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## المحاضرة الخامسة

## THE CLIPPER

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## Diode clipper - Changing the offset

## Negative limiter

Positive limiter



What if we mix these together?

## Diode clipper

- When the input signal is positive D1 is forward biased; acting as positive clipper



## Diode Clippers

The diode in a series clipper "clips" any voltage that does not forward bias it:

- A reverse-biasing polarity
- A forward-biasing polarity less than 0.7 V (for a silicon diode)



## Biased Clippers

## Adding a DC source

 in series with the clipping diode changes the effective forward bias of the diode.


## Parallel Clippers

The diode in a parallel clipper circuit "clips" any voltage that forward biases it.

DC biasing can be added in series with the diode to change the clipping level.




## Summary of Clipper Circuits

Simple Series Clippers (Ideal Diodes)
positive


Biased Series Clippers (Ideal Diodes)


NEGATIVE



## Summary of Clipper Circuits

## Simple Parallel Clippers (Ideal Diodes)



Biased Parallel Clippers (Ideal Diodes)


## Summary of Clipper Circuits

Simple Series Clippers (Ideal Diodes)
POSITIVE


Biased Series Clippers (Ideal Diodes)




NEGATIVE



## Clampers

A diode and capacitor can be combined to "clamp" an AC signal to a specific DC level.


## Biased Clamper Circuits

The input signal can be any type of waveform such as a sine, square, or triangle wave.


The DC source lets you adjust the DC camping level.

## Summary of Clamper Circuits

Clamping Networks



## Zener Diodes

The Zener is a diode that is operated in reverse bias at the Zener Voltage $\left(V_{2}\right)$.

## When $v_{i} \geq v_{z}$

- The Zener is on

- Voltage across the Zener is $V_{Z}$
- Zener current: $I_{Z}=I_{R}-I_{R L}$
- The Zener Power: $P_{z}=V_{z} l_{z}$

When $V_{i}<V_{Z}$

- The Zener is off
- The Zener acts as an open circuit



## Zener Resistor Values

If $R$ is too large, the Zener diode cannot conduct because $I_{z}<I_{z K}$. The minimum current is given by:

$$
I_{\text {Lmin }}=I_{R}-I_{Z K}
$$

The maximum value of resistance is:

$$
R_{L \max }=\frac{V_{Z}}{I_{L \text { min }}}
$$



If $R$ is too small, $I_{z}>I_{z M}$. The maximum allowable current for the circuit is given by:

$$
I_{L \max }=\frac{V_{L}}{R_{L}}=\frac{V_{z}}{R_{L \min }}
$$

The minimum value of resistance is:

$$
R_{L \text { min }}=\frac{R V_{z}}{V_{i}-V_{z}}
$$

## Voltage-Multiplier Circuits

Voltage multiplier circuits use a combination of diodes and capacitors to step up the output voltage of rectifier circuits. Three common voltage multipliers are the: Voltage Doubler
Voltage Tripler
Voltage Quadrupler

## Voltage Doubler



This half-wave voltage doubler's output can be calculated using:

$$
V_{\text {out }}=V_{C 2}=2 V_{m}
$$

where $V_{m}=$ peak secondary voltage of the transformer

## Voltage Doubler

Positive Half-Cycle

Negative Half-Cycle

## $D_{1}$ conducts

## $D_{2}$ is switched off

Capacitor $C_{1}$ charges to $V_{m}$

## $D_{2}$ conducts



## Voltage Tripler and Quadrupler



