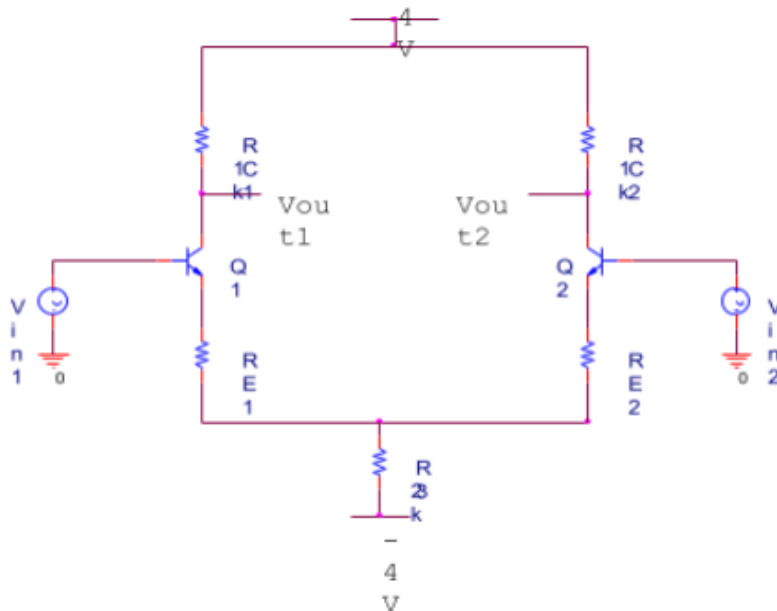


Pre Lab Exercise 1:



($R_{C1} = R_{C2} = 1\text{ k}\Omega$; Shared emitter resistor $R_3 = 2\text{ k}\Omega$)

Hint: Figure 8.18 of the Sedra & Smith textbook shows the curves to expect:

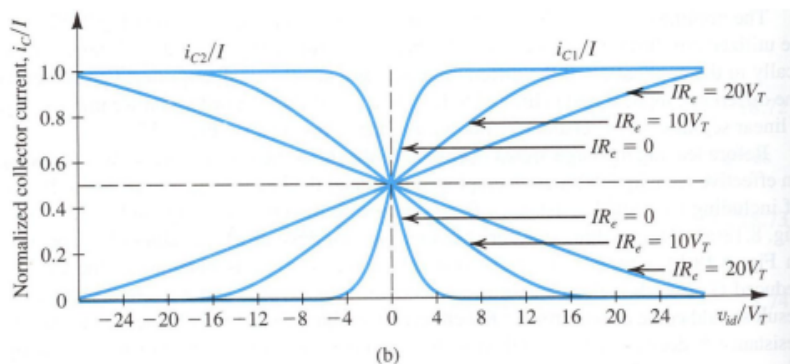
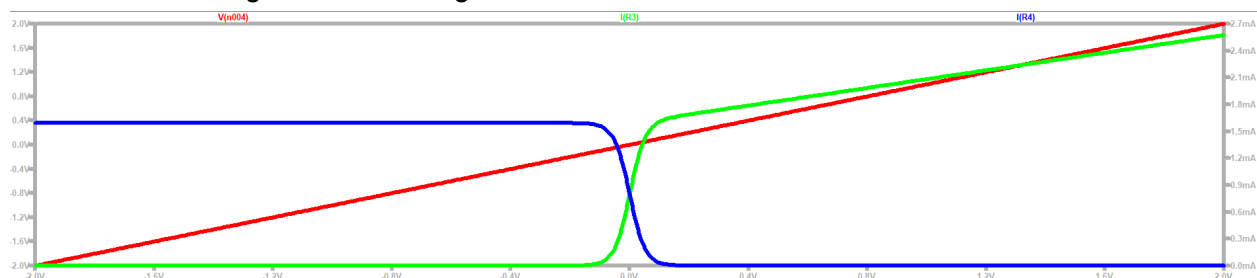


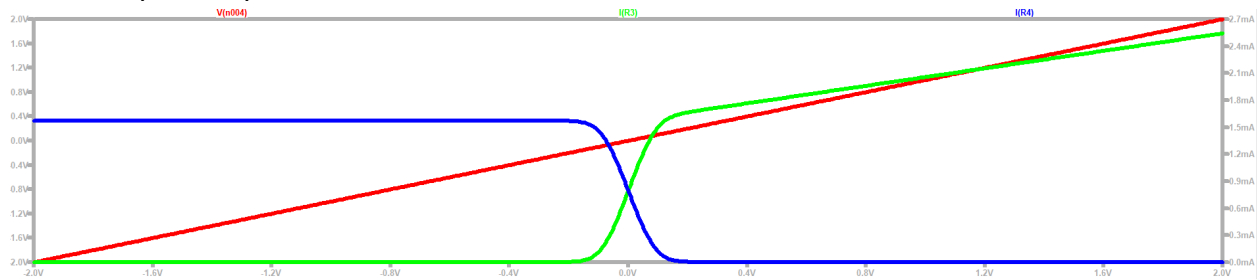
Figure 8.18 The transfer characteristics of the BJT differential pair (a) can be linearized (b) (i.e., the linear range of operation can be extended) by including resistances in the emitters.

1. Build the circuit in PSpice with $R_{E1} = R_{E2} = 0\text{ }\Omega$ (grounded) Ground V_{in2} and run a DC sweep for V_{in1} (-2 to 2 V), plotting I_{C1} and I_{C2} versus V_{in1} . In your plot, estimate the range of VDM ($V_{DM} = V_{in1} - V_{in2} = V_{in}$) such that both currents have approximately linear changes due to changes in VDM.



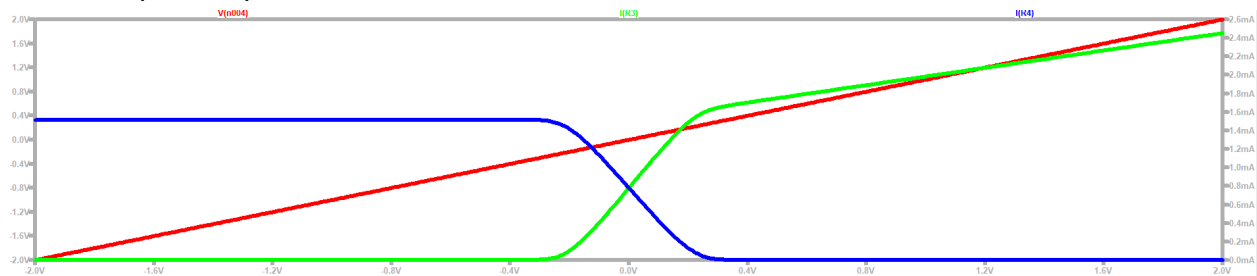
About -60mV to 60mV

2. Repeat step 1 with $RE1 = RE2 = 25\ \Omega$



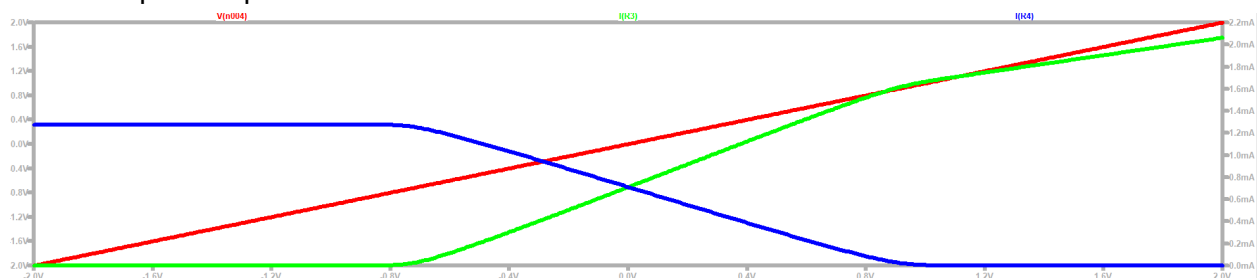
About -100mV to 100mV

3. Repeat step 1 with $RE1 = RE2 = 100\ \Omega$



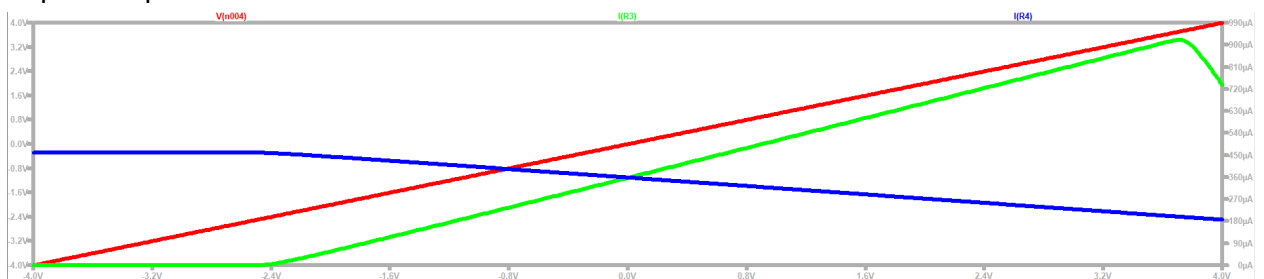
About -200mV to 200mV

4. Repeat step 1 with $RE1 = RE2 = 500\ \Omega$



About -650mV to 750mV

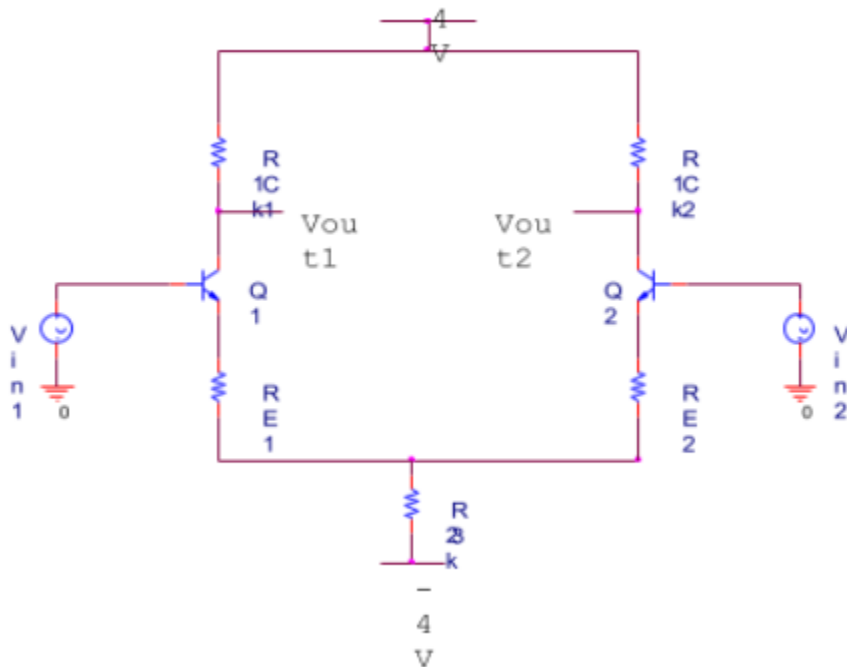
5. Repeat step 1 with $RE1 = RE2 = 5\ \text{k}\Omega$



6.

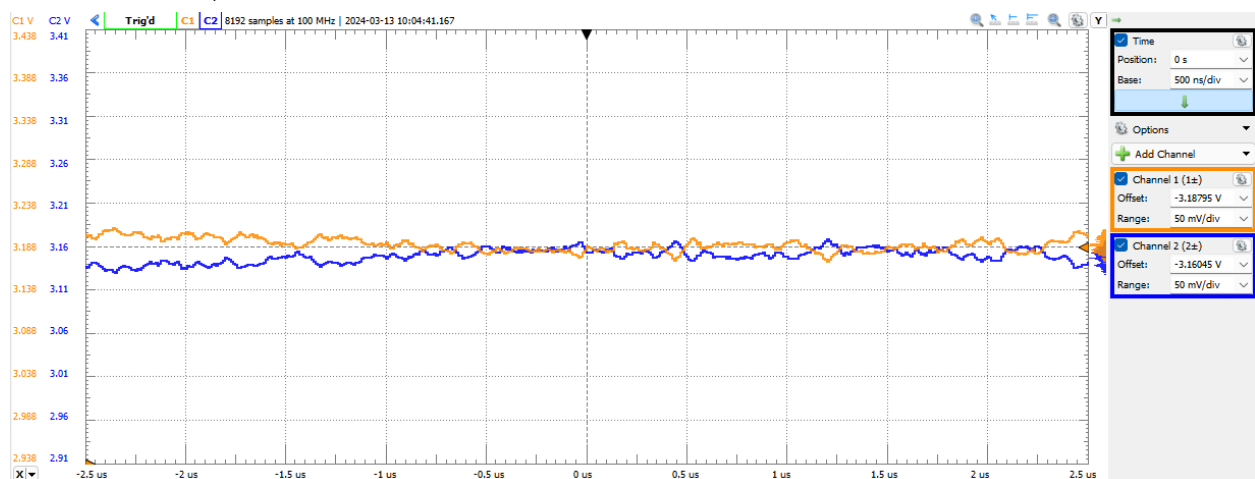
About -2.3V to 3.6V

Exercise 1:



($R_{C1} = R_{C2} = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$; Shared emitter resistor $R_3 = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$)

1. Build the differential amplifier shown in Figure 4, using $R_{E1} = R_{E2} = 0 \Omega$.
2. With both V_{in1} and V_{in2} grounded (equal to each other), compare V_{out1} and V_{out2} . Are they equal as expected? If they are not equal, is resistor tolerance sufficient to explain the error, i.e. less than 5 % error?



$(3.18795 - 3.16045) / 3.16045 = 0.009$, within 1% of each other, well within tolerance

3. Measure I_C and V_{CE} to determine the DC bias conditions of each transistor.

T1:

$$I_C: (4.0013\text{V} - 3.24325\text{V}) / 1000\text{ohm} = 0.75805\text{mA}$$

$$V_{CE}: 3.22535\text{V} + 0.63775\text{V} = 3.8631\text{V}$$

T2:

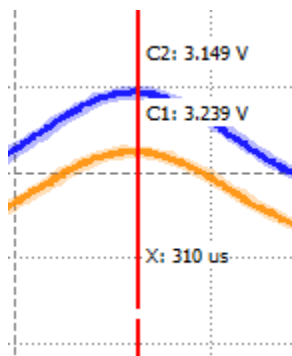
$$I_C: (3.9994V - 3.0903V) / 1000\Omega = 0.9091mA$$

$$V_{CE}: 3.1163V + 0.6258V = 3.7421V$$

4. Connect both inputs together to the same voltage source with a 200 mV peak-to-peak 1 kHz sine wave with zero offset. For the common mode (CM) input, measure the differential output voltage, i.e. the voltage $V_{out2} - V_{out1}$. Determine the common mode gain, $ACM = (V_{out2} - V_{out1}) / V_{CM}$. Is the differential output close to zero? If not (which is likely), in context of your part 2 answer, is the difference explained by resistor tolerances? transistor characteristics?

$$ACM = (3.239 - 3.149) / 0.1 = 0.9$$

Explained by both resistor and transistor tolerances. With non identical transistors, there will be some ACM, but less than one is better than I expected



5. For the same common mode input, measure the output at just V_{out1} . Determine the half circuit gain, $ACM-HC = V_{out1} / V_{CM}$. Is the gain consistent with the common mode half-circuit amplifier model?

$$HC = ACM - V_{out1} / V_{CM}$$

$$= 3.239 / 0.1 = 32.39$$

6. Set $R_{E1} = R_{E2} = 470 \Omega$ and repeat steps 2-5.

2:

$$(3.253 - 3.251) / 3.251 = 0.06\%, \text{ even better}$$

3:

T1:

$$I_C: (3.995V - 3.256V) / 1000\Omega = 0.739mA$$

$$V_{CE}: 3.254V + 0.62462V = 3.87862V$$

T2:

$$I_C: (3.995V - 3.252V) / 1000\Omega = 0.743mA$$

$$V_{CE}: 3.252V + 0.62428V = 3.87628V$$

4:

$$ACM = (3.277 - 3.274) / 0.1 = 0.03$$

5:

$$HC = A_{CM} - V_{out1} / V_{CM}$$

$$= 3.274 / .1 = 32.74$$

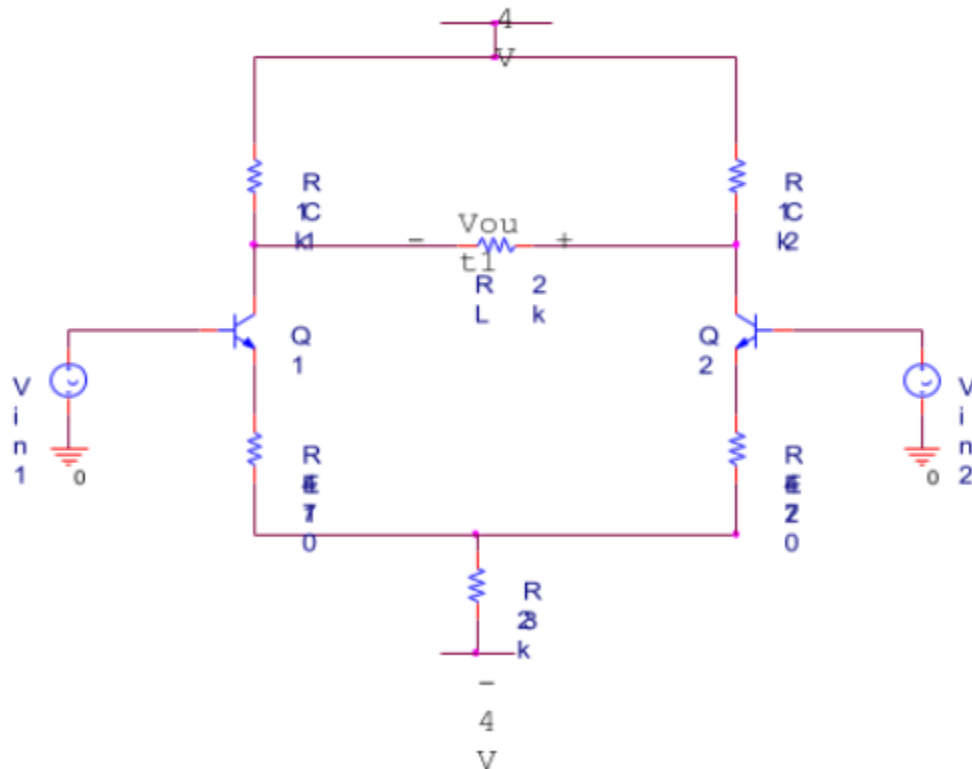
7. Keeping the emitter resistors, set V_{in1} to 50 mV and V_{in2} to -50 mV (180° phase shift). Measure the differential mode (DM) gain, $A_{DM} = (V_{out2} - V_{out1}) / (V_{in2} - V_{in1})$.

Is the gain consistent with the estimate using the half circuit model?

$$A_{DM} = (3.156 - 3.35) / .1 = -1.94, \text{ Yes, it's consistent with the model}$$

8. The Common Mode Rejection Ratio (CMRR) is defined as $CMRR = A_{DM} / A_{CM} = 10 \log_{10} (A_{DM} / A_{CM})$ 2 dB. Based on your above results, what is the CMRR?

$$CMRR = 1.94 / 0.03 = 64.67$$



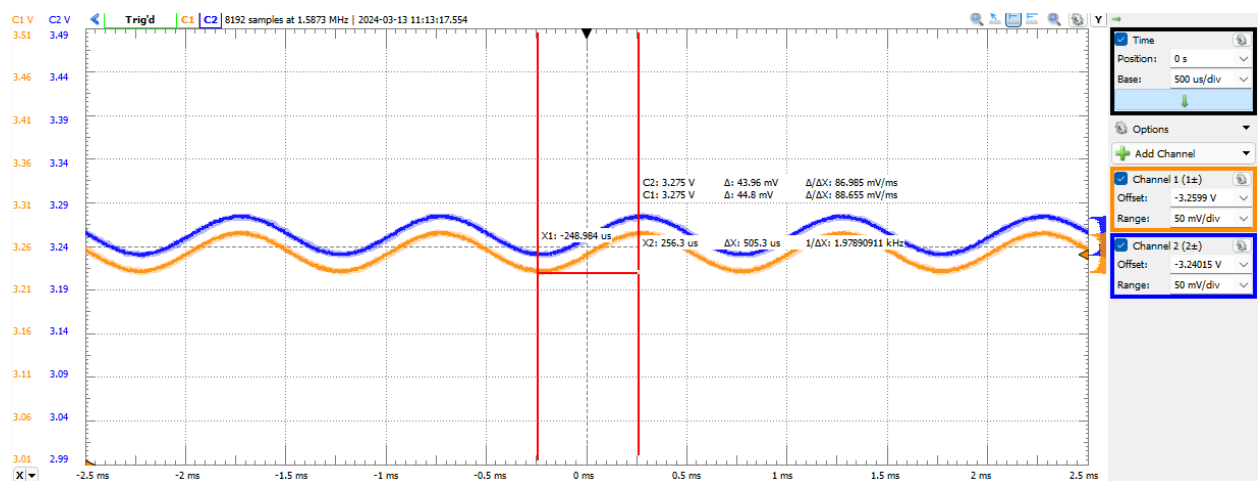
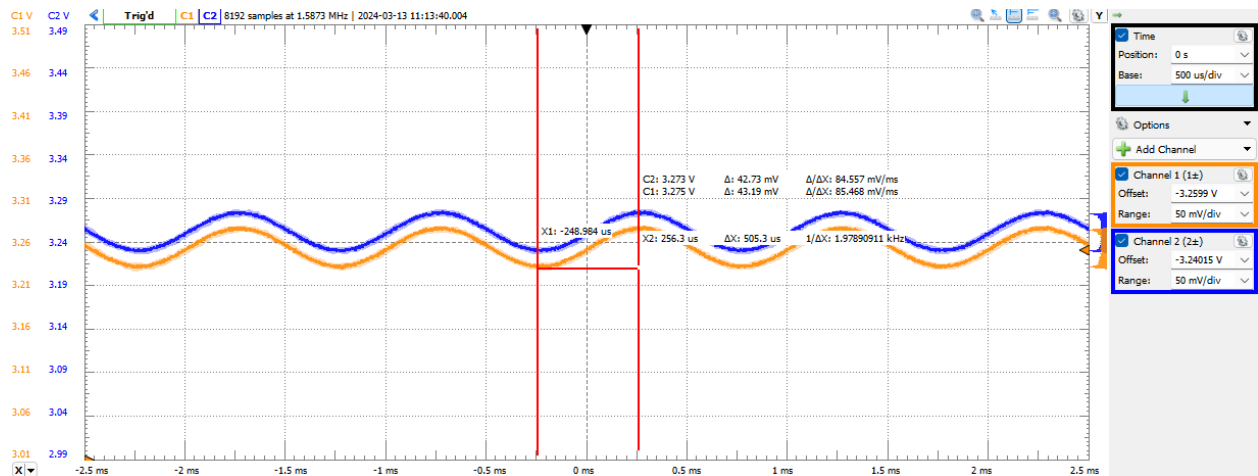
($R_{C1} = R_{C2} = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$; Shared emitter resistor $R_3 = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$)

9. Add a 2 kΩ load resistor. Apply the same common mode and differential mode inputs as above.

Is the common mode output approximately the same with and without the load resistor?

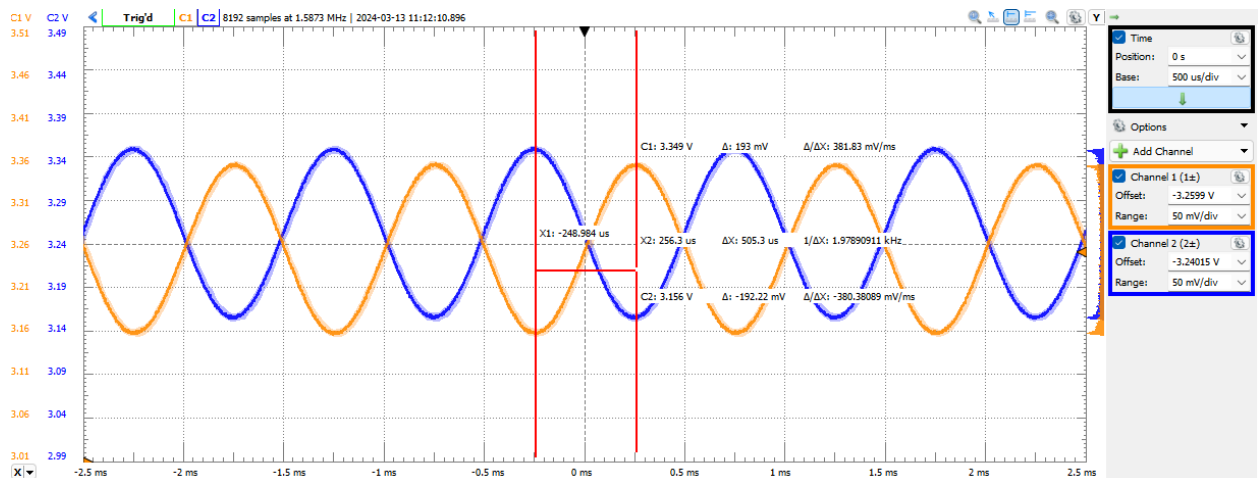
Is the differential output approximately one-half the open circuit gain?

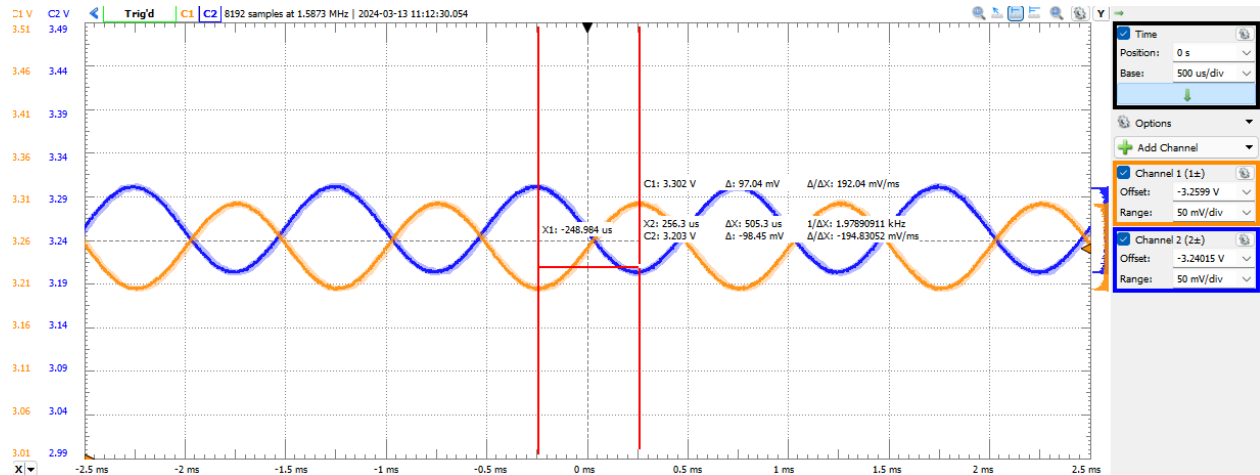
Common:



Yes, about the same

Differential:





Yes, about half

10. Based on your above results, what is the CMRR?

Half of what it used to be, so 32.33