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- b) age, particularly in old age.
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Chapter - 2

Large Signal Amplifier (Power Amplifiers)

Large Signal Amplifiers:-

Large Signal Amplifiers are the amplifiers that provide sufficient powers to an output load. A power amplifier converts DC power into AC power in presence of input AC signal in order to achieve high power amplification. The following features are incorporated in such transistors.

- i) The size of power transistor is made considerable large in order to dissipate the heat produced in transistor during operation.
- ii) The base is made thicker to handle larger current.
- iii)

Analysis of large signal model:-

A power amplifier is required to produce large voltage and current in load. So, it is designed to operate from cut-off region (from it) of its output characteristic. This mode of operation is called large signal operation in BJT.

- In large signal operation, the device parameter may change considerable at different output voltages. There are two important consequence of large signal operation is BJT.
- a) Signal distortion occurs due to the non-linear characteristic of an amplifier.
 - b) Many equations developed for analysis of small signal amplifier are no longer valid.

Classification of Power Amplifiers:-

Basically amplifier classes represents the amount of output signal varies over one cycle of operation for a full cycle of input signal. On the basis of the position of operating point power amplifiers are classified as :-

- 1) Class A
 - i) Direct coupled load.
 - ii) Capacitor coupled load (not necessary)
 - iii) Transformer coupled.
- 2) Class B
 - i) Transformer coupled load push pull.
 - ii) Complementary symmetry push pull.
- 3) Class AB
- 4) Class C
- 5) Class D

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- # Class A Power Amplifier:
- In class A amplifier, the transistor is biased in such a way that the operating point or Q-point lies at the center of active region.
 - There is no distortion in the output of the signal, however, amplitude distortion may occur if the input signal is very large.
 - The dc load line is the input and output characteristics of class 'A' power amplifiers are shown in figure below:

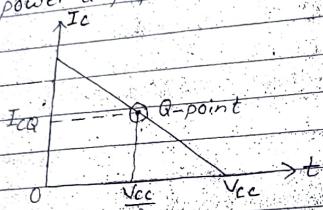


Fig a: dc load line

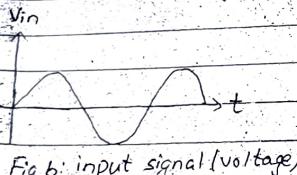


Fig b: input signal (voltage)

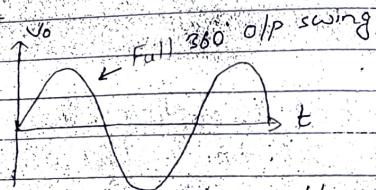


Fig c: output signal (voltage)

There are three types of class A amplifiers:

- i) Class A amplifier- direct coupled load
- ii) Class A amplifier- capacitor coupled load
- iii) Class A amplifier- transformer coupled load

→ The maximum possible efficiency of directly coupled load and transformer coupled load A-amplifier is 25% and 50% respectively.

Class B power amplifier:

- In class-B amplifier, the transistor is biased in such a way that Q-point lies at the cut-off region of the transistor. It doesn't need any biasing circuit.
- The Q-point, the input and the output curves of the class B amplifier is shown below:

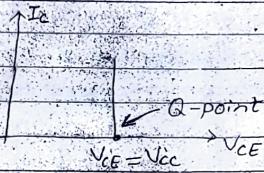


Fig a: Q-point of class B amplifier.

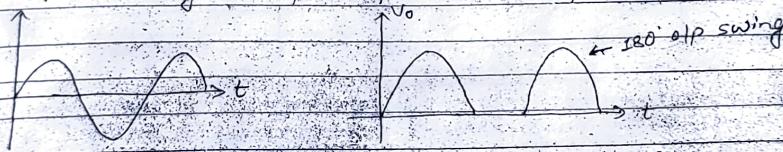


Fig b: input voltage

Fig c: output voltage

1) → In class B amplifier, the current flows for the half cycle only. the distortion is high. The maximum possible efficiency of the class B amplifier is 78.5%.

2) → To obtain the full cycle in output, two transistors operating in cutoff region are connected in the push-pull manner.

→ There are two types of push-pull amplifiers:

a) Transformer coupled load class B push pull amplifier.

b) Complementary symmetry class B push pull amplifier.

3) → A cross over distortion occurs in both types of class B push amplifier.

Class A-AB amplifier:

To minimize the cross-over distortion of class B push-pull operations, both transistors are slightly forward biased so that their Q-point lie just above the cut-off region.

The current flow for slightly more than a half cycle. The efficiency of class AB amplifier is less than of class B power amplifiers and more than that of class A amplifier.

The Q-point, input curve and output curves of the class AB power amplifiers is shown in figure below:

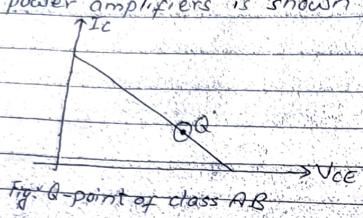


Fig: Q-point of class AB

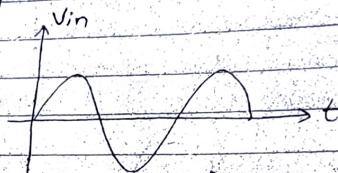


Fig: input voltage

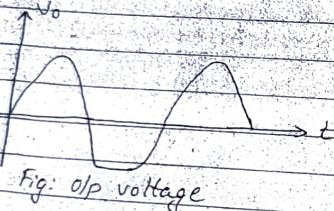


Fig: o/p voltage

Class C power amplifier:

In class C power amplifier, the transistor is biased in such a way that the current flows for less than half cycle of the input sine-wave. The conduction angle is less than 180° in class C amplifier.

→ In class C amplifier, the output is highly distorted so it cannot

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be used in application requiring high fidelity such as audio amplifier.

→ However class C amplifiers are primarily used in high power high frequency applications such as radio transmitter.

→ The input and output current waveforms for the class C amplifiers is shown in figure below:

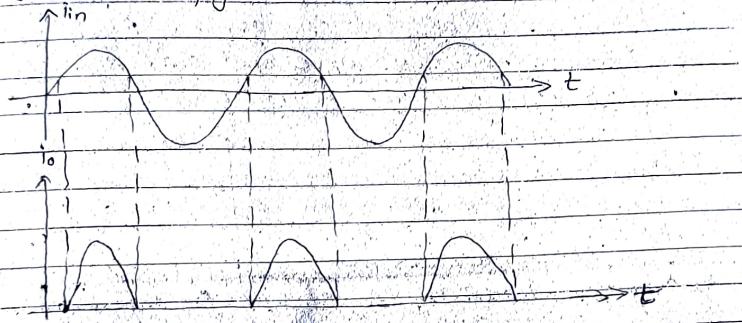
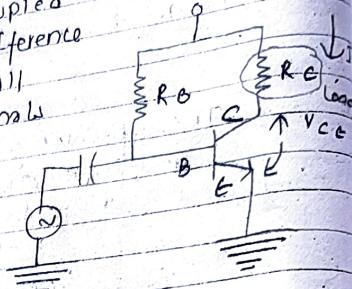


Fig: Input and output current of class C amplifier

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Direct Coupled Load Class A amplifier:

Figure shows a direct coupled load class A amplifier. The only difference between the circuit and the small signal version is that the signals handled by the large signal circuit are in the range of volts.



Now,

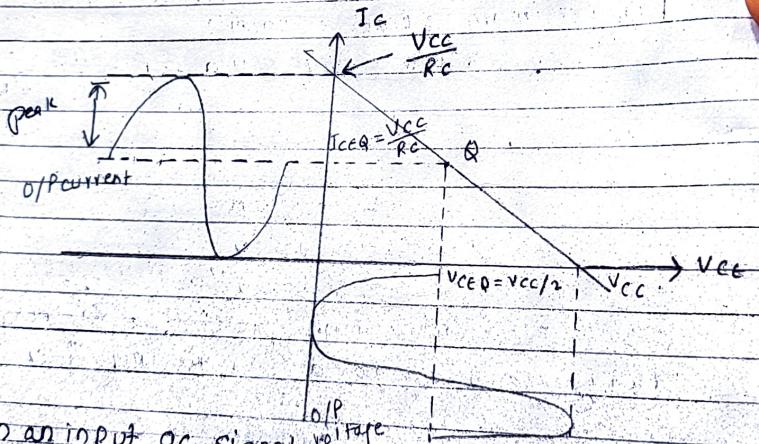
$$V_{ce} = I_c R_C + V_{ce}$$

$$\text{or, } V_{cc} - I_c R_C - V_{ce} = 0 \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$\text{Put } V_{ce} = 0, \quad V_{cc} = I_c R_C$$

$$\therefore I_c = V_{cc} / R_C$$

$$\text{Put } I_c = 0, \quad V_{ce} = V_{cc}$$



When an input ac signal is applied to the amplifier, shown in figure, the output will vary from its dc bias operating voltage and current.

\therefore Power drawn from the supply, $P_i(d)$ = $V_{cc} I_{CQ}$ — (II)

The ac power delivered to the load, $P_o(a)$
= $V_{ce}(rms) \cdot I_c(rms)$ — (III)

The efficiency of the amplifier is given by:-

$$\eta = \frac{\text{average ac power delivered by load}}{\text{average dc power drawn from source}} \times 100\%.$$
$$\eta = \frac{V_{ce}(rms) \cdot I_c(rms)}{V_{cc} \cdot I_{CQ}} \times 100\%.$$
$$= \frac{(V_{ceP}/\sqrt{2}) \times (I_{CP}/\sqrt{2})}{2 V_{cc} \cdot I_{CQ}} \times 100\%.$$
$$\eta = \frac{V_{ceP} \times I_{CP}}{2 V_{cc} \times I_{CQ}} \times 100\%.$$

For maximum possible case,

$$V_{ceP} = V_{ceQ} = \frac{V_{cc}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad I_{CP} = I_{CQ} = \frac{V_{cc}}{2R_o}$$

$$\therefore \eta = \frac{\frac{V_{cc}}{2} \times I_{CQ}}{2 V_{cc} \times I_{CQ}} \times 100\%.$$

$$\therefore \eta = 100/4$$

$$\therefore \eta = 25\%$$

Thus maximum possible efficiency of a directly coupled load class A amplifier is 25%.

Thus, maximum possible collector efficiency of a direct coupled load class A amplifier is 50%.

INP Transformer Coupled Load Class A amplifier :-

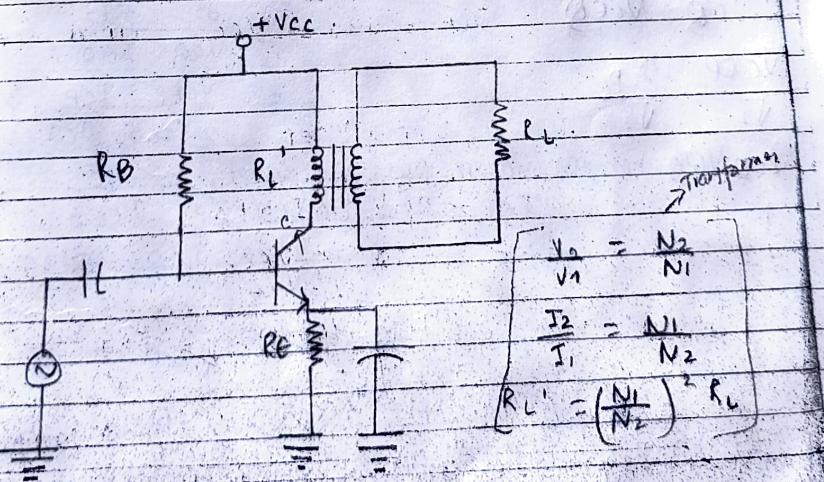
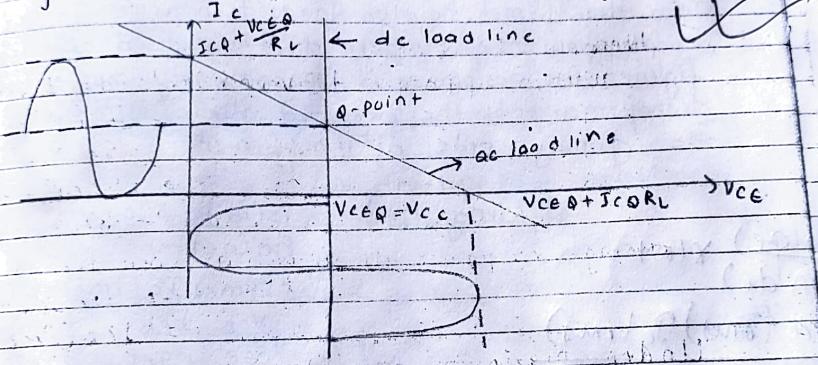


Fig - Transformer Coupled Load Class A amplifier

A large power is wasted across the collector resistance R_C when current flows through it in a direct coupled load class A power amplifier. Wasted ac power is R_C does not contribute to the useful ac output power. In a transformer coupled load, transformer is used to couple power amplifiers to their load as shown in figure. An ac power is magnetically coupled across the transformer into the load and there is no dc loss in the primary side of transformer.

Now,

$$\text{efficiency } (\eta) = \frac{P_{o(\text{ac})}}{P_{in(\text{dc})}} \times 100\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{V_{CC}(\text{rms}) I_C(\text{rms})}{V_{CEQ} \cdot V_{CEP}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{V_{CEP} \cdot I_{CP}}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot V_{CEQ} \cdot I_{CQ}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{V_{CEP} \cdot I_{CP}}{2 V_{CEQ} \cdot I_{CQ}} \times 100\% \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \eta = \frac{V_{CEP} \cdot I_{CP}}{2 V_{CEQ} \cdot I_{CQ}} \times 100\%$

$$I_{CP} = I_{CQ} \text{ and } V_{CEP} = V_{CEQ}$$

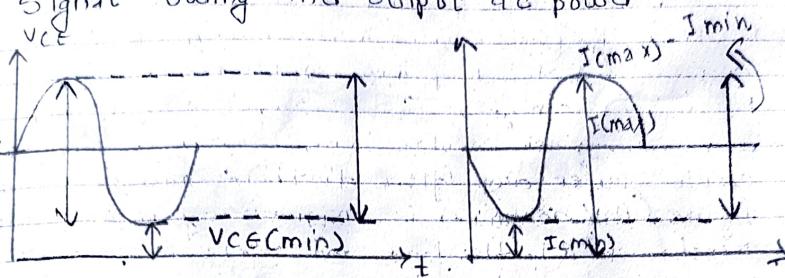
$$\therefore \eta = \frac{V_{CEQ} \cdot I_{CQ}}{2 V_{CEQ} \cdot I_{CQ}} \times 100$$

$$\therefore \eta = 50\%$$

Thus, the maximum possible efficiency of the transformer coupled load class A amplifier is 50%.

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✓ Signal swing and output ac power :-



The ac power developed across the transformer primary is given by :-

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{o(ac)} &= U_{rms} \cdot I_{rms} = \frac{V_{ce} \text{ peak}}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{I \text{ peak}}{\sqrt{2}} \\
 &= \frac{V_{ce}(p-p)}{2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{I(p-p)}{2\sqrt{2}} \\
 &= \frac{(V_{ce \max} - V_{ce \min})(I_{\max} - I_{\min})}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

For ideal transformer, the voltage delivered to the load is :

$$V_L = V_2 = \frac{N_2}{N_1} V_1 \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$\text{The power across load } P_L = \frac{V_L^2}{R_L} \text{ --- (III)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{o(ac)} &\propto 100\% \\
 P_{in(dc)} &= 100\% \cdot V_{ce}(rms) \cdot I_{ce}(rms) \times 100\% \\
 &= \frac{V_{ce \text{ avg}} \cdot I_{ce}}{V_{ce \text{ p-p}}} \times 100\% \\
 &= \frac{V_{ce \text{ p-p}}}{V_{ce \text{ p-p}} + V_{ce \text{ min}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} I_{CP} V_{CC} = (\frac{\pi}{2}) \quad [\because V_{CEP} = \frac{V_{CC}}{2}]$$

Also,

$$P_{in}(\text{dc}) = V_{CC} \cdot I_{DC} = V_{CC} \cdot I_{CP} = (\frac{\pi}{2} I)$$

Thus,

$$\eta = \frac{1}{4} \frac{I_{CP} \cdot V_{CC}}{\frac{V_{CC} \cdot I_{CP}}{\pi}} \times 100\%.$$

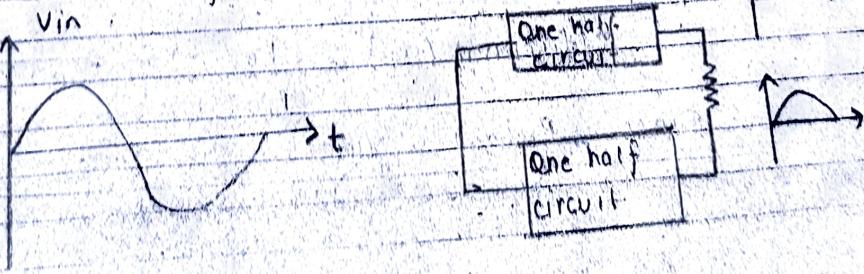
$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \times 100 = 78.5\%.$$

$$\therefore \eta = 78.5\%.$$

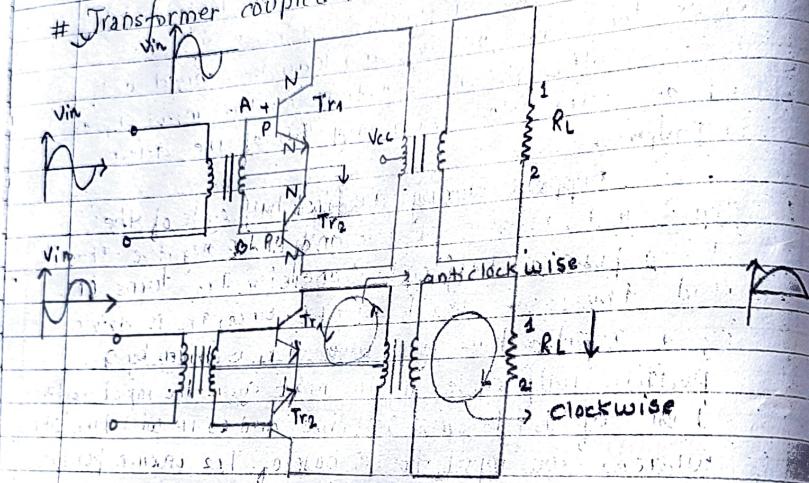
Thus, the maximum possible efficiency of class A amplifier is 78.5%.

IMP for exam Push-Pull Amplifier:

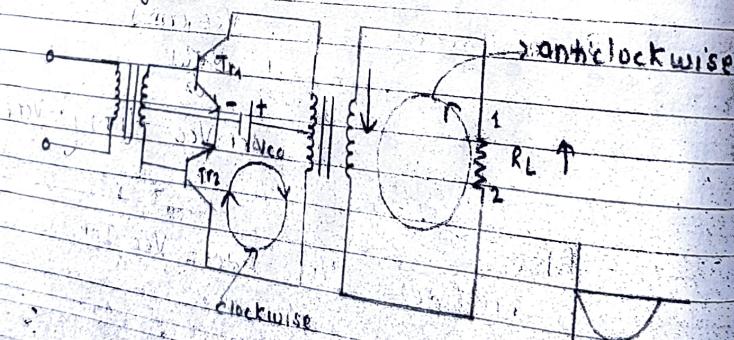
Push-Pull amplifier is an power amplifier where two transistors operating in class B operation are employed. Each transistor conducts an opposite half-cycle. Since one part of the circuit pushes the signal high during one half cycle and the other part pulls the signal low during the other half cycle. The circuit is referred to as a push-pull amplifier.



Transformer coupled load class B push pull amplifiers.



During +ve half cycle, Tr₁, ON, Tr₂, OFF
For -ve cycle.



The transformer coupled load class B push pull amplifier is shown in figure. It consists of two transistors T_{r1} and T_{r2} and load is connected to the circuit through a transformer. The input signal appears across the secondary AB of the driver transformer.

Suppose during the first half cycle of the signal in A becomes positive and end B negative. Thus during positive half cycle transistor T_{r1} turns ON and transistor T_{r2} turns OFF. Since, T_{r2} is driven by a negative half cycle when T_{r1} is driven by a positive half cycle, in the next cycle the input to the base of T_{r1} becomes negative and so it will turn 'OFF' whereas the input to the base of T_{r2} becomes positive and so it will turn 'ON'.

Now,

$$\text{Efficiency } (\eta) = \frac{P_{o(\text{ac})}}{P_{in(\text{dc})}} \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Since, } P_{o(\text{ac})} = I_{rms} \cdot V_{CE(rms)}$$

$$= \frac{I_{CP}}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{V_{CEP}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} I_{CP} \cdot V_{CC} \quad (II) \quad \left(\because V_{CEP} = \frac{V_{CC}}{2} \right)$$

Also,

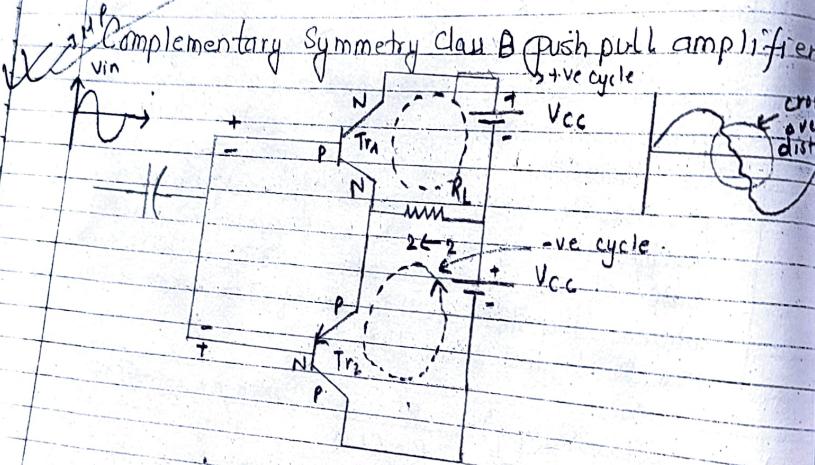
$$P_{in(\text{dc})} = V_{CC} \cdot I_{DC} = V_{CC} \cdot I_{CP} \quad (III)$$

Thus,

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \frac{I_{CP} \cdot V_{CC}}{V_{CC} \cdot I_{CP}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \times 100 = 78.5\%$$

$\therefore \eta = 78.5\%$.
Thus, the maximum possible efficiency of class A amplifier is 78.5%.



The need of an output transformer in push pull operation is eliminated in this amplifiers. It employs one npn and one pnp transistor as shown in figure.

During positive half of input signal, transistor Tr_1 (npn) conducts current while transistor Tr_2 (pnp) is cut off.

During negative half of the input signal, transistor Tr_2 (pnp) conducts current while transistor Tr_1 is cut off.

Fig: Out

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During +ve half cycle.

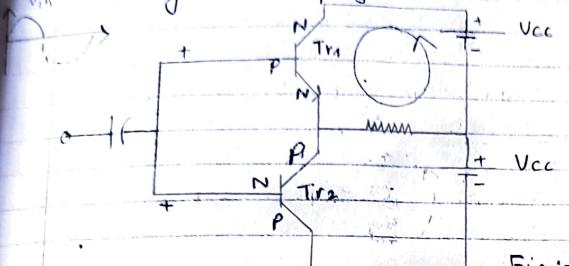


Fig: Push pull amplifier during +ve cycle

During -ve half cycle.

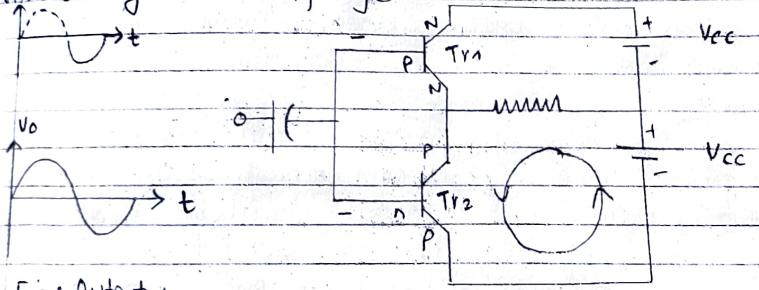
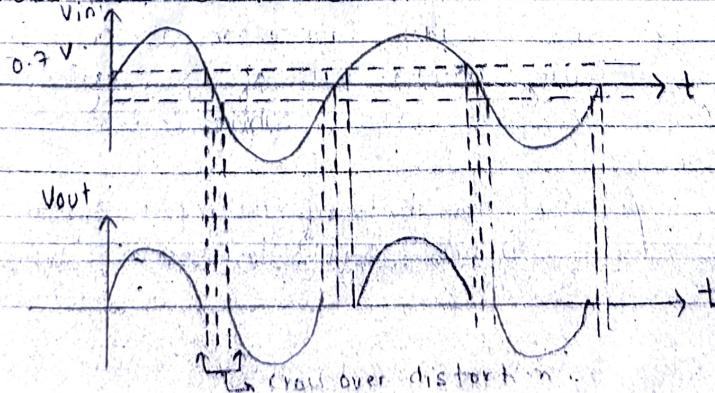


Fig: Output

Fig: Push pull amplifier during -ve half cycle

Cross over Distortion :-



In class B, push pull operation. There is severe distortion at very low signal level because based on transistor donot turn ON at 0 volt but at 0.3V for C_1 and 0.7V for S_1 . During the period until transistor turns on there will be no output. This result that the output waveform will not be a pure sine wave but a distorted form. This type of distortion is called crossover distortion. Crossover distortion occurs as a result of one transistor cutting off before the other being conducting. The distortion so introduced is called crossover distortion because it occur during the time operation cross over from the transistor to the other in the push-pull amplifiers.

Crossover distortion can be eliminated by applying slight forward bias to each emitter diode so that Q-point (operating point) each transistor will be located slightly above cut-off. Therefore, one transistor operate for more than one half cycle. Since each transistor operates slightly above more than half cycle, it results in class AB operation.

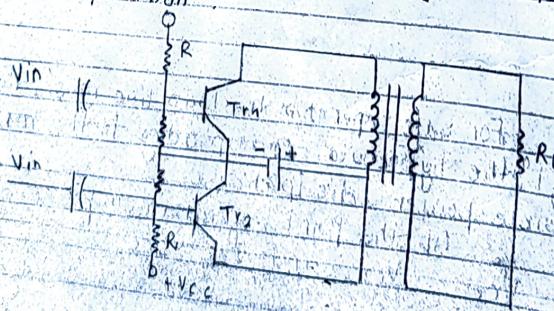


Fig: Class AB operation

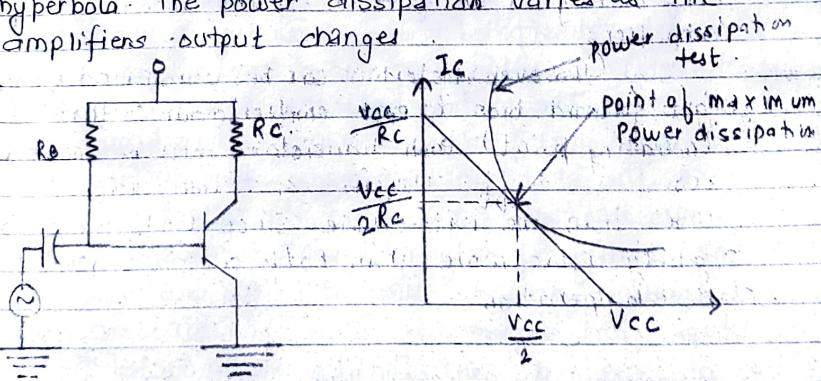
Power dissipation and Heat sinks :-
 When the transistor is in operation power dissipation takes place at two junction that is collector base junction and base emitter junction. This power dissipation causes the junction temperature to rise. The total power dissipation at the junction is given by :-

$$P_d = V_{ce} I_c + V_{be} I_e$$

$$(V_{ab} + V_{ae}) I_c \quad [\because I_c \approx I_e]$$

$$\therefore P_d = V_{ce} I_c \quad (I)$$

For fixed P_d , the power dissipation curve is hyperbola. The power dissipation varies as the amplifiers output changes.



For safe operation the load line must lie below and left of the hyperbola corresponding to the maximum permissible power dissipation.

At the point of maximum power dissipation

$$V_{ce} = \frac{V_{cc}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad I_c = \frac{V_{cc}}{2R_C}$$

∴ The maximum power dissipation, $P_{d\max} = V_{ce} I_c$

$$= \frac{V_{ce} \times V_{ce}}{2R_C}$$

$$\therefore P_{d\max} = \frac{V_{ce}^2}{2R_C}$$

$$= \frac{V_{ce}^2}{4R_C} \quad (\text{II})$$

To ensure that the load line lies below the hyperbola of maximum dissipation, it is required that $\frac{V_{ce}^2}{4R_C} < P_{d\max}$.

where, $P_{d\max}$ is the manufacturer's specified maximum dissipation at a specified ambient temperature. As power transistors handle large currents, they must be dissipated to the surrounding in order to keep the temperature within permission limit.

The metal sheet that is used to dissipate the additional heat from power transistor is known as heat sinks. The heat sinks increase the surface area and allows heat to escape from the collector junction easily. The ability of only heat sink to transfer heat to the surrounding depends upon its material, volume, area, shape contact between case and sink and movement of air around sink. Heat is conducted from a junction through the semiconductor material, through the case into the surrounding air.

Chapter - 2 Numericals :-

- 1) Calculate the input power, output power, power loss in transistor, the collector efficiency and the overall efficiency of the circuit given in the figure. Assume $I_{BP} = 10 \text{ mA}$.

Using Input

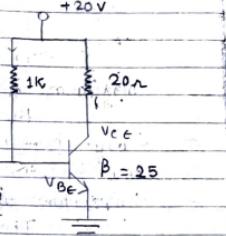
Here,

$$V_{cc} = 20 \text{ V}$$

$$R_C = 20 \Omega, R_B = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\beta = 25$$

$$I_{BP} = 10 \text{ mA} \\ (\text{base current at peak})$$



Now,

$$\text{Input power} = P_{in}(dc) = \frac{V_{cc} I_{CQ} - (I)}{V_{ce}}$$

KVL in input loop,

$$V_{cc} - I_{BQ} R_B - V_{BE} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } V_{cc} - I_{BQ} = V_{BE} - V_{ce} - V_{RE} \\ R_B$$

$$= 20 - 0.7 \\ 1000$$

$$\therefore I_{BQ} = 0.0193 = 19.3 \text{ mA}$$

We know,

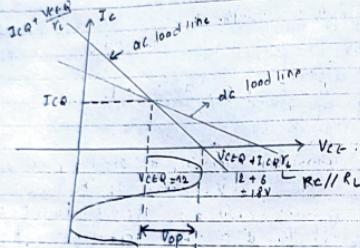
$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$I_{CQ} = \beta I_{BQ} = 25 \times 19.3 \text{ mA}$$

$$\therefore I_{CQ} = 482.5 \text{ mA} = 0.48 \text{ A}$$

Now,

$$P_{in}(dc) = V_{cc} I_{CQ} = 20 \times 0.48 = 9.6 \text{ W}$$



$$R_L = \frac{R_C \times R_L}{R_C + R_L} = \frac{50 \times 50}{50 + 50} = 25 \Omega$$

$$I_{CQ} = 0.24 A$$

$$I_{CQ} R_L = 0.24 \times 50 = 12 V$$

The peak output voltage (V_{OP}) = 6 V
 $I_{CQ} R_L = 0.24 \times 50 = 12 V$
 $I_{CQ}^2 R_L = 0.24^2 \times 50 = 2.88 W$

$$\text{iii) } \eta_c = \frac{P_{out}(ac)}{P_{in}(dc)} \times 100\% = \frac{2.88}{5.76} \times 100\% = 50\%$$

$$\text{iv) } \eta_c = \frac{\text{Avg. ac power delivered to lead}}{\text{Avg. dc power delivered dissipated to collector}} \times 100\%$$

$$\text{Avg. dc power dissipated at collector} = V_{CEQ} I_{CQ} = 12 \times 0.24 = 2.88 W$$

$$\text{So, } \eta_c = \frac{2.88}{5.76} \times 100\% = 50\%$$

A power transistor working in class A operation is supplied from a 12V battery. If the maximum collector current change is 100mA. Find the power transferred to 5Ω loudspeaker if it is transformer coupled for maximum power transfer.

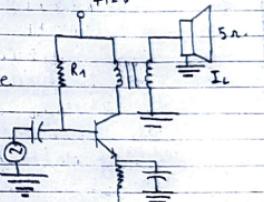
Here,

Maximum collector current change $\Delta I_C = 100 \text{ mA}$

maximum collector emitter voltage change $\Delta V_{CE} = 12 \text{ V}$

Loudspeaker resistance (R_L) = 5Ω

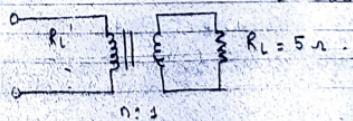
Power transferred to load = ?
 Turn ratio = 2



For maximum power transference, $R_{th} = R_L$
 So,

$$\text{Resistance of transistor } (R_{th}) = \frac{\Delta V_{CE}}{\Delta I_C} = \frac{12}{0.1} = 120 \Omega$$

$$= 120 \Omega = R_L$$



Theoretical P. Expt.

Let the turn ratio be $m:1$

$$I^2 R_L = I_1^2 R_L' \quad \left[\frac{N_2}{N_1} = \frac{I_2}{I_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_2} \right]$$

$$R_L' = \left(\frac{I_2}{I_1} \right)^2 R_L$$

$$\text{or } R_L' = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 R_L$$

$$\text{or } R_L' = m^2 R_L \quad \left[\because m = \frac{N_1}{N_2} \right]$$

↳ Turn ratio.

$$m^2 = \frac{R_L'}{R_L} = \frac{120}{5}$$

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{120}{5}}$$

$$\therefore m = 4.9$$

∴ Turn ratio = 4.9

Again,

Primary voltage (V_1) = 12V
Secondary voltage (V_2) = ?
Now,

$$\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = m$$

$$V_2 = \frac{V_1}{m} = \frac{12}{4.9} = 2.44V$$

$$\text{Load current } (I_L) = \frac{V_2}{R_L} = \frac{2.44}{5} = 0.48A$$

$$\text{Power transferred to load} = I_L^2 R_L$$

$$= (0.48)^2 \times 5$$

$$= 1.19W$$

Ques

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For a class B amplifier providing a 20V peak signal to the 16Ω load and a power supply of $V_{CC} = 30V$, determine the input power, output power and efficiency.

Here:

$$V_{CP} = 20V, R_L = 16\Omega, V_{CC} = 30V$$

$$\text{input power, } P_{in(dc)} = V_{CC} \times I_{dc} = V_{CC} \times \frac{I_{CP}}{\pi}$$

$$= V_{CC} \times \frac{V_{CP}}{\pi R_L} \quad \left[\because I_{CP} = \frac{V_{CP}}{R_L} \right]$$

$$= \frac{30 \times 20}{\pi \times 16} = 11.93$$

$$\text{ii) Output power, } P_{o(dc)} = \frac{1}{4} I_{CP} V_{CC} = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{V_{CP}}{R_L} \times V_{CC}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{20}{16} \times 30$$

$$= 9.375$$

$$\text{iii) } \eta = \frac{P_{o(dc)}}{P_{in(dc)}} \times 100 = \frac{9.375}{11.93} \times 100$$

$$= 78.58\%$$