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This e-book on Basic DC Power Supply covers the fundamental principles of designing DC power supply circuits. It is organized into five key components:
Transformer, Rectifier, Filter, Regulator, and Voltage Divider.
The e-book stands out for its clear and concise text, designed to be easily understood and referenced by students and readers. It includes illustrations that relate directly to the topics discussed, providing a visual context to enhance comprehension.

We hope this e-book proves to be a valuable resource for students and general readers alike, contributing to a deeper understanding of DC power supplies.











#### Introduction to DC Power Supply







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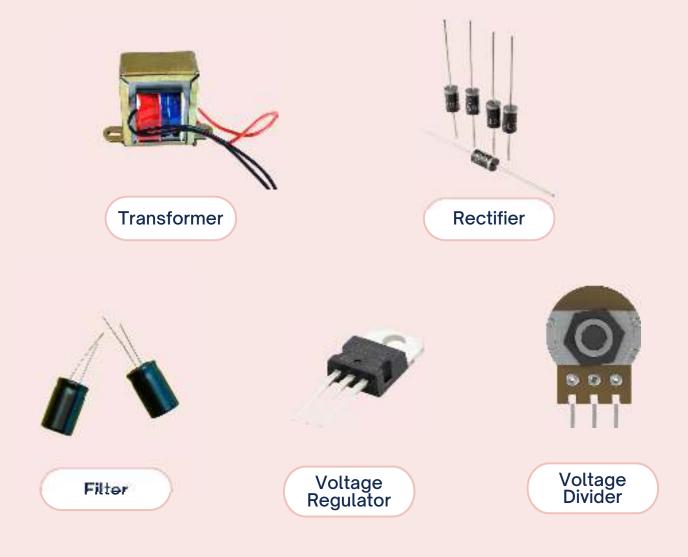
A DC power supply converts alternating current (AC) from the mains into direct current (DC) suitable for powering electronic devices. It typically consists of several key components, including a transformer, rectifier, filter, voltage regulator, and voltage divider.



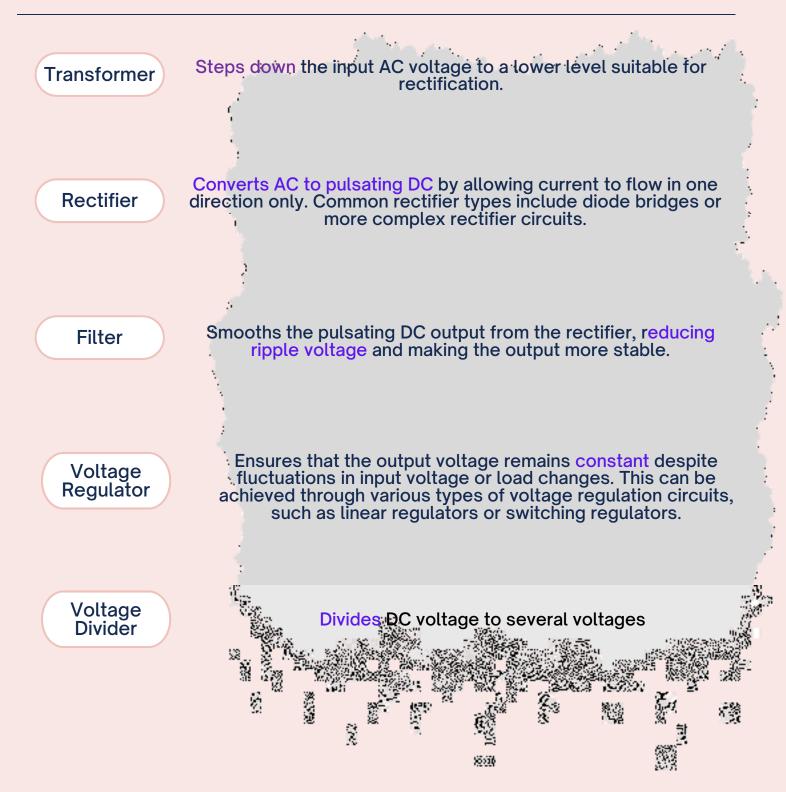
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#### **Components of a DC Power Supply**

#### AC Input -> Transformer -> Rectifier -> Filter -> Voltage Regulator -> Voltage Divider ->DC Output



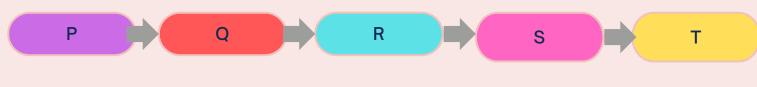
#### **Components of a DC Power Supply**



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## **Tutorial**

- 1. What is the function of a DC Power Supply?
- 2.Identify the function of a voltage regulator in DC Power Supply.
- 3.Based on Figure 1, name the block of 'P' and 'R'.







#### **Tutorial Answer**

- 1. The function of a DC Power Supply is to convert alternating current (AC) from the mains into direct current (DC)
- 2.The voltage regulator is used to maintain the DC output voltage.
- 3. 'P' is transformer and 'R' is filter.









## Transformer

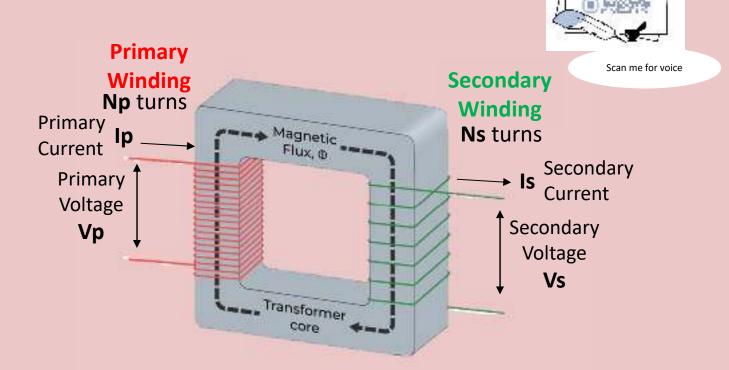
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#### Transformer

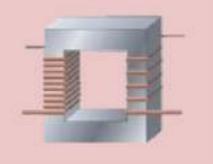
A basic transformer is defined as a passive electrical device constructed of two coils of wire (winding) magnetically coupled that transfers electrical energy from one coil to another through the process of electromagnetic induction. It is most commonly used to increase ('step up') or decrease ('step down') voltage levels between

circuits



#### Transformer

#### Step-down

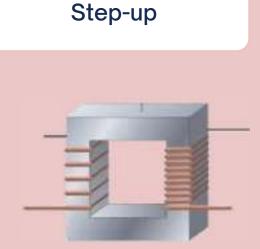


#### Operation

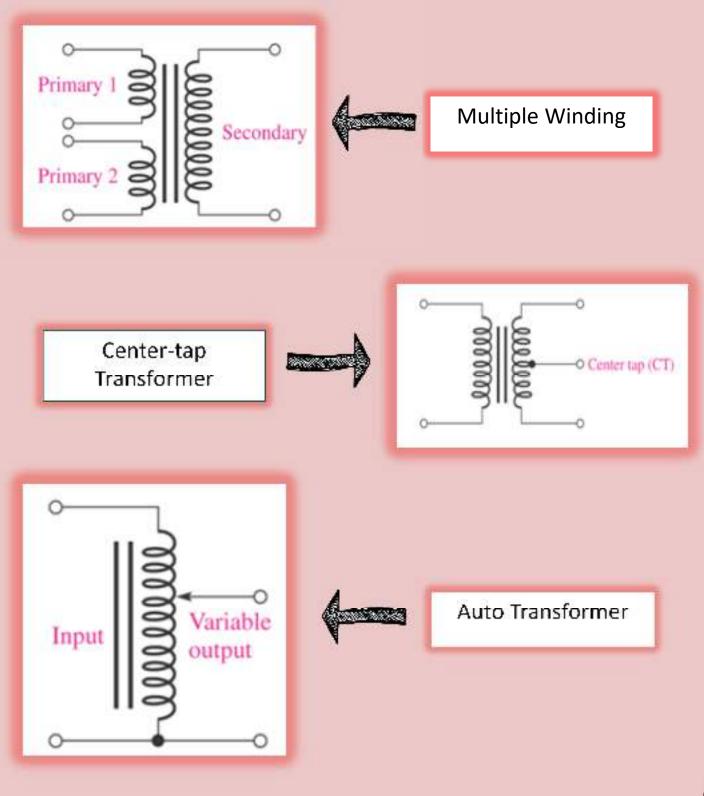
A transformer that decreases voltage between the primary to secondary windings is defined as a step-down transformer.

Operation

 A transformer that increases voltage between the primary to secondary windings is defined as a step-up transformer.



#### **Types of Transformer**



#### **Ratio Transformer**

# $n = \frac{V_P}{V_S} = \frac{I_S}{I_P} = \frac{N_P}{N_S}$



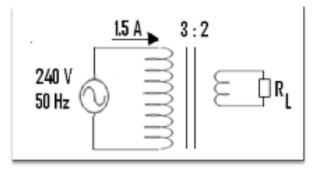
### Function of the Transformer (Step down)

An electrical device that steps down alternating current (AC) voltage or current to a lower AC voltage or current.



#### **Tutorial**

- 1. By referring to Figure 1 below, determine the following:
  - i. Secondary voltage
  - ii. Secondary current





- 2.List THREE (3) types of transformer.
- 3. Explain the function of transformer in DC power supply.
- 4. By using the suitable diagram, sketch the basic transformer.
- 5. Show the equation of turn ratio using voltage value.

#### **Tutorial Answer**

1. Determine the following:

i. 
$$\frac{V_P}{V_S} = \frac{N_P}{N_S}$$
  
 $\frac{240}{V_S} = \frac{3}{2}$   
 $\frac{V_S}{240} = \frac{2}{3}$   
 $V_S = \frac{2}{3} \times 240$   
 $= 160 \text{ V}$   
ii.  $\frac{I_S}{I_P} = \frac{N_P}{N_S}$   
 $\frac{I_S}{I_S} = \frac{3}{2}$   
 $I_S = \frac{3}{2} \times 1.5$ 

2.THREE (3) types of transformer.

- i. Auto transformer
- ii. Center-tap transformer
- iii. Multiple winding transformer

#### To get more explanation click here **Tutorial Answer** 3. The function of transformer in DC power supply is to step down current or voltage AC to a smaller current or voltage AC. 4. Diagram of the basic transformer. Primary Secondary Winding Np turns Winding Primary Ip Magnetic \_ Ns turns Current Flux, O Secondary Primary ' ls Voltage Secondary Vp Voltage Vs Transformer core -

5. The equation of turn ratio using voltage value.

$$n=\frac{V_P}{V_S}$$



Block 2

## Rectifier

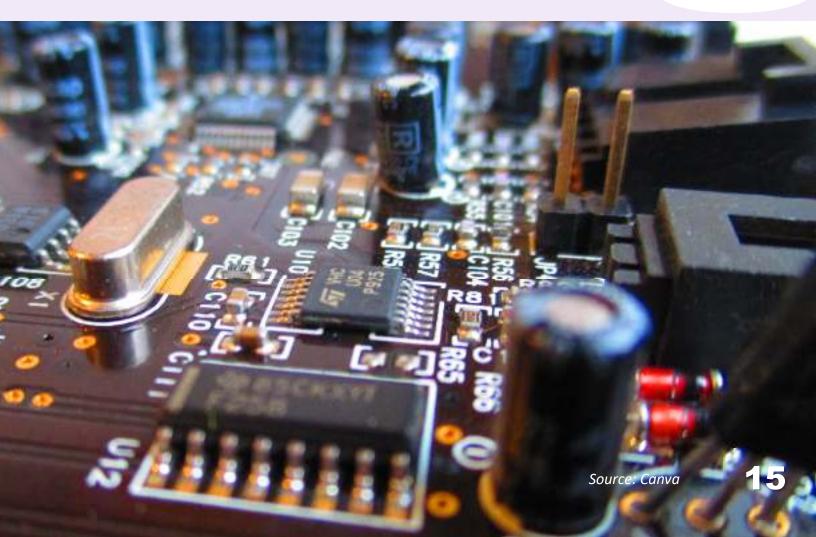
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#### **Introduction to Rectifier**

The rectifier is a crucial component in a DC power supply, responsible for converting alternating current (AC) input into pulsating direct current (DC). This conversion is essential because most electronic devices require a steady DC voltage to operate.





#### **Function of the Rectifier**

The primary function of the rectifier is to change the alternating voltage (AC) from the mains power source into direct voltage (DC). In other words, it converts the alternating current, which changes direction periodically, into a unidirectional current flow.









Half-Wave

Rectifier

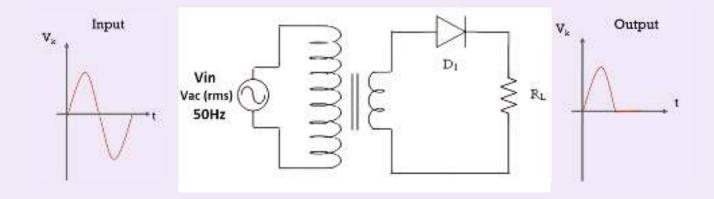
This simple rectifier uses a single diode to allow current flow in only one direction during half of the AC cycle. It's less efficient and produces more ripple compared to full-wave Full-wave rectifiers use multiple diodes arranged in a bridge configuration (Bridge Rectifier) or center-tapped configuration to allow current flow in the same direction during both halves of the AC cycle. This results in a more efficient conversion with less ripple.

**Full-Wave** 

Rectifier

#### **Types of Rectifiers**

#### Half-Wave Rectifier



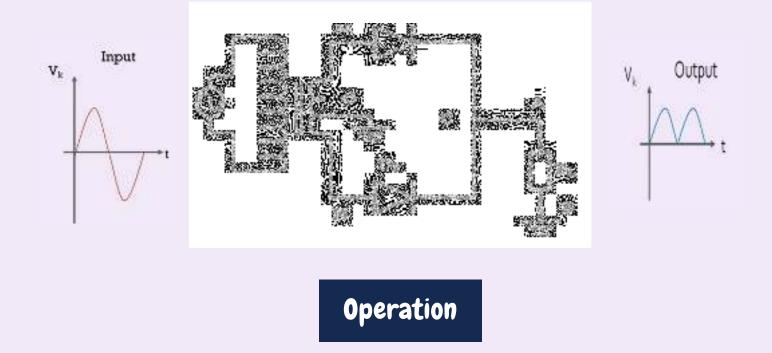
#### Operation

When the secondary AC voltage swings positive,
Diode D1 turns 'ON' and the circuit is connected.
Current flows in the circuit and produces half waveform across the load

When secondary AC voltage swings negative,
Diode D1 turns 'OFF' and the circuit is opened
No current flows in the circuit and NO waveform is produced across the load

#### **Types of Rectifiers**

Fill-Wave Rectifier : Center-tapped



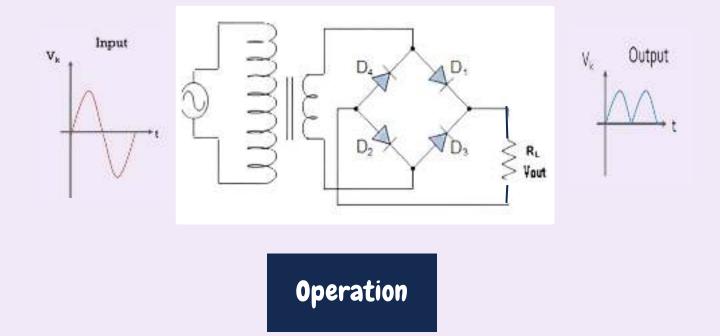
 When Vin swings positive, a positive voltage is developed on M so D1 is ON while a negative voltage is developed on N so D2 is OFF.

• Electrons flow through the load and develop a positive output half-cycle across the load (Vout).

 When Vin swings negative, a negative voltage is developed on M so D1 is OFF while a positive voltage is developed on N turning ON D2.

 Current flows through the load, developing another positive output half-cycle across the load (Vout)

## **Types of Rectifiers**



- When the Vin swings positive, a positive potential is applied to the top of the bridge, causing D1 to turn ON, while a negative potential is applied to the bottom of the bridge, causing D2 to turn ON.
  - With D1 and D2 ON and D3 and D4 OFF, current will flow up through the load as indicated by the arrow (I), developing a positive output half-cycle across the load (Vout).
- When Vin swings negative, a negative potential is applied to the top of the bridge, causing D4 to turn ON, while a positive potential is applied to the bottom of the bridge, causing D3 to turn ON.
  - With D4 and D3 ON and D1 and D2 OFF, electrons will flow up through the load as indicated by the arrow (I), developing another positive output half-cycle across the load (Vout).

### **Tutorial**

- 1. Identify the function of a rectifier.
- 2.The main function of the rectifier in the power supply unit is to convert the Alternating Current (AC) to Direct Current (DC) power. List TWO (2) types of rectifier circuits that are commonly used in this power supply unit. How many diodes are used in the rectifier circuit respectively?
- 3.Draw the input and output waveforms of half-wave rectifier.4.Draw a bridge rectifier circuit and explain its operation.



#### **Tutorial Answer**

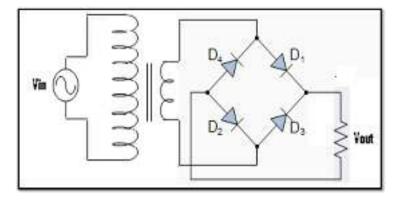
- 1. The rectifier is used to convert the AC voltage to pulsating DC output voltage.
- 2. TWO (2) types of rectifier circuits and number of diodes are used in the rectifier circuit respectively:
  - Full wave rectifier using center tap transformer use 2 diodes
  - Full wave rectifier using bridge rectifier use 4 diodes
  - Half wave rectifier use 1 diode
- 3. The input and output waveforms of half-wave rectifier.





## **Tutorial Answer**

#### 4. Bridge rectifier circuit



#### Operation:

- When the Vin swings positive, a positive potential is applied to the top of the bridge, causing D1 to turn ON, while a negative potential is applied to the bottom of the bridge, causing D2 to turn ON.
- With D1 and D2 ON and D3 and D4 OFF, current will flow up through the load as indicated by the arrow (I), developing a positive output half-cycle across the load (Vout).
- When Vin swings negative, a negative potential is applied to the top of the bridge, causing D4 to turn ON, while a positive potential is applied to the bottom of the bridge, causing D3 to turn ON.
- With D4 and D3 ON and D1 and D2 OFF, electrons will flow up through the load as indicated by the arrow (I), developing another positive output half-cycle across the load (Vout).





## **Introduction of Filter**

Filtering or smoothing the rectified voltage is used to obtain a pure DC from the pulsating DC.



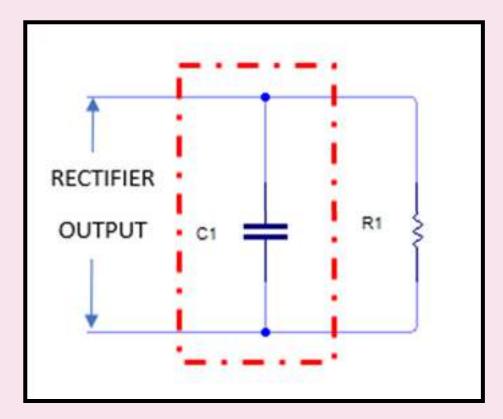
## **Function of the Filter**

To get smooth DC voltage from pulsating DC input

> The small amount of fluctuation in the filter output voltage is called ripple.

Removes the ac component from the output of rectifier and produces the pure dc output across the load

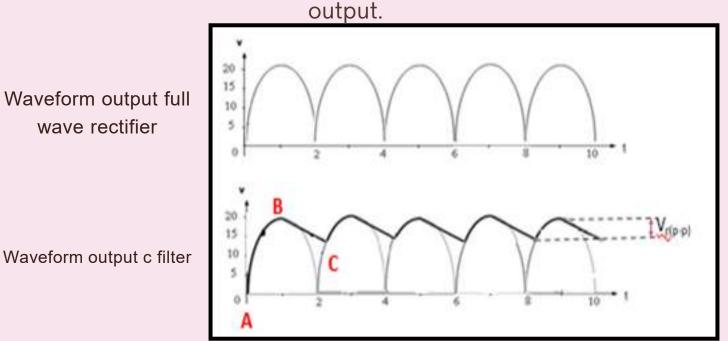
A capacitor, C is connected at the end of rectifier circuit and parallel with the load resistor.



 When the voltage from the rectifier circuit increases, it charges the capacitor until the peak value Vm of the rectifier voltage (A – B).

•After that, the rectifier voltage starts to decrease causing the capacitor to discharge through the load and the voltage across it decreases (B-C).

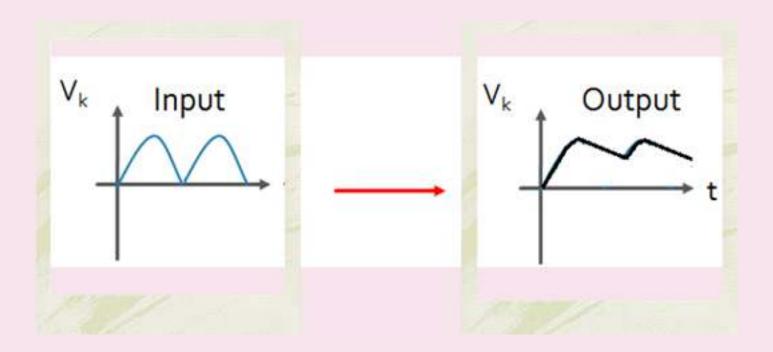
•The process is repeated. The little ripple is left in the



The larger valued capacitor is used, the ripple voltage becomes lesser.

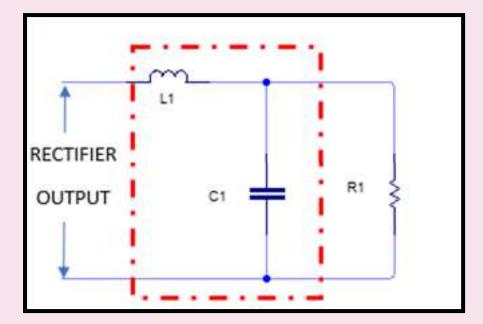
- Popular because of its low cost, small size, lightweight and good characteristics.
- The disadvantage of this filter is the output voltage is not pure dc and has much less variation (or ripple) than the unfiltered output of the rectifier.

# Waveform Input and Output



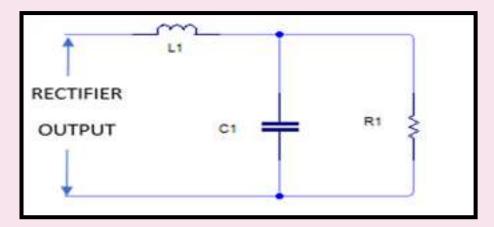
#### **Choke Input Filter**

A choke L is connected in series with the rectifier circuit and a Capacitor filter across the load resistor



#### **Choke Input Filter**

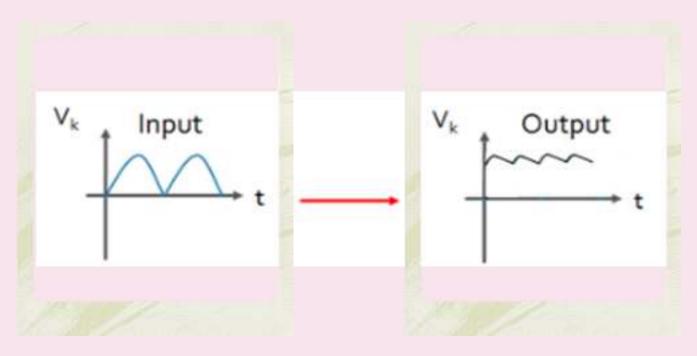
- The pulsating output from the rectifier circuit contains AC and DC components.
- The choke allow high opposition to the passage of AC component but blocking opposition to the DC component.
  - The resulting AC component appears across the choke while the DC component passes through the choke to the load.
    - It reduced pulsation across the load, R.



#### **Types of Filter**

#### **Choke Input Filter**

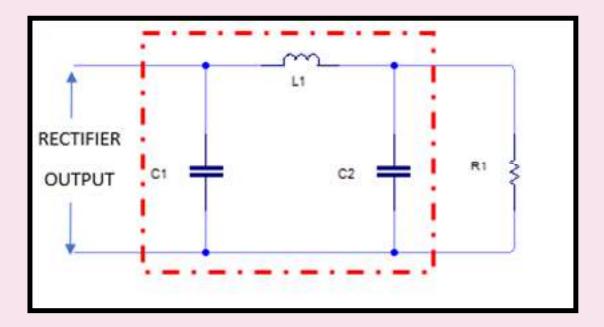
## Waveform Input and Output



#### **Types of Filter**

#### Capacitor Input Filter Or Pi Filter

A filter capacitor C1 connected across the rectifier output, a choke L in series and another filter capacitor C2 connected across resistor as load

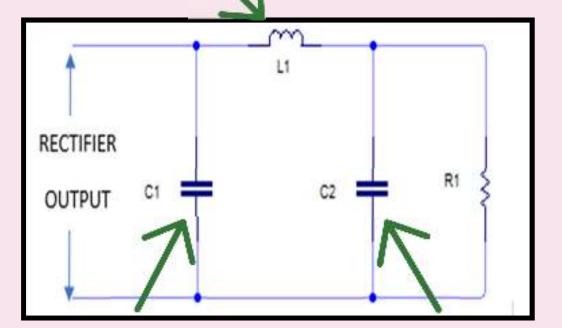


#### **Types of Filter**

#### Capacitor Input Filter Or Pi Filter

- Give high reactance to AC
  - component of rectifier output
  - Give zero reactance to DC

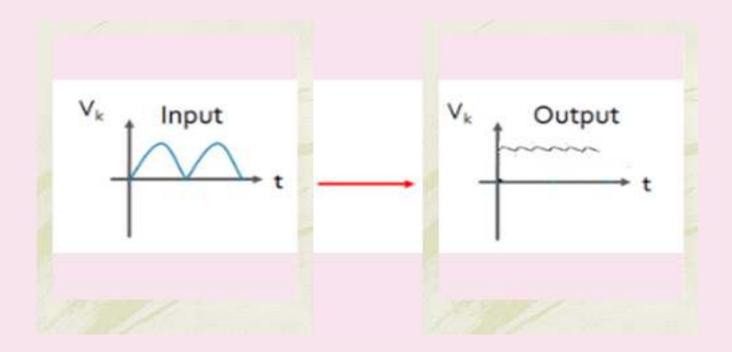
component



Give low reactance to AC component of rectifier output.
Give infinite reactance to DC component

Only DC component appears across the load Capacitor Input Filter Or Pi Filter

## Waveform Input and Output



#### **Tutorial**

- 1. List THREE (3) types of filter.
- 2.By using the diagram, explain the pi filter.
- 3.Explain the function of filter.
- 4.Draw the input and output waveforms of filter.
- 5. Explain the operation of capacitor filter.



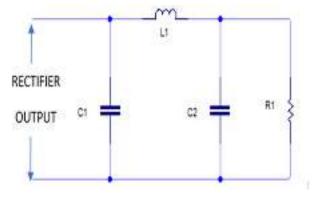
#### **Tutorial Answer**

1. THREE (3) types of filter.

- a) C filter
- b) Choke Input Filter
- c) C input filter or pi filter

#### 2. The pi filter

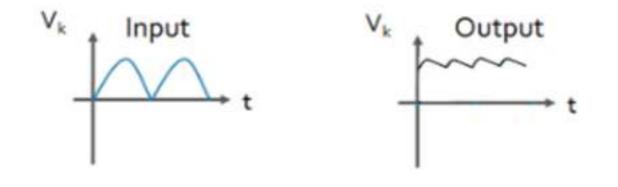
A filter capacitor C1 connected across the rectifier output, a choke L in series and another filter capacitor C2 connected across resistor as load





#### **Tutorial Answer**

- 3. The function of filter is to get smooth DC voltage called ripple from pulsating DC input
- 4. The input and output waveforms of filter





5. The operation of capacitor filter.

When the voltage from rectifier circuit increases, it charges the capacitor until the peak value Vm of the rectifier voltage. After that, the rectifier voltage starts to decrease causing the capacitor to discharge through the load and the voltage across it decreases. The process is repeated. The little ripple is left in the output.





#### Block 4



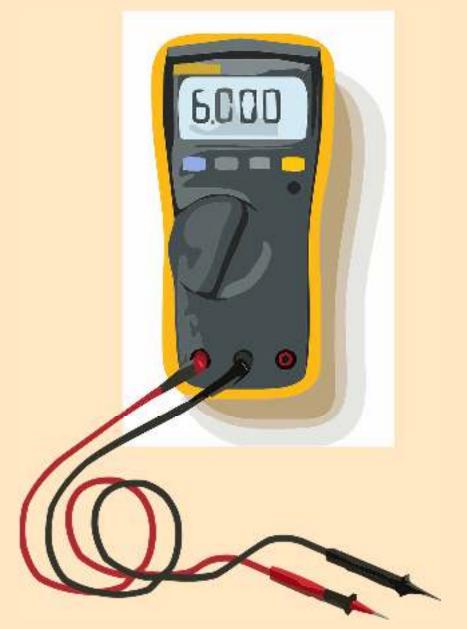
# Voltage Regulator

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### **Introduction of Voltage Regulator**

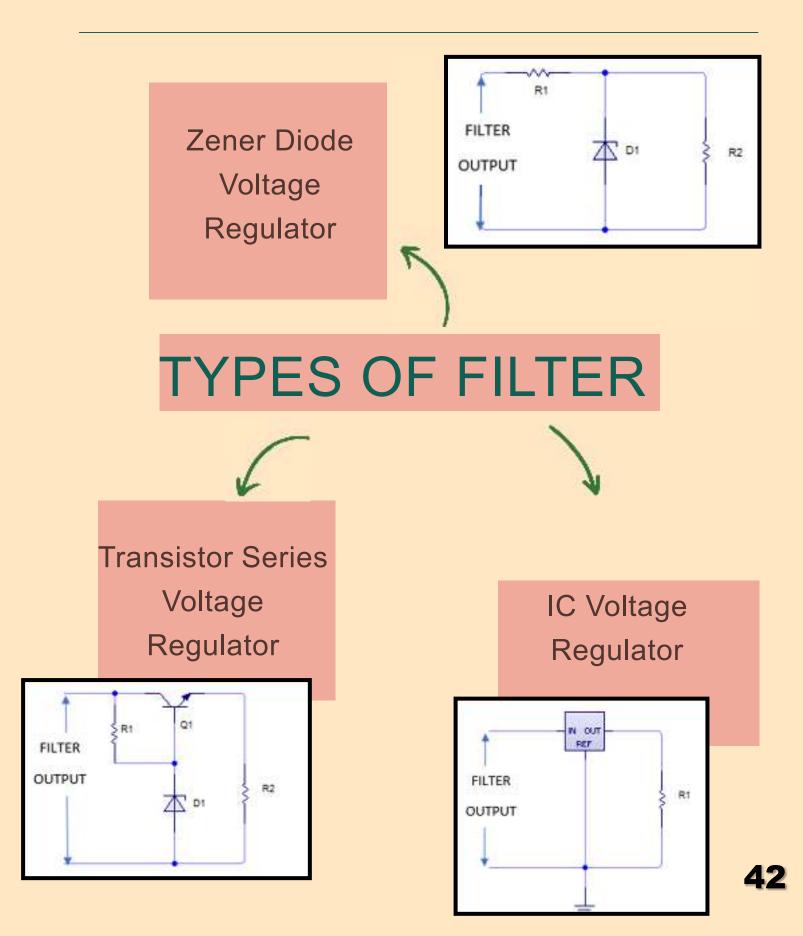
A voltage regulator is a system designed to automatically maintain a constant voltage.



### **Function of Voltage Regulator**

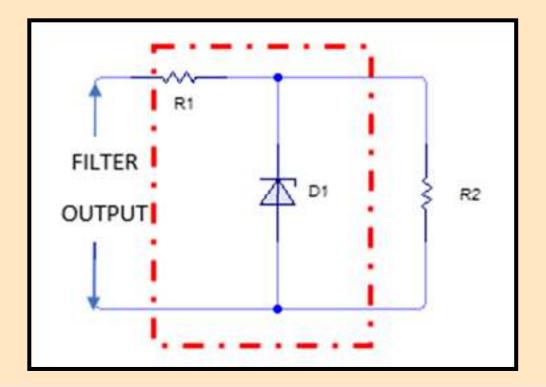
To ensure the output voltage to remain constant whether the current load changes or there are fluctuations in the input AC voltage.





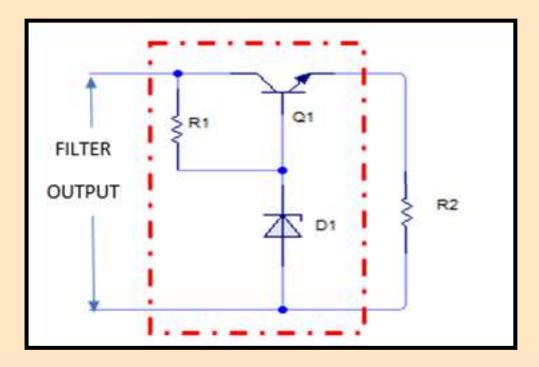
Zener Diode Voltage Regulator

A zener diode is connected parallel with load resistor to make it reverse bias.



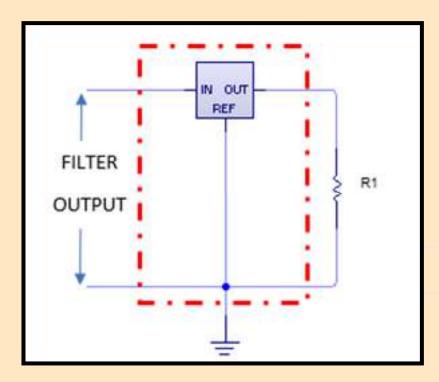
**Transistor Series Voltage Regulator** 

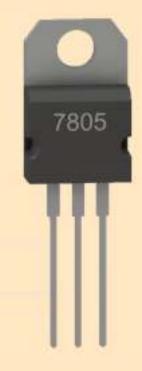
# This regulator has a transistor in series with Zener diode and both in parallel to the load.



Integrated Circuit Voltage Regulator

IC voltage regulators has threeterminal components.





Integrated Circuit Voltage Regulator



Fixed positive voltage regulator

Fixed negative voltage regulator

Integrated Circuit Voltage Regulator

Fixed positive voltage regulator

78XX

The 78XX series of regulators are used to supply a positive output voltage, with the last two digits specifying the output voltage.

> For example : 7805 = +5V 7810 = +10V

#### Integrated Circuit Voltage Regulator

#### Fixed positive voltage regulator

type number	output voltage (V)	minimum input voltage (V)
7805	+5	+7.3
7806	+6	+8.3
7808	+8	+10.5
7810	+10	+12.5
7812	+12	+14.5
7815	+15	+17.7
7818	+18	+21.0
7824	+24	+27.1

Integrated Circuit Voltage Regulator

Fixed negative voltage regulator

79XX

The 79XX series of regulators are used to supply a negative output voltage, with the last two digits specifying the output voltage.

> For example : 7905 = -5V 7912 = -12V

#### Integrated Circuit Voltage Regulator

Fixed negative voltage regulator

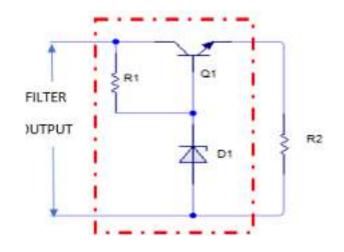
type number	output voltage (V)	minimum input voltage (V)
7905	-5	-7.3
7906	-6	-8.4
7908	-8	-10.5
7909	-9	-11.5
7912	-12	-14.6
7915	-15	-17.7
7918	-18	-20.8
7924	-24	-27.1

#### **Tutorial**

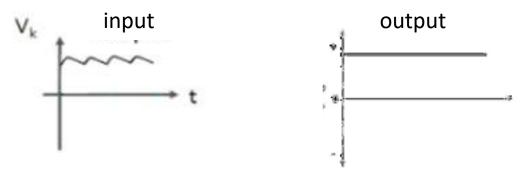
- 1. List THREE (3) types of voltage regulator.
- 2.By using the diagram, explain the transistor series regulator.
- 3.Explain the function of voltage regulator.
- 4.Draw the input and output waveforms of voltage regulator.
- 5.Explain the output of LM7912 and LM7809.

- 1. THREE (3) types of voltage regulator is Zener Diode Voltage Regulator, Transistor Series Voltage Regulator and IC voltage regulator
- 2. The transistor series regulator.

This regulator has a transistor in series with Zener diode and both in parallel to the load.



- 3. The function of a voltage regulator is to ensure the output voltage to remain constant whether the current load changes or there are fluctuations in the input AC voltage.
- 4. The input and output waveforms of a voltage regulator.



5. The output of LM7912 is -12V and LM7809 is +9V



## Voltage Divider

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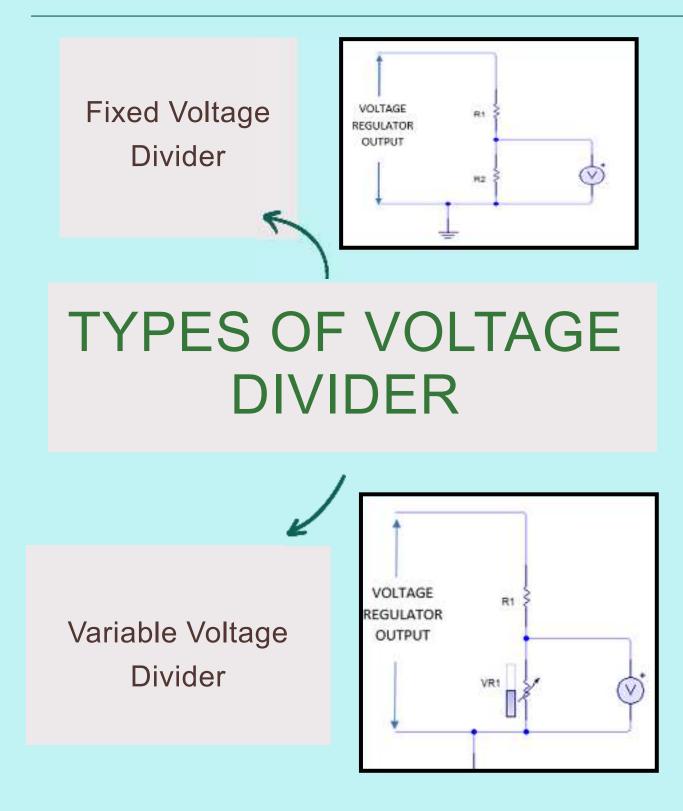


### Introduction of Voltage Divider

A voltage divider is a simple circuit that can reduce voltage.

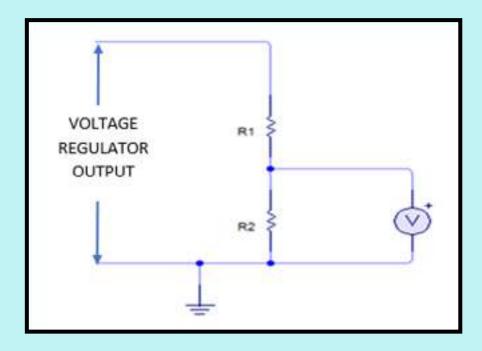
### **Function of Voltage Divider**

- To scale down input voltage to a smaller voltage based on the ratio of the 2 resistors.
- Usually consists of resistors that are connected in series

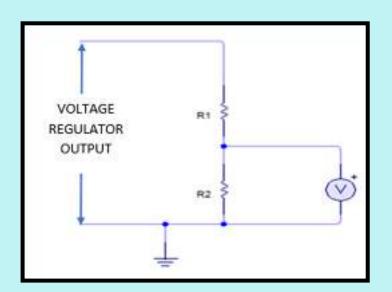


Fixed Voltage Divider

# Consists of TWO resistors connected in series.



#### Fixed Voltage Divider

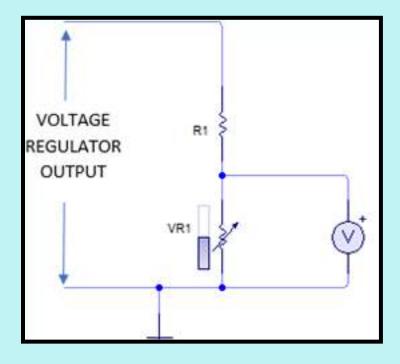


$$V_{R1} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} (V_{IN})$$

$$V_{R2} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \ (V_{IN})$$

Variable Voltage Divider

Consists of one resistor and variable resistor connected in series.



# QUESTION



#### Video simulation DC power supply

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## **Basic DC Power Supply**

Unlock the essentials of DC power supply design with this comprehensive e-book, "Basic DC Power Supply." Structured around five core components— Transformer, Rectifier, Filter, Regulator, and Voltage Divider—this guide demystifies the intricacies of power supply circuits.

With clear, accessible text and thoughtfully curated illustrations, readers will find a user-friendly resource that enhances understanding and retention. Whether you're a student diving into electronics or a curious reader seeking to grasp the fundamentals, this e-book serves as an invaluable

tool.

Join us on a journey to master the principles of DC power supplies and empower your knowledge for practical applications in electronics!

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