycle of the input ac voltage.

(a) Series Positive clipper :-

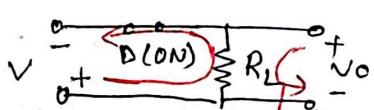


Case 1 :- +ve cycle :- Diode is reverse bias acts as open ckt. output voltage is zero.

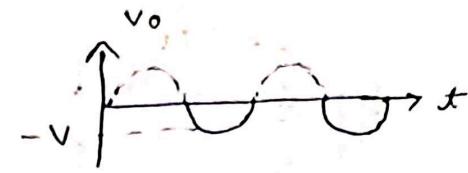
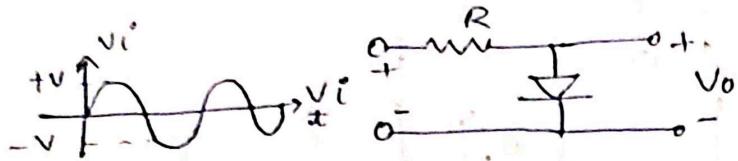


Case 2 :- -ve cycle :- Diode is forward bias acts as short ckt.

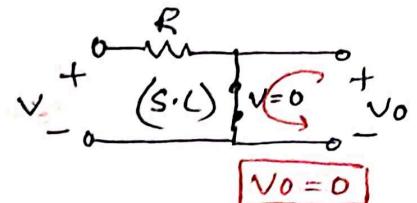
$$V_o = V_l^o$$



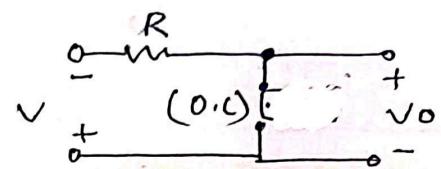
(b) Shunt Positive Clipper :-



Case 1: +ve cycle - Diode is forward bias
acts as short circuit
output will be zero
 $V_o = 0$

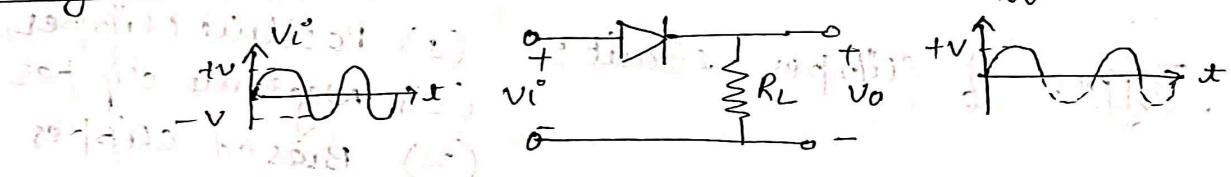


Case 2: -ve cycle - Diode is Reverse bias
acts as open circuit
output will be Vi'
 $V_o = Vi'$

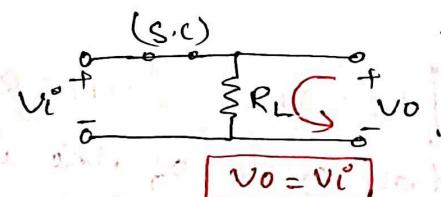


NEGATIVE CLIPPER :- A negative clipper removes the negative half cycle of input ac voltage.

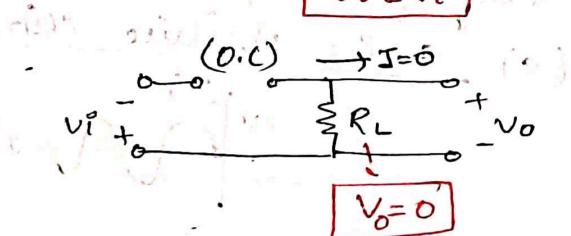
@ Series Negative Clipper :-



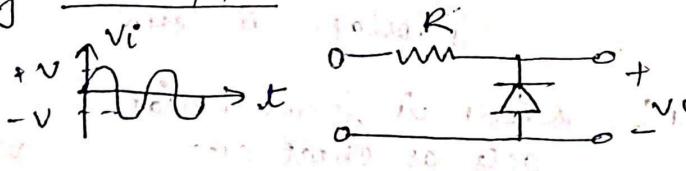
Case 1: +ve cycle - Diode is Forward bias
acts as short circuit
output will be Vi'
 $V_o = Vi'$



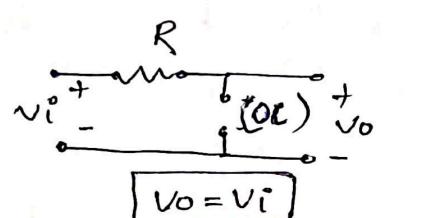
Case 2: -ve cycle - Diode is Reverse bias
acts as open circuit
output will be zero
 $V_o = 0$



(b) Shunt Negative Clipper :-

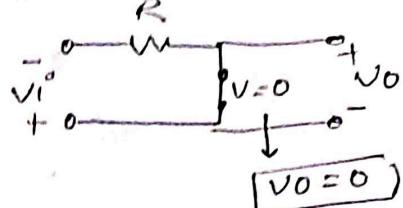


Case 1: +ve cycle - Diode is reverse bias
so acts as open circuit
 $V_o = Vi'$



Case 2: -ve cycle - Diode in forward bias acts as close circuit.

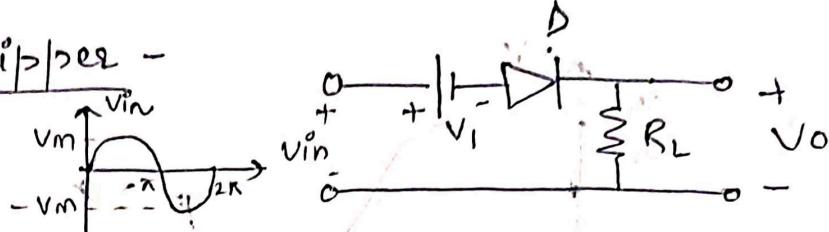
$$V_O = 0$$



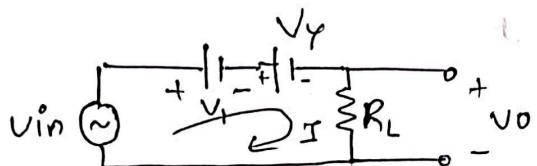
BIASED CLIPPER :- Biased clipper is used to clip off or remove a small portion of positive cycle or negative cycle or both. This is achieved by adding a battery in series with diode.

Negative

(a) Series Biased Clipper -



If $V_{in} - V_i > V_y$ or $V_{in} > V_i + V_y$, then diode is ON (F.B.) & replace by V_y .



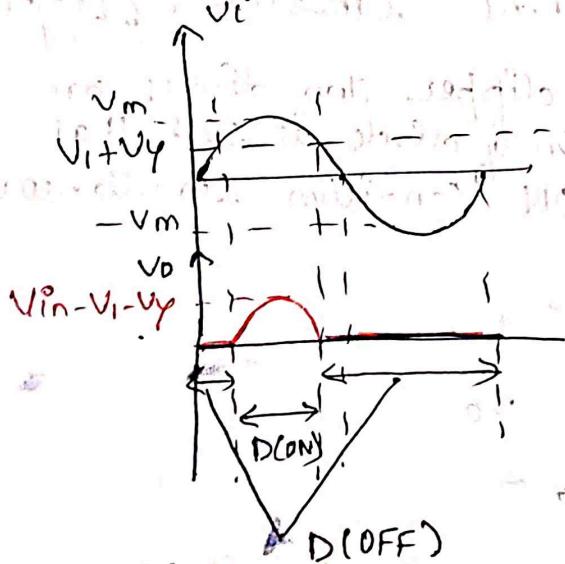
$$-V_{in} + V_i + V_y + I \times R_L = 0$$

$$I R_L = V_{in} - V_i - V_y$$

$$V_O = V_{in} - V_i - V_y$$

If $V_{in} - V_i \leq V_y$: then diode is OFF acts as open circuit.

$$V_O = 0$$

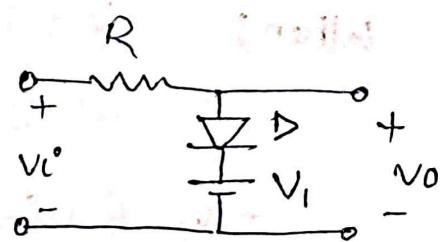


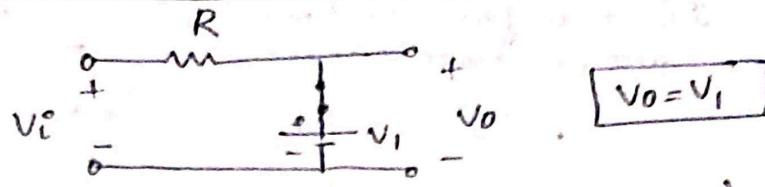
(b) Shunt Positive Biased Clipper -

If $V_{in} > V_i$: diode is ON

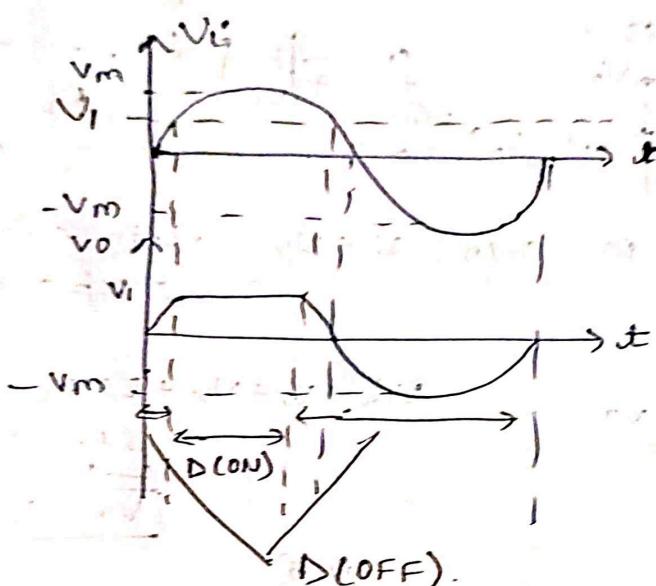
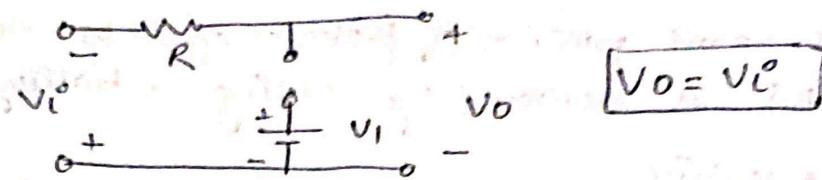
(Forward Bias)

acts as short circuit.



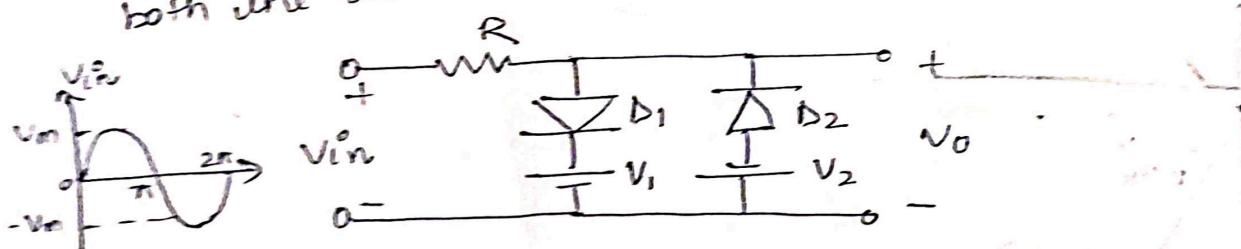


If $V_{in} < V_1$: diode is reverse bias (OFF) acts as open circuit.



Two Ways OR COMBINATIONAL CIRCUITS | Clipper :

In two way or combinational clipper two diodes are in parallel branch. The orientation of diode is such that both the diodes can not be in ON condition simultaneously.

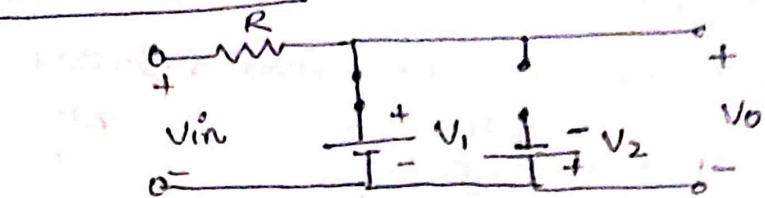


When: $V_{in} > V_1$; D_1 is ON & D_2 is OFF

When: $V_{in} < -V_2$; D_1 is OFF & D_2 is ON

$-V_2 \leq V_{in} \leq V_1$; Both diodes are OFF

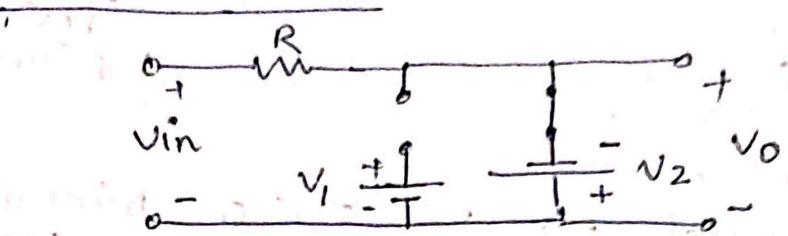
For $V_{in} > V_1$



$D_1 \rightarrow F.B$ acts as short circuit
 $D_2 \rightarrow R.B$ acts as open circuit

$$\boxed{V_o = V_1}$$

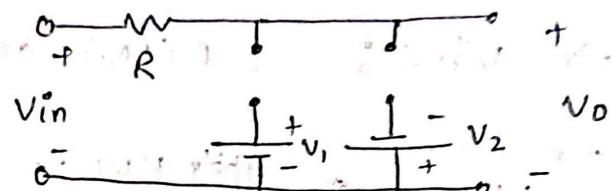
For $V_{in} < -V_2$



$D_1 \rightarrow R.B$ acts as open circuit
 $D_2 \rightarrow F.B$ acts as short circuit

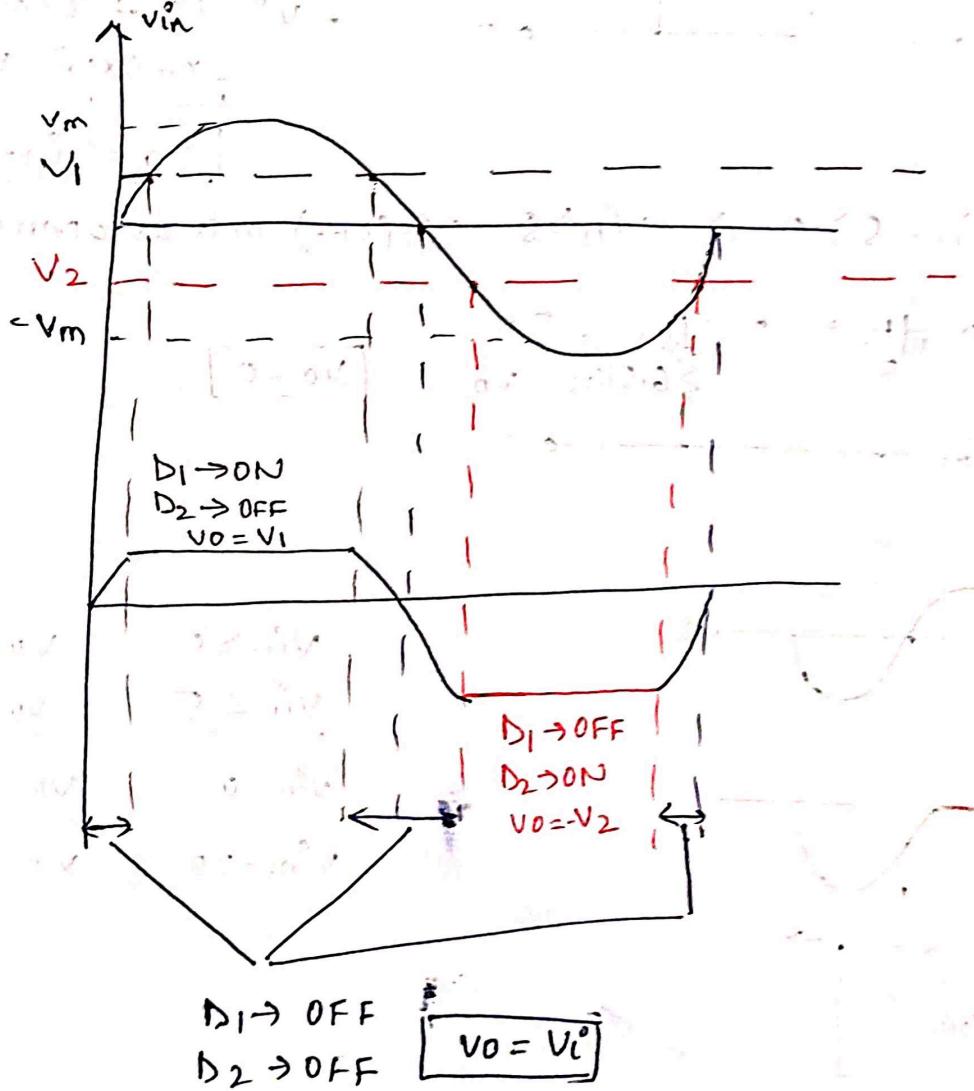
$$\boxed{V_o = -V_2}$$

For $-V_2 \leq V_{in} \leq V_1$



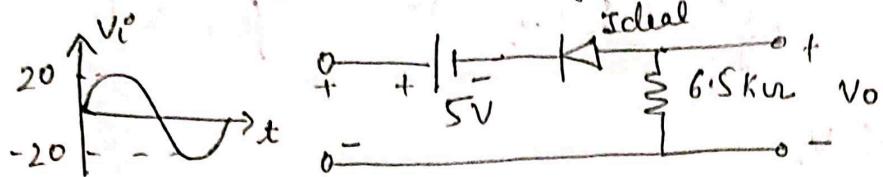
$D_1 \rightarrow R.B$ acts as O.C
 $D_2 \rightarrow R.B$ acts as O.C

$$\boxed{V_o = V_{in}}$$

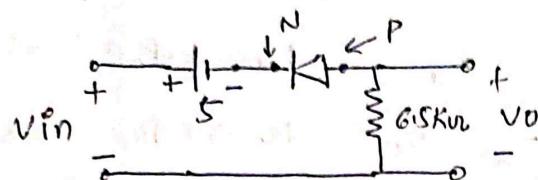


Clipper Numericals :-

Q^n Determine & Sketch V_o for the given network.



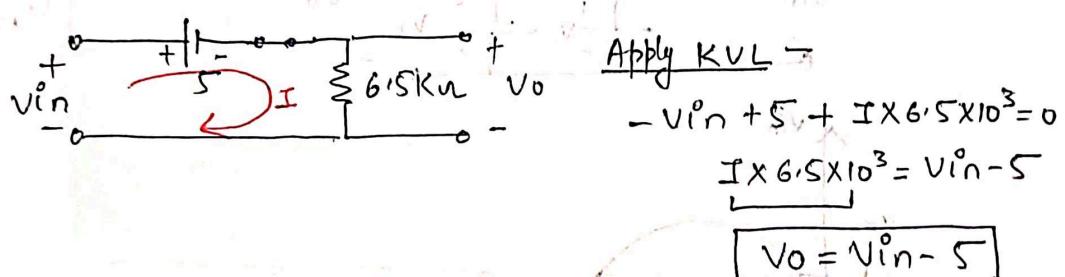
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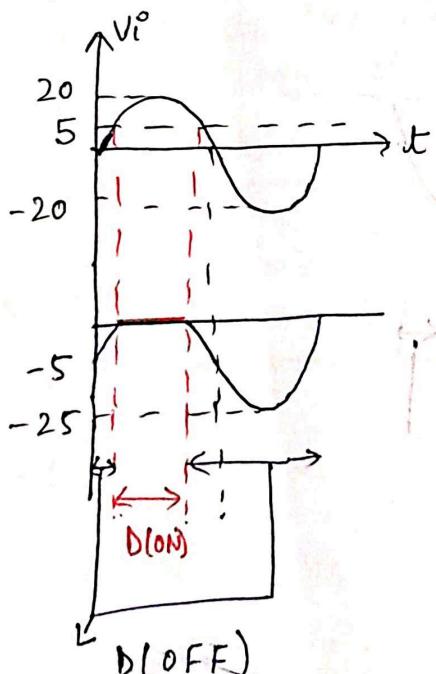
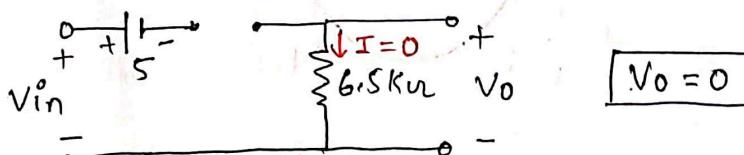
$$\text{As diode is ideal} \rightarrow V_{in} - 5 < 0 \quad \text{Diode is F.B (ON)}$$

$$V_{in} - 5 > 0 \quad \text{Diode is R.B (OFF)}$$

Case 1: $V_{in} - 5 < 0 \Rightarrow V_{in} < 5$; D(ON) acts as short ckt



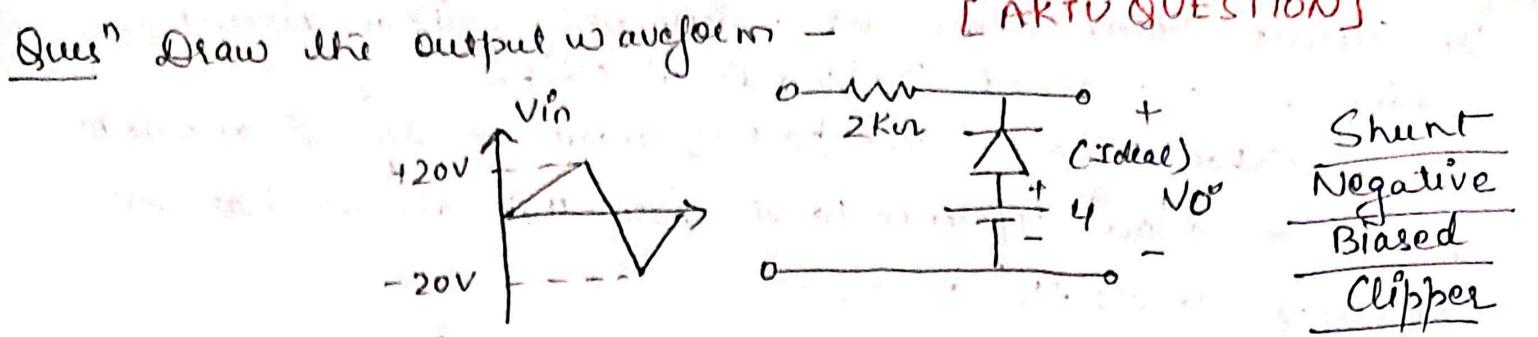
Case 2: $V_{in} - 5 > 0 \Rightarrow V_{in} > 5$; D(OFF) acts as open ckt.



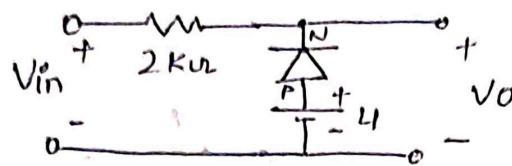
$$\begin{cases} V_o = 0 & V_{in} > 5 \\ V_o = V_{in} - 5 & V_{in} < 5 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} V_o = 0 & V_{in} = 0 \\ V_o = -20 - 5 & V_{in} = -20 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} V_o = 0 & V_{in} > 5 \\ V_o = V_{in} - 5 & V_{in} < 5 \\ V_o = -5 & V_{in} = 0 \\ V_o = -20 - 5 & V_{in} = -20 \end{cases}$$

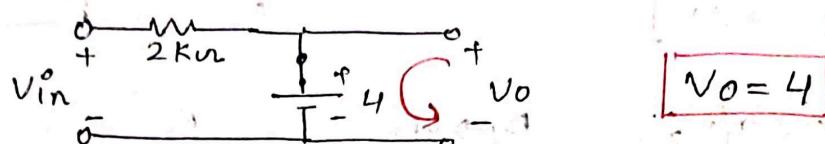


Let diode given in CKT is ideal -

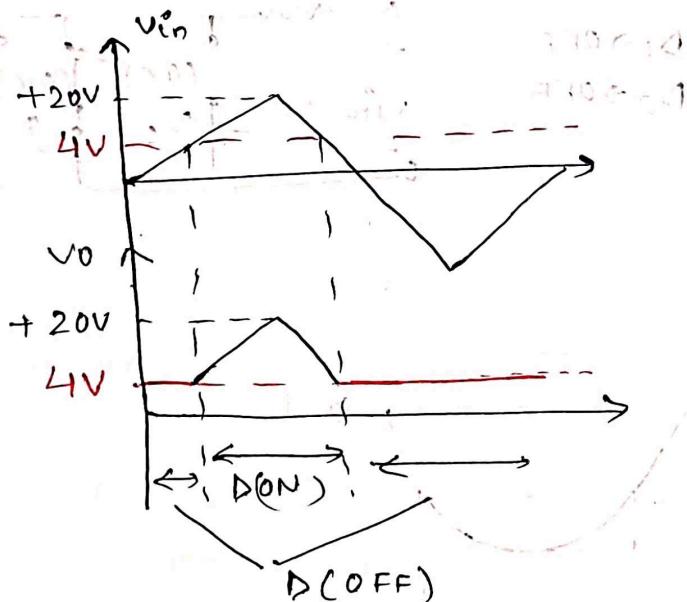
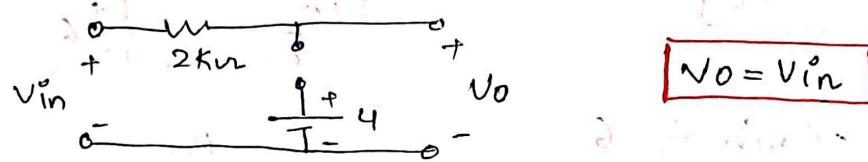


$V_{in} < 4$: Diode ON
 $V_{in} \geq 4$: Diode OFF

Case 1: $V_{in} < 4$; Diode is F.B acts as short CKT

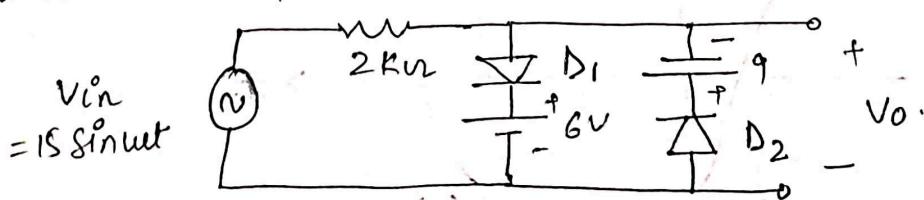


Case 2: $V_{in} \geq 4$; Diode is R.B acts as open CKT



$V_{in} < 4$ $[V_o = 4V]$
 $V_{in} \geq 4V$, $[V_o = V_{in}]$

Ques" Explain the function of the circuit shown in figure & draw the output waveform - [AKTU QUESTION].



The circuit shown above is a two way clipper circuit which is also called combinational clipper.

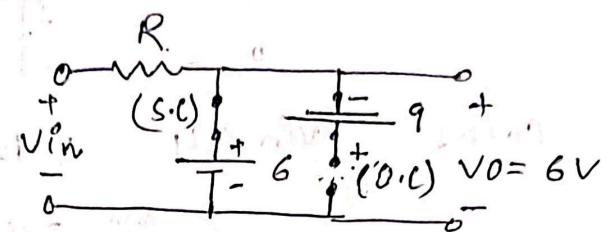
As a clipper removes some part of input ac signal above or below a certain reference level, here this circuit has two reference levels $+V_1$ & $-V_2$.

The CKT removes the part of i/p ac signal greater than V_1 & less than $-V_2$ b/w the levels the ac signals remains unchanged.

For $V_{in} > +6V (V_1)$

$$V_O = +6V$$

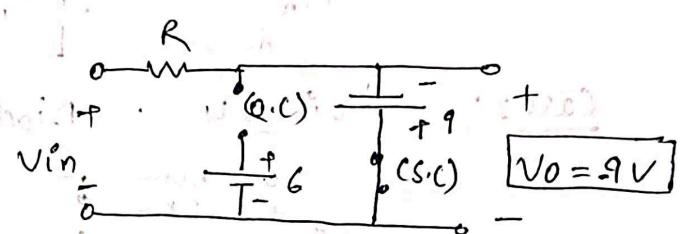
$D_1 \rightarrow ON$
 $D_2 \rightarrow OFF$



For $V_{in} < -9V (V_2)$

$$V_O = -9V$$

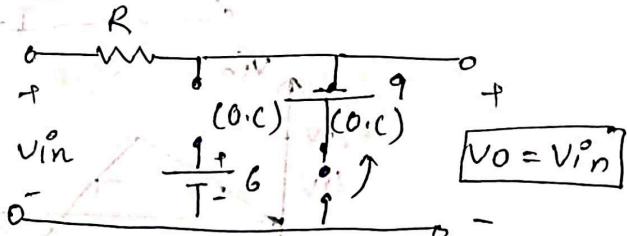
$D_1 \rightarrow OFF$
 $D_2 \rightarrow ON$



For $-9V \leq V_{in} \leq 6V$

$$V_O = V_{in}$$

$D_1 \rightarrow OFF$
 $D_2 \rightarrow OFF$



$V_O = V_{in}$

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Lecture-14

Special Purpose diode

↳ Varactor diode

↳ LED

↳ Photo diode

↳ Tunnel diode.

Ques: Write short notes on :-

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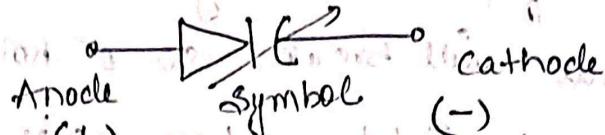
(i) Varactor diode

(ii) Photo diode

(i) Varactor diode :- Also Known as (Varicap) & Variable Capacitor

It is a special purpose diode which can be used as variable capacitor in microwave circuit.

Symbol :-



Working: 1. It is used in reverse bias condition.

2. In reverse bias, P region acts like plate of capacitor, while the depletion region, acts like dielectric. So there exist a capacitance,

Space charge capacitance.

$$C_T = \frac{\epsilon A}{W}$$

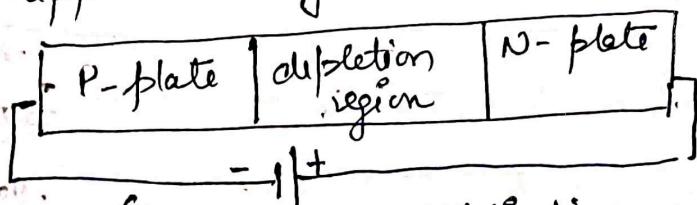
Or
depletion region capacitance.

where ϵ : permittivity of semiconductor

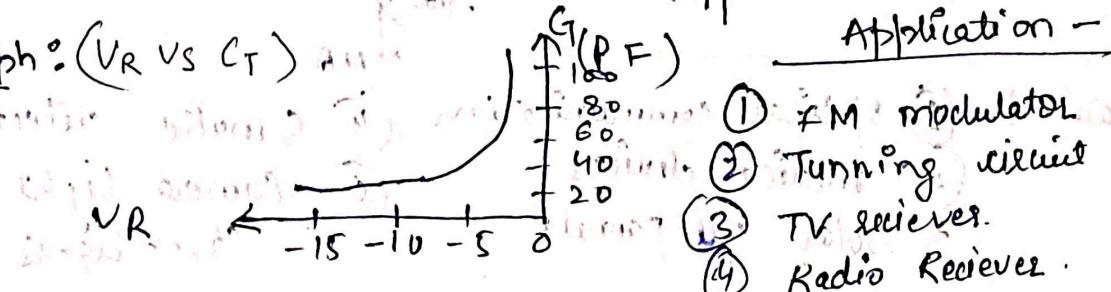
A : Area of cross section.

W : width of depletion region.

As reverse bias applied to diode increase, the width of depletion region (W) increases. So C_T decreases & vice versa. Therefore capacitance can be controlled by applied voltage.



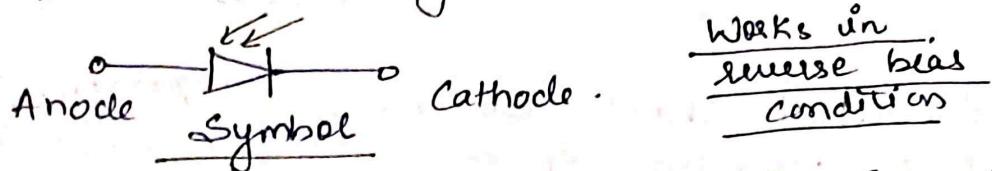
Graph : (V_R vs C_T)



Application :-

- ① FM modulator
- ② Tuning circuit
- ③ TV receiver.
- ④ Radio Receiver.

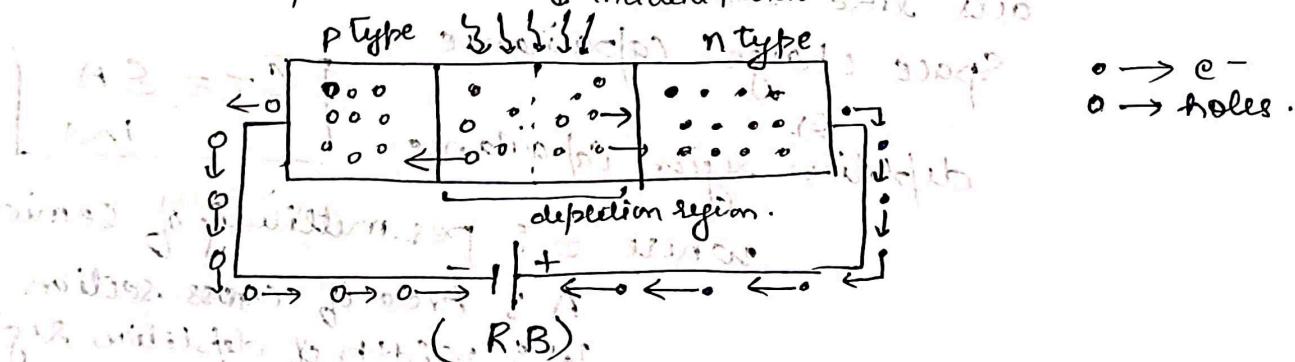
(ii) Photo diode :- A photo diode is a semiconductor p-n junction device that converts light to an electric current.



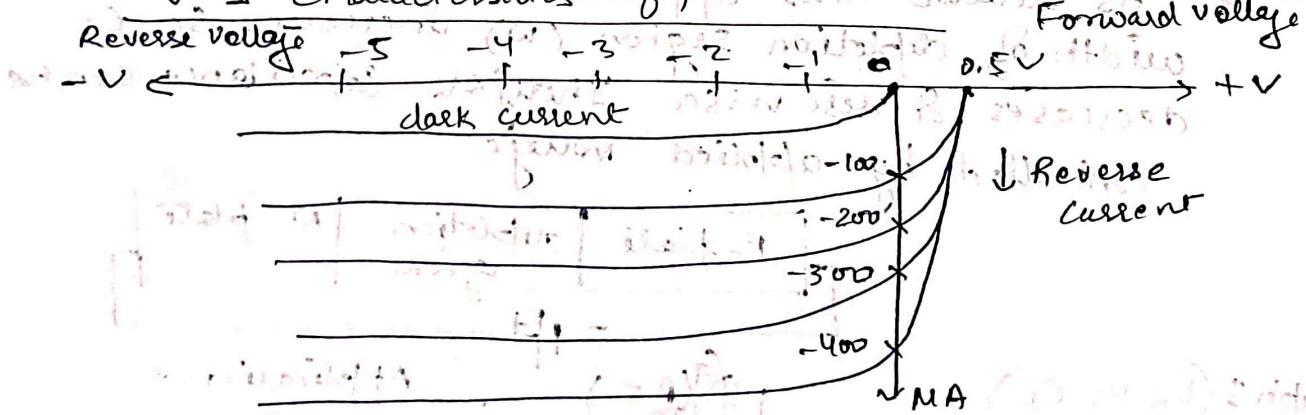
Working :- 1. When a light or photon is used to illuminate p-n junction when photon hits the free mobile ions present in the depletion region.

2. If energy of photon is greater than 1.1 eV then covalent bonds will break. So e-hole pair are generated.
3. Due to electric field, e-hole pairs move away from the junction. Hence hole moves to anode & cathode e- moves towards cathode to produce photo current.

This entire process is known as photoelectric effect.



V-I Characteristics of photo diode



- Applications :-
- ① Optical communication
 - ② medical devices
 - ③ Solar cell panels
 - ④ Smoke detectors
 - ⑤ Camera light meters & Street lights

Ques Explain working & characteristics of Tunnel diodes & LEDs with the help of neat diagram. [AKTU QUESTION]

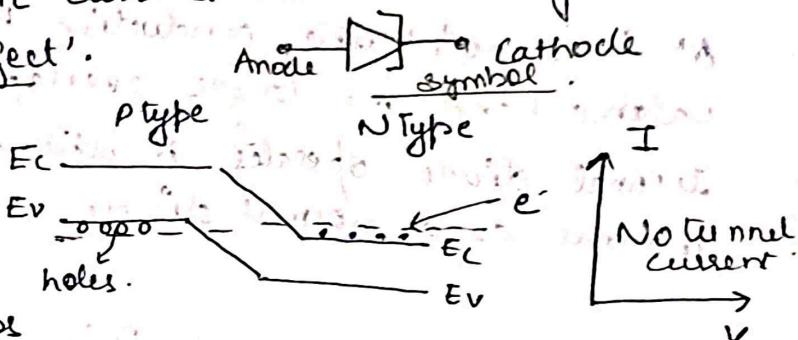
(1) Tunnel diode — A tunnel diode is a heavily doped p-n junction diode. The doping of tunnel diode is 1000 times greater than simple diode. So depletion layer is very narrow & is of the order of 10nm.

In tunnel diode electric current is caused by

Tunneling or Tunneling effect:

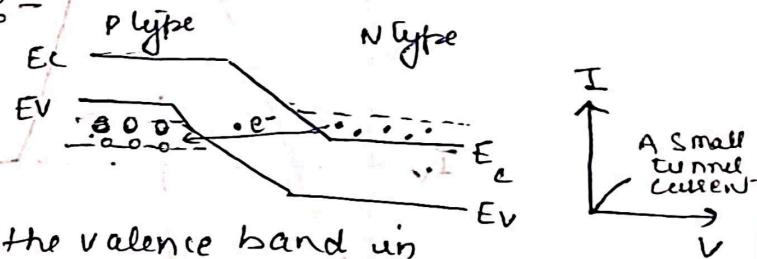
Working: (1) Unbiased tunnel diode:

due to high doping the conduction band of n-type overlaps with valence band of p-type materials. Because of this overlapping the conduction band e- & valence band holes are at the same energy level.



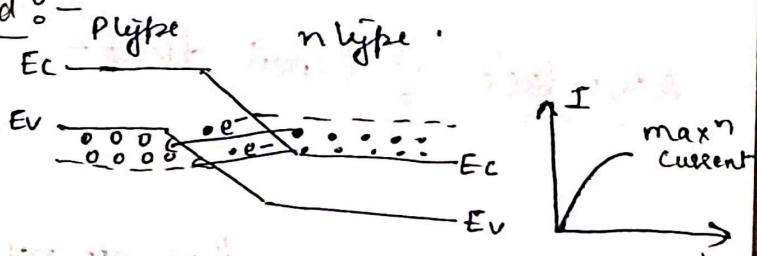
(2) Small voltage is applied :-

due to small voltage is applied, then a small no. of e- in the conduction band of n region will tunnel to the empty states of the valence band in P region. This will create a small forward bias tunnel current.

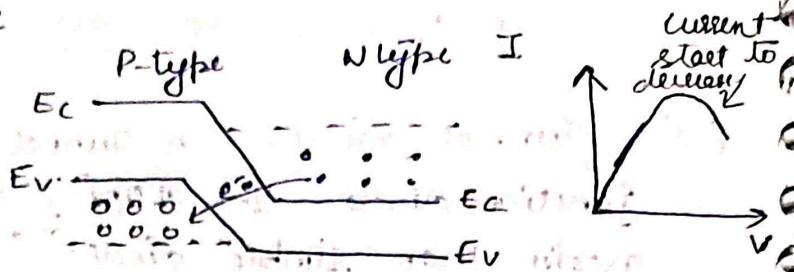


(3) Applied voltage is slightly increased :-

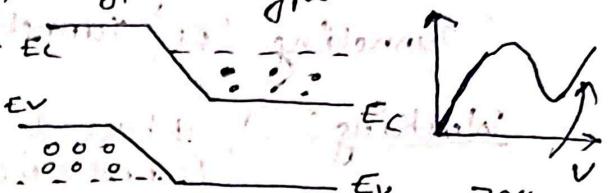
when voltage applied is slightly increased, the energy level of n-side conduction band becomes exactly to energy level of p-side valence band. As a result, maximum current flows.



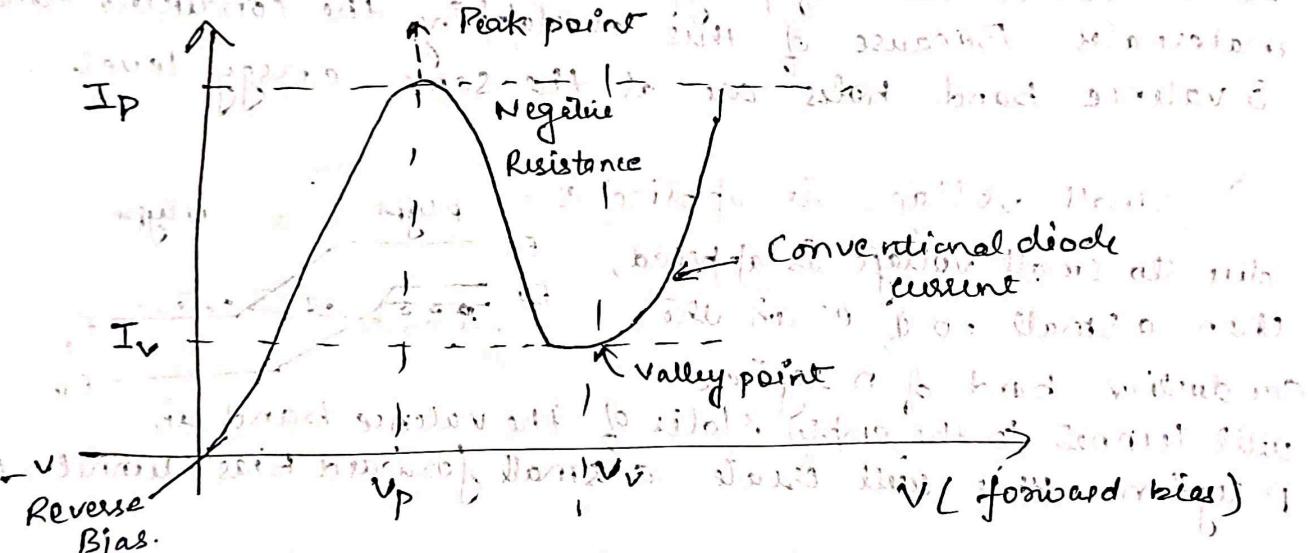
(4) Applied voltage is further increased :- A slight misalign of the conduction band & valence band take place so current starts to decrease. At this point as the energy gap between the bands increases the tunnel diode starts to decay.



(5) Applied voltage is largely increased :- At this point the conduction band & P-type, N-type I valence band no longer overlap and Ec tunnel diode operates in the same manner as a normal diode.



V-I characteristics of tunnel diodes



Advantage of tunnel diode :-

- 1. Long life
- 2. High speed operation
- 3. Low noise
- 4. Low power consumption

Disadvantage :-

- 1. They are not fabricated in large numbers.
- 2. Being a two terminal device, the input & output terminals are not isolated from one another.

Applications :-

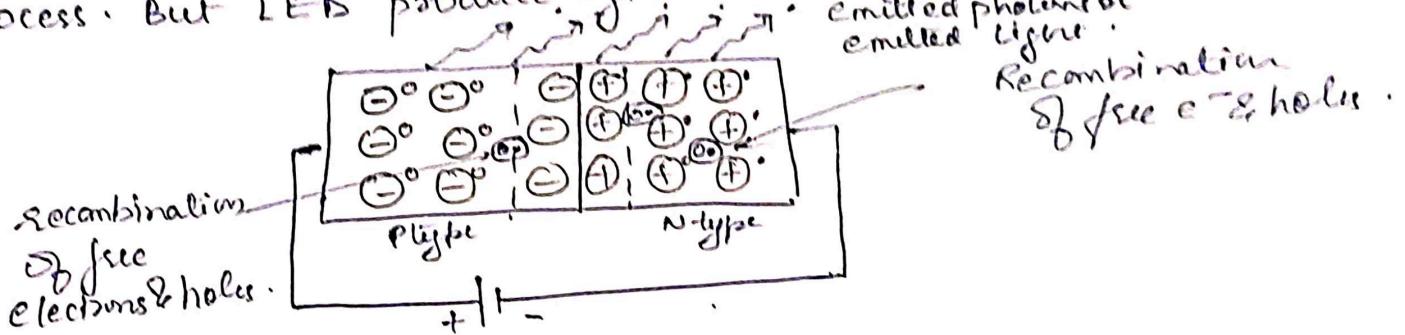
- 1. Are used as logic memory storage devices.
- 2. Tunnel diode are used in relaxation oscillator.
- 3. used as an ultra high speed switch.
- 4. used in FM receivers.

(iii) LED: Light emitting diode (LED) is a photo electronic device which converts electrical energy into light energy. Materials like Gallium, Phosphorus & Arsenic are used for the manufacturing.

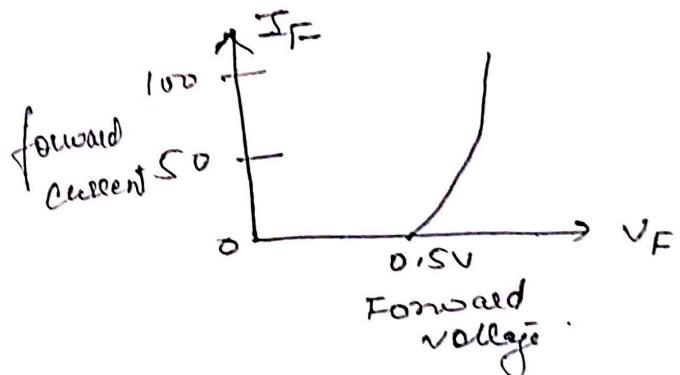
of LED:

Anode $\uparrow \downarrow$ cathode

Working:- When LED is forward biased then hole in p-type & electron in n-type starts to cross the junction & recombine with each other. Simple diode (Ge, Si) produce heat in recombination process. But LED produce light in recombination process.



V-I Characteristics -



Applications:

1. used in digital clocks
2. used in calculators
3. used in mobile, TV displays.
4. used in seven segment displays.

S. No	Material	Colour
1.	GaN	Blue (5V)
2.	GaN	white (4V)
3.	Ga As P	Red (1.8V)
4.	Ga As P	orange (2V)
5.	Ga P	Green.