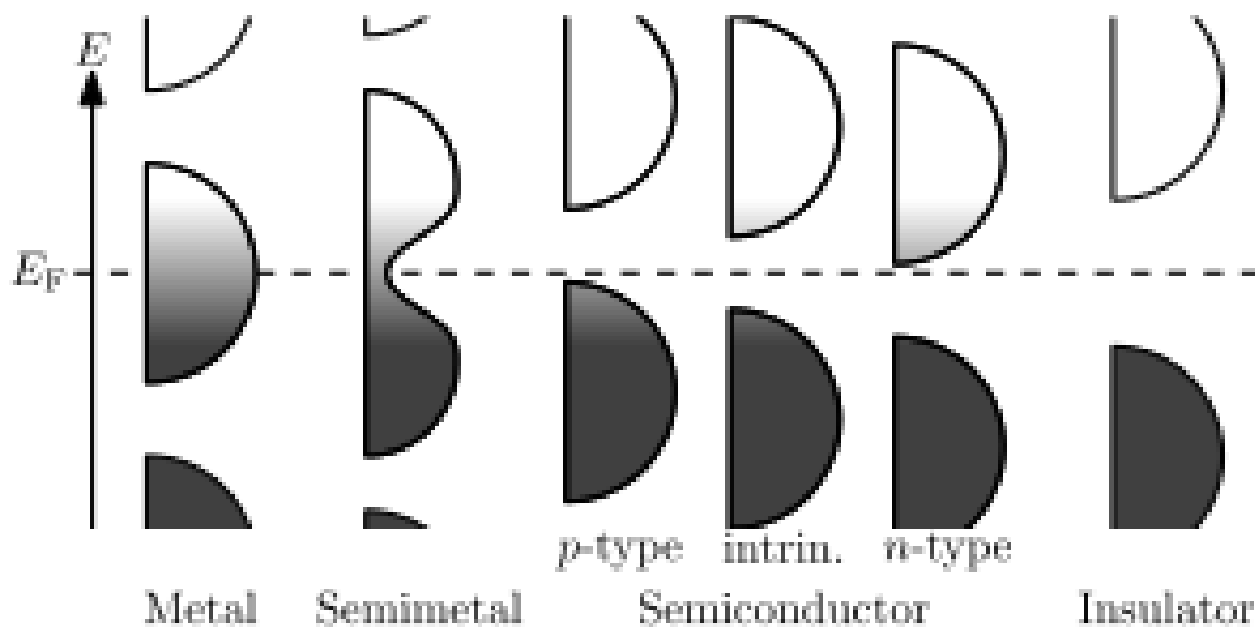


# CHAPTER 4

## **Diodes**

### **Lecture 9**

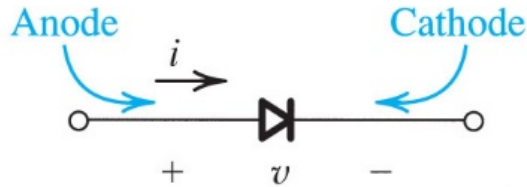


Filling of the electronic states in various types of materials at [equilibrium](#).

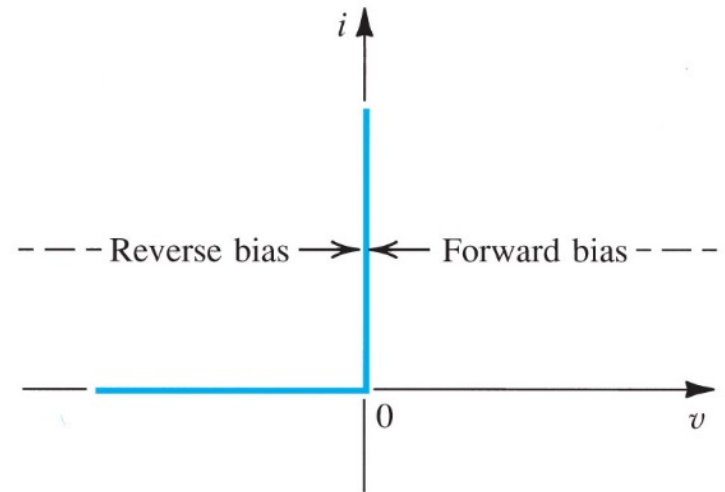
Here, height is energy while width is the [density of available states](#) for a certain energy in the material listed.

The shade follows the [Fermi–Dirac distribution](#) (**black** = all states filled, **white** = no state filled). In [metals](#) and [semimetals](#) the Fermi level  $E_F$  lies inside at least one band. In [insulators](#) and [semiconductors](#) the Fermi level is inside a [band gap](#); however, in semiconductors the bands are near enough to the Fermi level to be [thermally populated](#) with electrons or [holes](#).

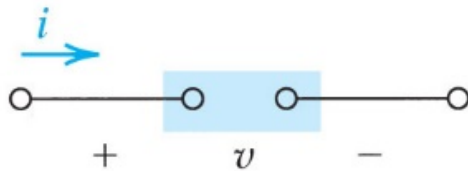
# The ideal diode.



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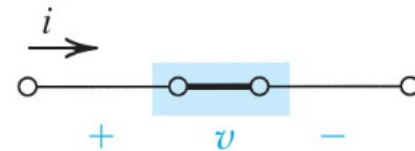


(b)



$$v < 0 \Rightarrow i = 0$$

(c)

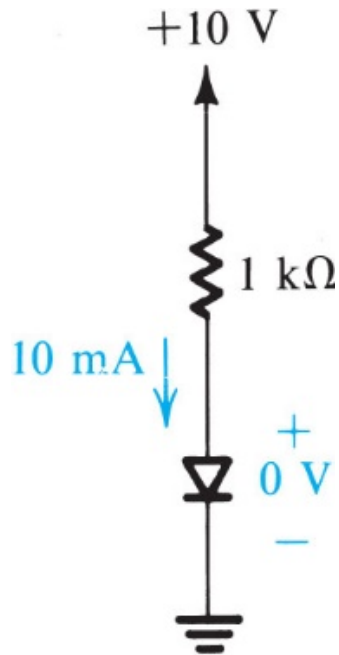


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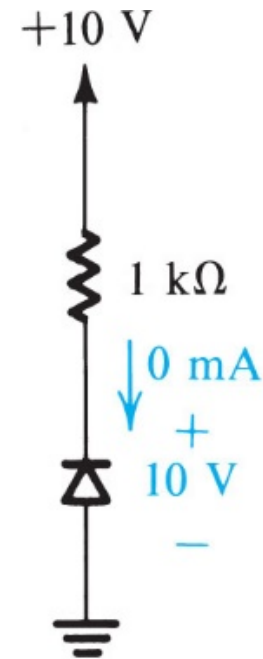
(d)

(a) diode circuit **symbol**; (b)  $i-v$  characteristic; (c) equivalent circuit in the **reverse direction**; (d) equivalent circuit in the **forward direction**.

The two modes of operation of ideal diodes and the use of an external circuit to limit **(a)** the forward current and **(b)** the reverse voltage.

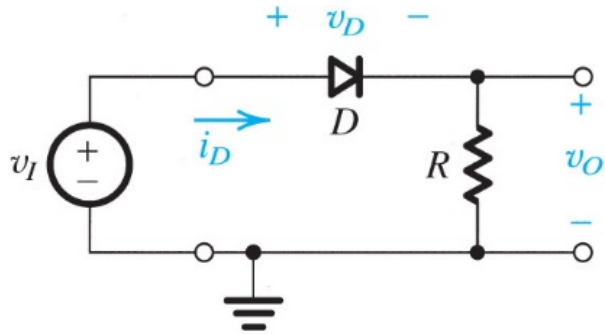


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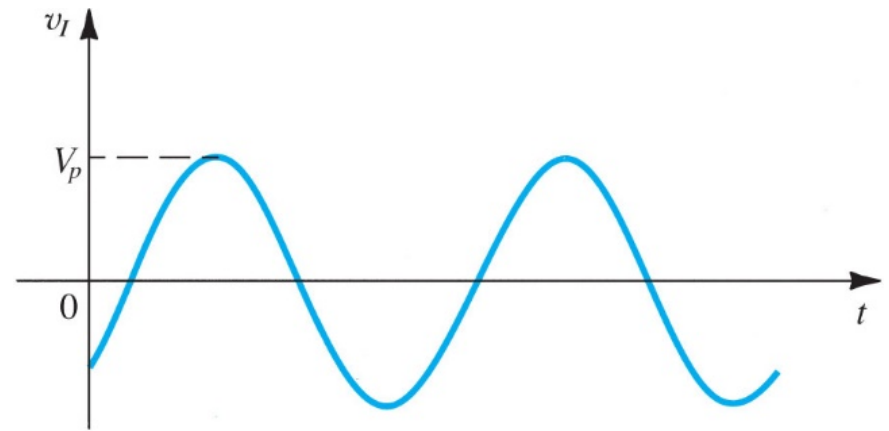


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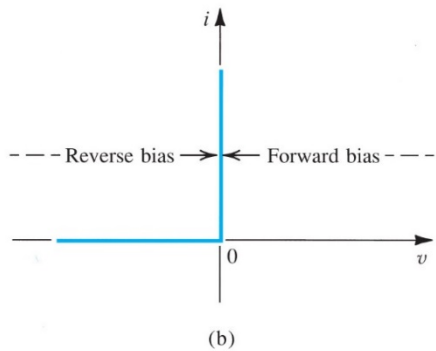
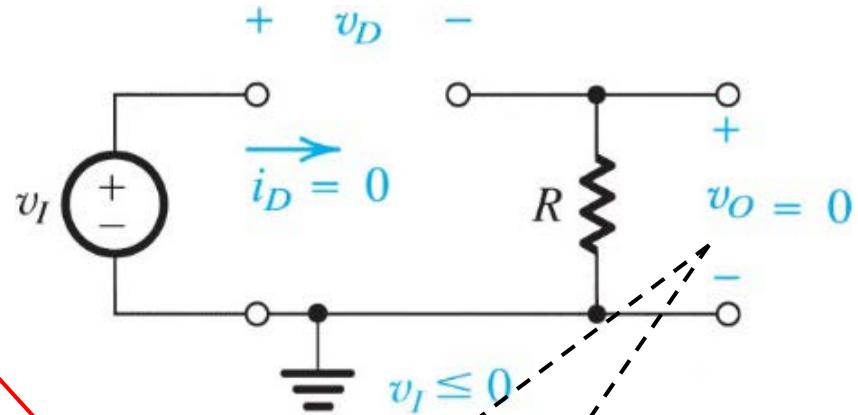
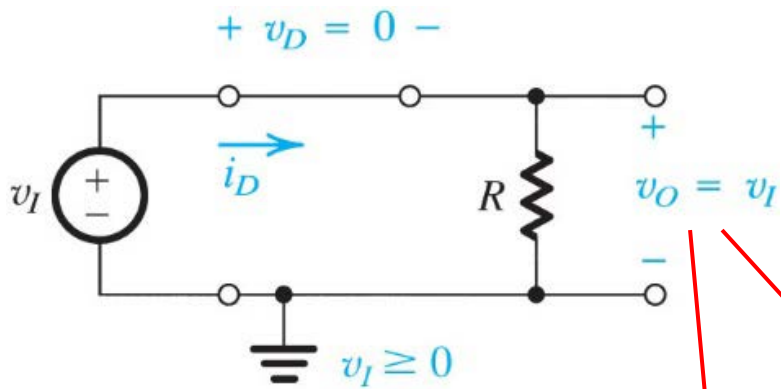
# The rectifier



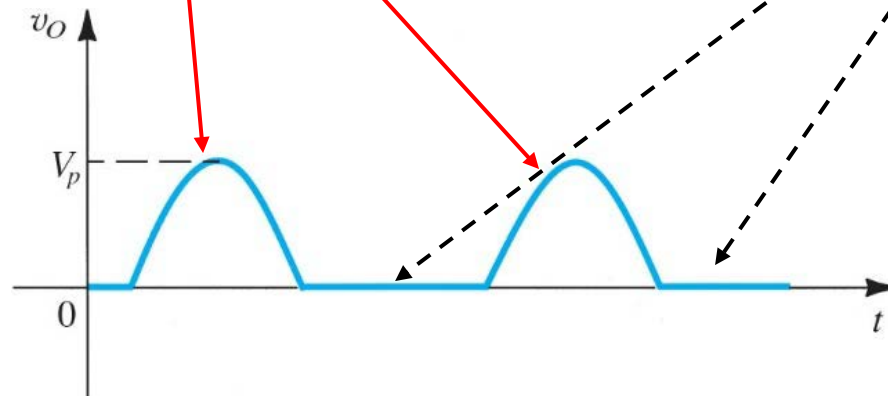
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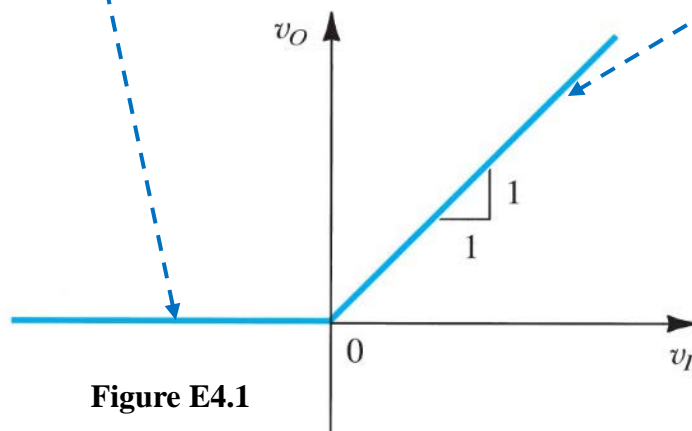
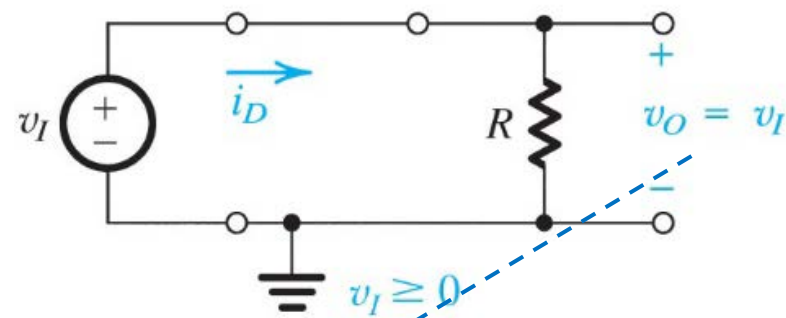
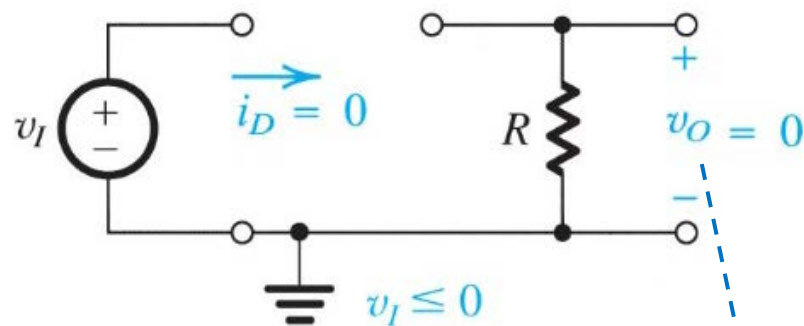
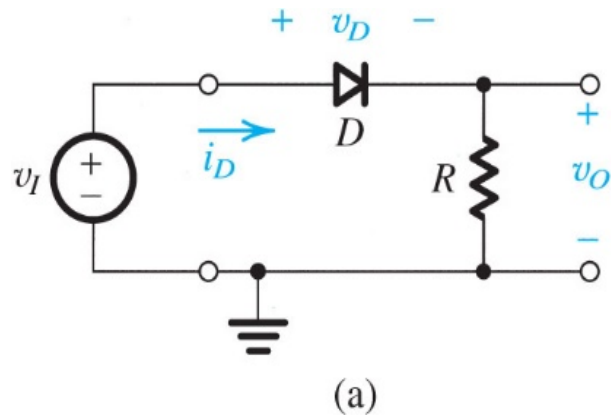
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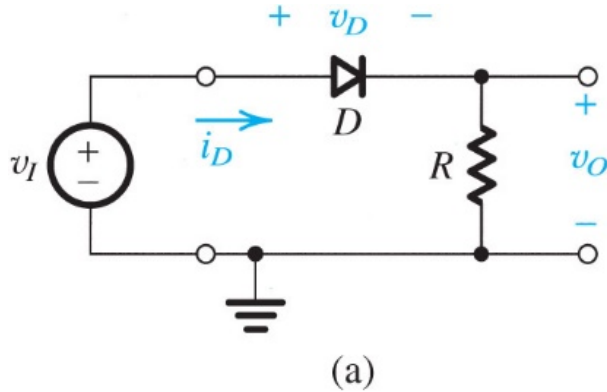
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Exercise 4.1. For the circuit in Fig.(a), sketch the transfer characteristic  $v_O$  versus  $v_I$ .



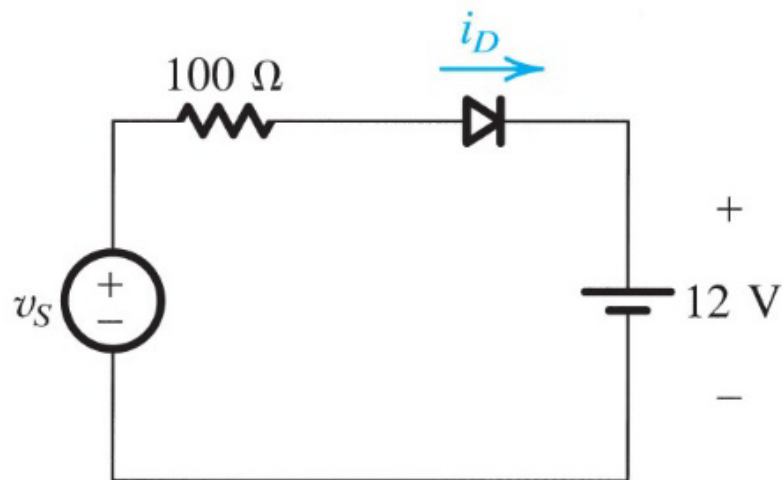
Exercise 4.3. In the circuit of Fig. (a), let  $v_I$  have a peak value of 10 V and  $R = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ . Find the peak value of  $i_D$  and the dc component of  $v_O$ . (Hint: the average value of half-sine waves is  $V_p/\pi$ .)



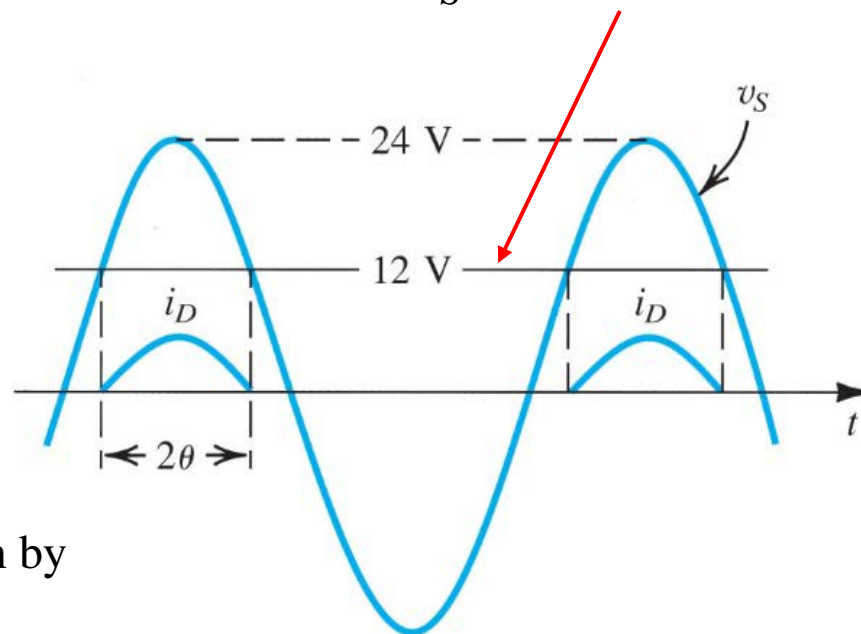
$$i_D = \frac{v_I}{R} = \frac{10}{10^3} = 10 \text{ mA}$$

$$\text{dc component of } v_0 = \frac{v_0}{\pi} = \frac{v_I}{\pi} = \frac{10}{\pi} \approx 3.18 \text{ V}$$

Example 4.1. Figure 4(a) shows a circuit for charging a 12-V battery. If  $v_S$  is a sinusoid with 24-V peak amplitude, find the fraction of each cycle during which the diode conducts. Also, find the peak value of the diode current and the maximum reverse-bias voltage that appears across the diode.



The diode conducts when  $v_S$  exceeds 12 V



The **conduction angle** is  $2\Theta$ , where  $\Theta$  is given by

$$24\cos\Theta = 12$$

Thus  $\Theta = 60^\circ$  and the conduction angle is  $120^\circ$ , or one-third of a cycle ( $360^\circ$  or  $2\pi$ ).

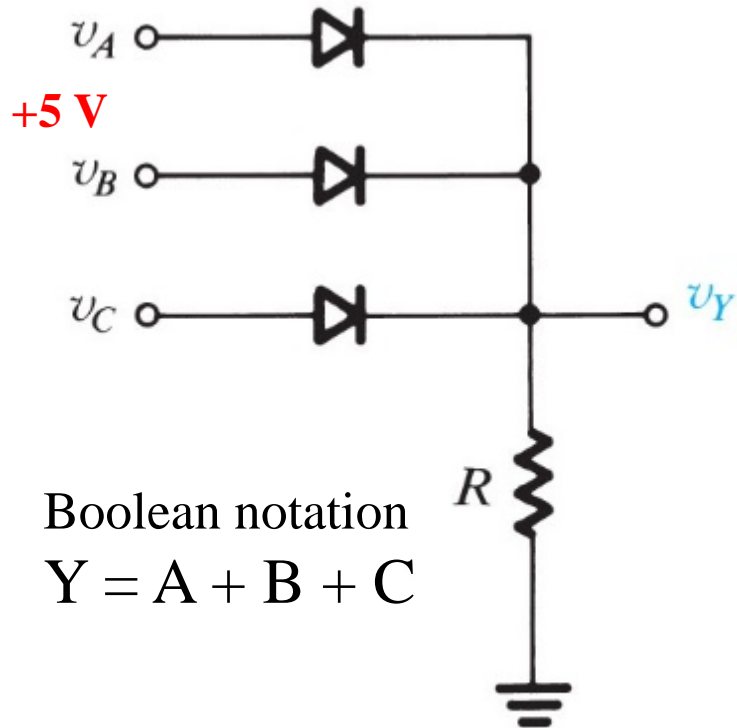
The peak value of the diode current is given by 
$$I_d = \frac{24 - 12}{100} = 120 \text{ mA}$$

The maximum reverse voltage across the diode occurs when  $v_S$  is at its negative peak and is equal to  $24 + 12 = 36 \text{ V}$ .



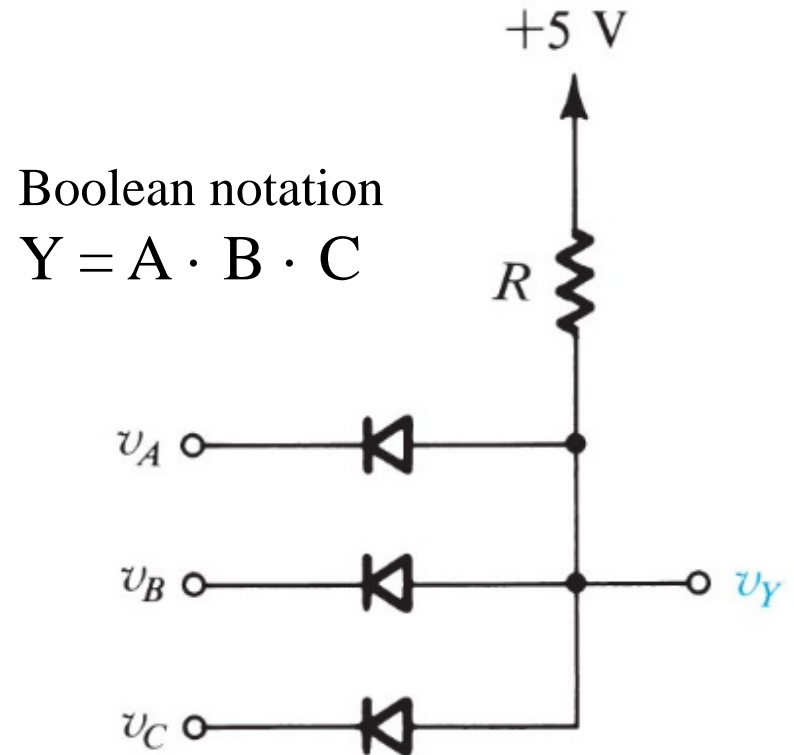
## Diode logic gates:

(a) OR gate; (b) AND gate (in a positive-logic system).



(a)

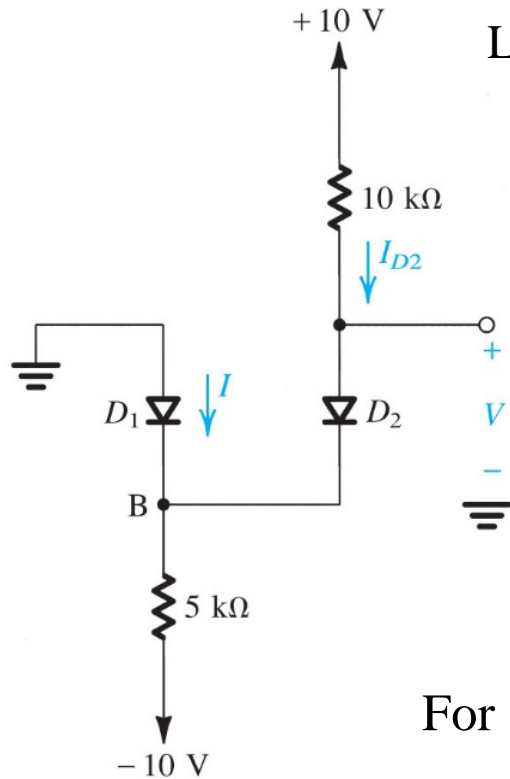
The **output** will be **high** if one or more of the **inputs are high**. This circuit implements the **logic OR function**



(b)

The **output** will be **low** if one or more of the **inputs are low**. This circuit implements the **logic AND function**

**Example 4.2.** Assuming the diode to be **ideal**, find the values of  $I$  and  $V$  in these circuits.



Left Fig., assume the diodes are forward biased

Thus,  $V_B = 0$  and  $V = 0$

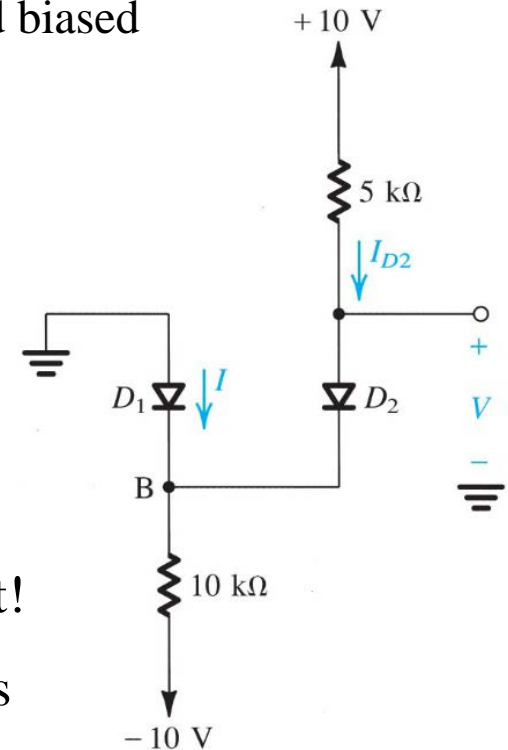
$$I_{D2} = \frac{10 - 0}{10^3} = 1 \text{ mA}$$

Node equation at B

$$I + 1 = \frac{0 - (-10)}{(5 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ resistor})} = 2 \text{ mA}$$

$\Rightarrow I = 1 \text{ mA}$  and  $V = 0 \text{ V}$ , correct!

For Fig.b, if we assume that both diodes are conducting, then  $V_B = 0$  and  $V = 0 \text{ V}$ .



$$I_{D2} = \frac{10 - 0}{5} = 2 \text{ mA}; \text{ at node B: } I + 2 = \frac{0 - (-10)}{10} \Rightarrow I = -1 \text{ mA, assumption is wrong!}$$

Assume  $D_1$  is off  
and  $D_2$  is on

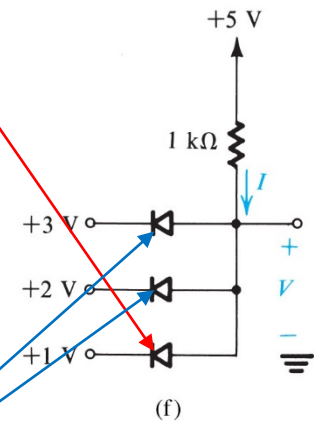
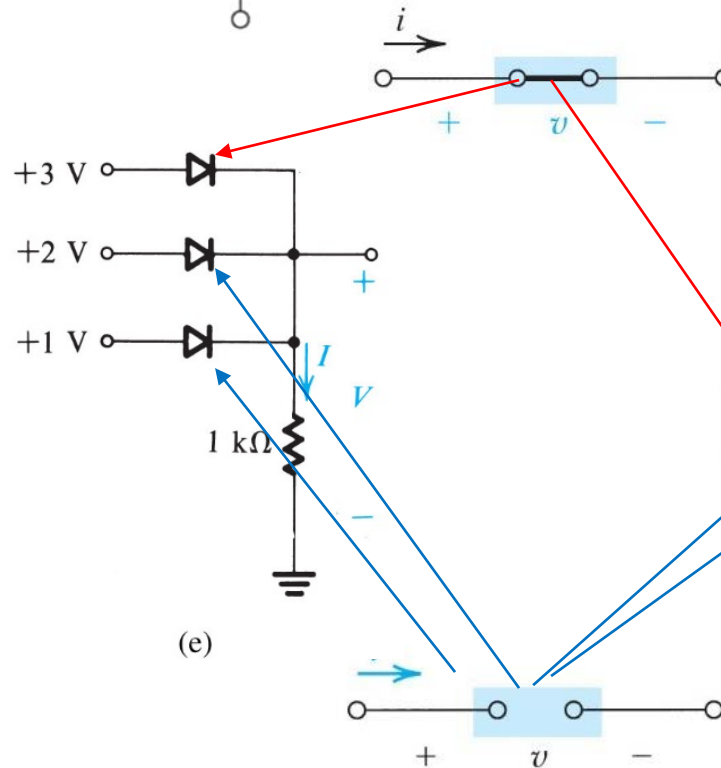
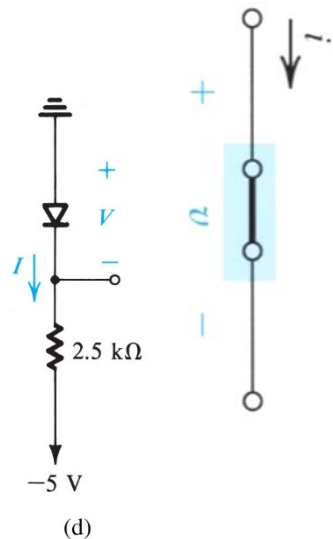
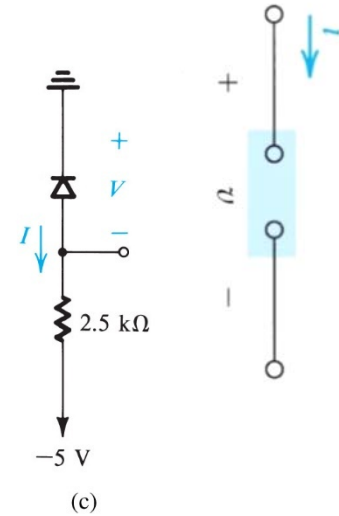
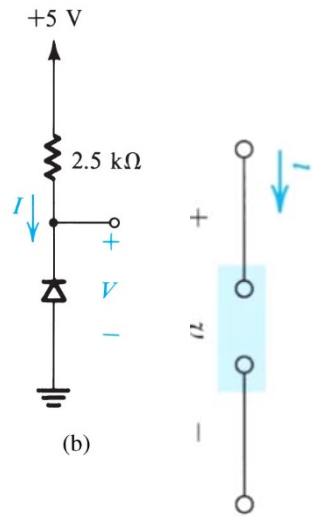
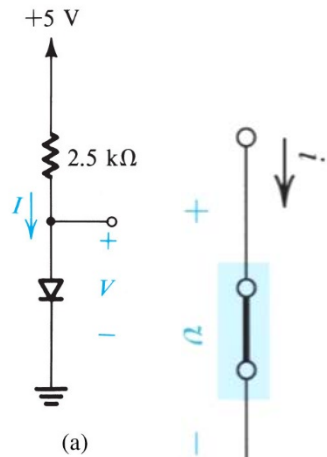
$$I_{D2} = \frac{10 - (-10)}{5 + 10} \approx 1.33 \text{ mA}; \text{ at node B:}$$

$$V_B = -10 + 10 \times 1.33 = +3.33 \text{ V}$$

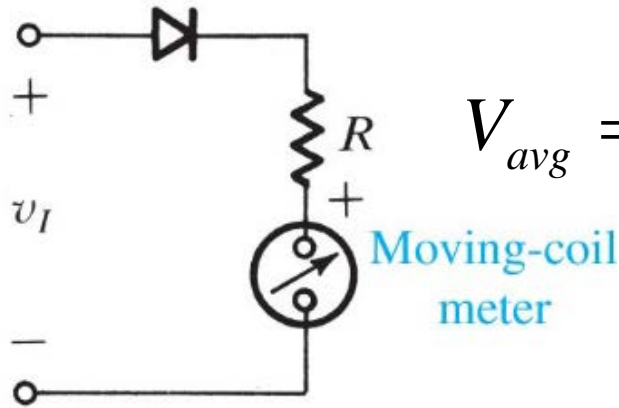
Thus  $D_1$  is reverse biased  
and  $I = 0 \text{ A}$  and  $V = 3.3 \text{ V}$

Exercise 4.4. Find the values of  $I$  and  $V$  in the circuits shown below (**ideal diode**).

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$



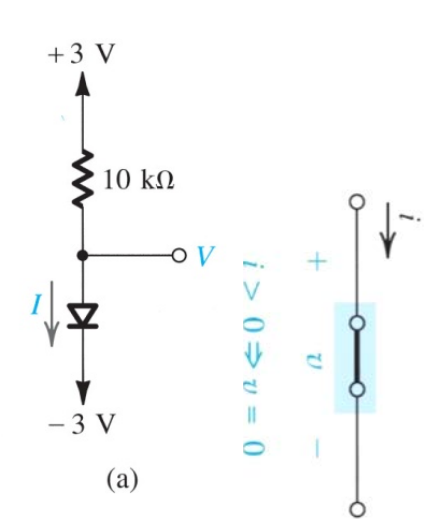
Exercise 4.5. An *ac* voltmeter. A moving-coil meter gives a full-scale reading when the *average* current flowing through it is 1 mA. The moving-coil meter has a  $50\ \Omega$  resistance. Find the value of  $R$  that results in the meter indicating a full-scale reading when the input sine-wave voltage  $v_I$  is 20 V peak-to-peak. (Hint: the average value of half-sine waves is  $V_p/\pi$ )



$$V_{avg} = \frac{10}{\pi} \text{ Volts} = (50 + R) \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}$$

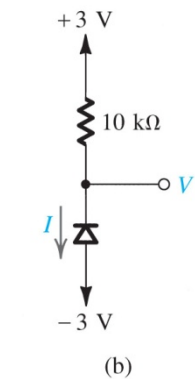
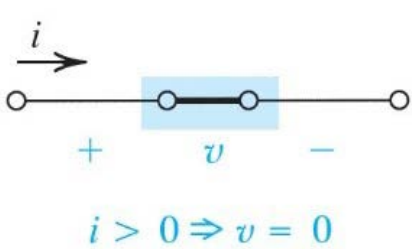
$$\text{Thus, } R = \frac{10^4}{\pi} - 50 \approx 3133\ \Omega = 3.133\ \text{k}\Omega$$

Pr. 4.2. For the circuits shown in Fig. using ideal diodes, find the values of the voltages and currents indicated

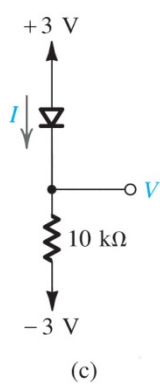
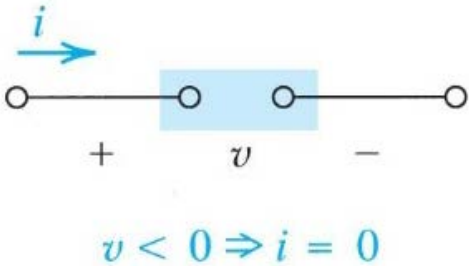


Diode is on  
 $V = -3 \text{ V}$

$$I = \frac{3 - (-3)}{10} = 0.6 \text{ mA}$$

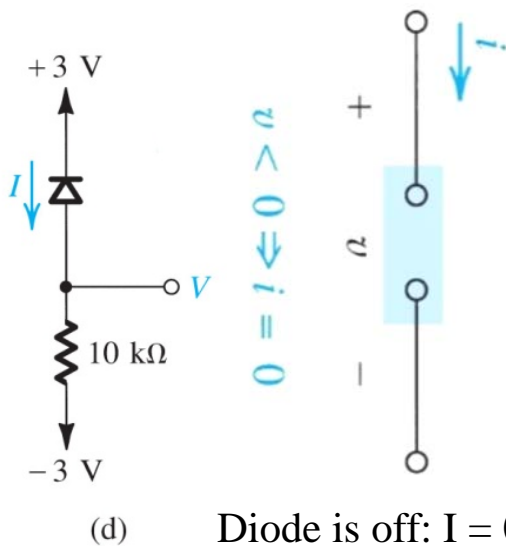


Diode is off  
 $I = 0,$   
 $V = +3 \text{ V}$



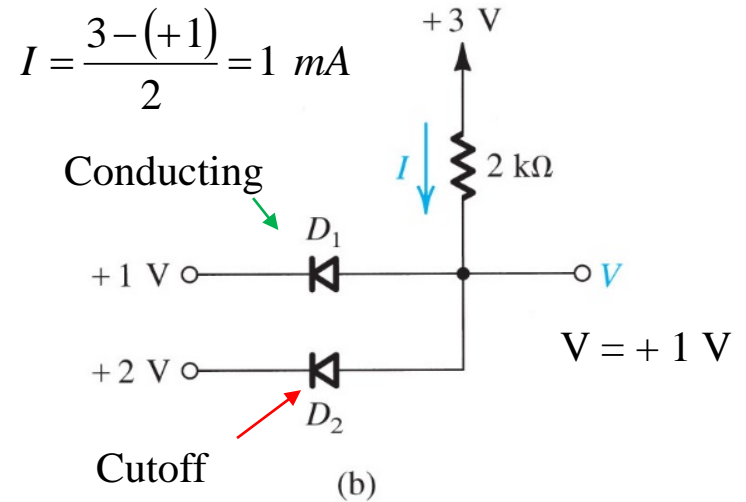
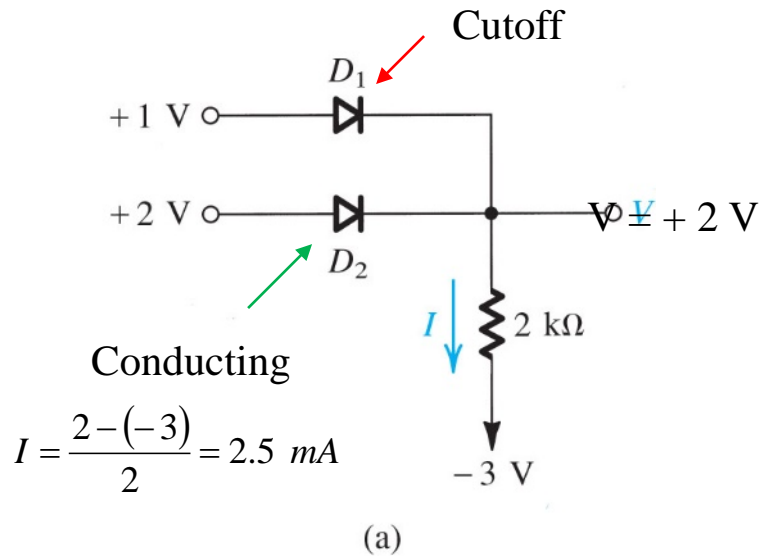
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 $V = +3 \text{ V}$

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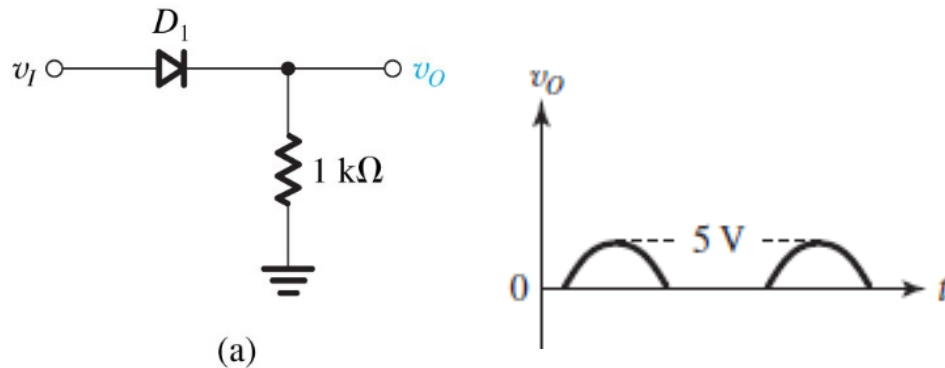


Diode is off:  $I = 0, V = -3 \text{ V}$

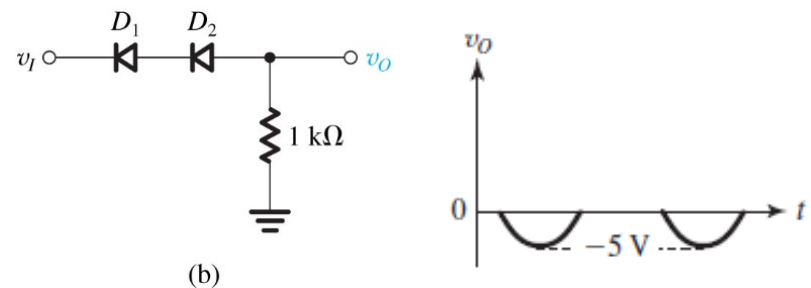
Pr. 4.3. For the circuits shown in Fig. using ideal diodes, find the values of the labeled voltages and currents



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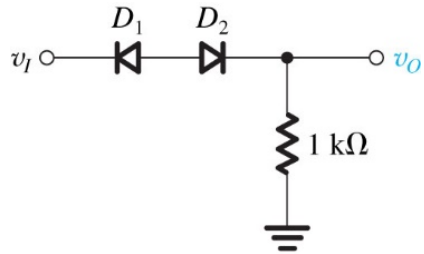


$$V_{p^+} = 5 \text{ V}; V_{p^-} = 0 \text{ V}; f = 1 \text{ kHz}$$



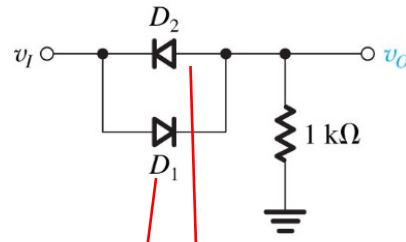
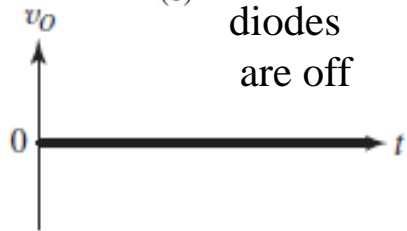
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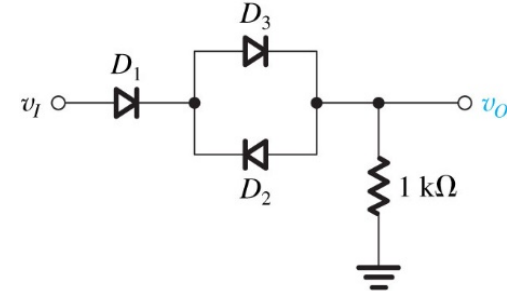
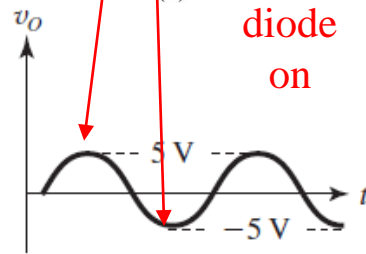
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diodes  
are off

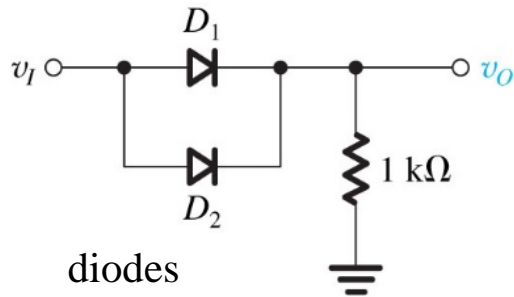
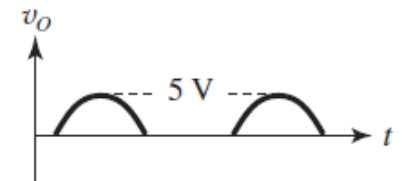


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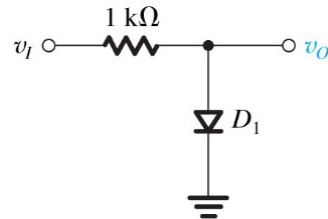
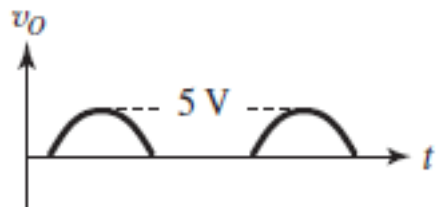


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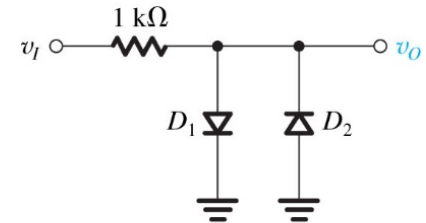
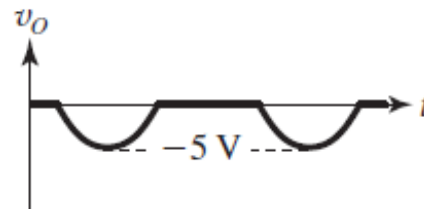


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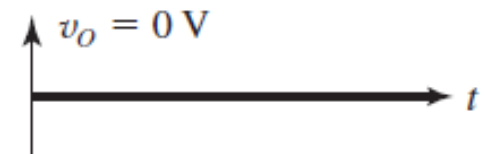
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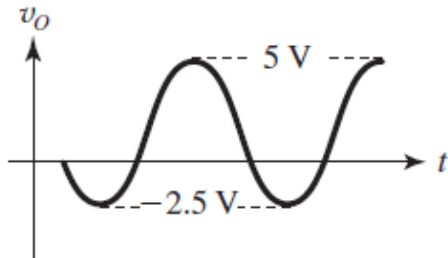
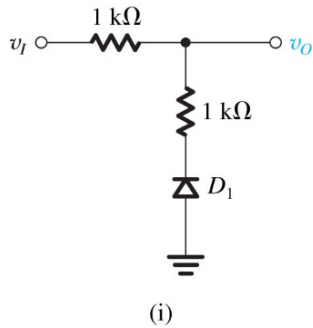
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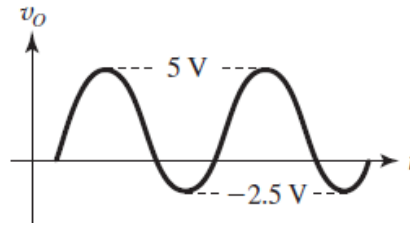
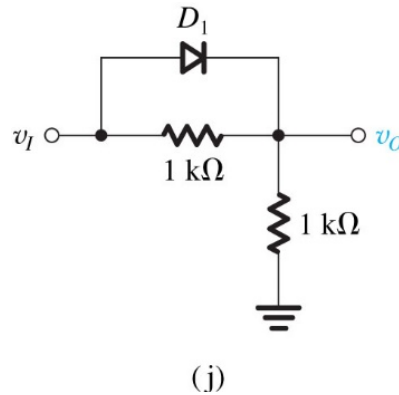


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$v_I > 0$ , diode is "off"  
and  $v_O = v_I$   
 $v_I < 0$ , diode is "on"  
and voltage divider

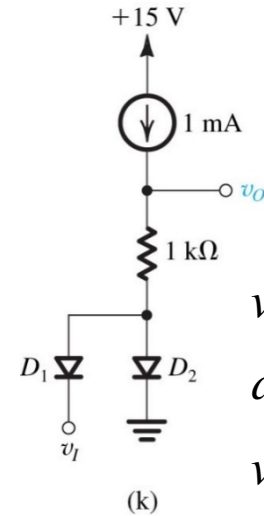
$$v_O = v_I \frac{1}{1+1} = 0.5v_I$$



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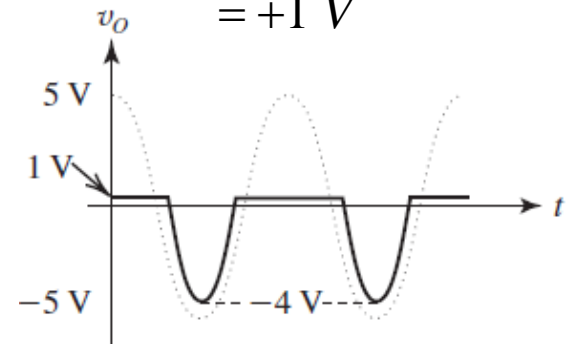
$$v_O = v_I \frac{1}{1+1} = 0.5v_I$$

$(v_I)$  is negative



$v_I > 0$ ,  $D_1$  is "off"  
and  $D_2$  is "on"

$$v_O = 1 \text{ mA} \times 1 \text{ k}\Omega = +1 \text{ V}$$



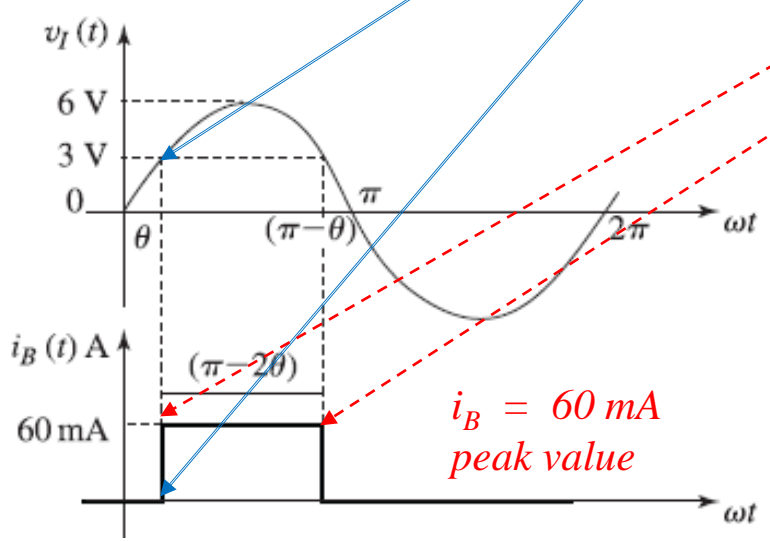
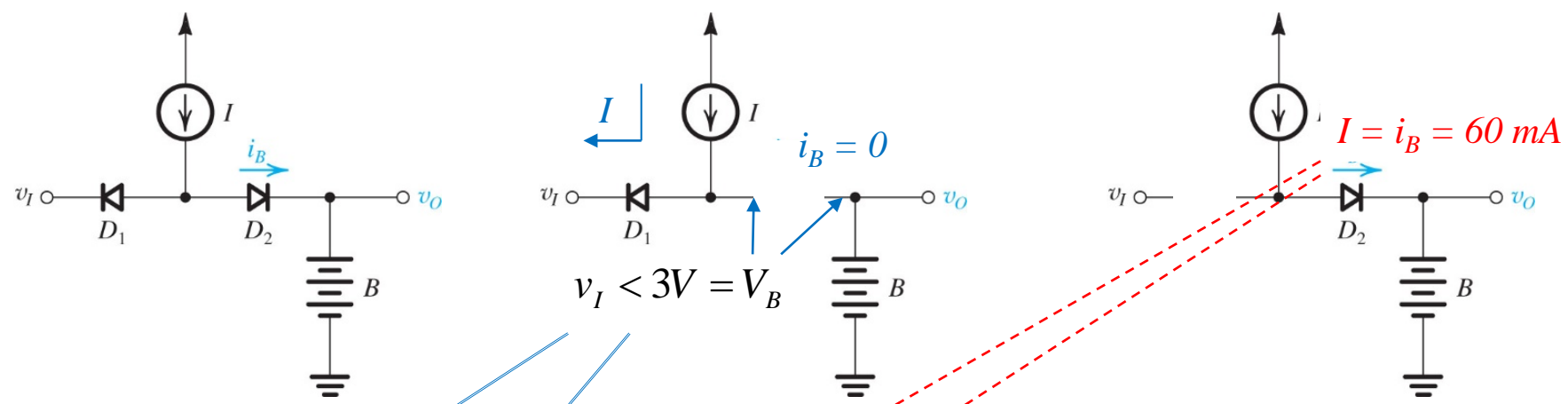
$v_I < 0$ ,  $D_1$  is "on"  
and  $D_2$  is "off"

$$v_O = v_I + 1 \text{ V} = -4 \text{ V}$$

$f = 1 \text{ kHz}$  in all circuits



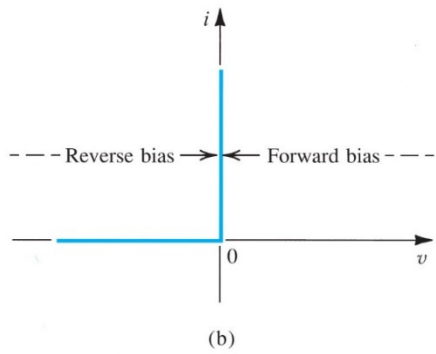
Pr. 4.5. The circuits shown in Fig. is a model for a battery charge. Here  $V_I$  is a 6-V peak sine wave,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are ideal diodes,  $I$  is a 60 mA current source, and  $B$  is a 3-V battery. Sketch and label the waveform of the battery current  $i_B$ . What is its peak value? What is its average value? If the peak value of  $v_I$  is reduced by 10%, what do the peak and average values of  $i_B$  become?



To obtain the average value of  $i_B$ , we need the conduction angle for  $D_2$ ,  $\pi - 2\theta$ ,

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) = 30^\circ$$

$$\pi - 2\theta = 180^\circ - 60 = 120^\circ$$



$$v_I < 3 \text{ V} = V_B$$

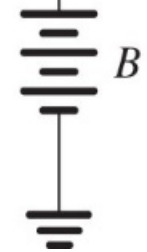
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$I (?)$



+3 V 1

$i_B = 0$



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Conduction angle can be found using two formulas

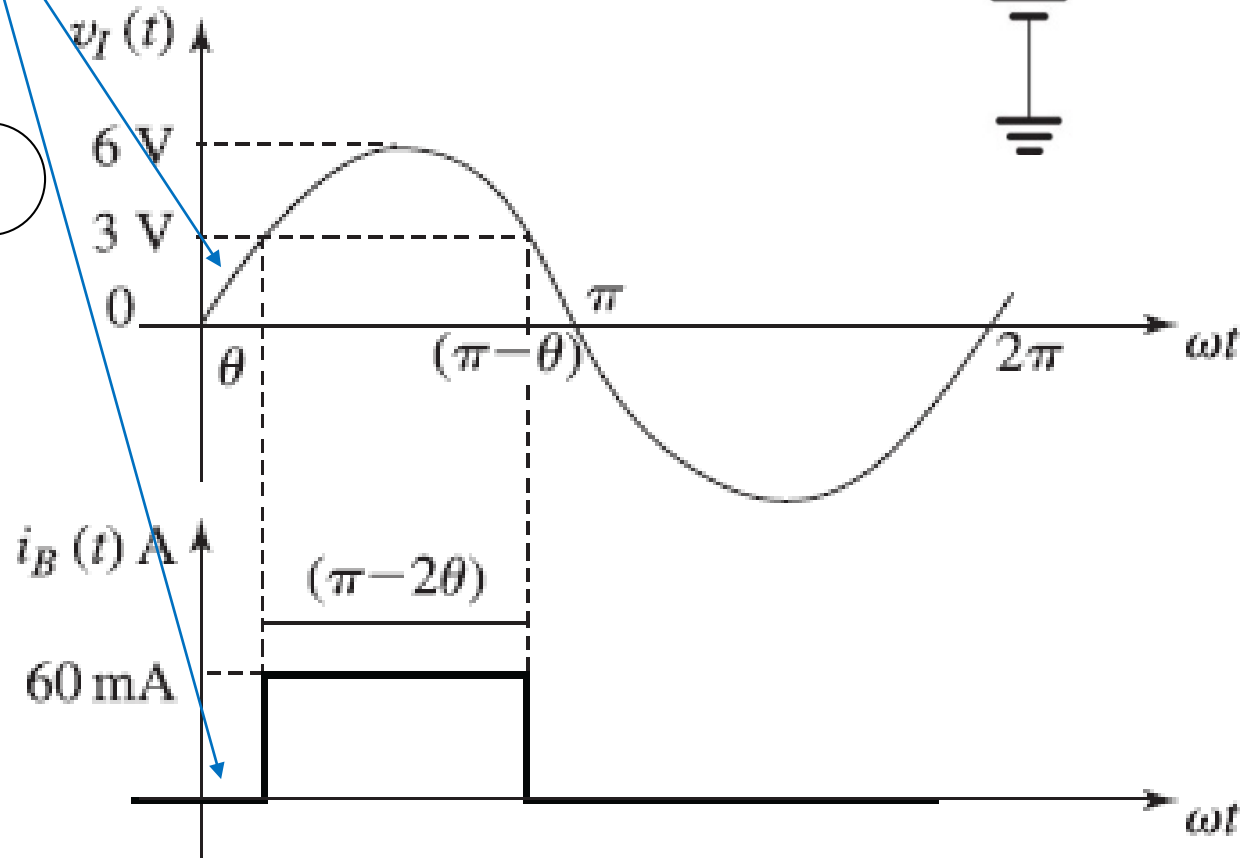
Old one

$$2 \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{6} \right) = 120^\circ$$

New one  $180^\circ - \theta =$

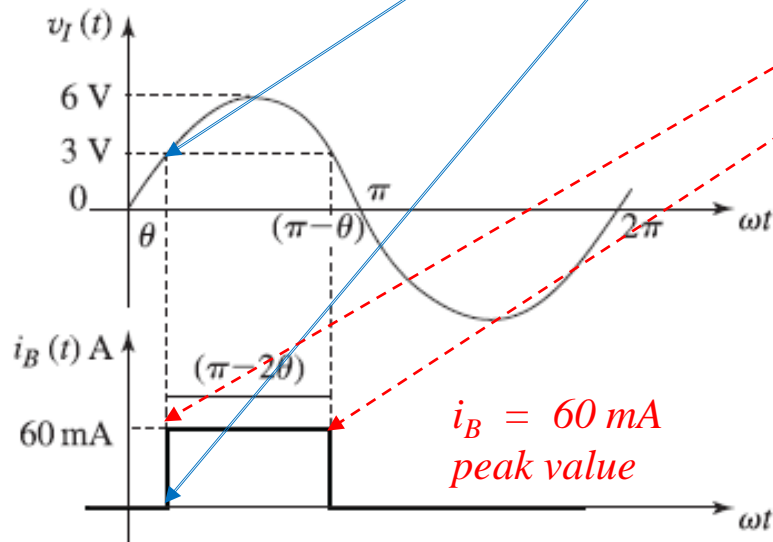
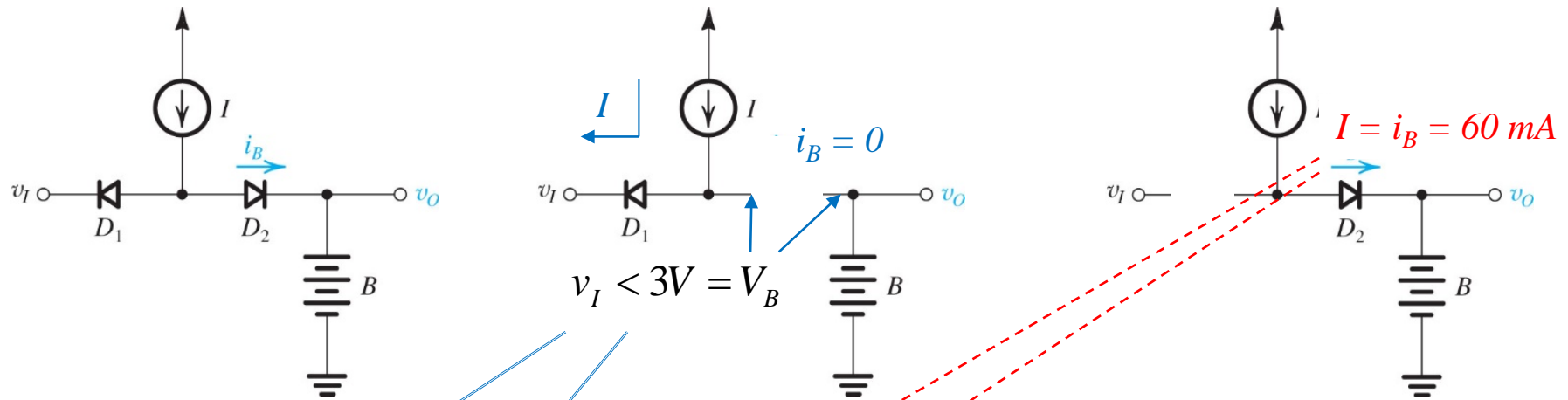
$$180^\circ - \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{6} \right) = 120^\circ$$

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# What is its average value?



To obtain the average value of  $i_B$ , we need the conduction angle for  $D_2$ ,  $\pi - 2\theta$ ,

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{6}\right) = 30^\circ \quad \left| \quad \pi - 2\theta = 180^\circ - 60^\circ = 120^\circ\right.$$

The average value of  $i_B$  will be

$$i_B|_{av} = \frac{60 \times 120^\circ}{360^\circ} = 20 \text{ mA}$$

Problem 4.5 (continue). If the peak value of  $v_I$  is reduced by 10%, what do the peak and average values of  $i_B$  become?

If the peak value of  $v_I$  is reduced by 10%, i.e. from 6 V to 5.4 V, the peak value of  $i_B$  does not change. The conduction angle of  $D_2$ , however, changes since  $\theta$  now becomes

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{5.4}\right) = 33.75^\circ$$

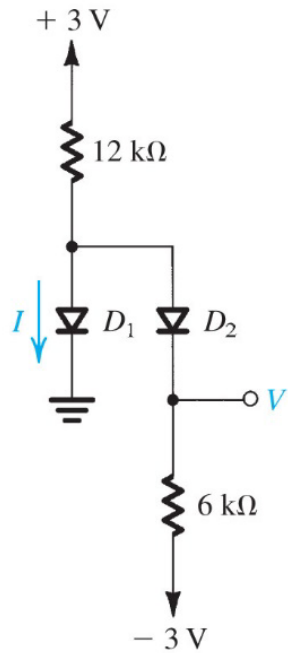
and thus

$$\pi - 2\theta = 112.5^\circ$$

Thus the average value of  $i_B$  becomes

$$i_B|_{av} = \frac{60 \times 112.5^\circ}{360^\circ} = 18.75 \text{ mA}$$

Pr. 4.9. Assuming that the diodes are ideal, find the values of the labeled voltages and currents



(a)

If we assume that  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are conducting, then  $V = 0$  V and the current in  $D_2$  will be

$$I_{D_2} = \frac{0 - (-3)}{6} = 0.5 \text{ mA}$$

The current in the  $12 \text{ k}\Omega$  resistor will be

$$I_{12\text{k}\Omega} = \frac{3 - 0}{12} = 0.25 \text{ mA}$$

A node equation at common anodes node (KCL) allows to find the current in  $D_1$  as

$$I_{D_1} = I_{12\text{k}\Omega} - I_{D_2} = 0.25 - 0.5 = -0.25 \text{ mA}$$

This current cannot be negative  $\Rightarrow$  assumption was wrong.

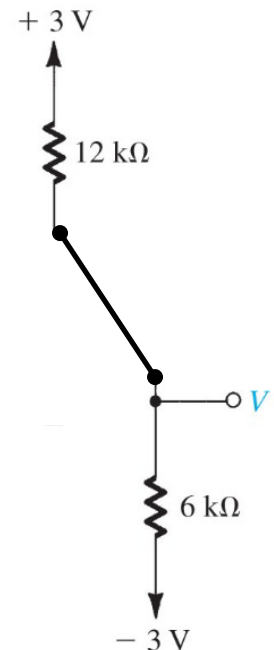
The current in  $D_1$  is zero (diode is “off” and  $I = 0$ ) and  $D_2$  is “on”.

*The current through  $12$  and  $6 \text{ k}\Omega$  resistors is*

$$I_{total} = \frac{3 - V}{12} = \frac{V - (-3)}{6}$$

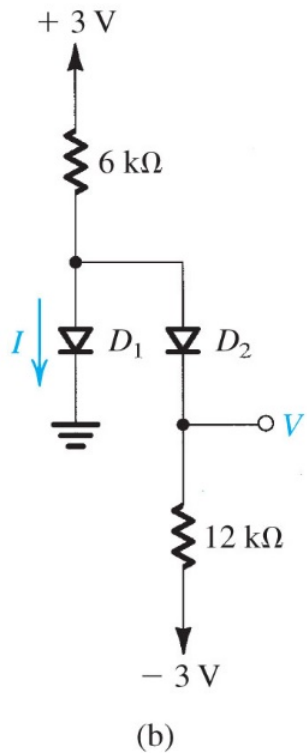
$$3 - V = 2V + 6$$

$$3V = -3 \Rightarrow V = -1 \text{ V}$$

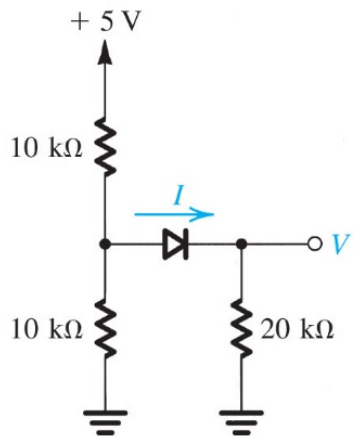


Pr. 4.9. Assuming that the diodes are ideal, find the values of the labeled voltages and currents

Solve at home and bring in class on October 1<sup>st</sup> (0.5 pt.)

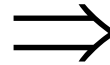


Pr. 4.10. Assuming that the diodes are ideal, utilize Thevenin's theorem to simplify the circuits and thus find the values of the labeled currents and voltages.

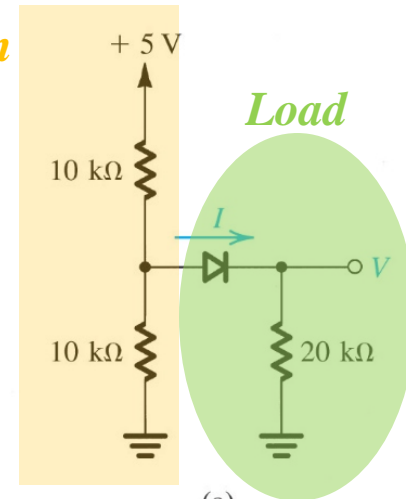


(a)

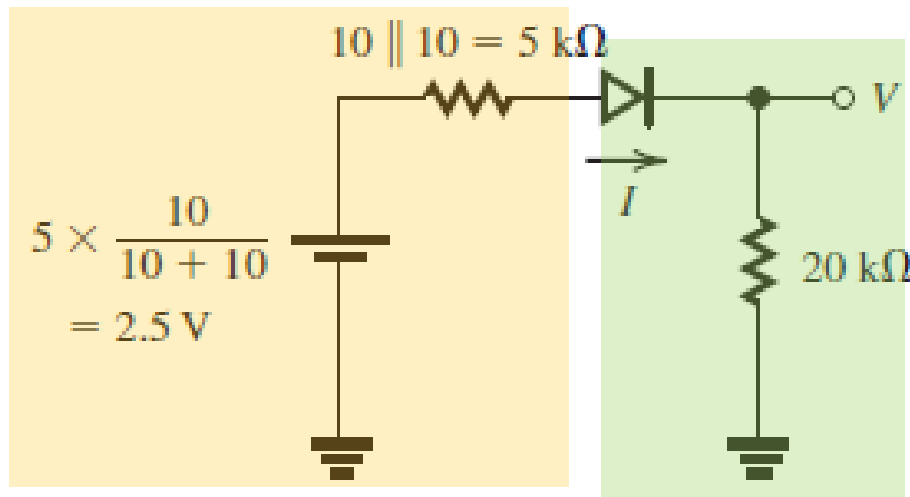
What is load?  
Where is Thevenin equivalent?



*Find Thevenin equivalent*



(a)



*Diode is "on"*

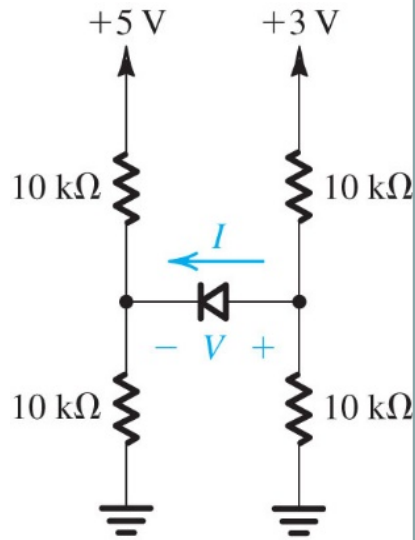
$$\text{Thus, } I = \frac{2.5 \text{ V}}{5 + 20} = 0.1 \text{ mA}$$

$$V = 0.1 \times 20 = 2 \text{ V}$$



Pr. 4.10. Assuming that the diodes are ideal, utilize Thevenin's theorem to simplify the circuits and thus find the values of the labeled currents and voltages. *Hint: there are two Thevenin equivalents*

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(b)

Optional HW-SIM-1: Computer Simulation Problems. Due date – October 08, 2019.

Score: up to 1.5 pts.

Use SPICE or other simulations and solve one problem: 4.53 – 7<sup>th</sup> edition or 4.51 – 6<sup>th</sup> edition

If you have any questions about simulations, please contact to student Brad Ward (our tutor) [Brad.Ward@ttu.edu](mailto:Brad.Ward@ttu.edu)

You have to submit your solutions to student Shadguna Mutyala (our grader) [Shadguna.Mutyala@ttu.edu](mailto:Shadguna.Mutyala@ttu.edu)

**How should this HW report look? PowerPoint or PDF or Word file.**

Write statement and sketch initial circuit (using SPICE). (0.2 pt.)

Sketch small-signal equivalent circuit for determining the sinusoidal  $V_o$  (using SPICE). (0.3 pt.)

Derive formula for the phase shift between  $V_i$  and  $V_o$ . (0.3 pt.)

Find the value of  $I$  that will provide a phase shift of  $\varphi = -45^\circ$  (0.3 pt.), and find the range of phase shift achieved as  $I$  is varied over the range of 0.1 times to 10 times this value (use SPICE and plot this dependence,  $\varphi = f(I)$ .) (0.4 pt.)