

Single-Supply Push-pull Class-B Power Amplifier

Introduction

In the third lab, we designed a certain kind of a power amplifier with the description and specifications below.

Design a single-supply complementary push-pull Class-B power amplifier capable of delivering at least 0.95W to a 33Ω resistive load. The supply voltage is +24V. It should operate with sinusoidal voltages with a gain equal to $20 + \text{mod}(\text{BilkentID}, 7)$ dB. The SRS DS345 signal generator provides the input *without* an offset. The -3dB bandwidth should cover 150Hz to 15KHz.

Specifications:

1. The amplifier should deliver at least 0.95W power to a 33Ω resistance (16V_{pp} to a 33Ω power resistor) at 1KHz with the chosen gain value.
2. The harmonics (the highest is possibly the third harmonic) at the 0.95W output power level should be at least 40 dB lower than the fundamental signal at 1 KHz.
3. The power consumption at quiescent conditions should be less than 500mW.
4. The amplifier's efficiency (output power/total supply power) should be at least 40% at max power output (0.95W) at 1KHz.
5. The -3dB bandwidth of the amplifier should be at least 150Hz to 15KHz.

Figure 1: Description and Specification from Manual

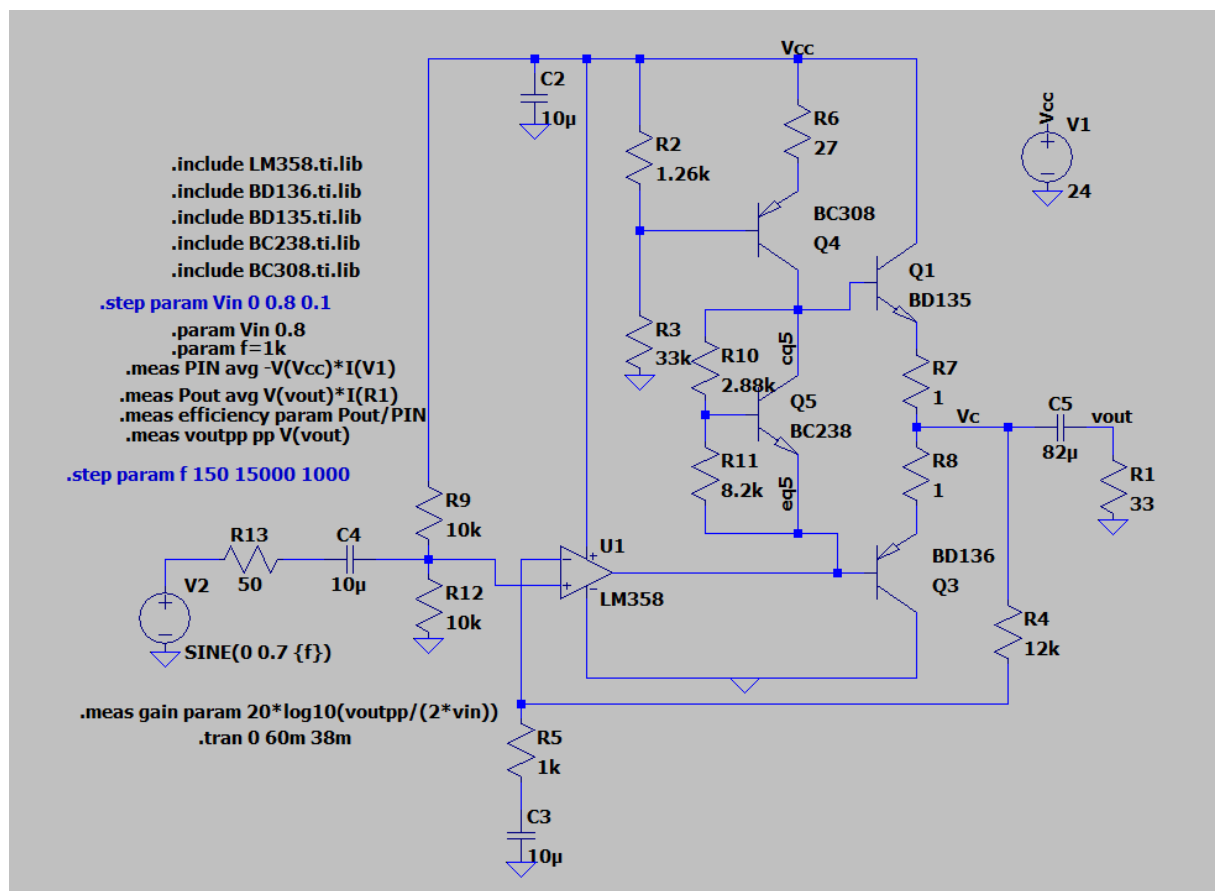
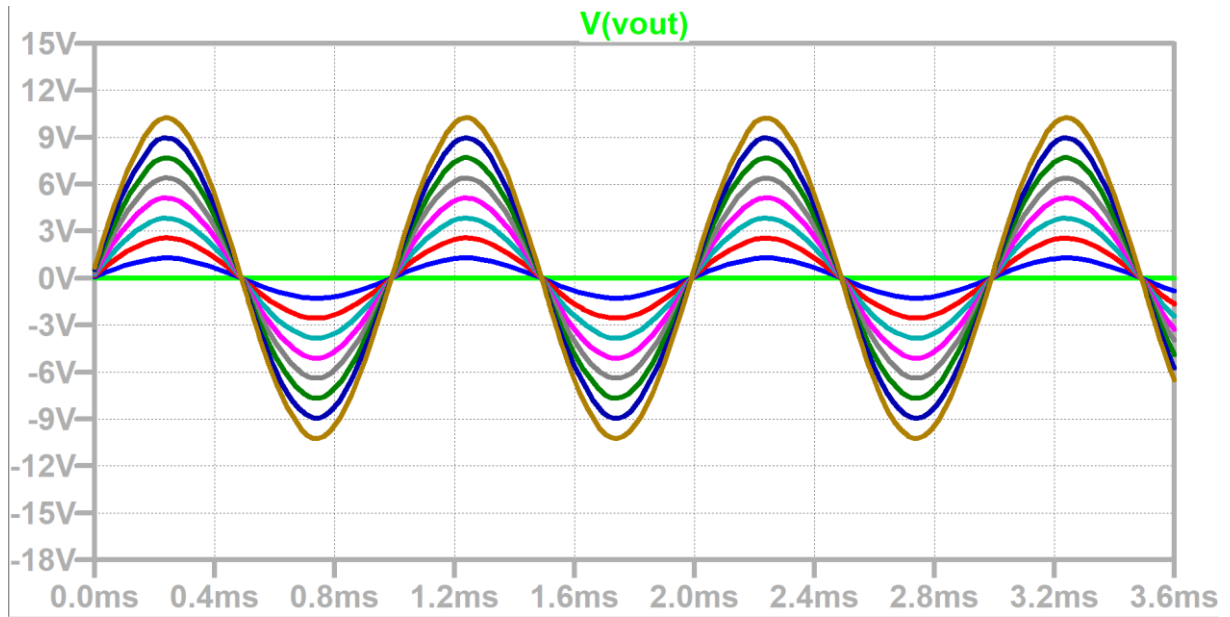
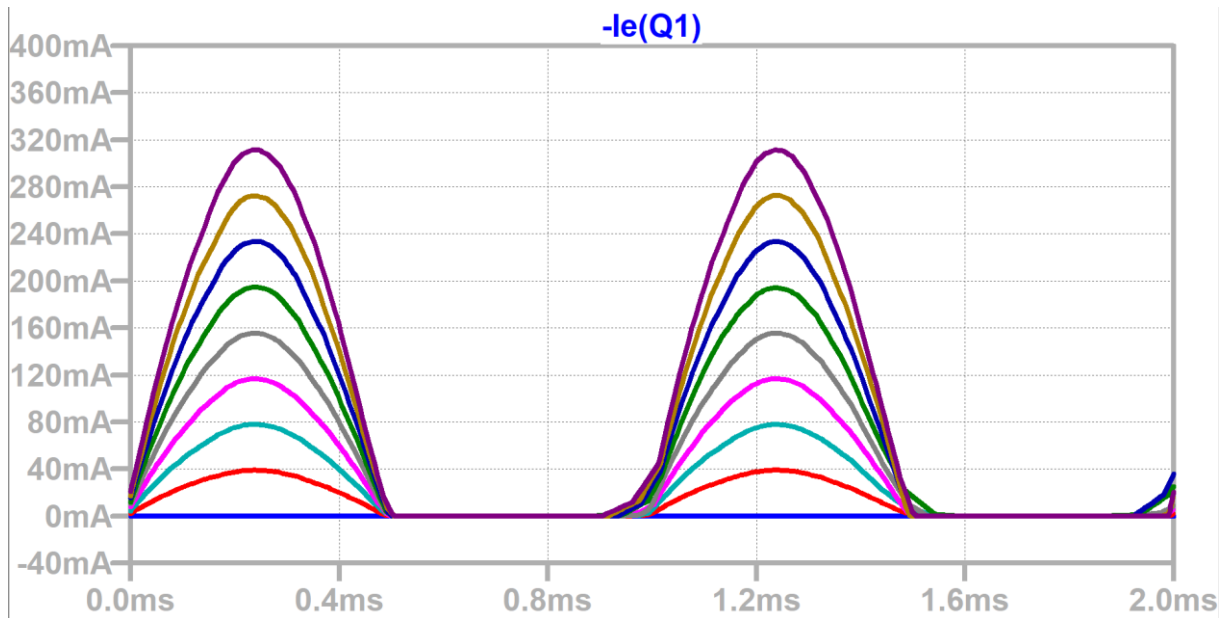
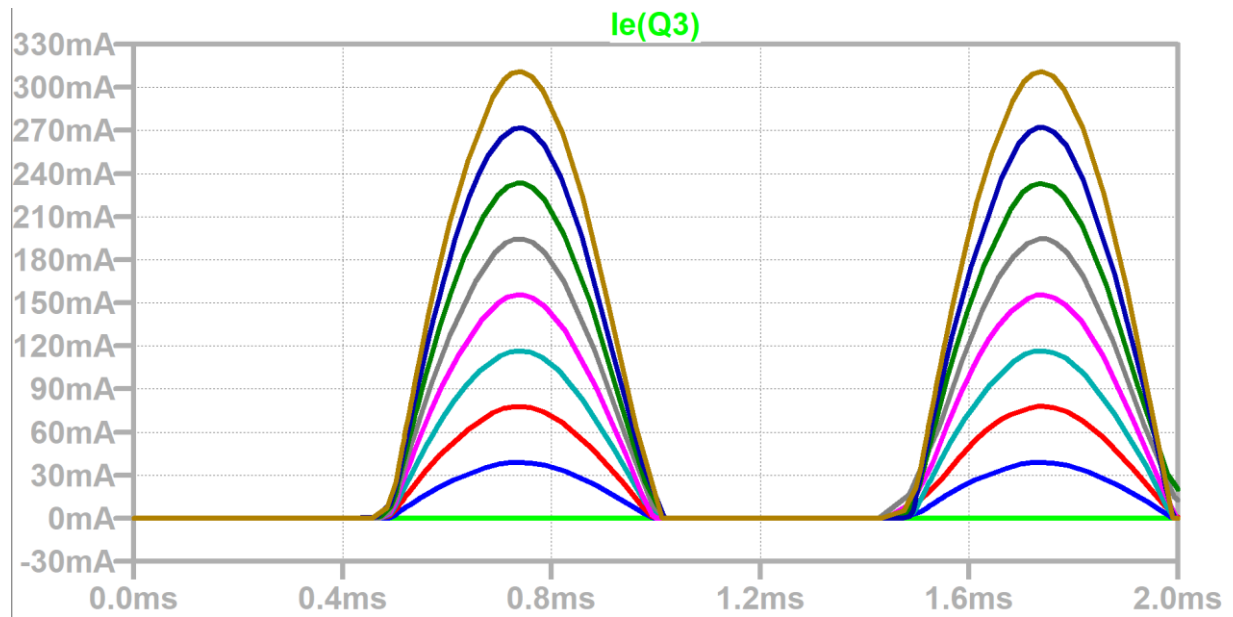
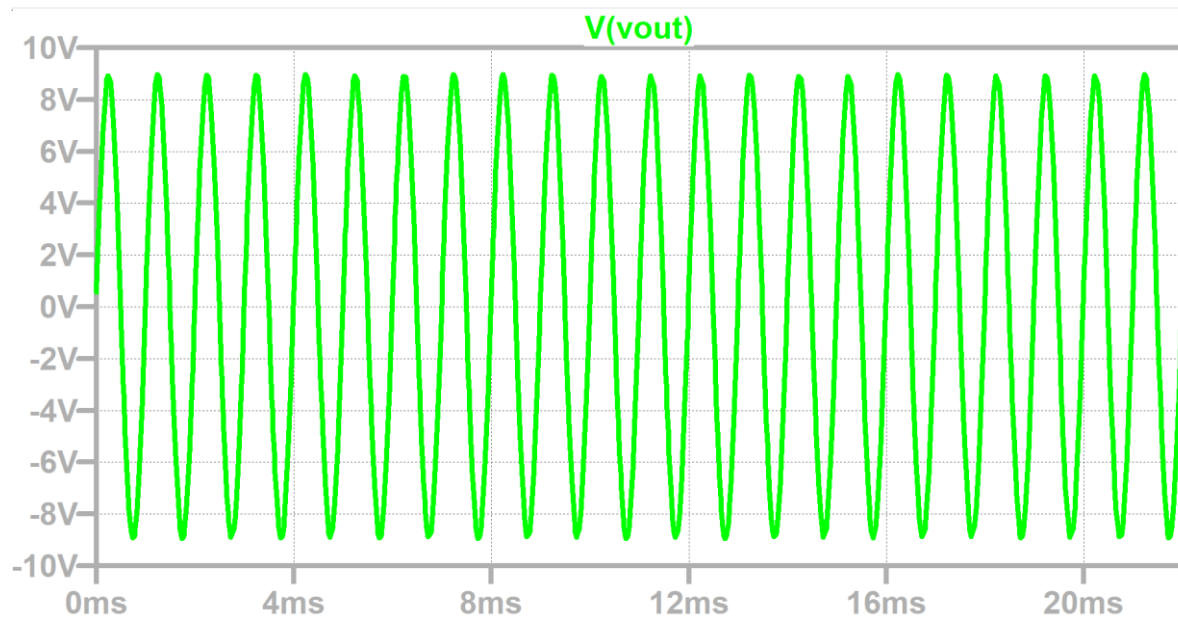


Figure 2: Overall Design

Figure 3: V_{out} Figure 4: $I_e(Q1)$

Figure 5: $I_e(Q3)$

REQUIREMENT 1

Figure 6: V_{out} for Conditions in Figure 2

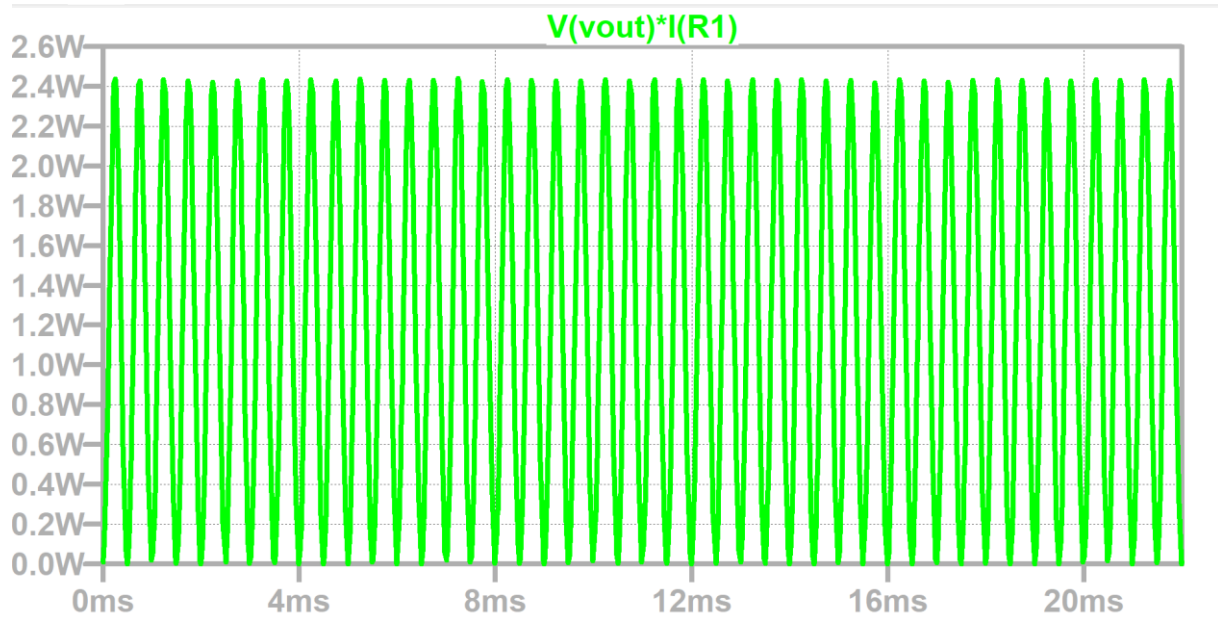


Figure 7: Power at 33k Resistor

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pin: AVG(-v(vcc)*i(v1))=2.27884 FROM 0 TO 0.022
pout: AVG(v(vout)*i(r1))=1.18705 FROM 0 TO 0.022
efficiency: pout/pin=0.520901
voutpp: PP(v(vout))=17.9415 FROM 0 TO 0.022
gain: 20*log10(voutpp/(2*vin))=20.9948

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Figure 8: Results for Requirement 1

As can be seen in Fig. 5, the delivered power is 1.18W (larger than 0.95W).

REQUIREMENT 2

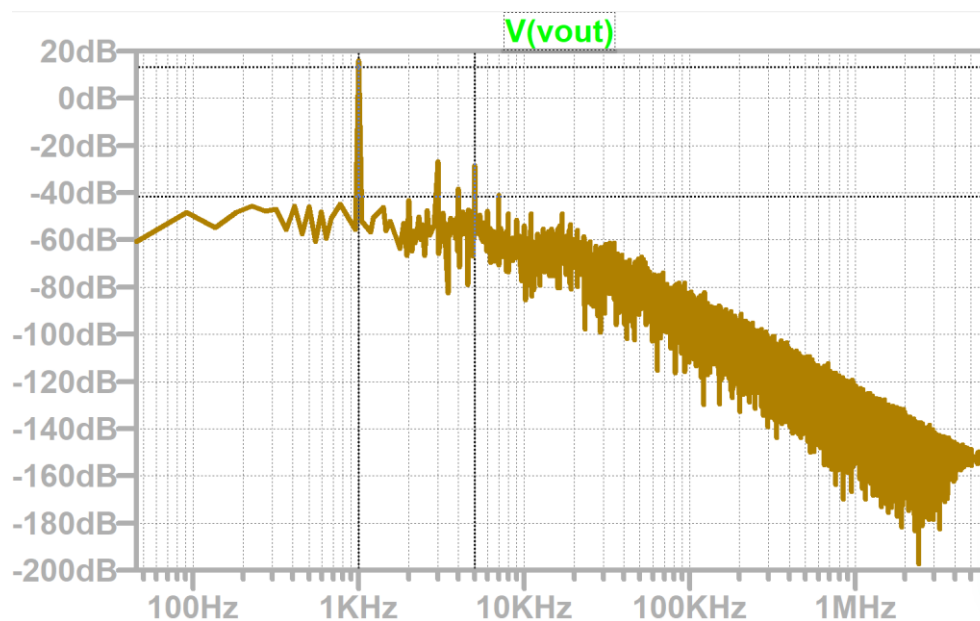
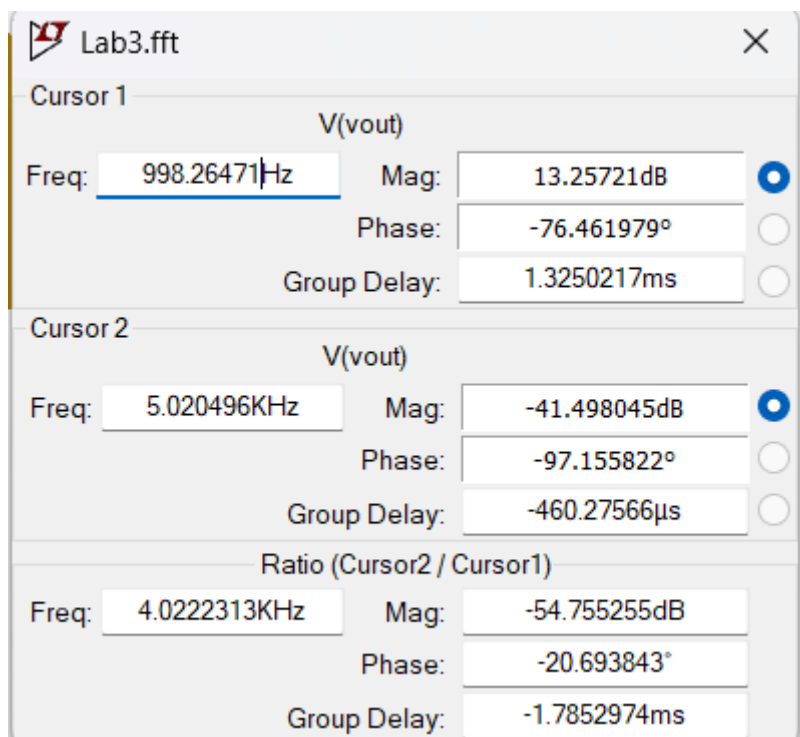


Figure 9: Requirement 2



The difference is 54 dB, satisfying the condition.

REQUIREMENT 3

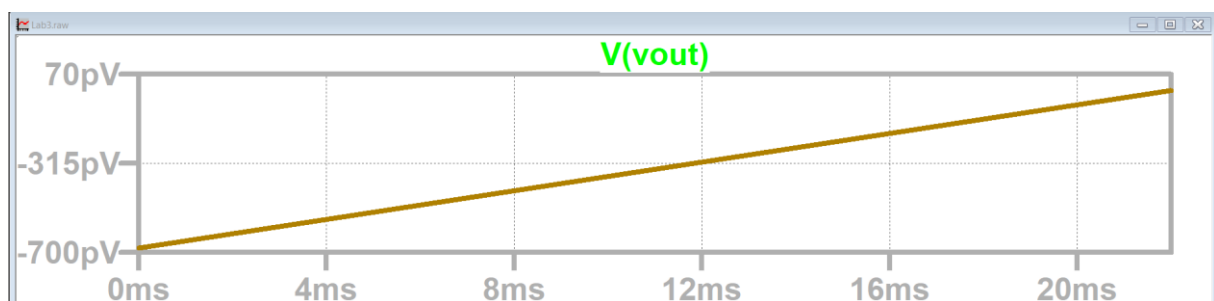


Figure 10: Vout Graph for 3rd Requirement

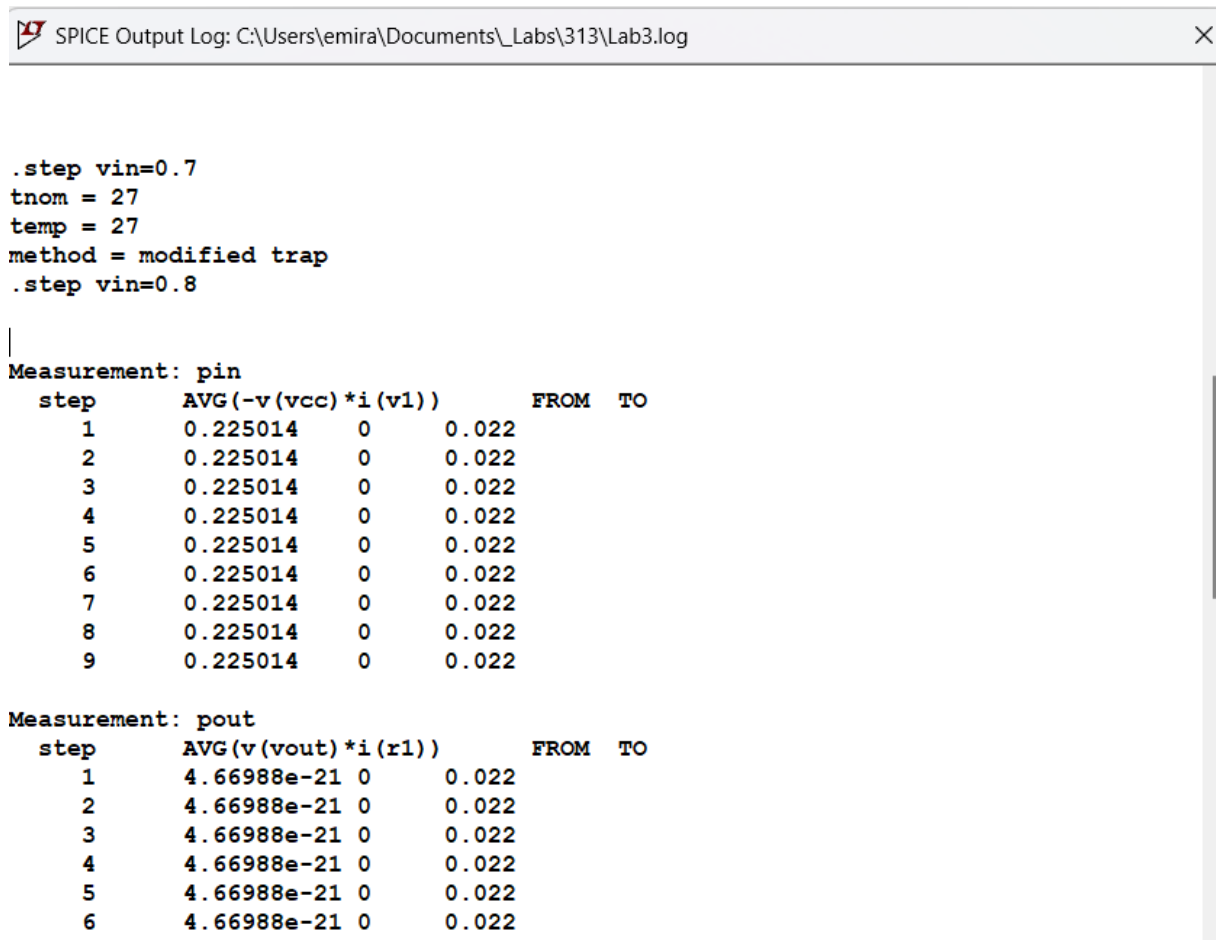


Figure 11: LTSpice Measurements for Requirement 3

'Pin' is 0.225 for all steps, satisfying the requirement.

REQUIREMENT 4

Measurement: efficiency

step	pout/pin
1	0.520901
2	0.520901
3	0.520901
4	0.520901
5	0.520901
6	0.520901
7	0.520901
8	0.520901
9	0.520901

Figure 12: Efficiency Measurements

Efficiency is 0.520901 for all steps, satisfying the requirement.

REQUIREMENT 5

Measurement: gain

step	$20 \cdot \log_{10} (v_{outpp} / (2 \cdot v_{in}))$
1	20.3527
2	21.0093
3	21.0156
4	21.0181
5	21.0146
6	21.0121
7	21.0128
8	21.0033
9	21.0066
10	21.0009
11	20.9923
12	20.9881
13	20.9327
14	20.8084
15	20.5612
16	20.283

Figure 13: Gain Measurements

The gain is not beyond 19dB (22-3) as desired.