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Single Stage BJT Amplifier

Numerical 1:

For the network shown below in figure 1,

- Determine r_π
- Find Z_i and Z_o
- Calculate A_V
- Repeat parts (b) and (c) with $r_o = 20k\Omega$

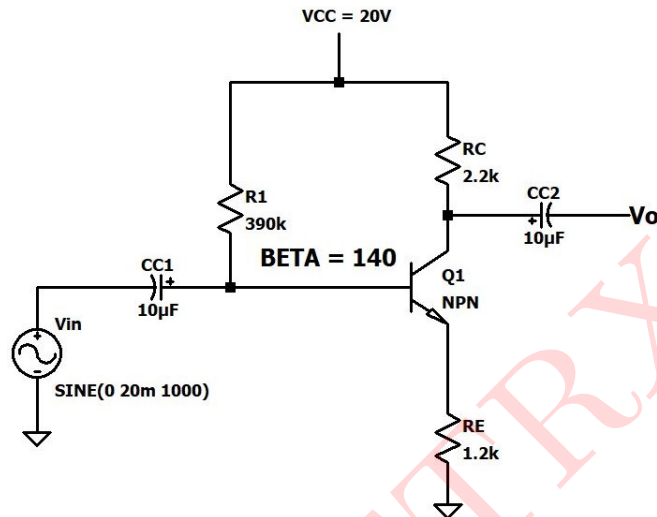


Figure 1: Circuit 1

Solution:

Above circuit is common emitter-bias configuration consisting of a BJT amplifier.

DC analysis:

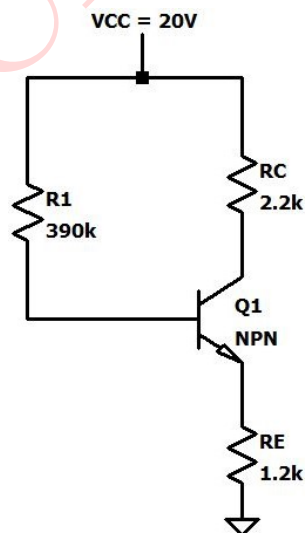


Figure 2: DC equivalent circuit

Applying KVL to base-emitter loop,

$$V_{CC} - I_B R_1 - V_{BE} - I_E R_E = 0$$

$$20V - I_B(390k\Omega) - 0.7V - (\beta + 1)I_B(1.2k\Omega) = 0$$

$$19.3V - I_B[(141)(1.2k\Omega) + 390k\Omega] = 0$$

$$I_B = \frac{19.3}{559.2k} = 0.03451mA = \mathbf{34.51\mu A}$$

$$\therefore I_C = \beta I_B = (140)(0.03451mA) = \mathbf{4.831mA}$$

$$\therefore I_E = (\beta + 1)I_B = (141)(0.03451mA) = \mathbf{4.865mA}$$

Small signal parameters

$$i) g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} = \frac{4.331mA}{26mV} = \mathbf{185.80mA/V}$$

$$ii) r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C}$$

$$\therefore V_A = r_o \times I_C = 100k\Omega \times 4.831mA = \mathbf{4.831V}$$

$$iii) r_\pi = \frac{V_T}{I_B} = \frac{26mV}{0.03451mA} = \mathbf{753.40\Omega}$$

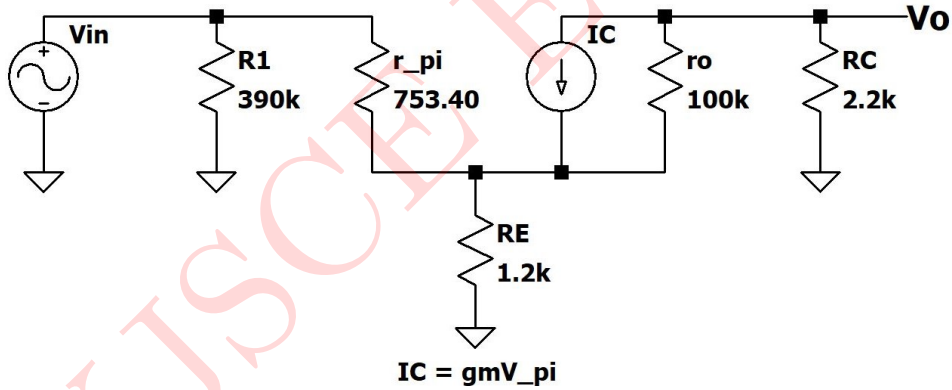


Figure 3: Small signal equivalent circuit for $r_o = 100k\Omega$

Input impedance,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_i &= R_1 \parallel (r_\pi + (1 + \beta)R_E) \\ &= 390k\Omega \parallel (753.40\Omega + (141)1.2k\Omega) \\ &= 390k\Omega \parallel (753.40\Omega + 169200\Omega) \\ &= 390k\Omega \parallel 169.953 \\ &= \frac{390k\Omega \times 169.953k\Omega}{390k\Omega + 169.953k\Omega} = \mathbf{118.370k\Omega} \end{aligned}$$

Output impedance,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_o &= r_o \parallel R_C \\ &= \frac{r_o \times R_C}{r_o + R_C} = \frac{100k\Omega \times 2.2k\Omega}{100k\Omega + 2.2k\Omega} = \mathbf{2.152k\Omega} \end{aligned}$$

Voltage gain,

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_V &= \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} \\
 &= \frac{-g_m V_\pi \times Z_o}{V_\pi + V_E} \\
 &= \frac{-I_C \times Z_o}{I_B [r_\pi + (\beta + 1) R_E]} \\
 &= \frac{-\beta I_B Z_o}{I_B [r_\pi + (\beta + 1) R_E]} \\
 &= \frac{-\beta Z_o}{r_\pi + (\beta + 1) R_E} = \frac{-140 \times 2.152 k\Omega}{753.40 + [(141)(1.2 k\Omega)]} = -1.7727
 \end{aligned}$$

SIMULATED RESULTS:

Above circuit is simulated in LTspice and results are as follows:

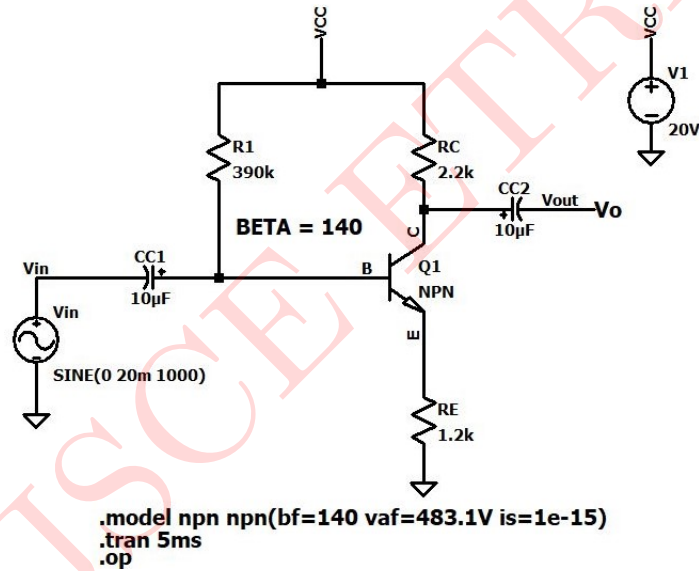


Figure 4: Circuit Schematic 1

The input and output waveforms are shown in figure 5.

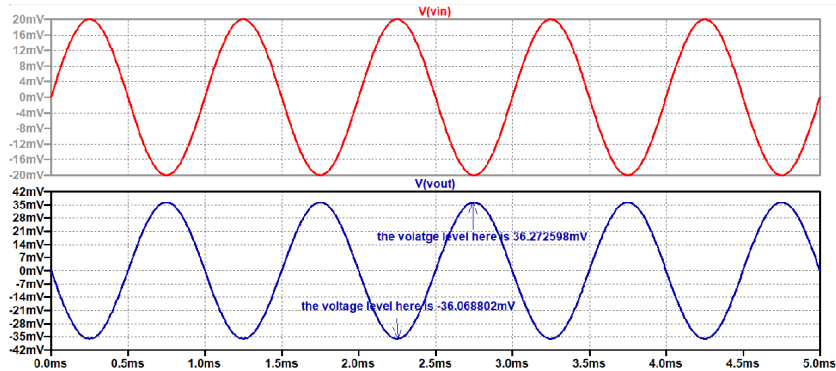


Figure 5: Input-Output waveforms

Comparison between theoretical and simulated values:

Parameters	Theoretical values	Simulated values
I_C	4.831mA	4.8372mA
I_B	0.03451mA	0.034355mA
Voltage gaine(A_V)	-1.7727	-1.8085

Table 1: Numerical 1

For $r_o = 20k\Omega$,

Small signal parameters

i) $g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} = \frac{4.331mA}{26mV} = \mathbf{185.80mA/V}$

ii) $r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C}$

$\therefore V_A = r_o \times I_C = 20k\Omega \times 4.831mA = \mathbf{96.62V}$

iii) $r_\pi = \frac{V_T}{I_B} = \frac{26mV}{0.03451mA} = \mathbf{753.40\Omega}$

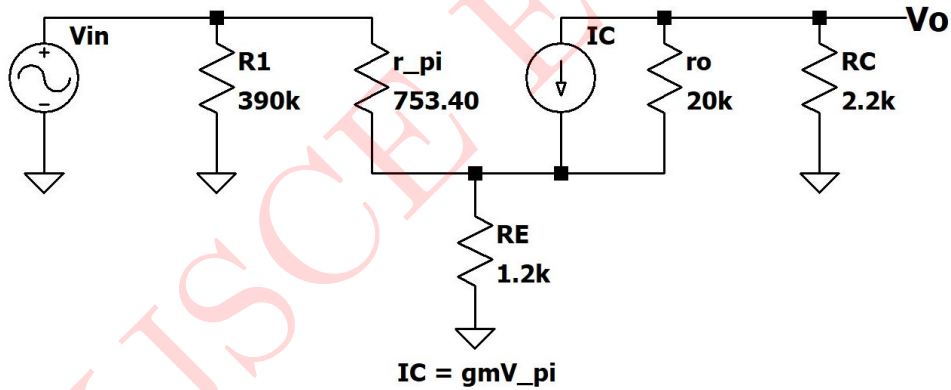


Figure 6: Small signal equivalent circuit for $r_o = 20k\Omega$

Input impedance,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_i &= R_1 \parallel (r_\pi + (1 + \beta)R_E) \\
 &= 390k\Omega \parallel 169.9482k\Omega \\
 &= \frac{390k\Omega \times 169.9482k\Omega}{390k\Omega + 169.9482k\Omega} = \mathbf{118.367k\Omega}
 \end{aligned}$$

Output impedance,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_o &= r_o \parallel R_C \\
 &= \frac{r_o \times R_C}{r_o + R_C} = \frac{20k\Omega \times 2.2k\Omega}{20k\Omega + 2.2k\Omega} = \mathbf{1.981k\Omega}
 \end{aligned}$$

Voltage gain,

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_V &= \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} \\
 &= \frac{-g_m V_\pi \times Z_o}{V_\pi + V_E} \\
 &= \frac{-I_C \times Z_o}{I_B [r_\pi + (\beta + 1) R_E]} \\
 &= \frac{-\beta I_B Z_o}{I_B [r_\pi + (\beta + 1) R_E]} \\
 &= \frac{-\beta Z_o}{r_\pi + (\beta + 1) R_E} = \frac{-140 \times 1.981 k\Omega}{753.40 + [(141)(1.2 k\Omega)]} = -1.631
 \end{aligned}$$

SIMULATED RESULTS:

Above circuit is simulated in LTspice and results are as follows:

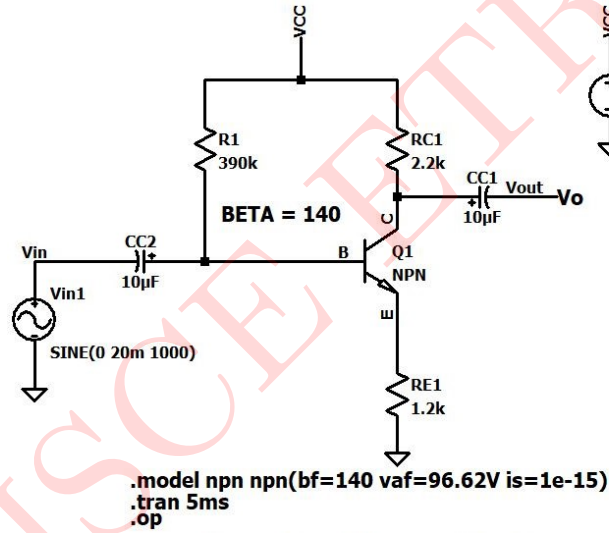


Figure 7: Circuit Schematic

The input and output waveforms are shown in figure 8.

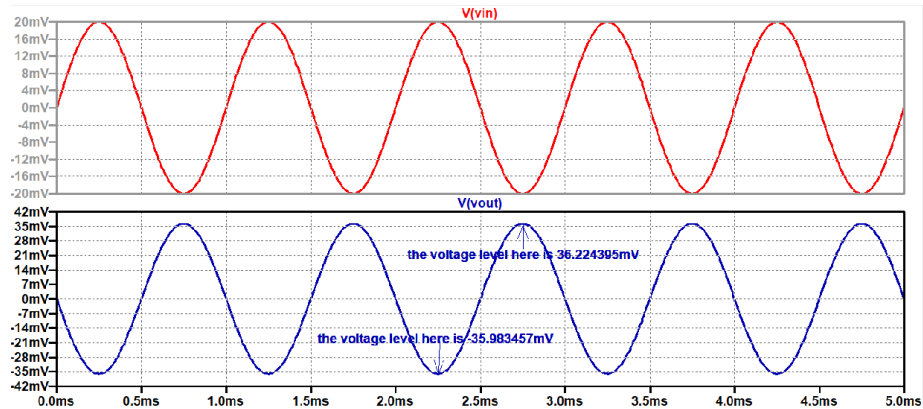


Figure 8: Input-Output waveforms

Comparison between theoretical and simulated values:

Parameters	Theoretical values	Simulated values
I_C	4.831mA	4.9055mA
I_B	0.03451mA	0.03414mA
Voltage gain(A_V)	-1.631	-1.805

Table 2: Numerical 1

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Numerical 2:

For the network shown below in figure 9, determine

- a) r_π
- b) Z_i
- c) Z_o
- d) A_V

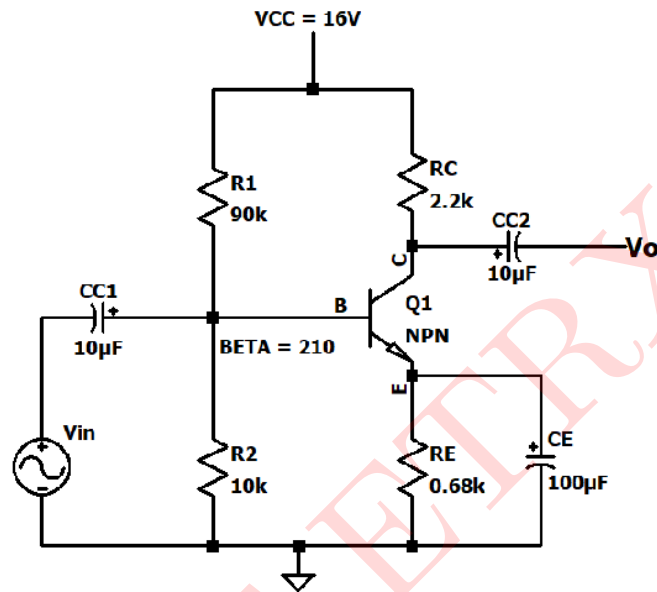


Figure 9: Circuit 2

Solution:

The above circuit is common emitter BJT amplifier.

DC analysis:

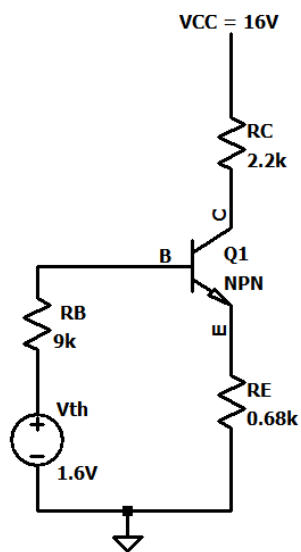


Figure 10: DC equivalent circuit

$$V_{TH} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times V_{CC} = \frac{10k\Omega}{90k\Omega + 10k\Omega} \times 16V = \mathbf{1.6V}$$

$$R_B = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{10k\Omega \times 90k\Omega}{10k\Omega + 90k\Omega} = \mathbf{9k\Omega}$$

Applying KVL to base-emitter loop,

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

$$V_{TH} - I_B R_B - V_{BE} - (\beta + 1) I_B R_E = 0 \quad \dots (I_E = (\beta + 1) I_B)$$

$$1.6V - I_B(9k\Omega) - 0.7V - (211) I_B(0.68k\Omega) = 0 \quad \dots (V_{BE} = 0.7V)$$

$$0.9V - I_B[9k\Omega + (211)(0.68k\Omega)] = 0$$

$$I_B = \frac{0.9V}{9k\Omega + 143.48k\Omega} = \mathbf{5.902\mu A}$$

$$\therefore I_C = \beta I_B = (210)(5.90\mu A) = \mathbf{1.239mA}$$

Small signal parameters

$$i) g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} = \frac{1.239mA}{26mV} = \mathbf{47.67mA/V}$$

$$ii) r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C}$$

$$\therefore V_A = r_o \times I_C = 50k\Omega \times 1.239mA = \mathbf{61.95V}$$

$$iii) r_\pi = \frac{V_T}{I_B} = \frac{26mV}{5.902\mu A} = \mathbf{4.405k\Omega}$$

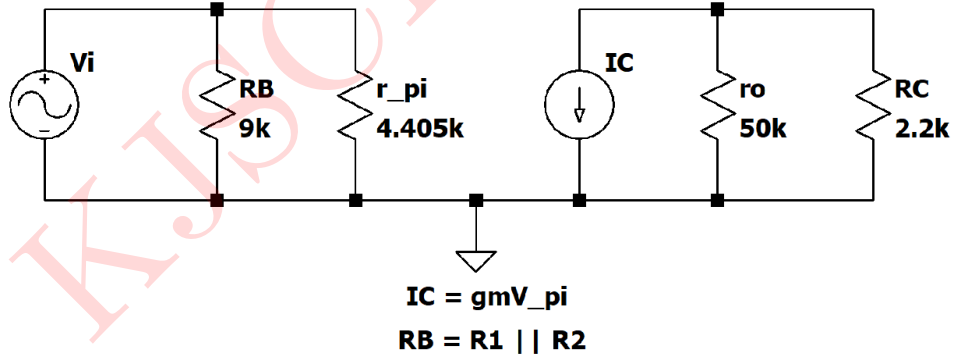


Figure 11: Small signal equivalent circuit for $r_o = 100k\Omega$

Input impedance,

$$Z_i = R_B$$

$$= R_1 || R_2$$

$$= 90k\Omega || 10k\Omega$$

$$= \frac{90k\Omega \times 10k\Omega}{90k\Omega + 10k\Omega} = \mathbf{9k\Omega}$$

Output impedance,

$$\begin{aligned} Z_o &= R_C \parallel r_o \\ &= 2.2k\Omega \parallel 50k\Omega \\ &= \frac{2.2k\Omega \times 50k\Omega}{2.2k\Omega + 50k\Omega} = \mathbf{2.10k\Omega} \end{aligned}$$

Voltage gain,

$$\begin{aligned} A_V &= \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} \\ &= \frac{-g_m V_{\pi}(r_o \parallel R_C)}{V_{\pi}} \\ &= -g_m(r_o \parallel R_C) \\ &= -47.67mA/V(2.10k\Omega) = \mathbf{-100.107} \end{aligned}$$

SIMULATED RESULTS:

Above circuit is simulated in LTspice and results are as follows:

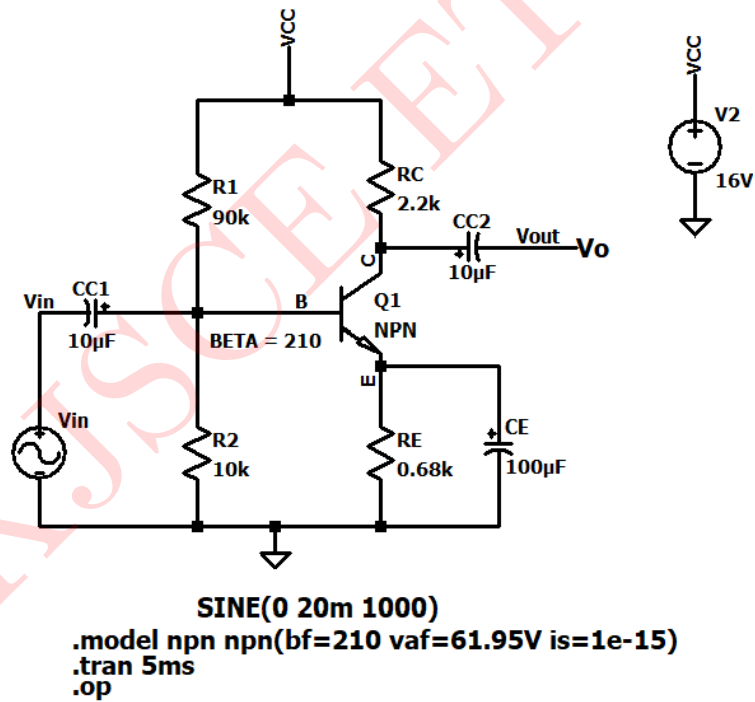


Figure 12: Circuit Schematic 1

The input and output waveforms are shown in figure 13.

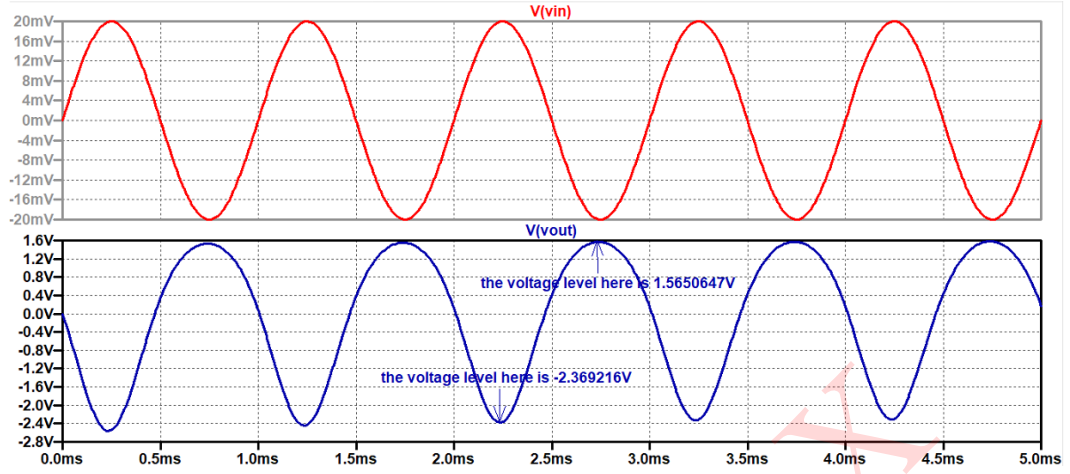


Figure 13: Input-Output waveforms

Comparison between theoretical and simulated values:

Parameters	Theoretical values	Simulated values
I_C	1.239mA	1.3823mA
I_B	$5.902\mu\text{A}$	$5.3944\mu\text{A}$
Voltage gain(A_V)	-100.107	-98.3750

Table 3: Numerical 2

Numerical 3:

In the circuit shown below in figure 14, determine the range in small signal voltage gain $A_{V_S} = V_o/V_S$ if β is in the range $75 \leq \beta \leq 150$.

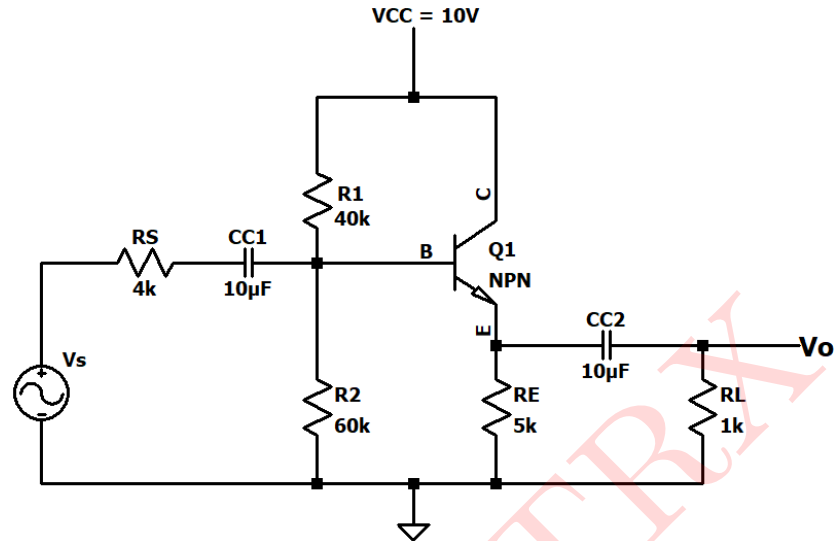


Figure 14: Circuit 3

Solution:

The above circuit is common collector amplifier consisting of npn BJT.

DC analysis:

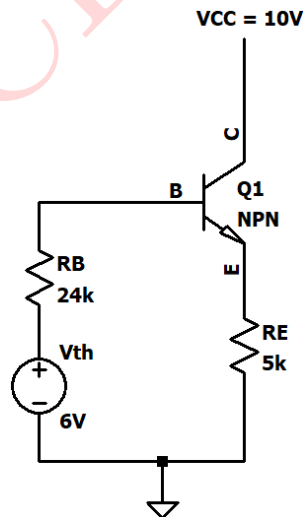


Figure 15: Thevenin's equivalent circuit

$$V_{TH} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \times V_{CC} = \frac{60k\Omega}{40k\Omega + 60k\Omega} \times 10V = 6V$$

$$R_B = R_1 \parallel R_2 = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{40k\Omega \times 60k\Omega}{40k\Omega + 60k\Omega} = 24k\Omega$$

Applying KVL to base-emitter loop,

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

$$V_{TH} - I_B R_B - V_{BE} - (\beta + 1)I_B R_E = 0 \quad \dots (I_E = (\beta + 1)I_B)$$

$$6V - I_B(24k\Omega) - 0.7V - (75 + 1)I_B(5k\Omega) = 0$$

$$6V - I_B(24k\Omega) - 0.7V - (76)I_B(5k\Omega) = 0$$

$$5.3V - I_B(24k\Omega + 76(5k\Omega)) = 0$$

$$I_B = \frac{5.3V}{24k\Omega + 380k\Omega} = 13.14\mu A$$

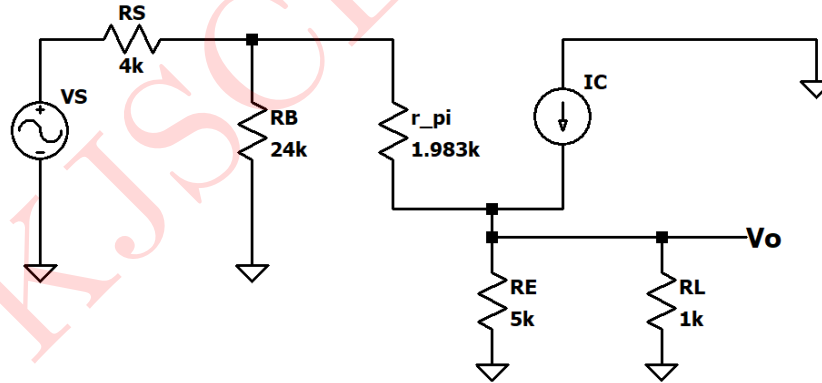
$$\therefore I_C = \beta I_B = (75)(13.11\mu A) = 0.983mA$$

Small signal parameters(for $\beta = 75$):

$$i) g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} = \frac{0.983mA}{26mV} = 37.80mA/V$$

$$ii) r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C} = \infty$$

$$iii) r_\pi = \frac{V_T}{I_B} = \frac{26mV}{13.11\mu A} = 1.983k\Omega$$



$$R_B = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

$$I_C = g_m V_{pi}$$

Figure 16: Small signal equivalent circuit for $\beta = 75$

Input impedance(for $\beta = 75$),

$$\begin{aligned} Z_i &= R_B \parallel [r_\pi + (1 + \beta)(R_E \parallel R_L)] \\ &= 24k\Omega \parallel [1.983k\Omega + (76)(5k\Omega \parallel 1k\Omega)] \\ &= 24k\Omega \parallel \left[1.983k\Omega + 76 \left(\frac{5k\Omega \times 1k\Omega}{5k\Omega + 1k\Omega} \right) \right] \\ &= 24k\Omega \parallel [1.983k\Omega + 76(0.83k\Omega)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 24k\Omega \parallel [65.063k\Omega] \\
&= \frac{24k\Omega \times 65.063k\Omega}{24k\Omega + 65.063k\Omega} = \mathbf{17.53k\Omega}
\end{aligned}$$

Output impedance(for $\beta = 75$),

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_o &= R_E \parallel R_L \parallel \frac{1}{g_m} \\
&= 5k\Omega \parallel 1k\Omega \parallel \frac{1}{37.80mA/V} \\
&= \frac{5k\Omega \times 1k\Omega}{5k\Omega + 1k\Omega} \parallel 0.026k\Omega \\
&= 0.83k\Omega \parallel 0.026k\Omega \\
&= \frac{0.83k\Omega \times 0.026k\Omega}{0.83k\Omega + 0.026k\Omega} = \mathbf{0.025k\Omega}
\end{aligned}$$

Small signal voltage gain(for $\beta = 75$),

$$A_{V_S} = \frac{V_o}{V_S} = \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} \times \frac{V_{in}}{V_S} = A_V \times \frac{V_{in}}{V_S} = A_V \times \frac{Z_{in}}{Z_{in} + R_S}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore A_V &= \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} \\
&= \frac{I_E(R_E \parallel R_L)}{I_B Z_B} \\
&= \frac{(\beta + 1)I_B(R_E \parallel R_L)}{I_B Z_B} \\
&= \frac{(\beta + 1)(R_E \parallel R_L)}{r_\pi + (1 + \beta)(R_E \parallel R_L)} \\
&= \frac{(75 + 1)(5k\Omega \parallel 1k\Omega)}{1.983k\Omega + (1 + 75)(5k\Omega \parallel 1k\Omega)} \\
&= \frac{76(0.83k\Omega)}{1.983k\Omega + 76(0.83k\Omega)} = \mathbf{0.9695}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore A_{V_S} &= A_V \times \frac{Z_{in}}{Z_{in} + R_S} \\
&= 0.9695 \times \frac{17.53k}{(17.53 + 4)k} = 0.9695 \times 0.8142 = \mathbf{0.789}
\end{aligned}$$

SIMULATED RESULTS:

Above circuit is simulated in LTspice and results are as follows:

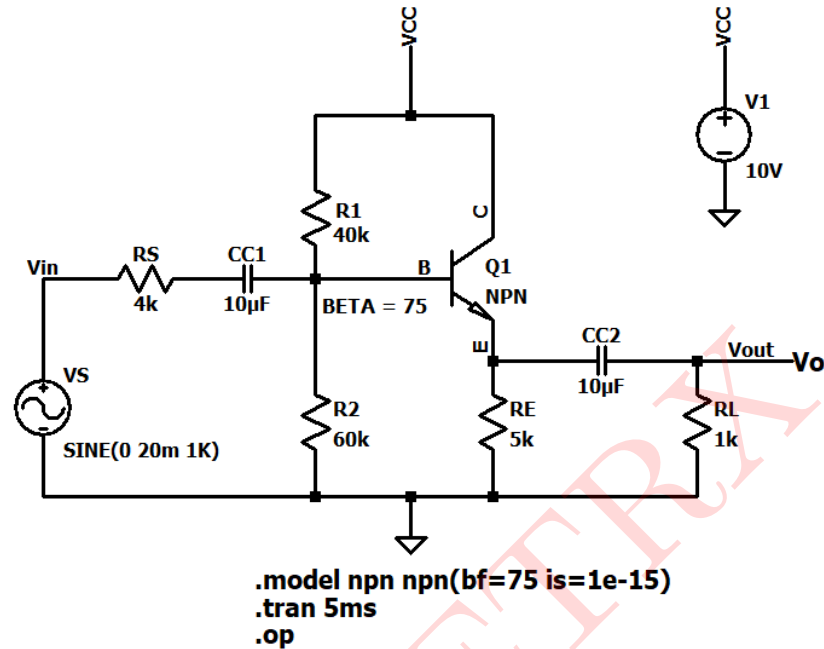


Figure 17: Circuit Schematic

The input and output waveforms are shown in figure 18.

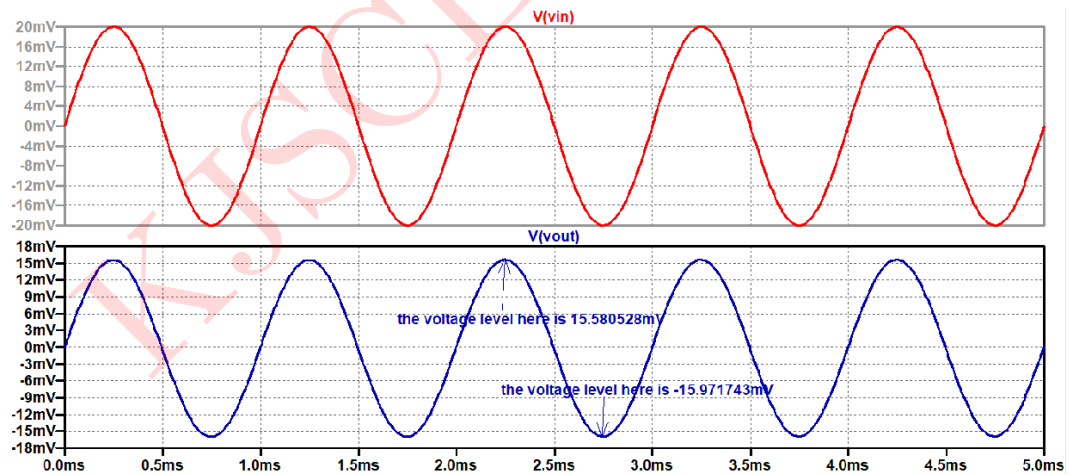


Figure 18: Input-Output waveforms

Comparison between theoretical and simulated values:

Parameters	Theoretical values	Simulated values
I_C	0.983mA	0.9702mA
I_B	13.11 μ A	12.937 μ A
A_{V_S}	0.789	0.788

Table 4: Numerical 3

For $\beta = 150$,

We will get different values for I_B, I_C etc.

Applying KVL to base-emitter loop of Thevenin's equivalent circuit,

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

$$V_{TH} - I_B R_B - V_{BE} - (\beta + 1) I_B R_E = 0 \quad \dots (I_E = (\beta + 1) I_B)$$

$$6V - I_B(24k\Omega) - 0.7V - (151)I_B(5k\Omega) = 0$$

$$5.3V - I_B(24k\Omega + 151(5k\Omega)) = 0$$

$$I_B = \frac{5.3V}{24k\Omega + 755k\Omega} = 6.80\mu A$$

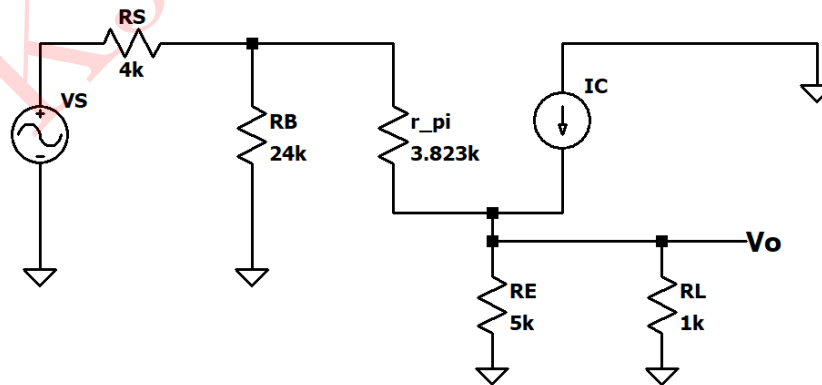
$$\therefore I_C = \beta I_B = (150)(6.30\mu A) = 1.0205mA$$

Small signal parameters(for $\beta = 75$):

$$i) g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} = \frac{1.0205mA}{26mV} = 39.25mA/V$$

$$ii) r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C} = \infty$$

$$iii) r_\pi = \frac{V_T}{I_B} = \frac{26mV}{6.80\mu A} = 3.823k\Omega$$



$$R_B = R_1 || R_2$$

$$I_C = g_m V_{\pi}$$

Figure 19: Small signal equivalent circuit for $\beta = 150$

Input impedance(for $\beta = 150$),

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_i &= R_B \parallel [r_\pi + (1 + \beta)(R_E \parallel R_L)] \\
 &= 24k\Omega \parallel [3.823k\Omega + (151)(5k\Omega \parallel 1k\Omega)] \\
 &= 24k\Omega \parallel [3.823k\Omega + 125.33k\Omega] \\
 &= 24k\Omega \parallel [3.823k\Omega + 151(0.83k\Omega)] \\
 &= 24k\Omega \parallel [129.153k\Omega] \\
 &= \frac{24k\Omega \times 129.153k\Omega}{24k\Omega + 129.153k\Omega} = \mathbf{20.23k\Omega}
 \end{aligned}$$

Output impedance(for $\beta = 150$),

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_o &= R_E \parallel R_L \parallel \frac{1}{g_m} \\
 &= 5k\Omega \parallel 1k\Omega \parallel \frac{1}{39.25mA/V} \\
 &= 0.83k\Omega \parallel 0.025k\Omega \\
 &= \frac{0.83k\Omega \times 0.025k\Omega}{0.83k\Omega + 0.025k\Omega} = \mathbf{0.024k\Omega}
 \end{aligned}$$

Small signal voltage gain(for $\beta = 150$),

$$A_{V_S} = \frac{V_o}{V_S} = \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} \times \frac{V_{in}}{V_S} = A_V \times \frac{V_{in}}{V_S} = A_V \times \frac{Z_{in}}{Z_{in} + R_S}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore A_V &= \frac{V_o}{V_{in}} \\
 &= \frac{I_E(R_E \parallel R_L)}{I_B Z_B} \\
 &= \frac{(\beta + 1)I_B(R_E \parallel R_L)}{I_B Z_B} \\
 &= \frac{(\beta + 1)(R_E \parallel R_L)}{r_\pi + (1 + \beta)(R_E \parallel R_L)} \\
 &= \frac{(150 + 1)(5k\Omega \parallel 1k\Omega)}{3.823k\Omega + (1 + 150)(5k\Omega \parallel 1k\Omega)} \\
 &= \frac{151(0.83k\Omega)}{3.823k\Omega + 151(0.83k\Omega)} = \mathbf{0.9703}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore A_{V_S} &= A_V \times \frac{Z_{in}}{Z_{in} + R_S} \\
 &= 0.9703 \times \frac{20.23k}{(20.23 + 4)k} = 0.9703 \times 0.8349 = \mathbf{0.8101}
 \end{aligned}$$

SIMULATED RESULTS:

Above circuit is simulated in LTspice and results are as follows:

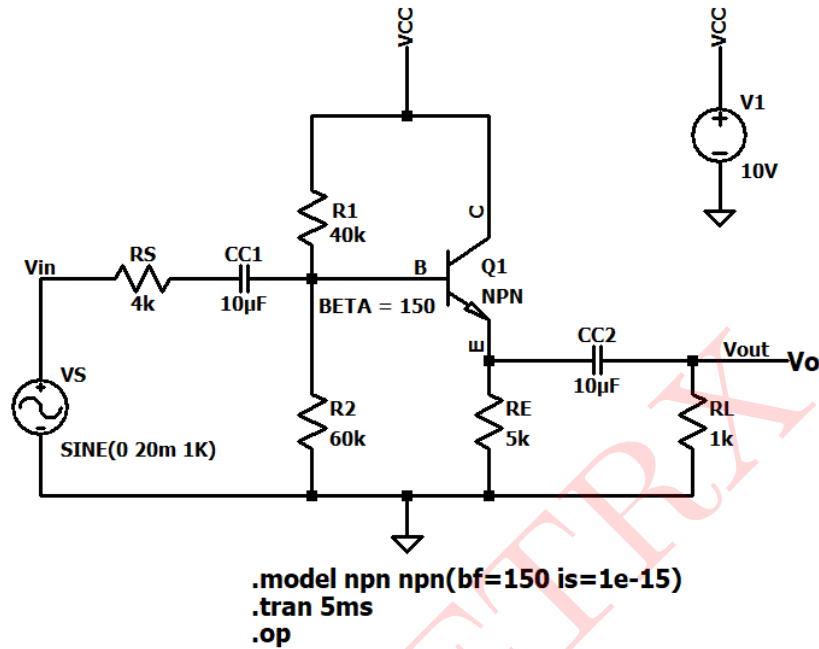


Figure 20: Circuit Schematic

The input and output waveforms are shown in figure 21.

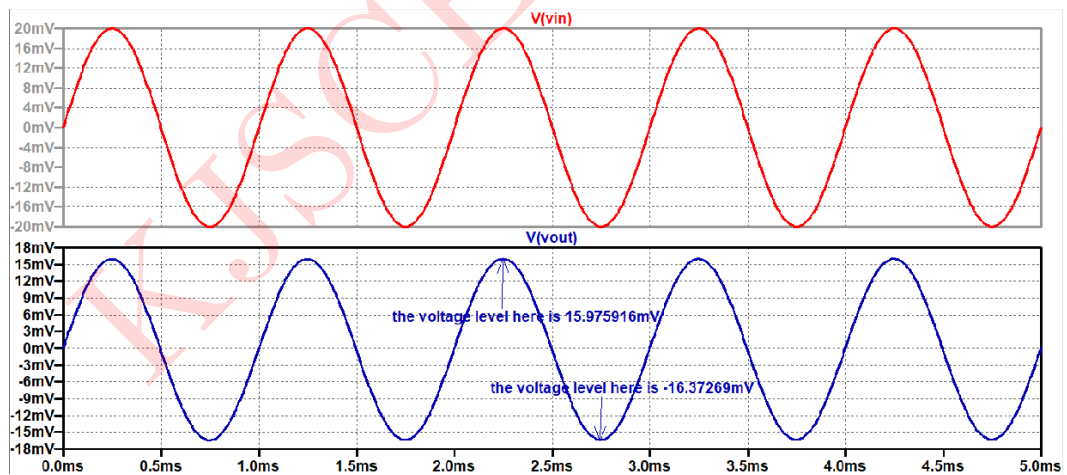


Figure 21: Input-Output waveforms

Comparison between theoretical and simulated values:

Parameters	Theoretical values	Simulated values
I_C	1.0205mA	1.01763mA
I_B	$6.80\mu\text{A}$	$6.7842\mu\text{A}$
A_{V_S}	0.8101	0.8087

Table 5: Numerical 3

For $75 \leq \beta \leq 150$, small signal voltage gain $A_{V_S} = V_o/V_S$ is in the range $0.789 \leq A_{V_S} \leq 0.8101$

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