

## ENGR 305- Homework 2 solutions

**4.2** For an ideal diode, we assume zero volts across the diode.

(a) Diode is conducting,  $V = -5 \text{ V}$  and  $I = \frac{+5V - (-5V)}{10 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.0 \text{ mA}$

(b) Diode is reverse biased, thus

$$I = 0$$

$$V = +5 \text{ V}$$

(c) Diode is conducting, thus

$$V = +5 \text{ V}$$

$$I = \frac{+5V - (-5V)}{10 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.0 \text{ mA}$$

(d) Diode is reverse biased, thus

$$I = 0$$

$$V = -5 \text{ V}$$

**4.15** The maximum reverse voltage arises when

$$v_I = V_+ - 10 = 3 - 10 = -7 \text{ V}$$

The maximum forward current arises when

$$v_I = I_{\max} \times R + V_+ = 50 \times 0.1 + 3 = 8 \text{ V}$$

Thus, the safe operating range is

$$-7 \text{ V} \leq v_I \leq 8 \text{ V}.$$

**4.21**  $I = I_S e^{V_D/V_T}$

$$10^{-3} = I_S e^{V_D/V_T} \quad (1)$$

For  $V_D = 0.71 \text{ V}$ ,

$$I = I_S e^{0.71/V_T} \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2) gives

$$I = 10^{-3} e^{(0.71-0.7)/0.025}$$

$$= 1.49 \text{ mA}$$

For  $V_D = 0.8 \text{ V}$ ,

$$I = I_S e^{0.8/V_T} \quad (3)$$

Combining (1) and (3) gives

$$I = 10^{-3} e^{(0.8-0.7)/0.025}$$

$$= 54.6 \text{ mA}$$

Similarly, for  $V_D = 0.69 \text{ V}$  we obtain

$$I = 10^{-3} e^{(0.69-0.7)/0.025}$$

$$= 0.67 \text{ mA}$$

and for  $V_D = 0.6 \text{ V}$  we have

$$I = 10^{-3} e^{(0.6-0.7)/0.025} = 18.3 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

To increase the current by a factor of 2,  $V_D$  must be increased by  $\Delta V_D$ ,

$$2 = e^{\Delta V_D/0.025} \Rightarrow \Delta V_D = 0.025 \ln 2 = 17.3 \text{ mV}$$

$$\mathbf{4.36} \quad I_S = 10^{-15} \text{ A} = 10^{-12} \text{ mA}$$

Use the iterative analysis procedure:

1.  $V_D = 0.7 \text{ V}, I_D = \frac{(1.5-0.7)V}{2k\Omega} = 0.4 \text{ mA}$
2.  $V_D = V_T \ln \left( \frac{I_D}{I_S} \right) = 0.025 \ln \left( \frac{0.4 \text{ mA}}{10^{-12} \text{ mA}} \right) = 0.6679 \text{ V}$   
 $I_D = \frac{(1.5 - 0.6679)V}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.4161 \text{ mA}$
3.  $V_D = 0.025 \ln \left( \frac{0.4161 \text{ mA}}{10^{-12} \text{ mA}} \right) = 0.6689 \text{ V}$   
 $I_D = \frac{(1.5 - 0.6689)V}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.4156 \text{ mA}$
4.  $V_D = 0.025 \ln \left( \frac{0.4156 \text{ mA}}{10^{-12} \text{ mA}} \right) = 0.6688 \text{ V}$   
 $I_D = \frac{(1.5 - 0.6688)V}{2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.4156 \text{ mA}$

Since the values are almost the same, we stop the iteration.

**4.41** Here we use  $V_D = 0.7 \text{ V}$

$$(a) \quad V = -5 \text{ V} + 0.7 \text{ V} = -4.3 \text{ V}$$

$$I = \frac{5 \text{ V} - (-4.3 \text{ V})}{10 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.93 \text{ mA}$$

(b) The diode is reverse-biased (cutoff).

$$I = 0 \text{ and } V = +5 \text{ V}$$

$$(c) \quad V = 5 \text{ V} - 0.7 \text{ V} = +4.3 \text{ V}$$

$$I = \frac{4.3 \text{ V} - (-5 \text{ V})}{10 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.93 \text{ mA}$$

(d) The diode is reverse-biased and cutoff.

$$I = 0 \text{ and } V = -5 \text{ V}.$$