

Instructions

- All waveform sketches / diagrams must be neatly drawn and clearly labeled. Answers must be brief and to the point.
- The final answers (numerical values with unit) should be underlined or enclosed within box with unit.
- For every Question No., start your answer from a new page.
- Avoid writing answers of the various parts of a single question at different locations in your answer-script.
- For any value related to any device parameter or circuit parameter, which you may find not given with a problem, assume suitable value for such parameter.
- The choice among 4B and 4B' is given.

Multiple choice questions:

(3x2=6 marks)

The breakdown mechanism in a lightly doped p-n junction under reverse biased condition is called

- (a) avalanche breakdown (b) Zener breakdown.
(c) breakdown by tunneling (d) high voltage breakdown.

In an n-type semiconductor, the Fermi-level is

- (a) closer to the valence band (b) midway between conduction and valence band
(c) closer to the conduction band (d) within the valence band

The reverse – saturation current of a silicon diode

- (a) doubles for every 10°C increase in temperature (b) does not change with temperature
(c) halves for every 1°C decrease in temperature (d) increases by 1.5 times for every 2°C increment

Consider a silicon pn junction at $T=400K$, with doping concentration of $N_a=10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $N_d=10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Calculate intrinsic carrier concentration and junction capacitance at $V_R=5.2 \text{ V}$. For silicon $B=5.23 \times 10^{15} (\text{cm}^{-3}\text{K}^{-3/2})$, $E_g=1.1 \text{ eV}$ and $\tau=0.5 \text{ pF}$. Boltzman constant $K=1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$. (9 marks)

Assume the circuit shown in Fig.1, and diode parameters of $V_\gamma=10\text{V}$, $R=15 \text{ K}\Omega$, $V_\gamma=0.7 \text{ V}$, and $v_i=0.2\sin\omega t \text{ V}$. Determine small signal diode diffusion conductance & ac component of the output voltage. Draw appropriate circuits for dc and ac analysis.

(5 marks)

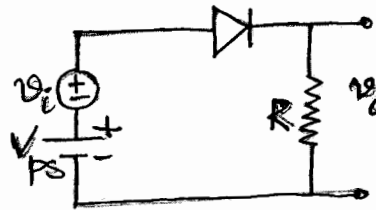


Fig.1

If $V_\gamma=0.7 \text{ V}$ for the diode in Fig. 2(A), determine V_o .

(5 marks)

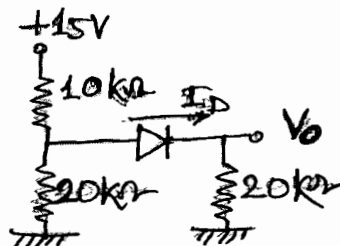


Fig. 2(A)

Each diode in the circuit in Fig. 2(B) has piecewise linear parameters of $V_\gamma=0$ and $r_f=0$. Plot V_o versus V_i for $0 \leq V_i \leq 30 \text{ V}$. Indicate the breakpoints and give the state of each diode in the various regions of the plot.

(10 marks)

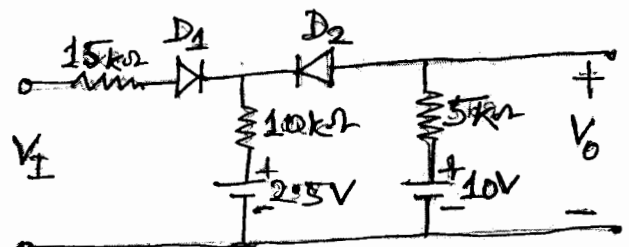
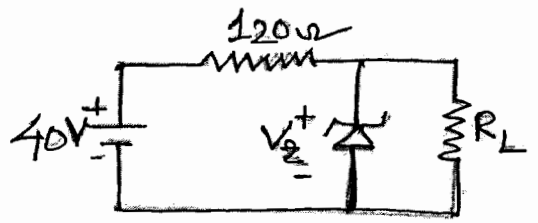


Fig 2(B)

4A. You are given a task to construct a dc power supply from an ac power supply (120V rms) with minimum output voltage ripples. What components and circuits would be required to achieve it? Make use of rectifier circuit that use lower peak inverse voltage diode. Explain with the help of suitable circuit diagrams and plot the input and output waveforms at each stage. (10 marks)

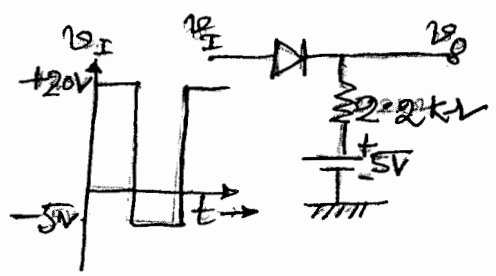
4B. In the Zener diode circuit shown in Fig. 3, assume $V_z = 12V$ and $r_z = 0$. (a) Calculate the Zener diode current and the power dissipated in the Zener diode for $R_L = \infty$, (b) What will be the value of R_L such that the current in the Zener diode is one-tenth of the current supplied by the 40 V source? (5 marks)



(Fig. 3)

OR

4B'. Plot v_o for the circuit in Fig. 4 with proper explanations. Assume diode cut-in voltage (V_f) of 0.6 V. The input pulse varies between +20V to -5V. The resistance in the circuit is 2.2 kΩ. (5 marks)



(Fig. 4)