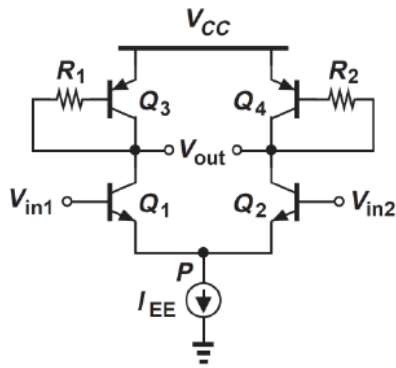


#### 4<sup>TH</sup> QUESTION IS SOLVED BY USING LTSPICE

First of all, we examine the circuit structure. Since it is a differential pair, we can determine its gain with the half-circuit methodology.



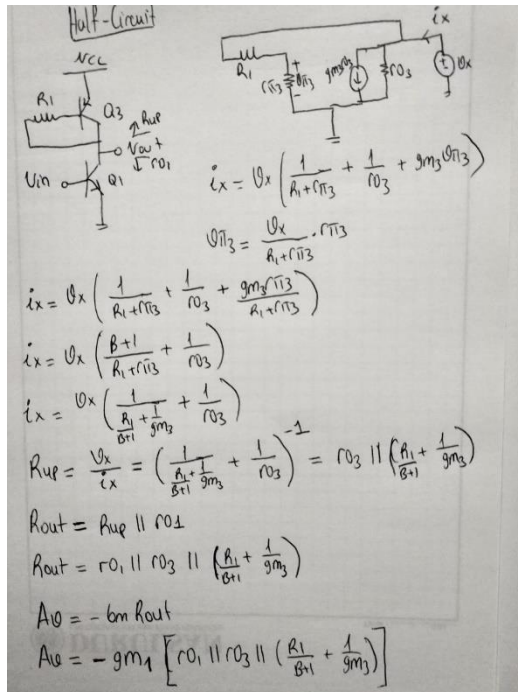
When we determine the half-circuit, we can find the gain by using the short-circuit transconductance.  $A_v = -G_m R_{out}$

$$G_m \approx g_{m1}$$

$$R_{out} = [ (r_{o1} // r_{o3} // (\frac{1}{g_{m3}} + \frac{R_1}{\beta + 1})) ]$$

$$A_v = -G_m R_{out}$$

$$A_v = -g_{m1} * [ (r_{o1} // r_{o3} // (\frac{1}{g_{m3}} + \frac{R_1}{\beta + 1})) ]$$



From these gain expressions and using some electronics knowledge we can optimize the circuit for the highest gain. In the differential pair, the collector current ( $I_c$ ) will be  $I_{EE}/2$  regardless of the input voltages. And also, since the  $I_{EE}$  and therefore the collector currents do not change, our small signal parameters  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$ , and  $r_{pi}$  do not change, too.

Therefore, the only method to increase the gain is to increase the  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  at the same time.

But, can we increase  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  (let's call base resistances for simplicity) as much as we want?

Unfortunately, no!

Increasing base resistances reduces the collector voltage and if collector voltage decreases enough, the npn transistors can saturate. Pnp transistors cannot be in

saturation mode because they are diode-connected.

The method I applied is:

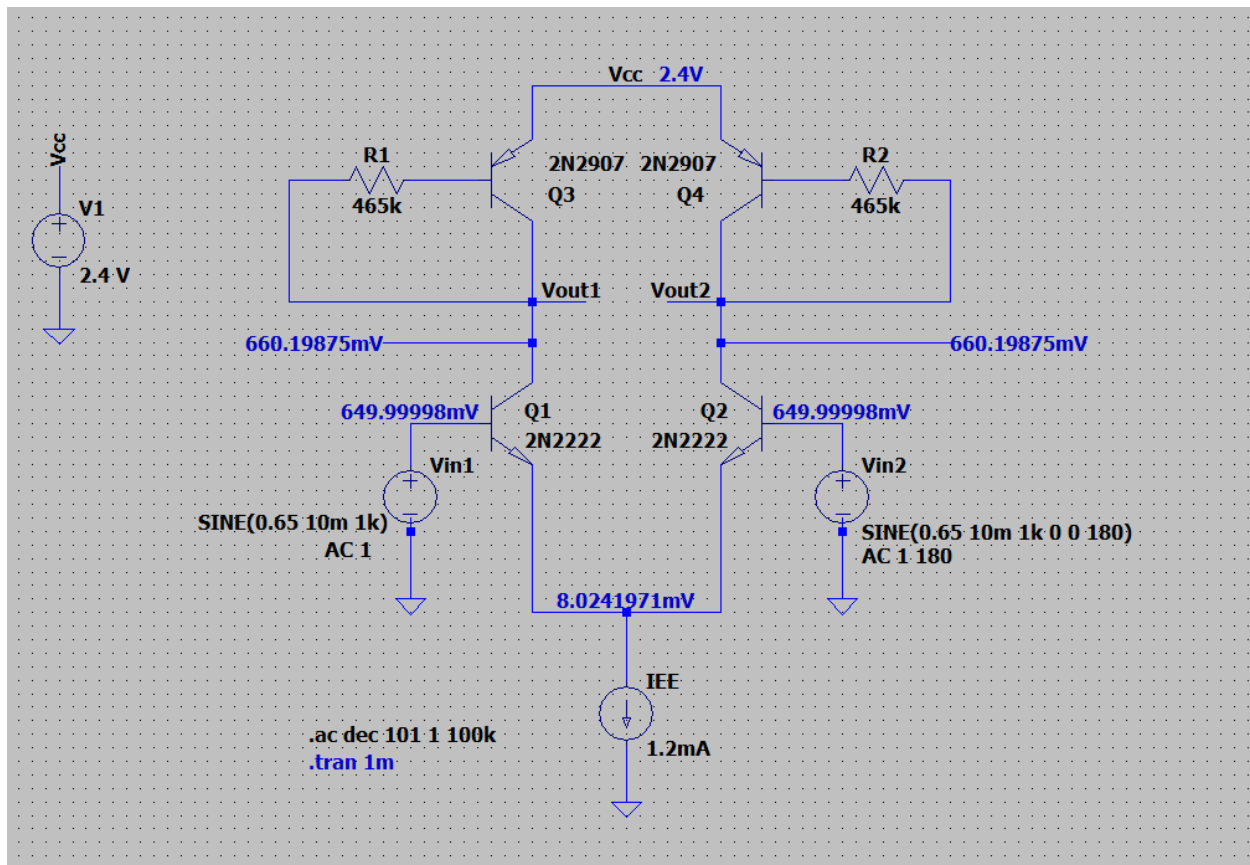
To increase the gain, I should increase the base resistances.

As I increase the base resistances, the collector voltage decreases.

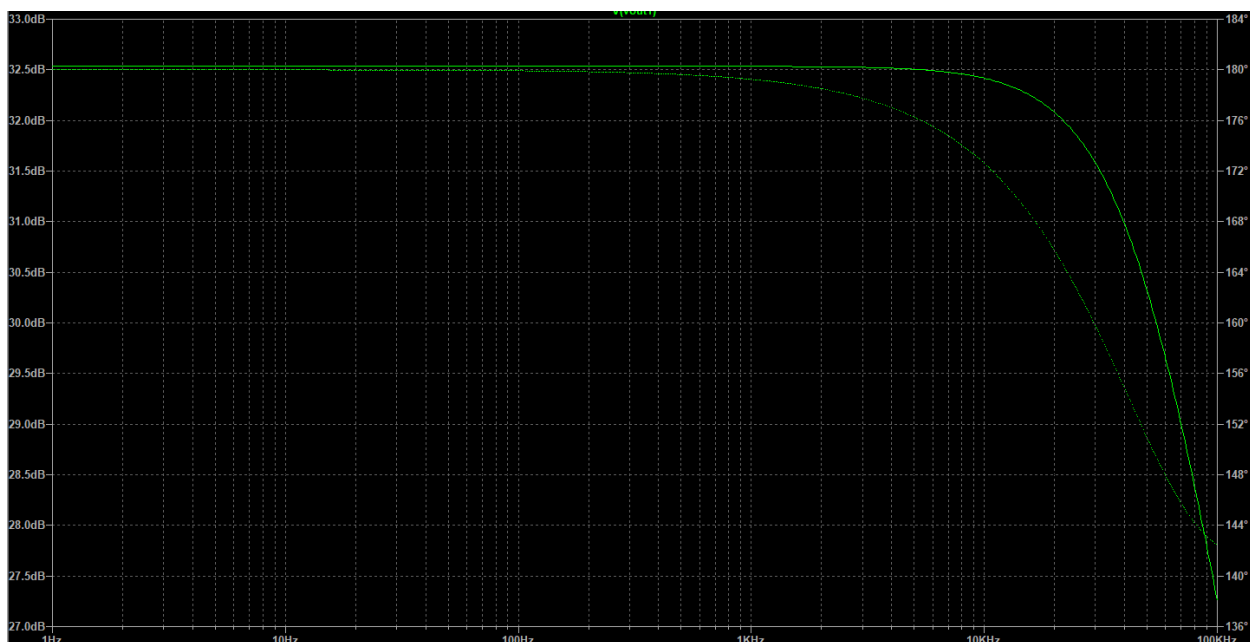
Therefore, to stay in active region input voltages should be very low.

But the voltage on the tail current should be greater than 0.

The circuit which I prepared is:

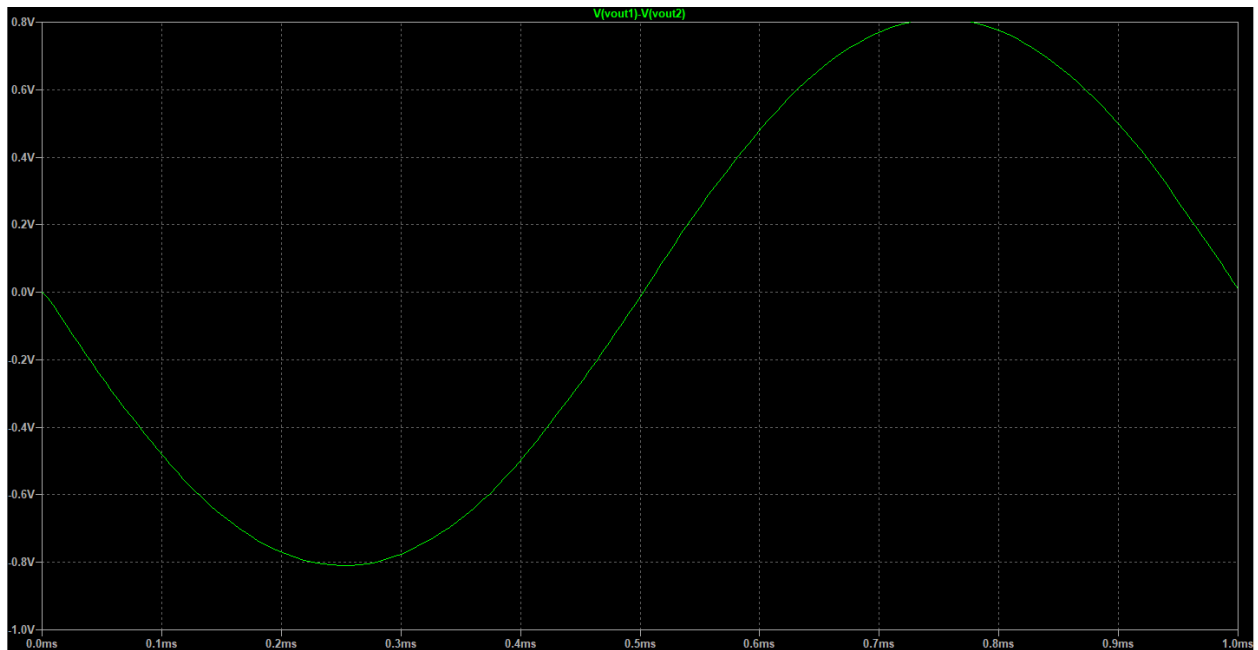


The AC gain I get is 32.53 dB

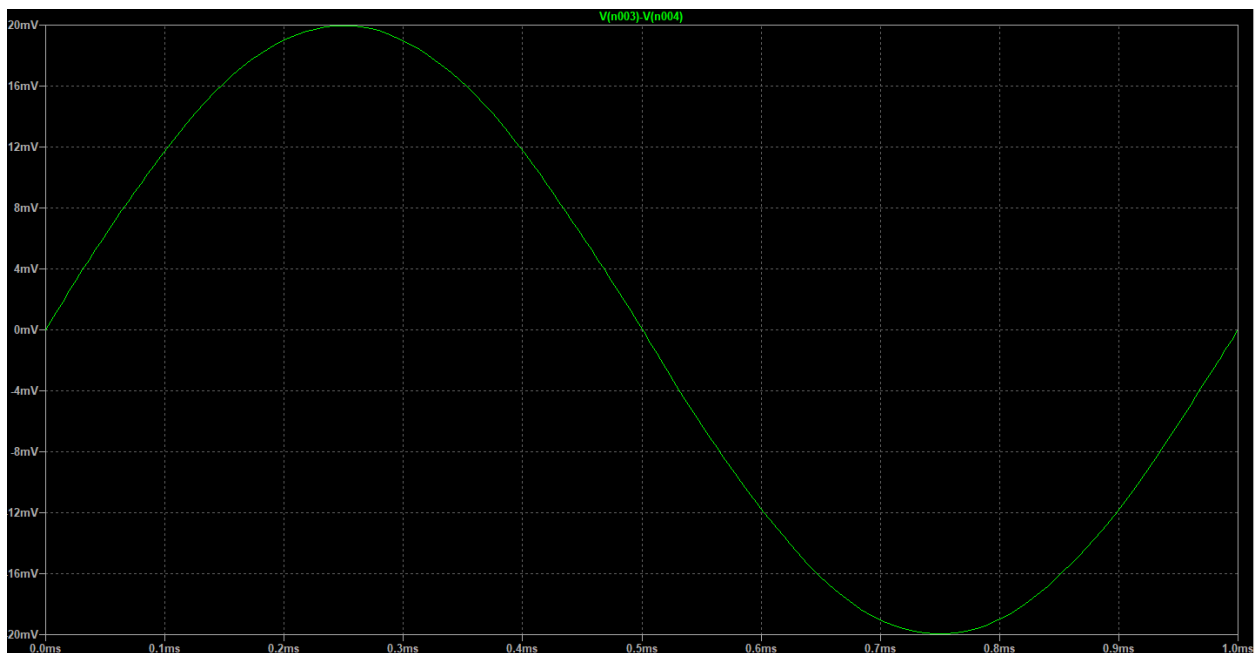


**THE TRANSIENT RESPONSE OF MY CIRCUIT IS SHOWN AS:**

**Vout1 – Vout2: Peak voltage 809mV**



**Vin1 – Vin2: Peak voltage 20mV**



$$\text{GAIN} : \frac{809mv}{20mv} = 40.45 \quad ; \quad 20\log(40.45) = 32.14 \text{ dB}$$

