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Final Exam

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1. A silicon sample at room temperature has an intrinsic carrier concentration of  $n_i = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . It is doped with  $N_A = 1 \times 10^{18}$  boron atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> and  $N_D = 6 \times 10^{12}$  arsenic atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>. The electron mobility is measured as  $\mu_n = 1000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ . What are the electron and hole concentration in this material and electron current density when an external field of  $E = 100 \text{ V/cm}$  is applied?  
( $q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ )

- (1)  $p = 1 \times 10^{18} / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $n = 6 \times 10^{12} / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $j_n = 9.6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ A/cm}^2$   
 (2)  $p = 1 \times 10^{10} / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $n = 6 \times 10^{12} / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $j_n = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A/cm}^2$   
 (3)  $p = 6 \times 10^{12} / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $n = 1 \times 10^{18} / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $j_n = 1.6 \times 10^4 \text{ A/cm}^2$   
 (4)  $p = 1 \times 10^{18} / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $n = 100 / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $j_n = 1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ A/cm}^2$   
 ✓ (5)  $p = 1 \times 10^{18} / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $n = 100 / \text{cm}^3$ ;  $j_n = 1.6 \times 10^4 \text{ A/cm}^2$   
 (6) None of the above

$$n + N_A = p + N_D \quad pn = n_i^2 \Rightarrow p = n_i^2/n$$

$$n + 10^{18} = 10^{20}/n + 6 \times 10^{12}$$

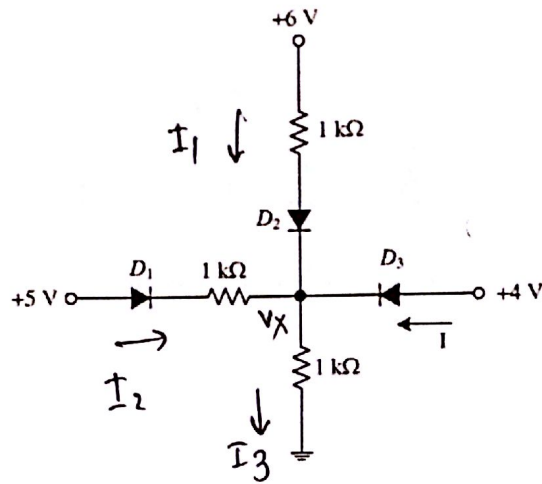
$$n^2 + 10^{18}n = 6 \times 10^{12}n + 10^{20}$$

$$n^2 + 10^{18}n - 6 \times 10^{12}n - 10^{20} = 0 \Rightarrow n \sim 100 / \text{cm}^3$$

$$p = n_i^2/n = 10^{20}/100 = 10^{18} / \text{cm}^3$$

$$j_n = qn\mu_n E = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 10^2 \times 1000 \times (100) \\ = 1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ A/cm}^2$$

2. For the diode circuit below, determine the current,  $I$  (indicated in the graph), using the constant voltage model with  $V_{on} = 0.7V$ .



- (1)  $I = 0A$
- ✓ (2)  $I = 0.3mA$
- (3)  $I = 2.7mA$
- (4)  $I = 3.3mA$
- (5)  $I = 3.7mA$
- (6) None of the above

$$V_x = 4 - 0.7 = 3.3V$$

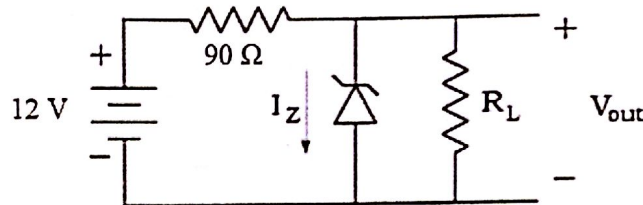
$$I_1 = \frac{6 - 0.7 - 3.3}{1K} = 2mA$$

$$I_2 = \frac{5 - 0.7 - 3.3}{1K} = 1mA$$

$$I_3 = \frac{V_x}{1K} = 3.3mA$$

$$I_1 + I_2 + I = I_3 \Rightarrow I = 3.3 - (3) = 0.3mA$$

3. In the circuit below, the Zener diode has a breakdown voltage  $V_{Z0} = 8.0 \text{ V}$  and a measurement has shown that  $V_Z = 8.2 \text{ V}$  when  $I_Z = 20 \text{ mA}$ . What is the value of  $V_{\text{out}}$  when  $R_L$  is infinitely large?



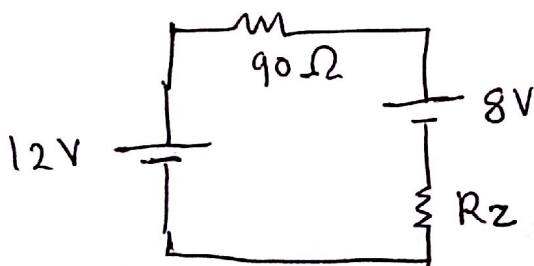
- (1)  $V_{\text{out}} = 0 \text{ V}$
- (2)  $V_{\text{out}} = 8.2 \text{ V}$
- (3)  $V_{\text{out}} = 8.8 \text{ V}$
- ✓ (4)  $V_{\text{out}} = 8.4 \text{ V}$
- (5)  $V_{\text{out}} = 8.0 \text{ V}$
- (6) None of the above

$$V_Z = V_{Z0} + I_Z R_Z$$

$$8.2 = 8 + 20(R_Z)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_Z = 0.2/20 = 10 \Omega$$

When  $R_L$  is  $\infty$ , No current through  $R_L$



$$4 = I(90 + 10) = I(100)$$

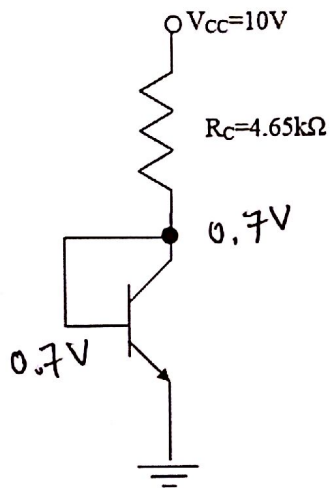
$$I = \cancel{25 \text{ mA}} 40 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{\text{out}} = V_{Z0} + I_Z R_Z$$

$$= 8 + (40(10)/1000)$$

$$= 8 + 0.4 = \underline{8.4 \text{ V}}$$

4. Determine the collector current,  $I_c$ , for the following BJT circuit.  
 $\beta_F=99$ ,  $V_{BE(on)}=0.7V$ .



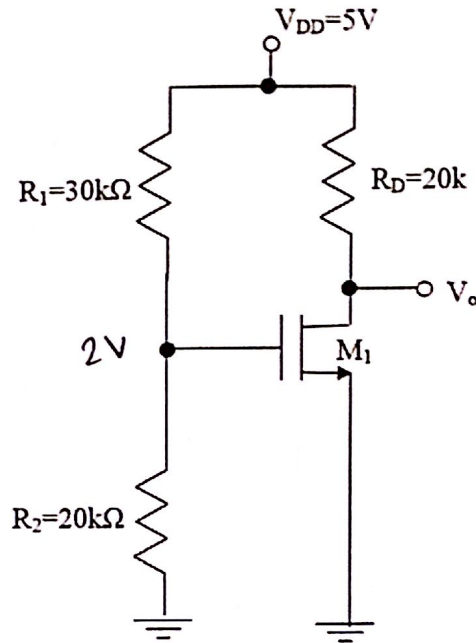
- (1)  $I_c = 2mA$
- ✓ (2)  $I_c = 1.98mA$
- (3)  $I_c = 2.15mA$
- (4)  $I_c = 0.02mA$
- (5)  $I_c = 1.435mA$
- (6) None of the above

$$I_E = \frac{10 - 0.7}{4.65}$$
$$= \frac{9.3}{4.65} = 2 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_C = \alpha I_E = \frac{99}{100} (2)$$
$$= 1.98 \text{ mA}$$

5. For the MOS circuit shown below, what is the output voltage,  $V_o$ ?  
 $\lambda=0$ ,  $V_{TN}=1V$ ,  $K_N=0.3 \text{ mA/V}^2$

- ✓ (1)  $V_o = 2V$
- (2)  $V_o = 2.5V$
- (3)  $V_o = -3V$
- (4)  $V_o = -3.5V$
- (5)  $V_o = 4V$
- (6) None of the above



$$V_{GS} = \frac{20}{20+30} (5) = 5 \left( \frac{2}{5} \right) = 2V$$

$$V_{GS} = 2V > V_{TN}$$

$$V_{GS} - V_{TN} = 1V$$

assuming  $\text{sat}^n$   $I_D = \frac{1}{2} K_N (V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2$

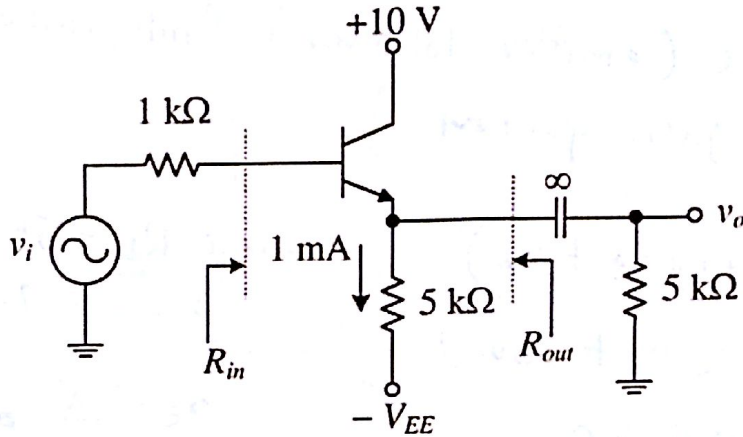
$$= \frac{1}{2} (0.3) (1)^2 = 0.15 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_o = 5 - I_D R_D = 5 - 20(0.15) = 5 - 3 = 2V$$

$$V_{DS} = 2V > V_{GS} - V_{TN}$$

confirmed  $\text{sat}^n$

6. Determine the voltage gain, input resistance and output resistance (both are indicated in the graph) of the amplifier circuit shown below.  
 $\beta_o = 80$ ,  $V_A = \infty$ ,  $V_T = 25\text{mV}$ .

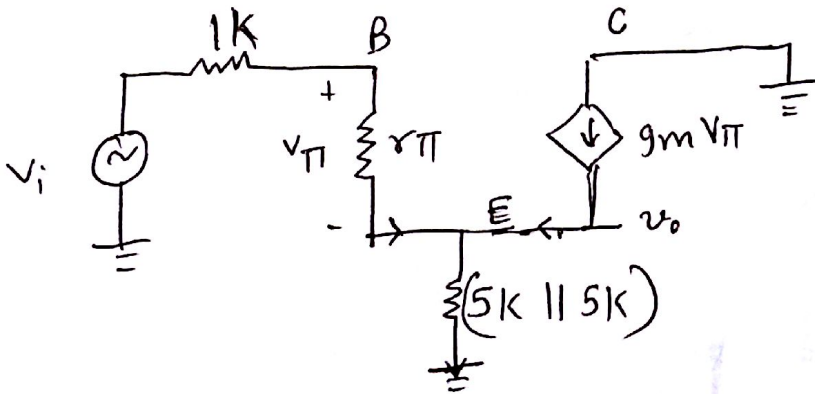


$$I_C = \alpha I_E = \frac{80}{81} \approx 0.99 \text{ mA}$$

$$g_m = I_C / V_T = \frac{0.99 \text{ mA}}{25 \text{ mV}} \approx 40 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$r_{\pi} = \frac{\beta}{g_m} = \frac{80}{40} = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

- (1)  $A_v \approx 1$ ;  $R_{in} = 204.5 \text{ k}\Omega$ ;  $R_{out} \approx 37 \Omega$
- (2)  $A_v \approx 100$ ;  $R_{in} = 20 \text{ k}\Omega$ ;  $R_{out} \approx 37 \Omega$
- (3)  $A_v \approx -100$ ;  $R_{in} = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$ ;  $R_{out} \approx 2.5 \text{ k}\Omega$
- (4)  $A_v \approx 1$ ;  $R_{in} = 400 \text{ k}\Omega$ ;  $R_{out} \approx 25 \Omega$
- (5)  $A_v \approx 100$ ;  $R_{in} = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ;  $R_{out} \approx 5 \text{ k}\Omega$
- (6) None of the above



$$\frac{v_{\pi}}{r_{\pi}} + g_m v_{\pi} = \frac{v_o}{2.5 \text{ k}}$$

$$\frac{v_i - (v_{\pi} + v_o)}{1 \text{ k}} = \frac{v_{\pi}}{r_{\pi}}$$

$$v_i - v_{\pi} - v_o = \frac{1 \text{ k}}{r_{\pi}} v_{\pi}$$

$$v_i - v_o = v_{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1 \text{ k}}{r_{\pi}} \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{r_{\pi}} + g_m \right) \left( \frac{v_i - v_o}{1 + 1 \text{ k}/r_{\pi}} \right) = \frac{v_o}{2.5 \text{ k}}$$

$$\frac{(40.5)}{1.5} (v_i - v_o) (2.5) = v_o$$

$$\Rightarrow 67.5(v_i - v_o) = v_o$$

$$\Rightarrow 67.5 v_i = 68.5 v_o$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v_o}{v_i} = 0.985$$

This is CC (emitter follower) Configuration. You can directly guess gain  $\approx 1$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{in} &= (\beta + 1)(r_e + R_L) \\ &= (81)(25 + 2500) \\ &= 204.5 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } R_L &= 5\text{k} \parallel 5\text{k} \\ &= 2.5\text{k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$r_e = \frac{\alpha}{g_m} \approx \frac{1}{g_m} = 25 \Omega$$

$$R_{out} = r_e \parallel 5\text{k}\Omega$$

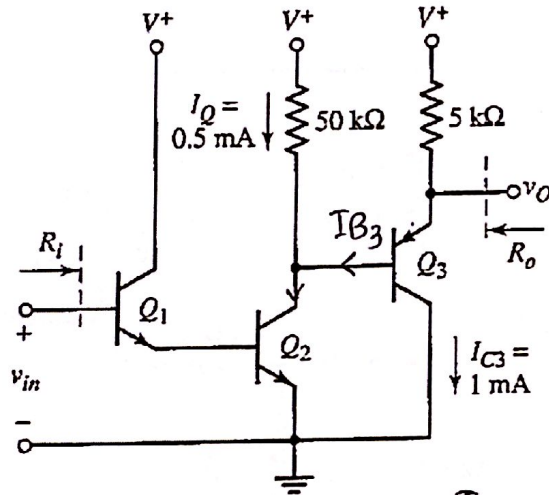
$$= \frac{\alpha}{g_m} \parallel 5\text{k}\Omega$$

$$= 25\Omega \parallel 5\text{k}\Omega \approx 25\Omega$$





7. Determine the input resistance,  $R_i$ , for the amplifier circuit below (currents for  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  are indicated in the figure, and it needs to be calculated for  $Q_1$ ). Assume  $\beta_0=100$ ,  $V_A=\infty$ ,  $V_{BE(on)}=0.7V$ ,  $V_T=25mV$  for all BJTs, and  $V^+=5V$ .



$$I_{B3} = \frac{I_{C3}}{\beta} = \frac{1}{100} = 0.01 \text{ mA}$$

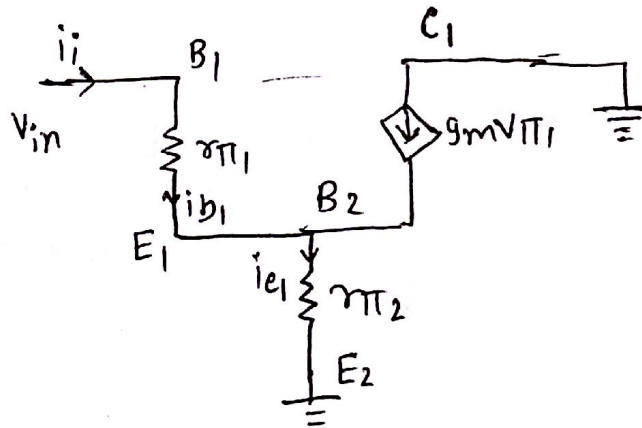
$$I_{C2} = 0.5 + 0.01 = 0.51 \text{ mA}$$

- (1)  $\approx 500k\Omega$
- (2)  $\approx 5k\Omega$
- (3)  $\approx 250k\Omega$
- (4)  $\approx 1.5Mk\Omega$
- (5)  $\approx 1M\Omega$
- ✓ (6) None of the above

$$R_i = r_{\pi 1} + (\beta + 1)r_{\pi 2}$$

$$I_{E1} = I_{B2} = I_{C2} / \beta = 5.1 \mu A$$

$$I_{C1} = \alpha I_{E1} \approx 5.1 \mu A$$



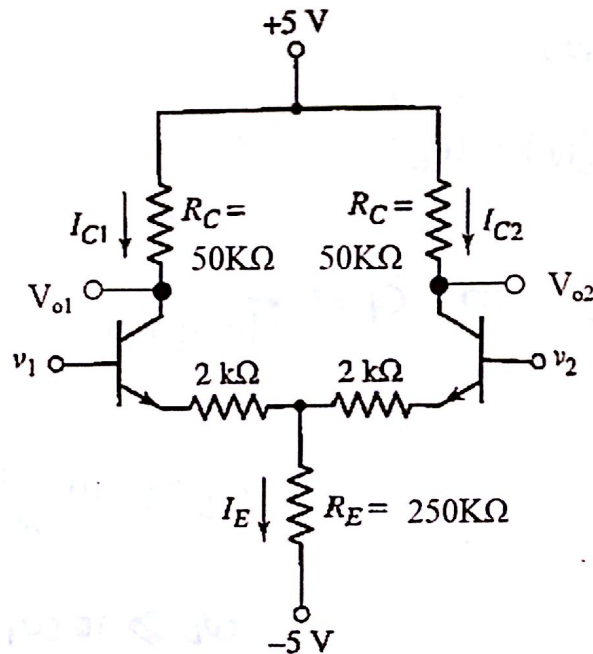
$$r_{\pi 1} = \frac{\beta}{g_{m1}} \quad g_{m1} = \frac{I_{C1}}{V_T} \Rightarrow r_{\pi 1} = \frac{\beta V_T}{I_{B1}}$$

$$r_{\pi 2} = \frac{V_T}{I_{B2}} = \frac{25}{5.1} \times 10^3 = 4.9 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$= \frac{25}{5.1} \times 100 \times 10^3 = 490 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_i = 490 + (101) 4.9 \approx 490 + 490 \approx 980 \text{ k}\Omega$$

8. What are the common-mode gain ( $|A_{v_c}|$ ) and differential mode gain ( $|A_{v_d}|$ ) for the circuit shown below? Assuming  $\beta_0 \gg 1$ .



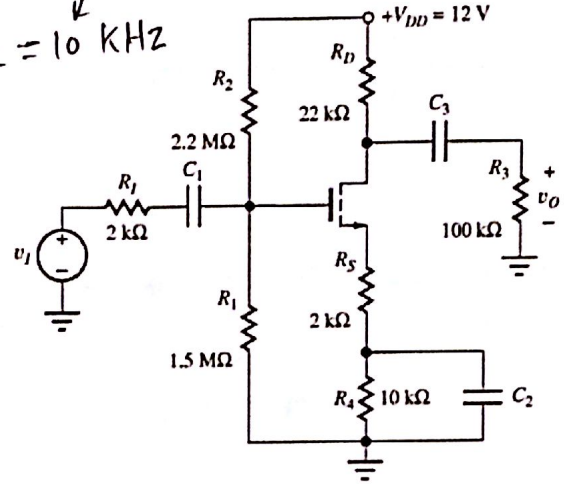
- (1)  $|A_{v_c}| \approx 0.1$ ;  $|A_{v_d}| \approx 10$
- (2)  $|A_{v_c}| \approx 0.1$ ;  $|A_{v_d}| \approx 33$
- (3)  $|A_{v_c}| \approx 0.2$ ;  $|A_{v_d}| \approx 50$
- (4)  $|A_{v_c}| \approx 0.1$ ;  $|A_{v_d}| \approx 25$
- (5)  $|A_{v_c}| \approx 25$ ;  $|A_{v_d}| \approx 0.1$
- (6) None of the above

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9. Choose the value of  $C_1$  so that it can be neglected at frequencies larger than the low cutoff frequency,  $f_L = 10 \text{ kHz}$ . We use  $10 \frac{1}{\omega_L R_{15}}$  as the design rule.

$f_L = 10 \text{ kHz}$

$C_1 \geq 10 \frac{1}{\omega_L R_{15}}$



$\omega_L = 2\pi(10) \text{ Krad/s}$

- (1)  $C_1 > 79 \text{ nF}$
- (2)  $C_1 > 72.3 \text{ pF}$
- (3)  $C_1 > 106 \text{ pF}$
- (4)  $C_1 > 0.0178 \text{ nF}$
- ✓ (5)  $C_1 > 0.178 \text{ nF}$
- (6) None of the above

$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{R_{15} C_1}$

$\omega_1 \ll \omega_L$

$10 \omega_1 \leq \omega_L$

$\Rightarrow \frac{10}{R_{15} C_1} \leq \omega_L$

$\Rightarrow C_1 \geq \frac{10}{\omega_L R_{15}}$

$$R_{15} = (R_2 \parallel R_1) + R_E$$

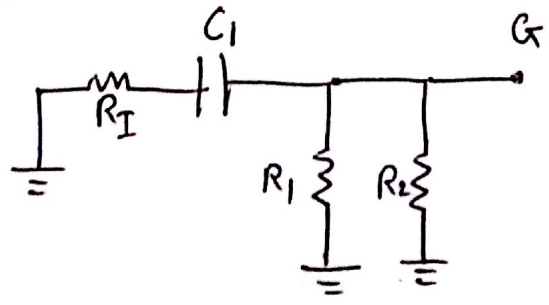
$$= (1.5 \parallel 2.2) \text{ M}\Omega + 2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$= 0.891 \text{ M}\Omega + 2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

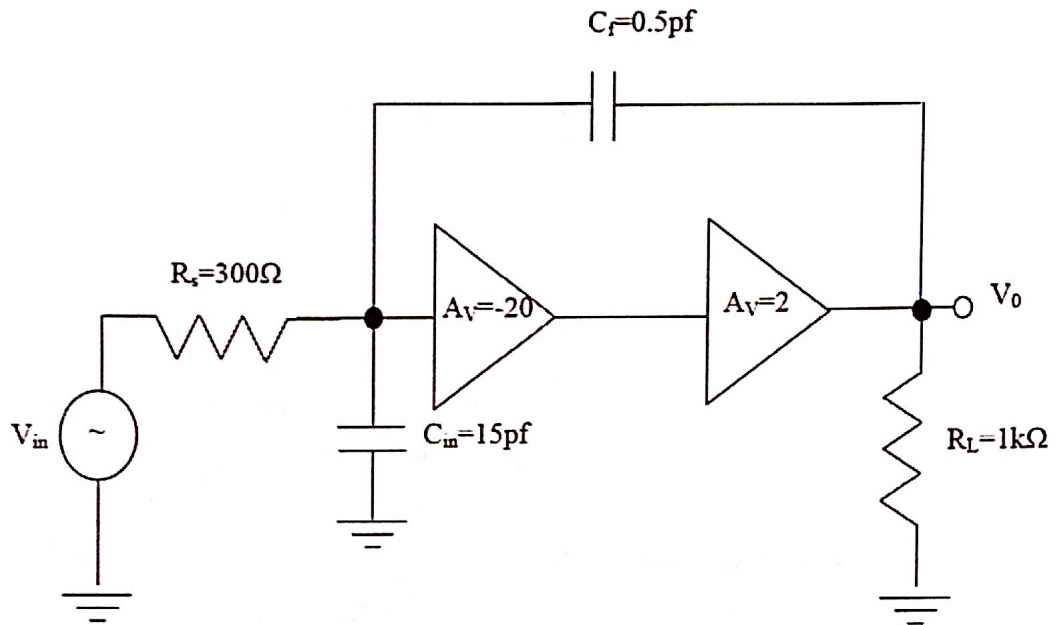
$$= 891.9 + 2 = \underline{893.9 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

$C_1 \geq \frac{10}{2\pi(10) \times 893.9 \times 10^3}$

$C_1 \geq 0.178 \text{ nF}$



10. For the amplifier circuit shown below, calculate upper- cutoff frequency,  $f_H$ .

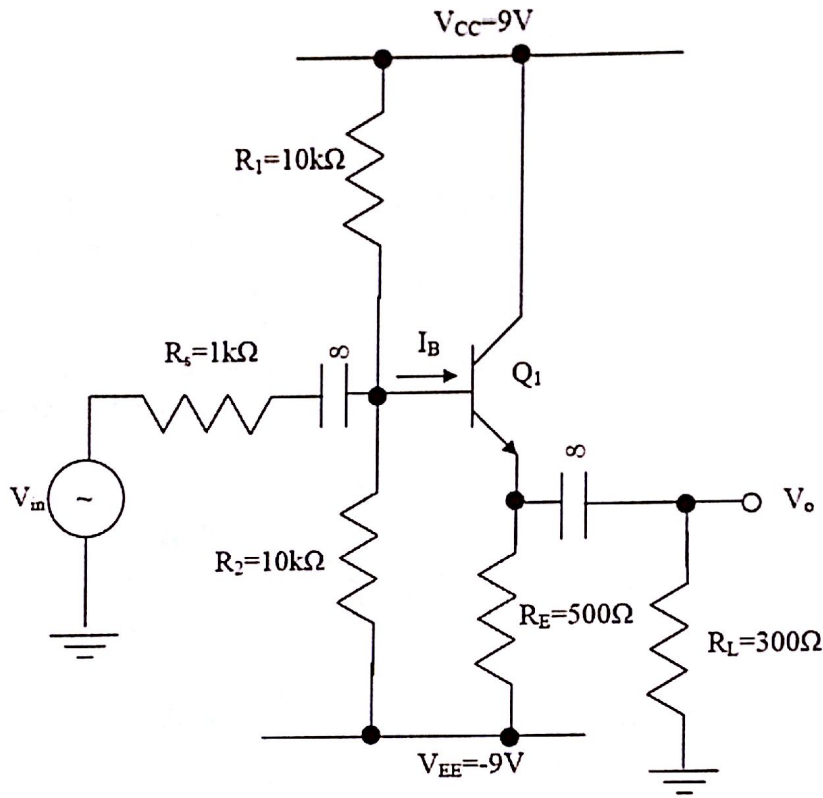


- (1) ~94MHz
- ✓ (2) ~15MHz
- (3) ~35MHz
- (4) ~50MHz
- (5) ~10MHz
- (6) Non of the above

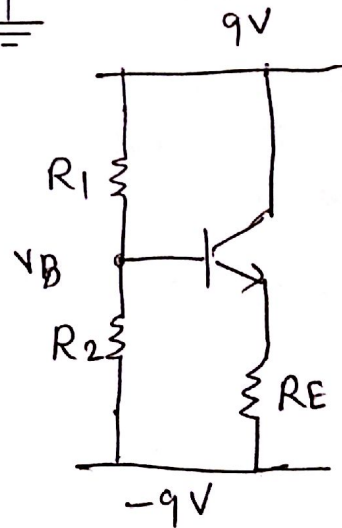
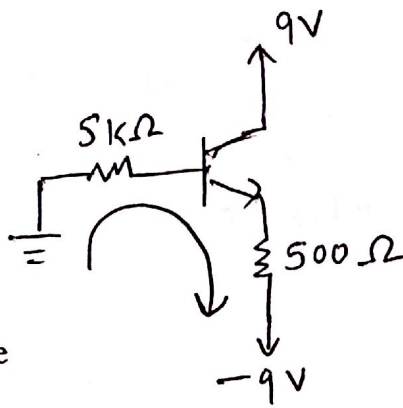
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11. For the amplifier circuit shown below  $I_B = ?$   
 Assume  $\beta = 180$ ,  $V_A = \infty$ , and  $V_{BE(on)} = 0.7V$



- (1)  $\sim 87\mu A$
- (2)  $\sim 182\mu A$
- (3)  $\sim 7.3\mu A$
- (4)  $\sim 1.4mA$
- (5)  $100\mu A$
- (6) None of the above



$$V_{th} = 18 \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) - 9$$

$$= 18 \left( \frac{10}{20} \right) - 9 = 0V = V_B$$

$$R_{th} = R_1 \parallel R_2 = 5k\Omega$$

$$-9 + I_E(500) + 0.7 + I_B(5k) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8.3 = [(\beta + 1)(500) + 5000] I_B \Rightarrow I_B = 86.9 \mu A$$

12. Mid-band gain ( $A_{mid}$ ), lower cutoff frequency ( $\omega_L$ ), and higher cutoff frequency ( $\omega_H$ ) for the amplifier transfer function given below are

$$A_v(s) = \frac{4 \times 10^8 s^2}{(s+1)(s+2)(s+1000)(s+2000)}$$

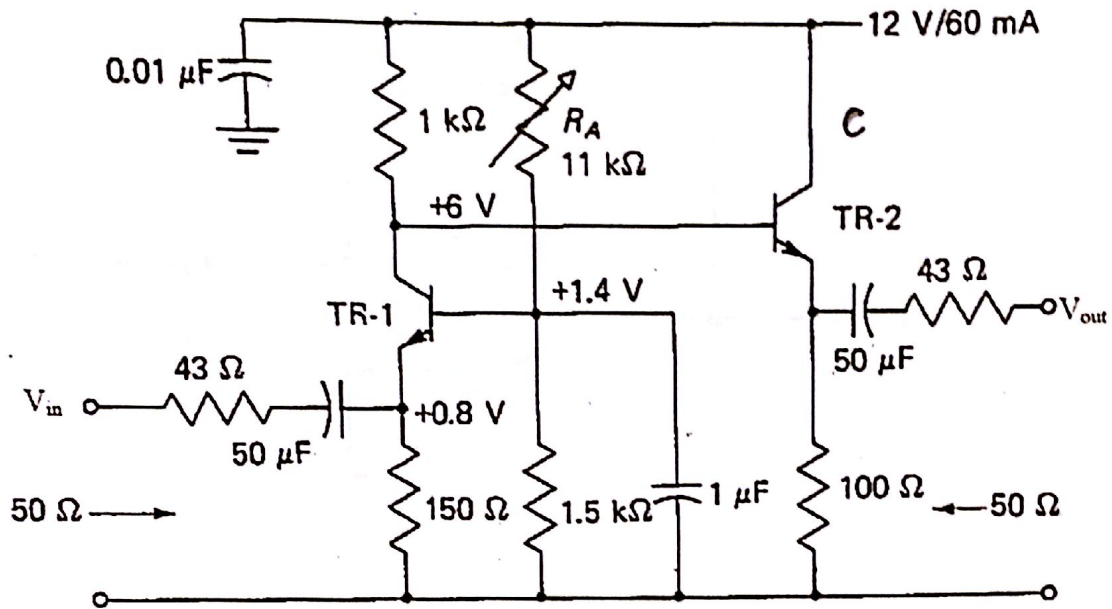
- (1)  $A_{mid} = 4 \times 10^8$ ,  $\omega_L = 2$  rad/s,  $\omega_H = 1000$  rad/s
- (2)  $A_{mid} = 200$ ,  $\omega_L = 1$  rad/s,  $\omega_H = 816.5$  rad/s
- (3)  $A_{mid} = 400$ ,  $\omega_L = 2.24$  rad/s,  $\omega_H = 1000$  rad/s
- (4)  $A_{mid} = 200$ ,  $\omega_L = 2.24$  rad/s,  $\omega_H = 2000$  rad/s
- ✓ (5)  $A_{mid} = 200$ ,  $\omega_L = 2.24$  rad/s,  $\omega_H = 894$  rad/s
- (6) None of the above

$$A_v(s) = \frac{4 \times 10^8 s^2}{(s+1)(s+2) 10^3 (1 + s/1000) \frac{1}{2} 2 \times 10^3 (1 + s/2000)}$$

$$= \frac{4 \times 10^8}{2 \times 10^6} \frac{s^2}{(s+1)(s+2)} \frac{1}{(1 + s/1000)(1 + s/2000)}$$

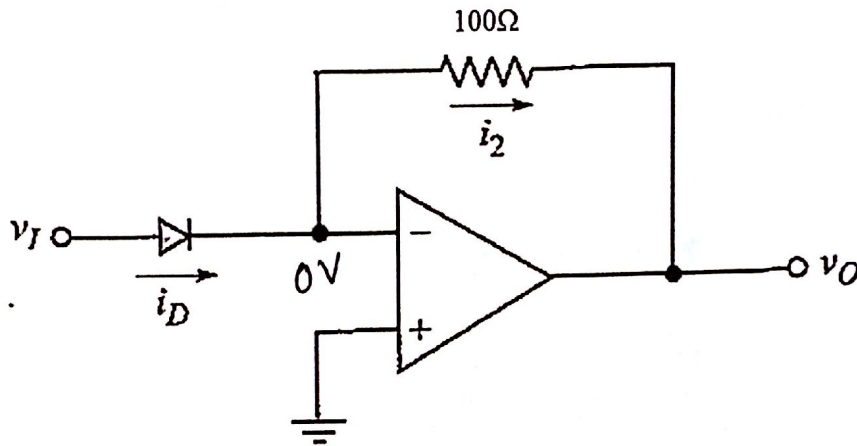
$$A_{mid} = 200 \quad \omega_L = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5} = 2.24 \text{ rad/s} \quad \omega_H = \sqrt{\frac{1}{10^6} + \frac{1}{4 \times 10^6}} = 894 \text{ rad/s}$$

13. What is the configuration of the multi-stage amplifier shown below?



- (1) CB-CC
- (2) CE-CC
- (3) CB-CB
- (4) CC-CC
- (5) CB-CE
- (6) None of the above

14. What is  $V_o$ ? if  $V_i=0.725V$  and  $I_s=10^{-14}A$  (Assume  $V_T=25mV$ )



- (1) 0V
- (2) -0.725V
- (3) -3.9V
- (4) -0.1V
- (5) -2.5V
- (6) None of the above

$$I_D = I_s e^{\left(\frac{V_D}{V_T}\right)} \Rightarrow i_D = 10^{-14} e^{\left(\frac{0.725}{0.025}\right)}$$

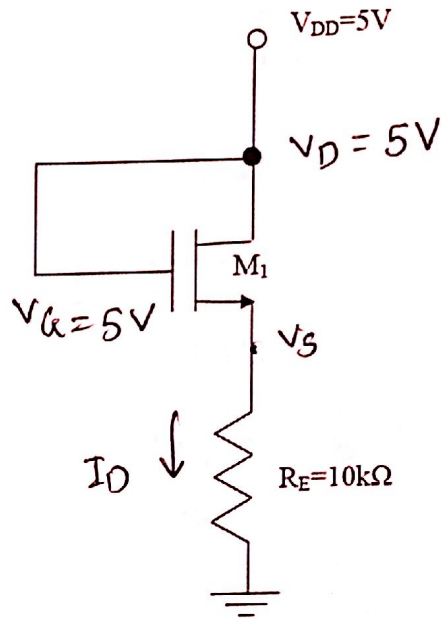
$$= 3.93 \times 10^{-2} \text{ A}$$

$$i_2 = i_D = -\frac{v_o}{100} = 3.93 \times 10^{-2} \Rightarrow \underline{v_o = -3.93 \text{ V}}$$



15. For the MOS circuit shown below,  $I_D = ?$

$V_{TN} = 1V, K_N = 0.1 \text{ mA/V}^2$



- (1) 0.1mA
- (2) 0.4mA
- (3) 0.5mA
- ✓ (4) 0.2mA
- (5) 1mA
- (6) None of the above

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} K_N (V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2$$

$$V_S = I_D R_E$$

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} (0.1) (5 - I_D R_E - 1)^2$$

$V_G = V_D \Rightarrow \text{sat}^n \text{ region}$

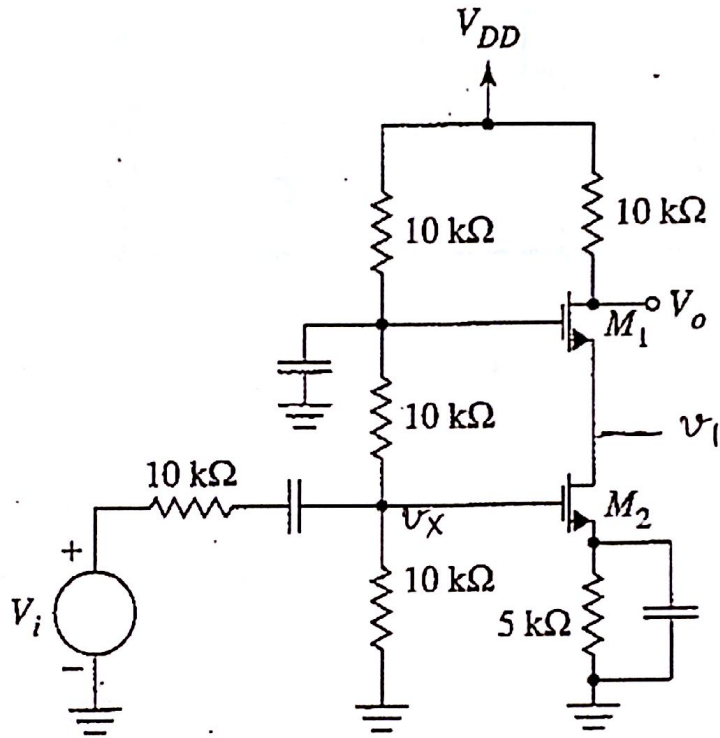
$$= \frac{1}{2} (0.1) (4 - I_D R_E)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow I_D = 0.2 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_S = 2V, V_{DS} = 3V$$

~~$$V_{GS} - V_{TN} = 3$$~~

16. Figure below shows a cascode MOSFET, what is the mid-band gain ( $A_v = V_o/V_i$ )? Assume  $g_m = 2\text{mA/V}$  and  $\lambda = 0$  for both transistors



- (1) -20
- (2) -400
- (3) -2
- (4) -100
- (5) -6.67
- (6) None of the above

$M_2 (CS)$

$$\frac{v_1}{v_x} = -g_m R_D = -g_m \left( \frac{1}{g_m} \right) = -1$$

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input imp. of  $M_1$

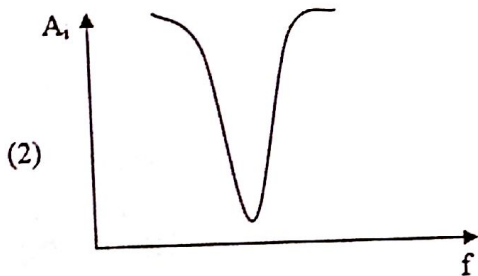
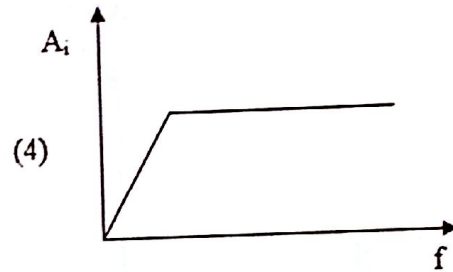
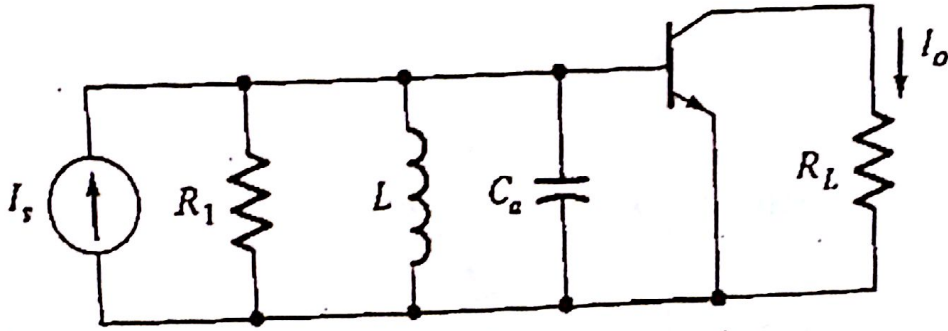
$M_1 (CG)$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_1} = g_m R_D = g_m (10k) = 20$$

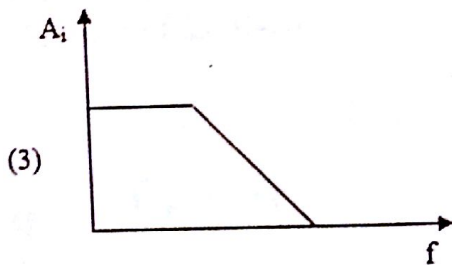
$$\frac{v_x}{v_i} = \frac{(10k \parallel 10k)}{(10k \parallel 10k) + 10k} = \frac{5k}{15k} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_i} = \frac{v_o}{v_x} \frac{v_x}{v_i} = (-1) \times (20) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) = -6.67$$

17. Which one of the current gain ( $A_i$ ) frequency response curves belong to the amplifier shown below?

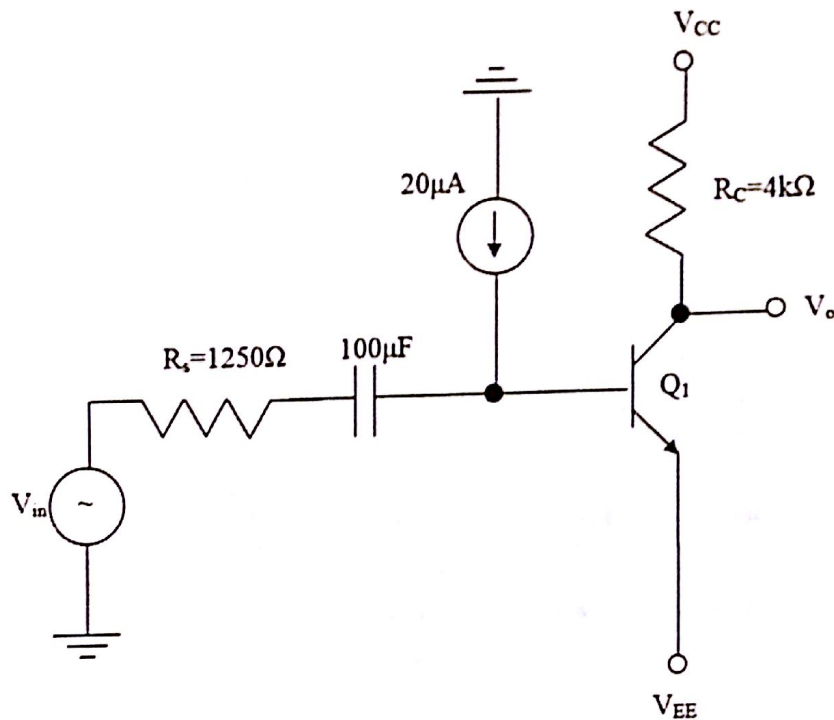


(5) Circuit cannot provide any current gain



(6) None of the above

18. For the amplifier circuit shown below estimated value of  $f_L$  is? For BJT assume  $\beta=150$ ,  $V_A=75V$ ,  $V_{BE(on)}=0.7$ ,  $V_T=25$  mV.



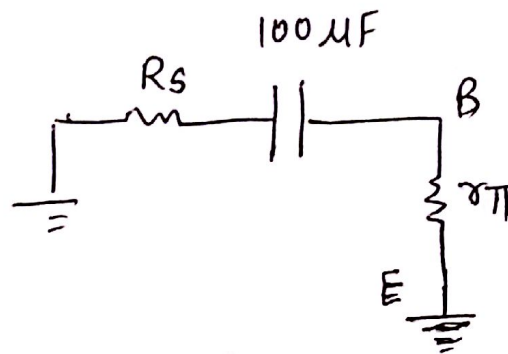
$$I_B = 20 \mu A$$

$$r_{\pi} = \frac{V_T}{I_B}$$

$$= \frac{25}{20}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{1.25 \text{ k}\Omega}}$$

- (1) ~1kHz
- (2) ~10Hz
- ✓ (3) ~0.64Hz
- (4) 0Hz
- (5) ~2.5Hz
- (6) None of the above

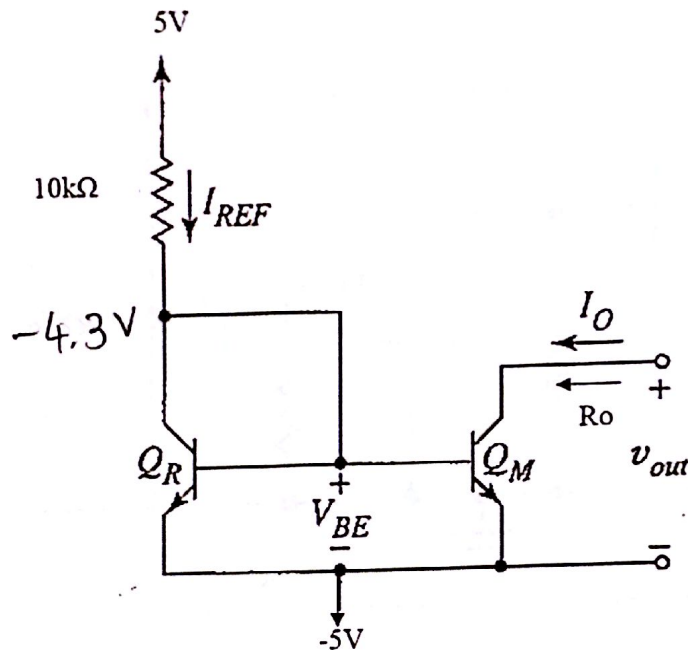


$$R_{eq} = R_s + r_{\pi}$$

$$= 1.25 \text{ k} + 1.25 = \underline{\underline{2.5 \text{ k}\Omega}}$$

$$f_L = \frac{1}{2\pi (R_{eq}) C} = \frac{1000}{2\pi (2.5)(100)} = 0.64 \text{ Hz}$$

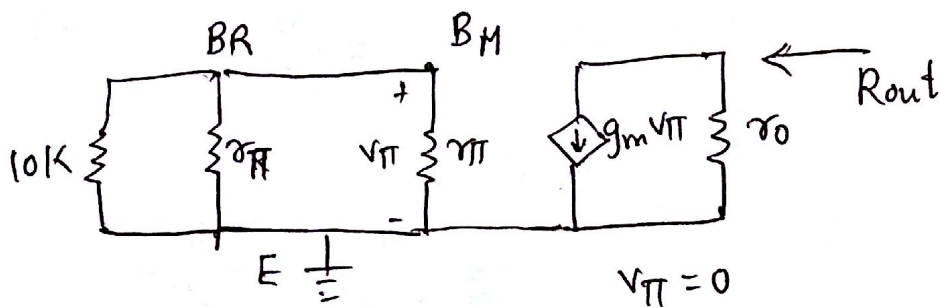
19. What is the value of output impedance ( $R_o$ ) for the current mirror shown below? Assume  $\beta = \infty$ ,  $V_{BE(ON)} = 0.7V$ ,  $V_A = 75V$ . Two transistors are identical



- (1) 40 kΩ
- (2) ∞
- (3) 174 kΩ
- ✓ (4) 81 kΩ
- (5) 500 kΩ
- (6) None of the above

$$I_O \equiv I_{REF} = \frac{5 + 4.3}{10K}$$

$$= 0.93 \text{ mA}$$



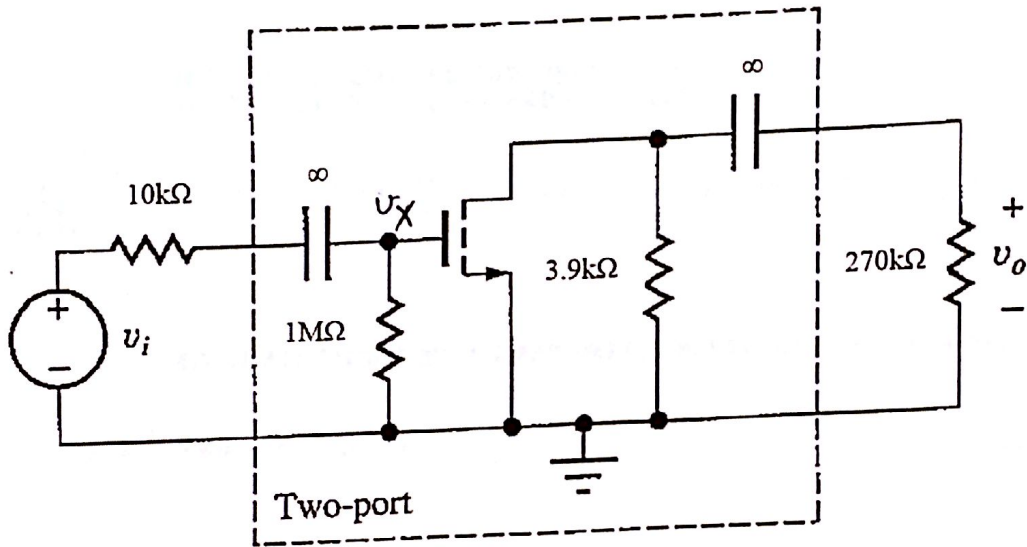
$$R_{out} = r_o$$

$$= \frac{V_A}{I_C}$$

$$= 75 / 0.93$$

$$= 80.65 \text{ k}\Omega$$

20. What is the voltage gain ( $v_o/v_i$ ) for the amplifier below? Assume the MOSFET Q points are (2mA, 7.5V),  $K_n=1\text{mA/V}^2$ , and  $\lambda=0$



- (1) -7.8  
 ✓ (2) -7.61  
 (3) -540  
 (4) -25

- (5) gain is zero since we ignored the channel length modulation  
 (6) None of the above

$$g_m = \sqrt{2K_n I_D}$$

$$= \sqrt{2(1)(2)}$$

$$= 2 \text{ mA/V}$$

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$$\frac{v_o}{v_x} = -g_m (R_D \parallel R_L)$$

$$= -2 (3.9 \parallel 270) = -7.69$$

$$\frac{v_x}{v_i} = \frac{1\text{M}}{1\text{M} + 10\text{k}} = 0.99$$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_i} = \frac{v_o}{v_x} \times \frac{v_x}{v_i} = -7.61$$