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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

COURSE NAME: 23EET101/BASIC ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

I YEAR / I SEMESTER

Unit IV – ANALOG ELECTRONICS

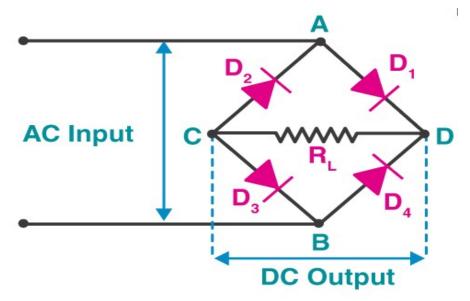
Topic : Applications



BRIDGE RECTIFIER



- **Bridge rectifier** is a type of full-wave rectifier that uses four diodes arranged in a bridge configuration to convert AC to DC
- Four <u>diodes</u> D_1 , D_2 , D_3 , D_{4} , and a load resistor R_{L} .
- The input signal is applied across terminals A and B, and the output DC signal is obtained across the load resistor R_L connected between terminals C and D.



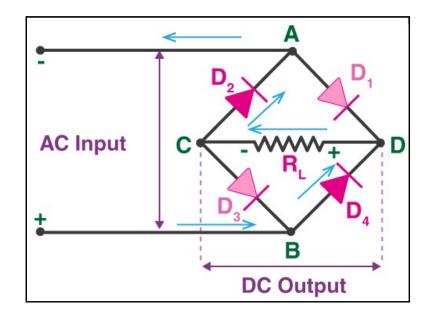


BRIDGE RECTIFIER - WORKING



During the Positive half-cycle, terminal A becomes positive while terminal B becomes negative. This causes diodes D₁ and D₃ to become forward biased and diode D₂ and D₄ to be reverse biased

 During the Negative half-cycle, terminal B becomes positive while terminal A becomes negative. This causes diodes D_2 and D_4 to become forward biased and diode D_1 and D_3 to be reverse biased

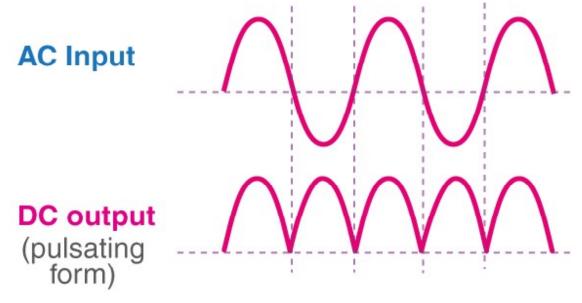




OUTPUT & APPLICATION



• The output DC signal polarity may be either completely positive or negative.



- Bridge rectifiers are used in the modulation of radio signals.
- They are used to convert AC voltage into low DC.
- They are also used in <u>electric welding</u>.
- Bridge rectifiers mainly act as power supply units.





