

- 6 Fig. 6.1 shows a circuit that rectifies an alternating input voltage V_{IN} and produces an output voltage V_{OUT} across a resistor R.

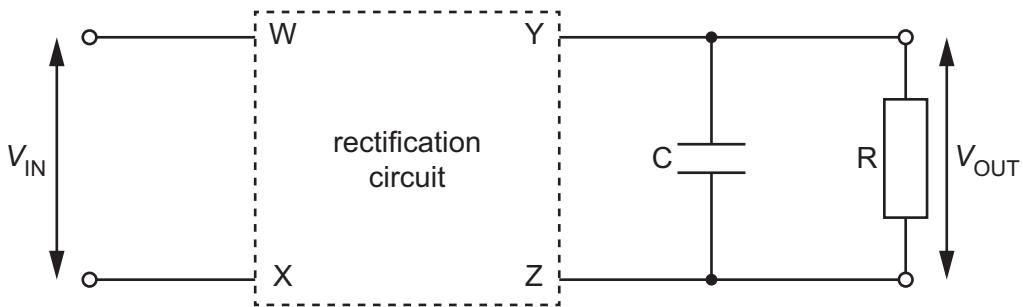


Fig. 6.1

The four terminals of the rectification circuit are labelled W, X, Y and Z. A capacitor C is connected in parallel with resistor R.

- (a) (i) State what is meant by rectification.

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- (ii) State the purpose of capacitor C.

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- (b) Fig. 6.2 shows the variations with time t of the potential differences (p.d.s) V_{IN} and V_{OUT} .

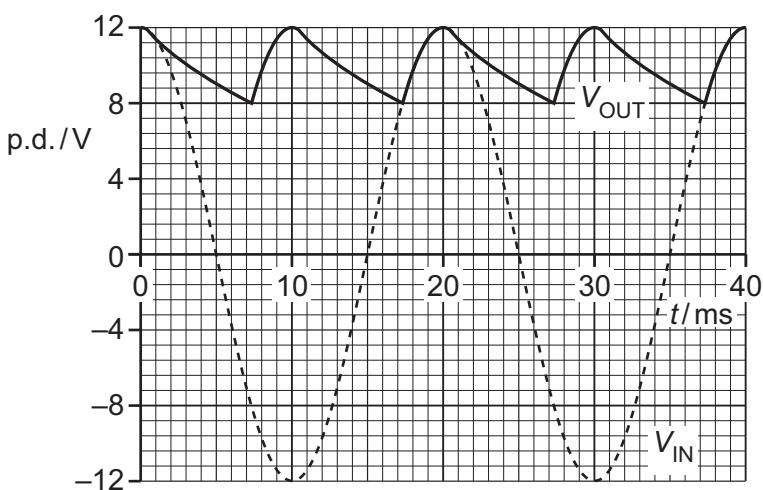


Fig. 6.2



- (i) The variation of V_{IN} with t can be represented by

$$V_{IN} = A \cos Bt$$

where A and B are constants.

Determine the values of A and B . Give a unit with your answer for A .

$A = \dots$ unit \dots

$B = \dots$ rad s $^{-1}$
[2]

- (ii) Determine the type of rectification produced by the circuit in Fig. 6.1.

\dots [1]

- (iii) On Fig. 6.3, draw the circuit diagram for the components inside the rectification circuit.



Fig. 6.3

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- (iv) Determine a value for the time constant for the discharge of the capacitor C through the resistor R in Fig. 6.1.

time constant = \dots s [3]





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- (c) The capacitor C has a capacitance of $570 \mu\text{F}$.

Use your answer in (b)(iv) to determine the resistance of resistor R.

resistance = Ω [2]

[Total: 12]