

# EE210: Microelectronics-I

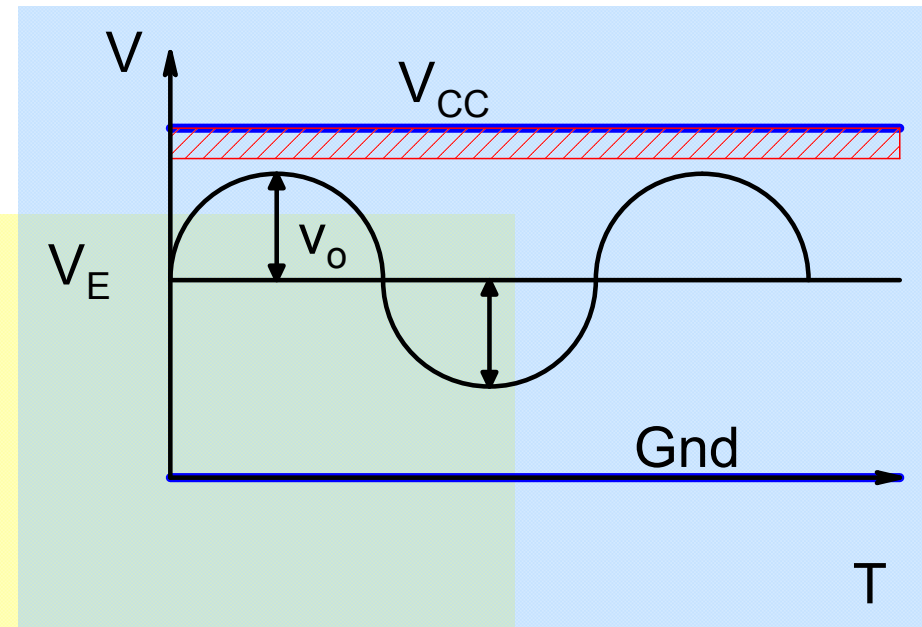
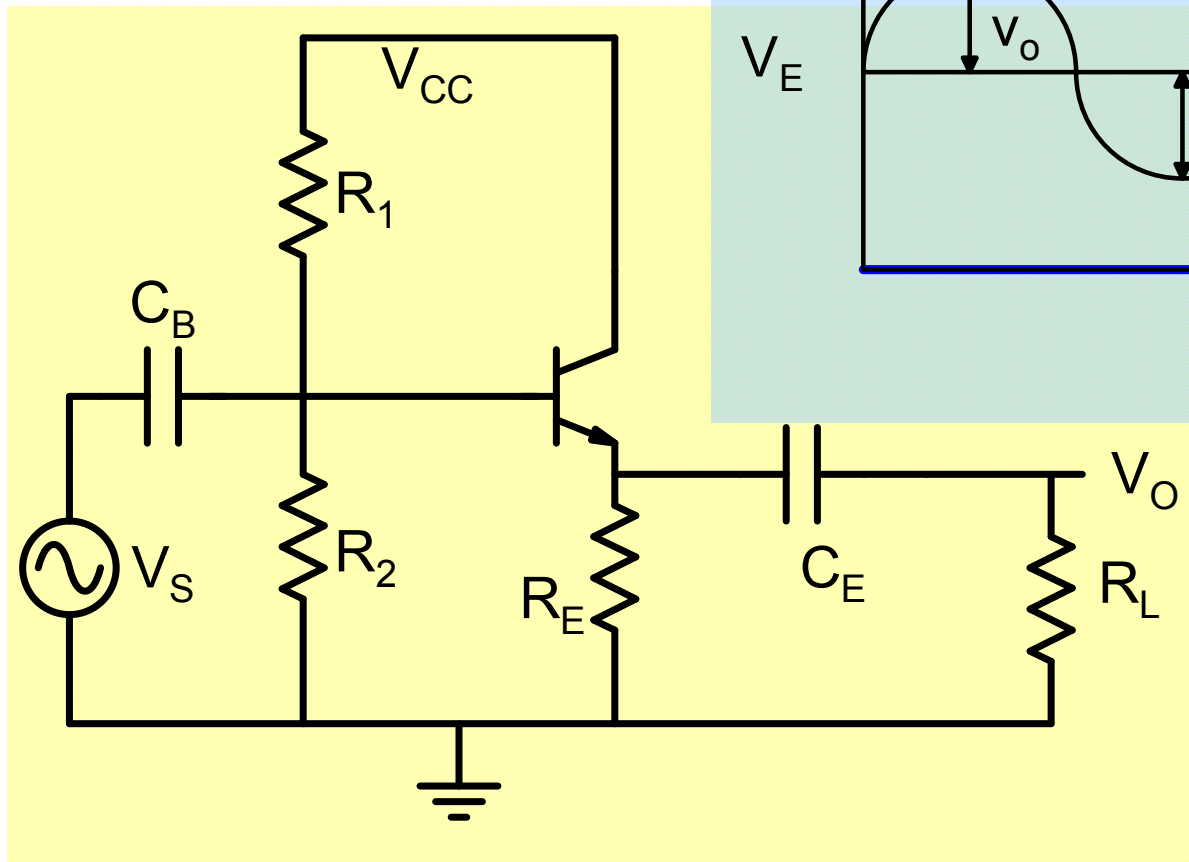
## Lecture-26 :Common Collector Amplifier-2

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# Output Voltage Swing

## Output Voltage Swing: Limit-1

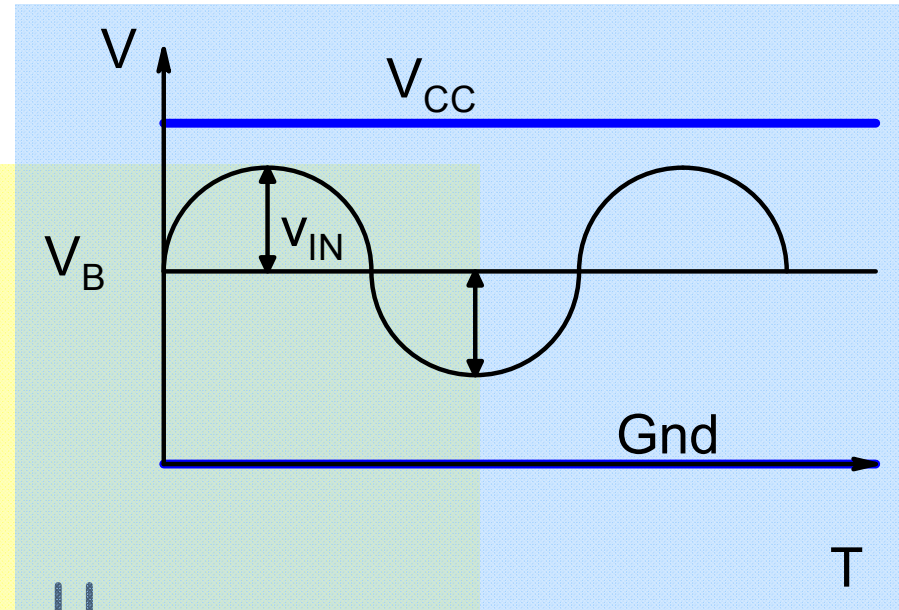
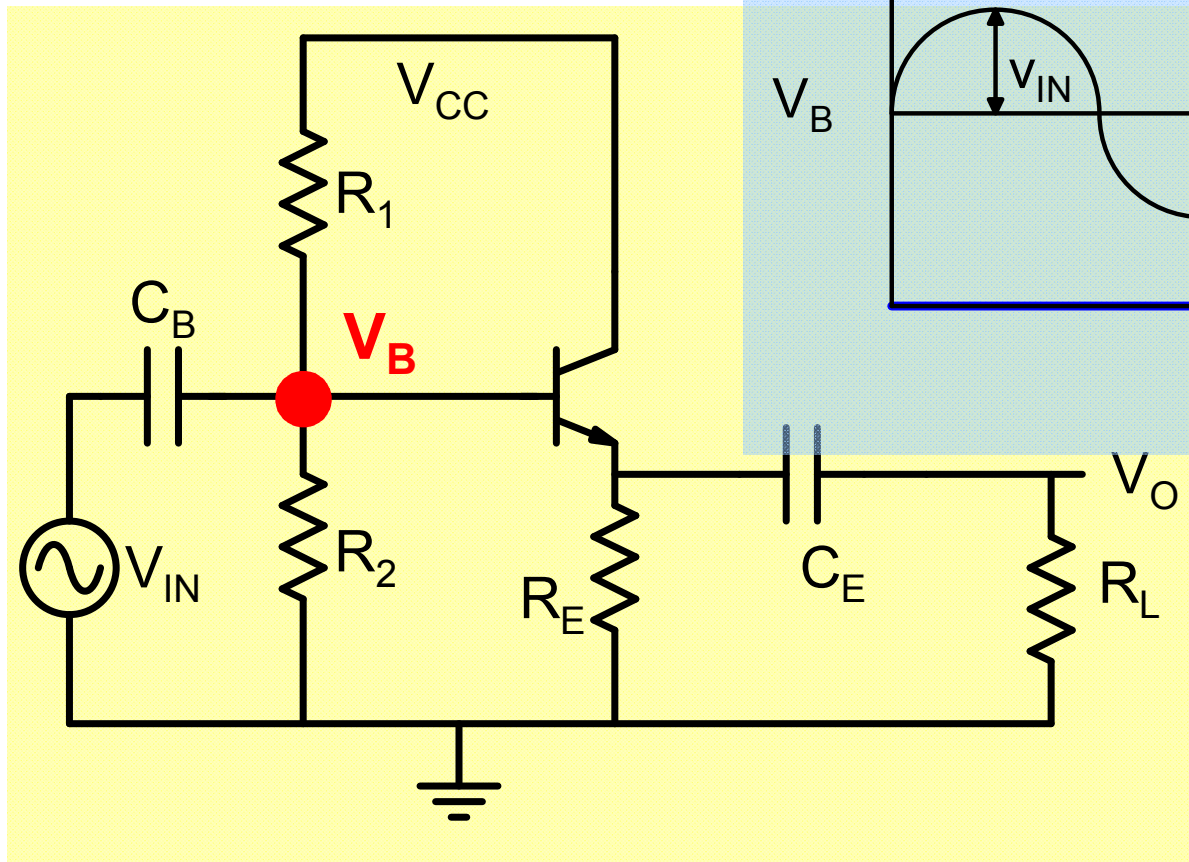


One constraint: Transistor should stay out of saturation

$$V_{CC} - (V_E + V_O) \geq V_{CEsat}$$

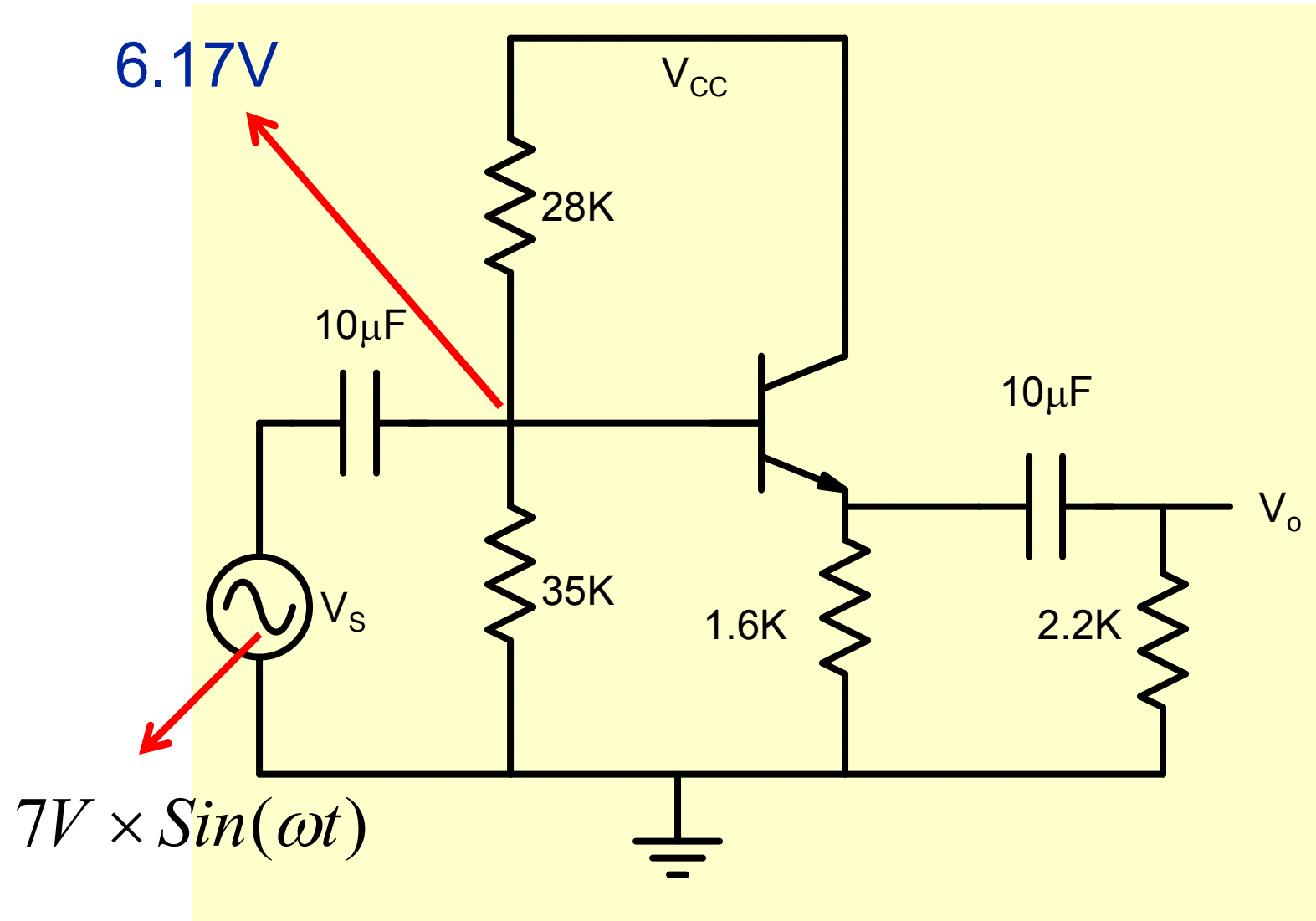
$$V_O \leq V_{CC} - V_{CEsat} - I_{CQ}R_E$$

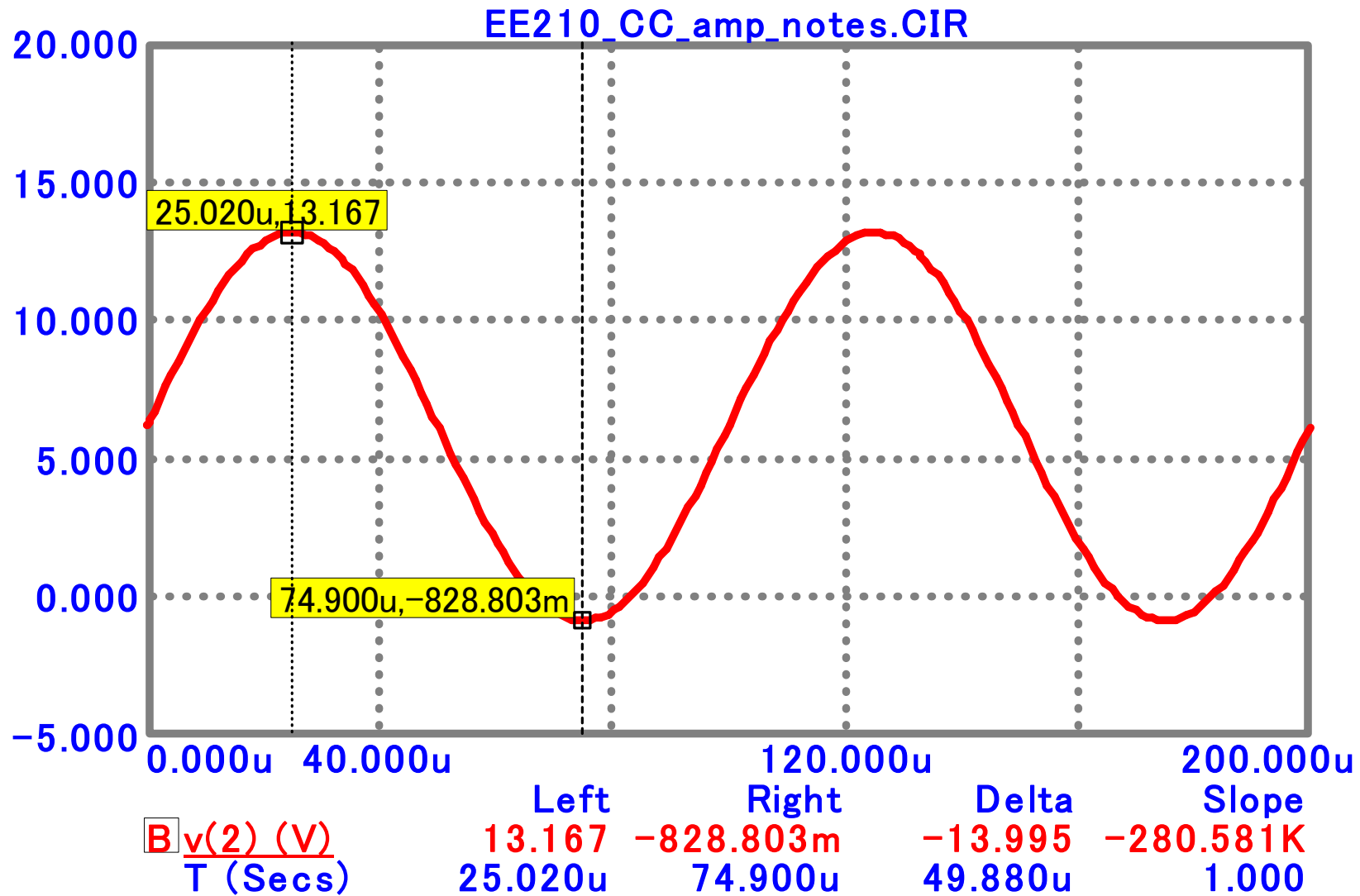
## Output Voltage Swing: limit-2?



$$V_B + V_{IN} \leq V_{CC}$$

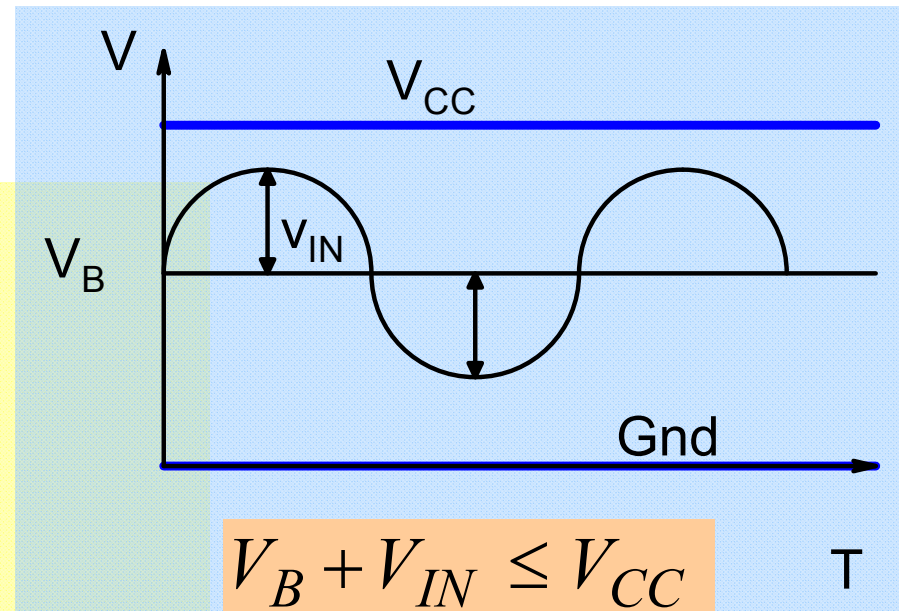
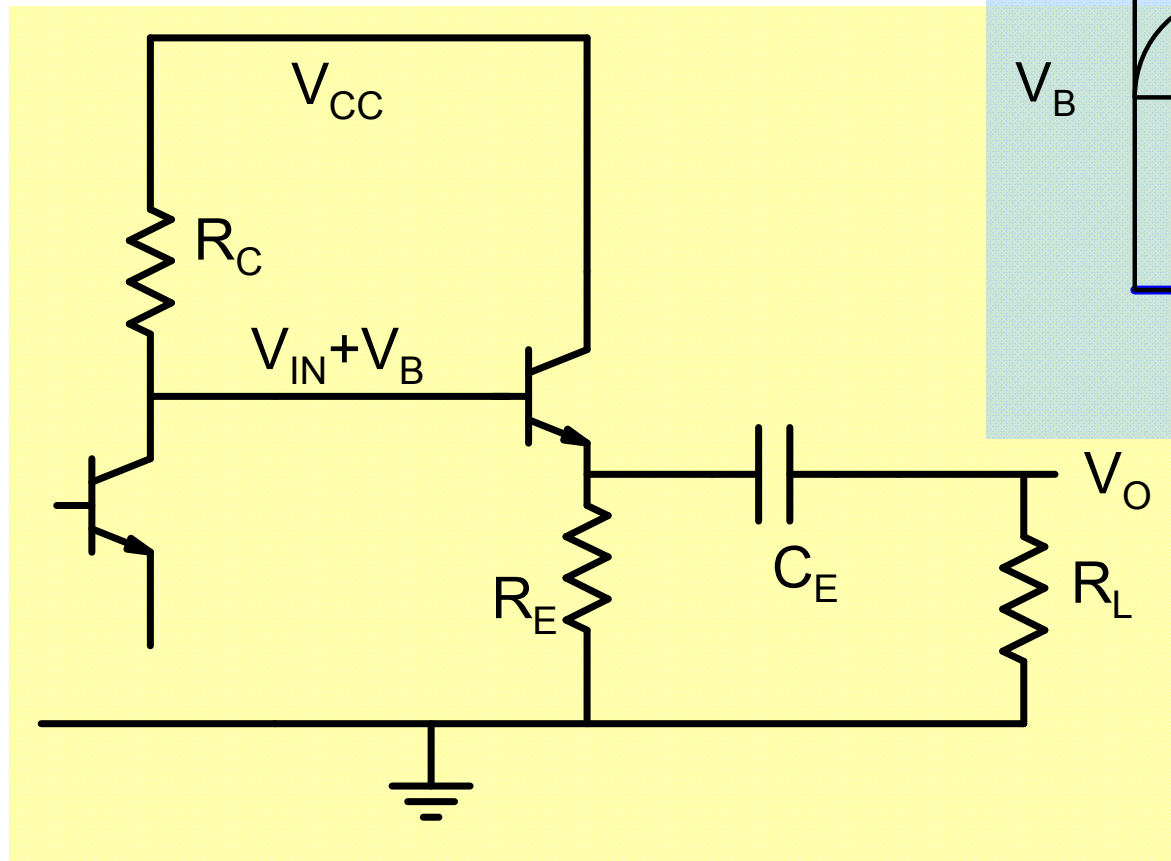
**Constraint-2:** Maximum voltage at base is always less than  $V_{CC}$ ?





Voltage can exceed +12V supply voltage

Output Voltage Swing: limit-2 in direct coupled case.



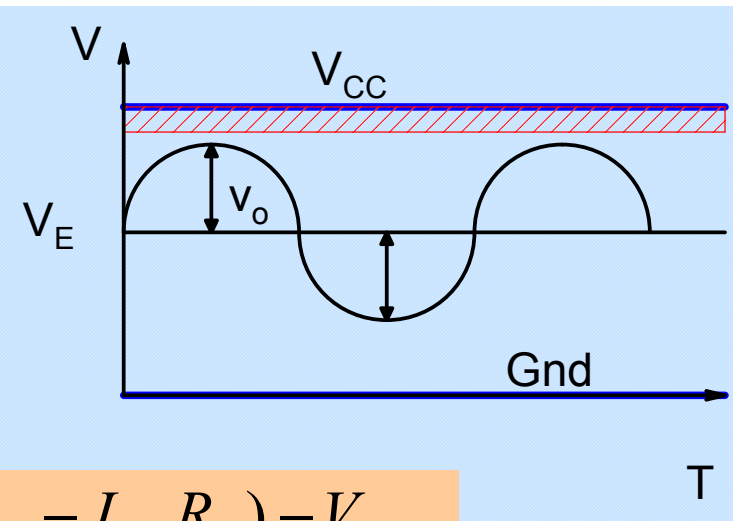
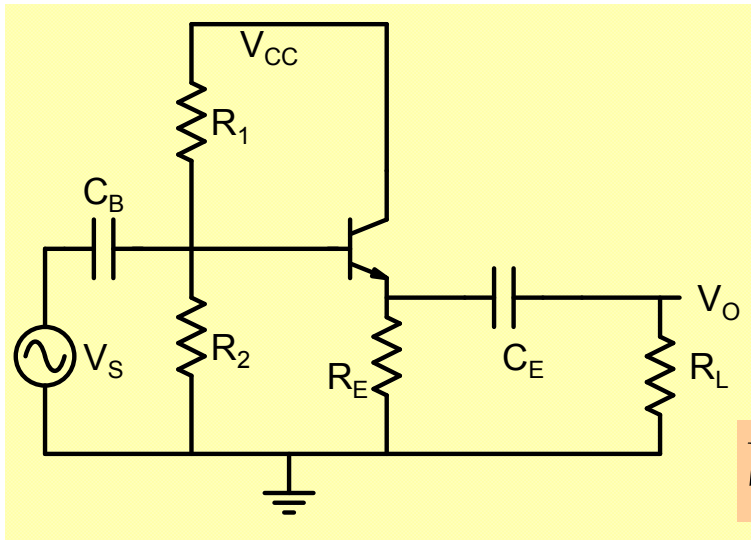
$$V_B = I_{CQ}R_E + V_{BE}$$

$$v_{in} \sim v_O$$

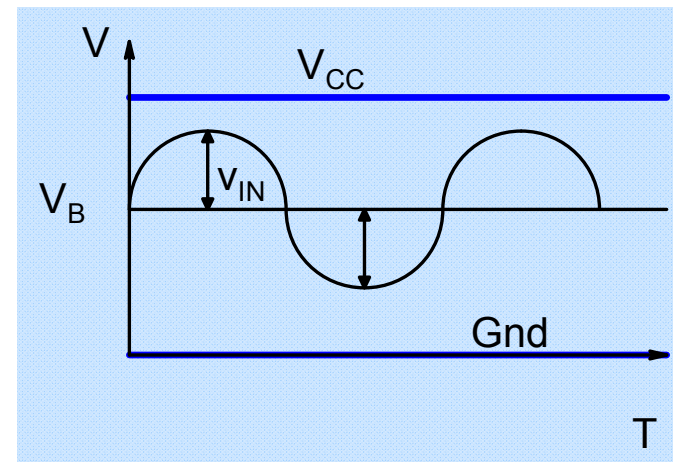
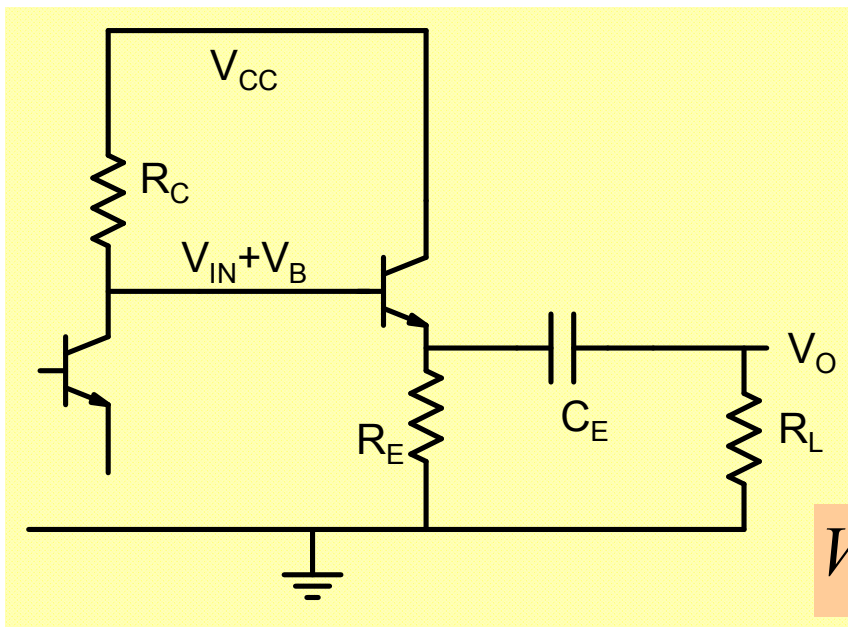
**Constraint-2:** Maximum voltage is always less than  $V_{CC}$

$$I_{CQ}R_E + V_{BE} + v_O \leq V_{CC}$$

$$v_O \leq V_{CC} - V_{BE} - I_{CQ}R_E$$



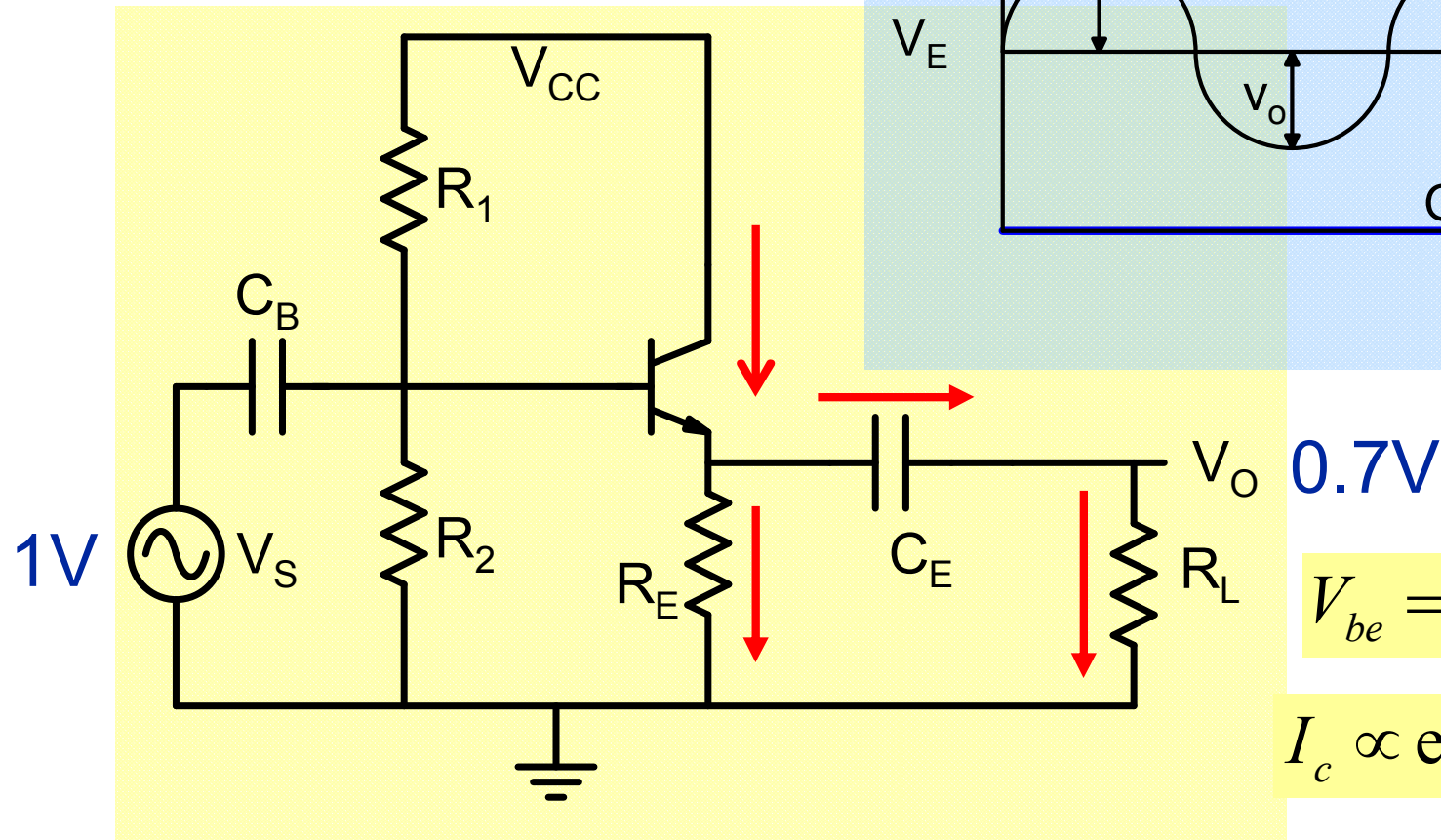
$$V_O \leq (V_{CC} - I_{CQ}R_E) - V_{CEsat}$$



$$V_O \leq (V_{CC} - I_{CQ}R_E) - V_{BE}$$



## Output Voltage Swing: limit-3



0.7V

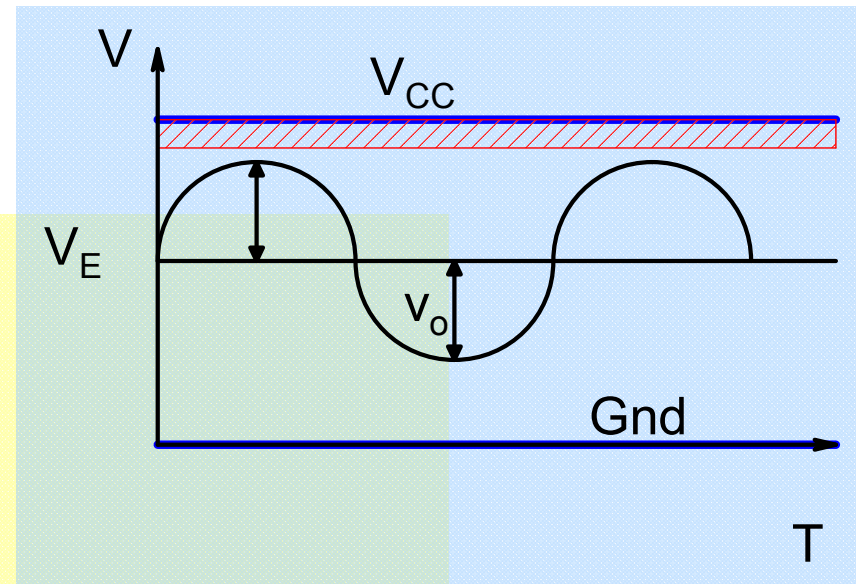
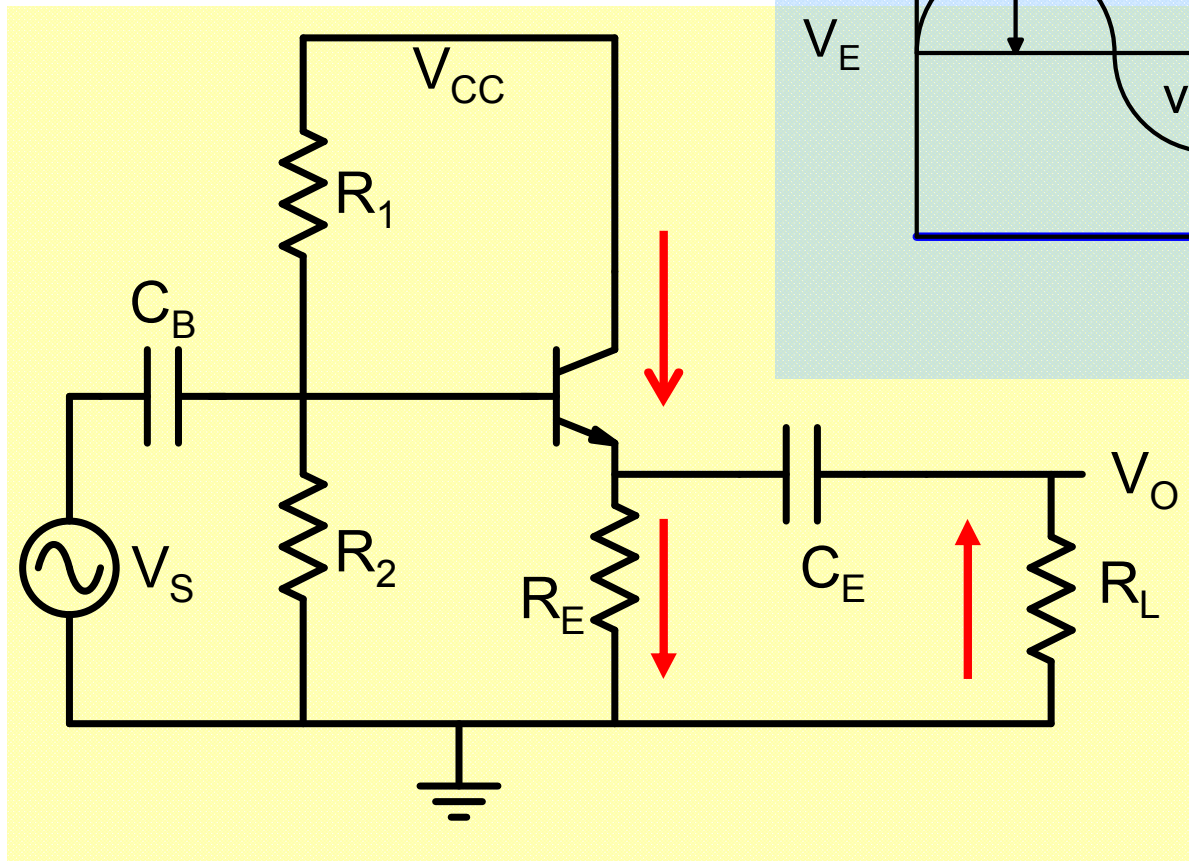
$$V_{be} = 0.7 + v_{be}$$

$$I_c \propto \exp(V_{be}/V_T)$$

**Constraint-3 : There should be enough drive current**

$$I_c = \frac{V_E + v_O}{R_E} + \frac{v_O}{R_L}$$

## Output Voltage Swing: limit-3



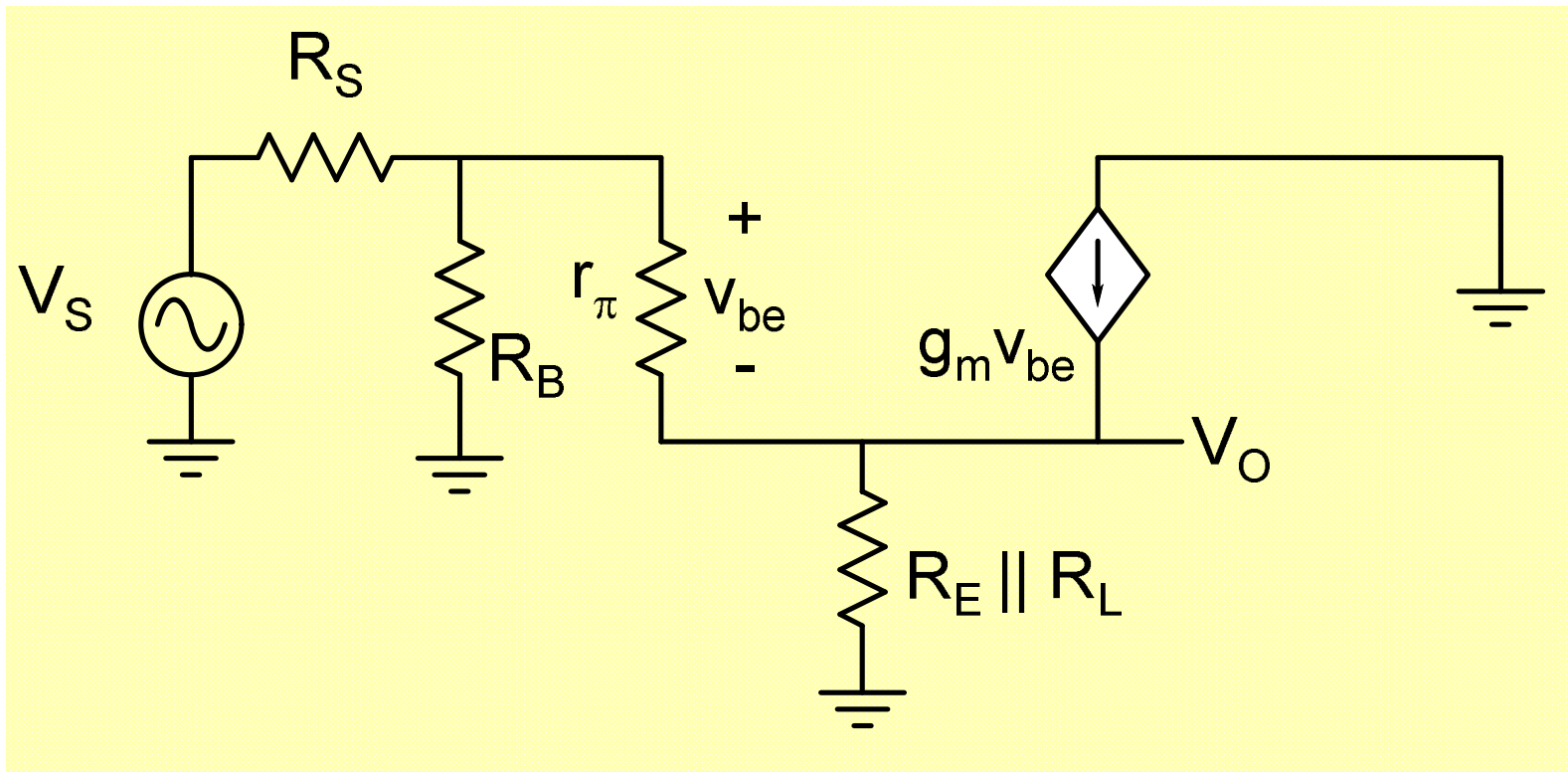
**Constraint-3 : There should be enough drive current**

$$\frac{V_E - v_O}{R_E} = \frac{v_O}{R_L} + I_c$$

$$\frac{I_{CQ} R_E - v_O}{R_E} \geq \frac{v_O}{R_L}$$

$$v_O \leq I_{CQ} R_E \parallel R_L$$

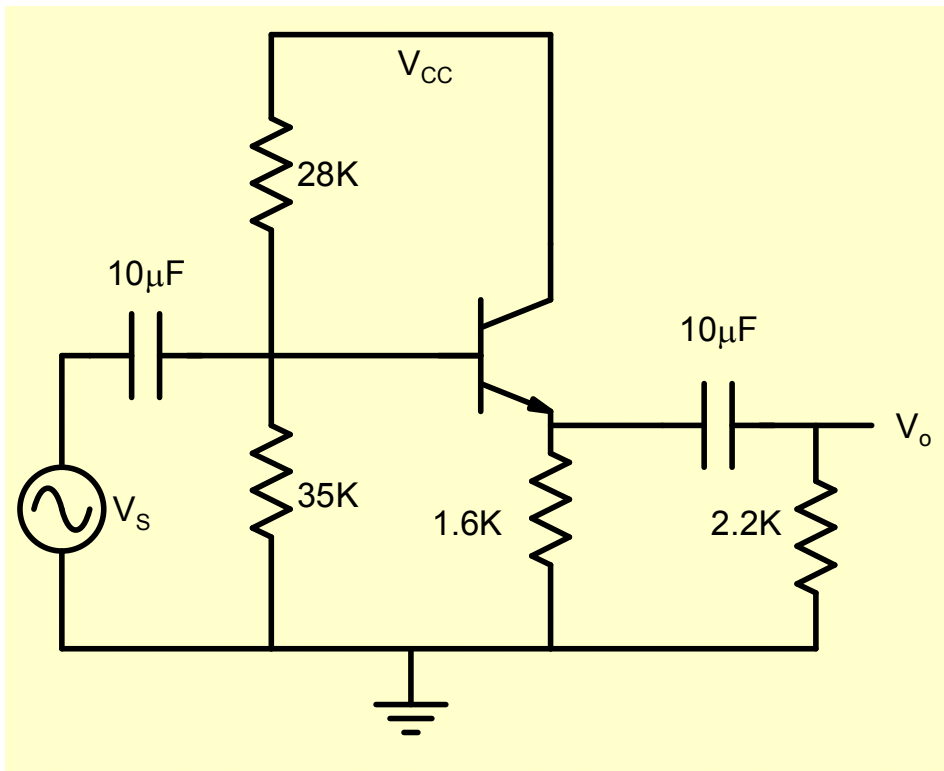
## Nonlinearity leading to harmonic distortion



$$v'_S = i_b R'_S + v_{be} + v_O \approx v_O$$

**Thus transfer characteristics is expected to be quite linear**

## Example



$$\beta = 100$$

$$I_{CQ} = 3.4mA; V_{CEQ} = 6.5V$$

$$A_V = 0.99;$$

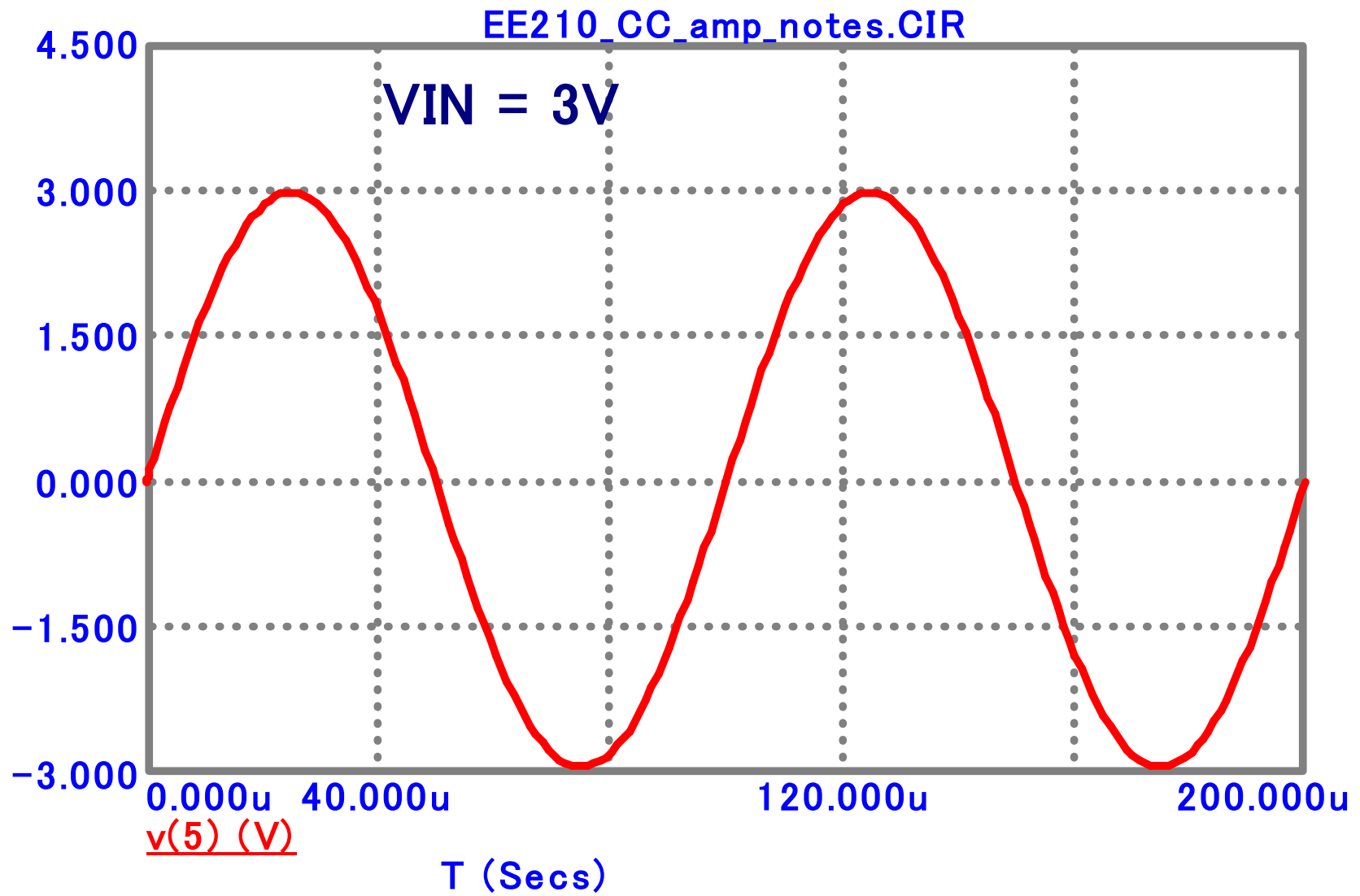
$$R_{in} = 13.4K (R_B = 16k)$$

$$R_O = 9.5\Omega$$

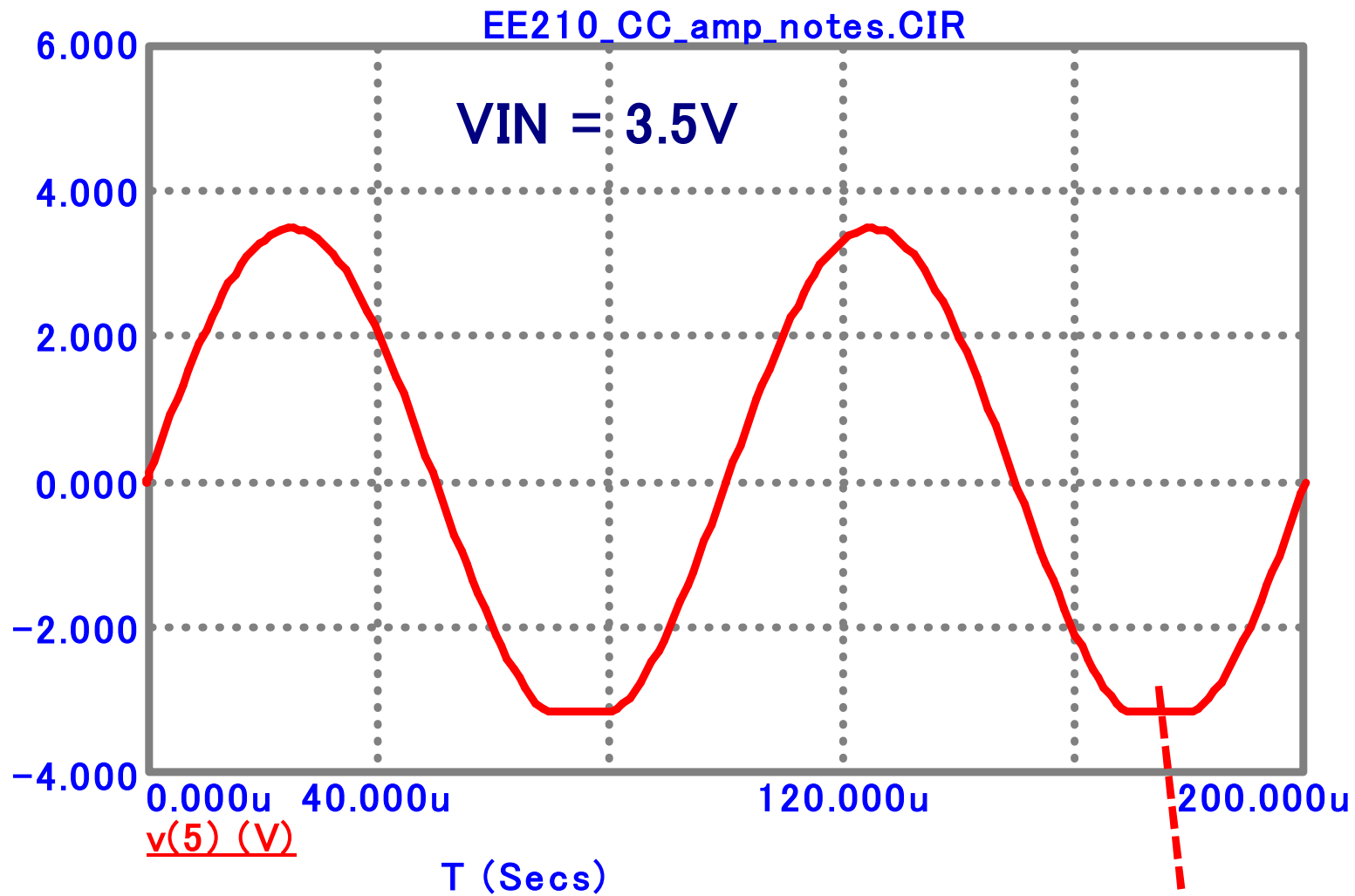
$$V_O \leq V_{CC} - V_{BE} - I_{CQ}R_E = 5.85V$$

$$V_O \leq I_{CQ}R_E \parallel R_L = 3.2V$$

$$V_{OM} \sim 3.2V$$



THD ~0.5%



THD ~2.6%

Due to current limitations

# Design for Maximum Voltage Swing

$$V_O \leq I_{CQ} R_E \parallel R_L$$

$$V_O \leq V_{CC} - V_{BE} - I_{CQ} R_E$$

$$V_O = \text{Min} \{ V_{CC} - V_{BE} - I_{CQ} R_E; I_{CQ} R_E \parallel R_L \}$$

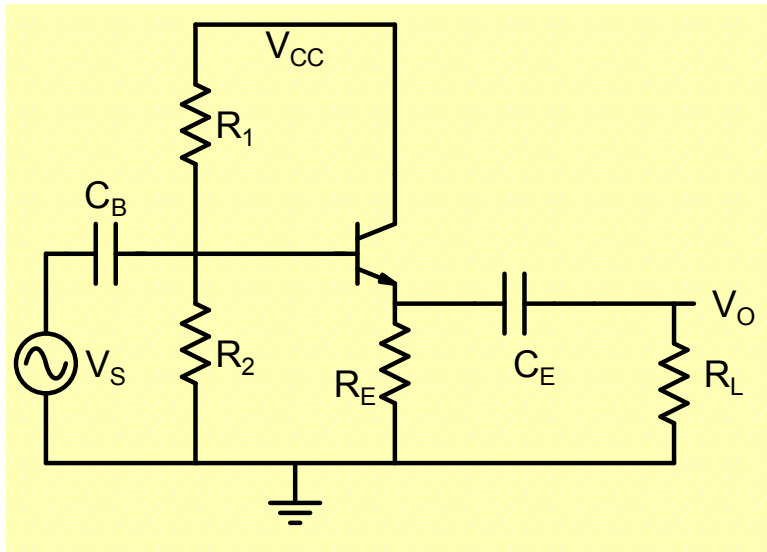
$$V_{CC} - V_{BE} - I_{CQ} R_E = I_{CQ} R_E \parallel R_L$$

$$I_{CQ} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_E} \times \frac{1 + R_E / R_L}{2 + R_E / R_L}$$

$$V_O = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{2 + R_E / R_L}$$

$$V_O \leq I_{CQ} R_E \parallel R_L$$

# Design For Maximum Voltage Swing



$$V_O = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{2 + R_E / R_L}$$
$$I_{CQ} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_E} \times \frac{1 + R_E / R_L}{2 + R_E / R_L}$$

Design criterion: Choose  $R_E \ll R_L$

$$v_{om} \sim 5.6 \text{ for } V_{CC} = 12V$$

However, this makes  $I_{CQ}$  large leading to high power dissipation and lower input resistance

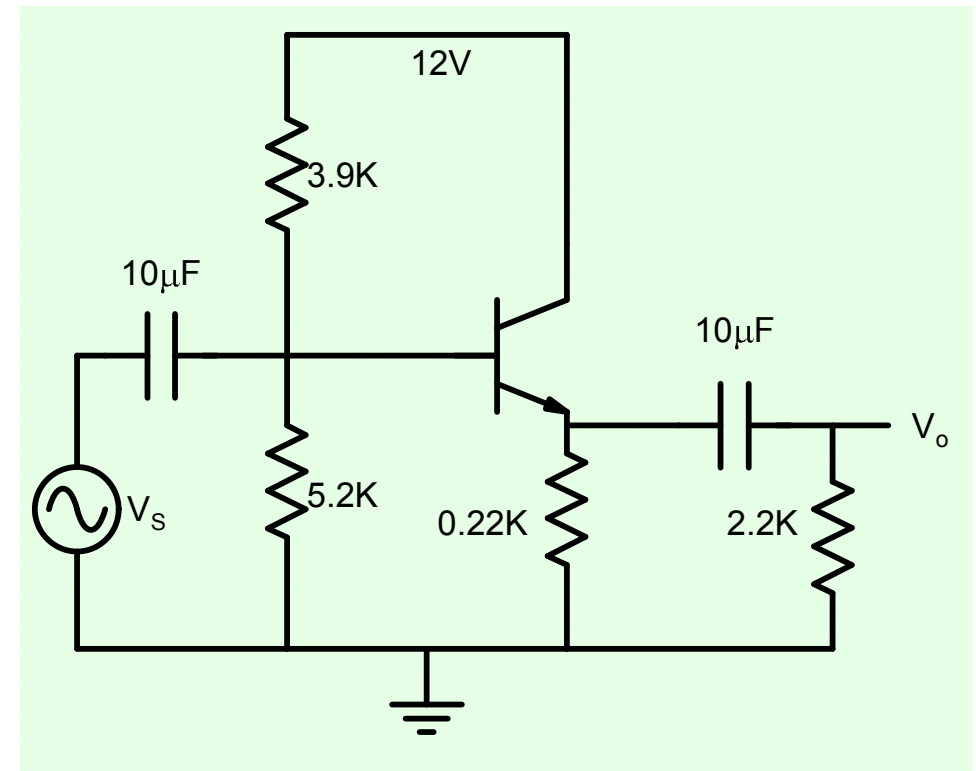


$$V_o = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{2 + R_E / R_L}$$

$$I_{CQ} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_E} \times \frac{1 + R_E / R_L}{2 + R_E / R_L}$$

For  $R_E \ll R_L$  :

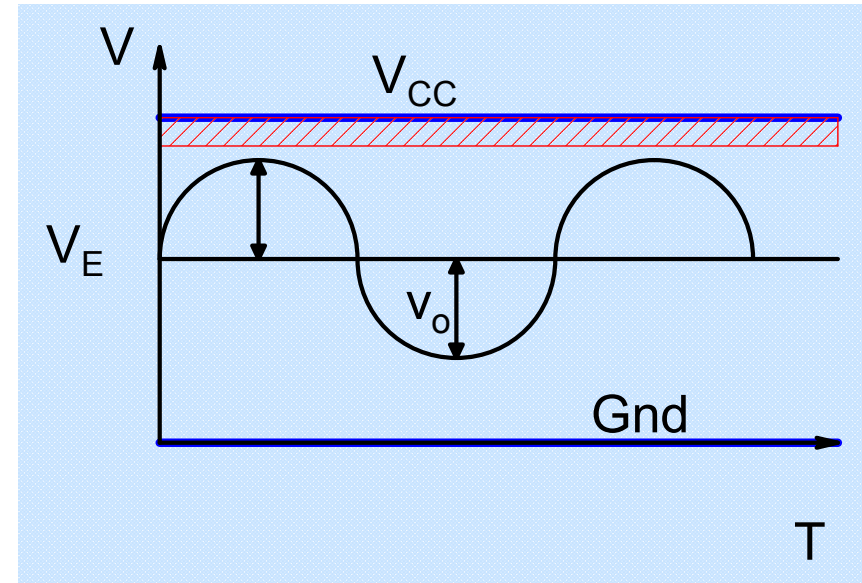
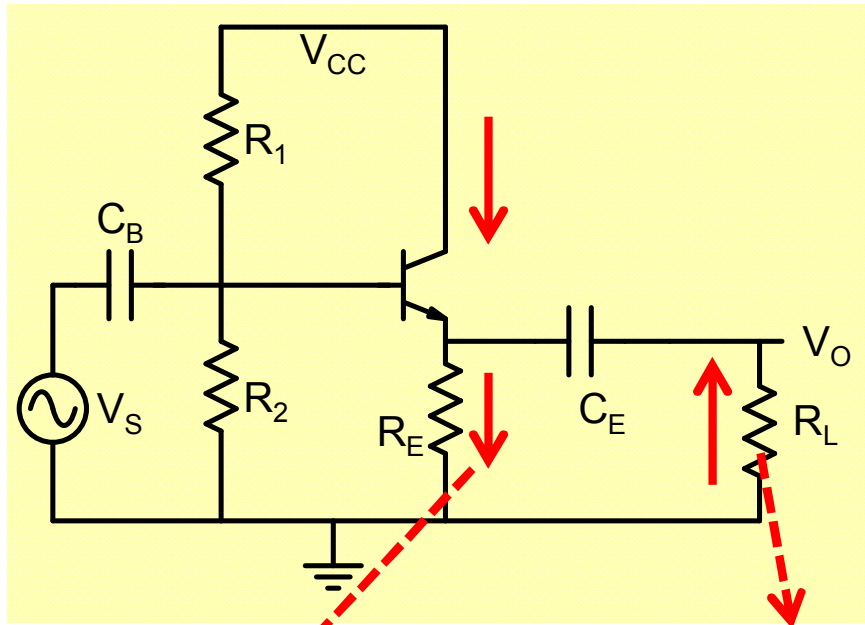
$$I_{CQ} \sim \left( \frac{V_o}{R_L} \right) \times \left( \frac{R_L}{R_E} \right)$$



$$I_{CQ} = 25mA; V_{CEQ} = 6.5V$$

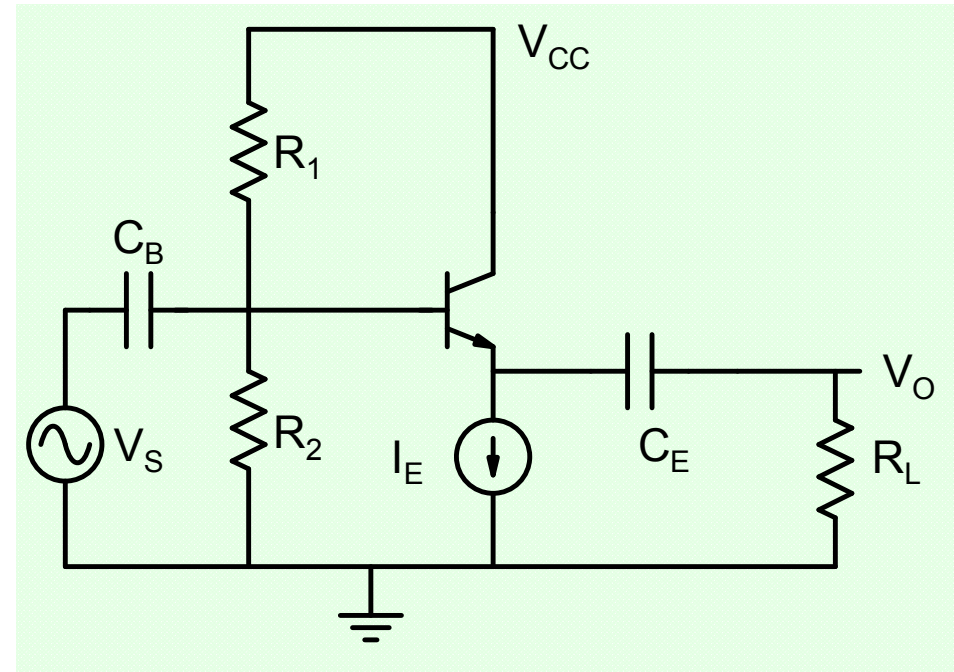
$$A_v = 0.98; R_{in} = 2K; R_o = 3\Omega$$

$$V_{om} = 5.6V$$

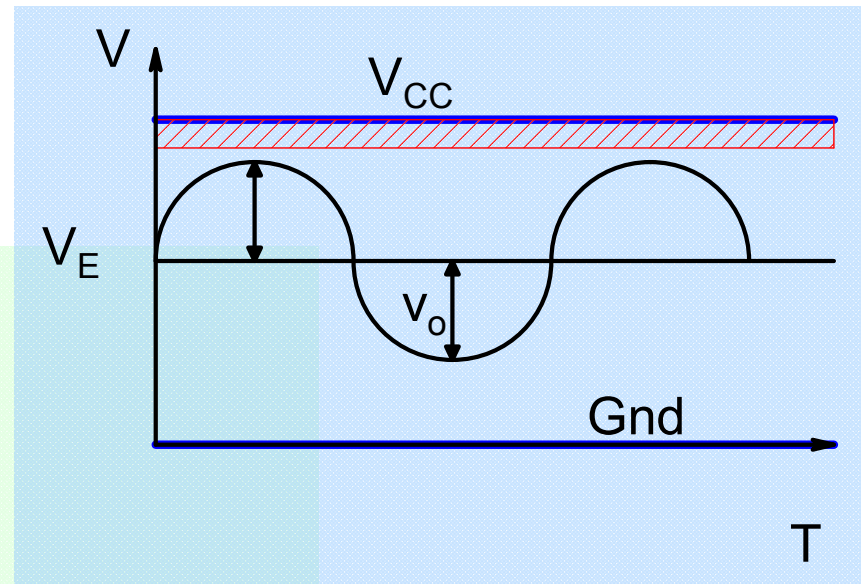
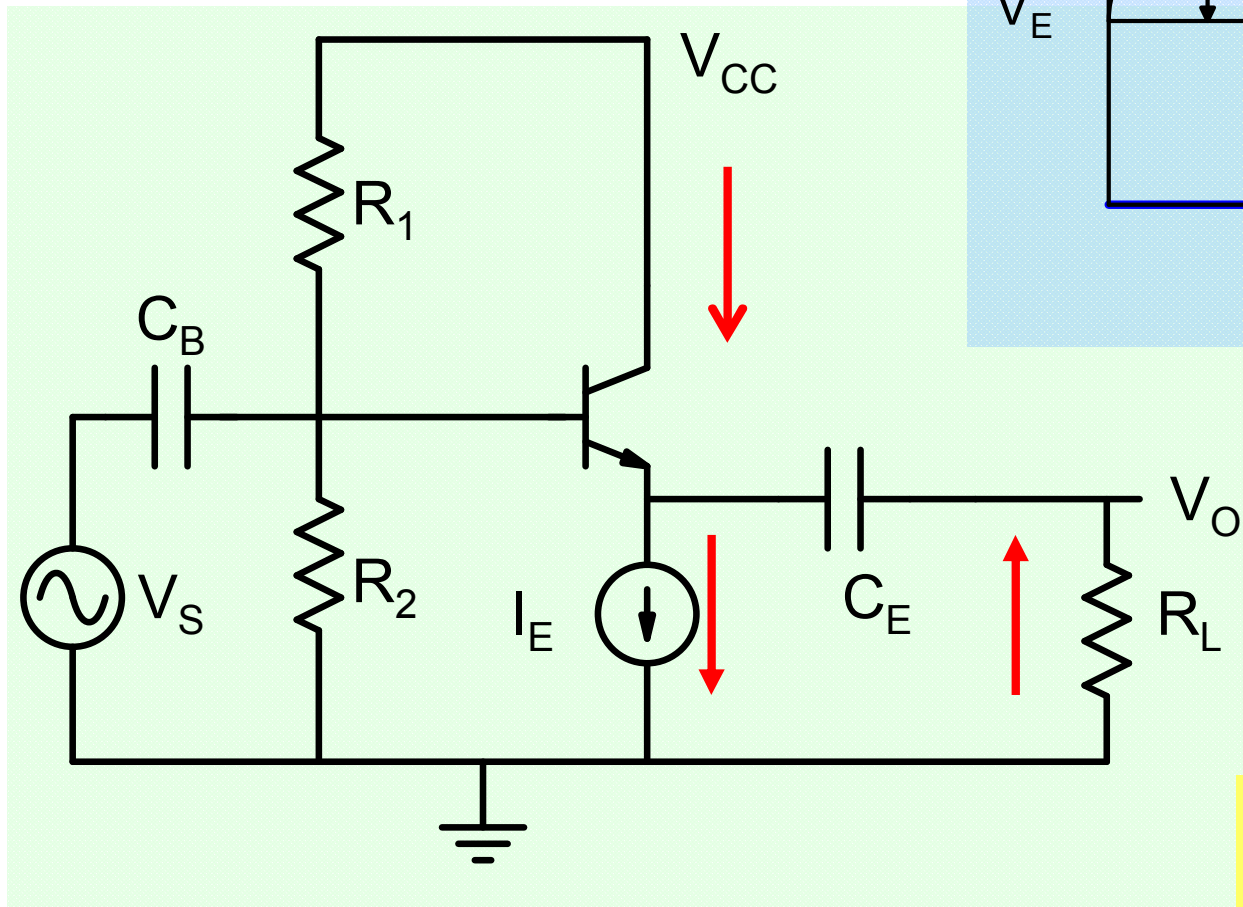


$$\frac{V_E - v_o}{R_E}$$

$$= I_{CQ} - \frac{v_o}{R_E}$$



# Current Source Biasing



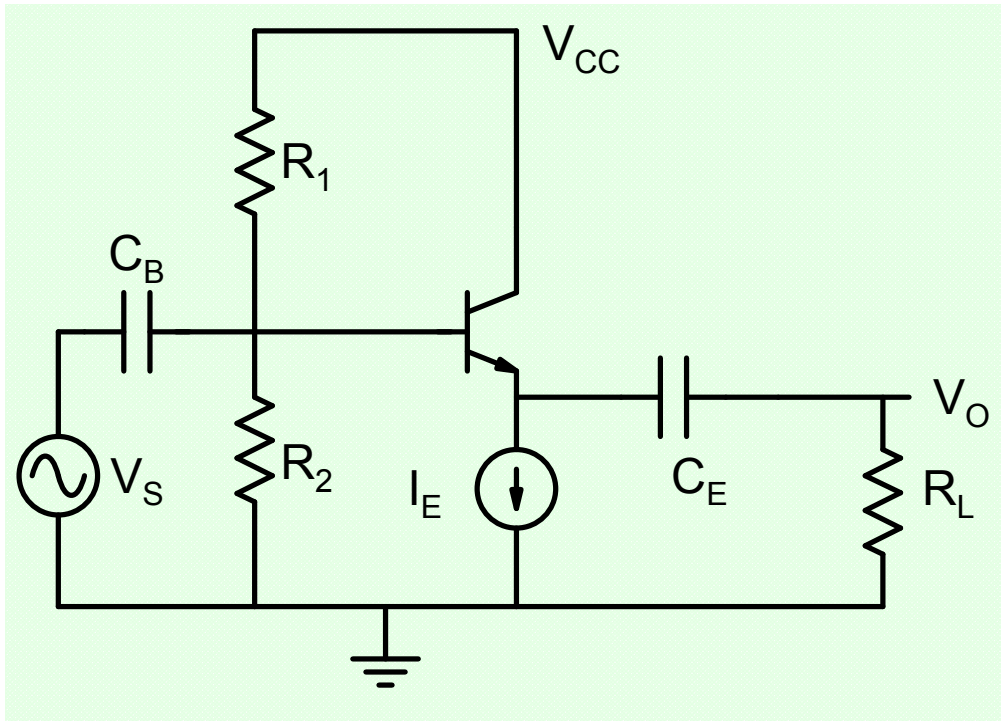
$$v_O \leq I_{EQ} R_L$$

$$I_E = \frac{v_O}{R_L} + I_c$$

$$I_E \geq \frac{v_O}{R_L}$$

$$V_E - v_O \geq 0$$

# Maximum Voltage Swing



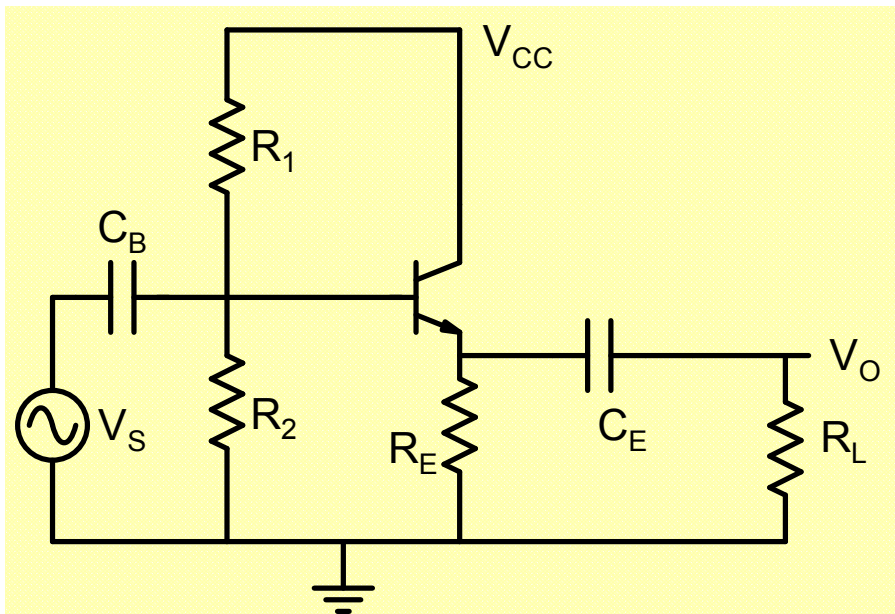
$$V_O \leq V_{CC} - V_{BE} - V_E$$

$$V_E - v_O \geq 0$$

$$V_O = V_E = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{2}$$

$$v_O \leq I_{EQ} R_L \Rightarrow I_{EQ} \geq \frac{V_O}{R_L}$$

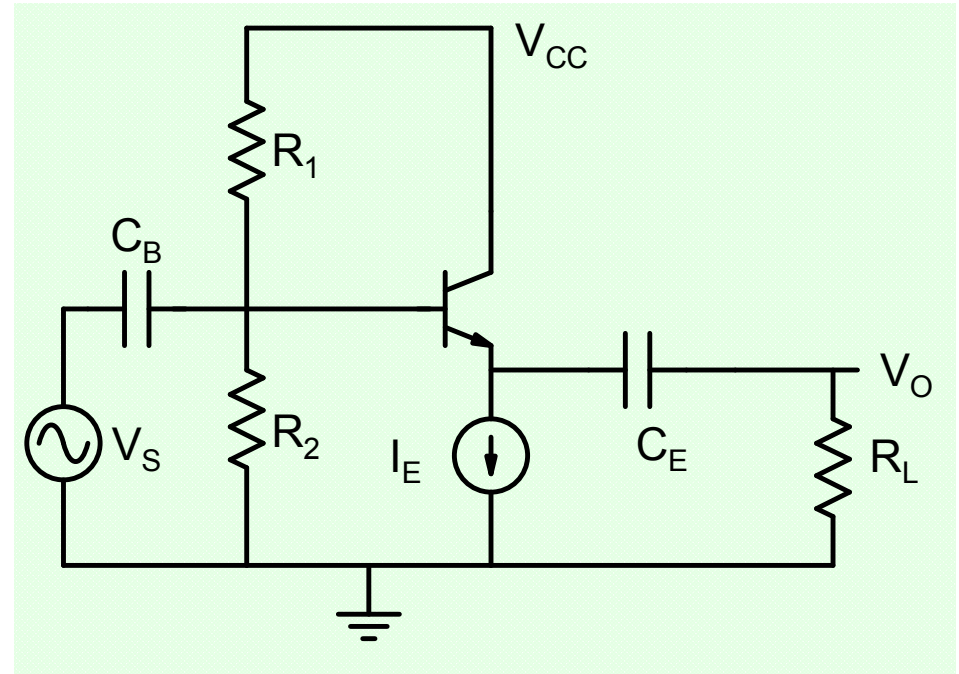
# Design for Maximum Voltage Swing



$$I_{CQ} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_E} \times \frac{1 + R_E/R_L}{2 + R_E/R_L}$$

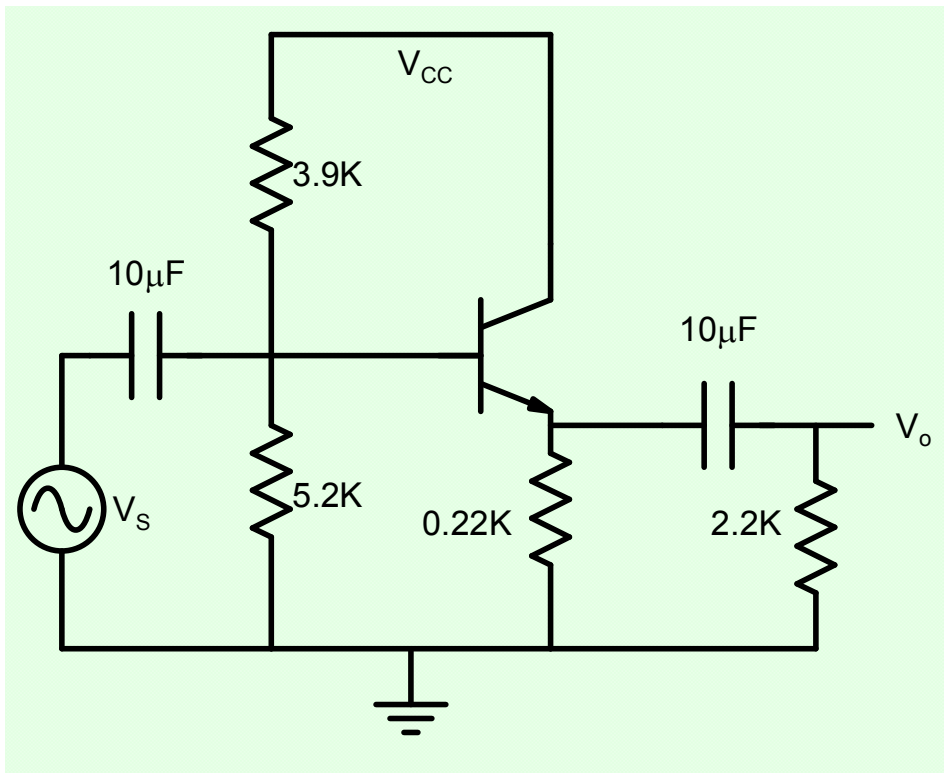
$$V_O = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{2 + R_E/R_L}$$

For  $R_E \ll R_L : I_{CQ} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{2R_E}$



$$V_O = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{2}$$

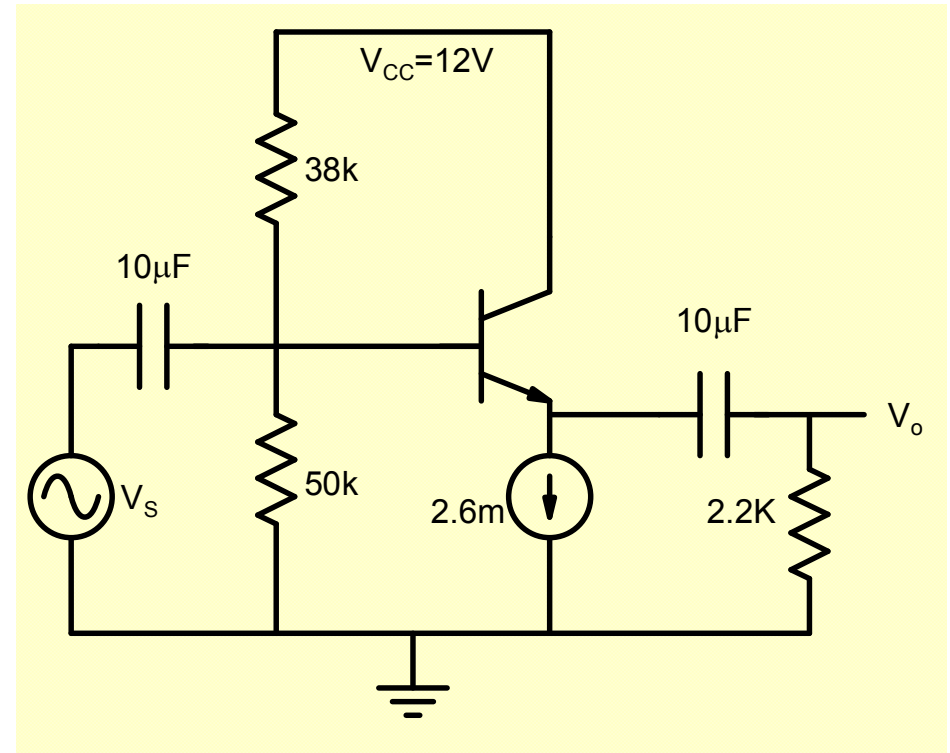
$$I_E \cong \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{2R_L}$$



$$I_{CQ} = 25mA; V_{CEQ} = 6.5V$$

$$A_V = 0.98; R_{in} = 2K; R_O = 3\Omega$$

$$V_{om} = 5.6V$$



$$I_{CQ} = 2.6mA; V_{CEQ} = 6.5V$$

$$A_V = 0.99; R_{in} = 19.7K; R_O = 9.5\Omega$$

$$V_{om} = 5.6V$$

