EE40
Lecture 26
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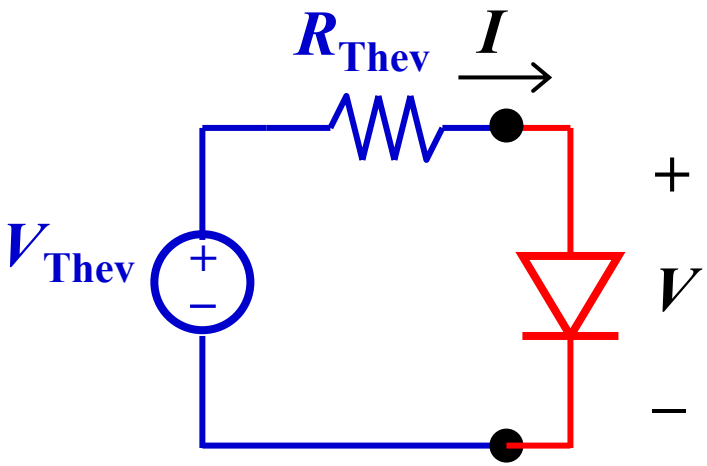
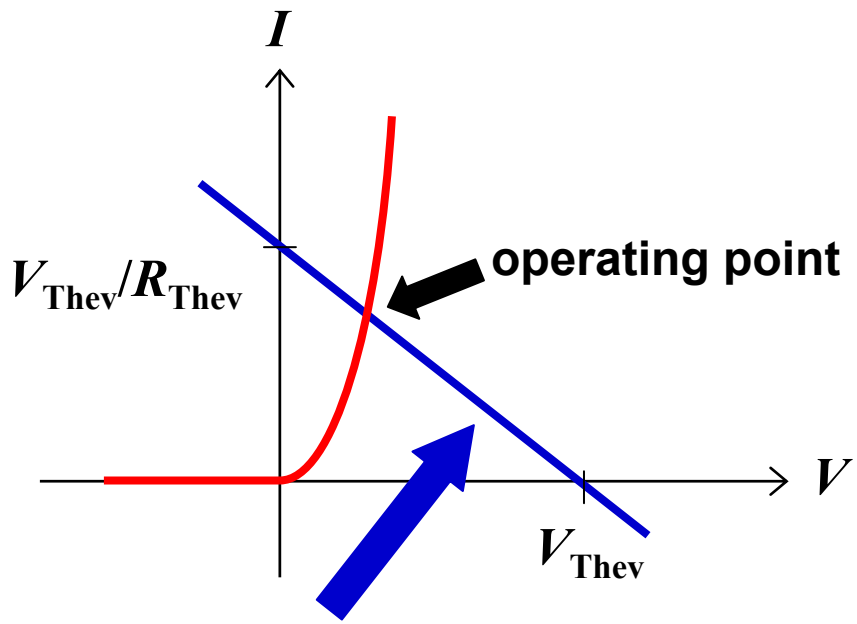
Reading: Chap. 10: Diodes

Load Line Analysis Method

1. Graph the *I-V* relationships for the non-linear element and for the rest of the circuit
2. The operating point of the circuit is found from the intersection of these two curves.

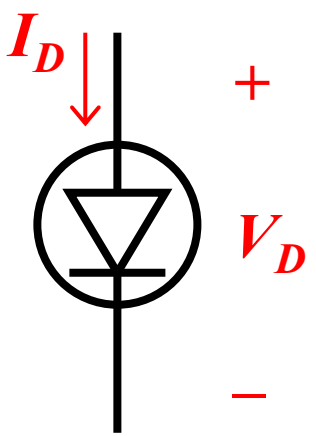




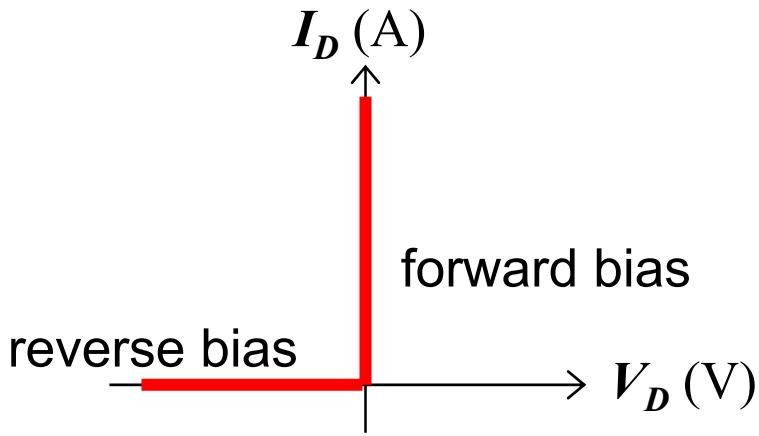
The *I-V* characteristic of all of the circuit except the non-linear element is called the *load line*

Ideal Diode Model of PN Diode

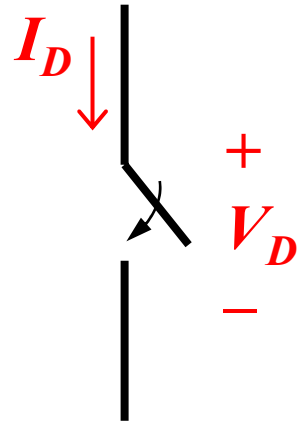
Circuit symbol



***I-V* characteristic**



Switch model

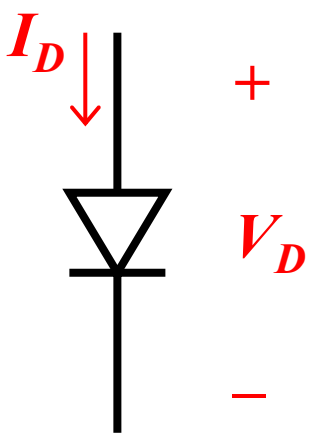


- An ideal diode passes current only in one direction.
- An ***ideal diode*** has the following properties:
  - when $I_D > 0$, $V_D = 0$
  - when $V_D < 0$, $I_D = 0$

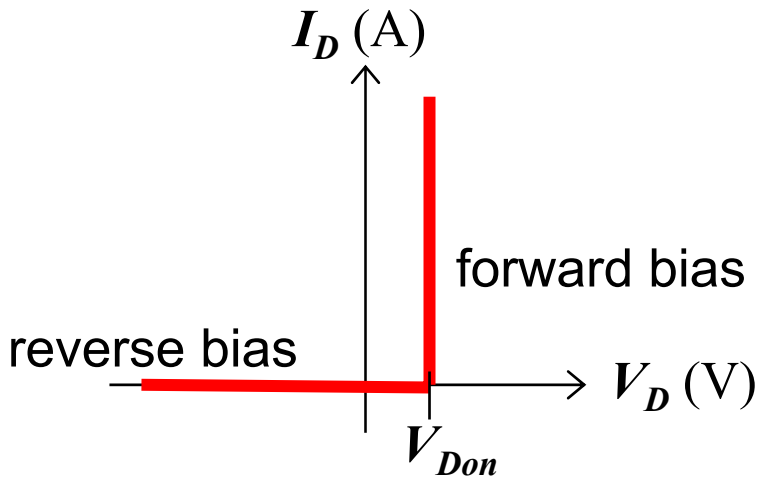
Diode behaves like a switch:
- **closed in forward bias mode**
- **open in reverse bias mode**

Large-Signal Diode Model

Circuit symbol



I-V characteristic



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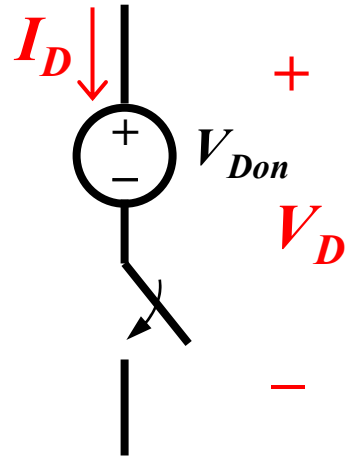


For a Si pn diode, $V_{Don} \cong 0.7$ V

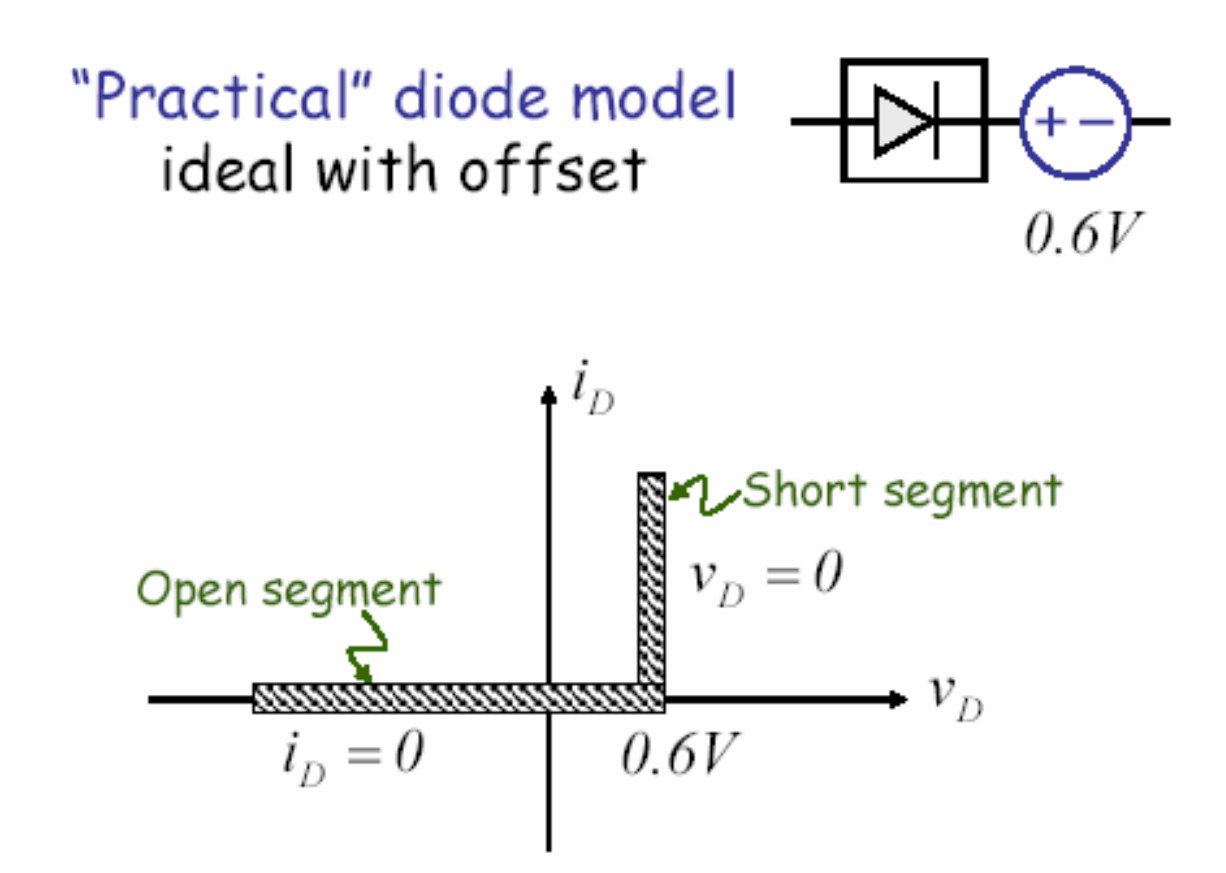
RULE 1: When $I_D > 0$, $V_D = V_{Don}$

RULE 2: When $V_D < V_{Don}$, $I_D = 0$

Diode behaves like a voltage source in series with a switch:
- **closed in forward bias mode**
- **open in reverse bias mode**

Diode: Large Signal Model

- Use piece-wise linear model



How to Analyze Circuits with Diodes

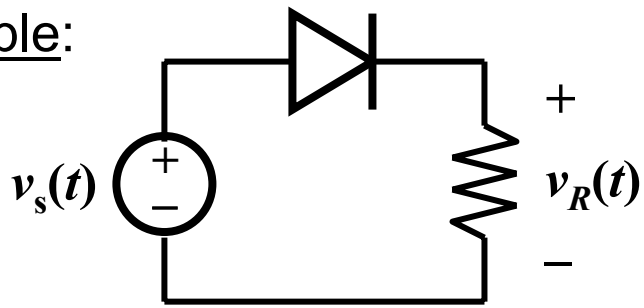
A diode has only two states:

- **forward biased:** $I_D > 0$, $V_D = 0$ V (or 0.7 V)
- **reverse biased:** $I_D = 0$, $V_D < 0$ V (or 0.7 V)

Procedure:

1. Guess the state(s) of the diode(s)
2. Check to see if KCL and KVL are obeyed.
3. If KCL and KVL are not obeyed, refine your guess
4. Repeat steps 1-3 until KCL and KVL are obeyed.

Example:



If $v_s(t) > 0$ V, diode is forward biased (else KVL is disobeyed – try it)

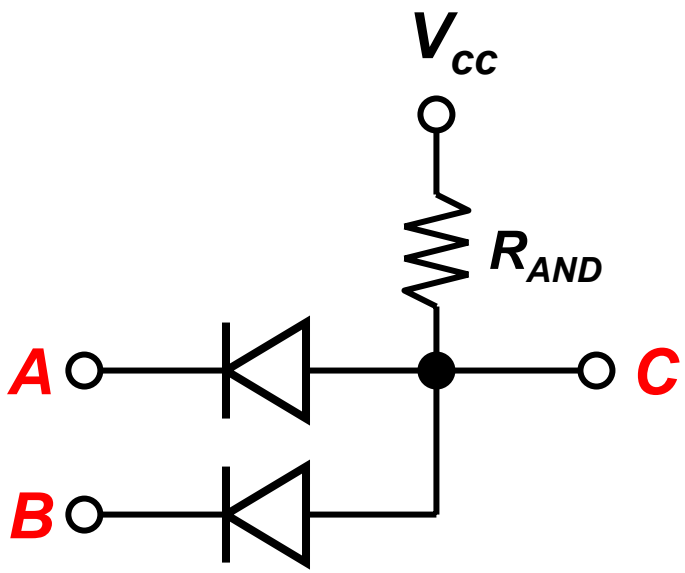
If $v_s(t) < 0$ V, diode is reverse biased (else KVL is disobeyed – try it)

Diode Logic: AND Gate

- Diodes can be used to perform logic functions:

AND gate

output voltage is high only if both A and B are high



Inputs A and B vary between 0 Volts ("low") and V_{cc} ("high")

Between what voltage levels does C vary when the diode requires a nonzero forward bias voltage to turn on?