

6.41 The voltage divider reduces the voltage swing across the $3\ \Omega$ resistor to $9V\sin(\omega t)$. Diode D_1 clips this voltage (not v_s !) as it goes below $-3V$, and diode D_2 clips as it goes above $+6V$. (Sorry: no fancy graphics to show you what it looks like. Clipping at $6V$ just means that there is a horizontal straight line at $6V$ where the original sine wave would have gone higher than that. This is achieved by letting the forward biased diode sink enough current so that the voltage drop across the $1\ k\Omega$ resistor is just the difference between the $6V$ across the $3k\Omega$ resistor and the momentary value of the sine wave [which at this point is $> 6V$].)

6.43 If both diodes are off, the new voltage divider delivers $1/2$ of v_s as v_o . If $5/6$ of v_s now drops below $-3V$, D_1 will be on and the three volts will then be divided between the $2k\Omega$ and the $3k\Omega$ resistors: $-9/5\ V$. If $1/2$ of v_s goes above $6V$, D_2 gets activated and clips v_o at $6V$. Both diodes cannot be on at the same time.

6.47 We will always assume no load at output, so that all the current flows to ground through R .

a.) $0V$ means no currents, so $0V$ at output.

b.) Now D_2 is forward biased, and the $10V$ will be divided between R and R_f . The output voltage is $9V$.

c.) Now both diodes are forward biased, and their currents will add to produce a voltage drop across R :

$$\frac{10V - v_o}{1k\Omega} + \frac{10V - v_o}{1k\Omega} = \frac{v_o}{9k\Omega}$$

Therefore v_o is $180/19\ V$.

6.57 If one input is low, the corresponding diode is on and $v_3 = v_{in} + v_D = 2.7V$. Accounting for the forward voltage drop across D_3 we get that $v_o = 2V$, and the current through the $10k\Omega$ is: $2V/10k\Omega = 0.2mA$. For this current to be supplied by the $10V$ supply line, the current through R_1 must be greater than $7.3V/R_1$. From this we get: $R_1 < 36.5k\Omega$.

If both inputs are high: $v_3 = v_{in} + v_D = 8.7V$, and $v_o = 8V$. The current through the $10k\Omega$ resistor now is $0.8mA$, and that entails a new upper limit for R_1 : $1.3V/R_1 > 0.8mA$, leading to $R_1 < 1.63k\Omega$. As it is the lower of the two upper limits, this last limit is the one to worry about.