

# • Introduction to Semiconductors and Semiconductor Diodes ✨

## ⇒ Electronics Devices

### ① Diodes (Two Terminals)

- a) Rectifier diode (AC → DC)
  - b) Zener diode (Voltage regulation)
  - c) Light Emitting Diode (LED)
- } 5-6 Lectures

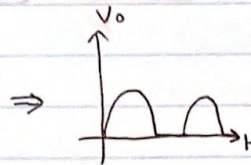
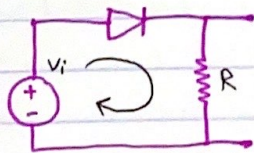
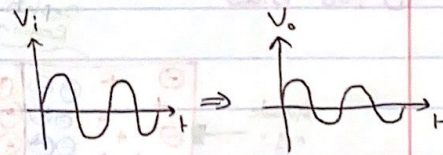
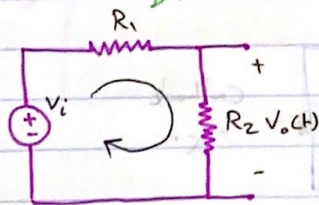
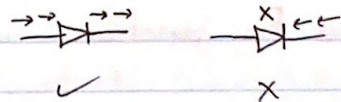
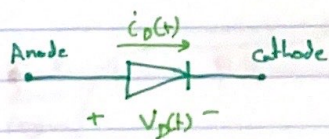
### ② Transistors (3 Terminals)

- a) Bipolar Junction Transistor (BJT) → 6-7 lectures
- b) Field Effect Transistor (FET) → 4-5 lectures

### ③ Integrated Circuits (IC)

## ⇒ Diode

⇐ بزر استار با رقم واحد



\*  $R_{\text{conductor}} < R_{\text{semiconductor}} < R_{\text{insulator}}$

⇒ Semiconductors: Materials whose resistance lies between low resistance of conductor and the high resistance of insulator

## ⇒ Doping

Manufacture process that adds free charge carriers (free electron or hole)

### ① n-type (نوع n)

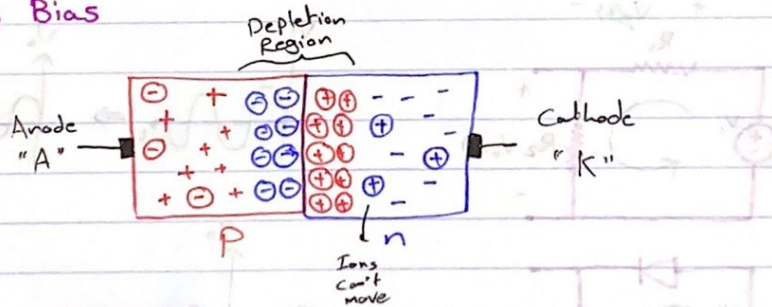
- Majority carriers are **electrons**, minority carriers are holes
- Donor atom ⇒ **phosphorus**

### ② p-type

- Trivalent impurity atoms are added (with 3 valence electrons) such as **Boron (B)** or **Gallium (Ga)**
- Majority carriers are **holes**, Electrons are minority carriers

## ⇒ Pn junction

### ① No Bias



Reverse & Forward Bias

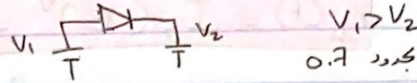
⇒  $V_{\text{forward}} > V_{\text{reverse}}$



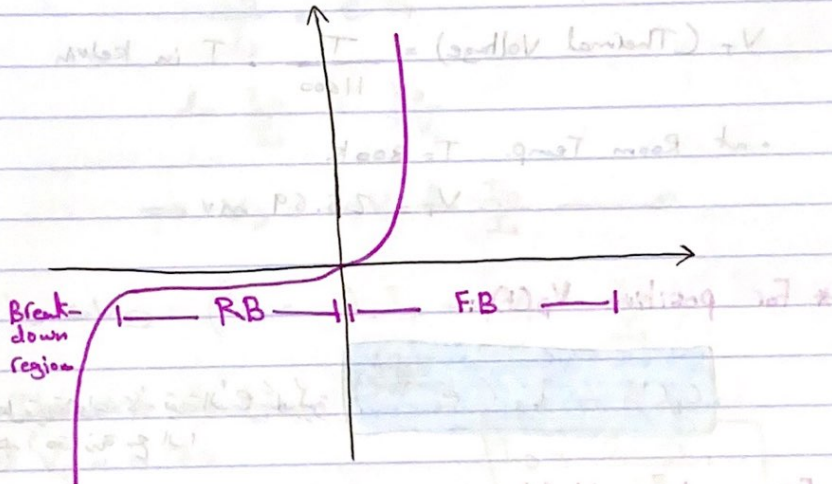
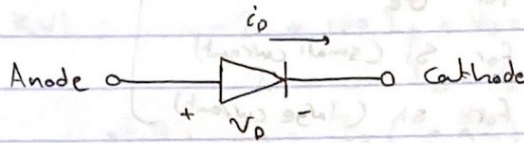
## ⇒ Barrier Potential

at 25 deg C:

- for Silicon = 0.7
- for Germanium = 0.3

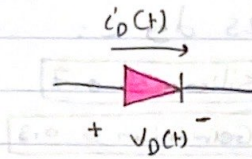


## ⇒ Semiconductor Diode I-V curve



## Semiconductor Diodes and their Models

$$i_D(t) = I_s \left( e^{\frac{v_D(t)}{\eta V_T}} - 1 \right)$$



$I_s$ : Reverse saturation current

$$I_s: 10^{-12}, 10^{-14} \text{ A}$$

$$\eta(\text{eba}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for Ge} \\ 2 & \text{for Si (small current)} \\ 1 & \text{for si (large current)} \end{cases}$$

$$V_T \text{ (Thermal Voltage)} = \frac{T}{11600}; T \text{ in Kelvin}$$

• at Room Temp.  $T = 300 \text{ K}$

$$\therefore V_T = 25.69 \text{ mV}$$

\* For positive  $v_D(t)$ :

$$i_D(t) = I_s \left( e^{\frac{v_D(t)}{\eta V_T}} - 1 \right)$$

⇒ ينهل مقادير الاوضاع لأنه قيمة  $e^{\frac{v_D(t)}{\eta V_T}}$  تكون كبيرة جداً مقارنة مع 1

\* For negative  $v_D(t)$

$$i_D(t) = -I_s$$

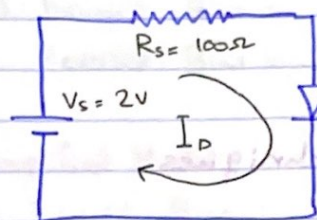
⇒ قيمة  $e^{\frac{v_D(t)}{\eta V_T}}$  تكون صغيرة جداً مقارنة مع 1

### ⇒ Approaches to Diode Circuit Analysis

There are essentially three basic approaches to the solution of such problem:

- ① The use of non-linear mathematics (لا نستخدم هنا المعادلات والبارامترات)
- ② The use of Graphical Technique (تكون هنا الرسمة، ينتج الكل منها)
- ③ The use of equivalent circuit (Models)

## ① Non-linear Mathematic (معادلات غير خطية)



$$\eta = 1.1$$

$$I_s = 10^{-14} \text{ A}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{KVL: } -2 + 100 I_D + V_D = 0$$

$$2 = 100 I_D + V_D \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{*F.B: } I_D = I_s \left( e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta V_T}} \right)$$

$$\frac{I_D}{I_s} = e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta V_T}}$$

$$\ln \frac{I_D}{I_s} = \frac{V_D}{\eta V_T}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_D = \eta V_T \ln \frac{I_D}{I_s} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\text{by solving: } (V_s = R_s I_D + \eta V_T \ln \frac{I_D}{I_s})$$

• Iterative Analysis:

1) let  $V_D = 0.7 \text{ V}$

$$I_D = \frac{2 - 0.7}{100} = 13 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_D = 0.7882392 \text{ V} \quad (\text{The error is large})$$

$$I_D = \frac{2 - V_D}{100}$$

$$V_D = \eta V_T \ln \frac{I_D}{I_s}$$

2) let  $V_D = 0.7882392 \text{ V}$

$$I_D = 12.117608 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_D = 0.7862529 \text{ V} \quad (\text{The error is small})$$

3) let  $V_D = 0.7862529$

$$I_D = 12.137471 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_D = 0.7862991 \text{ V} \quad (\text{The error are getting smaller})$$

4) let  $V_D = 0.7862991 \text{ V}$

$$I_D = 12.137009 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_D = 0.786298066 \text{ V}$$

### ② The use of Graphical Techniques

$$V_s = R_s I_D + V_D$$

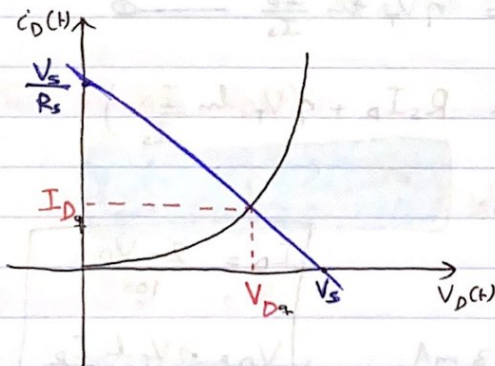
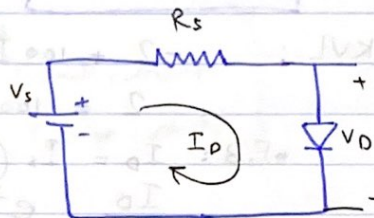
$$I_D = \frac{V_s}{R_s} - \frac{1}{R_s} V_D$$

$$I_D = -\frac{1}{R_s} V_D + \frac{V_s}{R_s}$$

$$= m x + b$$

← بزخم المعادلة ابي طلبت معنا على Graph

نقطة التقاطع هي  $x$

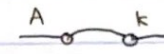


dc  $\equiv$  operating point  $\equiv$  Q-Point =  $(V_{DQ}, I_{DQ})$

### ③ Diode (Models)

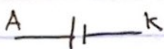
- Ideal Model
- Simplified / piecewise / knee / partial model
- Complete diode model

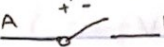
## I) Ideal Model

a) Forward Bias:  (short circuit)  $\Rightarrow V_{AK} = 0$

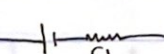
b) Reversed Bias:  (open circuit)  $\Rightarrow I_{AK} = 0$

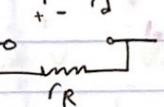
## II) Simplified Model

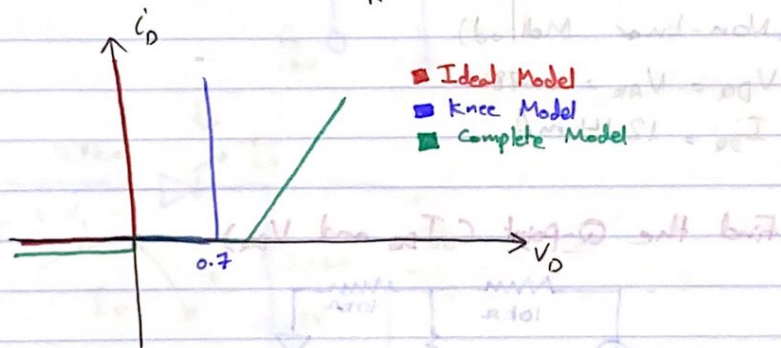
a) Forward Bias:   $V_{AK} = 0.7V$

b) Reversed Bias:  (open circuit)  $\Rightarrow I_{AK} = 0$

## III) Complete Model

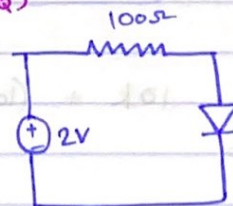
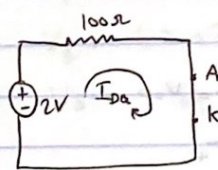
a) Forward Bias:   $V_{AK} = 0.7 + I_D r_d$ ,  $r_d = \frac{V_T}{I_{DQ}}$

b) Reversed Bias:  ( $r_R$  is high ( $\sim M\Omega$ 's))  $I_{DQ}$



ex Find the Q-point ( $I_{DQ}$  and  $V_{DQ}$ )

a) Use Ideal diode Model

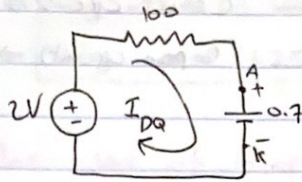


$$V_{AK} = V_{DQ} = 0 \text{ (short circuit)}$$

$$-2 + 100 I_{DQ} = 0$$

$$I_{DQ} = \frac{2}{100} = 0.02 \text{ A} = 20 \text{ mA}$$

b) Use practical diode Model



$$V_{AK} = V_{DQ} = 0.7V$$

$$-2 + 100 I_{DQ} + 0.7 = 0$$

$$I_{DQ} = \frac{1.3}{100} = 13 \text{ mA}$$

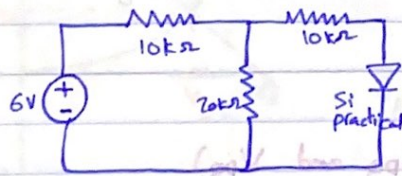
c) Use exact model

(Non-linear Method)

$$V_{DQ} = V_{AK} = 0.786V$$

$$I_{DQ} = 12.14 \text{ mA}$$

ex Find the Q-point ( $I_{DQ}$  and  $V_{DQ}$ )

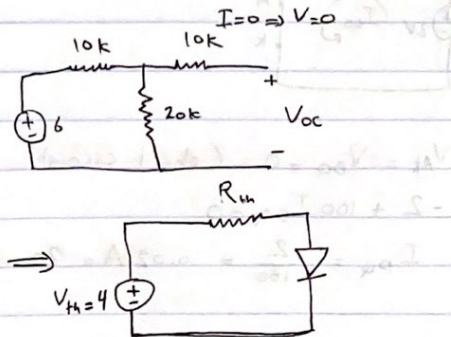


$$R_{th} = 10k + (10k // 20k) = 16.667 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$V_{th} = V_{oc} = V_{20k}$$

$$= \frac{20k}{20k + 10k} \cdot 6$$

$$= 4V$$



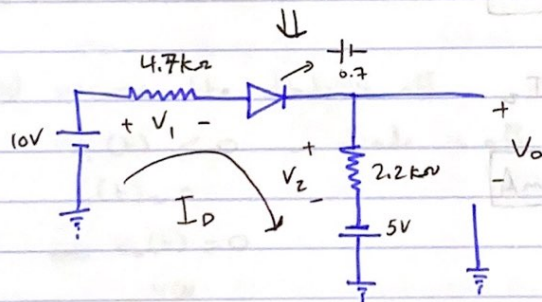
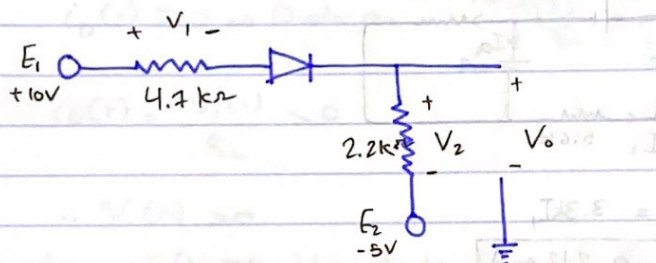


$$V_{AK} = V_{DQ} = 0.7V$$

$$4 = 16.67kI + 0.7$$

$$I = \frac{4 - 0.7}{16.67k} = 0.198mA = I_{DQ}$$

ex Find  $I$ ,  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$  and  $V_o$  (simplified method)



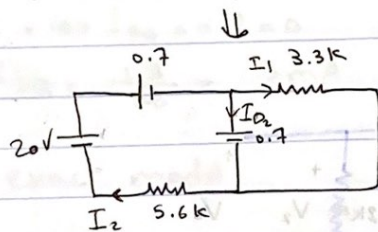
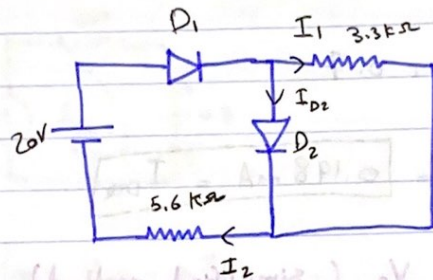
$$I_D = \frac{10 - 0.7 + 5}{4.7k + 2.2k} = 2.07mA$$

$$V_1 = (2.07m)(4.7k) = 9.74V$$

$$V_2 = (2.07m)(2.2k) = 4.56V$$

$$V_o = V_2 - 5 = -0.45V$$

ex Find  $I_1, I_2, I_{D2}$  (practical model)



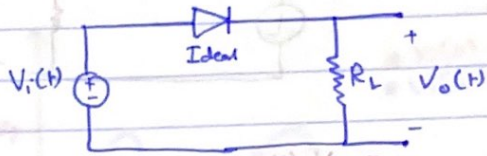
$$\begin{aligned} * V_1 &= 0.7 = 3.3kI_1 \\ \Rightarrow I_1 &= 0.212 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * \frac{20 - 0.7 - 0.7}{5.6k} &= I_2 \\ \Rightarrow I_2 &= 3.32 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * I_2 &= I_1 + I_{D2} \\ 3.32 \text{ mA} &= 0.212 \text{ mA} + I_{D2} \\ \Rightarrow I_{D2} &= 3.108 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

## • Diode Applications

### ⇒ Clipper circuits



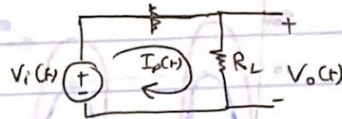
a) assume the diode is on:

$$i_D(t) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Diode on}$$

$$i_D(t) = \frac{V_i(t)}{R_L} > 0$$

$$\therefore V_i(t) > 0$$

⇒ when  $V_i(t) > 0$ , the diode is on,  $V_o(t) = V_i(t)$

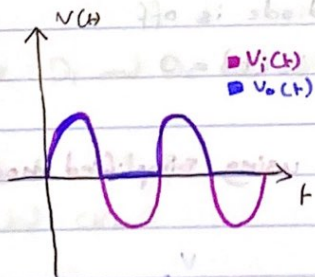


b) assume the diode is off

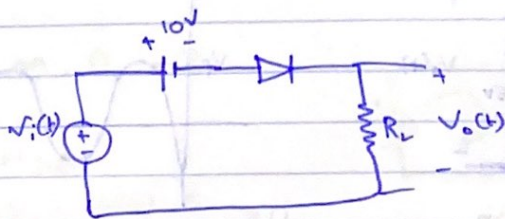
$$V_i(t) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{diode is off}$$

$$i(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V_o(t) = 0$$



ex



a) assume the diode is on:

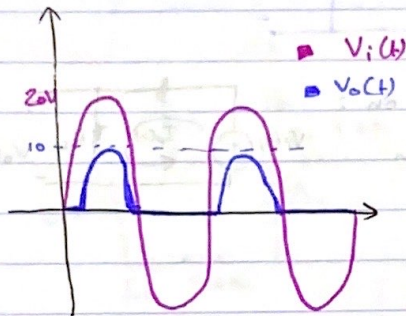
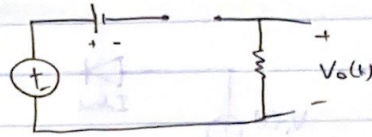
$$i_D(t) > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{V_i(t) - 10}{R_L} > 0 \Rightarrow V_i(t) > 10$$

$$V_o(t) = V_i(t) - 10$$

when  $V_i(t) < 10 \Rightarrow$  Diode is off

$$\Rightarrow C_D(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V_o(t) = 0$$



\* Second Method

• Assume the diode is off:

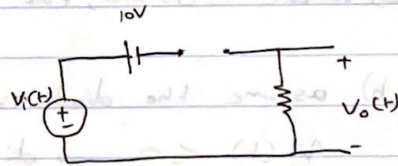
$$V_D(t) < 0$$

$$V_D(t) = -10 + V_i(t)$$

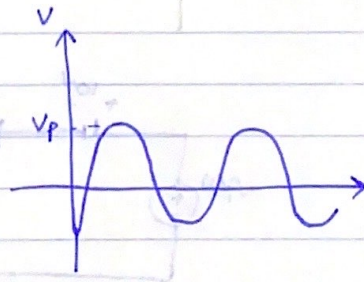
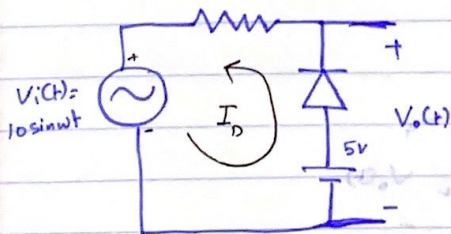
$$V_i(t) < 10V$$

When  $V_i(t) < 10 \Rightarrow$  the diode is off

$$+ V_o(t) = 0$$



ex Calculate and sketch  $V_o(t)$  using simplified model



a) Assume diode is on

$$-5 + 0.7 + I_D R + V_i(t) = 0$$

$$I_D(t) R = 4.3 - V_i(t) \Rightarrow V_i(t) < 4.3V$$

$$\Rightarrow V_o(t) = 4.3V$$

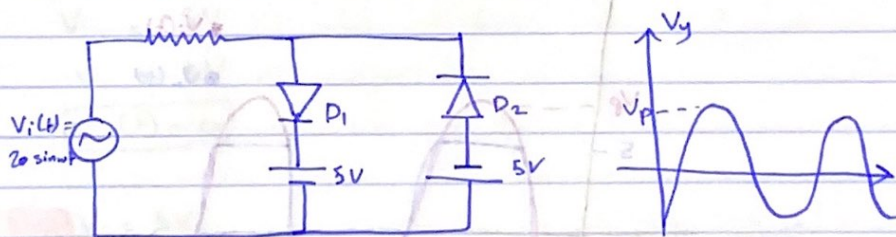
b) when  $V_i(t) > 4.3V \Rightarrow$  The diode will be off

$$V_o(t) = V_i(t)$$



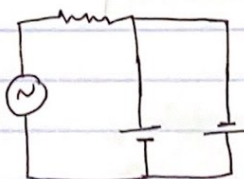
$\Rightarrow$  Circuit Containing Two Diodes

ex Calculate and sketch  $V_o(t)$  using Ideal model



① Assume  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are on

$V_o = 5 = -5 ?$   
Invalid circuit



②  $D_1$  on,  $D_2$  off

$$i_D(t) > 0$$

$$i_D(t) = \frac{V_i(t) - 5}{R} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V_i(t) > 5, V_o(t) = 5$$

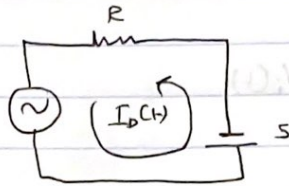


②  $D_1$  off,  $D_2$  ON

$$I_D(t) > 0$$

$$I_D(t) = \frac{-V_i(t) - 5}{R} > 0$$

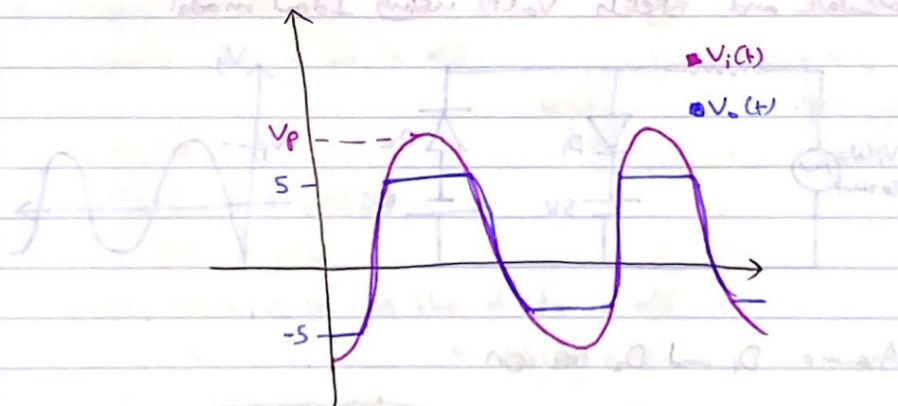
$$\Rightarrow V_i(t) < -5, V_o(t) = -5V$$



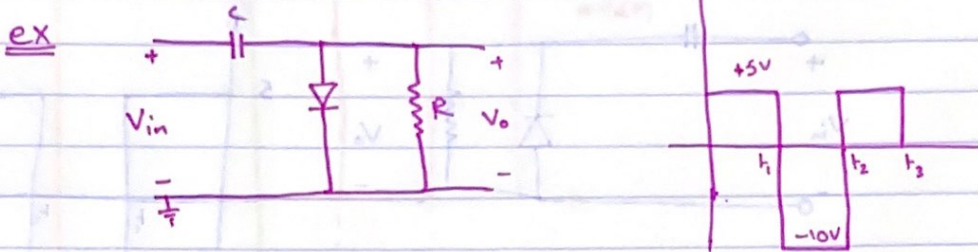
③  $D_1$  off,  $D_2$  off

$$V_o(t) = V_i(t)$$

$$-5 < V_i(t) < 5$$



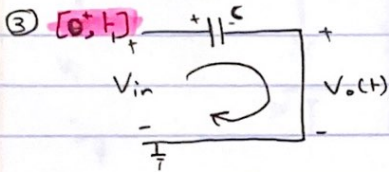
⇒ Clamper circuits



①  $V_c(0^-) = 0$

②  $V_c(0^+) = 0$

$V_i(0^+) = 5V \Rightarrow$  Diode is on



$V_{in} = 5V$

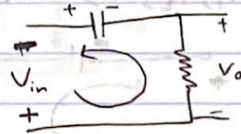
$V_c = 5V$

$V_o(t) = 0$

④  $[t_1, t_2]$   $V_c = 5V$

$V_{in} = -10V \Rightarrow$  Diode is off

$V_o(t) = -5 - 10 = -15V$

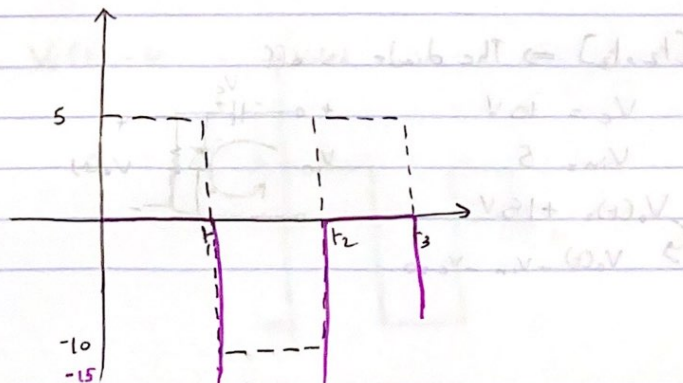
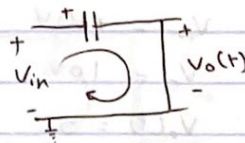


⑤  $[t_2, t_3]$

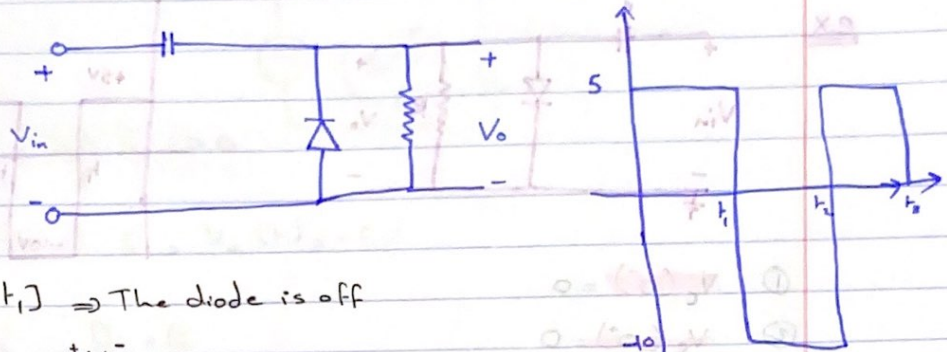
$V_c = 5V$

$V_{in} = 5V$

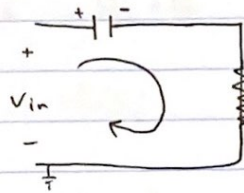
$V_o(t) = 0$



ex what happens if the diode was inverted



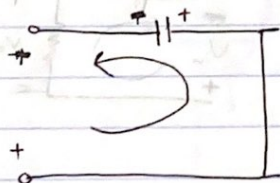
①  $[0, t_1] \Rightarrow$  The diode is off



$$V_{in} = 5$$

$V_c = ?$  (we need the value for  $V_c$  to solve, so we will suppose that the diode is on, or go to the period the diode is on on it)

②  $[t_1, t_2] \Rightarrow$  The diode is on



$$V_{in} = +10V$$

$$V_c = 10V$$

$$V_o(t) = 0$$

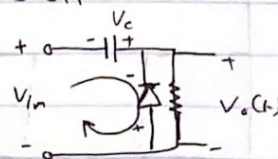
③  $[t_2, t_3] \Rightarrow$  The diode is off

$$V_c = 10V$$

$$V_{in} = 5$$

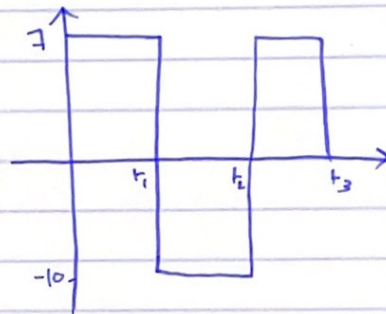
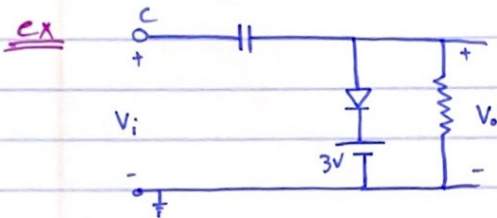
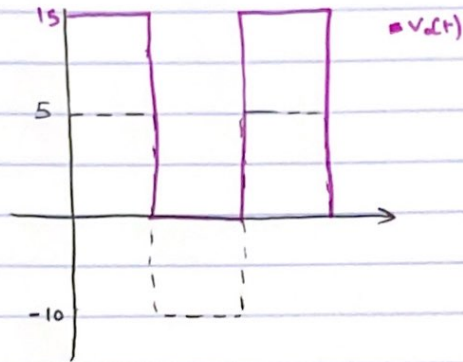
$$V_o(t) = +15V$$

$$\hookrightarrow V_o(t) - V_{in} - V_c = 0$$





⇒ when the diode is off ⇒  $V_o(t) = V_i(t) + 10$



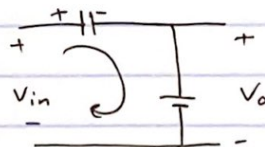
①  $[0, t_1]$

$V_i(t) = 7 \Rightarrow$  Diode is on

$$V_c + 3 = V_{in}$$

$$V_c = 4V$$

$$V_o = 3V$$

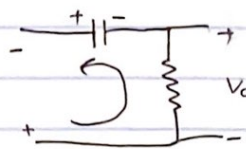


②  $[t_1, t_2]$

$V_i(t) = -10 \Rightarrow$  Diode is off

$$V_c = 4V$$

$$V_o(t) = -4 - 10 = -14V$$



⇒  $V_o(t) = V_i(t) - 4$

