

- 4 The rectified output of a sinusoidal signal generator is connected across a resistor **R** of resistance $1.5\text{ k}\Omega$, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

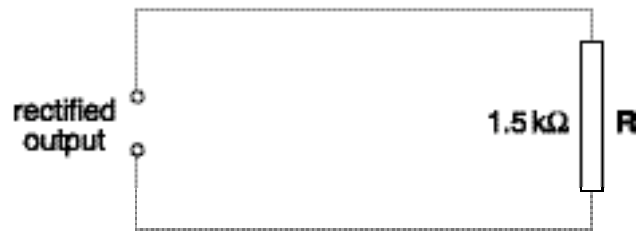


Fig. 4.1

The variation with time t of the potential difference V across **R** is shown in Fig. 4.2.

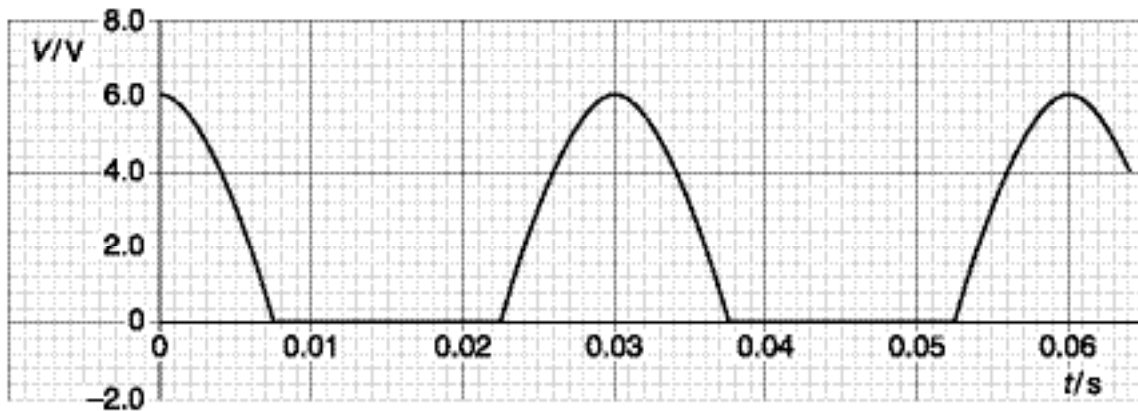


Fig. 4.2

- (a) State how the rectification shown in Fig. 4.2 may be achieved.

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- (b) A capacitor is now connected in parallel with the resistor **R**. The resulting variation with time t of the potential difference V across **R** is shown in Fig. 4.3.

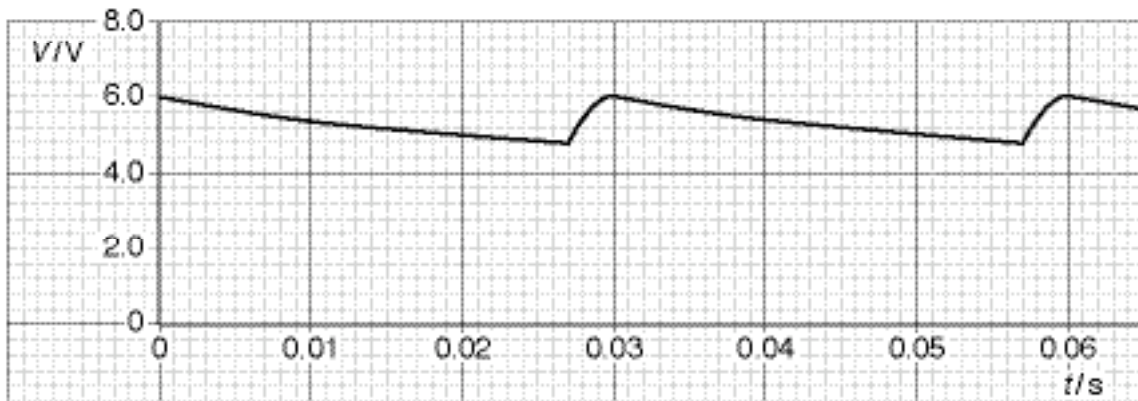


Fig. 4.3

- (i) Using Fig. 4.3, determine

1. the mean potential difference across the resistor **R**,

potential difference = V

2. the mean current in the resistor,

mean current = A

3. the time in each cycle during which the capacitor discharges through the resistor.

time = s

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(ii) Using your answers in (i), calculate

1. the charge passing through the resistor during one discharge of the capacitor,

charge = C

2. the capacitance of the capacitor.

capacitance = F
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- (c) A second capacitor is now connected in parallel with the resistor **R** and the first capacitor. On Fig. 4.3, draw a line to show the variation with time t of the potential difference V across the resistor. [1]