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Low and High frequency response of single stage amplifier

Q1. For the network of figure determine C_C such that lower -3 dB frequency is 15Hz, find $A_{V_{mid}}$

Given: $\beta = 200$, $R_B = 430k\Omega$, $R_E = 2.5k\Omega$, $V_{CC} = 10V$, $R_S = 500\Omega$, $V_A = \infty$

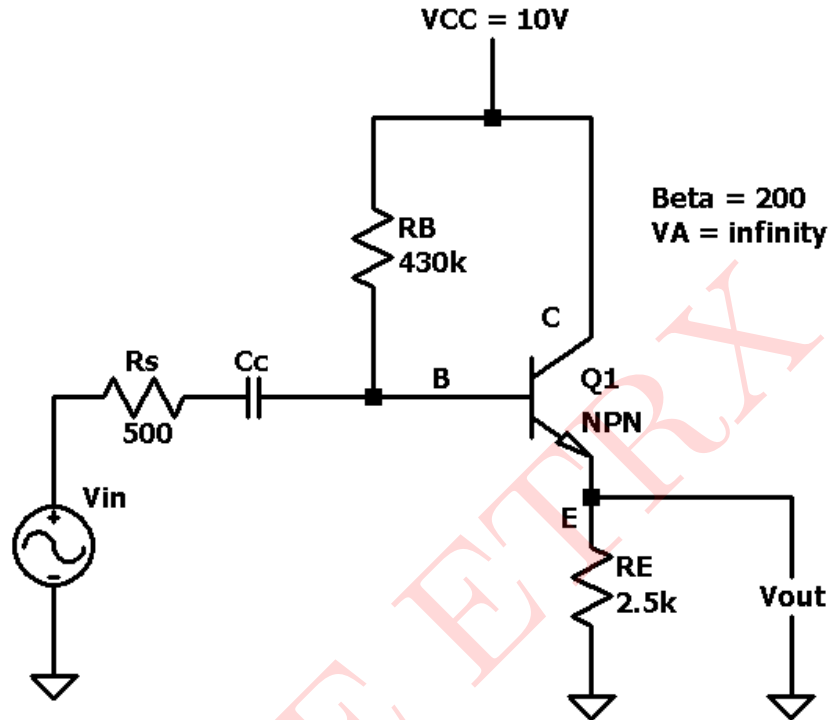


Figure 1: Circuit 1

Solution:

Above circuit is common emitter voltage divider BJT Amplifier

DC Analysis:

Applying KVL to input loop of circuit 1:

$$-V_{BE} + V_{CC} - I_B R_B - I_E R_E = 0$$

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$I_E = I_C + I_B$$

$$I_E = (1 + \beta) I_B$$

$$-V_{BE} + V_{CC} - I_B R_B - (1 + \beta) I_B R_E = 0$$

$$I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B + (1 + \beta) R_E}$$

$$I_B = \frac{10 - 0.7}{430 \times 10^3 + 201 \times 2.5 \times 10^3}$$

$$I_B = 9.9731 \mu A$$

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$I_C = 1.9946 mA$$

Small signal equivalent for C_C

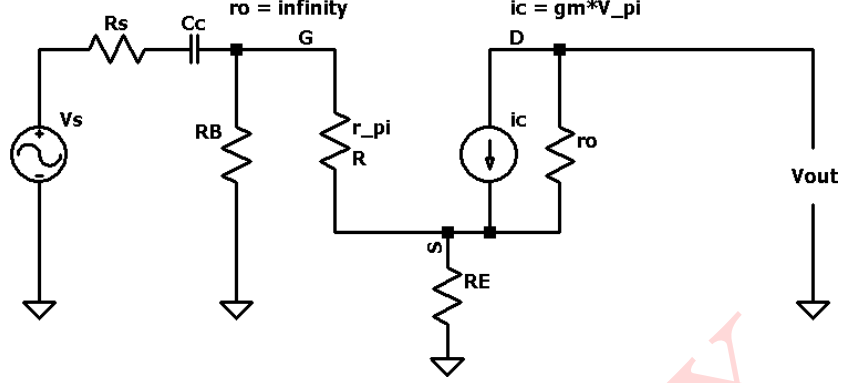


Figure 2: Small signal equivalent circuit fo C_C

We know that $f_{LCC} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{eq} C_C}$

$$R_{eq} = R_i + R_o$$

$$R_o = R_B || (r_\pi + (\beta + 1)R_E) \quad (\because \text{current through } R_\pi \text{ is } I_B, \text{ current through } R_E \text{ is } I_E \text{ also } I_E = (1 + \beta)I_B)$$

$$R_i = R_s$$

Small signal parameters:

$$r_\pi = \frac{V_T}{I_{BQ}} = \frac{26 \times 10^{-3}}{9.9731 \times 10^{-6}} = \mathbf{506.1950 \Omega}$$

$$g_m = \frac{I_{CQ}}{V_T} = \frac{1.9946 \times 10^{-3}}{26 \times 10^{-3}} = \mathbf{76.7165 \text{ mA/V}}$$

$$R_o = R_B || (R_\pi + (\beta + 1)R_E)$$

$$R_o = 430k || (2.607k + (201)2.5k)$$

$$R_o = 430 \times 10^3 || (505.107 \times 10^3)$$

$$R_o = \mathbf{232.268 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

$$R_{eq} = R_i + R_o$$

$$R_{eq} = 500 + 232.268k\Omega$$

$$R_{eq} = \mathbf{232.768k\Omega}$$

$$f_{LCC} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{eq} C_C}$$

$$C_C = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 232.768 \times 10^3 \times 15}$$

$$C_C = \mathbf{45.583}$$

Small signal equivalent circuit for $A_{v_{mid}}$:

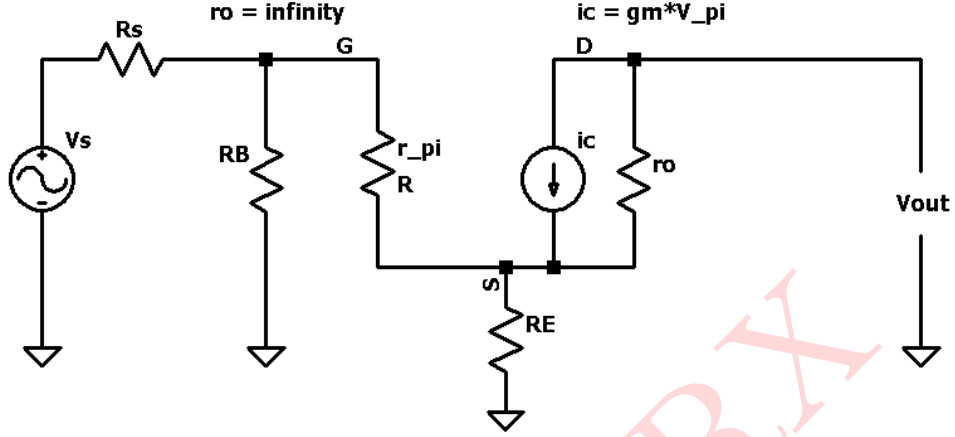


Figure 3: Small signal equivalent circuit for $A_{V_{mid}}$

$$A_{V_{mid}} = \frac{V_o}{V_S}$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} = \frac{V_o}{V_i} \times \frac{V_i}{V_S}$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{-R_E}{\frac{1}{g_m} + R_E} = \frac{-2.5k}{\frac{1}{76.715mA/V} + 2.5k}$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} = -0.9948$$

$$\frac{V_i}{V_S} = \frac{Z_i}{Z_i + R_S}$$

$$Z_i = R_o = 232.268k\Omega$$

$$\frac{V_i}{V_S} = \frac{232.268 \times 10^3}{232.268 \times 10^3 + 500}$$

$$\frac{V_i}{V_S} = 0.9978$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} = (0.9978) \times (-0.9948) = -0.9926$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ in dB} = 20 \log_{10}(|0.9926|)$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ in dB} = -64.301 \text{ mdB} \approx 0$$

SIMULATED RESULTS:

Above circuit is simulated in LTspice and results are as follows

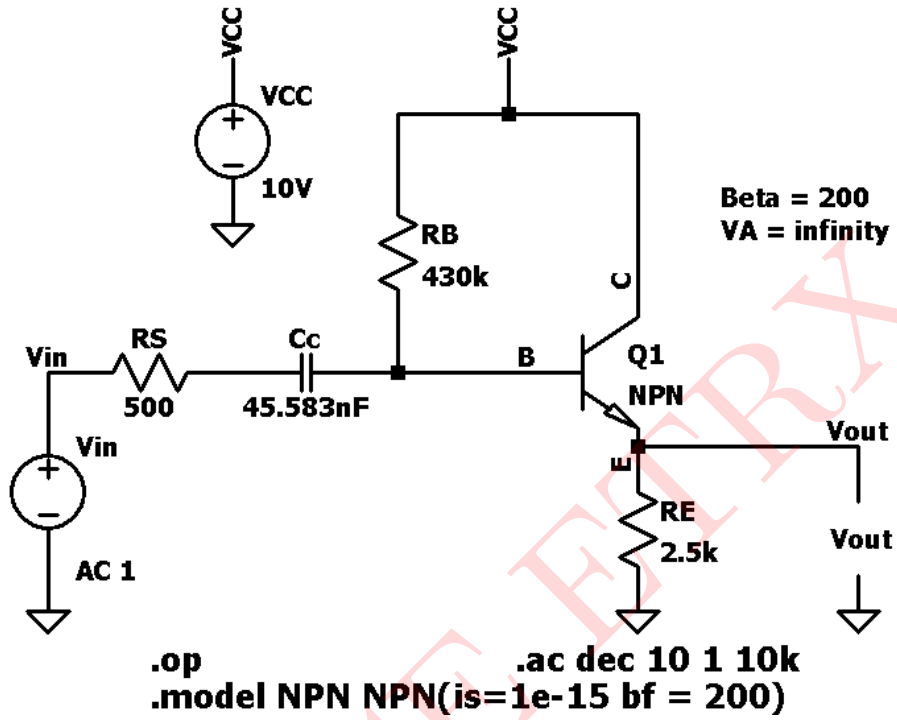


Figure 4: Circuit Schematic

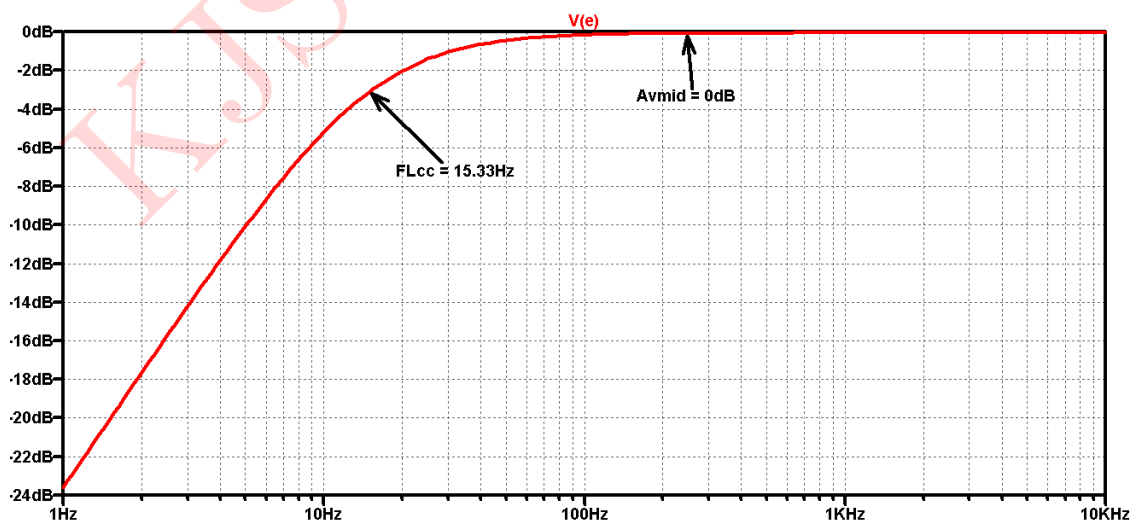


Figure 5: Circuit Schematic: Input Output Waveform

Comparsion between simulated and theoretical values :

Parameters	Theoretical	Simulated
I_{CQ}	1.974mA	1.994mA
$A_{V_{mid}}$	0dB	≈ 0 dB
Lower cutoff frequency due to C_C	15.33Hz	15Hz

Table 1: Numerical 1

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- Q2. For the circuit shown, determine lower cutoff frequency and $A_{V_{mid}}$
 Given: $V_P = -7V$, $r_d = \infty\Omega$, $R_S = 1k\Omega$, $R_G = 1M\Omega$, $R_D = 4.7k\Omega$, $R_L = 2.2k\Omega$,
 $R_{sig} = 10k\Omega$, $C_S = 2\mu F$, $C_C = 0.5\mu F$, $C_G = 0.01\mu F$, $V_{DD} = 20V$, $I_{DSS} = 8mA$

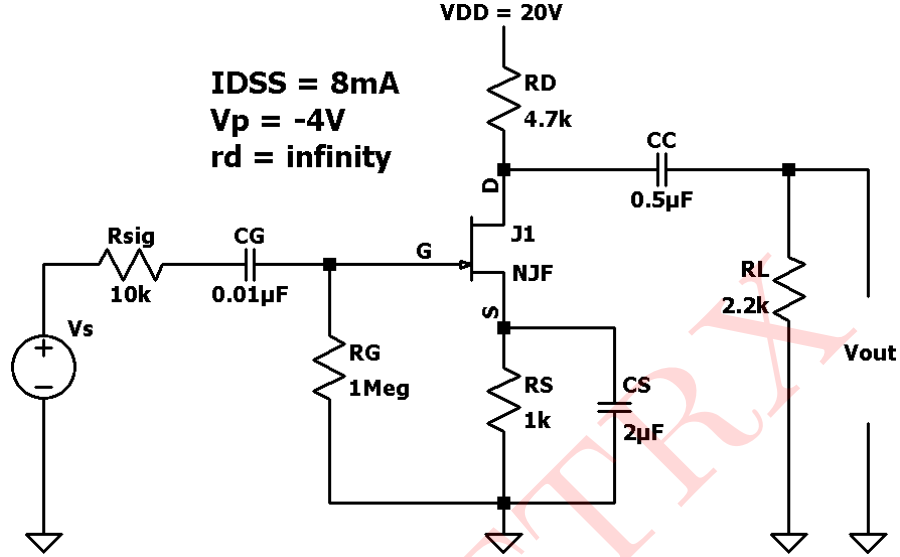


Figure 6: Circuit 2

Solution:

DC Analysis:-

Applying KVL to the input loop:-

$$V_{GS} = -I_D R_S$$

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

$$I_D = 8mA \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{(-4)} \right)^2$$

$$V_{GS} = -8mA \left(1 + \frac{V_{GS}}{(-4)} + \frac{V_{GS}^2}{16} \right)^2 \times 1k\Omega$$

$$V_{GS} = -8 - 0.5V_{GS}^2 - 4V_{GS}$$

$$0.5V_{GS}^2 + 5V_{GS} + 8 = 0$$

Solving above quadratic equation, we get

$$V_{GS} = -2V$$

or

$$V_{GS} = -8V, \text{ We reject this value, as } (V_{GS} > V_P)$$

$$\therefore V_{GS} = -2.479V$$

$$I_D = -\frac{V_{GS}}{R_S} = \frac{-2V}{1k\Omega} = 2mA$$

$$I_D = 2.065mA$$

Small-Signal parameters:-

$$g_{m_o} = \left| \frac{2I_{DSS}}{V_P} \right| = \frac{2 \times 8}{-4} = 2mA/V$$

$$g_m = g_{m_o} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2 = 2 \times \left(1 - \frac{-2}{-4} \right) = 2 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$g_m = 2 \text{ mA/V}$$

Low frequency equivalent circuit for C_G :-

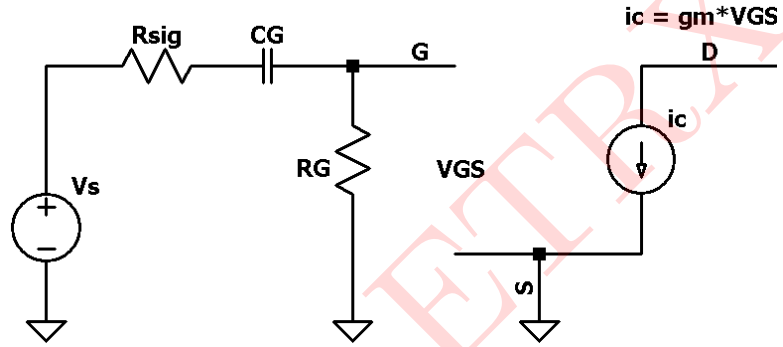


Figure 7: Small Signal low frequency equivalent circuit for C_G

$$R_{eq} = R_{sig} + R_G = 10k\Omega + 1M\Omega$$

$$f_{LCG} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_G \times R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times (10k + 1M) \times 0.1\mu F} = 15.76Hz$$

$$f_{LC1} = 15.76Hz$$

Low frequency equivalent circuit for C_S :-

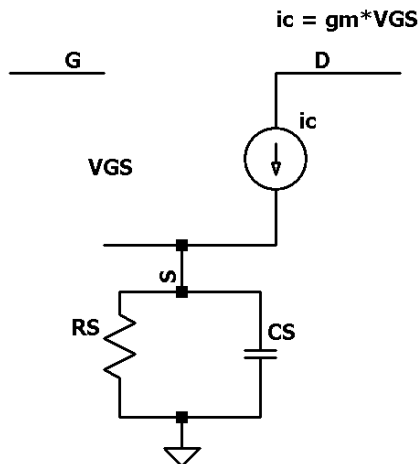


Figure 8: Small Signal low frequency equivalent circuit for C_S

$$R_{eq} = R_S + \frac{1}{g_m} = (1k + \frac{1}{2mA/V}) = 333.33k\Omega$$

$$f_{LCS} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_S \times R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 333.33 \times 2\mu F} = 238.734Hz$$

$$f_{LCC2} = \mathbf{238.734Hz}$$

Low frequency equivalent circuit for C_C :-

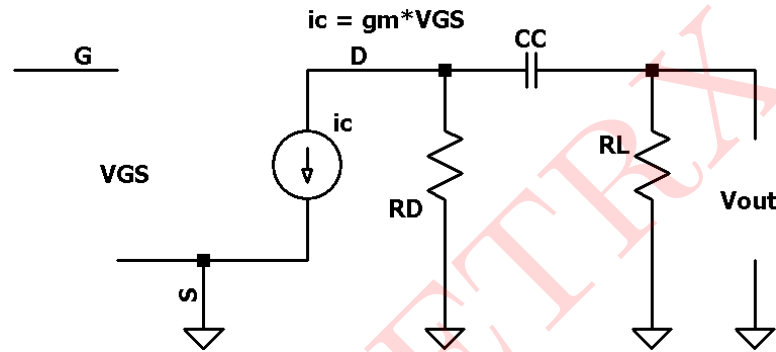


Figure 9: Small Signal low frequency equivalent circuit for C_C

Since $V_S = 0$; and also gate and source are open circuit $\rightarrow \therefore R_{sig}$ & R_G are ignored

$$R_{eq} = R_D + R_L = 4.7k + 2.2k = 6.9k$$

$$f_{LCC} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_C \times R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 6.9k \times 0.5\mu F} = 46.13Hz$$

$$f_{LCC2} = \mathbf{46.13Hz}$$

Complete low frequency AC equivalent circuit:-

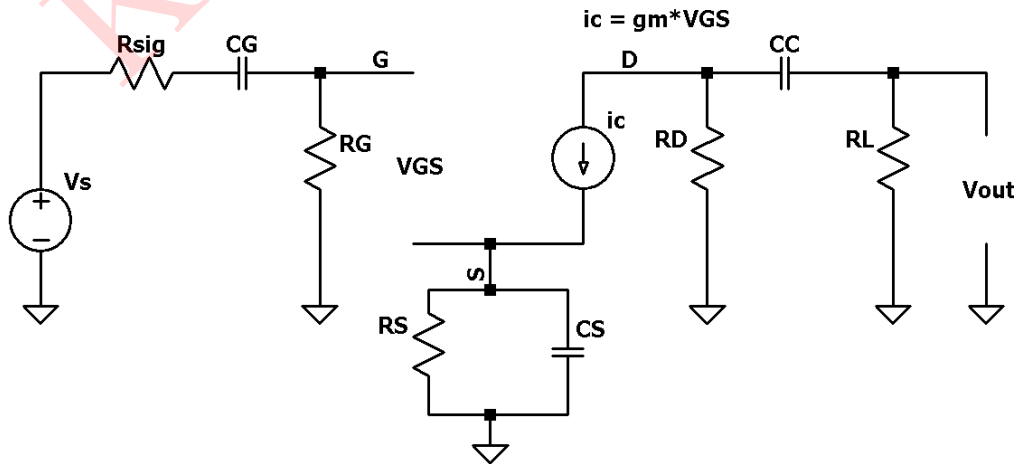


Figure 10: Complete low frequency AC equivalent circuit

Since, $f_{LCS} > f_{LCC2} > f_{LCC1}$

\therefore Lower cut-off frequency = $f_{LCS} = 238.73Hz$

AC mid frequency equivalent circuit:-

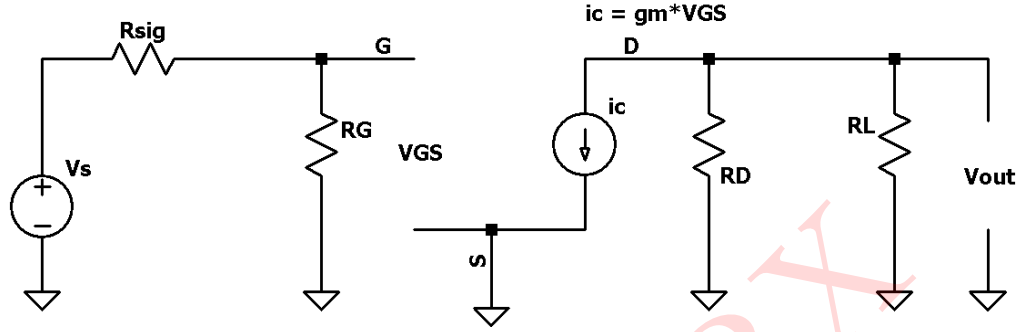


Figure 11: AC mid frequency equivalent circuit

$$A_{V_{mid}} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = -g_m(r_d \parallel R_D \parallel R_L)$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} = 26mA/V(\infty \parallel 4.7k \parallel 2.2k) = -2.99$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} = -2.99$$

Input Impedance:-

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ with } R_{sig} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_S} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \times \frac{V_{in}}{V_S}$$

$$\frac{V_{in}}{V_S} = \frac{R_G}{R_G + R_{sig}} = \frac{1M\Omega}{10k\Omega + 1M\Omega} = 0.999$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ with } R_{sig} = 0.99 \times 2.99 = -2.96$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ with } R_{sig} = -2.96$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ in } dB = 20\log_{10}(2.96) = 9.42dB$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ in } dB = 5.818dB$$

SIMULATED RESULTS:

Above circuit was simulated in LTSpice and results are presented below:

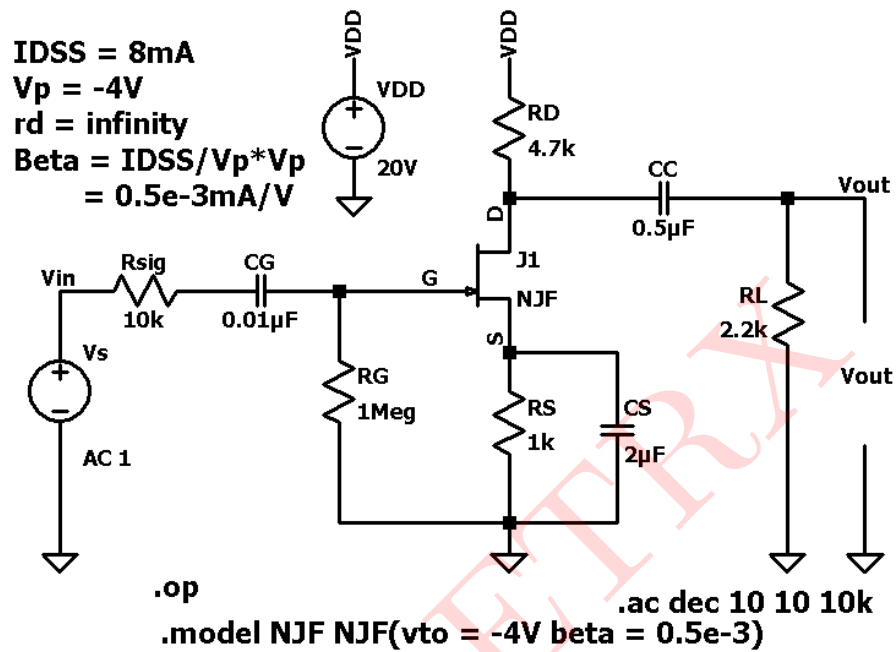


Figure 12: Circuit Schematic 1

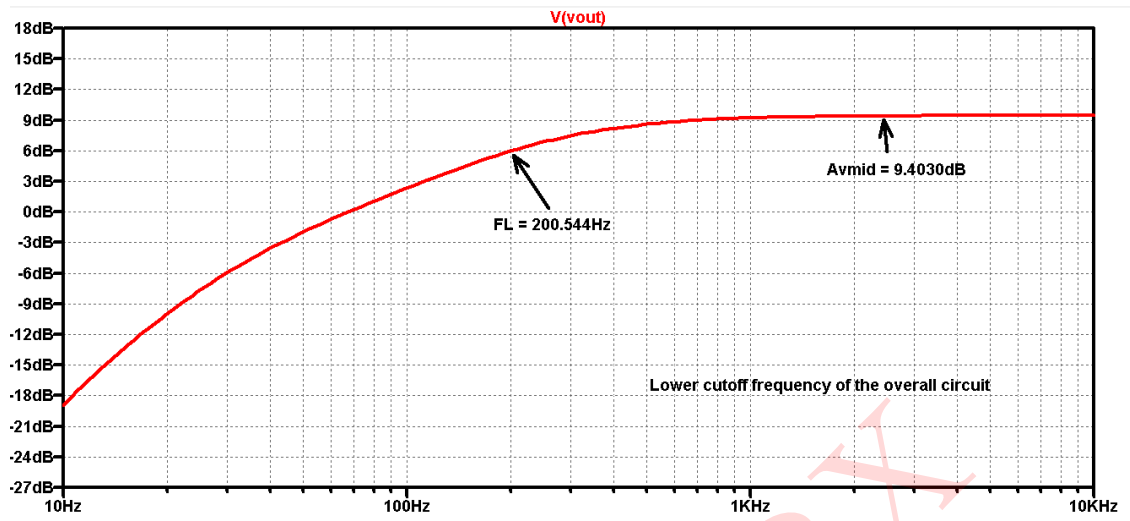


Figure 13: Low frequency response of the circuit

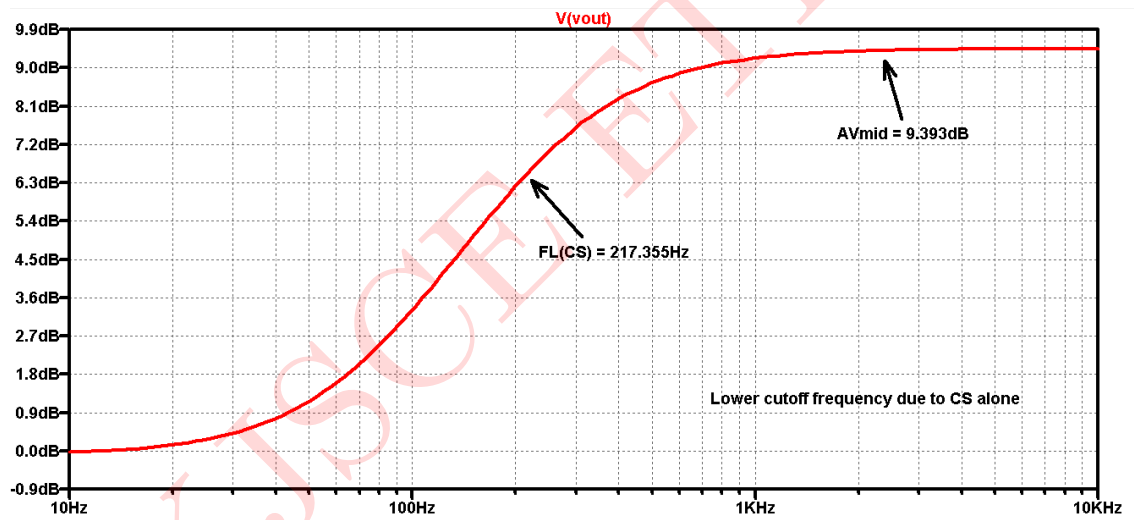


Figure 14: Low frequency response for C_S

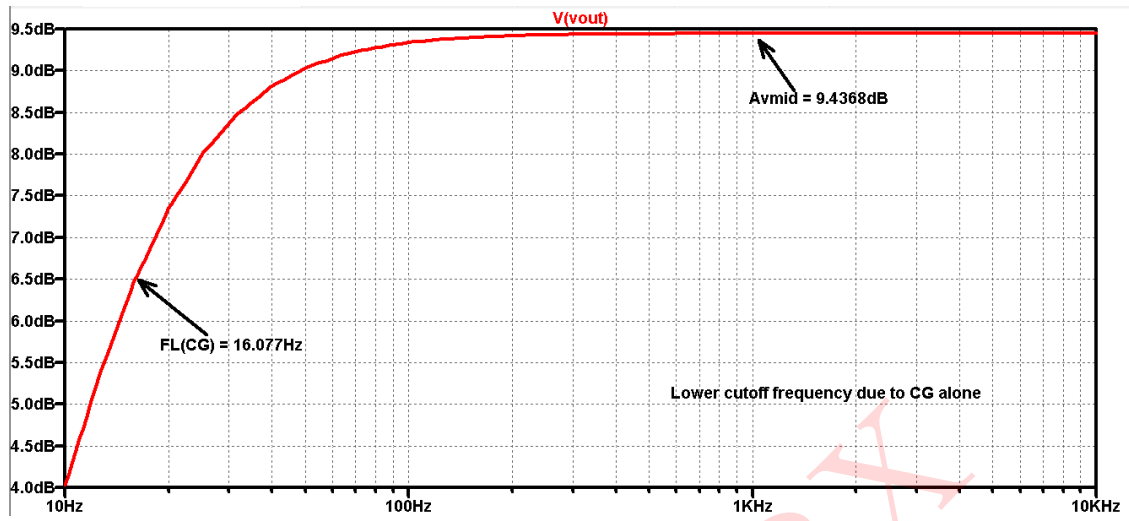


Figure 15: Low frequency response for C_G

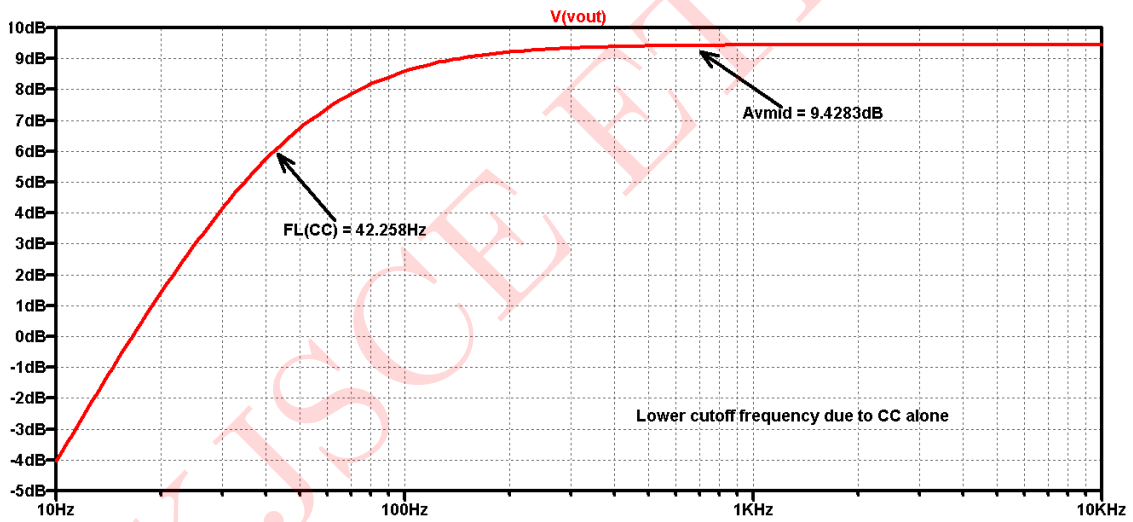


Figure 16: Low frequency response for C_C

Comparison of Theoretical and Simulated Values:

Parameters	Theoretical	Simulated
I_{DQ}	$2mA$	$2mA$
Lower cut-off frequency due to C_G	$16.077Hz$	$15.76Hz$
Lower cut-off frequency due to C_C	$42.258Hz$	$46.13Hz$
Lower cut-off frequency due to C_S	$271.35Hz$	$238.73Hz$
Overall cut-off frequency f_L	$200.54Hz$	$238.73Hz$
Mid-band Voltage gain A_V in dB	$9.403dB$	$9.42dB$

Table 2: Numerical 2

Q3. Find the complete frequency responses of the circuit shown

Given: $V_P = -7V$, $r_d = \infty\Omega$, $R_S = 1k\Omega$, $R_G = 1M\Omega$, $R_D = 4.7k\Omega$, $R_L = 2.2k\Omega$, $R_{sig} = 10k\Omega$, $C_S = 2\mu F$, $C_C = 0.5\mu F$, $C_G = 0.01\mu F$, $V_{DD} = 20V$, $I_{DSS} = 8mA$, $C_{wi} = 5pF$, $C_{wo} = 6pF$, $C_{gd} = 2pF$, $C_{gs} = 4pF$, $C_{ds} = 0.5pF$

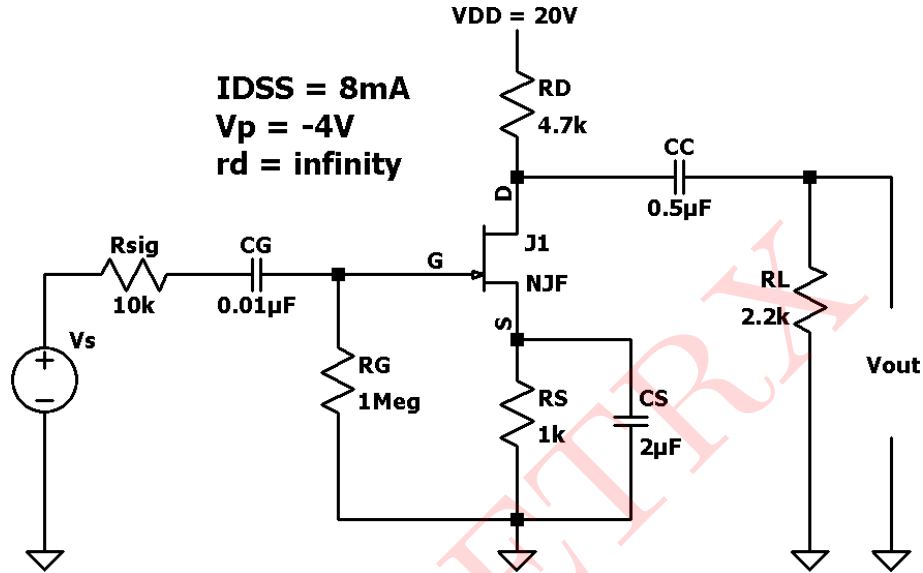


Figure 17: Circuit 3

Solution:

DC Analysis:-

Applying KVL to the input loop:-

$$V_{GS} = -I_D R_S$$

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

$$I_D = 8mA \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{(-4)} \right)^2$$

$$V_{GS} = -8mA \left(1 + \frac{V_{GS}}{(-4)} + \frac{V_{GS}^2}{16} \right) \times 1k\Omega$$

$$V_{GS} = -8 - 0.5V_{GS}^2 - 4V_{GS}$$

$$0.5V_{GS}^2 + 5V_{GS} + 8 = 0$$

Solving above quadratic equation, we get

$$V_{GS} = -2V \quad \text{or} \quad V_{GS} = -8V, \text{ We reject this value, as } (V_{GS} > V_P)$$

$$\therefore V_{GS} = -2.479V$$

$$I_D = -\frac{V_{GS}}{R_S} = \frac{-2V}{1k\Omega} = 2mA$$

$$I_D = 2.065mA$$

Small-Signal parameters:-

$$g_{m_o} = \left| \frac{2I_{DSS}}{V_P} \right| = \frac{2 \times 8}{-4} = 2mA/V$$

$$g_m = g_{m_o} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2 = 2 \times \left(1 - \frac{-2}{-4} \right) = 2 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$g_m = 2 \text{ mA/V}$$

Low frequency equivalent circuit for C_G :-

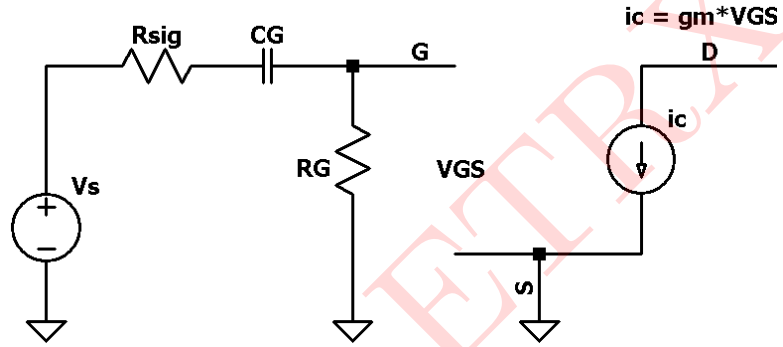


Figure 18: Small Signal low frequency equivalent circuit for C_G

$$R_{eq} = R_{sig} + R_G = 10k\Omega + 1M\Omega$$

$$f_{LCG} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_G \times R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times (10k + 1M) \times 0.1\mu F} = 15.76Hz$$

$$f_{LCC1} = 15.76Hz$$

Low frequency equivalent circuit for C_S :-

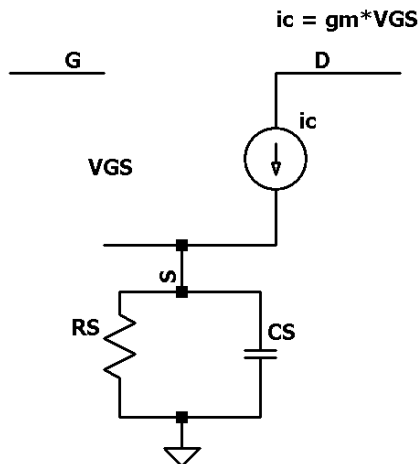


Figure 19: Small Signal low frequency equivalent circuit for C_S

$$R_{eq} = R_S + \frac{1}{g_m} = (1k + \frac{1}{2mA/V}) = 333.33k\Omega$$

$$f_{LCS} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_S \times R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 333.33 \times 2\mu F} = 238.734Hz$$

$$f_{LCC2} = 238.734Hz$$

Low frequency equivalent circuit for C_C :-

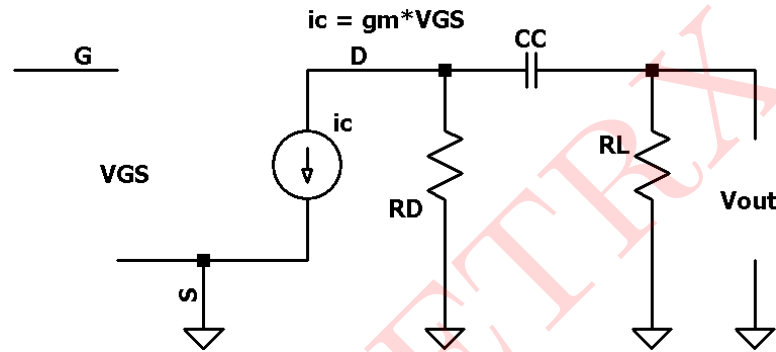


Figure 20: Small Signal low frequency equivalent circuit for C_C

Since $V_S = 0$; and also gate and source are open circuit $\rightarrow \therefore R_{sig}$ & R_G are ignored

$$R_{eq} = R_D + R_L = 4.7k + 2.2k = 6.9k$$

$$f_{LCC} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_C \times R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 6.9k \times 0.5\mu F} = 46.13Hz$$

$$f_{LCC2} = 46.13Hz$$

Complete low frequency AC equivalent circuit:-

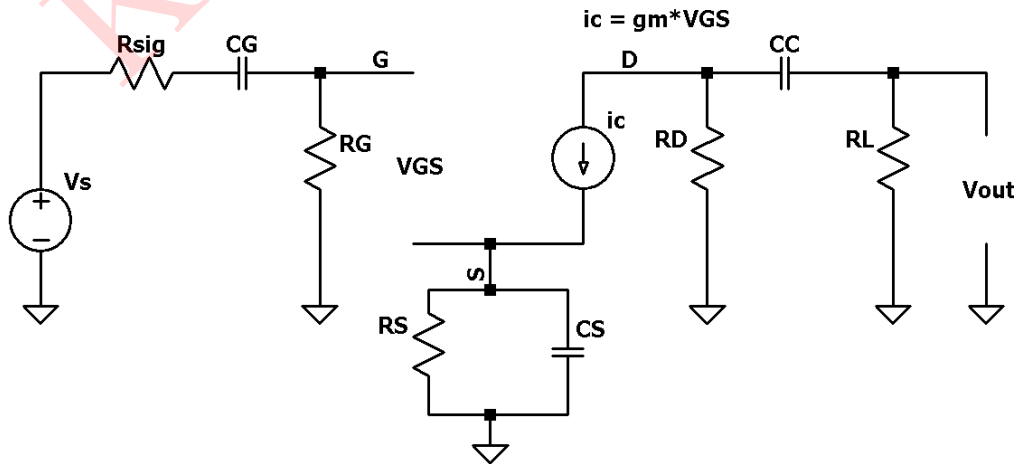


Figure 21: Complete low frequency AC equivalent circuit

Since, $f_{LCS} > f_{LCC2} > f_{LCC1}$

\therefore Lower cut-off frequency = $f_{LCS} = 238.73Hz$

AC mid frequency equivalent circuit:-

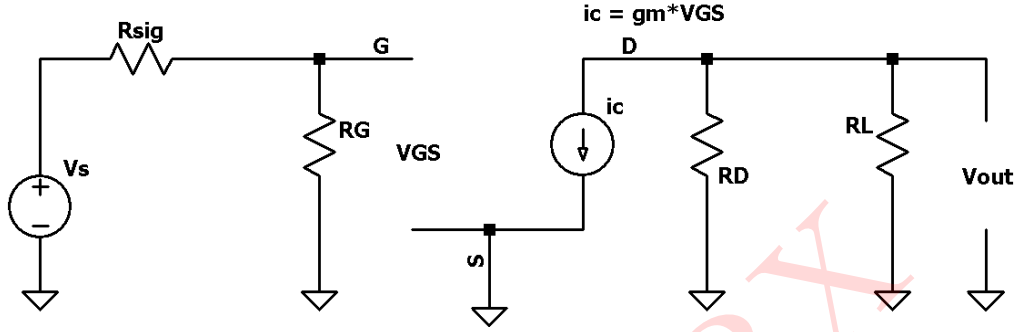


Figure 22: AC mid frequency equivalent circuit

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$$A_{V_{mid}} = 26mA/V(\infty \parallel 4.7k \parallel 2.2k) = -2.99$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} = -2.99$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ with } R_{sig} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_S} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \times \frac{V_{in}}{V_S}$$

$$\frac{V_{in}}{V_S} = \frac{R_G}{R_G + R_{sig}} = \frac{1M\Omega}{10k\Omega + 1M\Omega} = 0.999$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ with } R_{sig} = 0.99 \times 2.99 = -2.96$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ with } R_{sig} = -2.96$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ in } dB = 20\log_{10}(2.96) = 9.42dB$$

$$A_{V_{mid}} \text{ in } dB = 5.818dB$$

High frequency equivalent circuit for entire circuit:-

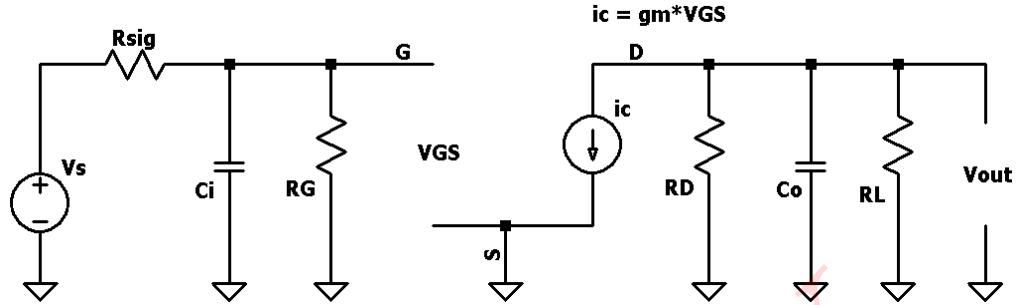


Figure 23: High frequency equivalent circuit for entire circuit

$$C_i = C_{gs} + C_{mi} + C_{wi}$$

$$C_{mi} = C_{gd}(1 - A_{V_{mid}}) \quad (\text{By Millers Theorem})$$

$$C_{mi} = 2pF(1 - (-2.697))$$

$$C_{mi} = 7.93pF$$

$$C_i = 4pF + 7.93pF + 5pF = 16.93pF$$

$$C_{mo} = C_{gd}(1 - \frac{1}{A_{V_{mid}}}) \quad (\text{By Millers Theorem})$$

$$C_{mo} = 2pF(1 + \frac{1}{2.967})$$

$$C_{mo} = 2.674pF$$

$$C_o = 0.5pF + 2.674pF + 6pF$$

$$C_o = 9.174pF$$

High frequency equivalent circuit for C_i :-

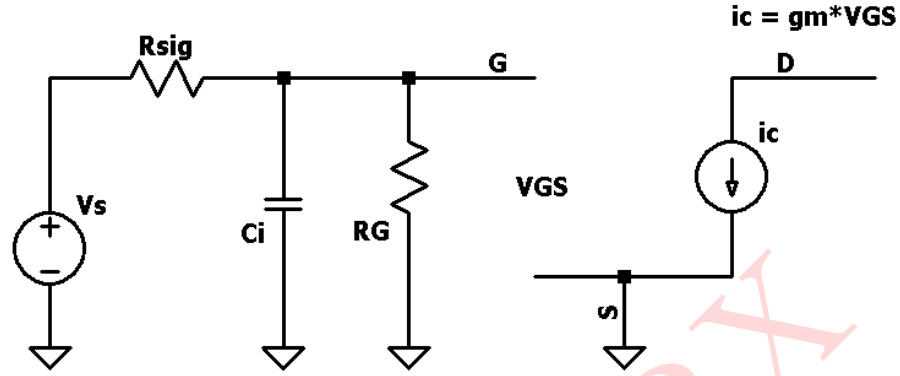


Figure 24: High frequency equivalent circuit for C_i

$$R_{eq} = R_{sig} \parallel R_G = 10k \parallel 1M = 9.9k\Omega$$

$$f_{Hi} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_i \times R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 9.9k \times 16.93} = 949.57KHz$$

$$f_{Hi} = 949.57KHz$$

$$\therefore \text{Higher cut-off frequency} = f_{Hi} = 949.57KHz$$

High frequency equivalent circuit for C_o :-

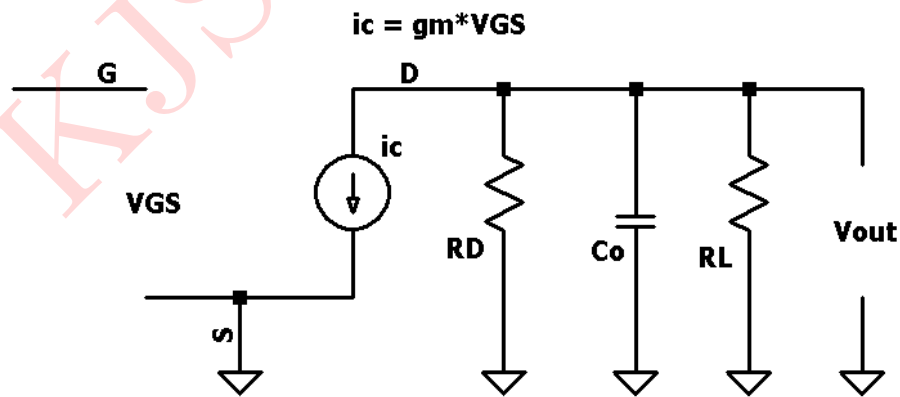


Figure 25: High frequency equivalent circuit for C_o

$$R_{eq} = R_D \parallel R_L = 4.7k \parallel 2.2K = 1.498k\Omega$$

$$f_{Ho} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times C_o \times R_{eq}} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 1.498k \times 9.174pF} = 11.58MHz$$

$$f_{Ho} = 11.58MHz$$

\therefore Higher cut-off frequency = $f_{Ho} = 11.58MHz$

We select $f_H = 949.57KHz$ as the higher frequency of the circuit $\because f_{Ho} < f_{Hi}$

SIMULATED RESULTS:

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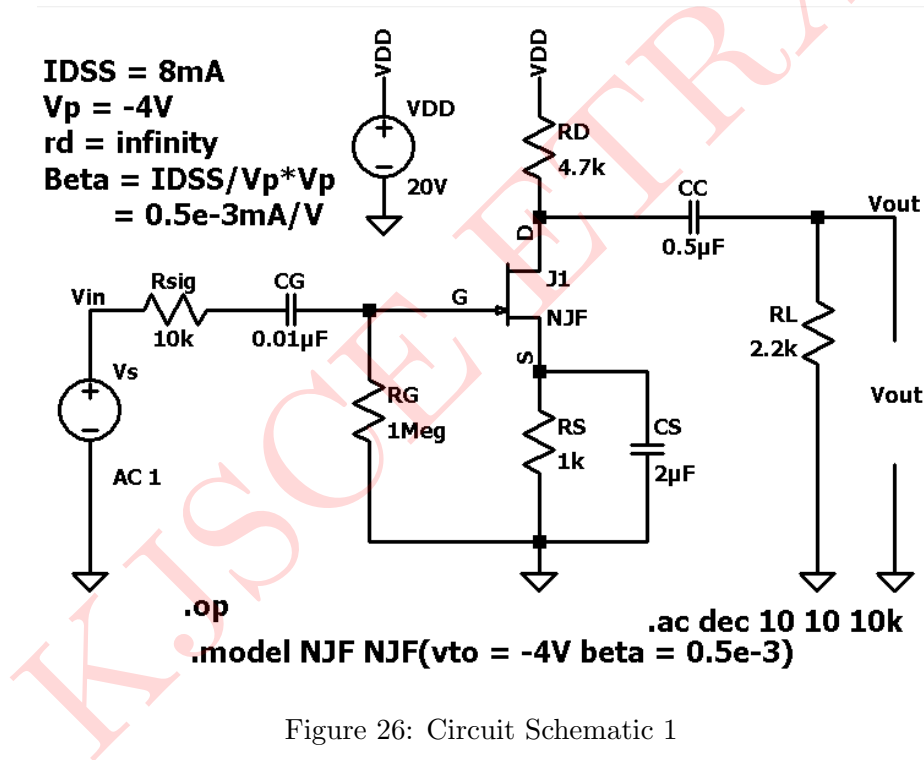


Figure 26: Circuit Schematic 1

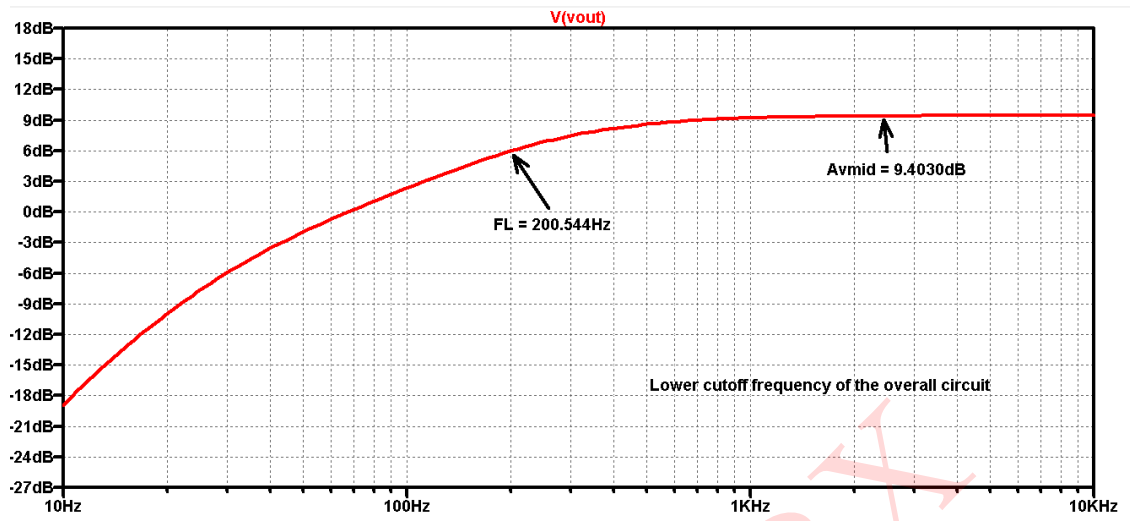


Figure 27: Low frequency response of the circuit

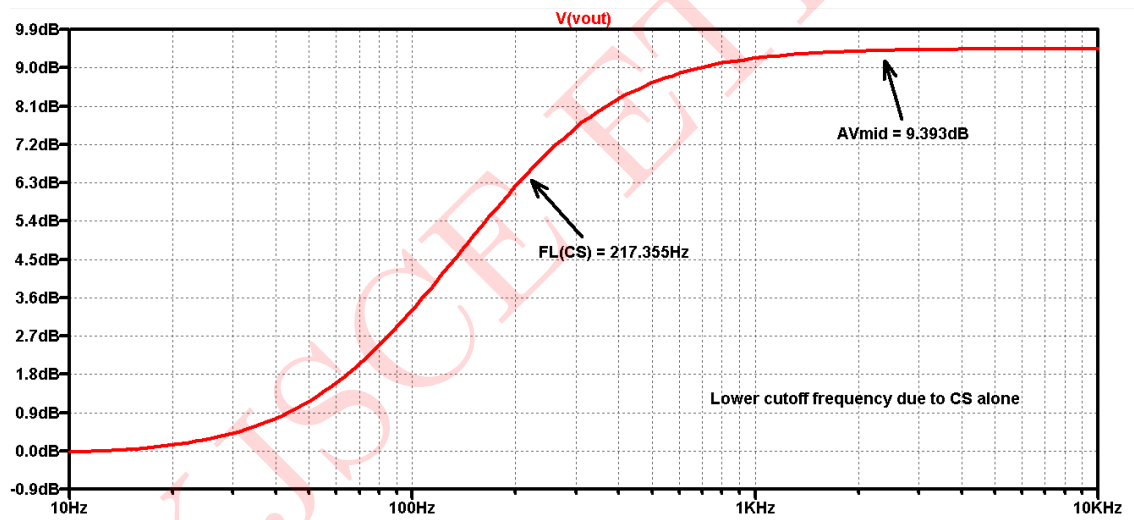


Figure 28: Low frequency response for C_S

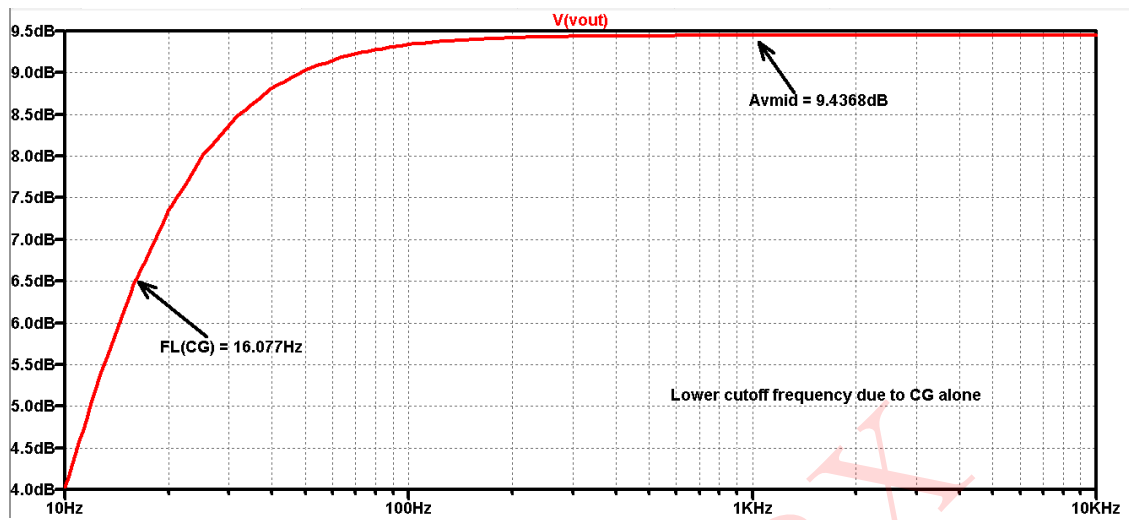


Figure 29: Low frequency response for C_G

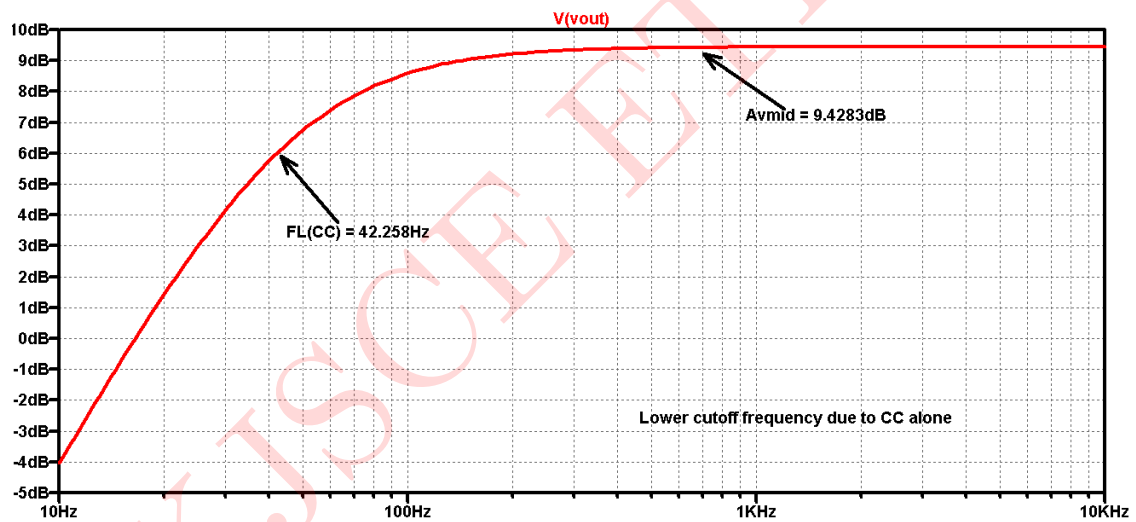


Figure 30: Low frequency response for C_C

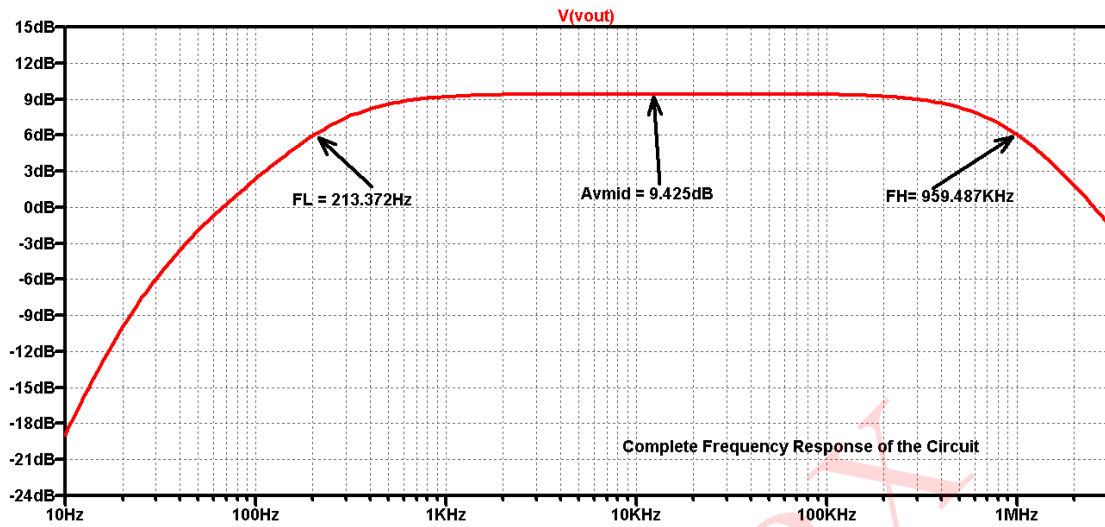


Figure 31: Complete frequency response of the circuit

Comparison of Theoretical and Simulated Values:

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Lower cut-off frequency due to C_S	$271.35Hz$	$238.73Hz$
Overall cut-off frequency f_L	$200.54Hz$	$238.73Hz$
Overall cut-off frequency f_H	$959.487KHz$	$949.57KHz$
Mid-band Voltage gain A_V in dB	$9.403dB$	$9.42dB$

Table 3: Numerical 3
