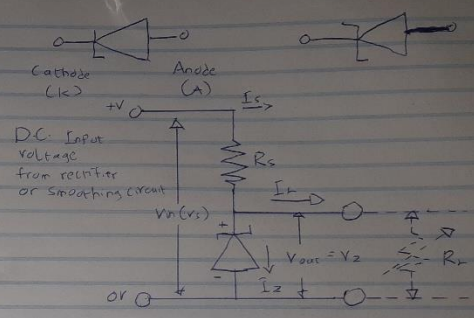
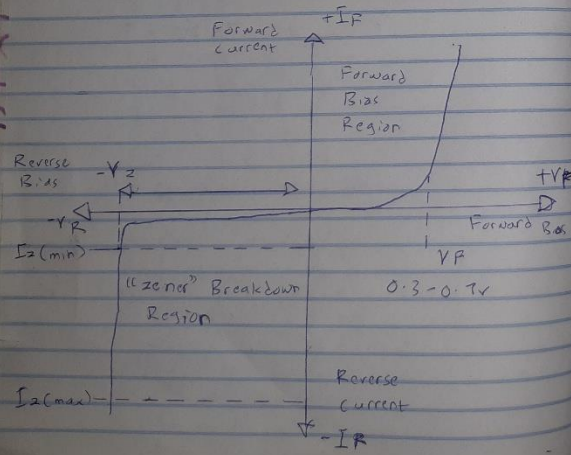


Solution

1) A resistor  $R_s$  is connected in series with the zener diode to limit the current flow through the diode with a voltage source  $V_s$  connected across the combination. The stabilised voltage across the zener diode is taken from across the zener diode. It is connected with its cathode terminal connected to the positive rail of the DC supply. Resistor  $R_s$  is selected to limit the maximum current flowing in the circuit. With no load connected to the circuit, the load current will be zero ( $I_L = 0$ ) and all current goes through the zener diode. A small value of the series resistor  $R_s$  will result in a greater diode current when the load resistance  $R_L$  is connected.



2)  $P_z = 5W$   
 $I_z = 500mA$   
 $20V_{max}$   
 To convert  $V_{max}$  to VDC  
 $V_{DC} = \frac{2V_{max}}{\sqrt{2}}$   
 $V_S = \frac{2 \times 20}{\sqrt{2}} = 28.28V$   
 Recall that  $P = IV$   
 $\therefore V_Z = \frac{P_z}{I_z} = \frac{5}{500 \times 10^{-3}}$   
 $V_Z = 10V$

$\therefore V = IR$   
 $V = V_Z = 2.73$   
 $I = 500 \times 10^{-3}$   
 $R = 5.46$

Since its connected in series and same current flows  
 $I_S = I_Z + I_L$   
 $I_Z = I_S - I_L$   
 $I_L = \frac{V_Z}{R}$   
 $= \frac{10V}{500\Omega} = 20mA$

Recall that  $V_Z + V_R = V_S$   
 $V_R = V_S - V_Z$   
 $= \frac{2 \times 20}{\sqrt{2}} - 10$   
 $= 28.28 - 10$   
 $= 18.28V$

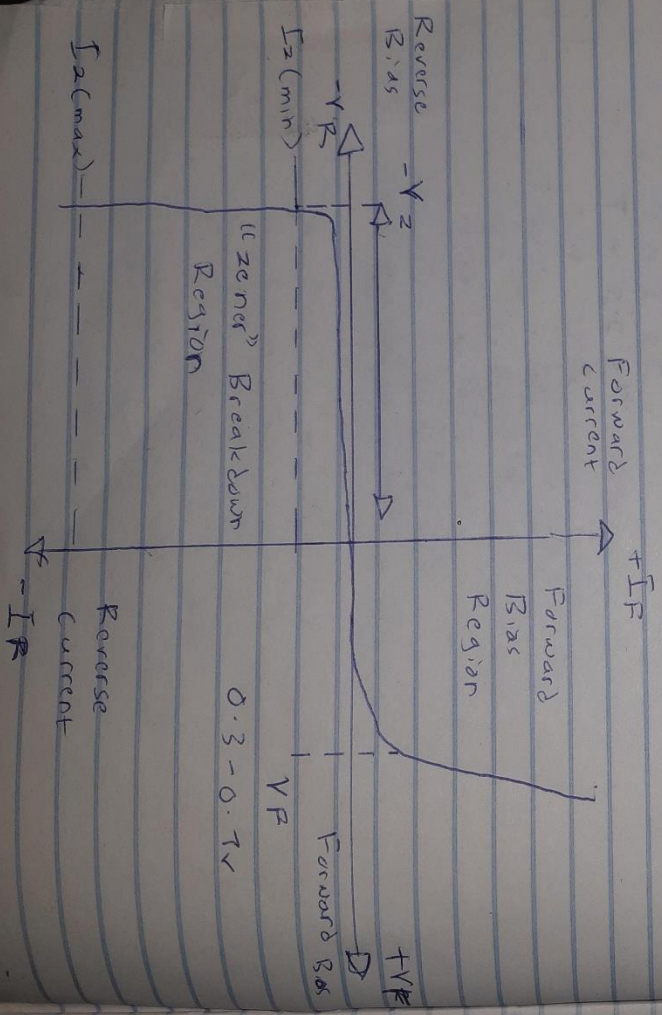
$I_Z = 500mA - 20mA$   
 $= 480mA = 0.48A$

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Solution

1) A resistor  $R_s$  is connected in series with the zener diode to limit the current flow through the diode with a voltage source  $V_s$  connected across the combination. The stabilised voltage output  $V_{out}$  is taken from across the zener diode. It is connected with its cathode terminal connected to the positive rail of the DC supply.

Resistor  $R_s$  is selected to limit the maximum current flowing in the circuit. With no load connected to the circuit, the load current will be zero ( $I_L = 0$ ) and all current goes through the zener diode. A small value of the series resistor  $R_s$  will result in a greater zener current when the load resistance  $R_L$  is connected.



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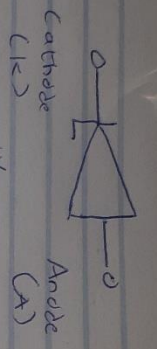
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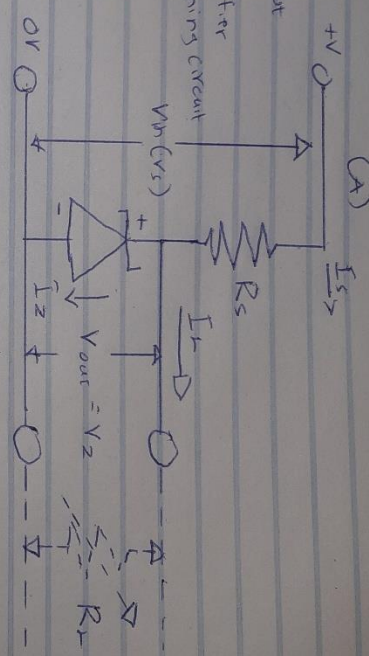
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20V max

To convert  $V_{max}$  to VDC

$$V_{DC} = \frac{2V_{max}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$V_S = \frac{2 \times 20}{\sqrt{2}} = 12.73V$$

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$$\therefore V_z = \frac{P_z}{I_z} = \frac{5}{500 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$V_z = 10V$$

Recall that  $V_z + V_R = V_S$

$$V_R = V_S - V_z$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 20}{\sqrt{2}} - 10$$

$$= 12.73 - 10$$

$$= 2.73V$$

$$\therefore V = IR$$

$$V = \frac{P}{I} = \frac{2.73}{500 \times 10^{-3}}$$

$$R = 5.46$$

Since its connected in series  
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$$I_S = I_z + I_L$$

$$I_z = I_S - I_L$$

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

$$= \frac{10V}{5.46} = 1.83A$$

$$500mA = 0.5A$$

$$I_z = 500mA - 20mA$$

$$= 480mA = 0.48A$$