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Diodes Circuits

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ADDENDUM

Abstract

For this laboratory experiment we are introduced to a semiconductor device. We are using Diodes and experimenting on the nonlinear characteristics of a small signal diode. For the diode we will be using is 1N914 for the experimental portion of the lab. And for the Pspice simulation portion of the lab we will be using 1N4148.

Part 1: Preliminary Calculations

STEP 1:

Given: ND = $1 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, Ni = 1.5×10^{10}

Find the majority carrier (n) and the minority carrier (p)

$$P_n = N_i^2 / N_D = (1.5 \times 10^{10})^2 / (1 \times 10^{15}) = 2.25 \times 10^5$$

Given: NA = $1 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Find the majority carrier (p) and the minority carrier (n)

$$N_p = N_i^2 / N_A = (1.5 \times 10^{10})^2 / (1 \times 10^{17}) = 2.25 \times 10^3$$

$$V = 0.69V$$

$$I_s = 2 \times 10^{-14}$$

VD	ID	Rf = 1/gd = nVt/Id
0.4	$9.61 \times 10^{-8} A$	$268.6 k\Omega$
0.5	$4.50 \times 10^{-6} A$	$5.7 k\Omega$
0.6	$2.11 \times 10^{-4} A$	123Ω
0.7	$1.0 \times 10^{-2} A$	2.6Ω
0.8	$1.73 A$	0.015Ω

STEP 2: Finding ID1 and ID2 in terms of Vbias and Rbias and R

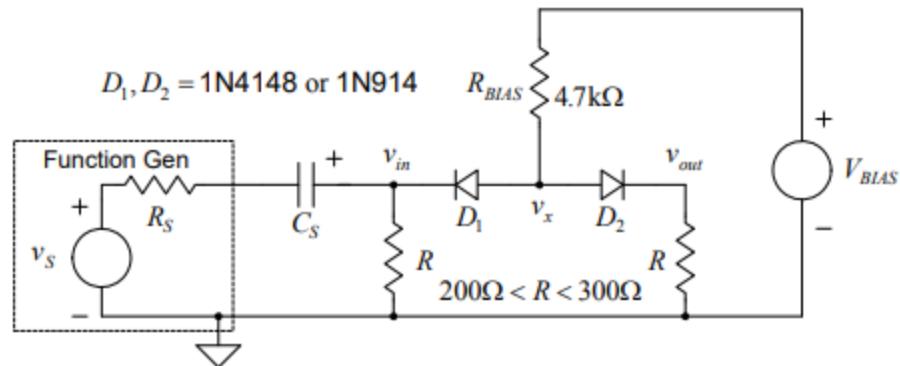


Figure 1.

Given: $VD = 0.7V$

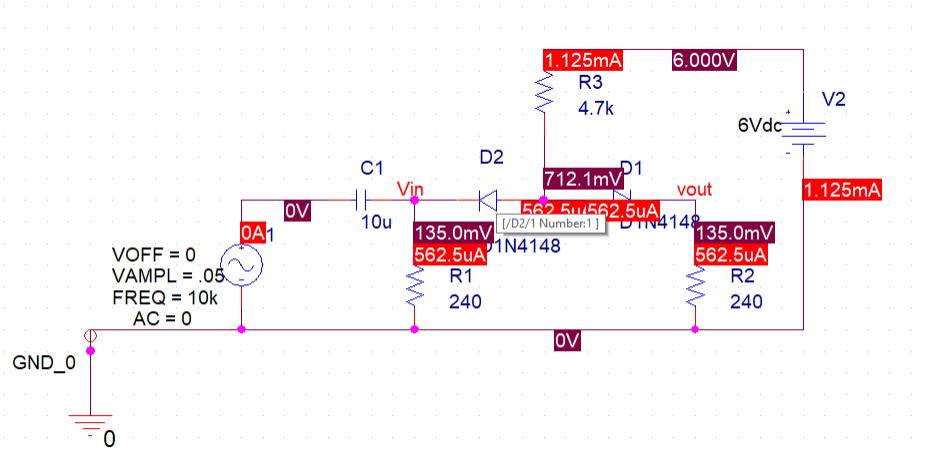
$$Vx = ((V_{BIAS}/R_{BIAS}) + ((VD_1 + VD_2)/R)) / ((1/R_{BIAS}) + (2/R))$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{D1} = I_{D2} &= (Vx - VD_1)/R \\ &= ((V_{BIAS}/R_{BIAS}) + ((VD_1 + VD_2)/R)) / ((R/R_{BIAS}) + (2)) - (VD_1/R) \end{aligned}$$

STEP 3:

Part 2: Spice Simulations

STEP 4: Construction of Circuit 1 on pspice



STEP 5:

Find the value of rd

$$a. \frac{V_o}{V_i} = -134/-102 = 1.314$$

$$R_d = (240/1.314) - 240 = -57.314/2$$

$$R_d = -28.66$$

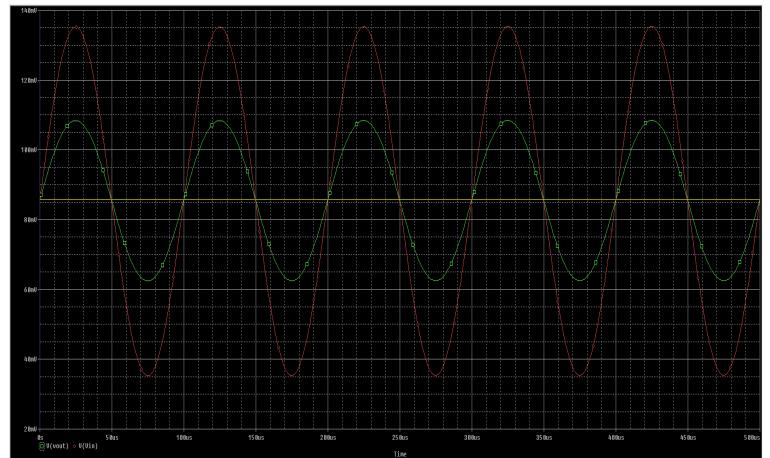
Find the value of n

$$b. \frac{nV_t}{I_d} = r_d$$

$$1 \leq n \leq 2$$

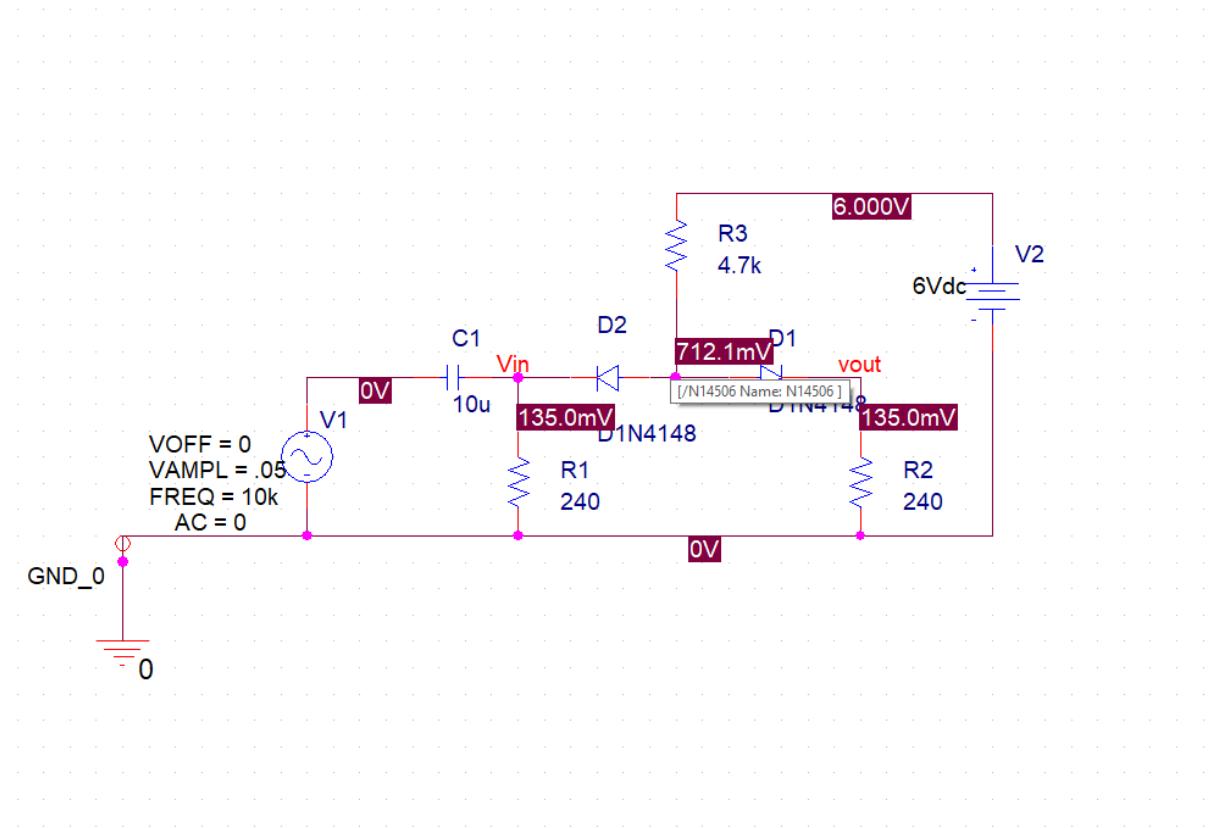
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6V bias

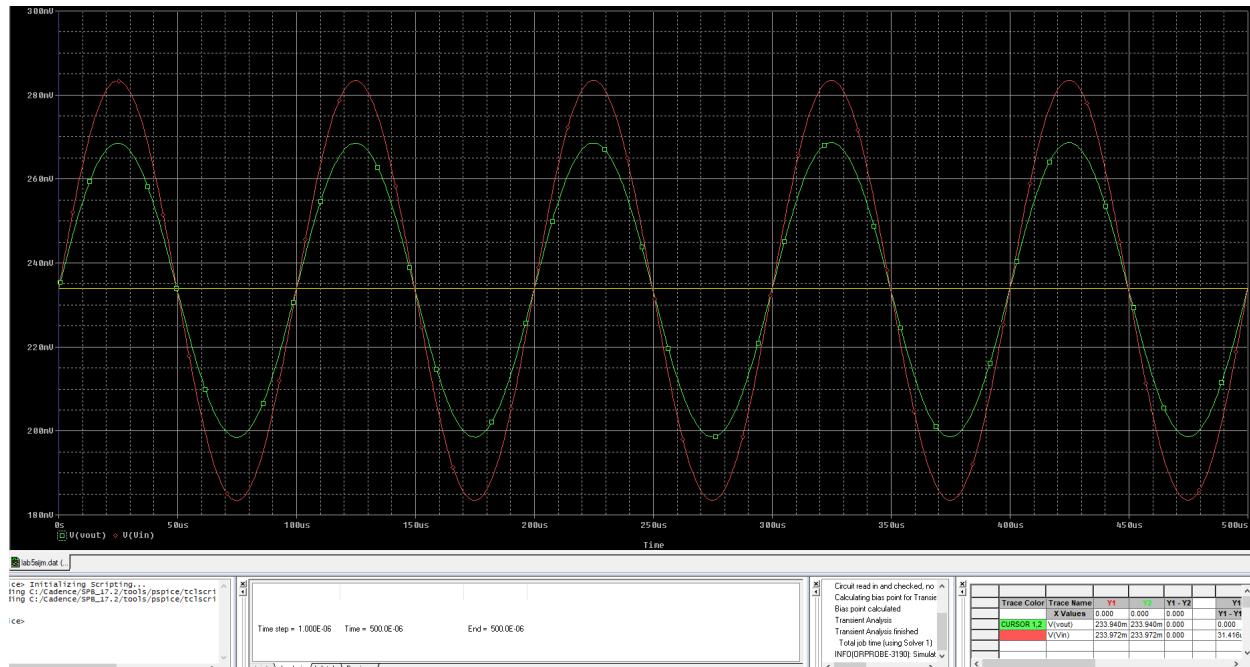


Trace Color	Trace Name	Y1	Y2	Y1 - Y2
	X Values	49.717u	0.000	49.717u
CURSOR 1,2	V(vout)	134.907m	135.010m	-102.838u
	V(Vin)	134.907m	135.041m	-134.254u

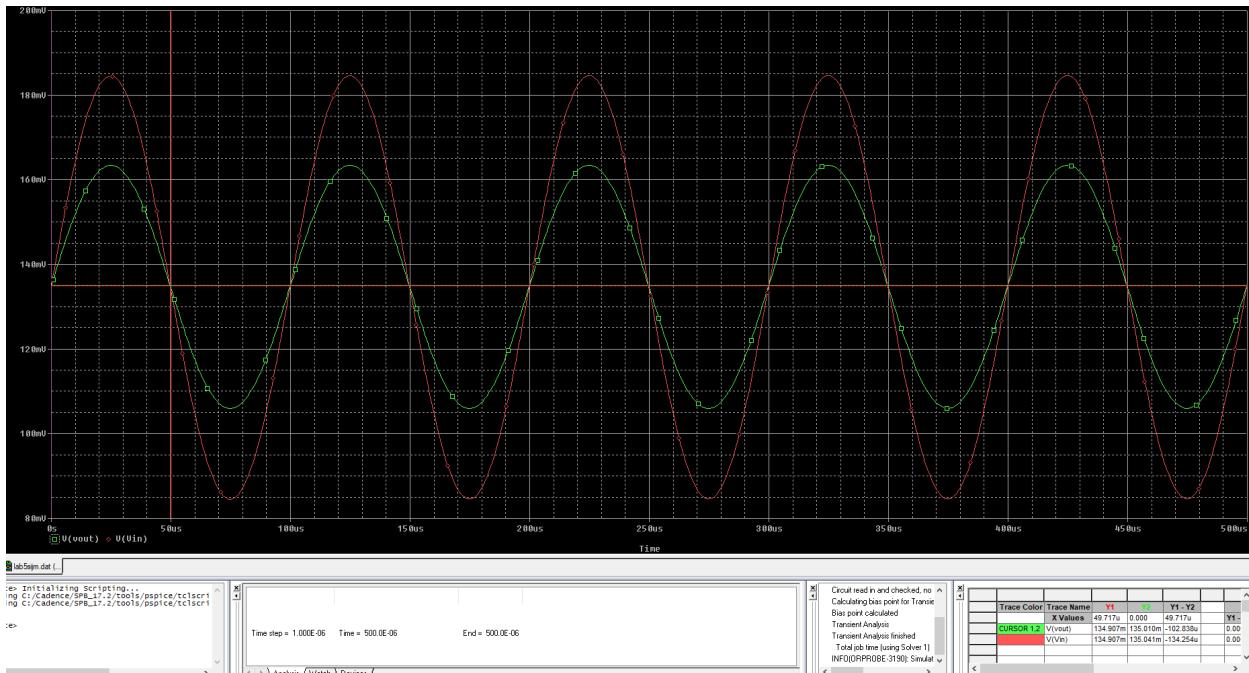
STEP 6:



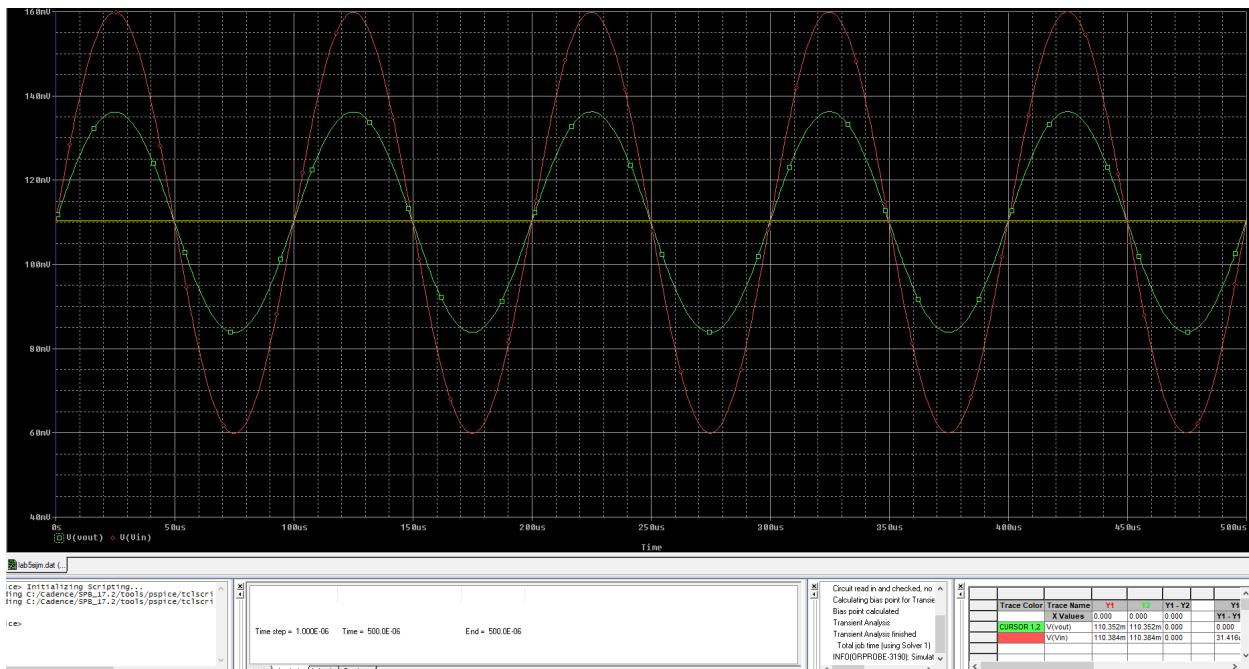
10V Vbias



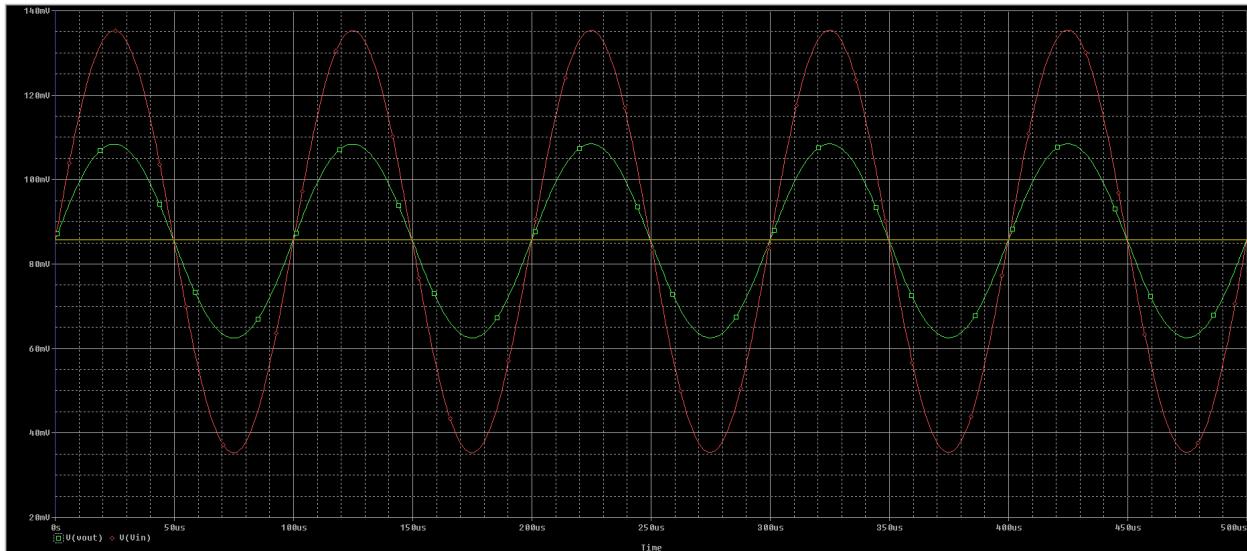
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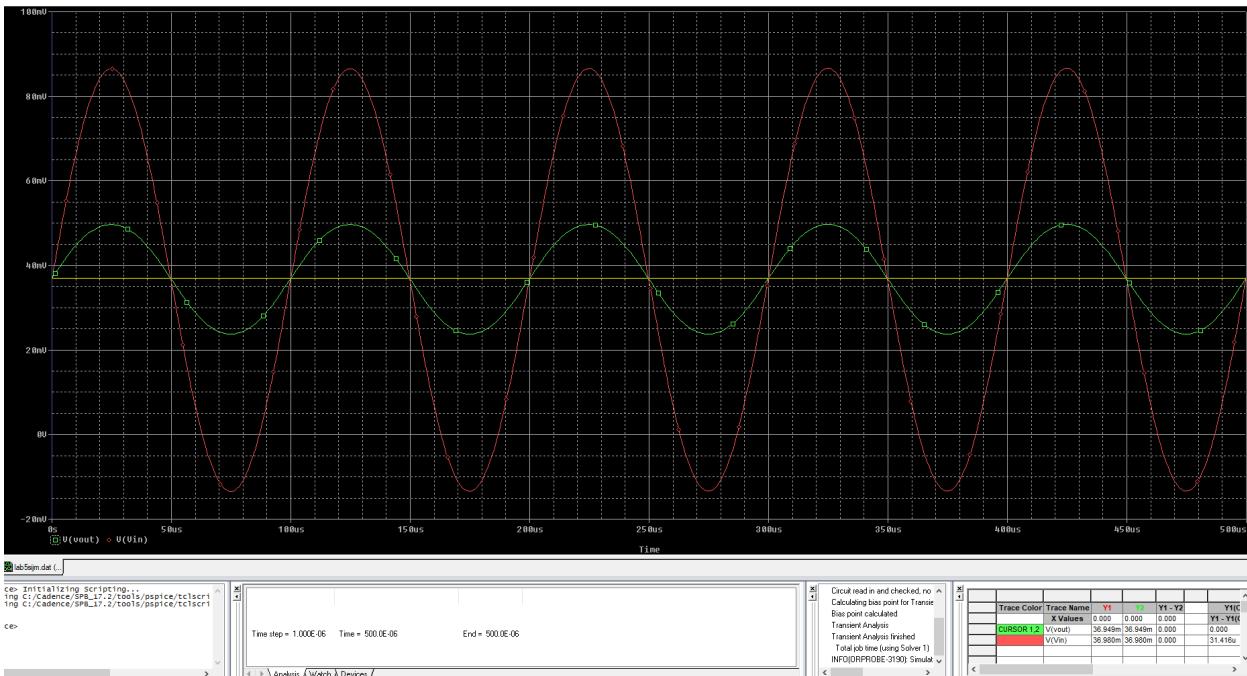
5V Vbias



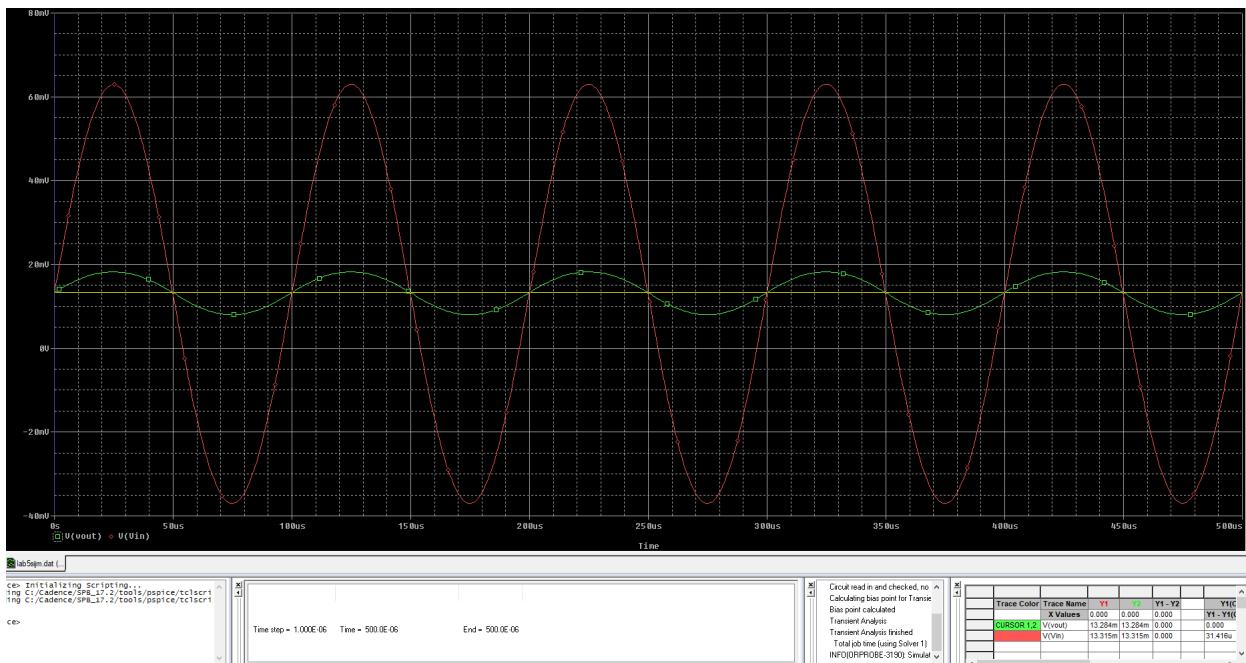
4V Vbias



2V Vbias



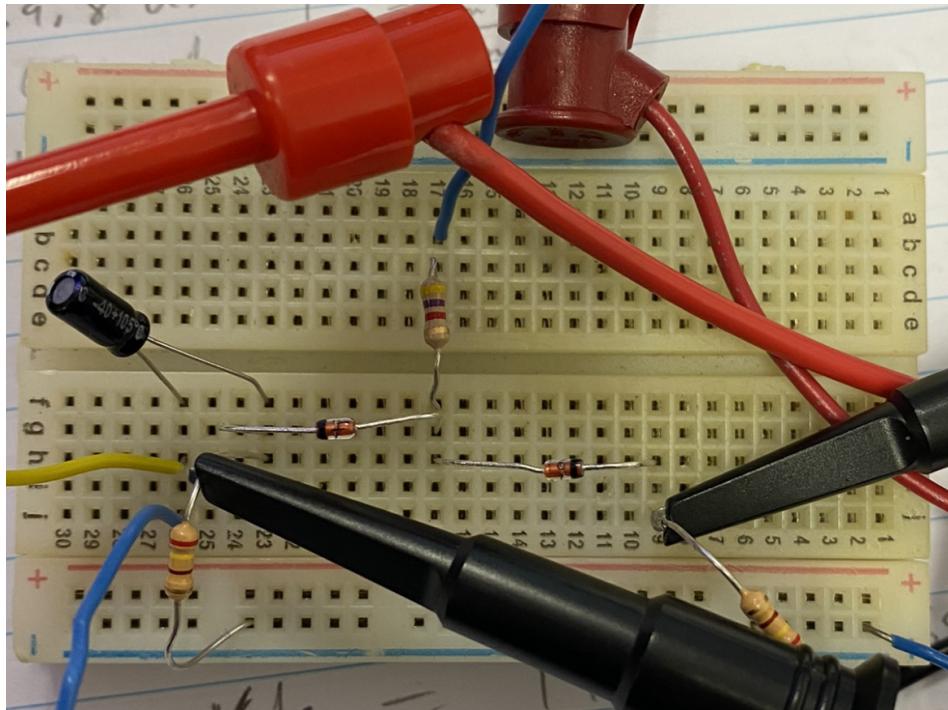
1V Transient Analysis Vbias



Part 3: Laboratory Experiment

Section 1: Circuit Construction and Small-Signal Behavior

STEP 7: Hardware construction of the circuit



$$V_{in} = 136.23\text{mV}$$

STEP 8:

How does the AC magnitudes at V_{in} change as V_{bias} is changed?

-As the V_{bias} increases V_{in} and V_{out} increases.

V_{bias}	V_{in}	V_{out}	V_o/V_{in}	r_d	V_{mean}
6V	0.160V	0.095	0.59	83.39	0.136
3V	0.166V	0.0646	0.39	187.7	0.0614
2V	0.170V	0.044	0.26	341.5	0.0367
1V	0.174V	0.0206	0.12	880	0.0128

STEP 9: repeat calculations from step 5 with the values found from the experimental portion.

Handwritten calculations for Step 9:

$$I_{d_6} = \frac{.136}{240\Omega} = 0.00057$$
$$r_d = \frac{nVT}{I_o}$$
$$I_{d_2} = \frac{0.1617}{240} = 0.000256$$
$$\frac{V_o}{V_{in}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{240}{R}} / I_{d_2} = \frac{0.0967}{240} = 0.000153$$
$$I_{d_1} = \frac{0.127}{240} = 0.00053$$

STEP 10: make plot of the Vo/Vin data

Section 2: Large-Signal Behavior

STEP 11:

As seen in the oscilloscope, The lower the Vbias the lower the peak to peak is for the signal.

STEP 12:

$$(2.) V = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta X} \Rightarrow \frac{69.3 \text{ mV}}{194.8 \text{ mV}}$$

$$6V = \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta X} \Rightarrow \frac{146 \text{ mV}}{265.50 \text{ mV}}$$

STEP 13: find a value of VBIAS for which out v looks like a sine wave.

As seen in the triangle wave, at 6V with 1V peak to peak, we see the first signs of clipping.

CONCLUSION:

ITEM 1: No, because the current increases and the Vd also increases.

ITEM 2: $V_o / V_{in} = 1 / (1 + (2(r_d)/R))$

When $r_d = r_{d2}$ then the small gain = 1,

When $r_{d1/2} = r_{d2/2}$ = the gain = $\frac{1}{2}$,

When $r_d = r_{d2} = \infty$ = then the gain = $1/\infty = 0$

ITEM 3: As the Vbias increased the clipping is also increased.

ITEM 4: no, as it can not show small signal gain clipping in saturations, also no, because we are operating in a non linear region.

ITEM 5: no, because the small signal level is not the right saturation.

ITEM 6: Yes, but it was easier to solve and put resistors in series to find the bias currents.