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ECE 3455
Final Exam
May 6, 2009

Exam duration: 170 minutes

- You may have **two** 8 ½ x 11 in. "crib" sheets, written on both sides. You may have any calculator you choose, but no computers. No other notes or materials will be allowed.
- Show all work necessary to complete the problem on these pages. A solution without the work shown will receive no credit.
- Show units in intermediate and final results, and in figures.
- If your work is sloppy or difficult to follow, points will be subtracted.

This exam has 11 pages, including the cover sheet. Raise your hand if you are missing a page.

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1. (35 points) A certain amplifier has a magnitude Bode plot with the following characteristics.

- A double zero at 0;
- a single pole at $\omega = 2,000$ rad/sec;
- a single pole at $\omega = 8,000$ rad/sec;
- a double pole at $\omega = 30,000$ rad/sec;
- a gain of 20 dB at $\omega = 10,000$ rad/sec.

i) Find the transfer function $T(\omega)$.

ii) On the graph provided on the next page, plot the **PHASE** Bode plot for this amplifier.

2)

$$T(\omega) = K \cdot \frac{(j\omega)^2}{(2000 + j\omega)(8000 + j\omega)(30,000 + j\omega)^2} \quad +4$$

We need K :

$$K |T(\omega = 10 \text{ krad/s})| = K \cdot 2.66 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$20 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{\bar{V}_o}{\bar{V}_i} \right| = 10 \Rightarrow \underline{K = 1.3 \times 10^{10}} \quad +2$$

ii) Plot next page.

$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \angle T(\omega) \rightarrow 180^\circ$$

$$\omega \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \angle T(\omega) \rightarrow -180^\circ$$

Alternative:

$$T(\omega) = K \cdot \frac{(j\omega)^2}{(1 + j\omega/2000)(1 + j\omega/8000)(1 + j\omega/30000)^2}$$

$$K \cdot |T(\omega = 10 \text{ krad/s})| = K \cdot 1.103 \times 10^7 = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow K = 9.07 \times 10^{-7}$$

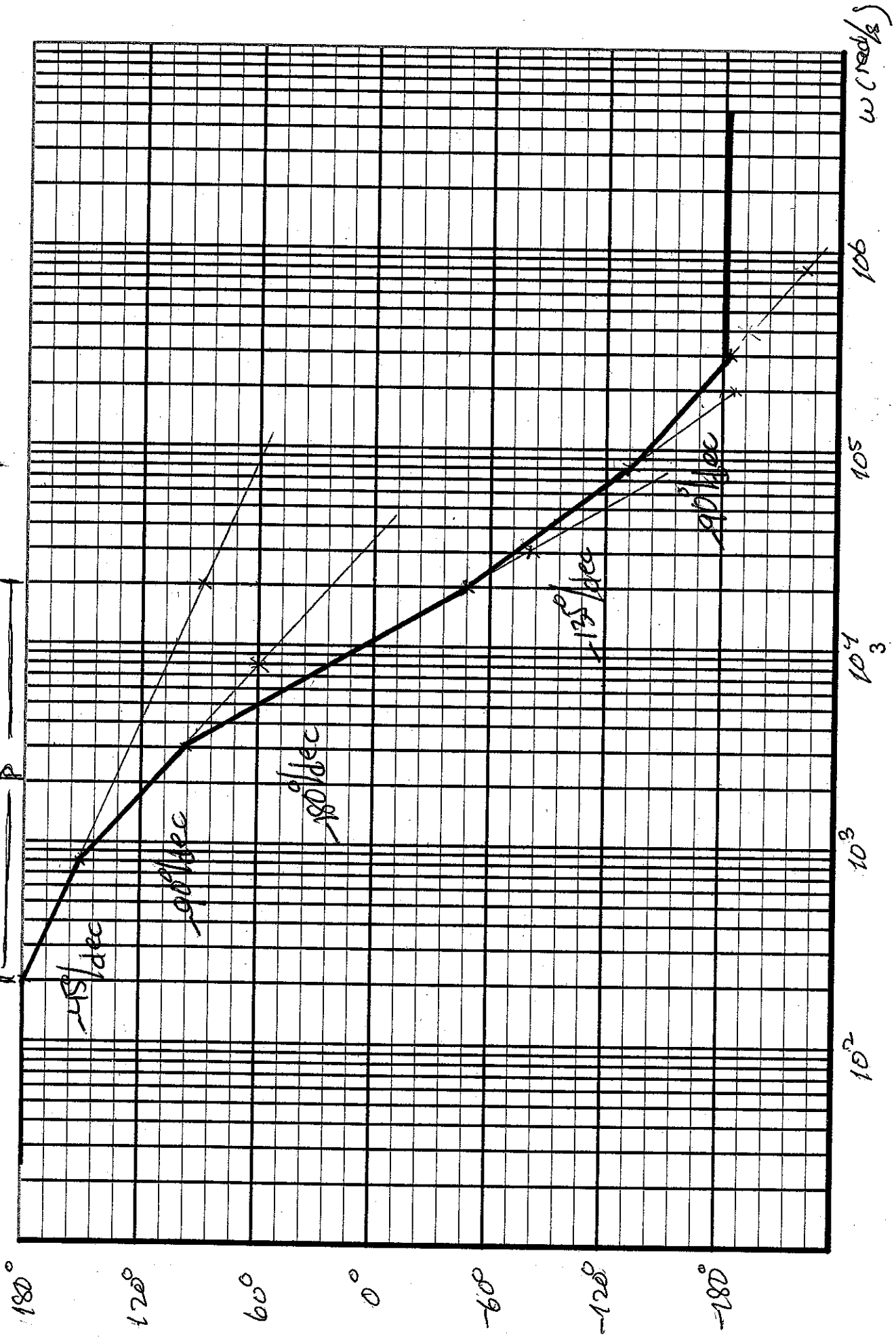
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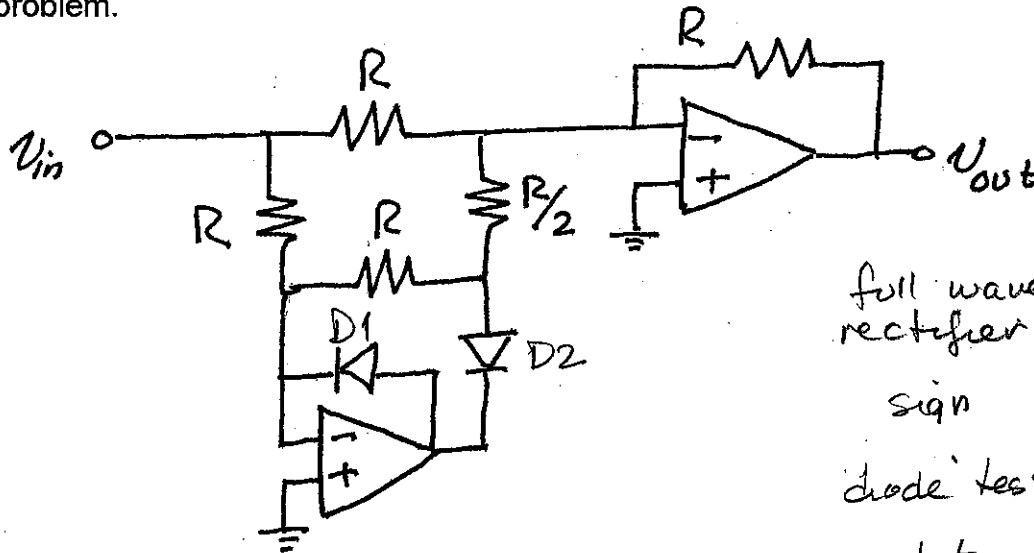
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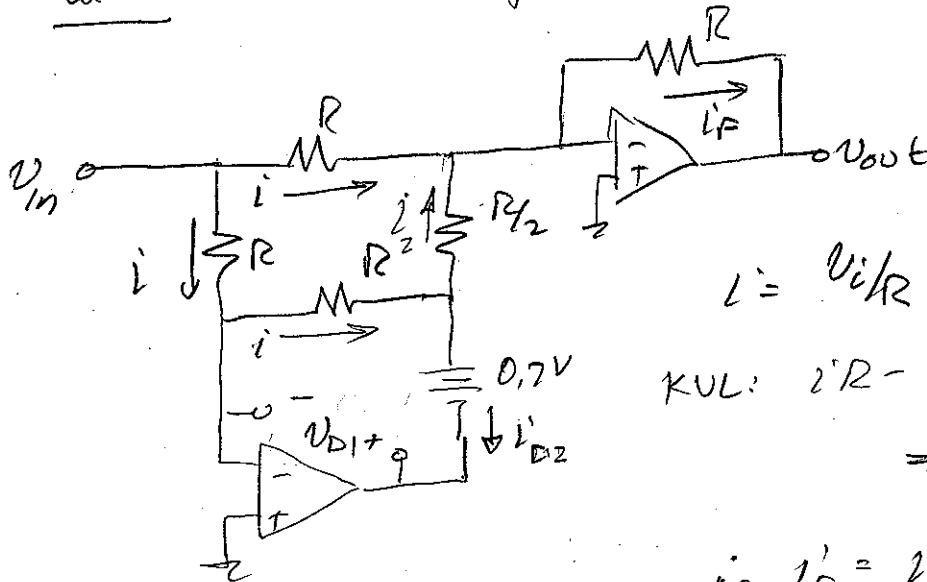
2. (40 points) The op amp in the circuit below may be considered ideal. The diodes are approximated by a constant voltage model with a threshold of 0.7 V. The resistance R is $2.2 \text{ k}\Omega$.

Assuming the input to this circuit is a triangle wave with 0 mean (no dc offset) and an amplitude of 2 V, make a neat sketch of the output v_{out} as a function of time. Show at least two cycles. If your sketch is sloppy or difficult to read, you will not get credit for the problem.



- full wave rectifier +24
- sign +2
- diode tests +8
- plot +6

For $v_{in} > 0$ we will guess $D2$ ON, $D1$ OFF, so...



$$i' = v_{in} / R$$

$$\text{KVL: } i'R - i_2' R/2 - i'R - i'R = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i_2' = -2i'$$

$$\therefore i_F' = i' + i_2' = -i'$$

$$v_{out} = -i_F' R = 2i'R = v_{in}$$

TEST:

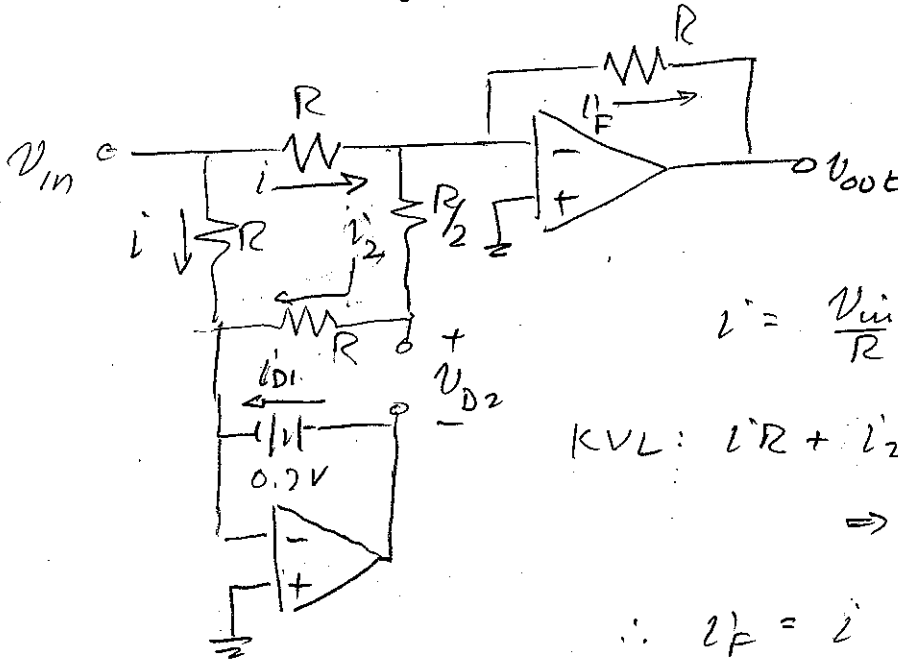
$$i_{D2}' = i' - i_2' = 3i' > 0 \checkmark$$

$$v_{D1} = -2i'R - 0.7 \leq -0.7 \text{ V}$$

for $i' > 0$, so OK \checkmark 4

Room for extra work

$V_{in} < 0$ we will guess D_2 OFF, D_1 ON ...



$$i' = \frac{V_{in}}{R} \text{ (negative)}$$

$$\text{KVL: } i'R + i_2 \frac{3R}{2} - i'R = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore i_F = i$$

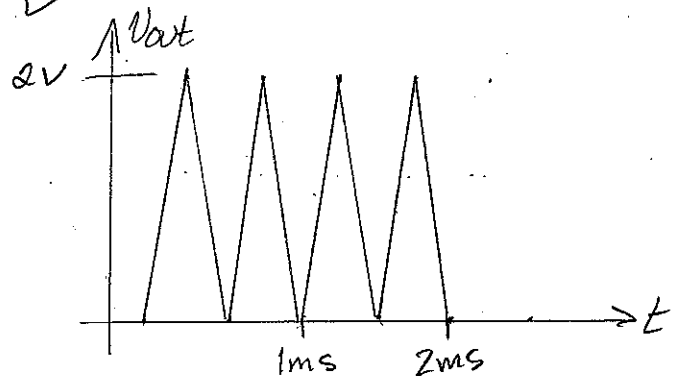
$$\Rightarrow V_{out} = -iR = -V_{in}$$

But V_{in} is negative, so V_{out} is the absolute value of V_{in} - it is a full-wave rectified version of V_{in} !

$$\text{TEST: } i_{D1} = i + i_2 = i \text{ (negative)} \checkmark$$

$$V_{D2} = i_2 R - 0.7 = -0.7 \checkmark$$

There is no diode voltage drop (V_D never enters in to the calculation of V_{out}).



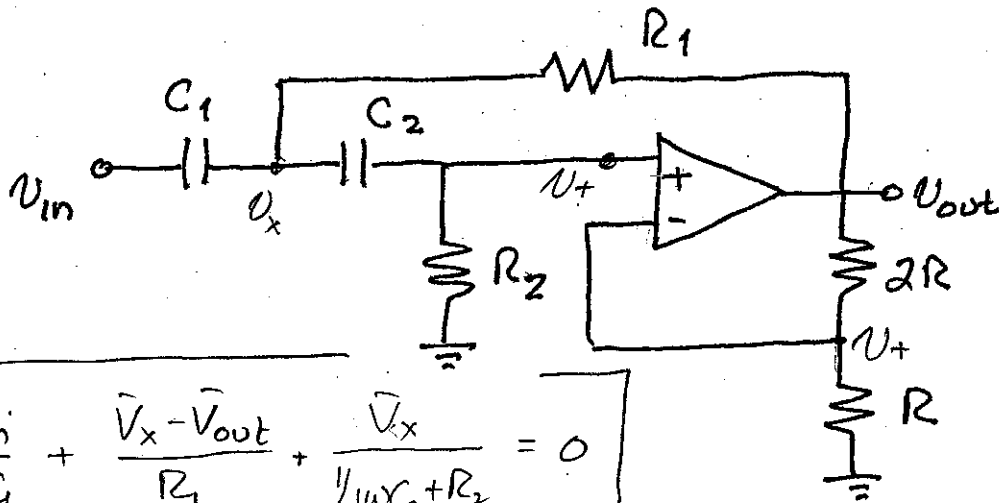
3. (40 points) The op amp in the circuit below is ideal. The circuit is a filter whose type (bandpass, notch, low pass...) we will try to determine.

i) Write a set of equations that could be used to find the transfer function $T(\omega) = V_{out}/V_{in}$ for the circuit. In this step, do not try to solve or simplify the equations. Draw a box around the equations that are part of your solution; equations not in a box will not be counted.

ii) Find an expression for $T(\omega)$; any valid algebraic expression involving only V_{out} and V_{in} (as well as the capacitances and resistances) will do. There is no need to simplify; do not spend time multiplying terms or reducing complex fractions to get your expression into a standard form.

iii) We can guess what is going on with this filter by letting $\omega \rightarrow 0$ and $\omega \rightarrow \infty$. Let ω approach these limits, and for each case (0 and ∞), find $T(\omega)$. At these values of ω , your expression for $T(\omega)$ will simplify dramatically.

iv) Based on iii), what type of filter do you think this is?



$$\frac{\bar{V}_x - \bar{V}_{in}}{1/j\omega C_1} + \frac{\bar{V}_x - \bar{V}_{out}}{R_1} + \frac{\bar{V}_x}{1/j\omega C_2 + R_2} = 0$$

$$\bar{V}_+ = \bar{V}_x \frac{R_2}{R_2 + 1/j\omega C_2}$$

$$\bar{V}_+ = \bar{V}_{out} \frac{R}{R + 2R} = \frac{\bar{V}_{out}}{3}$$

This all we need. The second two equations give us \bar{V}_+ in terms of \bar{V}_{out} and hence \bar{V}_x in terms of \bar{V}_{out} . This allows us to write \bar{V}_0 as a function of \bar{V}_{in} using the first equation...

Room for extra work.

$$ii) \quad \bar{V}_x = \bar{V}_+ \cdot \frac{R_2 + 1/j\omega C_2}{R_2} = \bar{V}_+ \cdot \frac{1 + j\omega C_2 R_2}{j\omega C_2 R_2} = \frac{\bar{V}_{out}}{3} \frac{1 + j\omega C_2 R_2}{j\omega C_2 R_2}$$

From the first equation:

$$\bar{V}_x \left(j\omega C_1 + \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{j\omega C_2}{1 + j\omega C_2 R_2} \right) - \frac{\bar{V}_{out}}{R_1} = j\omega C_1 \bar{V}_{in}$$

$$\bar{V}_{out} \left[\frac{1}{3} \frac{1 + j\omega C_2 R_2}{j\omega C_2 R_2} \left(\frac{1 + j\omega C_1 R_1}{R_1} + \frac{j\omega C_2}{1 + j\omega C_2 R_2} \right) - \frac{1}{R_1} \right] = j\omega C_1 \bar{V}_{in}$$

$$* \quad \frac{\bar{V}_{out}}{\bar{V}_{in}} = \left[\frac{1}{3} \frac{1 + j\omega C_2 R_2}{j\omega C_2 R_2} \left(\frac{1 + j\omega C_1 R_1}{R_1} + \frac{j\omega C_2}{1 + j\omega C_2 R_2} \right) - \frac{1}{R_1} \right]^{-1} \cdot j\omega C_1$$

This satisfies the requirements of ii).

iii) For $\omega \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\frac{\bar{V}_{out}}{\bar{V}_{in}} \approx \left[\frac{1}{3} \cdot 1 \cdot (j\omega C_1 + 1) - \frac{1}{R_1} \right]^{-1} \cdot j\omega C_1$$

$$\approx \left[\frac{1}{3} \cdot j\omega C_1 \right]^{-1} \cdot j\omega C_1 = 3.$$

($\frac{1}{R_1}$ and 1 are small compared to $j\omega C_1$ at $\omega \rightarrow \infty$)

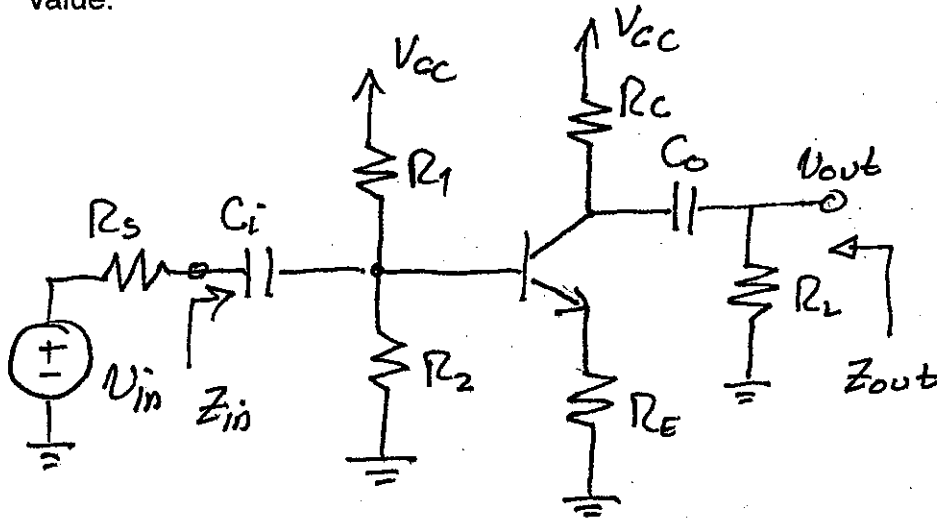
For $\omega \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\frac{\bar{V}_{out}}{\bar{V}_{in}} \approx \left[\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{j\omega C_2 R_2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + 0 \right) - \frac{1}{R_1} \right]^{-1} \cdot j\omega C_1 \rightarrow 0$$

iv) HIGH PASS FILTER!

4. (45 points) The BJT in the circuit below has $\beta = 100$ and $V_{CE,SAT} = 0.2$ V. It is biased in the linear region; there is no need to prove this is the case.

- i) Find the input impedance Z_{in} . Express the result symbolically; do not substitute component values.
- ii) Find the output impedance Z_{out} . Express the result symbolically; do not substitute component values.
- iii) Find the voltage gain v_{out}/v_{in} in the pass band. For the gain, provide a numerical value.

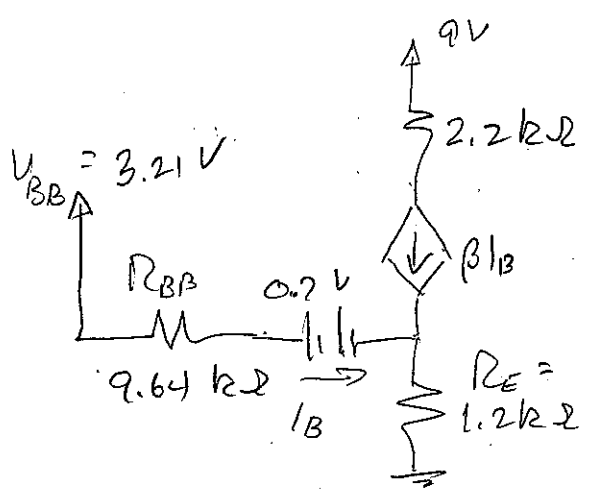


- $V_{cc} = 9$ V
- $R_1 = 27$ k Ω
- $R_2 = 15$ k Ω
- $R_C = 2.2$ k Ω
- $R_E = 1.2$ k Ω
- $R_s = 10$ k Ω
- $R_L = 2$ k Ω

$C_i = C_o = 1$ μ F

We will look at the dc case because we need r_{π} or r_e :

$$V_{BB} = V_{cc} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 3.21 \text{ V} \quad R_{BB} = R_1 || R_2 = 9.64 \text{ k}\Omega$$



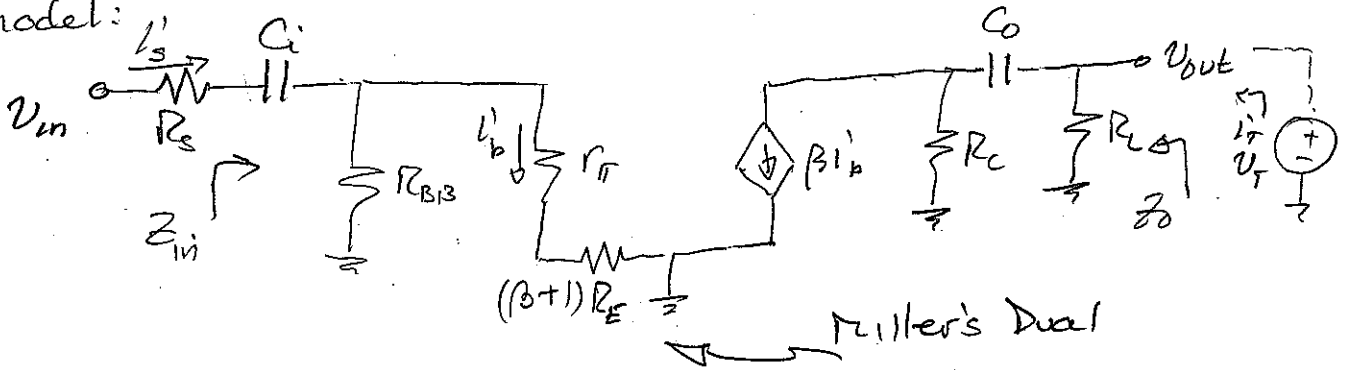
$$I_B = \frac{V_{BB} - 0.7}{R_{BB} + (\beta + 1)R_E}$$

$$= 19.2 \mu\text{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{\pi} = \frac{V_T}{I_B} = 1.3 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Room for extra work.

ac model:



Z_o : with source attached and de-activated (after applying a test source at the output), we have

$$Z_o = \frac{\bar{V}_T}{\bar{I}_T} = R_L \parallel \left(\frac{1}{j\omega C_o} + R_C \right) = \frac{j\omega C_o R_L R_C + R_L}{1 + j\omega C_o (R_L + R_C)}$$

$$Z_i = \frac{1}{j\omega C_i} + R_{BB} \parallel (r_{\pi} + (\beta+1)R_E)$$

$$(r_{\pi} = 1.3 \text{ k}\Omega; (\beta+1)R_E = 121 \text{ k}\Omega \Rightarrow r_{\pi} + (\beta+1)R_E \approx (\beta+1)R_E)$$

In the passband, both C_i and $C_o \rightarrow$ short, so...

$$v_{out} = -\beta i_b \cdot (R_L \parallel R_C) \quad i_s' = \frac{v_{in}}{R_s + R_{BB} \parallel (r_{\pi} + (\beta+1)R_E)}$$

$$i_b' = i_s' \cdot \frac{R_{BB}}{R_{BB} + (r_{\pi} + (\beta+1)R_E)}$$

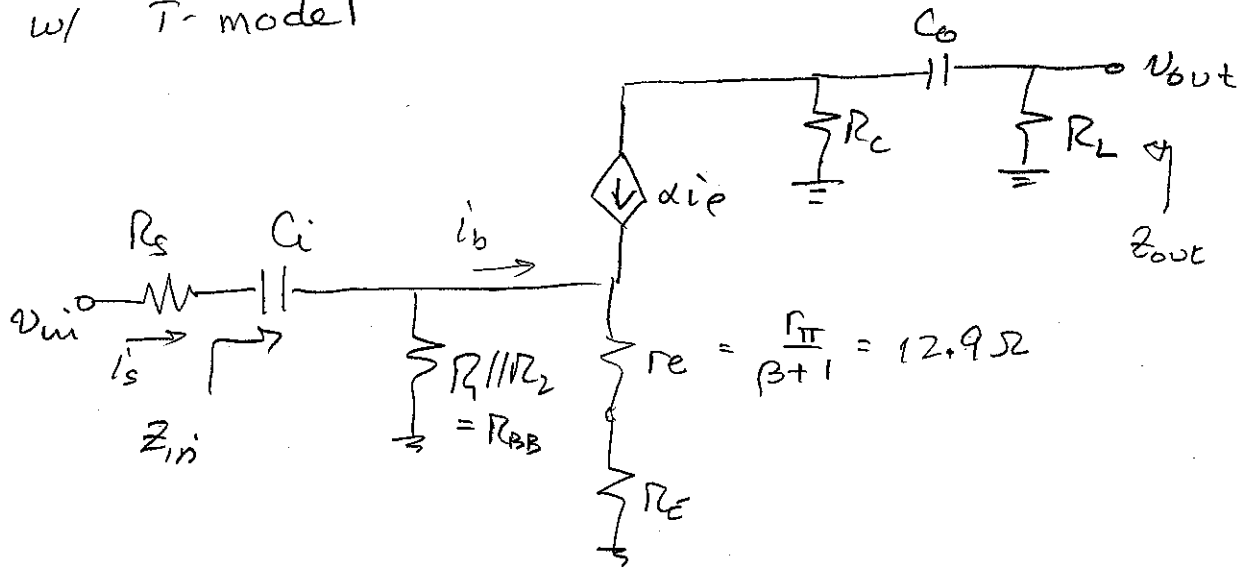
Taking $r_{\pi} \ll (\beta+1)R_E$ we get

$$\frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = - \frac{\beta R_L \parallel R_C}{R_{BB} + (\beta+1)R_E} \cdot \frac{R_{BB}}{R_s + R_{BB} \parallel (\beta+1)R_E} = - \frac{1.058 \times 10^5}{1.3084 \times 10^5} \cdot \frac{9.64 \times 10^3}{1.89 \times 10^4}$$

$$\frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = -0.414$$

$$R_{BB} \parallel (\beta+1)R_E = 8.93 \text{ k}\Omega$$

#4 w/ T-model



$$Z_{in} = \frac{1}{j\omega C_i} + (R_{BB} \parallel (\beta + 1)(r_e + R_E))$$

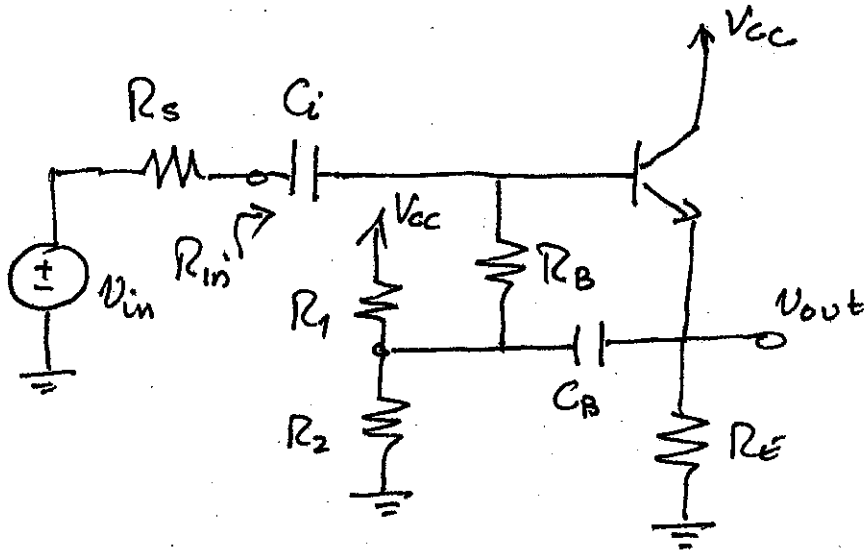
$$Z_{out} = R_C \parallel (R_E + \frac{1}{j\omega C_o})$$

$$v_{out} = -\alpha i_e \cdot R_C \parallel R_L = -(\beta + 1) i_b (R_C \parallel R_L)$$

$$i'_s = \frac{v_{in}}{R_s + R_{BB} \parallel (\beta + 1)(r_e + R_E)} \quad i'_b = i'_s \cdot \frac{R_{BB}}{R_{BB} + (\beta + 1)(r_e + R_E)}$$

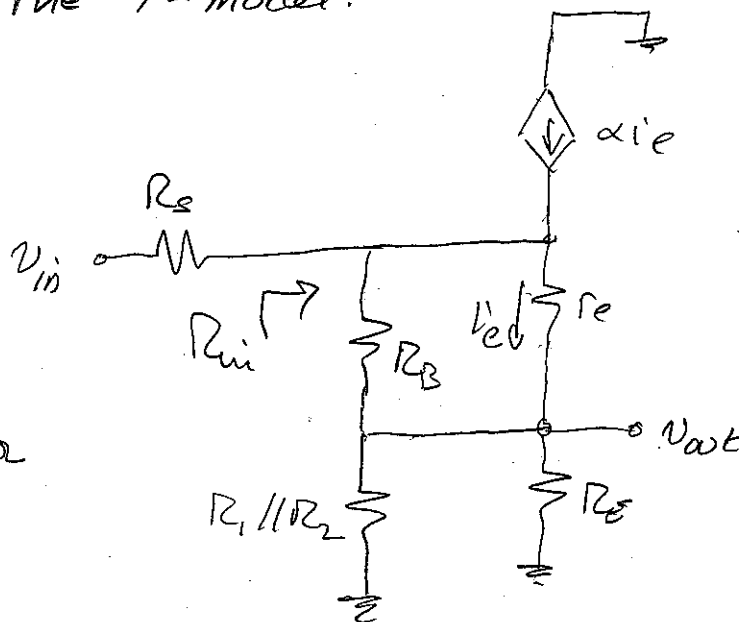
5. (40 points) The BJT in the circuit below has $\beta = 100$ and $V_{CE,SAT} = 0.2 \text{ V}$. It is biased in the linear region; there is no need to prove this is the case. The configuration shown is called a bootstrap follower: the addition of the capacitor allows for a trade-off between input resistance and voltage gain, which we will explore.

- i) With the capacitor C_B in place, find the input resistance R_{in} and the voltage gain v_{out}/v_{in} .
- ii) With the capacitor removed, again find R_{in} and v_{out}/v_{in} .
- iii) Explain what is gained or lost by adding the capacitor C_B .



$V_{cc} = 9 \text{ V}$
 $R_1 = R_2 = 20 \text{ k}\Omega$
 $R_B = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$
 $C_i = \infty$
 $C_B = \infty$
 $R_s = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$
 $R_E = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$

Since the capacitors are large (∞ !) they are shorts:
 we will use the T -model:



$R_1 || R_2 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$

We need r_e :

Room for extra work.

$$V_{BB} = 9 \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 4.5 \text{ V}$$

$$R_{BB} = R_1 // R_2 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$$

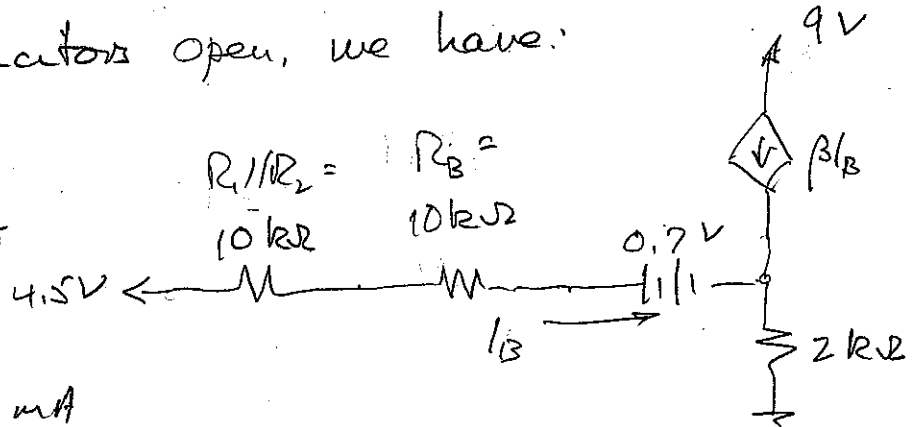
with both capacitors open, we have:

$$I_B = \frac{9 - 0.7}{10 \text{ k}\Omega + 10 \text{ k}\Omega + (\beta + 1) R_E}$$

$$= 17.1 \mu\text{A}$$

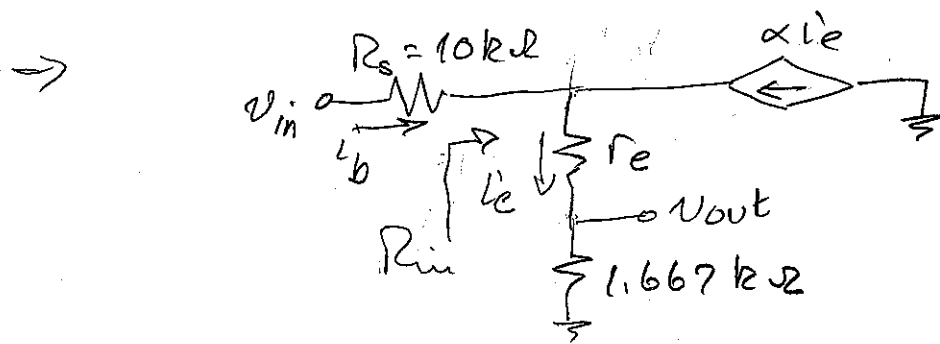
$$I_E = (\beta + 1) I_B = 1.73 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_e = \frac{V_T}{I_E} = 14.5 \Omega$$



Now we can simplify the ac circuit:

$$R_B // r_e \approx r_e \quad (R_1 // R_2) // R_E = 1.667 \text{ k}\Omega$$

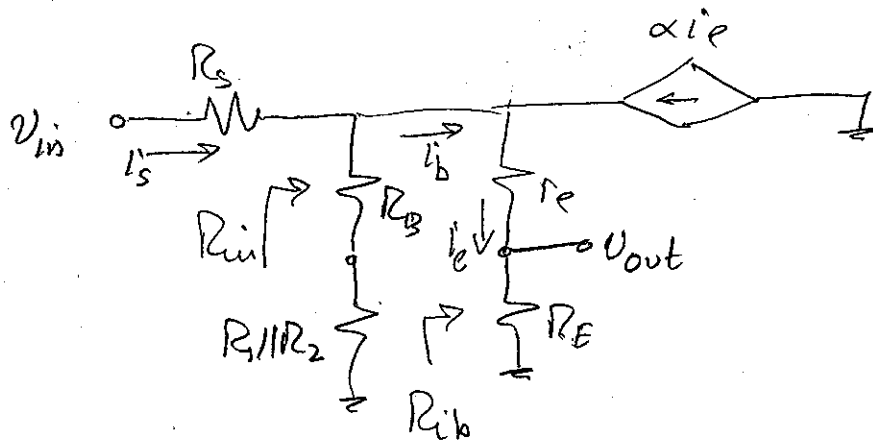


$$R_{in} = \frac{I_e (r_e + 1.667 \text{ k}\Omega)}{I_b} = (\beta + 1) (r_e + 1.667 \text{ k}\Omega) \approx 169.8 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$V_{out} = I_e (1.667 \text{ k}\Omega) \quad V_{in} = I_b (R_s + (\beta + 1) (r_e + 1.667 \text{ k}\Omega))$$

$$\therefore \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{(\beta + 1) I_b \cdot (1.667 \text{ k}\Omega)}{I_b \cdot (R_s + (\beta + 1) \cdot (r_e + 1.667 \text{ k}\Omega))} = 0.936$$

if we remove the capacitor:



$$R_{ib} = (\beta + 1)(r_e + R_E) \quad \left| \quad R_{in} = (R_B + R_1 \parallel R_2) \parallel R_{ib}$$

$$= 20.35 \text{ k}\Omega \quad \left| \quad = 20 \text{ k}\Omega \parallel 203.5 \text{ k}\Omega = 18.2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$i_s' = \frac{V_{in}}{R_s + R_{in}} = \frac{V_{in}}{28.2 \text{ k}\Omega} \quad i_b' = \frac{V_{in}}{28.2 \text{ k}\Omega} \frac{10 \text{ k}\Omega + 10 \text{ k}\Omega}{10 \text{ k}\Omega + 10 \text{ k}\Omega + R_{ib}}$$

$$= V_{in} \times 3.173 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$V_{out} = (\beta + 1) i_b' \cdot R_E = 2.039 \times 10^5 i_b' = 0.644 V_{in}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = 0.641$$

iii) The input resistance has increased from 18 k Ω to 170 k Ω when the capacitor is in place, but the voltage gain has dropped from 0.94 to 0.64.