Basic Elec. Engr. Lab ECS 204

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- Diode
- Transformer
- Rectifiers
- Electrolytic Capacitor



Unidirectional current characteristics

Permit current to flow through in one direction (when forward-biased), but not the other (reverse-biased).









• A rectifier is an electrical device that converts alternating current (AC) to direct current (DC).

Part A: Half-Wave Rectifier (HWR)









Use the osc. in DC mode



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Part A: Half-Wave Rectifier (HWR)











Part A: Full-Wave Rectifier (FWR)









Electrolytic Capacitor

- The polarity is almost always indicated by a printed band.
 - The lead nearest to that band is the cathode lead (-).
- Additionally, the positive lead is usually longer.
- Hook them up the wrong way and at best, you'll block the signal passing through. At worst (for higher voltage applications) they'll explode.



Oscilloscope: DC mode vs. AC mode

- Input signal: v(t)
- DC mode: Show $v_{DC}(t) = v(t)$
- AC mode: Show $v_{AC}(t) = v(t) V_{DC}$
 - $v_{AC}(t)$ always have 0 average (theoretically)

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$$v_{AC}(t) = v_{DC}(t)$$
 when $V_{DC} = 0$.







Summary: Rectifiers

- Use diode to rectify AC waveform
- Use large capacitor to reduce ripple
- Two dangerous mistakes:
 - Unknowingly shorting between nodes (A, B, C) of the transformer outputs $\bigwedge \bigwedge \bigwedge \bigwedge \bigwedge_{D1}$

220 V

50 Hz

1N4001

D2

1N4001

 $\frac{1}{10}$ kΩ

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- You will smell something burning.
- Reverse the polarity of the capacitor





For next quiz ... Op-Amp 741

• **OP**erational **AMP**lifier

