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Medical electronic systems

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Unit ONE
Regulated power supplied (PART 3)
Regulation Stage

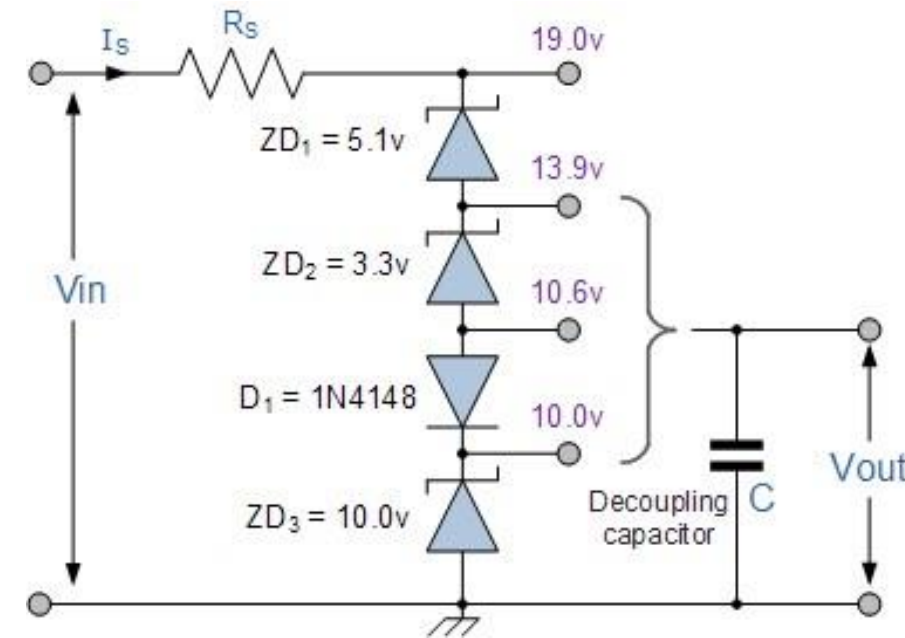
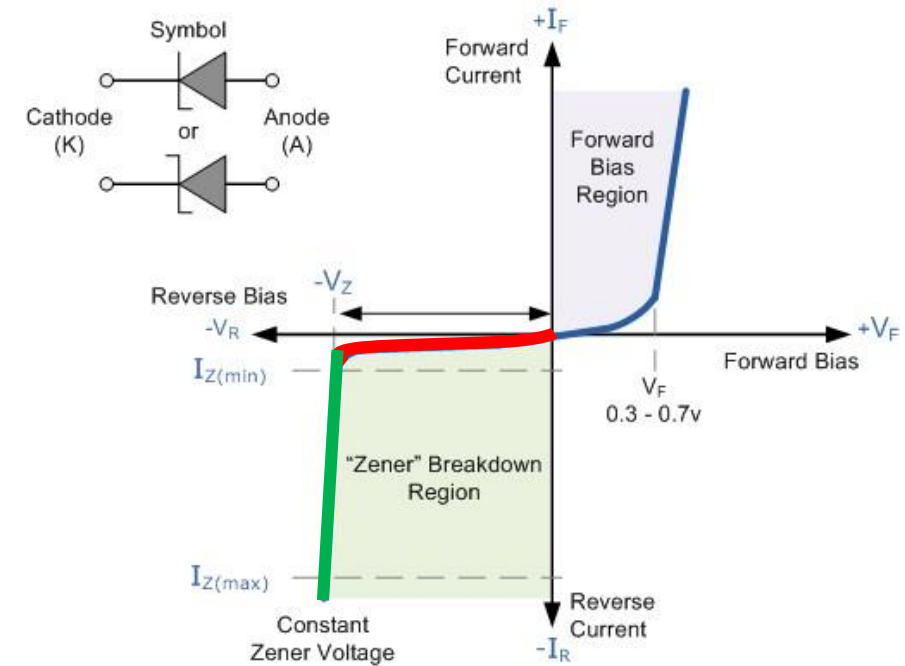
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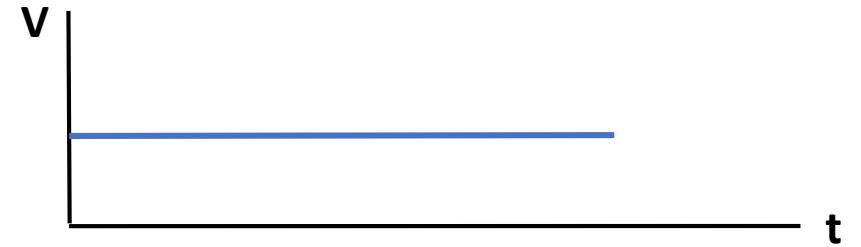
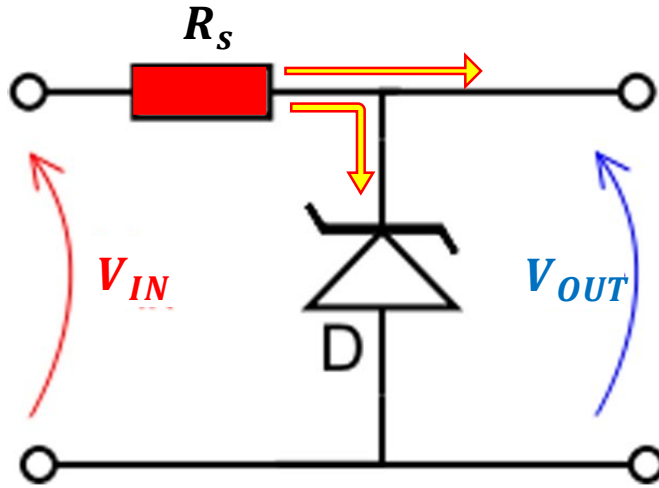
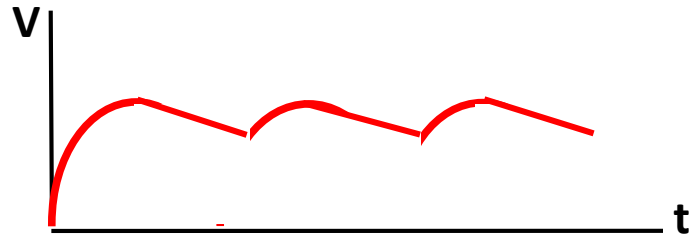
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The Regulator

Zener Diode Regulator

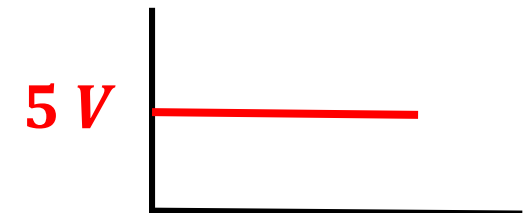
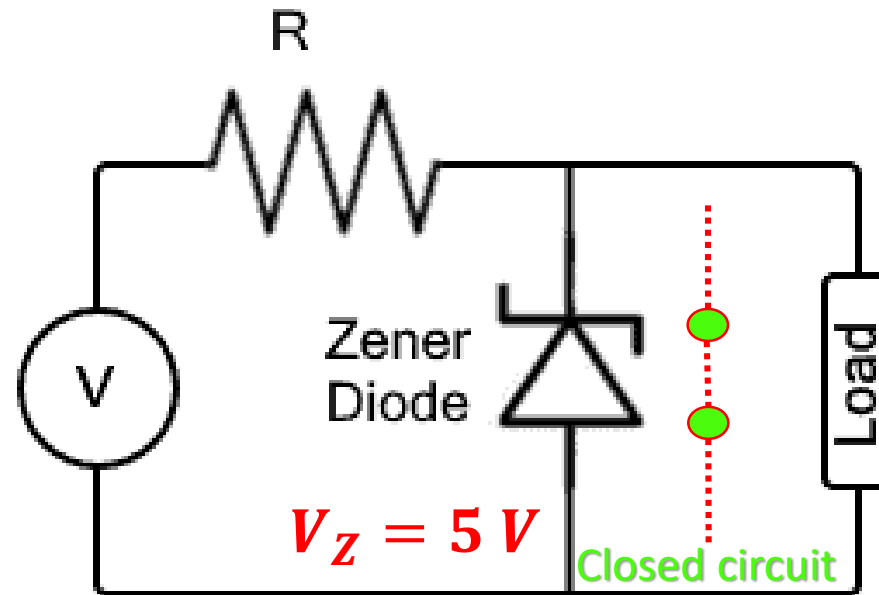
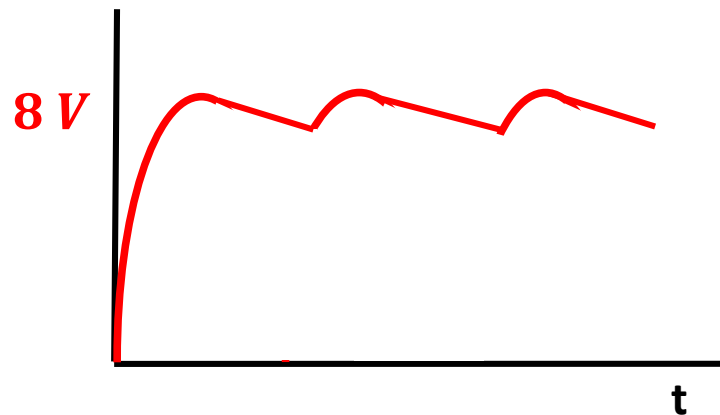
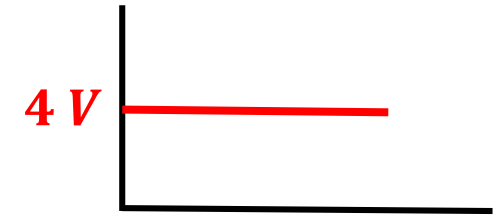
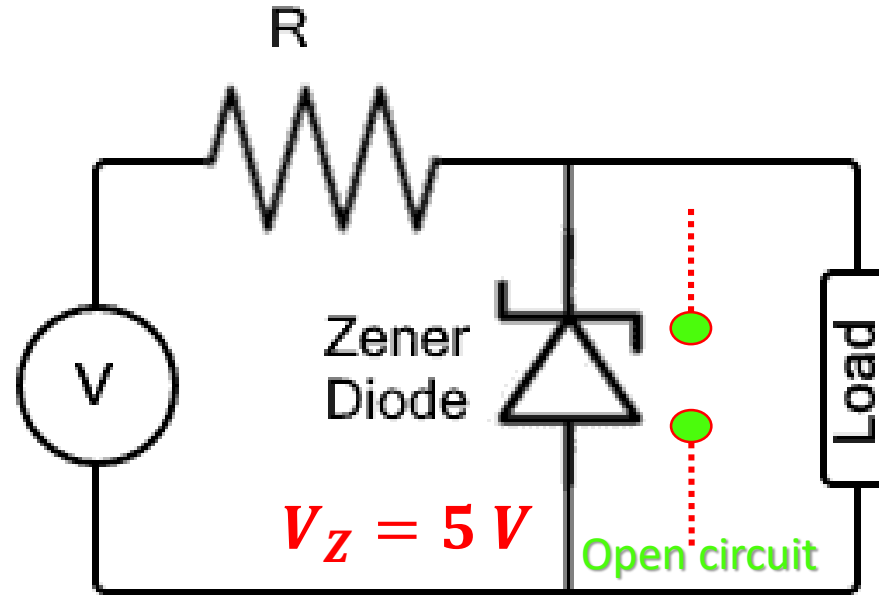
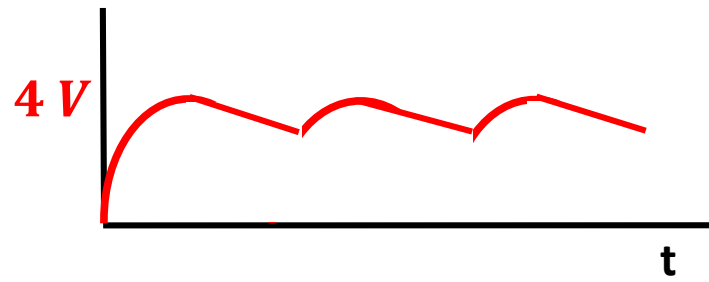
- A **Zener diode** allows current in the forward direction like a **regular diode**
- but also **conducts in reverse** when the voltage **exceeds** a specific **Zener breakdown voltage** (Zener voltage).
- **Common Zener diodes:** 500mW BZX55 and 1.3W BZX85, like BZX55C7V5 (7.5V).
- Zener diodes can be **series-connected** with silicon diodes for various reference voltages.



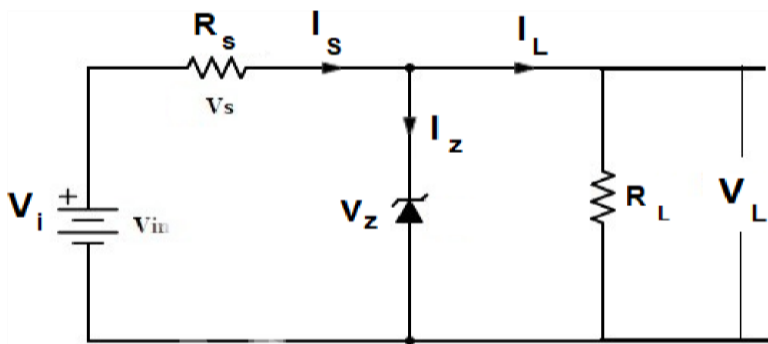


- Zener diodes provide a **stable out put voltage** with **low ripple** under varying load currents.
- A current-limiting resistor (R_s) ensures the Zener diode conducts enough current to maintain V_{OUT} .
- Rectifier DC output has a **ripple**; connecting a **Zener stabilizer** circuit to the rectifier generates a more **stable voltage**.

Zener voltage V_Z



Stage 1: Fixed V_i and Fixed R_L



$$V_L = \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_S} V_i$$

When $V_L < V_Z$ Zener is OFF

$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L}$$

$$V_i - V_s - V_L = 0$$

$$I_s = \frac{V_s}{R_s}$$

$$I_z = 0$$

When $V_L > V_Z$ Zener is ON

$$V_Z = V_L$$

$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L}$$

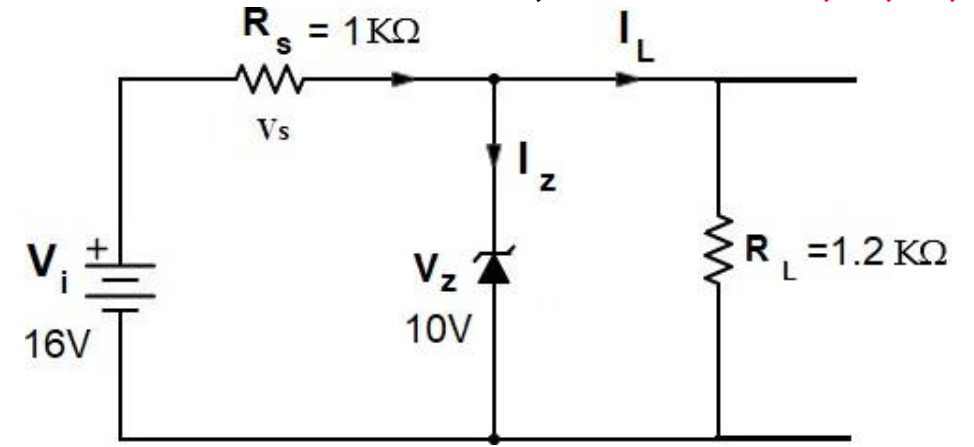
$$V_i - V_s - V_L = 0$$

$$I_s = \frac{V_s}{R_s}$$

$$I_z = I_s - I_L$$



EX:1 For the Zener circuit below, determine V_L , I_L , V_s , I_s and I_z



Sol:

i
$$V_L = \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_S} V_i$$

$$= \frac{1.2}{1.2 + 1} * 16$$

$$V_L = 8.72 V$$

$\therefore V_L(8.72V) < V_Z(10V)$

Zener is OFF

ii
$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L}$$

$$= \frac{8.72}{1.2 * 10^3}$$

$$I_L = 7.27 mA$$

iii
$$V_i - V_s - V_L = 0$$

$$16 - V_s - 8.72 = 0$$

$$V_s = 16 - 8.72$$

$$V_s = 7.27 V$$

IV
$$I_s = \frac{V_s}{R_s}$$

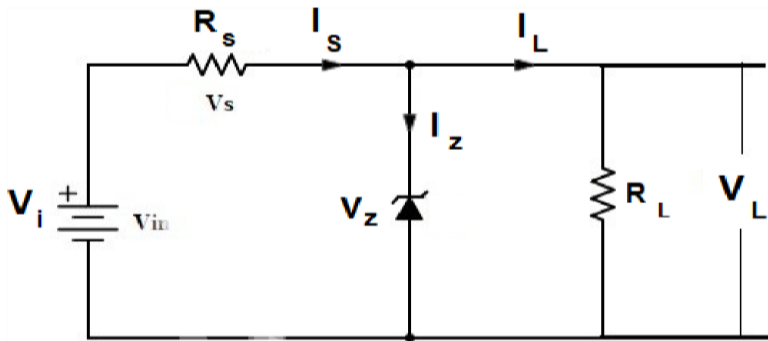
$$I_s = \frac{7.27 V}{1 k}$$

$$I_s = 7.27 mA$$

V

$$I_z = 0$$

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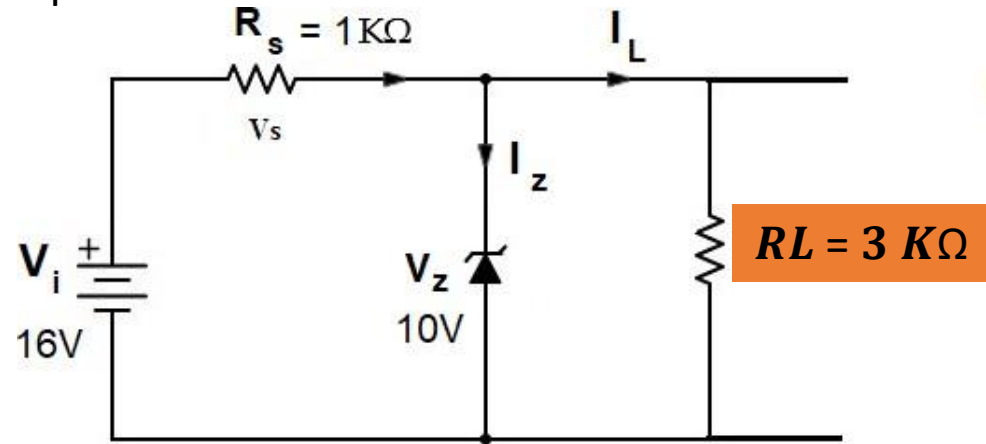
$$V_i - V_s - V_L = 0$$

$$I_s = \frac{V_s}{R_s}$$

$$I_s = I_z + I_L$$

EX:2

Repeat Ex.1 with $R_L = 3 K\Omega$



Sol:

i
$$V_L = \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_S} V_i$$

$$= \frac{3}{3 + 1} * 16$$

$$V_L = 12V$$
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∵ $V_L(12V) > V_Z(10V)$

Zener is on

∴ $V_Z = V_L = 10V$ ✅

ii
$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} = \frac{10}{3 * 10^3}$$

$$I_L = 3.33mA$$

iii
$$V_i - V_s - V_L = 0$$

$$16 - V_s - 10 = 0$$

$$V_s = 16 - 10$$

$$V_s = 6V$$

IV
$$I_s = \frac{V_s}{R_s}$$

$$I_s = \frac{6V}{1k}$$

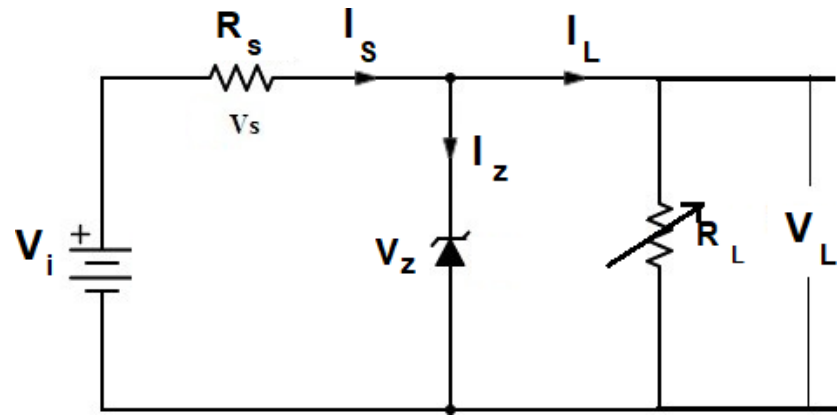
$$I_s = 6mA$$

V
$$I_s = I_z + I_L$$

$$6 = I_z + 3.33$$

$$I_z = 2.67mA$$

Stage 2: Fixed V_i and Variable R_L



$$R_{Lmin} = \frac{V_Z}{V_i - V_Z} R_s$$

$$V_L = V_Z$$

$$V_i - V_s - V_L = 0$$

$$I_s = \frac{V_s}{R_s}$$

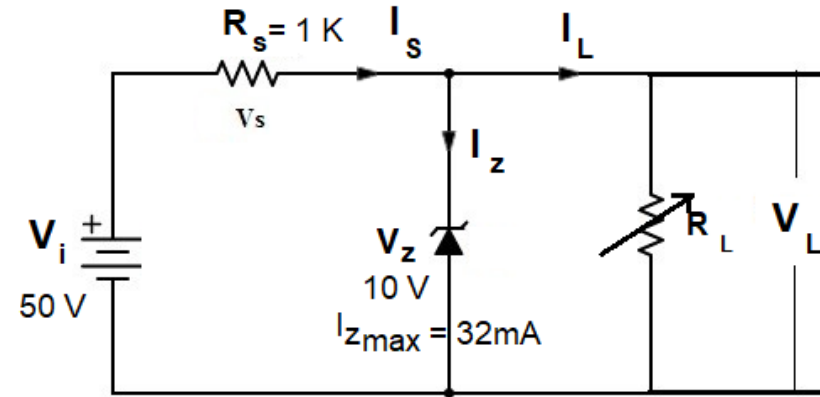
$$I_{Lmin} = I_s - I_{Zmax}$$

$$R_{Lmax} = \frac{V_L}{I_{Lmin}}$$

$$I_{Lmax} = \frac{V_L}{R_{Lmin}}$$

EX:3

For the Zener circuit below, determine the range of R_L and I_L



Sol:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i} \quad R_{Lmin} &= \frac{V_Z}{V_i - V_Z} R_s \\ &= \frac{10}{50 - 10} * 1k \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{Lmin} = 0.25 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii} \quad V_i - V_s - V_Z &= 0 \\ 50 - V_s - 10 &= 0 \\ V_s &= 40V \end{aligned}$$

$$I_s = \frac{V_s}{R_s} \rightarrow I_s = \frac{40}{1k}$$

$$I_s = 40 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{Lmin} = I_s - I_{Zmax}$$

$$I_{Lmin} = 40\text{mA} - 32 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{Lmin} = 8\text{mA}$$

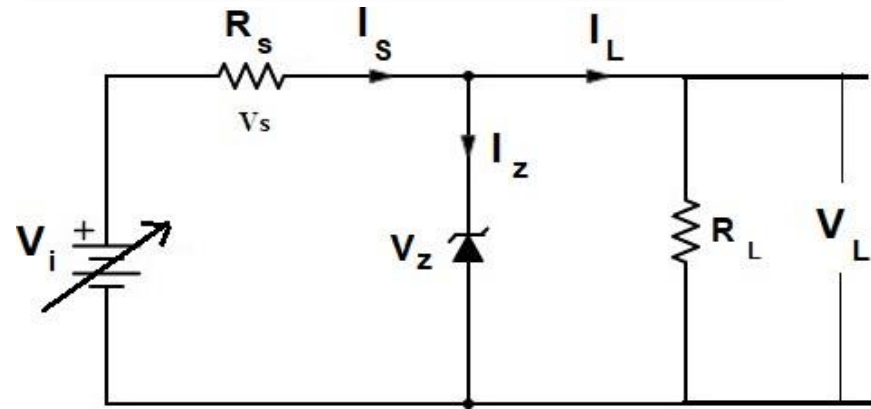
$$\begin{aligned} \text{iii} \quad R_{Lmax} &= \frac{V_Z}{I_{Lmin}} \\ R_{Lmax} &= \frac{10}{8\text{mA}} \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{Lmax} = 1.25 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IV} \quad I_{Lmax} &= \frac{V_L}{R_{Lmin}} \\ I_{Lmax} &= \frac{10}{0.25k} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{Lmax} = 40 \text{ mA}$$

Stage 3: Variable V_i and Fixed RL



$$V_{i \min} = \frac{R_L + R_s}{R_L} V_Z$$

$$I_{S \max} = I_{Z \max} + I_L$$

$$V_{i \max} = I_{S \max} R_s + V_Z$$

$$V_{s \max} = I_{S \max} R_s$$

$$I_{S \min} = \frac{V_{i \min} - V_Z}{R_s}$$

$$V_{s \min} = I_{S \min} R_s$$

EX:4

For the Following circuit, determine the range of the **input voltage** and V_s

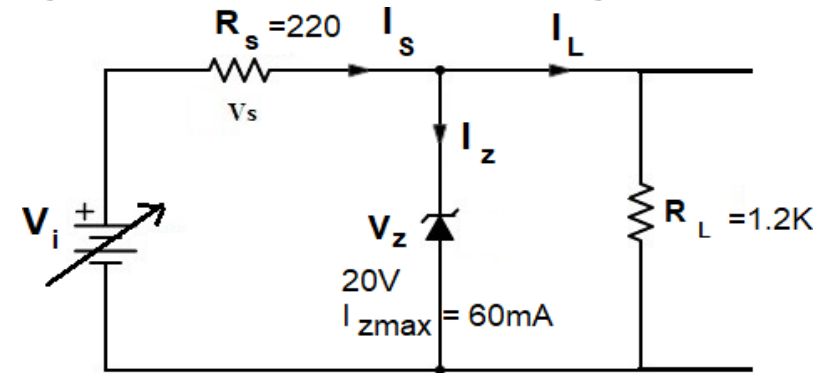
Sol:

i

$$V_{i \min} = \frac{R_L + R_s}{R_L} V_Z$$

$$= \frac{1.2k + 220}{1.2k} * 20$$

$$V_{i \min} = 23.67 V$$



ii

$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{R_L} \rightarrow = \frac{20}{1.2k}$$

$$I_L = 16.6 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{S \max} = I_{Z \max} + I_L$$

$$I_{S \max} = 60 \text{ mA} + 16.6 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{S \max} = 76.6 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{i \max} = I_{S \max} R_s + V_Z$$

$$V_{i \max} = (76.6 \text{ mA}) (220 \Omega) + 20$$

$$V_{i \max} = 36.86 V$$

iii

$$V_{s \max} = I_{S \max} R_s$$

$$V_{s \max} = (76.6 \text{ mA}) (220)$$

$$V_{s \max} = 16.852 V$$

IV

$$I_{S \min} = \frac{V_{i \min} - V_Z}{R_s}$$

$$= \frac{23.67 - 20}{220}$$

$$= 16.68 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{s \min} = I_{S \min} R_s$$

$$V_{s \min} = (16.68 \text{ mA}) (220 \Omega)$$

$$V_{s \min} = 3.67 V$$