

# Pre-Lab 3

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1. We may begin by finding a DC equivalent circuit (capacitors become open circuits):

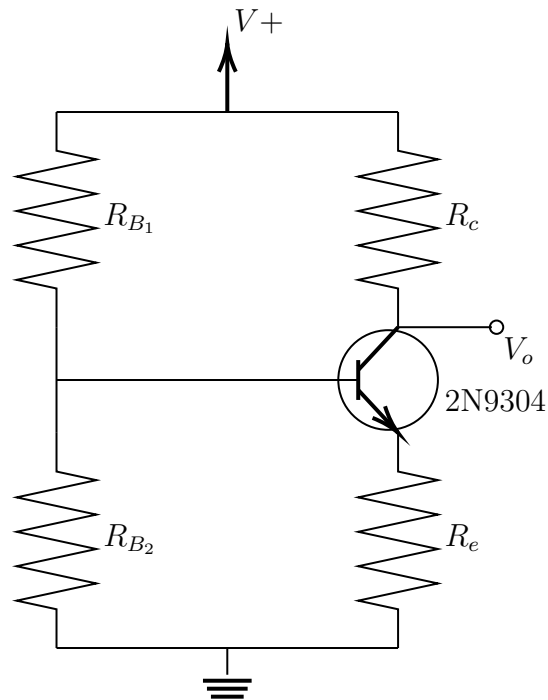


Figure 1: DC-Equivalent Circuit

We then use a Thévenin equivalent at the voltage source:

$$V_{Th} = V^+ \left( \frac{10k}{47k + 10k} \right)$$

$$V_{Th} = 1.7544[V]$$

$$R_{Th} = \frac{(47)(10)}{47 + 10} [\text{k}\Omega]$$

$$R_{Th} = 8.2456 [\text{k}\Omega]$$

This gives us the following circuit:

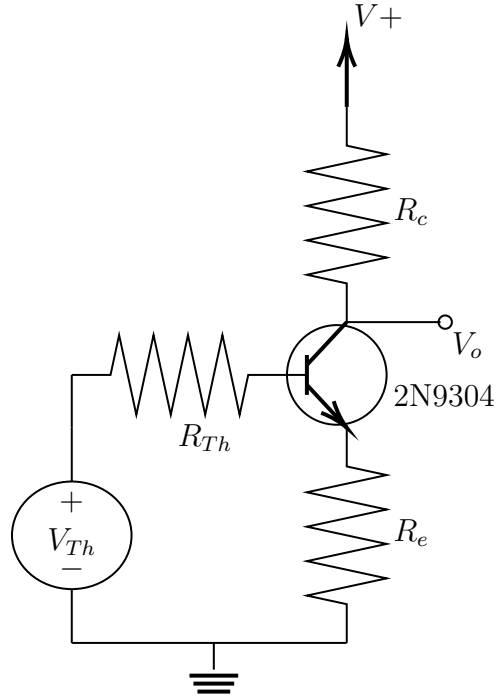


Figure 2: Thévenin Equivalent Circuit

From here, we see that  $I_B$  flows through  $R_{Th}$ ,  $I_C$  flows through  $R_C$ , and  $I_E$  flows through  $R_E$ . We may begin by writing the KVL for the loop:

$$-V_{Th} + I_B R_{Th} + V_{BE} + I_E R_e = 0$$

Per our equations, we know that  $I_E = (1 + \beta)I_B$ , so we substitute and rearrange to get:

$$I_B = \frac{V_{Th} - V_{BE}}{R_{Th} + (1 + \beta)R_e}$$

We can then analyze the provided cases:

- $\beta = 80$ :

$$I_B = \frac{1.7544 - .7}{8.2456 \cdot 10^3 + (1 + 80)(220)}$$

$$I_B \Big|_{\beta=80} = 40.452[\mu\text{A}]$$

$$I_C = 80I_B$$

$$I_C = 3.236[\text{mA}]$$

$$V_C = V^+ - I_C R_C$$

$$V_C = 10 - (3.236)(1)$$

$$V_C = 6.764[\text{V}]$$

$$V_B = V_{Th} - I_B R_{Th}$$

$$V_B = 1.7544 - (40.452 \cdot 10^{-3})(8.2456)$$

$$V_B = 1.7541[\text{V}]$$

Given that  $V_C > V_B$ , the collector-to-base junction is reverse-biased, meaning that the transistor is active. Thus, the Q-point is stable.

- $\beta = 300$ :

$$I_B = \frac{1.7544 - .7}{8.2456 \cdot 10^3 + (1 + 300)(220)}$$

$$I_B \Big|_{\beta=300} = 14.16[\mu\text{A}]$$

$$I_C = 300I_B$$

$$I_C = 4.248[\text{mA}]$$

$$V_C = V^+ - I_C R_C$$

$$V_C = 10 - (4.248)(1)$$

$$V_C = 5.752[\text{V}]$$

$$V_B = V_{Th} - I_B R_{Th}$$

$$V_B = 1.7544 - (14.16 \cdot 10^{-3})(8.2456)$$

$$V_B = 1.6376[\text{V}]$$

Given that  $V_C > V_B$ , the collector-to-base junction is reverse-biased, meaning that the transistor is active. Thus, the Q-point is stable.

We may see that, since the transistor is active for both  $\beta = 80$  and  $\beta = 300$ , the Q-point is stable. As such, the operating point is stable for such variation of  $\beta$ .

2. Read through, no questions ✓
3. We know that the amplifier will be of the form:

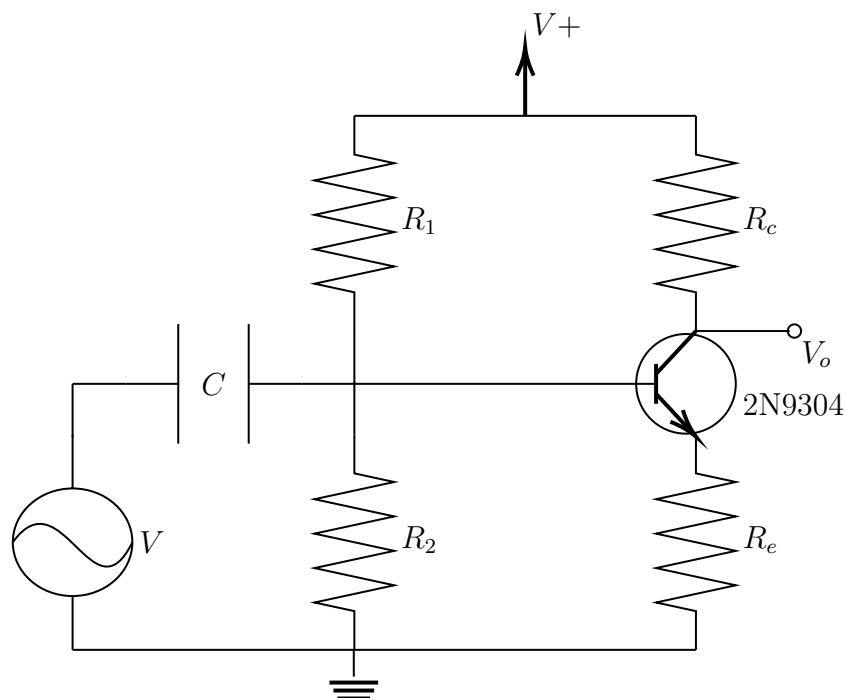


Figure 3: Amplifier Design

We want to use the most extreme values so that the circuit can tolerate these. Furthermore, we know that the gain will be:

$$A_v = -\frac{R_c}{R_e}$$

$$R_c = 21R_e$$

Thus, let us take values such that:

$$R_c = 21[\text{k}\Omega] \quad \text{and} \quad R_e = 1[\text{k}\Omega]$$

From here, we want to make sure that the BJT remains active, and, therefore:

$$V_{CE} \leq \frac{V^+}{2}$$

$$V_{CE} \leq 6[V]$$

This gives us the KVL equation as:

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - (R_e + R_c)I_C$$

$$I_C = \frac{12 - 6}{(21 + 1)k} = .27[\text{mA}]$$

To find the correct  $R_B$  values for stability, we analyze the Thévenin equivalent circuit:

$$V_{Th} = .7 + (.27)(1) = .97[V]$$

This gives us:

$$\frac{V_{Th}}{V^+} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

We can then ensure stability (using a factor of 1) to write:

$$1 + \beta \left( \frac{R_e}{R_{Th} + R_e} \right) = 1 + \beta \rightarrow (1 + \beta)R_e \gg R_{Th}$$

This gives us a very large  $\beta$ , say  $\beta \approx 500$ . We can use this to write:

$$R_{Th} = \frac{(1 + 500)(1k)}{10} = 50[k\Omega]$$

We can combine the equation above with the voltage equation to write:

$$R_1 = \frac{V^+ R_{Th}}{V_{Th}}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{(12)(50)}{.97}$$

$$R_1 = 618.56[k\Omega]$$

And, finally, we get:

$$R_2 = \frac{R_1 R_{Th}}{R_1 - R_{Th}}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{(50)(618.56)}{568.56}$$

$$R_2 = 54.397[k\Omega]$$

Thus, we get the following circuit:

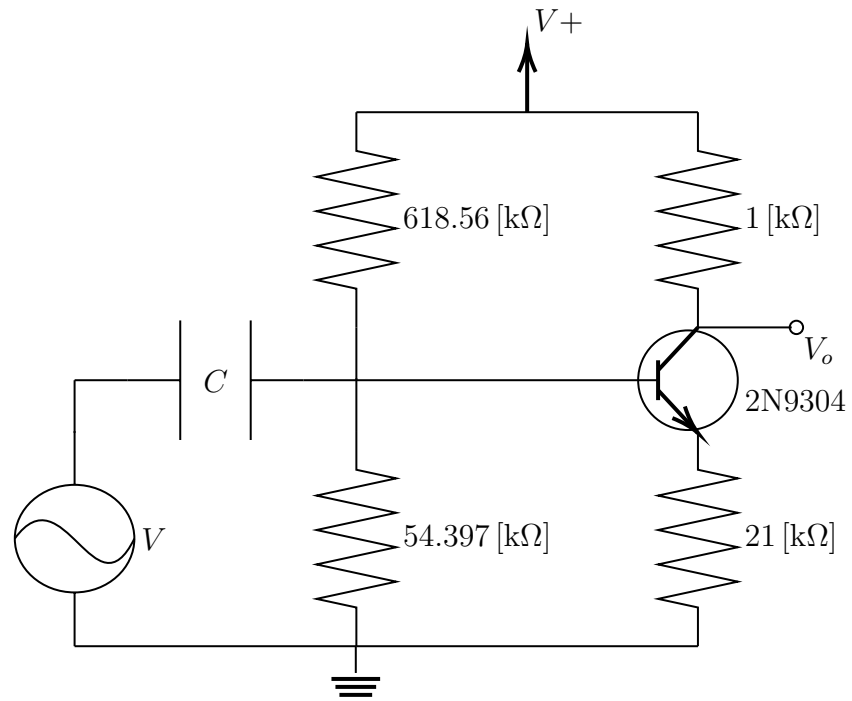


Figure 4: Final Circuit Design