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**Title of Paper:** Analogue Design I

**Course Number:** EE321

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**Time Allowed:** 3 hrs

**Instructions:**

1. Answer any four (4) questions.
2. Each question carries 25 marks.

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**Question 1**

- a) Write some notes on the advantages of tuned amplifiers. [6]
- b) For Fig. 1(b) below, use the following parameters:  $R_B = 330k\Omega$ ,  $R_L = 5k\Omega$ ,  $R_{sig} = 5k\Omega$ ,  $I_C = 1.3mA$ ,  $V_T = 25mV$  and  $\beta = 100$ .

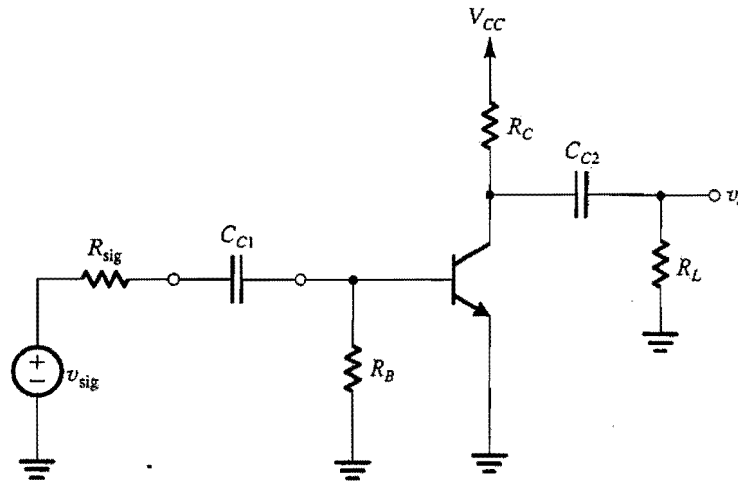


Fig. 1(b)

- i) Draw the small signal model of the circuit. [2]
- ii) Calculate the value of  $R_C$  so that the overall gain,  $G_v = \frac{v_o}{v_{sig}} = -27V/V$ . [8]
- c) A particular small geometry BJT has  $f_T = 5GHz$  and  $C_\mu = 0.1pF$  when operated at  $I_C = 0.5mA$  and  $V_T = 25mV$ .
- i) Find  $g_m$  [1]
- ii) When  $\beta = 150$ , find  $r_\pi$  and  $f_\beta$ . [2]
- d) What is the frequency of oscillation of the astable multivibrator circuit shown in Fig. 1(d) below, where  $V_{CC} = +5V$ ,  $-V_{EE} = -5V$ ,  $R_1 = 6.8k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 6.8k\Omega$ ,  $R = 10k\Omega$  and  $C = 0.001\mu F$ . [6]

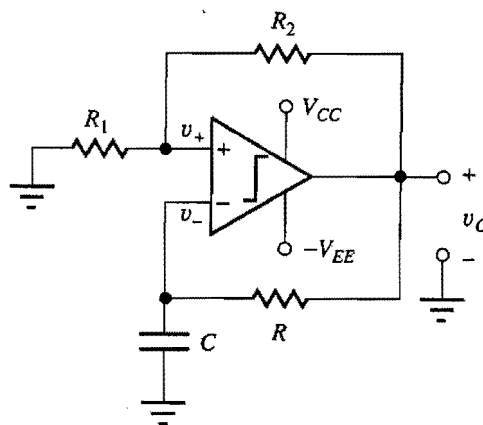


Fig. 1(d)

**Question 2**

- a) Consider the emitter-follower amplifier of Fig. 2(a) for  $I = 1mA$ ,  $\beta = 100$ ,  $V_T = 25mV$ ,  $R_B = 100k\Omega$ ,  $R_{sig} = 20k\Omega$  and  $R_L = 1k\Omega$ .

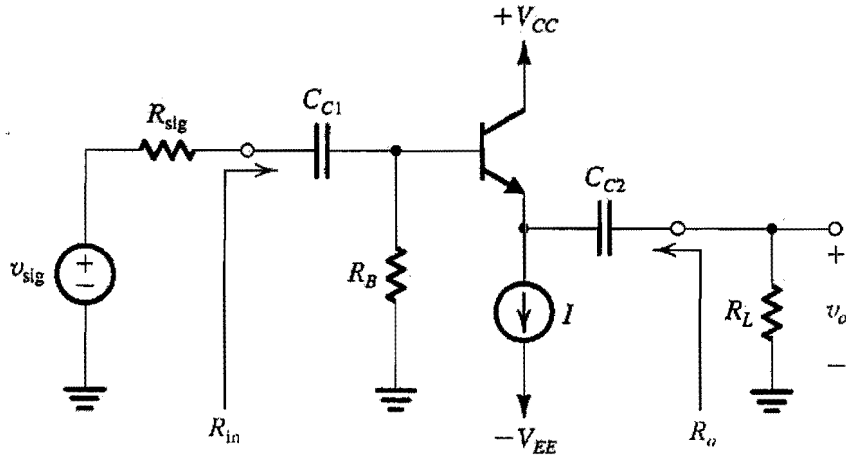


Fig. 2(a)

- i) Find  $R_{in}$  [5]
- ii) Find  $\frac{v_o}{v_{sig}}$  [5]
- b) Using an op-amp, design an inverting low-pass amplifier circuit which has an input resistance of  $10k\Omega$ , a low frequency voltage gain of  $-10$ , and a pole frequency of  $10kHz$ . Draw the appropriate diagram for your low-pass filter amplifier circuit. [10]
- c) A compensating capacitor of  $1000pF$  has a maximum charging current of  $1mA$ . What is the slew rate? [3]
- d) What is the importance of amplifier compensation? [2]

**Question 3**

a) Consider the common-emitter amplifier shown in Fig. 3(a) under the following conditions:  $R_{sig} = 5k\Omega$ ,  $R_1 = 33k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 22k\Omega$ ,  $R_E = 3.9k\Omega$ ,  $R_C = 4.7k\Omega$ ,  $R_L = 5.6k\Omega$ ,  $V_{CC} = 5V$ ,  $r_o = 300k\Omega$ ,  $\beta = 120$ , dc collector current,  $I_C = 0.3mA$ ,  $V_T = 25mV$ ,  $C_\mu = 1pF$ ,  $f_T = 700MHz$  and  $r_x = 50\Omega$ . Find:

- i)  $C_\pi$  [4]
- ii) The upper 3-dB frequency,  $f_H$ . [10]

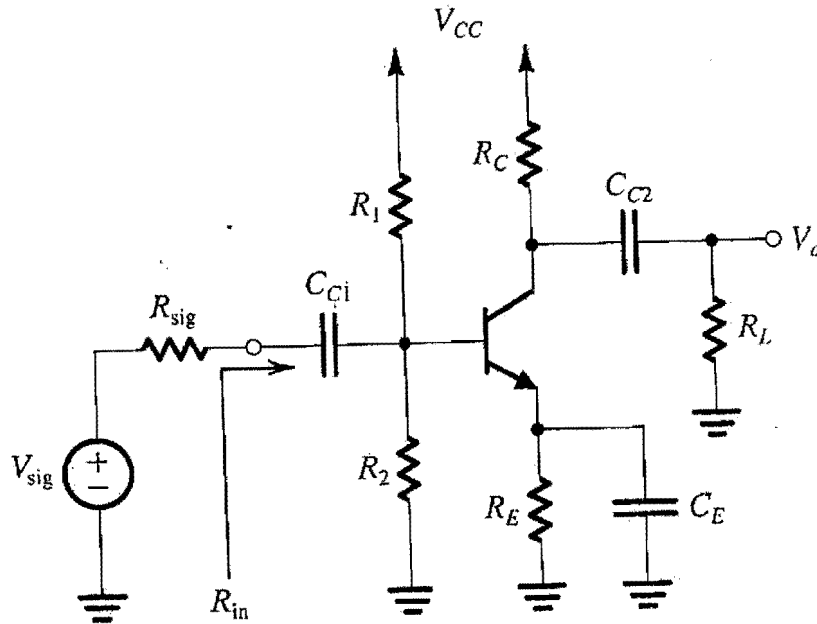


Fig. 3(a)

- b) A coil having an inductance of  $10\mu H$  is intended for applications around  $1MHz$ . Its  $Q_L$  is specified to be 200.
  - i) Find the equivalent parallel resistance,  $R_p$ . [2]
  - ii) What is the value of the capacitor required to produce resonance at  $1MHz$ ? [3]
- c) Suppose an amplifier has a differential mode gain of  $2500 V/V$  and a CMRR of  $80dB$ . What is the output voltage if  $v_1 = 5.001V$  and  $v_2 = 4.999V$ ? [6]

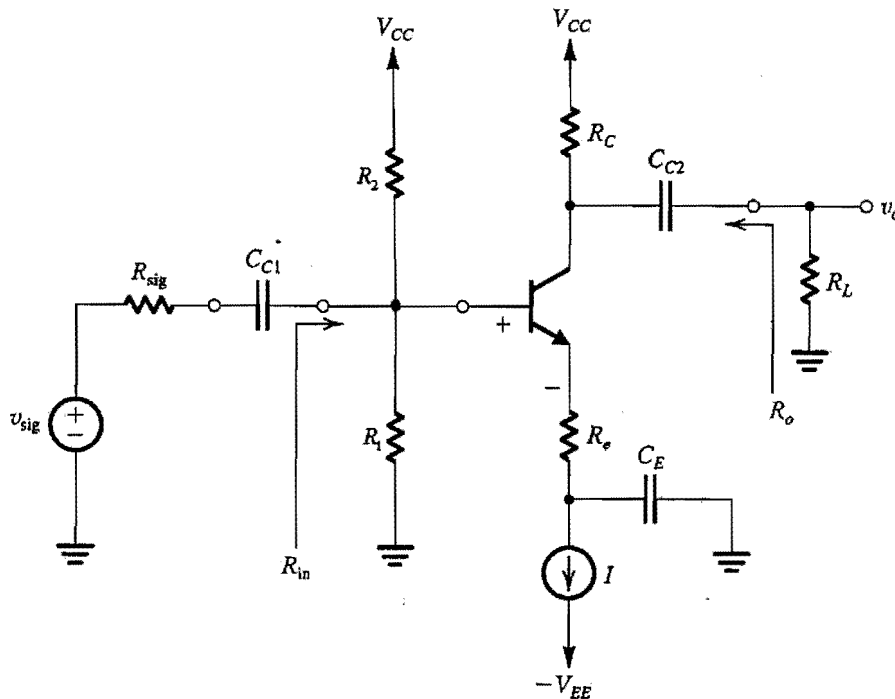
**Question 4**

a) For the amplifier shown in Fig. 4(a), let  $V_T = 25mV$ ,  $\beta = 100$ ,  $I_C = 0.245mA$ ,  $R_{sig} = 1k\Omega$ ,  $R_1 = 160k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 300k\Omega$ ,  $R_C = 22k\Omega$ ,  $R_e = 3k\Omega$  and  $R_L = 100k\Omega$ . Find the values of:

i)  $R_{in}$  [5]

ii)  $\frac{v_o}{v_{sig}}$  [5]

iii) What special name is given to resistor  $R_e$ ? [1]



**Fig. 4(a)**

b) Write some short notes on Synchronous tuning; also include a basic circuit diagram showing the synchronously tuned amplifier and the frequency response of this amplifier. [10]

- c) The op-amp in the bistable circuit shown in Fig. 4(c) has output saturation voltages of  $\pm 13V$ . Design the circuit to obtain threshold voltages of  $\pm 5V$ . For  $R_1 = 10k\Omega$ , find the value required for  $R_2$ . [4]

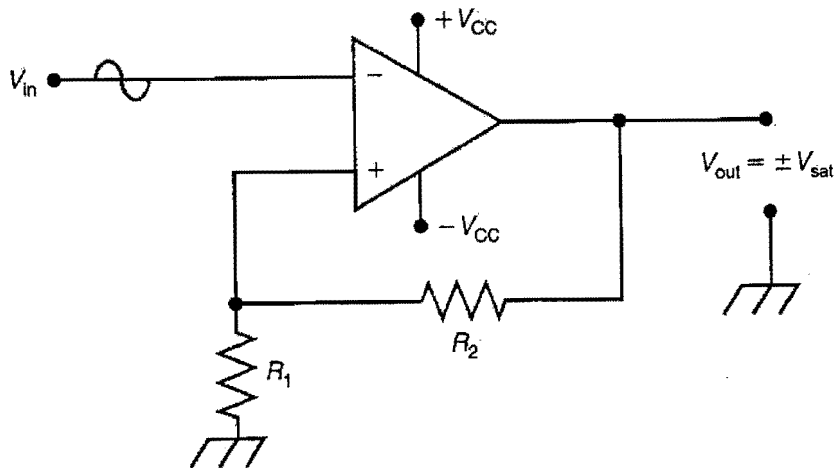


Fig. 4(c)

**Question 5**

- a) Compare the properties of a common-emitter and a common-base amplifier. [6]
- b) Derive an expression for the voltage gain for Fig. 5(b). Assume both transistors are well matched. [5]

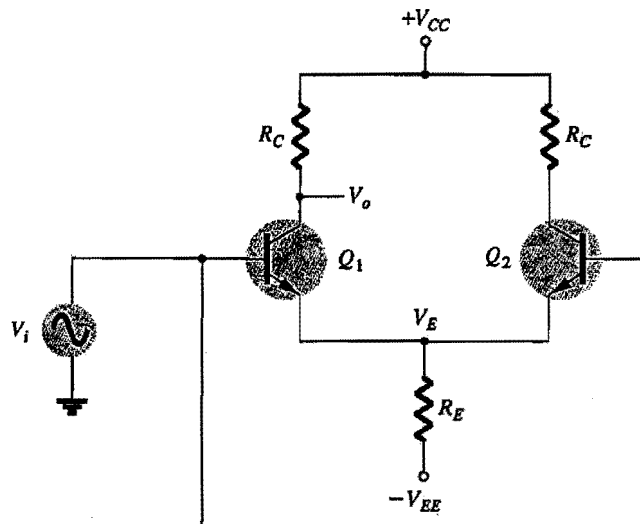


Fig. 5(b)

- c) For the noninverting amplifier in Fig. 5(c) derive an expression its open loop gain,

$$A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}$$

[6]

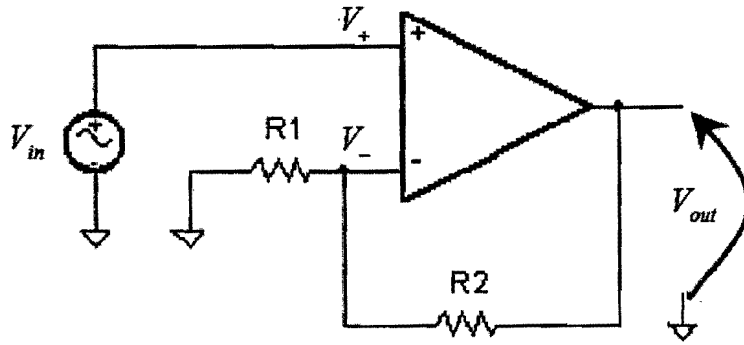


Fig. 5(c)

- d) Design the voltage divider biased network of Fig. 5(d) to give  $V_{CE} = 5V$  and  $I_C = 750\mu A$ . Take  $\beta = 100$ ,  $V_{BE} = 0.7V$ ,  $V_{CC} = 15V$ ,  $I_2 = 10I_B$ ,  $I_1 = 9I_B$ . Consider standard E12 range resistors for your final design.

[8]

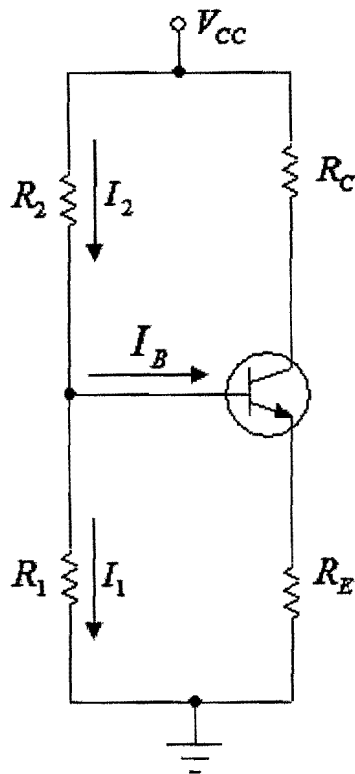


Fig. 5(d)