

Week\_7(09/26/2023)

# Trinity Robotics

Last week we learned more about circuits through a bread board demonstration, Also about DC Motors and how they work in magnetic fields.

This week we will continue our knowledge of circuits.


We know that a power source is where the Electrical energy comes from.

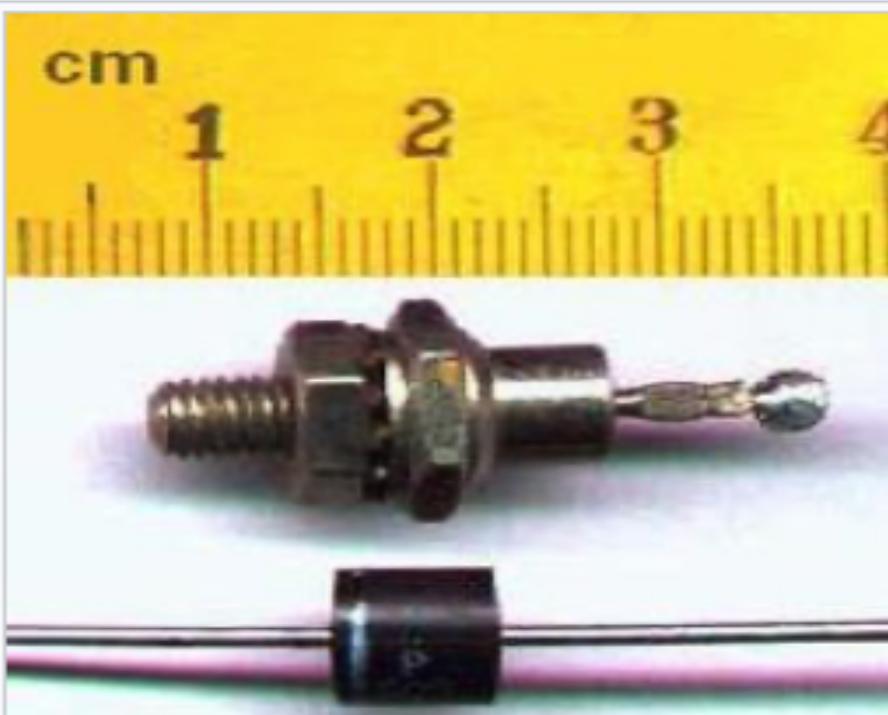
A resistor reduces the  
The current by reducing the Flow of electrons.

This week we will learn what a diode is.





Close-up view of a silicon diode.  The anode is on the right side; the cathode is on the left side (where it is marked with a black band). The square silicon crystal can be seen between the two leads.



A **diode** is a two-[terminal electronic component](#) that conducts [current](#) primarily in one direction (asymmetric [conductance](#)); it has low (ideally zero) [resistance](#) in one direction, and high (ideally infinite) [resistance](#) in the other. A diode [vacuum tube](#) or **thermionic diode** is a vacuum tube with two [electrodes](#), a heated [cathode](#) and a [plate](#), in which

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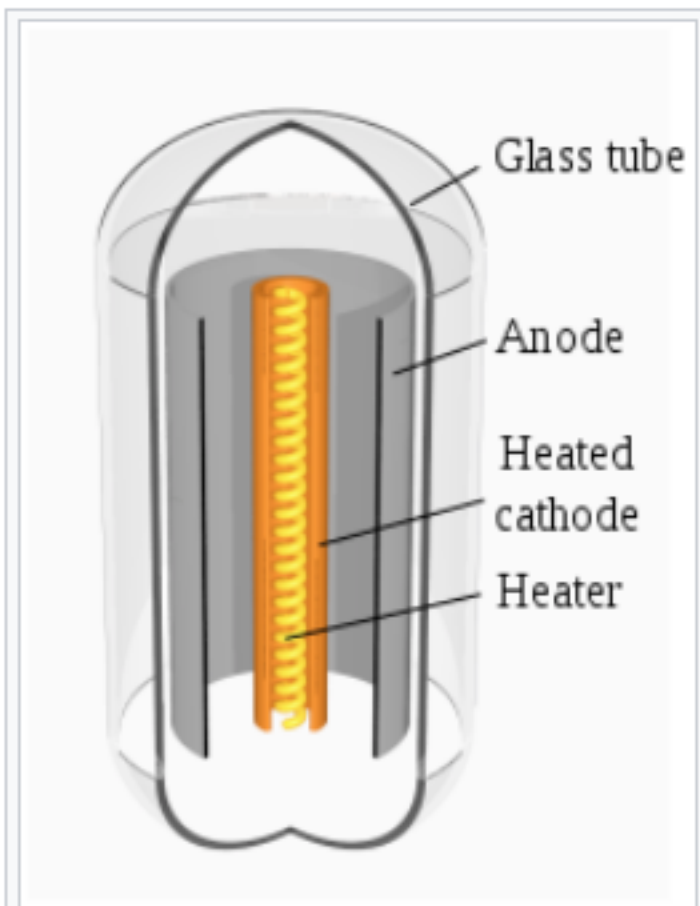
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electrons can flow in only one direction, from cathode to plate.  
A **semiconductor diode**, the most commonly used type today, is a crystalline piece of semiconductor material with a p-n junction connected to two electrical terminals.

Remember last week -

$$V = I * R$$

Volts = Current \* Resistance



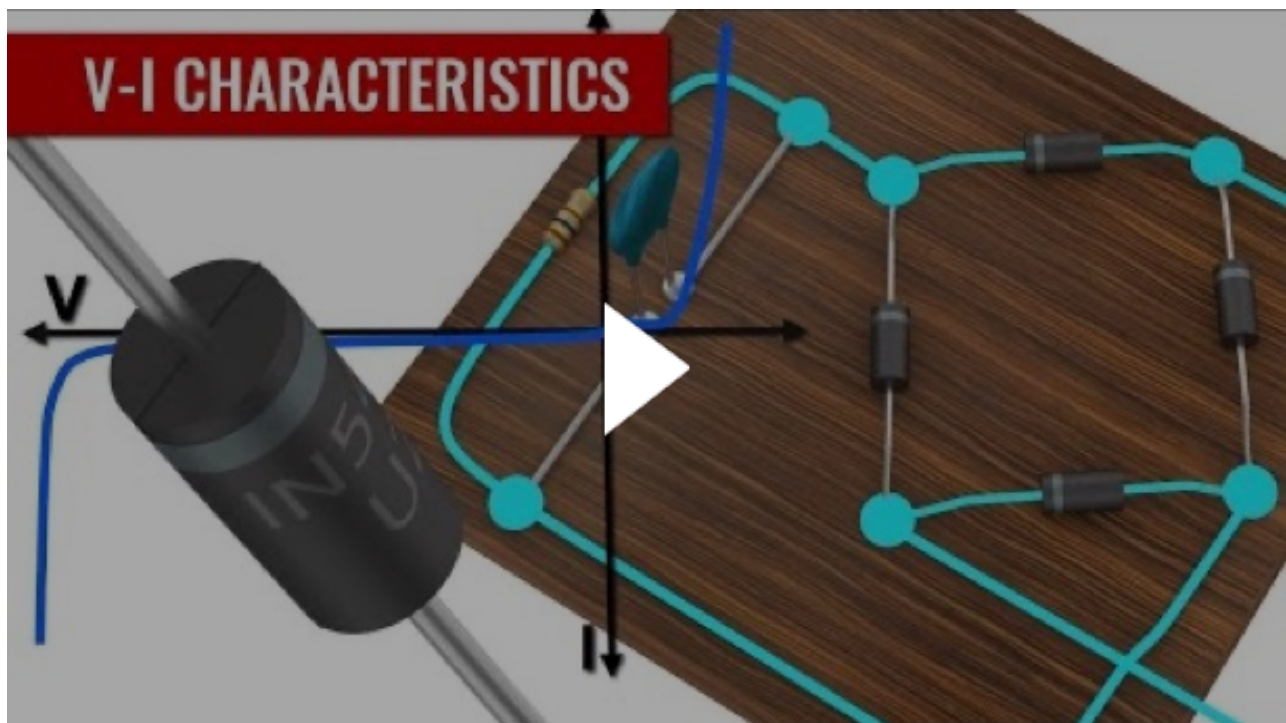
Structure of a **vacuum tube** diode.   
The filament itself may be the cathode, or more commonly (as shown here)

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used to heat a separate metal tube which serves as the cathode.

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[How does a Diode work ?](#)



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A **light-emitting diode (LED)** is a [semiconductor light source](#) that emits light when [current](#) flows through it. [Electrons](#) in the semiconductor recombine with [electron holes](#), releasing energy in the form of [photons](#). The color of the light (corresponding to the energy of the photons) is determined by the energy required for electrons to cross the [band gap](#) of the semiconductor.



## Light-emitting diode (LED)



Blue, green, and red LEDs in 5 mm diffused case

**Working principle** [Electroluminescence](#)

**Invented** [H. J. Round \(1907\)<sup>\[1\]</sup>](#)  
[Oleg Losev \(1927\)<sup>\[2\]</sup>](#)  
[James R. Biard \(1961\)<sup>\[3\]</sup>](#)  
[Nick Holonyak \(1962\)<sup>\[4\]</sup>](#)

**First production** October 1962

**Pin configuration** [Anode](#) and [cathode](#)

### **Electronic symbol**







Today we are going to build a circuit with the following:

- (1) Power Source - both positive and negative terminals
- (2) Resistor - this is important to reduce the current, and protect our current
- (3) Wires to build the path of our circuit. Note: the color does not matter
- (4) An L.E.D. That we will connect to verify we have current flowing.

Identify your battery pack + batteries, put your 4 batteries in back; remember the spring is the negative side (opposite of the top)

Please verify the switch is on OFF {0}.

Identify the breadboard rows 10 & 14,  
Now identify the columns (a) - (j) along the top.

Connecting our circuit:

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