

EECS 245 ELECTRONICS

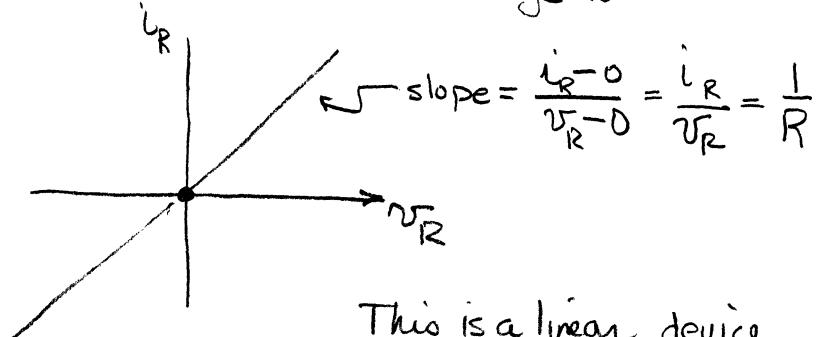
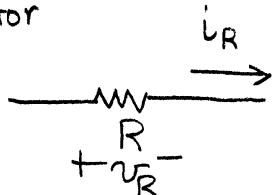
Textbook Electronics, 2/e  
Prentice-Hall

diode two terminal device

#### iv characteristic curve

for electronic devices we can plot current versus voltage to characterize the device :

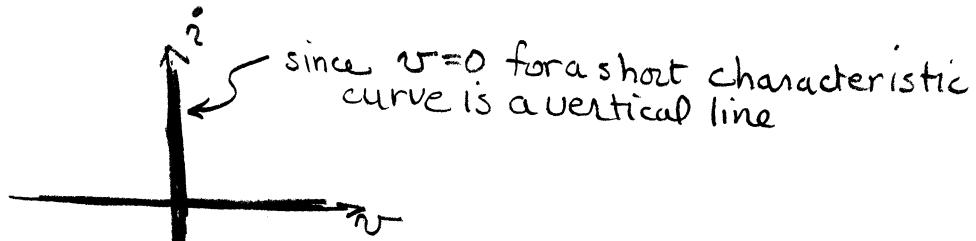
Resistor



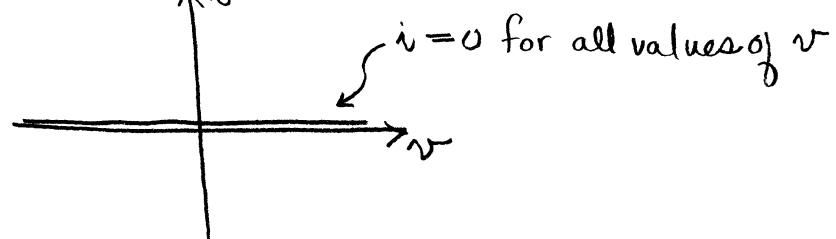
This is a linear device.

what does a wire look like?

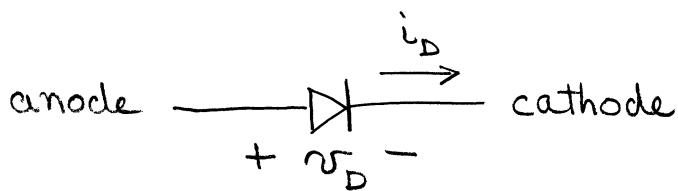
a short



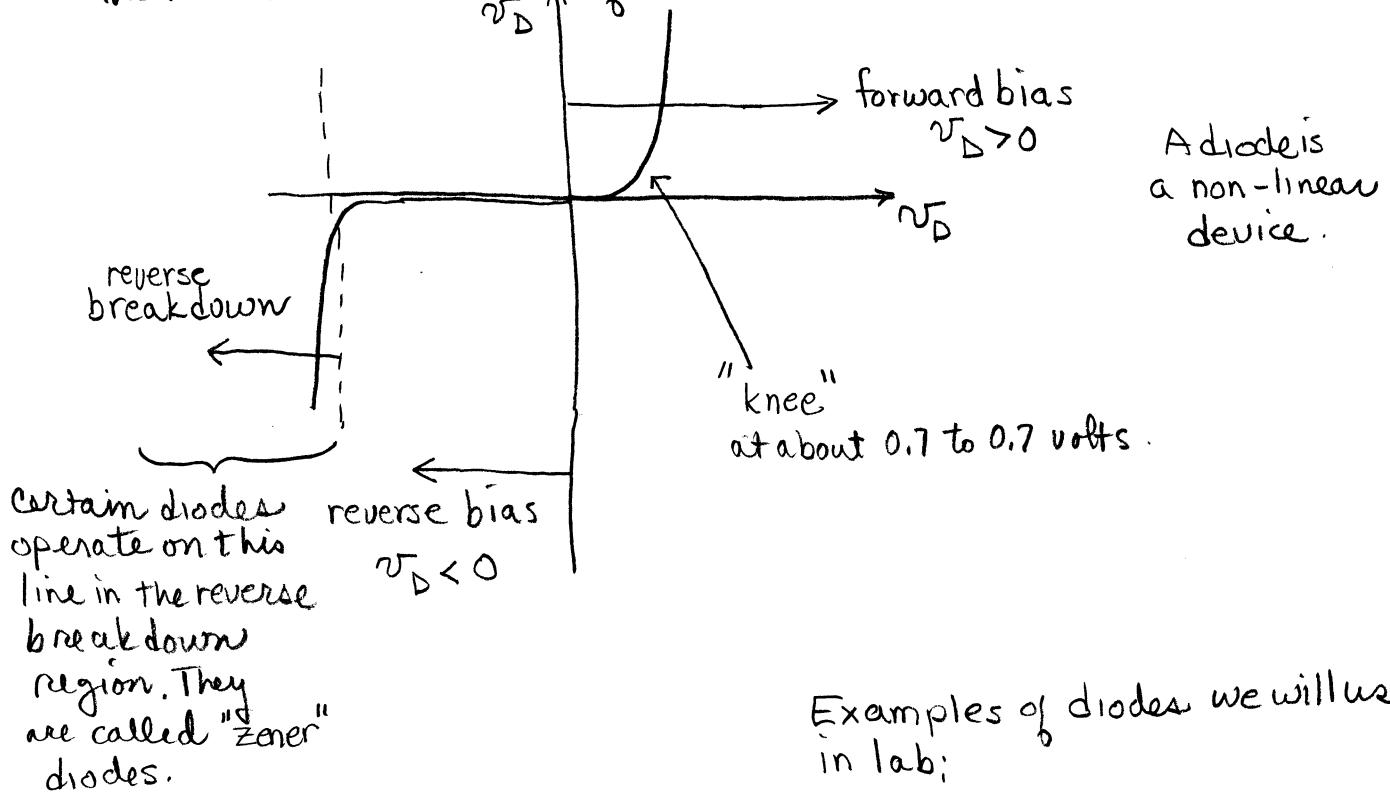
an open



## basic diode characteristics



If we hook up a variable power supply we can measure the  $i-v$  characteristics of this device



available as diodes with specified breakdown voltages.

Examples of diodes we will use in lab:

IN914	{	low power switching
IN4148		

IN400x	}	modest power
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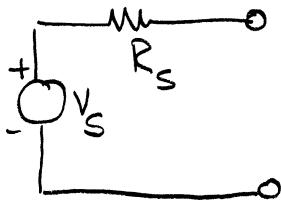
What is a load line?

Essentially a power source.

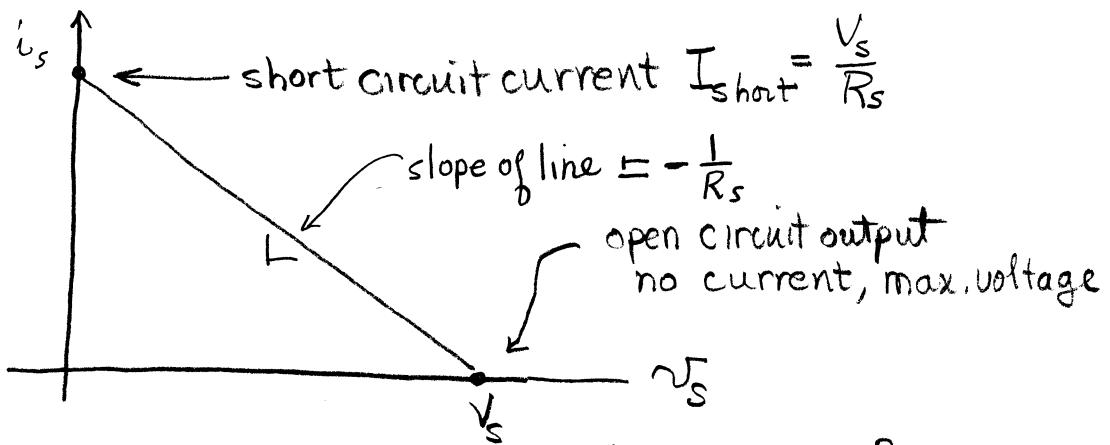
It can be a power supply, amplifier, transistor output, etc.

How do we model a powersource?

It looks like a Thevenin Equivalent Circuit

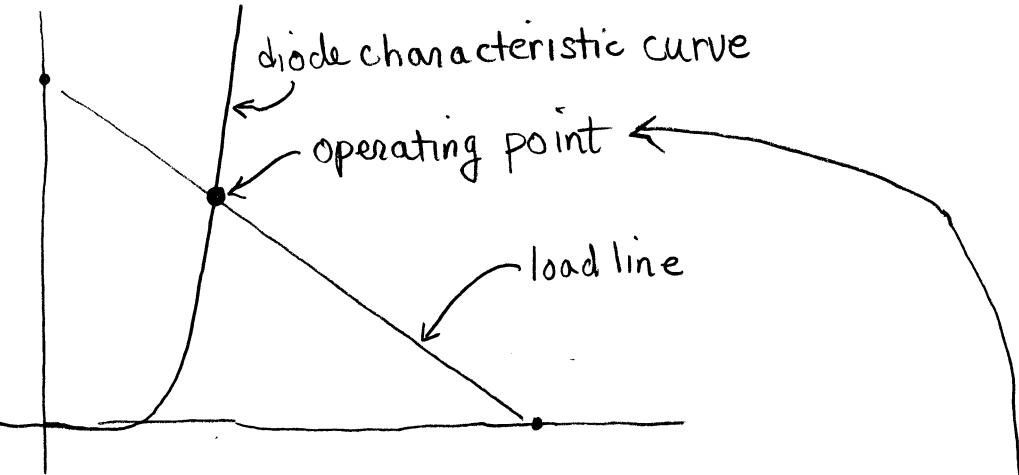


What is its i-v characteristic? a load line

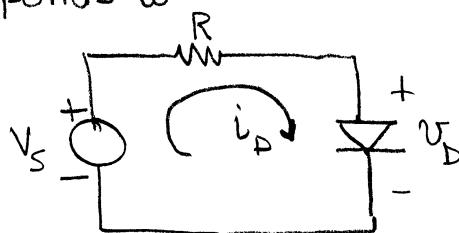


Basically a load line is a equation of the possible outputs for a source. The i-v characteristic is a plot of the possible operating points for a device.

Suppose we want to drive a non-linear device like a diode by a source. We can find the operating point by plotting the device's I-V characteristics on the same graph as the source's load line.



this corresponds to

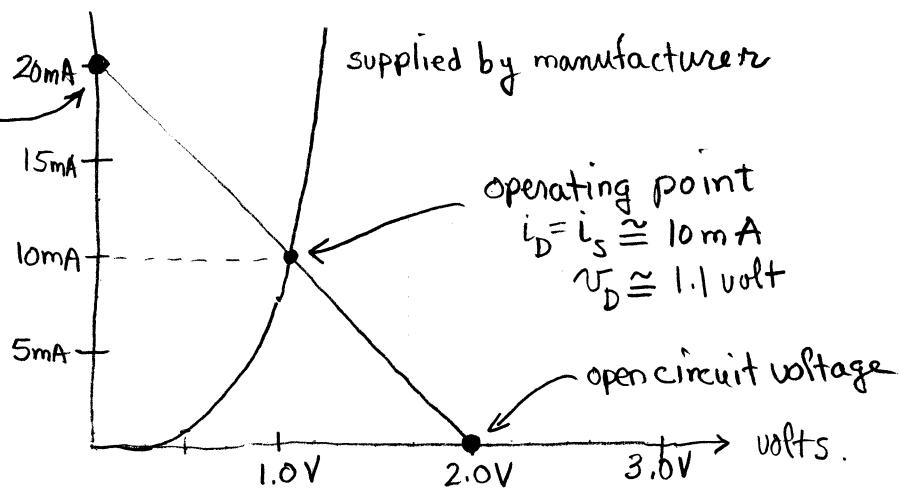


what is  $i_D$ ?

since  $i_s = i_D$  read from graph

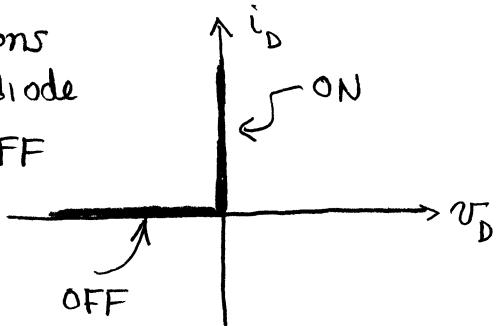
Example: real diode (provided by manufacturer)  
power source  $V_{ss} = 2V$   $R = 100\Omega$

$$i_{short} = \frac{E}{R} = \frac{2V}{100\Omega} \\ = 20mA$$



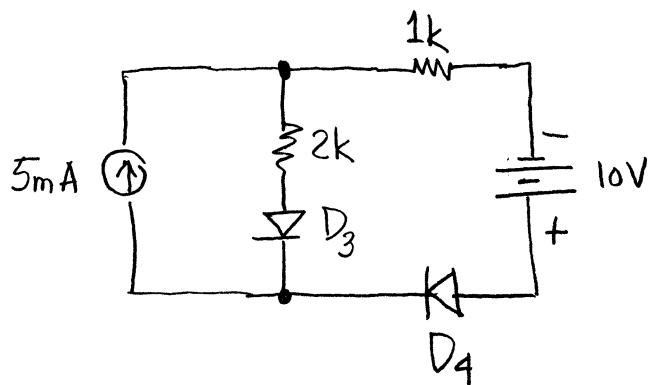
### 3.3 Ideal diode

for many applications  
we can simplify diode  
model to ON/OFF

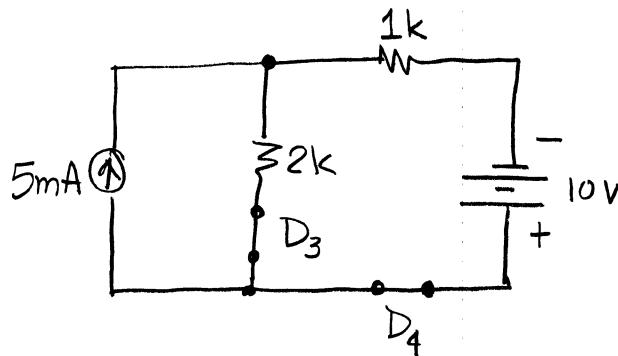


We can use this model in many circuits problems.

How about a multi-diode circuit like this? Which diodes are ON? Which are off?

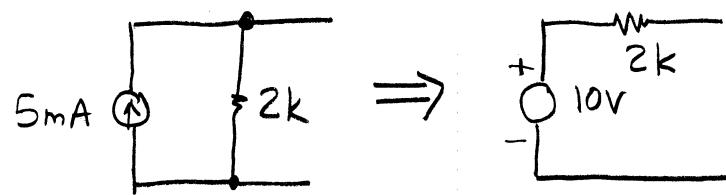


Assume both are ON. Circuit looks like



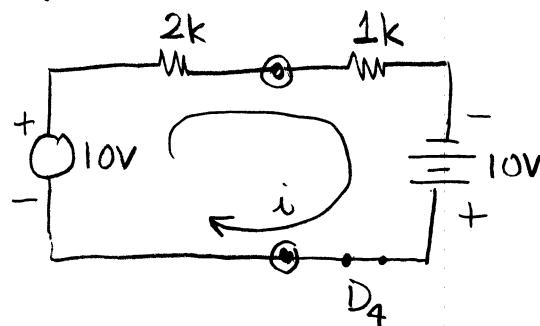
How would you solve this circuit?

I would use source transformation or superposition



$$V = IR = (5\text{mA})(2\text{k}) = 10\text{V}$$

Let's look at circuit



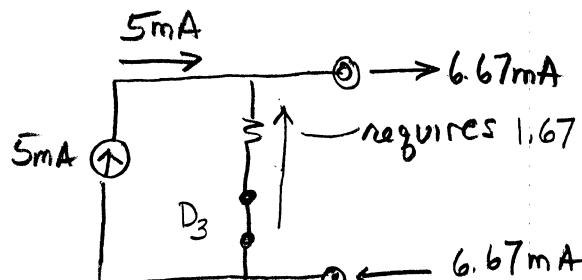
this gives a current

$$i = \frac{10 + 10}{2k + 1k} = \frac{20}{3} \text{ mA}$$

$$= 6.67 \text{ mA}$$

$\therefore D_4$  is ON. so this is OK.

How about



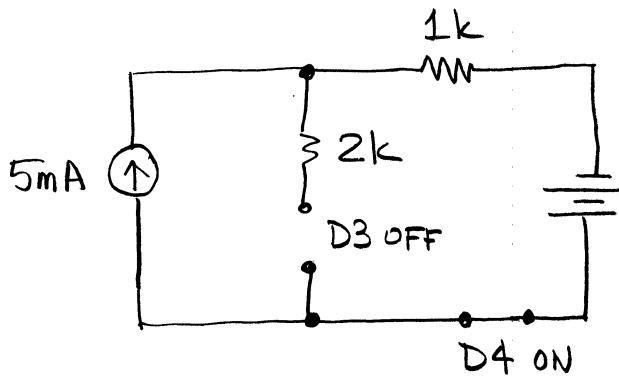
5mA

$\rightarrow 6.67\text{mA}$

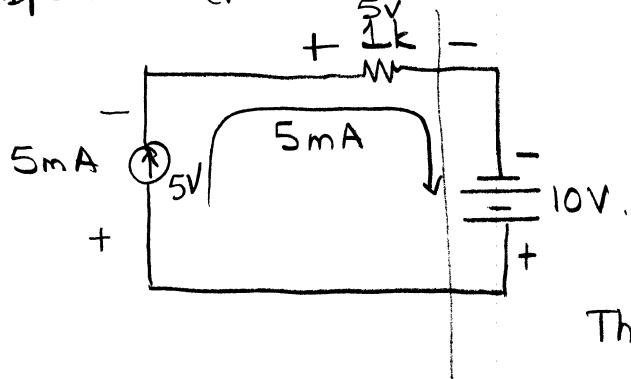
requires 1.67 in up direction

This is in violation of assumption.  
Current indicates reversed  
diode. Assume  $D_4$  ON  
and  $D_3$  off and try again.

If D3 OFF, D4 ON circuit looks like this:



by simple inspection the 2k resistor does not contribute anything



Does this circuit work? Let's see.

5mA current thru everything

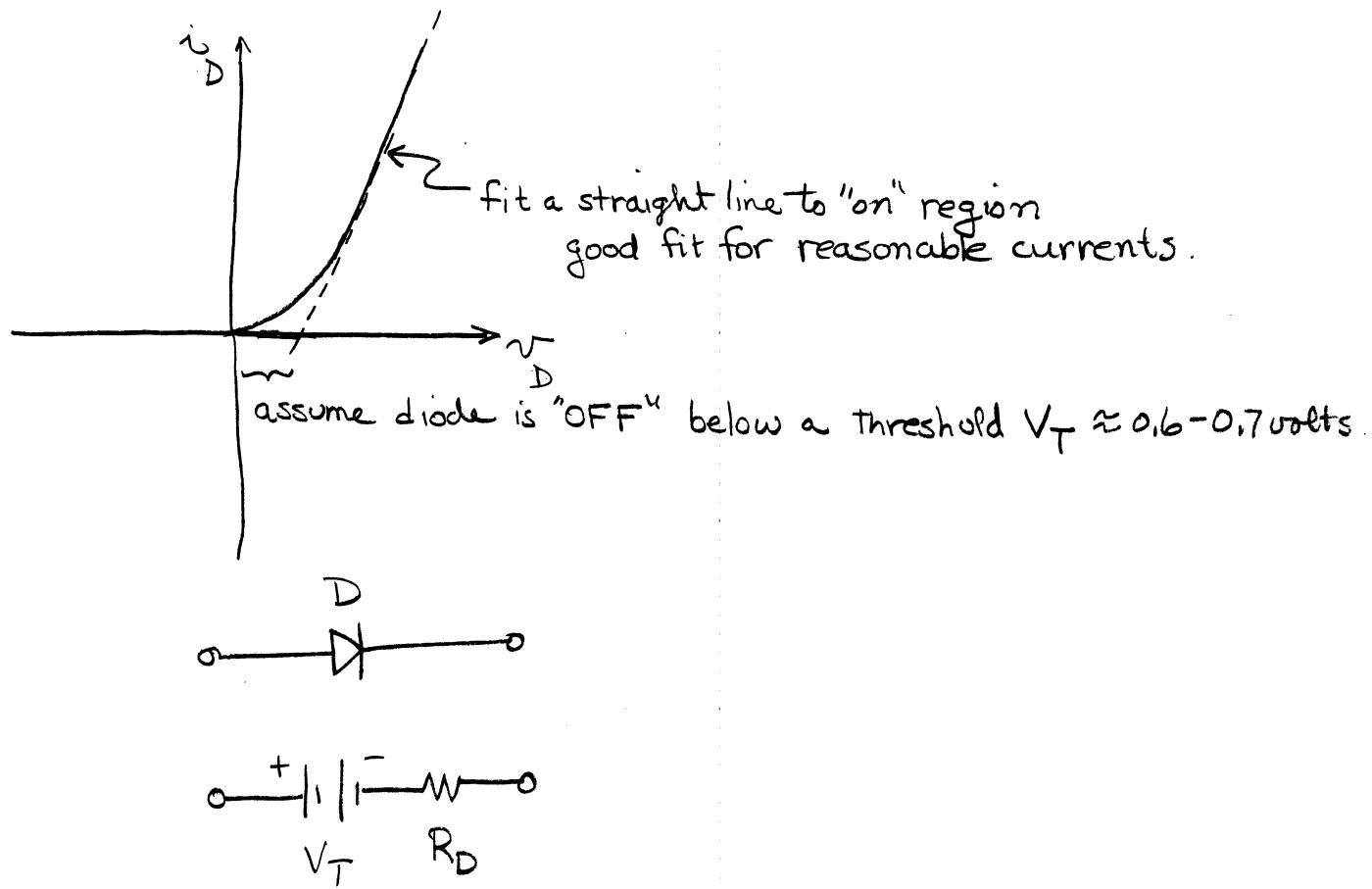
That puts 5v across 1k resistor.

The resistor's voltage is as shown.

This puts 5v across current source as shown which is ok.

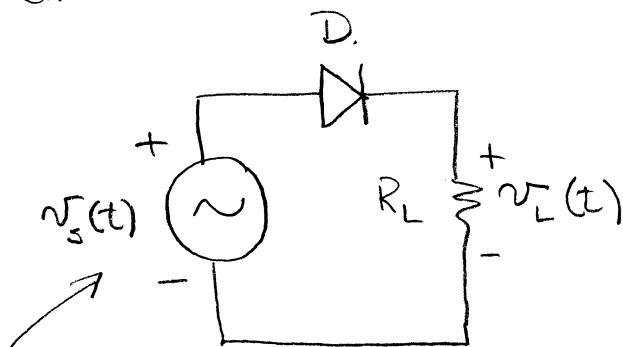
so that  $\sum V = 0$ .  
loop

Better diode model:



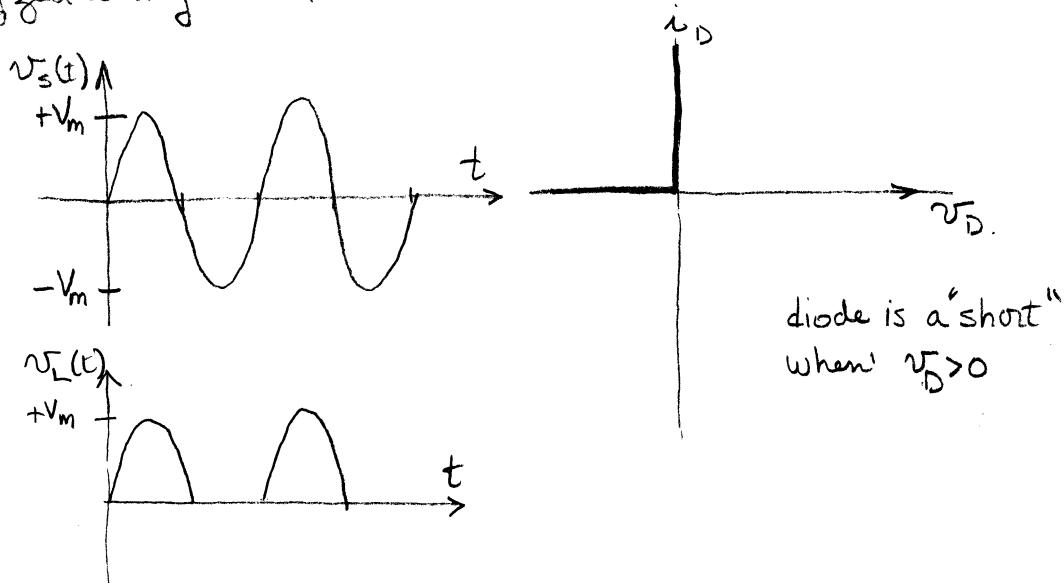
The maximum voltage a diode will withstand is called the  
PIV - peak inverse voltage  
PRV - peak reverse voltage

### 3.4 Rectifier circuits

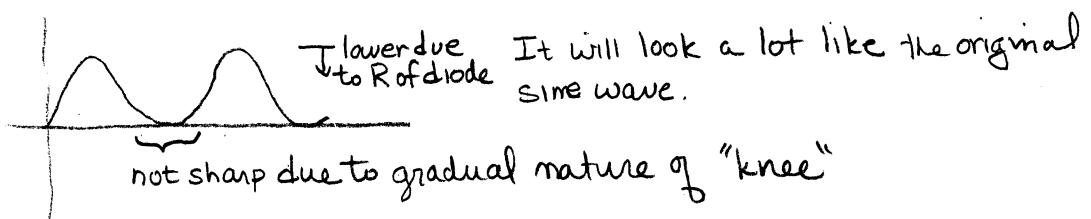


AC source

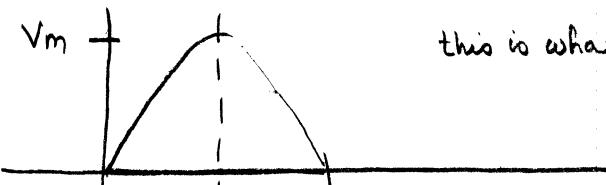
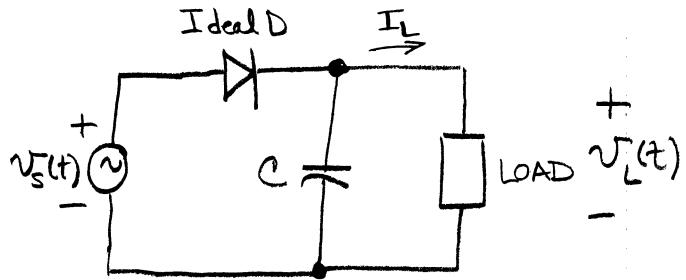
Best analyzed using "ideal" diode model



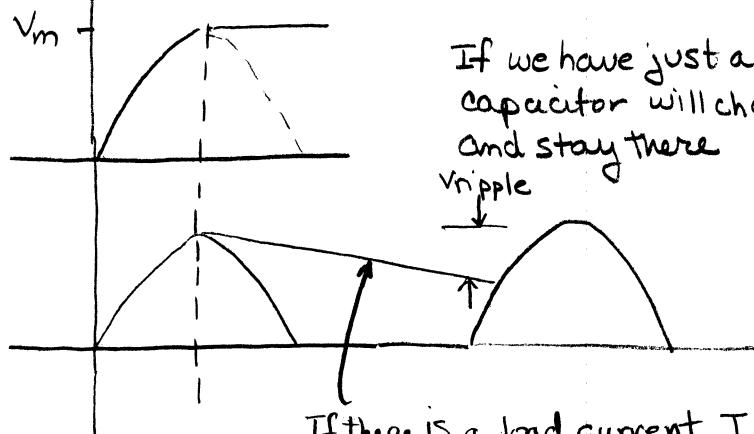
If you would actually measure  $v_L(t)$  with a scope in the lab you would see



# Simple half wave rectifier circuit (in power supplies, AM radio detectors)



this is what we would see if we had a resistor load.



If we have just a  $C$  as a load the capacitor will change up to  $V_m$  and stay there

$V_{\text{ripple}}$

If there is a load current  $I_L$  this will act to discharge the capacitor.

Since capacitor is already at  $+V_m$  there will be no current flow thru diode.

Let's estimate the voltage drop - called ripple - for a half-wave rectifier with smoothing capacitor.

charge removed from capacitor

$$\Delta Q \approx I_L T$$

approximate by period,  $\frac{1}{60\text{Hz}}$ .  
average load current

definition of capacitance

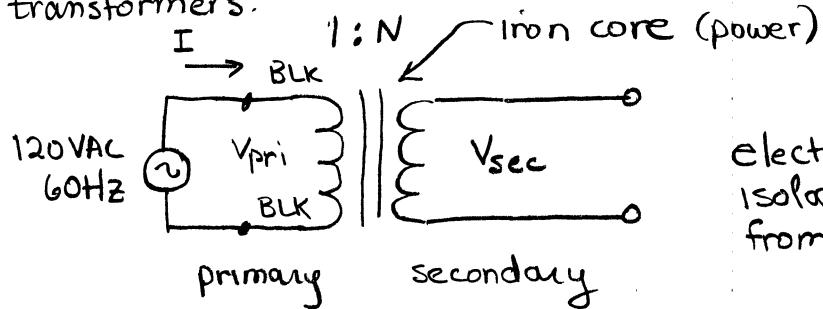
$$C = \frac{Q}{V} \quad \text{or} \quad Q = CV$$

differentiating  
 $\Delta Q = C \Delta V$

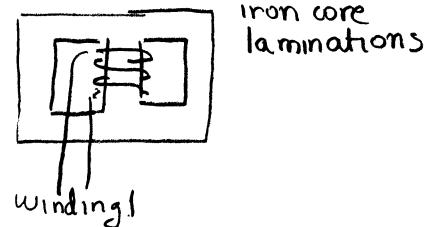
$$\therefore I_L T = C \Delta V$$

$$\therefore C = \frac{I_L T}{\Delta V}$$

Power supplies usually actually use full-wave rectifier or bridge rectifier circuits. To study these we need to look at transformers.



Electrically isolated from power lines



$$V_{\text{sec}} = N V_{\text{pri}}$$

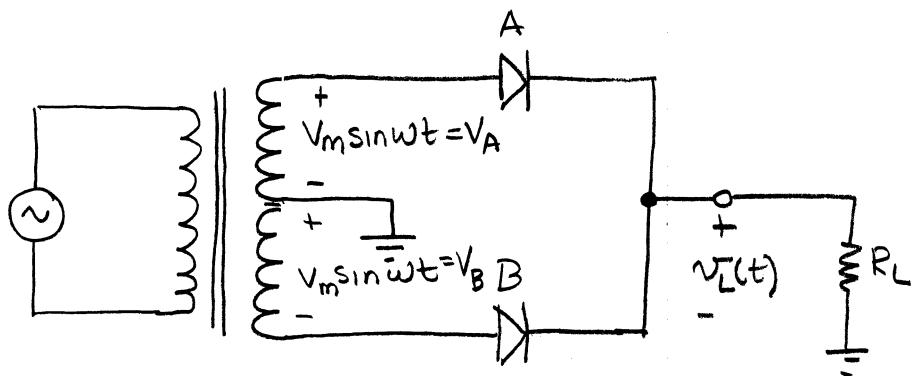
$$I_{\text{sec}} = \frac{1}{N} I_{\text{pri}}$$

$$V_{\text{sec}} I_{\text{sec}} = V_{\text{pri}} I_{\text{pri}}$$

transformers are usually very efficient

Transformers are used for:

- ① changing voltages to more useful voltages efficiently
  - most efficient to transmit power at high voltages
- ② electrical isolation from power lines
  - current can actually flow thru people!
  - can float output
- ③ impedance matching

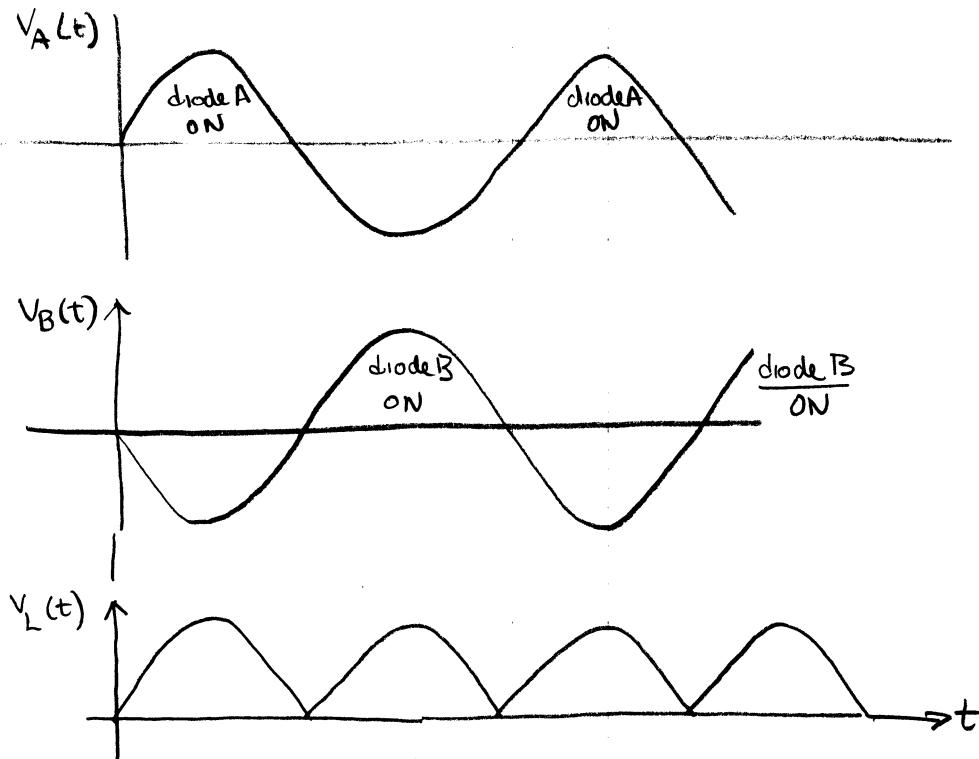


this is called a center-tap

The magnetic fields are in the same direction  
so the output looks like two sinusoidal sources  
in series.

When  $V_A > 0$  diode A conducts, but  $V_B < 0$  as seen  
by diode B so diode B is OFF

When  $V_B > 0$  as seen by diode B it is conducting,  
but at that time  $V_A < 0$

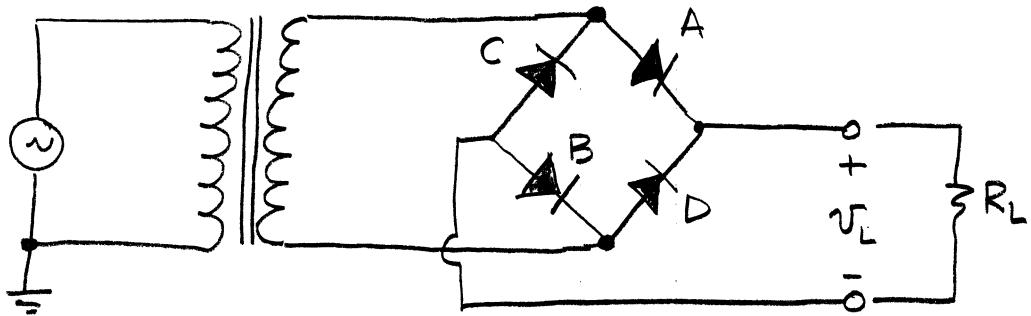


Much less "ripple" than half-wave rectifier

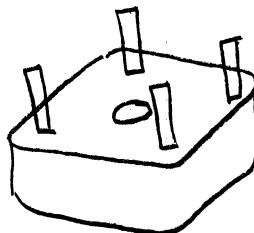
problems

1. requires center tapped transformer

diode bridge

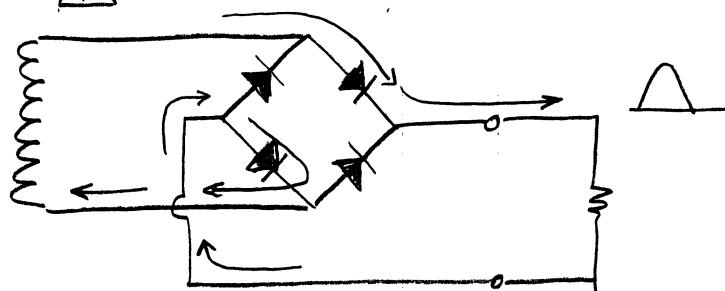


full wave rectifier without center-tapped transformer

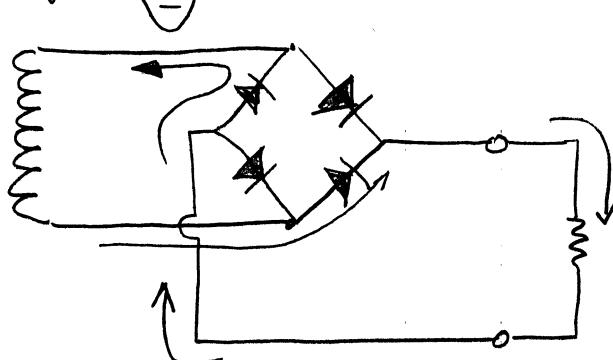


commercial diode bridge

positive half-cycle  $(+)$



negative half-cycle  $(-)$



## Design choices p.712 - 715

- ① ripple - full-wave to reduce ripple capacitor size
- ② maximum load current
  - diode peak current
  - diode surge current  
(diode PRV)
  - transformer current

### Example 10.8

design 5V DC @ 1A

line voltage 105 - 130 V rms

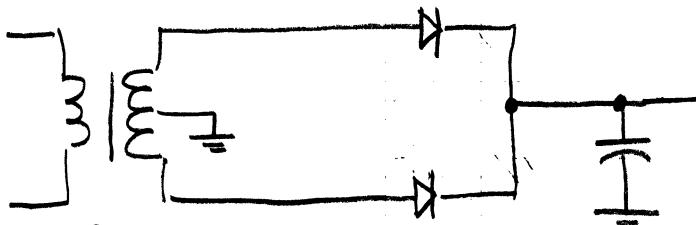
regulator  $\pm 10\%$  voltage tolerance, max dropout 2.5V

minimum allowed input to regulator to prevent dropout

$$\underbrace{5 \times 1.1}_{\text{upper limit of regulator}} + 2.5V = 8V$$

We will design power supply/filter to produce this.

- ① use diode bridge



- ② select transformer current rating

$$\text{Fig. 10.37(c)} \quad I_{t,\text{rms}} \cong 1.2 I_{L,\text{avg.}}$$

since  $I_L = 1A \Rightarrow I_{t,\text{rms}} = 1.2A$  pick larger transformer, maybe 1.5A

③ pick diodes. Look at 1N400x series.

identical except for PRV from 50V to 1000V.

since low voltage supply pick 1N4001

Power supply is 1A out average

$\Rightarrow$  each diode should be  $\frac{1}{2}$  A average forward current

However, peak currents several times larger.

measurements from test circuit give  
peak diode currents 5-20A

data sheet says  $V_{\text{diode}} \approx 1.5$  Volts for these currents.

④ Pick transformer voltage.

transformer resistance causes voltage drop

$\Rightarrow$  allow 10% drop near load current rating

$$\underbrace{V_{\text{oC, peak}}}_{\substack{\text{transformer} \\ \text{secondary}}} = \underbrace{V_{L, \text{min}}}_{\substack{\text{use 9 rather} \\ \text{than 8 for} \\ \text{device tolerance}}} + \underbrace{V_{\text{diode}}}_{\substack{1.5V \\ @ \text{peak} \\ \text{currents}}} + \underbrace{V_r}_{\substack{\text{ripple} \\ V_{r, \text{p-p}} \\ = 2V}} + \underbrace{V_{\text{drop}}}_{\substack{\text{transformer} \\ \text{resistance} \\ \approx 1V}}$$

$$V_{\text{oC, peak}} = 9 + 1.5 + 2 + 1 = 13.5 \text{ Volts peak.}$$

Worse case: 105 input (lowest) producing 13.5V peak (max).

At 120 Volts this transformer would produce

$$V_{\text{oC, peak}} = 13.5 \times \frac{120}{105} = 15.4 \text{ Volts.}$$

$$V_{\text{oC, rms}} = 15.4 (0.707) \approx 10.9 \text{ Volts.}$$

For  $\pm 10\%$  regulation we pick minimum as  $10.9 - 1.09 \approx 9.9$  V.

$\Rightarrow$  we need at 9.9V rms transformer.

(19.8V CT)

⑤ Now select capacitor

P-P ripple is 2 Volts

$$C = \frac{I_L T}{2 V_r} = \frac{(1A) (60)}{2 (2)} = 4167 \mu F$$

What is voltage rating

If we use an 10 volt transformer, 1.5A sec, with 10% regulation

From Example 10.7 Transformer model

$$\frac{V_{oc} - V_{fl}}{V_{fl}} \times 100\% = 10\%$$

regulation of transformer

$V_{fl} = 10 \text{ Volts rms}$  (i.e. full load voltage)

Then  $V_{oc} \approx 11 \text{ Volts rms}$  (15.6 Volts peak).

Use peak value under worse case

$$15.6 \left( \frac{130}{120} \right) = 16.9 \text{ Volts.}$$

∴ use 20V capacitors

### Computer model

$$R_T = \frac{V_{oc} - V_{fl}}{I} = 0.67 \Omega$$

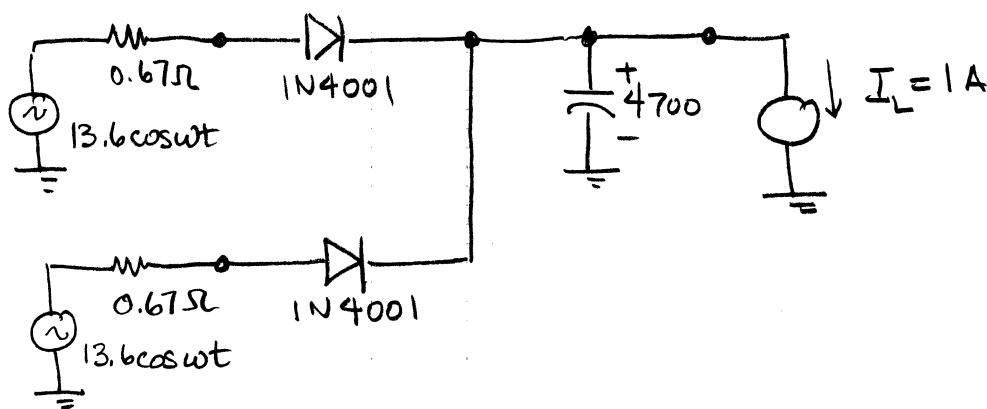
$$R_T = \frac{11 - 10}{1.5} = 0.67 \Omega$$

$$R_T = 0.67 \Omega$$

use xfrm worse case  
i.e. 105 V.

Then peak reduces to

$$15.6 \left( \frac{105}{120} \right) = 13.6$$



## Thevenin

Reading T&R 3.4 (pgs. 105 - 109) Thevenin, Norton  
(pgs. 115 - 118) non-linear loads  
4.2 (pgs. 163 - 164) circuits w/ dependent sources.

Possible problems.

4.4, 4.5

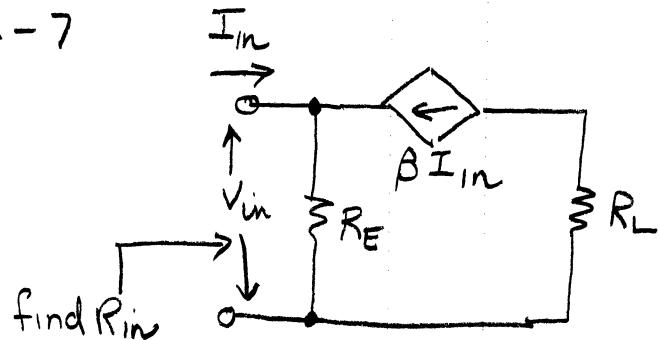
Hambley problems: 3.17 (Ideal diode model)  
3.20, 3.24 (Rectifier Circuits)  
3.22, 3.35 (Wave-shaping circuit)  
D3.38 (Design a clamp)

## Thevenin Equivalent Circuits

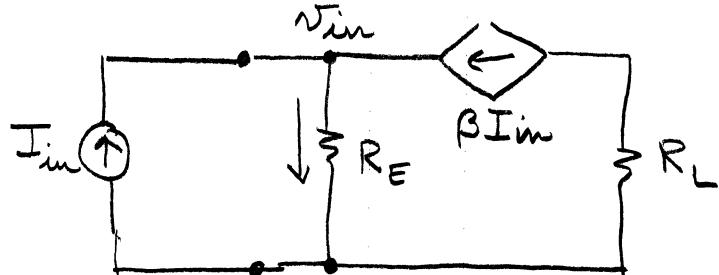
For circuits with active (controlled) circuits  
leave independent sources ON or use external test circuit,

⇒ find open circuit voltage  
short circuit current

Example 4-7



Use a test source, calculate  $V_{in}$ . Then  $R_{in} = \frac{V_{in}}{I_{in}}$

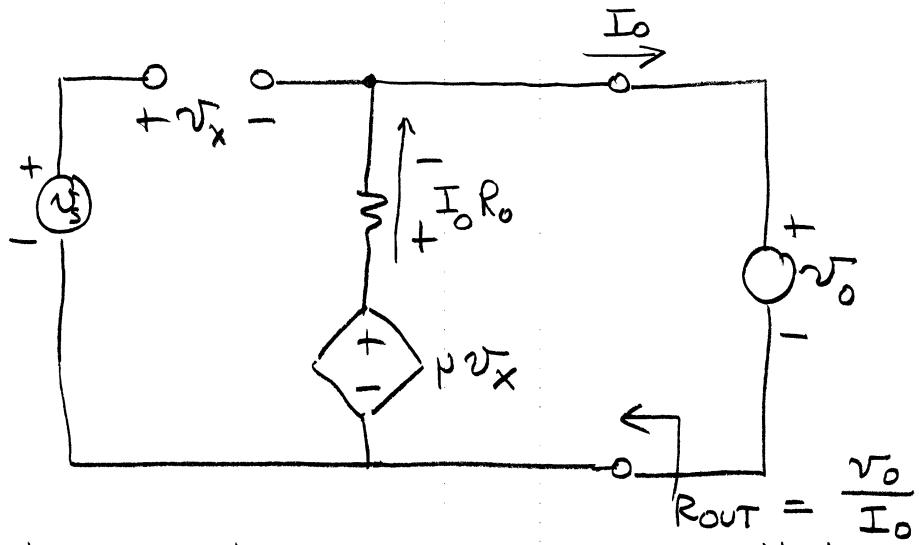


use KCL at input.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum i &= 0 \\ + I_{in} + \beta I_{in} - \frac{V_{in}}{R_E} &= 0 \\ (\beta + 1) I_{in} &= \frac{V_{in}}{R_E} \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{in} = \frac{V_{in}}{I_{in}} = (\beta + 1) R_E$$

### Example 4-8



Can't use a test current source - try it!

do KVL on inner loop

$$-\mu v_x + I_o R_o + v_o = 0$$

↑ get rid of this variable  
by doing outer loop.

$$-v_s + v_x + v_o = 0$$

Eliminate  $v_x$

$$-\mu(v_s - v_o) + I_o R_o + v_o = 0$$

$$-\mu v_s + \mu v_o + I_o R_o + v_o = 0$$

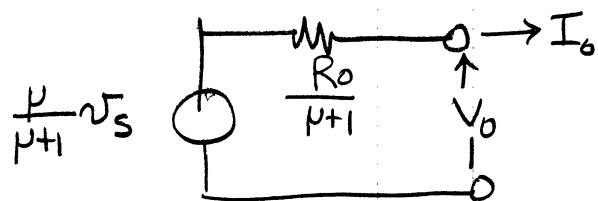
$$-\mu v_s + (\mu + 1)v_o + I_o R_o = 0$$

Since voltage source try writing  $v_o$

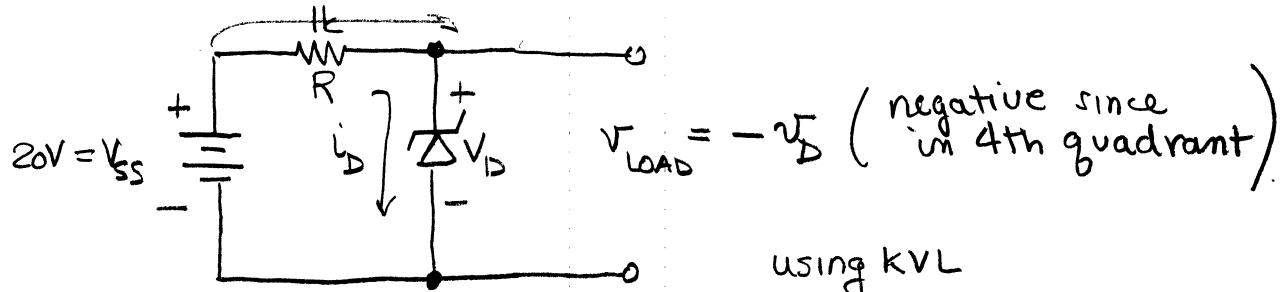
$$v_o = \underbrace{\frac{\mu}{\mu+1} v_s}_{\text{looks like a voltage source}} - I_o \underbrace{\frac{R_o}{\mu+1}}_{\text{looks like a resistance}}$$

looks like a resistance.

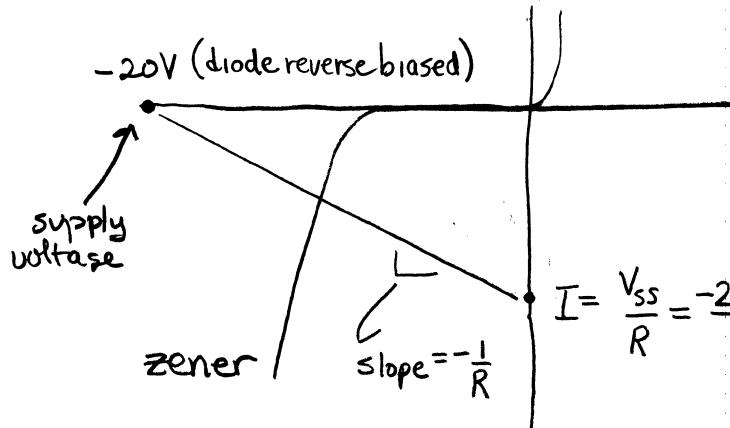
looks like a voltage source



### Sect. 3.7 Zener diode voltage regulator



use load line analysis to find operating current.

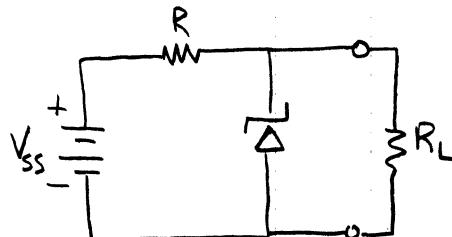


Zener operates in 3rd quadrant

If you know  $V_z$ , the zener voltage, the supply voltage, and  $R$  you can always calculate  $I$ .

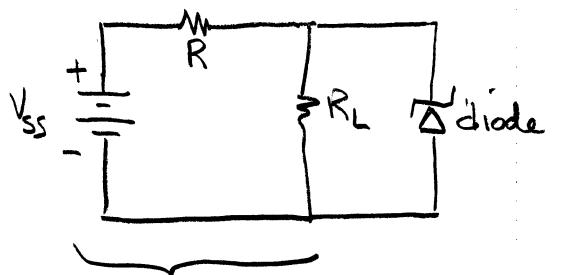
However if we must design a zener diode voltage regulator for a known load.

Practical circuit

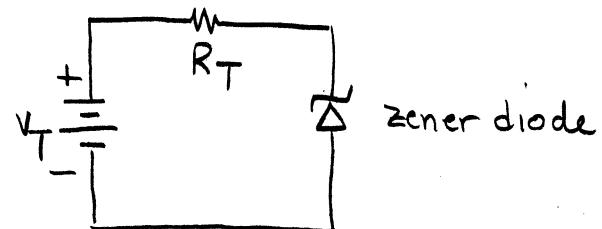


This represents the load. If  $R_L \rightarrow \infty$  all current goes through the zener.

solution method



collect resistors & thenvenize



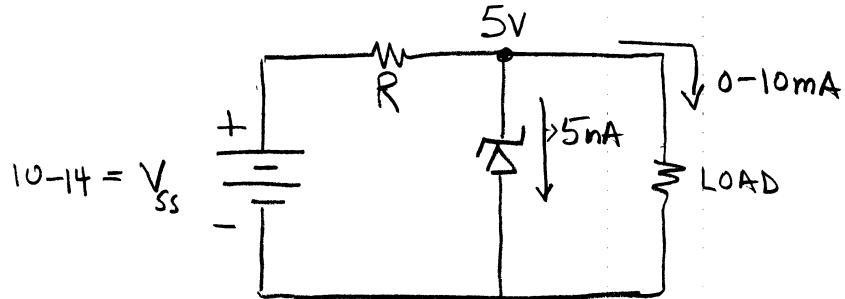
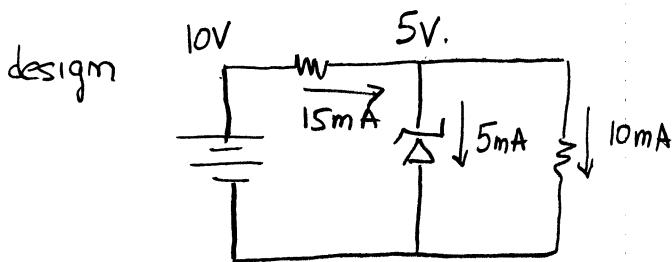
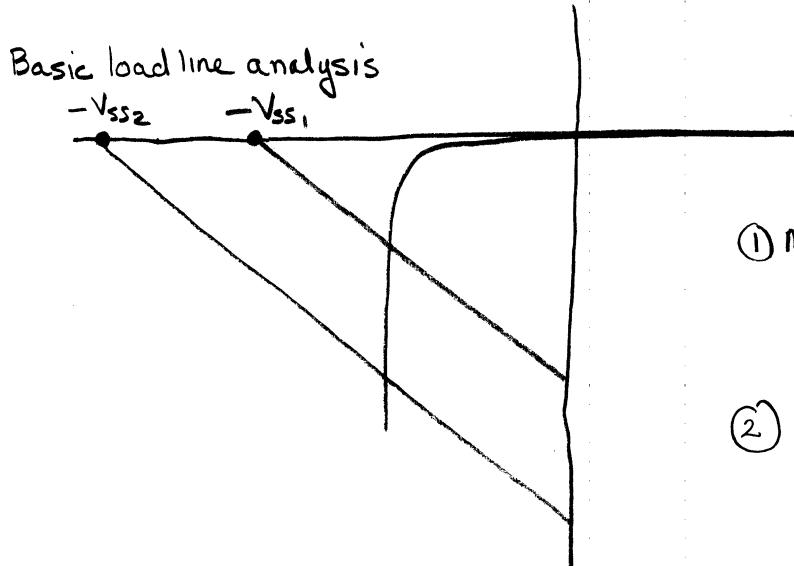
The design works best for relatively constant loads. If  $R_L$  should change this poses problems.

Prob

3.46 Design 5V zener diode regulator

operates from a source that varies 10-14V

load current varies from 0-10mA

Determine R so that  $|I_d| \geq 5\text{ mA}$ Consider that  $V_D = \text{constant } +5\text{ Volts}$ . $R$  is fixed

- ① minimum current for lowest  $V_{ss}$ . This should have been intuitive.
- ② Minimum  $I_d$  occurs when  $I_L = \text{maximum}$ . Since  $V_D$  is constant the total current is constant.  
If  $I_L = 0$  then  $I_d = 15\text{ mA}$   
If  $I_L = 10\text{ mA}$  then  $I_d = 5\text{ mA}$ .

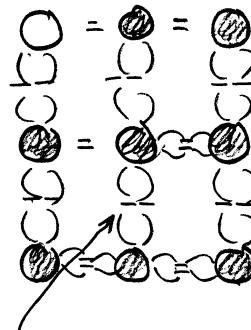
$$\textcircled{3} \quad R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{10V - 5V}{15\text{ mA}} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ k} = 330\Omega$$

### 3.9 Basic Semiconductor Concepts

- most semiconductor devices are silicon although others are possible

intrinsic silicon crystal

4 atoms in outermost valence band



covalent bonds

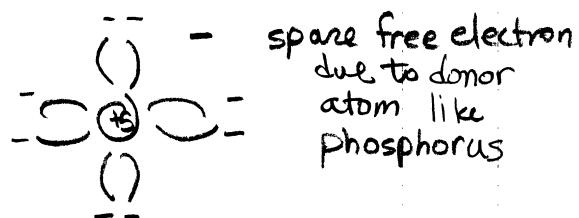
Thermal energy can break bond

fixed vacancy

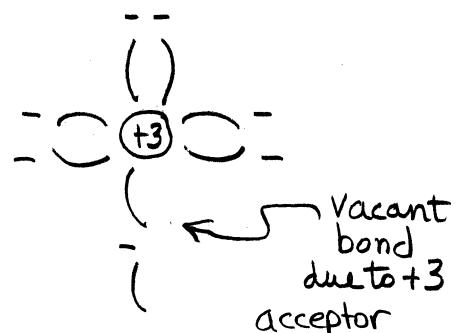
free electron

free electrons & holes generated by thermal energy  $\rightarrow$  better conduction at (when a free electron encounters a hole recombination) high T's occurs.

n-type semiconductor



p-type semiconductor



charge = 0

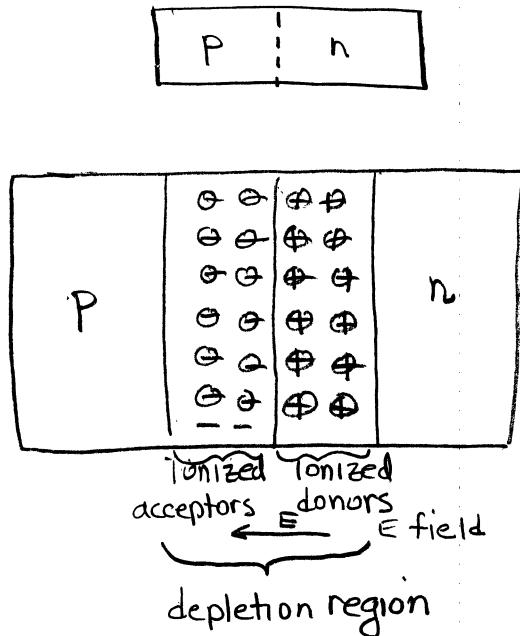
$$n = p + N_D$$

free electrons	holes	<u>donor concentration</u>
		this is what tips the balance

$$p = N_A + n$$

holes	ionized acceptor atoms	free electrons
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### 3.10 unbiased p-n junction

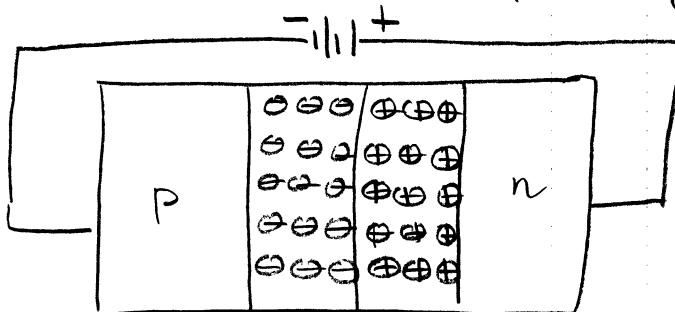


When we put the p & n materials together diffusion occurs

excess holes  $p \rightarrow n$   
free electrons  $p \leftarrow n$

The result is that the bound charges remain.

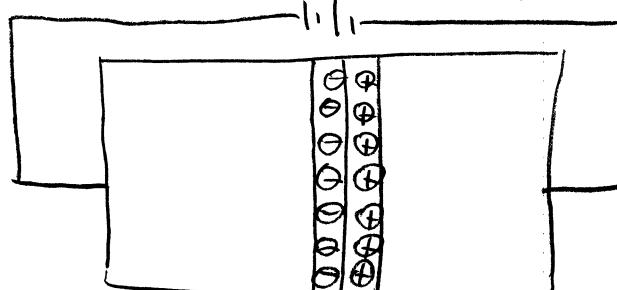
If we reverse bias the depletion region increases.



reverse bias pulls out the carries.

Increases the electric field making it harder for current to flow.

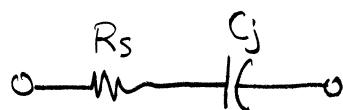
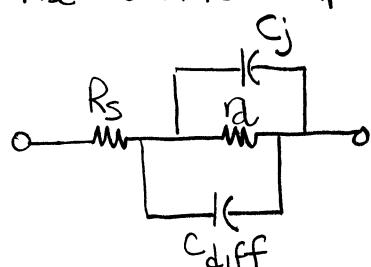
If we forward bias the depletion region decreases.



$C_{diff}$  = forward bias

$C_j$  = depletion capacitance

Gives rise to more complete diode model.

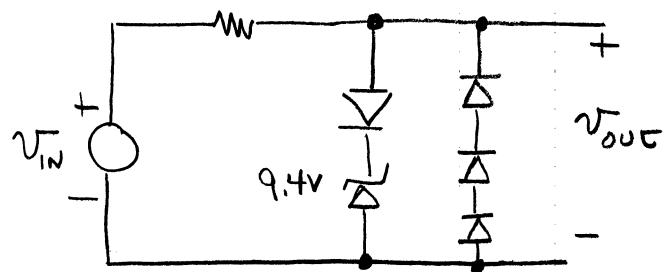


$R_s$  = bulk ohmic resistance

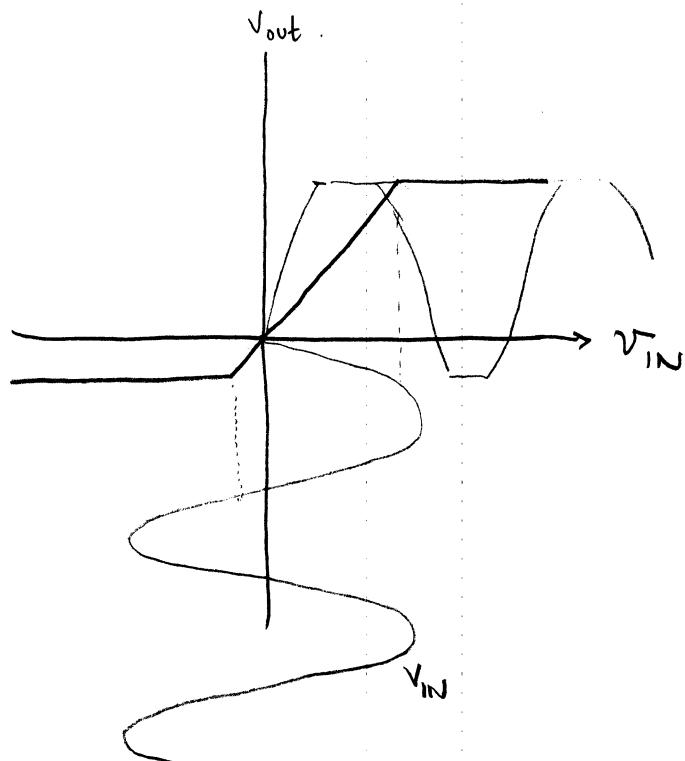
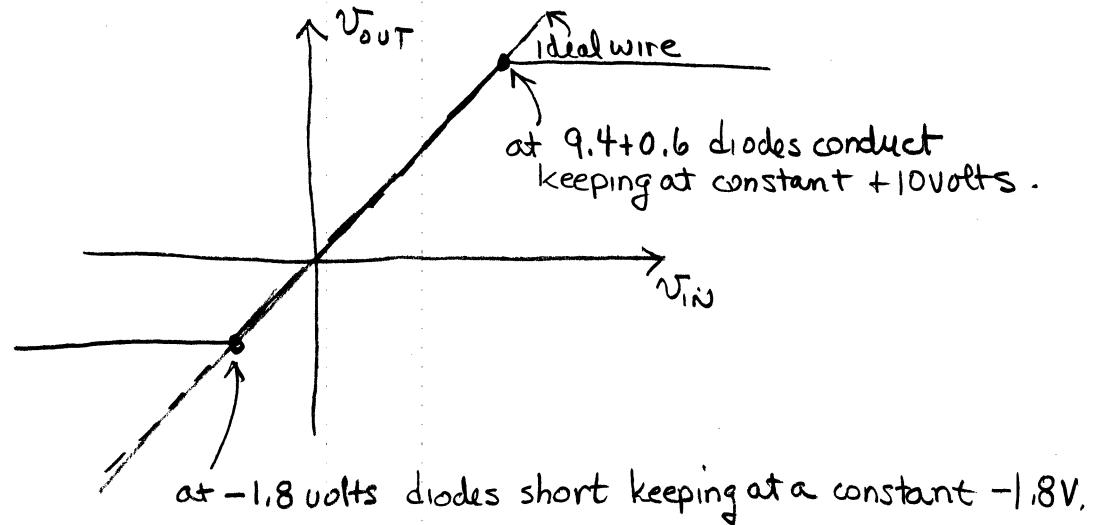
$r_d$  = dynamic resistance

## Clippers, Clamps, Diode Logic

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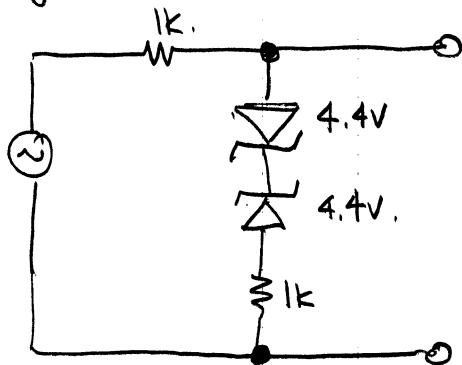


Assume ideal diodes with 0.6 Volt offsets.

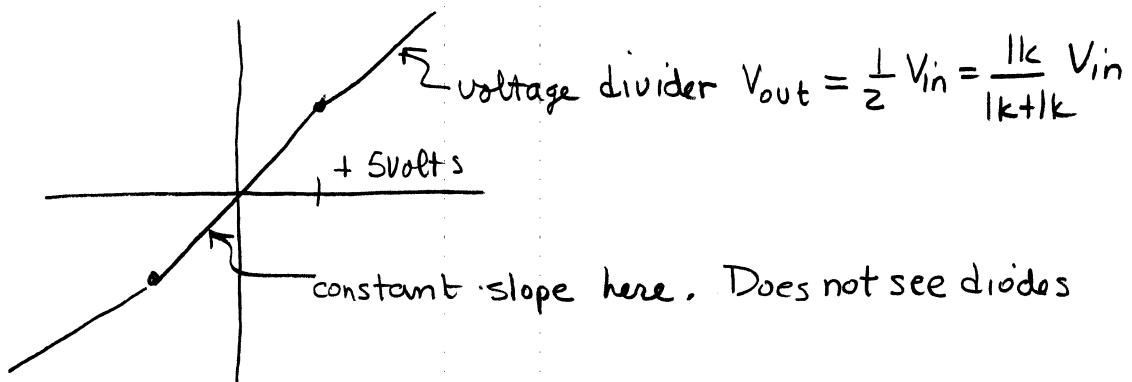


diodes can also change slope.

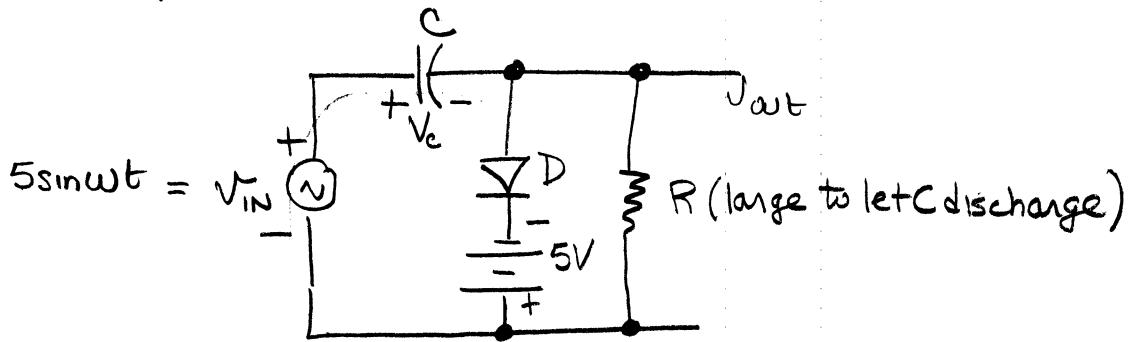
3.7(b)



What do the zeners do : conduct in forward direction with 0.6 V drop and in reverse direction at 4.4 volts.

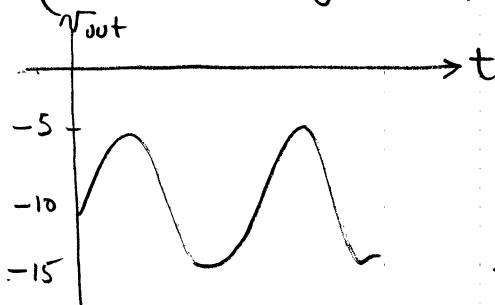


Clamps are circuits which insert DC components.



The capacitor is initially charged by the battery to +5 through D

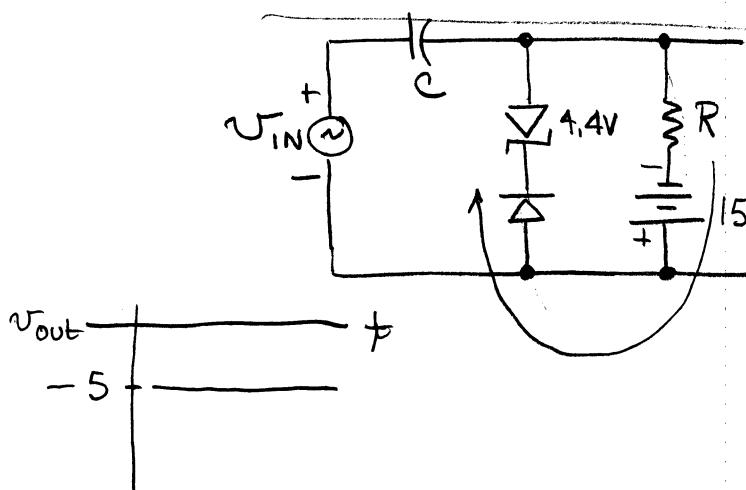
If  $V_{IN}$  increases above 5 volts, the diode conducts and  $V_C$  will charge to the peak input value. It (c) charges to the peak value of the input + 5 volts



Capacitor always charges to  $V_{peak}$  of input

$$\text{i.e. } V_C = V_p + V_R$$

If  $V_{peak} = 5$  volts then we get this output.



similar to above circuit but battery causes current flow through diodes. Diodes have a voltage drop which is  $0.6 + 4.4 = 5$  volts and is in parallel with C Thus, C charges up to +5 volts as above from battery.

However,  $V_{IN}$  does not forward bias diode

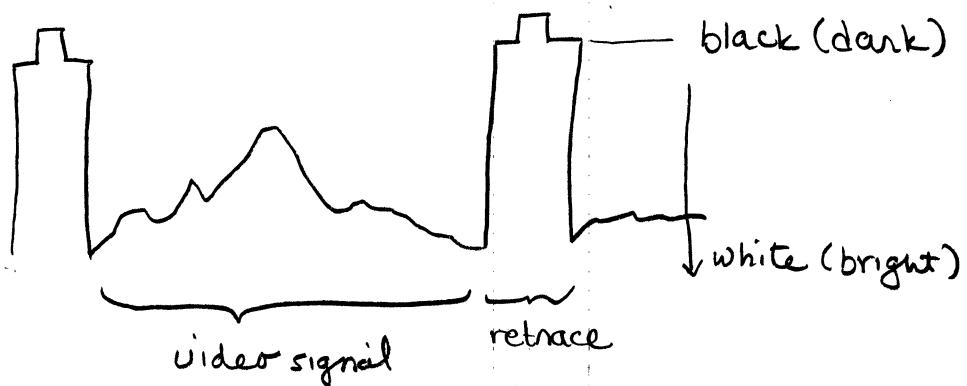
That is done by the 15 volt battery. Thus,

the battery keeps the diode branch at about 5 volts through a parallel branch.

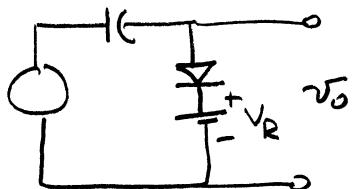
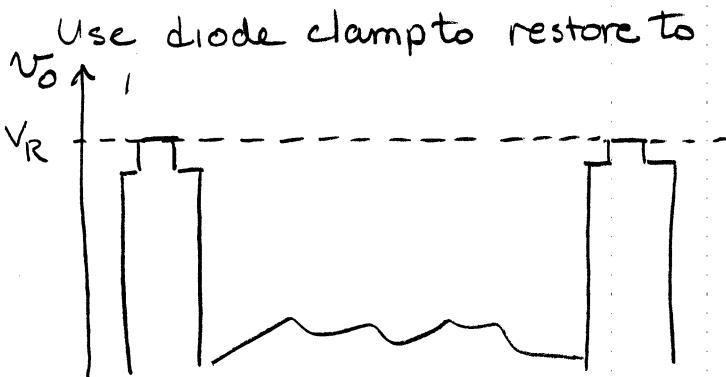
The difference between the two circuits is whether the battery is in series with  $V_{IN}$ .

## Some exotic diode applications for a clamp

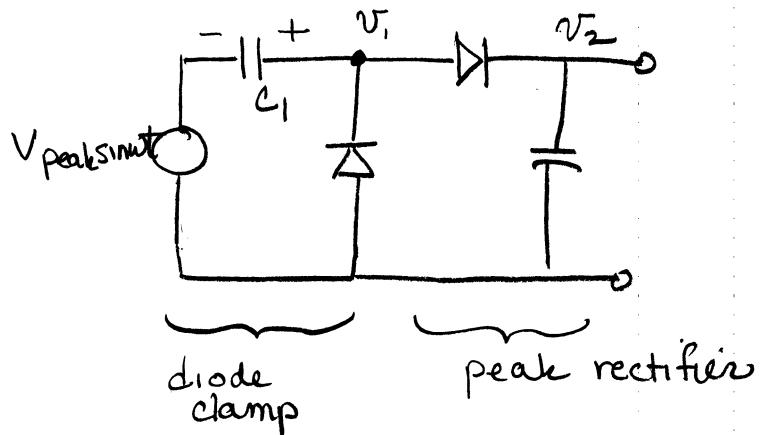
DC restoration in television circuits



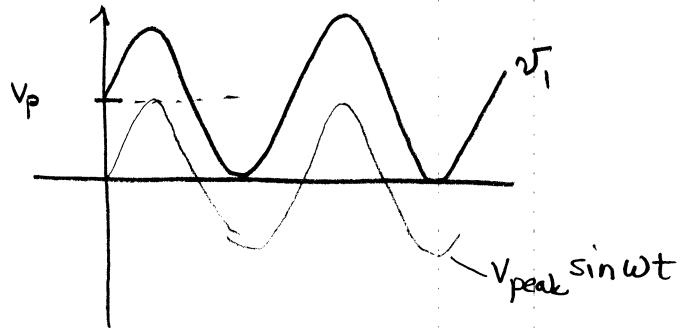
Running a video signal through an ac amplifier will shift its DC level. Yet television uses DC level to establish brightness. Use a clamp to restore proper DC levels.



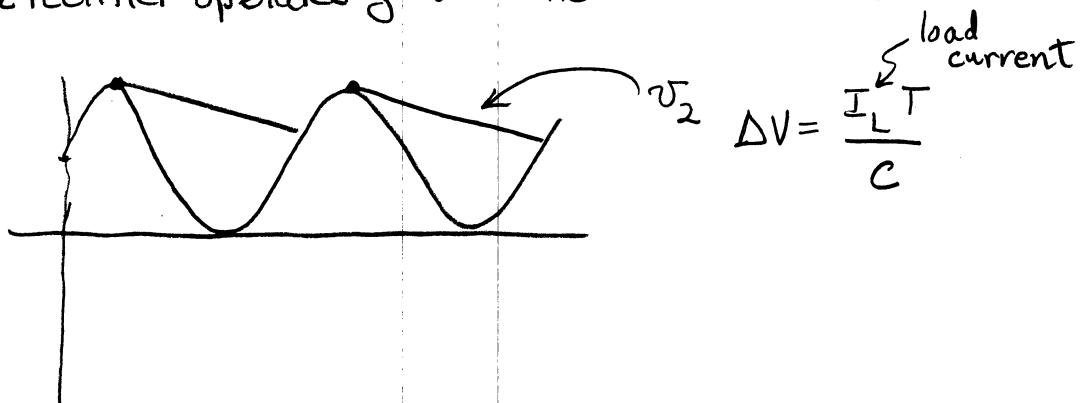
### Voltage doubler



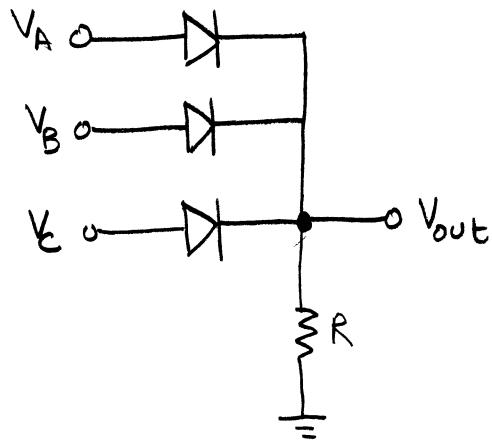
diode clamp charges to  $+V_{peak}$  as shown.  
This shifts ac waveform up as shown.



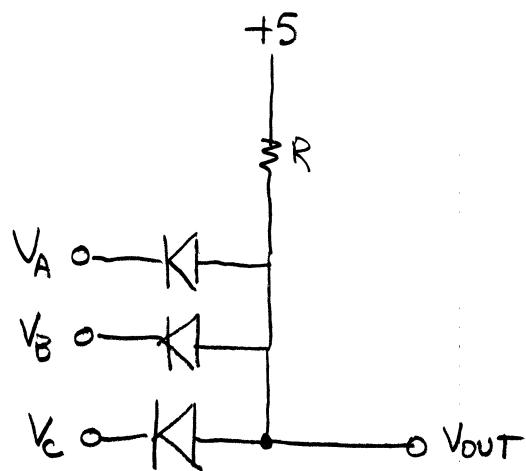
The peak rectifier operates just as discussed earlier.



## diode logic circuits



If  $V_A$  OR  $V_B$  OR  $V_C$  = +5 volts then  $V_{out} = 5$  volts else  $V_{out} = 0$ ,

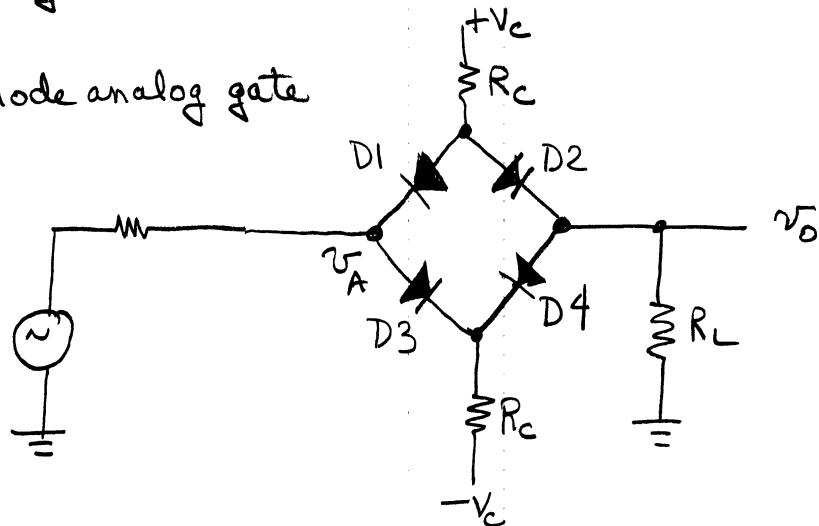


If  $V_A$  AND  $V_B$  AND  $V_C$  = +5 volts then  $V_{out} = +5$  volts else  $V_{out} = 0$

## diode analog switches

usually done with transistors but diodes are faster

four-diode analog gate

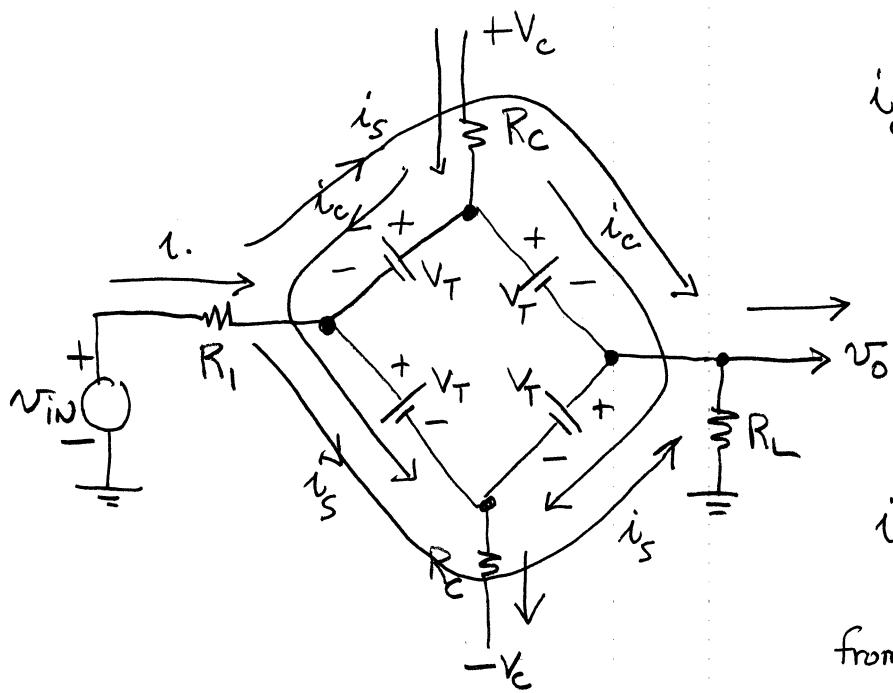


If  $V_c > 0$  then all diodes forward biased.

$$\text{and } v_o = v_A$$

If  $v_c < 0$  then diodes OFF (reversed biased and no output).

There are some restrictions such that the diodes remain forward biased.



$$i_c = \frac{2V_c - 2V_T}{2R_c} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

each current is  $\frac{1}{2}$   
since it splits

$$i_s = \frac{2v_{in}}{R_1 + R_L \parallel \frac{R_c}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

from  $R_1$  load looks like  
 $R_L \parallel \frac{1}{2} R_c$

Condition is that  $i_s < i_c$  in D1 and D4.  
for

## 1.6 Power Supplies and Efficiency

$$P_i + P_s = P_o + P_d$$

↑ power dissipated  
↑ output power  
↑ power from power supply  
↓ input power (usually small).

Efficiency of a power amplifier  $\eta$  is the percentage of the power supply that is converted into output power.

$$\eta = \frac{P_o}{P_s} \times 100\%$$

Example 1.4.

Power input to amplifier =  $10^{-11}$  watts.

Output voltage is 8V rms into 8 ohms.

$$P_o = \frac{V_o^2}{R_L} = \frac{(8)^2}{8} = 8 \text{ watts.}$$

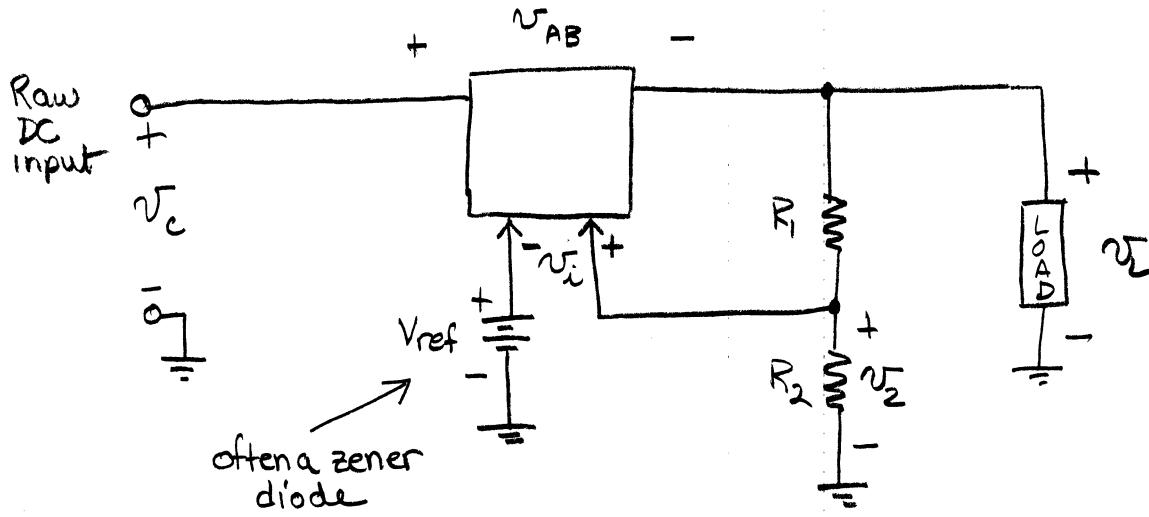
Power supply is supplying +15V @ 1A, -15V @  $\frac{1}{2}$  A

$$P_s = (15)(1) + (15)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 22.5 \text{ watts.}$$

$$\eta = \frac{8}{22.5} = 35.6\% \quad \text{typical stereo amplifier}$$

## 10.5 Linear Voltage Regulator

Series voltage regulator



$$V_L = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_{ref} \quad \beta = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \text{ voltage divider ratio}$$

$$V_i = \beta V_L - V_{ref}$$

Model the regulator as an amplifier (voltage)

$$V_{AB} = A V_i$$

$$V_{AB} = A(\beta V_L - V_{ref})$$

From input to output

$$V_c = V_{AB} + V_L$$

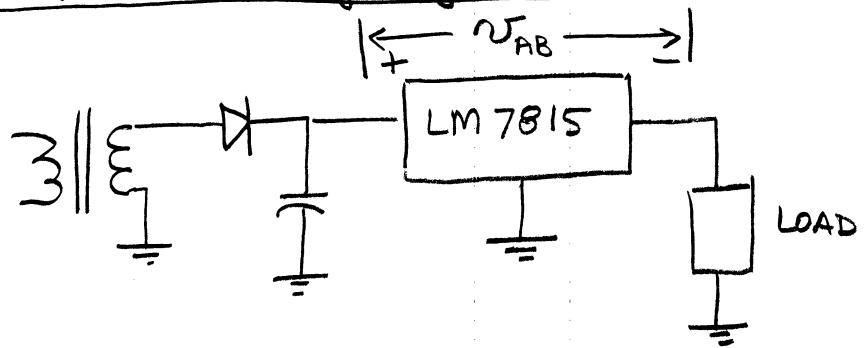
$$V_c = A(\beta V_L - V_{ref}) + V_L$$

Solve for  $V_L$        $V_c = A\beta V_L - AV_{ref} + V_L$

$$V_L = \frac{V_c}{A\beta + 1} + \frac{AV_{ref}}{A\beta + 1}$$

If  $A\beta \gg 1$        $V_L \approx \frac{V_{ref}}{\beta}$

## Integrated Circuit Voltage Regulators



Good for nominal output voltages of 2.6V to 15V.

minimum  $V_{AB}$  is known as the dropout voltage

Linear voltage regulators require  $V_{AB} \geq$  minimum

This comes from regulator specs. Typically 2 to 2.5V  
for 78xx.

## Diode Currents

When the capacitor is initially being charged there is a surge current.

As a result we must select diode for surge current.

IN4002 is rated for 30A surge for one cycle.

Steady state diode current is given by sum of

- (1) load current
- (2) regulator
  - (a) feedback network
  - (b) voltage reference
  - (c) power to electronics (amplifier)

Peak current is usually several times steady state value.  
(5-20)

Transformer current rating should be several times average.  
Remember winding resistance in modeling.