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Determination of Characteristic Curve of a Diode.

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**Title:** Study of Diode Rectifiers.

**Abstract:**

A diode rectifies an ac voltage, in order that it could be smoothed and transformed right into a dc voltage. A rectifier, however, can produce a regular or variable DC voltage. A diode rectifier can produce a set DC voltage while an SCR can produce a variable DC voltage.

**Introduction:**

The objectives of this lab are to:

- 1) study of half wave rectifiers,
- 2) study of full wave rectifiers.

**Theory and Methodology:**

Diode rectifiers are of the following types:

1. Half-wave rectifier.
2. Full-wave bridge rectifier.
3. Center tapped Full-wave rectifier.

A rectifier, however, can't produce a clean DC voltage. So the rectification block that makes the output DC voltage a clean one follows a clear out out circuit. In this case, the capacitor acts as a smoothing clear out out in order that the output is almost a dc voltage. A filtering isn't always perfect; there could be a last voltage fluctuation referred to as ripple, at the output voltage. The half- wave voltage sign is typically set up through a community with a unmarried diode has a median or equal DC voltage stage identical to 31.8% of the height voltage, while the full-wave rectified sign has two times the common or DC stage of the half-wave sign, or 63.6% of the height value.

**Working Principle of Half-wave rectifier:**

In half wave rectifier only half cycle of applied AC voltage is used. Another half cycle of AC voltage (negative cycle) is not used. Only one diode is used which conducts during positive cycle. The circuit diagram of half wave rectifier without capacitor is shown in the following fig

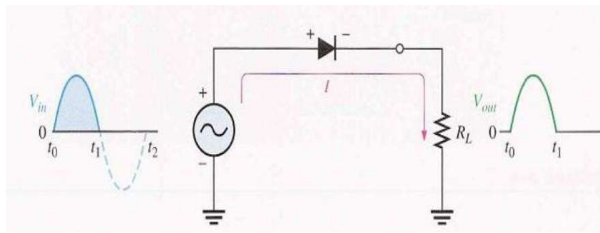


Figure: Half-Wave Rectification

During positive half cycle of the input voltage anode of the diode is positive compared with the cathode. Diode is in forward bias and current passes through the diode and positive cycle develops across the load resistance  $R_L$ . During negative half cycle of input voltage, anode is negative with respect to cathode and diode is in reverse bias. No current passes through the diode hence output voltage is zero.

### Working Principle of Full-Wave rectifier:

The Bridge rectifier is a circuit, which converts an ac voltage to dc voltage using both half cycles of the input ac voltage. The Bridge rectifier circuit is shown in the following figure.

The circuit has four diodes connected to form a bridge. The ac input voltage is applied to the diagonally opposite ends of the bridge. The load resistance is connected between the other two ends of the bridge. For the positive half cycle of the input ac voltage, diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  conduct, whereas diodes  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  remain in the OFF state. The conducting diodes will be in series with the load resistance  $R_L$  and hence the load current flows through  $R_L$ . For the negative half cycle of the input ac voltage, diodes  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  conduct whereas,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  remain OFF. The conducting diodes  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  will be in series with the load resistance  $R_L$  and hence the current flows through  $R_L$  in the same direction as in the previous half cycle. Thus a bi-directional wave is converted into a unidirectional wave.

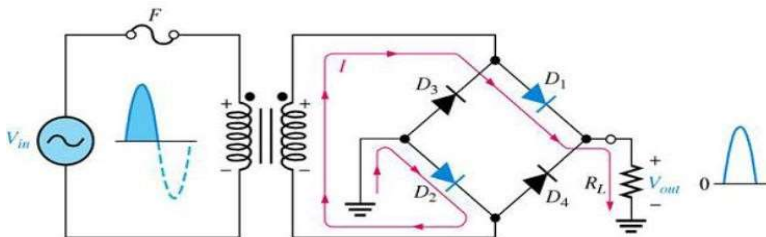


Figure: During positive half-cycle of the input,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are forward-biased and conduct current.  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  are reverse-biased

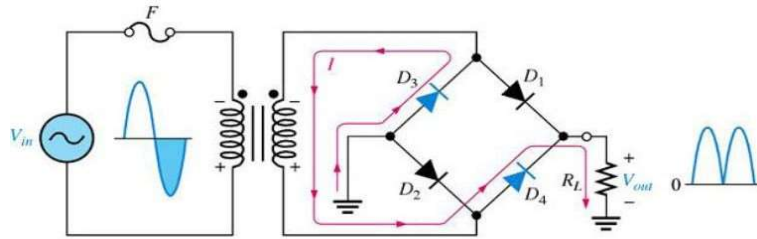


Figure: During negative half-cycle of the input,  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  are forward-biased and conduct current.  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are reverse-biased

### Working Principle of Center Trapped Full-Wave rectifier:

A center tapped rectifier is a type of full wave rectifier that uses two diodes connected to the secondary of a center tapped transformer, as shown in below diagram. The input voltage is coupled through the transformer to the center-tapped secondary. Half of the total secondary voltage appears between the center tap and each end of the secondary winding as shown.

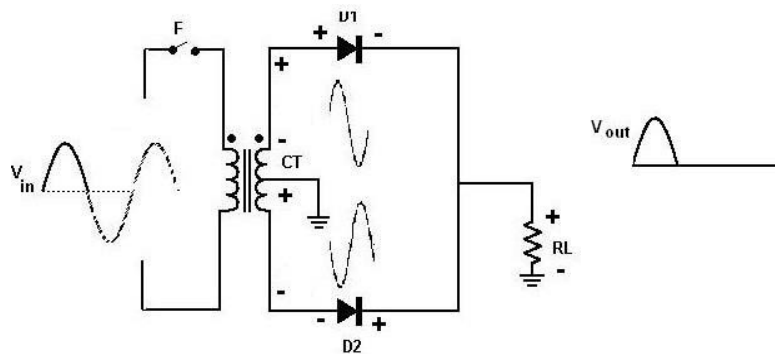


Figure: During positive half-cycle of the input,  $D_1$  is forward-biased and  $D_2$  is reverse-biased.

For a positive half cycle of the input voltage, the polarities of the secondary voltages are shown in figure. This condition forward biases diode  $D_1$  and reverse biases diode  $D_2$ . The current path is through  $D_1$  and the load resistor  $R_L$ .

For a negative half cycle of the input voltage, the voltage polarities on the secondary are shown. This condition reverse biases  $D_1$  and forward biases  $D_2$ . The current path is through  $D_2$  and  $R_L$ . Because the output current during both the positive and negative portions of the input cycle are in the same direction through the load the output voltage developed across the load resistor is a full wave rectified dc voltage.

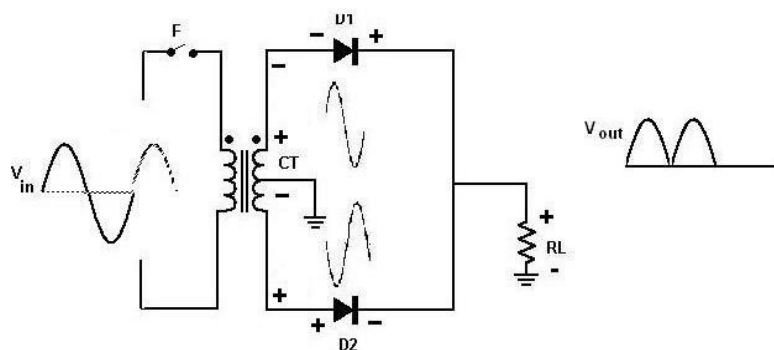
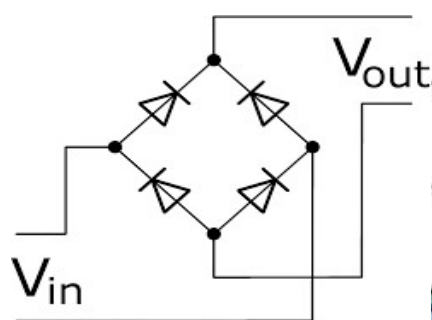


Figure: During negative half-cycle of the input,  $D_2$  is forward-biased and  $D_1$  is reverse-biased.

### Apparatus:

No.	Apparatus	Quantity
1	Diode	4
2	10k Resistance	1
3	Project Board	1
4	Oscilloscope	1
5	Multimeter	1
6	Transformer 220V/12V/9V/6V	1
7	47 $\mu$ F Capacitor	1
8	100 $\mu$ F Capacitor	1
9	Chord	2



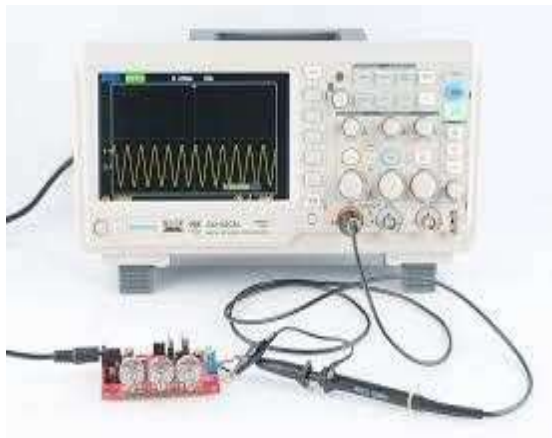
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10k Resistance



Project Board



Oscilloscope



Multimeter



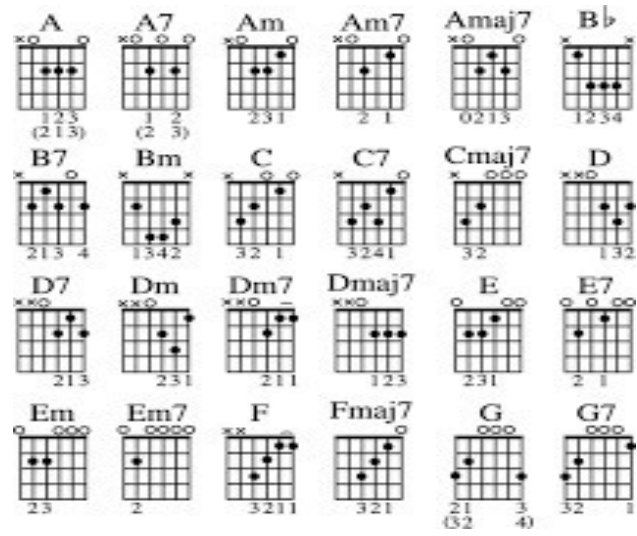
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47µF Capacitor



100µF Capacitor



Chord

**Circuit Diagram:**

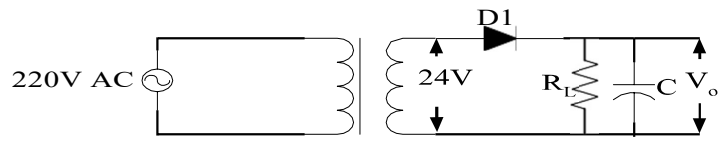


Figure 1: Half wave rectifier.

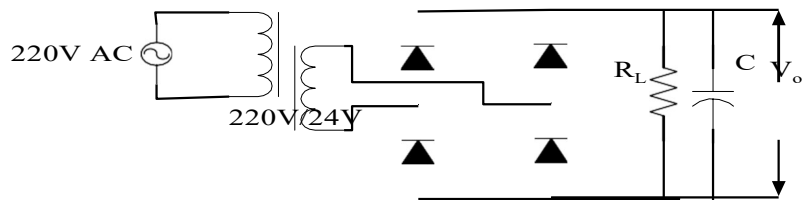


Figure 2: Full wave Bridge rectifier.

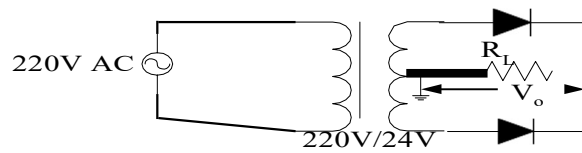
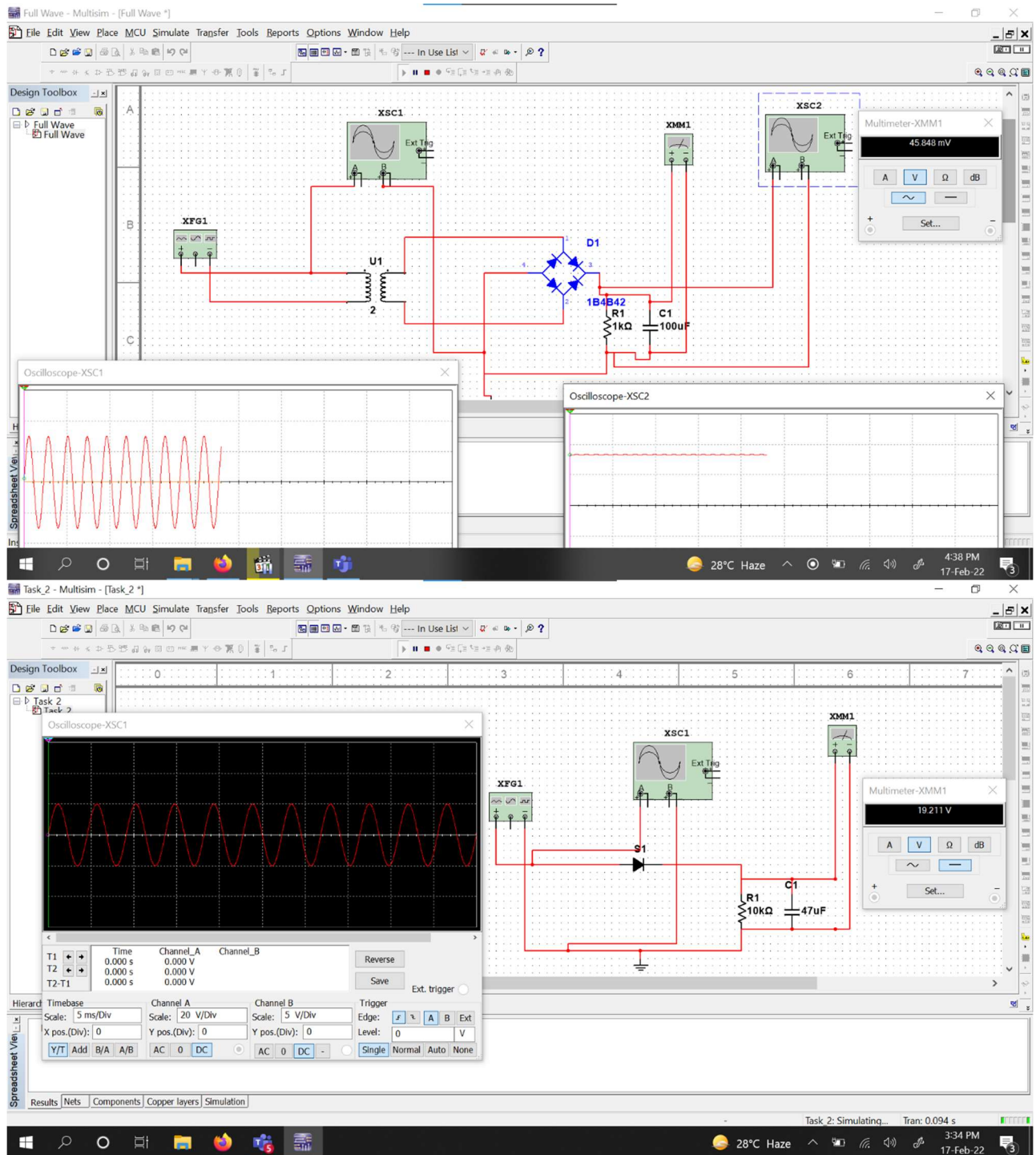
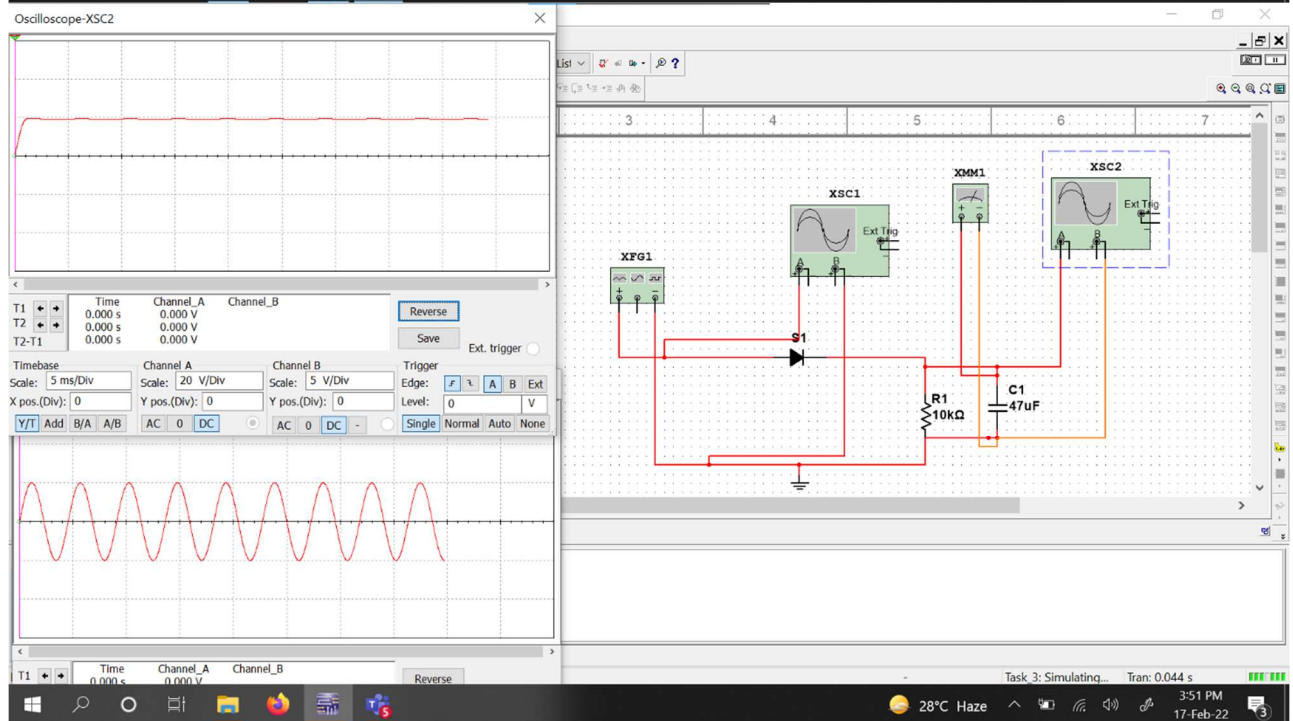
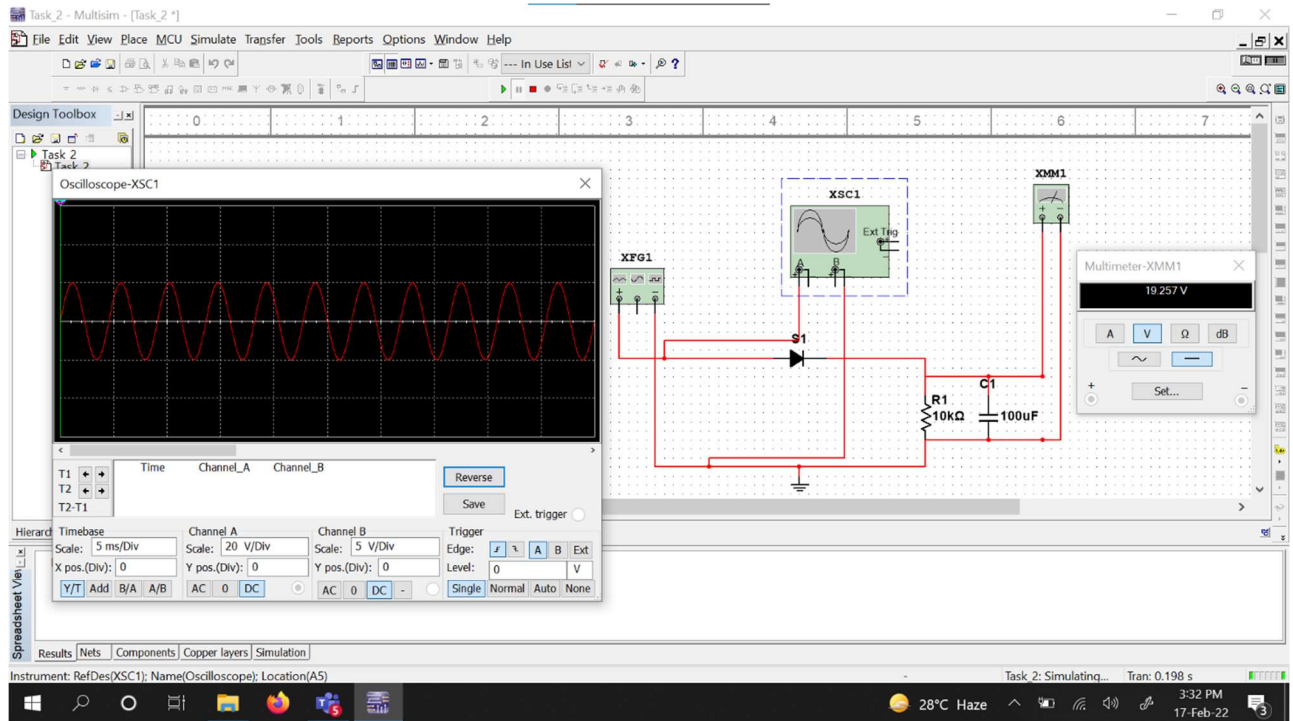


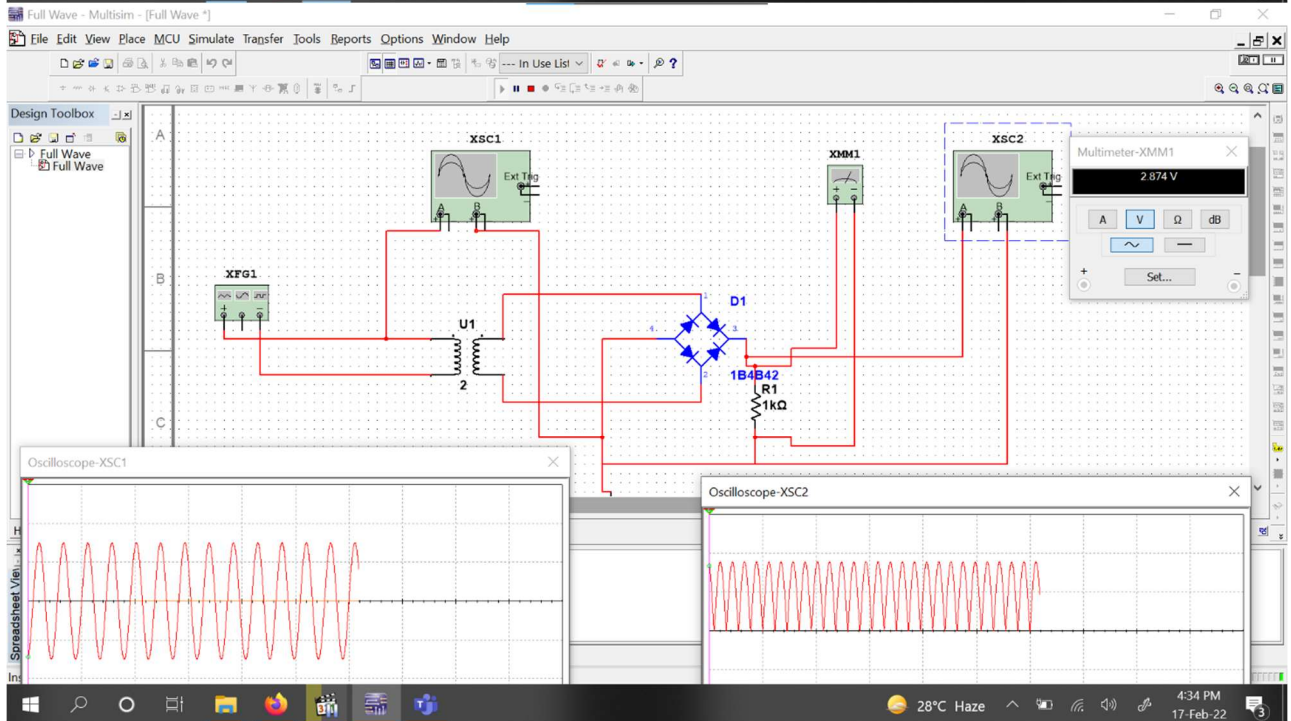
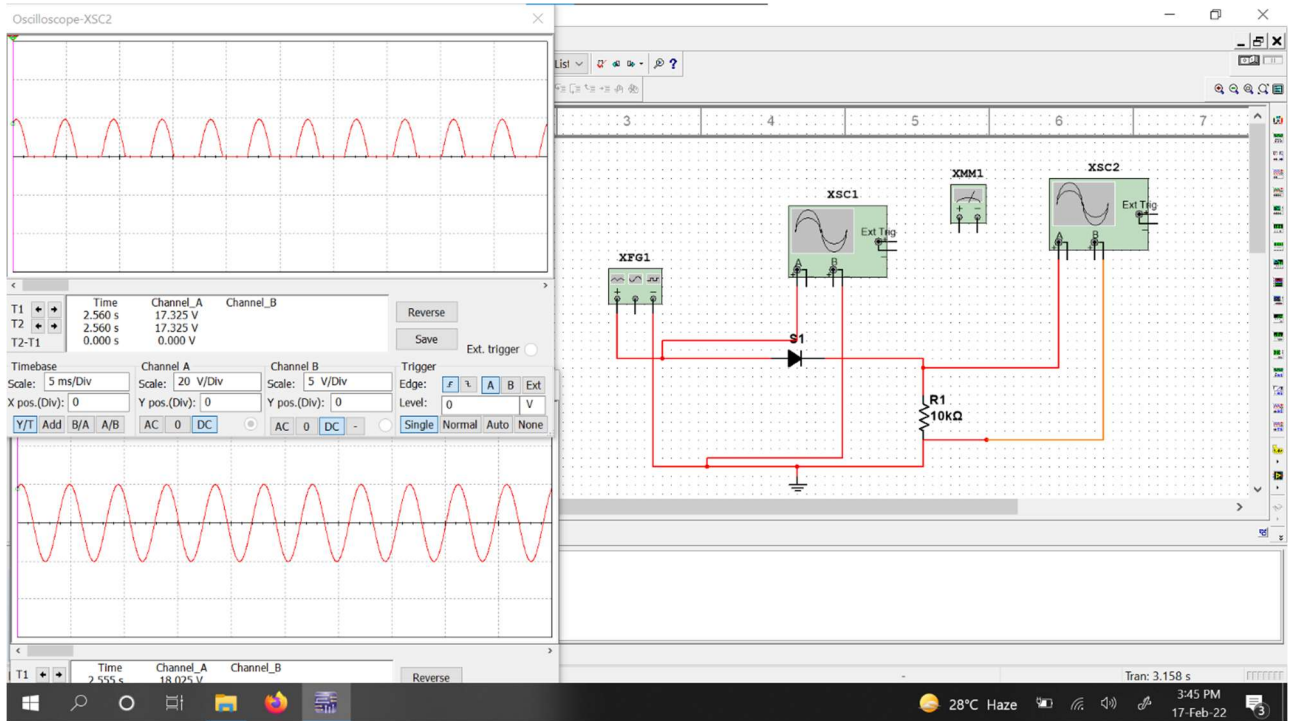
Figure 3: Full wave Center Tapped rectifier.



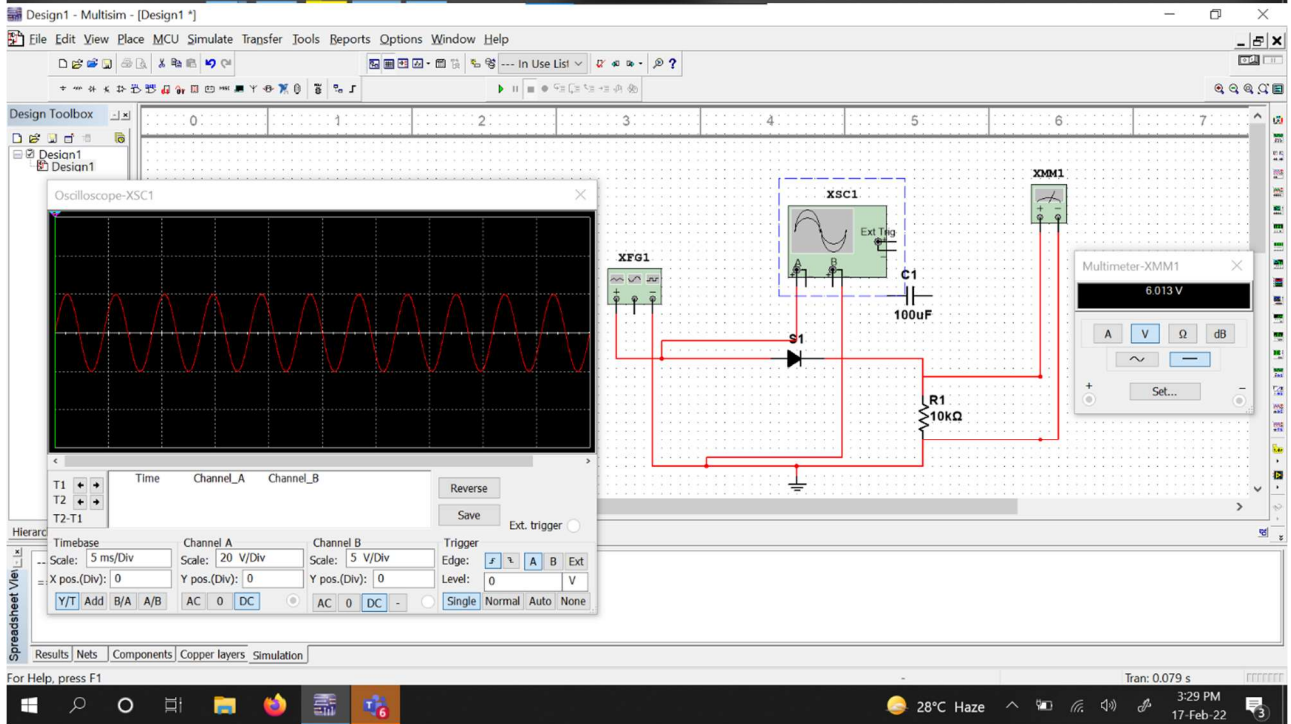
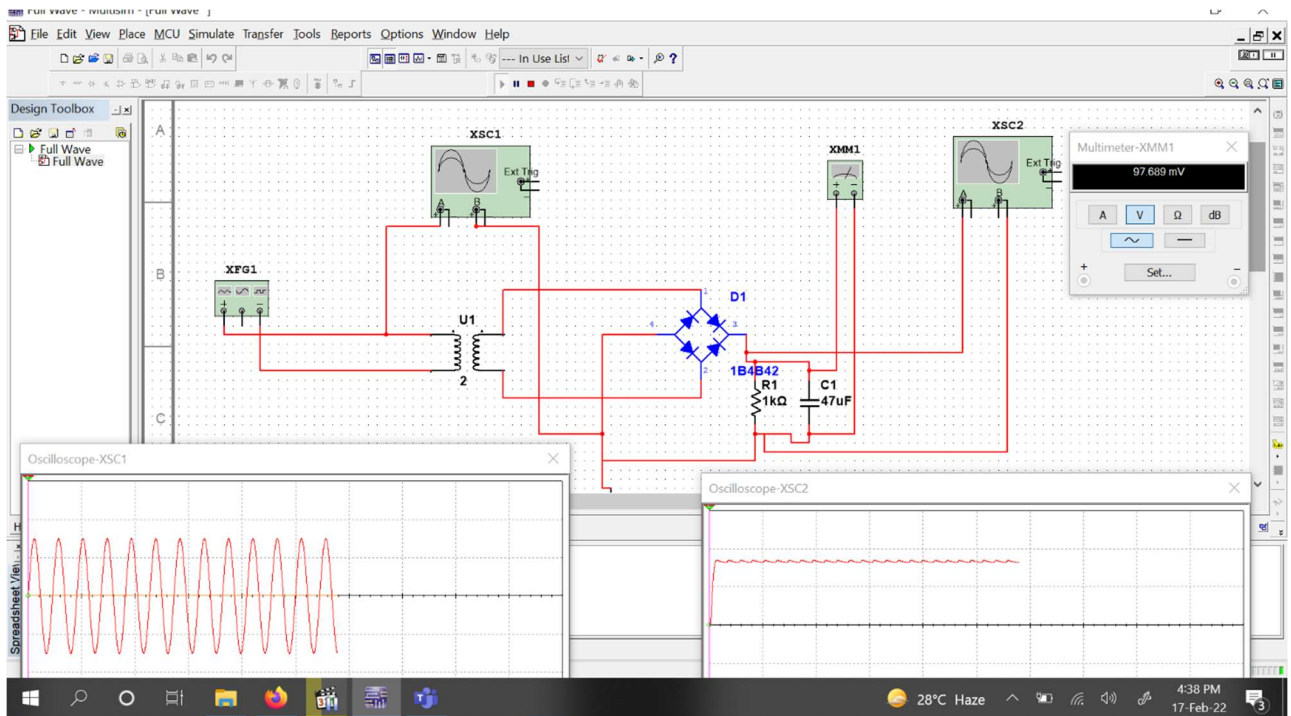
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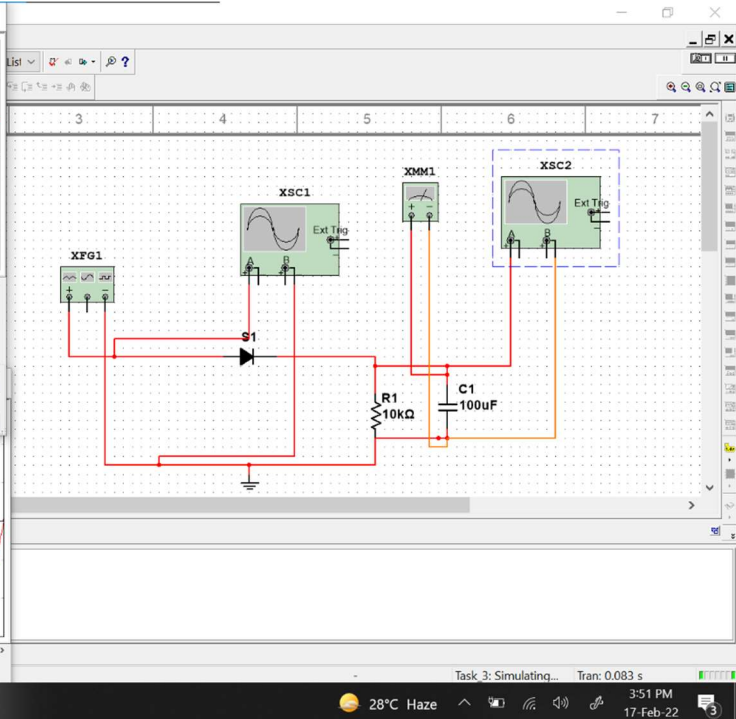
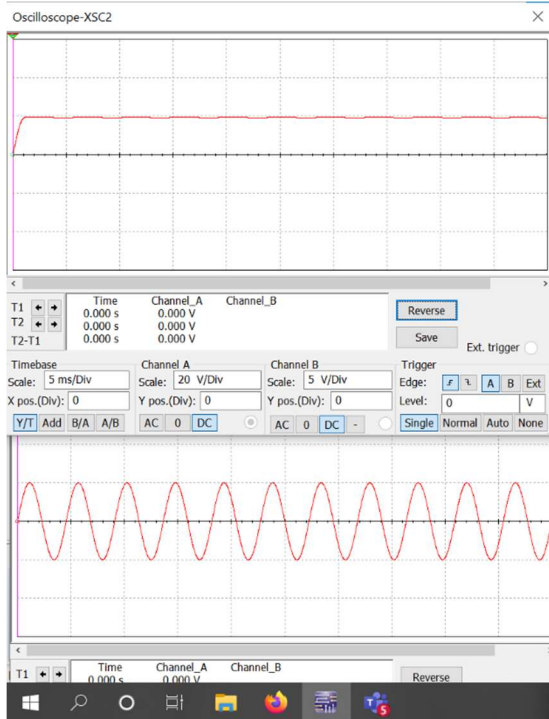












**Experimental Data:****Table 1: Data Table for circuit of Figure – 1**

	V <sub>o</sub> (Oscilloscope)	V <sub>o</sub> ( Multimeter)
No Capacitance		6.013 v
47 $\mu$ F		19.25 v
100 $\mu$ F		19.211 v

**Table 2: Data Table for circuit of Figure – 2**

	V <sub>o</sub> (Oscilloscope)	V <sub>o</sub> ( Multimeter)
No Capacitance		2.874 v
47 $\mu$ F		45.848 mv
100 $\mu$ F		97.689 mv

## **Result Analysis:**

### **Half wave rectifier :**

For half wave rectifier we have observed that the value of terminal voltage was lower without any capacitance and it was 6.015v. However, when we add capacitance with resistor then the terminal voltage value increases it was 19.294v and 19.299v respectively for 47uF and for 100uF.

### **Full wave bridge rectifier:**

For full wave bridge rectifier, we have seen that the value of terminal voltage was lower without any capacitance and it was 5.402v. However, when we add capacitance with resistor then the terminal voltage value increases it was 8.757v and 8.732v respectively for 47uF and for 100uF. In both the cases terminal voltage increases with addition of capacitor. We also shown the rectification of the ac signal to dc signal through Oscilloscope.

## **Discussion:**

In this experiment our aim was to get familiar with the diode rectifier. We have studied about half wave rectifier and full wave bridge rectifier. Based on our theoretical knowledge we done simulation in mutism and observed how the diode rectifier works. We observed that the terminal voltage goes up if we add capacitor with the resistor. These phenomena seen in both half and full wave rectifier.

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## **Video link:**

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