

Guide to

LTSPICE XVII

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Introduction to the tool

As you probably know SPICE stands for Simulation Program with Integrated Circuit Emphasis i.e. we use SPICE models specifically in design and simulation of Integrated circuits and ASIC(Application Specific IC) chipsets.

With advancement of techniques in design, there are so many tools and software to help you focus on this domain. One such tool is LTSpice.

LTSpice stands for Linear Technology SPICE. It is very clear from the Brand itself that we are focusing on the linear models of systems and components, though there are ways to simulate non-linearity as seen in chapter 14 MOSFET circuits.

LTSpice is a high-performance SPICE simulation software, schematic capture and waveform viewer with enhancements and models for easing the simulation of Analog circuits. Included in the download of LTSpice are macro-models for a majority of Analog Devices switching regulators, amplifiers, as well as a library of devices for general circuit simulation.

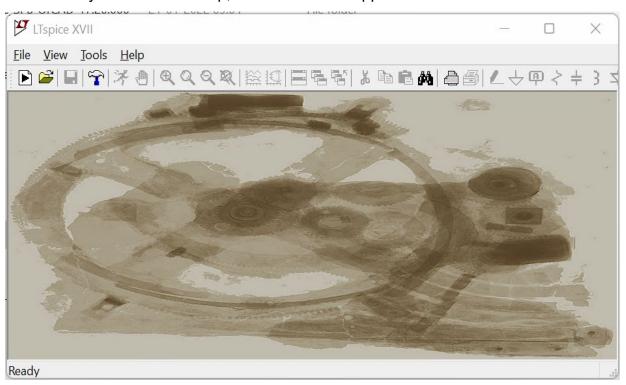
Benefits of LTSpice

It's enhancements to SPICE have made simulating switching regulators extremely fast compared to normal SPICE simulators and easy to simulate wide range of circuits and systems, allowing the user to view waveforms for most switching regulators in just a few minutes. This manual provides an overview of the advantages of using LTSpice in an Analog circuit design with the help of many example-circuits.

How to install and setup LTSpice

A short guide to install and setup LTSpice is mentioned here

- go to the below-mentioned link and scroll down to the downloads section.
 https://www.analog.com/en/design-center/design-tools-and-calculators/ltspice-simulator.html
- 2. Download the software based on compatibility of your OS
- 3. Go to the downloaded executable (.exe) file and start the setup as per the prompts provided by the setup wizard.
- 4. As soon as you finish the setup, a screen should appear as shown below



- 5. From here, clicking on "file" and "new schematic" will open up a schematic window and it will be autosaved as Draft1 in C:/Users/username/Documents/LTspiceXVII.
- 6. That is all and you are all set for simulating circuits

Note: For further Assistance, you can go to the "help" and "help topics"

Tips and Tricks

Since you will be making many schematics and doing a lot of schematics, you might want to save lot of time. For this, LTSpice provides few useful hotkeys (you can always edit them in the control panel under "drafting options")

Few useful Hotkeys

V= Voltage source

G = Reference/Ground

R= linear resistance

C= Ceramic capacitor

L = Inductor

D = Diode

S = Spice directives (explained in detail in the next section)

T = Comment/Non-executable text

LTSpice also provides settings for few options such as Grid-point toggle in schematic page and also the plots page. This enables easier and more systematic way to analyse the plot and rig up the circuit.

Few other useful features provided are:

- Colour scheme choices
- Multiple plots in (in different panes) {right click → "add plot pane" → move the trace label to empty pane}
- Adding custom traces (discussed in next section)
- Sliding markers to get the Parameter values on X and Y Axes: Add this by
 clicking on the trace label on top of plot pane (the difference along the X and
 Y individually are calculated and it can be viewed in the marker coordinates
 box)
- Changing scale of X,Y Axes (right-click when ruler appears)
- You can plot Fourier transform spectrum of a curve (right click → view → FFT)

Basic Simulation and SPICE commands

Command syntax	Description		
Simulation commands (included only the once used in this book There are moreRefer to the "Help topics" included in the software)			
.dc source_name, from, to, increment	DC sweep used to analyse characteristics		
.ac type, points, from, to	AC sweep to analyse frequency response		
.tran stoptime	Transient small-signal analysis to analyse linearity		
	*(Initialize frequency of source before using)		
.opt	Print value of operating points of given circuit		
	*(Initialize static source values before using for correct outputs)		
SPICE Commands (included only the once used in this book There are moreRefer to the "Help topics" included in the software)			
.step parameter_name, from, to, increment	Used for parametric analysis on component variable		
.model model_name model_type (parameters=values)	Used to initialize parameter values of components of specific model		
.include (or .lib) file.txt	Used to include model files or model libraries *(make sure to keep the model file in the same directory where the schematics are saved)		
.param	Used for initialising parameters common to multiple components *(initialize the component parameter as		
	{Var name} in all components you want to set the parameter for)		
.meas type var_name param_type eqn	Used to measure desired quantities of the given expression based on type		
	Result of .meas can be viewed by view→spice-log		

Steps for simulation:

Common for All : Right click →Edit simulation Command → choose the type of analysis DC analysis :

choose the values as appropriate

Run the simulation and obtain the curve (a red probe indicates voltage output and a black one indicates current output)

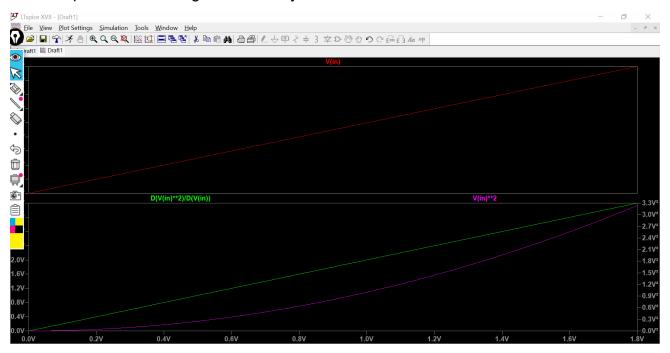
Sometimes you may want to add a parameter which is composed of equation of existing parameters (slope for example)

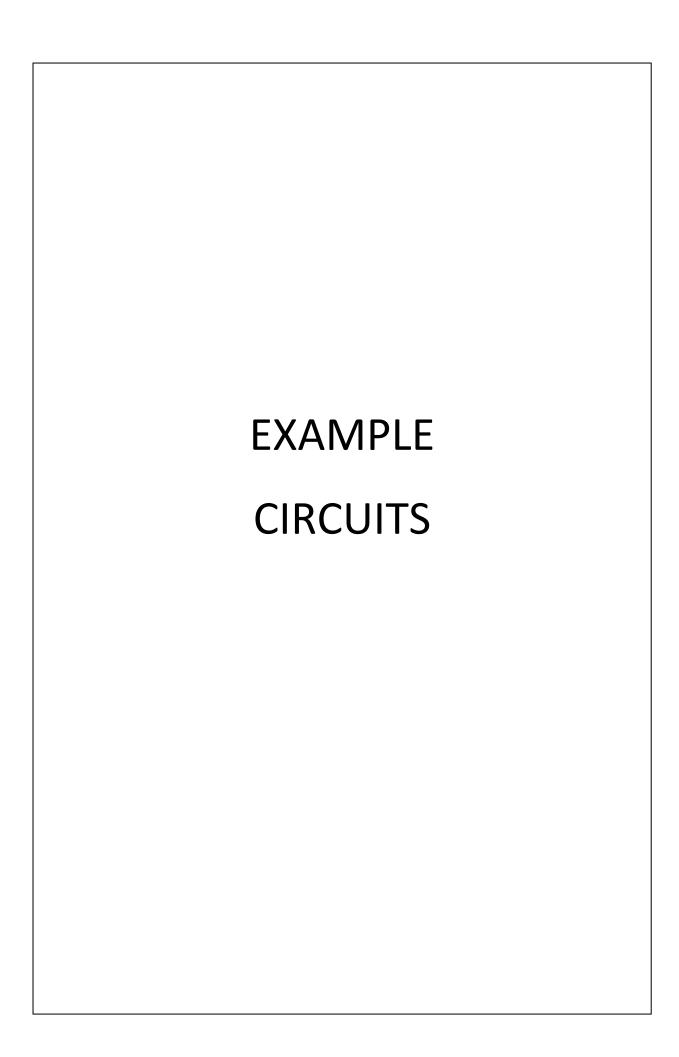
To do so, right-click on empty space on plot plane \rightarrow click on add trace \rightarrow add equation by typing in the equation

Basic syntax in equation editing:

- D(A)/D(B) => differential of A with respect to B; (used to plot variation in slope for a given trace)
- A**B => A to the power of B (used in algebraic expressions)

An example demonstrating above two syntax is shown below





RC Circuits

Problem statement: .

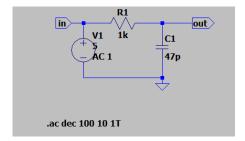
- a) verify that theoretical cut-off frequency and practical (Fc) is equal for:
 - i) low pass filter
 - ii) high pass filter
- b) Design a bandpass circuit and find it's bandwidth

NOTE: Take V_{in} =5V,600mVpp R=1k Ω C₁=47pF C₂=94nF

Solution:

<u>a)</u>

<u>i)</u>



Doing the AC Analysis, we get the 3db frequency as 3.388MHz that gives $\underline{Fc=3.388MHz}$ Theoretically, Fc=1/2*pi*R*C

Fc=1/(6.28* 1k* 47p)

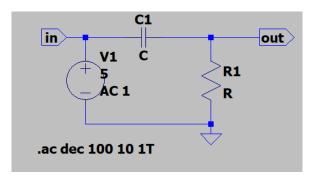
Fc= 3.3879MHz

<u>Frequency response</u>



a)

ii)

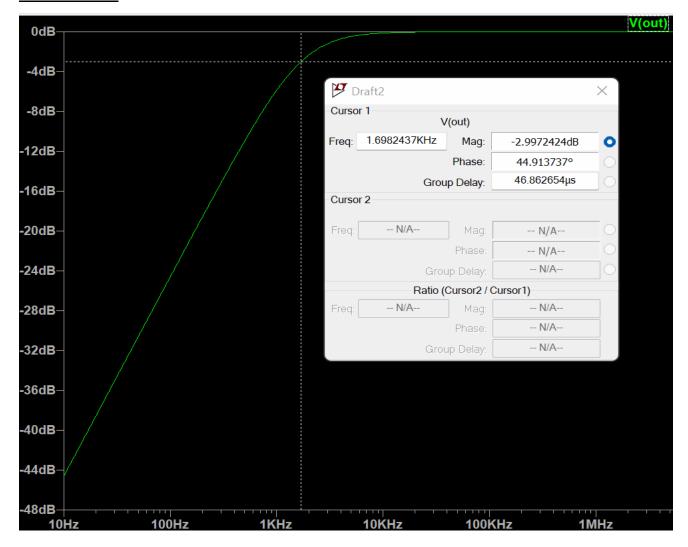


Doing the AC analysis we get Fc= 1.698KHz

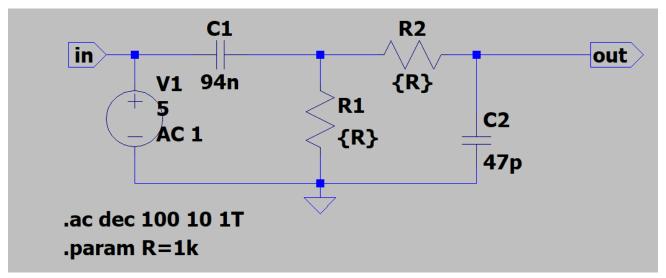
Theoretically, Fc=1/2*pi*R*C

Fc=1/(6.28* 1k* 94n)

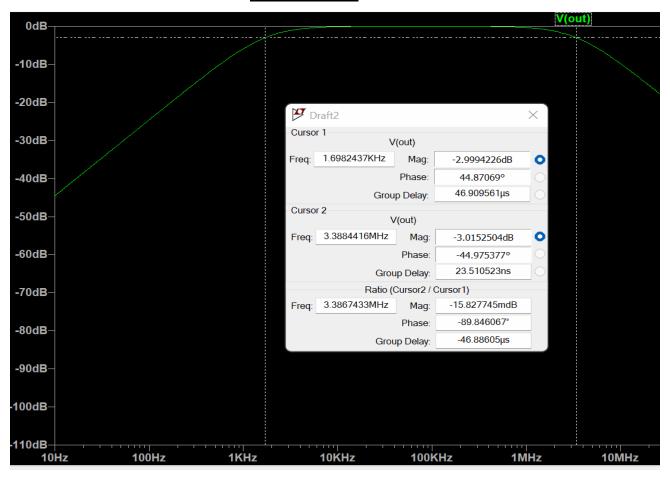
Fc= 1.693kHz



b)
Cascading a Low-pass and High-pass we get a Band-Pass filter



Plotting the frequency response, we get $\underline{\text{Fh=3.388MHz}}$ and $\underline{\text{Fl=1.698KHz}}$ BW= Fh-Fl =3.388M - 1.698K => BW=3.386MHz



RL circuits

Problem statement: .

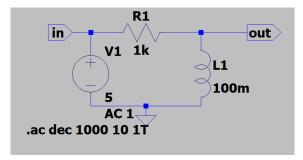
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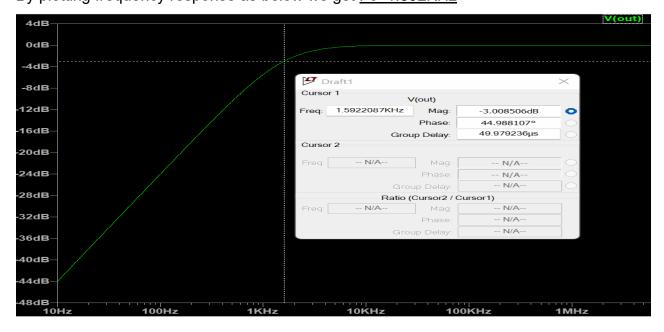
Solution:

<u>a)</u>

<u>i)</u>

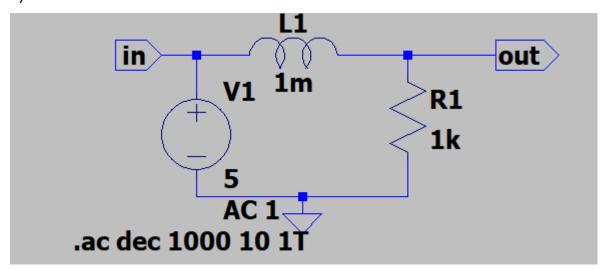


Theoretically, Fc=R/(2*Pi*L)= 1k/6.28*100m => <u>Fc=1.592KHz</u> By plotting frequency response as below we get <u>Fc=1.592KHz</u>



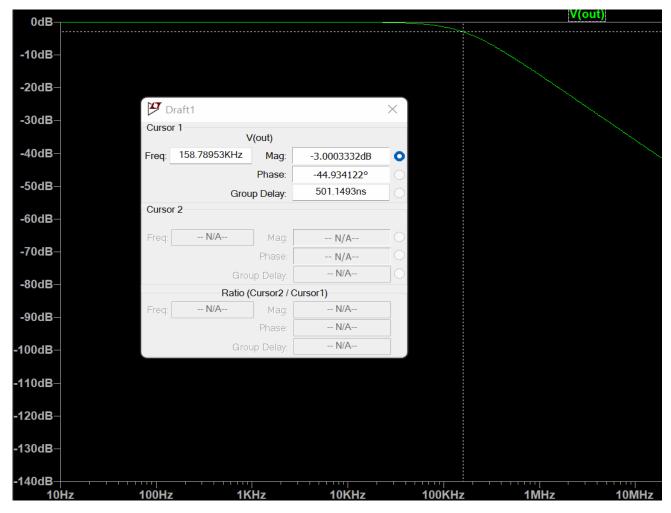
a)

ii)



Theoretically, Fc=R/(2*Pi*L)= 1k/6.28*1m => $\underline{\text{Fc}=159.2\text{KHz}}$

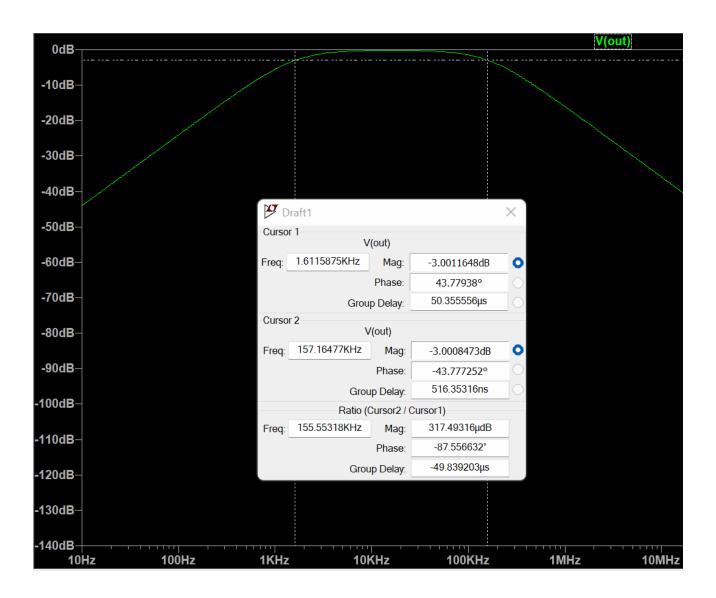
By plotting frequency response as below we get Fc=158.79KHz



b)

ii)

Plotting the frequency response of the bandpass filter, we get $BW = Fh-Fl = 157.16K - 1.61K \Rightarrow BW = 155.55KHz$

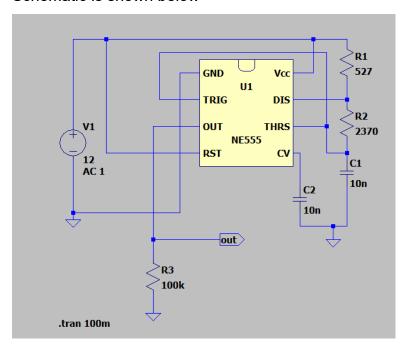


Astable multivibrator

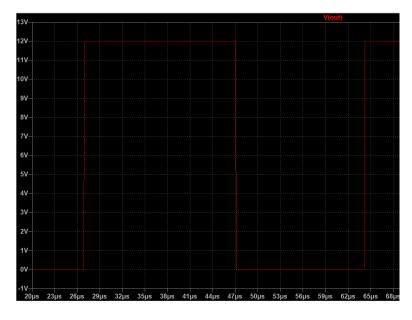
<u>Problem statement:</u> Design an astable Multivibrator and show the output on a waveform. Calculate Th (time in high state), Tl (Time in low state) and its frequency of oscillations from the output.

Solution:

Schematic is shown below



Waveform:



Diode Circuits Part A

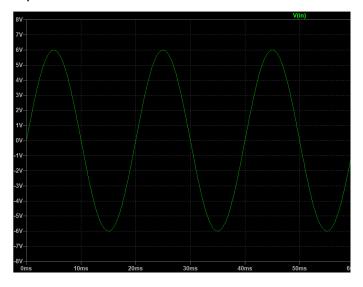
<u>Problem statement:</u> Design the following and show the output waveform for each of them:

- i) Positive Clipper
- ii) Negative Clipper
- iii) Double ended clipper

Note: take Source = 12Vpp 50Hz and R=1k. Use 1N4148

Solution:

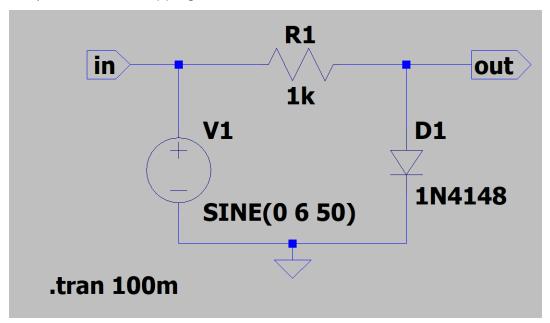
Input Wave:

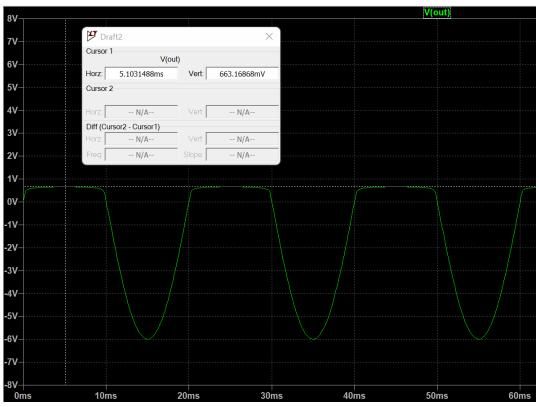


 \triangle Note: Here we use 1N4148 which is a silicon diode. As you know, Silicon has a threshold of 0.7V approximately. So we can see the clipping at +/- 0.7V and not 0.

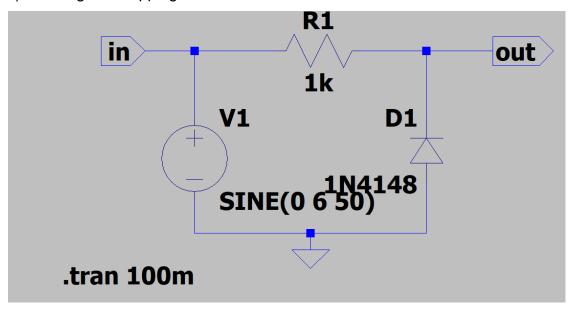
This in double ended clipping at high frequency is used in generating pulsating voltage/current depending on necessity and the frequency of rectified wave is adjusted to clock the digital circuits (Rectifiers shown in next section). Λ

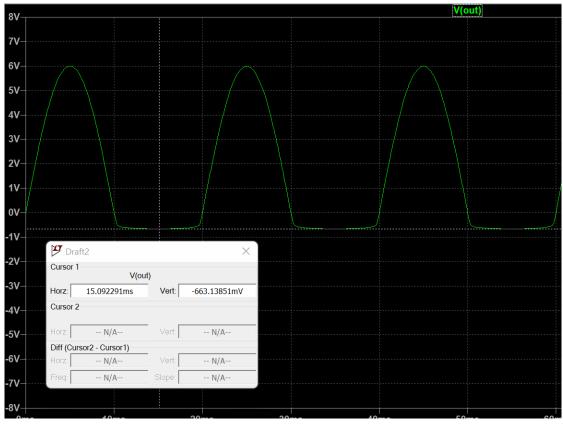
i) Positive clipping



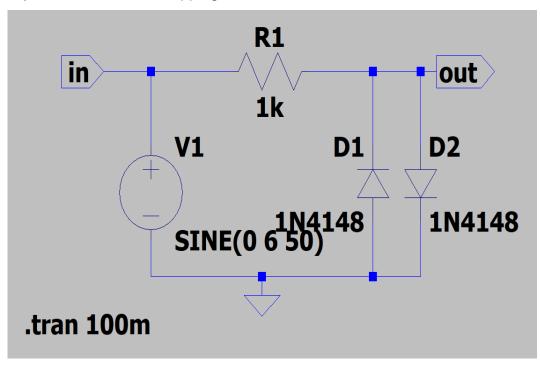


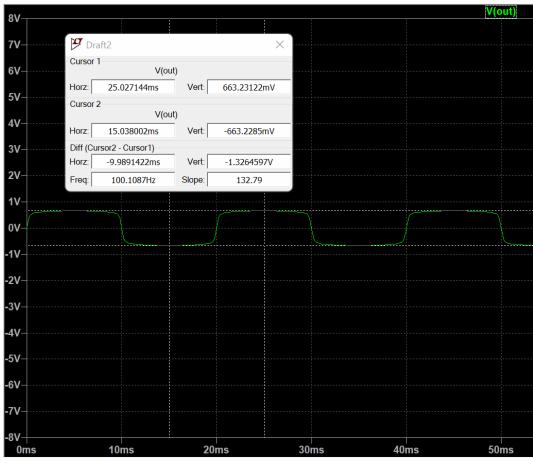
ii) Negative clipping





iii) Double ended clipping



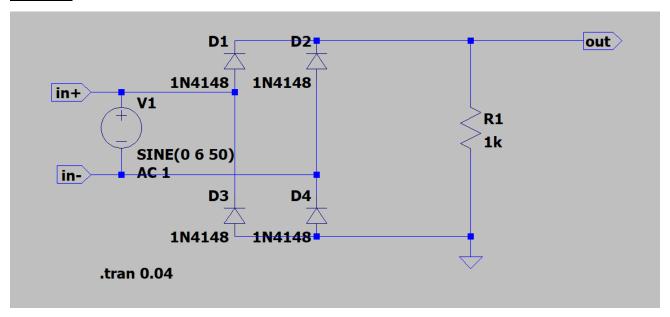


Diode Circuits Part B

Problem statement: Design a Bridge Rectifier and compare input and output frequencies.

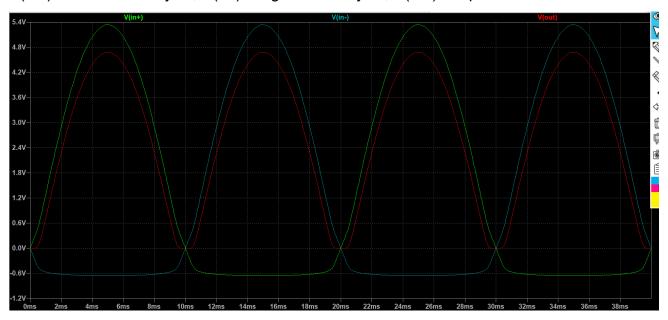
Note: Use R=1k, Diode part: 1N4148, Vin=12Vpp, Fin = 50Hz

Solution:



Waveform:

V(in+)= Positive half cycle; V(in-)=Negative half cycle; V(out)=output wave

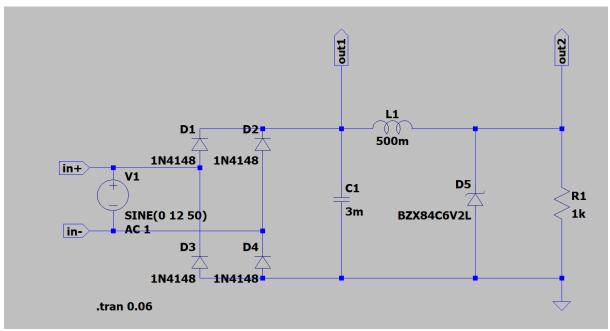


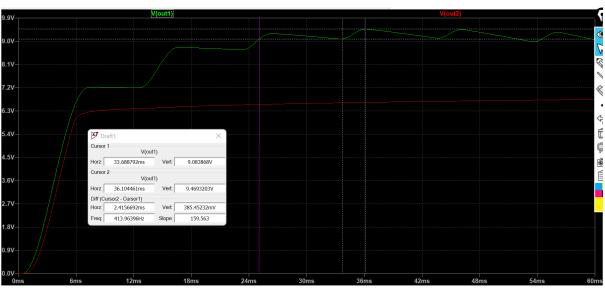
Clearly, the rectifier is active for both positive and negative half cycle. So, the frequency would be double the input i.e. 100Hz

Project: AC to DC converter using Bridge rectifier and filters

<u>Problem statement:</u> Construct a AC to DC converter using the rectifier designed in previous section, AC and DC filters and regulator. Show the output at each stage. regulated at 6.2V (Use Zener diode model BZX84C6V2L)

<u>Solution:</u> By now it should be clear that Transient equivalent (response to AC) of capacitors are bypass and steady equivalent (response to DC) of inductor are bypass. Therefore, we connect capacitor in parallel and inductor in series. For Regulators, we use Zener diode in reverse bias conditions so as to mirror the Zener breakdown voltage at the output voltage





BJT Circuits

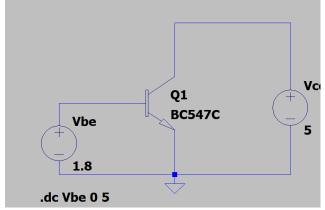
Problem statement: Use BC547C for all the following circuits

- a) Verify the IV characteristics of an NPN BJT
- b) Design a CE amplifier and calculate the gain in each of the following analysis:
 - i) DC analysis
 - ii) AC analysis
 - iii) Transient analysis
- c) Construct a CE differential amplifier , plot ΔV out and Vin, and calculate the double-ended gain

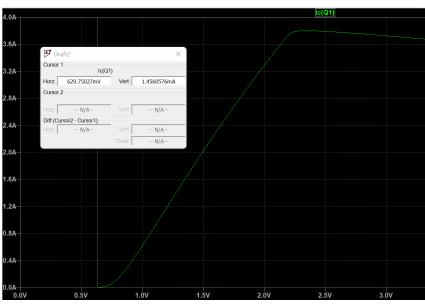
Note: Take Rc= 1.2k,Re=220 Vcc=5V

Solution:

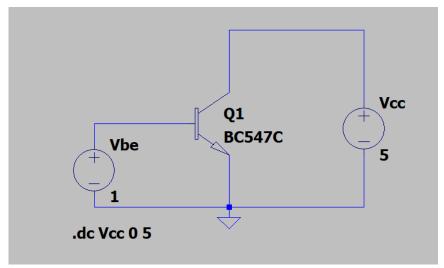
a) Input characteristics

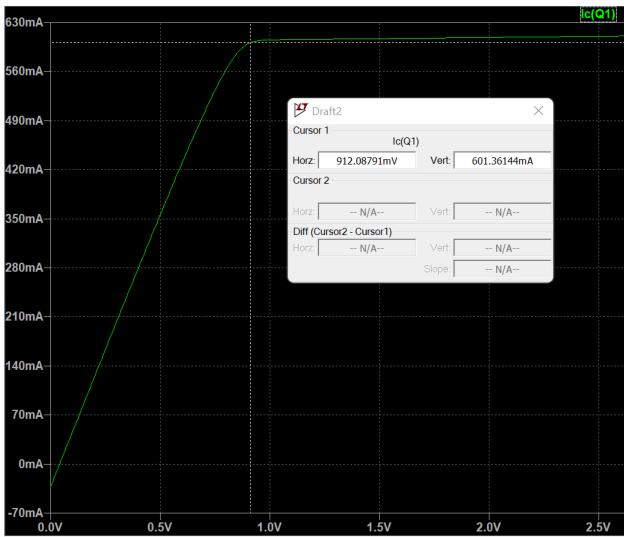


From the DC response we find that Vth=630mV approximately.



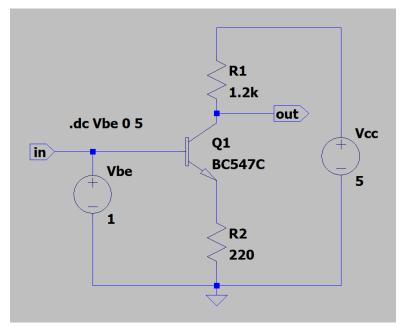
Output characteristics:



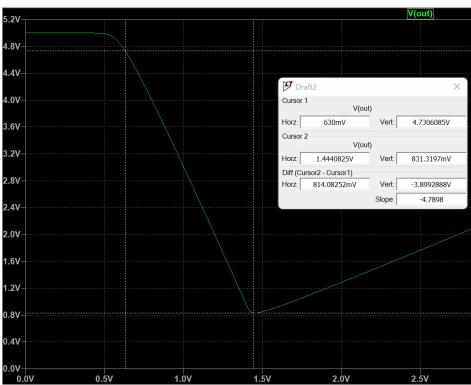


b) CE amplifier

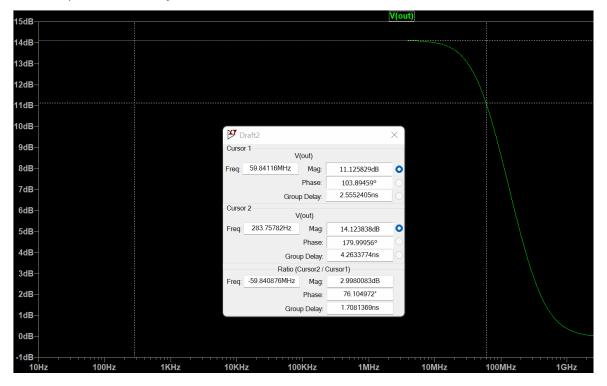
i) DC analysis



Taking average of the limits of active region, Vbeq= (630m+1444m)/2 = 1037m = 1.037V $Adc=-Rc/Re=1.2k/.22k > \underline{A(dc)=5.45}$

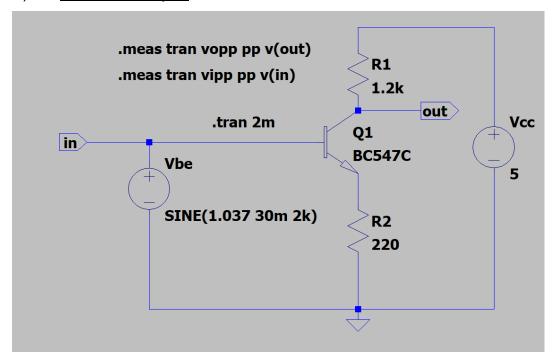


ii) AC analysis

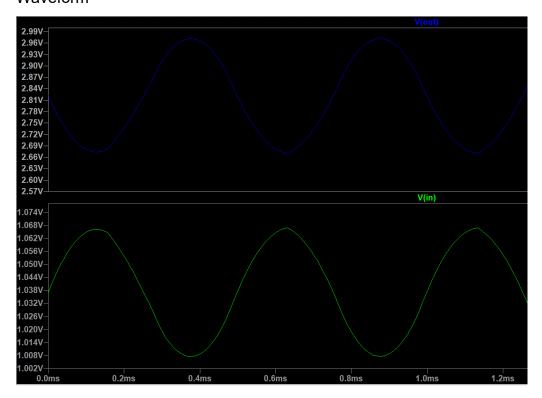


A(ac) =14dB =10 $^(14.128/20)$ => <u>A(ac)=5.14</u> <u>Fc= 59.8MHz</u>

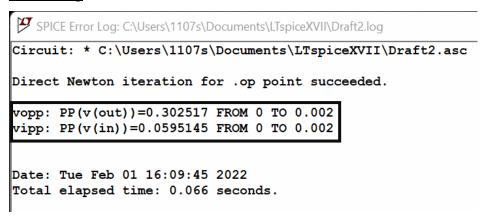
iii) Transient analysis



Waveform

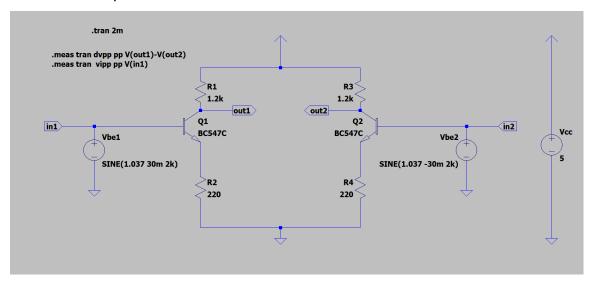


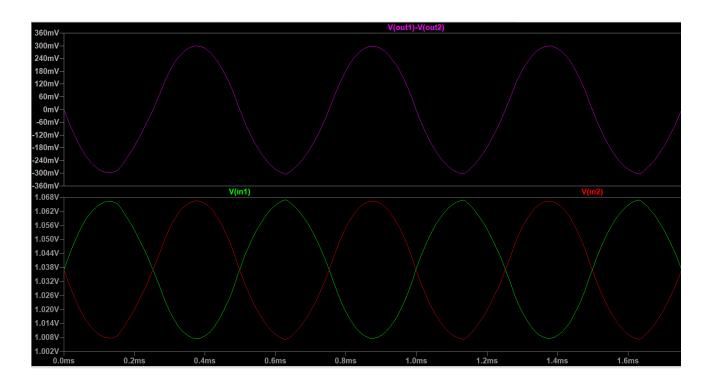
SPICE log



A(tran) = Vopp/Vipp = 302.517m/59.514m => A(tran)=5.083

c) Differential amplifier





Calculation of gain

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Circuit: * C:\Users\1107s\Documents\LTspiceXVII\Draft2.asc

Direct Newton iteration for .op point succeeded.

dvpp: PP(v(out1)-v(out2))=0.605499 FROM 0 TO 0.002

vipp: PP(v(in1))=0.0595653 FROM 0 TO 0.002

Date: Tue Feb 01 16:45:22 2022 Total elapsed time: 0.051 seconds.

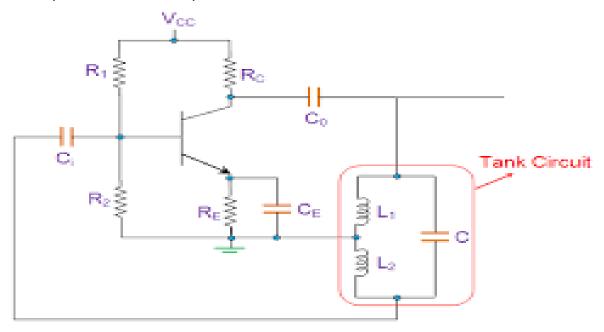
A(de) = dvpp/vipp = 605.5m/59.56m

 \Rightarrow A(de) = 10.166

⚠ Note that double ended gain of a differential amplifier with differential inputs is twice the gain of each half-amplifier of the whole system. A

Oscillators

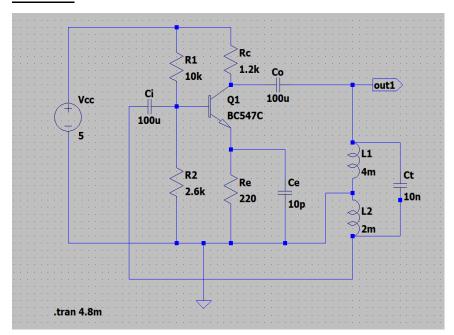
<u>a)</u> <u>Problem statement:</u> Design a Hartley Oscillator as following and obtain the output waveform and spectrum



Design parameters:

- i) R1=10k; R2 = 2.6k; Rc=1.2k; Re=220
- ii) Ci=C0=100uF; Ct=10nF; Ce=10pF
- iii) L1=4mH; L2=2mH
- iv) Vcc=5V, Transistor = BC547C

Solution:



Theoretical Frequency:

L=L1+L2 = 6mH

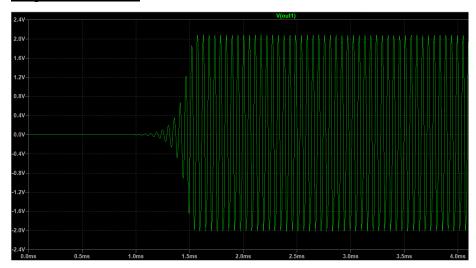
C=Ct=10n

F=0.15923/VLC

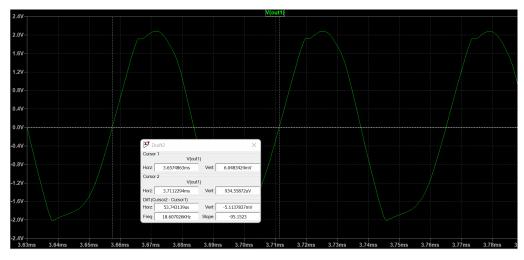
F=(.15923)/(7.746u)

⇒ <u>F=20.56KHz</u>

Original waveform

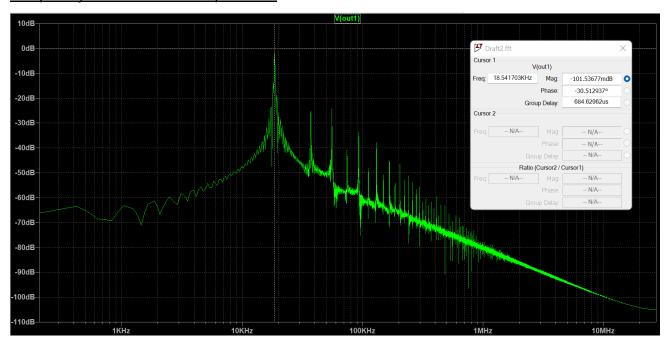


Frequency calculated from waveform:



The frequency obtained from the waveform is F=18.6KHz

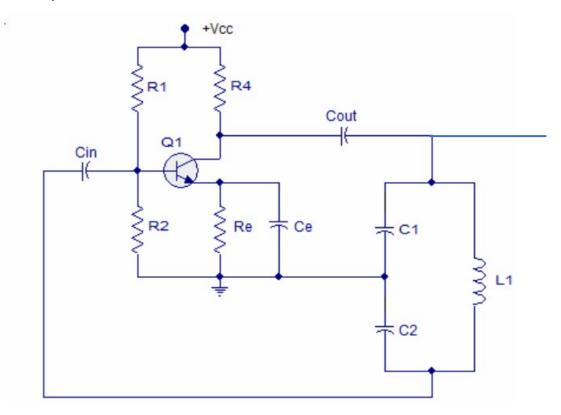
Frequency calculation from spectrum:



Frequency of oscillator obtained from spectrum is F=18.54KHz

Oscillators

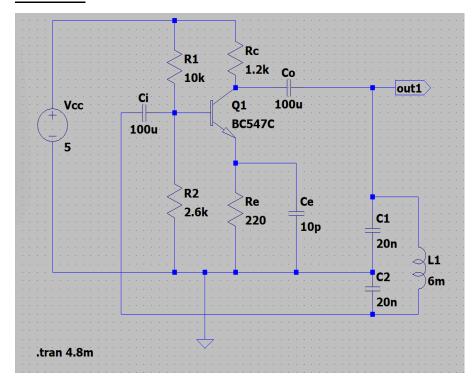
<u>b)</u> <u>Problem statement:</u> Design a Colpitts Oscillator as following and obtain the output waveform



Design parameters:

- i) R1=10k; R2 = 2.6k; Rc=1.2k; Re=220
- ii) Ci=Co=100uF; Ce=10pF;C1=C2=20nF
- iii) Lt=6mH
- iv) Vcc=5V, Transistor = BC547C

Solutions:



Theoretical Frequency:

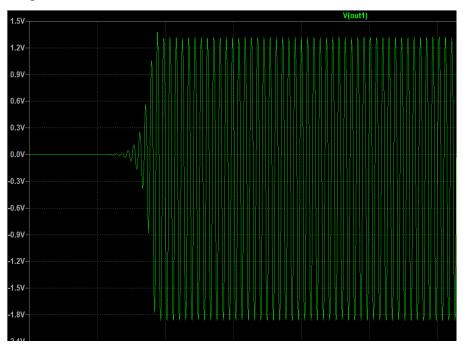
L=Lt=6mH

C=C1*C2/(C1+C2)=20n*20n/ 40n

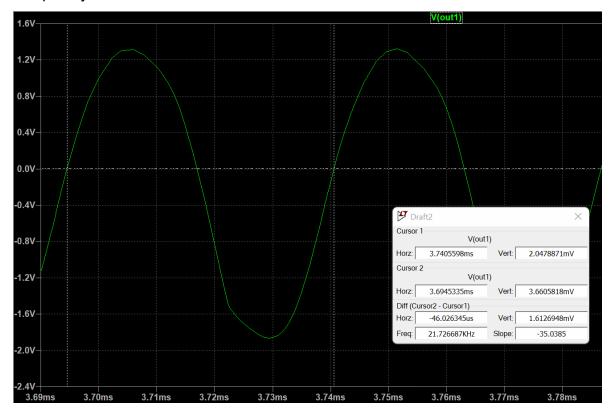
C=10nF

F=0.15923/VLC=.15923/7.746

Original waveform

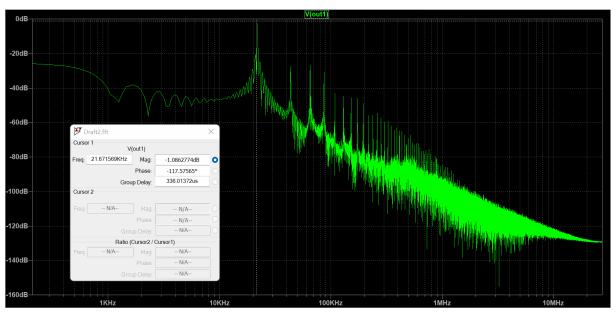


Frequency calculation from Waveform



The frequency obtained from the waveform is F=21.72KHz

Frequency Obtained from spectrum:



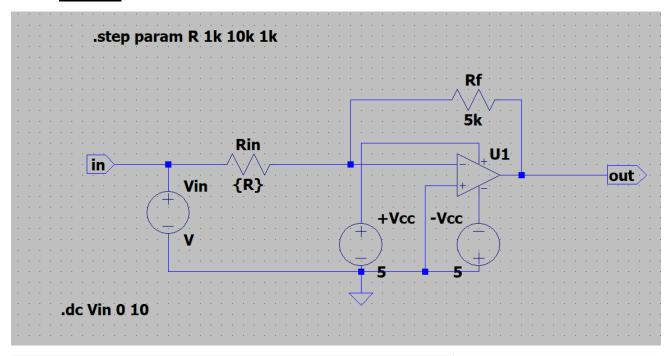
Frequency of oscillator obtained from spectrum is F=21.67KHz

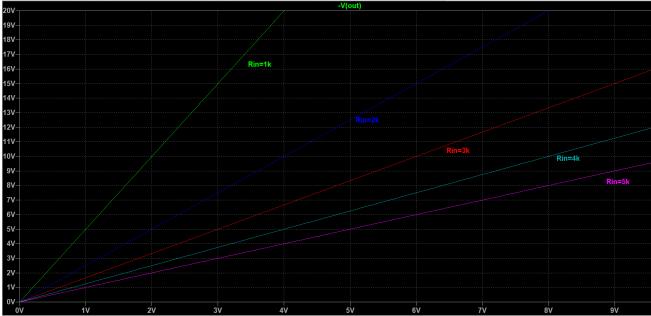
Op-amp

a) Problem statement: Obtain a plot that verifies dependence of Rf and Rin on gain of the op-amp. Use Universal OP-Amp 1, Rf= 5k; +/-Vcc=+/-5V

Hint: gain = |Vout/Vin| = |Rf/Rin|

Solution:

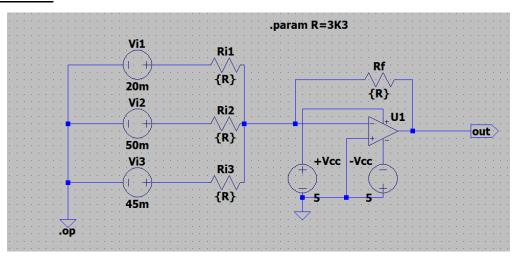


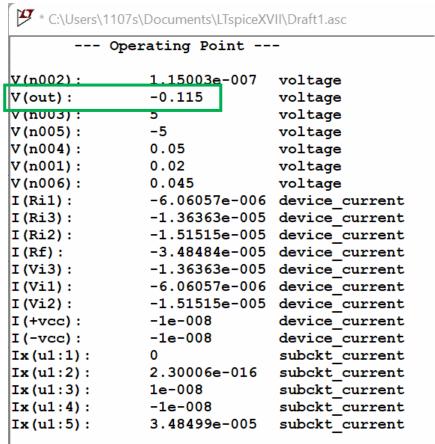


b) Op-amp adder/Subtractor:

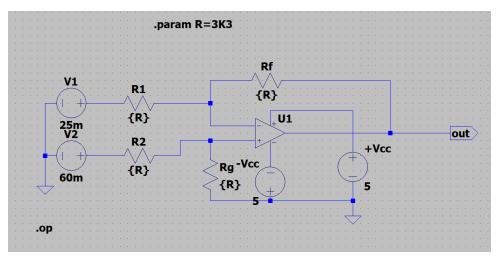
<u>Problem statement:</u> Design an op-amp Adder with V1= 20mV V2= 50mV V3=45mV R1=R2=R3=Rf=3.3k

Solutions:





c) Subtractor:



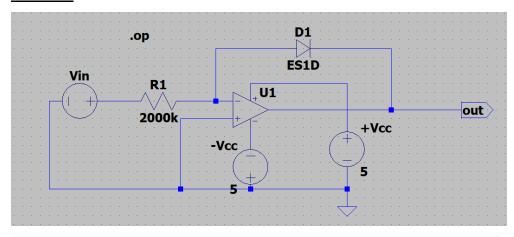
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Operating Point					
V(n001):	0.0299999	voltage			
V(n004):	0.0299999	voltage			
V(out):	0.0349999	voltage			
V(n003):	5	voltage			
V(n006):	-5	voltage			
V(n005):	0.06	voltage			
V(n002):	0.025	voltage			
I(R1):	1.51511e-006	device_current			
I(R2):	-9.09094e-006	device_current			
I (Rg) :	9.09088e-006	device current			
I(Rf):	1.51517e-006	device_current			
I(V2):	-9.09094e-006	device_current			
I(V1):	1.51511e-006	device_current			
I (+vcc) :	-9.94e-009	device_current			
I(-vcc):	-1.006e-008	device_current			
Ix(u1:1):	5.99998e-011	subckt_current			
Ix(u1:2):	5.99997e-011	subckt_current			
Ix(u1:3):	9.94e-009	subckt_current			
Ix(u1:4):	-1.006e-008	subckt_current			
Ix(u1:5):	-1.51541e-006	subckt_current			

d) Logarithmic

<u>Problem statement:</u> Design a logarithmic op-amp circuit take diode ES1D(Is=0.5u,Vt=0.068),R=2M(2000k) and plot the output curve.

Note:

$$V_{
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ight)$$



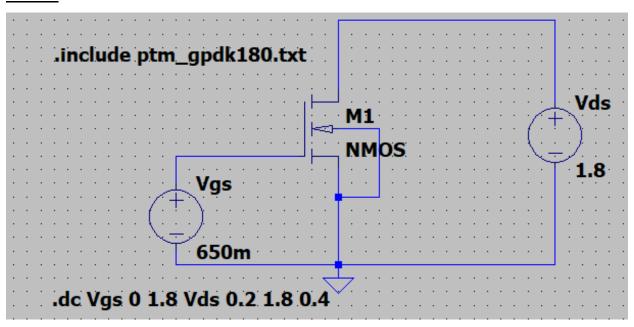


MOSFET Circuits

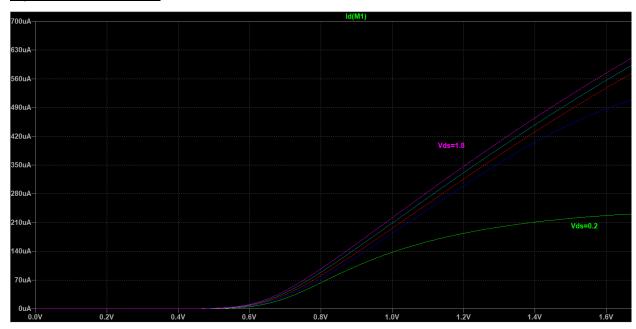
a) Problem Statements: Derive the IV Characteristics of NMOS, PMOS (make sure to use 180m technology). Given that W/L=2u/180n.

Solution:

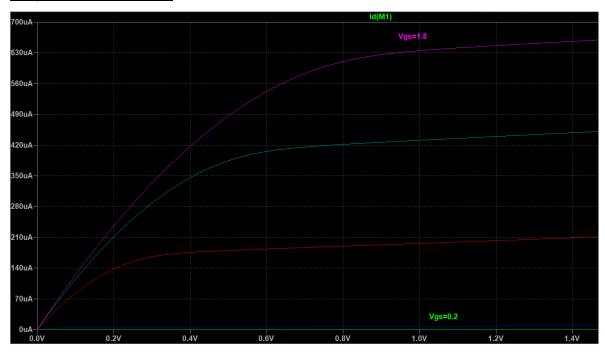
NMOS:



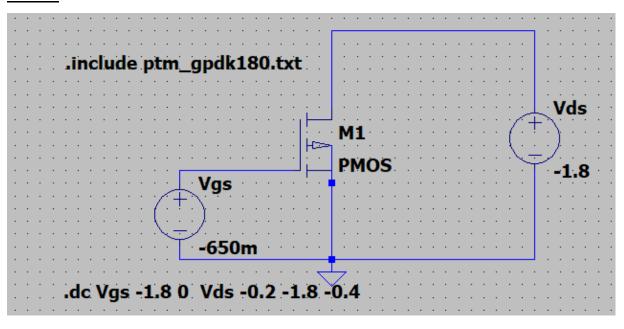
Input Characteristics:



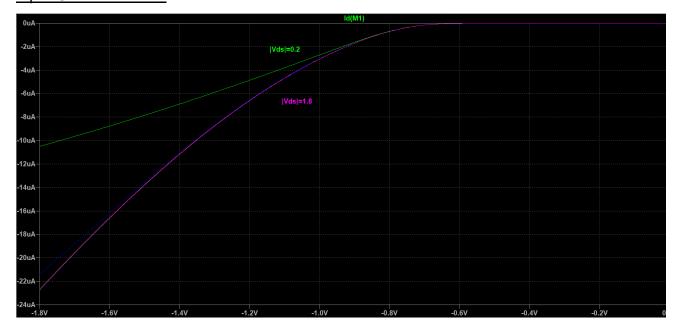
Output Characteristics:



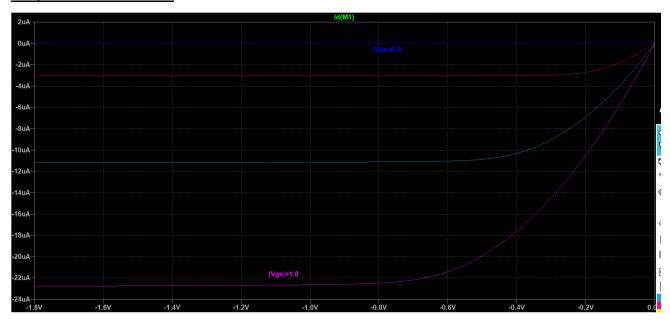
PMOS:



Input Characteristics:



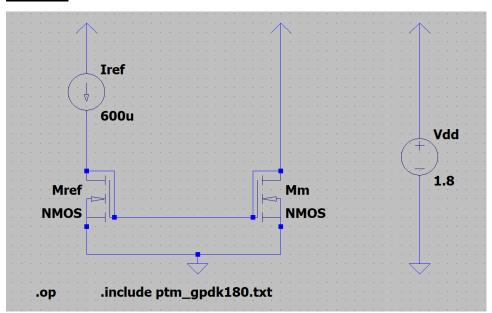
Output Characteristics:



b) NMOS Current Sink:

<u>Problem Statement:</u> Design an NMOS current sink of current Reference 600uA Vdd=1.8V and W/L(1)= W/L(2)=2u/198.5n

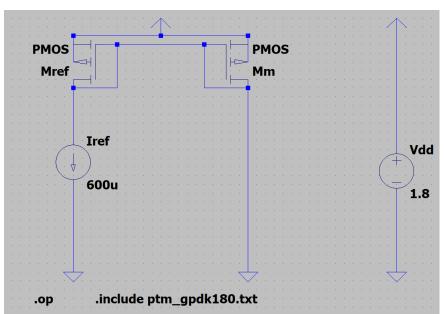
QExploration work: Vary number of transistors in parallel for reference and mirror devices and find out how the current varies. (Ans: If P Mirrors and Q References are used, the current is scaled by a factor P/Q)



		DCTM'	2 14
	_	BSIM	5 N
Name:	mref	mm	
Model:	nmos	nmos	
Id:	6.00e-04	6.00e-04	
vgs:	1.80e+00	1.80e+00	
Vds:	1.80e+00	1.80e+00	
Vbs:	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	
Vth:	5.27e-01	5.27e-01	
Vdsat:	8.81e-01	8.81e-01	
Gm:	4.14e-04	4.14e-04	
Gds:	3.34e-05	3.34e-05	
Gmb	3.88e-04	3.88e-04	
Cbd:	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	
Cbs:	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	
Cgsov:	1.09e-15	1.09e-15	
Cadov:	1.08e-15	1.08e-15	

c) PMOS Current Source: Design an PMOS current sink of current Reference 600uA Vdd=1.8V and W/L(1)= W/L(2)=2.75u/200n

Exploration work: Vary number of transistors in parallel for reference and mirror devices and find out how the current varies. (Ans: If P Mirrors and Q References are used, the current is scaled by a factor P/Q)



		BSIM3	MOSFETS
Name:	mm	mref	
Model:	zomoz	pmos	
Id:	-6.00e-04	-6.00e-04	
Vgs:	-1.80e+00	-1.80e+00	
Vds:	-1.80e+00	-1.80e+00	
Vbs:	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	
Vth:	-5.44e-01	-5.44e-01	
Vdsat:	-6.15e-01	-6.15e-01	
Gm:	5.71e-04	5.71e-04	
Gds:	1.17e-04	1.17e-04	
Gmb	6.11e-05	6.11e-05	
Cbd:	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	
Cbs:	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	
Cgsov:	1.50e-15	1.50e-15	
Cadov:	1.48e-15	1.48e-15	

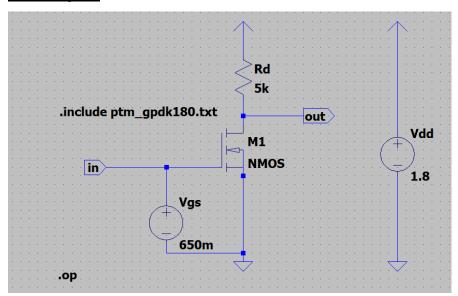
d) NMOS CS single stage Amplifier with resistive load

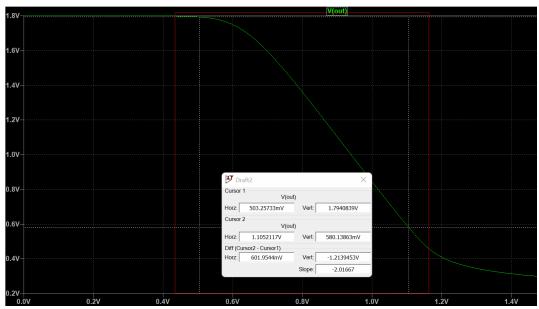
<u>Problem Statement:</u> Design a Single stage Common Source NMOS Amplifier with resistive load and calculate the gain with following parameters:

- i) Rd=5k
- ii) W=2u; L=180n
- iii) Technology = 180nm
- iv) Vth=0.44 (Ignore Vth in result window)

Solution:

DC Analysis:





Operating point at Vgs=800mV

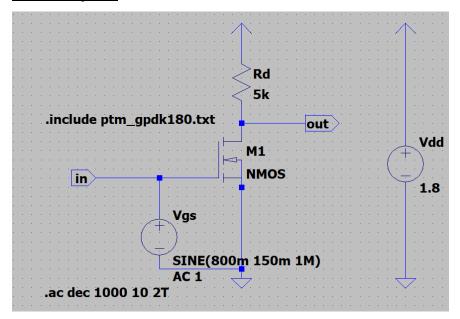
		BSIM3 MOSFETS
Name:	m1	
Model:	nmos	
Id:	8.80e-05	
Vgs:	8.00e-01	
Vds:	1.36e+00	
Vbs:	0.00e+00	
Vdsat:	1.96e-01	
Gm:	5.55e-04	
Gds:	2.03e-05	
Gmb	2.27e-04	
Cbd:	0.00e+00	
Cbs:	0.00e+00	
Cgsov:	1.09e-15	
Cgdov:	1.01e-15	
Cgbov:	0.00e+00	
dQgdVgb:	7.34e-15	
dQgdVdb:	-9.83e-16	
dQgdVsb:	-5.90e-15	
dQddVgb:	-1.02e-15	
dOddVdb:	1.01e-15	

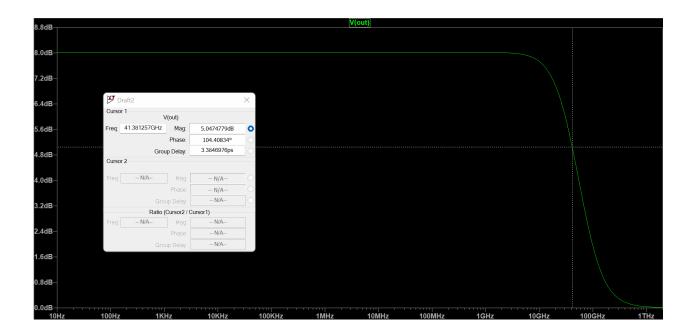
$$Ro = \left| \frac{4IdVds}{4Id^2 - Gm^2(Vgs - Vth)^2} \right|$$
=58.08k

Adc = -Gm(Ro||Rd)

Adc=2.53 V/V

AC Analysis:



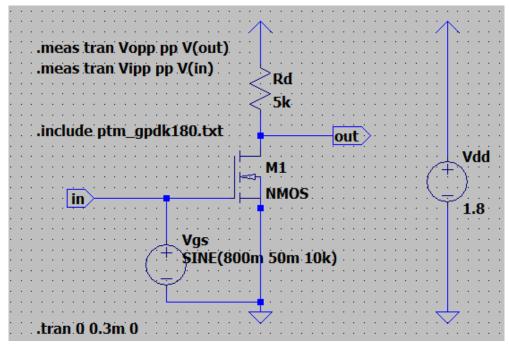


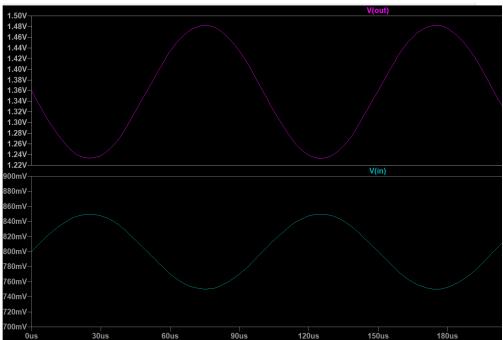
Gain(dB)=8dB

=>A(AC)=10^{8/20}

A(ac)=2.52 V/V

Transient Analysis:





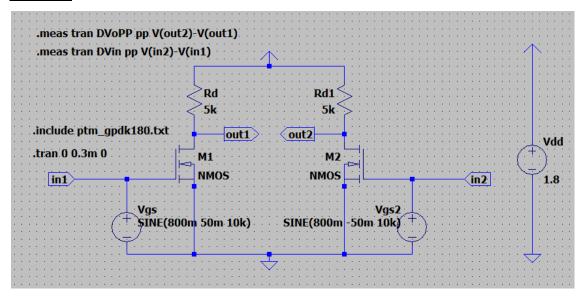
A(tran)=vopp/vipp A(tran)=2.504

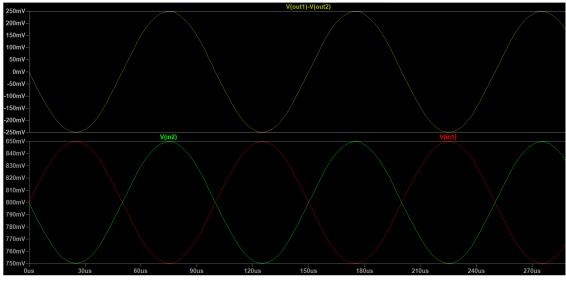
e) NMOS CS differential amplifier with balanced resistive load

 $\underline{Problem\ Statement:}$ Construct a CS differential amplifier , plot $\Delta Vout\ and\ Vin,\ and\ calculate the double-ended gain$

Parameters:

- I. Rd=5k
- II. W=2u;
- III. L=180n
- IV. Technology = 180nm





 $A = \frac{dVopp}{dVipp}$

A=2.504V/V