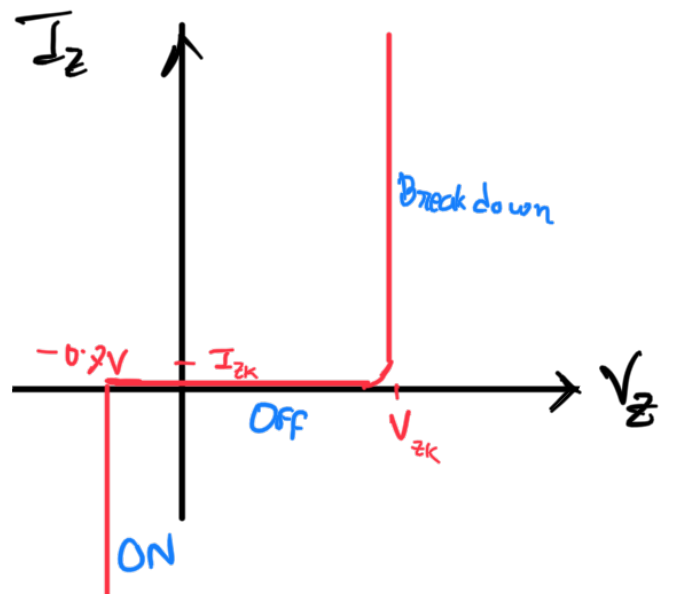
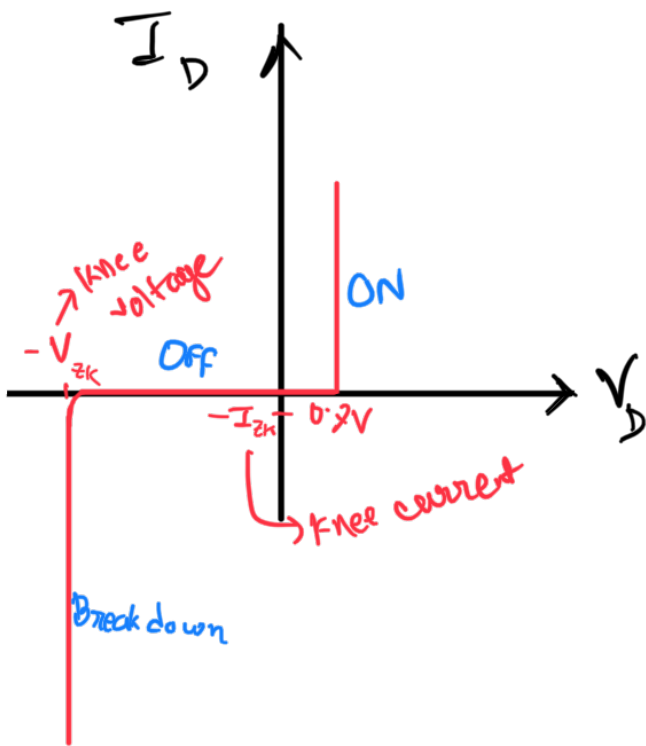
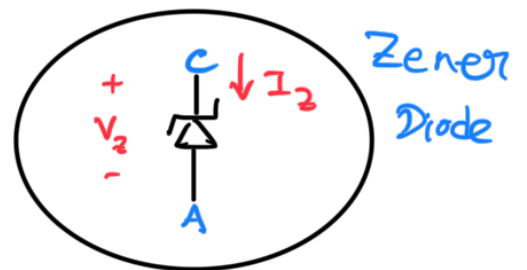


$$I_Z = -I_D$$

$$V_Z = -V_D$$



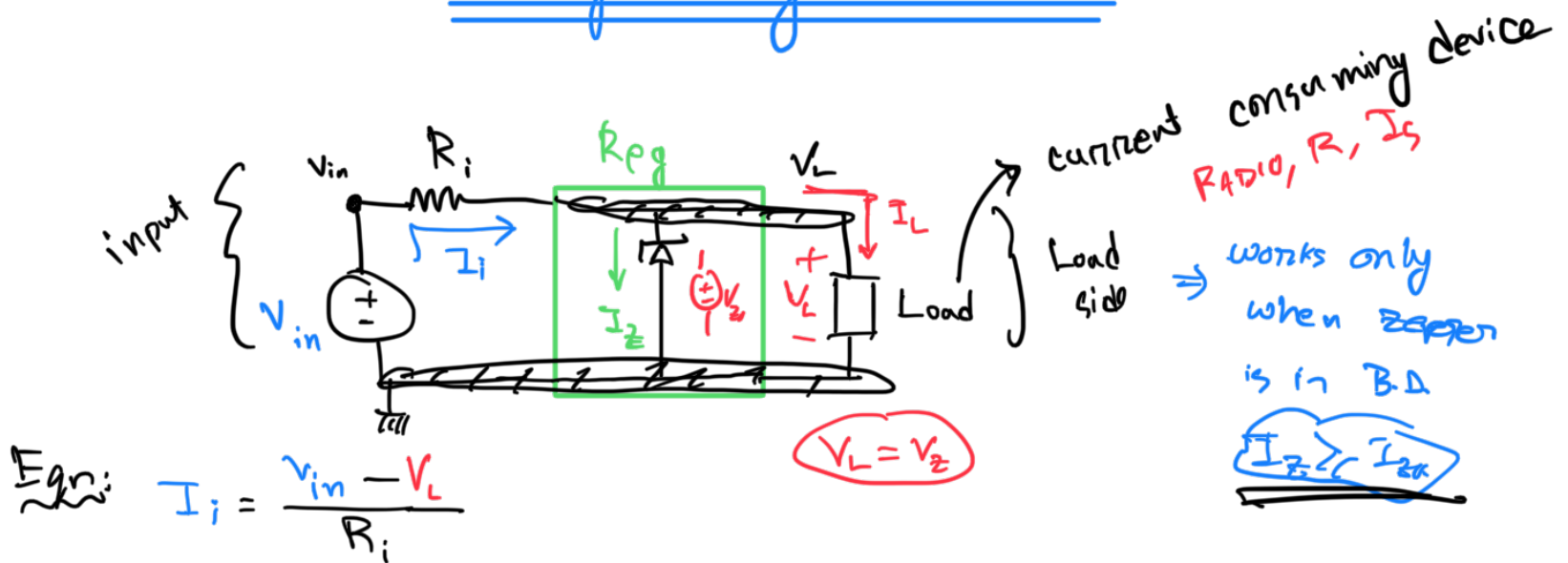
ON when  $I_D > 0$

$\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$   $V_D = 0.7V$

B.D. when  $I_Z > I_{ZK}$

$\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$   $V_Z = V_{Z0}$

## Application $\Rightarrow$ Voltage Regulator



$$I_i = I_Z + I_L$$

$$\Rightarrow I_Z = I_i - I_L = \frac{V_{in} - V_L}{R_i} - I_L$$

$$V_{in} \uparrow \downarrow \Rightarrow I_Z \uparrow \downarrow$$

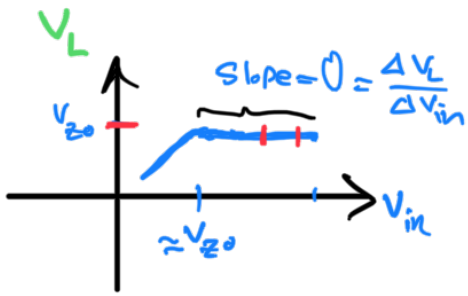
$$I_L \uparrow \downarrow \Rightarrow I_Z \downarrow \uparrow$$

For regulator to work, Zener MUST be in Break down

$$\Rightarrow \underline{I_Z > I_{ZK}}$$

This means  $\Rightarrow$  ①  $V_{in}$  should be high  
②  $I_L$  should be low

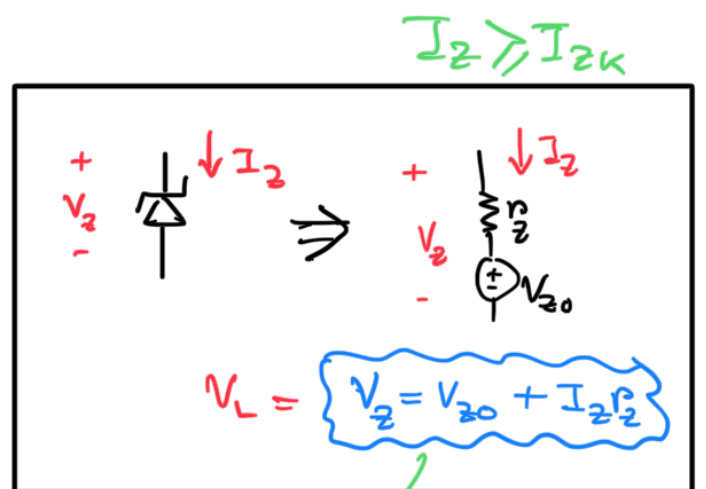
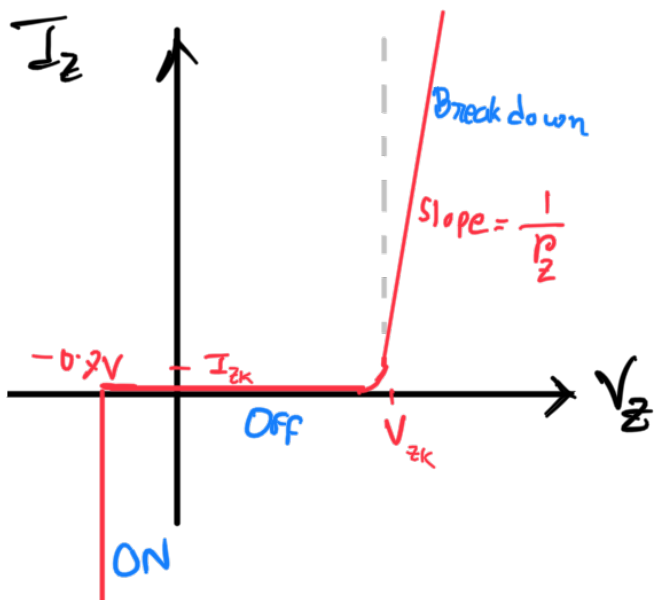
} For regulator to work properly



Design Guideline: Make sure regulator works even in the worst case scenario

- ①  $V_{in} = V_{in} (MIN)$
  - ②  $I_L = I_L (MAX)$
  - ③  $I_Z = I_Z (MIN) = I_{ZK}$
- ~~$I_Z \leq I_Z (MAX)$~~

"REAL" Zener Diode



This implies  $V_Z$  changes with  $I_Z$

Reminder:  $V_{in} \uparrow \Rightarrow I_Z \uparrow$

$I_L \uparrow \Rightarrow I_Z \downarrow$



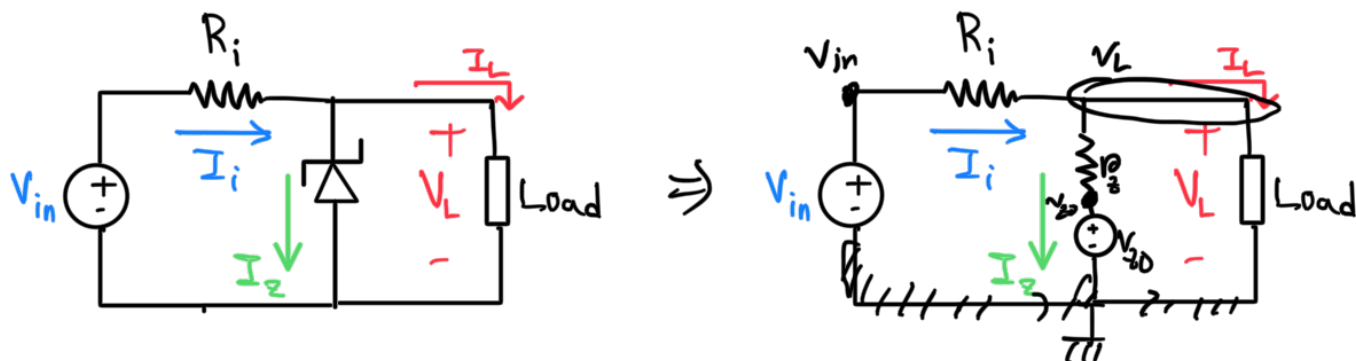
line regulation  
 $\left[ \frac{\Delta V_L}{\Delta V_{in}} (mV/V) \right]$



load regulation  
 $\left[ \frac{\Delta V_L}{\Delta I_L} (mV/mA) \right]$

What are the values of the slopes?

when the regulator is working

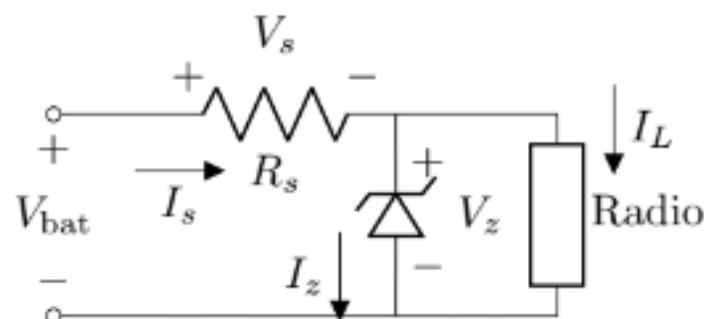


$$V_L = V_Z = \underbrace{\left( \frac{r_z}{R_i + r_z} \right) V_{in}}_{\text{line}} + \underbrace{\left( - \frac{r_z R_i}{R_i + r_z} \right) I_L}_{\text{load}} + \underbrace{\frac{R_i}{R_i + r_z} V_{Z0}}_{\text{const.}}$$

changes with  $V_{in}$ 
changes with  $I_L$

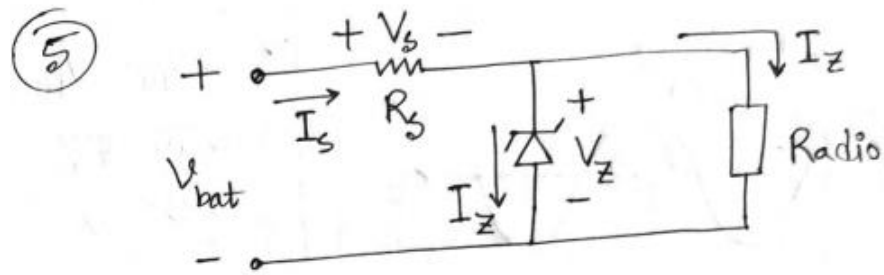
$$\therefore \text{Line regulation} = \frac{\Delta V_L}{\Delta V_{in}} = \frac{r_z}{R_i + r_z}$$

$$\therefore \text{Load regulation} = \frac{\Delta V_L}{\Delta I_L} = - \frac{r_z R_i}{R_i + r_z}$$



The circuit above is a voltage regulator used to power a car radio (which requires  $\approx 9$  V) from the car battery,  $V_{\text{bat}}$  whose voltage may vary between 11 and 13.6 V. The current in the radio,  $I_L$ , will vary between 0 (off) to 9 mA (full volume). The Zener diode in the circuit is specified with parameter  $V_{z0} = 9$  V,  $r_z = 0.05$  k $\Omega$ , and  $I_{zk} = 1$  mA.

- Identify** the worst-case conditions and **calculate** the Zener current ( $I_z$ ), Zener voltage ( $V_z$ ), the input voltage ( $V_{\text{bat}}$ ), and the load current ( $I_L$ ) in this worst-case scenario. [1+1+1+1+1]
- Calculate** the current ( $I_s$ ) and the voltage ( $V_s$ ) the input resistor  $R_s$  in the worst-case scenario. [2]
- Design** the circuit, i.e., find the value of  $R_s$ , such that even in the worst-case scenario voltage regulation is maintained. Calculate the line regulation for this circuit. [2+1]



Given that,  $V_{bat} = 11\text{ v} \sim 13.6\text{ v}$

$$I_L = 0 \sim 9\text{ mA}$$

$$V_{zo} = 9\text{ v}, \quad r_z = 0.05\text{ k}\Omega, \quad I_{zk} = 1\text{ mA}$$

① Worst case conditions:

$$\textcircled{1} V_{bat(\min)} = 11\text{ v}.$$

$$\textcircled{2} I_z(\min) = I_{zk} = 1\text{ mA}.$$

$$\text{So, } I_z = 1\text{ mA. (Ans)} \quad V_{bat} = 11\text{ v. (Ans)}$$

$$V_z = V_{zo} + I_z r_z$$

$$\hookrightarrow V_z = 9 + 1 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.05 \times 10^3$$

$$\hookrightarrow V_z = 9.05\text{ v. (Ans)}$$

$$I_L = I_{L(\max)} = 9\text{ mA}.$$

⑤ Applying KVL we get,  $V_{bat} = V_s + V_z$

↳  $V_s = V_{bat} - V_z$

↳  $V_s = (11 - 9.05) \text{ V}$

↳  $V_s = 1.95 \text{ V. (Ans)}$

Applying KCL we get,

$$I_s = I_z + I_L$$

↳  $I_s = (1 + 9) \text{ mA}$

↳  $I_s = 10 \text{ mA. (Ans)}$

⑥  $R_s = \frac{V_s}{I_s} = \frac{1.95}{10 \times 10^{-3}} = 195 \Omega. (\text{Ans})$

Line Regulation,

$$\frac{\Delta V_L}{\Delta V_{bat}} = \frac{r}{r + R}$$

$$= \frac{0.05 \times 10^3}{0.05 \times 10^3 + 195} \text{ V/V}$$

$$= 0.20408 \text{ V/V}$$

$$= 204.08 \text{ mV/V. (Ans)}$$

here,

$$r = r_z = 0.05 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R = R_s = 195 \Omega$$