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MIDTERM EXAM I

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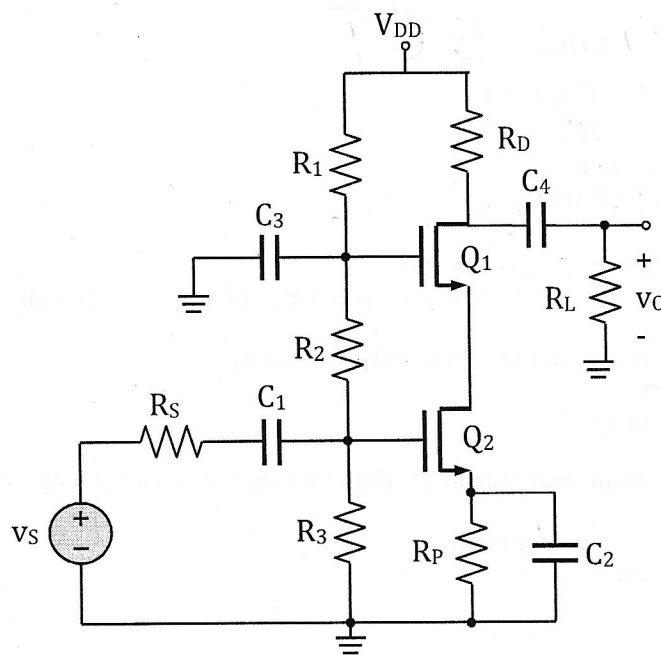
INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all of the instructions and all of the questions before beginning the exam.
- There are 6 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.
- Turn in the entire exam, including this cover sheet.
- You must show your work for all problems to receive full credit; simply providing answers will result in only partial credit, even if the answers are correct.
- Please indicate the number of page where your work is to be continued.
- Put your name on any additional material that you submit.
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	TOTAL	100	

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 cascode amplifier given below.



Circuit Parameters

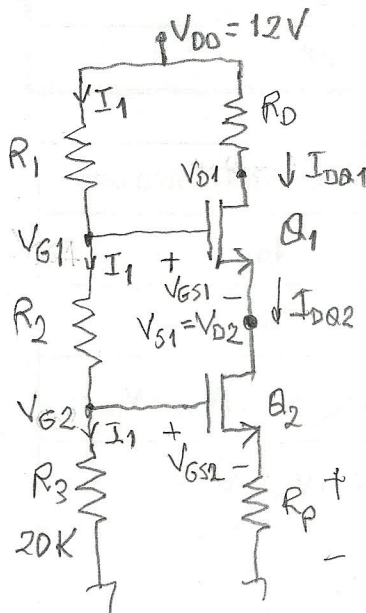
$$\begin{aligned} V_{DD} &= 12V \\ R_L &= 10\text{ k}\Omega \\ R_S &= 1\text{ k}\Omega \\ R_P &= 0.5\text{ k}\Omega \\ R_3 &= 20\text{ k}\Omega \\ I_{DQ2} &= 2\text{ mA} \\ V_{DS1} &= 4\text{ V} \\ V_{DS2} &= 5\text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

Transistor Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} K_{N1} &= 1\text{ mA/V}^2 \\ K_{N2} &= 2\text{ mA/V}^2 \\ V_{TN1} &= 1\text{ V} \\ V_{TN2} &= 1\text{ V} \\ \lambda_1 &= 0 \\ \lambda_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Assume $I_{DQ2} = 2\text{ mA}$ and $V_{DS1} = 4\text{ V}$, $V_{DS2} = 5\text{ V}$, and $R_3 = 20\text{ k}\Omega$, find R_D , R_1 , and R_2 .
 (b) Determine the small-signal parameters (i.e., g_m and r_o) for each transistor.
 (c) Determine the overall small-signal voltage gain $A_v = v_o / v_s$.

(a) DC Model :



Same current I_1 flows through R_1 , R_2 & R_3 , since gate currents are zero

$$I_{DQ1} = I_{DQ2} = 2\text{ mA}$$

$$I_D = K_n (V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2 \Rightarrow V_{GS2} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{DQ2}}{K_{N2}}} + V_{TN2}$$

$$V_{GS2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{2}} + 1 = 2\text{ V}$$

$$V_{G2} = V_{GS2} + R_P I_{DQ2} = 2 + (0.5\text{ k})(2\text{ mA}) = 3\text{ V}$$

$$I_1 = \frac{V_{GQ1}}{R_3} = \frac{3\text{ V}}{20\text{ k}\Omega} = 0.15\text{ mA}$$

Then $V_{D2} = V_{S1} = V_{DS2} + I_{DQ2} R_P = 5 + (0.5\text{ k})(2\text{ mA})$

$$\Rightarrow V_{S1} = 6\text{ V}$$

$$V_{GS1} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{DQ1}}{K_{N1}}} + V_{TN1} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{1}} + 1 = 2.41\text{ V}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{G1} = V_{GS1} + V_{S1} = 2.41 + 6 = 8.41\text{ V}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{V_{G1} - V_{G2}}{I_1} = \frac{8.41 - 3}{0.15\text{ mA}} = 36.09\text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_1 = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{G1}}{I_1} = \frac{12 - 8.41}{0.15\text{ mA}} = 23.91\text{ k}\Omega$$

$$V_{D1} = V_{DS1} + V_{S1} = 4 + 6 = 10\text{ V} \Rightarrow R_D = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{D1}}{I_{D1}} = \frac{12 - 10}{2\text{ mA}} = 1\text{ k}\Omega$$

Check for SAT

$$Q_2: V_{DS2} \geq V_{GS2} - V_{TN2} \Rightarrow 5 \geq 2 - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$V_{GS2} = 2V$$

$$g_{m2} = 2K_{n2}(V_{GS2} - V_{TN2}) = 4(2 - 1) \\ = 4 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$r_{o2} = \frac{1}{\lambda I_{DQ}} = \infty$$

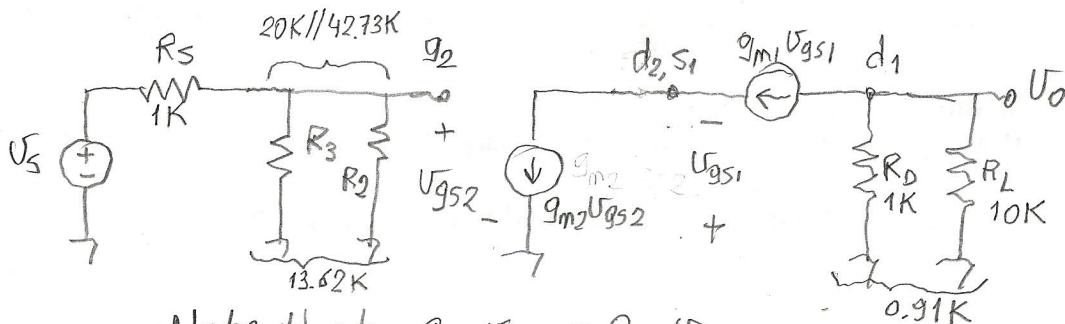
$$Q_1: V_{DS1} \geq V_{GS1} - V_{TN1} \Rightarrow 4 \geq 2.41 - 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$V_{GS1} = 2.41V$$

$$g_{m1} = 2K_{n1}(V_{GS1} - V_{TN1}) = 2.1 \cdot (1.41) \\ = 2.82 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$r_{o1} = \infty$$

Small signal AC Model :



Note that $g_{m1}V_{gs1} = g_{m2}V_{gs2}$

$$V_O = -g_{m1}V_{gs1}(R_D \parallel R_L) = -g_{m2}V_{gs2}(R_D \parallel R_L)$$

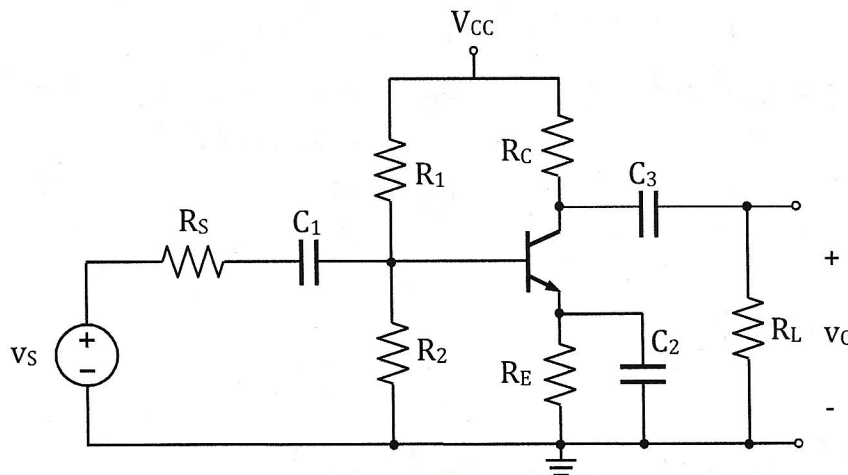
$$= -g_{m2} \left(\frac{R_3 \parallel R_2}{R_S + R_3 \parallel R_2} \right) V_S (R_D \parallel R_L)$$

$$= -g_{m2} \left(\frac{R_3 \parallel R_2}{R_S + R_3 \parallel R_2} \right) (R_D \parallel R_L) V_S$$

$$= -(4) \left(\frac{13.62}{1 + 13.62} \right) (0.91K) V_S = -3.39 V_S$$

$$A_v = -3.39$$

Q2. (25 pts) Consider the common emitter amplifier given below.



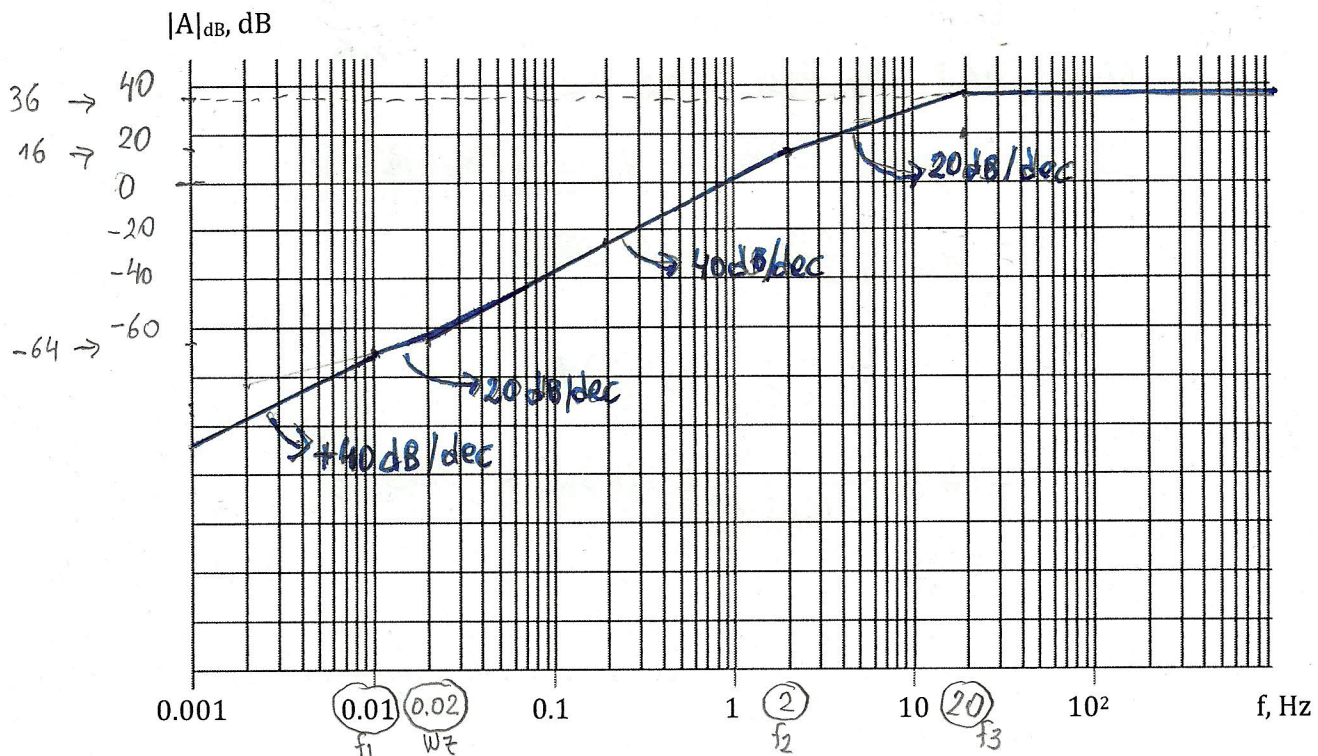
Circuit Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} V_{CC} &= 12 \text{ V} \\ R_1 &= 100 \text{ K} \\ R_2 &= 15 \text{ K} \\ R_E &= 1 \text{ K} \\ R_C &= 4 \text{ K} \\ R_S &= 1 \text{ K} \\ R_L &= 12 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

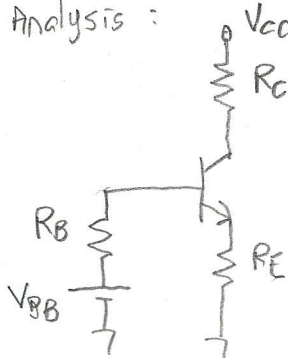
Transistor Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= 100 \\ V_{BE(ON)} &= 0.7 \text{ V} \\ V_A &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

- Determine the midband voltage gain.
- Choose the capacitors C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 such that the corresponding break frequencies $f_1=0.01\text{Hz}$, $f_2=2\text{ Hz}$, $f_3=20\text{ Hz}$.
- Sketch the magnitude Bode plot on the logarithmic graph paper given plot.



(a) DC Analysis :



$$V_{BB} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_{CC} = \frac{15}{100 + 15} \cdot 12 = 1.565 \text{ V}$$

$$R_B = R_1 // R_2 = 13 \text{ K}$$

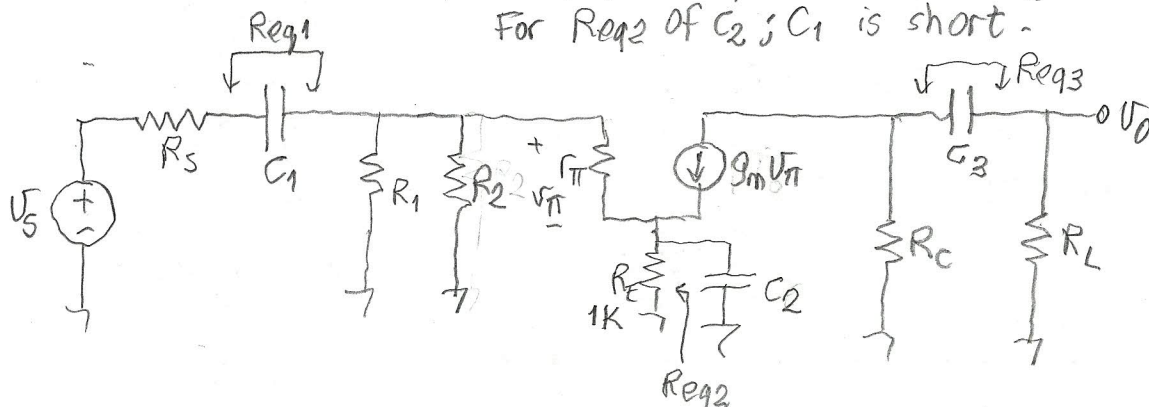
$$I_B = \frac{V_{BB} - V_{BE(ON)}}{R_B + (\beta + 1)R_E} = \frac{1.565 - 0.7}{13 + (101)(1)} \approx 7.6 \mu\text{A}$$

Small signal parameters :

$$r_{\pi} = \frac{V_T}{I_{BQ}} = \frac{26 \text{ mV}}{7.6 \mu\text{A}} = 3.42 \text{ K} \Rightarrow g_m = \frac{\beta}{r_{\pi}} = 29.24 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$r_o = \infty$$

Small signal model : Note that f_1 from C_1 is smaller than f_2 of C_2 , then for R_{eq1} calculations C_2 will be assumed open. For R_{eq2} of C_2 ; C_1 is short.



$$- R_{eq1} = R_S + R_1 \parallel R_2 \parallel [r_{\pi} + (\beta + 1)R_E] = 1 \text{ K} + [100 \text{ K} \parallel 15 \text{ K} \parallel 104.42] = 12.56 \text{ K}$$

$$\omega_1 = 2\pi f_1 = \frac{1}{R_{eq1} C_1} \Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi(0.01)(12.56 \times 10^3)} = 1.27 \times 10^{-3} \text{ F} = 1.27 \text{ mF}$$

$$- R_{eq2} = \left(\frac{R_S \parallel R_1 \parallel R_2 + r_{\pi}}{\beta + 1} \right) \parallel R_E = \frac{1 \parallel 100 \parallel 15 + 3.42}{101} \parallel 1 \text{ K} = 43.52 \parallel 1 \text{ K} = 41.25 \Omega$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{\omega_2 R_{eq2}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)(20)(41.2)} = 1.93 \times 10^{-3} \text{ F} = 1.93 \text{ mF}$$

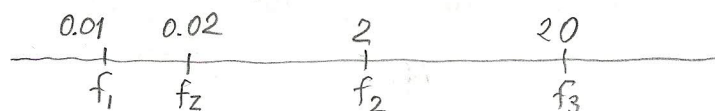
$$- R_{eq3} = R_C + R_L = 4 + 12 = 16 \text{ K}$$

$$C_3 = \frac{1}{\omega_3 R_{eq3}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)(20)(16 \times 10^3)} = 0.49 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F} = 0.49 \mu\text{F}$$

- Zero because of C_2 :

$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{R_E C_2} = \frac{1}{(1 \text{ K})(1.93 \times 10^{-3})} = 0.52 \text{ rad/sec} \Rightarrow f_z = 0.02 \text{ Hz}$$

Sequence of break frequencies :



Midband gain : All capacitors are short

$$U_{\pi} = \frac{R_1 \parallel R_2 \parallel r_{\pi}}{R_S + R_1 \parallel R_2 \parallel r_{\pi}} U_S = \frac{2.7}{3.7} U_S = 0.73 U_S ; U_O = -g_m U_{\pi} (R_C \parallel R_L) = -(29.24)(3)(0.73) U_S =$$

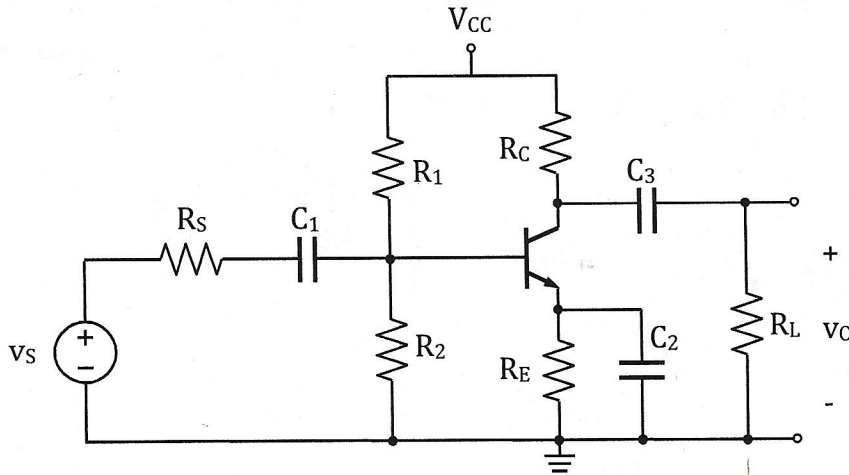
$$A_{MB, dB} = 20 \log | -64 | = 36 \text{ dB}$$

$$A_{MB} = -64$$

Plot is on the above page.

Q3. (25 pts) Consider the common source amplifier given below.

- Determine the beta corner (cut-off) frequency of the transistor.
- Determine the small signal parameters r_π , g_m and r_o of the transistor.
- Determine the high frequency corner frequency of the amplifier.
- Sketch the Bode magnitude plot of the high frequency behaviour of the amplifier over the logarithmic paper given below.



Circuit Parameters

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

$$R_1 = 100 \text{ K}$$

$$R_2 = 15 \text{ K}$$

$$R_E = 1 \text{ K}$$

$$R_C = 4 \text{ K}$$

$$R_S = 1 \text{ K}$$

$$R_L = 12 \text{ K}$$

Transistor Parameters

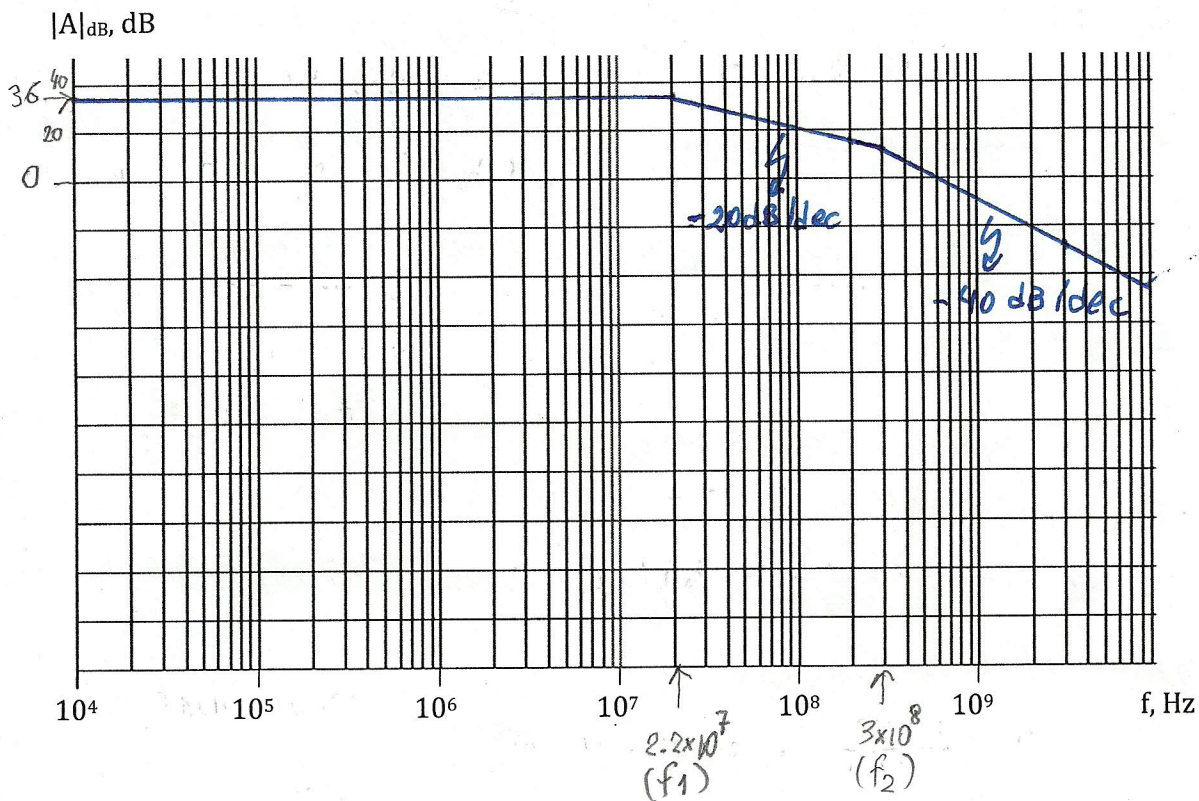
$$\beta = 100$$

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

$$V_A = \infty$$

$$C_\pi = \text{pF } 1 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_\mu = \text{pF } 0.1 \text{ pF}$$



$$(a) \quad \beta(j\omega) = \frac{\beta_{MB}}{1 + j\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}} \quad \omega_c = \frac{1}{r_{\pi}(C_{\pi} + C_{\mu})}$$

The DC conditions and AC parameters are exactly the same as in Q2:

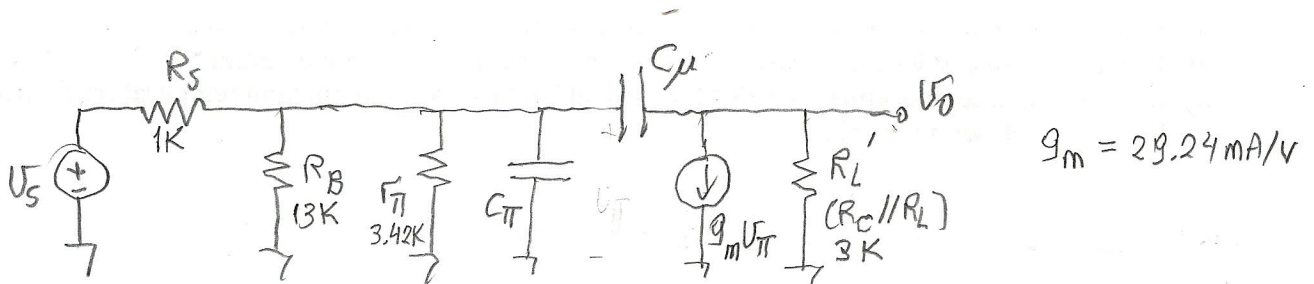
$$r_{\pi} = 3.42 \text{ K} \Rightarrow \omega_c = \frac{1}{(3.42 \times 10^3)(1.1 \times 10^{-12})} = \frac{1}{3.762 \times 10^{-9}} = 265 \times 10^6 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$f_c = \frac{\omega_c}{2\pi} = 42.32 \text{ MHz}$$

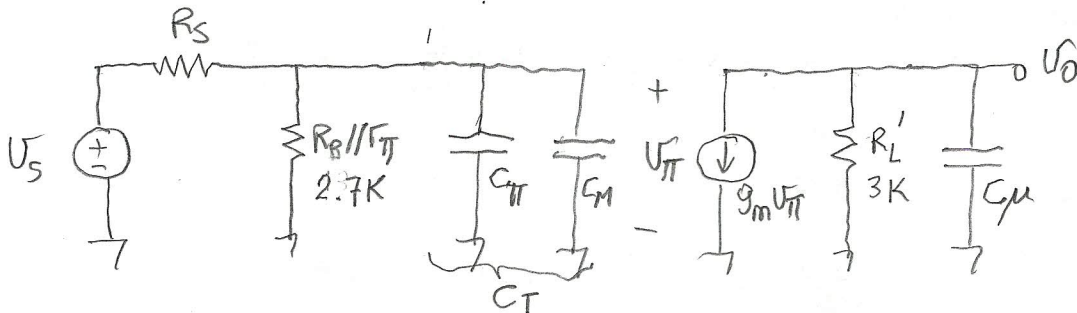
$$(b) \quad \text{From Q2: } r_{\pi} = 3.42 \text{ K}$$

$$r_o = \infty, g_m = 29.24 \text{ mA/V}$$

(c) High frequency model of the amplifier (all external capacitors are short already)



Using Miller effect, C_{μ} is reflected to the input and output.



$$C_T = C_{\pi} + C_M = C_{\pi} + (1 + g_m R_L') C_{\mu} = 1 \text{ pF} + 8.88 \text{ pF} = 9.88 \text{ pF}$$

$$R_{eq,T} = R_S // R_B // r_{\pi} = 0.73 \text{ K}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_1 = \frac{1}{R_{eq,T} C_T} = \frac{1}{(0.73 \times 10^3)(9.88 \times 10^{-12})} = 138 \times 10^6 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$f_1 = 22 \text{ MHz} = 2.2 \times 10^7 \text{ Hz}$$

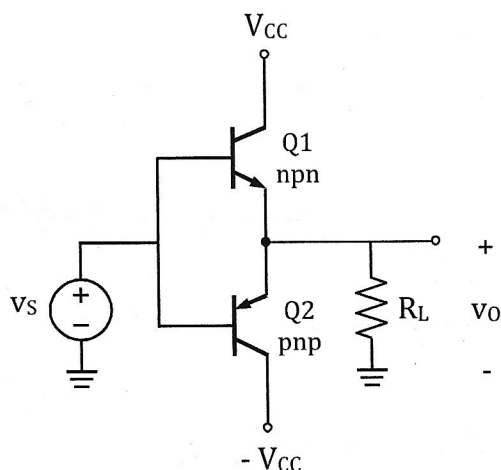
$$\omega_2 = \frac{1}{R_L' C_{\mu}} = \frac{1}{(3 \text{ K})(0.1 \times 10^{-12})} = 3.33 \times 10^9 \text{ rad/sec} \Rightarrow f_2 = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ Hz}$$

From Q2: Midband gain:

$$A_{MB} = -64 \Rightarrow A_{MB, dB} = 20 \log |-64| = 36 \text{ dB}$$

Plot is on the above page.

Q4. (25 pts) Consider the class-B amplifier given below.



Circuit Parameters

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

$$R_L = 10 \Omega$$

Transistors' Parameters

$$\beta = 100$$

$$\theta_{JC} = 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C/W (Thermal resistance between junction and case)}$$

$$\theta_{CA} = 80 \text{ }^\circ\text{C/W (Thermal resistance between case and ambient)}$$

Heat Sink

$$\theta_{CH} = 6 \text{ }^\circ\text{C/W (Thermal resistance between case and heat-sink)}$$

$$\theta_{SA} = 8 \text{ }^\circ\text{C/W (Thermal resistance between heat-sink and ambient)}$$

Assume the transistors are ideal with $V_{BE1(ON)} = 0$ and $V_{EB2(ON)} = 0$, and the input is a sinusoidal

$$v_s = V_P \sin \omega_0 t \text{ volts}$$

- Determine the amplifier efficiency η when $V_P = 6 \text{ V}$.
- What is the value of V_P to get maximum efficiency? What is the efficiency η then?
- For which value of V_P , the power dissipation over any transistor is maximum?
- If the ambient temperature $T_A = 25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, what will be the maximum junction temperature (i) without heat sink, (ii) with heat sink?

$$(a) \quad V_s = 6 \sin \omega_0 t \text{ volts} \Rightarrow V_o = 6 \sin \omega_0 t \text{ volts} \quad (V_P = 6 \text{ V})$$

$$P_{L,AC} = \frac{V_P^2}{2R_L} = \frac{36}{(2)(10)} = 1.8 \text{ W}$$

Power from V_{CC} :

$$P_{CC} = V_{CC} \cdot \frac{I_{CP}}{\pi} = V_{CC} \cdot \frac{V_P}{\pi R_L} = (12) \frac{(6)}{\pi (10)} = 2.29 \text{ W}$$

Total power from the two supplies :

$$P_S = 2P_{CC} = 4.58 \text{ W}$$

$$\text{Then } \eta = \frac{P_{L,AC}}{P_S} = \frac{1.8 \text{ W}}{4.58 \text{ W}} = 0.39 = 39 \%$$

(b) Maximum efficiency is reached when

$$V_P = 12 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Then } P_{L,AC} = \frac{V_P^2}{2R_L} = 7.2 \text{ W}$$

$$P_S = 2 \cdot V_{CC} \cdot \frac{V_P}{R_L} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} = \frac{2V_{CC}^2}{\pi R_L} = \frac{(2)(144)}{(3.14)(10)} = 9.17 \text{ W}$$

Hence efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{P_{L,AC}}{P_S} = \frac{7.2}{9.17} = 0.785 = 78.5 \%$$

(c) Power dissipation over the transistors will not be maximum when $V_p = V_{cc}$. To determine $P_{T,max}$:

$$P_{LAC} = \frac{V_p^2}{2R_L}$$

$$P_S = 2P_{cc} = 2 \cdot V_{cc} I_p = 2V_{cc} \cdot \frac{V_p}{R_L} = \frac{2V_{cc} V_p}{\pi R_L}$$

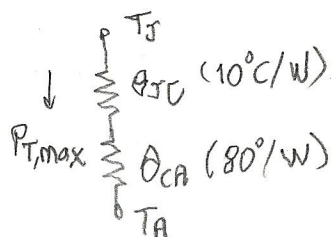
So the power dissipation over one transistor:

$$P_T = \frac{1}{2} (P_S - P_{LAC}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2V_{cc} V_p}{\pi R_L} - \frac{V_p^2}{2R_L} \right) = \frac{1}{2R_L} \left(\frac{2V_{cc}}{\pi} V_p - \frac{V_p^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{dP_T}{dV_p} = 0 \Rightarrow V_p = \frac{2}{\pi} V_{cc} \Rightarrow P_{T,max} = \frac{V_{cc}^2}{\pi^2 R_L}$$

So for the above power amplifier, power over one transistor will be maximum if $V_p = \frac{2 \cdot 12V}{\pi} = 7.64V$
and the corresponding $P_{T,max} = \frac{V_{cc}^2}{\pi^2 R_L} = \frac{144}{\pi^2 \cdot 10} = 1.46W$

(d) Without heat sink:



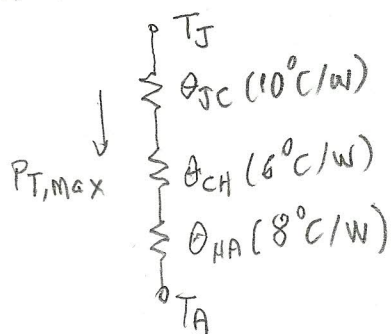
$$T_{J,max} - T_A = P_{T,max} (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CA})$$

$$= (1.46)(10 + 80) = 131.4^\circ C$$

$$T_{J,max} = 131.4 + 25 = 156.4^\circ C$$

(probably it is burned out)

with heat sink:



$$T_{J,max} = P_{T,max} (\theta_{JC} + \theta_{CH} + \theta_{HA}) + T_A$$

$$= (1.46)(24) + 25$$

$$> 60^\circ C \text{ (safe!)}$$