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# Decibels and Power

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Decibels are always a ratio of some quantity, and are often referenced to one particular level. A decibel as a symbol is dB, but if its relative to something a suffix denotes what that is.

Power Levels in the Radio licence are quoted in dBW, which are dB relative to 1 Watt

For Power Ratios relative to 1 Watt .-

$$\text{Power, dBW} = 10 \times \log_{10}(\text{Power, Watts})$$

\*Note Voltage ratios in Amplifiers are  $20 \times \log_{10}$

Power, dBW	Absolute Power
0dBW	1 Watt
3dBW	2 Watts
6dBW	4 Watts
9dBW	8 Watts
10dBW	10 Watts
20dBW	100 Watts
26dBW	400 Watts

Note that 3dB is a ratio of 2:1, and 10dB is a ratio of 10:1

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### Example-1:

Thus 50 Watts (Intermediate Licence) can be derived from -

$$100 \text{ Watts (20dBW) minus 3dB} = 17\text{dBW}$$

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### Example-2:

5 Watts is a half of 10 Watts -

$$10\text{dBW} - 3\text{dB} = 7\text{dBW}$$

OR

It's a tenth of 50 Watts -

$$17\text{dBW} - 10\text{dB} = 7\text{dBW}$$

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**Antenna Gain** should be quoted as dB<sub>i</sub> (relative to an Ideal Isotropic radiator), or dB<sub>d</sub> (relative to a Dipole). As 0dB<sub>d</sub>=2.15dB<sub>i</sub>, dB<sub>i</sub> numbers can 'enhance' gain specs

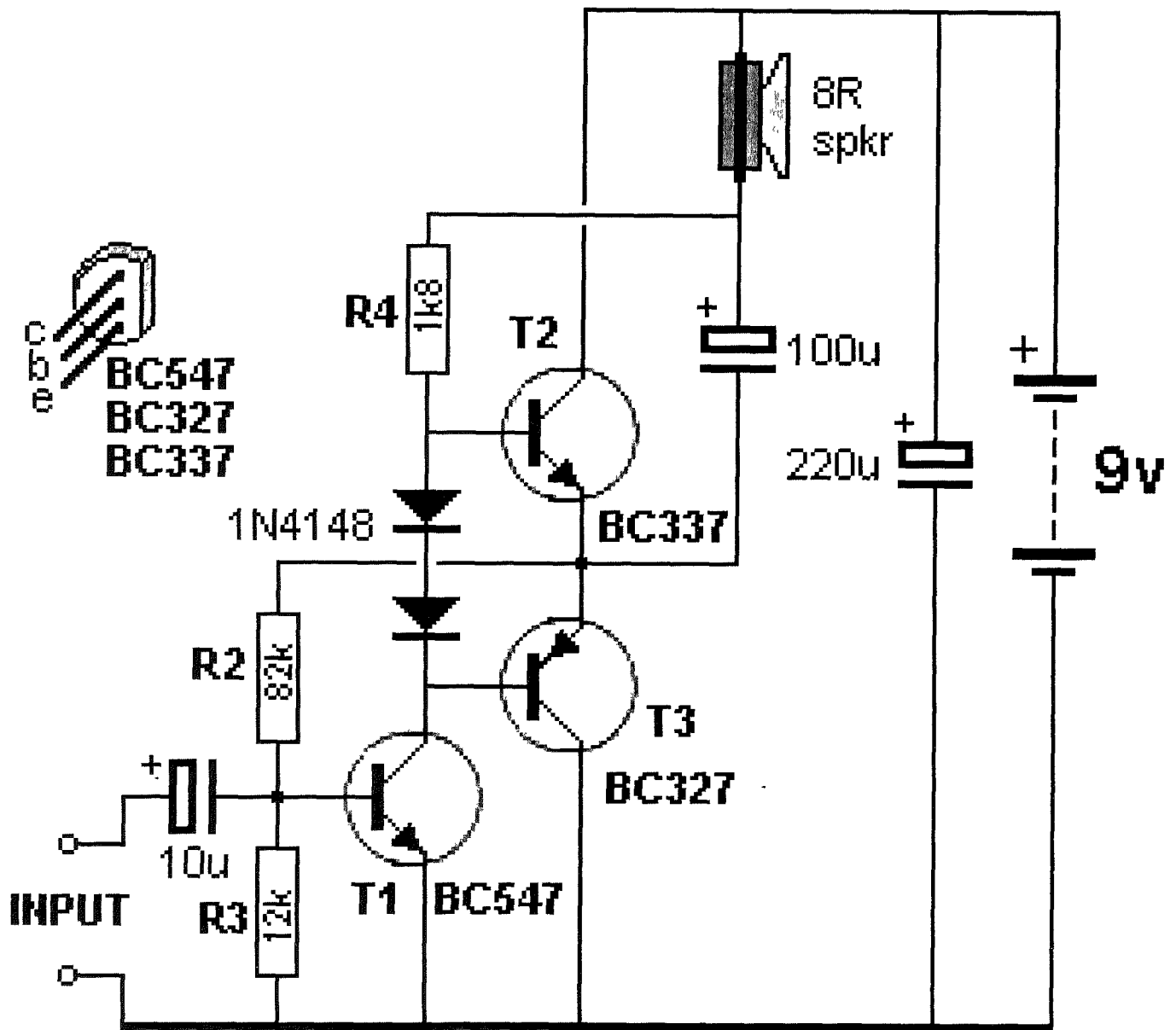
## Decibels

db

3	2x	= 2x
6	2 x 2	= 4x    3 + 3
9	2 x 2 x 2	= 8x    3 + 3 + 3
10	10 x	= 10x
13	10 x 2	= 20x    10 + 3
14	10 x 10 / 2 / 2	= 25x    10 + 10 - 3 - 3
16	10 x 2 x 2	= 40x    10 + 3 + 3
17	10 x 10 / 2	= 50x    10 + 10 - 3
20	10 x 10	= 100x    10 + 10
30	10 x 10 x 10	= 1000x    10 + 10 + 10

$Q_{RW}$     Ref to 1W  
 $d_{om}$        ~ to 1mW  
 $d_{bi}$        Perfect isotropic antenna  
 $d_{d}$        ~ to dipole

1 000 000 000 000	$10^{12}$	tera	T
1 000 000 000	$10^9$	giga	G
1 000 000	$10^6$	mega	M
1 000	$10^3$	kilo	k
1			
0 001	$10^{-3}$	mili	m
0 000 001	$10^{-6}$	micro	u
0 000 000 001	$10^{-9}$	nano	n
0 000 000 000 001	$10^{-12}$	pico	p



Class B push pull o/p stage

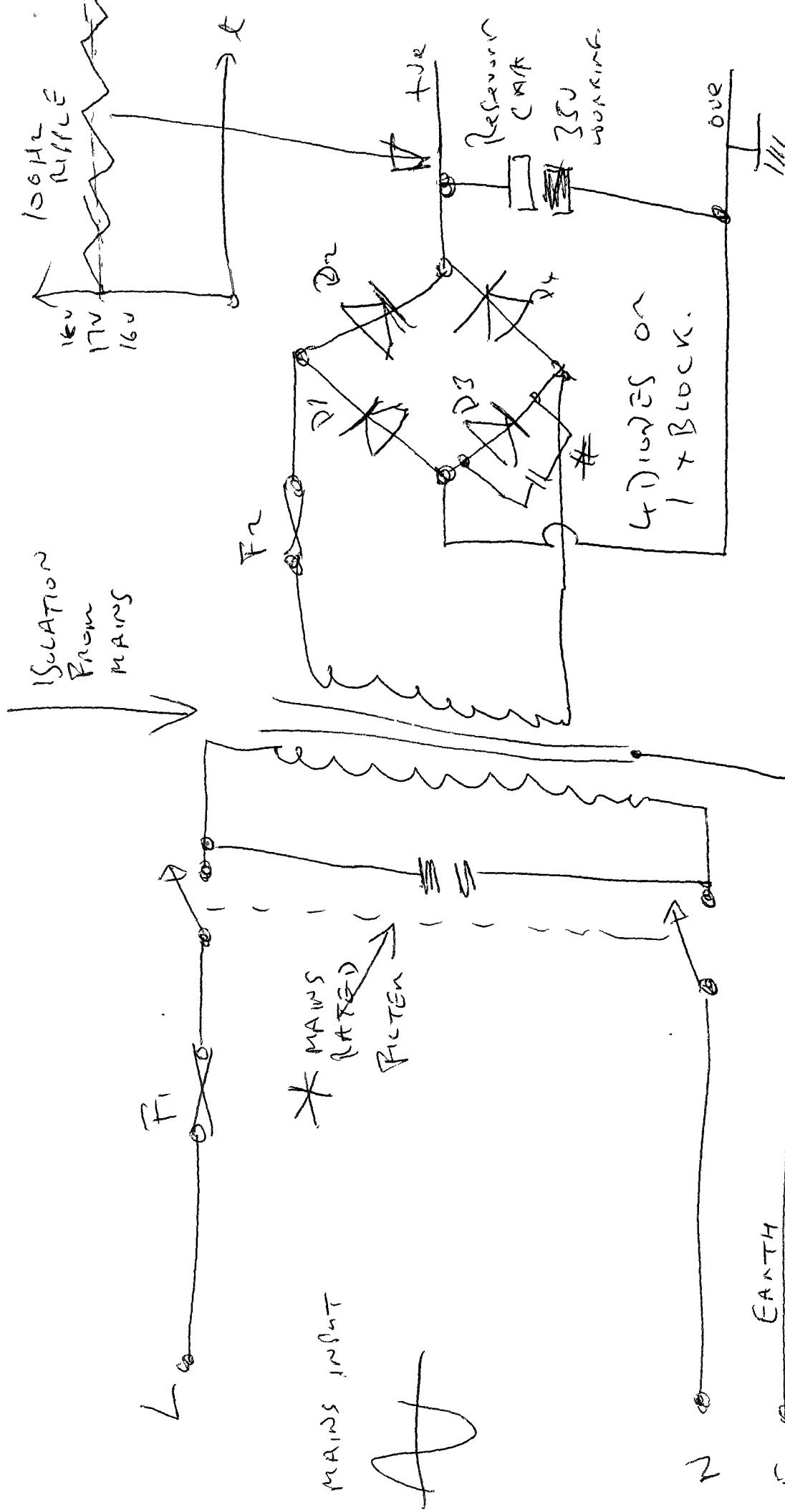
# Formula sheet

This formula sheet will be provided to candidates in the examination and may be used to answer any question

$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3$	$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$	$V = IR$
$V_{out} = V_{in} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$	$P = VI = \frac{V^2}{R} = I^2R$	$V_{rms} = \frac{V_{peak}}{\sqrt{2}}$
$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$	$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$	$C = \frac{kA}{d}$ where $k = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$
$L_T = L_1 + L_2 + L_3$	$\frac{1}{L_T} = \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2}$	$X_L = 2\pi fL$
$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2}$	$V_T = \sqrt{V_R^2 + V_C^2}$ (or $V_L^2$ )	$X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC}$
$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$	$T = \frac{1}{f}$	$\tau = CR$
$Q = \frac{2\pi fL}{R}$ or $\frac{1}{2\pi fCR}$	$Q = \frac{f_c}{f_U - f_L} = \frac{\text{centre frequency}}{\text{bandwidth}}$	$R_D = \frac{L}{CR}$
$Q = 2\pi fCR_D$		
$V_S = V_P \frac{N_s}{N_p}$	$I_P = I_S \frac{N_s}{N_p}$	$Z_P = Z_S \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2$ $\frac{Z_P}{Z_S} = \left(\frac{N_p}{N_s}\right)^2$
$I_C = \beta I_B$	$f_{step} = \frac{f_{crystal}}{A}$	$F_{out} = f_{crystal} \frac{N}{A}$
$c = 3 \times 10^8$ m/s	Gain (loss) = $10 \log_{10} \frac{\text{power out}}{\text{power in}}$ dB	$SWR = \frac{V_{max}}{V_{min}} = \frac{V_f + V_r}{V_f - V_r}$
$v = f\lambda$	Gain (loss) = $20 \log_{10} \frac{\text{voltage out}}{\text{voltage in}}$ dB	$Z_0^2 = Z_{in} \times Z_{out}$
$E = \frac{7\sqrt{erp}}{d}$	Return Loss = $10 \log_{10} \frac{\text{Reflected power}}{\text{Incident power}}$	$bw = 2(AF_{max} + \Delta f)$
$erp = \text{power} \times \text{gain (linear)}$	Gain = $10 \log_{10} \frac{\text{power from Yagi}}{\text{power from dipole}}$ dBd	$V_{rms} = \frac{V_{peak}}{\sqrt{2}}$

$\rightarrow$  or  $L = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 f^2 C}$  or  $C = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 f^2 L}$

# MAINS INPUT > RECTIFICATION

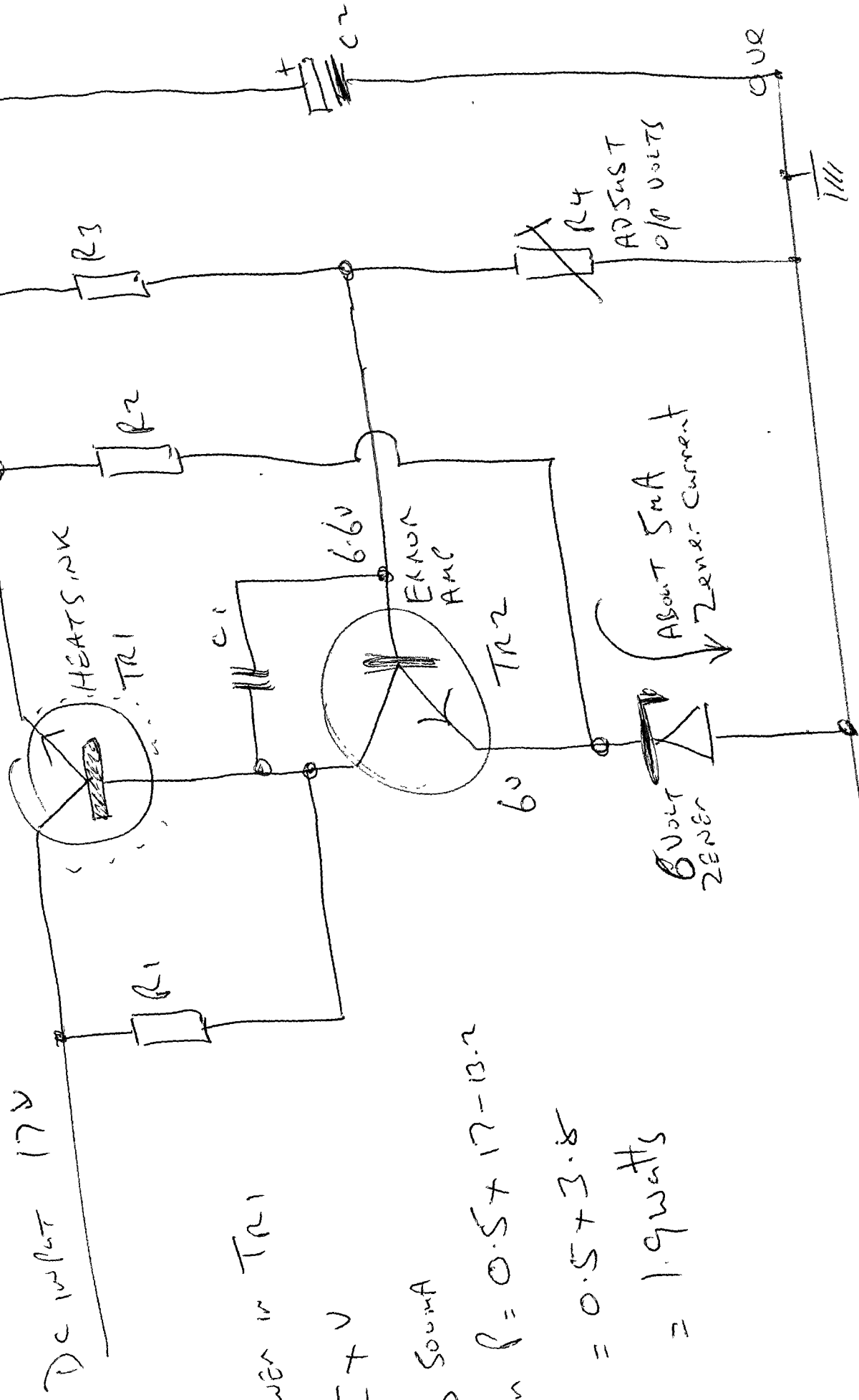


2 Diodes conduct at any one time. 1/2 p.u. bias. Sometimes transient caps across Diodes.

DOUBLE POLE ON/OFF SWITCH.

+13.20  
REGULATED o/p

SERIES PASS POWER  
TRANSISTOR



DC input 17V

Power in TR1  
 $= I \times V$

Say 50mA

then  $P = 0.5 \times 17 = 13.2$   
 $= 0.5 \times 3.8$   
 $= 1.9 \text{ watts}$

REGULATOR CIRCUIT