CLAMPERS



A clamper is a network constructed of a diode, a resistor and a capacitor that shifts a waveform to a different dc level without changing the appearance of the applied signal.

Analysis (ideal diode)



Operation at forward biased, the diode is short circuited (i.e "on" state). The voltage will be $v_0=0$ since the current is shorted thru diode and the capacitor is charged up to a voltage V.



During reverse biased, the diode is open circuited (i.e "off" state). The voltage will be $v_0=0$ since the current is shorted thru diode. The voltage across R will be $V_{dc} + V_c = -V+(-V)=-2V$

Result



Determine v_o for the following network with the input shown (for ideal diode).



Solution: Frequency is 1000Hz, then the period will be 1/f = 1 ms, so the interval for each level state is $t_1 = 0.5 \text{ ms}$. At first interval the diode is open circuited, so no current at output, therefore $v_0 = 0$

Analysis (forward biased)



At 2nd interval, the diode is short circuited, the voltage across R will be the same as across the batery (parallel) $V_o = 5V$ The voltage that charge up the capacitor, Applying KVL -20V + Vc - 5V = 0, then $V_c = 25V$



The third interval will make the diode open circuited again and current start to flow in the resistor (discharged the capacitor). Applying the KVL $+10V + 25V - v_0 = 0$ Give us $v_0 = 35V$

Noted : the discharge time is can be determined as $t = RC RC = 100k\Omega \times 0.1mF = 0.01s = 10ms$ Total discharge $5t = 5\times10ms = 50ms$ which is >>interval time which allow the capacitor to hold significantly the input voltage.

The result



Practical case with diode of $V_k = 0.7V$



At second interval $v_0 = 5V-0.7V = 4.3V$ and the charging up voltage -20V-5V +0.7V+V_c=0 Therefore $V_c = 24.3V$





The clamper also work well for sinusoidal wave.



ZENER DIODES



Showing the equivalent circuit at each state in V-I characteristic

Determine (i) the voltages at references Vo1 and Vo2 (ii) the current thru LED and the power delivered by the supply (iii) How does the power absorbed by the LED compare to that 6V Zener diode

$$V_{o1} = V_{Z2} + V_{K} = 3.3V + 0.7V = 4.0V$$

$$V_{o2} = V_{o1} + V_{K} = 4V + 6V = 10V$$

$$I_{R} = I_{LED} = \frac{V_{R}}{R} = \frac{40v - V_{02} - V_{LED}}{1.3k\Omega} = \frac{40v - 10V - 4V}{1.3k\Omega} = 20mA$$
Power delivered $P_{s} = EI_{s} = EI_{R} = (40V)(20mA) = 800mW$
Absorbed by LED $P_{LED} = V_{LED}I_{LED} = (4V)(20mA) = 800mW$
Absorbed by Zener $P_{Z} = V_{Z}I_{Z} = (6V)(20mA) = 120mW$

$$V_{Z_{2}} = 3.3V$$

 $- \circ V_{o_2}$

 $- \circ V_{o_1}$

A LIMITER





Fixed V_i and R as a dc regulator



A simplest Zener diode regulator network

To determine the state of Zener diode by removing the diode from the network



If $V < V_7$, the Zener diode is off.

Zener equivalent for the "on" situation



Ex: Determine V_L , $V_R,\ I_Z$ and P_Z





Applying voltage divider rule $V = \frac{R_L V_i}{R + R_L} = \frac{1.2k\Omega(16V)}{1k\Omega + 1.2k\Omega} = 8.73V$

Since V=8.73V is less than 10V, the diode is in the "off" state Thus $V_L=V=8.73V$ And $V_R=V_i-V_L=16V-8.73V=7.27V$ Since the Zener is off, then $I_7=0$ and $P_7=V_7$ $I_7=0W$

Ex: Determine V_L, V_R, I_Z and P_Z + V_R -
Applying voltage divider rule
$$V = \frac{R_L V_i}{R + R_L} = \frac{3k\Omega(16V)}{1k\Omega + 3k\Omega} = 12V$$

Since V=12V is greater than V_z =10V, the Zener is in "on" state

Therefore $V_L = V_Z = 10V$ and $V_R = V_i - V_L = 16V - 10V = 6V$

$$I_{L} = \frac{V_{L}}{R_{L}} = \frac{10V}{3k\Omega} = 3.33mA$$
 $I_{R} = \frac{V_{R}}{R} = \frac{6V}{1k\Omega} = 6mA$

and $I_Z = I_R - I_L = 6mA - 3.33mA = 2.67mA$

To determine the resistor range

To determine the minimum load that can turn on the diode So that $V_1 = V_7$ ' that is

$$V_L = V_Z = \frac{R_L V_i}{R_L + R}$$

Solving for R_1 ' we have

$$R_{L\min} = \frac{RV_Z}{V_i - V_Z}$$
 and $I_{L\min} = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{V_Z}{R_{L\min}}$

Thus any resistance value greater than $R_{\rm Lmin}$ will ensure that the Zener diode is in the "on" state

To determine the resistor range

Once the diode is in the "on" state, the voltage across R remains fixed at

$$V_R = V_i - V_Z$$

And IR remains fixed at

$$I_R = \frac{V_R}{R}$$

The Zener current $I_z = I_R - I_L$

But the ${\rm I}_{\rm Z}$ is limited by the manufacturer ${\rm ~I}_{\rm ZM}$, then

$$I_{\text{Lmin}} = I_{\text{R}} - I_{\text{ZM}}$$

And the maximum load resistance as

$$R_{L\min} = \frac{V_Z}{I_{L\min}}$$



Continue

The minimum level of I_L is $I_{Lmin} = I_R - I_{ZM} = 40mA - 32mA = 8mA$

Maximum load R_{Lmax},
$$R_{Lmax} = \frac{V_Z}{I_{Lmin}} = \frac{10V}{8mA} = 1.25k\Omega$$

Power $P_{max} = V_Z I_{ZM} = (10V)(32mA) = 320mW$



Fixed R₁ and Variable V₁

The voltage V_i must be sufficiently large to turn the Zener diode on. The minimum turn on voltage $V_i = V_{imin}$ is

$$V_L = V_Z = \frac{R_L V_i}{R_L + R}$$
 therefore $V_{i\min} = \frac{(R_L + R)V_Z}{R_L}$

Since the maximum Zener current I_{ZM} , Thus $I_{ZM} = I_R - I_L$

Then $I_{RMAX} = I_{ZM} + I_{L}$

The maximum voltage

$$V_{i\max} = V_{R\max} + V_Z$$
 or $V_{i\max} = I_{R\max}R + V_Z$

Determine the range of values of Vi that will maintain the Zener diode of in the "on" state.



Using the formula given before

$$V_{i\min} = \frac{(R_L + R)V_Z}{R_L} = \frac{(1200\Omega + 220\Omega)(20V)}{1200\Omega} = 23.67V$$
$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{V_Z}{R_L} = \frac{20V}{1.2k\Omega} = 16.67mA$$

 $V_{i\max} = I_{R\max}R + V_Z$

Continue

 $I_{R \max} = I_{ZM} + I_L = 60mA + 16.67mA = 76.67mA$

$$V_{i\max} = I_{R\max}R + V_Z = (76.67mA)(0.22k\Omega) + 20V = 36.87V$$

The V_i range is plotted below





If the input is a ripple from full-wave rectified and filtering as shown, as long as within the specified voltage, the output will still remain constant at 20V.

Voltage Multiplier

HALF-WAVE VOLTAGE DOUBLER





(a)During the positive voltage half-cycle across the transformer, the diode D1 conducts and D2 is cut off. The capacitor C1 charge up to peak rectified voltage V_m .

(b) Second half cycle, D2 conducts and D1 is cut-off. Now the capacitor C2 is charged up with $V_m + V_c = V_m + V_m = 2V_m$





(a) Positive cycle, D_1 is conducting, thus charging C1 to V_m . D2 is not conducting so charging on capacitor C_2 .

(b) Negative cycle, D_2 is conducting, thus charging C_2 to V_m . D_1 is not conducting so C_1 still maintain the charging voltage

HALF-WAVE DOUBLER, TRIPLER AND QUADRUPLER



By arranging alternately capacitor and diode, we are able to obtain voltage doubler, tripler and quadrupler. C1 plus transformer charging C2. C2 charging C3 and C3 charging C4.

Protective configuration



Trying to change the current through an inductive element too quickly may result in an inductive kick that could damage surrounding elements or the system itself

V Inductive Relay (a)

The RL circuit may be used to control the relay

During closing the switch the coil will gain a steady current. When closing, the arcing may cause the problem to the relay.



A capacitor is parallel to the switch. It is acting as a bypass (or shorting) the high frequency component.

A snubber is also to short circuit the high frequency component

The resistor in series is to protect the surge current.

Diode protection for RL circuit



Diode protector to limit the emitter -base voltage



 V_{BE} is limited to 0.7V (knee voltage of the silicon diode)

Diode protection to prevent a reversal in collection current



A current from B to C will be blocked by the diode

Diodes can be used to limit the input of OPAM to 0.7V



Same appearance



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If the polarity is okay then the diode circuit is in open state



If the polarity is not okay then the current is bypass thru diode. This will stop the battery to damage the \$ system



Battery –powered backup



When electrical power is connected D1 id "on" state and D2 will be "off" state, thus only electrical power is functioned. When electrical power is disconnected D1 is "off" state and D2 is conducted, thus the power will come from the battery.







Voltage Reference Levels circuit



To establish a voltage level insensitive to the load current



A battery is connected to a network that has different voltage supply and variable load. The battery available is 9V but the network require 6V. How?

Using external resistor



Let's say the load is $1k\Omega$, then using voltage divider ,we determine the value of external resistor we obtain approximately 470Ω We calculate the $V_{\rm RL}$, give us ~6.1V

Now if we change the load to 600 W but the external still same , then V_{RL} become 4.9V ... thus the system will not operate correctly!!

Using diode



Using diode the voltage can be converted using 4 silicon diode which give a drop of voltage around 2.8V, thus the required voltage of 6.2V is obtained. This network does not sensitive to the load.

AC regulator and square-wave generator



(a)



Same configuration to produce square -wave

