

Precision Rectifier -- Overview

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Objectives:

To design half wave precision rectifier using op-amps.

Pre lab questions:

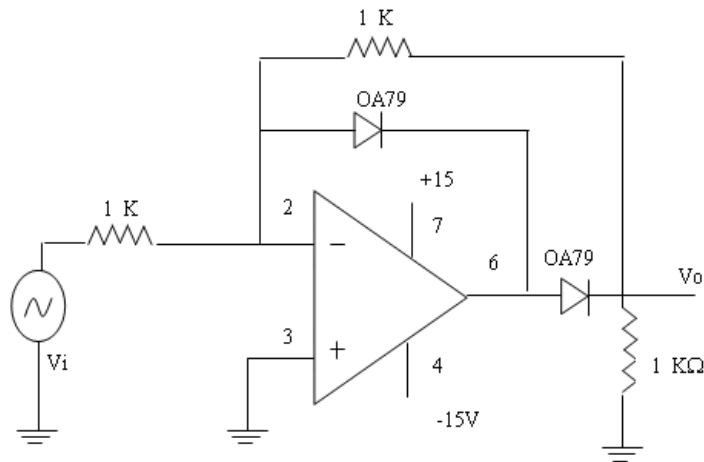
1. What is the difference between an ordinary rectifier and a precision rectifier using op-amps?
2. Identify the diode which will be ON during the positive half cycle in the half wave rectifier circuit below.
3. Identify the diode/diodes which will be ON during the positive half cycle in the full wave rectifier circuit below.

Components & Equipments required:

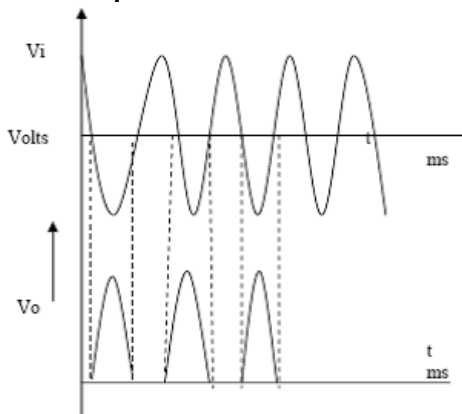
1. Operational amplifier - μA 741
2. Resistors
3. Diodes
4. Signal generator
5. CRO
6. Bread board
7. Power supply
8. Connecting wires

Half wave rectifier:

Circuit and Design:



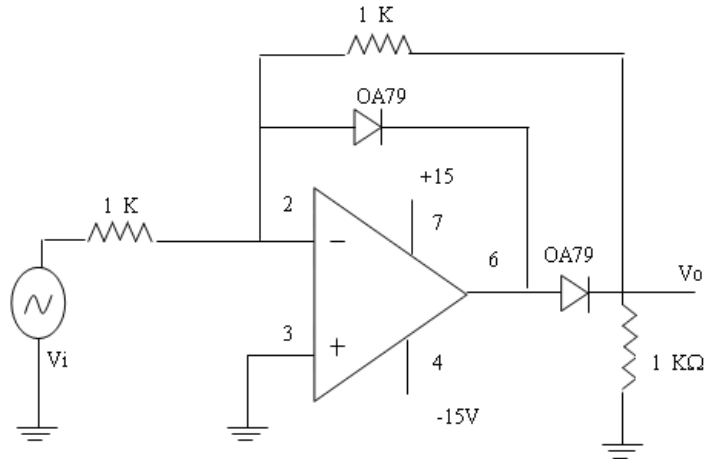
Model Graph:



Precision Rectifier -- Procedures

Step 1

Connect the circuit as shown below.

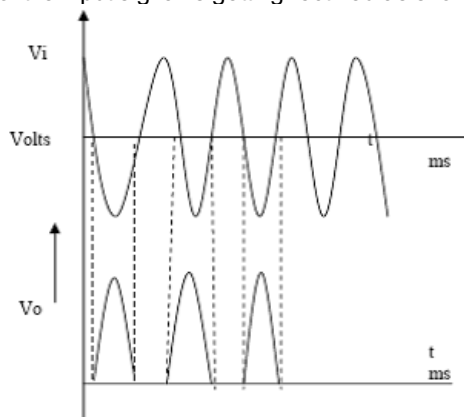


Step 2

Apply a small signal say 500mV , 1 kHz sine signal as V_i

Step 3

Observe the output V_o and input V_i simultaneously in the two channels of CRO. Verify if the negative cycle of the input signal is getting rectified as shown below



Step 4

Plot your observations in a graph sheet.

Step 5

Post lab questions:

1. Apply triangular / square wave as inputs to the rectifier circuits and observe the outputs.
2. Does your full wave rectifier rectify ac signals of amplitude less than 1 volt ?

Step 6

Inference/Result: