

Recitation 2 : Zener diode

Exercise 1

A Zener diode with voltage $V_Z=45V$ is used to regulate a rectified and filtered sinusoidal voltage, capable of varying between the limits $40V < e < 60V$.

We consider the dynamic resistance of the diode to be zero $R_Z=0$.

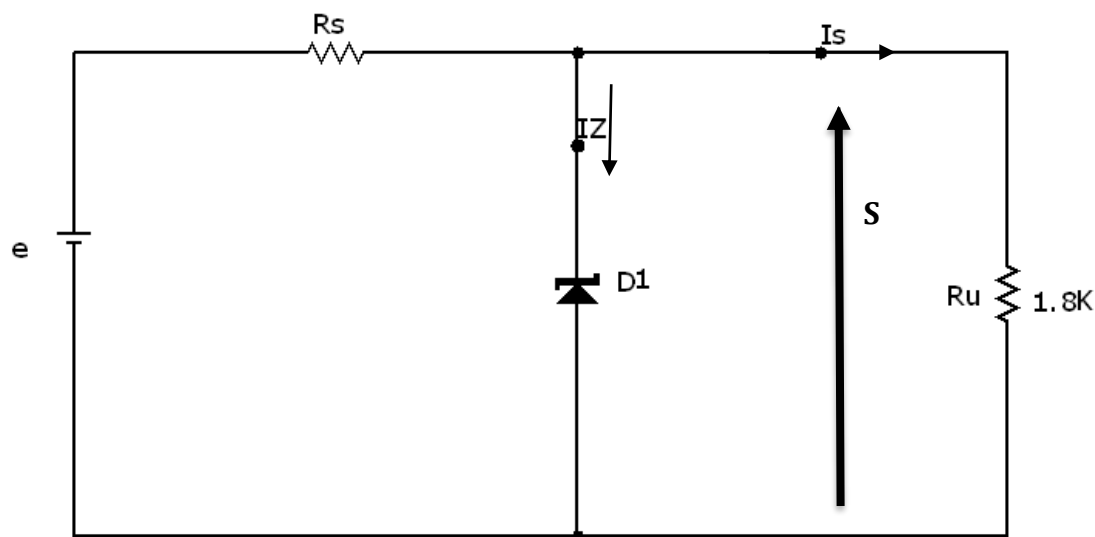


Figure 1

1. When $e=40V$, we measure $I_s=20mA$. Deduce the value of R_s .
2. From what value of e is the output voltage regulated?
3. Draw the transfer graph $s=f(e)$.
4. Calculate the current I_z in the diode when $e=60V$.

Exercise 2

We consider the circuit depicted in figure 2 :

- 1) Determine the resistance values R_1 and R_2 so that the value of the intensity in the Zener diode $|I_z|$ has a value of $10mA$. If we apply to the dipole AB a voltage $V_{AB}=\mp 5V$?

We assume that the threshold voltages are equal to 0.6V, we take $V_Z=3.2V$ and we neglect the reverse currents.

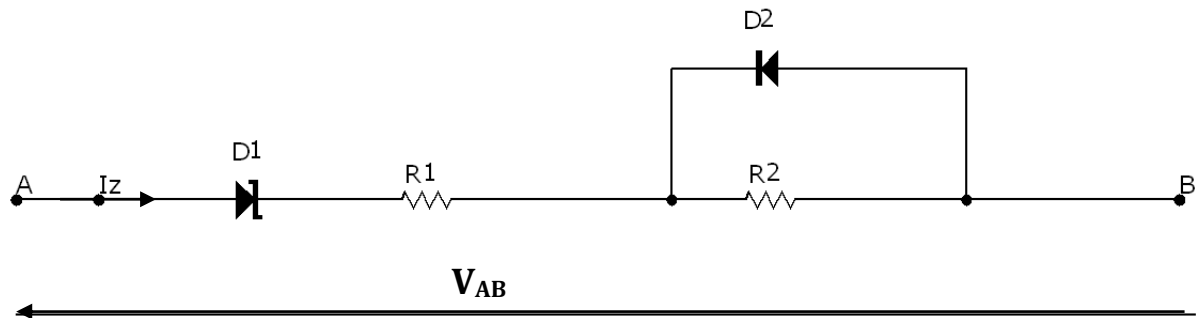


Figure 2

Exercise 3

We consider the circuit below where the two Zener diodes are identical ($V_Z=5.6V$, threshold voltage 0.7V, zero dynamic resistance), we apply $e(t) = V_m \sin(\omega t)$.

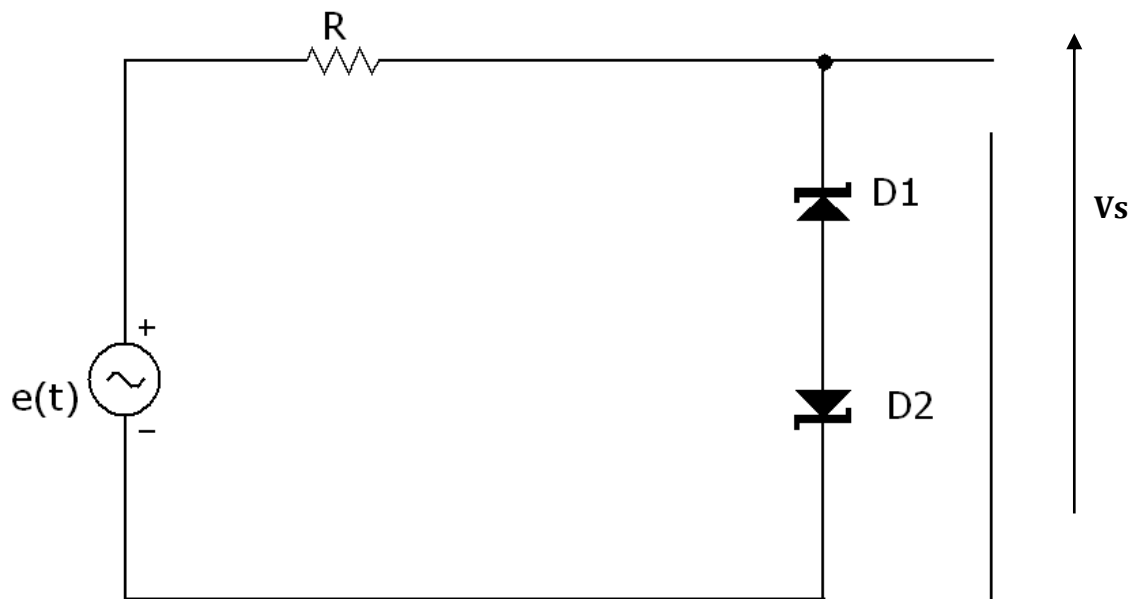


Figure 3

1) Represent $e(t)$ and $V_s(t)$ when $V_m=6V$ then when $V_m=8V$.

Exercise 4

Analyze the operation of the circuits, and plot the input and the output signal on the same graph.

Knowing that :

- The diode: $V_{th}=0.7V$ for forward bias.
- The Zener diode: $V_Z=6V$ for reverse bias.

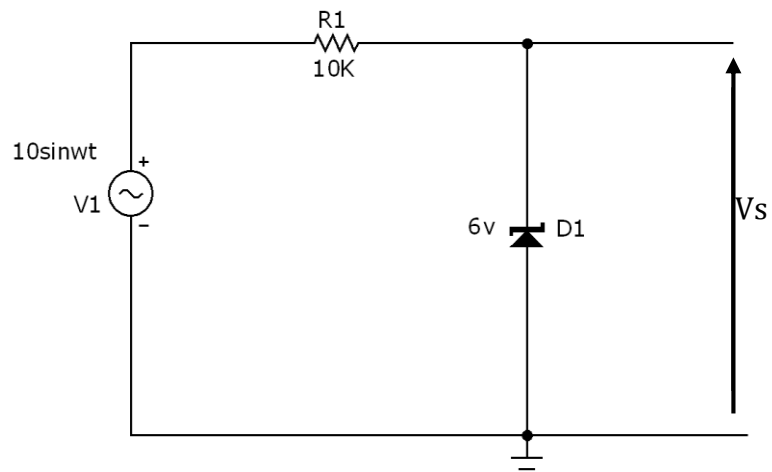


Figure 4

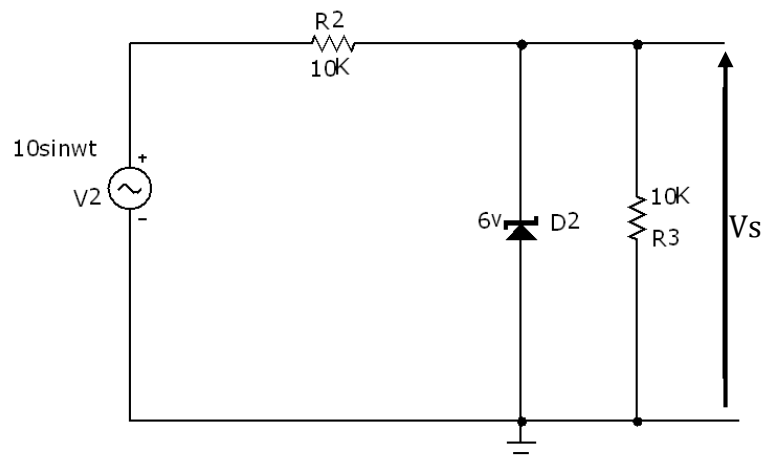


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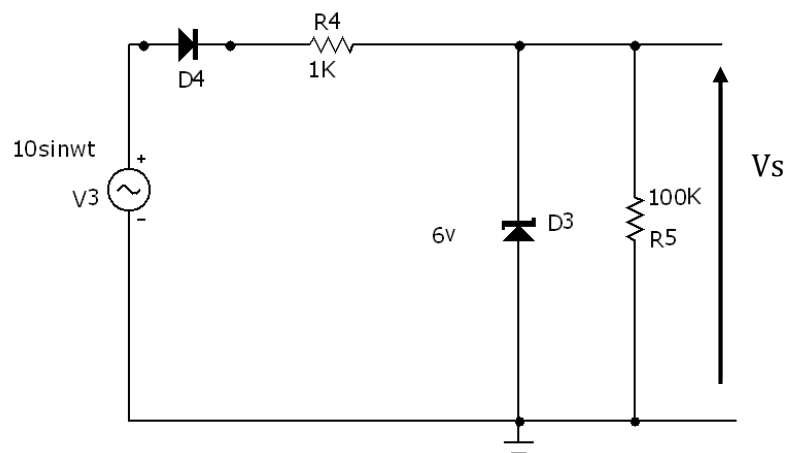


Figure 6

Homework

We consider the circuit below, where the Zener diode are characterized by : $V_{Z1}=3.3V$, $V_{Z2}=5.1V$, $V_{th}= 0.7V$,

$$v_e(t) = 10\sin\omega t.$$

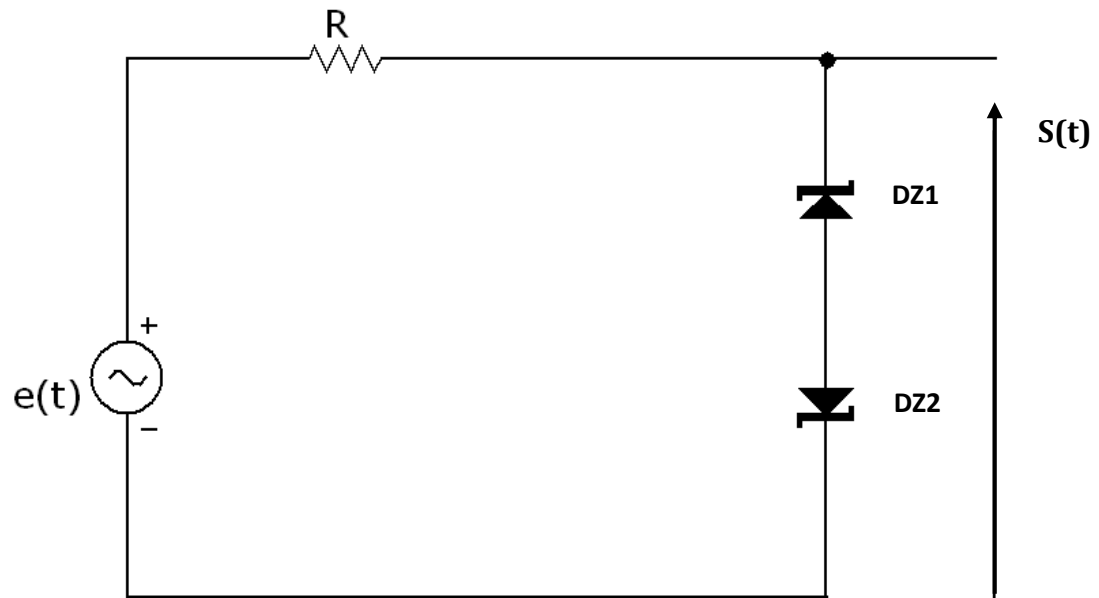


Figure 2

1. Analyze and draw the shape of $s(t)$ and $v_e(t)$ in the same graph.