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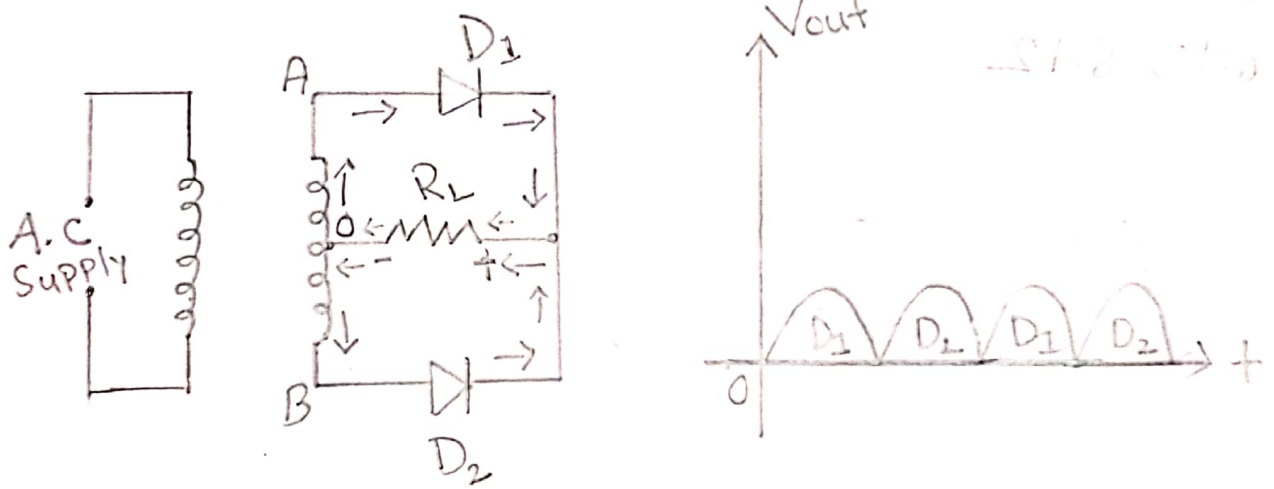
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(V.K Mehta)

# 1. Principle of full wave rectifier and its efficiency (Center Tap)

Answer:

The circuit employs two diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . A centre tapped secondary winding AB is used with two diodes connected so that each uses one half-cycle of input a.c. voltage. In other words, diode  $D_1$  utilizes the a.c. voltage appearing across the upper half (OA) of secondary winding for rectification while diode  $D_2$  uses the lower half winding OB.



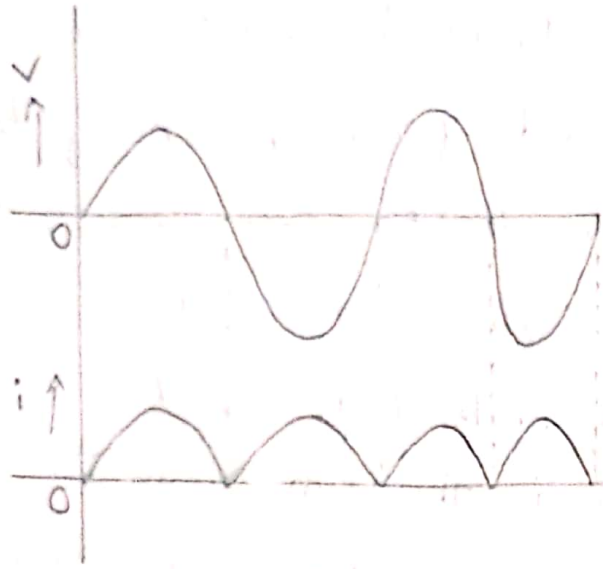
During the positive half-cycle of secondary voltage the end A of the secondary winding becomes positive and end B negative. This makes the diode  $D_1$  forward

biased and diode  $D_2$  reverse biased. Therefore diode  $D_1$  conducts while  $D_2$  diode does not. The conventional current flow is through diode  $D_1$ , load resistor  $R_L$  and the upper half of secondary winding as shown by the dotted arrows. During the negative half-cycle, end A of the secondary winding becomes negative and end B positive. Therefore diode  $D_2$  conducts while diode  $D_1$  does not. The conventional current flow is through diode  $D_2$ , load  $R_L$  and lower half winding as shown by solid arrows. In the figure we can see that a current in the load  $R_L$  is in the same direction for both half-cycles of input a.c. voltage. Therefore, d.c. is obtained across the load  $R_L$ . Also, the polarities of the d.c. output across the load should be noted.

Peak Inverse Voltage: Suppose  $V_m$  is the maximum voltage across the half secondary winding. The circuit at the instant secondary voltage reaches its maximum value in the positive direction. At this instant, diode  $D_1$  is conducting while diode  $D_2$  is non-conducting. Therefore whole of the secondary voltage appears across the non-conducting diode. The peak inverse voltage is twice the maximum voltage across the half secondary winding i.e.  $PIV = 2V_m$ .



## Efficiency of Full-Wave Rectifier:



Let  $v = V_m \sin \theta$  be the a.c. voltage to be rectified. Let  $r_f$  and  $R_L$  be the diode resistance and load resistance respectively. Obviously, the rectifier will conduct current through the load in the same direction for both half-cycles of input a.c. voltage. The instantaneous current is,

$$i = \frac{v}{r_f + R_L} = \frac{V_m \sin \theta}{r_f + R_L}$$

d.c. output power: The output current is pulsating direct current. So to find the d.c. power, average current has to be found out.

$$I_{dc} = \frac{2 I_m}{\pi}$$

$$\therefore \text{d.c. power output } P_{dc} = I_{dc} \times R_L = \left( \frac{2 I_m}{\pi} \right)^2 \times R_L$$

### a.c. input power:

The a.c. input power is given by,

$$P_{ac} = I_{rms}^2 (R_f + R_L)$$

For a full wave rectified wave, we have,

$$I_{rms} = I_m / \sqrt{2}$$

$$P_{ac} = \left( \frac{I_m}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 (R_f + R_L)$$

$\therefore$  Full wave rectification efficiency is,

$$\eta = \frac{P_{dc}}{P_{ac}} = \frac{(2I_m / \pi)^2 R_L}{\left( \frac{I_m}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 (R_f + R_L)}$$

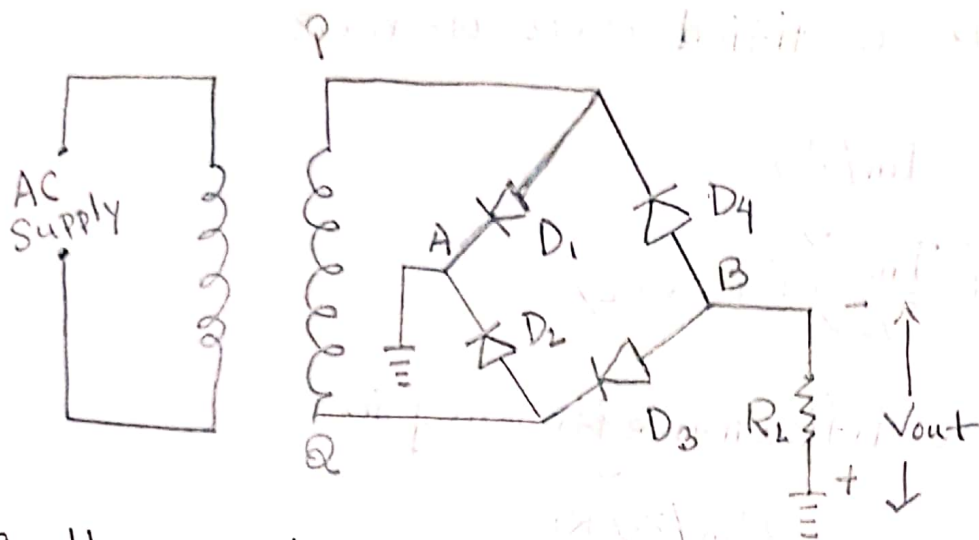
$$= \frac{8}{\pi^2} \times \frac{R_L}{R_f + R_L} = \frac{0.812 R_L}{R_f + R_L}$$

$$= \frac{0.812}{1 + \frac{R_f}{R_L}}$$

The efficiency will be maximum if  $R_f$  is negligible as compared to  $R_L$

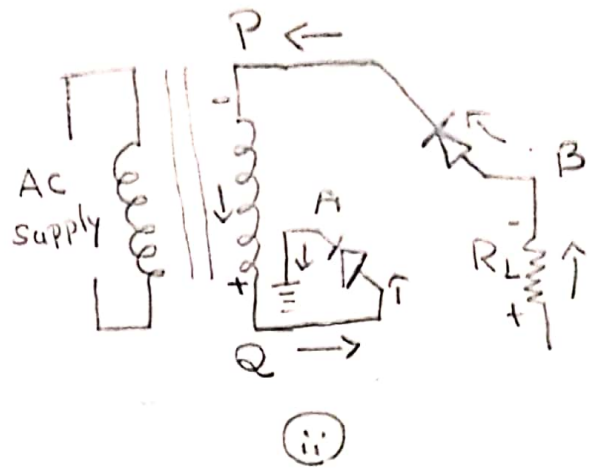
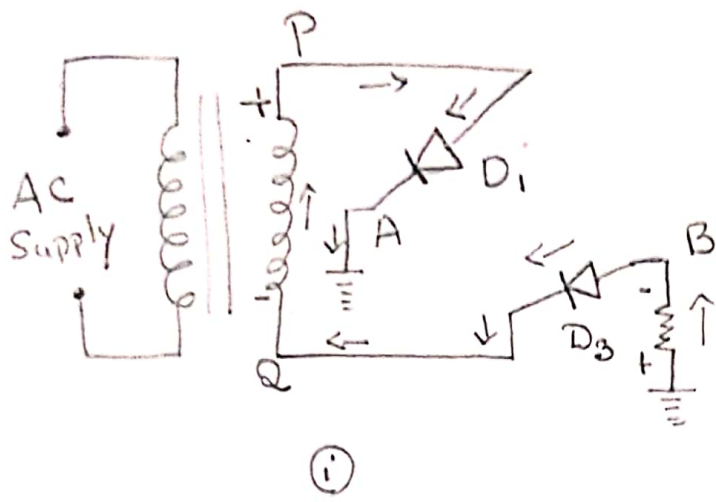
$$\therefore \text{Maximum efficiency} = 81.2\%$$

# Principle of full wave rectifier and its efficiency (Bridge Rectifier)



During the positive half-cycle of secondary voltage, the end P of the secondary winding becomes positive and end Q negative. This makes diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_3$  forward biased while diodes  $D_2$  and  $D_4$  are reverse biased. Thus  $D_1$  and  $D_3$  will be in series through the load  $R_L$ .

During the negative half-cycle of secondary voltage end P becomes negative and end Q becomes positive. This makes diodes  $D_2$  and  $D_4$  forward biased whereas diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_3$  are reverse biased.  $D_2$  and  $D_4$  diode will be in series through the load  $R_L$ . Therefore d.c. output is obtained across load  $R_L$ .



Peak Inverse Voltage:

$$PIV = V_m$$

## Math

### Ex: 6.13

An a.c. supply of 230V is applied to a half-wave rectifier circuit through a transformer of turn ratio 10:1. Find (i) the output d.c. voltage and (ii) the peak inverse voltage. Assume the diode to be ideal.

### Solution:

Primary to secondary turns is

$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = 10$$

R.M.S primary voltage = 230V

$$\therefore \text{Max primary voltage is } V_{pm} = (\sqrt{2}) \times \text{R.M.S primary voltage} \\ = \sqrt{2} \times 230 = 325.3 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Max secondary voltage is, } V_{sm} = V_{pm} \times \frac{N_2}{N_1} = 325.3 \times \frac{1}{10} \\ = 32.53 \text{ V}$$

$$\textcircled{i} \quad I_{d.c.} = \frac{I_m}{\pi}$$

$$\text{or, } V_{d.c.} = \frac{I_m}{\pi} \times R_L = \frac{V_{sm}}{\pi} = \frac{32.53}{\pi} = 10.36 \text{ V}$$

$\textcircled{ii}$  During the negative half-cycle of a.c. supply, the diode is reverse biased and hence conducts no current. Therefore the maximum secondary voltage appears across the diode.



∴ Peak inverse voltage = 32.53 V

### Example 6.14:

A crystal diode having internal resistance  $r_f = 20 \Omega$  is used for half-wave rectifier. If the applied voltage  $v = 50 \sin \omega t$  and load resistance  $R_L = 800 \Omega$  find:

- (i)  $I_m$ ,  $I_{dc}$ ,  $I_{rms}$  (ii) a.c. power input and d.c. power output.  
(iii) d.c. output voltage (iv) efficiency of rectification.

### Solution:

(i)  $v = 50 \sin \omega t$

∴ Maximum voltage,  $V_m = 50 \text{ V}$

$$I_m = \frac{V_m}{r_f + R_L} = \frac{50}{20 + 800} = 0.061 \text{ A} = 61 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{dc} = I_m / \pi = 61 / \pi = 19.4 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{rms} = I_m / 2 = 61 / 2 = 30.5 \text{ mA}$$

(ii) a.c. power input =  $(I_{rms})^2 \times (r_f + R_L)$

$$= \left( \frac{30.5}{1000} \right)^2 \times (20 + 800)$$

$$= 0.763 \text{ watt}$$

$$\text{d.c. power output} = I_{dc} \times R_L$$

$$= \left(\frac{19.4}{1000}\right) \times 800 = 0.301 \text{ watt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) d.c. output voltage} &= I_{dc} \times R_L = 19.4 \text{ mA} \times 800 \Omega \\ &= 15.52 \text{ volts} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv) Efficiency of rectification} &= \frac{0.301}{0.763} \times 100 \\ &= 39.5\% \end{aligned}$$

### Example 6.15:

A half-wave rectifier is used to supply 50V d.c. to a resistive load of  $800 \Omega$ . The diode has a resistance of  $25 \Omega$ . Calculate a.c. voltage required.

### Solution:

Output d.c. voltage,  $V_{dc} = 50 \text{ V}$

Diode resistance,  $R_f = 25 \Omega$

Load resistance,  $R_L = 800 \Omega$

Let  $V_m$  be the maximum value of a.c. voltage required,

$$\therefore V_{dc} = I_{dc} \times R_L$$

$$= \frac{I_m}{\pi} \times R_L = \frac{V_m}{\pi(R_f + R_L)} \times R_L \left[ \because I_m = \frac{V_m}{R_f + R_L} \right]$$

$$\text{or, } 50 = \frac{V_m}{\pi(25+800)} \times 800$$

$$\text{or, } V_m = \frac{\pi \times 825 \times 50}{800}$$

$$\therefore V_m = 162 \text{ V}$$

So a.c. voltage of maximum 162 V is required.

### Example 6.16:

A full wave rectifier uses two diodes, the internal resistance of each diode may be assumed constant at  $20\Omega$ . The transformer r.m.s secondary voltage from center tap to each end of secondary is 50 V and load resistance is  $980\Omega$ .

- (i) the mean load current (ii) the r.m.s value of load current.

Solution:

(i) Here  $R_f = 20\Omega$ ,  $R_L = 980\Omega$

$$\text{Max a.c. voltage, } V_m = 50 \times \sqrt{2} = 70.7 \text{ V}$$

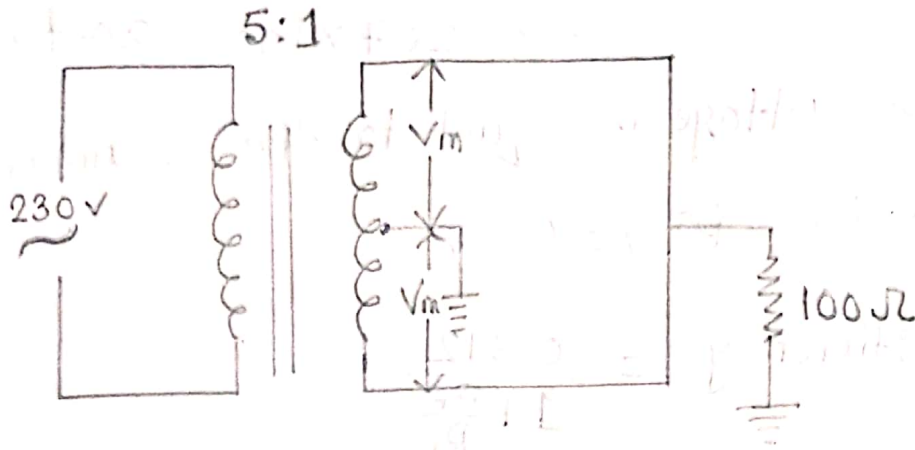
$$\text{Max load current } I_m = \frac{V_m}{R_f + R_L} = \frac{70.7}{20 + 980} = 70.7 \text{ mA}$$

$$\text{Mean load current, } I_{dc} = \frac{2I_m}{\pi} = \frac{2 \times 70.7}{\pi} = 45 \text{ mA}$$

ii) R.M.S value of load current,  $I_{rms} = \frac{I_m}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$= \frac{70.7}{\sqrt{2}} = 50 \text{ mA}$$

Example 6.17:



Diodes are assumed to be ideal i.e. having zero internal resistance.

i) d.c. output voltage ii) peak inverse voltage iii) rectification efficiency

Solution:

Primary to secondary turns  $\frac{N_1}{N_2} = 5$

R.M.S primary voltage = 230 V

$\therefore$  R.M.S secondary voltage =  $(230 \times \frac{1}{5}) \text{ V} = 46 \text{ V}$

Maximum voltage across secondary =  $(46 \times \sqrt{2}) = 65 \text{ V}$

Maximum voltage across half secondary winding is,  
 $V_m = 65/2 \text{ V} = 32.5 \text{ V}$



① Average current,  $I_{dc} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi R_L} = \frac{2 \times 32.5}{\pi \times 100}$   
 $= 0.207 A$

$\therefore$  dc. output voltage  $V_{dc} = I_{dc} \times R_L$   
 $= 0.207 \times 100 = 20.7 V$

② The peak inverse voltage is equal to the maximum secondary voltage i.e.  $PIV = 65 V$

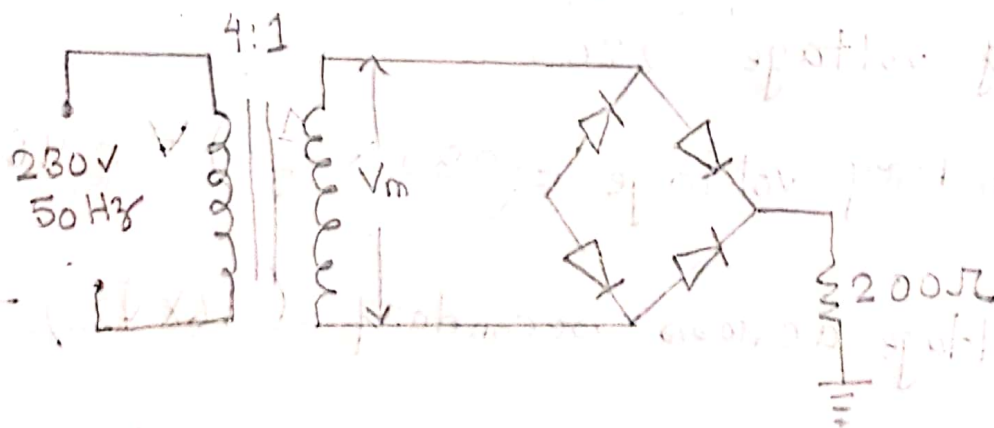
③ Rectification efficiency  $= \frac{0.812}{1 + \frac{P_f}{R_L}}$

Since  $P_f = 0$

$\therefore$  Rectification efficiency  $= 81.2 \%$

### Example 6.18;

① d.c. output voltage ② peak inverse voltage ③ output frequency  
 Assume primary to secondary turns to be 4.



$$N_1/N_2 = 4$$

R.M.S primary voltage = 230 V

$$\text{R.M.S secondary voltage} = 230 \times \frac{1}{4} = 57.5 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Maximum voltage across secondary } V_m = 57.5 \times \sqrt{2} = 81.3 \text{ V}$$

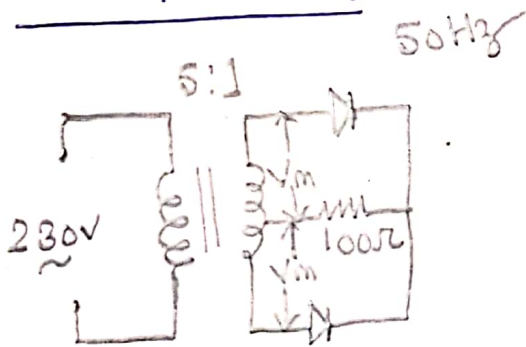
$$\textcircled{i} \text{ Average current, } I_{dc} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi R_L} = \frac{2 \times 81.3}{\pi \times 200} = 0.26 \text{ A}$$

$$\therefore \text{d.c. output voltage } V_{dc} = I_{dc} \times R_L = 0.26 \times 200 = 52 \text{ V}$$

$$\textcircled{ii} \text{ PIV} = V_m = 81.3 \text{ V}$$

$$\textcircled{iii} f_{out} = 2f_{in} = 2 \times 50 = 100 \text{ Hz}$$

Example : 6.19 :



$\textcircled{i}$  D.C. output voltage,

Centre-tap circuit:

$$\text{R.M.S secondary voltage} = 230 \times \frac{1}{5} = 46 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Max voltage across secondary } V_m = 46 \times \sqrt{2} = 65 \text{ V}$$

Max voltage appearing across half secondary winding

$$\text{i.e. } V_m = 65/2 = 32.5V$$

$$\text{Average current } I_{dc} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi R_L}$$

$$\text{D.C. output voltage } V_{dc} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi R_L} \times R_L = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} = \frac{2 \times 32.5}{\pi} \\ = 20.7V$$

Bridge Circuit:

Max voltage across secondary  $V_m = 65V$

$$\text{D.C. output voltage } V_{d.c} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} \times \frac{\pi}{2} = 41.4V$$

② PIV for same dc. output voltage:

$$V_m = 32.5V$$

$$\text{PIV} = 2 \times 32.5V = 65V$$

In Bridge Circuit  $N_1/N_2 = 10$

$$\therefore \text{R.M.S secondary voltage} = 230 \times 1/10 = 23V$$

$$V_m = 23 \times \sqrt{2} = 32.5V$$

$$\therefore \text{PIV} = V_m = 32.5V$$

### Example: 6.20

Max a.c. voltage,  $V_m = 240 \times \sqrt{2} \text{ V}$

$$\textcircled{i} \text{ Max load current, } I_m = \frac{V_m}{2R_f + R_L} = \frac{240 \times \sqrt{2}}{2 \times 1 + 480} = 0.7 \text{ A}$$

$$\text{Mean load current, } I_{dc} = \frac{2 I_m}{\pi} = \frac{2 \times 0.7}{\pi} = 0.45 \text{ A}$$

$$\textcircled{ii} I_{p.m.s} = \frac{I_m}{2} = 0.35$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Power dissipated in each diode} &= I_{p.m.s}^2 \times R_f \\ &= (0.35)^2 \times 1 \\ &= 0.123 \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

### Example: 6.21

Peak secondary voltage  $V_s(\text{PK}) = 12 \times \sqrt{2} = 16.97 \text{ V}$

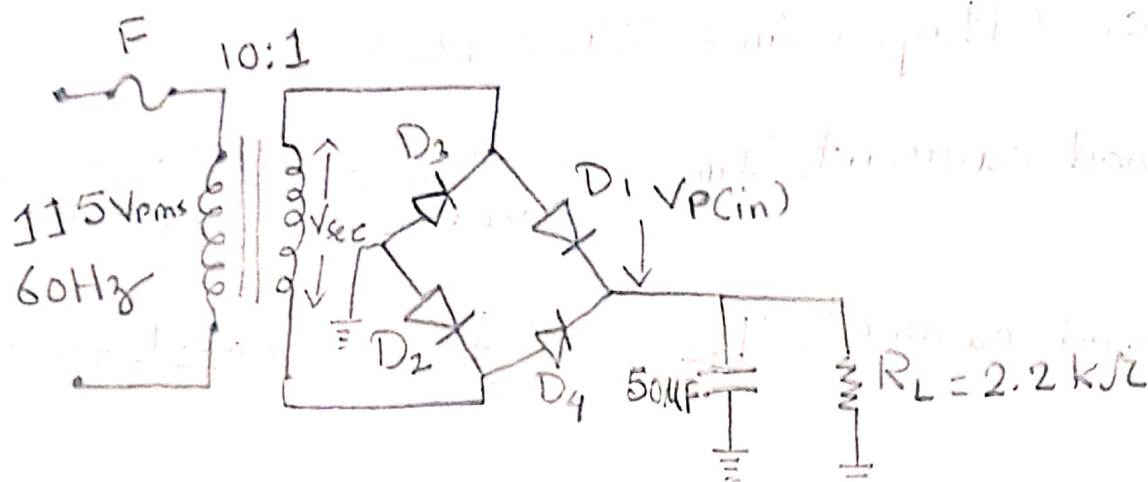
$$\textcircled{i} V_{out}(\text{PK}) = 16.97 - 2(0.7) = 15.57 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{av} = V_{dc} = \frac{2 V_{out}(\text{PK})}{\pi} = \frac{2 \times 15.57}{\pi} = 9.91 \text{ V}$$

$$\textcircled{ii} I_{av} = \frac{V_{av}}{R_L} = \frac{9.91 \text{ V}}{12 \text{ k}\Omega} = 825.8 \mu\text{A}$$



Ex  
6.23



$$V_{dc} = V_{PCin} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2fR_L C} \right)$$

Here,

$V_{PCin}$  = Peak rectified full-wave voltage applied to the filter.

$f$  = output frequency

Peak primary voltage  $V_P(\text{prim}) = \sqrt{2} \times 115 = 163 \text{ V}$

" Secondary "  $V_P(\text{sec}) = \frac{1}{10} \times 163 = 16.3 \text{ V}$

$$V_{PCin} = V_P(\text{sec}) - 2 \times 0.7 = 14.9 \text{ V}$$

$$f_{out} = 2f_{in} = 2 \times 60 = 120 \text{ Hz}$$

Now,

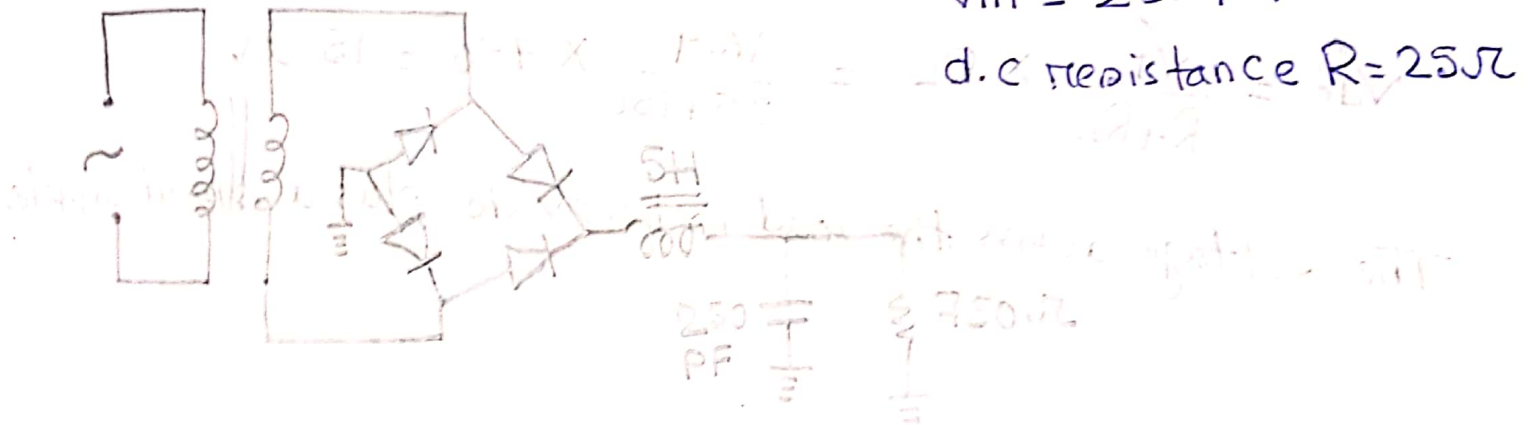
$$V_{dc} = V_{p(in)} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2fR_L C} \right)$$

$$= 14.9 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2 \times 120 \times 2.2 \times 10^3 \times 50 \times 10^{-6}} \right)$$

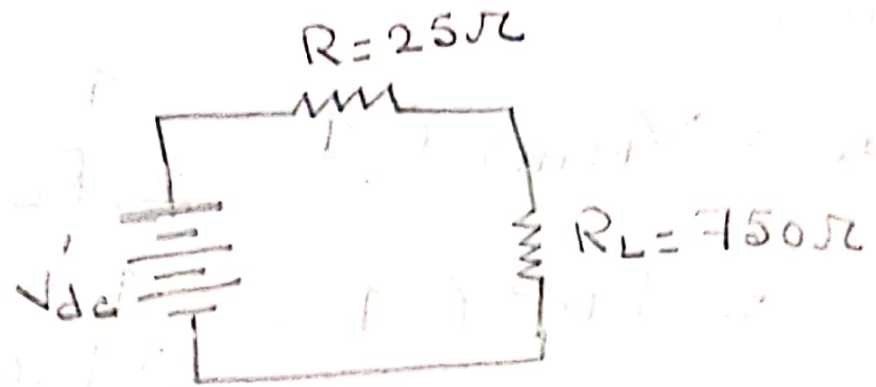
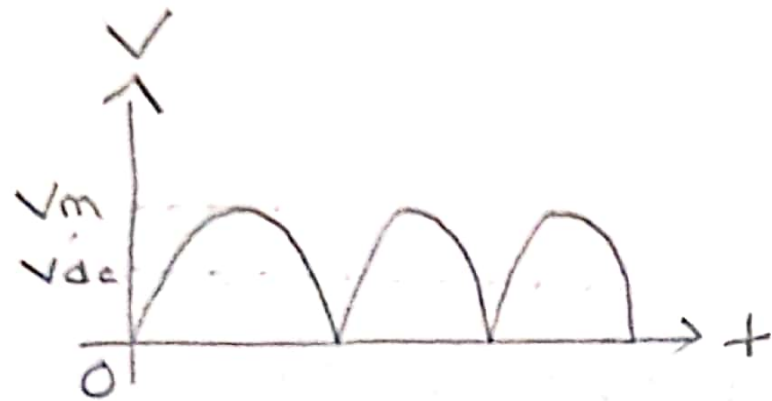
$$= \cancel{0.02} 14.3 \text{ V}$$

$\therefore V_{dc} = 14.3 \text{ V}$

Ex: 6.24:



The output of a full wave rectifier has a d.c. component and an a.c. component. Due to the presence of a.c. component, the rectifier has a pulsating character. The maximum value of the pulsating output is  $V_m$  and d.c. component is  $V_{dc} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi}$



Voltage across load  $V_{dc} = \frac{V_{dc}}{R + R_L} \times R_L$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} = \frac{2 \times 25.7}{\pi} = 16.4 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{V_{dc}}{R + R_L} \times R_L = \frac{16.4}{25 + 750} \times 750 = 15.9 \text{ V}$$

The voltage across the load is 15.9V dc plus a small ripple.