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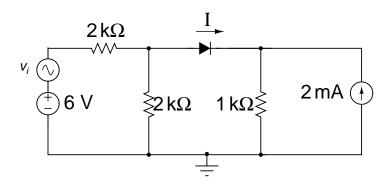


Figure 1: Circuit for Problem

For the circuit of Figure 1, assume that  $v_i$  is an incremental voltage source. Determine the operating point of the network. Find also the small signal voltage across the  $1\,\mathrm{k}\Omega$  resistor.

## **Problem**

In this problem, we delve deeper into the notion of "small signal". Consider two nonlinear amplifiers, with input-output characteristics given by  $V_{out} = \frac{V_{in}^2}{V_A}$  and  $V_{out} = V_A \exp(\frac{V_{in}}{V_A})$ .

- An incremental gain of 10 is desired of both amplifers. Determine the operating points so that this gain may be achieved.
- We saw in class that the "small signal" approximation is valid only when the higher order terms in the Taylor series can be safely neglected in relation to the linear term. Compare the second order derivative of the two amplifers around the operating point. What can you say about the relative magnitudes of the incremental inputs for each of the amplifiers which qualify as small signals?