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Numericals

1. Calculate the voltage gain of each stage and the overall AC voltage gain for the BJT cascade amplifier shown in Figure 1. Also calculate  $Z_i$  and  $Z_o$  for the given circuit  
 Given:  $\beta = 140$ ,  $V_T = 26 \text{ mV}$

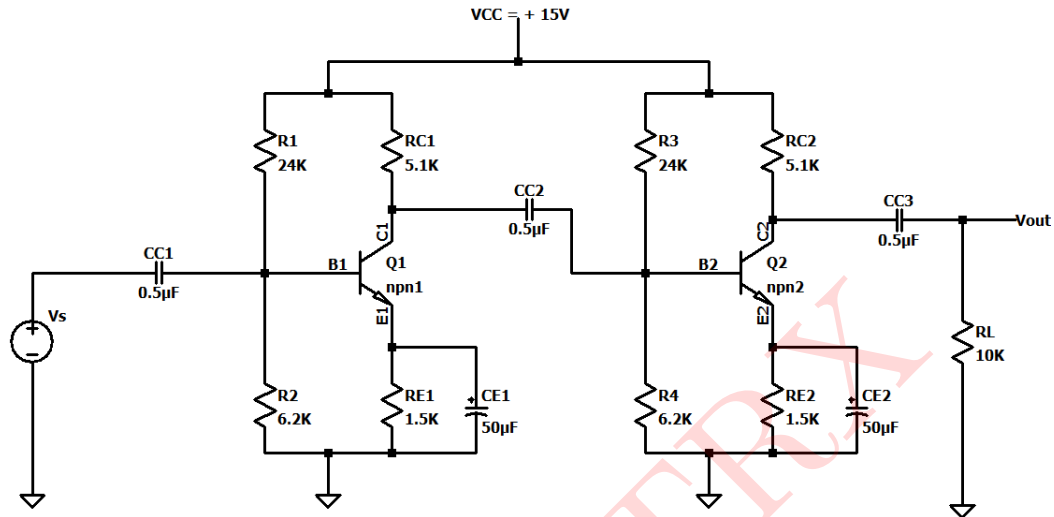


Figure 1: Circuit 1

**Solution:** The given circuit is a 2-stage RC-coupled CE-CE amplifier.

**DC Analysis:**

Assumption:  $V_{BE1} = V_{BE2} = 0.7 \text{ V}$

Due to R-C coupling, the Q-points of both the stages are isolated.

Since, both stages are symmetric in parameters and resistor values, DC analysis of one stage is sufficient.

The capacitors act as open circuit.  $f = 0$ ,  $\therefore X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC} = \infty$

Applying Thevenin's equivalent at base,

$$V_{th} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times V_{CC} = \frac{6.2k}{24k + 6.2k} \times 15$$

$$\therefore V_{th} = 3.07947 \text{ V}$$

$$R_{th} = R_1 || R_2 = 6.2k || 24k$$

$$\therefore R_{th} = 4.92715 \text{ k}\Omega$$

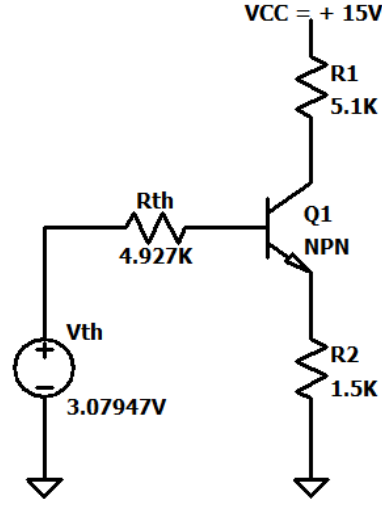


Figure 2: Thevenin's equivalent circuit

Applying KVL to input base-emitter loop

$$I_{B_1Q} = \frac{V_{th} - V_{BE}}{R_{th} + (1 + \beta)R_{E_1}} = \frac{3.079 - 0.7}{4.927k + (141 \times 1.5k)}$$

$$\therefore I_{B_1Q} = 10.9943 \mu A$$

Since both stages have same parameters,  $I_{B_1Q} = I_{B_2Q} = 10.9943 \mu A$

$$I_{C_1Q} = \beta I_{B_1Q} = 140 \times 10.9943 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\therefore I_{C_1Q} = I_{C_2Q} = 1.539205 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{CEQ} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C - (I_B + I_C) R_E$$

$$\therefore V_{CE_1Q} = V_{CE_2Q} = 4.8261 \text{ V}$$

**Small-signal parameters:** Assuming  $r_{d1} = r_{d2} = \infty \Omega$

$$r_{\pi_1} = \frac{\beta_1 V_T}{I_{C_1Q}} = \frac{140 \times 26mV}{1.539205mA} = 2.364857 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$g_{m_1} = \frac{I_{C_1Q}}{V_T} = \frac{1.539205mA}{26mV} = 59.20019 \frac{mA}{V}$$

Since both stages are identical, we have,

$$r_{\pi_1} = r_{\pi_2} = 2.364857 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$g_{m_1} = g_{m_2} = 59.20019 \frac{mA}{V}$$

The mid-band AC equivalent circuit is shown in Figure 3

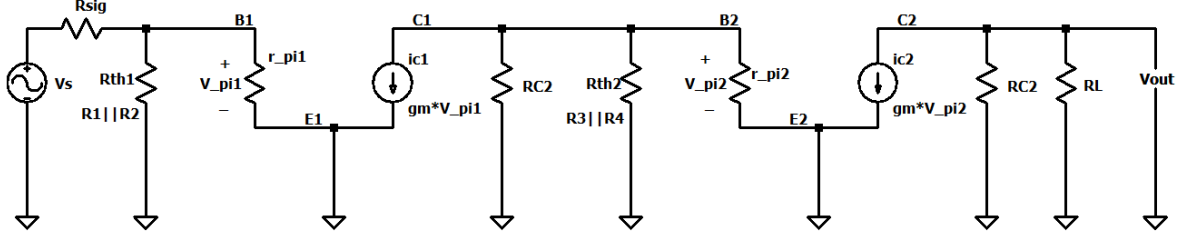


Figure 3: Mid frequency equivalent circuit

$$A_{V_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_{in}}, A_{V_2} = \frac{V_o}{V_1}, A_{V_T} = A_{V_1} \times A_{V_2}$$

$$\text{Input impedance } Z_i = R_1 || R_2 || r_{\pi_2} = 4.927k || 2.3648k$$

$$\therefore Z_i = \mathbf{1.5979 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

$$\text{Output impedance } Z_o = R_{C_2} || R_L = 5.1k || 10k$$

$$\therefore Z_o = \mathbf{3.37748 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

$$A_{V_2} = \frac{V_o}{V_1} = \frac{-g_{m_2} V_{\pi_2} (R_{C_2} || R_L)}{V_{\pi_2}} = -g_{m_2} (R_{C_2} || R_L)$$

$$\therefore A_{V_2} = -199.947$$

$$A_{V_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_{in}} = \frac{-g_{m_1} V_{\pi_1} (R_{C_1} || R_3 || R_4 || r_{\pi_2})}{V_{\pi_1}} = -g_{m_1} (R_{C_1} || R_{th_2} || r_{\pi_2})$$

$$\therefore A_{V_1} = -59.20019 \times 10^{-3} \times (5.1k || 3.37k) = -72.08977$$

$$A_{V_T} = A_{V_1} \times A_{V_2} = -72.08977 \times -199.947$$

$$\therefore A_{V_T} = 14402.019$$

$$|A_{V_T}| \text{ (in dB)} = 20 \log_{10}(14402.019) = \mathbf{83.1684 \text{ dB}}$$

### SIMULATED RESULTS:

Above circuit is simulated using LTspice and the results are presented below:

$A_{v1} = V_{C1}/V_{in} = -3.5525833\text{mV}/50\mu\text{V}$   
 $A_{v1} = -71.18462$   
 $A_{v2} = V_{out}/V_{C1} = 664.22\text{mV}/3.552\text{mV}$   
 $A_{v2} = -186.97077$   
 $AVT = A_{v1} \cdot A_{v2} = 13309.44$   
 $AVT \text{ in dB} = 82.48319565$

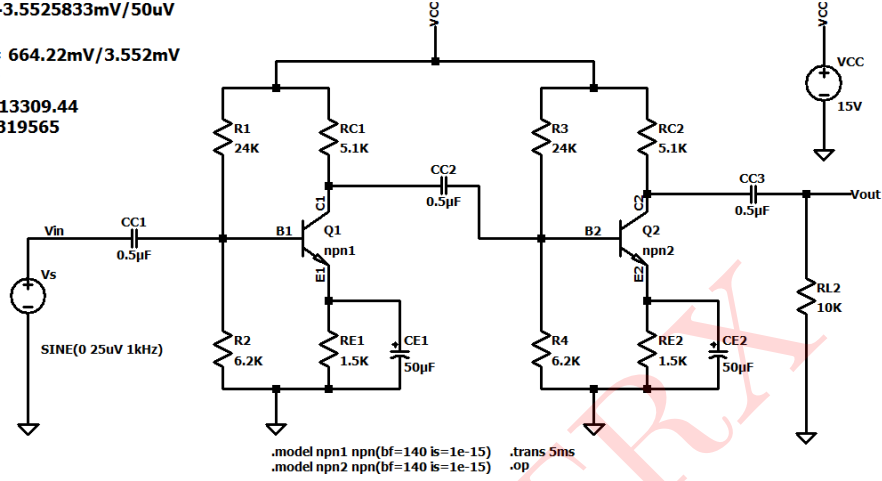


Figure 4: Circuit schematic

The input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V1}$  are shown in Figure 5

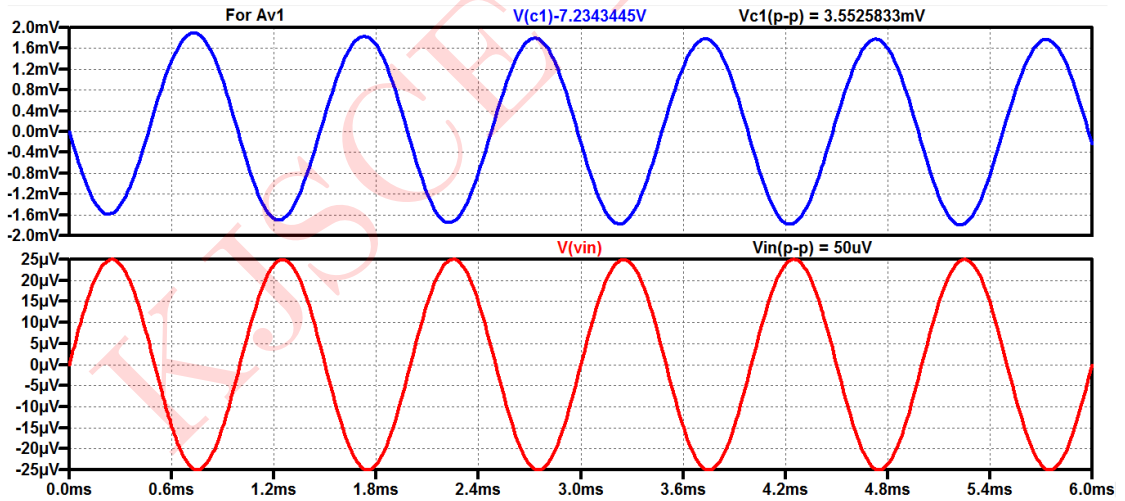


Figure 5: Input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V1}$

The input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V_2}$  are shown in Figure 6

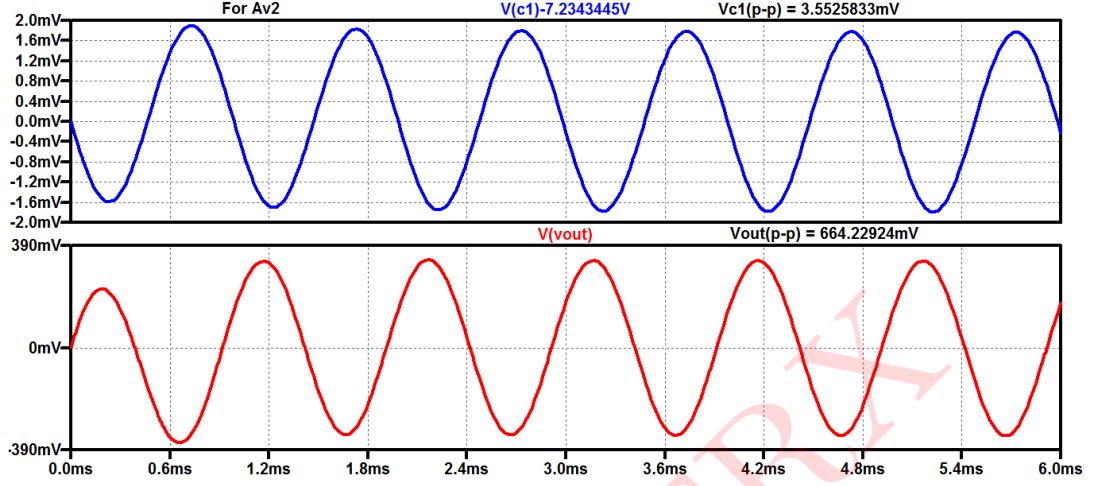


Figure 6: Input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V_2}$

#### Comparison of theoretical and simulated values:

Parameters	Theoretical	Simulated
Stage 1: Q-point ( $I_{C_1Q}, V_{CE_1Q}$ )	(1.539205 mA, 4.826 V)	(1.52268 mA, 4.93401 V)
Stage 2: Q-point ( $I_{C_2Q}, V_{CE_2Q}$ )	(1.539205 mA, 4.826 V)	(1.52268 mA, 4.934014 V)
Voltage gain of 1 <sup>st</sup> stage $A_{V_1}$	-72.08977	-71.18462
Voltage gain of 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage $A_{V_2}$	-199.947	-186.97077
Overall voltage gain ( $A_{V_T}$ )	83.1684 dB	82.48319 dB
Input impedance ( $Z_i$ ) of 1 <sup>st</sup> stage	1.5979 k $\Omega$	—
Output impedance ( $Z_o$ ) of 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage	3.37748 k $\Omega$	—

Table 1: Numerical 1

2. For the JFET cascade amplifier shown in Figure 7, using identical JFETs with  $I_{DSS} = 8 \text{ mA}$  and  $V_P = -4.5 \text{ V}$ , calculate the voltage gain of each stage, the overall gain of the amplifier and the output voltage  $V_o$

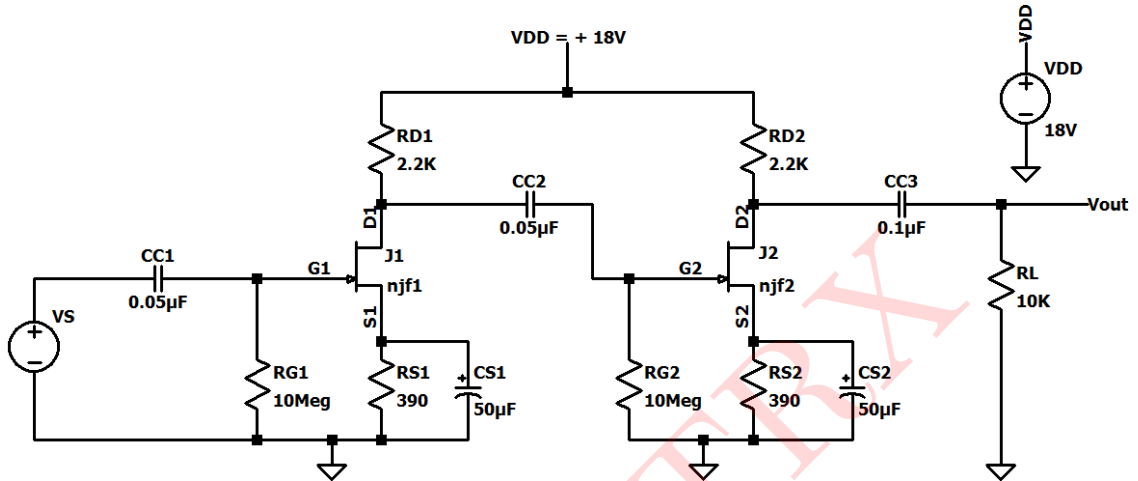


Figure 7: Circuit 2

**Solution:** The above circuit is a CS-CS cascade amplifier and both the stages are symmetric, hence, DC analysis of single stage is sufficient.

**DC Analysis:**

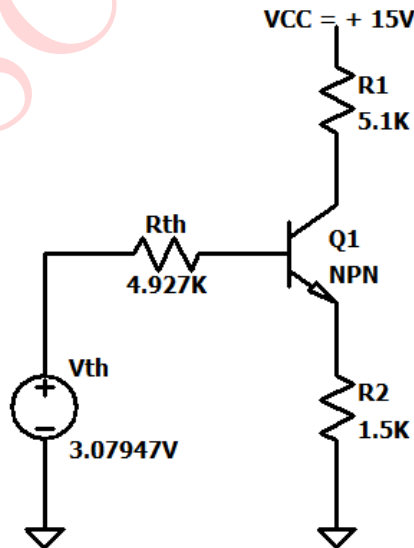


Figure 8: DC equivalent circuit

$$V_{G_1} = V_{GS_1} - V_{S_1}$$

$$V_{G_1} = 0 - I_{D_1} R_{S_1} = 0 - 390 I_{D_1}$$

$$\therefore V_{G_1} = -390 I_{D_1} \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$I_{D_1} = I_{DSS} \left( 1 - \frac{V_{GS_1}}{V_P} \right)^2$$

$$I_{D_1} = 8 \times 10^{-3} \left( 1 + \frac{V_{GS_1}}{4.5} \right)^2 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Substituting the value of  $I_{D_1}$  from equation (2) in equation (1), we get

$$V_{GS_1} = -390 \times 8 \times 10^{-3} \times \left( 1 + \frac{V_{GS_1}}{4.5} \right)^2$$

$$V_{GS_1} = -3.12 \times \left( 1 + \frac{V_{GS_1}}{4.5} \right)^2$$

$$V_{GS_1} = -3.12 \times (1 + 0.44 V_{GS_1} + 0.0491 V_{GS_1}^2)^2$$

$$\therefore 0.015406 V_{GS_1}^2 + 2.3728 V_{GS_1} + 3.12 = 0$$

$$\therefore V_{GS_1} = -1.4517 \text{ V or } V_{GS_1} = -13.9505 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Since } V_{GSQ} > V_P, \therefore V_{GS_1} = -1.4517 \text{ V}$$

$$\therefore V_{GS_1Q} = V_{GS_2Q} = -1.4517 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{From equation (2), } I_{DQ} = 8 \times 10^{-3} \left( 1 + \frac{-1.4517}{4.5} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore I_{D_1Q} = I_{D_2Q} = 3.722 \text{ mA}$$

**Small-signal parameters:**

$$g_{m_1} = \frac{2I_{DSS}}{|V_P|} \left( 1 - \frac{V_{GSQ}}{V_P} \right)$$

$$g_{m_1} = \frac{2 \times 8 \times 10^{-3}}{4.5} \times \left( 1 - \frac{(-1.4517)}{(-4.5)} \right)$$

$$\therefore g_{m_1} = g_{m_2} = 2.408533 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}}$$

$$r_d = 0 \Omega$$

The mid-band AC equivalent circuit is shown in Figure 9

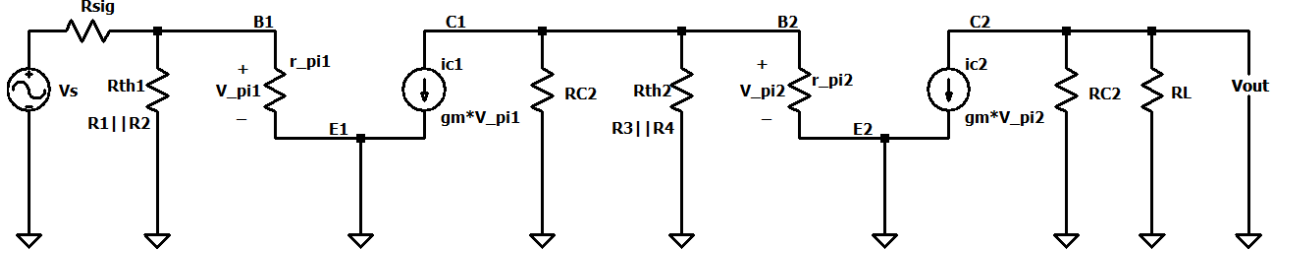


Figure 9: Mid frequency equivalent circuit

$$Z_i = R_G = 10 \text{ M}\Omega$$

$$Z_o = R_{D_2} || R_L = 2.2k || 10k$$

$$\therefore Z_o = 1.803 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$A_{V_T} = A_{V_1} \times A_{V_2} = \frac{V_1}{V_S} \times \frac{V_{out}}{V_1}$$

$$A_{V_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_S} = \frac{-g_{m_1} V_{gs_1} (R_{D_1} || R_{G_2})}{V_{gs_1}}$$

$$A_{V_1} = -g_{m_1} (R_{D_1} || R_{G_2}) = -2.408533 \times 10^{-3} \times (2.2k || 10M)$$

$$\therefore A_{V_1} = -4.6366$$

$$A_{V_2} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_S} = \frac{-g_{m_2} V_{gs_2} (R_{D_2} || R_L)}{V_{gs_2}}$$

$$A_{V_2} = -g_{m_2} (R_{D_2} || R_L) = -2.408533 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.803k$$

$$\therefore A_{V_2} = -4.34258$$

$$A_{V_T} = A_{V_1} \times A_{V_2} = -4.6366 \times -4.34258$$

$$\therefore A_{V_T} = 20.135$$

$$|A_{V_T}| \text{ (in dB)} = 20 \log_{10}(20.135) = 26.079 \text{ dB}$$

$$A_{V_T} = \frac{V_o}{V_S}$$

$$\therefore V_o = A_{V_T} \times V_S = 20.135 \times 20 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\therefore V_o = 402.7 \text{ mV}$$



### SIMULATED RESULTS:

Above circuit is simulated using LTspice and the results are presented below:

$$\begin{aligned} Av_1 &= V_{d1}/V_{in} = -211.3\text{mV}/40\text{mV} \\ Av_1 &= -5.282845 \\ Av_2 &= V_{in}/V_s = -907.6\text{mV}/211.3\text{mV} \\ Av_2 &= -4.2928 \\ AVT &= Av_1 * Av_2 = 27.109 \end{aligned}$$

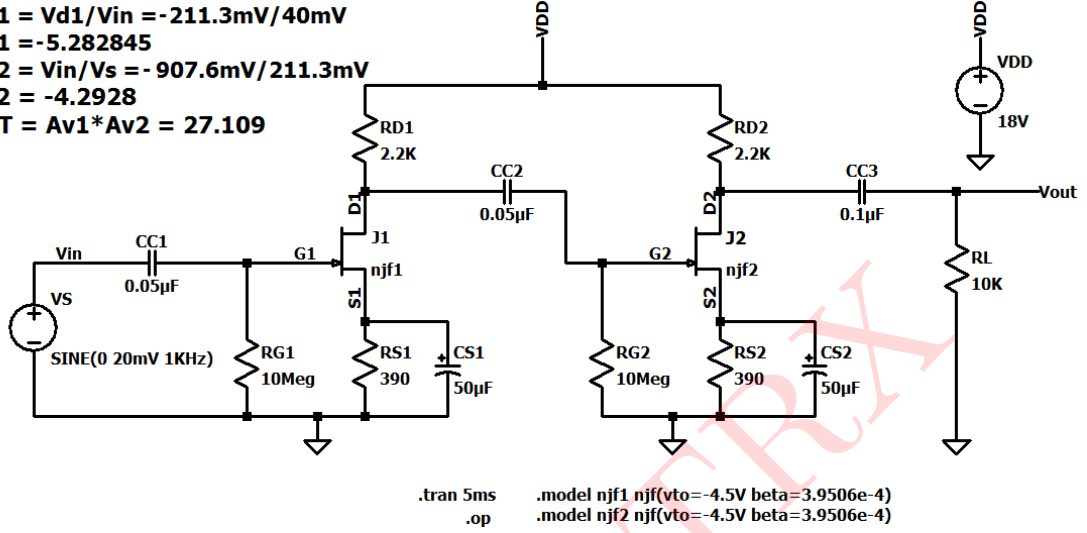


Figure 10: Circuit schematic

The input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V_1}$  are shown in Figure 11

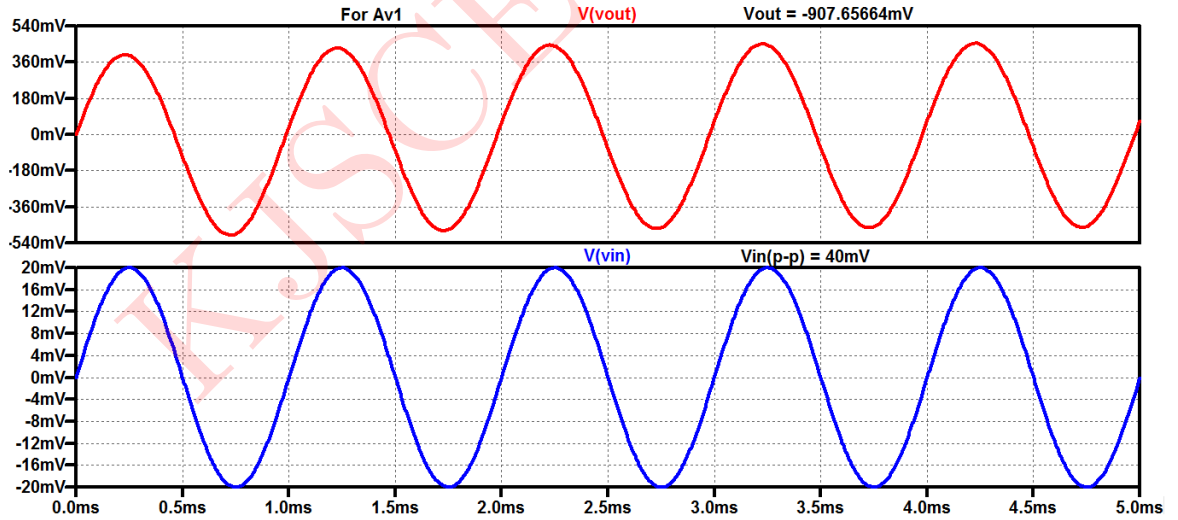


Figure 11: Input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V_1}$

The input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V_2}$  are shown in Figure 12

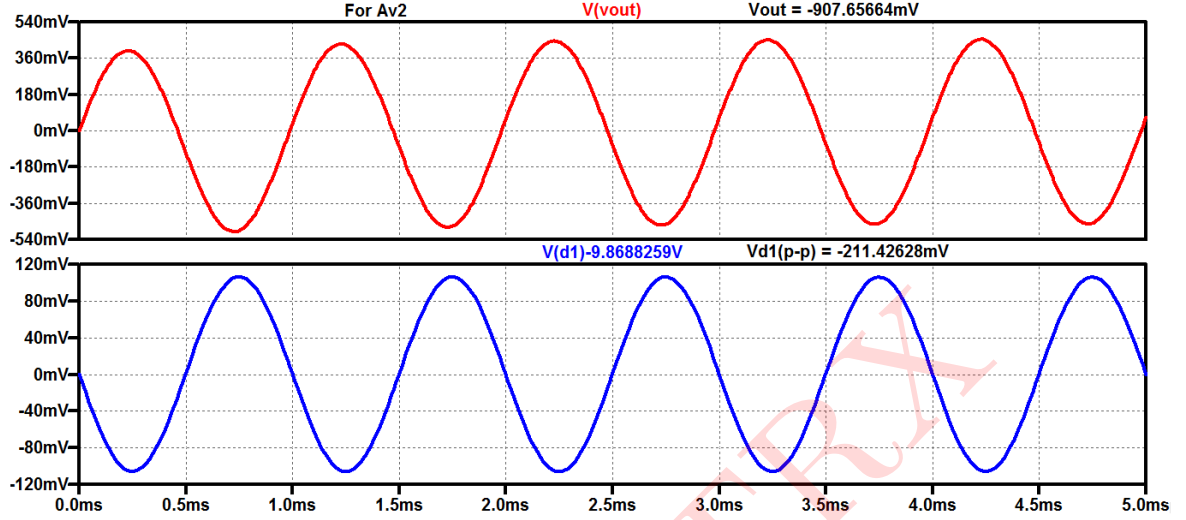


Figure 12: Input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V_2}$

**Comparison of theoretical and simulated values:**

Parameters	Theoretical	Simulated
Stage 1: Q-point ( $I_{D_1Q}, V_{GS_1Q}$ )	(3.722 mA, -1.4517 V)	(3.69599 mA, -1.4413267 V)
Stage 2: Q-point ( $I_{D_2Q}, V_{GS_2Q}$ )	(3.722 mA, -1.4517 V)	(3.69599 mA, -1.4413267 V)
Voltage gain of 1 <sup>st</sup> stage $A_{V_1}$	-4.6366	-5.282845
Voltage gain of 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage $A_{V_2}$	-4.34258	-4.2928
Overall voltage gain ( $A_{V_T}$ )	26.079 dB	27.109 dB
Input impedance ( $Z_i$ ) of 1 <sup>st</sup> stage	10 M $\Omega$	—
Output impedance ( $Z_o$ ) of 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage	1.803 k $\Omega$	—
Output voltage	402.7 mV	453.5 mV

Table 2: Numerical 2

3. For each transistor in the circuit shown in Figure 13, the parameters are:  
 $\beta = 125$ ,  $V_{BE(on)} = 0.7$  V and  $r_o = \infty \Omega$   
a) Determine the Q-points of each transistor  
b) Determine the input resistance  $R_i$  and output resistance  $R_o$   
c) Find the overall voltage gain  $A_V$

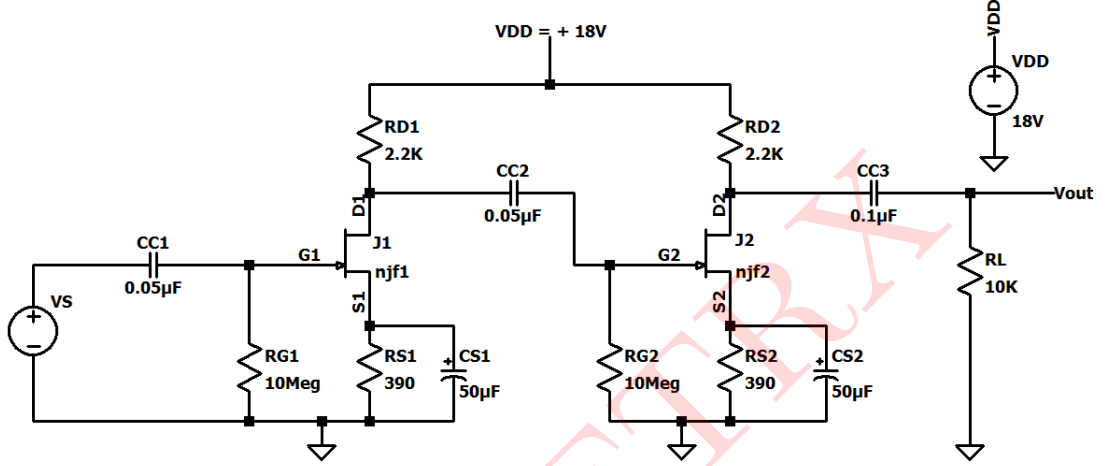


Figure 13: Circuit 3

**Solution:**

**DC Analysis:**

The capacitors act as open circuit.  $f = 0$ ,  $\therefore X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC} = \infty$

$$V_{th} = \left[ \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times (V_{CC} + V_{EE}) \right] - 5 = \left[ \frac{6k}{70k + 6k} \times 10 \right] - 5$$

$$\therefore V_{th} = -4.21015 \text{ V}$$

$$R_{th} = R_1 || R_2 = 70k || 6k$$

$$\therefore R_{th} = 5.526 \text{ k}\Omega$$

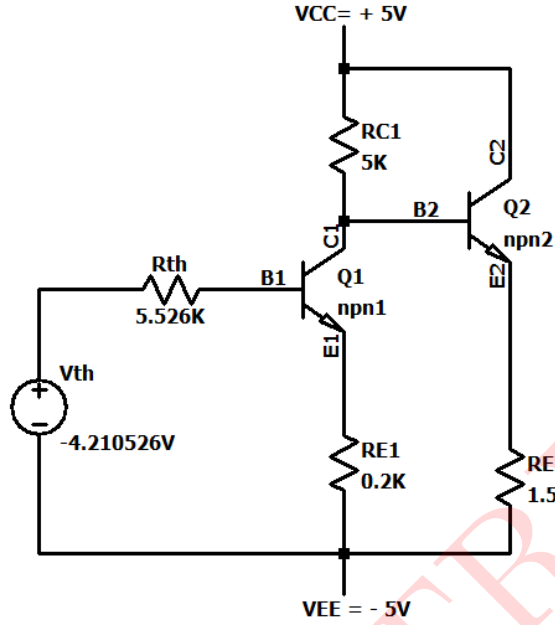


Figure 14: DC equivalent circuit

Applying KVL to input base-emitter loop

$$I_{B_1} = \frac{V_{th} - V_{BE} + V_{EE}}{R_{th} + (1 + \beta)R_{E_1}} = \frac{-4.21015 - 0.7 + 5}{5.526k + (126 \times 0.2k)}$$

$$\therefore I_{B_1Q} = 10.9943 \mu A$$

Since both stages have same parameters,  $I_{B_1Q} = I_{B_2Q} = 2.924 \mu A$

$$I_{C_1Q} = \beta I_{B_1Q} = 125 \times 2.924 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\therefore I_{C_1Q} = 0.365 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{E_1Q} = I_{B_1Q} + I_{C_1Q}$$

$$\therefore I_{E_1Q} = 0.3684 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{C_1} = V_{CC} - I_C R_{C_1} = 5 - (0.3655 \times 10^{-3} \times 5k)$$

$$\therefore V_{C_1} = 3.1725 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{E_1} = I_E R_{E_1} - V_{EE}$$

$$\therefore V_{E_1} = -4.926 \text{ V}$$

For stage 2,  $V_{B_2} = V_{C_1}$

$$V_{B_2} = V_{E_2} + V_{BE} + V_{EE}$$

$$\therefore V_{E_2} = V_{B_2} - 0.7 + V_{EE} = 3.1725 - 0.7 + 5$$

$$\therefore V_{E_2} = 2.5275 \text{ V}$$

$$I_{E_2} = \frac{V_{E_2} + V_{EE}}{R_{E_2}} = 1.648 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{C_2} = \alpha I_{E_2} = \left( \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta} \right) \times I_E = \frac{125}{126} \times 1.648 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\therefore I_{C_2} = 1.635 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{B_2} = \frac{I_{E_2}}{1 + \beta} = 1.3185 \times 10^{-5} = 13.184 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

$$V_{C_1\text{new}} = V_{CC} - I_C R_{C_1} = 5 - 5k(I_{C_1} + I_{B_2})$$

$$\therefore V_{C_1\text{new}} = 5 - 5k(0.378 \times 10^{-3}) = 3.11 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{E_2\text{new}} = V_{C_1\text{new}} - 0.7 = 2.41 \text{ V}$$

$$I_{E_2\text{new}} = \frac{V_{E_2\text{new}}}{R_{E_2}} = \frac{2.41 + 5}{1.5k}$$

$$\therefore I_{E_2\text{new}} = 4.94 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{B_2\text{new}} = \frac{I_{E_2}}{1 + \beta} = 39.206 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_{C_2\text{new}} = \beta I_{B_2\text{new}} = 4.9 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{C_2} = 5 \text{ V}$$

**Small-signal parameters:**

$$r_{\pi_1} = \frac{\beta V_T}{I_{C_1 Q}} = 8.8919 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$r_{\pi_2} = \frac{\beta V_T}{I_{C_2 Q}} = 663.26 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$g_{m_1} = \frac{I_{C_1 Q}}{V_T} = 14.038 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}}$$

$$g_{m_2} = \frac{I_{C_2 Q}}{V_T} = 188.46 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}}$$

The mid-band AC equivalent circuit is shown in Figure 15

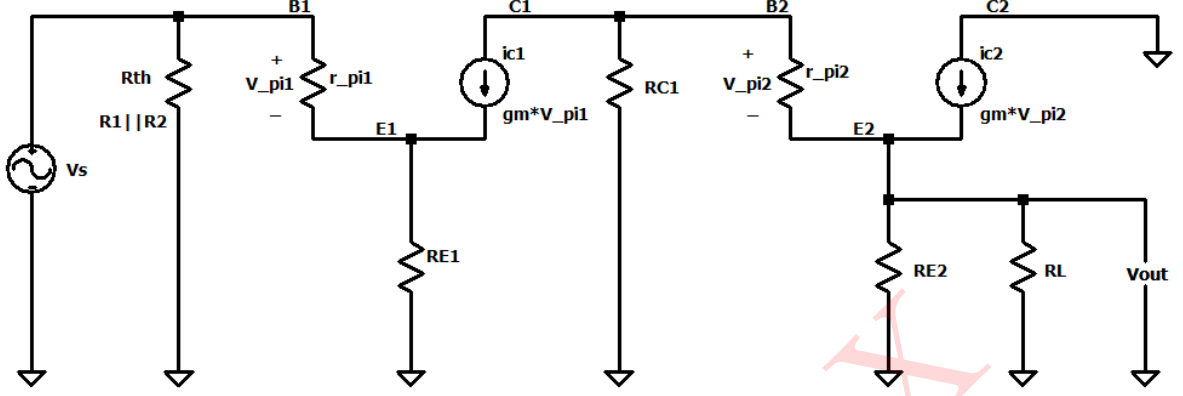


Figure 15: Mid frequency equivalent circuit

$$A_{V_T} = \frac{V_o}{V_S} = \frac{V_o}{V_1} \times \frac{V_1}{V_S}$$

$$A_{V_2} = \frac{V_o}{V_1} = \frac{(R_{E_2} || R_L)}{\frac{1}{g_{m_2}} + (R_{E_2} || R_L)}$$

$$\therefore A_{V_2} = \frac{1.304k}{\frac{1}{188.46 \times 10^{-3}} + 1.304k} = 0.9959$$

$$A_{V_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_S} = \frac{-g_{m_1} V_{\pi_1} R_{C_1}}{r_{\pi} + (1 + \beta_1) R_{E_1}}$$

$$\therefore A_{V_1} = \frac{-\beta R_{C_1}}{r_{\pi_1} + (1 + \beta) R_{E_1}} = -18.33$$

$$A_{V_T} = A_{V_1} \times A_{V_2} = -18.33 \times 0.9959$$

$$\therefore A_{V_T} = -18.257$$

$$\text{Input impedance } Z_i = R_1 || R_2 || [r_{\pi_1} + (1 + \beta) R_E] = 5.526k || [8.8919k + (126 \times 0.2k)]$$

$$\therefore Z_i = 4.7552 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\text{Output impedance } Z_o = [R_{E_2} || R_L] || \frac{1}{g_{m_2}} = [1.5k || 10k] || \frac{1}{188.46 \times 10^{-3}} = 1.304k || 5.3061$$

$$\therefore Z_o = 5.28459 \Omega$$

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 $A_{VT} = A_{v1} \cdot A_{v2} = 13309.44$   
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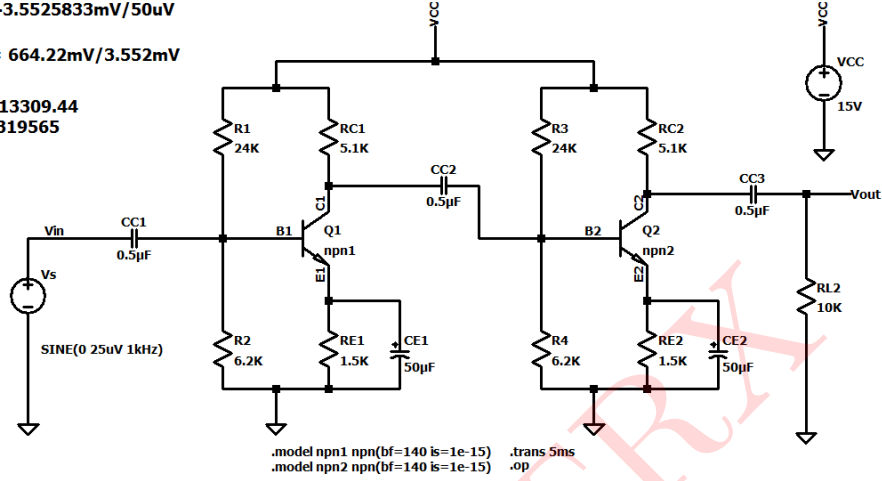


Figure 16: Circuit schematic

The input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V1}$  are shown in Figure 17

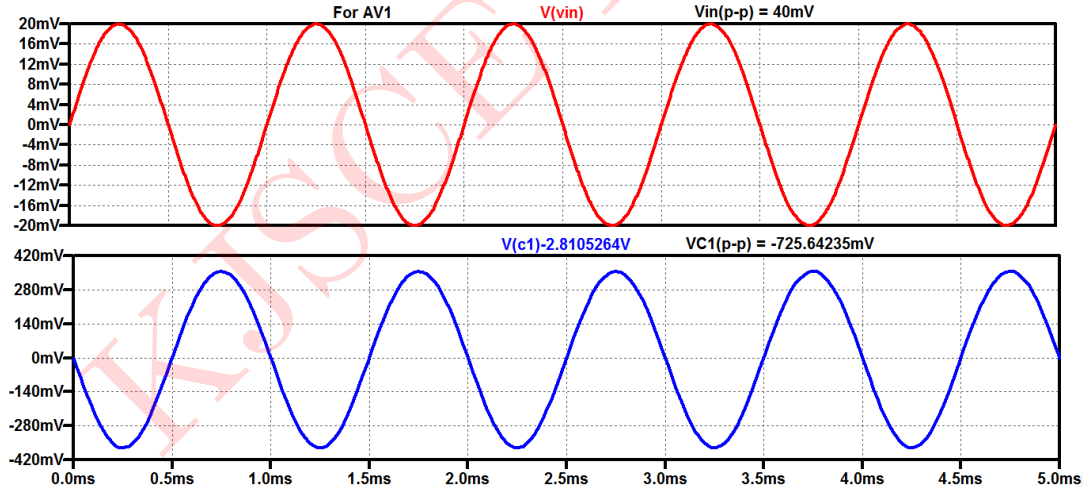


Figure 17: Input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V1}$

The input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V_2}$  are shown in Figure 18

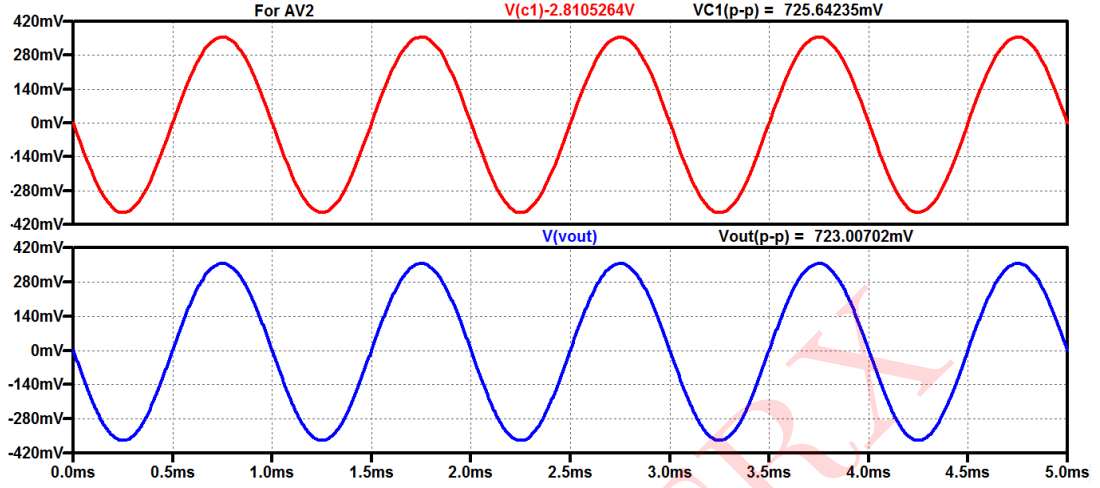


Figure 18: Input and output waveforms for voltage gain  $A_{V_2}$

**Comparison of theoretical and simulated values:**

Parameters	Theoretical	Simulated
$I_{B_1}$	2.924 $\mu A$	3.20448 $\mu A$
$I_{C_1}$	0.3655 mA	0.400561 mA
$I_{E_1}$	0.3684 mA	0.403766 mA
$I_{B_2}$	39.206 $\mu A$	37.33 $\mu A$
$I_{C_2}$	4.9 mA	4.667 mA
$I_{E_2}$	4.94 mA	4.70401 mA
$V_{C_1}$	3.11 V	2.81053 V
$V_{C_2}$	5 V	5 V
$V_{E_1}$	-4.926 V	-4.91925 V
$V_{E_2}$	2.5275 V	2.05601 V
$V_{B_1}$	-4.21015 V	-4.22824 V
$V_{B_2}$	3.1725 V	2.81053 V
$A_{V_T}$	-18.257	-18.077

Table 3: Numerical 3