

EEE-2103: Electronic Devices and Circuits

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Light Emitting Diodes

Charge carrier recombination occurs at forward-biased *pn*-junction

Energy levels \rightarrow electrons $>$ holes

$e-h$ recombination \rightarrow electron energy – hole energy = heat or light

Semiconductor materials for LED \rightarrow

GaAs = IR

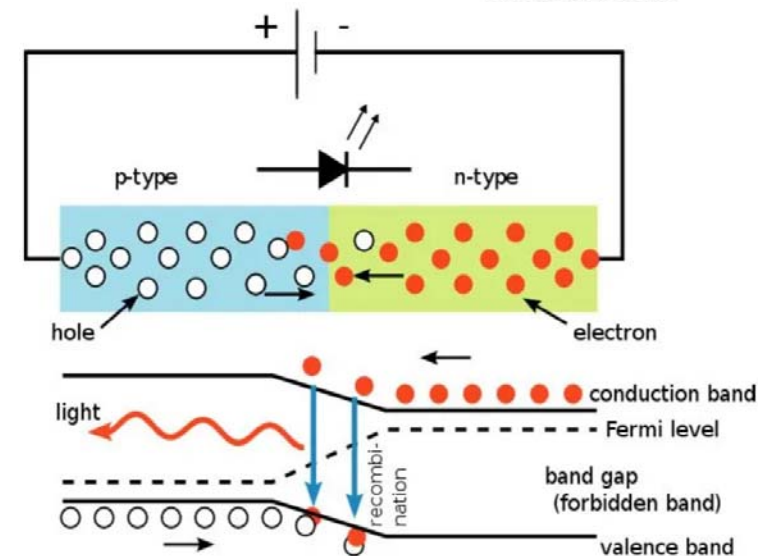
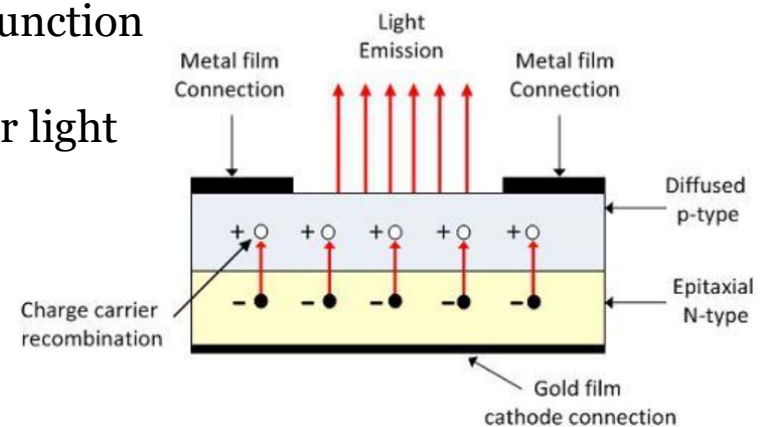
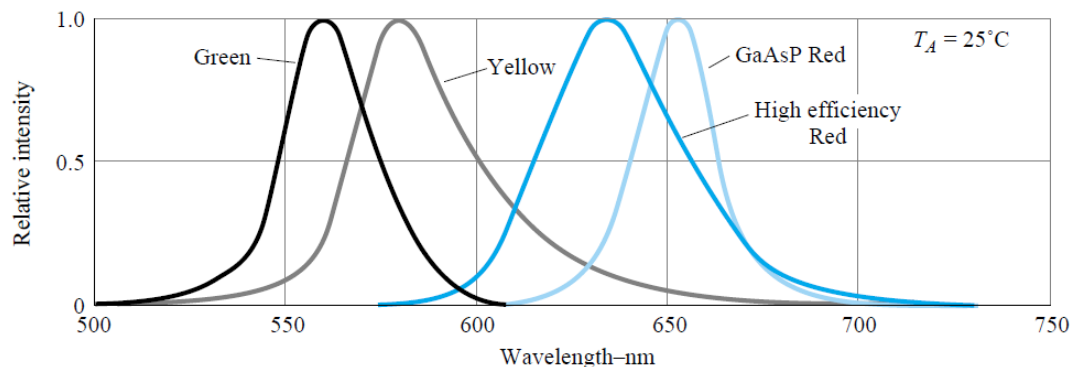
GaAsP = red or yellow

GaP = red or green

Substrate \rightarrow *n*-type epilayer \rightarrow diffused *p*-region

Anode \rightarrow allow most of light to be emitted

Gold film \rightarrow reflect as much light as possible toward surface



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pn-junction is mounted on cup-shaped reflector

Wires for anode and cathode connections

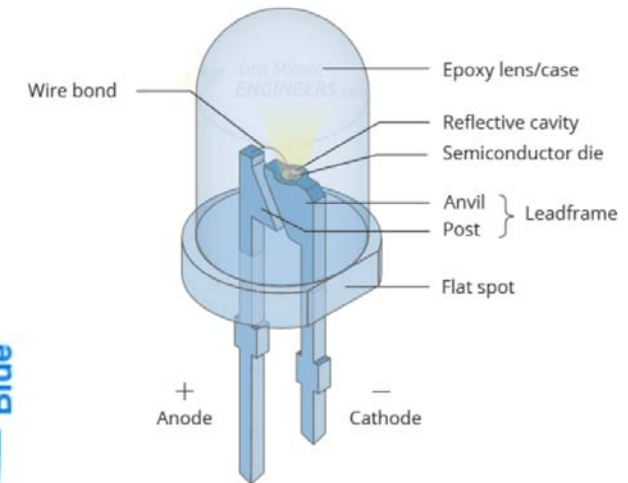
Device is encapsulated in colorless or colored epoxy lens

LED characteristics = semiconductor diodes

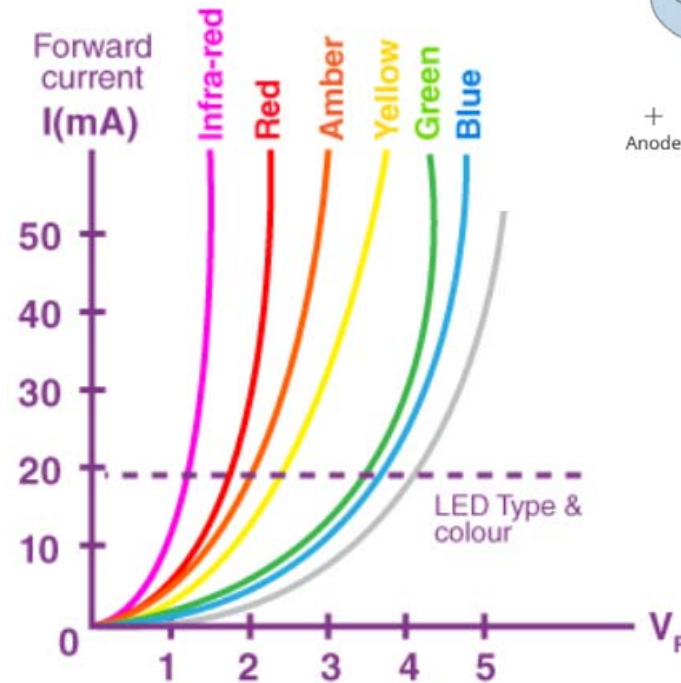
Forward voltage drop = 1.2 to 4.0 V

Reverse breakdown voltage = 3 V

Forward current = 10 to 20 mA



Typical LED Characteristics			
Semiconductor Material	Wavelength	Colour	V_F @ 20mA
GaAs	850-940nm	Infra-Red	1.2v
GaAsP	630-660nm	Red	1.8v
GaAsP	605-620nm	Amber	2.0v
GaAsP:N	585-595nm	Yellow	2.2v
AlGaP	550-570nm	Green	3.5v
SiC	430-505nm	Blue	3.6v
GaN	450nm	White	4.0v

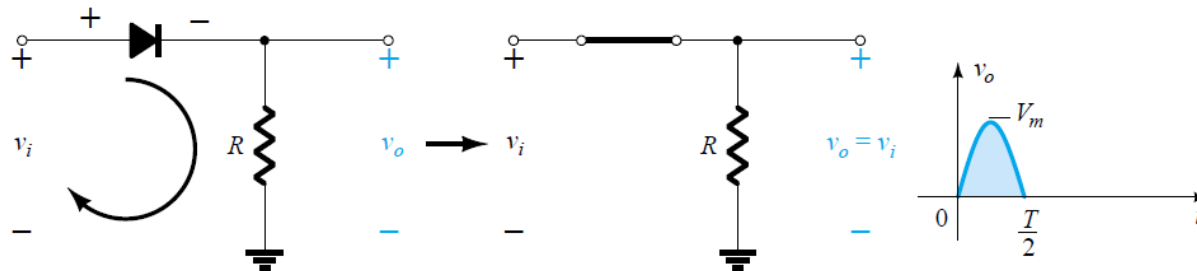


Half-Wave Rectification

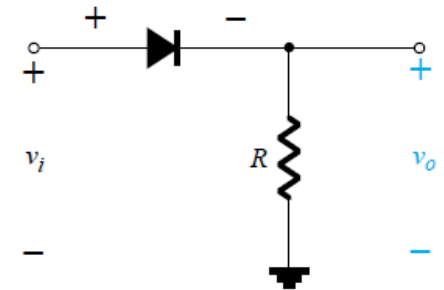
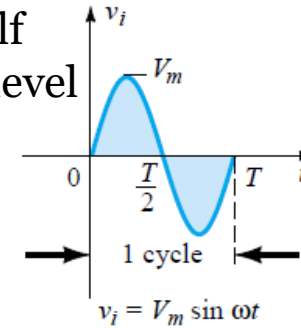
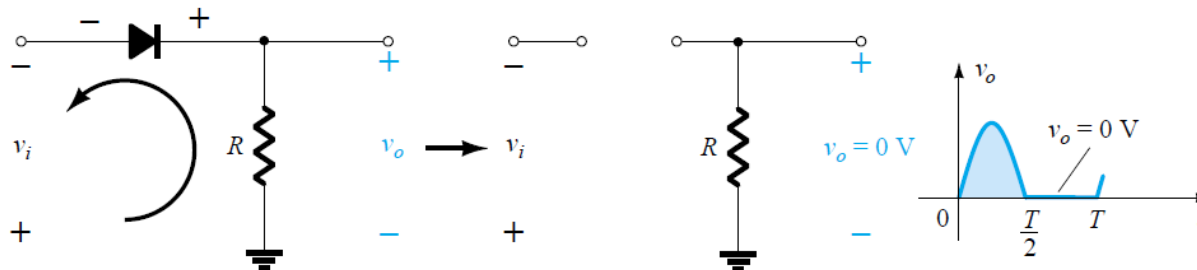
Half-wave rectification → process of removing one-half input signal to establish dc level

Ideal diode model:

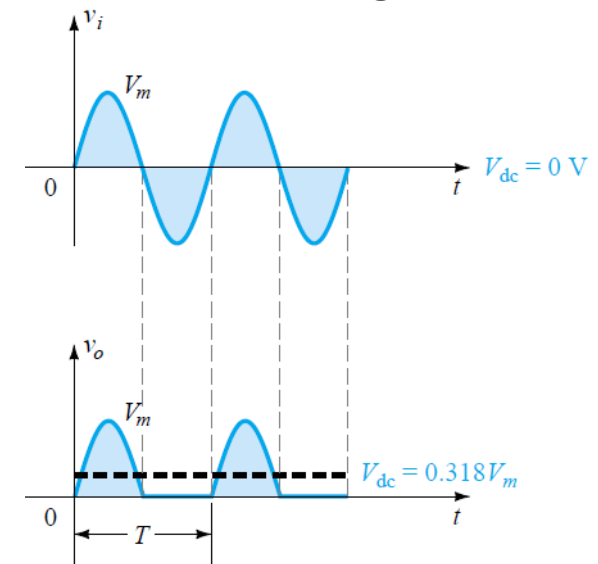
Conduction region ($0 \rightarrow T/2$) →



Nonconduction region ($T/2 \rightarrow T$) →



Half-wave rectified signal:



Half-Wave Rectification

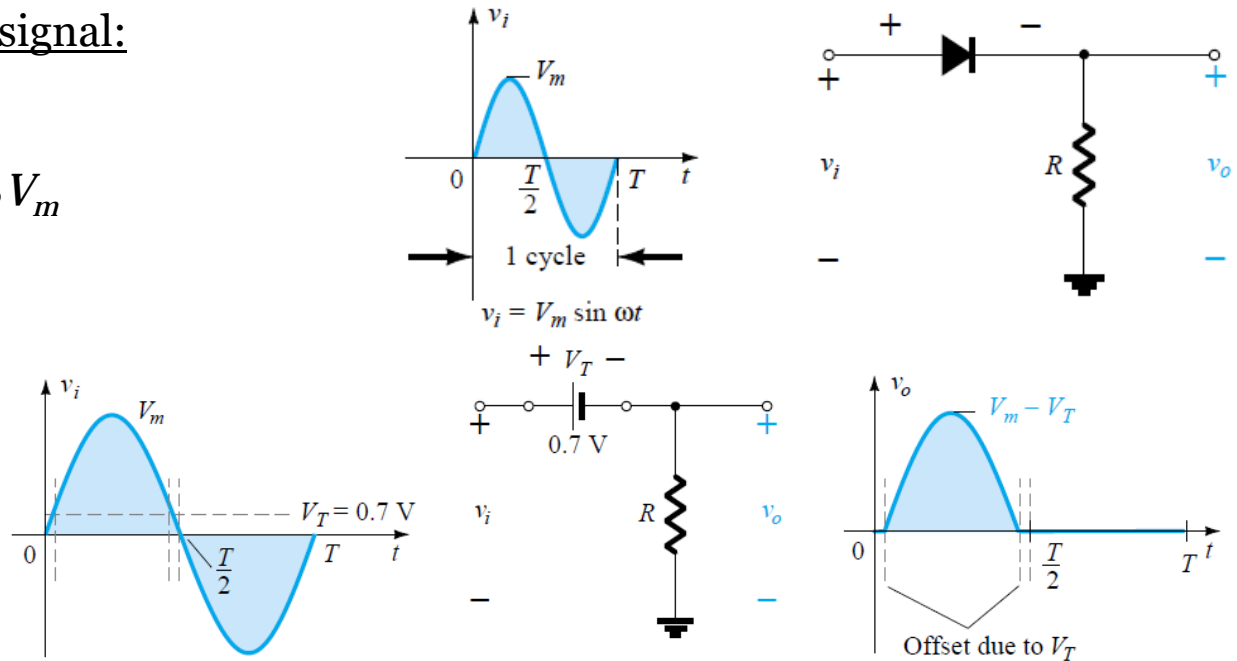
Effect of V_T on half-wave rectified signal:

For ideal diode model \rightarrow

Average value, $V_{dc} = 0.318 V_m$

With $V_T \rightarrow$

$V_{dc} \approx 0.318(V_m - V_T)$



Half-Wave Rectification

Problem-5:

- (a) Sketch the output v_o and determine the dc level of the output for the network of Fig. 5.
 (b) Repeat part (a) if the ideal diode is replaced by a silicon diode.

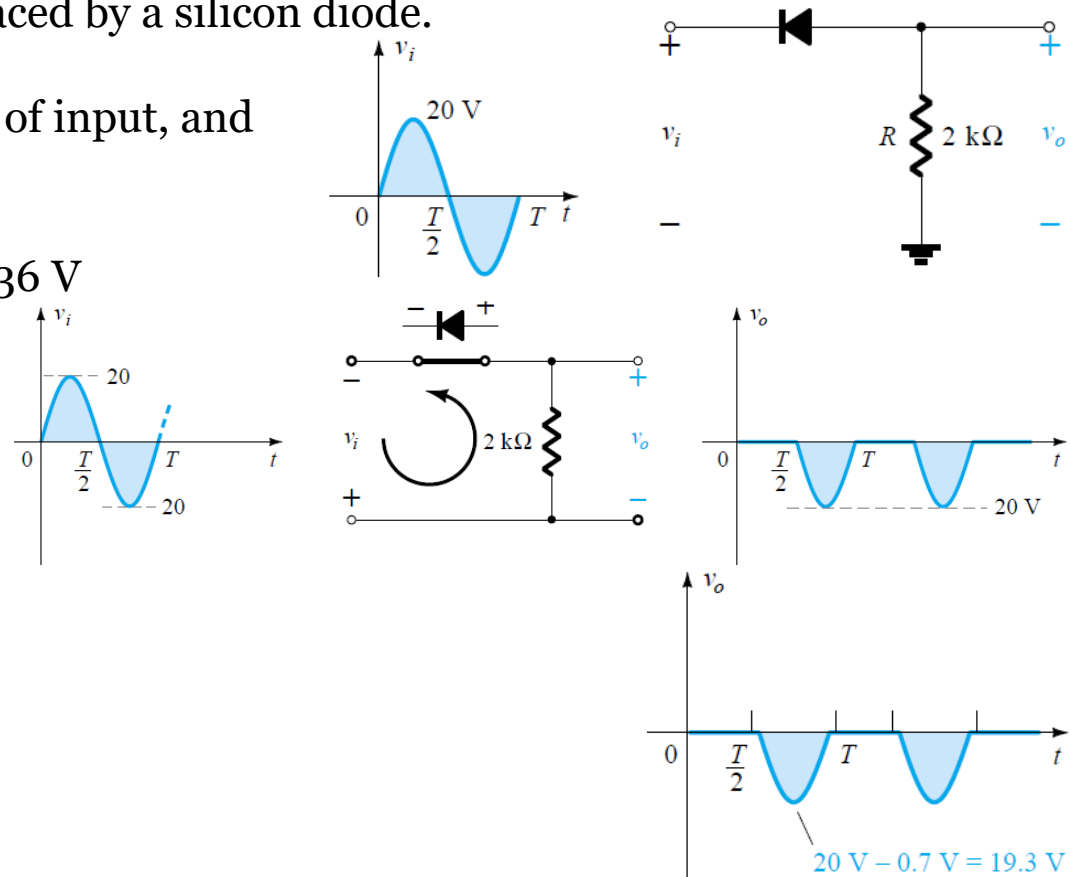
(a) Diode will conduct during negative part of input, and v_o will appear as shown in figure.

For full period, dc level is

$$V_{dc} = -0.318 V_m = 0.318(20 \text{ V}) = -6.36 \text{ V}$$

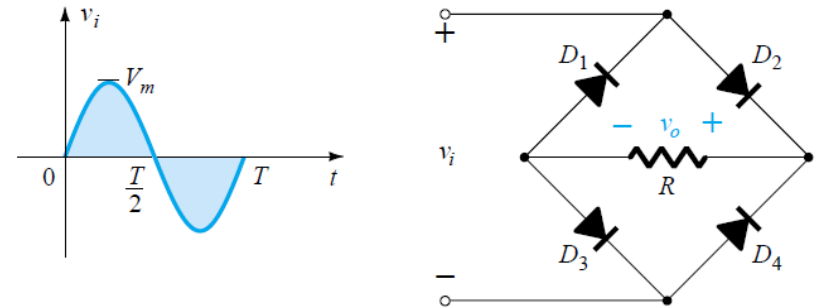
(b) Using a silicon diode, output has appearance as shown in figure.

$$\begin{aligned} V_{dc} &\approx -0.318(V_m - 0.7 \text{ V}) \\ &= -0.318(19.3 \text{ V}) = -6.14 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

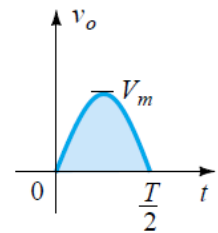
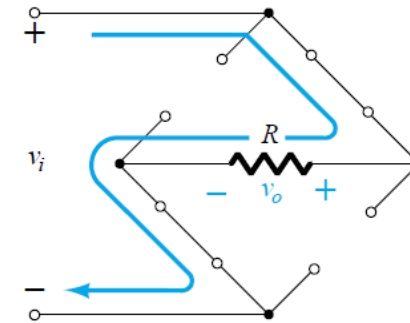
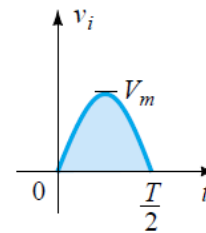
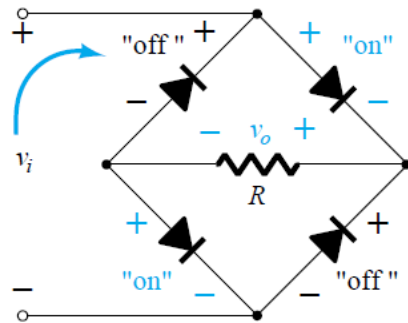


Full-Wave Rectification

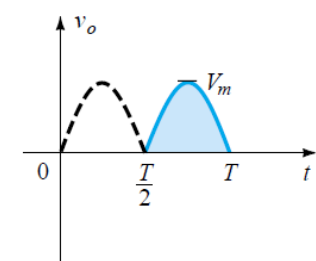
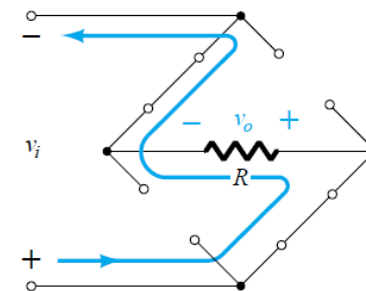
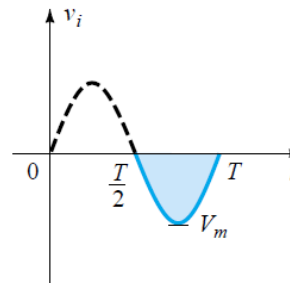
Full-Wave Bridge Rectifier:



For period $0 \rightarrow T/2$ of v_i :

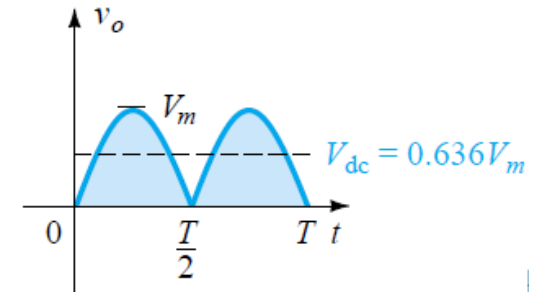
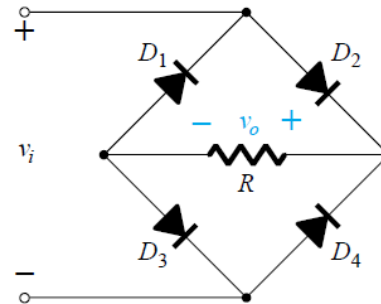
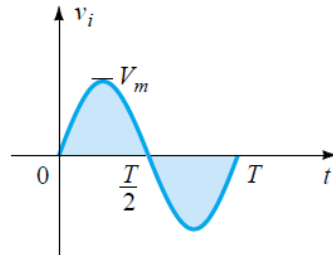


For negative region of v_i :



Full-Wave Rectification

Input and output waveforms:



dc level of full-wave rectifier:

$$V_{dc} = 2(0.318 V_m) = 0.636 V_m$$

Full-wave rectifier with silicon diode:

From Kirchhoff's voltage law

$$v_i - V_T - v_o - V_T = 0$$

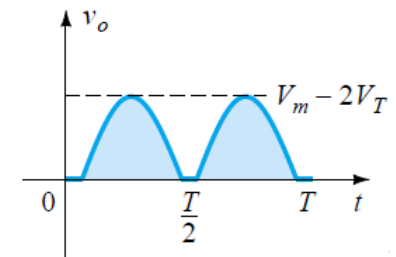
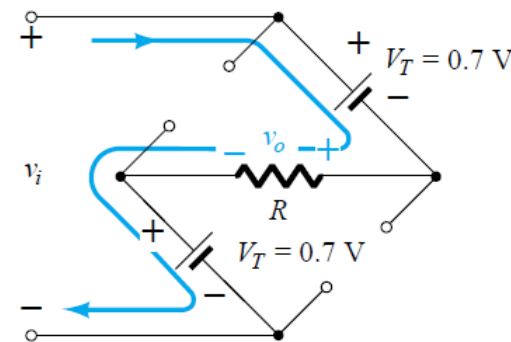
$$v_o = v_i - 2V_T$$

Peak value of output voltage v_o is therefore

$$V_{omax} = V_m - 2V_T$$

Average value is therefore

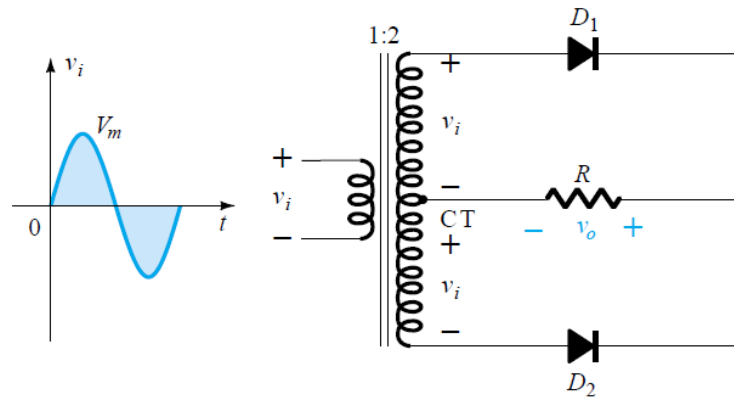
$$V_{dc} \approx 0.636(V_m - 2V_T)$$



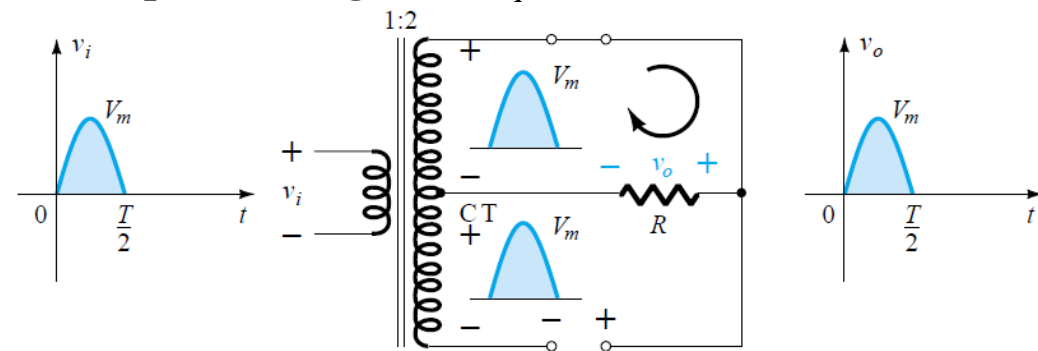
Full-Wave Rectification

Center-tapped transformer:

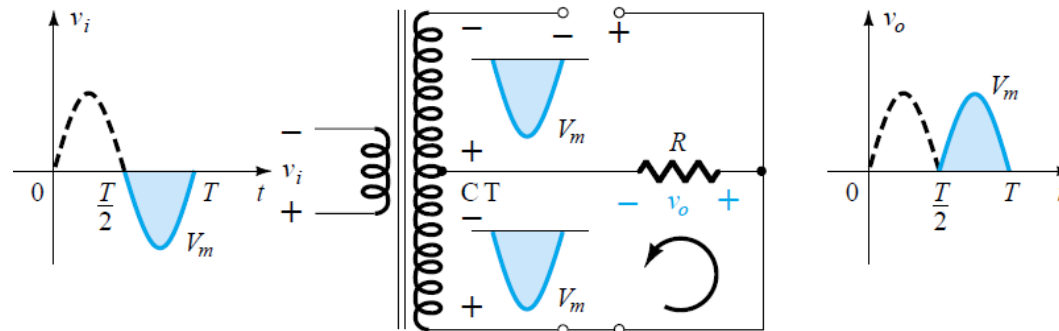
Full-wave rectifier with only two diodes but requiring center-tapped (CT) transformer.



For positive region of v_i :



For negative region of v_i :



Full-Wave Rectification

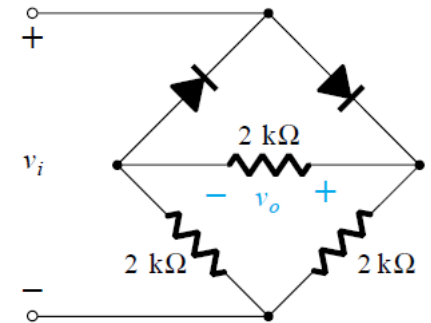
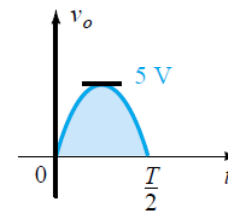
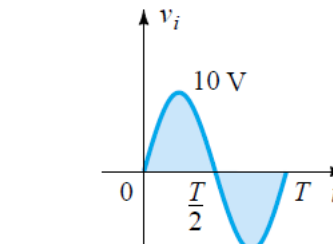
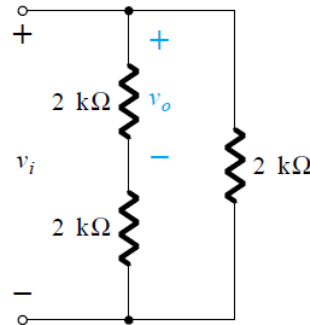
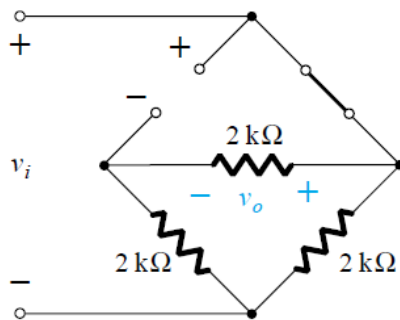
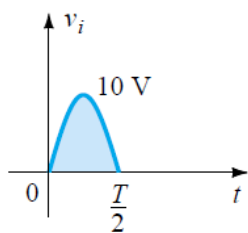
Problem-6

Determine the output waveform for the network of Fig. 6 and calculate the output dc level.

For positive region of input voltage

$$v_o = 1/2 v_i$$

$$V_{omax} = 1/2 V_{imax} = 1/2(10 \text{ V}) = 5 \text{ V}$$



For negative part of v_i roles of diodes will be interchanged and v_o will appear as

Available dc level will be therefore

$$V_{dc} = 0.636(5 \text{ V}) = 3.18 \text{ V}$$

