

## Forward Bias

$$i = I_S \left( \exp\left(\frac{V}{nV_T}\right) - 1 \right)$$

$I_S$  = saturation current  
or "scale" current

$$\approx 10^{-14} - 10^{-16} \text{ A}$$

highly dependent on temperature

$n$  = process parameter

$$1 \leq n \leq 2$$

$$n = 1$$

$V_T$  = thermal voltage

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

$k$  = Boltzmann's constant  
=  $8.62 \times 10^{-5}$  eV/K

$$V_T = 0.025 \text{ V}$$

$T$  = operating temp  
in Kelvin

$$V_T = 25 \text{ mV}$$

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

↑ at room temp

Since  $i \gg I_s$

$$i \approx I_s \exp\left(\frac{V}{nV_T}\right)$$

$$n = 1$$

$$V_T = 25 \text{ mV}$$

$$I_1 = I_s \exp\left(\frac{V_1}{V_T}\right)$$

$$I_2 = I_s \exp\left(\frac{V_2}{V_T}\right)$$

$$\frac{I_2}{I_1} = \frac{\cancel{I_s} \exp\left(\frac{V_2}{V_T}\right)}{\cancel{I_s} \exp\left(\frac{V_1}{V_T}\right)}$$

$$\frac{I_2}{I_1} = \exp\left(\frac{V_2}{V_T} - \frac{V_1}{V_T}\right)$$

$$\frac{I_2}{I_1} = \exp\left(\frac{V_2 - V_1}{T}\right)$$

$(I_1, V_1)$  what  $I_2$  is for  $V_2$ ?  
use ratio relationship  
to determine  $I_2$

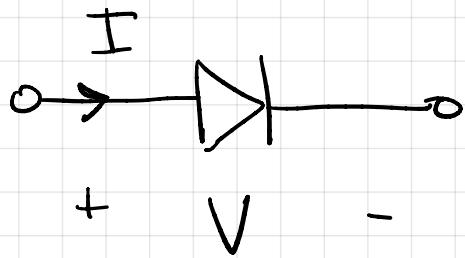
$$V_2 - V_1 = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_2}{I_1}\right)$$

Given a diode operating  
in forward bias region

$$V_T = 25 \text{ mV}$$

at 0.7 V, the current is 1 mA

at 0.75 V, what is the new  
current?



$$V_1 = 0.7V \quad I_1 = 1mA$$

$$V_2 = 0.75V \quad I_2 = ?$$

$$\frac{I_2}{I_1} = \exp\left(\frac{V_2 - V_1}{V_T}\right)$$

$$I_2 = I_1 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{V_2 - V_1}{V_T}\right)$$

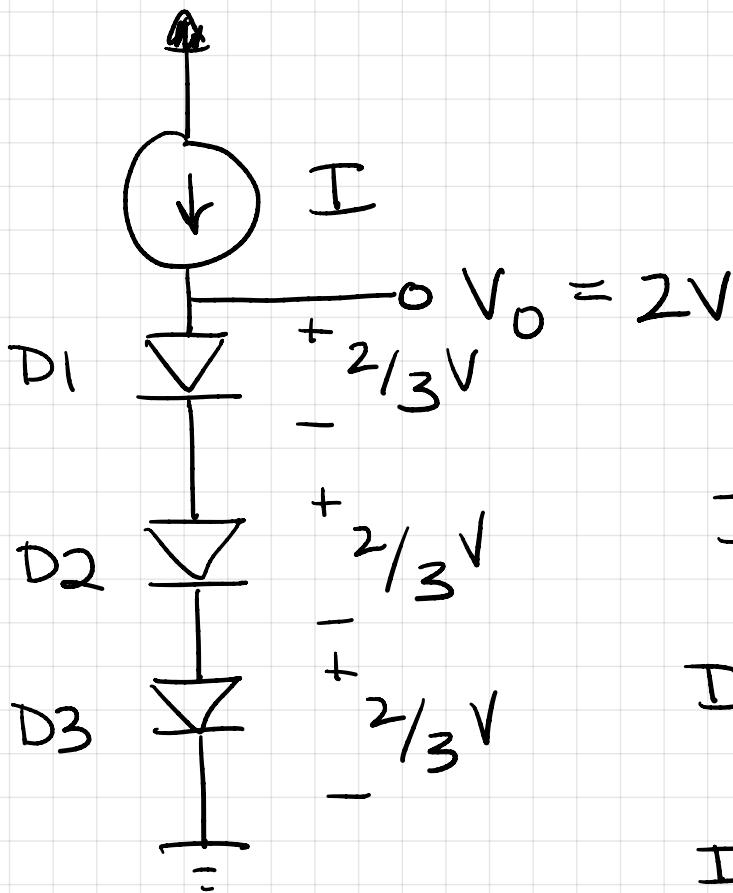
$$I_2 = 1 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{.75 - .7}{.025}\right)$$

$$= 7.39mA$$

$(I, V)$

$(1mA, 0.7V)$

$(7.39mA, 0.75)$



Diodes are identical

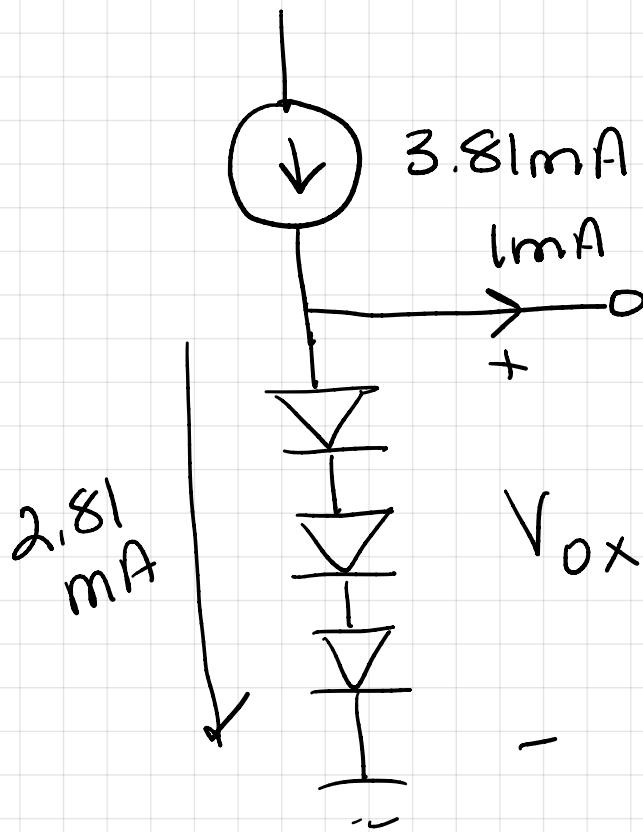
$$I_S = 10^{-14} A$$

What is  $I$ ?

$$I = I_S \exp\left(\frac{V}{V_T}\right)$$

$$I = 10^{-14} \exp\left(\frac{2/3}{.025}\right)$$

$$I = 3.81 \text{ mA}$$



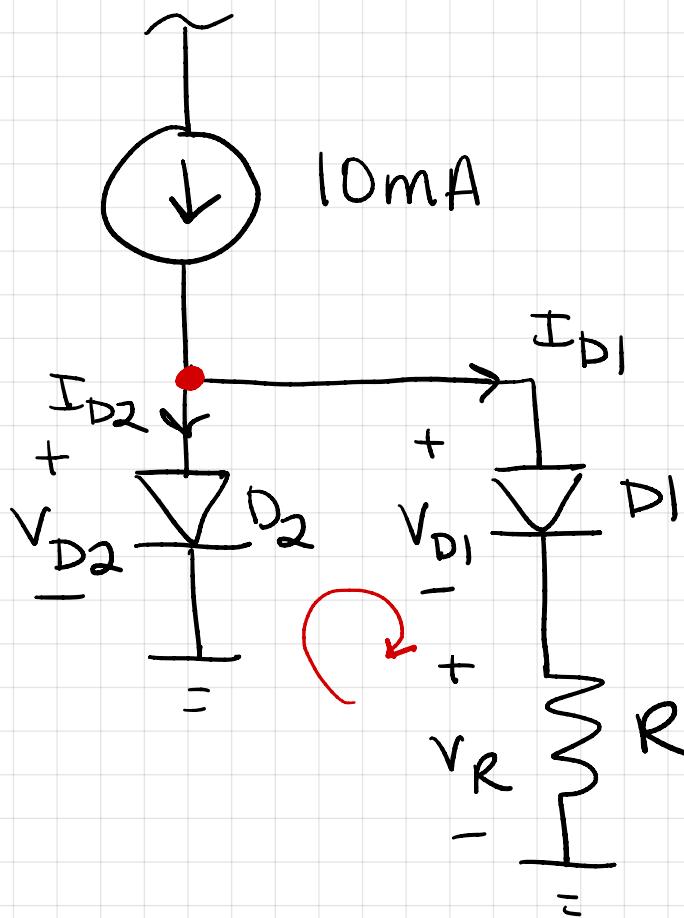
what is the  
change in the  
output voltage

$$V_2 - V_1 = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_2}{I_1}\right)$$

$$\Delta V_0 = V_2 - V_1$$

$$\Delta V_0 = 0.025 \ln\left(\frac{2.81}{3.81}\right)$$

$$\Delta V_0 = -22.58 \text{ mV}$$



Diodes are matched/identical and operating in forward bias region.

Design  $R$  such that

$$V_R = 50mV$$

$$V_T = 25mV$$

$$n = 1$$

by KVL:

$$V_{D2} - V_{D1} - V_R = 0$$

$$V_R = V_{D2} - V_{D1} = 50mV$$

by KCL  $I_{D1} + I_{D2} = 10mA$

$$V_R = I_{D1}(R)$$

$$\frac{I_{D2}}{I_{D1}} = \exp\left(\frac{V_{D2} - V_{D1}}{V_T}\right)$$

$$\frac{I_{D2}}{I_{D1}} = \exp\left(\frac{0.05}{0.025}\right)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{I_{D2}}{I_{D1}} = 7.39}$$

$$I_{D2} = 7.39 I_{D1}$$

$$I_{D1} + 7.39 I_{D1} = 10 \text{ mA}$$

$$8.39 I_{D1} = 10 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{D1} = 1.19 \text{ mA}$$

$$R = \frac{V_R}{I_{D1}} = \frac{0.05}{1.19 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$\boxed{R = 42.02 \text{ } \Omega}$$