

# Electronics

## Unit - I

Charge densities in a semiconductor

Electrical neutrality :

$$\text{total +ve charge} = \text{total -ve charge}$$

$$N_D + p = N_A + n \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$N_D$  → conc. of donor atoms

$N_A$  → conc. of acceptor atoms.

$p$  → hole conc.

$n_i$  → intrinsic carrier density

$n$  →  $e^-$  conc.

Case(I) : Consider  $n$ -type material.

$$N_A = 0$$

$$N_D = n - p$$

$$n \gg p$$

$$N_D \approx n$$

$$n_i \approx N_D$$

↳  $e^-$  conc in  $n$ -type material.

$$\therefore np = n_i^2$$

$$n_p p_n = n_i^2 \Rightarrow \frac{N_D p_n}{N_D} = \frac{n_i^2}{N_D}$$

\* 
$$p_n = \frac{n_i^2}{N_D}$$

Case (II) : Consider  $p$ -type material.

$$N_D = 0$$

$$N_A = p - n$$

$$p \gg n$$

$$p_p \approx N_A$$

$$n_p p_p = n_i^2$$

\* 
$$n_p = \frac{n_i^2}{N_A}$$

## Conductivity of Semiconductors

- \*  $v_d$  is drift velocity of  $e^-$   
 $v_d \propto E$

$$\boxed{v_d = \mu E} \quad \rightarrow \text{mobility}$$

unit :  $\mu = \frac{v_d}{E} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{m/s}}{\text{V/m}}$   
 $m^2/\text{V-s}$

- \*  $i = neA v_d$        $I = \frac{i}{A} = ne v_d$ .

$$J = ne \mu E$$

$$\boxed{J = \sigma E} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Ohm's law} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{conductivity} \end{matrix}$$

$$\mu \propto \frac{1}{m_{\text{eff}}} \quad (m_{\text{eff}})_n \gg (m_{\text{eff}})_e.$$

$m_p \ll m_e.$

$$J = (n \mu_n + p \mu_p) e E$$

$$\boxed{\sigma = (n \mu_n + p \mu_p) e}$$

Q → The mobilities of free  $e^-$  and holes in a pure germanium are  $0.38$  and  $0.18 \text{ m}^2/\text{V-s}$ . Find value of intrinsic conductivity. Assume  $n_i = 2.5 \times 10^{14}/\text{m}^3$  at room temp.

In case of intrinsic semiconductor  
 $n = p = n_i$

$$\sigma = (n \mu_n + p \mu_p) e$$

$$\sigma = (0.38 + 0.18) 2.5 \times 10^{19} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} (\text{R}-\text{cm})^{-1}$$

$$\sigma = 2.24 (\text{R}-\text{cm})^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  In germanium sample, a donor type impurity is added to the extent of 1 atom per  $10^8$  germanium atoms. Show that resistivity of the germanium sample drops to 3.7 ohm-cm.

$$n_n = 3800 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-sec} \quad n_i^0 = 2.5 \times 10^{13}/\text{cm}^3$$

$$n_p = 1800 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-sec} \quad N_{\text{Ge}} = 4.41 \times 10^{22}/\text{cm}^3$$

Sol: Resistivity =  $\frac{1}{\sigma}$

$$\sigma = (n n_n + p n_p) q$$

Donor type impurity  $\Rightarrow$  n-type

$$N_D = \frac{N_{\text{Ge}}}{10^8}$$

$$N_D = 4.41 \times 10^{14}/\text{cm}^3 \quad n \approx N_D$$

$$n \approx 4.41 \times 10^{14}/\text{cm}^3$$

$$n_p = n_i^2 \quad N_D p = n_i^2$$

$$p = \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} = 1.4172 \times 10^{12}/\text{cm}^3$$

$$\sigma = (n n_n + p n_p) q$$

$$= (4.41 \times 10^{14} \times 3800 + 1.4172 \times 10^{12} \times 1800) \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ R}-\text{cm}$$

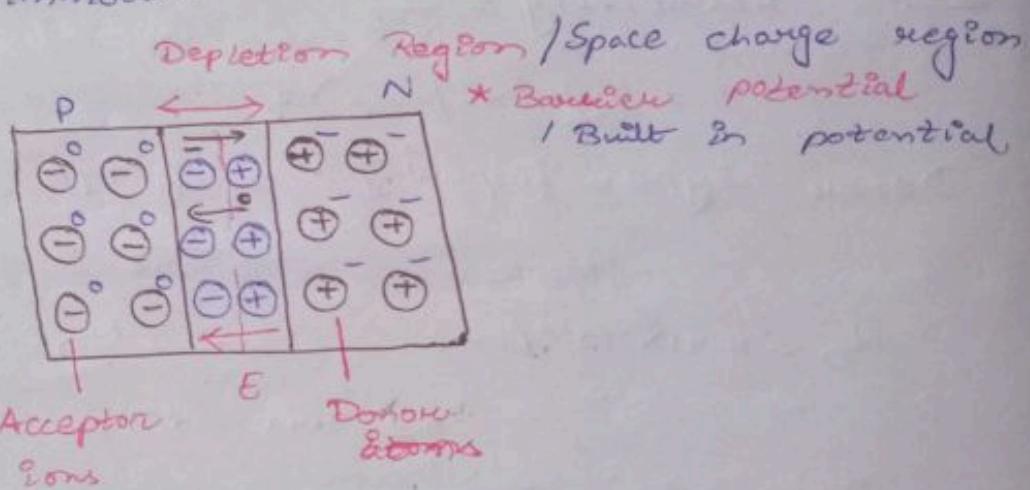
$$\sigma = (0.26884) (\text{R}-\text{cm})^{-1}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{\sigma} = 3.719 \text{ R}-\text{cm}$$

$$I = \underbrace{n n_n q E}_{\text{Electron component of C.D.}} + \underbrace{p n_p q E}_{\text{Hole component of C.D.}}$$

## PN Junction Diode (No applied bias)

- \* Minority charge carriers depends on temp<sup>r</sup> and does not depend upon external voltage we are applying.
- \* Diffusion current : Majority charge carriers.
- \* Immobile ions will surface out because of diffusion.
- \* Depletion region: no mobile charges but only uncovered immobile ions are there.



- \* Drift current : minority charge carriers.

- \* Under steady state

$$\text{Diffusion current} = \text{Drift current}$$

net current = 0 open ckt PN junction

### Barrier Potential

$$V_b = \left( \frac{kT}{e} \right) \ln \left( \frac{N_A N_D}{N_D^2} \right)$$

$V_T$  = thermal voltage.

$k$  = Boltzmann constant =  $1.38066 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$ .

$T$  = absolute temp (K)  $\quad T = 273 + T'(\text{°C})$

$$e = \text{charge of } e^- = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$$

\* Room temp.

$$T' = 27^\circ C$$

$$T = 300 K$$

$$V_T = \frac{kT}{e}$$

$$V_T = 0.026 \text{ Volts}$$

\* For any temp.

$$V_T = \frac{kT}{e} = \frac{273 + T'}{11600}$$

Width of depletion

$$W_d = \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon}{q} \left[ \frac{1}{N_A} + \frac{1}{N_D} \right] V_b}$$

$\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$  = Electrical Permittivity.

For Si  $\Rightarrow \epsilon = 1.04 \times 10^{-12} F/cm$

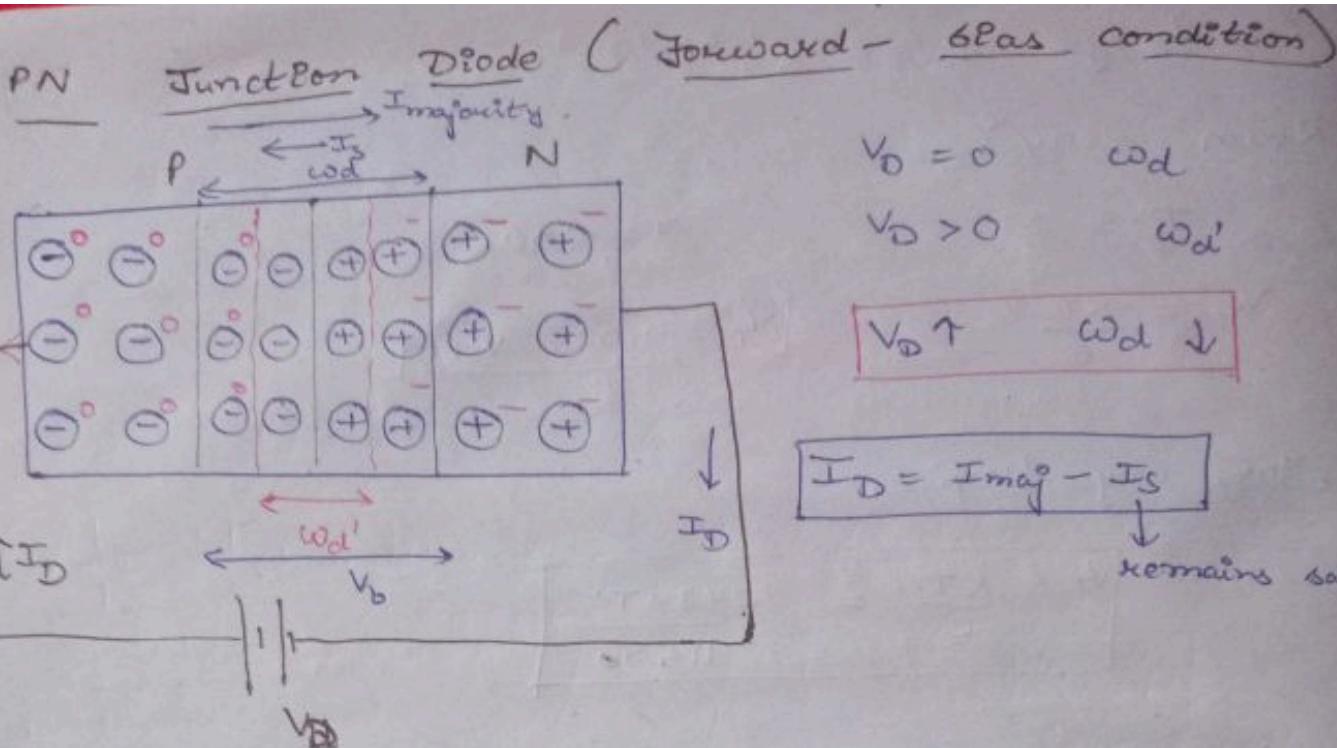
For Ge  $\Rightarrow \epsilon = 1.2448 \times 10^{-12} F/cm$ .

$$q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$$

Q. Consider a silicon pn junction at room temperature, doped at  $N_A = 10^{16}/cm^3$  in the p-region and  $N_D = 10^{17}/cm^3$  in n-region. Intrinsic carrier density is  $1.5 \times 10^{10}/cm^3$  at room temperature. Calculate the width of depletion region.

$$\text{Sol: } V_b = V_T \ln \left( \frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2} \right) = 0.75 V$$

$$W_d = \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon}{q} \left( \frac{1}{N_A} + \frac{1}{N_D} \right) V_b} = 0.3290 \mu m$$



\* Barrier potential =  $V_b - V_D$

\* Si  $\Rightarrow V_b = 0.7V$

$$V_D = 0.7V$$

B.P. =  $0.7 - 0.7 = 0 \rightarrow$  Current rises exponentially.

PN Junction Diode (Reverse - bias condition)

\* Because of attraction b/w holes and -ve terminal and e<sup>-</sup> and +ve terminal of battery, lead to increase in depletion region.

$$(V_b)_{RB} = V_b + V_D$$

Reverse Bias.

$$V_D: \uparrow \quad (V_b)_{RB} \uparrow$$

$$w_d: \uparrow$$

\*  $(w_d)_{RB} > (w_d)_{\text{no bias}} > (w_d)_{FB}$

\*  $(V_b)_{RB} > (V_b)_{\text{no bias.}} > \infty \cdot (V_b)_{FB}$

\*  $I_{\text{majority}} \approx 0$

$\rightarrow I_{\text{majority}} = 0$   
 $\leftarrow I_S$

\*  $I_D \approx I_S$ .  
 ↳ remains same

## Semiconductor Diode

\* Processes like alloying, diffusion and ion implantation are used to make semiconductor diode.

\* Diode current - voltage relation.

$$I_D = I_S \left( e^{\frac{kV_D}{T_k}} - 1 \right)$$

$I_D \rightarrow$  diode current

$I_S \rightarrow$  reverse saturation current.

$V_D \rightarrow$  voltage across diode.

$T_k \rightarrow$  Temp<sup>o</sup> (in K)

$$k = \frac{11600}{\eta} \quad \eta \rightarrow \text{Ideality factor}$$

range 0.6 to 1 & 2.

\*  $\eta = 1$  for Ge  
 $\eta = 2$  for Si ]  $I_D \rightarrow$  low

\*  $\eta = 1 \rightarrow$  for both Ge & Si  $\Rightarrow I_D \rightarrow$  high

$$V_T = \frac{T_k}{11600} = \frac{T_k}{k\eta} \quad \frac{k}{T_k} = \frac{1}{V_T\eta}$$

$$I_D = I_S \left( e^{\frac{V_D}{nV_T}} - 1 \right)$$

Q ⇒ A germanium diode displays a forward voltage of 0.25 V at 10 mA current at room temp<sup>o</sup>. Find reverse saturation current.

$$I_D = 10 \text{ mA} \quad V_T = 0.026 \text{ V} \quad n = 1$$

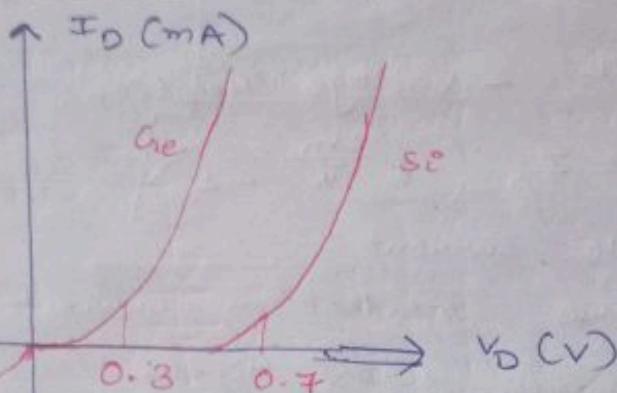
$$I_D = I_s \left( e^{\frac{V_D}{nV_T}} - 1 \right)$$

$$10 = I_s \left( e^{\frac{0.35}{1 \times 0.026}} - 1 \right)$$

$$I_s = 0.667 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A}$$

### V - I characteristics of PN Junction Diode

$$I_D = I_{D\text{maj}} - I_s$$



$$B.P. = 0$$

$$V_D = V_b$$

Current will  
Increase  
exponentially.

Breakdown  
voltage  
Si      Ge

$$I_{D\text{maj}} \approx 0$$

$$I_D \approx I_s$$

↓  
fwd

$$\sim I_s (\mu\text{A})$$

$$R.B. \rightarrow V_D \rightarrow -ve.$$

$$I_D = I_s \left( e^{\frac{V_D}{nV_T}} - 1 \right)$$

$$I_D = -I_s$$

$$e^{\frac{V_D}{nV_T}} \ll 1$$

$I_s \rightarrow$  Leakage current.

### \* Peak Inverse Voltage (PIV)

Max<sup>n</sup> R.B. voltage that can be applied across the diode before entering Zener or breakdown region.

## Effect of Temp on VI characteristics

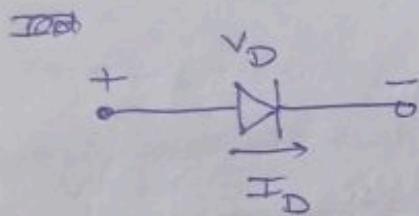
- \* In case of forward bias region, the characteristic of Si diode shift to left at a rate of  $2.5 \text{ mV per } ^\circ\text{C}$  rise in temp.
- \* In Reverse Bias cond<sup>n</sup>,  $I_s$  doubles for  $10^\circ\text{C}$  rise in temp.
- \*  $I_s$  closer to  $10 \text{ fA}$   
For  $\uparrow$  temp application

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 \*  $\frac{\text{Ge}}{\text{Si}} \quad \frac{\text{GrAs}}{\downarrow}$   
 $I_s \uparrow$

- \* Breakdown voltage may  $\uparrow$  or  $\downarrow$  depending on zener potential.

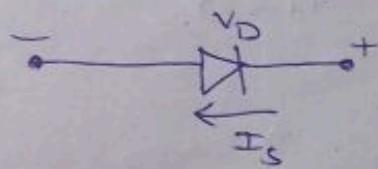
## Ideal Vs Practical diode

Forward bias



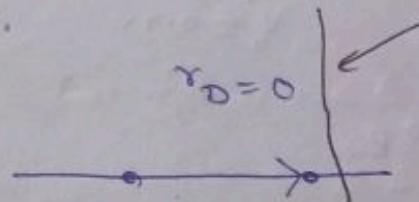
$$I_D = I_{maj} - I_s \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ r_D \rightarrow \text{very small} \end{array} \right\} \text{Practical diode}$$

Reverse bias

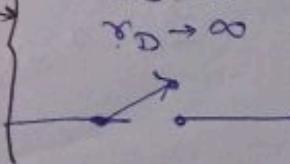


$r_D \rightarrow \text{very large}$

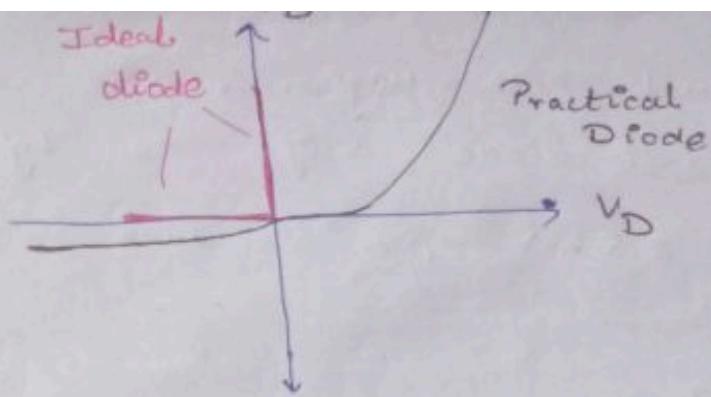
Ideal



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} I_s \approx 0 \\ r_D \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right\}$$



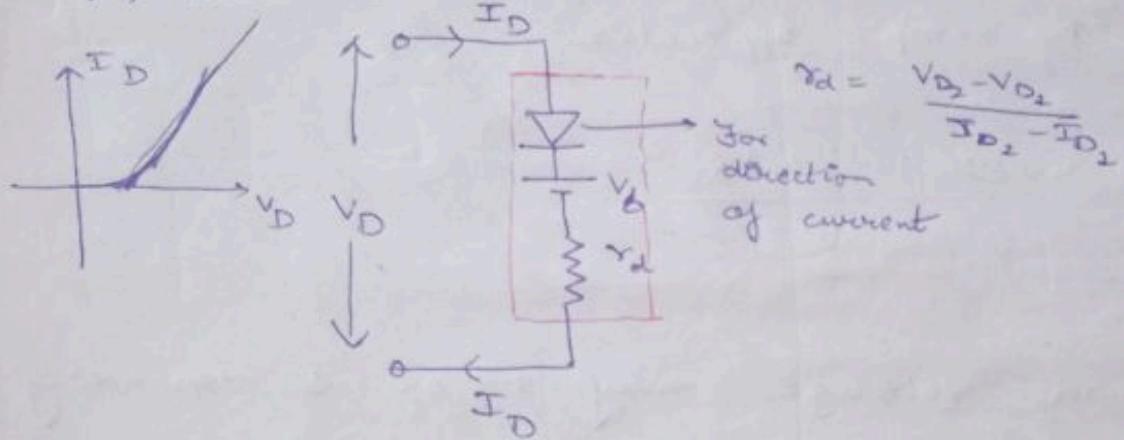
Diode only permits current I to flow in one direction



### Diode Equivalent Circuit

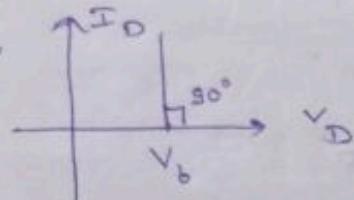
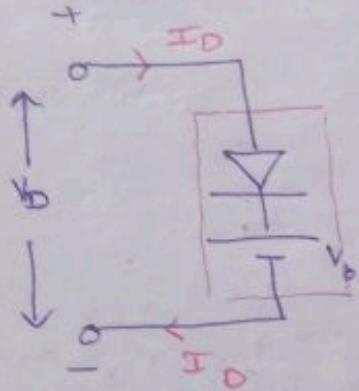
(i) Piecewise-linear equivalent circuit

↳ linear even with small non-linearity.

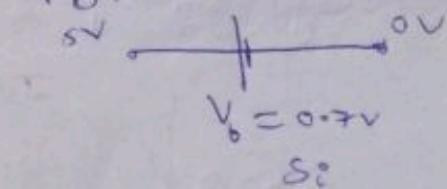


(ii)\*\* Constant voltage drop / simplified equivalent ckt.

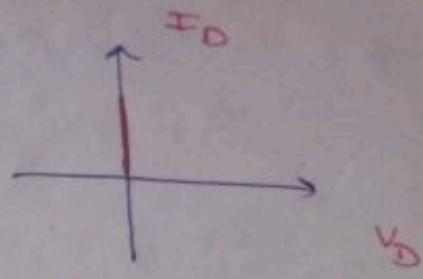
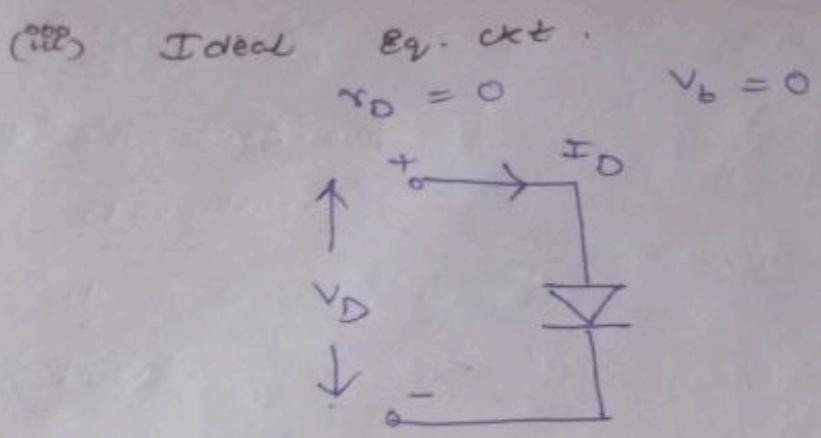
$$r_d = 0$$



F.B.

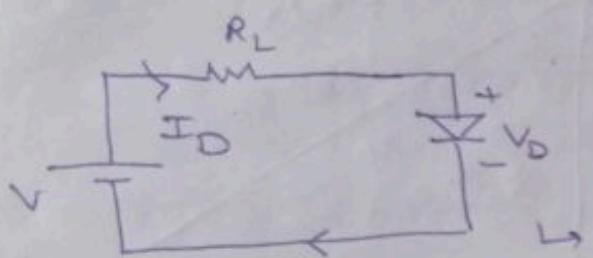


R.B.



### Load Line Analysis

Non-linear Electronic ckt



Applying KVL:

$$V - I_D R_L - v_D = 0$$

$$V = I_D R_L + v_D \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

when  $v_D = 0$

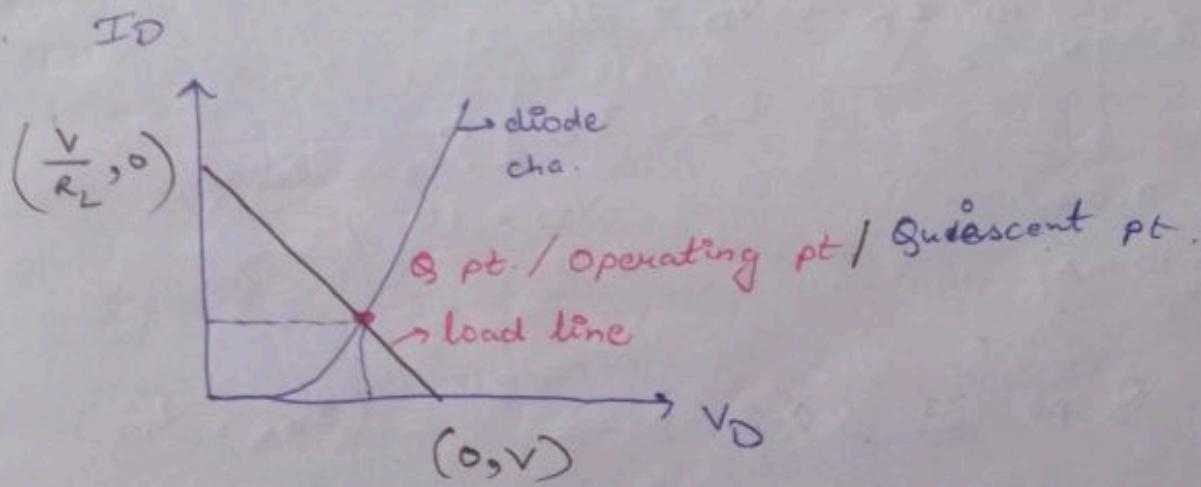
$$V = I_D R_L + 0$$

$$\left[ I_D = \frac{V}{R_L} \right]$$

when  $I_D = 0$

$$V = 0 \times R_L + v_D$$

$$\boxed{v_D = V}$$



$$Q \text{ pt} \Rightarrow (I_{DQ}, v_{DQ})$$

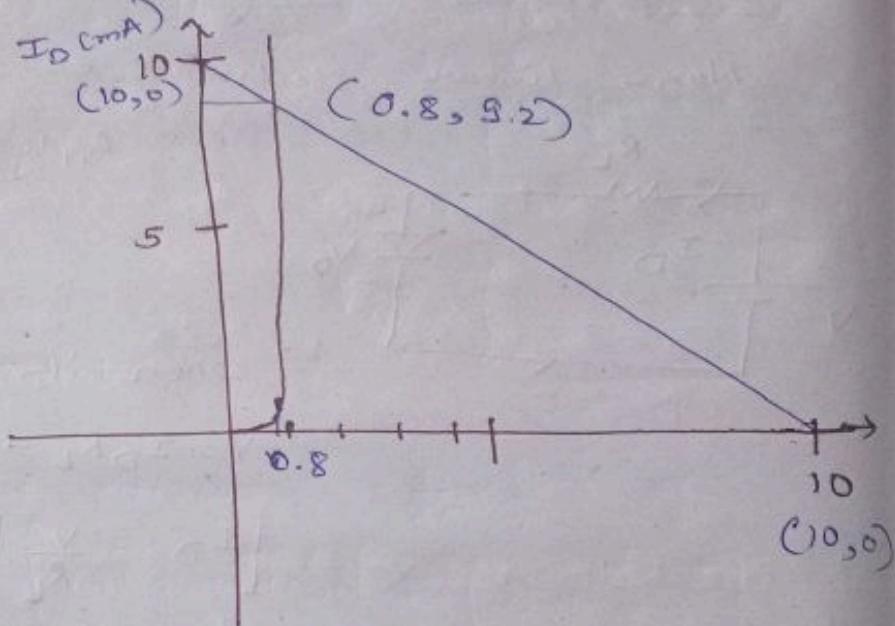
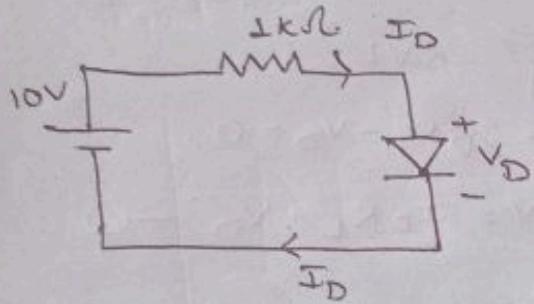
$$V = I_D R_L + V_D$$

$$I_D = -\frac{V_D}{R_L} + \frac{V}{R_L} \quad y = mx + c$$

$$c = \frac{V}{R_L} \quad \text{slope} = -\frac{1}{R_L}$$

\* By varying  $R_L$ , slope will also vary ( $y$  vary).

$\Rightarrow$  Determine Q-pt and  $V_R$  (Voltage drop across resistor).



$$-10 + I_D \times 1 \times 10^3 + V_D = 0$$

$$10^3 I_D + V_D = 10$$

$$\hookrightarrow V_D = 0$$

$$I_D = 0.01 \\ = 10 \text{ mA}$$

$$\hookrightarrow I_D = 0$$

$$V_D = 10$$

$$\text{Q pt} \equiv (0.8, 8.2) \equiv (I_{DQ}, V_{DQ})$$

$$V_R = I_D R_L = 9.2 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^3$$

$$V_R = 9.2$$

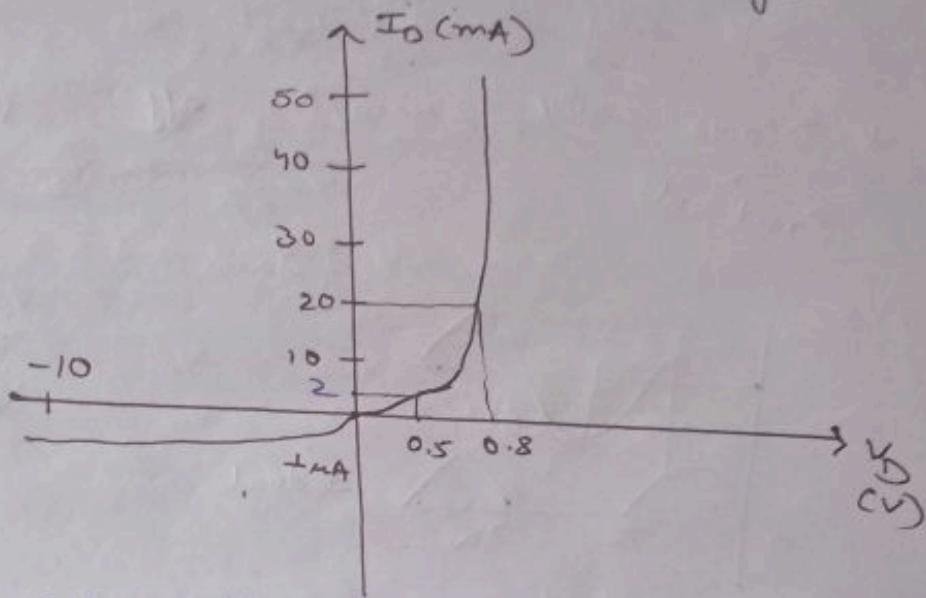
## ① DC on static Resistance of diode

\* Operating pt. remains same ( $I_{DQ}$ ,  $V_{DQ}$ ).

$$R_D = \frac{V_{DQ}}{I_{DQ}}$$

Q) Determine the dc resistance levels for the diode at

- (a)  $I_D = 2\text{mA}$
- (b)  $I_D = 20\text{mA}$
- (c)  $V_D = -10\text{V}$



(a)  $R_D = \frac{V_D}{I_D} = \frac{0.8}{20 \times 10^{-3}} \Omega = 40 \Omega$ .

same

## ② Diode Resistance Levels (AC Resistance)

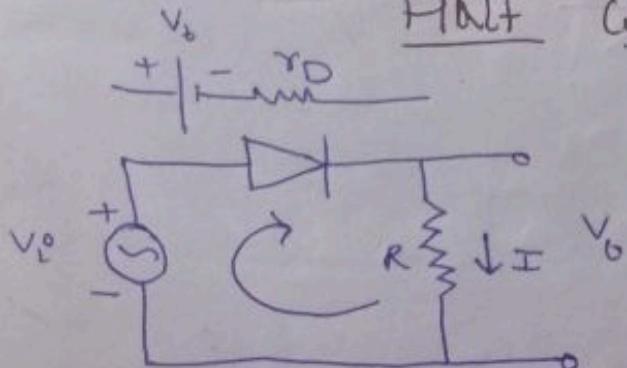
$$n = 2 \quad V_T = 26\text{mV}$$

$$Y_d = \frac{26\text{mV}}{I_D}$$

### Introduction to Diode Rectifier Circuit

Rectification  $\rightarrow$  correction of errors / mixture.

### Half Wave Rectifier



$$+V_i - V_b - I_{rD} - IR = 0$$

$$I = \frac{V_i - V_b}{r_D + R}$$

$$V_o = IR = \left( \frac{V_i - V_b}{r_D + R} \right) \times R$$

$$V_D \ll R$$

$$V_o = V_i - V_b$$

In reverse bias,

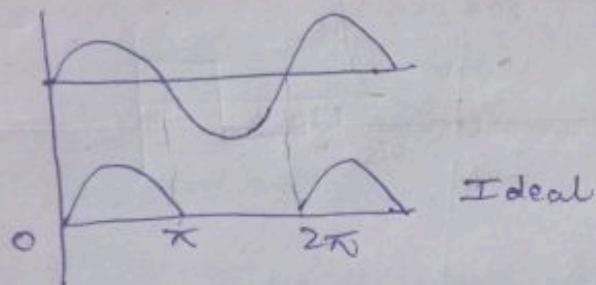
Diode  $\rightarrow$  open ckt.

$$V_o = 0$$

\* Diode will remain off for  $V_b < V_i$

*Practical*

$\downarrow$   
0.7 for silicon



$$V_o = V_m \sin \omega t \quad 0 \leq \omega t < \pi$$

$$V_o = 0 \quad \pi \leq \omega t < 2\pi$$

$$V_{av} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V_o d(\omega t)$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} 0 d(\omega t)$$

$$V_{av} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\pi} V_m \sin \omega t d(\omega t) + \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} 0 d(\omega t) \right]$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{2\pi} [-\cos \omega t]_0^\pi = \frac{V_m}{2\pi} [-\cos \pi - (-\cos 0)]$$

$$V_{av} = \frac{V_m}{\pi} = 0.318 V_m$$

Peak voltage.

Average load current,

$$I_{av} = \frac{V_{av}}{R} = \frac{V_m/\pi}{R}$$

$$I_{av} = \frac{I_m}{\pi}$$

RMS load current,

$$\sqrt{\text{mean}(\text{sq}(I))}$$

$$I_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} I^2 d(\omega t)}$$

$$I = I_m \sin \omega t$$

$$0 \leq \omega t \leq \pi$$

$$I = 0$$

$$\pi \leq \omega t \leq 2\pi$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\pi} I_m^2 \sin^2 \omega t d(\omega t) + \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} 0 d(\omega t) \right] \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{I_m^2}{2\pi \times 2} \int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2\omega t) d(\omega t) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{I_m^2}{4\pi} \times \pi \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$I_{\text{rms}} = \frac{I_m}{2}$$

RMS load voltage

$$V_{\text{rms}} = I_{\text{rms}} R = \frac{I_m}{2} R.$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{2R} \times R$$

$$V_{\text{rms}} = \frac{V_m}{2}$$

Form Factor: It is defined as the ratio of rms load voltage and average load voltage.

\* Rms value

$$5V \text{ rms ac} = 5V \text{ dc.}$$

Rms value & peak value

$$F.F = \frac{V_{rms}}{V_{avg}}$$

$$F.F \geq 1$$

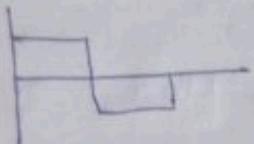
$$V_{rms} \geq V_{av}$$

For half wave rectifier.

$$F.F = \frac{V_m/2}{V_m/\pi} = \frac{\pi}{2} = 1.57$$

$$\boxed{V_{rms} = 1.57 \times V_{av}}$$

$\rightarrow$



$$V_{rms} = V_m$$

$$V_{av} = V_m$$

$$F.F = \frac{V_m}{V_m} = 1$$

Ripple Factor: It measures the % of ac component in the rectified output.

\* Ideal value of ripple factor should be zero.

$$\gamma = 0\%$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\text{rms value of ac component of O/P}}{\text{av. value of O/P}}$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{(F.F)^2 - 1}$$

$$\gamma \% = \sqrt{(F.F)^2 - 1} \times 100\%$$

Half wave,  $F.F = 1.57$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{(1.57)^2 - 1}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma = 1.21}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma \% = 121\%}$$

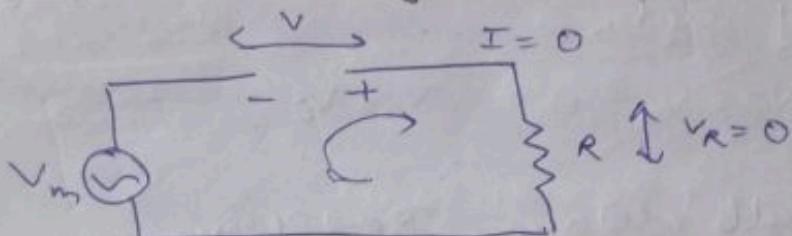
Efficiency: It is defined as ratio of dc power available to the load to input ac power.

$$\eta = \frac{P_{\text{load}}}{P_{\text{in}}} \times 100\% = \frac{I_{dc}^2 R}{I_{\text{rms}}^2 R} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{I_{\text{rms}}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{I_{\text{rms}}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} \times 100\%$$

$$\eta = 40.56\%$$

Peak Inverse Voltage



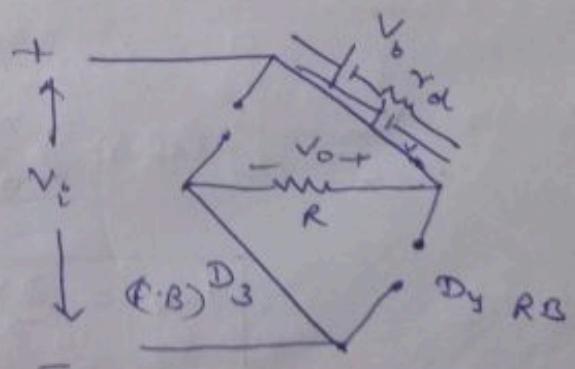
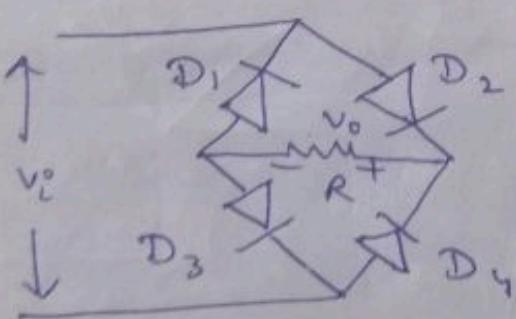
$$-V_m + V = 0$$

$$V = V_m$$

$$\boxed{PIV = V = V_m}$$

$$PIV \gg V_m$$

Full Wave Bridge Rectifier

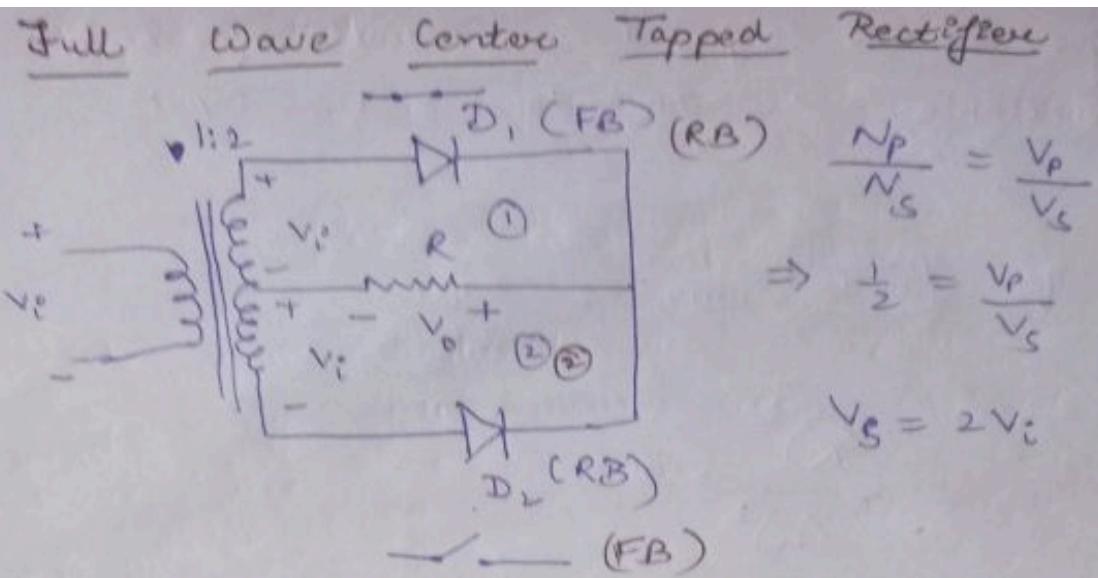


$$\boxed{V_o = V_i - 2V_b} \text{ CVD model}$$

$$V_o = V_i - 2V_b - 2I_r d$$

$$+V_i - V_o = 0$$

$$\boxed{V_o = V_i} \text{ Ideal model}$$



$$\textcircled{1}, \quad \rightarrow V_i - V_o = 0 \quad V_o = V_i$$

For -ve half cycle,

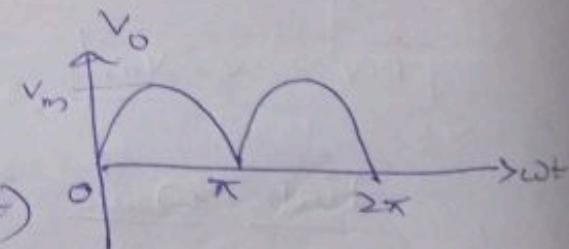
$$\textcircled{2}, \quad +V_i - V_o = 0 \quad V_o = V_i$$

### Full Wave Rectifier

Average load voltage :

$$V_o = V_m \sin \omega t \quad 0 \leq \omega t < \pi$$

$$V_{av} = V_{dc} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} V_m \sin \omega t d(\omega t)$$



$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} [-\cos \omega t]_0^{\pi}$$

$$\boxed{V_{av} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi}}$$

Average load current

$$I_{av} = \frac{V_{av}}{R} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi R}$$

$$\boxed{I_{av} = \frac{2I_m}{\pi}}$$

$$I_{av} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} I_m \sin \omega t \, d(\omega t)$$

RMS load current

$$I_{rms} = \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} I^2 \, d(\omega t) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \int_0^{\pi} I_m^2 \sin^2 \omega t \, d(\omega t) \right] \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{I_m^2}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2\omega t) \, d(\omega t) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{I_m^2}{2\pi} \left( \omega t - \frac{\sin 2\omega t}{2} \right)_0^{\pi} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\boxed{I_{rms} = \frac{I_m}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

RMS load ~~or~~ voltage.

$$V_{rms} = I_{rms} R$$

$$\boxed{V_{rms} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

Form Factor

$$F.F. = \frac{V_{rms}}{V_{av}} \text{ or } \frac{I_{rms}}{I_{av}}$$

$$F.F. = \frac{V_m / \sqrt{2}}{2V_m / \pi} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\boxed{F.F. = 1.11}$$

Ripple Factor :

$$\gamma = \sqrt{(F.F.)^2 - 1} = \sqrt{(1.24)^2 - 1}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma \% = 48.1 \% \text{ ac component}}$$

We have reduced ac component by 73% by using full wave rec. instead of half wave rec.

Efficiency

$$\eta \% = \frac{O/P \text{ dc power}}{I/P \text{ ac power}} \times 100 \%$$

$$= \frac{I_{dc}^2 R}{I_{rms}^2 R} \times 100\% = \frac{4I_m^2 / \pi^2}{I_m^2 / 2} \times 100\%$$

$$\boxed{\eta \% = 81.13 \%}$$

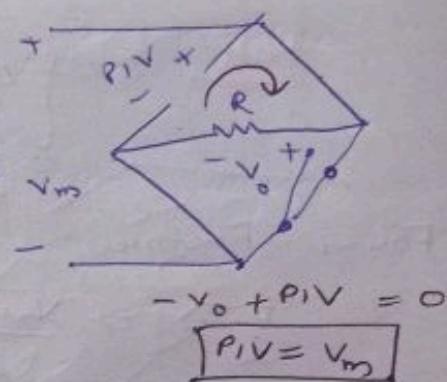
Peak Inverse Voltage:

① Full wave bridge rectifier  
when ideal diode

$$+V_m - V_o = 0$$

$$\boxed{V_o = V_m}$$

$$\boxed{PIV \geq V_m}$$



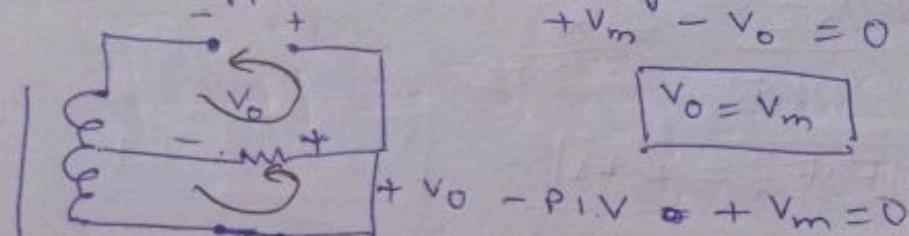
$$-V_o + PIV = 0$$

$$\boxed{PIV = V_m}$$

② Centre tapped rectifier.

$$+V_m - V_o = 0$$

$$\boxed{V_o = V_m}$$



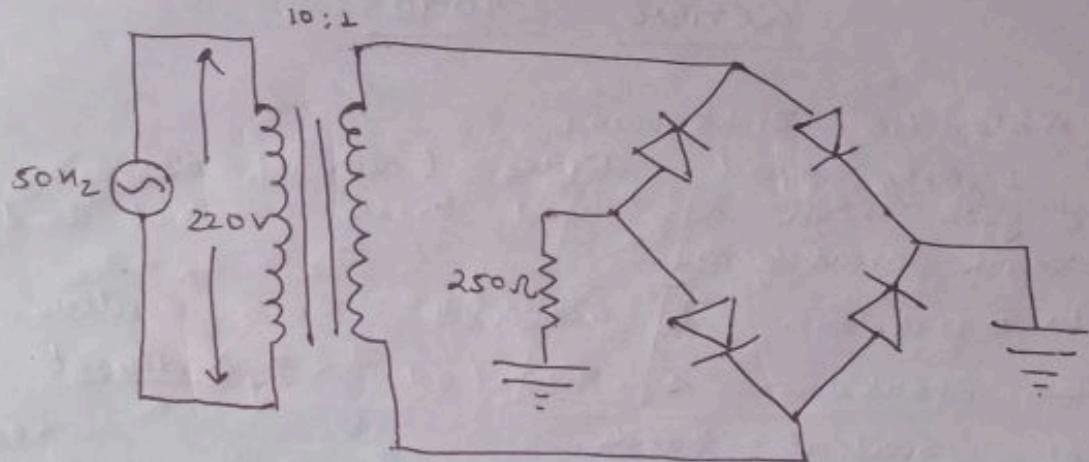
$$+V_o - PIV = +V_m = 0$$

$$\boxed{PIV = 2V_m}$$

$$PIV > 2V_m$$

Q  $\Rightarrow$  Determine

- dc output voltage.
- Rectification efficiency
- Peak inverse voltage (PIV)
- Output frequency.



$$\frac{N_p}{N_s} = \frac{10}{1} = \frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{220V}{V_s} \quad V_s = V_o = 22 \text{ Volt}$$

$$(a) V_{av} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} \quad V_{rms} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}} = 22V$$

$$V_m = 22\sqrt{2} V. = 31.11 V$$

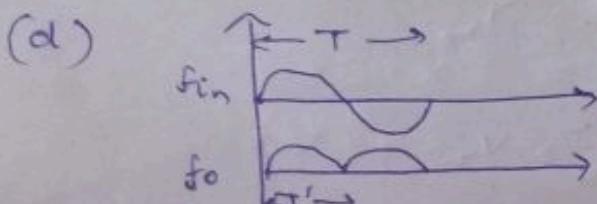
$$V_{av} = 2 \times \frac{31.11}{\pi} = 19.81 V = V_{dc}$$

$$(b) \eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} = \frac{I_{dc}^2 R}{I_{rms}^2 R} = \frac{V_{dc}^2}{V_{rms}^2} = \left( \frac{19.81}{22} \right)^2 \times 100\%.$$

$$\eta \% = 81.08\%$$

$$(c) PIV \geq V_m$$

$$PIV \geq 31.11 \text{ volt}$$



$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$T' = \frac{1}{2} T$$

$$T = 2T'$$

$$f_0 = 2 f_{fin} = 2 \times 50 \\ = 100 \text{ Hz}$$

$f_0 = 2f_{fin}$  Full Wave Rectifier

## Zener Diode

### \* Avalanche Breakdown:

Lightly doped diodes (normal diodes)  
e<sup>-</sup> gain high K.E. and break covalent bond

### \* Zener Breakdown:

↳ Breakdown is achieved much earlier.

↳ Breakdown is initiated by direct "rupture"  
of covalent bonds. tearing of

↳ Happens due to strong  $E$ , covalent bonds.  
developed by high reverse potential.

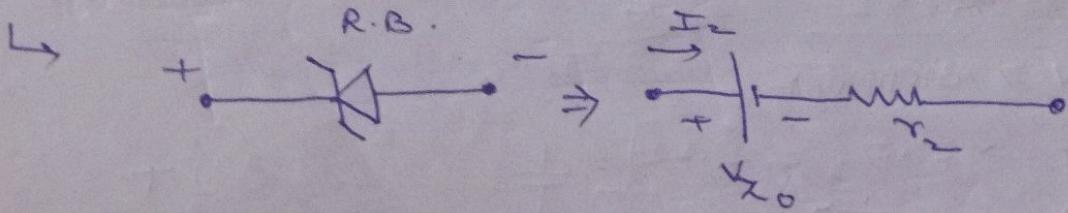
\* Zener diodes have much more high power dissipation capability than any other normal diode.

\* Properties will not degrade in R.B.

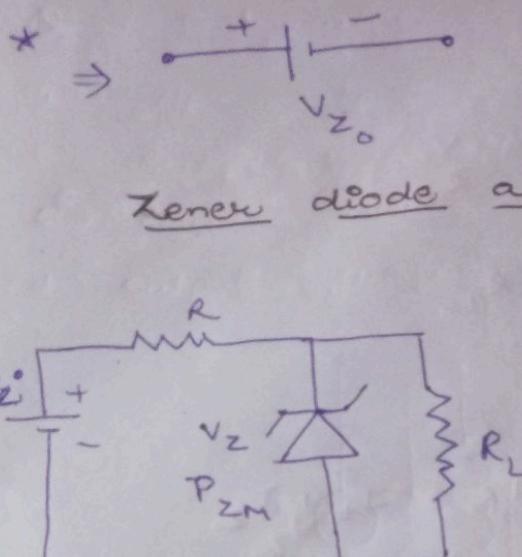
\* Zener diode in F.B. region is similar to normal diode.

\* Zener diode acts as voltage regulator when we operate it in R.B.

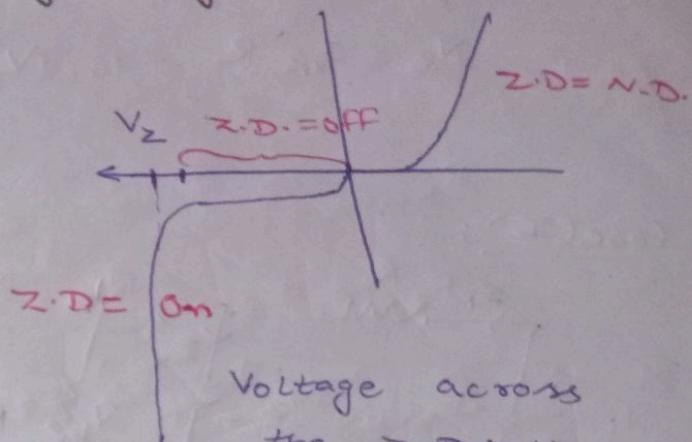
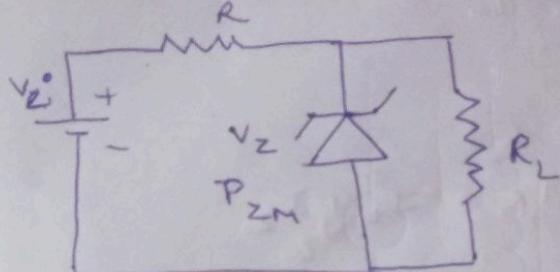
\*  $(\text{Depletion layer})_{\text{Zener}} < (\text{Depletion layer})_{\text{N diode}}$



$$V_Z = V_{Z_0} + I_Z V_Z$$

\*   $V_z = V_{z_0}$

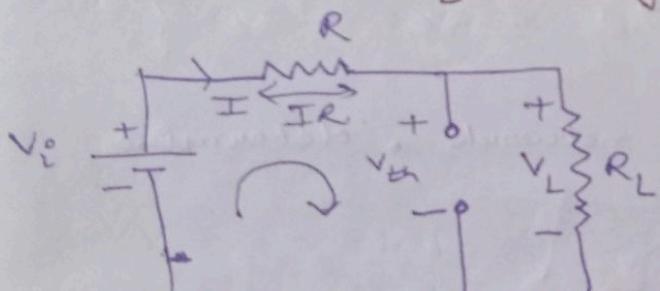
Zener diode as voltage regulator



Voltage across  
the Z.D.  $\Rightarrow V_z$

- (i)  $V_i$  and  $R_L$  fixed.
- (ii)  $V_i$  fixed  $R_L$  is variable.
- (iii)  $V_i$  variable and  $R_L$  is fixed.
- (iv)  $V_i$  and  $R_L$  vary.

①  $V_i$  and  $R_L$  are fixed.



$$V_i - I R - I R_L = 0.$$

$$I = \frac{V_i}{R + R_L}$$

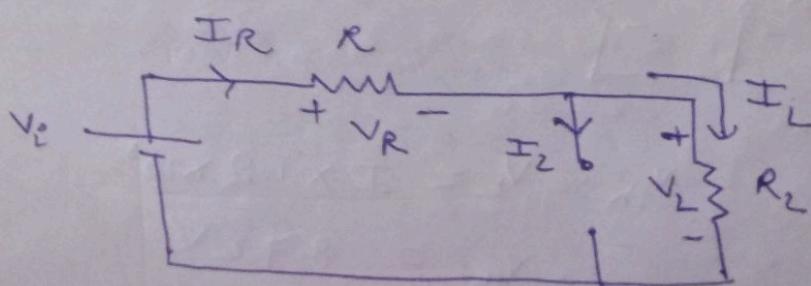
$$V_{th} = V_L = I R_L$$

$$V_{th} = \frac{V_i R_L}{R + R_L}$$

Case (I): when  $V_{th} > V_z \rightarrow \text{ON}$ .

Case (II):  $V_{th} < V_z \rightarrow \text{OFF}$

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$$I_z = 0$$

$$P_z = I_z V_z = 0$$

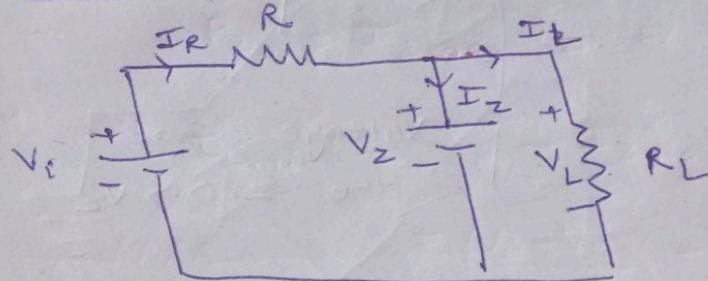
$$I_R = I_L + I_Z$$

$$I_R = I_L = \frac{V_i}{R + R_L}$$

$$V_R = I_R R$$

$$V_L = I_L R_L$$

Case(I) :



$$I_R = I_L + I_Z$$

$$I_Z = I_R - I_L$$

$$I_R = \frac{V_i - V_Z}{R}$$

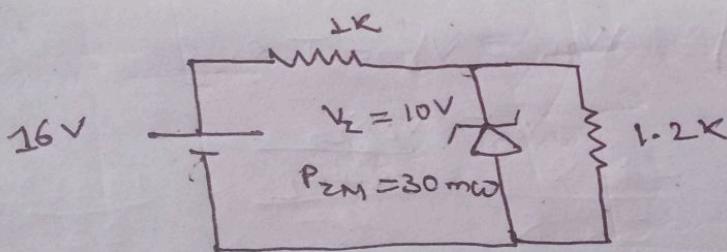
$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{V_Z}{R_L}$$

\*  $P_Z < P_{Zm}$

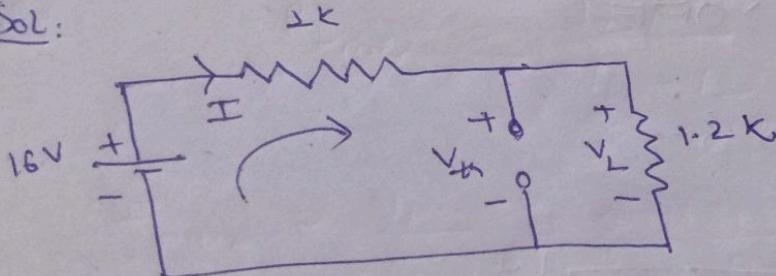
$$P_Z = I_Z V_Z$$

$$P_Z = \left( \frac{V_i - V_Z}{R} - \frac{V_Z}{R_L} \right) \times V_Z$$

Q ⇒ For the zener diode network, determine  $V_L$ ,  $V_R$ ,  $I_Z$  and  $P_Z$ .



SOL:



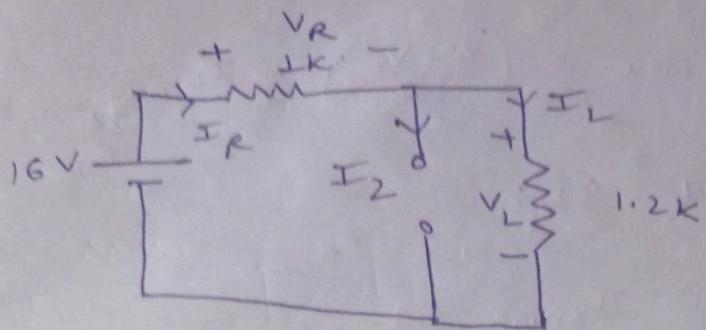
$$16 - I \times 1 - I \times 1.2 = 0$$

$$I = \frac{16}{2.2} = 7.27 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{th} = V_L = I \times 1.2 \times 10^3$$

$$V_L = V_{th} = 8.72 \text{ V}$$

$V_{th} < V_Z \rightarrow$  Diode OFF



$$I_2 = 0, P_2 = 0$$

$$I_R = I_L$$

$$V_R = I_R \times 1k\Omega$$

$$I_R = \frac{16}{1+1.2} = 7.27 \text{ mA}$$

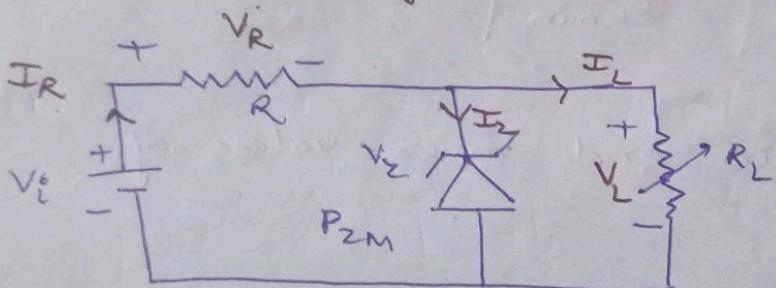
$$V_R = 7.27 \text{ mA} \times 1k\Omega$$

$$V_L = I_2 \times 1.2k\Omega$$

$$= 7.27 \text{ mA} \times 1.2k\Omega$$

$$V_L = 8.64 \text{ V}$$

②  $V_i$  is fixed and  $R_L$  is variable.



Cond'n for min load resistance ( $R_L$ ): /

Voltage across Z.D. =  $V_Z$ .

$$V_{Th} = V_i \frac{R_L}{R+R_L} = V_Z = V_L$$

$$V_Z = \frac{V_i R_L}{R+R_L} \Rightarrow R_L V_i = V_Z R + V_Z R_L$$

$$\boxed{R_{L\min} = \frac{V_Z R}{V_i - V_Z}} *$$

$$I_{L\max} = \frac{V_L}{R_{L\min}} = \frac{V_Z}{R_{L\min}}$$

$$I_R = I_{Z\min} + I_{L\max}$$

$$I_{Z\min} = I_R - I_{L\max} = \left( \frac{V_i^o - V_Z}{R} \right) - I_{L\max}$$

Cond'n for max<sup>m</sup> load  $R_L$ :

$$R_{L\max} \Rightarrow I_{L\min} \Rightarrow I_{Z\max}$$

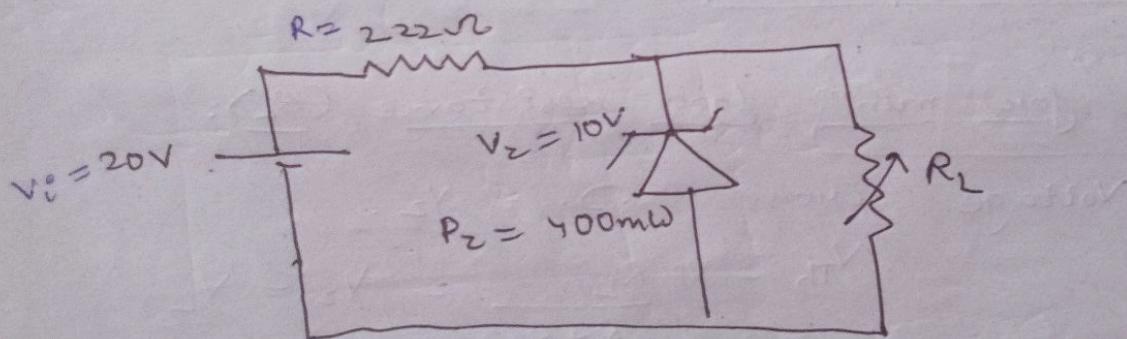
$$P_{Zm} = I_{Z\max} V_Z \Rightarrow I_{Z\max} = \frac{P_{Zm}}{V_Z}$$

$$I_{R\min} = I_R - I_{Z\max}$$

$$= \left( \frac{V_i^o - V_Z}{R} \right) - \frac{P_{Zm}}{V_Z}$$

$$R_{L\max} = \frac{V_L}{I_{R\min}} = \frac{V_Z}{I_{Z\max}}$$

Q)  $\Rightarrow$  Determine the min and max values of load resistance  $R_L$ .



Sol:

$$R_{L\min} = \frac{V_Z R}{V_i^o - V_Z} = \frac{10 \times 222}{20 - 10} = 222\Omega$$

$$I_{L\max} = \frac{V_Z}{R_{L\min}} = \frac{10V}{222\Omega} = 45mA$$

$$P_{Zm} = 400 \text{ mW}$$

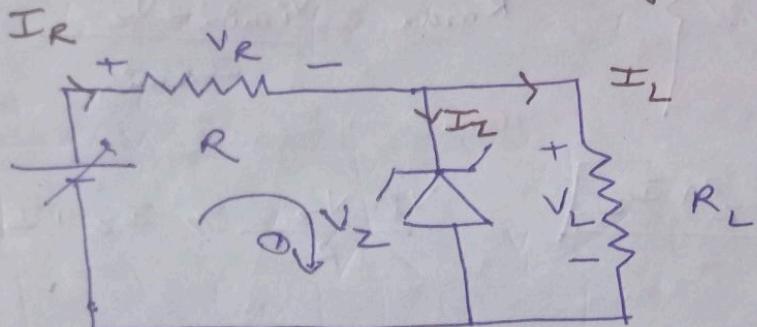
$$I_{2man} V_Z = 400 \text{ mW} \quad I_{2man} = 40 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{Lmin} = I_R - I_{2man}$$

$$= \left( \frac{V_i^o - V_Z}{R} \right) - 40 \text{ mA} = 45 \text{ mA} - 40 \text{ mA} \\ = 5 \text{ mA}$$

$$R_{2man} = \frac{V_Z}{5 \text{ mA}} = \frac{10}{5 \text{ mA}} = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

③ Variable  $V_i^o$  and fixed  $R_L$ .



Cond'n for min  $V_P$

$$V_{th} \geq V_Z \rightarrow \text{ON}$$

$$V_{th} < V_Z \rightarrow \text{OFF}$$

$$V_{th} = V_Z$$

$$\frac{V_i^o \times R_L}{R + R_L} = V_Z$$

$$\boxed{V_{i^o min} = \frac{V_Z (R + R_L)}{R_L}}$$

Cond'n for max  $V_o$

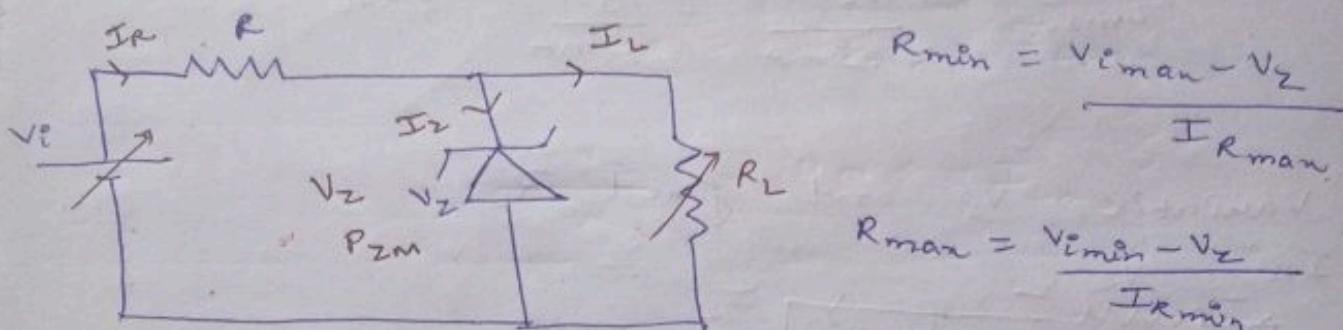
$V_{i\max}$  is limited by  $I_{Z\max}$ .

$$I_{R\max} = I_{Z\max} + I_L \quad I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{V_Z}{R_L}$$

①,  $V_o - V_{R\max} - V_Z = 0 \Rightarrow V_{i\max} = V_{R\max} + V_Z$

$$V_{i\max} = I_{R\max} R + V_Z$$

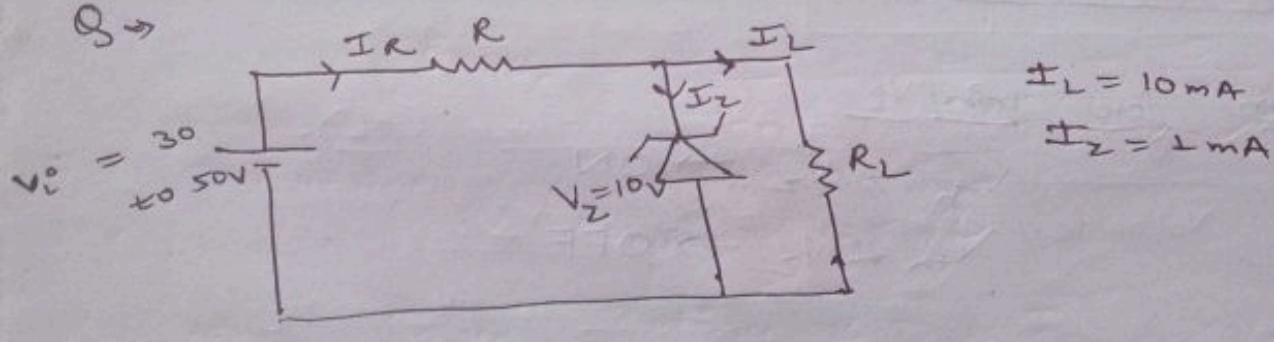
④  $V_i$  &  $R_L$  both are variable.



$$IR \geq I_Z + I_L$$

$$\frac{V_i - V_Z}{R} \geq I_Z + I_L$$

Q →



$$V_i = 30V$$

$$V_Z = 10V$$

$$\frac{30 - 10}{R} \geq 2mA + 10mA$$

$$R \leq \frac{20}{11mA}$$

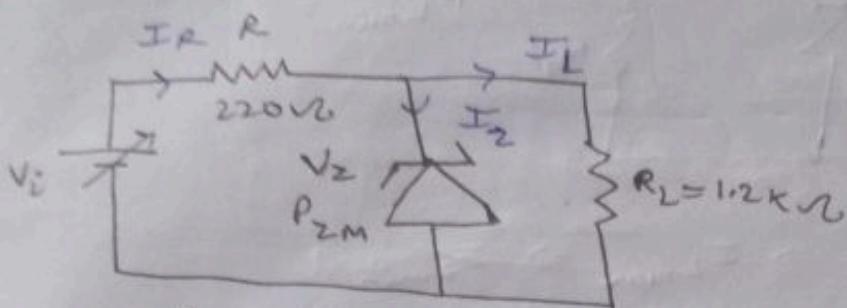
$$R \leq 1.818 k\Omega \quad \checkmark \text{ Ans}$$

$$V_i = 50V$$

$$\frac{50 - 10}{R} \geq 11mA$$

$$R \leq 3.636 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Q  $\Rightarrow$  Determine the range of input voltage ( $V_i$ ), that will maintain zener diode in ON state.



$$V_z = 20 \text{ V}, \quad I_{z\max} = 60 \text{ mA}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{i\min} &= V_z \frac{(R + R_L)}{R_L} \\ &= \frac{20(220 + 1200)}{1200} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{i\min} = 23.67 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{i\max} = V_{R\max} + V_z$$

$$V_{i\max} = I_{R\max} \times R + V_z \quad \textcircled{1}$$

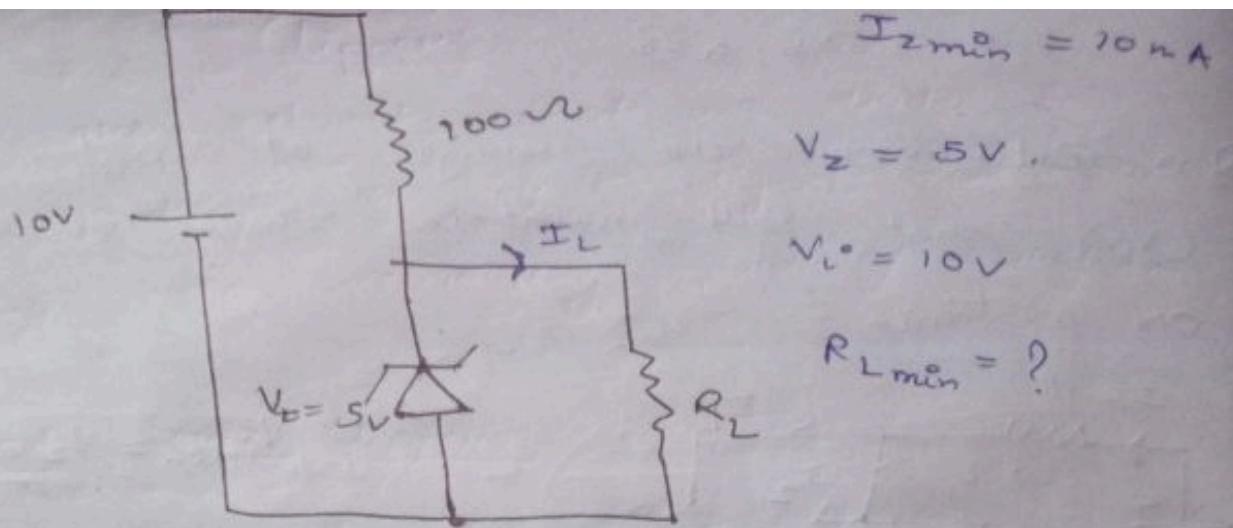
$$I_R = I_z + I_L$$

$$I_{R\max} = I_{z\max} + I_L = 60 \text{ mA} + \frac{20}{1.2} \text{ mA} = 76.67 \text{ mA}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{i\max} &= 76.67 \text{ mA} \times 220 \Omega + 20 \text{ V} \\ &= 36.867 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Range of } V_i = 23.67 \text{ V} - 36.867 \text{ V}$$

Q  $\Rightarrow$  The knee current of ideal zener diode is 10 mA. To maintain 5V across the load  $R_L$ , the minimum value of  $R_L$  in Ohm's and the minimum power rating of the zener diode in mW respectively are



$$R_{L\min} \Rightarrow I_{Z\max} \Rightarrow I_{Z\min}$$

$$I_R = I_{Z\min} + I_{L\max}$$

$$\frac{V_i - V_Z}{R} = 10 \text{ mA} + I_{L\max}$$

$$\frac{10 - 5}{100} = 10 \text{ mA} + I_{L\max}$$

$$I_{L\max} = 40 \text{ mA}$$

$$R_{L\min} = \frac{V_Z}{I_{L\max}} = \frac{5}{40 \text{ mA}} = \frac{5}{40 \text{ mA}}$$

$$R_{L\min} = 125 \Omega$$

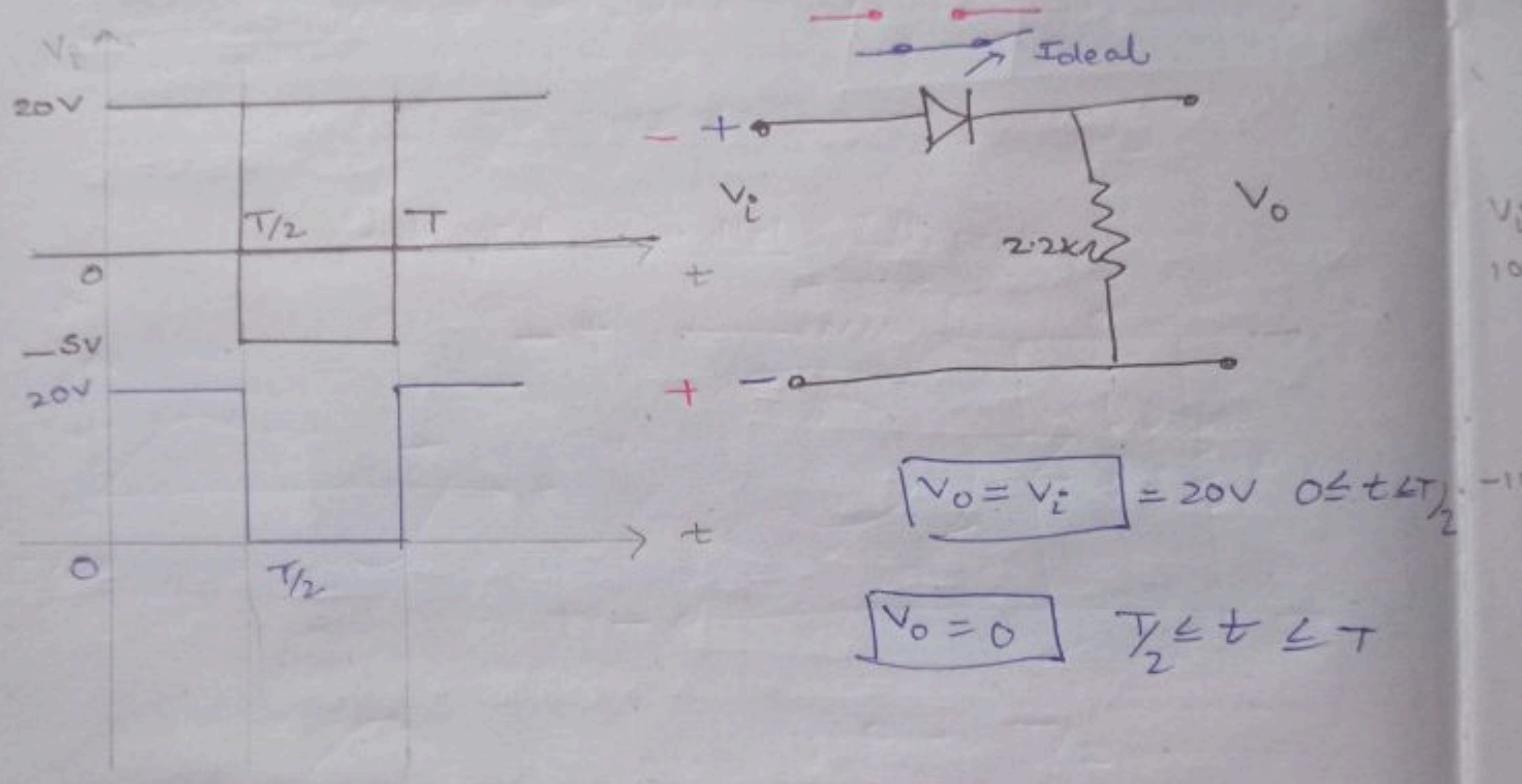
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{min Power Rating Z.D} = I_{L\max} \times V_Z \\
 & = 50 \text{ mA} \times 5 \text{ V} \\
 & = 250 \text{ mW}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Clippers

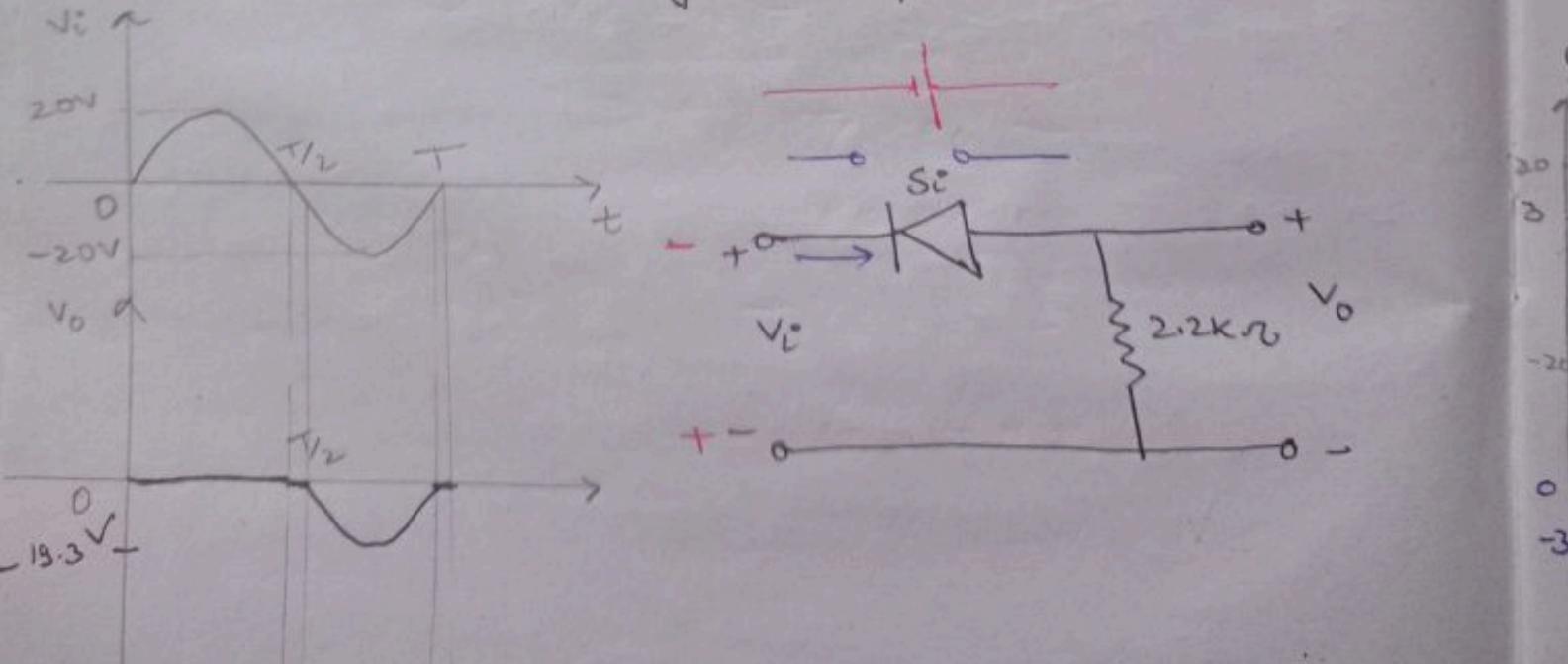
Clippers are networks that use diodes to clip a portion of input signal without distorting the remaining part of waveform.

### Unbiased Series Clippers

Q → Determine  $V_o$  for input shown.



Q → Determine  $V_o$  for input shown



$$v_o = 0V \quad +ve$$

$$v_o = 0 \quad v_e < v_b$$

$$+ v_i + 0.7V - v_o = 0.$$

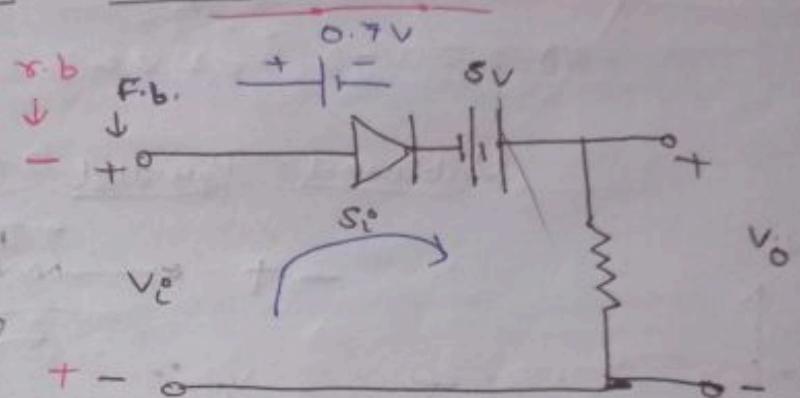
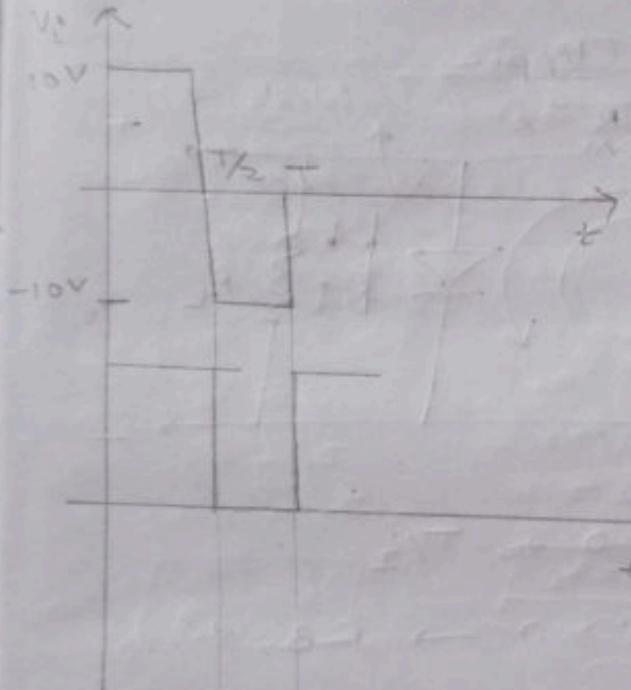
$$v_o = v_i + 0.7V$$

$$= -20V + 0.7 = -19.3V$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} v_i > v_b.$$

Biased      Series      Coupler

$$Q \Rightarrow v_o = ?$$

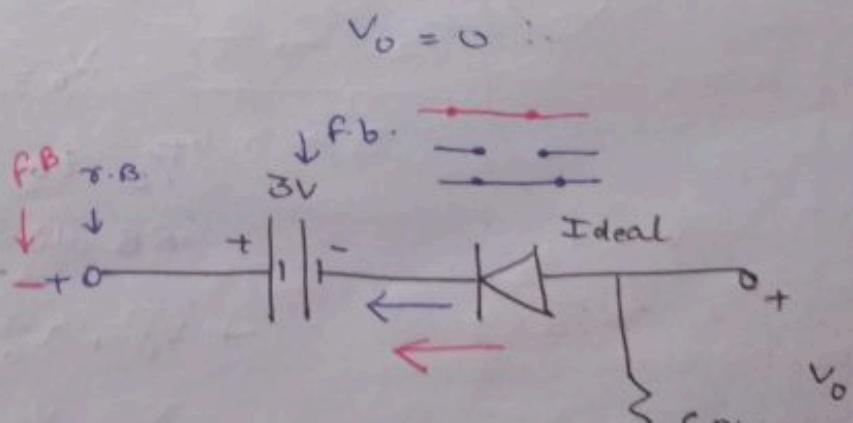
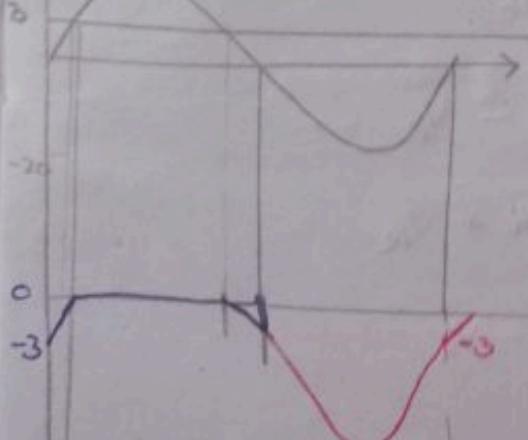


$$v_o = v_i - 0.7V + 5V$$

$$= 10 - 0.7 + 5$$

$$v_o = 14.3V$$

$$Q \Rightarrow v_o = ?$$



$$\textcircled{1} \quad F.B. \rightarrow V_i < 3V \quad V_o = V_i - 3V$$

$$R.B. \rightarrow V_i > 3V \quad V_o = 0V$$

$$V_i^* = 0 \quad V_o = -3V$$

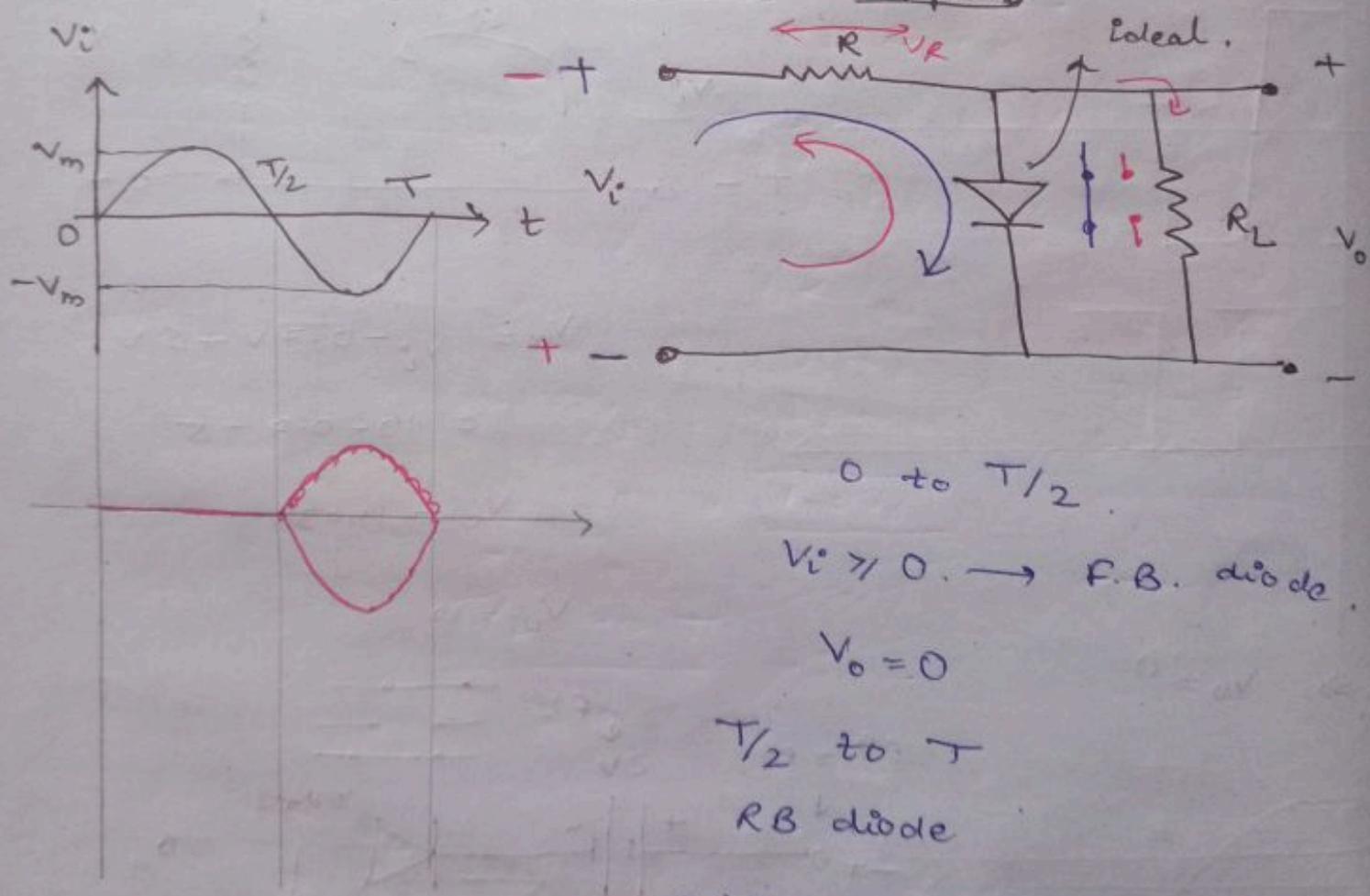
$$V_i^* = 3V \quad V_o = 0V$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad V_o = -V_i^* - 3V$$

$$V_i^* = 0 \Rightarrow V_o = -3V$$

$$V_o = -20 - 3 = -23V$$

### Unbiased Parallel Clippers



$0 \rightarrow T/2$

$V_i^* > 0 \rightarrow F.B. diode$

$$V_o = 0$$

$T/2 \rightarrow T$

R.B. diode

$$+V_i + V_o - V_R > 0$$

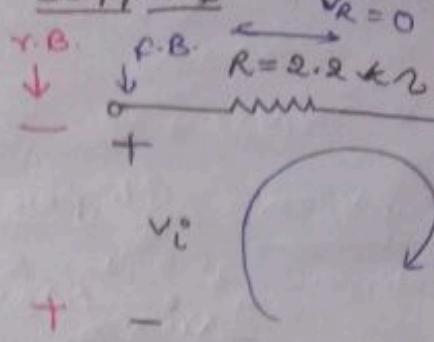
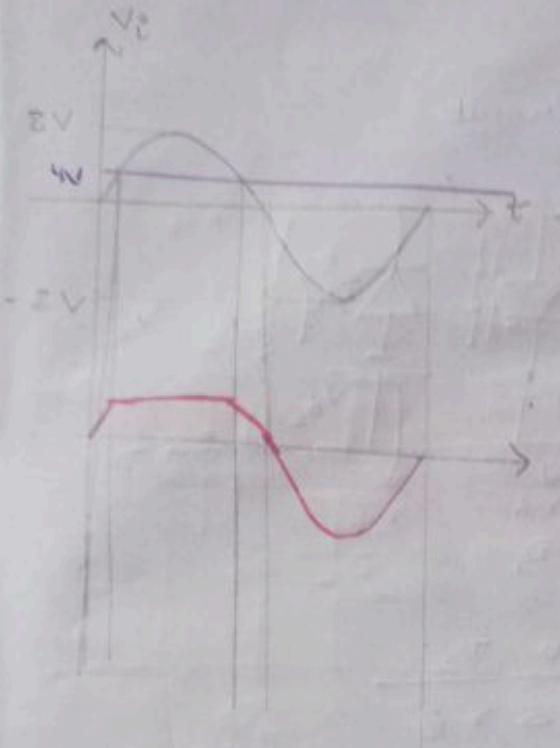
$$V_o = -V_i + V_R$$

$$V_o = -V_i$$

Based

Parallel

Clippers



Ideal.

$0 \rightarrow T/2$ .

F.B.  $\rightarrow V_i > 4V \quad V_o = 4V$

R.B.  $\rightarrow V_i < -4V \quad V_o = -4V$

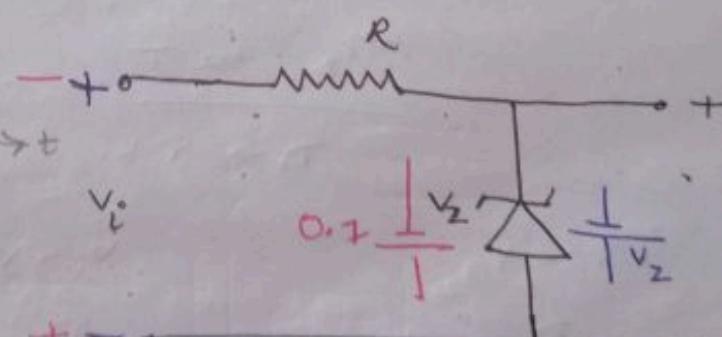
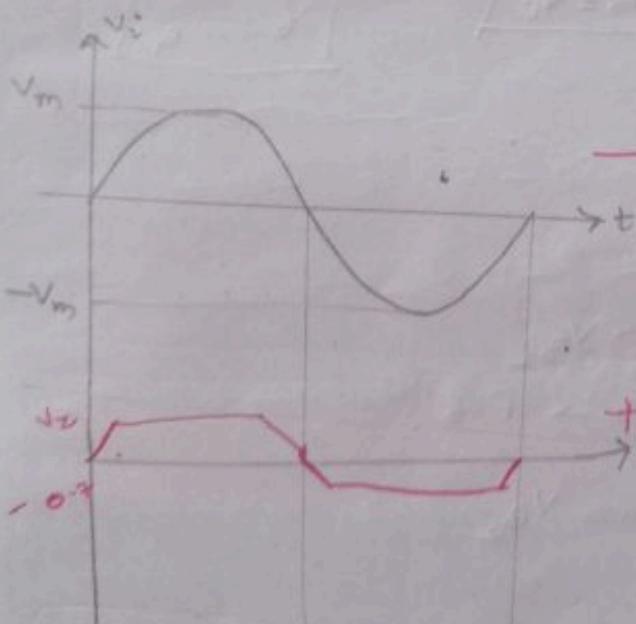
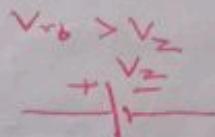
$T/2 \rightarrow T$ .

$V_o = V_i^*$ .

Zener Diode Clipping Circuits



R.B.  $\rightarrow V_{rb} < V_z$



R.B.  $\rightarrow V_i < V_z$

①

$V_o = V_i$

②  $\rightarrow V_i > V_z \quad V_o = V_z$

$V_i < 0.7V \rightarrow OFF$   $V_o = V_i$

$V_i > 0.7V \rightarrow ON$   $V_o = 0.7V$

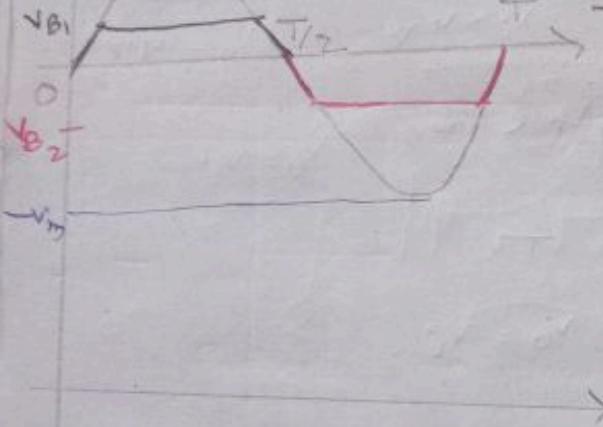
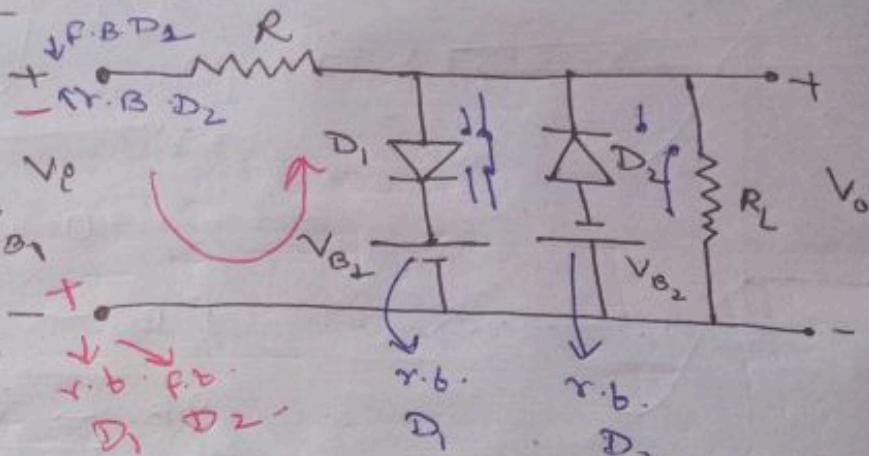
Combination

Biased +ve clipper  
+ Biased -ve clipper

$$V_o < V_{B1} \\ V_o = V_i$$

$$V_i > V_B \\ V_o = V_{B1}$$

Clipper Circuit



$$\frac{0 + 0}{D_2 \rightarrow r.b.} T_2$$

$$V_R \approx 0.$$

$$D_1 \rightarrow r.b. \text{ by } V_{B1}$$

$$R \ll R_L$$

$$F.b. \text{ by } V_i$$

$$V_i < V_{B1}$$

$$D_1 \rightarrow r.b.$$

$$D_2 \rightarrow r.b.$$

$$V_i > V_{B1}$$

$$D_1 \rightarrow F.b.$$

$$D_2 \rightarrow r.b.$$

$$\boxed{V_o = V_i}$$

$$\boxed{V_o = V_B}$$

$$\frac{T_2 \rightarrow T}{D_1 \rightarrow r.b.}$$

$$V_i < V_{B2}$$

$$D_2 \rightarrow r.b.$$

$$V_o = V_i$$

$$V_i > V_{B2}$$

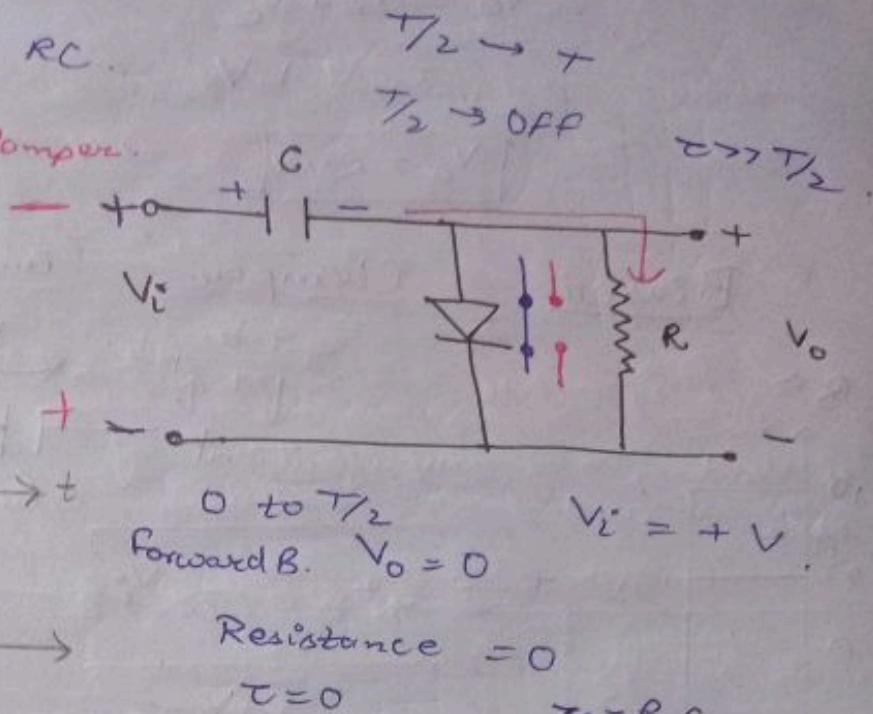
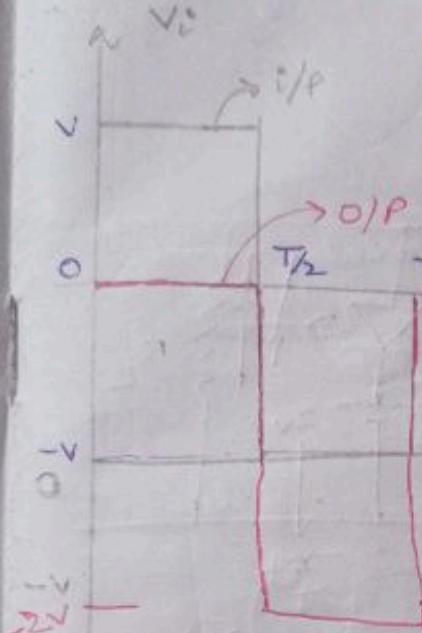
$$D_2 \rightarrow F.b.$$

$$V_o = V_{B2}$$

## Clampers

$$\tau \text{ (Time constt)} = RC.$$

Negative clapper.



$$+V_i - V_C = 0 \Rightarrow V_C = V_o = +V$$

From  $T_2$  to  $T$ ,

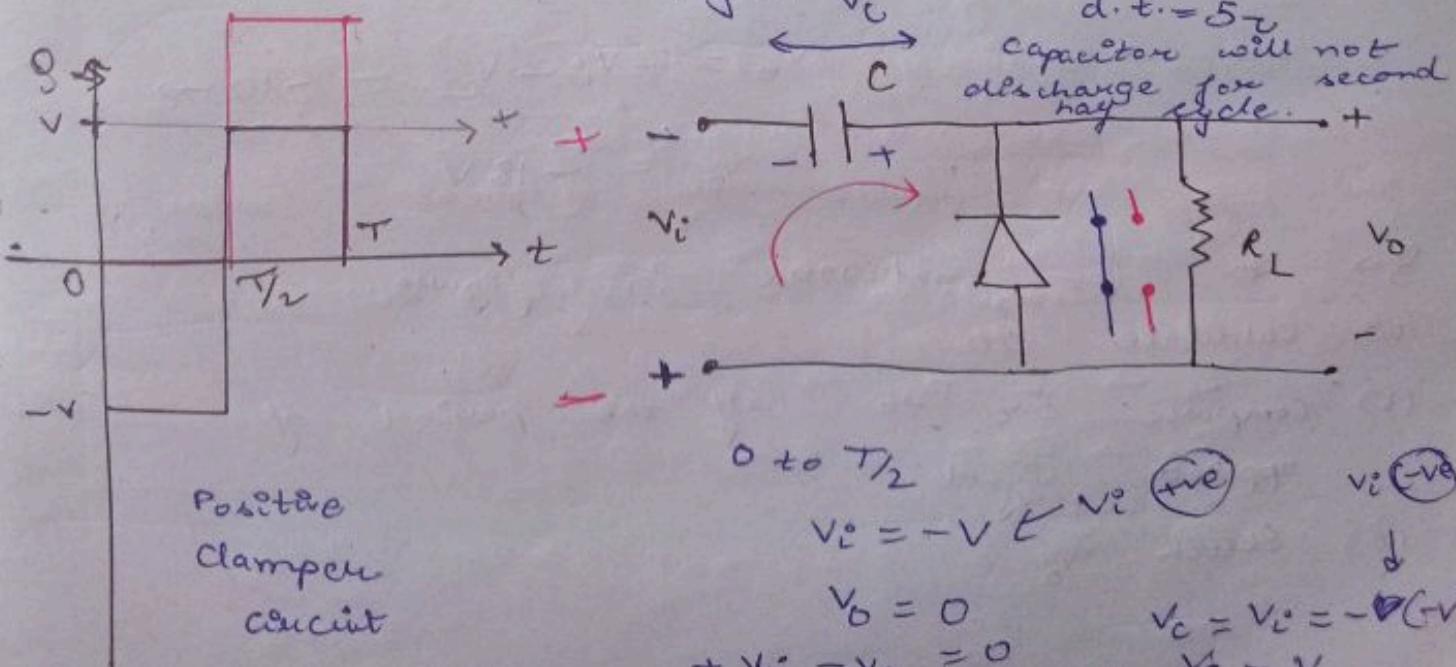
$$+V_i + V_o + V = 0.$$

$$V_o = -V_i - V.$$

$$V_o = -2V$$

(i) RMS value will remains same.

(ii) peak value changes

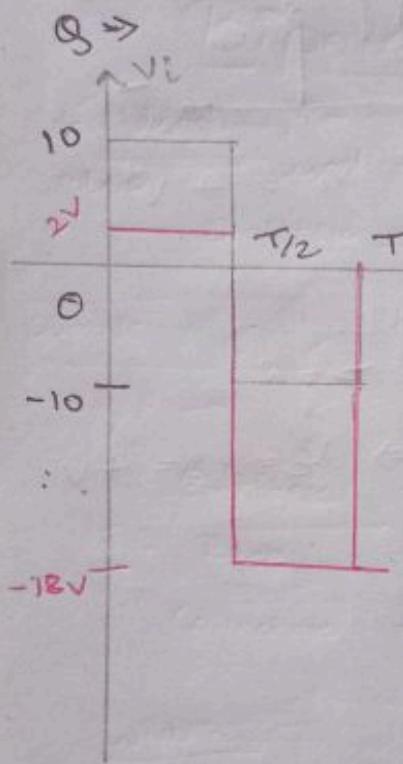


$T_2 \rightarrow T$

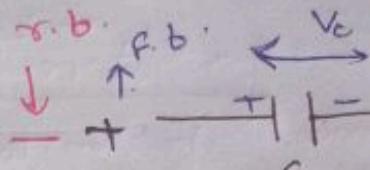
$$V_o = V_i + V_c \\ = V + V$$

$$\boxed{V_o = 2V}$$

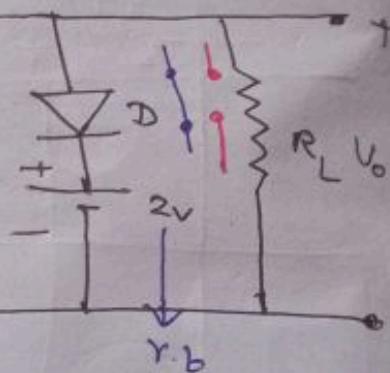
Biased



Clamper



Circuit



$0 \rightarrow T_2$

$$V_i^o = 10V$$

$$V_o = 2V$$

$$+V_i - V_c - 2V = 0$$

$$V_c = V_i - 2V \\ \boxed{V_c = 8V}$$

a.

$T_2 \rightarrow T$

$$V_i^o = -10V$$

$$+V_i + V_o + V_c = 0$$

$$V_o = -V_i - V_c = -10 - 8$$

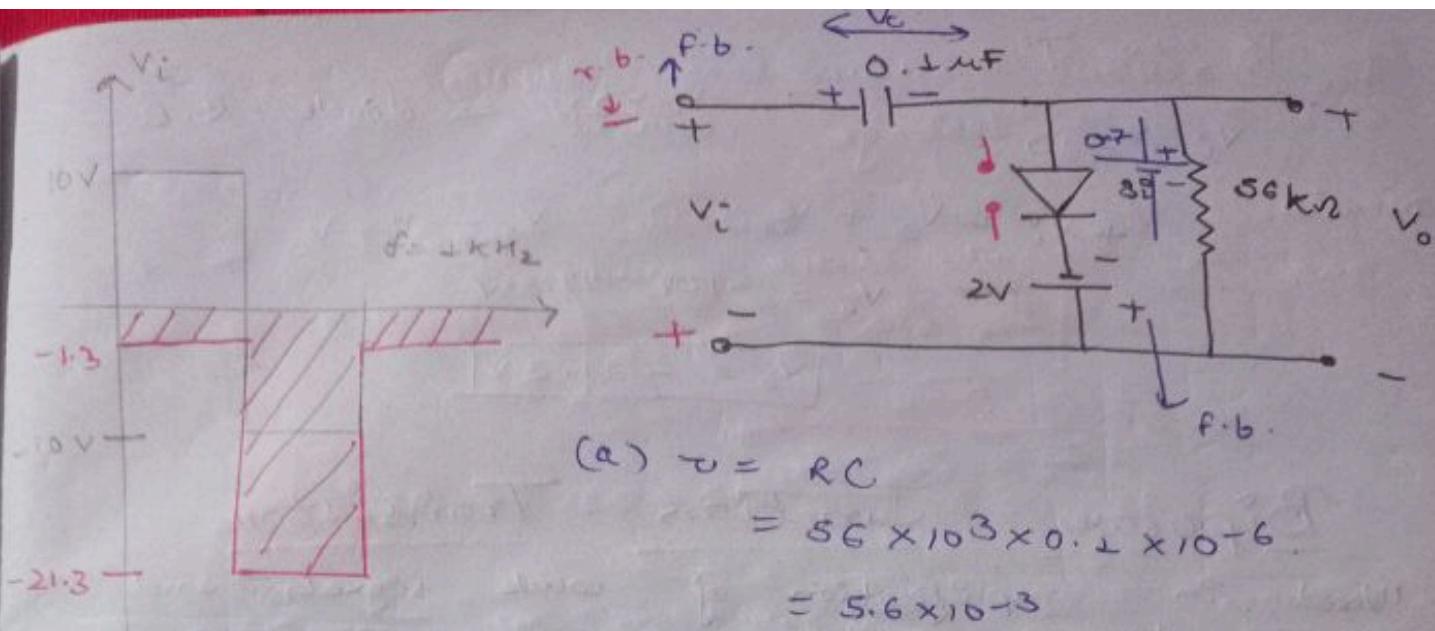
$$V_o = -18V$$

$\Rightarrow$  For the network in figure.

(a) Calculate  $S_0$ .

(b) Compare  $S_0$  to half the period of applied signal.

(c) Sketch  $V_o$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad v &= RC \\
 &= 56 \times 10^3 \times 0.1 \times 10^{-6} \\
 &= 5.6 \times 10^{-3} \\
 \tau &= 5.6 \text{ m sec}
 \end{aligned}$$

(a)

$$5\tau = 28 \text{ m sec.}$$

$$(b) \quad T = \frac{1}{f} = 10^{-3} \text{ s.} = 1 \text{ m sec.}$$

$$\frac{T}{2} = 0.5 \text{ m sec}$$

$$5\tau \gg T/2$$

$$28 \text{ m sec.} \gg 0.5 \text{ m sec.}$$

$$\frac{5\tau}{T/2} = \frac{28}{0.5} = \frac{56}{1}$$

$$5\tau = 56(T/2)$$

(c)

$$0 \xrightarrow{\text{to } T/2}$$

$$V_i = 10 \text{ V}$$

$$-0.7 \text{ V} + 2 \text{ V} + V_o = 0.$$

$$V_o = -1.3 \text{ V}$$

$$+ V_i - V_o - 0.7 \text{ V} + 2 \text{ V} = 0.$$

$$V_o = 10 - 0.7 + 2$$

$$V_o = 11.3 \text{ V}$$

$T_2$  to  $T$

$V_i > 2V \rightarrow$  diode R.B

$$V_o = -10$$

$$+ V_i + V_o + V_c = 0 \quad V_o = -V_i - V_c$$

$$V_o = -10V - 11.3V$$

$$\boxed{V_o = -21.3V}$$