

Soln. to HA # 6

$$1 \quad I_D = \frac{K_n'}{2} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2 = \frac{K_n'}{2} \frac{W}{L} V_{DS,sat}^2 \Rightarrow \frac{W}{L} = \frac{2 I_D}{K_n' V_{DS,sat}^2} = \frac{2 \times 100 \times 10^{-6}}{40 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.1^2} = 500$$

$$R_O = r_O = \frac{1 + \lambda V_{DS}}{\lambda I_D} \approx \frac{1}{\lambda I_D} \quad (\because \lambda V_{DS} \ll 1) \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{R_O I_D} = \frac{1}{10^6 \times 100 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.01 V^{-1}$$

$$\text{Also, } \lambda = \frac{1}{L} \frac{dX_d}{dV_{DS}} \Rightarrow L = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{dX_d}{dV_{DS}} = \frac{1}{0.01} \times 10 \times 10^{-3} = 1.0 \mu m, W = 500 \mu m \quad (\because W/L = 500)$$

2 All transistors have same  $I_S$ .  $Q_1$  &  $Q_2$  share common base, collector, & emitter terminals  $\Rightarrow$  can be clubbed to a single transistor  $Q_A$ , having  $I_{SA} = 2I_S$ .

Similarly,  $Q_3, Q_4, Q_5$  can be clubbed to another single transistor  $Q_B$ , with  $I_{SB} = 3I_S$ .

$$I_{REF} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BEA}}{R} = \frac{15 - 0.7}{10K} = 1.43 mA \quad \therefore \text{Neglecting all non-idealities, } I_O = K' I_{REF}, \text{ where } K' = \frac{I_{SB}}{I_{SA}} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow I_O = 2.145 mA \text{ (ideal value)}$$

Considering all non-idealities, except  $\beta$  mismatch, (also  $V_A$  same):

$$I_O = \frac{K' I_{REF} \left(1 + \frac{V_{CEB}}{V_A}\right)}{\left[1 + \frac{1+K'}{\beta}\right] \left(1 + \frac{V_{CEA}}{V_A}\right)} = \frac{1.5 I_{REF} \left(1 + \frac{V_O}{130}\right)}{\left[1 + \frac{1+1.5}{50}\right] \left(1 + \frac{0.7}{130}\right)} = 2.032 \left(1 + \frac{V_O}{130}\right) mA$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{for } V_O = 1V, I_O = 2.048 mA \text{ } (-4.52\% \text{ change}); \text{ for } V_O = 5V, I_O = 2.11 mA \text{ } (-1.63\% \text{ change}); V_O = 30V, I_O = 2.5 mA \text{ } (+16.55\% \text{ change}). \therefore \text{For reasonable}$$

values of  $V_O$ , the output current tracks its ideal value closely, however, for large values of  $V_O$  ( $\approx 30V$ ),  $I_O$  departs significantly from its ideal value.

$$\text{Neglecting all non-idealities, } R_O = \frac{V_A}{I_O} = \frac{130V}{2.145 mA} = 60.61 k\Omega \text{ (ideal value).}$$

$$\text{Including all non-idealities, for } V_O = 1V, R_O = 63.48 k\Omega \text{ } (+4.74\% \text{ change}); V_O = 5V, R_O = 61.61 k\Omega \text{ } (+1.65\% \text{ change}); V_O = 30V, R_O = 52 k\Omega \text{ } (-14.2\% \text{ change}).$$

3 Neglecting base currents,  $V_O = 0.5V = V_{CE2(sat)} + I_O R_2$ , with  $V_{CE2(sat)} = 0.2V$  (lowest allowed value for proper operation of current source)  $\Rightarrow I_O R_2 = 0.3V$

Now, assuming  $r_{\pi 2} \gg R_2$  (we will verify this assumption later), the output resistance  $R_O \approx r_{O2} (1 + g_{m2} R_2) = r_{O2} \left(1 + \frac{I_O R_2}{V_T}\right) = r_{O2} \left(1 + \frac{0.3}{0.026}\right) = 10 M\Omega$ ,

$$\Rightarrow r_{O2} = 797.55 k\Omega. \text{ Also, } r_{O2} = \frac{V_A}{I_O} = \frac{130V}{I_O} = 797.55 k\Omega \Rightarrow I_O = 163 \mu A$$

$$\& R_2 = \frac{0.3V}{I_O} = 1.84 k\Omega. \text{ Now, } r_{\pi 2} = \beta / g_{m2} = \frac{\beta V_T}{I_O} \approx \frac{100 \times 26 mV}{163 \mu A} = 16 k\Omega,$$

which is almost 10 times  $R_2$ .  $\therefore$  The initial assumption made that  $r_{\pi 2} \gg R_2$  is not too bad! Next, neglecting  $\Delta V_{BE}$ ,  $I_{REF} R_1 = I_O R_2 \Rightarrow I_{REF} = 163 \mu A \times \frac{1.84 k\Omega}{1 k\Omega}$

$$= 300 \mu A, \& R' = \frac{V_{CC} - 2V_{BE}}{I_{REF}} = \frac{5 - 1.4}{300 \mu A} = 12 k\Omega, \text{ where } R' = R + R_1. \therefore R_1 = 1 k\Omega,$$

$$\therefore R = 11 k\Omega. \text{ Finally, } \Delta V_{BE} = V_T \ln \frac{I_{REF}}{I_O} = 26 mV \times \ln \frac{300 \mu A}{163 \mu A} = 15.86 mV, \text{ which}$$

is way smaller than  $I_O R_2$  of 300 mV.

Using the calculated value of  $I_{REF} (= 300 \mu A)$ ,  $I_{REF} R_1 = 300 \text{ mV}$ . Now, the simple (2) approximation for ratioed current mirror will break down when  $\Delta V_{BE}$  equals 10% of this drop, i.e., 30 mV. Using  $\Delta V_{BE} = V_T \ln \frac{I_{REF}}{I_O}$ , we get  $I_O = I_{REF} e^{-\Delta V_{BE}/V_T}$   
 $= 300 \mu A \times e^{-30 \text{ mV}/26 \text{ mV}} = \underline{94.63 \mu A}$ , &  $I_O R_2 = 270 \text{ mV} (= I_O R_{EF} - \Delta V_{BE}) \Rightarrow R_2 = \underline{2.85 \text{ k}\Omega}$   
 $\therefore V_{O, \min} = V_{CE2}(\text{sat}) + I_O R_2 = 0.2 + 94.63 \mu A \times 2.85 \text{ k}\Omega = \underline{0.47 \text{ V}}$ , &  $R_O = r_{O2}(1 + g_{m2} R_2)$   
 with  $r_{O2} = \frac{V_A}{I_O} = \frac{130 \text{ V}}{94.63 \mu A} = \underline{1.37 \text{ M}\Omega} \Rightarrow R_O = 1.37 \text{ M}\Omega \times (1 + \frac{94.63 \mu A}{26 \text{ mV}} \times 2.85 \text{ k}\Omega) = \underline{15.6 \text{ M}\Omega}$   
 $\therefore$  The ckt. performance becomes better if we push it to the limit of our approximation.

4 Neglecting base currents,  $I_{REF} = I_{C2} = \frac{12 - 2 \times 0.7}{105 \text{ k} + 1 \text{ k}} = \underline{100 \mu A}$ .  $\Phi_2 - \Phi_3$  form a ratioed current mirror, with equal resistances of  $1 \text{ k}\Omega$  connected to their emitters to ground.  $\therefore I_O = I_{REF} = \underline{100 \mu A}$ . Now, base voltage of  $\Phi_2$ ,  $V_2 = V_{BE2} + (1 \text{ k}\Omega) \times (100 \mu A) = \underline{0.8 \text{ V}}$ .  $\therefore$  The current thru the  $20 \text{ k}\Omega$  "Keep Alive" resistor,  $I_{20 \text{ k}} = \frac{0.8 \text{ V}}{20 \text{ k}} = \underline{40 \mu A}$ . Neglecting base current, this is also the emitter current of  $\Phi_1$ , as well as its collector current.  $\Rightarrow I_{C1} = \underline{40 \mu A}$ .

The actual computation of output resistance is quite tedious, without making any assumptions. However, as discussed in class, the base of  $\Phi_3$  can be assumed to be at ac ground. In that case,  $R_O \approx r_{O3}(1 + g_{m3} [r_{\pi3} || (1 \text{ k}\Omega)])$ . Now,  $r_{O3} = \frac{V_A}{I_O} = \frac{130 \text{ V}}{100 \mu A} = 1.3 \text{ M}\Omega$ ,  $r_{\pi3} \rightarrow \infty$  ( $\because$  base currents are neglected)  $\Rightarrow R_O \approx r_{O3}(1 + \frac{I_O}{V_T} \times 1 \text{ k}\Omega) = \underline{6.3 \text{ M}\Omega}$

5 Assuming all transistors have identical  $V_{BE}$  of  $0.7 \text{ V}$ , to a first-order approximation,  $I_O \approx \frac{0.7 \text{ V}}{350 \Omega} = \underline{2 \text{ mA}}$  (note that it is almost independent of everything else in the ckt.). By inspection, the base of  $\Phi_2$  is at a low impedance terminal, & can be taken to be at ac ground. Also, neglecting base currents,  $r_{\pi2} \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\therefore R_O = r_{O2}(1 + g_{m2} \times 350) = \frac{V_A}{I_O} \times (1 + \frac{I_O}{V_T} \times 350) = \frac{130 \text{ V}}{2 \text{ mA}} \times (1 + \frac{2 \text{ mA}}{26 \text{ mV}} \times 350) = \underline{1.8 \text{ M}\Omega}$  (the simplicity of the ckt. should be noted).