# **Experiment No.1 Semiconductor diode characteristics**

1. Why is the voltage across the diode  $(V_D)$  not increasing when increasing the  $V_S$ ?

**Ans.:** This is due to the barrier potential (Ge = 0.3V) and (Si = 0.7V) of the doped semiconductor diode. However, the voltage across the P-N junction will increase slightly as the current gets larger because of the built-in diode resistance.

2. On a graphic paper, draw the V-I characteristic curve from the experimental result you recorded.

#### Ans.:



### **Experiment No.2 Half-Wave Rectifier (HWR)**

1. Why is the  $V_{AVG}$  of the input signal (Sinusoidal wave) close to zero?

**Ans.:** Theoretically, the average value  $(V_{AVG})$  of a whole sinusoidal waveform over one complete cycle is zero, as the two halves cancel each other out when calculating the average value. Experimentally, the average value  $(V_{AVG})$  is close to zero due to a slight difference between the two halves (positive and negative) of the input signal.

2. On a graphic paper, draw the input and output signals, both on one chart (on top of each other), indicating the voltages ( $V_p$ ,  $V_{rms}$ , and  $V_{AVG}$ ).



3. What would be the outcome if the diode is flipped? Why? Draw the output signal.

**Ans.:** Because the diode is forward-biased for the negative half, it appears across the  $R_L$ .



## **Experiment No.3 Center-Tapped Full-Wave Rectifier**

1. Is the transformer step-down or step-up? Why?

**Ans.:** Since the output voltage is smaller than the input voltage, the transformer is a step-down. Its also known from the turns ratio: if

n > 1	Step up transformer	$V_{out} > V_{in}$
n < 1	Step down transformer	$V_{\text{out}} < V_{\text{in}}$
n = 1	Buffer transformer	$\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{out}} = \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{in}}$
In our experiment:	$n = \frac{V_{p(sec)}}{V_{p(pri)}} =$	$\frac{5}{311} = 0.016$

The transformer is step-down.

2. On a graphic paper, draw the input and output signals, both on one chart (on top of each other), indicating the voltages ( $V_p$ ,  $V_{rms}$ , and  $V_{AVG}$ ).



#### 3. What would be the output at $R_L$ if we exchange $D_1$ by $R_L$ ? (غير داخل بالامتحان)

Ans.: During the input signal's positive half, no current passes through  $R_L$  because both diodes ( $D_1$  and  $D_2$ )are reversedbiased. During the negative half, both diodes ( $D_1$  and  $D_2$ )are forward-biased. The voltage across  $R_L$  is superpositioned between the total secondary voltage  $V_{p(sec)}$ sin  $\theta$  and the  $V_{p(in)} \sin \theta$  of the upper coil.



### **Experiment No.4 Full-Wave Bridge Rectifier**

1. What would be the PIV of each diode in the above Full-Wave Bridge Rectifier circuit?

Ans.: PIV =  $V_{p(sec)}$  =  $2V_{p(out)}$ In out experiment,  $V_{p(sec)}$  =  $V_{p(out)}$  = 5 V

2. On a graphic paper, draw the input and output signals on one chart (on top of each other), indicating the voltages ( $V_p$ ,  $V_{rms}$ , and  $V_{AVG}$ ).





3. Calculate the period of the input and output signals.

Ans.: In our experiment, the frequency of the input signal is 50 Hz.

The period of the input signal:  $T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{50} = 20ms$ 

In full wave rectifiers the frequency of the output is douplicated (100Hz)

The period of the input signal:  $T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{100} = 10ms$