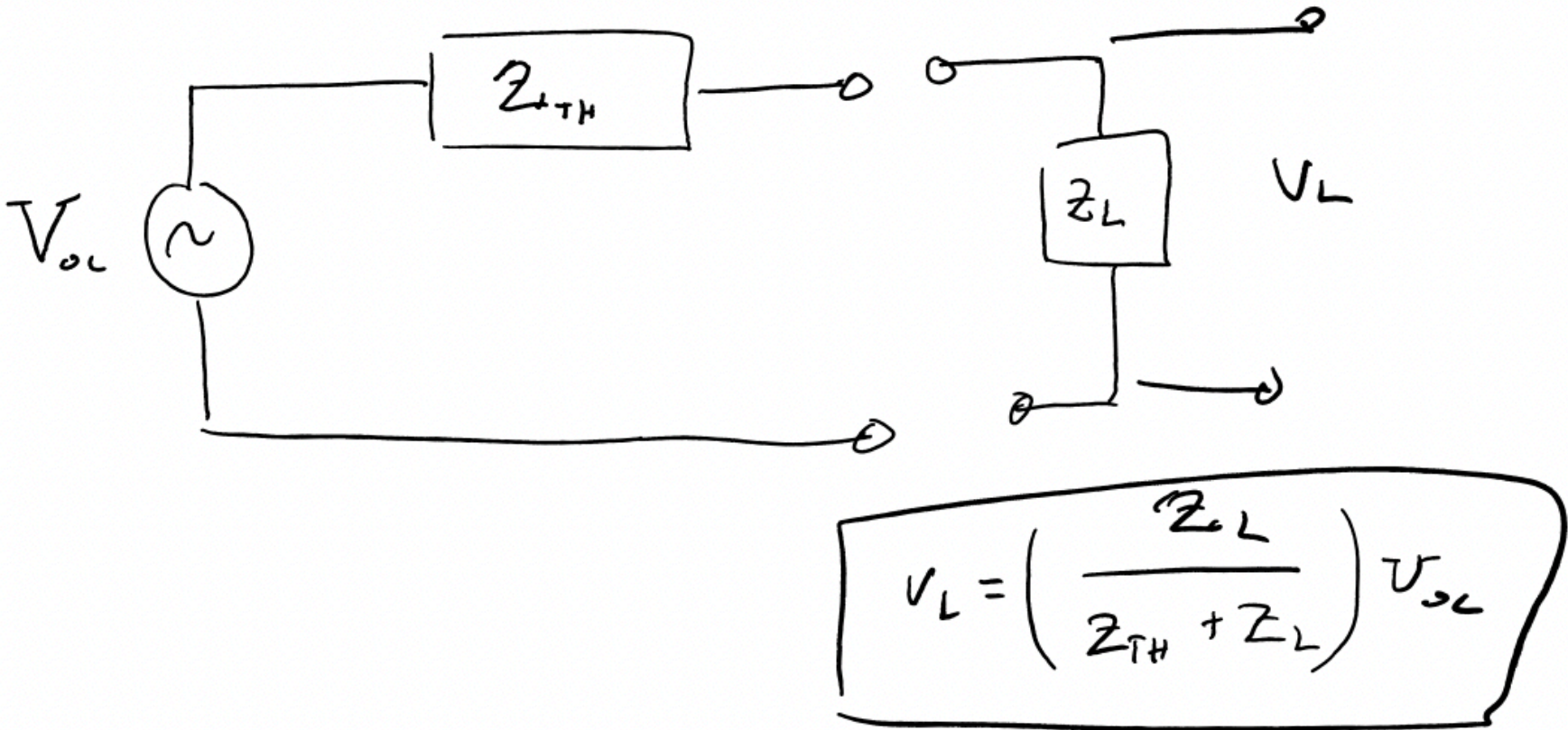
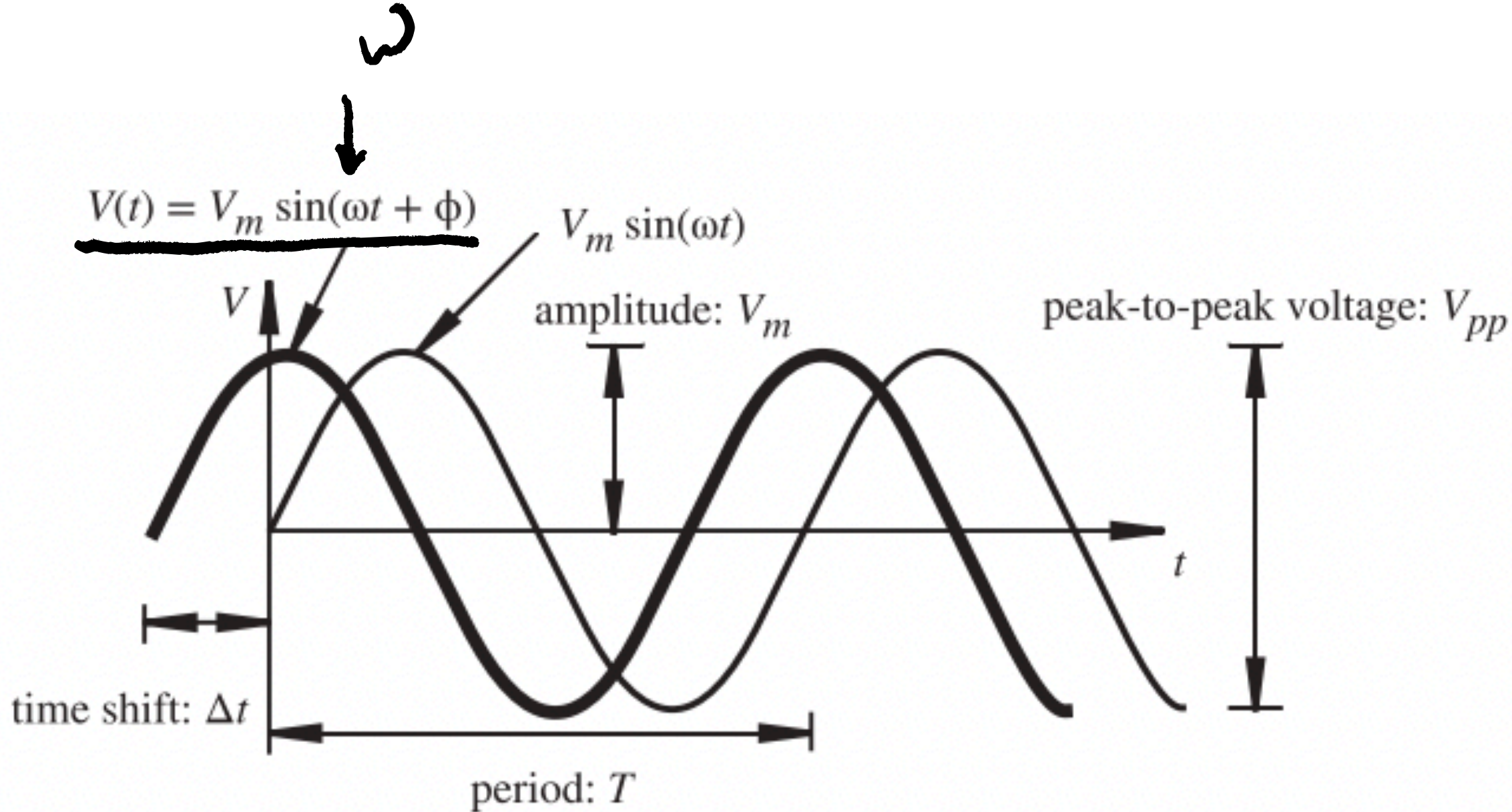


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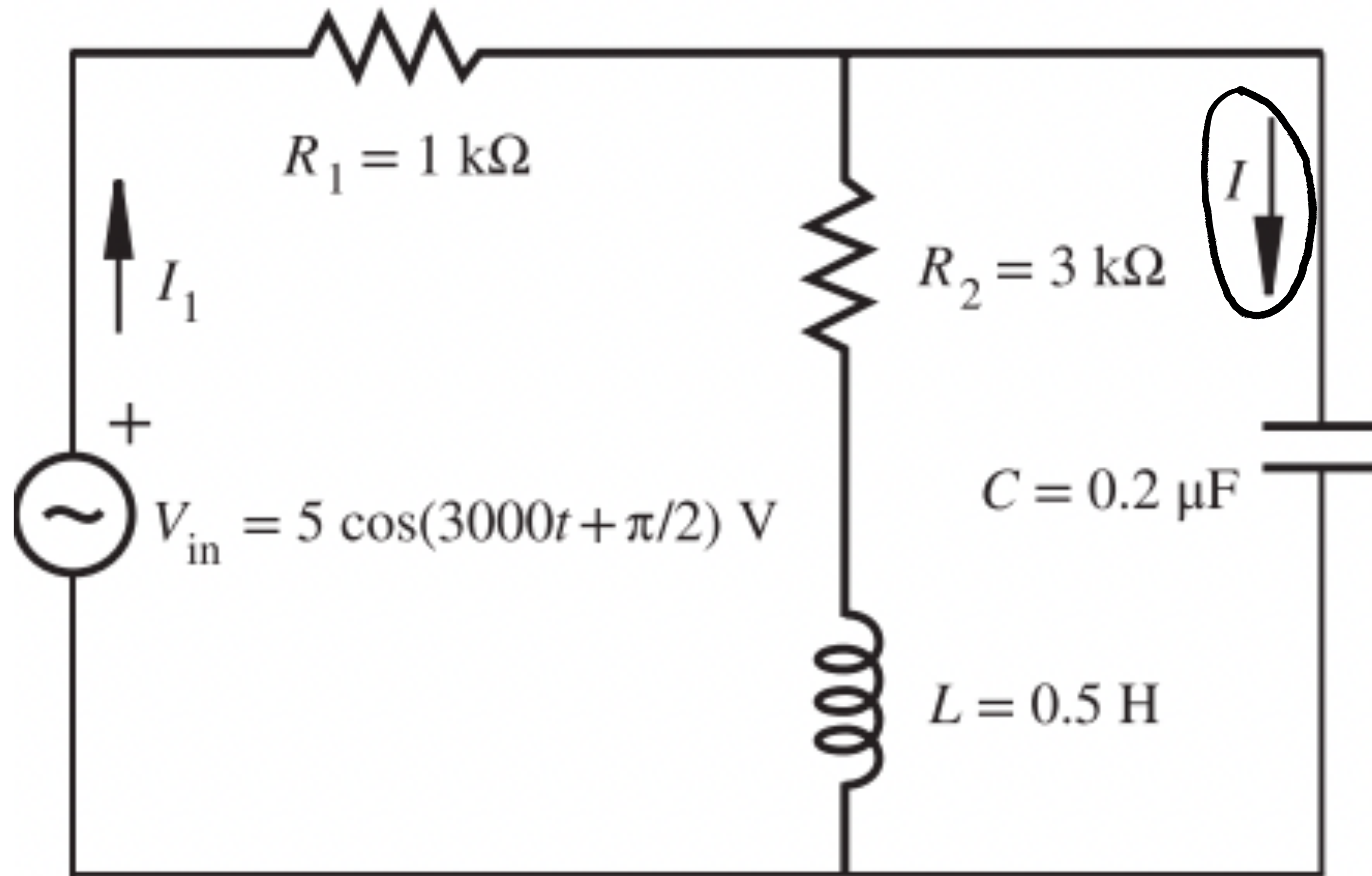
- > AC Signals and Circuits
- > Impedance
- > Transformers
- > Intro to semiconductors



$$V_L = \left( \frac{Z_L}{Z_{TH} + Z_L} \right) V_{oc}$$

Today:  
- Diodes

# AC circuit Analysis: Ex. 2.7



Find steady state current  $I$

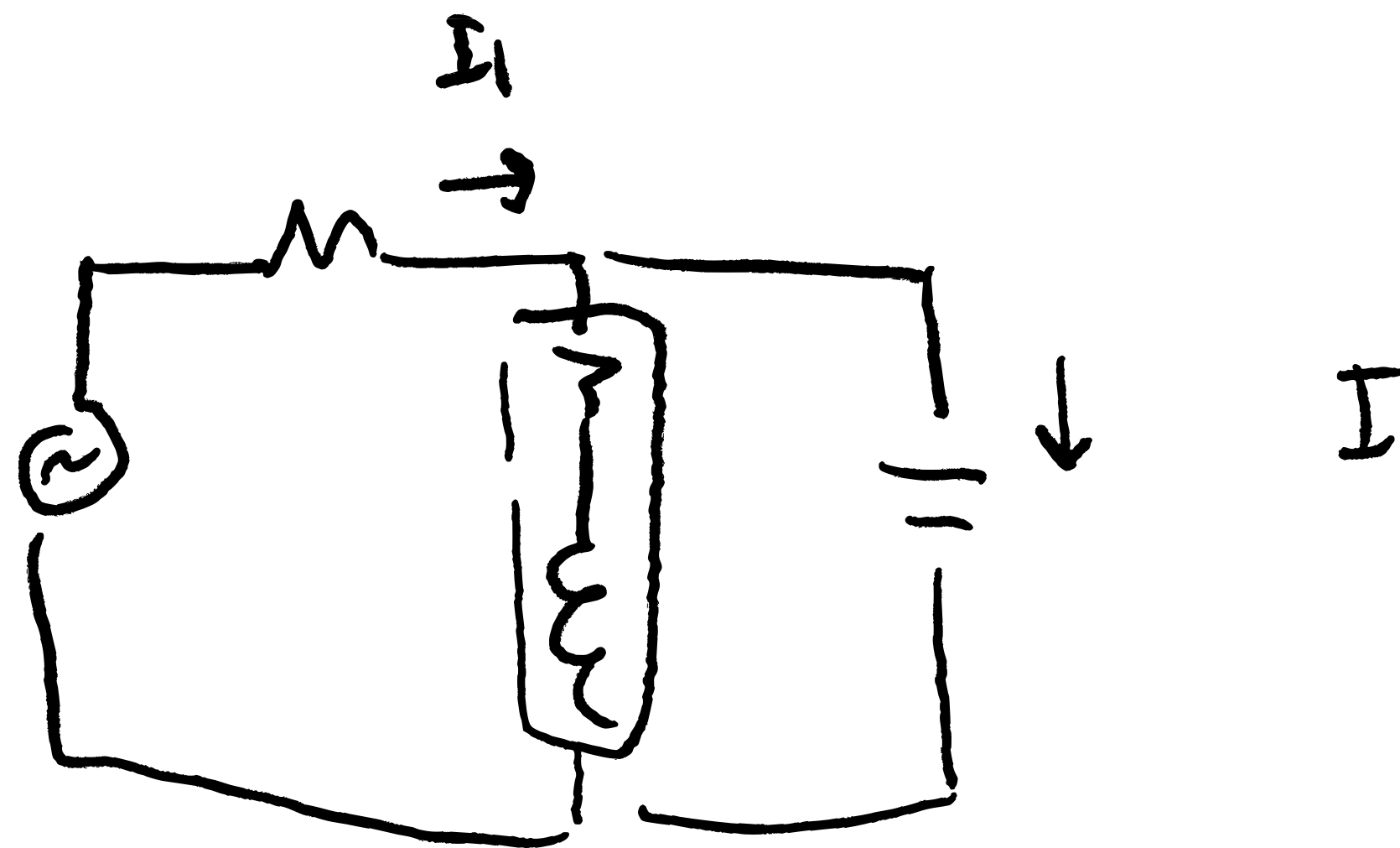
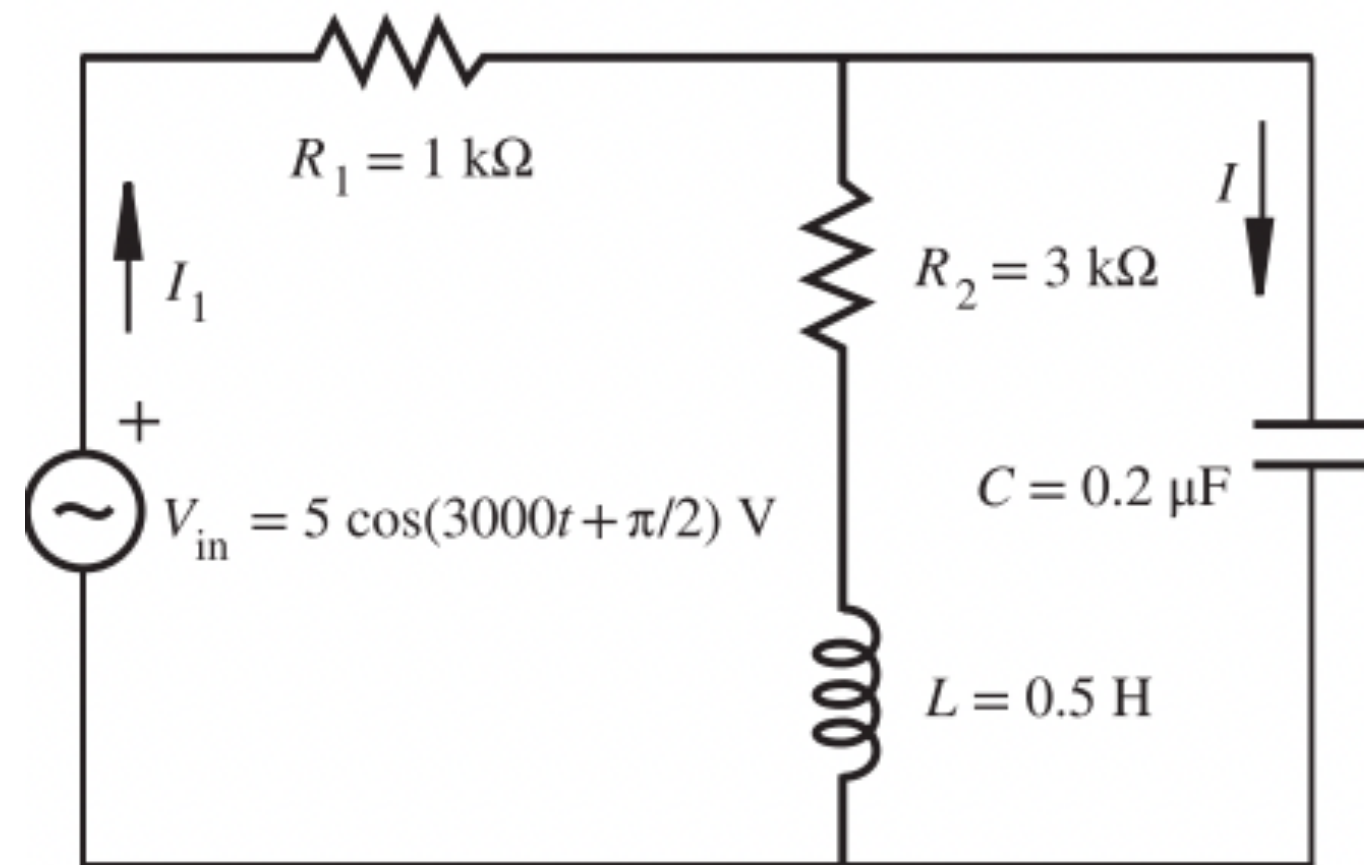
*Roughly sketch  
out how to  
solve.*

# AC circuit Analysis: Ex. 2.7



Idea: first find the current through the entire circuit ( $I_1$ )

then just apply current divider.



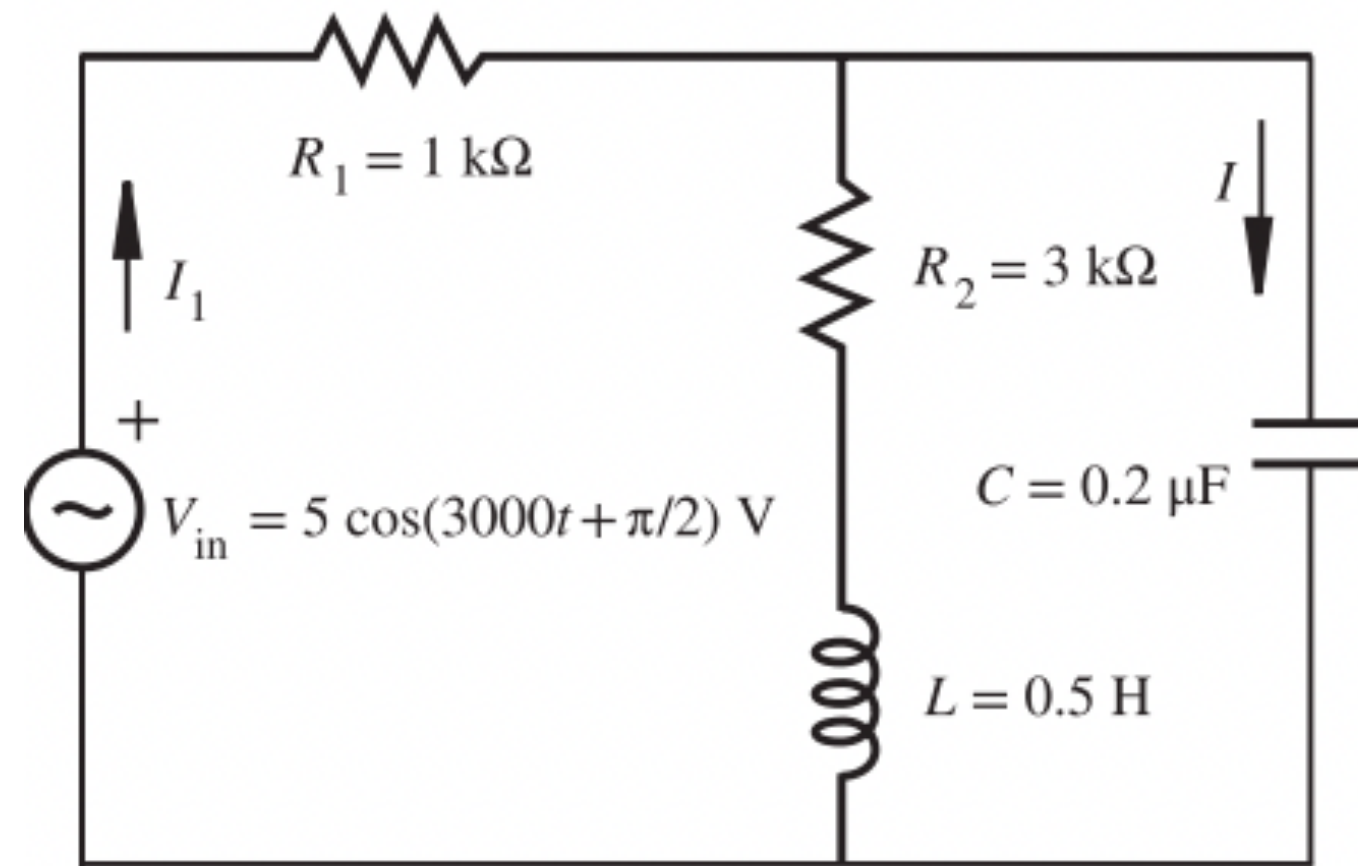
$$Z_{eq} = (R_2 + Z_L) \parallel Z_C$$

$$= \frac{(R_2 + Z_L) Z_C}{(R_2 + Z_L + Z_C)} + R_1$$

$$\therefore I_1 = \frac{V_{in}}{Z_{eq}}$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{R_2 + Z_L}{(R_2 + Z_L) + Z_C} I_1$$

# AC circuit Analysis: Ex. 2.7



$$Z_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C} = -\frac{j}{\omega C}$$

$$Z_L = j\omega L$$

$$Z_R = R$$

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# Semiconductor Physics: Types of dopants

- donor : enhances  
electron  
conductivity

n-type

- acceptor : reduces  
electron  
conductivity

p-type

- n-type : charge carrier  $e^-$

- p-type : charge carrier  
hole

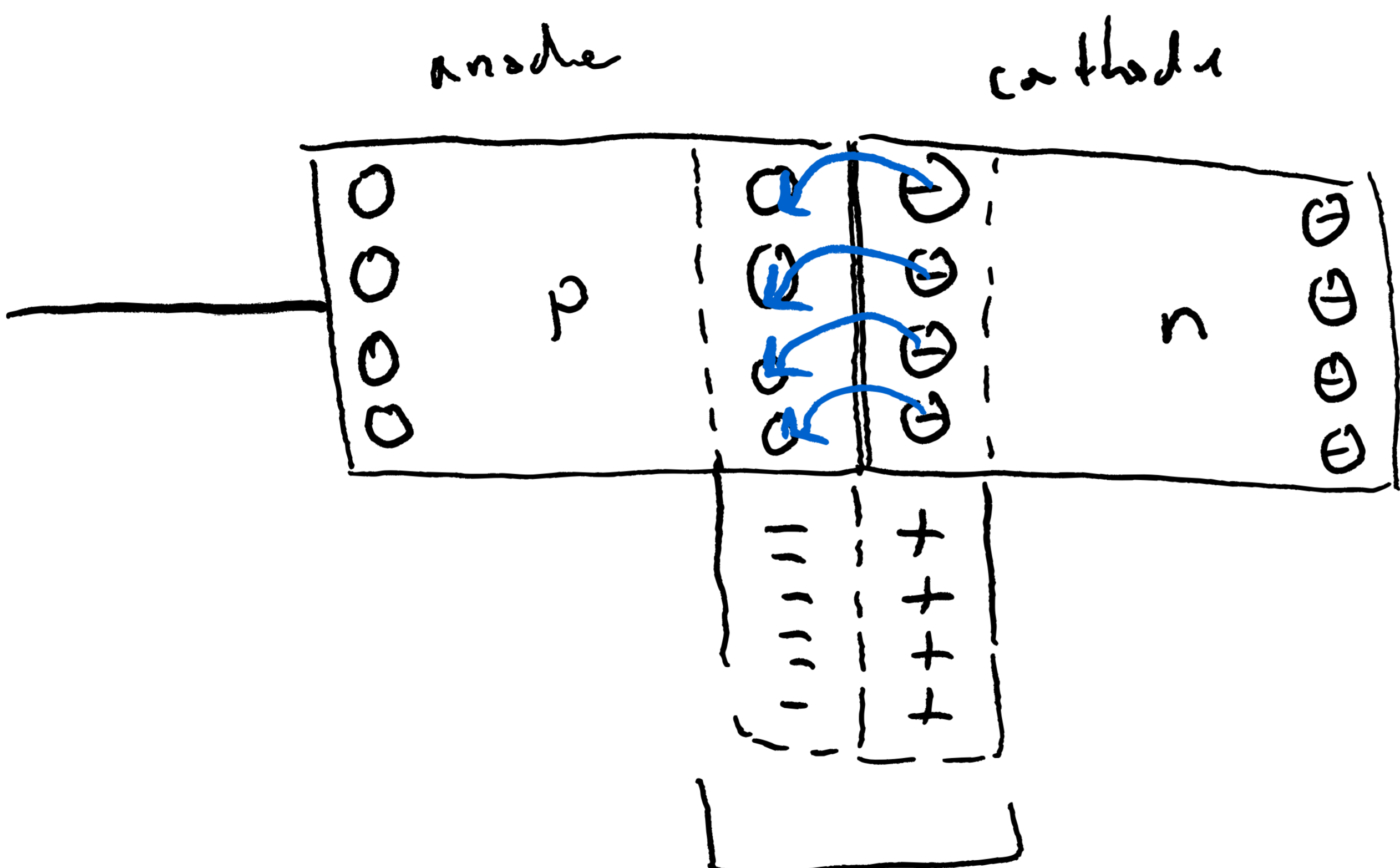
→ Key idea:

the interaction between

n- & p-type areas

on the chip.

# Junction Diode: pn-junction



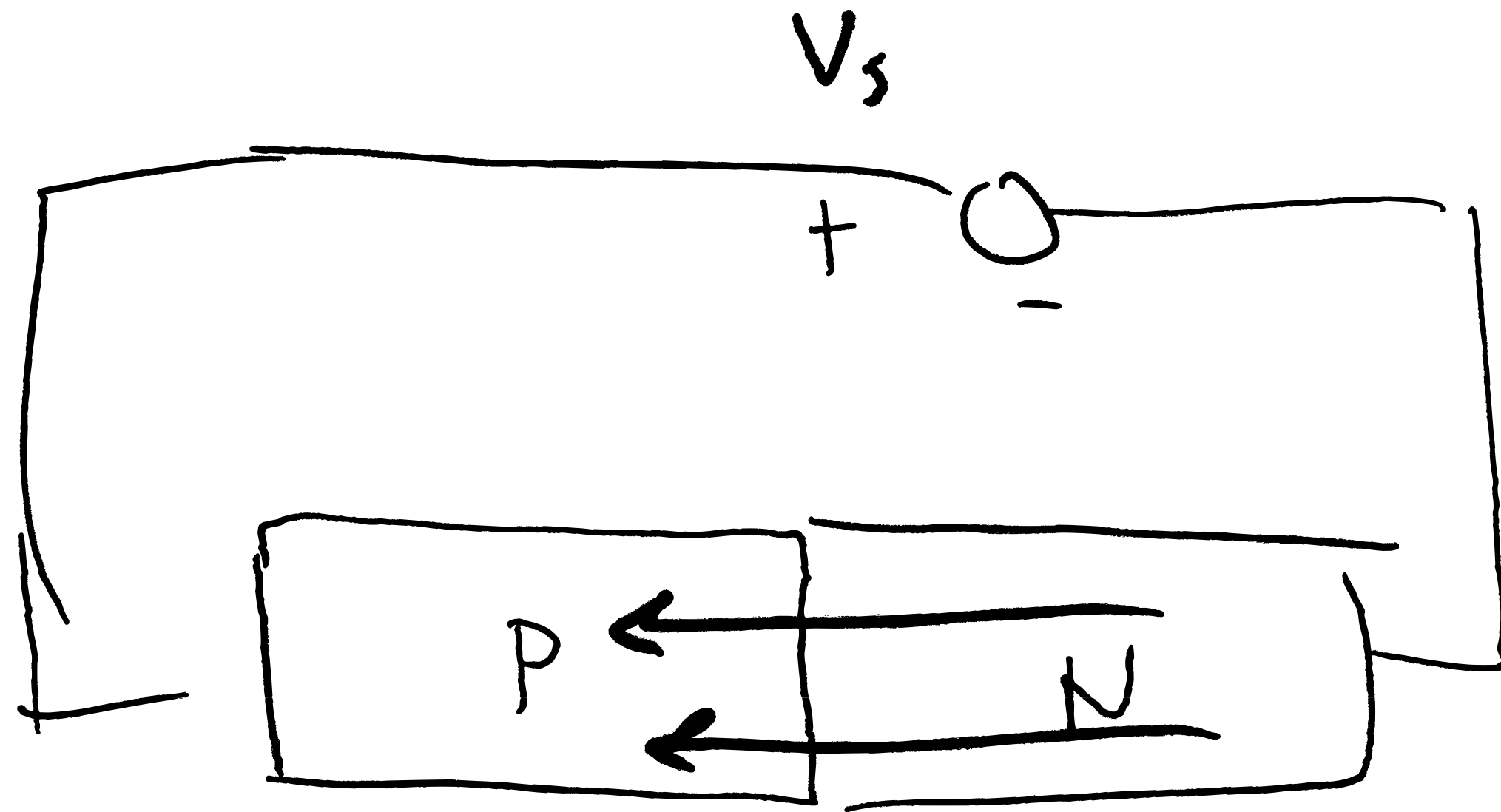
\* electrons from cathode migrate (diffuse) to occupy the hole on the anode

depletion region

contact potential  $\approx$  silicon 0.7 V

# Junction Diode: pn-junction

what happens with a voltage applied



Forward Bias

$V_s >$  contact potential

$V_s > 0.7 \text{ V}$

• depletion shrinks

• current flows

$I_D$ : current through the diode

$I_0$ : reverse saturation current

$e$ : electron charge

$K$ : Boltzmann's constant

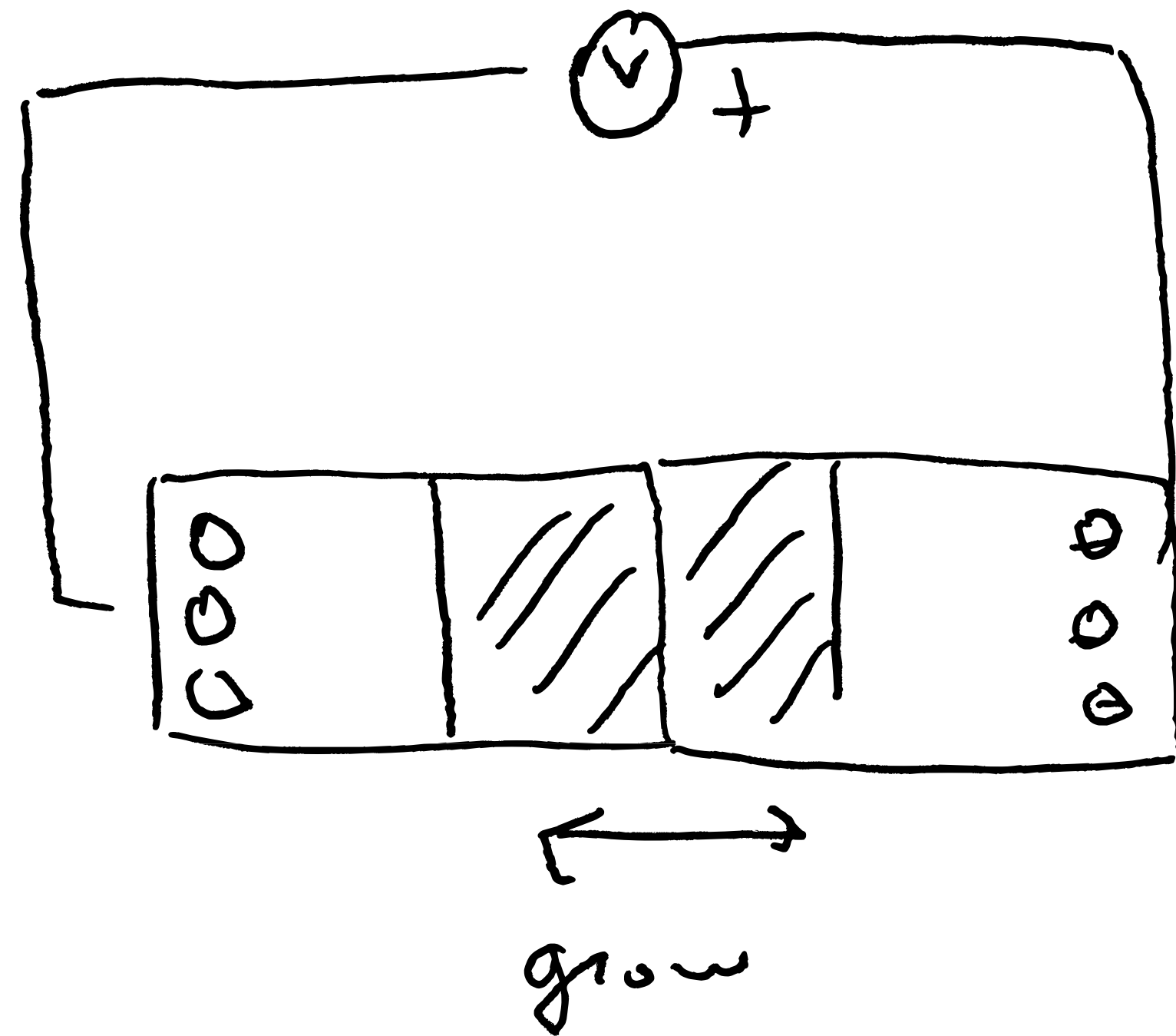
$V_s$ : Voltage across diode

$$I_D = I_0 \left( e^{\frac{eV_s}{KT}} - 1 \right)$$



# Junction Diode: pn-junction

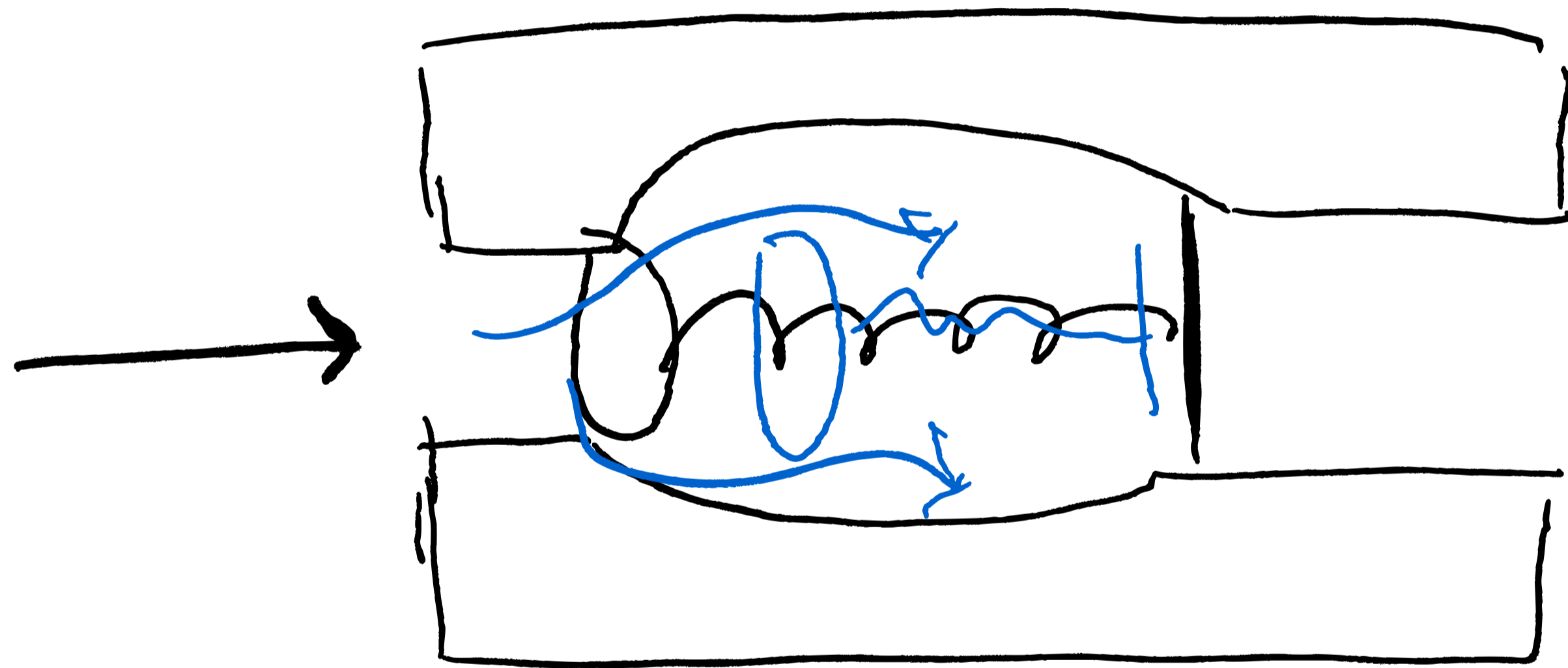
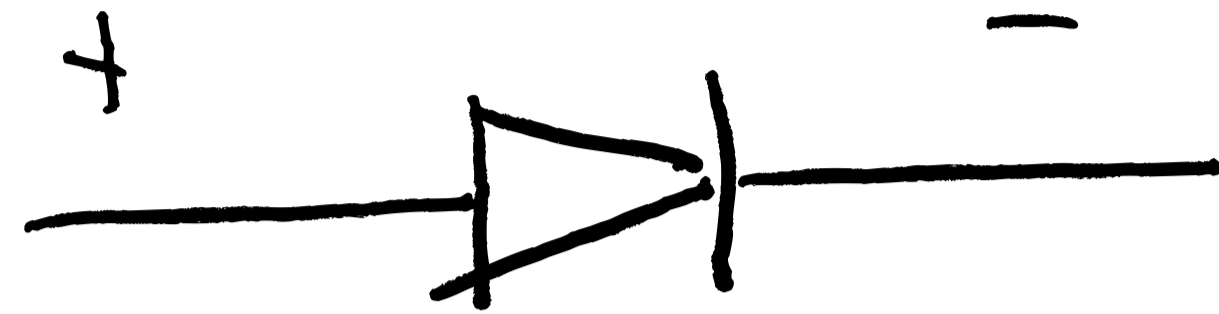
What happens if you  
flip polarity?



\* Reverse saturation current flow, but on the order  $10e^{-9}$

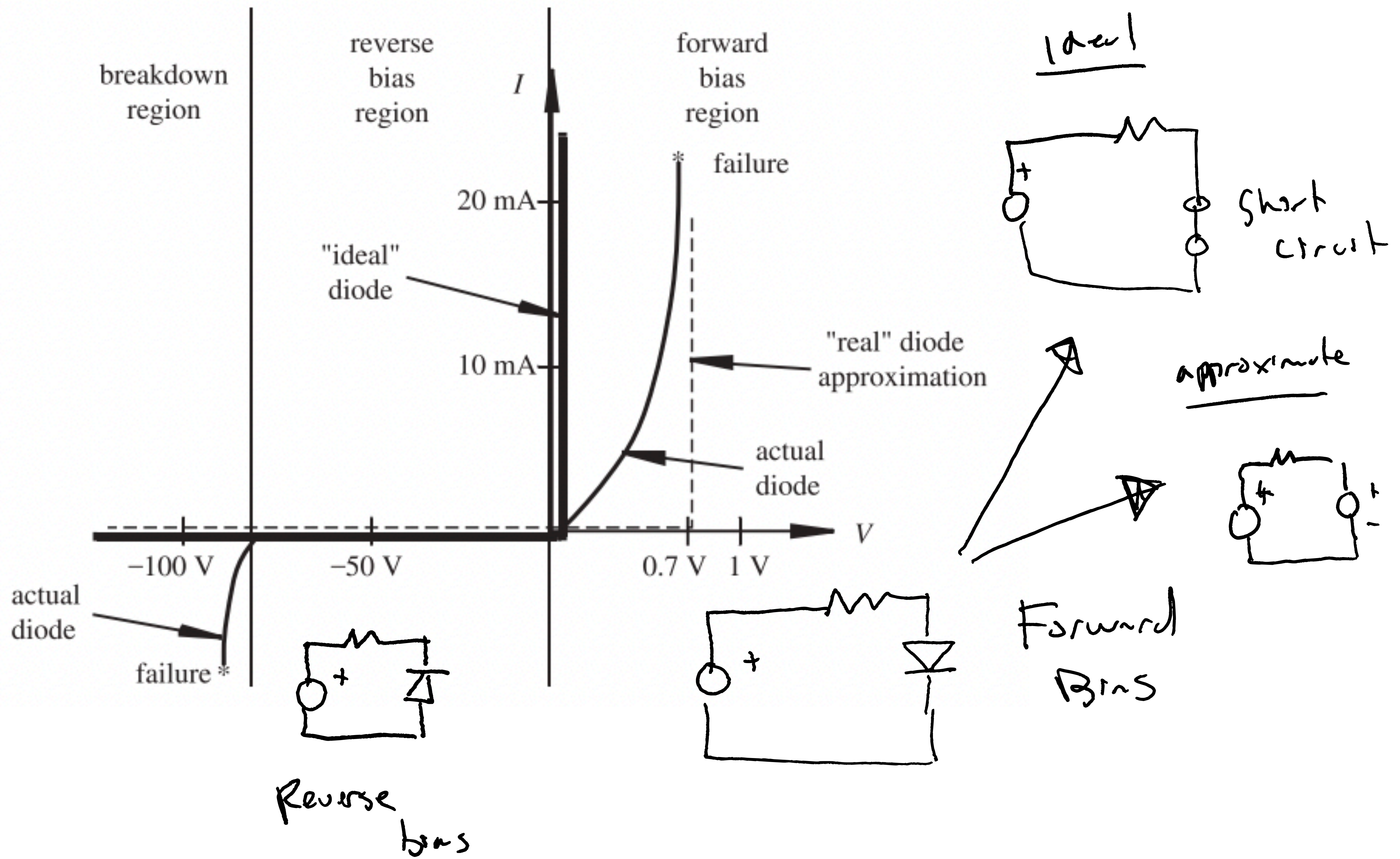
$\therefore$  Diode: lets current flow in only one direction.

# Diode water analogy



- on/off → this action of pn-junction is the fundamental basis for all digital devices.

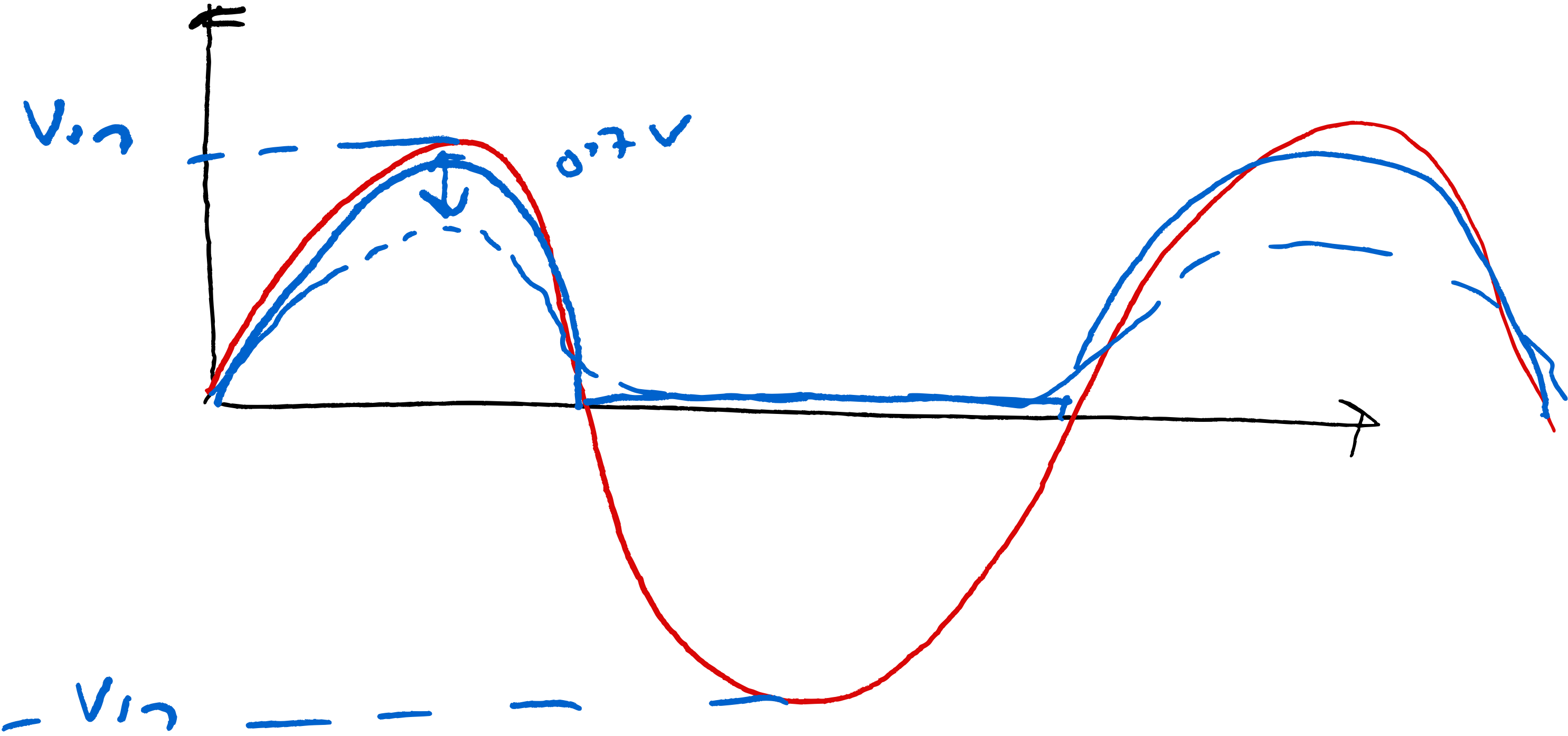
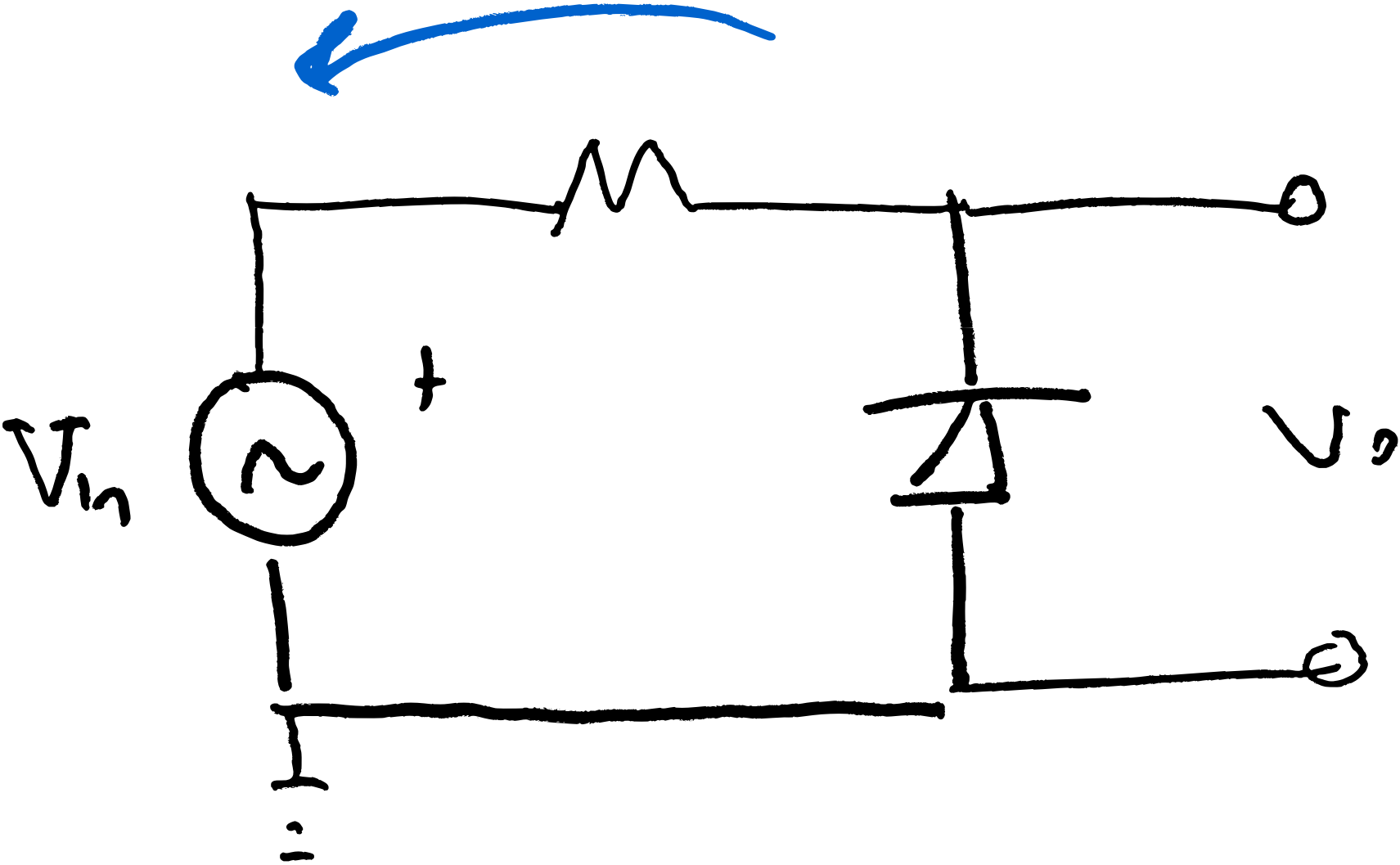
# Ideal, actual, and approximate diode curves



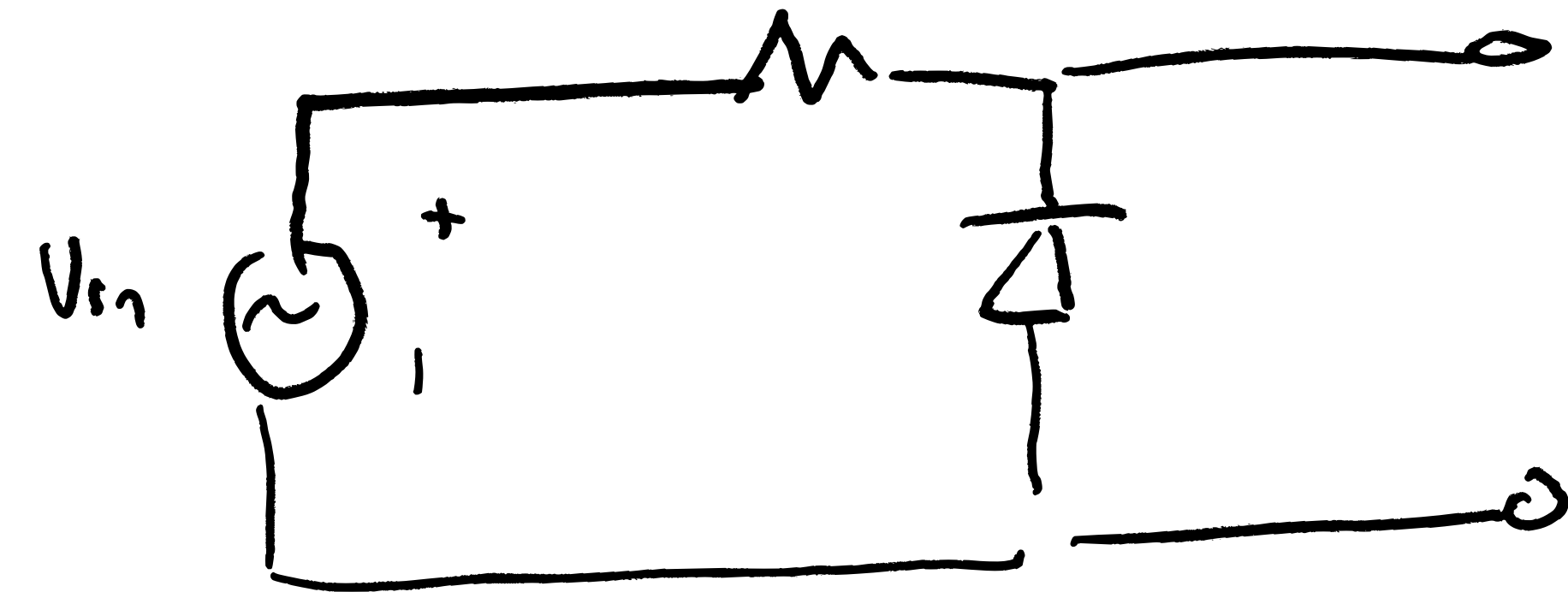
# Why are diodes useful?

- circuit protection
- half-wave rectifier

--- approx.  
— ideal



# How to analyze



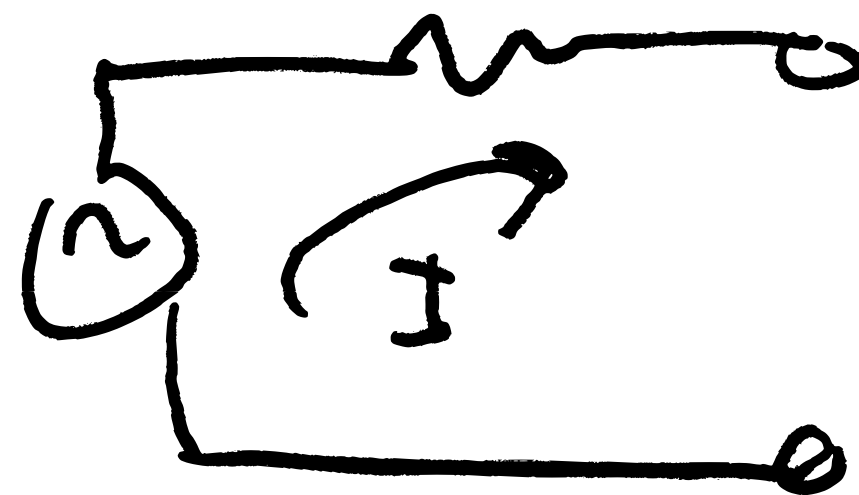
split into two circuits

①  $V_{in} > 0$

②  $V_{in} < 0$

①  $V_{in} > 0$

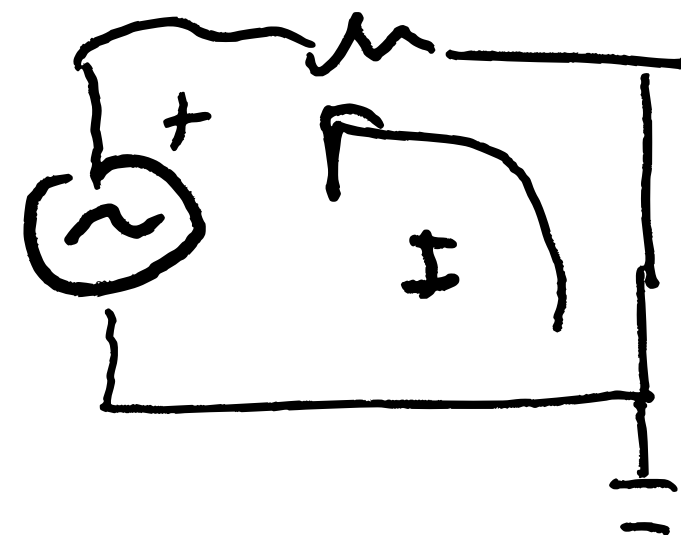
diode  $\rightarrow$  reverse bias  
 $\rightarrow$  open circuit



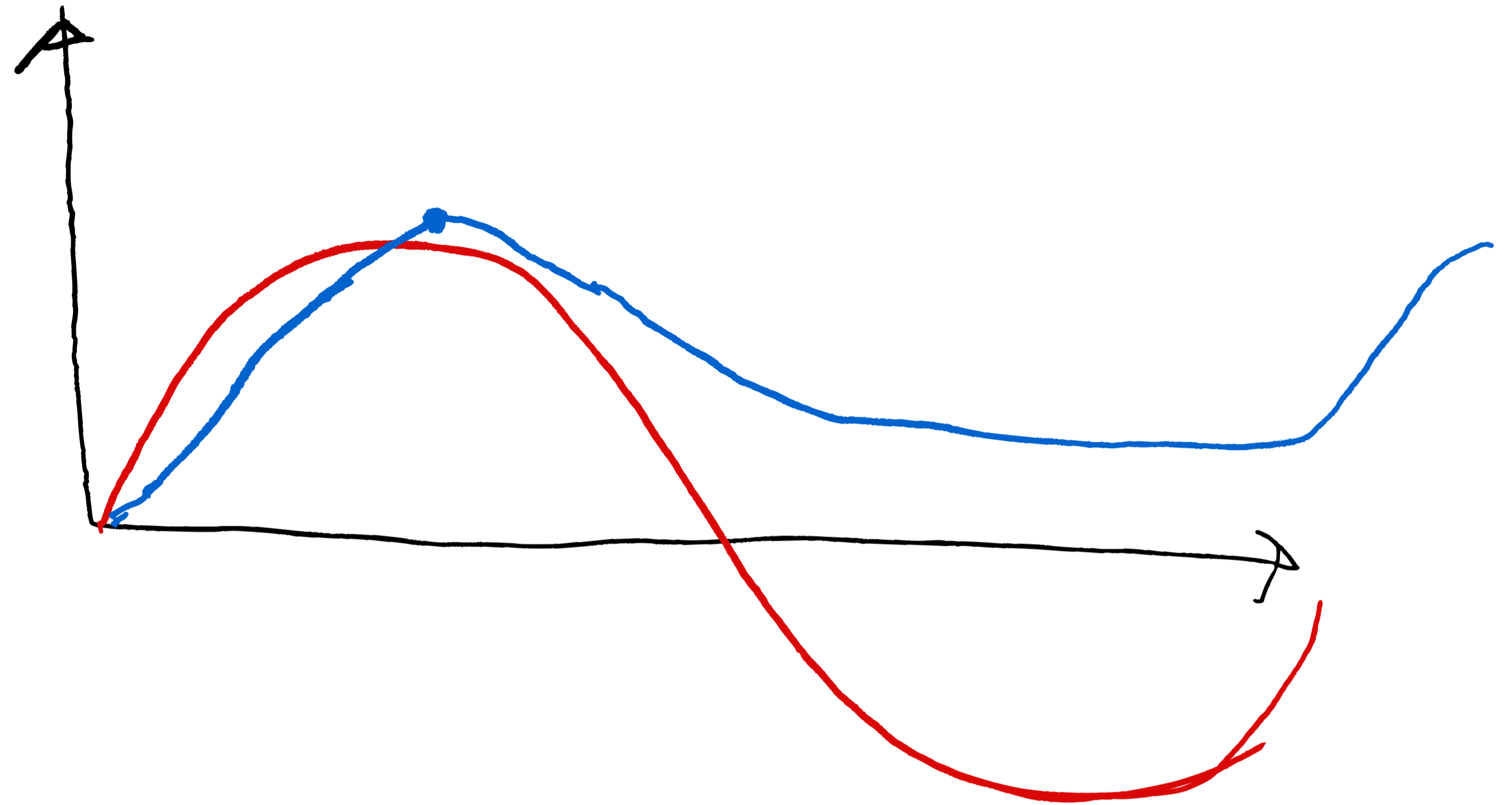
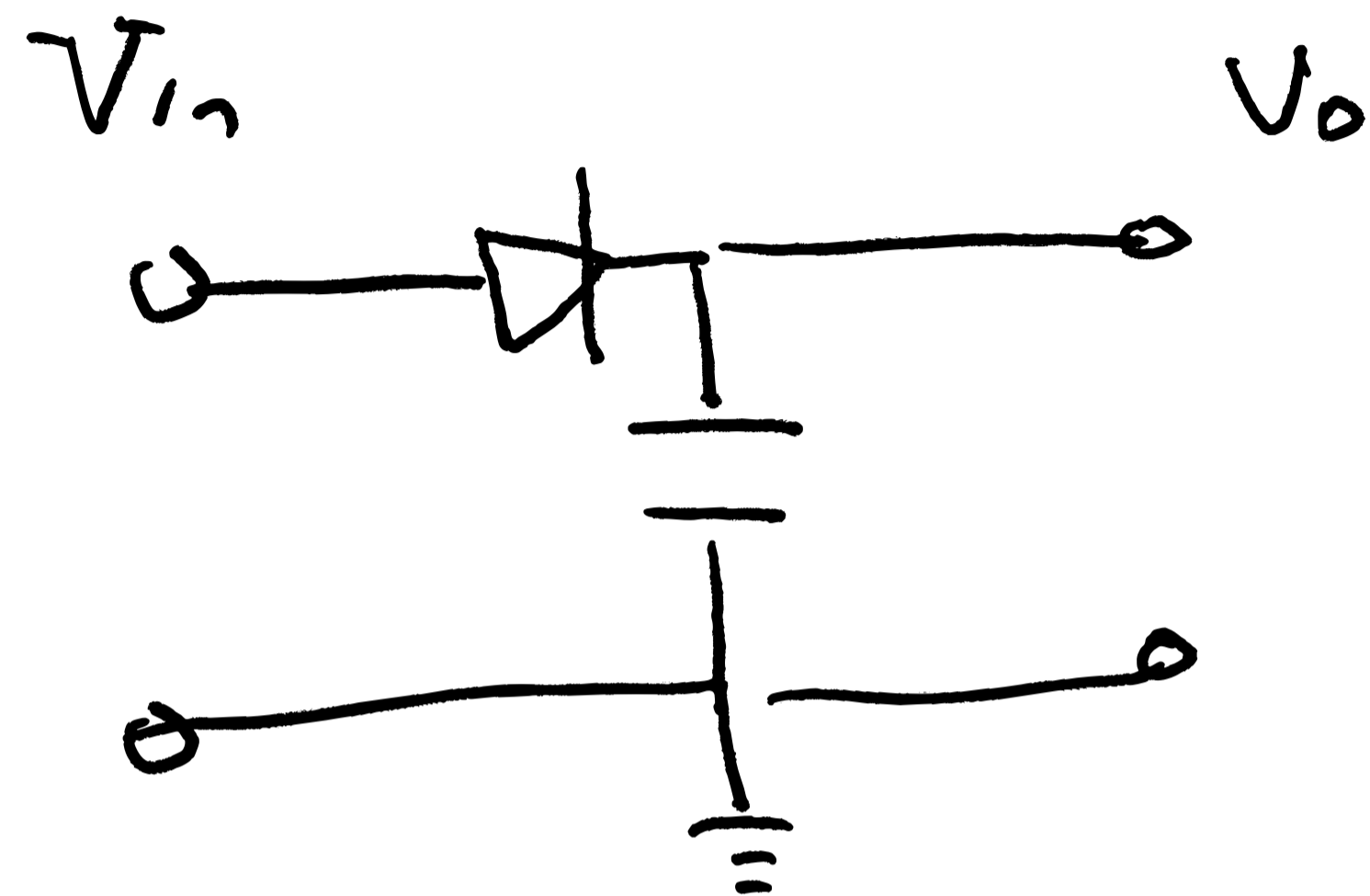
②  $V_{in} < 0$

diode  $\rightarrow$  forward bias

$\rightarrow$  short

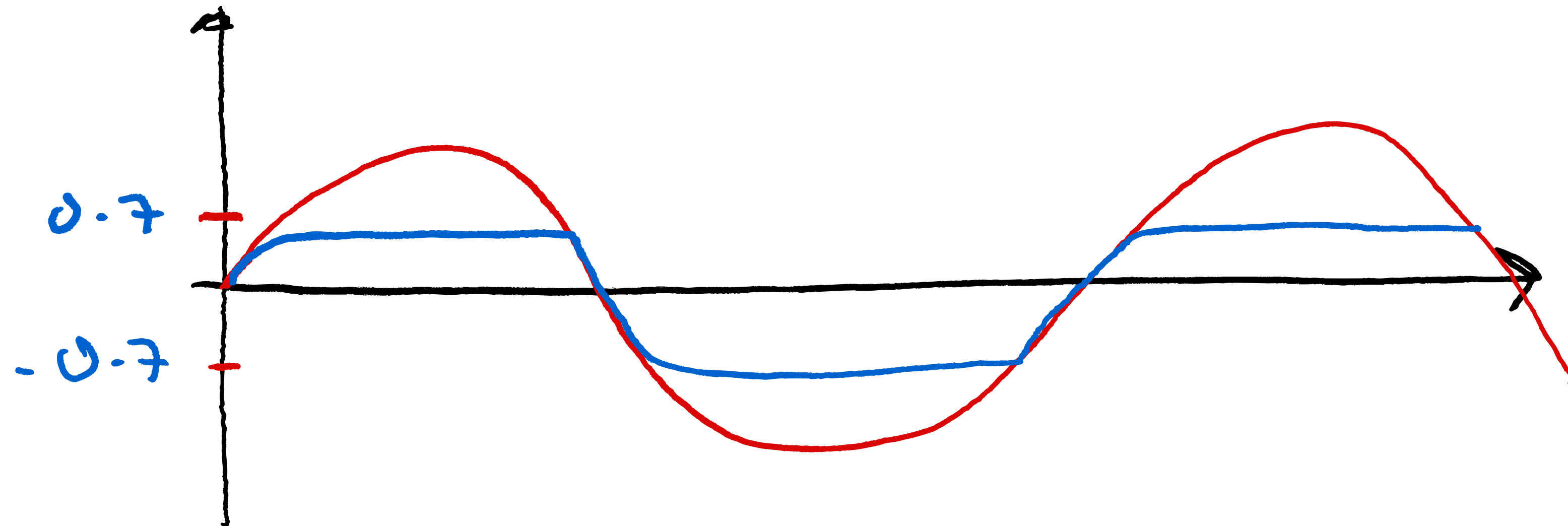
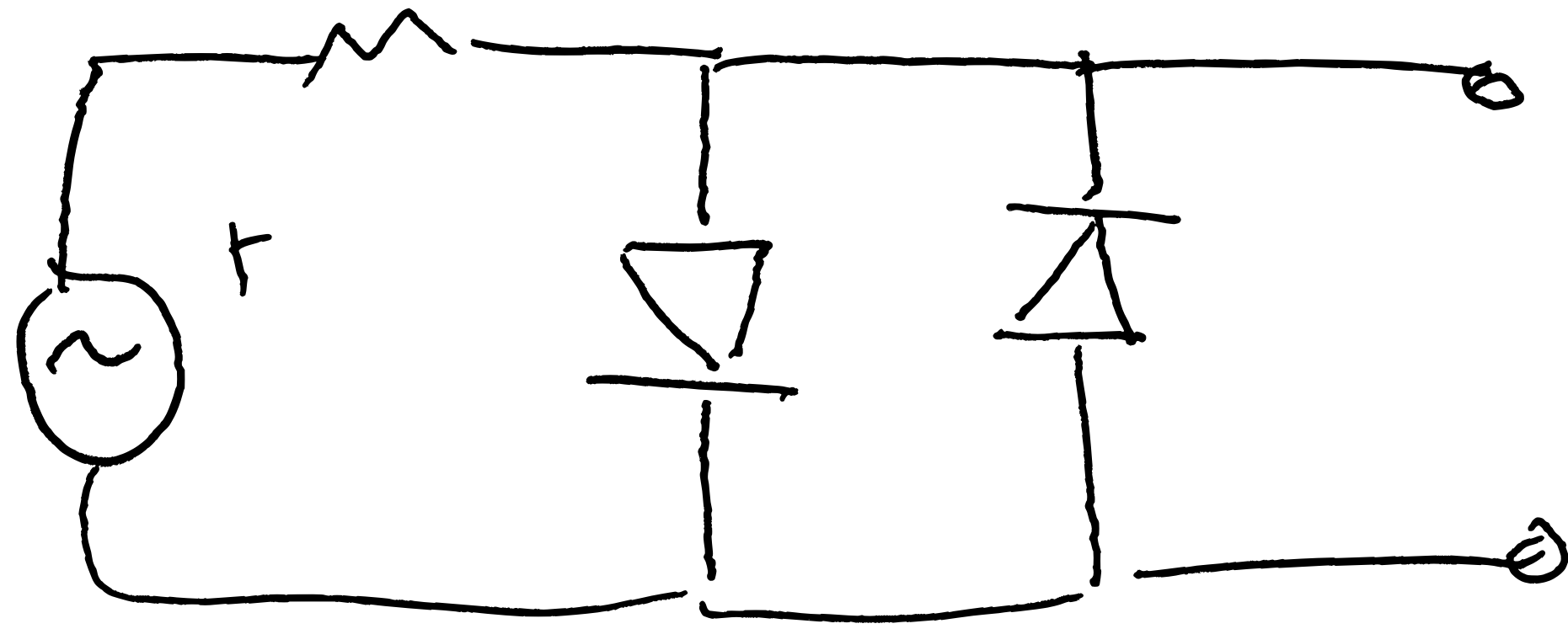


# Peak detector

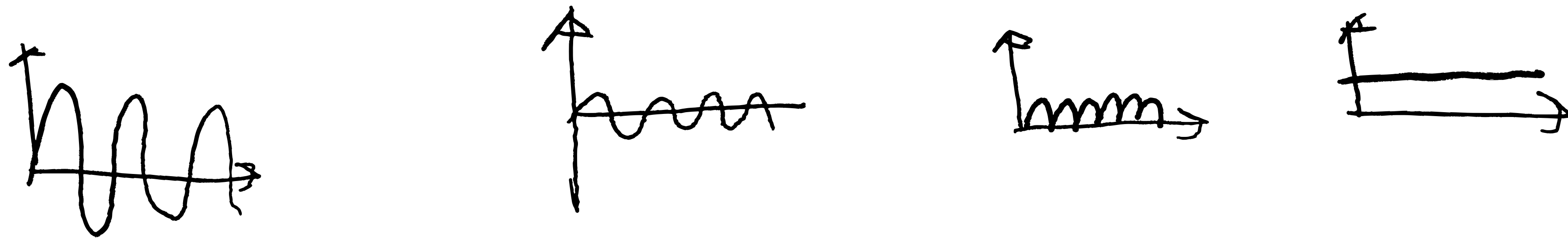
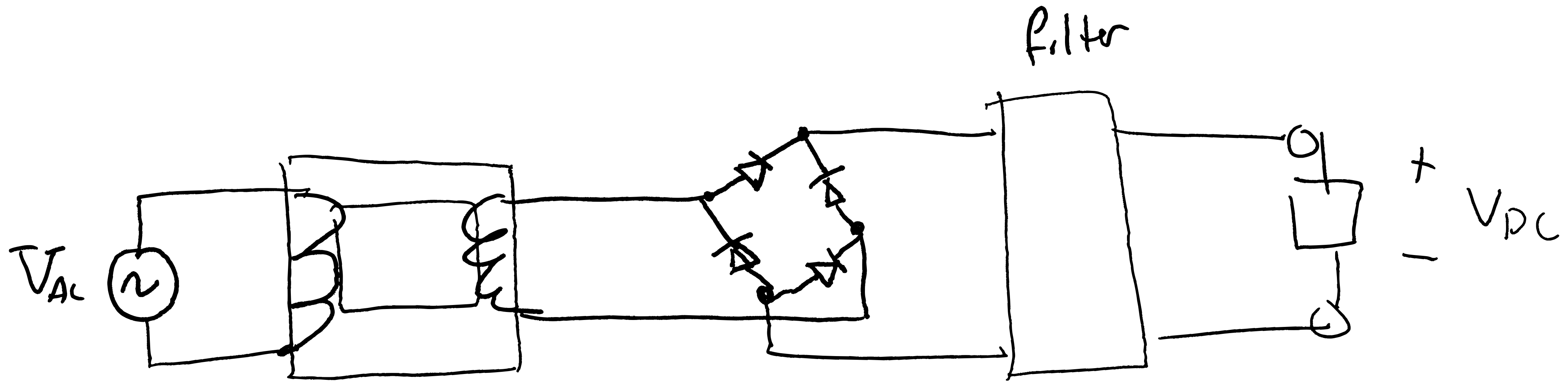


- $V_{in} > 0$  forward bias  
→ short circuit  
capacitor will charge
- $V_{in} < 0$  reverse bias  
→ capacitor retains  
voltage

# Clipper Circuit



# AC-to-DC converter with full-bridge rectifier

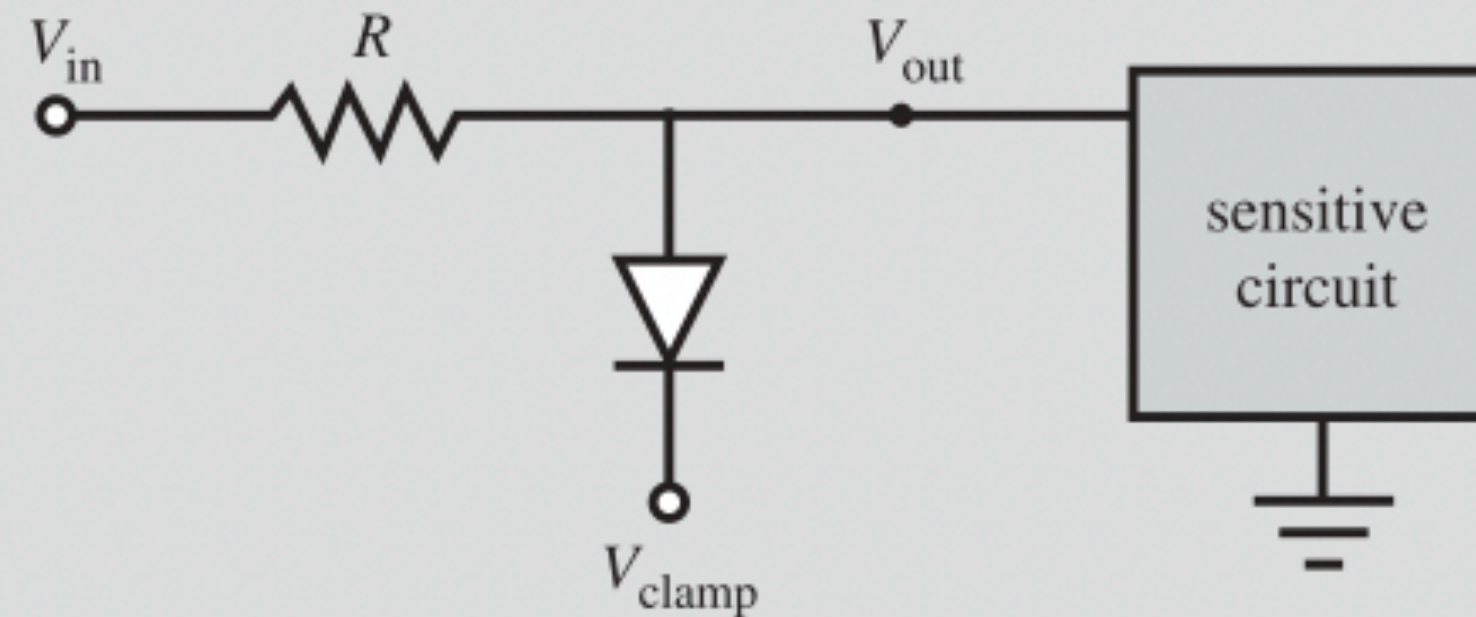




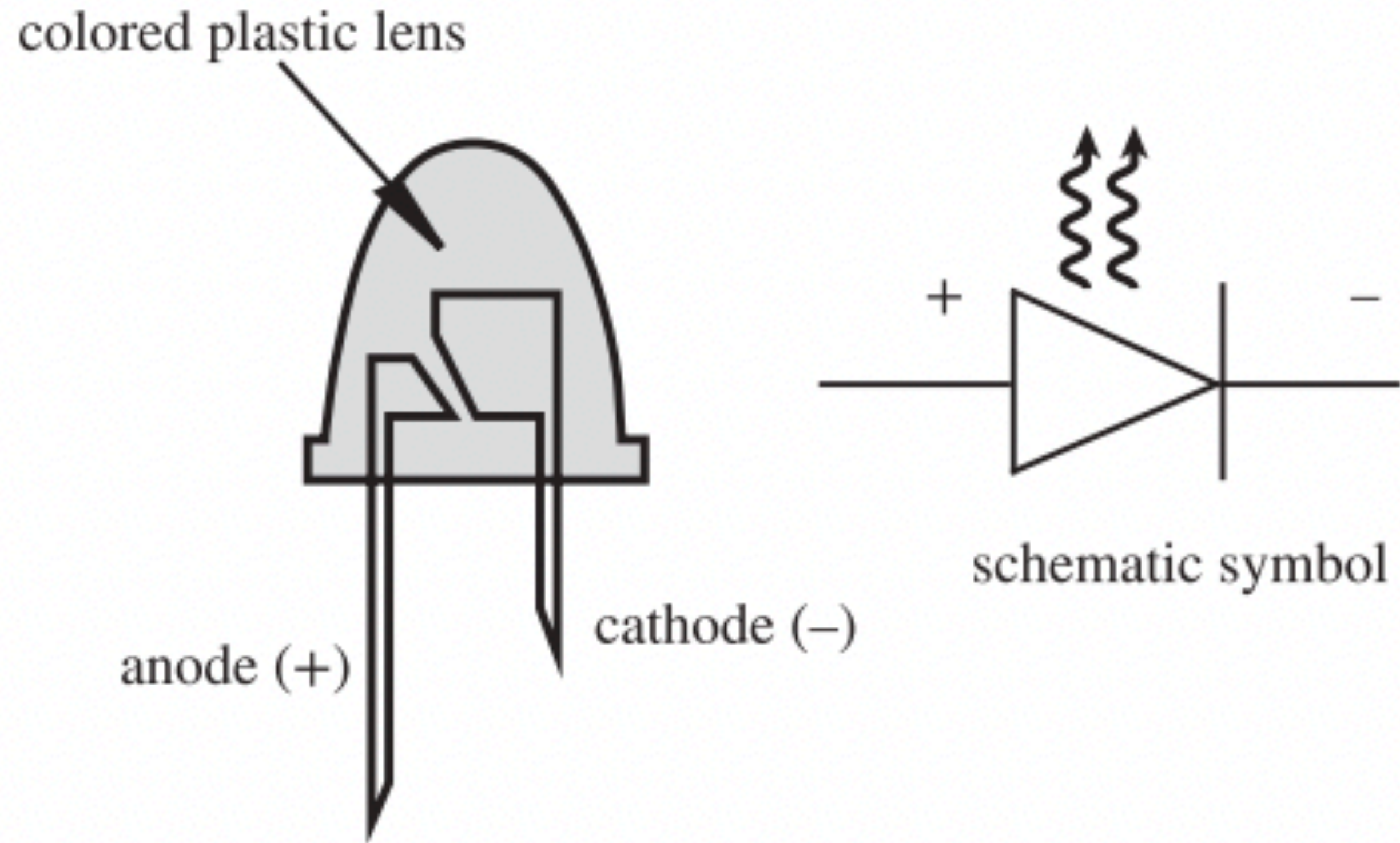
## ■ CLASS DISCUSSION ITEM 3.2

### *Diode Clamp*

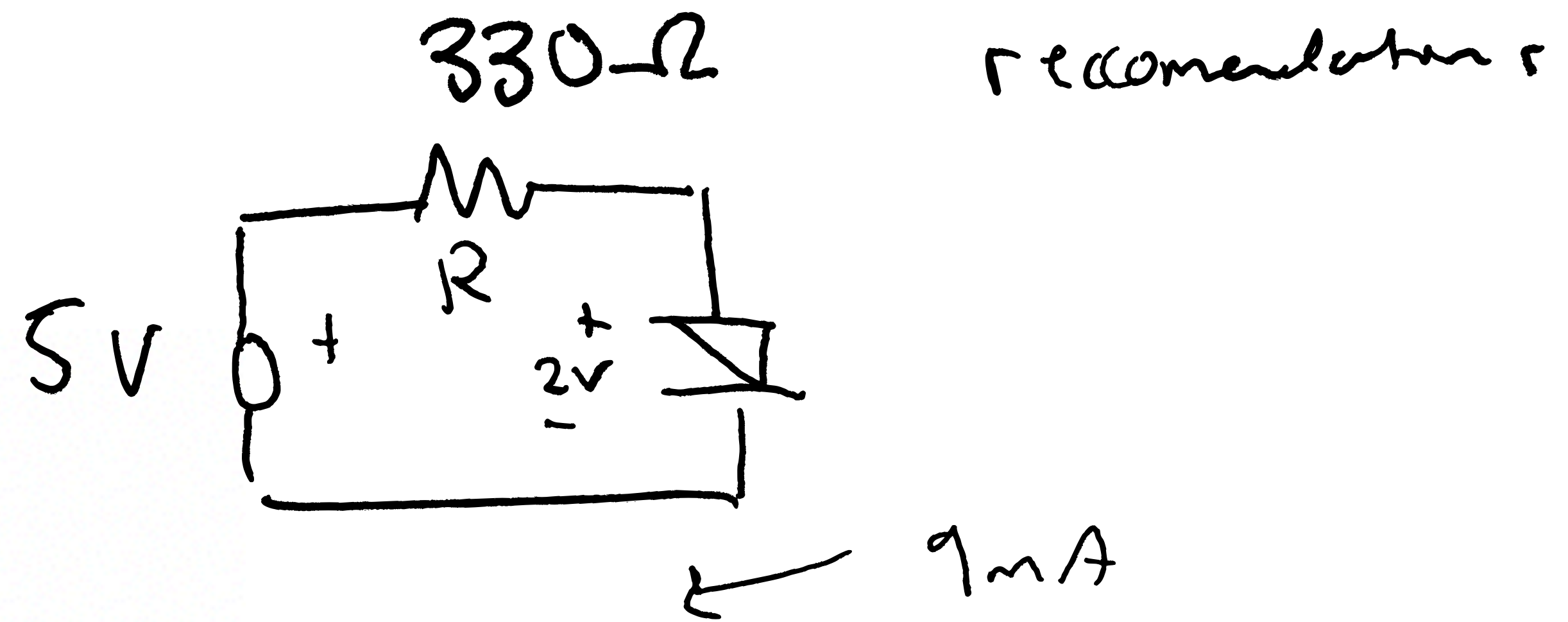
The circuit below is called a **diode clamp** because it limits (“clamps”) the voltage going to a sensitive circuit. If the circuit has very high input impedance, discuss how the voltage applied to the circuit ( $V_{out}$ ) varies when the input voltage ( $V_{in}$ ) changes, based on the clamp voltage ( $V_{clamp}$ ). Consider both “real” and “ideal” models of the diode.



# LED: Light emitting diode



**Figure 3.11** Light-emitting diode.

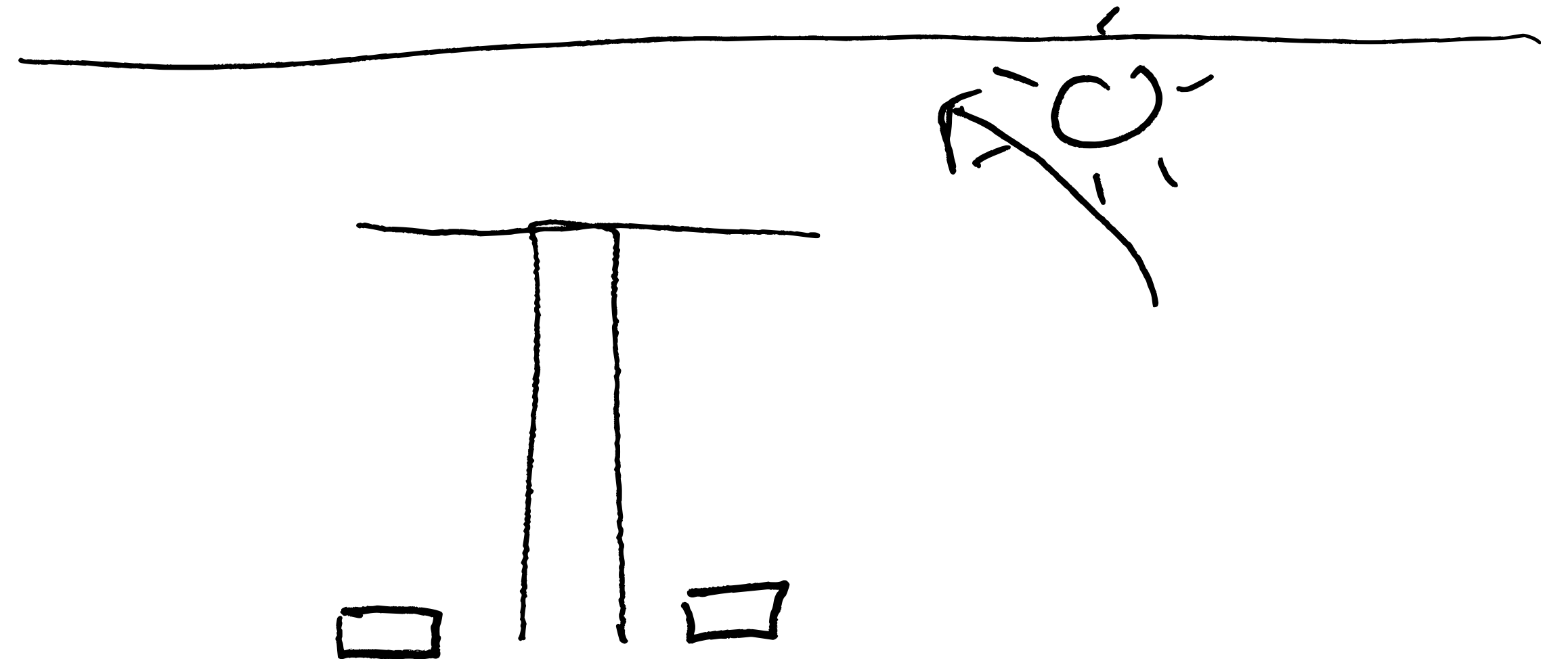
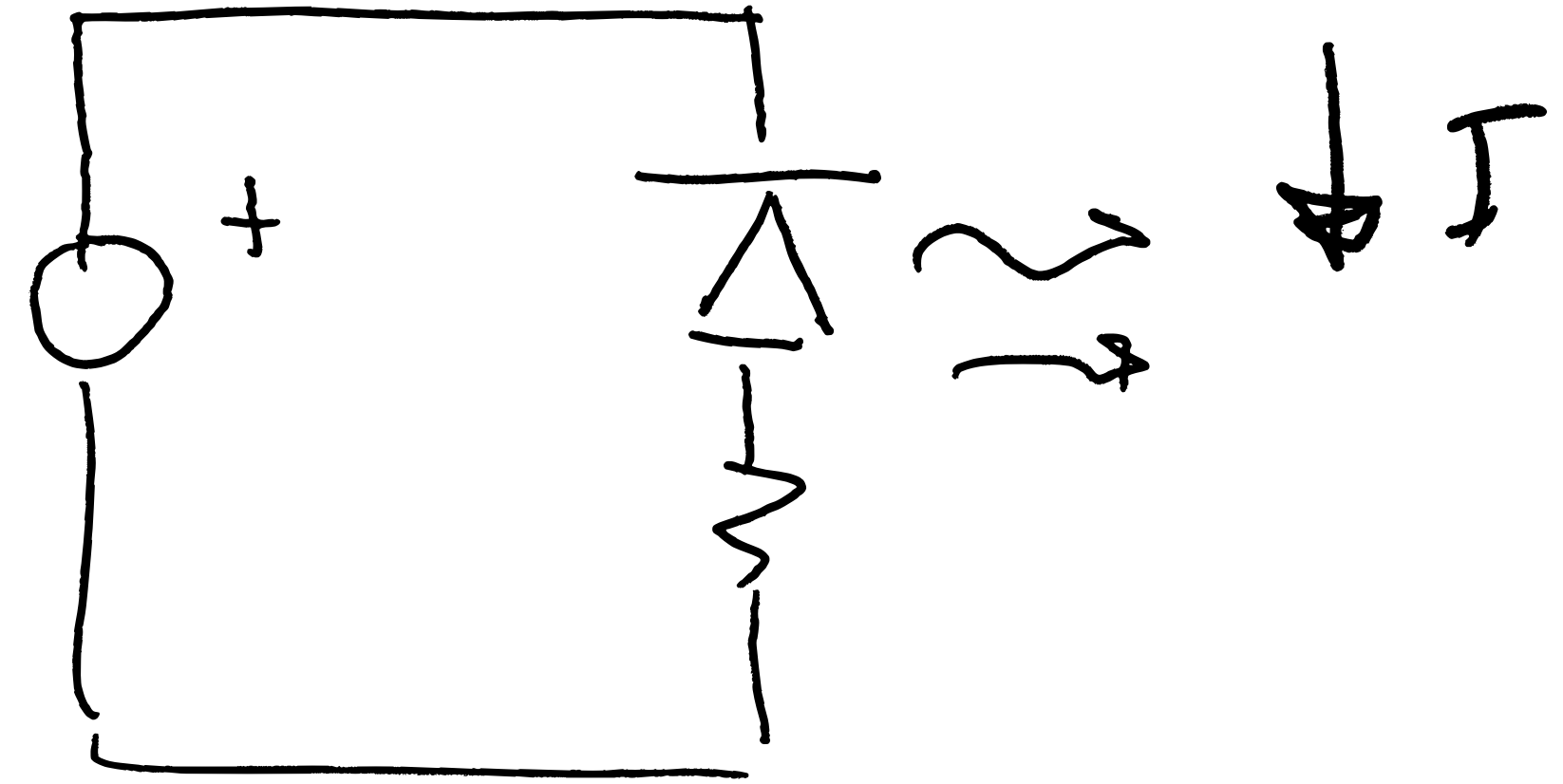


R: current-limiting resistor, prevents excess forward current

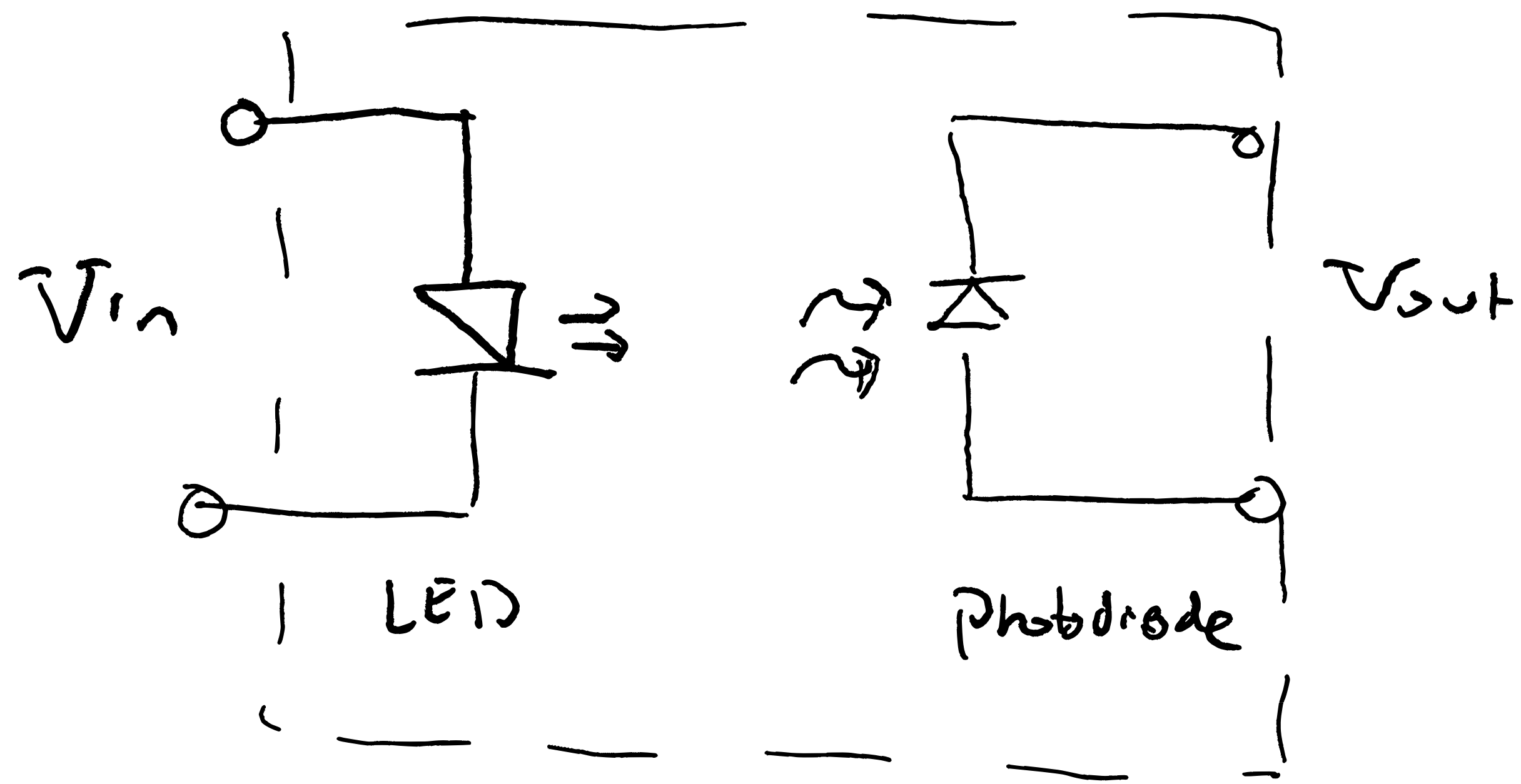
# Photo Diode

• recall: Semiconductors  
have properties that  
are sensitive to  
environmental stimuli

• photodiode detect photons  
(quantum effect)



# Optocoupler

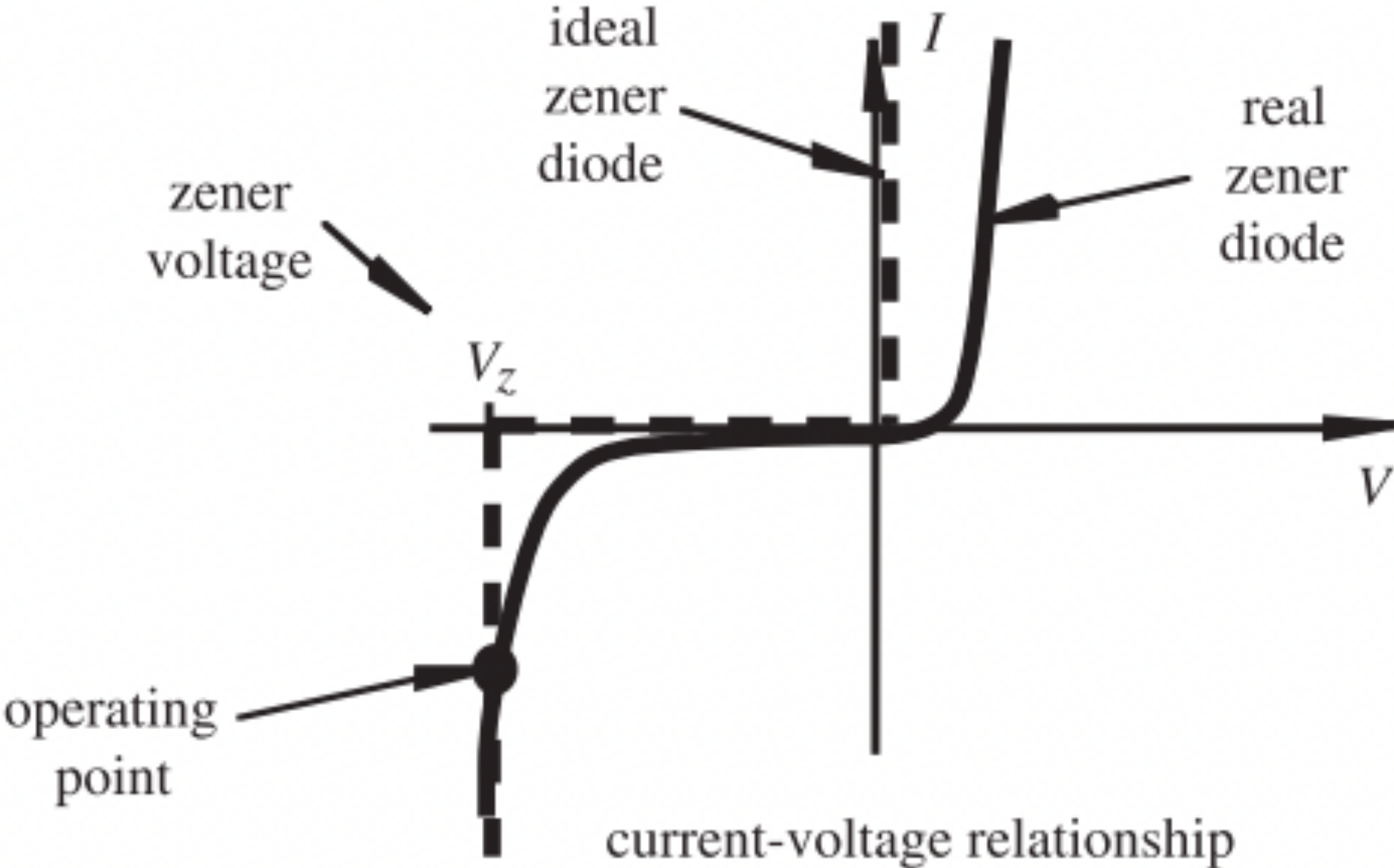


- Isolation device

- allows signal transmission between two isolated circuits

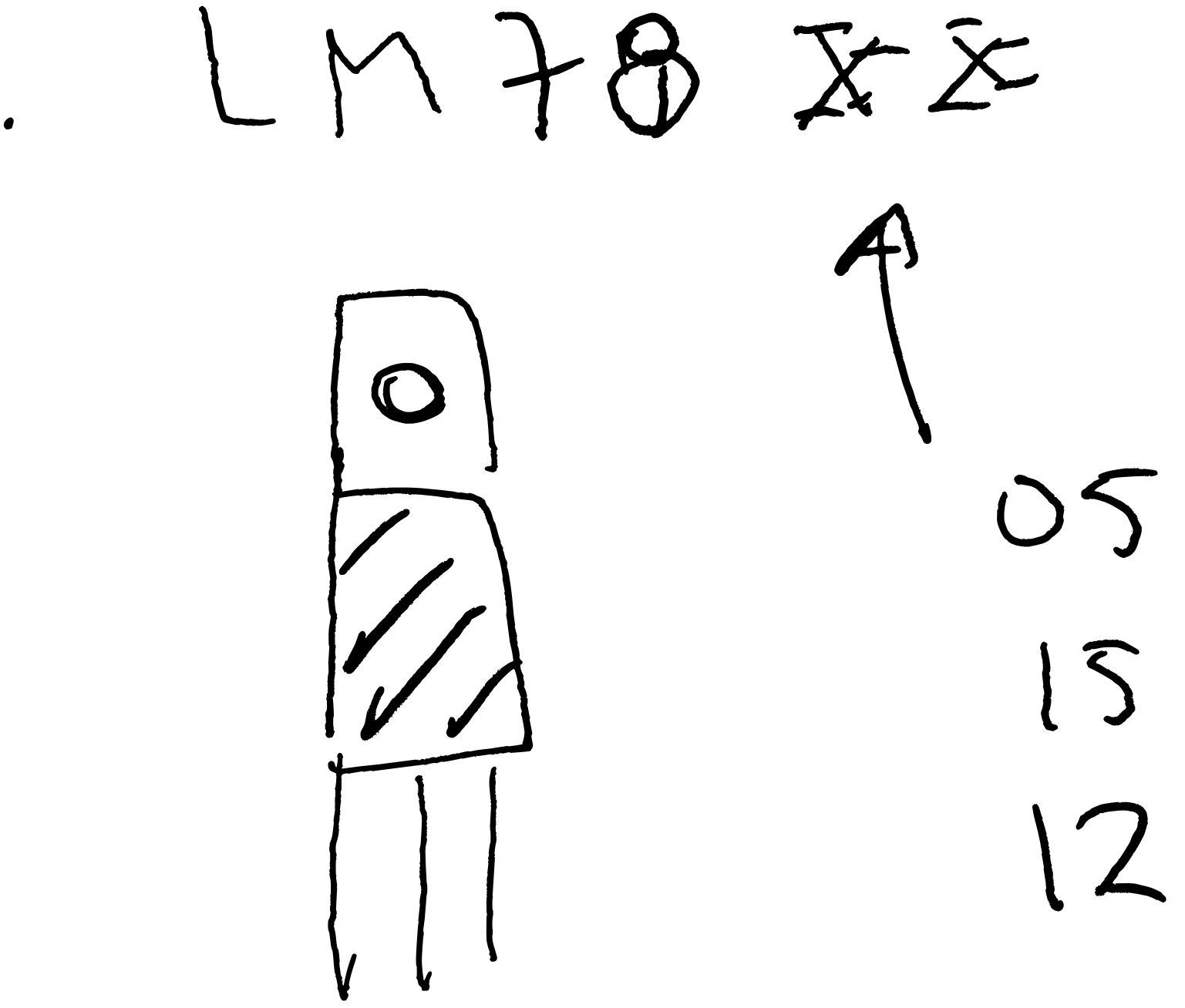
Why? low-voltage controller → high voltage circuit.

# Zener Diode

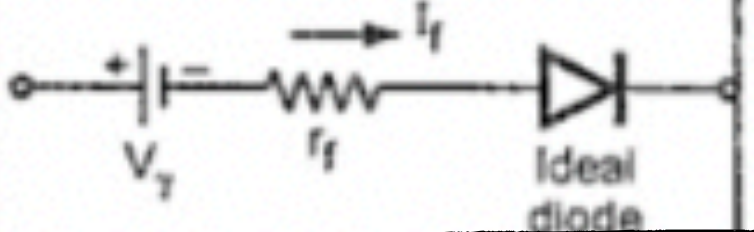
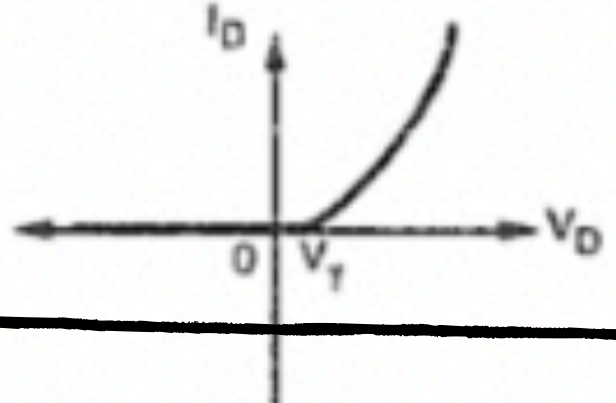


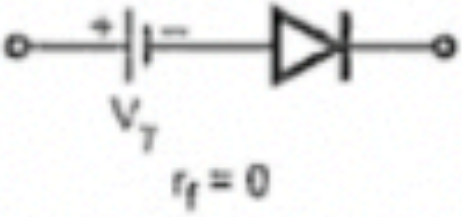
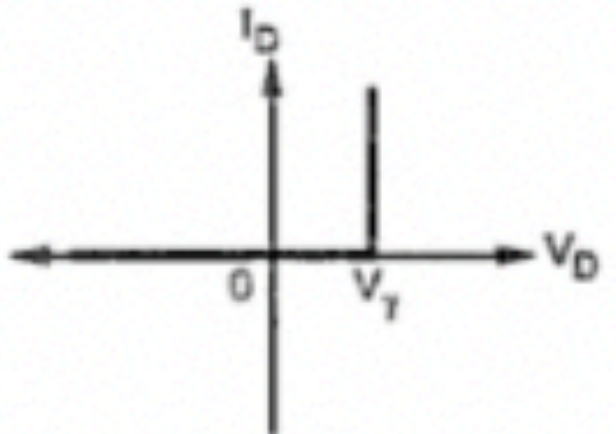
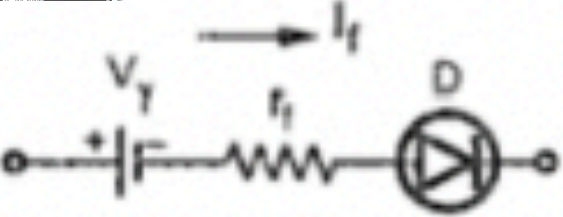
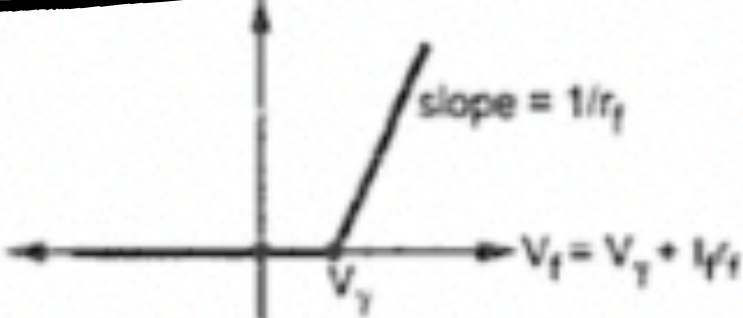


# Zener Diode: Voltage regulator

Most of the time we use specific IC for voltage regulation



# Models for diodes

Type	Model in forward biased	V-I characteristics	Drop across diode
Practical diode			$V_f = V_T + I_f r_f$
Ideal diode			$V_f = 0$
Piecewise linear with $r_f = 0 \Omega$			$V_f = V_T$
Piecewise linear with finite $r_f$			$V_f = V_T + I_f r_f$

