

## Operational amplifiers and diodes

Problem 1 - Diode circuit

(a) Calculation of total current

$$V_{In} = 1.0V$$

$$\text{Current through } R_1 = I_{R1} = \frac{1V}{1k\Omega} = 1mA$$

$$\text{Current through } R_2 = I_{R2} = \frac{1V - 0.7V}{1k\Omega} = 0.3mA$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total current} = I_{In} = I_{R1} + I_{R2} = \\ = 1mA + 0.3mA = \underline{1.3mA}$$

$$V_{In} = 5.0V$$

$$I_{R1} = 5mA$$

$$I_{R2} = \frac{5V - 0.7V}{1k\Omega} = 4.3mA$$

$$I_{R3} = \frac{5V - 0.7V - 3V}{1k\Omega} = \frac{1.3V}{1k\Omega} = 1.3mA$$

$$I_{In} = \sum I_{Ri} = 5mA + 4.3mA + 1.3mA \\ = \underline{10.6mA}$$

$$V_{In} = 10V$$

$$I_{R1} = 10mA$$

$$I_{R2} = 9.3mA$$

$$I_{R3} = 6.3mA$$

$$I_{R4} = \frac{10V - 2 \times 0.7V - 2 \times 3V}{1k\Omega} = \frac{2.6V}{1k\Omega} = 2.6mA \quad (2)$$

$$I_{In} = \sum I_{Ri} = 10mA + 9.3mA + 6.3mA + 2.6mA = \underline{\underline{28.2mA}}$$

$$(b) \quad I_{R4} = 1mA \Rightarrow V_{R4} = 1V$$

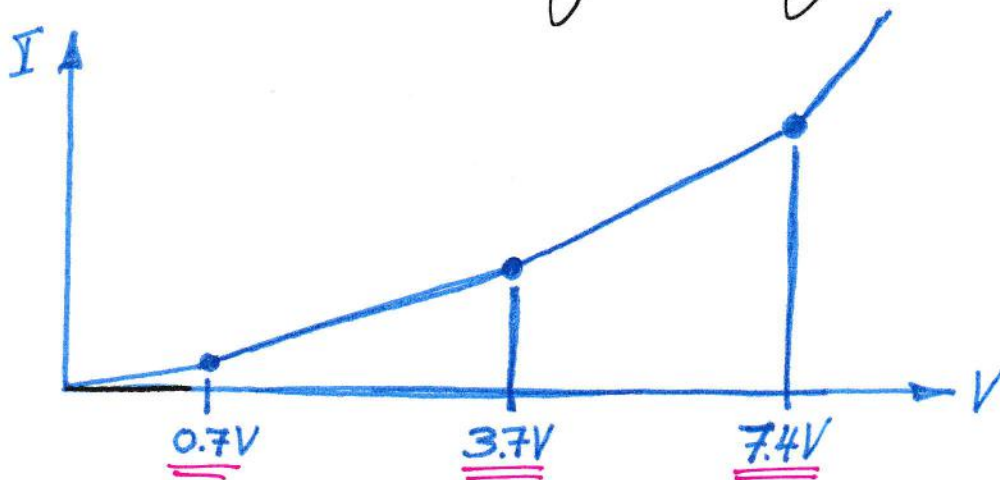
$$\Rightarrow I_{R3} = \frac{1V + 0.7V + 3V}{1k\Omega} = \frac{4.7V}{1k\Omega} = 4.7mA$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{R2} = \frac{4.7V + 3V}{1k\Omega} = \frac{7.7V}{1k\Omega} = 7.7mA$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{R1} = \frac{7.7V + 0.7V}{1k\Omega} = \frac{8.4V}{1k\Omega} = 8.4mA$$

$$\text{Total current} = \sum I_{Ri} = 1mA + 4.7mA + 7.7mA + 8.4mA = \underline{\underline{21.8mA}}$$

(c) Current - voltage diagram



$$0.7V \Rightarrow I = I_{R1} = \underline{\underline{0.7mA}}$$

$$3.7V \Rightarrow I = I_{R1} + I_{R2} = 3.7mA + 3mA = \underline{\underline{6.7mA}}$$

$$7.4V \Rightarrow I = I_{R1} + I_{R2} + I_{R3} = 7.4mA + 6.7mA + 3.7mA = \underline{\underline{17.8mA}}$$

## Problem 2 - Op amp circuit

(a) Yes, it is a linear circuit because  $V_{out}$  is a linear function of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

(b) Effect of  $V_1$  on  $V_{out}$

$$V_+ = 0 \Rightarrow V_- = 0$$

$$V_1 = I_{R1} R_1 \quad (1) \quad V_{out} = -R_F I_{R1} \quad (2)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Two eqns. Eliminate  $I_{R1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_1}{R_1} = -\frac{V_{out}}{R_F} \Rightarrow \underline{V_{out} = -\frac{R_F}{R_1} V_1}$$

(c) Effect of  $V_2$  on  $V_{out}$

$$V_+ = \frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} V_2 \quad (1) \quad V_- = V_+ \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{V_{out} - V_-}{R_F} = I_{R1} \quad (3) \quad \frac{V_-}{R_1} = I_{R1} \quad (4)$$

Eliminate  $I_{R1}$  from Eqs. (3) and (4):

$$\frac{V_{out} - V_-}{R_F} = \frac{V_-}{R_1} \quad (5)$$

Eliminate  $V_-$  by using Eqs. (1) and (2)

$$\frac{V_{out} - \frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} V_2}{R_F} = \frac{\frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} V_2}{R_1}$$



(4)

$$\frac{V_{out}}{R_F} = \frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} \frac{1}{R_F} V_2 = \frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} \frac{1}{R_1} V_2$$

$$\frac{V_{out}}{R_F} = \frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} \left( \frac{1}{R_F} + \frac{1}{R_1} \right) V_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{V_{out} = \frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} \left( 1 + \frac{R_F}{R_1} \right) V_2}$$

(d) Superposition (addition)

$$\underline{V_{out} = \frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} \left( 1 + \frac{R_F}{R_1} \right) V_2 - \frac{R_F}{R_1} V_1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  This is a subtraction circuit

(e) Assume  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_F$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{V_{out} = \frac{1}{2} (1+1) V_2 - V_1 = \underline{V_2 - V_1}}$$

$$\text{Amplification} = \underline{A} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_2 - V_1} = \underline{1}$$

(f)  $R_4$  does not enter the calculation because the output impedance of the op amp is zero.

(9) If  $R_{\text{output}} \ll R_4$ , there is no effect.  
↳ Output impedance of op amp.

If  $R_{\text{output}} \approx R_4$ , there will be a drop in the output voltage.  
↳ a drop in the absolute value of the output voltage.

### Problem 3

- (a) True. A lower charging current causes less battery heating ( $I^2 R_{int}$ ), thereby prolonging battery lifetime.
- (b) True. A Zener diode becomes conductive at 0.7V forward bias.
- (c) True. Otherwise a positive feedback catastrophe results.