

# CHAPTER TWO

## *Diodes*

*Digital Electronics.*

# Introduction

## Barrier

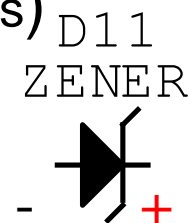
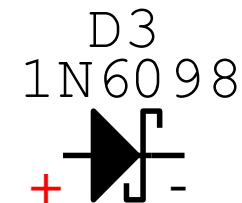
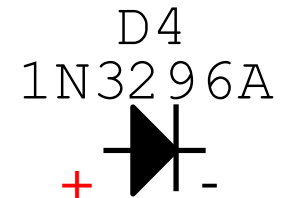
- Types of diodes:

- PN-junction (p-type & n-type)



- Schottky (metal & n-type)  
(*MN diodes*) (but not all metals)

- Zener (P<sup>+</sup>N<sup>+</sup>-junction)



- Applications of diodes:

- Variable capacitors
- DC voltage level-shifting (faster switching speed)

# Diode Modelling

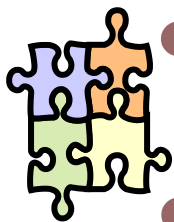
- Schockly's current-voltage characteristics:

$$I_D = I_S \left( \exp \left\{ \frac{V_D}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

Thermal voltage :  
=25.9mV @ 300K

$$\phi_T = \frac{kT}{q}$$

→ Temperature [K]  
→ Elementary charge =  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  [C]  
→ Boltzmann's constant =  $1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  [J/K]



## ● Example

Using Schockly's expression, determine the diode current for  $V_D = 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 0.7, 0.8, 1, 1.1$ ; assuming  $I_S = 10^{-14}$  A.

## ● Solution

$$I_D(V_D = 0.1) = 465 \text{ fA}$$

$$I_D(V_D = 0.5) = 2.42 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_D(V_D = 1.1) = 27.9 \text{ kA} \quad \text{⊘}$$

$$I_D(V_D = 0.2) = 22.6 \text{ pA}$$

$$I_D(V_D = 0.7) = 5.47 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_D(V_D = 0.8) = 260 \text{ mA} \quad \text{⊙}$$

*f, p, n, μ, m*  
-15, -12, -9, -6, -3

! Diode is damaged

Practical for IC devices

# Diode Modelling

- Schockly's current-voltage characteristics:

$$I_D = I_S \left( \exp \left\{ \frac{V_D}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

- Example

Using Schockly's expression, determine the diode current for  $V_D = -0.1, -0.2, -0.5, -0.8, -1$ , assuming  $I_S = 10^{-14}$  A.

- Solution

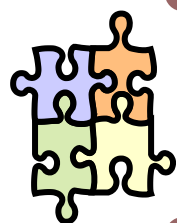
$$I_D(V_D = -0.1) = -0.979 I_S$$

$$I_D(V_D = -0.2) = -0.99956 I_S$$

$$I_D(V_D = -0.5) = -0.9999999996 I_S$$

$$I_D(V_D \geq 0.1) \approx I_S \left( e^{\frac{V_D}{\phi_T}} \right)$$

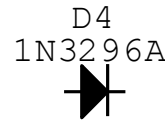
$$I_D(V_D \leq -0.1) \approx -I_S$$



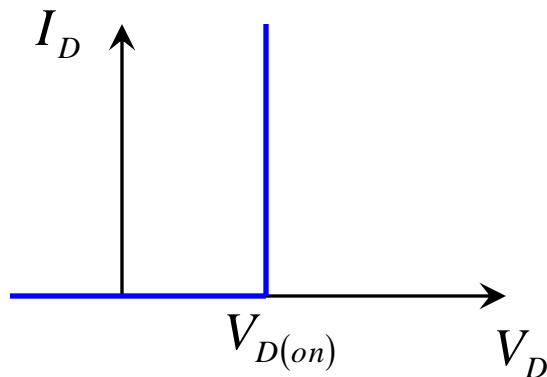
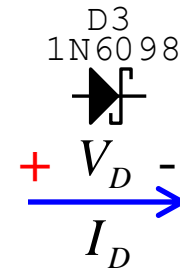
# Diode Modelling

- Piecewise linear model:
  - Cutoff:  $I_D = 0$  for  $V_D < V_{D(on)}$
  - Conducting:  $V_D = V_{D(on)}$  for  $I_D > 0$

$$V_{D(on)} = 0.7 V$$



$$V_{D(on)} = 0.3 V$$



- Skip sections 2.3 & 2.4

# Diode-Resistor Logic

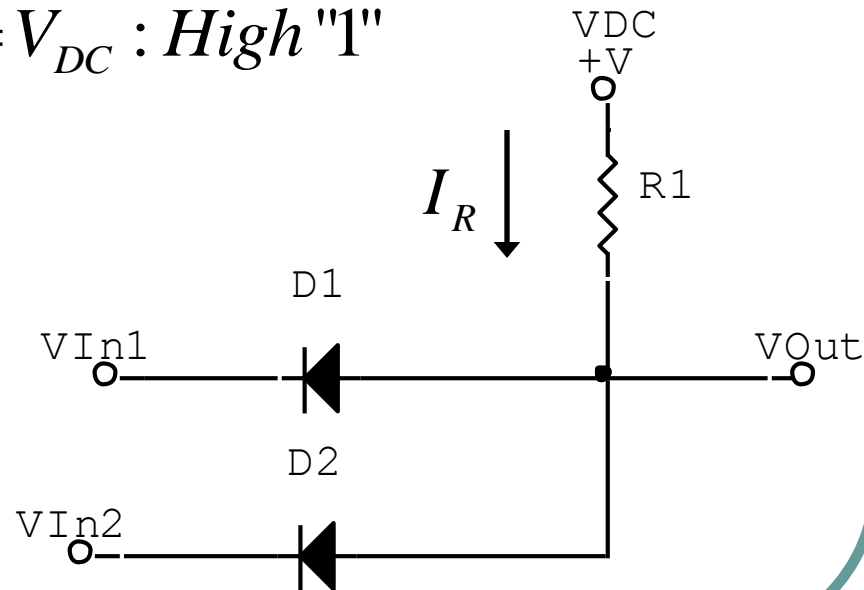
- Consists only of diodes and resistors
  - Performs **AND** and **OR** logic functions
1. Diode **AND** gate

For  $V_{in(1,2)} > V_{DC} - V_{D(ON)} \Rightarrow D_{(1,2)}$  is "OFF"

$V_{in(1\&2)} : High "1" \Rightarrow V_{Out} = V_{DC} : High "1"$

$$I_R = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{when both } D_1 \text{ and } D_2 \text{ are OFF} \\ (V_{DC} - V_{D_{ON}} - V_{In}) / R_1; & \text{when either } D_1 \text{ or } D_2 \text{ is ON} \end{cases}$$

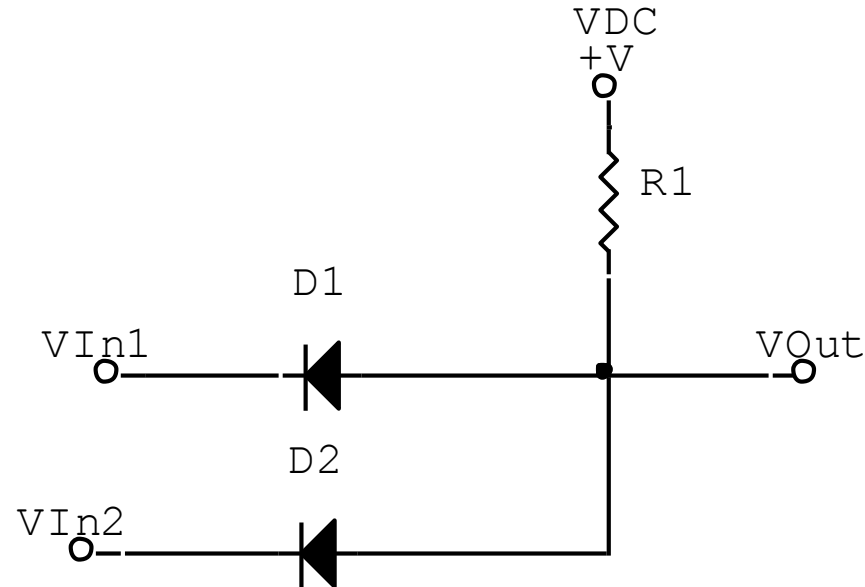
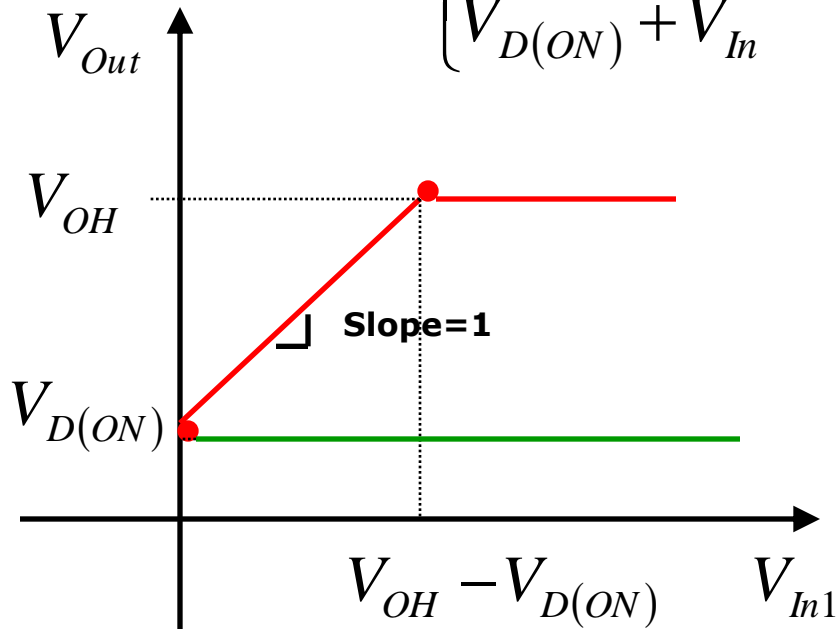
V1	V2	Vo
L	L	L
L	H	L
H	L	L
H	H	H



# Diode-Resistor Logic

## 1. Diode AND gate

$$V_{Out} = \begin{cases} V_{DC} = V_{OH} \\ or \\ V_{D(ON)} + V_{In} \end{cases}$$

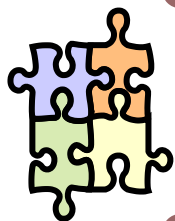


$V_{In2}$  is high

$V_{In2}$  is low = 0V



# Diode-Resistor Logic



● **Example**

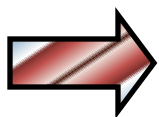
Show that if  $V_{In1} \geq V_{In2} + 1$ , then  $D_1$  is cutoff

● **Solution**

$$V_{Out1} = V_{D1} + V_{In1}$$

$$\geq V_{D1} + V_{In2} + 1$$

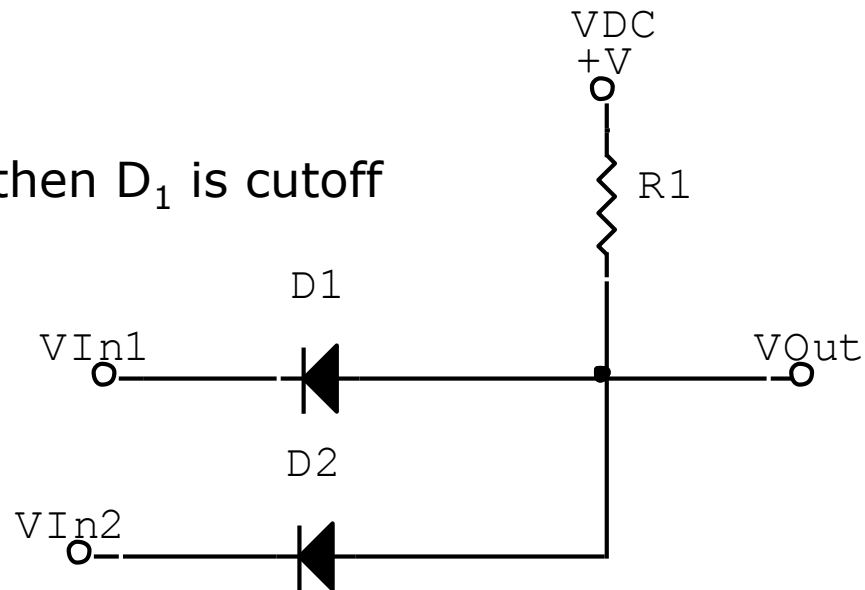
$$V_{Out2} = V_{D2} + V_{In2}$$



$$V_{Out2} = V_{Out1}$$

$$V_{D2} + V_{In2} \geq V_{D1} + V_{In2} + 1$$

$$V_{D2} \geq V_{D1} + 1$$



If  $V_{D1} = V_{D(on)} \rightarrow V_{D2} \geq 1.7V$

$V_{D1}$  has to be  $-0.3V \leq V_{D(on)}$

Max. Of  $V_{D1}$  and  $V_{D2}$  is  $V_{D(on)}$  is 0.7V.

# Diode-Resistor Logic

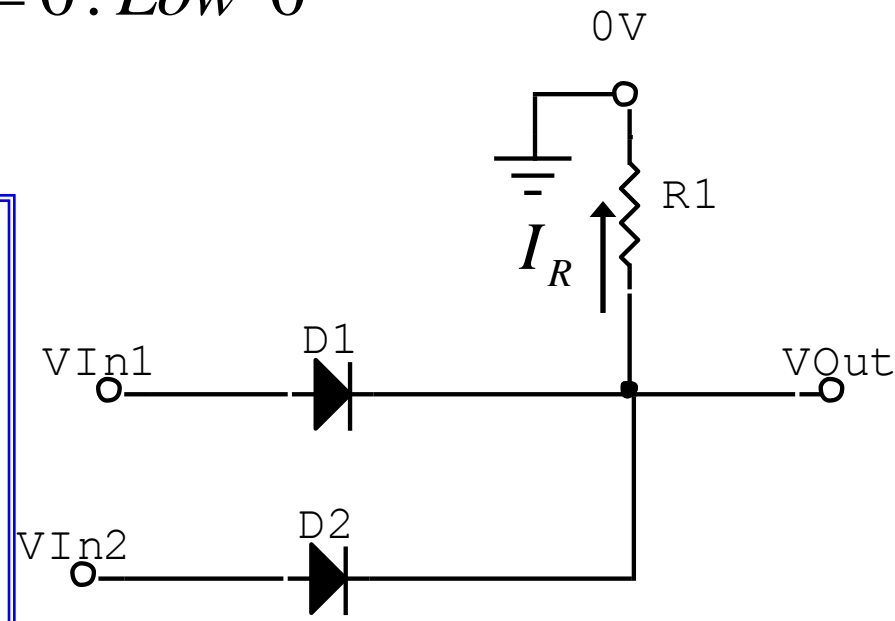
## 2. Diode OR gate

For  $V_{in(1,2)} > V_{D(ON)} \Rightarrow D_{(1,2)}$  is "ON"

$V_{in(1\&2)} : Low "0" \Rightarrow V_{out} = 0 : Low "0"$

$I_R = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{when both } D_1 \text{ and } D_2 \text{ are OFF} \\ (V_{In} - V_{D_{ON}}) / R_1; & \text{when either } D_1 \text{ or } D_2 \text{ is ON} \end{cases}$

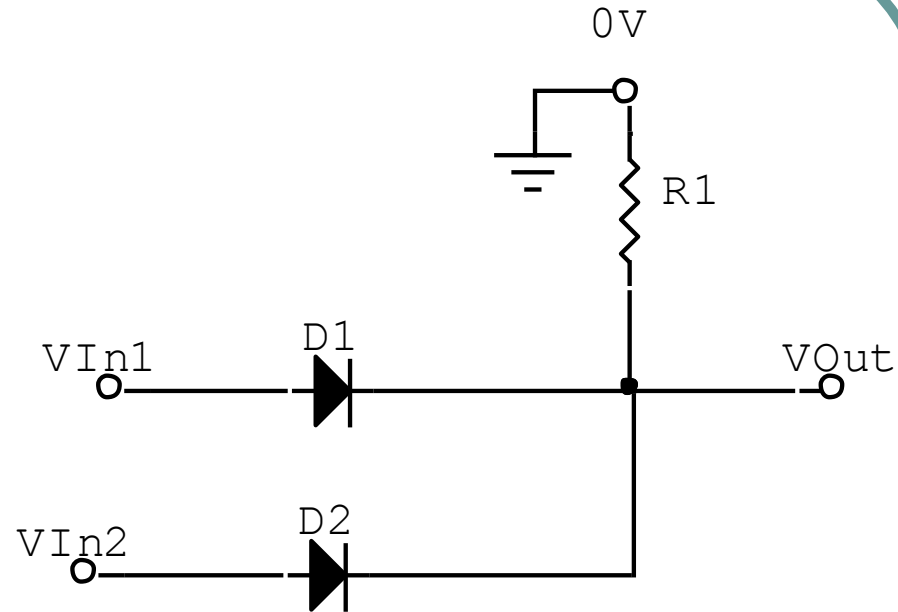
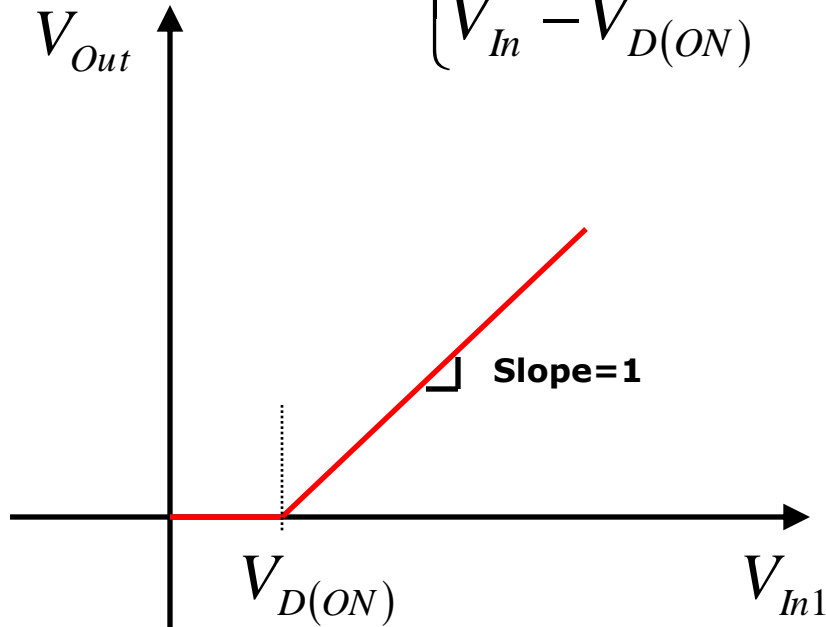
V1	V2	Vo
L	L	L
L	H	H
H	L	H
H	H	H



# Diode-Resistor Logic

## 2. Diode OR gate

$$V_{Out} = \begin{cases} 0 = V_{OL} \\ \text{or} \\ V_{In} - V_{D(ON)} \end{cases}$$



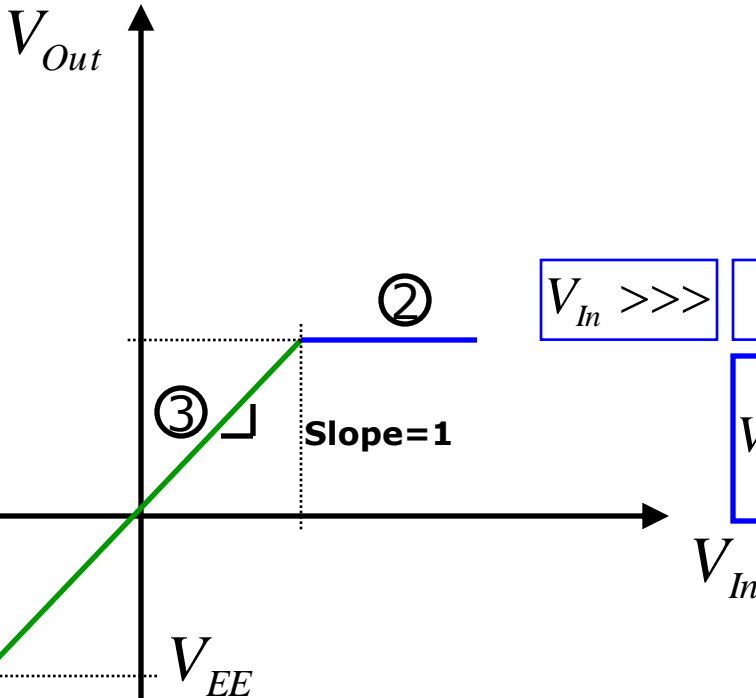
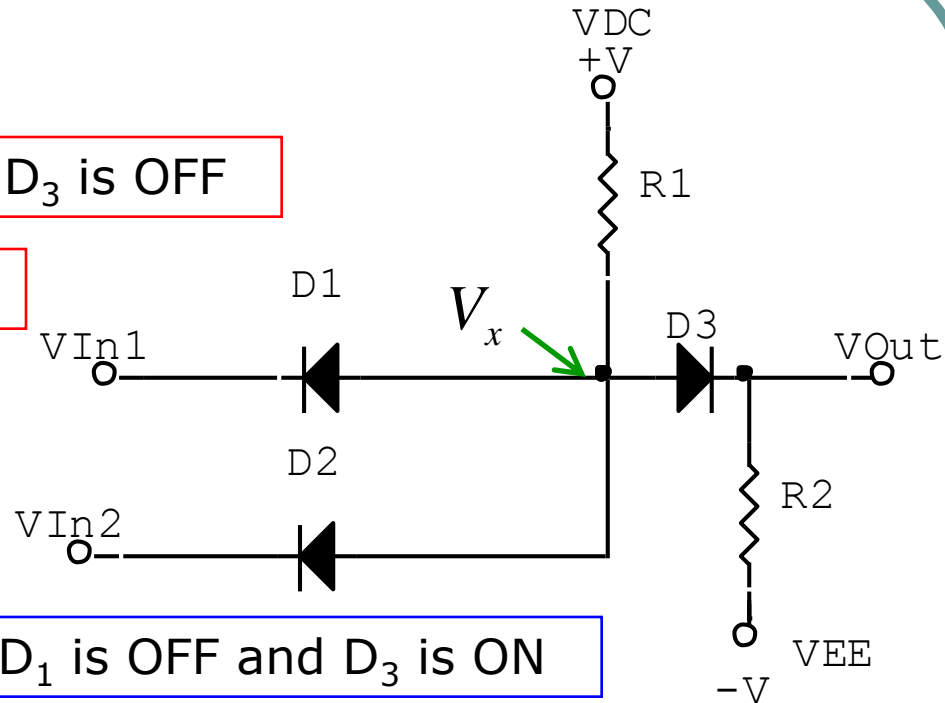
$V_{In2}$  is low

# Level Shifted AND Gate

To plot the VTC:

$V_{In} \lll V_{D(ON)}$   $D_1$  is ON and  $D_3$  is OFF

$V_{Out} = V_{EE}$  (-ve value)



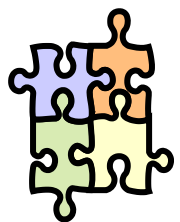
$V_{In} \gg V_{D(ON)}$   $D_1$  is OFF and  $D_3$  is ON

$$V_{Out} = V_{EE} + R_2 \left( \frac{V_{DC} - V_{EE} - V_{D(ON)}}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

In between  $V_{out} = V_{in}$

# Level Shifted AND Gate

- **Example**

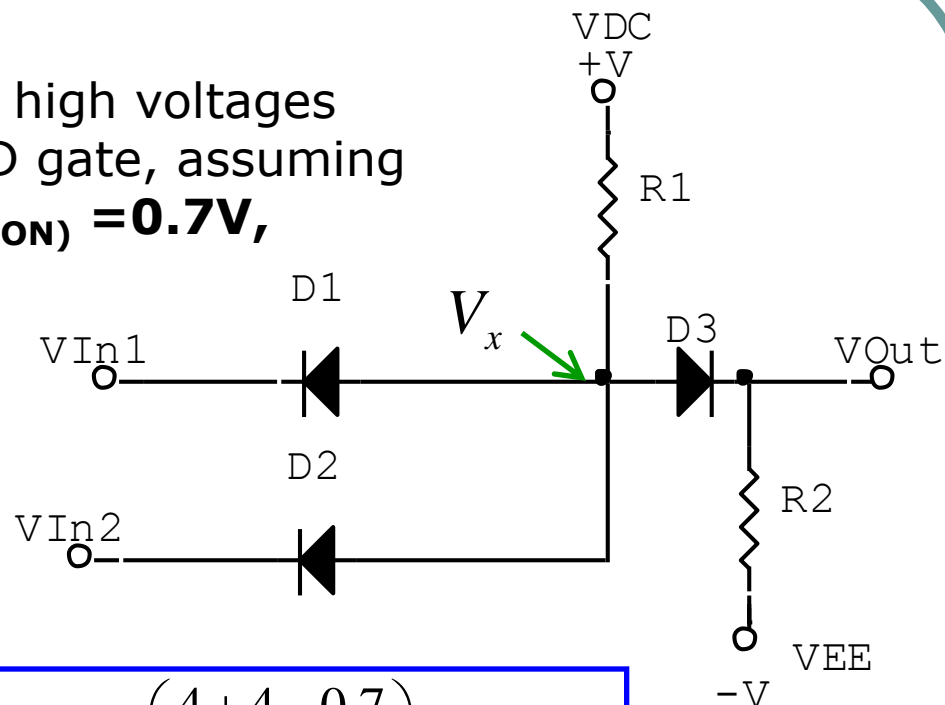


Find the output low and high voltages for the level-shifted AND gate, assuming

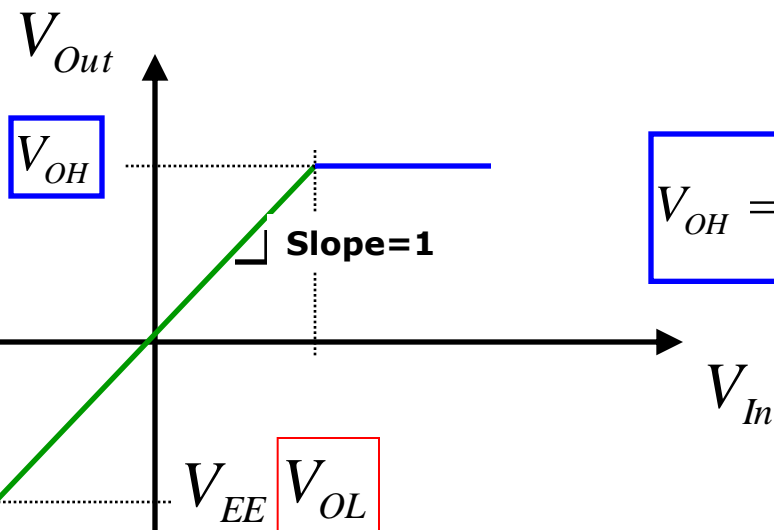
$V_{DC} = 4V$ ,  $V_{EE} = -4V$ ,  $V_{D(ON)} = 0.7V$ ,  
 $R_1 = 1k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2k\Omega$ .

- **Solution**

$V_{OL} = V_{EE} = -4V$



$V_{OH} = -4 + 2 \left( \frac{4 + 4 - 0.7}{3} \right) = 0.867V$

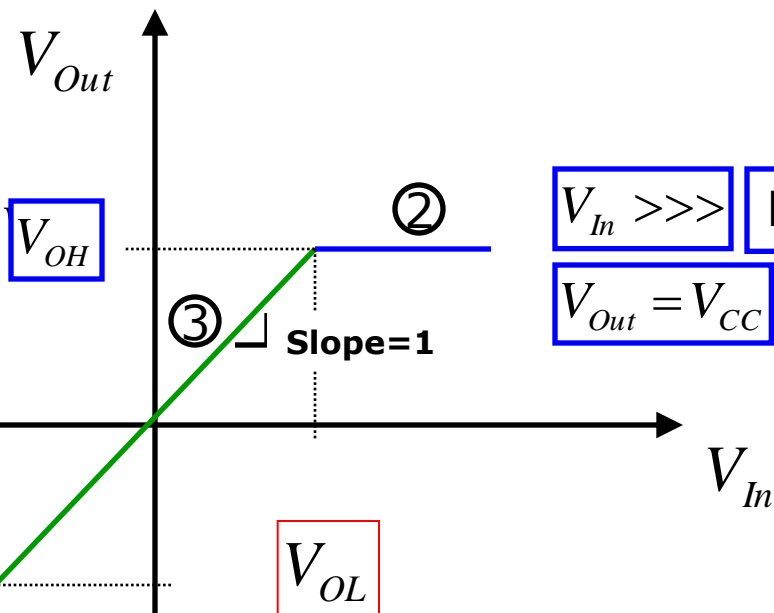
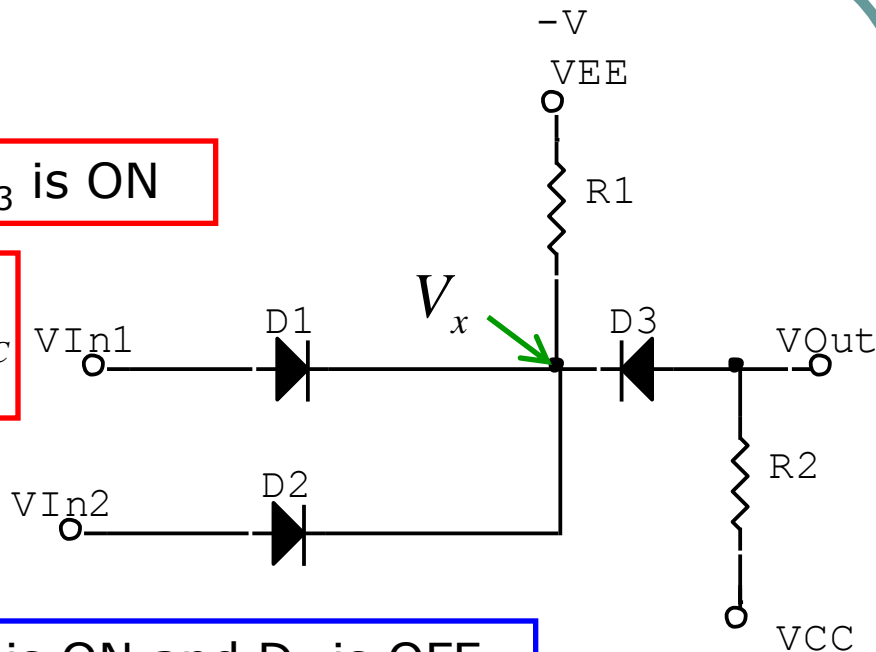


# Level Shifted OR Gate

To plot the VTC:

$V_{In} \lll$   $D_1$  is OFF and  $D_3$  is ON

$$V_{Out} = -R_2 \left( \frac{V_{CC} - V_{EE} - V_{D(ON)}}{R_1 + R_2} \right) + V_{CC}$$



$V_{In} \gg \gg$   $D_1$  is ON and  $D_3$  is OFF

$V_{Out} = V_{CC}$  Such that  $V_x > V_{CC} - V_{D(ON)}$

$V_{in} > V_x + V_{D(ON)}$

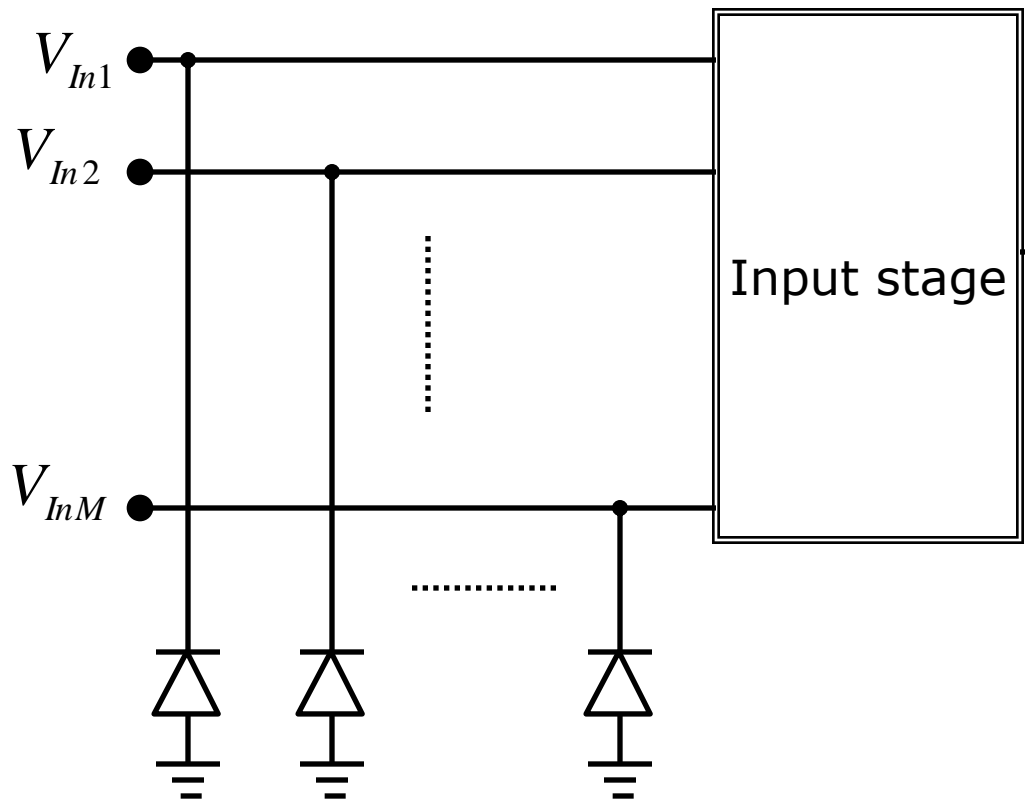
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# Clamping Diodes (other applications)

- Some gates may get damaged when their input voltages are negative

- The diodes prevent the inputs from falling below  $-V_{D(ON)}$

- When the input voltages are positive, the diodes are open circuits



# Level Shifting Diodes (other applications)

- Easy , and also stated before

- HW #2: Solve Problems: 2.6, 2.8, 2.12 , 2.18, 2.20, 2.21