## ECE 320 - Solution to Homework \#3

Ideal Diode, Light Emitting Diodes. Due monday, September 14th

1) For the following circuit, determine the voltages at each node. Assume ideal silicon diodes.


Assume all diodes on

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\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{V} 2 & =0.7 \mathrm{~V} \\
\mathrm{~V} 4 & =0.7 \mathrm{~V} \\
\mathrm{~V} 3 & =1.4 \mathrm{~V}
\end{aligned}
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Use voltage nodes to solve for V1

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\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{V_{1}-10}{1 k}\right)+\left(\frac{V_{1}-0.7}{2 k}\right)+\left(\frac{V_{1}-1.4}{3 k}\right)=0 \\
& \mathrm{~V} 1=5.90 \mathrm{~V}
\end{aligned}
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2) Determine the voltages using PartSim (or similar circuit simulator).
3) (Lab) Build this circuit and check your answers.


## Problem 1-3)

4) For the following circuit, determine the voltages at each node. Assume ideal silicon diodes.


Assume the top diode is off, the other two are on

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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{Vc}=0.7 \mathrm{~V} \\
& \mathrm{Vb}=1.4 \mathrm{~V}
\end{aligned}
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Solve for Va

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\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{V_{a}-5}{1 k}\right)+\left(\frac{V_{a}-1.4}{2 k}\right)+\left(\frac{V_{a}-0.7}{3 k}\right)+\left(\frac{V_{a}}{4 k}\right)=0 \\
& V a=2.848 \mathrm{~V}
\end{aligned}
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Diode 1 is on, so my assumption was off. Try again with all diodes on

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\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Va} & =2.1 \mathrm{~V} \\
\mathrm{Vb} & =1.4 \mathrm{~V} \\
\mathrm{Vc} & =0.7 \mathrm{~V}
\end{aligned}
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Check: the current from Va to the diode is positive

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\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{5-2.1}{1 k}\right)=I_{d}+\left(\frac{2.1-1.4}{2 k}\right)+\left(\frac{2.1-0.7}{3 k}\right)+\left(\frac{2.1}{4 k}\right) \\
& \mathrm{Id}=1.558 \mathrm{~mA}>0 \mathrm{~mA}
\end{aligned}
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5) Determine the voltages using PartSim (or similar circuit simulator).

6) (Lab) Build this circuit and check your answers.

The Piranah RGB LEDs in lab have the followign specifications:
7) Design a circuit to produce yellow light with a 5 V source

- $\operatorname{Red}=255$
- Green $=236$
- Blue $=67$

|  | Red | Green | Blue |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vf @ 20mA | 2.1 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| mcd @ 20mA | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Desired mcd | 255 | 236 | 67 |
| Desired Current (mA) | 0.64 | 0.59 | 0.17 |
| R | $4,549.02$ | $2,372.88$ | $8,358.21$ |


8) Design a circuit to produce NDSU green with a 5 V source

- $\operatorname{Red}=16$
- Green $=64$
- Blue $=0$

|  | Red | Green | BlueVf |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vf @ 20mA | 2.1 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| mcd @ 20mA | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Desired mcd | 16 | 64 | 0.1 |
| Desired Current (mA) | 0.04 | 0.16 | 0 |
| R | 72,500 | 8,750 | $5,600,000$ |



