

EE2002 Assignment 2

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Consider the current mirror in Fig. 1. All the BJT transistors are biased at active region, and they have the same emitter area. Given the below parameters:

$$V_{DD}=3.3V$$

$$R=20K\Omega$$

$$\beta=60$$

$$V_A = \infty.$$

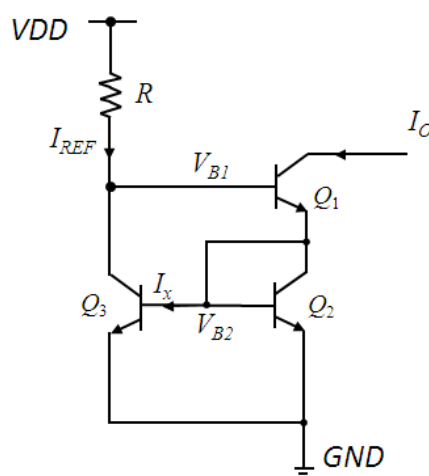


Fig. 1

A) For active mode BJT, we always start from an assumption that $V_{BE} = 0.7V$. With this, please calculate the input current to the mirror, I_{REF}

(30 Marks)

Answer:

We can find out:

$$V_{B2}=V_{BE3}=0.7$$

$$V_{B1}= V_{B2}+V_{BE1}=1.4$$

Hence, voltage drop across R is:

$$V_R=V_{DD}-V_{B1}=1.9$$

Finally, the input current is:

$$I_{REF}=V_R/R=95\mu A$$

B) In order to find out the mirror ratio, we need to find out the relationship between all the current branches. If we assume the base current of Q_3 is I_x , please find out the emitter current of Q_1 and Q_2 , respectively.

(40 Marks)

Answer:

$$I_{B3} = I_X$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{B2} = I_X$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{C2} = I_{C3} = \beta I_X$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{E1} = I_{B3} + I_{B2} + I_{C2} = (2 + \beta)I_X$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{E2} = (1 + \beta)I_{B2} = (1 + \beta)I_X$$

C) With the above analysis, further derive the mirror ration of this circuit is:

$$MR = \frac{I_O}{I_{REF}} = \frac{\beta(\beta + 2)}{\beta^2 + 2\beta + 2}$$

(40 Marks)

Answer:

$$I_{B1} = \frac{I_{E1}}{1 + \beta} = \frac{2 + \beta}{1 + \beta} I_X$$

$$I_O = I_{B1}\beta = \frac{(2 + \beta)\beta}{1 + \beta} I_X$$

$$I_{REF} = I_{B1} + I_{C3} = \frac{\beta^2 + 2\beta + 2}{1 + \beta} I_X$$

$$\Rightarrow MR = \frac{I_O}{I_{REF}} = \frac{\beta(\beta + 2)}{\beta^2 + 2\beta + 2}$$