

3 Questions to test for the conduction state of a diode during ON assumption:

1. What is the labelled current direction? ($P \rightarrow N$ or $N \rightarrow P$)
2. Is the calculated current in agreement or disagreement with respect to the labeled diode current?
 $+V_e$: *In agreement.*
 $-V_e$: *In disagreement.*
If Yes (agreement): Calculated current direction **same** as labelled current.
If No (disagreement): calculated current direction **opposite** to labelled current.
3. Is this allowed according to diode theory?
 $P \rightarrow N$: allowed, Diode is **ON**.
 $N \rightarrow P$: Not-allowed, Diode is **OFF**. [Diode current doesn't flow from $N \rightarrow P$]

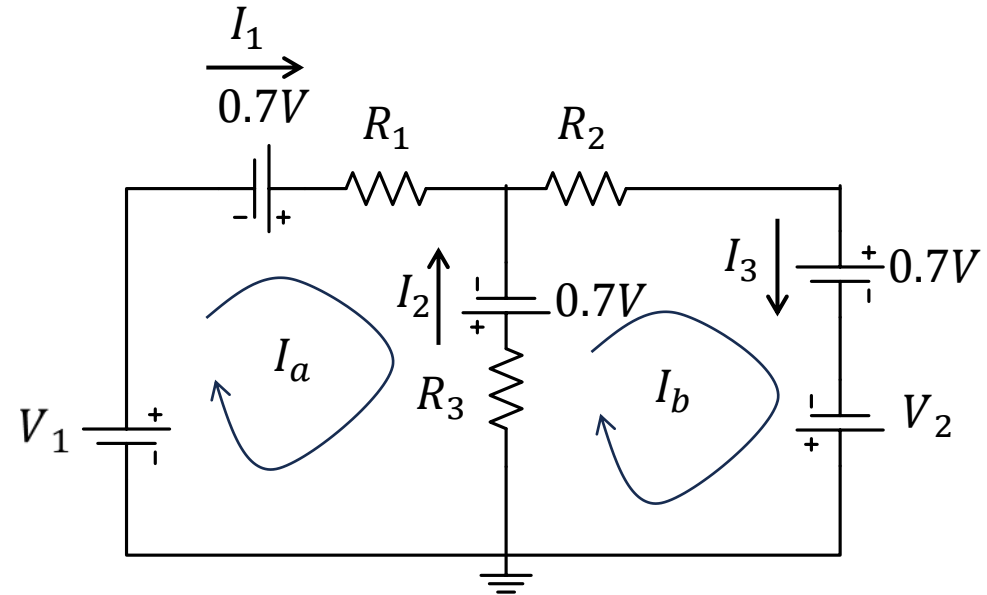
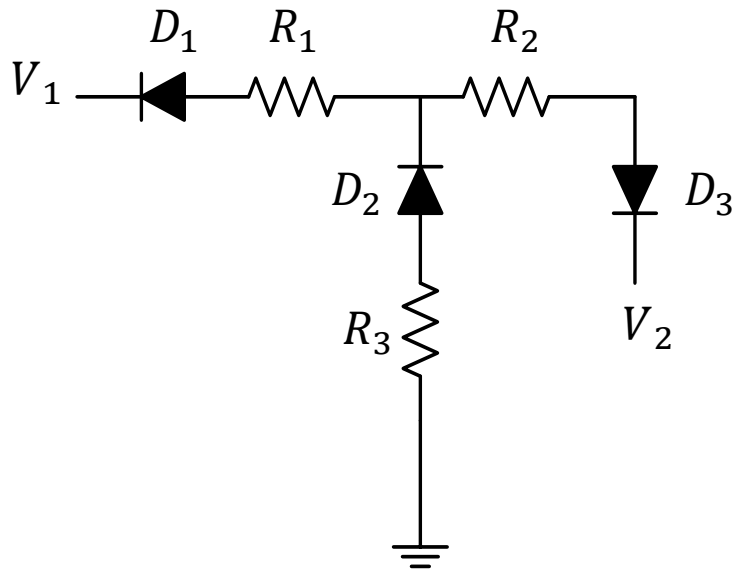
Verifying OFF assumption:

Find $V_P - V_N$

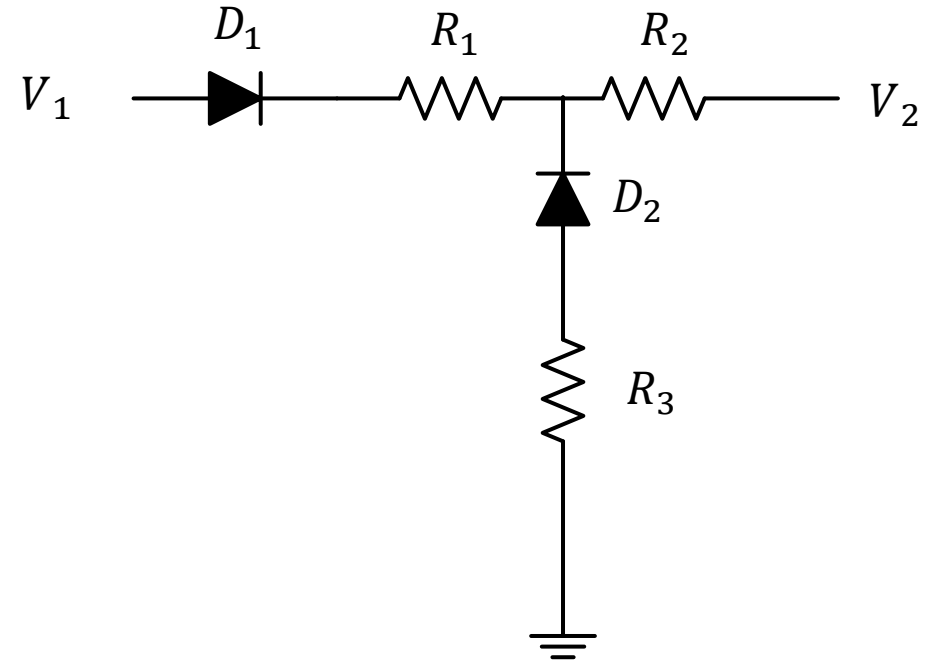
If $V_P - V_N < 0.7V$, Diode off, assumption right.

If $V_P - V_N > 0.7V$, Diode ON, assumption wrong

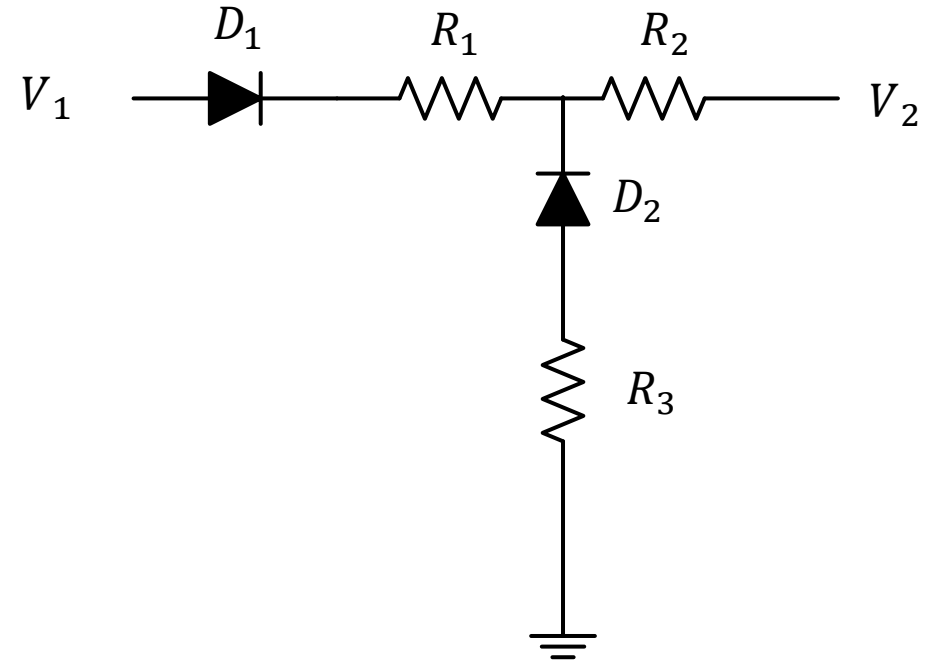
1. All the diodes in the circuit have been assumed to be ON. Mesh analysis of the circuit finds the currents as $I_a = 1.01 \text{ mA}$ and $I_b = 1.45 \text{ mA}$. Calculate the current through the diodes and determine the conduction states of the diodes.



1. Conduction states of the diodes are as follows. D_1 OFF, D_2 ON. Determine the currents flowing through the diodes. $V_1 = -5V$, $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 2k$, & $V_2 = -3V$.



1. Conduction states of the diodes are assumed as follows:
 D_1 ON, D_2 OFF. Current through D_1 is calculated as $I_1 = 0.675 \text{ mA}$. Determine the voltage across D_2 . $V_1 = -5\text{V}$, $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 2\text{k}$, & $V_2 = -3\text{V}$.



1. Conduction states of the diodes are assumed as follows:
 D_1 ON, D_2 OFF. Current through D_1 is calculated as $I_1 = 0.675 \text{ mA}$. Justify the assumptions for each diodes. $V_1 = -5V$, $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 2k$, & $V_2 = -3V$.

