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Zener Diode

Zener Diode Definition

A Zener diode is a highly doped semiconductor device specifically designed to function in the reverse direction. It is engineered with a wide range of Zener voltages (V_z), and certain types are even adjustable to achieve variable voltage regulation.

Zener Diode Symbol

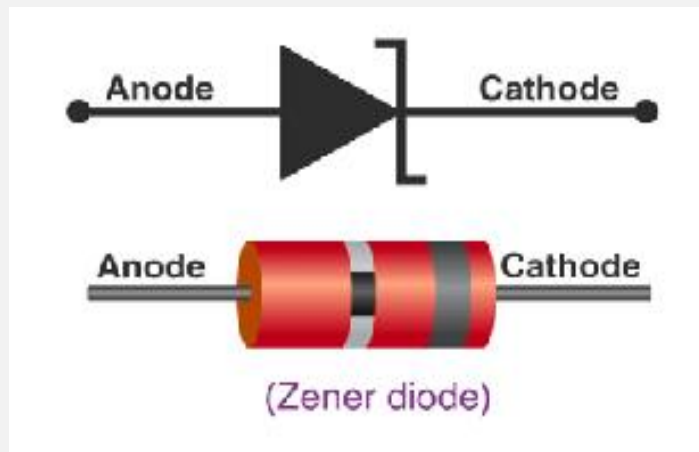
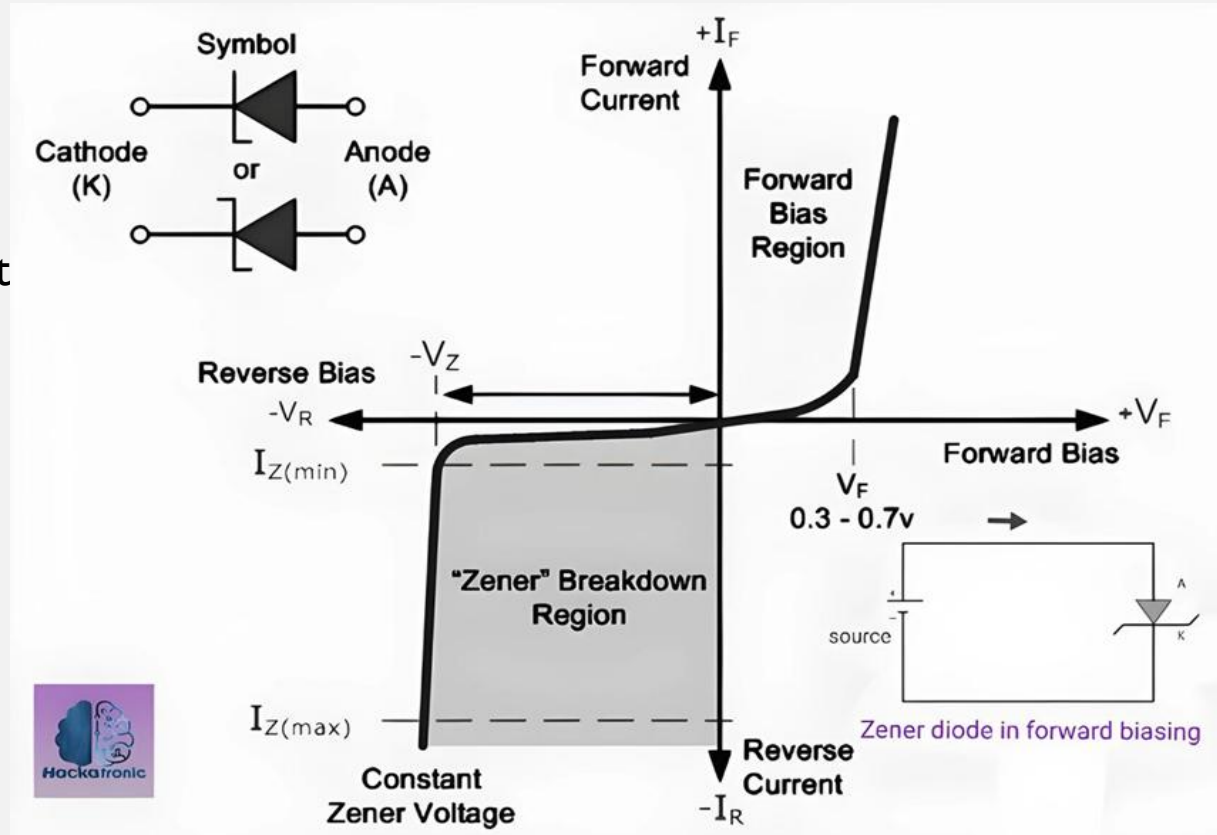


Fig. (29) zener diode symbol

(I) Zener Characteristic curves:

Zener diodes operate similarly to conventional diodes when in the forward-bias mode. They have a bias turn-on voltage of between 0.3 and 0.7V. When connected in the reverse mode, there is a small leakage current flow in most applications

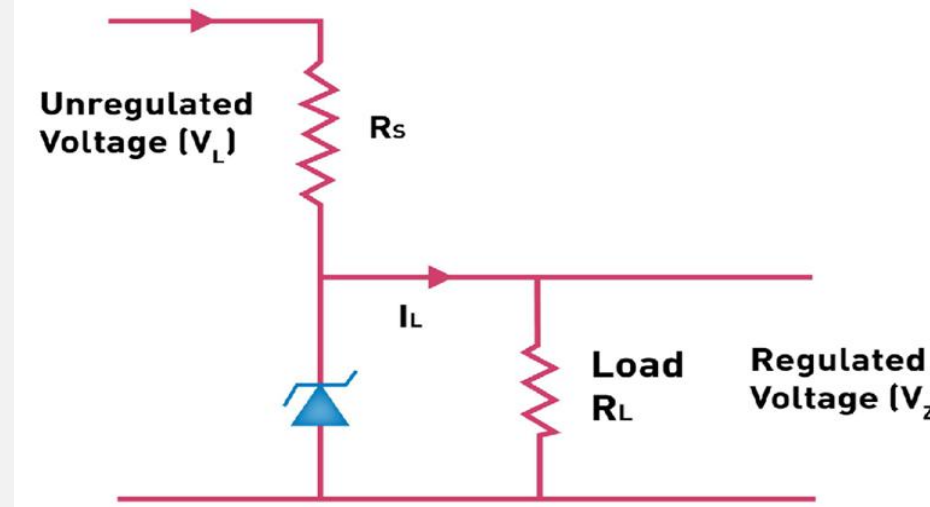
Fig. (30) Zener Characteristic curves



Zener diode as a voltage regulator:

The zener diode is used as a Shunt voltage regulator for regulating voltage across small loads. The Zener diode is connected parallel to the load to make it reverse bias, and once the Zener diode exceeds knee voltage, the voltage across the load will become constant. The breakdown voltage of Zener diodes will be constant for a wide range of currents.

Fig.(31) Zener regulation



Essensial relationships

The series current (I_s) is culculated by :

$$I_s = \frac{V_{in} - V_{out}}{R_s} \quad \text{-----} \quad (1)$$

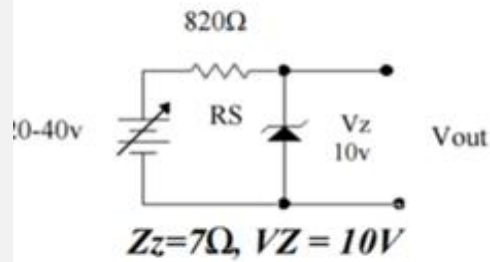
And also I_s may be find by:

$$I_s = I_Z + I_L \quad \text{-----} \quad (2)$$

$$V_Z \approx V_{out} \quad \text{-----} \quad (3)$$

$$I_L = \frac{V_{out}}{R_L} \quad \text{-----} \quad (4)$$

Exa.(13) in the following figure :



**1- By ideal approximation
find the output voltage and (the maximum
minimum Zener current**

2- By second approximation find:

- (a) $V_{out(max)}$
- (b) $V_{out(min)}$

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A. $V_{out} = V_Z = 10V$

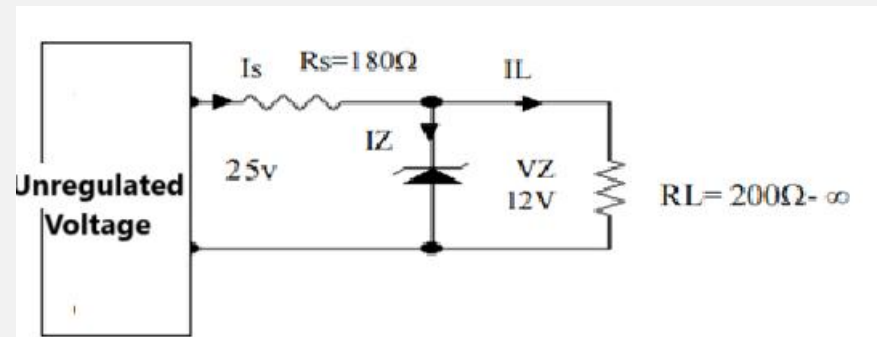
B. $I_Z(max) = \frac{V_{in(max)} - V_Z}{R} = \frac{40 - 10}{820} = 36.6 \text{ mA}$

C. $I_Z(min) = \frac{V_{in(min)} - V_Z}{R} = \frac{20 - 10}{820} = 12.2 \text{ mA}$

A. $V_{out(max)} = V_Z + I_Z(max) * Z_Z$
 $= 10 + 36.6 * 10^{-3} * 7 = 10.25 \text{ V}$

B. $V_{out(min)} = V_Z + I_Z(min) * Z_Z$
 $= 10 + 12.2 * 10^{-3} * 7 = 10.09 \text{ V}$

Example (12) Find the series current (I_s) and (maximum and minimum value of zener current), and also find (maximum and minimum value of Load) current



$$I_s = \frac{V_{in} - V_{out}}{R_s} = \frac{V_{in}}{R_s} = \frac{25 - 12}{180} = 72mA$$

$$I_L(\max) = \frac{V_{out}}{R_L(\min)} = \frac{V_Z}{R_L(\min)} = \frac{12}{200} = 60mA$$

$$I_L(\min) = \frac{V_{out}}{R_L(\max)} = \frac{V_Z}{R_L(\max)} = \frac{10}{\infty} = 0$$

$$I_S = I_Z + I_L$$

$$I_Z = I_S - I_L$$

$$I_Z(\max) = I_S - I_L(\min) = 72 - 0 = 72\text{mA}$$

$$I_Z(\min) = I_S - I_L(\max) = 72 - 60 = 12\text{mA}$$

Example 13:

in preceding Example find calculate the poutput voltage in ideal and normal zener diode

$$\begin{aligned} V_{out}(\min) &= V_Z + I_Z(\min) * Z_Z \\ &= 12 + 12 * 10^{-3} * 7 = 12.1 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{out}(\max) &= V_Z + I_Z(\max) * Z_Z \\ &= 12 + 72 * 10^{-3} * 7 = 12.5 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

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