

# ECE 320 - Solution to Homework #4

Clipper, Max/Min, AC to DC Converters. Due Monday, September 18th, 2017

## Clipper:

1) Design a circuit to approximate the following function.

- Input: X. 0 .. 10V signal, capable of driving 20mA
- Output: Y: 100k resistor
- Relationship: shown below
- Tolerance: +/- 1V

Step 1: Draw in straight line approximations to this function. If the voltage deviates by more than 1V, add another line (i.e. meet the requirements)

Shown in orange.

Add a resistor (1k shown here). This affects the overall gain of the circuit as

$$\left( \frac{100k}{100k+1k} \right) = 0.99$$

so the gain will be off by 1% under load (load = 100k), correct with no load (load = infinite)

Step 2: The initial slope is 1.36. Add an amplifier with a gain of 1.36

Step 3: On the Y axis, the voltages of the corners tell you the turn-on voltages for each leg. These are at

- 3V
- 5.5V

Step 4: When the output reaches 3V, the slope drops to 0.6. To get this

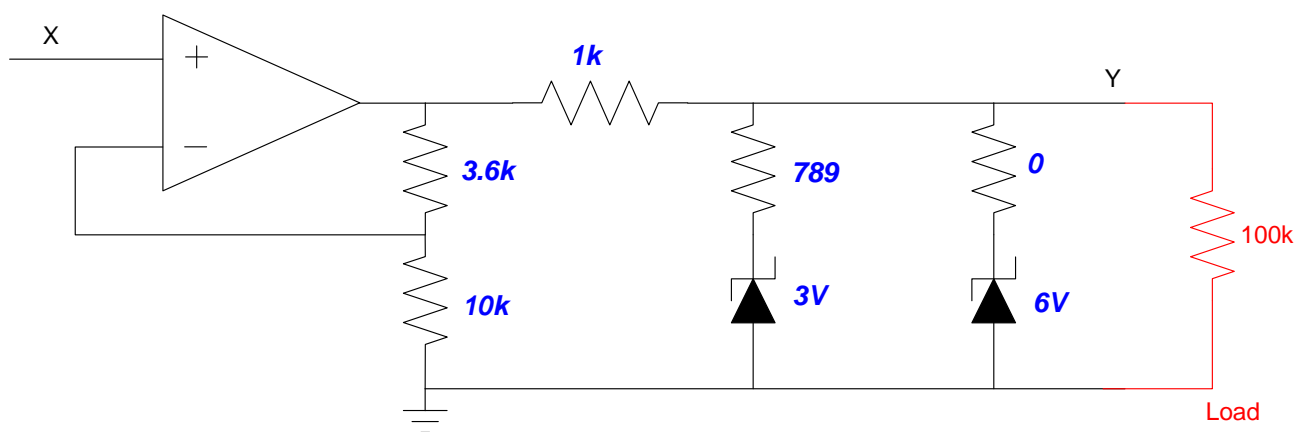
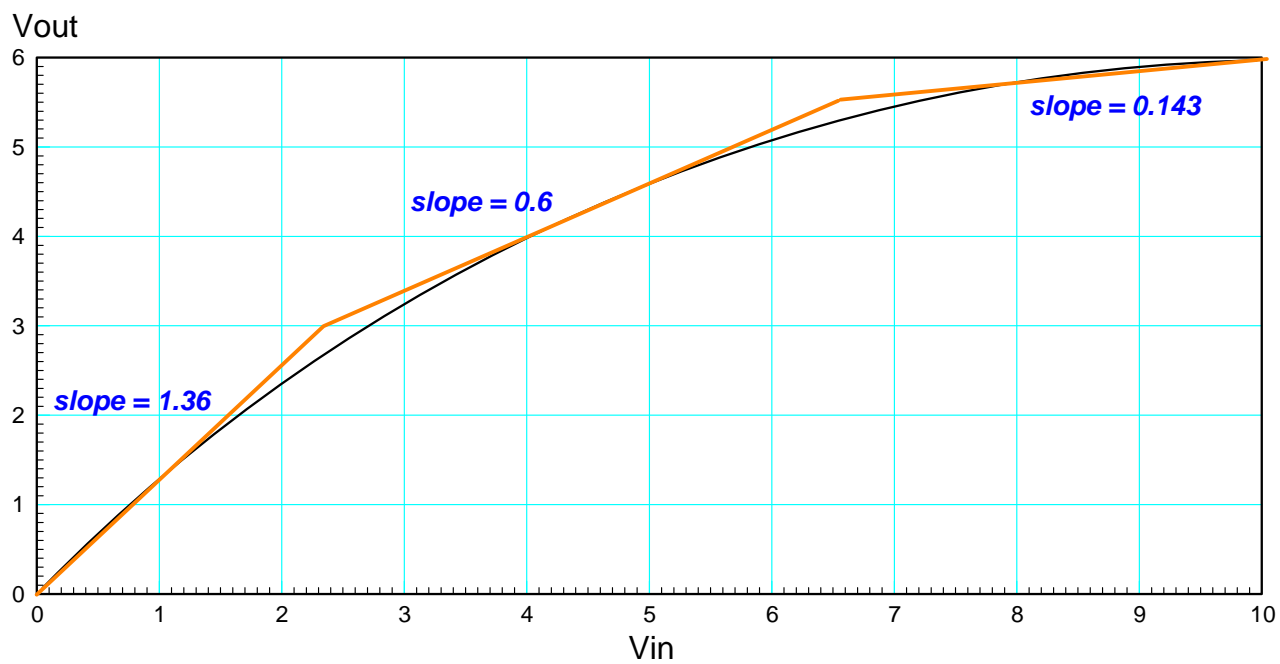
$$slope = 0.6 = \left( \frac{R}{R+1k} \right) 1.36$$

$$R = 789\Omega$$

When the output reaches 5.5V, the slope drops to 0.14. To get this slope

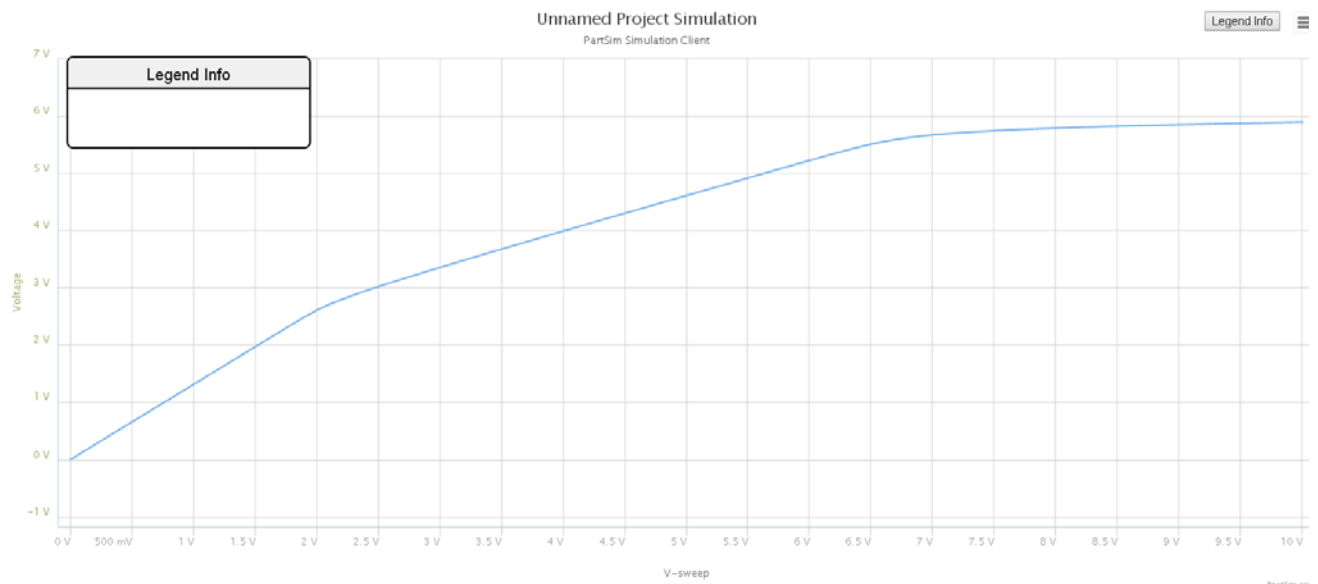
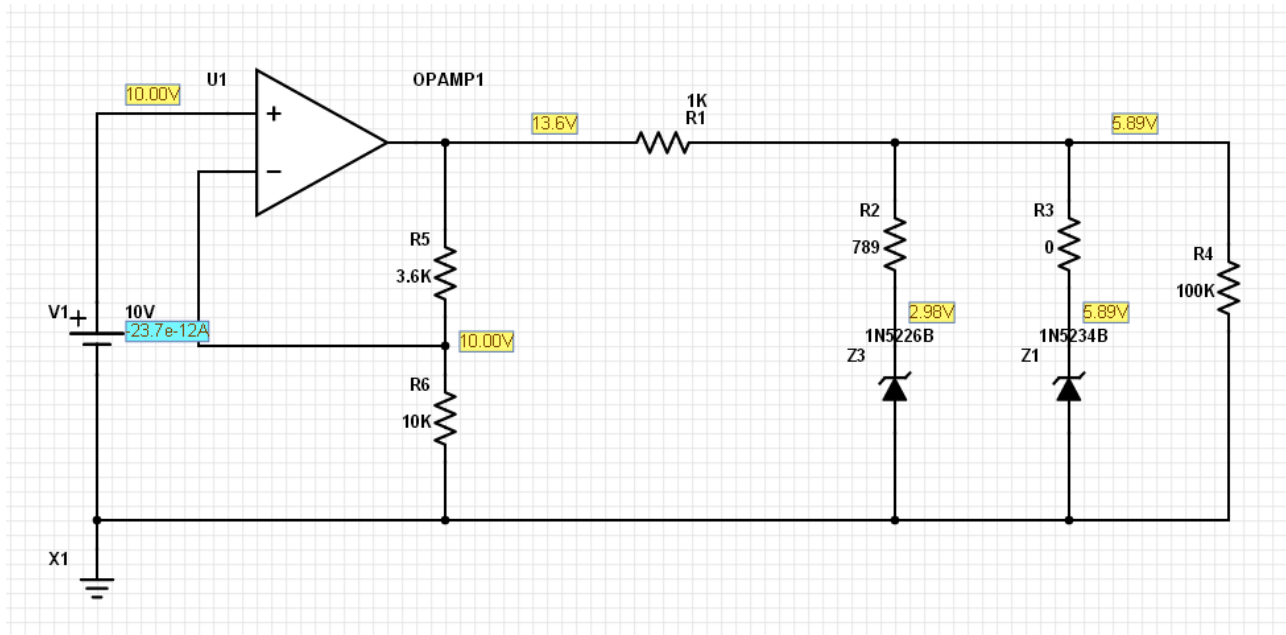
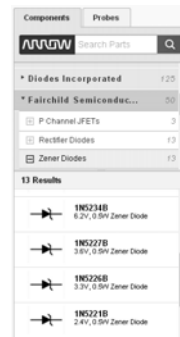
$$slope = 0.14 = \left( \frac{R}{R+1k} \right) 1.36$$

$$R = 117\Omega$$



2) Check your design in PartSim (or similar program)

The zener diodes are a little hard to find exactly what I want. Fairchild Semiconductors has a lot of zeners - choose ones with a zener voltage of 3.3V and 6.3V (as close as I could get)



## Max / Min

3a) Determine the voltages and currents for the following max/min circuit.

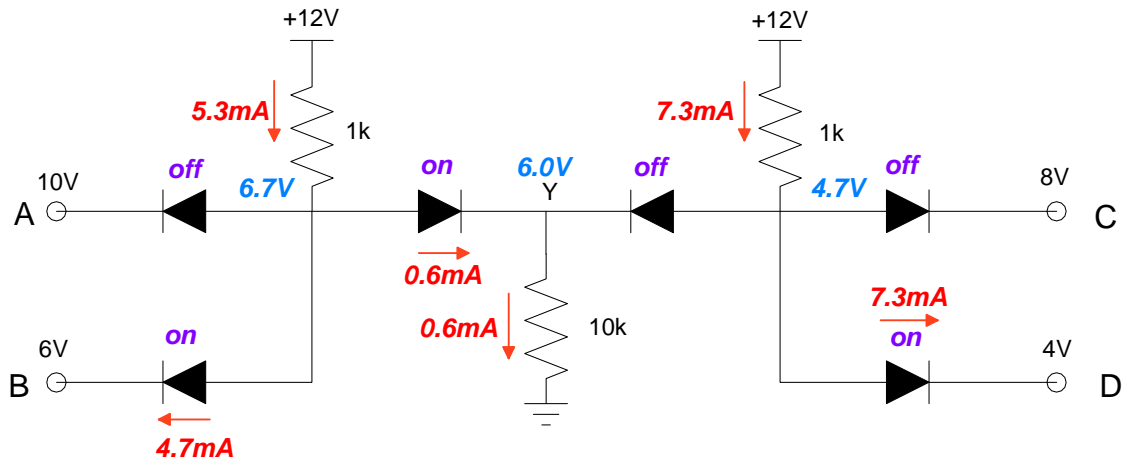
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3b) What function does this implement?

$$Y = f(A, B, C, D)$$

$$Y = \max(\min(A, B), \min(C, D))$$

$$Y = AB + CD$$



## AC to DC

Design a circuit to meet the following requirements:

- Input: 20Vp 60Hz sine wave capable of driving 500mA (i.e. wall transformers in lab)
- Output: 1k Ohm resistor
- Relationship: V2 is a DC signal with 200mVpp ripple when the load is 1k Ohm
- Tolerance: +/- 50mVpp ripple with a 1k Ohm load

4a) Assume  $L = 0$ . Determine  $C$  so that the ripple at V2 is 1Vpp.

The diode drops 0.7V, so the peak voltage at V1 is 19.3V

The current is (worst case)

$$I = \left( \frac{19.3V}{1k\Omega} \right) = 19.3mA$$

The capacitor is then

$$I = C \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$19.3mA = C \frac{1V}{1/60s}$$

$$C = 312\mu F$$

4b) Determine  $L$  so that the ripple at V2 is reduced to 200mVpp

The inductor reduces the ripple from 1Vpp to 200mVpp (5x).

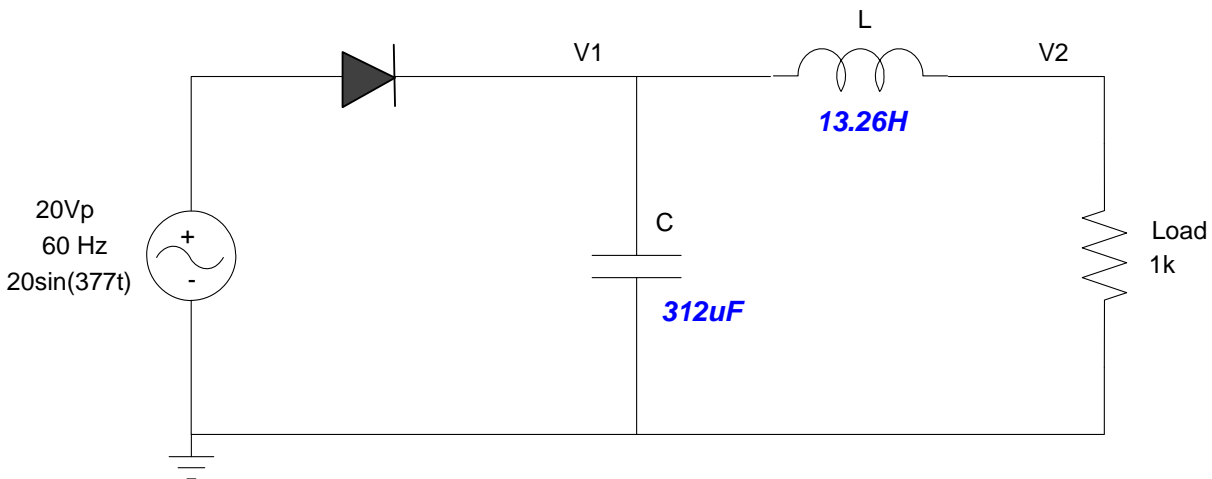
To do this, make the inductor 5x the load

$$j\omega L = j5000\Omega$$

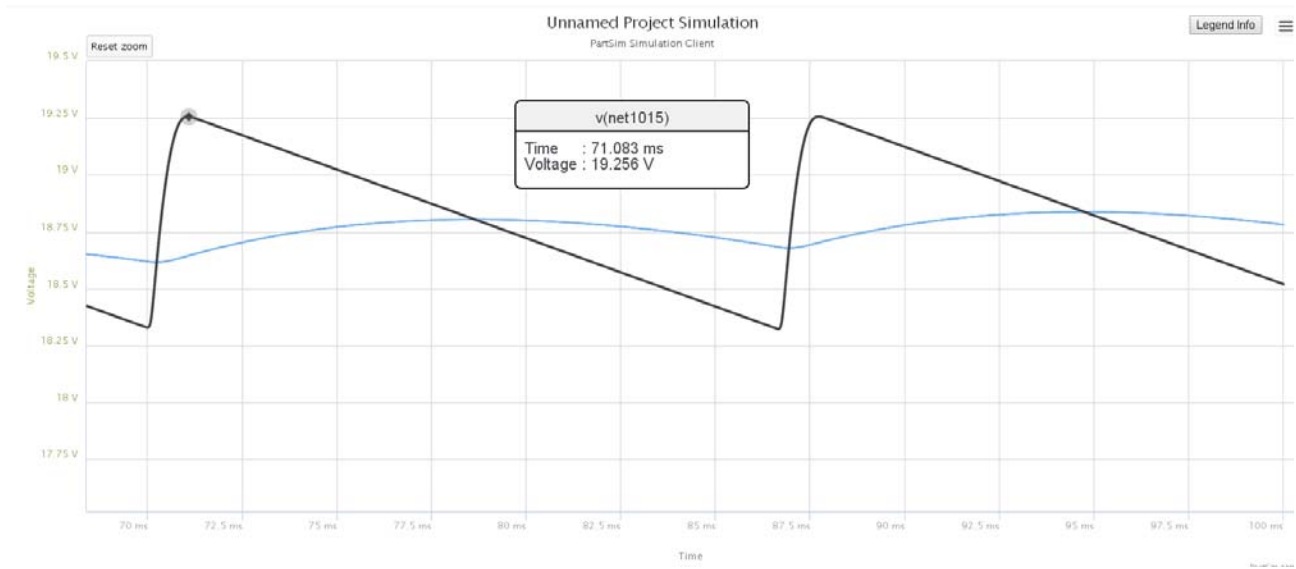
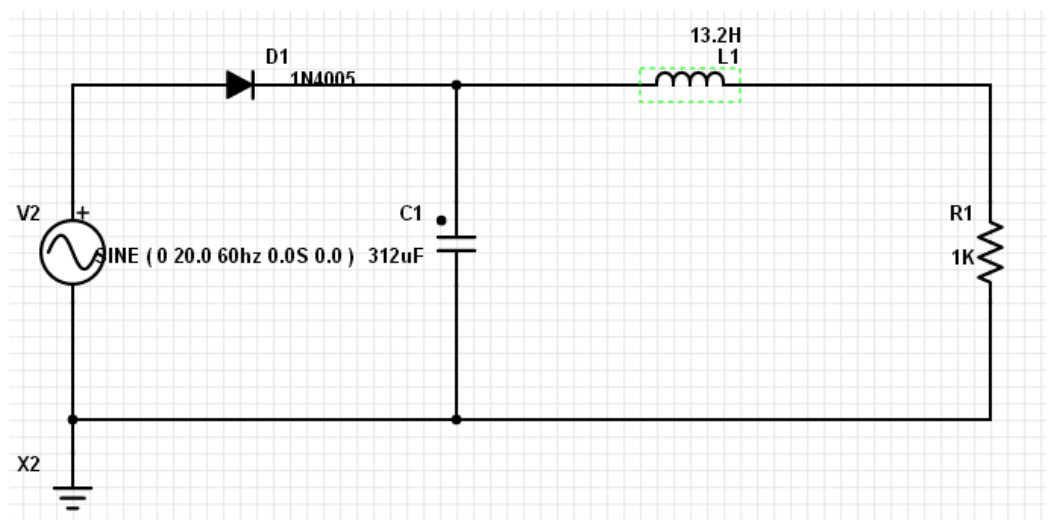
$$j \cdot 2\pi \cdot 60Hz \cdot L = j5000$$

$$j \cdot 377 \cdot L = j5000$$

$$L = 13.26H$$



4c) Check your design in PartSim



	Calculation	Simulation	Lab
max(Vc)	19.3V	19.356V	
min(Vc)	18.3V	18.33V	
Vc pp	1Vpp	1.026Vpp	
max(Vr)		18.803V	
min(Vr)		18.616V	
Vr pp	200mVpp	187mVpp	

**Lab:**

6) Build and test one of these circuits in lab.