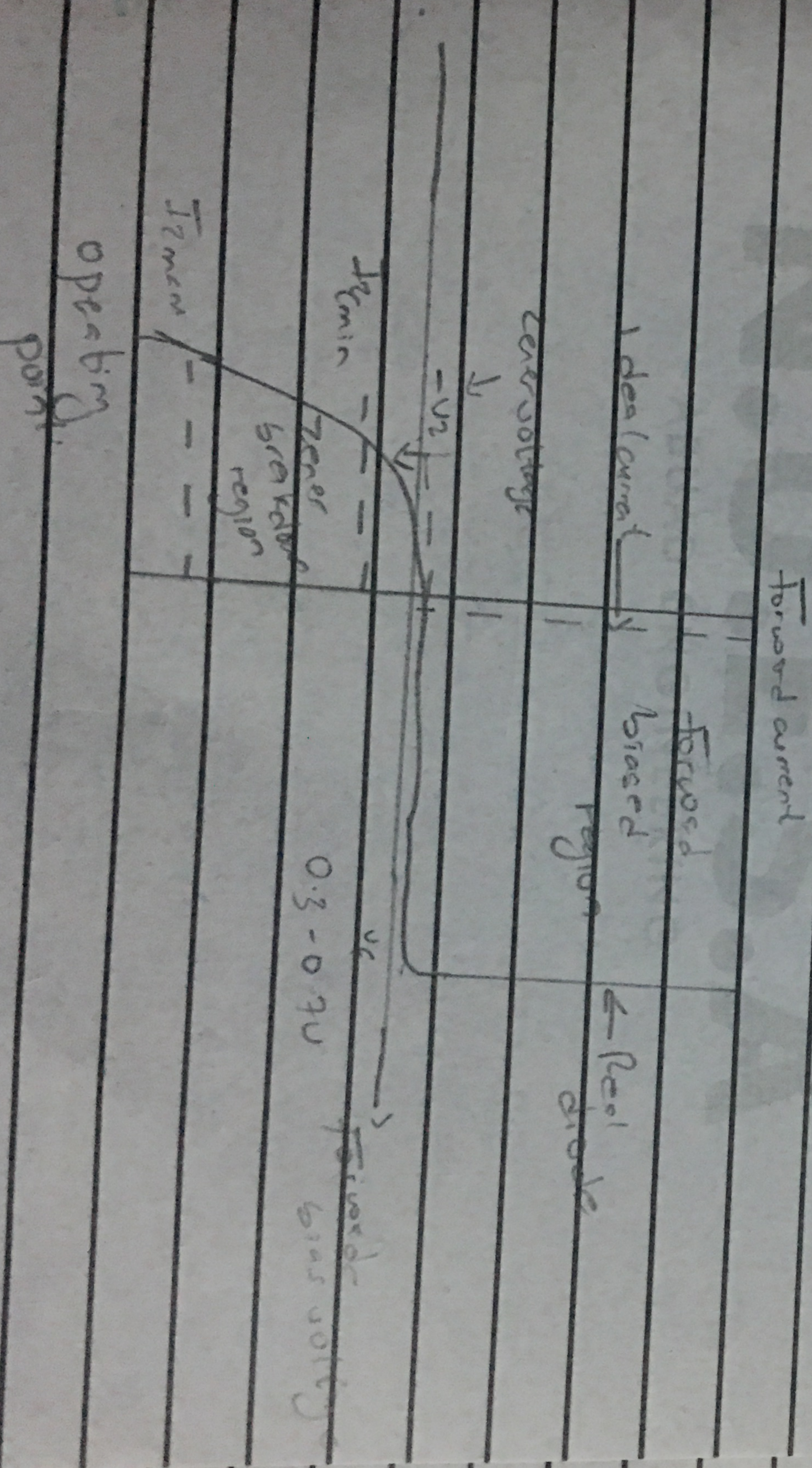
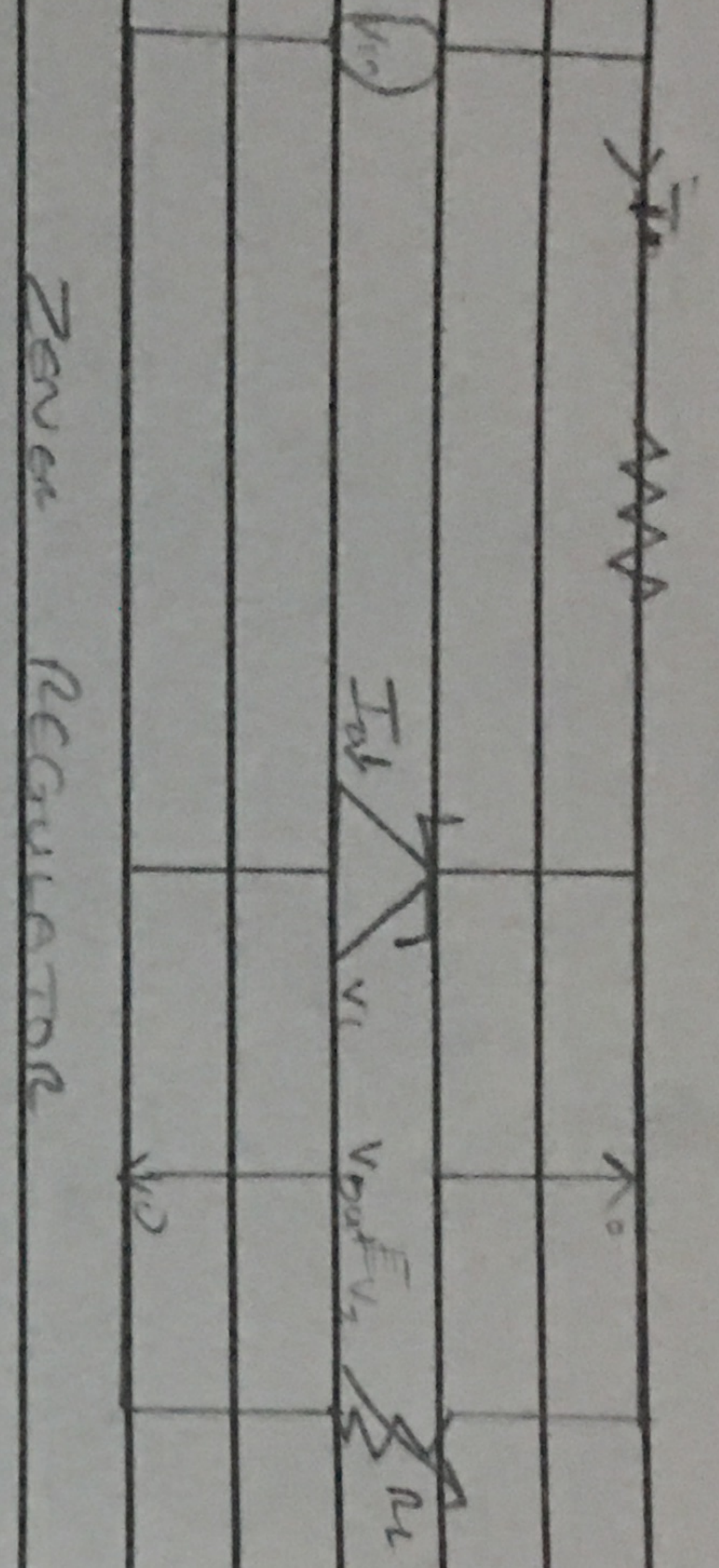


1. One of the most important characteristic of a zener diode is that it is used in the simplest types of voltage regulator applications. A Zener diode Voltage regulator is a device used to produce constant output voltage with low ripple under varying load current condition. It helps to get constant dc voltage with responding constant current. If finds a wide application in digital integrated circuit where it is required to provide a stable regulator voltage to the system.

ZENER I-V CHARACTERISTICS CURVE





Zener REGULATOR

2. Data given

$P = 5 \text{ W}$ $I_D = 500 \text{ mA} = 500 \times 10^{-3} = 0.5 \text{ A}$

$V_L = 20 \text{ V nom}$ $R_L = ?$ $I_L = ?$ $V_L = ?$

$= 24 \text{ V} = 12.93 \text{ V} = V_L$

To find V_L

Recall $I_D = \frac{P}{V_L}$

$\therefore V_L = \frac{P}{I_D} = \frac{5}{0.5} = 10 \text{ V}$

$I_D = \frac{V_D - V_L}{R} \quad 0.5 = \frac{12.93 - 10}{R}$

$R = \frac{2.93}{0.5}$

$R \approx 5.46 \Omega$

b. To get I_D at 500 mA

Recall $V_D = V_L = I_D R_L$

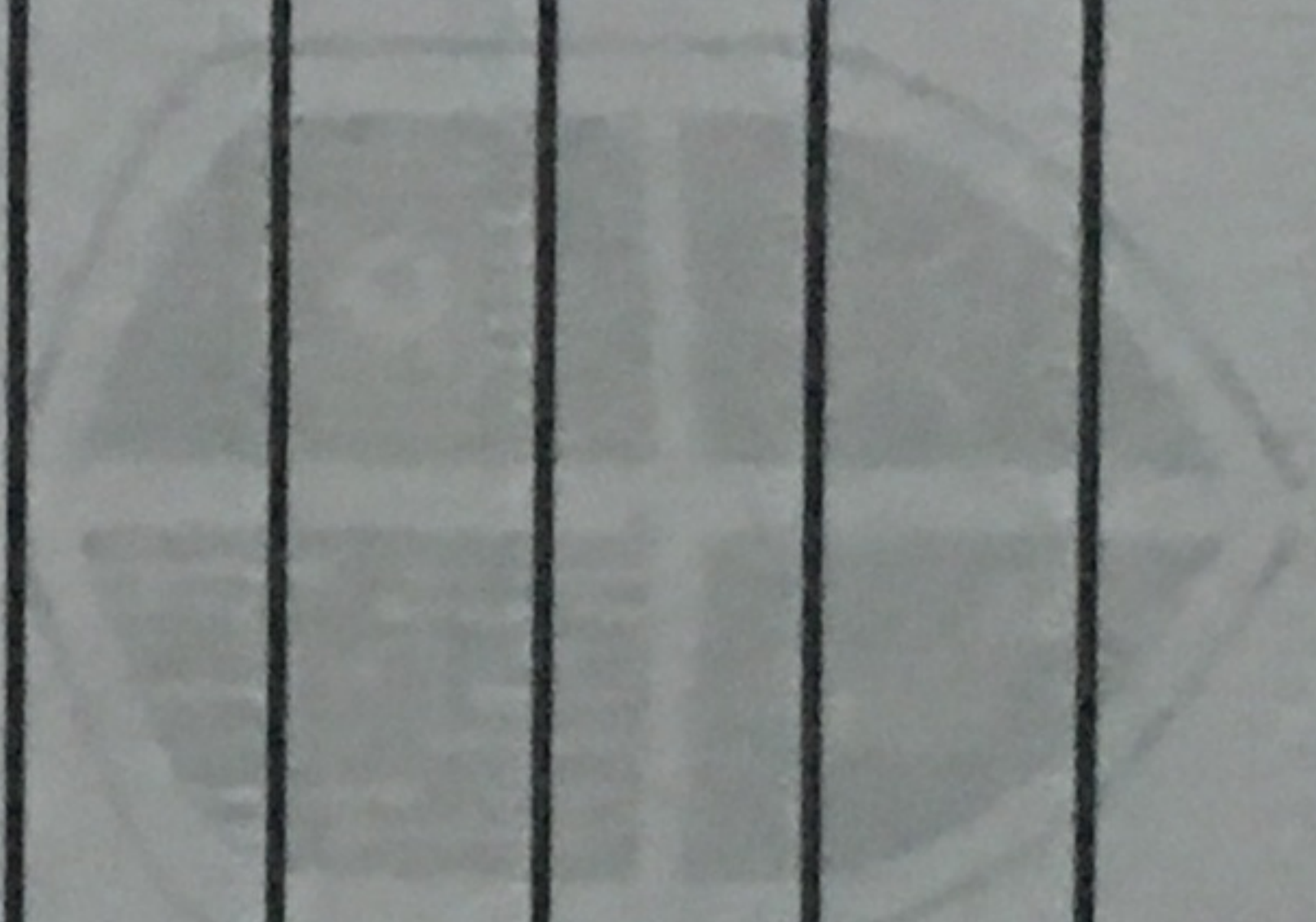
$I_D = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{10}{500} = 0.02 \text{ amp}$

$$I_2 = I_0 - I_1$$

$$I_2 = 0.5 - 0.832 = 0.02$$

$$= 0.48 \text{ amp}$$

$$I_2 = 48 \text{ mAmp}$$



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