

## Assignment 5:

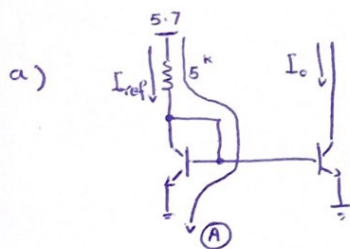
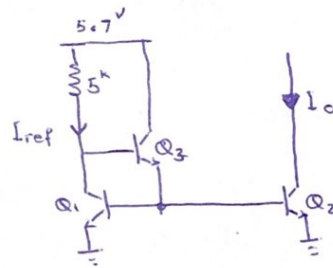
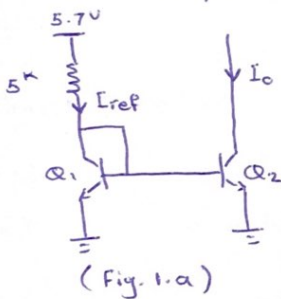
1. For the following circuits, the transistors are the same and  $V_{BE} = 0.7V$ .

a) calculate  $I_{ref}$  in Fig. 1.a.

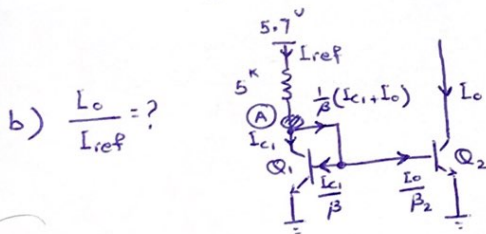
b) Determine  $\frac{I_o}{I_{ref}}$  in terms of  $\beta$  and compute it's value for  $\beta = 50$ ,  $\beta = 200$ ,  $\beta = \infty$ . Discuss about the results. (Fig 1.a)

c) In order to alleviate the undesirable effect of  $\beta$  in BJT current mirrors, the circuit which is depicted in Fig 1.b can be used. For this circuit, calculate  $\frac{I_o}{I_{ref}}$  and compare the results with those in (b).

Assume  $\beta = 50$



$$KVL @ A: -5.7 + 5^k I_{ref} + 0.7 = 0 \Rightarrow I_{ref} = \frac{5.7 - 0.7}{5} = 1 \text{ mA}$$



Transistors are the same:  $\begin{cases} I_{S1} = I_{S2} \\ V_{T1} = V_{T2} \end{cases}$

$$I_c = I_s e^{\frac{V_{BE}}{2V_T}}$$

$$V_{BE1} = V_{BE2} \Rightarrow I_{c1} = I_{c2} \quad (I)$$

$$KVL @ A: -I_{ref} + I_{c1} + \frac{I_o}{\beta} + \frac{I_{c1}}{\beta} = 0 \Rightarrow I_{ref} = I_{c1} + \frac{1}{\beta} (I_{c1} + I_o) \quad (I)$$

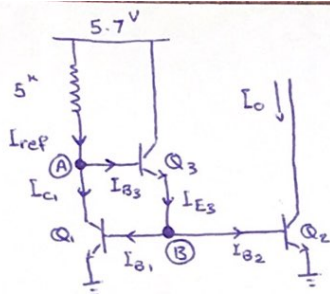
$$I_{ref} = I_o + \frac{1}{\beta} (I_o + I_o) = I_o + \frac{2I_o}{\beta} = I_o \left( 1 + \frac{2}{\beta} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{I_o}{I_{ref}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{\beta}}$$

$$\text{if } \beta = 50 : \frac{I_o}{I_{ref}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{50}} = 0.96$$

$$\text{if } \beta = 200 : \frac{I_o}{I_{ref}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{200}} = 0.99$$

$$\text{if } \beta = \infty : \frac{I_o}{I_{ref}} = 1$$

c)



$$V_{BE1} = V_{BE2} \Rightarrow I_{C1} = I_o \quad (1)$$

$$\text{KCL in (A)}: -I_{ref} + I_{C1} + I_{B3} = 0 \Rightarrow I_{B3} = I_{ref} - I_{C1} \xrightarrow{(1)}$$

$$I_{B3} = I_{ref} - I_o$$

$$I_{E3} = (\beta + 1) I_{B3} = (\beta + 1) I_{ref} - I_o \xrightarrow{\beta = 50}$$

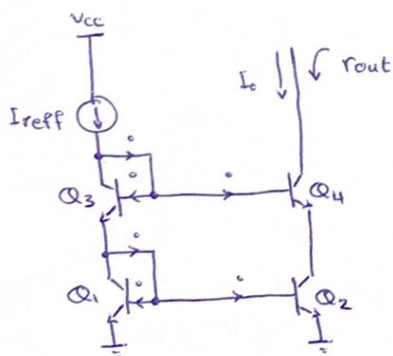
$$I_{E3} = 51 (I_{ref} - I_o)$$

$$I_{B1} = \frac{I_{C1}}{\beta} = \frac{I_o}{\beta} = \frac{I_o}{50} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} I_{B2} = \frac{I_o}{\beta} = \frac{I_o}{50} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow I_{B1} = I_{B2}$$

$$\text{KCL @ B}: I_{B1} + I_{B2} - I_{E3} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{I_o}{50} + \frac{I_o}{50} - 51 (I_{ref} - I_o) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I_o \left( \frac{2}{50} + 51 \right) = 51 I_{ref} \Rightarrow \frac{I_o}{I_{ref}} = \frac{51}{51 + \frac{2}{50}} = 0.9992$$

2. The following circuit is known as the "cascade" current mirror. Determine the output current and the output resistance. (Assume  $\lambda \neq 0$  and neglect  $\beta$  effect). What are the advantages of this configuration over the simple current-mirror scheme?



$$\lambda \neq 0 \rightarrow V_A \neq \infty \rightarrow r_o \neq \infty$$

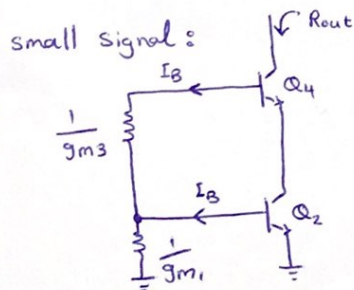
$$\text{neglect } \beta \text{ effect} \rightarrow \beta = \infty$$

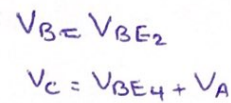
$$I_{ref} = I_{C1} = I_{S1} \exp\left(\frac{V_{BE1}}{V_T}\right) \left(1 + \frac{V_{CE1}}{V_A}\right)$$

$$I_o = I_{C2} = I_{S2} \exp\left(\frac{V_{BE2}}{V_T}\right) \left(1 + \frac{V_{CE2}}{V_A}\right)$$

$$\frac{I_o}{I_{ref}} = \frac{I_{S2} \exp\left(\frac{V_{BE2}}{V_T}\right) \left(1 + \frac{V_{CE2}}{V_A}\right)}{I_{S1} \exp\left(\frac{V_{BE1}}{V_T}\right) \left(1 + \frac{V_{CE1}}{V_A}\right)} = \frac{I_{S1}}{I_{S2}} \times \frac{1 + \frac{V_{CE2}}{V_A}}{1 + \frac{V_{CE1}}{V_A}}$$

$$\text{if } V_{BE3} = V_{BE4} \Rightarrow V_{CE1} = V_{CE2} : \frac{I_o}{I_{ref}} = \frac{I_{S2}}{I_{S1}}$$



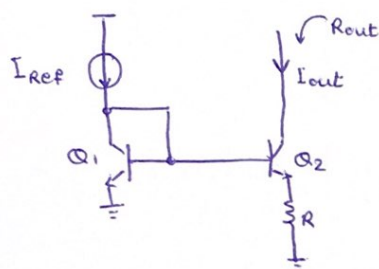


$$V_{th1} = V_{th2} = 2V$$

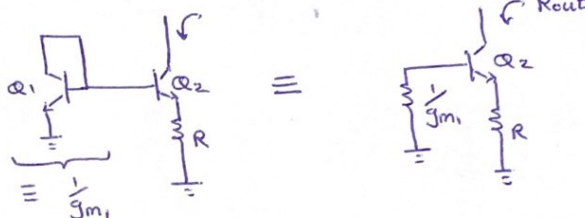


4. In the following circuit:

- Determine the output resistance. Assume that the current source is ideal
- Specify  $R$  such a way that  $I_{REF} = 2 I_{out}$ . the transistors are the same and  $\beta \gg 1$ .

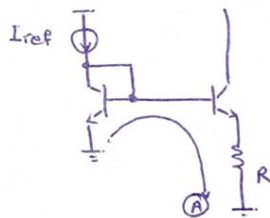


a) ac Analysis:



$$R_{out} = r_o \left[ 1 + g_{m2} (R \parallel r_{\pi 2}) \right] \approx \beta r_o$$

b) if  $I_{REF} = 2 I_{out} \Rightarrow R = ?$



$$KVL @ A: -V_{BE1} + V_{BE2} + R I_o = 0$$

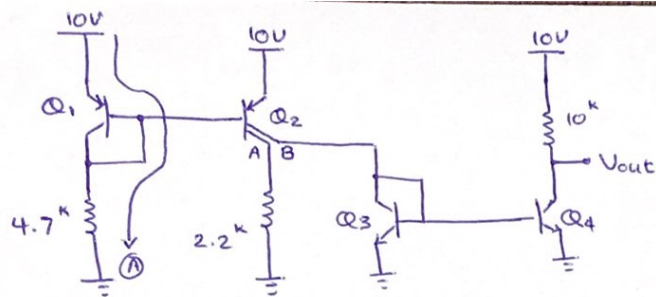
$$-V_T \ln \left( \frac{I_{REF}}{I_{S1}} \right) + V_T \ln \left( \frac{I_{out}}{I_{S2}} \right) = -R I_o \Rightarrow V_T \ln \left[ \frac{I_{out}}{I_{S1}} \times \frac{I_{S1}}{I_{REF}} \right] = -R I_{out}$$

$$V_T \ln \left( \frac{I_{out}}{I_{REF}} \right) = -R I_{out} \Rightarrow V_T \ln \left( \frac{I_{REF}}{I_{out}} \right) = R I_{out} \Rightarrow R = \frac{V_T \ln \left( \frac{I_{REF}}{I_{out}} \right)}{I_{out}}$$

$$\underline{I_{REF} = 2 I_{out} \rightarrow R = \frac{V_T \ln \left( \frac{2 I_{out}}{I_{out}} \right)}{I_{out}} = \frac{V_T \ln(2)}{I_{out}} = \frac{2 V_T \ln(2)}{I_{REF}} = \frac{V_T \ln(4)}{I_{REF}}}$$

5. In the following circuit, all of the transistors are the same. the effective area of the collector "A" of  $Q_2$  is 3 times larger than the effective area of the collector "B" of  $Q_2$ . Calculate the output voltage.

Hint:  $Q_2$  is a transistors with two collector terminals, which, their currents are proportional to their effective areas. the total effective collector area of  $Q_2$  is the same as that of  $Q_1$ .



$$A_{C,A} = 3A_{C,B}$$

$$A_{C1} = A_{C2} = A_{C3} = A_{C4}$$

$$V_{BE3} = V_{BE4} \Rightarrow I_{C3} = I_{C4}$$

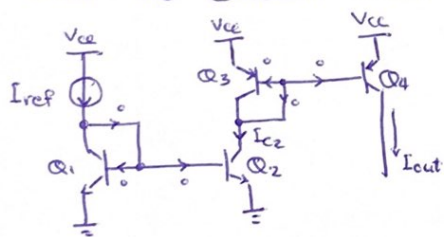
$$I_{C2,A} = 3 I_{C2,B} \xrightarrow{I_{C2,B} = I_{C3} = I_{out}} I_{C2,A} = 3 I_{out}$$

$$V_{EB1} = V_{EB2} \Rightarrow I_{C1} = I_{C2} = 4 I_{out}$$

$$\text{KVL @ A: } -10 + 0.7 + 4.7 I_{C1} = 0 \xrightarrow{I_{C1} = 4 I_{out}} -10 + 0.7 + 4.7 (4 I_{out}) = 0$$

$$\boxed{I_{out} = 0.5 \text{ mA}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad V_{out} = 10 - 10^k I_{out} = 10 - 10(0.5) = \boxed{5 \text{ V}}$$

6. In the following circuit, specify a relation for  $I_o$  in terms of  $I_{ref}$  (neglect  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$  effect). The collector area of  $Q_2$  and  $Q_4$  is 2 times larger than  $Q_1$  and the collector area of  $Q_3$  is 3 times larger than  $Q_1$ :



$$\begin{cases} A_{C,2,4} = 2 A_{C1} \\ A_{C3} = 3 A_{C1} \end{cases}$$

$$r_o = \infty$$

$$\beta \gg 1$$

$$V_{BE1} = V_{BE2} \Rightarrow I_{C2} = 2 I_{C1} = 2 I_{ref} \xrightarrow{I_{C2} = I_{C3}} I_{C3} = 2 I_{ref} \quad (1)$$

$$V_{EB3} = V_{EB4} \Rightarrow \frac{A_{C3}}{A_{C4}} = \frac{3 A_{C1}}{2 A_{C1}} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{I_{C4} = \frac{2}{3} I_{C3}} \xrightarrow{(1)}$$

$$I_{C4} = \frac{2}{3} (2 I_{ref}) = \frac{4}{3} I_{ref} = I_{out} \Rightarrow \boxed{I_{out} = \frac{4}{3} I_{ref}}$$