

# ENEE 236

## Solutions to problems ON Diodes & Applications

Q5.a

$I = 0 \text{ mA}$  since diode is reverse biased

b.  $V_{20\Omega} = 20 - 0.7 = 19.3 \text{ V}$  since diode is  
 $I = 19.3/20 = 0.965 \text{ A}$  forward biased

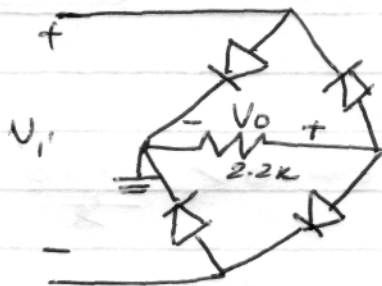
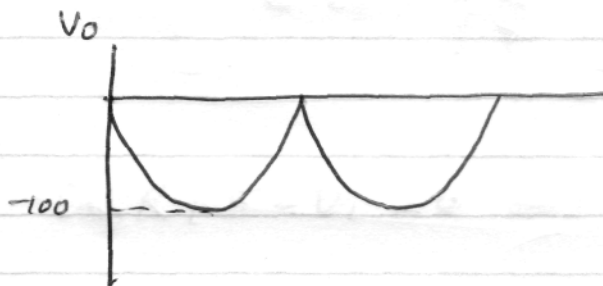
c.  $I = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{10\Omega} = 1 \text{ A}$  since center branch is  
open

Q7. (a)  $V_o = \frac{2\text{K}}{2\text{K}+2\text{K}} (20 - 0.7 - 0.3) = 9.5 \text{ V}$  (since both  
diodes are ON)

(b)  $I = \frac{10 + 2 - 0.7}{1.2\text{K} + 4.7\text{K}}$ , since diode is ON and  
by writing KVL for the  
 $= \frac{11.3 \text{ V}}{5.9\text{K}\Omega} = 1.915 \text{ mA}$  loop

$$V_o = I \cdot R - 2 \text{ V} = 1.915 \text{ mA} \cdot 4.7\text{K} - 2 \text{ V} = 7 \text{ V}$$

Q29.



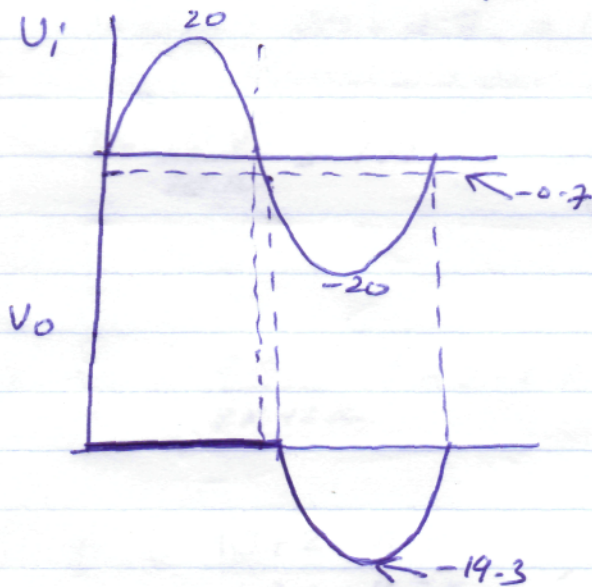
$$\text{PIV} \geq 100 \text{ V}$$

Q32 a. 1) Diode open for  $U_i < 0 \Rightarrow V_o = 0$

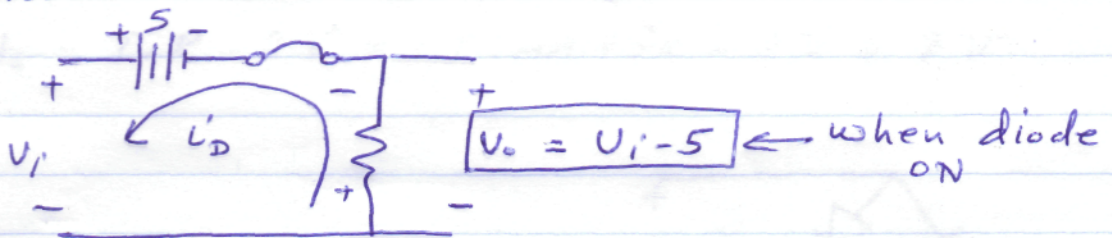
2) For  $-20 < U_i \leq -0.7$  V diode ON  $\Rightarrow V_o = U_i + 0.7$

for example for  $U_i = -20 \Rightarrow V_o = -20 + 0.7 = -19.3$

for  $U_i = -0.7 \Rightarrow V_o = -0.7 + 0.7 = 0V$



b) 1) Assume diode ON

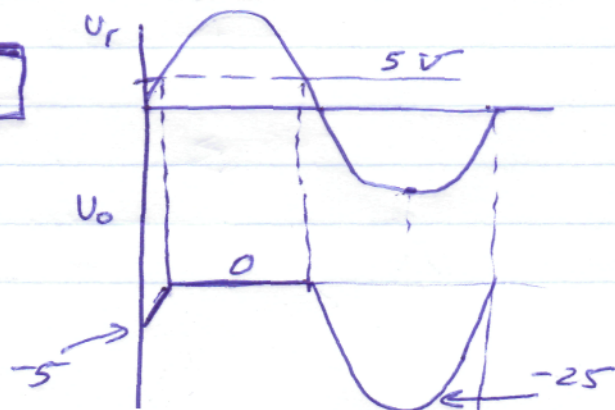


$$-i_D \cdot R + 5 - U_i = 0 \Rightarrow i_D = \frac{5 - U_i}{R} > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$5 - U_i > 0 \Rightarrow U_i < 5$  results in diode being ON

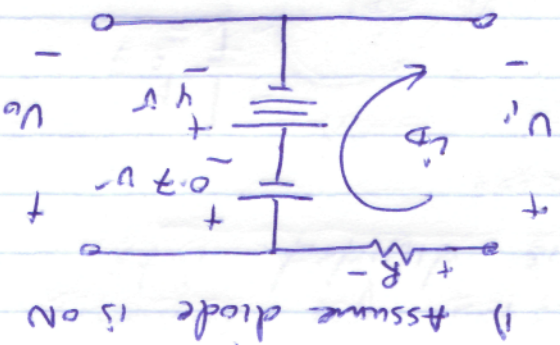
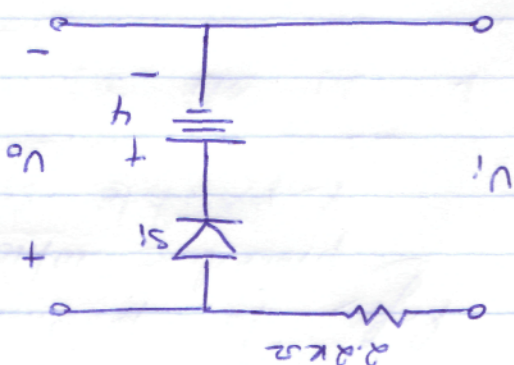
2) otherwise, when  $U_i > 5$  diode is off &  $\Rightarrow$

$$V_o = 0$$



Q35.

(a)



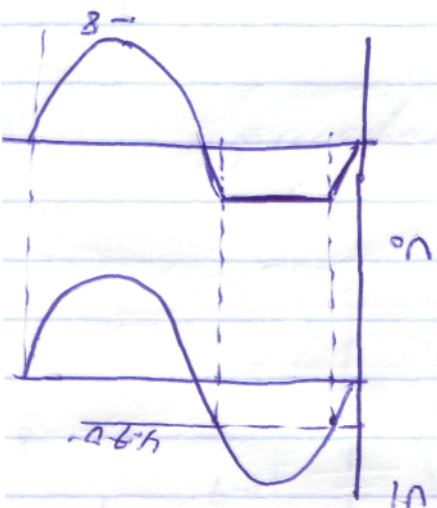
1) Assume diode is ON

$$V_i - I_D R - 0.7 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow I_D = \frac{V_i - 4.7}{R} > 0$$

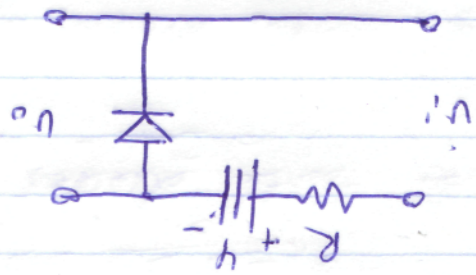
$V_i - 4.7 > 0 \Rightarrow V_i > 4.7$  diode is ON

&  $V_o = 4.7V$   
 2) otherwise diode is off &  $V_o = V_i$

$$\boxed{V_o = V_i}$$

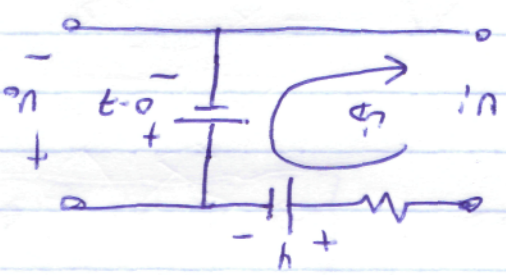


(b)



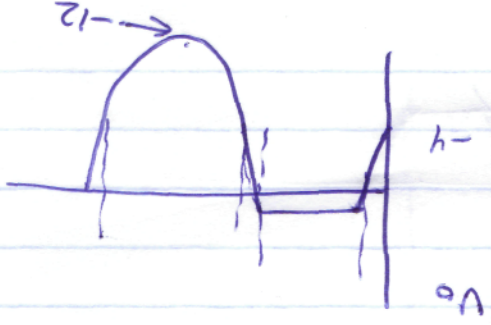
1) assume diode is ON  $\Rightarrow$

$$V_i - I_D R - 4 = 0$$



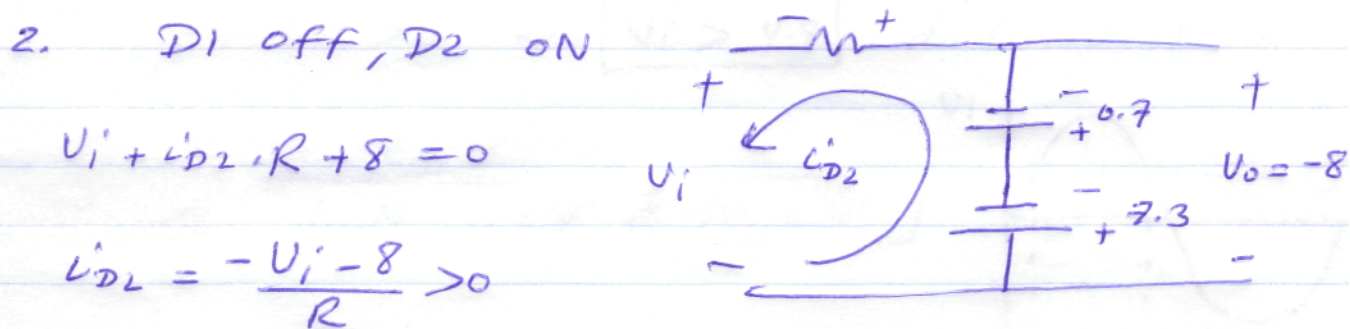
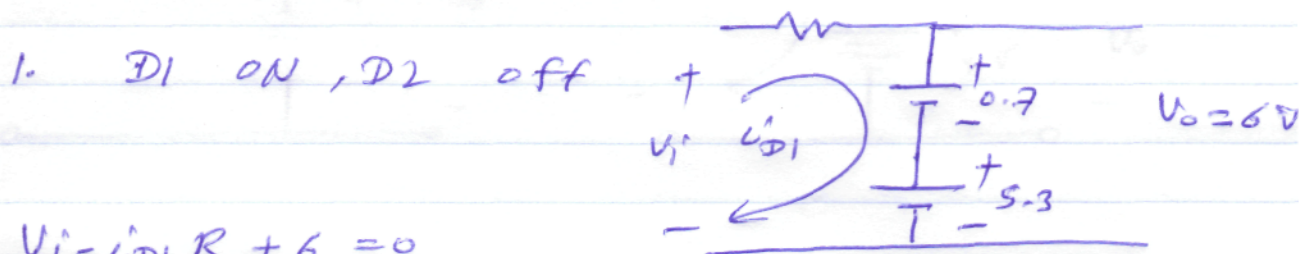
$I_D = \frac{V_i - 4.7}{R} \Rightarrow V_i > 4.7$  diode will be ON &  $V_o = 0.7$

2) otherwise when  $V_i < 4.7$  diode is off &  $V_o = V_i - 4$





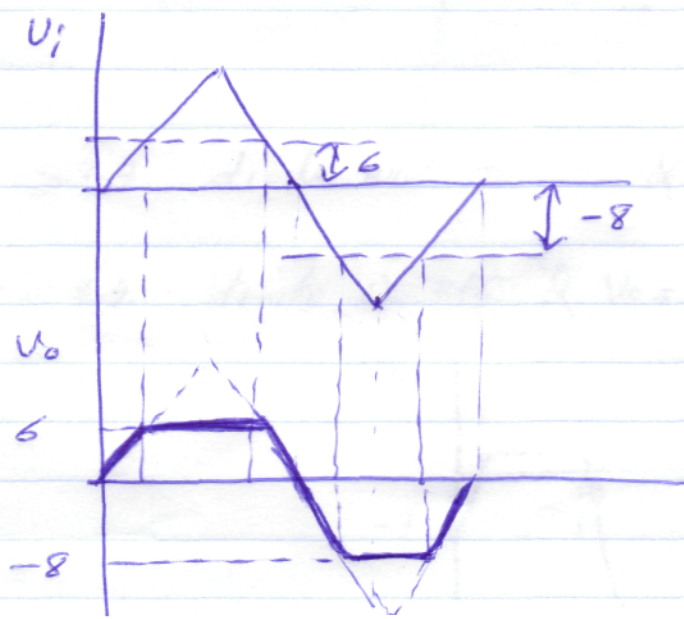
Q36. Refer to lecture notes for solution procedure which is divided into 4 possible scenarios



3. both diodes ON which is impossible

4. both diodes off when  $\boxed{-8 < V_i < 6V}$

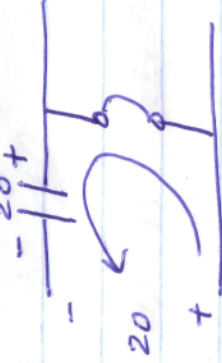
&  $V_o = V_i$





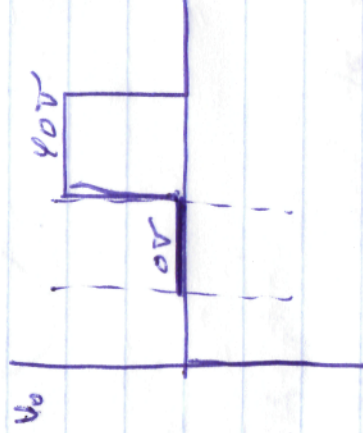
Q37: Both are clamper circuits

(a) Starting with  $V_i = -20V$  diode is ON & C charges to  $-20V$

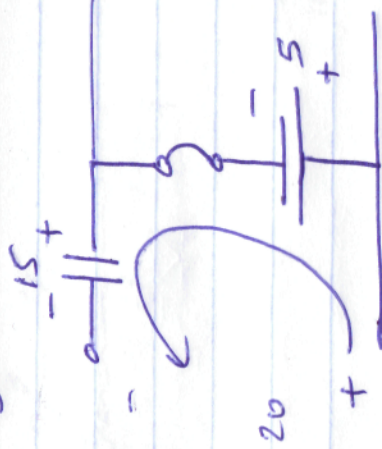


then diode will be off and

$$V_o = V_i + 20$$



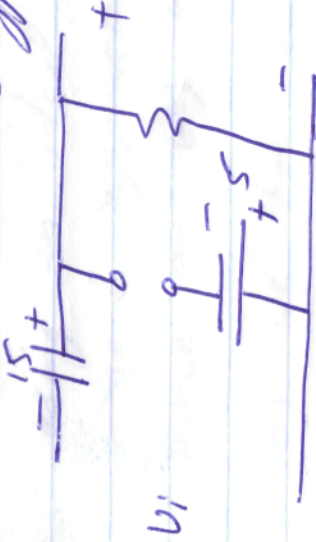
(b) Starting with  $V_i = -20$ , diode will be ON and cap charges to



$-15V$

and  $V_o = -5V$

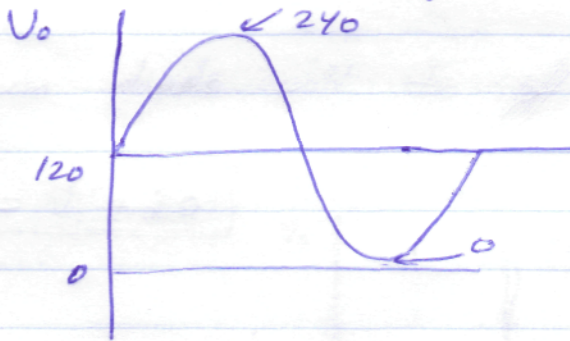
then diode becomes off with  $V_i = 20$  and afterwards



Q38 a) starting with  $U_i < 0$ , diode will be ON and C will be charged to  $-120V$  then diode will be off and

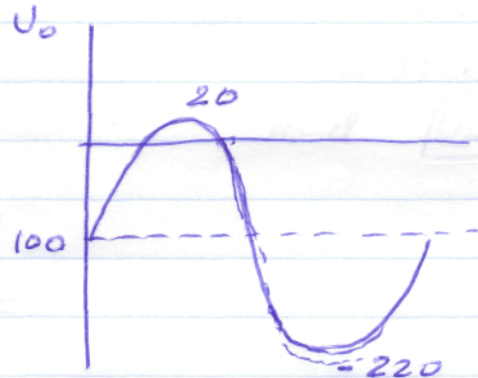
$$V_o = U_i + 120$$

so the waveform  $U_i$  is shifted by  $+120V$



b) starting with positive  $U_i \Rightarrow$  diode is ON and C is charged to  $+100V$ , then diode will be off after that independent of  $U_i$

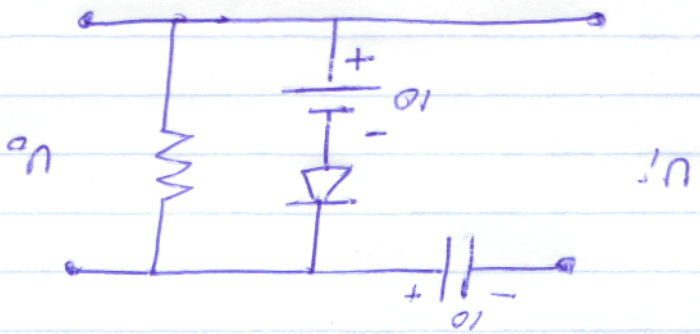
$$V_o = U_i - 100$$



Note using an ideal diode model is a good approximation in both cases since for (a) we have 240 instead of 239.7V & for (b) we have 20 instead of 20.7

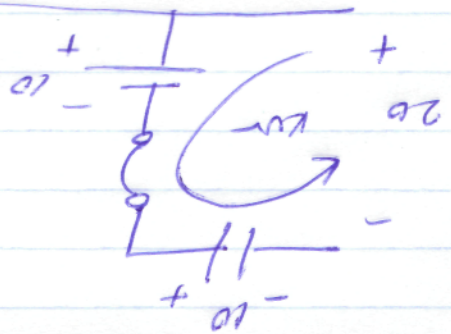


By closely examining both input and output waveforms, it is noted that the  $V_1$  is shifted by  $+10\text{V}$  to get  $V_0$  and this is achieved using a clamper. It can be implemented using a clamper of the following form



By analysis of the proposed clamper

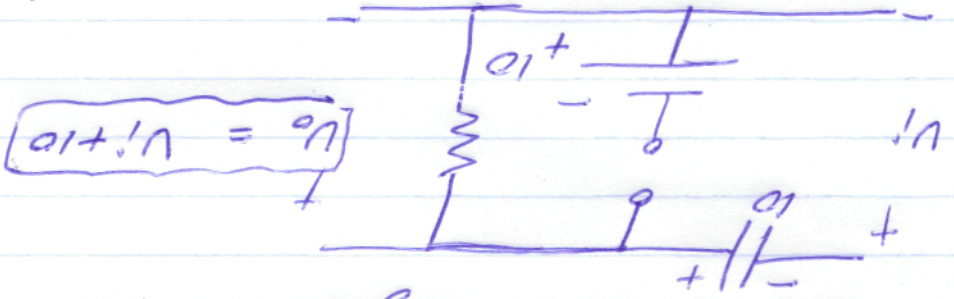
1. when  $V_1 < 0 \Rightarrow V_1 = -20\text{V}$  diode is ON & C is charged to  $-10\text{V}$  which is obtained from the following circuit



$$20 - 10 - V_c(t) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$V_c = 10\text{V} \text{ as shown}$$

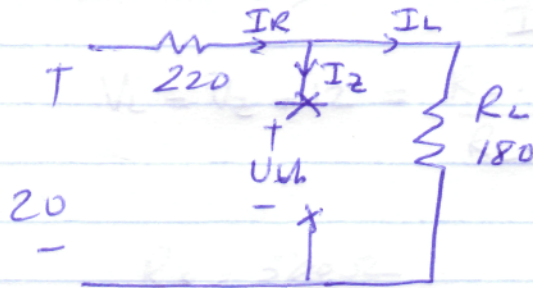
2. afterwards diode will be permanently off and C still charged to  $-10\text{V}$



$\therefore$  proposed design has been verified to do the function required



Q42. a) Remove zener diode and find  $V_{th}$



$$V_{th} = \frac{180}{180 + 220} \cdot 20 = 9V$$

$V_{th} < V_z \Rightarrow$  diode is not conducting

$$I_z = 0$$

$$I_L = I_R = \frac{20}{180 + 220} = 50 \text{ mA}$$

b) with  $R_L = 470 \Omega$

$$V_{th} = \frac{470}{470 + 220} \cdot 20 = 13.62 > V_z$$

Zener is ON &  $V_L = 10V$

$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{10}{470} = 21.28 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_R = \frac{20 - 10}{220} = 45.45 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_z = I_R - I_L = 24.17 \text{ mA}$$

c)  $P_{z(max)} = 400 \text{ mW} = V_z \cdot I_z = 10V \cdot I_z \Rightarrow$   
 $I_z = 40 \text{ mA}$

$$I_{L(min)} = I_R - I_{z(max)} = 45.45 \text{ mA} - 40 \text{ mA} = 5.45 \text{ mA}$$

$$R_L = \frac{V_L}{I_{L(min)}} = \frac{10}{5.45 \text{ mA}} = 1.834 \text{ k}\Omega$$

d) Value of  $R_L$  is chosen such that to ensure  $V_{KA} = V_L \geq V_z = 10V$

$$V_L = \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_s} \cdot 20 = 10 \Rightarrow$$

$$10R_L + 2200 = 20R_L$$

$$10R_L = 2200 \Rightarrow$$

$$R_L = 220 \Omega$$

$$Q43. a) V_Z = 12V, R_L = \frac{V_L}{I_L} = \frac{12}{200mA} = 60\Omega$$

$$V_L = V_Z = 12 = \frac{R_L \cdot V_i}{R_L + R_s} = \frac{60\Omega \cdot 16}{60 + R_s} \Rightarrow \text{yields}$$

$$\underline{R_s = 500\Omega}$$

$$b) P_{Z(max)} = V_Z \cdot I_{Z(max)} = 12V \cdot 200mA = 2.4W$$

Q44. since  $I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{V_Z}{R_L}$  is fixed in magnitude  $\Rightarrow$

$$I_{R(max)} = I_{Z(max)} + I_L$$

$$I_{Z(max)} = \frac{P_{Z(max)}}{V_Z} = \frac{400mW}{8} = 50mA$$

$$I_L = \frac{V_Z}{R_L} = \frac{8}{220} = 36.36mA$$

$$I_{R_1} = 50mA + 36.36mA = 86.36mA$$

$$I_R = \frac{V_i - V_Z}{R_s} \Rightarrow V_i = I_R \cdot R_s + V_Z = 7.86 + 8 = 15.86V$$

Also  $V_i$  value must ensure that  $V_L \geq V_Z$  to have Zener in regulation mode

$$V_L = \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_s} V_i \geq 10 \Rightarrow$$

$$V_i \geq \frac{10(R_L + R_s)}{R_L} \geq \frac{10(220 + 41)}{220} \geq 14.136V$$

$$\boxed{14.136V \leq V_i \leq 15.86V}$$