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# BJT Amplifiers

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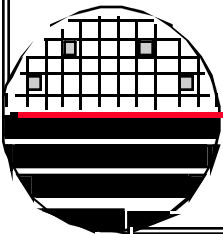
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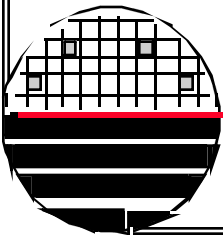
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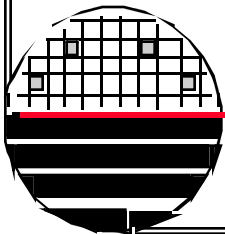
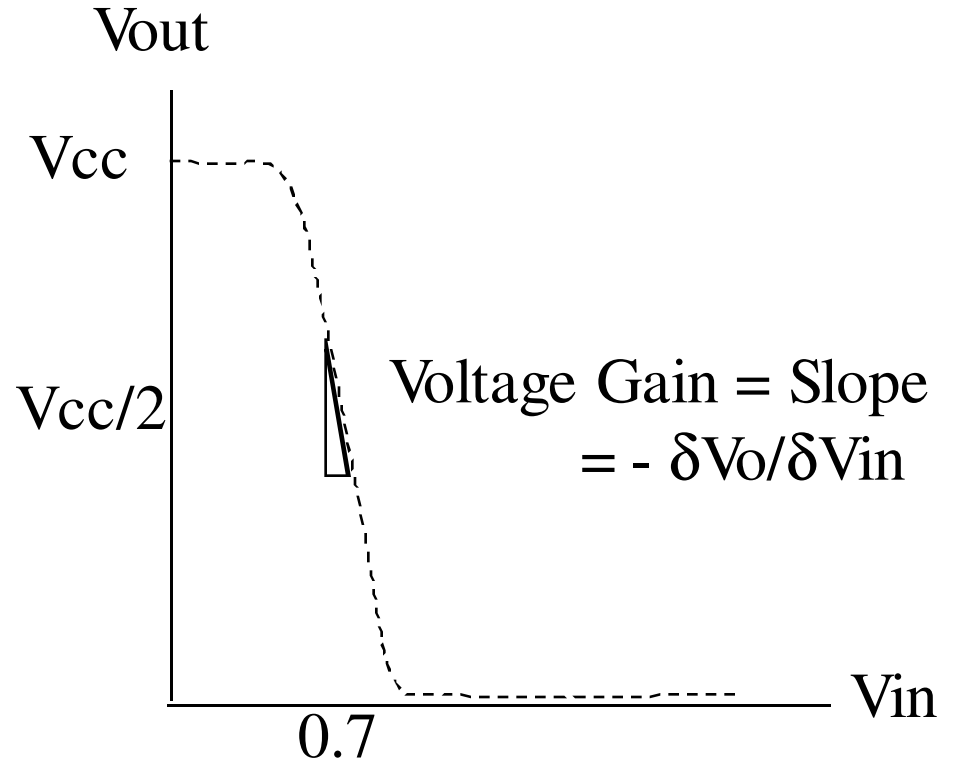
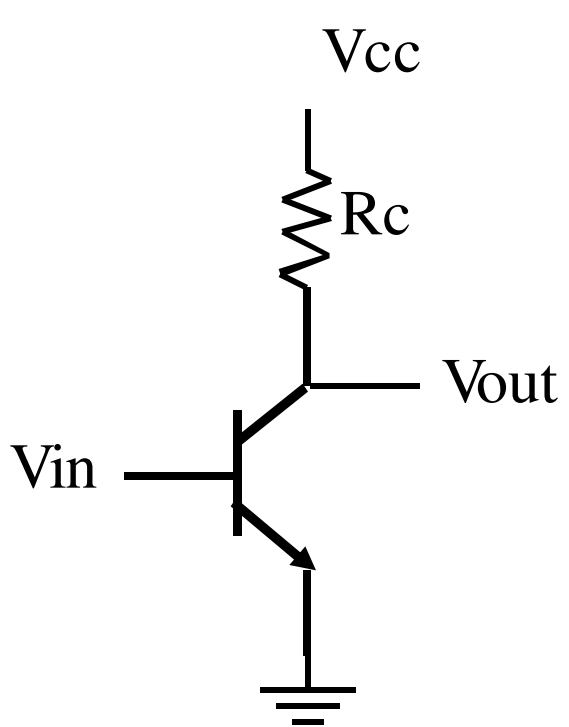


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***VOUT VS VIN FOR CE BJT INVERTER CIRCUIT***



### *VOUT VS VIN FOR CE BJT INVERTER CIRCUIT*

$$I_E = I_{SE} e^{V_{BE}/V_T} \quad \text{and} \quad I_C = \alpha I_E$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{out} &= V_{CC} - R_C I_C \\ &= V_{CC} - R_C \alpha I_E \\ &= V_{CC} - R_C \alpha I_{SE} e^{V_{BE}/V_T} \end{aligned}$$

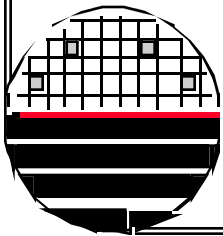
Find the slope when  $V_{out}$  is  $\sim V_{CC}/2$

we can show in a few steps the following:

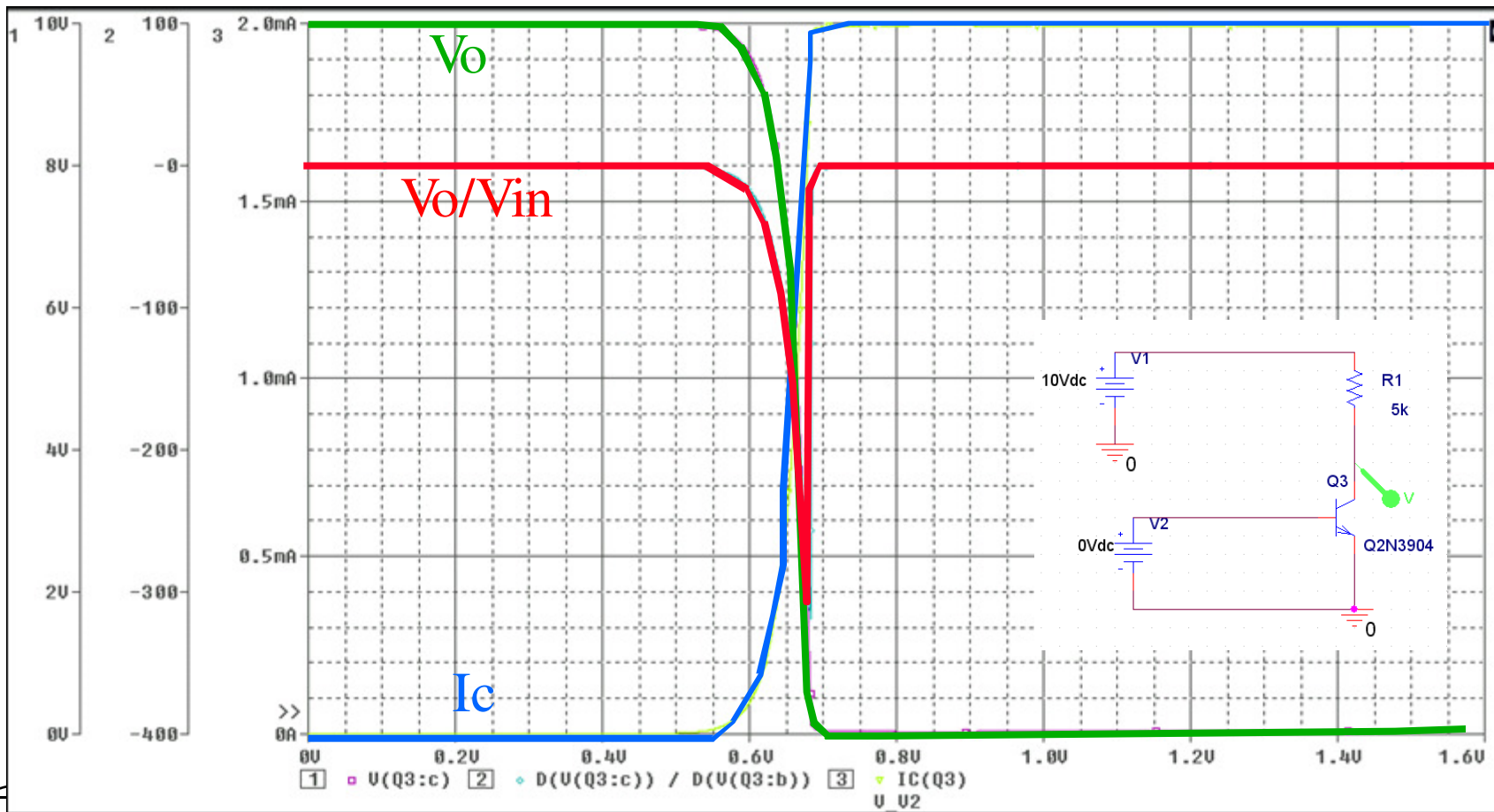
$$\frac{\delta V_{out}}{\delta V_{in}} = -R_C I_C (q/KT) \quad \text{where } I_C \text{ is the value when } V_{out} \sim V_{CC}/2$$

If  $V_{CC}=10V$ ,  $R_C=5K\Omega$ , Then  $I_C$  is  $\sim 1mA$  and

$$\frac{\delta V_{out}}{\delta V_{in}} = - 5K (1/0.026) 1mA = - 192 V/V$$



## SPICE ANALYSIS OF BJT INVERTER



Note:  $V_o/V_{in}$  is negative (inverting) and has a value of  $\sim -150$  at  $I_c = 1\text{mA}$

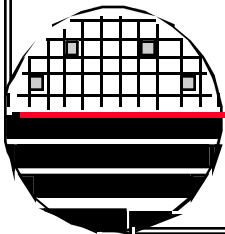
## SPICE OUTPUT FILE

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**** CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION
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**** INCLUDING bjt_inverter-SCHEMATIC1.net ****
* source BJT_INVERTER
R_R1      N00033 N00036 5k
V_V1      N00036 0 10Vdc
V_V2      N00030 0 0Vdc
Q_Q3      N00033 N00030 0 Q2N3904
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**** INCLUDING bjt_inverter-SCHEMATIC1.als ****
.ALIASES
R_R1      R1(1=N00033 2=N00036 )
V_V1      V1(+N00036 -=0 )
V_V2      V2(+N00030 -=0 )
Q_Q3      Q3(c=N00033 b=N00030 e=0 )
.ENDALIASES
**** RESUMING bjt_inverter-SCHEMATIC1-BJT_Inverter.sim.cir ****
.END
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Note: see last page of this document for more information on BJT SPICE parameters

### \*\*\*\* BJT MODEL PARAMETERS

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*****
Q2N3904
NPN
IS 6.734000E-15
BF 416.4
NF 1
VAF 74.03
IKF .06678
ISE 6.734000E-15
NE 1.259
BR .7371
NR 1
RB 10
RC 1
CJE 4.493000E-12
MJE .2593
CJC 3.638000E-12
MJC .3085
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XTF 2
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ITF .4
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D .87
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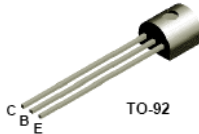


# BJT Amplifiers

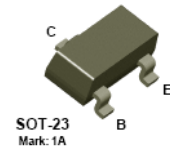
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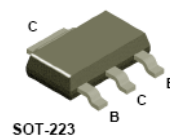
**2N3904**



**MMBT3904**



**PZT3904**



### NPN General Purpose Amplifier

This device is designed as a general purpose amplifier and switch. The useful dynamic range extends to 100 mA as a switch and to 100 MHz as an amplifier.

#### Absolute Maximum Ratings\* T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Units
V <sub>CE0</sub>	Collector-Emitter Voltage	40	V
V <sub>CE0</sub>	Collector-Base Voltage	60	V
V <sub>EB0</sub>	Emitter-Base Voltage	6.0	V
I <sub>C</sub>	Collector Current - Continuous	200	mA
T <sub>J</sub> , T <sub>stg</sub>	Operating and Storage Junction Temperature Range	-55 to +150	°C

\*These ratings are limiting values above which the serviceability of any semiconductor device may be impaired.

**NOTES:**

- 1) These ratings are based on a maximum junction temperature of 150 degrees C.
- 2) These are steady state limits. The factory should be consulted on applications involving pulsed or low duty cycle operations.

#### Thermal Characteristics T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Characteristic	Max			Units
		2N3904	*MMBT3904	**PZT3904	
P <sub>D</sub>	Total Device Dissipation	625	350	1,000	mW
	Derate above 25°C	5.0	2.8	8.0	mW/°C
R <sub>θJC</sub>	Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	83.3			°C/W
R <sub>θJA</sub>	Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient	200	357	125	°C/W

\* Device mounted on FR-4 PCB 1.6" X 1.6" X 0.06"

\*\* Device mounted on FR-4 PCB 36 mm X 18 mm X 1.5 mm; mounting pad for the collector lead min. 6 cm<sup>2</sup>.

2N3904 / MMBT3904 / PZT3904

### NPN General Purpose Amplifier (continued)

#### Electrical Characteristics T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Max	Units
<b>OFF CHARACTERISTICS</b>					
V <sub>BR(CEO)</sub>	Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage	I <sub>C</sub> = 1.0 mA, I <sub>B</sub> = 0	40		V
V <sub>BR(CBO)</sub>	Collector-Base Breakdown Voltage	I <sub>C</sub> = 10 μA, I <sub>E</sub> = 0	60		V
V <sub>BR(EB0)</sub>	Emitter-Base Breakdown Voltage	I <sub>E</sub> = 10 μA, I <sub>C</sub> = 0	6.0		V
I <sub>BL</sub>	Base Cutoff Current	V <sub>CE</sub> = 30 V, V <sub>EB</sub> = 3V		50	nA
I <sub>CEX</sub>	Collector Cutoff Current	V <sub>CE</sub> = 30 V, V <sub>EB</sub> = 3V		50	nA

#### ON CHARACTERISTICS\*

h <sub>FE</sub>	DC Current Gain	I <sub>C</sub> = 0.1 mA, V <sub>CE</sub> = 1.0 V	40		
		I <sub>C</sub> = 1.0 mA, V <sub>CE</sub> = 1.0 V	70		
		I <sub>C</sub> = 10 mA, V <sub>CE</sub> = 1.0 V	100	300	
		I <sub>C</sub> = 50 mA, V <sub>CE</sub> = 1.0 V	60		
		I <sub>C</sub> = 100 mA, V <sub>CE</sub> = 1.0 V	30		
V <sub>CE(sat)</sub>	Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage	I <sub>C</sub> = 10 mA, I <sub>B</sub> = 1.0 mA I <sub>C</sub> = 50 mA, I <sub>B</sub> = 5.0 mA		0.2 0.3	V
V <sub>BE(sat)</sub>	Base-Emitter Saturation Voltage	I <sub>C</sub> = 10 mA, I <sub>B</sub> = 1.0 mA I <sub>C</sub> = 50 mA, I <sub>B</sub> = 5.0 mA	0.65	0.85 0.95	V

#### SMALL SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS

f <sub>T</sub>	Current Gain - Bandwidth Product	I <sub>C</sub> = 10 mA, V <sub>CE</sub> = 20 V, f = 100 MHz	300		MHz
C <sub>ob0</sub>	Output Capacitance	V <sub>CE</sub> = 5.0 V, I <sub>E</sub> = 0, f = 1.0 MHz		4.0	pF
C <sub>ib0</sub>	Input Capacitance	V <sub>BE</sub> = 0.5 V, I <sub>C</sub> = 0, f = 1.0 MHz		8.0	pF
NF	Noise Figure	I <sub>C</sub> = 100 μA, V <sub>CE</sub> = 5.0 V, R <sub>s</sub> = 1.0kΩ, f = 10 Hz to 15.7kHz		5.0	dB

#### SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS

t <sub>d</sub>	Delay Time	V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.0 V, V <sub>BE</sub> = 0.5 V,		35	ns
t <sub>r</sub>	Rise Time	I <sub>C</sub> = 10 mA, I <sub>B1</sub> = 1.0 mA		35	ns
t <sub>s</sub>	Storage Time	V <sub>CC</sub> = 3.0 V, I <sub>C</sub> = 10mA		200	ns
t <sub>f</sub>	Fall Time	I <sub>B1</sub> = I <sub>B2</sub> = 1.0 mA		50	ns

\* Pulse Test: Pulse Width ≤ 300 μs, Duty Cycle ≤ 2.0%

#### Spice Model

NPN (Is=6.734f Xti=3 Eg=1.11 Vaf=74.03 Bf=416.4 Ne=1.259 Ise=6.734 Ikf=66.78m Xtb=1.5 Br=7371 Nc=2 Isc=0 Ikr=0 Rc=1 Cjc=3.638p Mjc=.3065 Vjc=.75 Fc=.5 Cje=4.493p Mje=.2593 Vje=.75 Tr=239.5n Tf=301.2p Ifl=4 Vtf=4 Xtf=2 Rb=10)

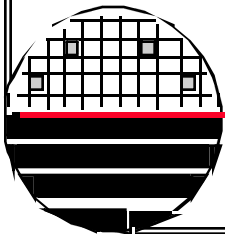
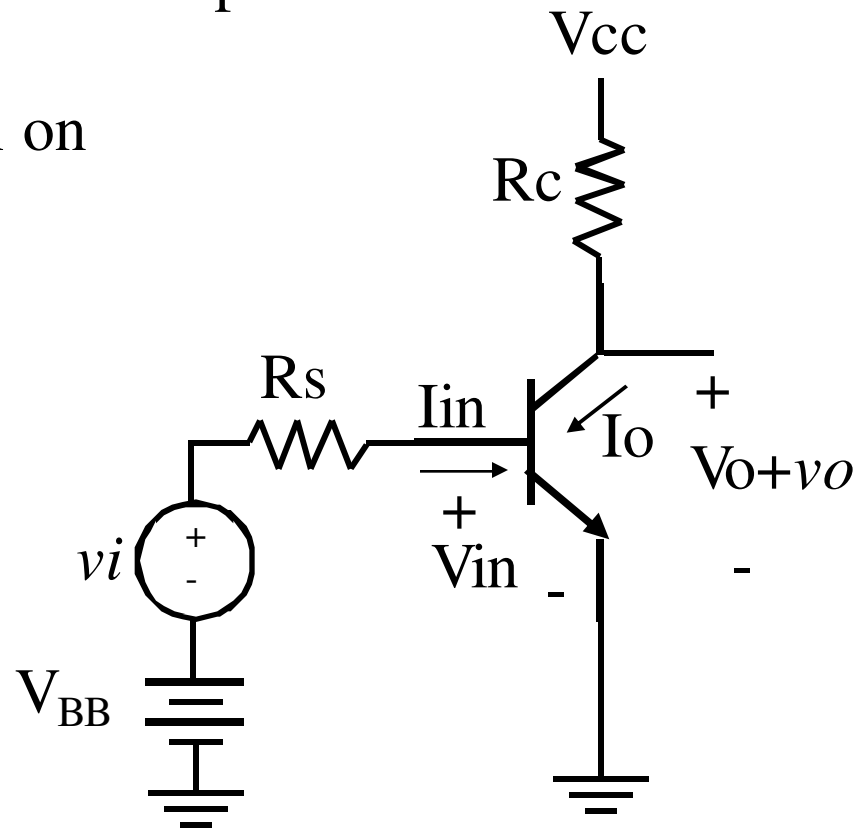
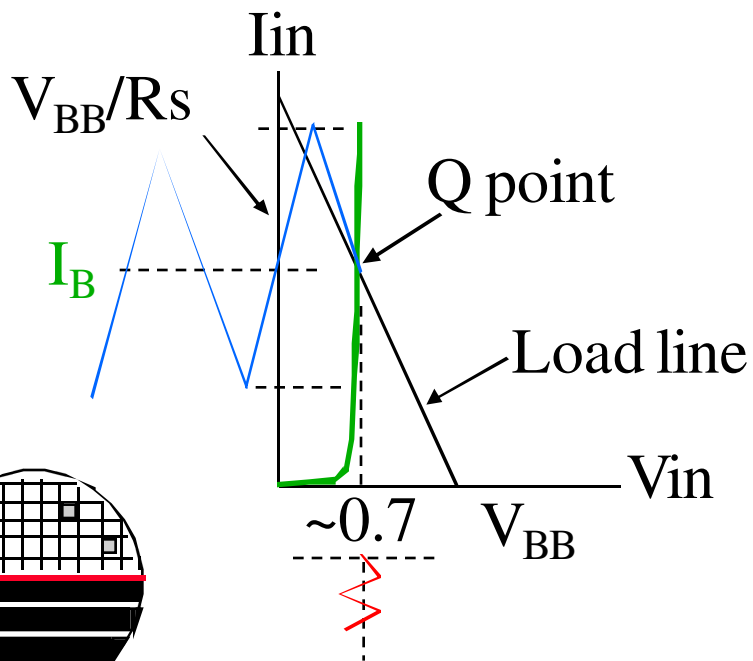
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Note: see last page of this document for more information on BJT SPICE parameters

**CE BJT AMPLIFIER - BIASING**

We want to forward bias the BE junction and reverse bias the BC junction and then add a small changing voltage to the input and realize a larger changing voltage at the output.

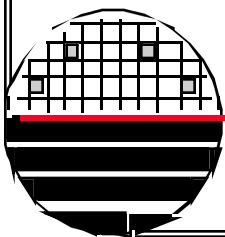
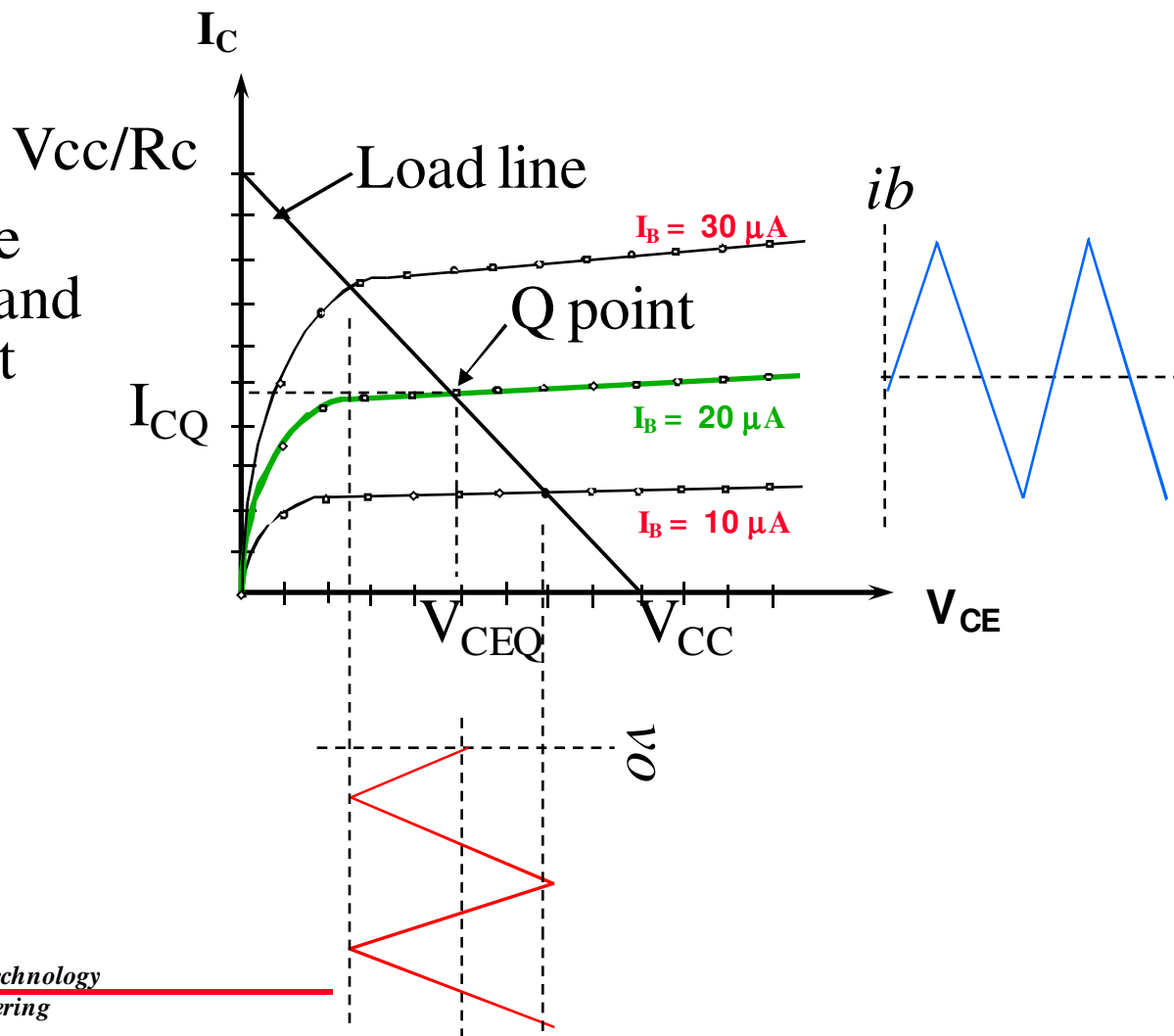
$V_{BB}$  and  $R_s$  can provide any combination of  $I_{in}$  and  $V_{in}$  shown on the input load line.

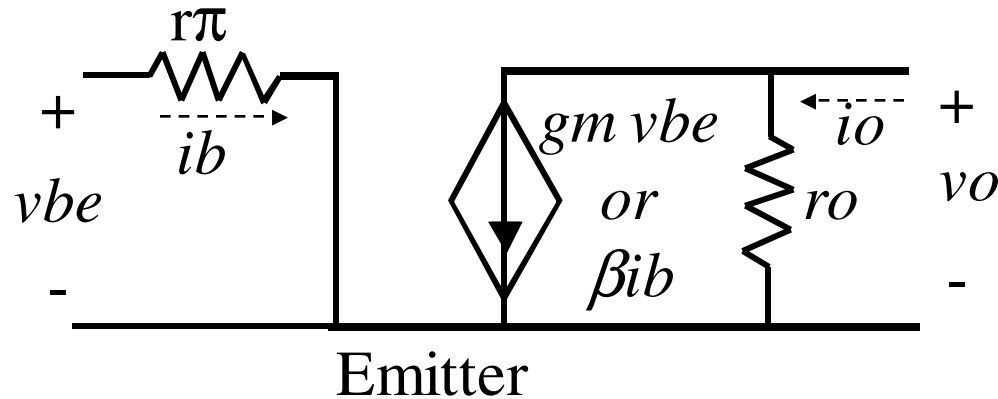




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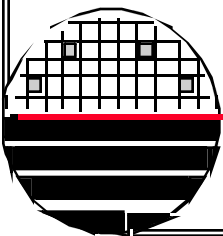
$V_{CC}$  and  $R_c$  can provide any combination of  $I_o$  and  $V_o$  shown on the output load line.



***SMALL SIGNAL MODEL OF CE BJT***

$r_{\pi}$  represents the input resistance seen looking into the base  
 $g_m$  is the transconductance at the Q point collector current  
 $r_o$  represents the output resistance as seen looking into the collector

The values of these parameters all change with Q point  
 so first find  $I_C$  from large signal DC analysis (Ebers-Moll Model and circuit analysis)



### SMALL SIGNAL MODEL OF CE BJT

First find IC at the Q point then find  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$  and  $r_\pi$

$$g_m = \frac{\delta I_C}{\delta V_{BE}} = \frac{\delta I_S e^{V_{BE}/V_T}}{\delta V_{BE}} = \boxed{g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T}}$$

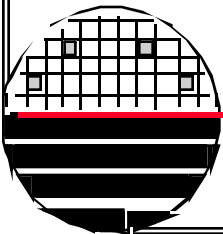
Where  $V_T = kT/q$

$$r_o = \left( \frac{\delta I_C}{\delta V_{CE}} \right)^{-1} = 1/\text{slope}$$

$$\boxed{r_o = V_A/I_C}$$

Where  $V_A = \text{Early Voltage}$

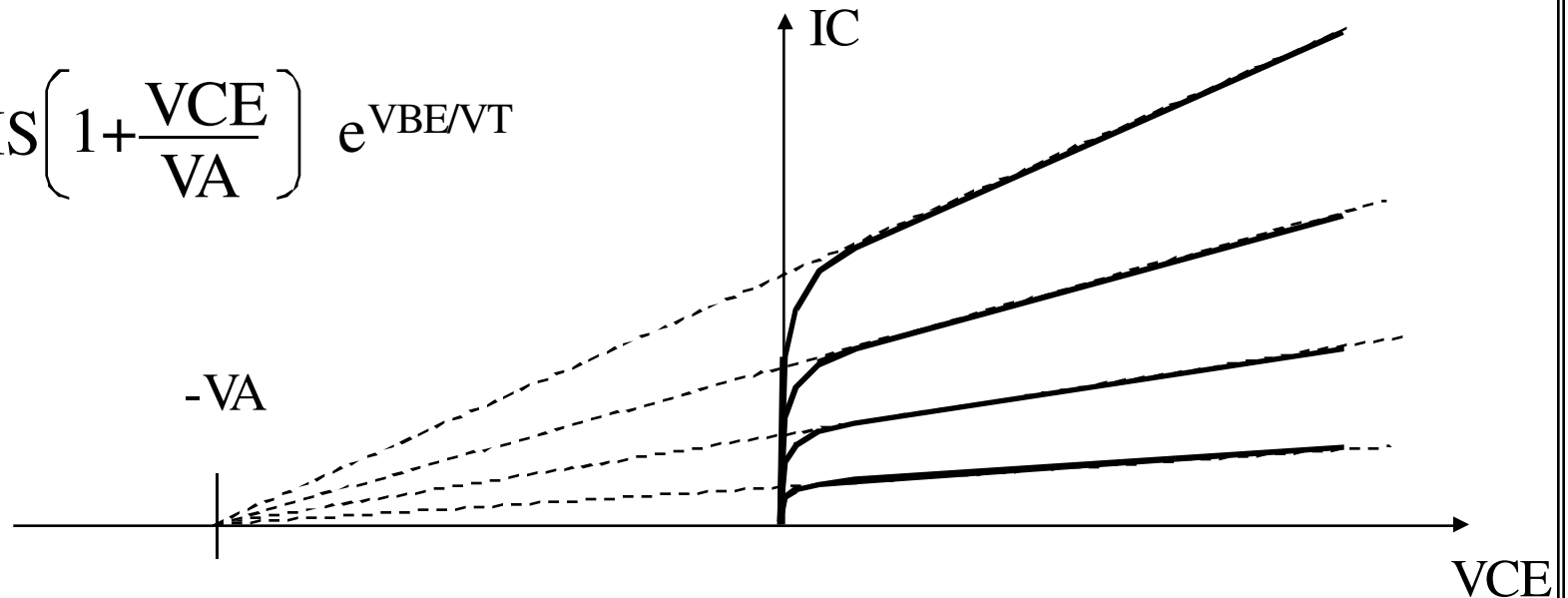
$$r_\pi = \frac{\delta V_{BE}}{\delta I_B} = \frac{\delta V_{BE}}{\delta I_C/\beta} = \frac{V_T}{I_C} \beta = \boxed{r_\pi = \beta / g_m}$$



**EARLY VOLTAGE**

Increasing VCE increases the reverse bias on the BC junction increasing the width of the space charge layer resulting in a decrease in the base width with an increase in concentration gradient and an increase in collector current. To account for this the equation relating the collector current to the VBE can be modified slightly as shown:

$$I_C = I_S \left( 1 + \frac{V_{CE}}{V_A} \right) e^{V_{BE}/V_T}$$



This is one of the many modifications to make the BJT models more accurate. Other modifications include resistors to account for series resistance in the collector, base and emitter.

## EBERS-MOLL MODEL OF NPN BJT

This type of model works in all four regions of operation

$$I_C = \alpha_F i_{De} - i_{Dc}$$

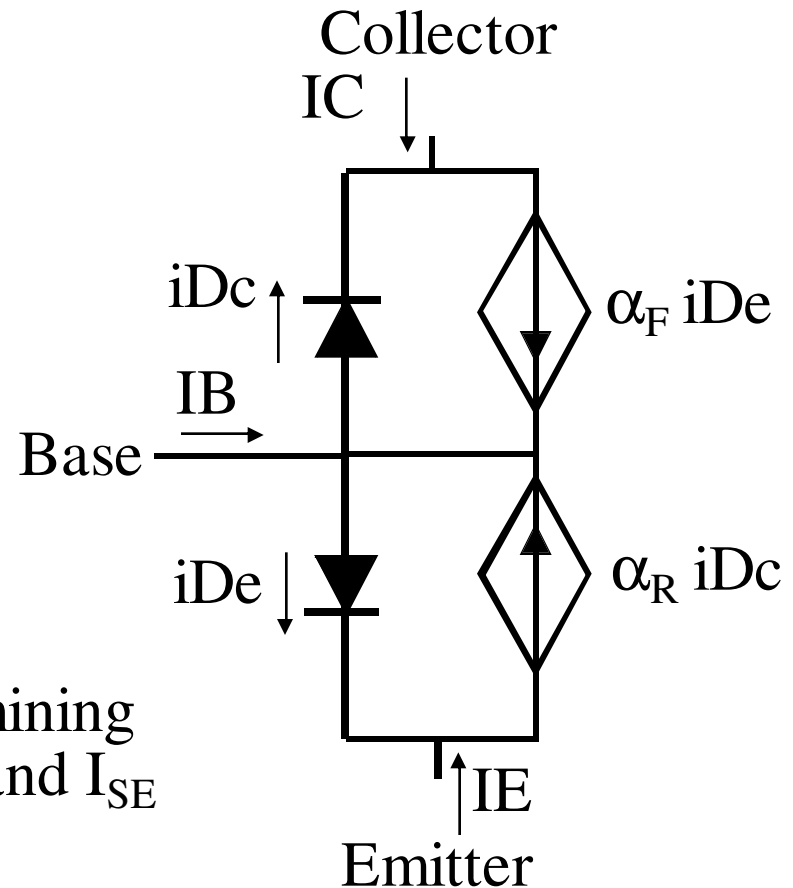
$$I_E = -i_{De} + \alpha_R i_{Dc}$$

The diode currents are:

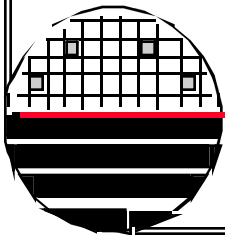
$$i_{Dc} = I_{SC} (e^{V_{bc}/V_T} - 1)$$

$$i_{De} = I_{SE} (e^{V_{be}/V_T} - 1)$$

Transistors are modeled by determining appropriate values of:  $\alpha_F$ ,  $\alpha_R$ ,  $I_{SC}$  and  $I_{SE}$

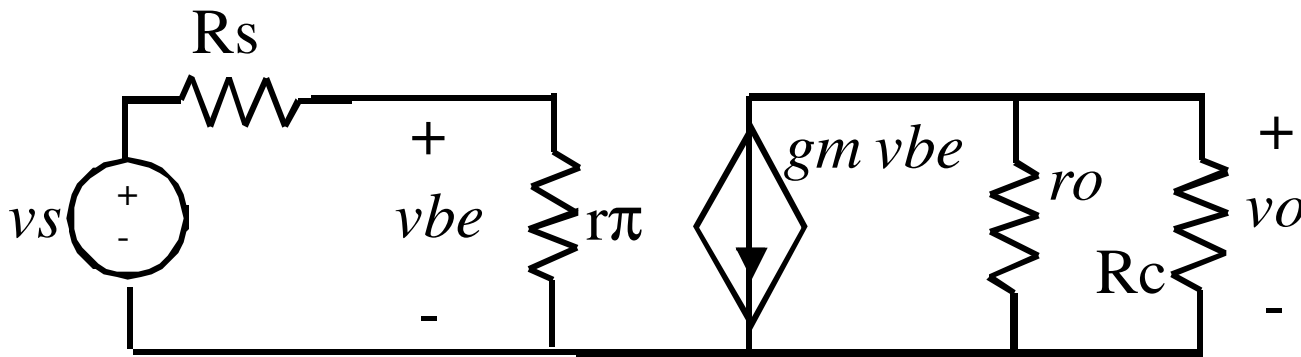


Note:  $\beta$  is often given instead of  $\alpha$  but  $\alpha = \beta/(1+\beta)$



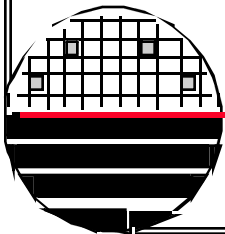
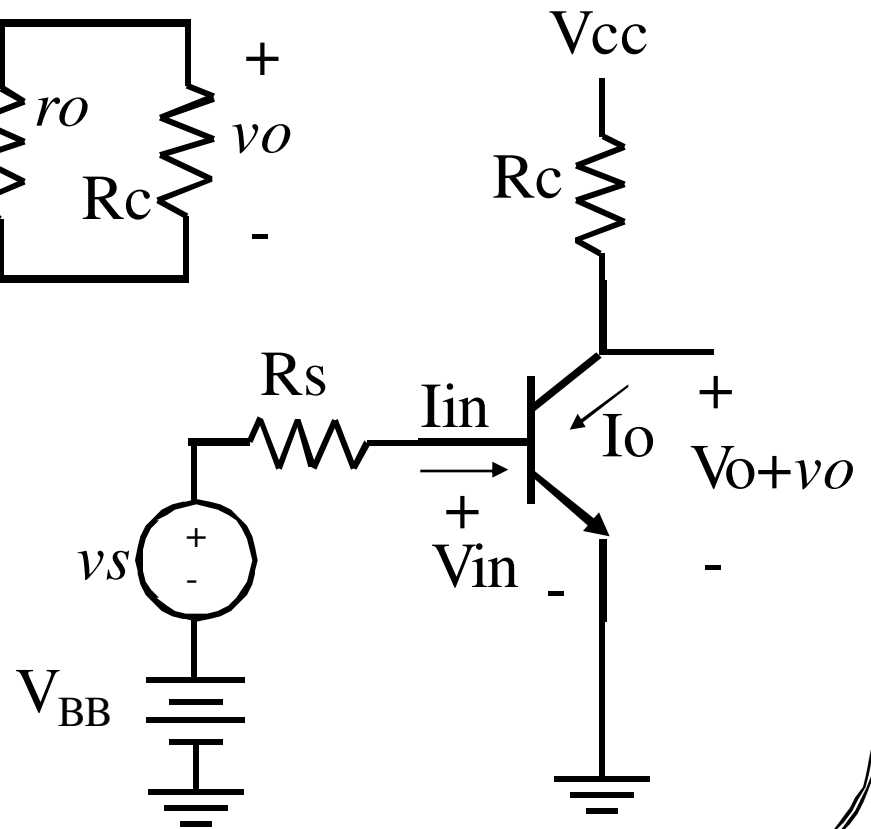
## SMALL SIGNAL ANALYSIS

Replace the transistor with its small signal model (at  $I_{CQ}$ ), replace DC voltage sources with shorts and DC current sources with opens.



$$v_o = - g_m v_{be} r_o // R_c$$

$$v_{be} = v_s \frac{r_{\pi}}{R_s + r_{\pi}}$$



### ANALYSIS

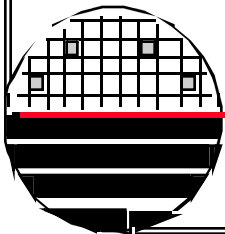
Find:

$$v_o = -v_s \frac{r_\pi}{r_\pi + R_s} g_m r_o // R_c$$

$$R_o = r_o // R_c$$

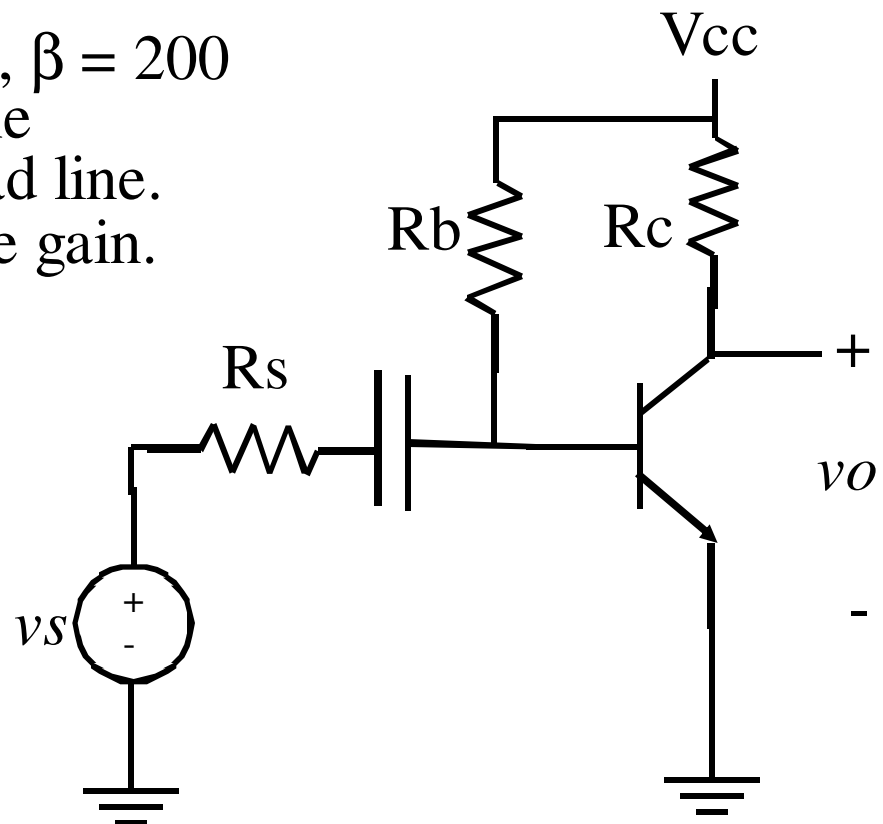
$$R_{in} = r_\pi$$

Note: maximum possible voltage gain when  $R_b=0$  and  $R_c=\text{infinity}$  is  $V_A/V_T$  might be  $\sim 3000$

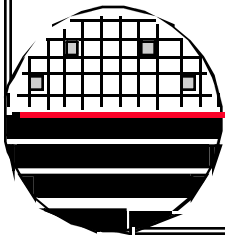


## CE BJT AMPLIFIER EXAMPLE 1

Example: If  $V_{cc} = 20V$ ,  $R_c = 5K$ ,  $\beta = 200$  and  $V_a = 100$ . Find  $R_b$  to bias the transistor in the middle of the load line. Calculate the small signal voltage gain. Repeat for  $\beta = 100, 300$



Note: capacitor is a short at frequency of interest, Instead of a  $V_{BB}$  of previous circuit use the  $V_{CC}$ ,  $R_b$  is quite large to get small base currents and may be a source of thermal noise.





### *ANALYSIS OF CIRCUIT ON PREVIOUS PAGE*

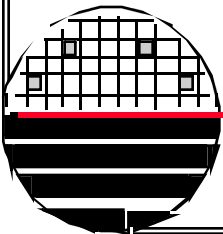
Approach:

1. Do DC analysis to find IC.
2. Calculate  $g_m$ ,  $r_\pi$  and  $r_o$
3. Draw ac equivalent circuit
4. Find  $v_o/v_i$ ,  $r_{in}$  and  $r_{out}$

$$v_o = -v_s \frac{r_\pi // R_b}{r_\pi // R_b + R_s} g_m r_o // R_c$$

$$R_o = r_o // R_c$$

$$R_{in} = R_\pi // R_b$$



## SIMPLE BJT CE AMPLIFIER CALCULATOR

Check the results by doing the calculations by hand.

This spreadsheet will evaluate the circuit shown. First the DC values of IC and IB are found. Then at ICQ we calculate gm, rπ, and ra. Finally, we calculate the voltage gain, Rin and Rout.

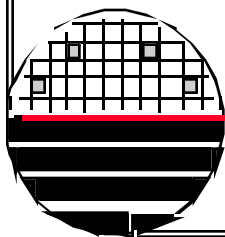
**CE-BJT-Simple.xls**

CONSTANTS		VARIABLES	
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q	1.60E-19 Coul	Vcc	<input type="text" value="10.00"/> Volt
Z0	8.85E-14 F/cm	Rc	<input type="text" value="1"/> Kohm
Zr	11.7	Rb	<input type="text" value="370"/> Kohm
		Re	<input type="text" value="0"/> Kohm
		VA	<input type="text" value="100"/> Volt
		Beta	<input type="text" value="200"/>

**CALCULATIONS:**

$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T}$ $r_i = 1/g_m$ $r_o = V_A/I_C$ $v_{out} = -\frac{r_i}{1 + r_i/R_E} g_m r_{out} R_C$	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>KT/q</td> <td><input type="text" value="0.026"/> Volt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Middle of Load Line - ICmax/2</td> <td><input type="text" value="5.00"/> mA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IB</td> <td><input type="text" value="25.135"/> uA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IC = Beta x IB</td> <td><input type="text" value="5.027"/> mA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VCE = VCC - IC RC</td> <td><input type="text" value="4.973"/> Volt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>gm</td> <td><input type="text" value="0.194"/> mho</td> </tr> <tr> <td>rπ</td> <td><input type="text" value="1.03"/> Kohm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ra</td> <td><input type="text" value="19.89"/> Kohm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rin = rπ    Rb</td> <td><input type="text" value="0.206"/> Kohm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rout = rπ    Rc</td> <td><input type="text" value="0.95"/> Kohm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Voltage Gain - vout/vin</td> <td><input type="text" value="-94.73"/> V/V</td> </tr> </table>	KT/q	<input type="text" value="0.026"/> Volt	Middle of Load Line - ICmax/2	<input type="text" value="5.00"/> mA	IB	<input type="text" value="25.135"/> uA	IC = Beta x IB	<input type="text" value="5.027"/> mA	VCE = VCC - IC RC	<input type="text" value="4.973"/> Volt	gm	<input type="text" value="0.194"/> mho	rπ	<input type="text" value="1.03"/> Kohm	ra	<input type="text" value="19.89"/> Kohm	Rin = rπ    Rb	<input type="text" value="0.206"/> Kohm	Rout = rπ    Rc	<input type="text" value="0.95"/> Kohm	Voltage Gain - vout/vin	<input type="text" value="-94.73"/> V/V
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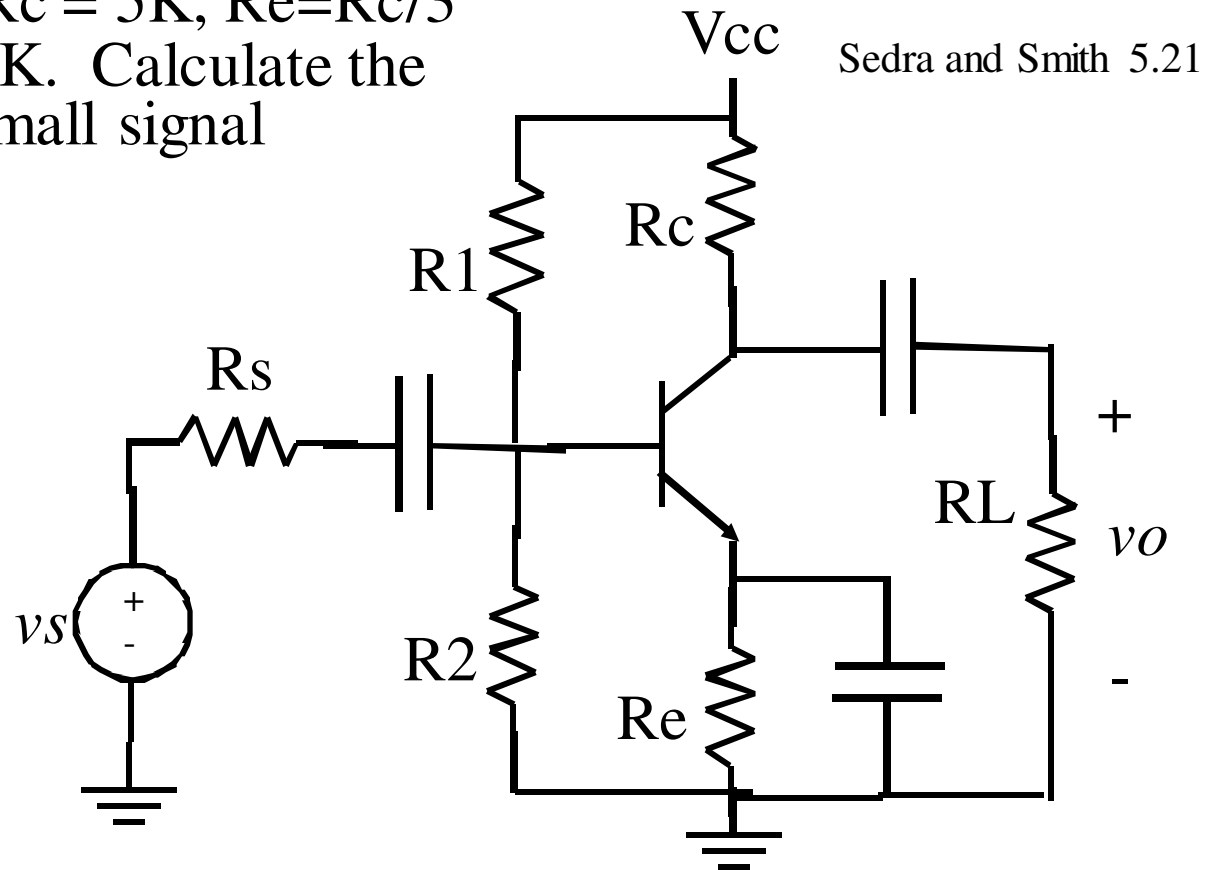
Find ICQ for Beta of 100 and 300



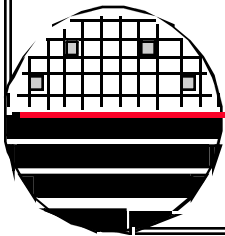
## CE BJT AMPLIFIER EXAMPLE 2 (ANALYSIS)

Example: If  $V_{CC} = 20V$ ,  $R_C = 5K$ ,  $R_E = R_C/3$   
 $\beta = 200$ ,  $R_1 = 30k$ ,  $R_2 = 10K$ . Calculate the  
 DC value of  $I_C$  and the small signal  
 voltage gain.

Repeat for  $\beta = 100, 300$



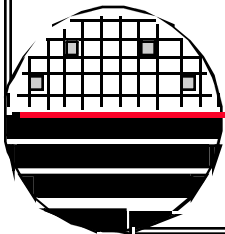
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### *ANALYSIS OF CIRCUIT ON PREVIOUS PAGE*

Approach:

1. Find Thevenin equivalent of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $V_{CC}$ .
2. Do KVL around the BE loop to find  $I_B$ .
3. Find  $I_C = \beta I_B$
4. Calculate  $g_m$ ,  $r_\pi$  and  $r_o$ .
5. Draw the ac equivalent circuit.
6. Find the voltage gain  $v_o/v_i$ ,  $r_{in}$  and  $r_{out}$



# BJT Amplifiers

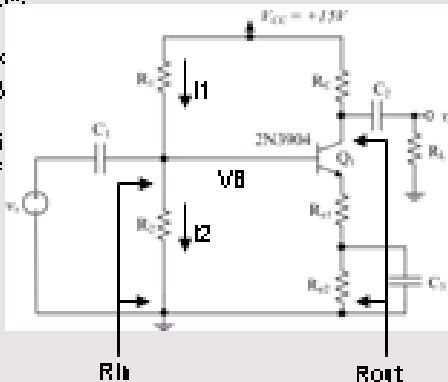
## SPREAD SHEET ANALYSIS PREVIOUS CIRCUIT

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CALCULATIONS FOR CE BJT AMPLIFIER DESIGN      DR. LYNN FULLER

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This spread sheet calculates dc and ac params given all the resistor values, dc voltage supply values, and transistor parameter values. This spread sheet can be used once an amplifier design is done to study how the amplifier perf if transistor or circuit parameters values are changed.



CONSTANTS		VARIABLES	
K	1.38E-23 J/K	Temp=	300 K
q	1.60E-19 Coul	VCC =	20.00 Volts
εo	8.85E-14 F/cm	Re1	0 ohms
εr	11.7	Re2	1000 ohms
		Rs =	0 Kohms
		R1 =	33 Kohms
		R2 =	10 Kohms
		Rc =	2 Kohms
		RL =	2 Kohms
Transistor Specifications:			
	Early Voltage Va =	50	Volts
	Beta =	150	

CALCULATIONS:

$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T}$$

$$r_{\pi} = \beta / g_m$$

$$r_o = V_A / I_C$$

Specification for Vpp swing = Vcc - 5 =

KT/q =	0.025887	Volts
Vth =	4.65	Volts
Rth = R1//R2 =	7.67	Kohm
IB =	26.17	uA
IC =	3.92	mA
VCE at Q point =	15.00	Volts
VCE at Q point =	8.23	Volts
gm =	0.152	mho
ra =	0.389	Kohm
ro =	12.74	Kohm
Rin = ra//R1//R2 =	0.876	Kohm
Rout = ro// Rc =	1.729	Kohm
Av = Vo/Vs (with no RL) =	-262.08	V/V
Av = Vo/Vs (include RL) =	-140.58	V/V
Vin/Vs =	1.00	V/V
Av = Vo/Vs (include Rs) =	-140.58	V/V
Vo p-p =	12.00	Volts

$$A_v = - (R_c // R_L) / R_{e1}$$

5% Standard Values											
Decade multiples are available from 10 Ω through 22 MΩ											
10	11	12	13	15	16	18	20	22	24	27	30
33	36	39	43	47	51	56	62	68	75	82	91

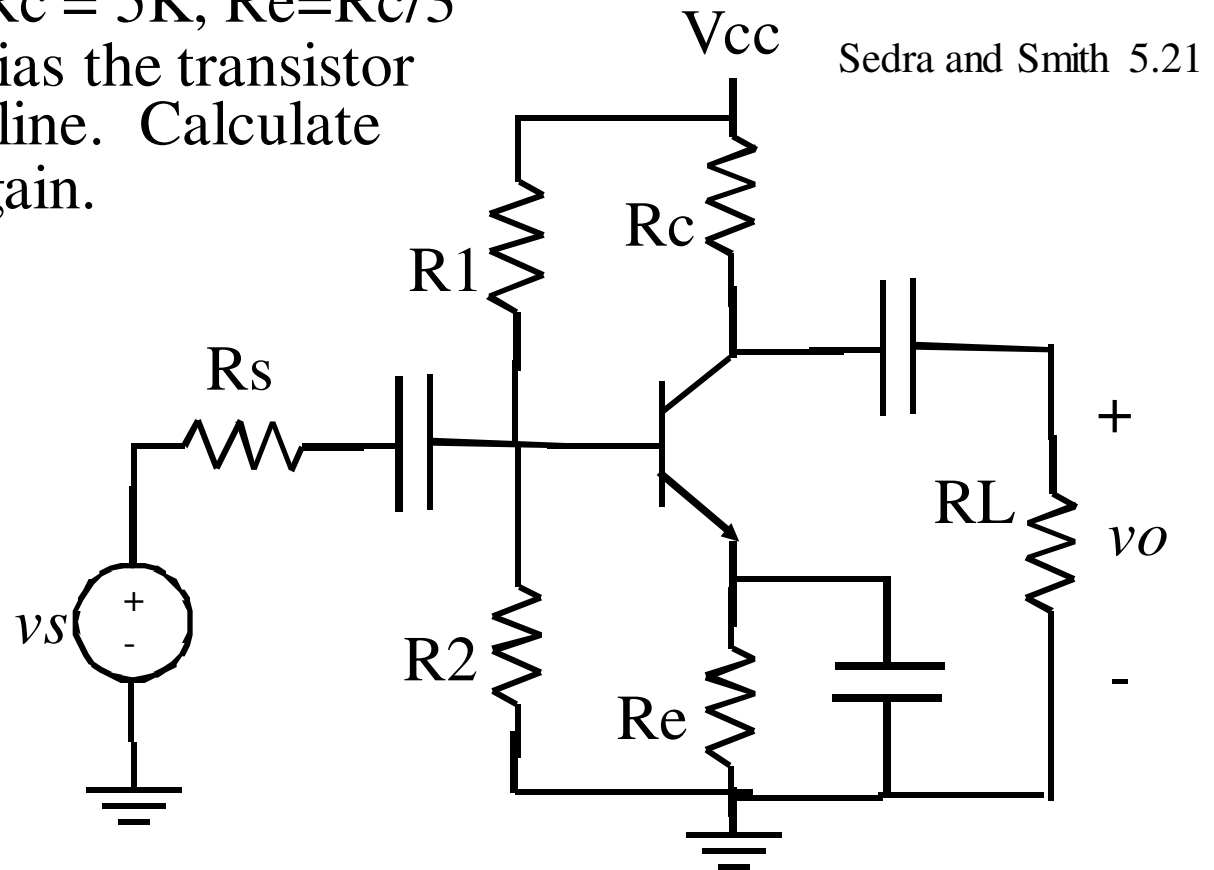
10% Standard Values											
Decade multiples are available from 10 Ω through 1 MΩ											
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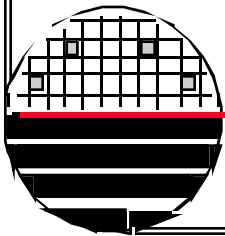
## CE BJT AMPLIFIER EXAMPLE 3 (DESIGN)

Example: If  $V_{CC} = 20V$ ,  $R_C = 5K$ ,  $R_E = R_C/3$   
 $\beta = 200$  Find  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  to bias the transistor  
 in the middle of the load line. Calculate  
 the small signal voltage gain.

Repeat for  $\beta = 100, 300$



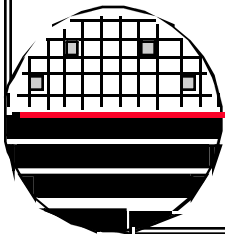
Note: capacitors are a short at frequency of interest.  $R_E$  provides less sensitivity of Q point to Beta.  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  give lower equivalent value of  $R_B$  and less noise.



### *DESIGN CALCULATIONS FOR CIRCUIT ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE*

Approach:

1. Pick supply voltage,  $V_{CC}$ .
2. Pick IC where transistor has good Beta, etc.
3. Choose  $V_B$  between  $V_{CC}/4$  and  $V_{CC}/2$  say  $V_{CC}/3$
4. Set  $I_1 = 10 I_B$  find  $R_1$
5. Set  $I_2 = 9 I_B$  find  $R_2$
6. Calculate  $R_E$  to get IC
7. Calculate  $R_C$  to place  $V_{CE}$  near middle of DC load line.
8. Calculate  $g_m$ ,  $r_\pi$ ,  $r_o$
9. Draw ac equivalent circuit, include selection of  $R_L$  and  $R_S$
10. Calculate  $v_o/v_i$ ,  $r_{in}$  and  $r_{out}$



## SPREAD SHEET CE BJT DESIGN

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CE-BJT-Design.XLS  
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CALCULATIONS:

$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T}$$

$$r_{\pi} = \beta / g_m$$

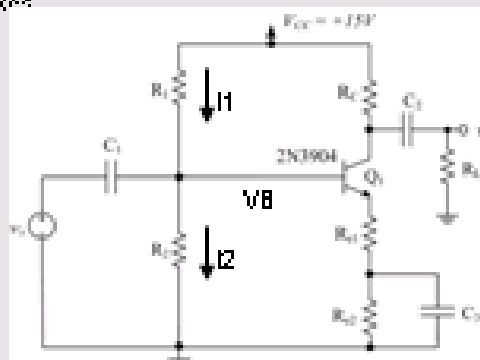
$$r_o = V_A / I_C$$

CALCULATIONS FOR CE BJT AMPLIFIER DESIGN

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1. Choose  $V_{CEQ} = V_B = V_{CE}/2$
2. Set  $I_E = 10 \mu A$  Calculate  $R_1$
3. Set  $I_E = 9 \mu A$  Calculate  $R_2$
4. Set  $(R_{e1} + R_{e2})$  to get  $I_C$ .
5. Set  $R_C$  to meet the output voltage swing specification (remember to consider both VCC supply and transistor saturation).
6. Use smallsignal gain to determine  $R_{e1}$ .
7. Round calculated resistor values to standard 5% tolerance values, then analyze the resulting design to verify that it meets the design specifications.



KT/q =	0.02583	Volts
IC =	6.00	mA
IE =	30.00	uA
Vpp swing =	10.00	Volts
R1 =	33.33	Kohm
R2 =	18.52	Kohm
RC =	1.65	Kohm
gm =	0.231773	mho
π =	0.862913	Kohm
ro =	16.67	Kohm
Rin = (π*(β+1)Re1)/R1/R2 =	5.572	Kohm
Rout = ro// Rc =	1.501	Kohm
Re1 =	47.83	ohm
Re2 =	665.28	ohm
Vin/Vs =	0.98	

$$A_v = - (R_c / R_L) / R_{e1}$$

CE-BJT-Design.xls

CONSTANTS

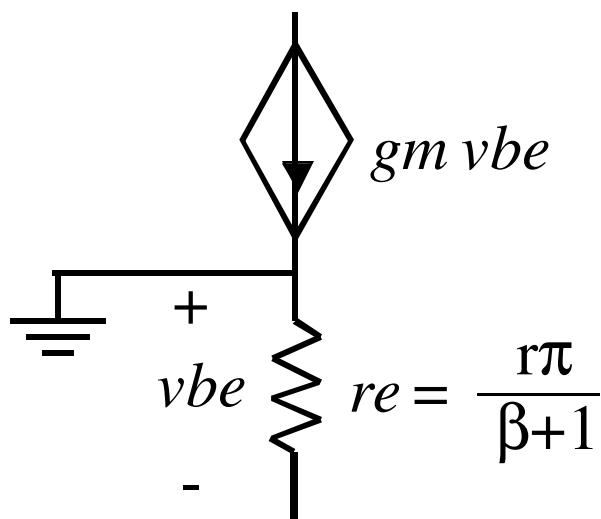
VARIABLES

K	1.38E-23	J/K			
q	1.60E-19	Coul	Temp =	300	K
zo	8.85E-14	F/cm	VCC =	15.00	Volts
zr	11.7		VB =	5	Volts
			Av =	23	V/V
			Re =	0.05	Kohms
			RL =	3.3	Kohms
Transistor Specifications:			From Design Specification		
Early Voltage Va =	100	Volt	vpp =	10	Volts
Beta =	200				
For best beta IC =	6	mA			

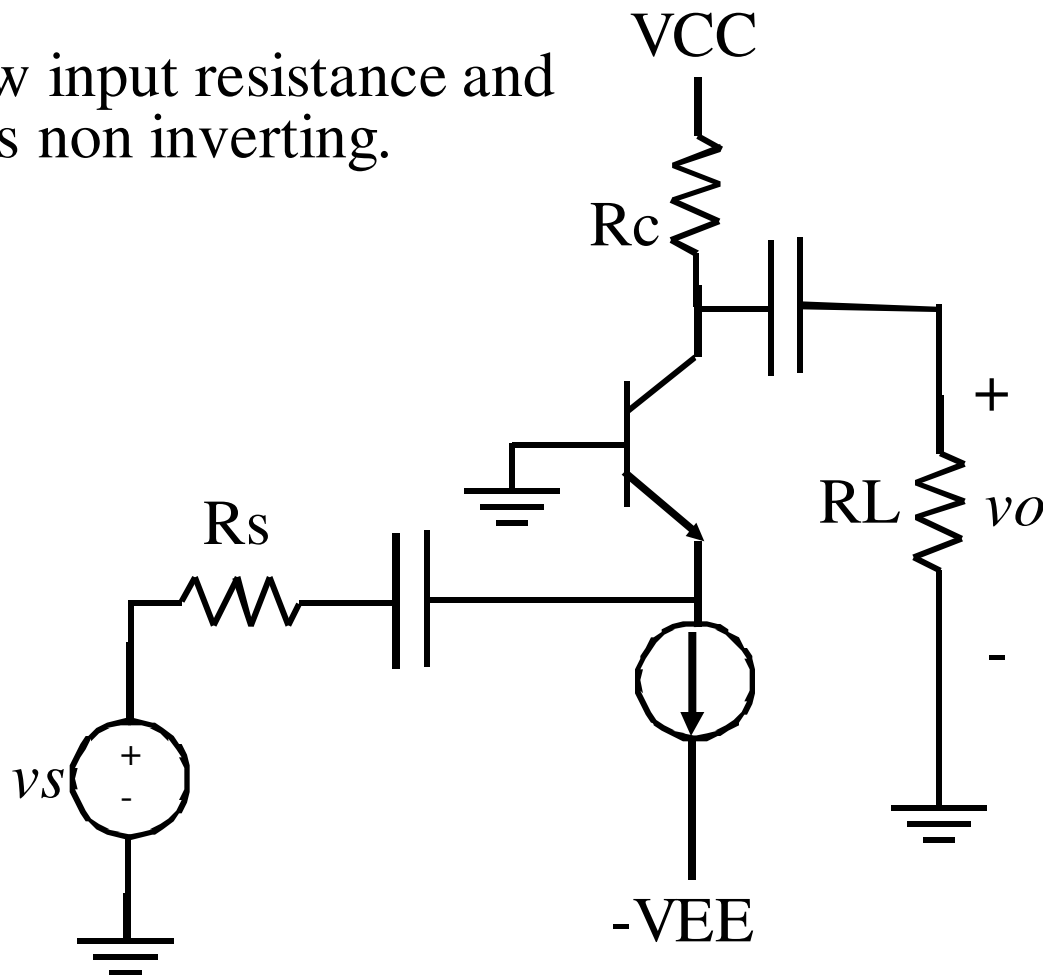


**COMMON BASE AMPLIFIER**

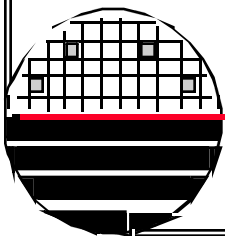
The CB BJT amplifier has low input resistance and has the same gain as CE but is non inverting.



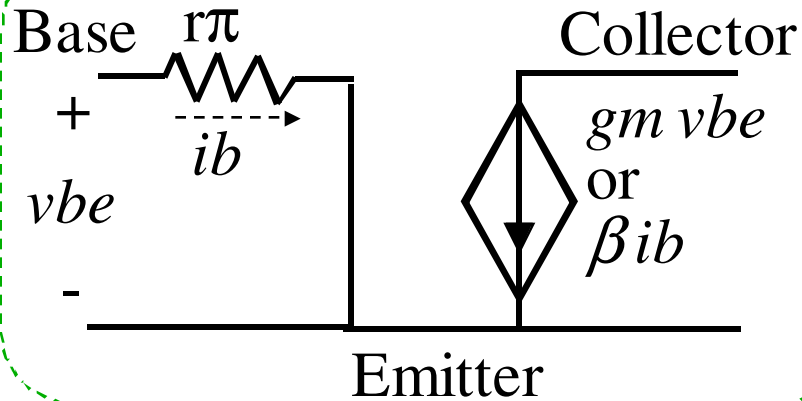
Small signal equivalent  
Circuit for CB



Note: capacitors are a short at frequency of interest



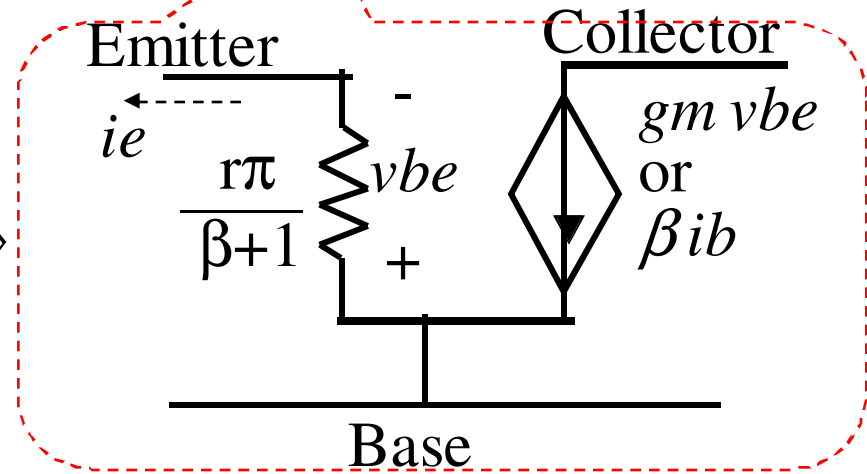
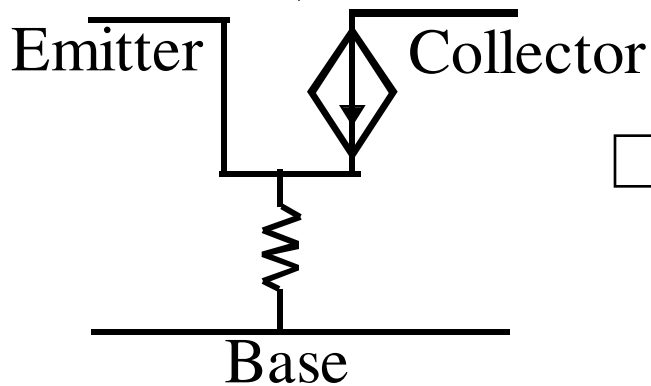
DERIVE COMMON BASE VERSION OF SMALL SIGNAL MODEL



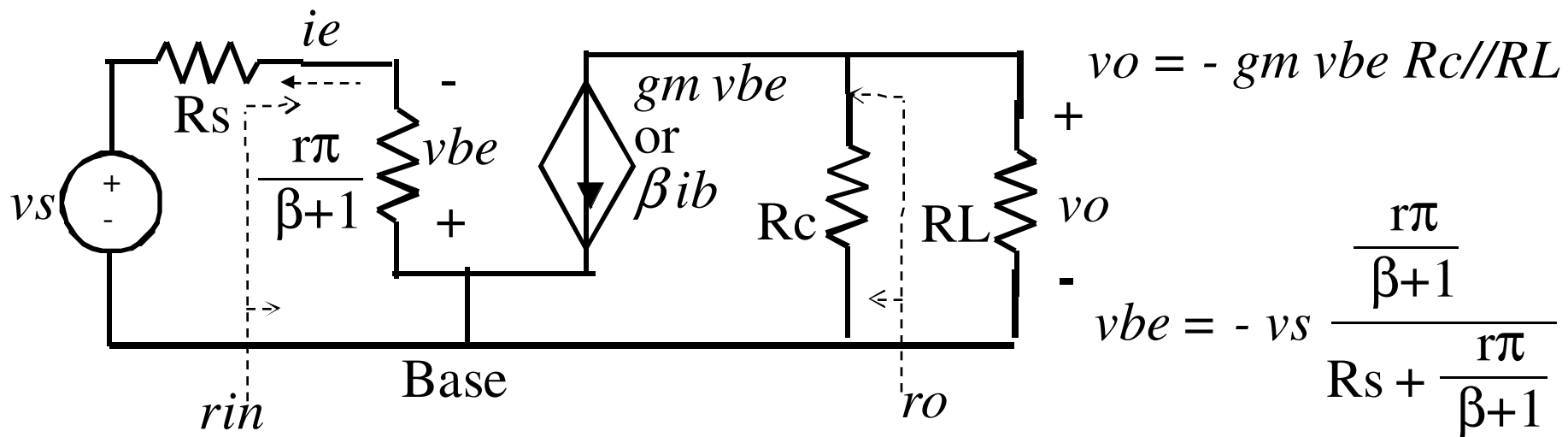
$$I_c = g_m v_{be} = g_m i_b r_{\pi}$$

$$I_c = g_m v_{be} = g_m i_e \frac{r_{\pi}}{\beta+1}$$

$$= g_m i_b (\beta+1) \frac{r_{\pi}}{\beta+1}$$



**CB AMPLIFIER VOLTAGE GAIN**

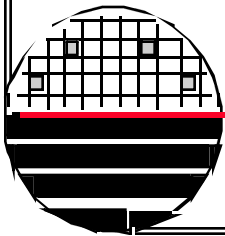


$$r_{in} = \frac{r_\pi}{\beta+1}$$

$$r_o = R_c$$

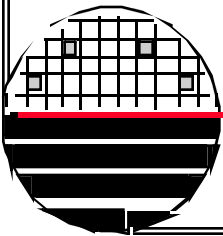
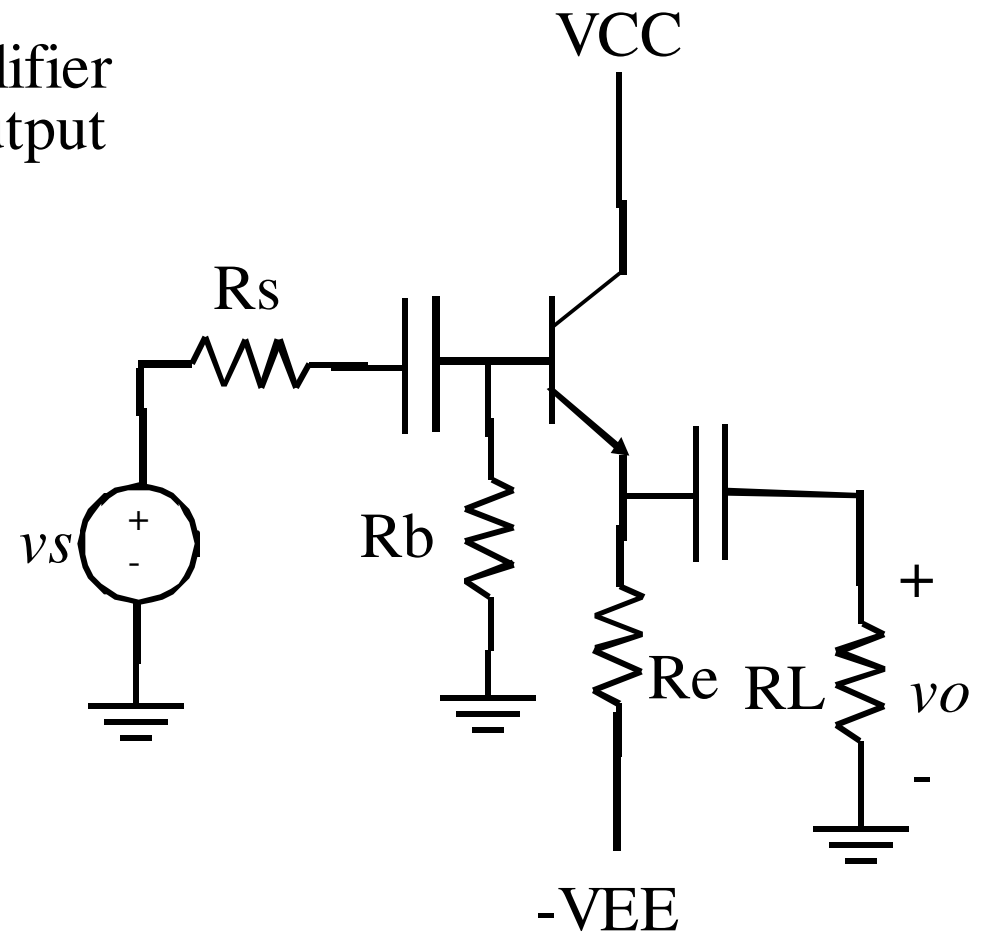
$$\frac{v_o}{v_s} = g_m \frac{\frac{r_\pi}{\beta+1}}{R_s + \frac{r_\pi}{\beta+1}} R_c // R_L$$

If  $R_s=0$  same  $v_o/v_s$  as CE amplifier (but non inverting)

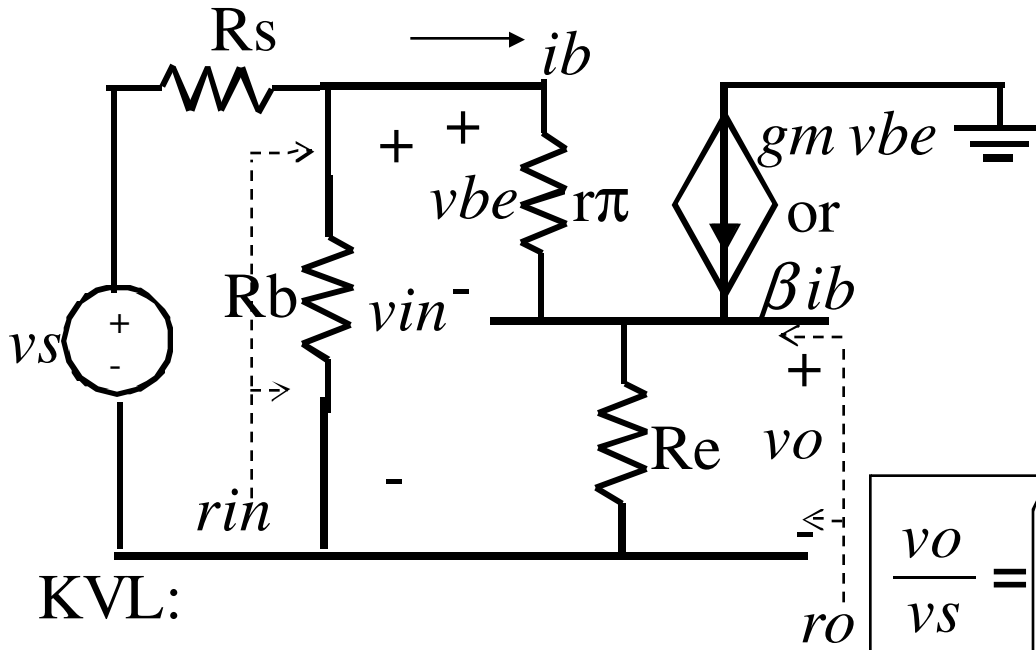


### COMMON COLLECTOR AMPLIFIER

The CC or emitter follower amplifier has high input resistance, low output resistance and voltage gain  $\sim 1$



CC SMALL SIGNAL ANALYSIS (RIN, VOLTAGE GAIN)



$$v_o = R_e (\beta + 1) i_b$$

$$v_{in} = v_s \frac{R_b // R_{in}'}{R_s + R_b // R_{in}'}$$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_s} = \frac{v_o}{i_b} \frac{i_b}{v_{in}} \frac{v_{in}}{v_s}$$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_s} = \left[ \frac{R_e (\beta + 1)}{r\pi + R_e (\beta + 1)} \right] \left[ \frac{R_b // R_{in}'}{R_s + R_b // R_{in}'} \right]$$

KVL:

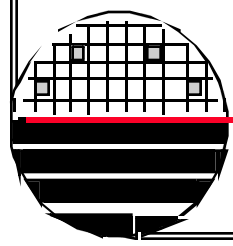
$$i_b r\pi + R_e (\beta + 1) i_b - v_{in} = 0$$

$$i_b = \frac{v_{in}}{r\pi + R_e (\beta + 1)} \longrightarrow R_{in}' = v_{in}/i_b = r\pi + R_e (\beta + 1)$$

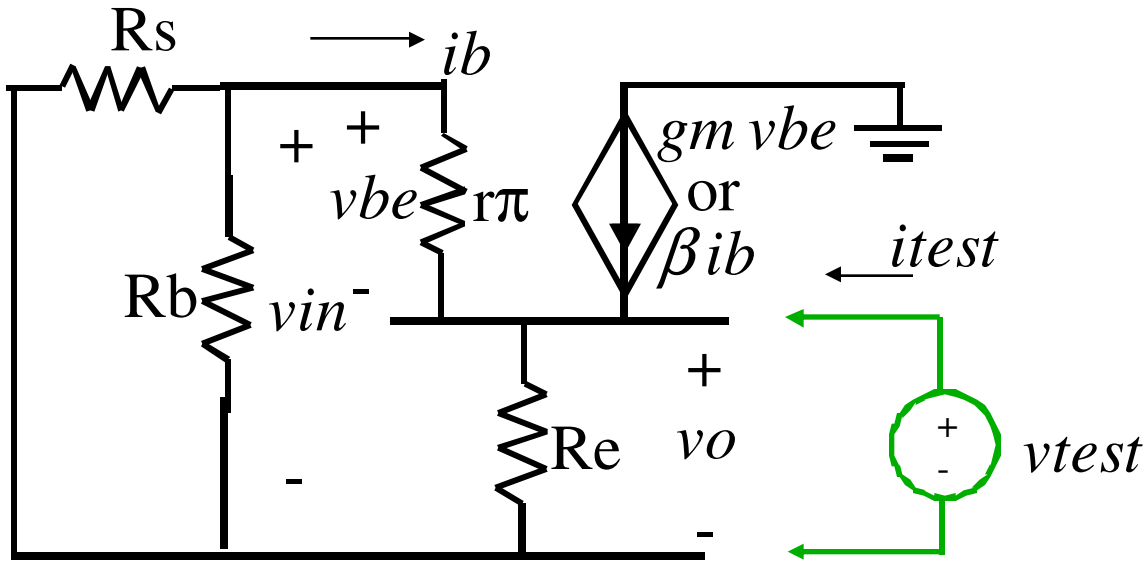
Can be ~1

$$R_{in} = R_b // R_{in}' = R_b // [r\pi + R_e (\beta + 1)]$$

Can be high



## CC SMALL SIGNAL ANALYSIS (OUTPUT RESISTANCE)



$$R_o = v_{test}/i_{test}$$

$$R_o = R_e // \frac{(r_{\pi} + R_x)}{(1 + \beta)}$$

Can be low

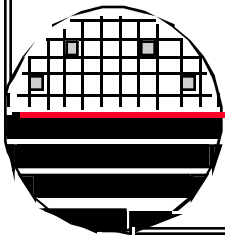
Let  $R_x = R_s // R_b$

KCL:

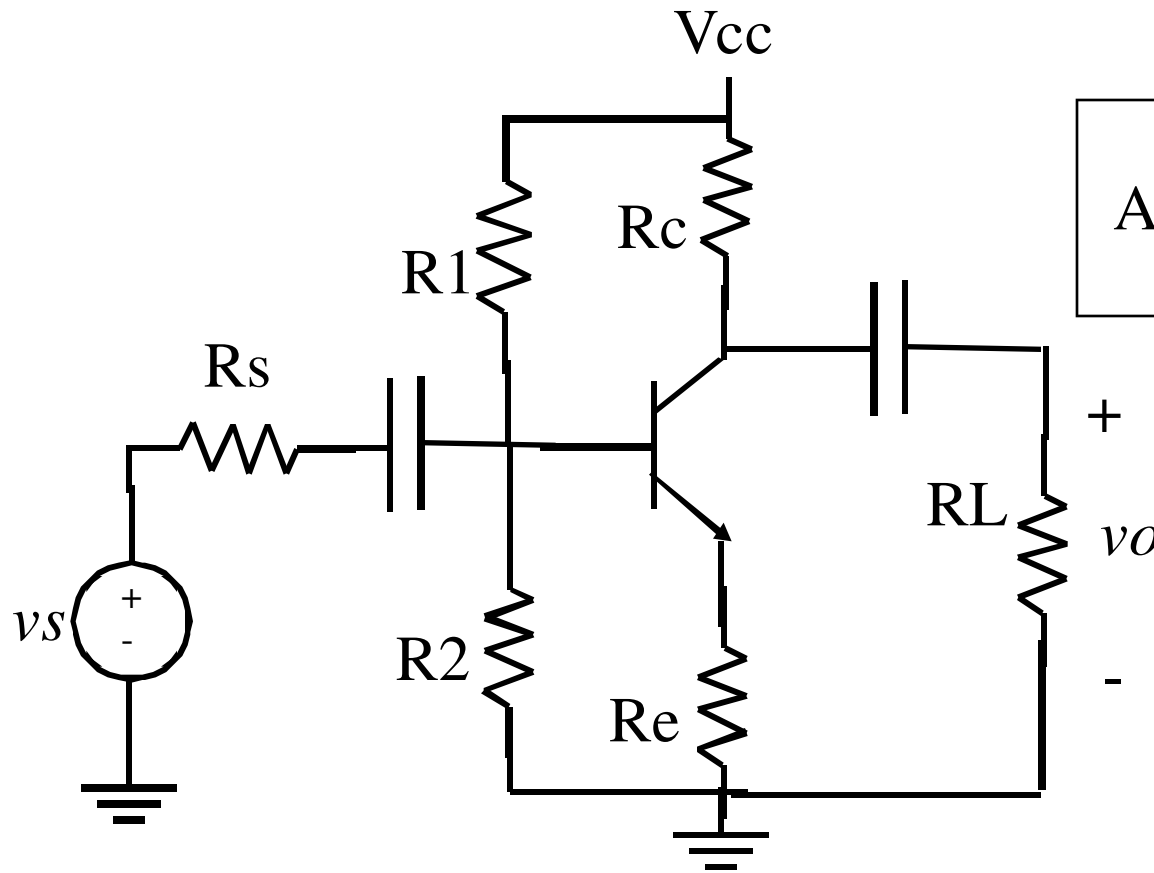
$$i_{test} = \frac{v_{test}}{R_e} + \frac{v_{test}}{(r_{\pi} + R_x)} - \beta i_b$$

$$\text{and } i_b = -\frac{v_{test}}{(r_{\pi} + R_x)}$$

$$i_{test} = \frac{v_{test}}{R_e} + \frac{v_{test}}{(r_{\pi} + R_x)} (1 + \beta)$$



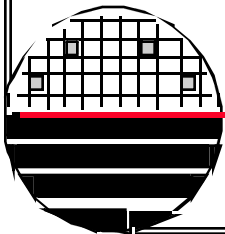
**CE AMPLIFIER WITH EMITTER FEEDBACK**



$$A_v = \frac{-\beta (R_c // R_L)}{(\beta + 1)(r_e + R_e)}$$

Where  $r_e = r_{\pi} / (\beta + 1)$

$$A_v \approx -\frac{R_c // R_L}{R_e}$$

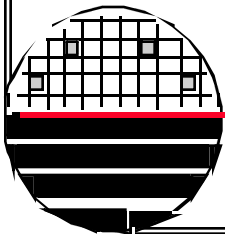


### SUMMARY FOR SINGLE TRANSISTOR AMPLIFIERS

	<b>CE</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>CE plus Re</b>
<b>R<sub>in</sub></b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Highest</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>R<sub>o</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>c</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>c</sub></b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>R<sub>c</sub></b>
<b>A<sub>v</sub> = v<sub>o</sub>/v<sub>in</sub></b>	<b>High</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>&lt;1</b>	<b>~R<sub>c</sub>/R<sub>e</sub></b>

If you wish to include the effect of the source resistance  $R_S$  on overall voltage gain  $v_o/v_s$  then reduce the gain by multiplying  $v_o/v_{in}$  by  $R_{in}/(R_{in}+R_S)$

If you wish to include the effect of a load resistor  $R_L$  on the overall voltage gain  $v_o/v_s$  then replace  $R_c$  with  $R_c//R_L$





## SUMMARY FOR SINGLE TRANSISTOR AMPLIFIERS

$$\alpha = I_C / I_E$$

$$\beta = I_C / I_B$$

$$\alpha = \beta / (\beta + 1)$$

$$\beta = \alpha / (1 - \alpha)$$

$R_{th}$  = Thevenin equivalent of Base DC Bias network

	CE	CB	CC	CE plus $R_e$
<b>R<sub>in</sub></b>	$r_{\pi} // R_{th}$	$[r_{\pi} / (\beta + 1)] // R_{th}$	$R_{th} / [r_{\pi} + (\beta + 1)(R_E // R_L)]$	$R_{th} / [r_{\pi} + (\beta + 1)R_E]$
<b>R<sub>o</sub></b>	$R_C // r_o$	$R_C // r_o$	$R_E // [(r_{\pi} + (R_S // R_{th})) / (\beta + 1)]$	$R_C // r_o$
<b>A<sub>v</sub> = v<sub>o</sub>/v<sub>in</sub></b>	$-g_m (R_C // R_L // r_o)$	$+g_m (R_C // R_L // r_o)$	$\frac{(R_E // R_L) (\beta + 1)}{r_{\pi} + (R_E // R_L) (\beta + 1)} = \sim 1$	$\sim R_C / R_E$

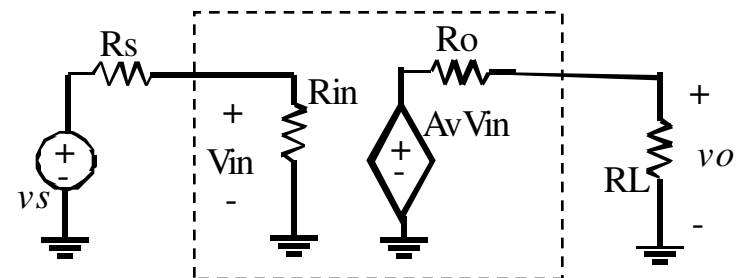
$$g_m = I_C / V_T$$

Where  $V_T = K T / q$   
= 0.026 at room T

$$r_o = V_A / I_C$$

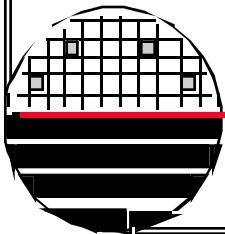
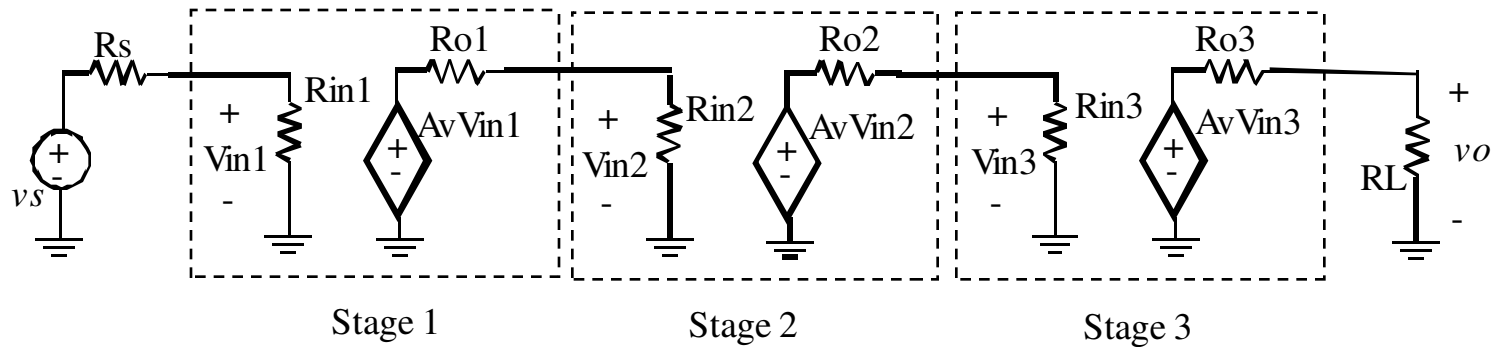
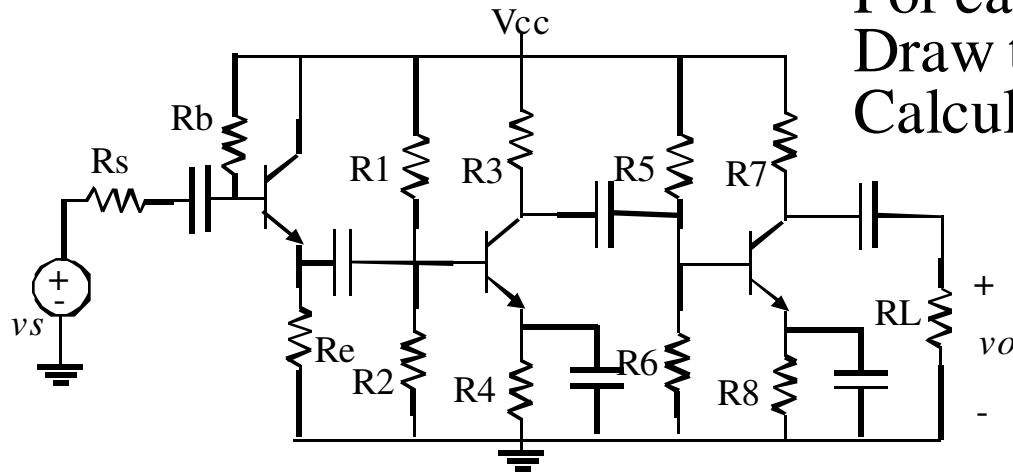
Where  $V_A$  = Early Voltage

$$r_{\pi} = \beta / g_m$$



**AC COUPLED MULTISTAGE AMPLIFIERS**

For each stage calculate  $I_C$ ,  $g_m$ ,  $r_\pi$ ,  $r_o$   
 Draw the ac equivalent circuit  
 Calculate the output voltage



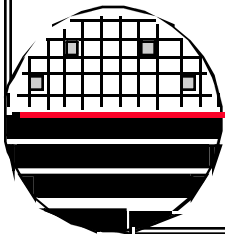
***TWO TRANSISTOR DC COUPLED AMPLIFIERS***

**CC-CE**

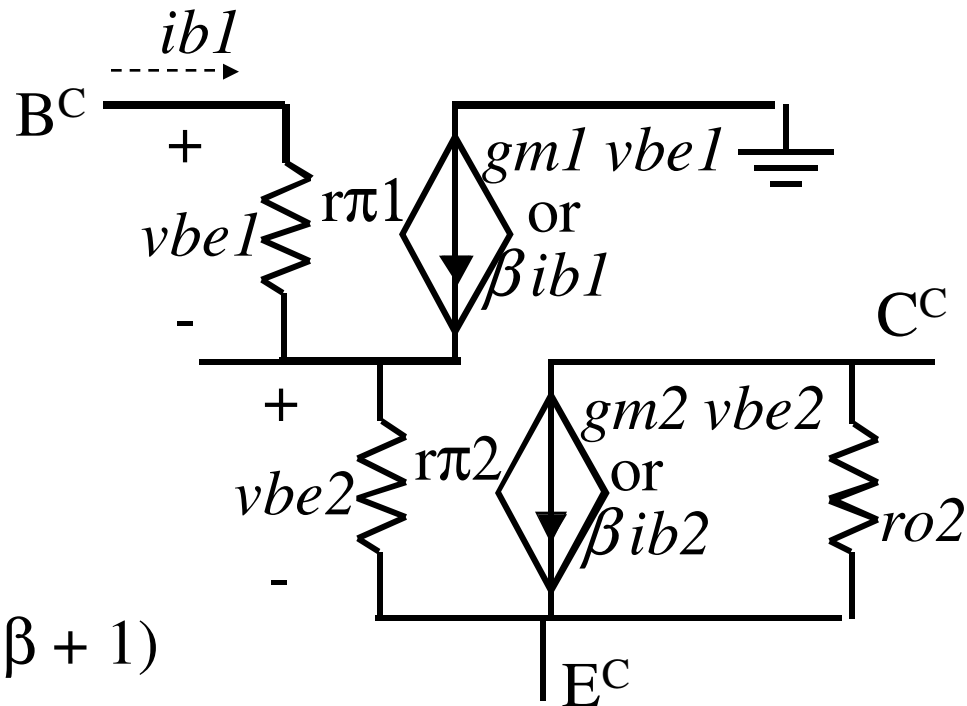
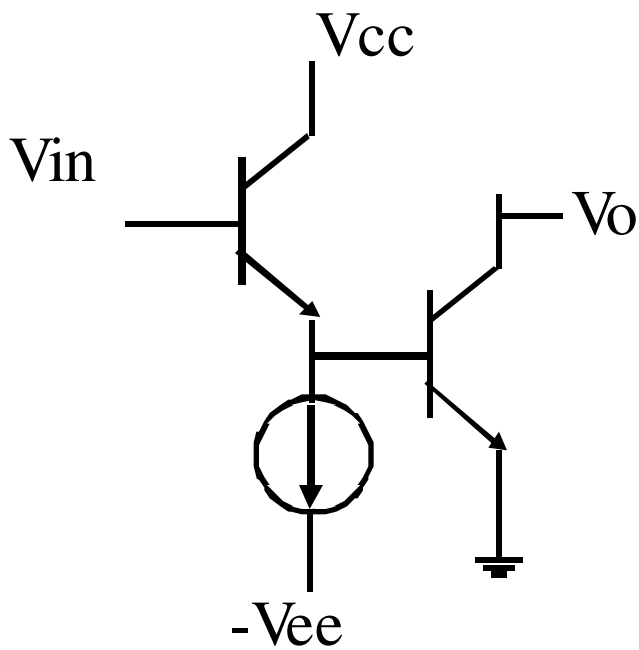
**CC-CC**

**Darlington**

**CE-CB (Cascode)**



CC-CE AND CC-CC CONFIGURATION

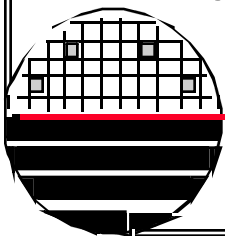


$$\beta^C = \beta (\beta + 1)$$

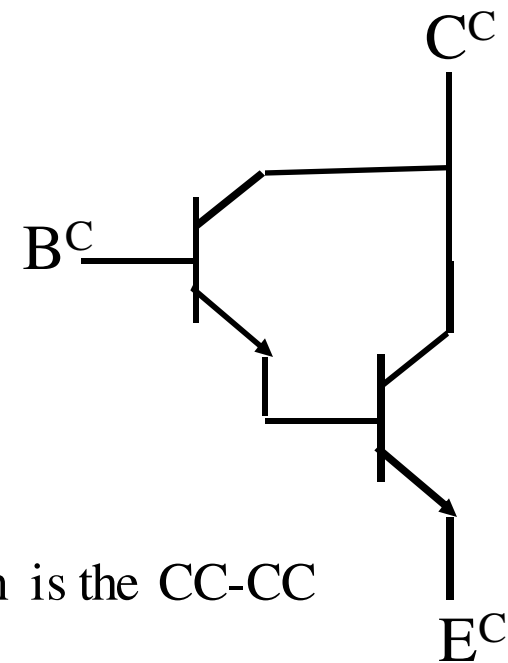
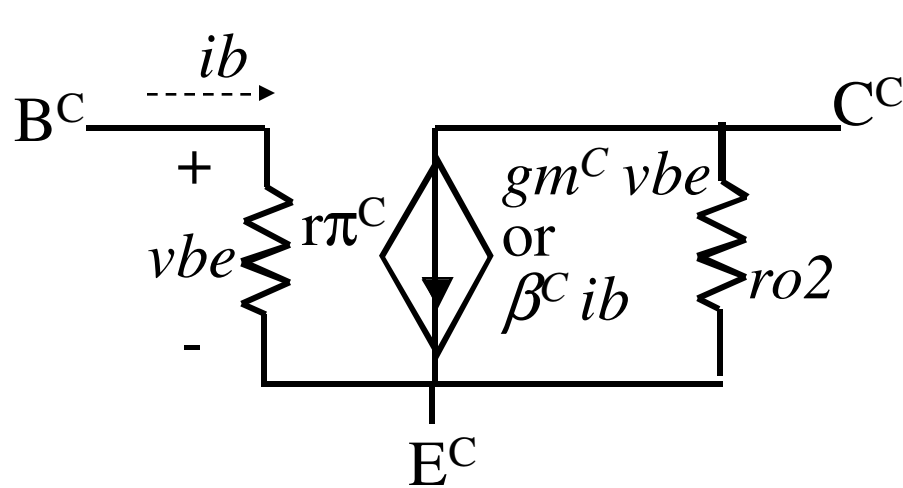
$r\pi^C =$  combined CC-CE input resistance  $= r\pi1 + (\beta + 1) r\pi2$

$$ro^C = ro2$$

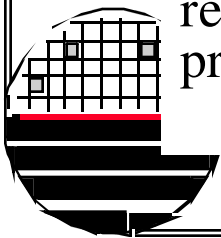
$$gm^C = \left[ \frac{gm2}{1 + \frac{r\pi1}{(\beta+1)r\pi2}} \right]$$



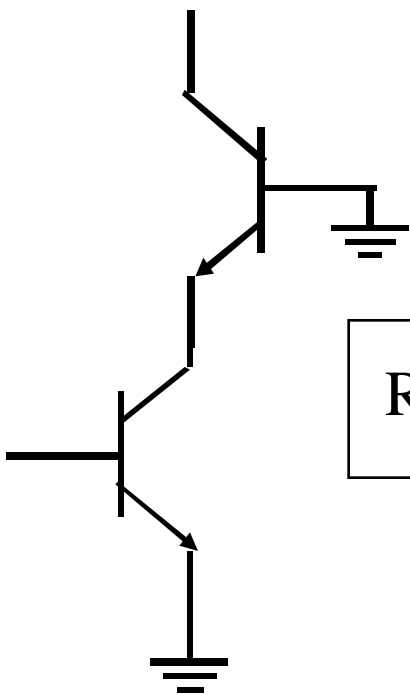
**DARLINGTON CONFIGURATION**



1. The darlington, when used in the CC configuration is the CC-CC configuration already discussed.
2. In the common emitter configuration the darlington is similar to the CC-CE configuration except that the collector of Q1 does not go to the supply, but rather it goes to the output. This reduces the output resistance and increases the input capacitance. Thus the CC-CE is preferred over the darlington.

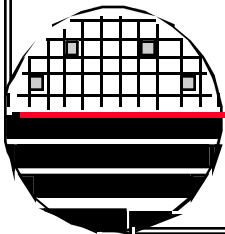
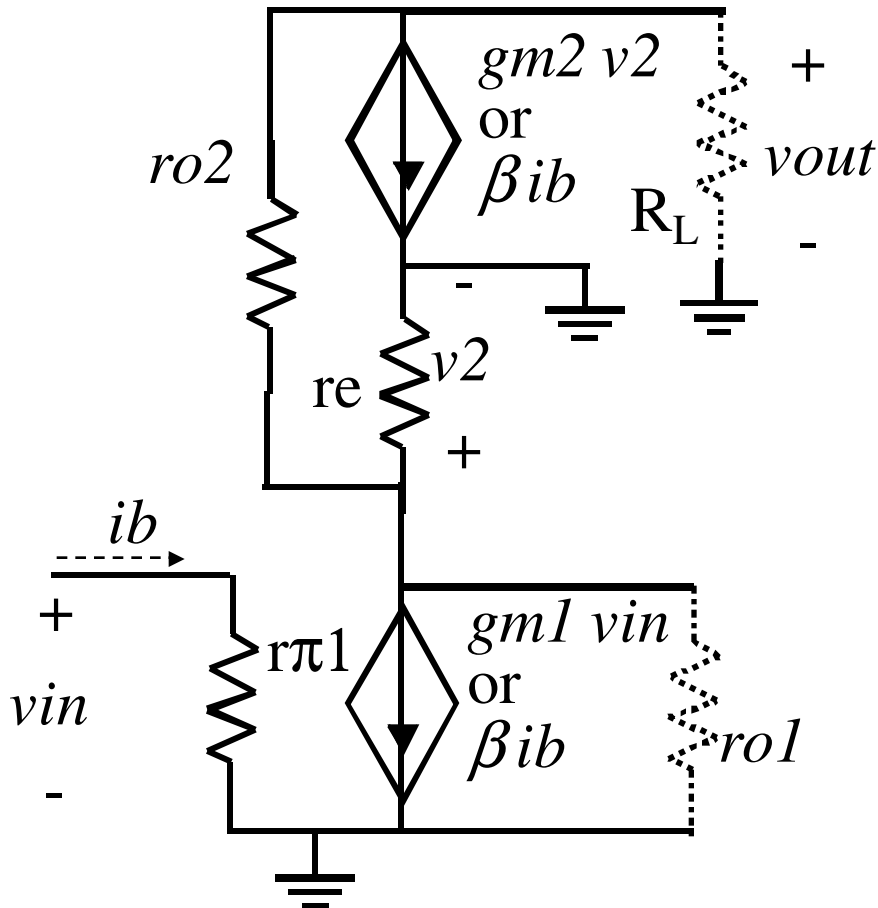


**CE-CB CASCODE CONFIGURATION**



$R_{in} = r_{\pi 1}$

Note:  $r_{o1}$  is in parallel with  $r_e$  so we can neglect  $r_{o1}$



**CE-CB CASCODE CONFIGURATION**

Note: if the load is a current source then  $R_L$  is infinite and  $g_{m2} v_2$  flows in  $r_{o2}$  only.

Thus 
$$v_2 = (g_{m1} V_{in} + g_{m2} v_2) r_e$$

So  $(1 - g_{m2} r_e) v_2 = g_{m1} r_e V_{in}$  which gives us  $v_2/V_{in}$

and  $V_{out} = -g_{m2} v_2 r_{o2} - v_2$

or  $V_{out} = -(g_{m2} r_{o2} + 1) v_2$

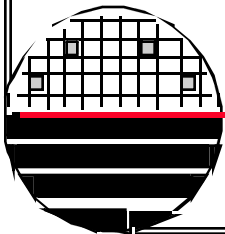
$$A_v = V_{out}/V_{in} = V_{out}/v_2 \times v_2/v_{in} = -(g_{m2} r_{o2} + 1) \frac{g_{m1} r_e}{(1 - g_{m2} r_e)}$$

neglect  $\nearrow$

But  $\alpha = I_c/I_e = g_{m2} v_2 / (v_2/r_e) = g_{m2} r_e$

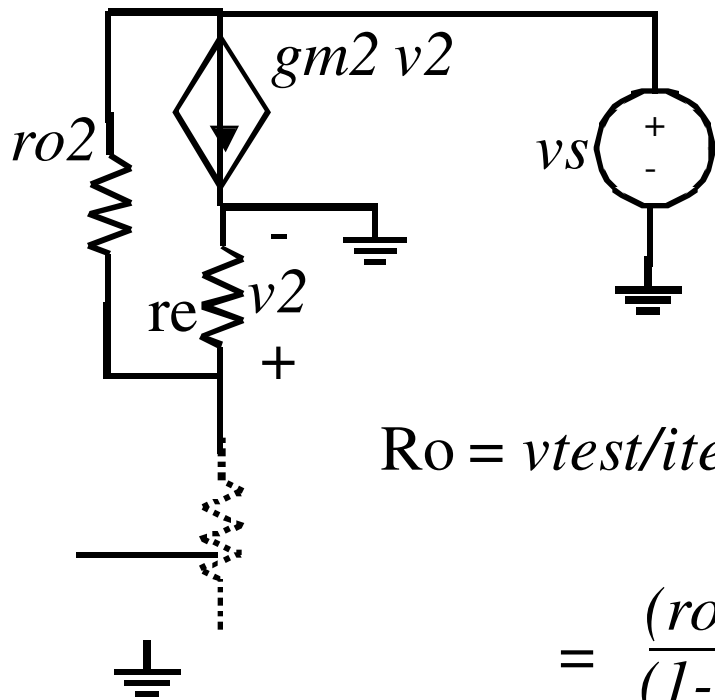
And  $\alpha / (1 - \alpha) = \beta$

Thus 
$$A_v = g_{m2} r_{o2} \beta$$



**CE-CB CASCODE CONFIGURATION**

$R_{o^c}$  is found by “killing” the input source and calculating  $v_{test}/i_{test}$  applied to the output.

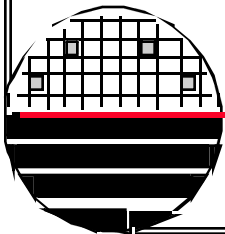


$$i_{test} = g_{m2} v_2 - v_2/r_{e2}$$

$$v_{test} = - (v_2/r_{e2} r_{o2} + v_2)$$

$$R_o = v_{test}/i_{test} = \frac{-((r_{o2}/r_{e2}) + 1)}{r_{o1}(g_{m2} - 1/r_{e2})} = \frac{-((r_{o2}) + \overset{\text{neglect}}{r_{e2}})}{(g_{m2} r_{e2} - 1)}$$

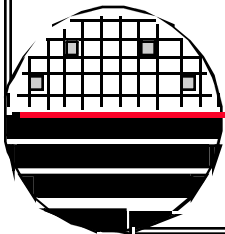
$$= \frac{(r_{o2})}{(1 - g_{m2} r_{e2})} = \boxed{r_{o2} \beta = R_o}$$





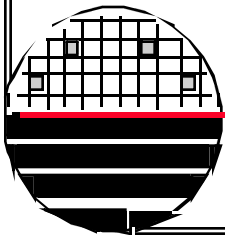
*CE-CB CASCODE CONFIGURATION*

Summary:  $R_{in} = r_{\pi 1}$   
 $R_{out} = r_{o2} \beta$   
 $A_v = g_{m2} r_{o2} \beta$   
(no miller capacitance)



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***HOMEWORK – BJT AMPLIFIERS 2012***

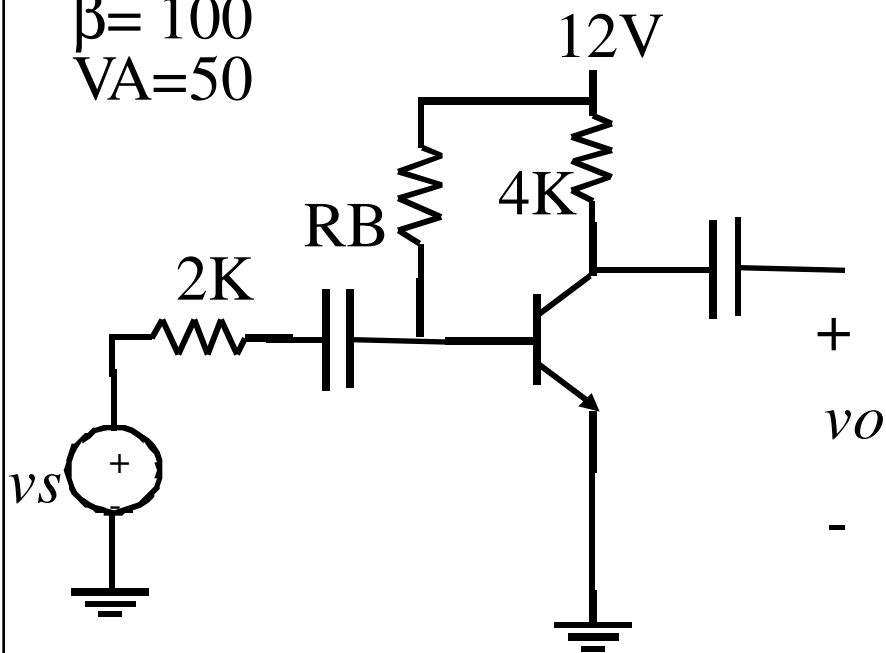
1. Derive the equation on page 4 for  $\delta V_{out}/\delta V_{in}$ .
2. Calculate the maximum possible voltage gain for a CE amplifier when biased by an ideal current source ( $R_C$  is infinite) and  $R_s = 0$  and  $R_L$  is infinite. State appropriate assumptions.
3. Calculate the voltage gain, input resistance and output resistance of the circuits provided below.
  - 3.1 Simple CE
  - 3.2 CE
  - 3.3 CC
4. Make a spread sheet that will do the calculations for the circuit in problem 3.3.
5. Calculate the voltage gain for the multistage amplifier circuit shown below.

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Pro 3.1

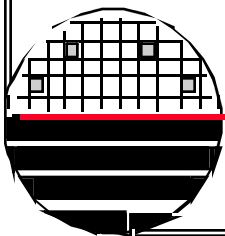
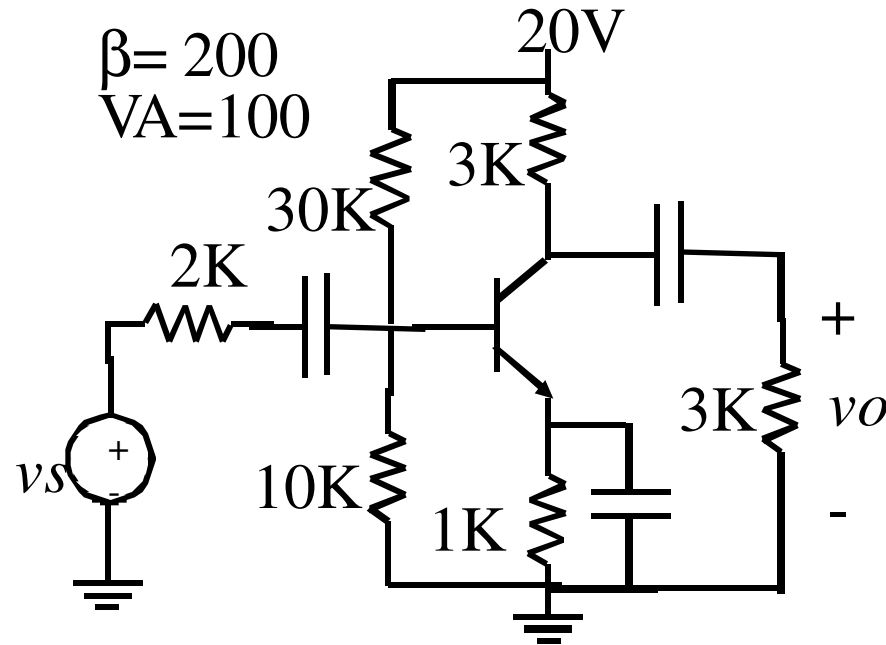
Find  $R_B$  to make  $I_C = 2 \text{ mA}$

$\beta = 100$   
 $V_A = 50$



Pro 3.2

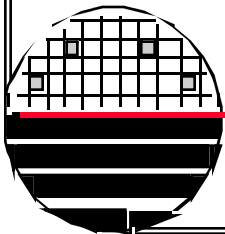
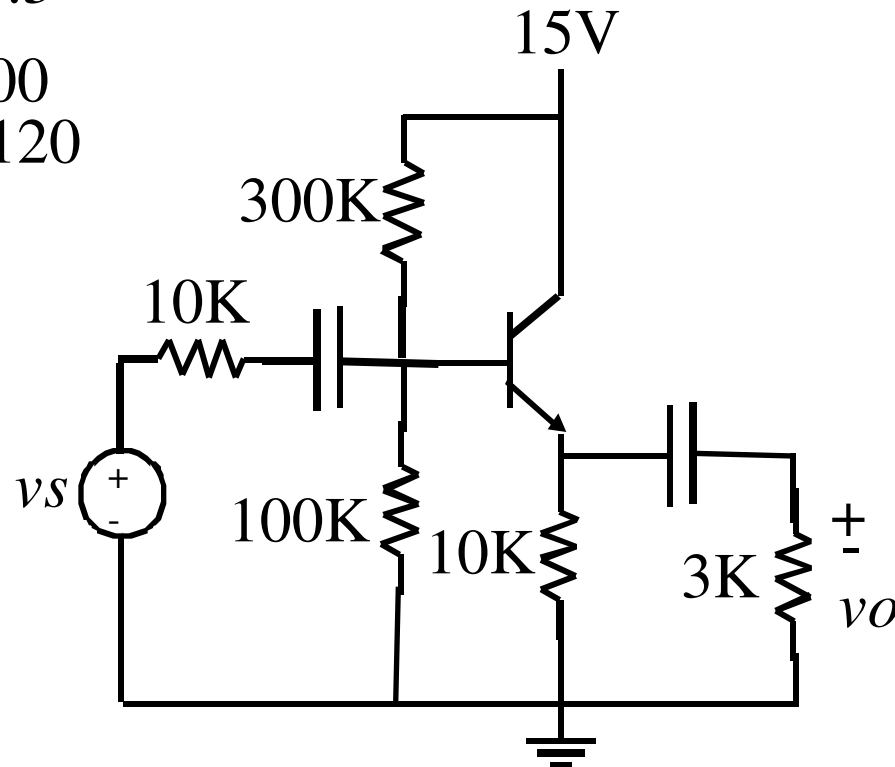
$\beta = 200$   
 $V_A = 100$



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Pro 3.3

$\beta = 300$   
 $V_A = 120$

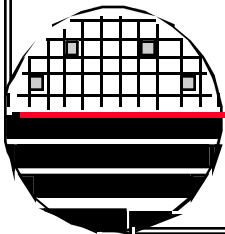
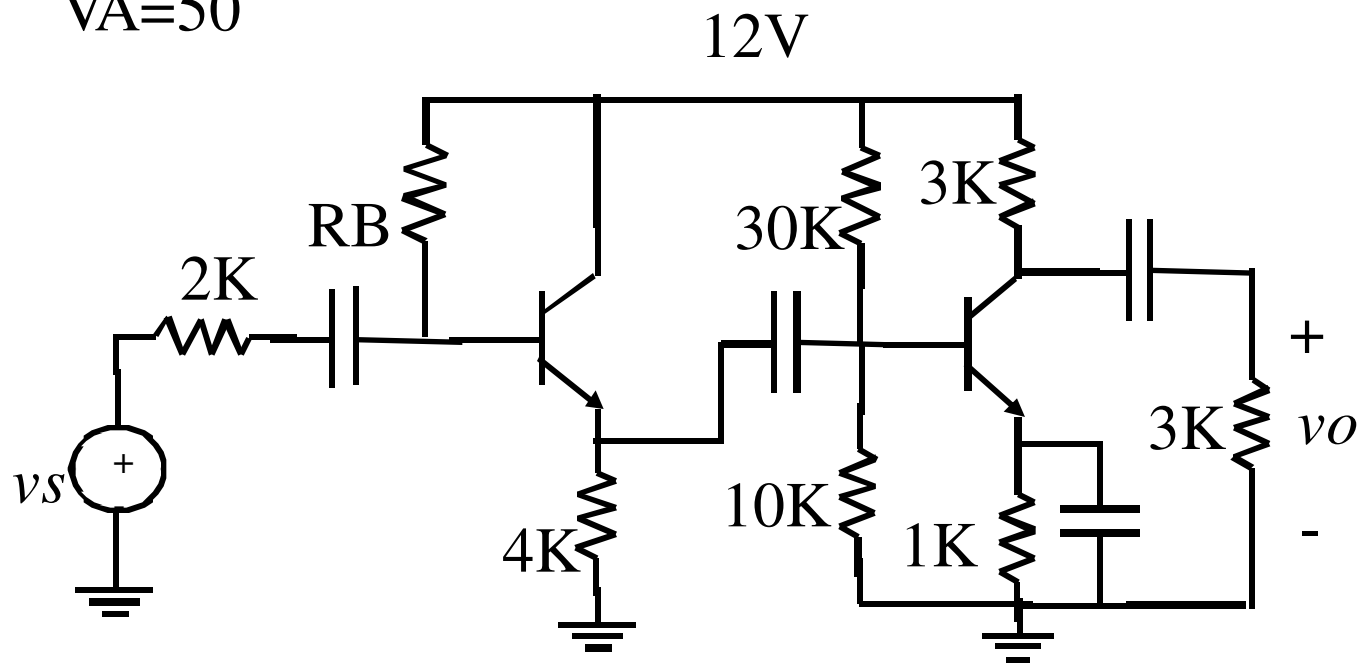


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Pro 5

$\beta = 100$

$V_A = 50$



### *BJT SPICE PARAMETERS*

Name	Parameter	Unit	Default
<b>IS</b>	transport saturation current	A	1.0E-16
<b>BF</b>	ideal maximum forward beta	-	100
NF	forward current emission coefficient	-	1.0
VAF	forward Early voltage	V	infinite
<b>IKF</b>	corner for forward beta high current roll-off	A	infinite
<b>ISE</b>	B-E leakage saturation current	A	1.0E-13
<b>NE</b>	B-E leakage emission coefficient	-	1.5
BR	Ideal maximum reverse beta	-	1
NR	reverse current emission coefficient	-	1
VAR	reverse Early voltage	V	infinite
IKR	corner for reverse beta high current roll-off	A	infinite
ISC	B-C leakage saturation current	A	0
NC	B-C leakage emission coefficient	-	0.5
NK	high current roll-off coefficient	-	0.5
ISS	substrate p-n saturation current	A	0
NS	substrate emission coefficient	-	0.5
RE	emitter resistance	Ohm	0
RB	zero bias base resistance	Ohm	0
RBM	minimum base resistance	Ohm	RB
IRB	current where RB falls halfway to RBM	A	infinite
RC	collector resistance	Ohm	0
CJE	B-E zero-bias depletion capacitance	F	0

### *BJT SPICE PARAMETERS*

Name	Parameter	Unit	Default
VJE	B-E built-in potential	V	0.75
MJE	B-E junction exponential factor	-	0.33
CJC	B-C zero-bias depletion capacitance	F	0
VJC	B-C built-in potential	V	0.75
MJC	B-C junction exponential factor	-	0.33
XCJC	fraction of B-C capacitance connected to base	-	1
CJS	zero bias collector substrate capacitance	F	0
VJS	substrate junction built-in potential	V	0.75
MJS	substrate junction exponential factor	-	0
FC	coeff. Forward bias depletion capacitance	-	0.5
TF	ideal forward transit time	sec	0
XTF	coefficient for bias dependence of TF	-	0
VTF	voltage describing VBC dependence of TF	V	infinite
ITF	TF dependency on IC	A	0
PTF	excess phase at freq=1.0/(TF2pi) Hz	deg	0
TR	ideal reverse transit time	sec	0
QCO	epitaxial region charge factor	Coul	0
RCO	epitaxial region resistance	Ohm	0
VO	carrier mobility knee voltage	V	10
GAMMA	epitaxial region doping factor	-	1E-11
EG	energy gap for temperature effect on IS	eV	1.11
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### *STANDARD RESISTOR VALUES*

#### **5% Standard Values**

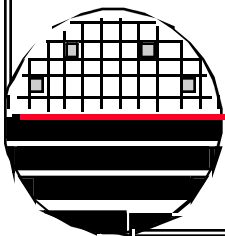
Decade multiples are available from 10  $\Omega$  through 22 M $\Omega$

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33	36	39	43	47	51	56	62	68	75	82	91

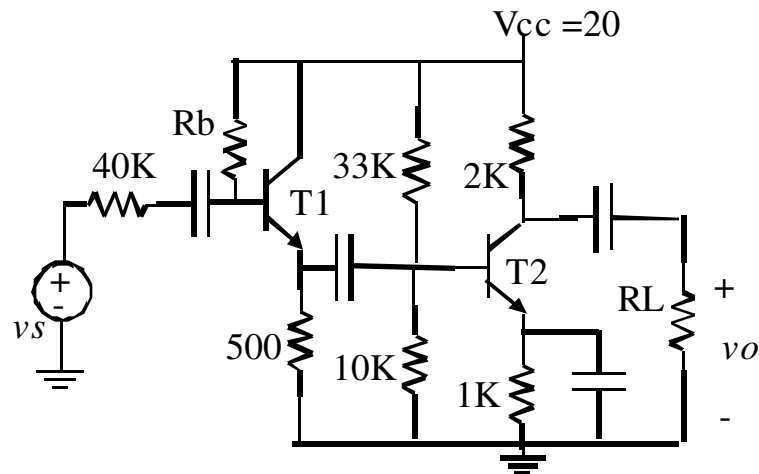
#### **10% Standard Values**

Decade multiples are available from 10  $\Omega$  through 1 M $\Omega$

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**Old Exam  
BJT Amplifiers**



Assume     Beta = 150  
                $V_A = 50$   
                $R_L = 2K$   
 Capacitors are shorts for ac  
 analysis

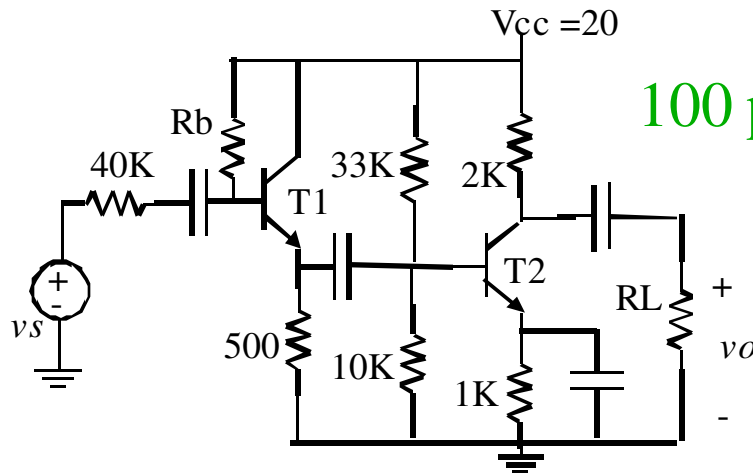
Calculate the value of  $R_b$  to bias T1 in the middle of the DC load line.

Calculate dc value of  $I_C$  for T2

Calculate  $g_m$ ,  $r_{\pi}$  and  $r_o$  for T1 and T2

Calculate the voltage gain  $v_o/v_s$

**Old Exam  
BJT Amplifiers**



**100 points total**

Assume  $\beta = 150$   
 $V_A = 50$   
 $R_L = 2K$   
 Capacitors are shorts for ac analysis

**5 points**

Load line max  $I_c$  is  $20/500 = 40 \text{ mA}$   
 KVL:  $i_b R_b + 0.7 + (\beta+1)i_b 500 - 20 = 0$   
**5 points**  $i_b = 20\text{mA}/\beta$  and  $\beta=150$   
 Find:  $R_b = 70K\text{ohm}$  **5 points**

Calculate the value of  $R_b$  to bias  $T_1$  in the middle of the DC load line.

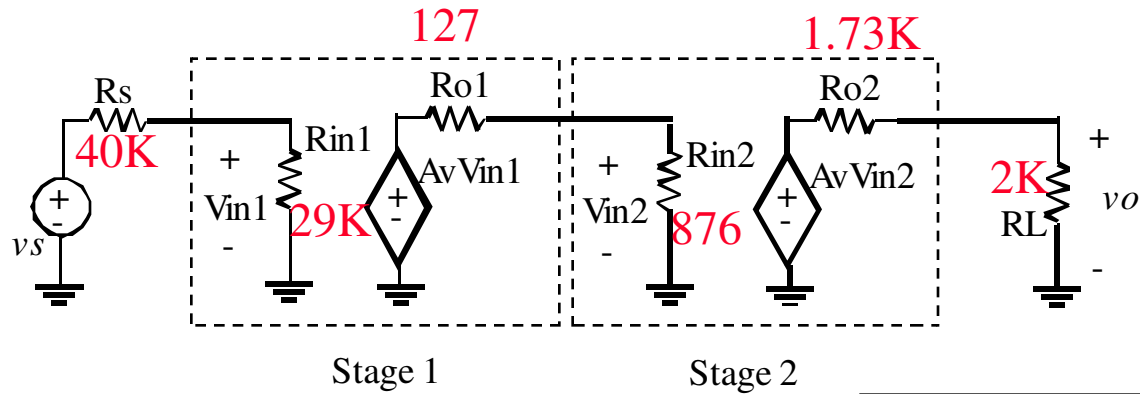
$R_{th} = 33K // 10K = 7.67K$  **5 points**  
 $V_{th} = (20) 10K / (10K + 33K) = 4.65 \text{ volts}$   
 KVL:  $i_b R_{th} + 0.7 + (\beta+1)i_b 1K - V_{th} = 0$  **5 points**  
 Find:  $i_b = 26.2 \mu\text{A}$  and  $I_c = 3.92 \text{ mA}$  **5 points**

Calculate dc value of  $I_C$  for  $T_2$

Calculate  $g_m$ ,  $r_{\pi}$  and  $r_o$  for  $T_1$  and  $T_2$

	$g_m = I_c / V_T$ <b>5 points</b>	$r_{\pi} = \beta / g_m$ <b>5 points</b>	$r_o = V_A / I_C$ <b>5 points</b>
For $T_1$ :	$g_m = 20\text{mA} / 0.026 = 0.769 \text{ S}$	$r_{\pi} = 150 / g_m = 195 \text{ ohm}$	$r_o = 50 / 20\text{mA} = 2.5K$
For $T_2$	$g_m = 3.92\text{mA} / 0.026 = 0.151 \text{ S}$	$r_{\pi} = 150 / g_m = 0.989K\text{ohm}$	$r_o = 50 / 3.92\text{mA} = 12.7K$

Calculate the voltage gain  $v_o/v_s$



$$R_{in1} = (r\pi + (\beta+1)(R_e // R_{in2})) // R_B = 29\text{K} \quad \text{5 points}$$

$$R_{o1} = (r\pi + R_B // R_s) / (\beta+1) // R_e = 127\text{ohms} \quad \text{5 points}$$

$$A_{v1} = 1 \quad \text{5 points}$$

$$R_{in2} = r\pi // R_{th} = 0.876\text{K} \quad \text{5 points}$$

$$R_{o2} = R_c // r_o = 1.73\text{K} \quad \text{5 points}$$

$$A_{v2} = -\beta (R_c // r_o) / r\pi = -261 \quad \text{5 points}$$

$$v_o = \{R_L / (R_L + R_{o2})\} A_{v2} \{R_{in2} / (R_{o1} + R_{in2})\} A_{v1} \{R_{in1} / (R_s + R_{in1})\} v_s \quad \text{5 points}$$

$$v_o/v_s = -(0.54)(261)(0.862)(1)(0.42) = -51.7 \quad \text{5 points}$$