

SOLUTIONS

MIDTERM EXAM II

Dec 21, 2013

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all of the instructions and all of the questions before beginning the exam.
- There are 4 questions on this exam, totaling 100 points. The credit for each problem is given to help you allocate your time accordingly.
- Do not spend all your time on one problem and on one part and attempt to solve all of them.
- Calculators are allowed, but borrowing is not allowed.
- Your mobile phones must be turned off during the exam.
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The basic equations of the output characteristics of an NMOS transistor		
V_{GS}	V_{DS}	I_D
i) $V_{GS} < V_{Tn}$	-	0
ii) $V_{GS} > V_{Tn}$	a) $V_{DS} < V_{GS} - V_{Tn}$	$K_n [2(V_{GS} - V_{Tn})V_{DS} - V_{DS}^2]$
	b) $V_{GS} - V_{Tn} \leq V_{DS}$	$K_n (V_{GS} - V_{Tn})^2$
where $K_n = \frac{K'_n}{2} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)$ and $K'_n = \mu_n C_{ox}$		

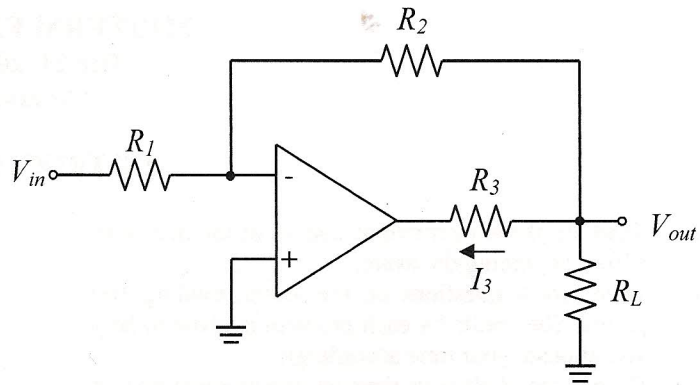
Q1. (25 pts) Consider the operational amplifier circuits given below.

Part (a)

The circuit given on the right is similar to the inverting amplifier except the resistor R_3 has been added. The circuit parameters are

$$R_1 = 5 \text{ k}\Omega, R_2 = 25 \text{ k}\Omega, R_3 = 12.5 \text{ k}\Omega, R_L = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$$

- Derive the expression for V_{out} in terms of the input voltage V_{in} .
- Derive the expression for I_3 in terms of the input voltage V_{in} .
- What happens to I_3 if R_3 is doubled, i.e., $R_3 = 25 \text{ k}\Omega$

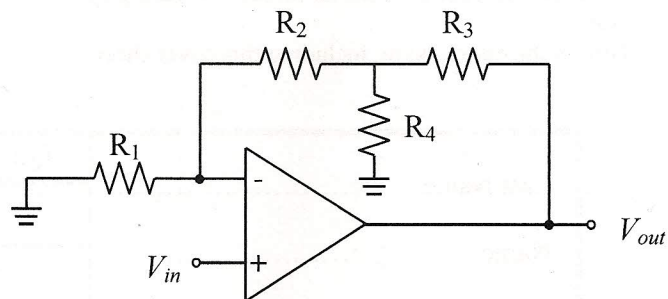


Part (b)

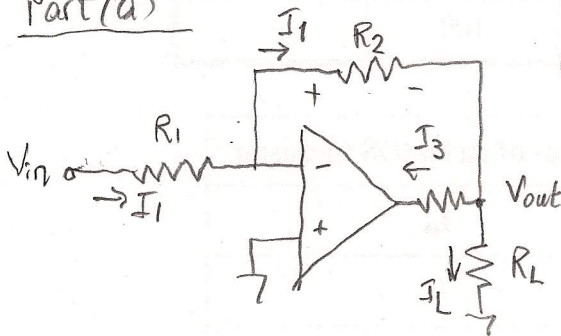
- For the ideal op-amp circuit given on the right, determine the voltage gain $A_v = V_{out} / V_{in}$
- Determine the range of V_{in} so that the output of the op-amp stays in the linear range?

The circuit parameters are

$$R_1 = 5 \text{ k}\Omega, R_2 = 25 \text{ k}\Omega, R_3 = 5 \text{ k}\Omega, R_4 = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$$



Part (a)



$$(i) \quad I_1 = \frac{V_{in}}{R_1}; \quad V_{out} = -R_2 I_1 = -\frac{R_2}{R_1} V_{in} \Rightarrow \underline{V_{out} = -5 V_{in}}$$

$$(ii) \quad I_L = \frac{V_{out}}{R_L} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1 R_L} V_{in}$$

$$I_3 = I_1 - I_L = \frac{V_{in}}{R_1} - \left(-\frac{R_2}{R_1 R_L}\right) V_{in} = \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_L}\right) \frac{V_{in}}{R_1}$$

$$I_3 = \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_L}\right) \frac{V_{in}}{R_1}$$

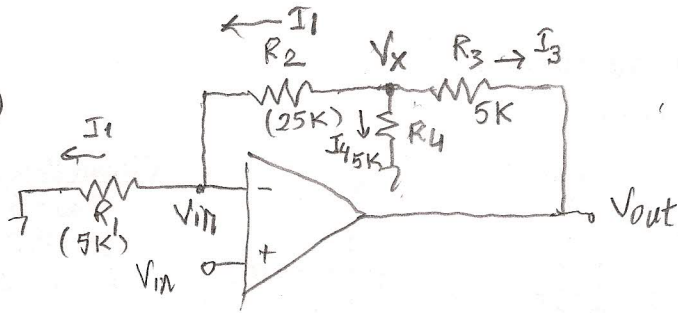
$$R_1 = 5 \text{ K}, R_2 = 25 \text{ K}, R_3 = 12.5 \text{ K}, R_L = 5 \text{ K}$$

$$I_3 = \left(1 + \frac{25}{5}\right) \frac{V_{in}}{5} = (1+5) \frac{V_{in}}{5} = 1.2 V_{in}$$

(iii) Since I_3 is independent from R_3 ; when R_3 is doubled, I_3 stays as it is.

$$I_3 = 1.2 V_{in}$$

(b) (i)



$$I_1 = \frac{V_{in}}{R_1} = \frac{V_{in}}{5K} = 0.2 \frac{V_{in}}{(V_{in} \text{ in mV})}$$

$$\frac{V_x - V_{in}}{R_2} = I_1 = \frac{V_{in}}{R_1}$$

$$R_1(V_x - V_{in}) = R_2 V_{in}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_1 V_x = (R_1 + R_2) V_{in} \Rightarrow V_x = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1} V_{in} = \frac{5 + 25}{5} V_{in} = 6 V_{in}$$

$$I_4 = \frac{V_x}{R_4} = \frac{6 V_{in}}{5} = 1.2 V_{in} \quad (V_{in} \text{ in mV})$$

$$I_1 + I_3 + I_4 = 0 \Rightarrow I_3 = -(I_1 + I_4) = -(0.2 V_{in} + 1.2 V_{in}) = -1.4 V_{in} \quad (V_{in} \text{ in mV})$$

$$\frac{V_x - V_{out}}{R_3} = I_3 \Rightarrow V_{out} = V_x - I_3 R_3 = 6 V_{in} - (-1.4 V_{in})(5K) = 6 V_{in} + 7 V_{in} = 13 V_{in}$$

$$V_{out} = 13 V_{in}$$

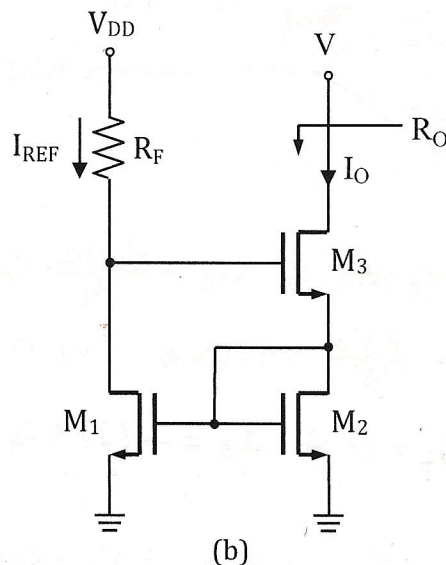
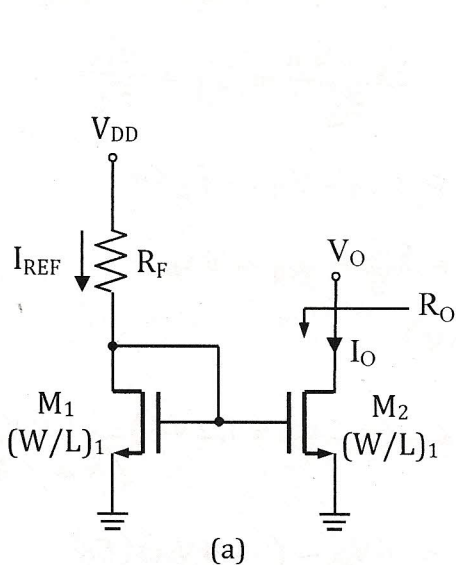
$$(ii) -V_{cc} \leq V_{out} \leq V_{cc}$$

$$-V_{cc} \leq 13 V_{in} \leq V_{cc}$$

$$-\frac{V_{cc}}{13} \leq V_{in} \leq \frac{V_{cc}}{13}$$

Q2. (25 pts) Consider the current mirrors given below.

Part (a) Consider the circuit (a) given below.



Circuit Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} V_{DD} &= 5 \text{ V} \\ I_{REF} &= 0.25 \text{ mA} \\ I_O &= 0.1 \text{ mA} \\ V_{GS1} &= 2 \text{ V} \\ V_{GS3} &= 1.5 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

Transistor Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} K_n' &= 50 \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2 \\ V_{TN} &= 1 \text{ V} \\ \lambda &= 0 \\ \lambda_3 &= \lambda_2 = 0.01 \text{ V}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

- Determine R_F .
- Determine the ratio of the aspect ratios (W/L) s of the transistors M_1 and M_2 . i.e.,

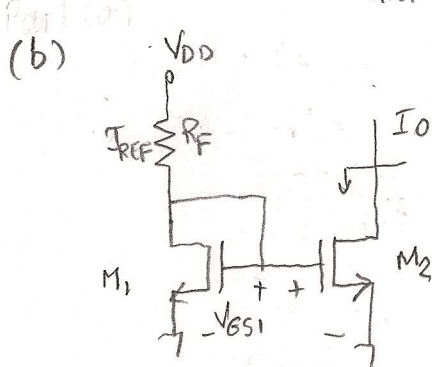
$$\frac{\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2}{\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1}$$

- Determine the output resistance R_o of the current mirror.
- Determine the minimum value of V_O so that all transistors stay in SAT region?

Part (b) Consider the circuit (a) given above.

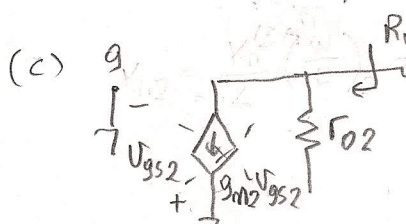
Repeat Part (a) for the circuit of Fig. (b) above.

Part (a) = (a) $R_F = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{GS1}}{I_{REF}} = \frac{5 - 2 \text{ V}}{0.25 \text{ mA}} = 12 \text{ K}$



$$\begin{aligned} I_O &= K_{n2} (V_{GS2} - V_{TN})^2 \\ I_{REF} &= K_{n1} (V_{GS1} - V_{TN})^2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} I_O &= K_{n2} (V_{GS2} - V_{TN})^2 \\ I_{REF} &= K_{n1} (V_{GS1} - V_{TN})^2 \end{aligned}} \right\} \frac{I_O}{I_{REF}} = \frac{K_{n2}}{K_{n1}} = \frac{(W/L)_2}{(W/L)_1}$$

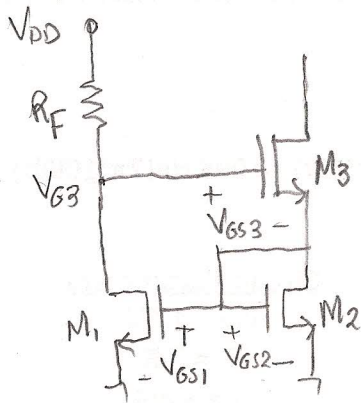
$$\Rightarrow \frac{(W/L)_2}{(W/L)_1} = \frac{I_O}{I_{REF}} = \frac{0.1}{0.25} = 0.4$$



$$R_o = r_{o2} = \frac{1}{\lambda_2 I_O} = \frac{1}{(0.01)(0.1)10^{-3}} = 1 \text{ M}\Omega$$

$$(d) \quad V_O = V_{DS2} \geq V_{GS2} - V_{TN} = 2 - 1 \text{ V} \Rightarrow V_O \geq 1 \text{ V}$$

Part (b)

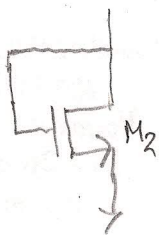


$$(a) V_{G3} = V_{GS3} + V_{GS1} = 2 + 1.5 = 3.5 \text{ V}$$

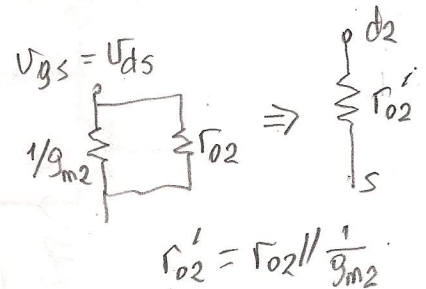
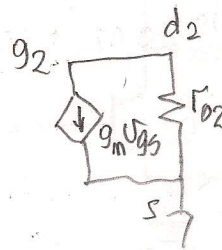
$$R_F = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{G3}}{I_{REF}} = \frac{5 - 3.5 \text{ V}}{0.25 \text{ mA}} = \frac{1.5 \text{ V}}{0.25 \text{ mA}} = 6 \text{ K}$$

$$(b) \frac{I_O}{I_{REF}} = \frac{(W/L)_2}{(W/L)_1} = \frac{0.1}{0.25} = 0.4$$

(c)

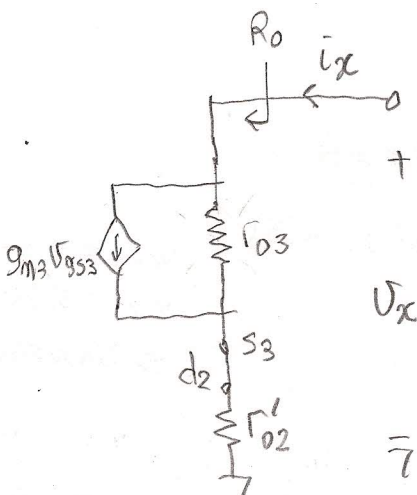


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$$r_{o2}' = r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2}}$$

g_3



$$R_O = \frac{V_x}{i_x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_x &= (i_x - g_{m3} V_{gs3}) r_{o3} + i_x r_{o2}' \\ &= [i_x - g_{m3} (-V_{gs3})] r_{o3} + i_x r_{o2}' \\ &= (i_x + g_{m3} r_{o2}' i_x) r_{o3} + i_x r_{o2}' \\ &= (r_{o3} + g_{m3} r_{o2}' r_{o3} + r_{o2}') i_x \end{aligned}$$

R_O

$$g_{m3} = 2K_{n2} (V_{GS3} - V_{TN}) = \frac{2K_{n2} (V_{GS3} - V_{TN})^2}{V_{GS3} - V_{TN}} = \frac{2I_O}{V_{GS3} - V_{TN}} = \frac{(2)(0.1) \text{ mA}}{1.5 - 1 \text{ V}} = 0.4 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$g_{m2} = \frac{2I_O}{V_{GS2} - V_{TN}} = \frac{(2)(0.1 \text{ mA})}{2 - 1} = 0.2 \text{ mA/V} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{g_{m2}} = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$r_{o2}' = \frac{1}{g_{m2}} \parallel r_{o2} = 5 \text{ k}\Omega \parallel 1 \text{ M}\Omega = 5 \text{ k}\Omega ; r_{o3} = \frac{1}{\lambda_3 I_O} = 1 \text{ M}\Omega$$

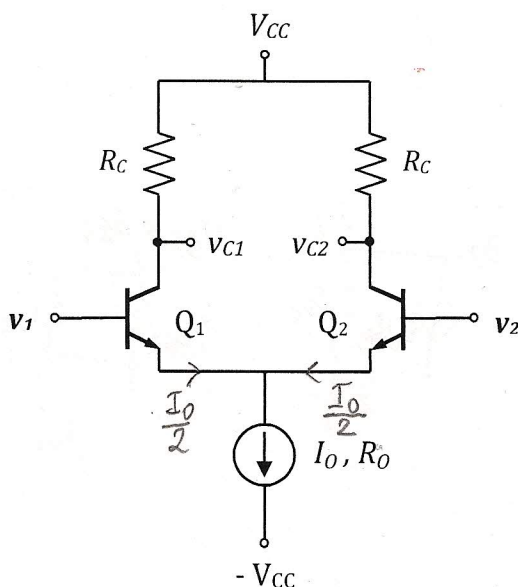
$$R_O = 1 \text{ M}\Omega + (0.4 \text{ mA/V})(5 \text{ k}\Omega)(1 \text{ M}) + 5 \text{ k}\Omega = 1 \text{ M} + 2 \text{ M} = 3 \text{ M}$$

$$(d) V_O = V_{DS3} + V_{GS1} \geq (V_{GS3} - V_{TN}) + V_{GS1} = (1.5 - 1) + 2 = 2.5 \text{ V}$$

$$\underline{V_O \geq 2.5 \text{ V}}$$

Q3. (25 pts) Consider the differential amplifier given below. R_O indicates the small signal resistance of the current source I_O .

- Determine the DC values of the transistors when $v_1 = v_2 = 0$. Check whether the transistors are in forward active region or not.
- Find the differential-mode gain.
- Find the common-mode gain.
- Find CMRR
- If $v_1 = 2 \sin(2\pi \cdot 50t) + 0.005 \sin(2\pi \cdot 1000t)$ volts, and $v_2 = 2 \sin(2\pi \cdot 50t) - 0.005 \sin(2\pi \cdot 1000t)$ volts, then find $v_o = v_{c1} - v_{c2}$



Circuit Parameters

$$V_{CC} = 12 \text{ V}$$

$$R_C = 3 \text{ K}$$

$$I_O = 5 \text{ mA}$$

$$R_O = 40 \text{ K}$$

Transistor Parameters

$$\beta = 100$$

$$V_{BE(ON)} = 0.7 \text{ V}$$

$$V_T = 26 \text{ mV}$$

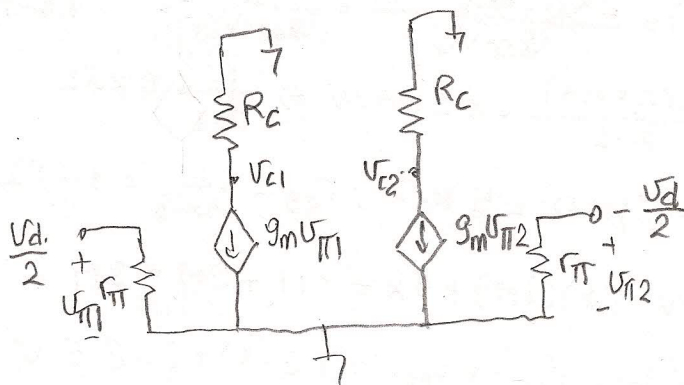
$$V_A = \infty$$

$$(a) \quad I_{E1} = \frac{I_O}{2} = 2.5 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow I_{C1} \approx I_{E1} = 2.5 \text{ mA}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_{CE1} &= V_{CC} - R_C I_{C1} = 12 - (3 \text{ k})(2.5 \text{ mA}) = 4.5 \text{ V} \\ V_{EB1} &= -V_{BE(ON)} = -0.7 \text{ V} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} V_{CE1} &= 4.5 - (-0.7) \text{ V} \\ V_{CE1} &= 5.2 \text{ V} \geq V_{CE(SAT)} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{Forward active!} \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad v_1 = \frac{v_{dm}}{2}; \quad v_2 = -\frac{v_{dm}}{2};$$

$$r_{\pi} = \frac{26 \text{ mV}}{I_{C1}/\beta} = \frac{(26 \text{ mV})(100)}{2.5 \text{ mA}} = 1.04 \text{ k}\Omega \Rightarrow g_m = \frac{\beta}{r_{\pi}} = 96.2 \text{ mA/V}$$



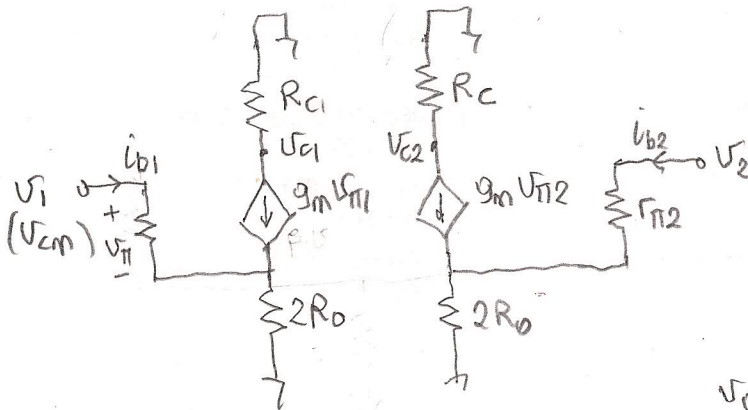
$$v_{\pi 1} = \frac{v_d}{2} \Rightarrow v_{C1} = -R_C g_m \frac{v_d}{2}$$

$$v_{\pi 2} = -\frac{v_d}{2} \Rightarrow v_{C2} = R_C g_m \frac{v_d}{2}$$

$$v_o = v_{C1} - v_{C2} = -R_C g_m v_d$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{dm} &= -R_C g_m = (3 \text{ k})(96.2 \text{ mA/V}) \\ &= -288.5 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $V_1 = V_{cm}$; $V_2 = V_{cm}$



$$i_{b1} = \frac{V_{cm}}{R_{\pi} + 2(\beta+1)R_O}$$

$$i_{b2} = \frac{V_{cm}}{R_{\pi} + 2(\beta+1)R_O}$$

$$V_{c1} = -R_C i_{b1}$$

$$V_{c2} = -R_C i_{b2} = V_{c1}$$

$$V_O = V_{c1} - V_{c2} = 0 \Rightarrow A_{cm} = 0$$

(d) $CMRR = \left| \frac{A_{dm}}{A_{cm}} \right| = \frac{288.5}{0} = \infty$

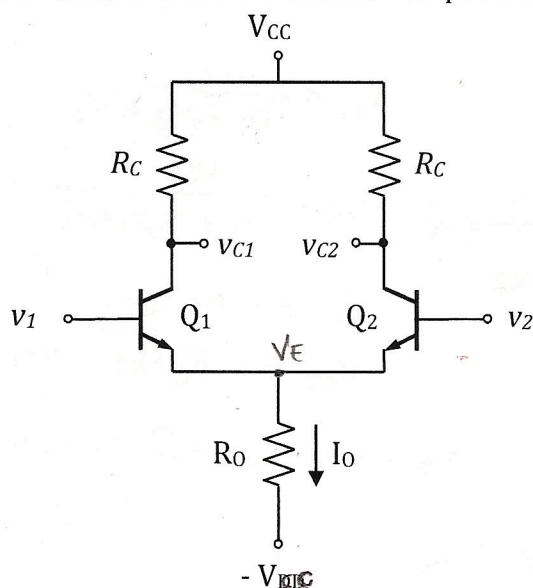
(e) $V_d = V_1 - V_2 = 0.01 \sin 2\pi \cdot 1000 t$ volts

$$V_{cm} = \frac{V_1 + V_2}{2} = 2 \sin 2\pi \cdot 50 t$$
 volts

$$V_O = A_{dm} V_d + A_{cm} V_{cm} = (288.5)(0.01) \sin 2\pi \cdot 1000 t$$
 volts

$$= 2.885 \sin 2\pi \cdot 1000 t$$
 volts

Q4. (25 pts) Consider the differential amplifier given, with mismatched V_T voltages of the transistor, so that the g_m of the transistors are not identical. Output is measured as $v_o = v_{C1} - v_{C2}$



Circuit Parameters

$$V_{CC} = 12 \text{ V}$$

$$R_C = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Transistors' Parameters

$$V_{T1} = 27 \text{ mV}$$

$$V_{T2} = 25 \text{ mV}$$

$$\beta = 100$$

$$V_{BE(on)} = 0.7 \text{ V}$$

$$V_A = \infty$$

i. Determine R_0 to set $I_{C1} = I_{C2} = 2 \text{ mA}$. (Let $v_1 = v_2 = 0$ in the DC analysis)

For the remaining of the problem assume $R_0 = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$.

ii. Determine g_{m1} and g_{m2} for the transistors Q_1 and Q_2 . Also determine $\Delta g_m = g_{m1} - g_{m2}$ and $g_m = (g_{m1} + g_{m2})/2$

iii. Determine the differential mode gain.

iv. Determine the common mode gain.

v. Determine CMRR_{dB} .

$$i. I_0 = I_{E1} + I_{E2} \approx I_{C1} + I_{C2} = 4 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_E = -V_{BE(on)} = -0.7 \text{ V}$$

$$R_0 = \frac{V_E - (-V_{CC})}{I_0} = \frac{-0.7 + 12 \text{ V}}{4 \text{ mA}} = 2.825 \text{ k}\Omega$$

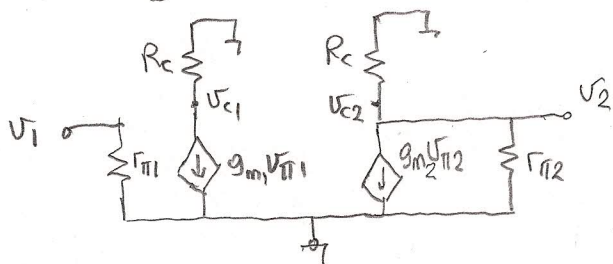
$$ii. R_0 = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$r_{\pi 1} = \frac{V_{T1} \beta}{I_{C1}} = \frac{(27 \text{ mV})(100)}{2 \text{ mA}} = 1.35 \text{ k}\Omega \Rightarrow g_{m1} = \frac{\beta}{r_{\pi 1}} = 74.07 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$r_{\pi 2} = \frac{V_{T2} \beta}{I_{C2}} = \frac{(25 \text{ mV})(100)}{2 \text{ mA}} = 1.25 \text{ k}\Omega \Rightarrow g_{m2} = \frac{\beta}{r_{\pi 2}} = 80 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$\Delta g_m = -6 \text{ mA/V} ; g_m = 77 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$iii. v_1 = \frac{v_d}{2} ; v_2 = -\frac{v_d}{2}$$



$$v_{C1} = -g_{m1} R_C \frac{v_d}{2} ; v_{C2} = g_m R_C \frac{v_d}{2}$$

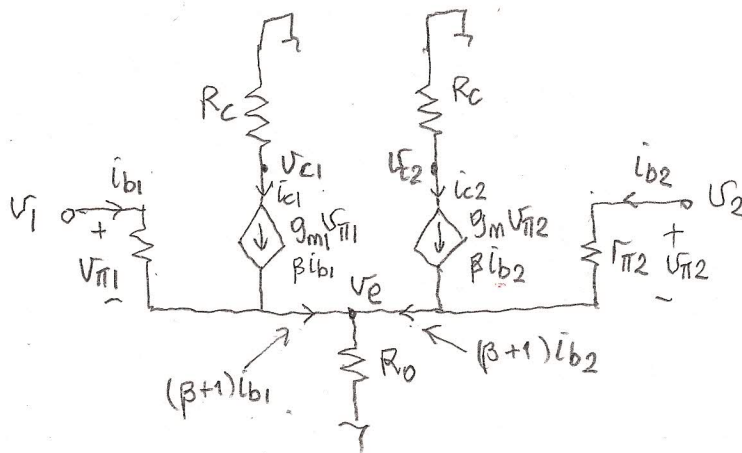
$$v_o = v_{C1} - v_{C2} = -(g_{m1} + g_{m2}) R_C \frac{v_d}{2}$$

$$= -g_m R_C v_d$$

$$A_{dm} = (-g_m)(R_C) = -(77 \text{ mA/V})(3 \text{ k})$$

$$A_{dm} = -231$$

iv) $V_1 = V_{cm}, V_2 = V_{cm}$



$$V_e = [(\beta+1)i_{b1} + (\beta+1)i_{b2}]R_o$$

$$i_{b1} = \frac{V_1 - V_e}{r_{\pi 1}} = \frac{V_c - V_e}{r_{\pi 1}}$$

$$i_{b2} = \frac{V_2 - V_e}{r_{\pi 2}} = \frac{V_c - V_e}{r_{\pi 2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_e &= R_o \left[(\beta+1) \frac{V_c - V_e}{r_{\pi 1}} + (\beta+1) \frac{V_c - V_e}{r_{\pi 2}} \right] \\ &= R_o (\beta+1) (V_c - V_e) \left(\frac{1}{r_{\pi 1}} + \frac{1}{r_{\pi 2}} \right) \\ &= R_o (\beta+1) (V_c - V_e) \left(\frac{g_{m1}}{\beta} + \frac{g_{m2}}{\beta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_e = R_o (\beta+1) \left(\frac{g_{m1} + g_{m2}}{\beta} \right) (V_c - V_e) \quad \beta \gg 1, \beta+1 \approx \beta$$

$$\approx 2 R_o g_m (V_c - V_e)$$

$$(1 + 2 R_o g_m) V_e = 2 R_o g_m V_c \Rightarrow V_e = \frac{2 R_o g_m}{1 + 2 R_o g_m} V_c$$

$$i_{b1} = \frac{V_c - V_e}{r_{\pi 1}} = \frac{1}{r_{\pi 1}} \left(V_c - \frac{2 R_o g_m}{1 + 2 R_o g_m} V_c \right) = \frac{1}{r_{\pi 1}} \frac{1}{1 + 2 R_o g_m} V_c$$

$$i_{c1} = \beta i_{b1} = \frac{\beta}{r_{\pi 1}} \frac{1}{1 + 2 R_o g_m} V_c = \frac{g_{m1}}{1 + 2 R_o g_m} V_c$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{c1} = -R_c i_{c1} = \frac{-R_c g_{m1}}{1 + 2 R_o g_m} V_c \approx -\frac{R_c}{2 R_o} \frac{g_{m1}}{g_m} V_c$$

$$V_{c2} = -R_c i_{c2} \approx -\frac{R_c}{2 R_o} \frac{g_{m2}}{g_m} V_c$$

$$\text{Then } V_o = V_{c1} - V_{c2} = -\frac{R_c}{2 R_o g_m} (g_{m1} - g_{m2}) V_c = \underbrace{-\frac{R_c}{2 R_o} \frac{\Delta g_m}{g_m}}_{A_{cm}} V_c$$

$$A_{cm} = -\frac{R_c}{2 R_o} \frac{\Delta g_m}{g_m} = -\frac{3k}{2(3k)} \cdot \frac{6}{77} = -0.039$$

$$(v) \quad CMRR = \left| \frac{A_{dm}}{A_{cm}} \right| = \frac{231}{0.039} = 5.93 \times 10^3$$

$$CMRR_{dB} = 20 \log(5.93 \times 10^3) = 75.46 \text{ dB}$$