

# ece231 Midterm 2025



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Q1

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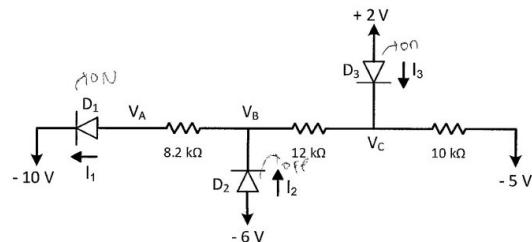


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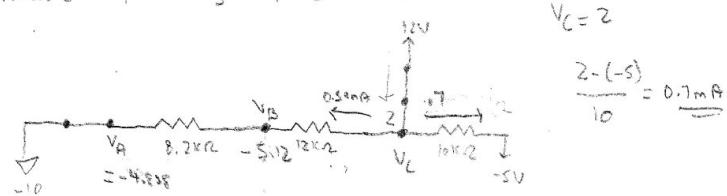
### Question 1 [6 marks]

The diodes in the circuit shown below are ideal. Determine the node voltages,  $V_A$ ,  $V_B$  and  $V_C$ , and the currents,  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  and  $I_3$ .



$V_A = -4.838$	(V)
$V_B = -5.13$	(V)
$V_C = 2$	(V)
$I_1 = 0.59$	(mA)
$I_2 = 0.7$	(mA)
$I_3 = 1.29$	(mA)

Assume  $D_1$  and  $D_3$  on,  $D_2$  is off:



$$I_2 = \frac{2 - (-5)}{12} = 0.59$$

$$= 0.59 \text{ mA}$$

$$\frac{2 - V_B}{12} = 0.59$$

$$2 - V_B = 7.128$$

$$V_C = 2$$

$$\frac{2 - (-5)}{10} = 0.7 \text{ mA}$$

$$= 0.7 \text{ mA}$$

$$= 0.7 + 0.59 + i = 0$$

$$i = 1.29 \text{ mA}$$

$$= 0.59405705 \text{ mA}$$

$$= 5.128712871 = V_B$$

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**Question 1** (blank page for solution)



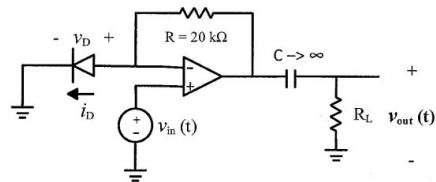
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## Q2 3.7

## Question 2 [5 marks]

For the circuit shown below,  $i_D = I_S \left( e^{\frac{v_D}{V_T}} - 1 \right)$  where  $I_S = 0.1 \mu\text{A}$  and  $V_T = 25 \text{ mV}$ , and the input is  $v_{in}(t) = 0.15 + 5 \times 10^{-3} \sin(\omega t) \text{ V}$ .

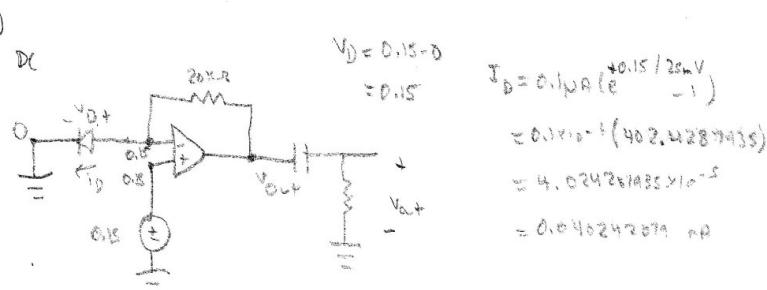


- a) Find the small-signal resistance of the diode.  
 b) Find the expression for  $v_{out}(t)$ .

No change

$$r_d = 621.2 \Omega$$

$$v_{out}(t) = -0.15 - 0.156 \sin(\omega t) \text{ V}$$



$$r_d = \frac{V_D}{I_D} = \frac{25 \text{ mV}}{0.01} = 621.227936 \Omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_D &= 0.15 - 0 \\ I_D &= 0.1 \mu\text{A} \left( e^{\frac{0.15}{25 \text{ mV}}} - 1 \right) \\ &\approx 0.01 \times 10^{-3} (40.24287435) \\ &\approx 4.024287435 \times 10^{-5} \\ &\approx 0.04024287435 \mu\text{A} \end{aligned}$$

Point B must pass to

$$\frac{0.15 - V_{out}}{20 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.04 \rightarrow 0.15 - V_{out} = 0.8$$

$$V_{out} = -0.65455 \text{ V}$$

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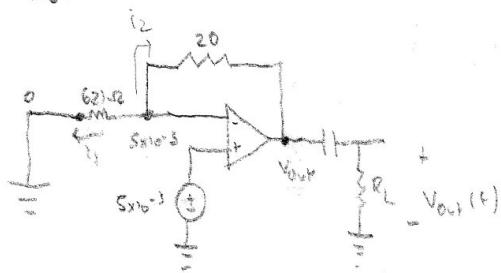
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**Question 2 (blank page for solution)**

b)

DC:



$$i = \frac{5 \times 10^{-3}}{62k}$$

$$= 8.032 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= 8.032 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mA}$$

$$\frac{5 \times 10^{-3} \cdot V_{out}}{20} = 8.032 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$5 \times 10^{-3} \cdot V_{out} = 0.161634375$$

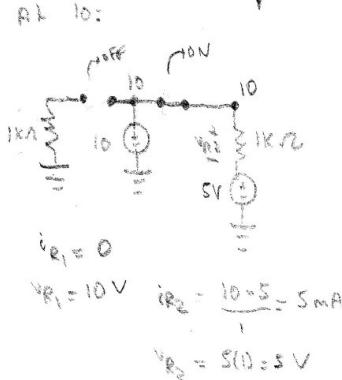
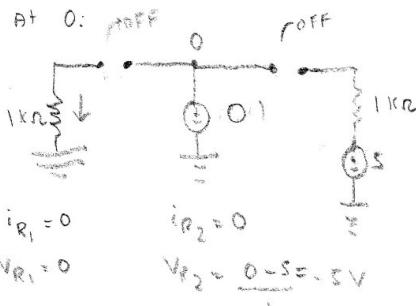
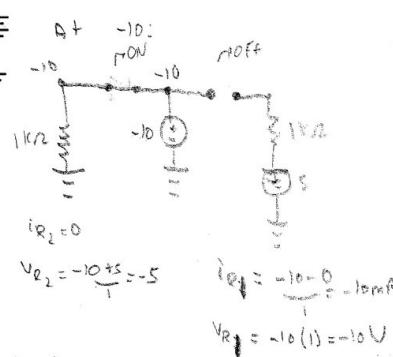
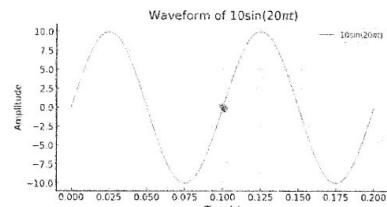
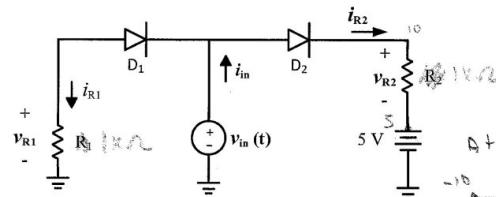
$$-0.15603050345 \in V_{out}$$



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In the circuit shown below, the diodes are ideal and the input signal is  $v_{in}(t) = 10 \sin(20\pi t)$  V, and  $R_1 = R_2 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ . Sketch the waveforms of  $v_{R1}$ ,  $i_{R1}$ ,  $v_{R2}$ ,  $i_{R2}$  and  $i_{in}$  for one period ( $0 \leq t \leq 0.1\text{s}$ ) on the next page. Clearly label the maximum and minimum signal values on the graphs.



Q3

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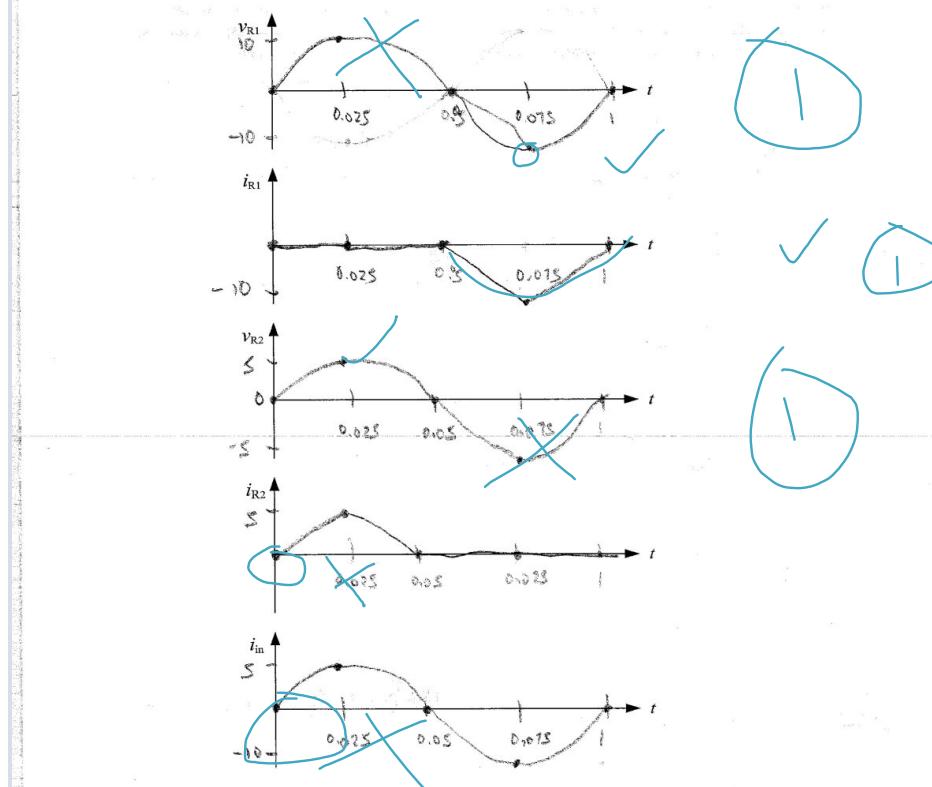
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## Question 3 (solution)



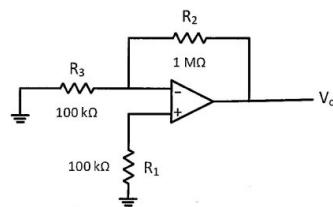
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**Question 4 [8 marks]**

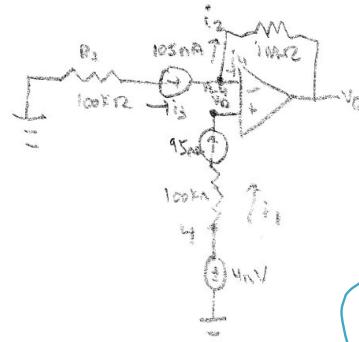
The Op Amp in the circuit shown below has  $V_{os} = 4 \text{ mV}$ ,  $I_{B1} = 105 \text{ nA}$  and  $I_{B2} = 95 \text{ nA}$ . Calculate the worst-case output voltage, and find the new value of  $R_1$  to achieve a zero-output voltage according to the worst-case scenario. Hint: worst-case means that  $V_o$  has the largest positive value.



$$V_o \text{ worst-case} = 42.4 \text{ mV}$$

$$R_1 \text{ new} = 68.4 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$\rightarrow R_1 \text{ new on. best}$



$$V = 95 \times 10^{-9} (100 \times 10^3)$$

$$= 9.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ V}$$

$$\approx 9.5 \text{ mV}$$

$$V_D = 9.5 + 4 = 13.4 \text{ V}$$

$$\frac{V_D - 13.4 \text{ mV}}{1 \text{ M}\Omega} = 2.9 \times 10^{-8} \text{ A}$$

$$\frac{13.4 - 0}{100 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.34 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mA}$$

$$I_2 = 1.34 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mA} - 105 \text{ nA}$$

$$I_2 = 2.3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ A}$$

$$V_D - 13.4 \text{ mV} = 0.029$$

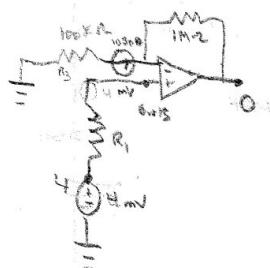
$$V_D = 0.0424 \text{ V}$$

$$V_o = 42.4 \text{ mV}$$

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**Question 4 (blank page for solution)**

$$V_3 = 100 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-8}$$
$$= 0.0105 \text{ V}$$

$$\frac{4}{R_i} = 0.0105 \approx 95 \text{ nA}$$

$$4 \text{ mV} = 0.0105 \approx 95 \times 10^{-9} R_i$$

$$\frac{68.420523}{K\Omega} = R_i$$

Q5 0



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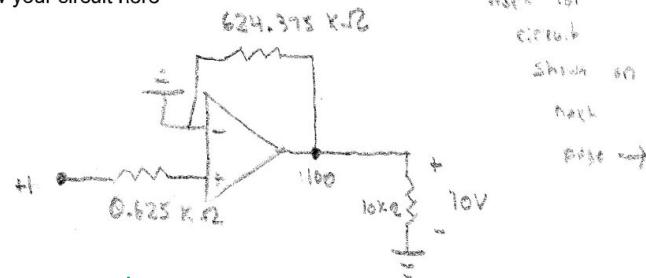
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**Question 5 [7 marks]**

Design a noninverting amplifier with a gain of 100 that can deliver a 10 V signal to a 10 kΩ load resistor. Your Op Amp can supply only 1.6 mA of output current, and we want to draw the maximum current from the Op Amp. Draw your circuit, clearly indicate the input and output ports and all the resistor values.

Draw your circuit here



wrong  
circuit diagram

 $A_{v1} = +100$ 

Non-inverting

max output current 1.6mA

Load=10 kΩ

Signal $\rightarrow$ to Input

I am assuming that by delivering  
a 10V signal, the question means that  
the load voltage is 10V rather  
than input voltage ✓

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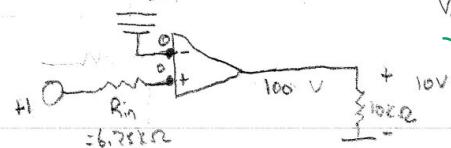
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**Question 5 (blank page for solution)**

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = 1 + \frac{R_F}{R_{in}}$$

$$A_V = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \approx 100 \approx \frac{V_{out}}{10V}$$

max current 1.6 mA of output



$$V_{in} = \frac{1 - 0}{R_{in}} = 1.6 \text{ mA}$$

Since we want maximum current, use 1.6 mA of output

$$I = 1.6 R_{in}$$

$$0.625 \text{ mA} \times 10^3 \Omega = R_{in}$$

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = 1 + \frac{R_F}{R_{in}}$$

$$1000 = 1 + \frac{R_F}{0.625}$$

$$999 = \frac{R_F}{0.625}$$

$$R_F = 624.375 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Q6

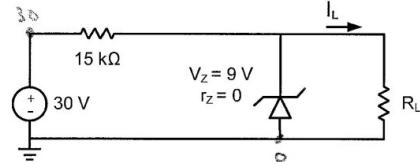
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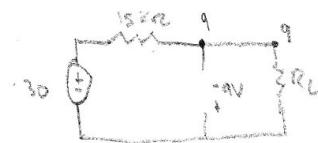
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**Question 6 [3 marks]**

What is the maximum load current  $I_L$  that can be drawn from the Zener regulator as shown below?  
What is the minimum value of  $R_L$  that can be used and still have a regulated output voltage?



Since  $V_{out} = 0$ , we have:



$$I_L \text{ maximum} = \frac{1.4}{15 \times 10^3}$$

$$R_L \text{ minimum} = \frac{1.4}{15 \times 10^3}$$

$$\frac{30 - 9}{15} = i$$

$$\frac{9 - 0}{R_L} = 1.4$$

$$1.4 = i$$

$$9 = 1.4 R_L$$

$$6.42857 = R_L$$

$\text{k}\Omega$

