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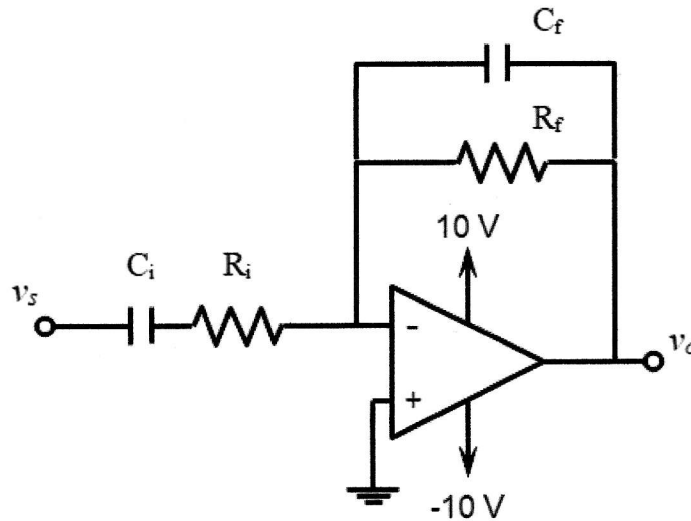
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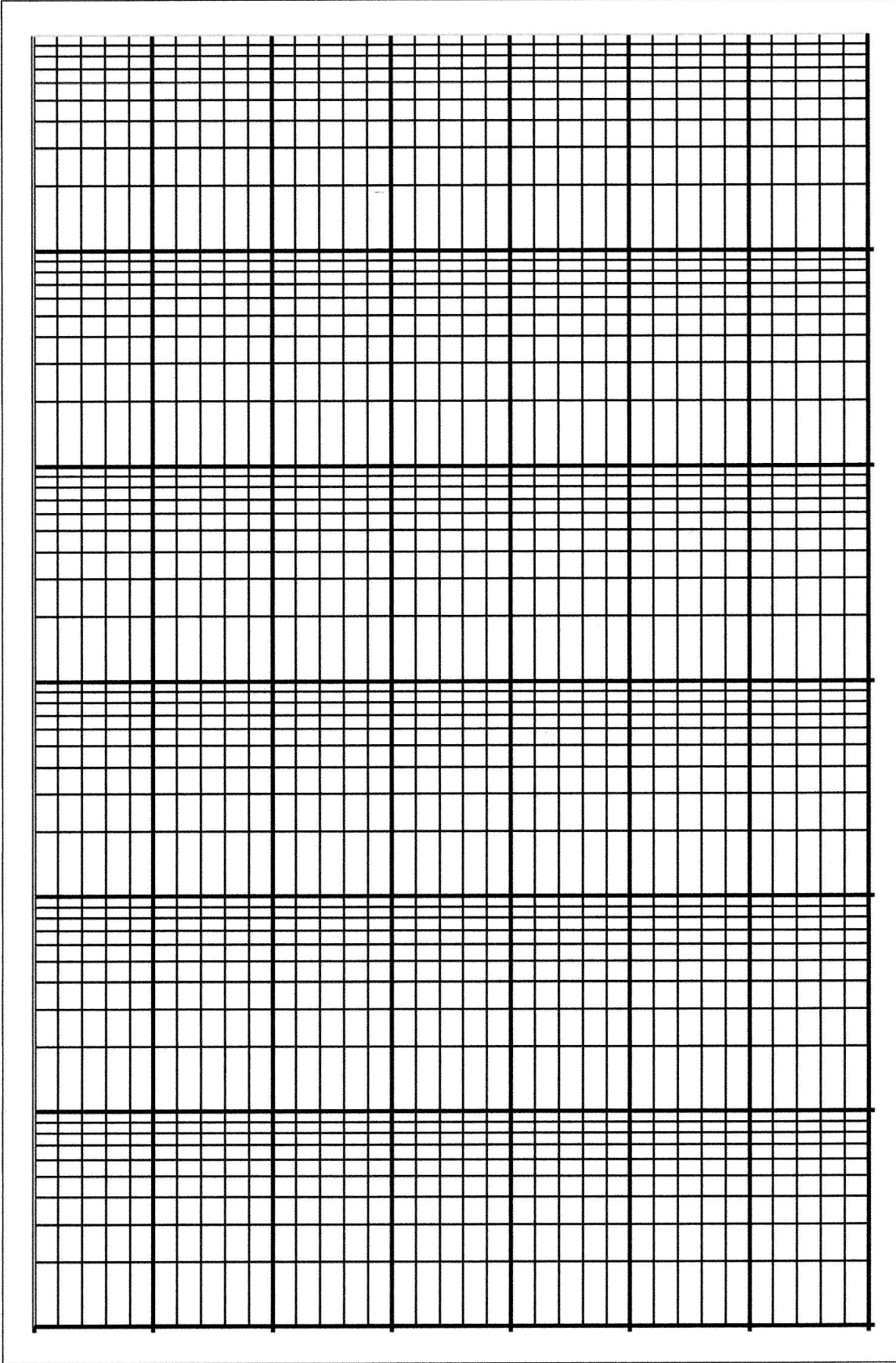
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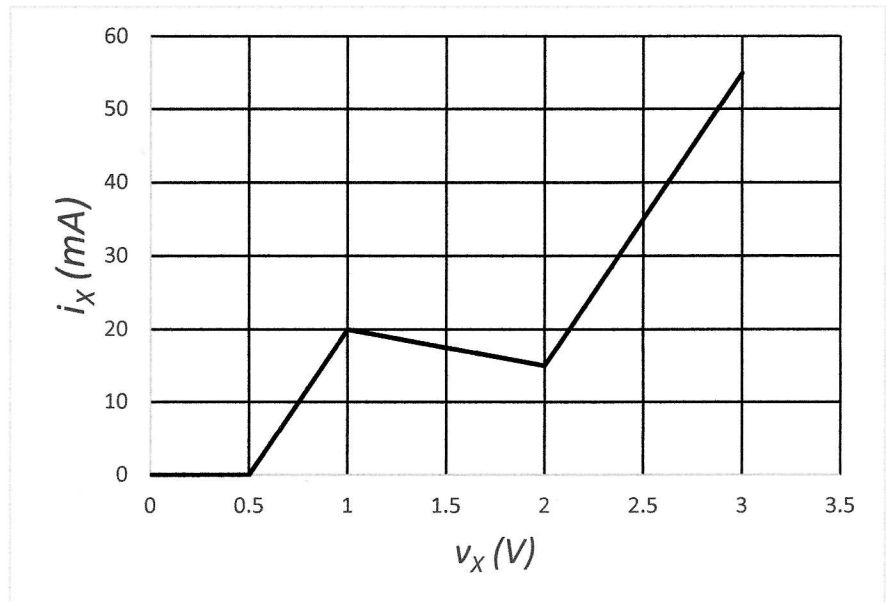
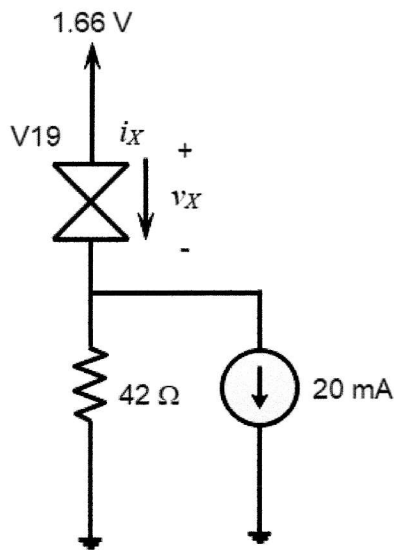
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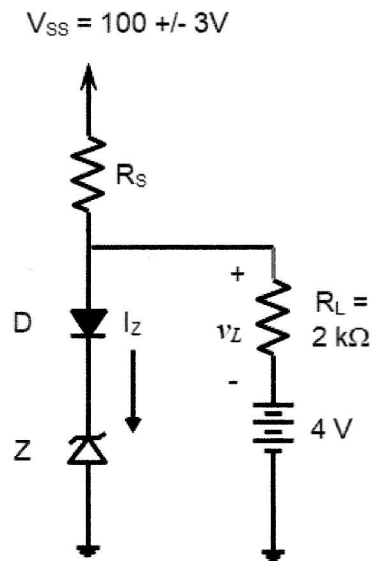
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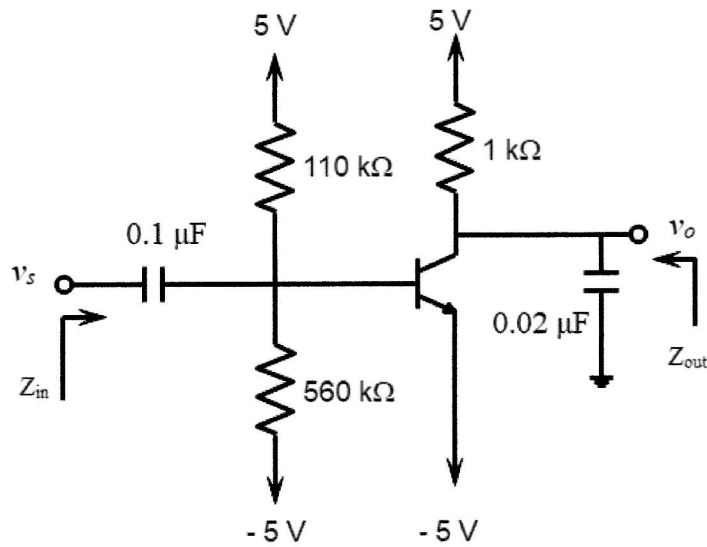


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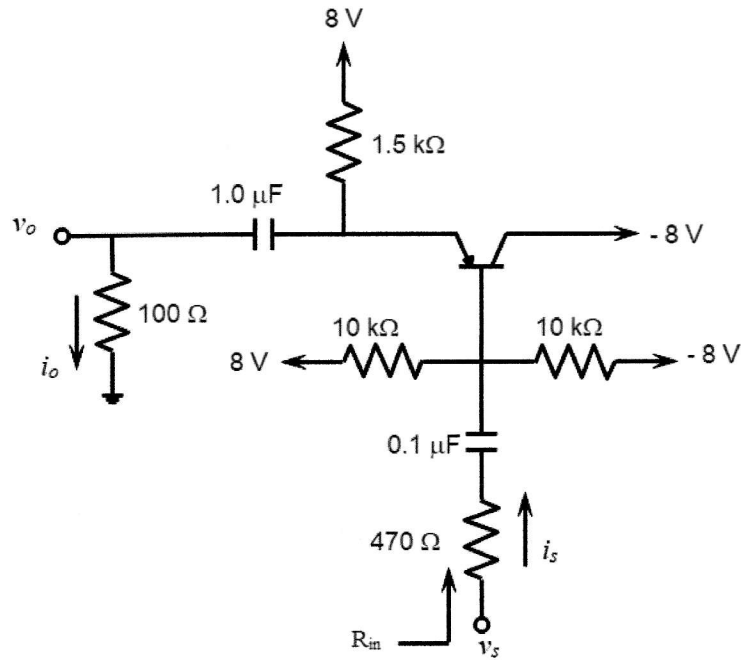
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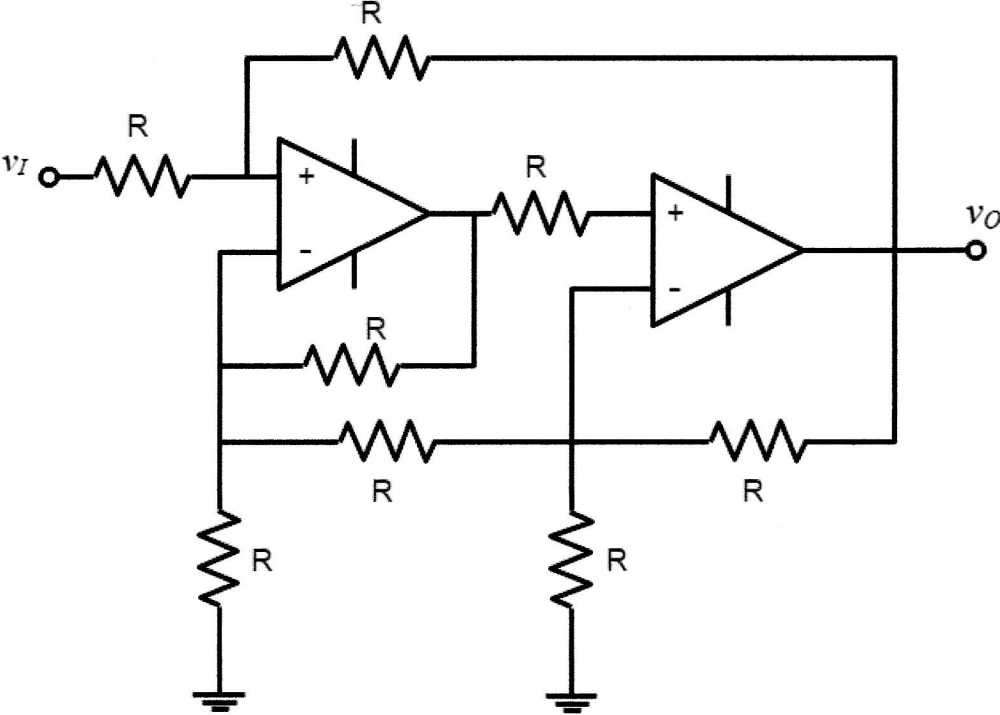
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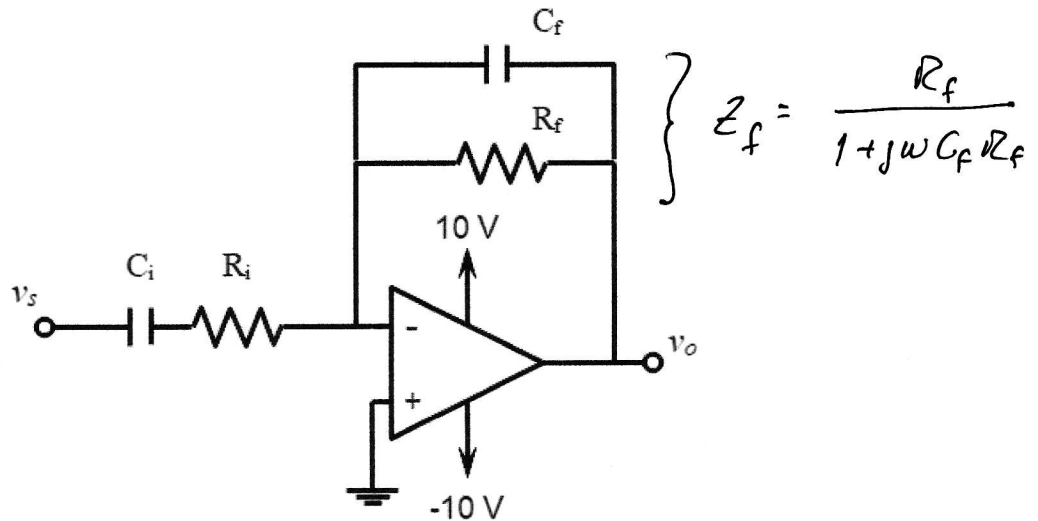
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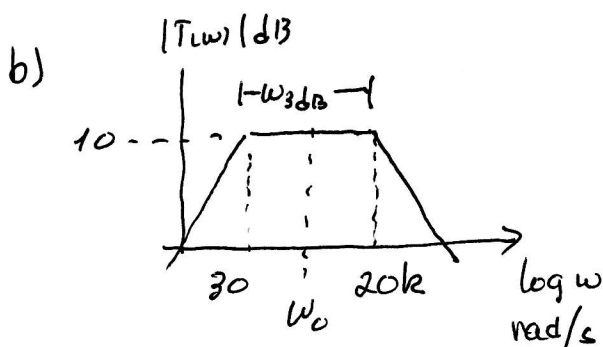
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$$a) \quad T(\omega) = \frac{-Z_f}{R_i + \frac{1}{j\omega C_i}} = - \frac{j\omega C_i R_f}{(1 + j\omega C_f R_f)(1 + j\omega C_i R_i)}$$



If we choose the poles to be at 30 rad/s and 20000 rad/s,  $\omega_{3dB}$  will be  $20000 - 30 \approx 20000 \text{ rad/s}$ .



Room for extra work

$$\frac{1}{C_i R_i} = 30 \text{ rad/s} \quad R_i = 5 \text{ k}\Omega \Rightarrow C_i = 6.667 \mu\text{F}$$

$$\frac{1}{C_f R_f} = 20000 \text{ rad/s} \quad R_f = 15.8 \text{ k}\Omega \Rightarrow C_f = 3.16 \text{ nF}$$

In the pass band,  $\omega_0 \ll \frac{1}{C_f R_f} \Rightarrow \omega_0 C_f R_f \ll 1$   
( $\omega = \omega_0$ )  
 $\omega_0 \gg \frac{1}{C_i R_i} \Rightarrow \omega_0 C_i R_i \gg 1$

$$\Rightarrow T(\omega_0) = -\frac{R_f}{R_i} \quad |T(\omega_0)| = \frac{R_f}{R_i} = 10 \text{ dB} = 3.16$$

$$\text{So } R_f = 3.16 R_i \quad R_i = 5 \text{ k}\Omega \Rightarrow R_f = 15.8 \text{ k}\Omega$$

c) Max gain is 3.16 and max output = 10V

$$\Rightarrow \text{max signal } \underline{V_{s,\text{max}} = \frac{10}{3.16} = 3.16 \text{ V}}$$

d) See Bode plot.

Note  $T(\omega \rightarrow 0) = -j\omega C_i R_f$   
 $\angle T(\omega \rightarrow 0) = -90^\circ$

If we had reversed the poles:

$$\frac{1}{C_i R_i} = 20000 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$C_i = 0.316 \mu\text{F} \Rightarrow R_i = 158.2 \Omega$$

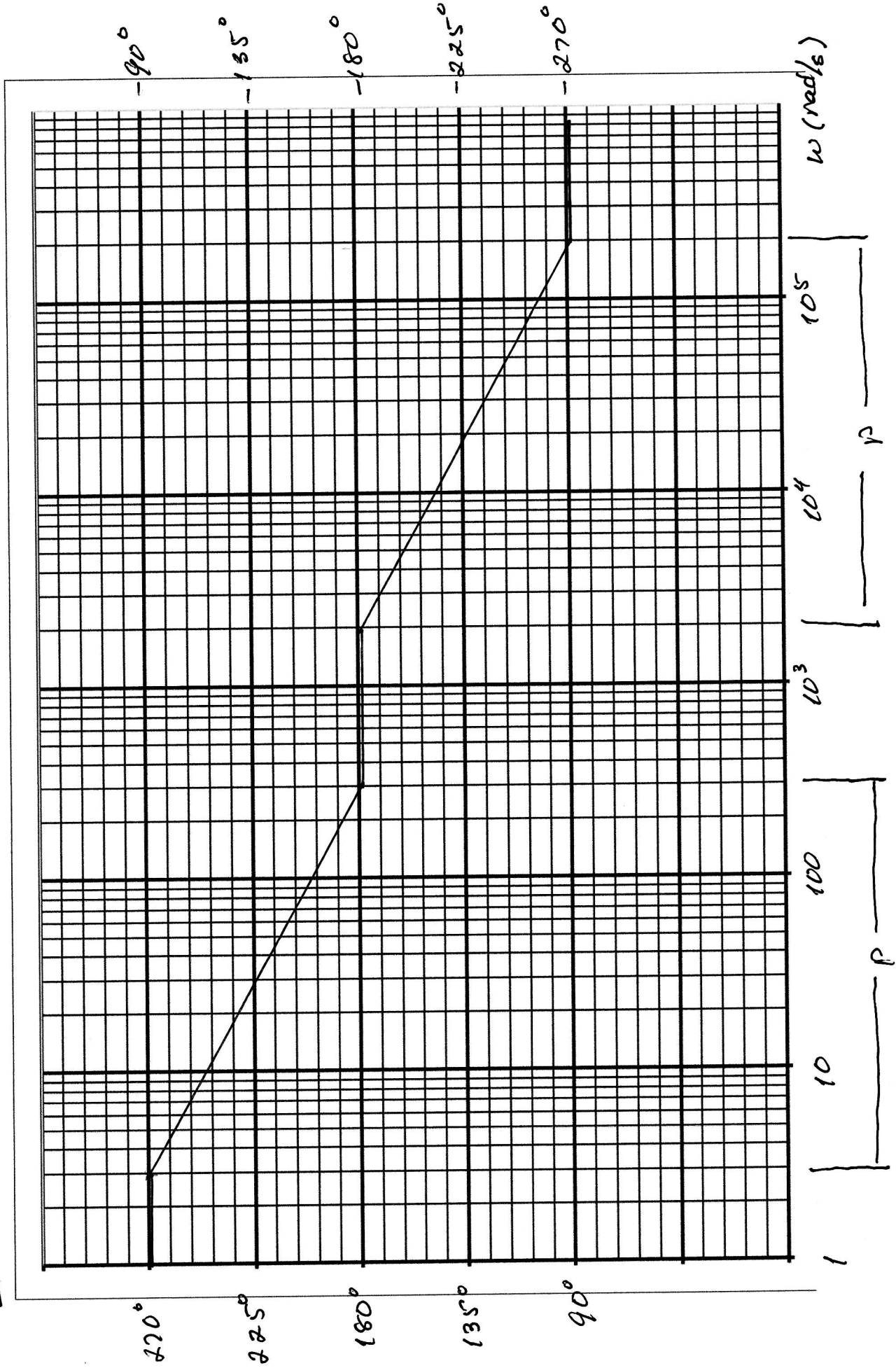
$$\frac{1}{C_f R_f} = 30 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$C_f = 0.1 \mu\text{F} \Rightarrow R_f = 333.3 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$|T(\omega_0)| \Rightarrow \frac{C_i}{C_f} = 3.16 \Rightarrow C_i = 3.16 C_f$$

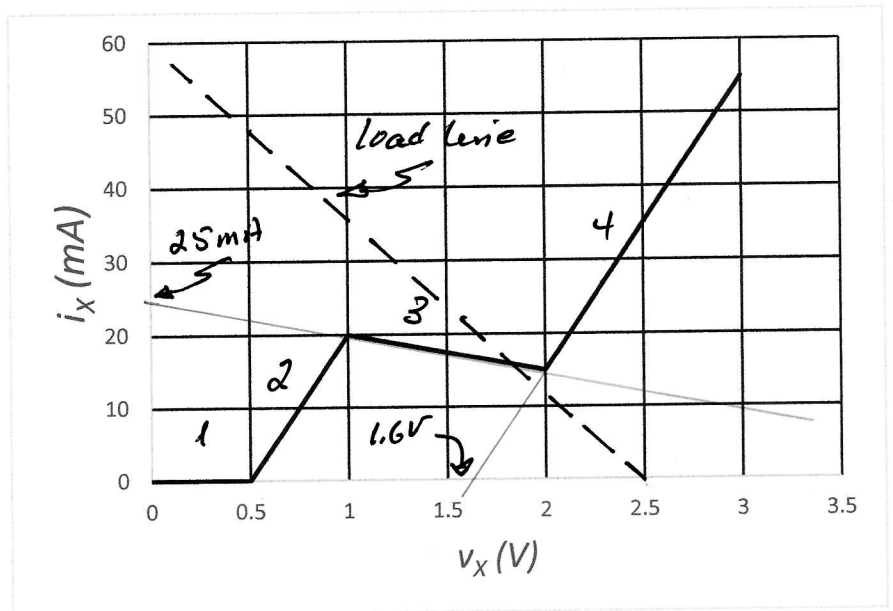
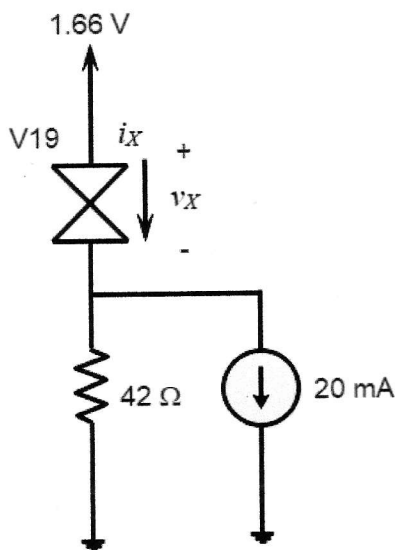
$$2 \quad C_f = 0.1 \mu\text{F} \Rightarrow C_i = 0.316 \mu\text{F}$$

$\angle T(\omega)$  (deg)

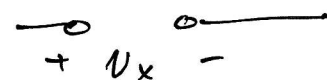


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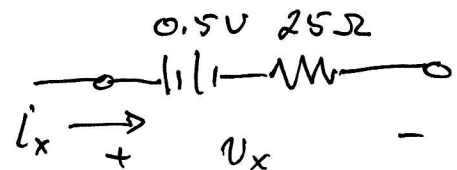


a) 1: no current  $\Rightarrow$  open circuit



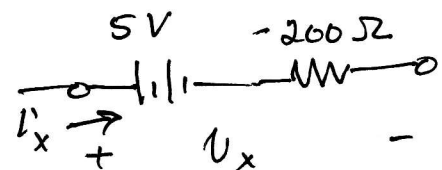
2: voltage source + resistor

$$r_D = \frac{0.5V}{20mA} = 25\Omega$$



3: voltage source + negative resistor

$$r_D = -\frac{1V}{5mA} = -200\Omega$$



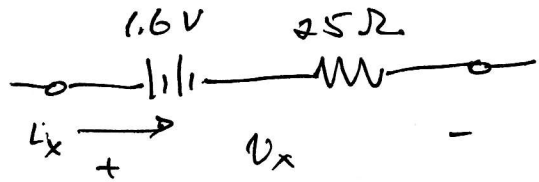
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The line in region 3 is  $i'_x = 25 \text{ mA} + \frac{1}{r_D} v_x$  ( $r_D < 0$ )

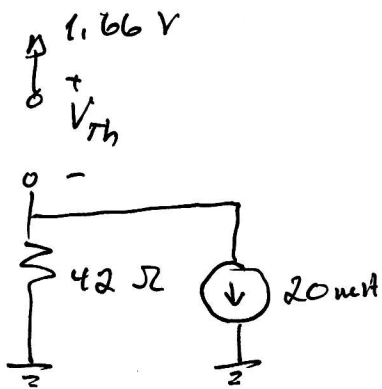
So  $i'_x = 0 \Rightarrow v_x = 5 \text{ V}$

4: voltage source + resistor

$$r_D = \frac{1 \text{ V}}{40 \text{ mA}} = 25 \Omega$$

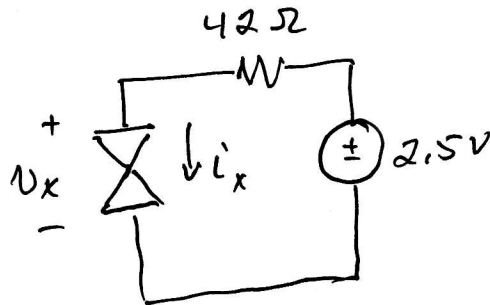


b)



$$V_{Th} = 1.66 + 0.02(42) = 2.5 \text{ V}$$

$$R_{Th} = 42 \Omega$$



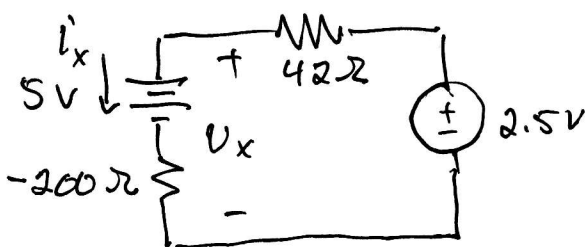
$$c) \quad v_x - 2.5 + 42 i_x = 0 \Rightarrow i'_x = \frac{2.5 - v_x}{42}$$

See plot:  $i'_x = 0 \Rightarrow v_x = 2.5 \text{ V}$

$v_x = 0 \Rightarrow i'_x \approx 60 \text{ mA}$

d) The load line shows that VIQ is in region 3.

We were not asked to do this but we can check region 3:



$$\text{KVL: } 5 - 200 i'_x - 2.5 + 42 i'_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i'_x = 15.83 \text{ mA}$$

$$v_x = 1.84 \text{ V}$$

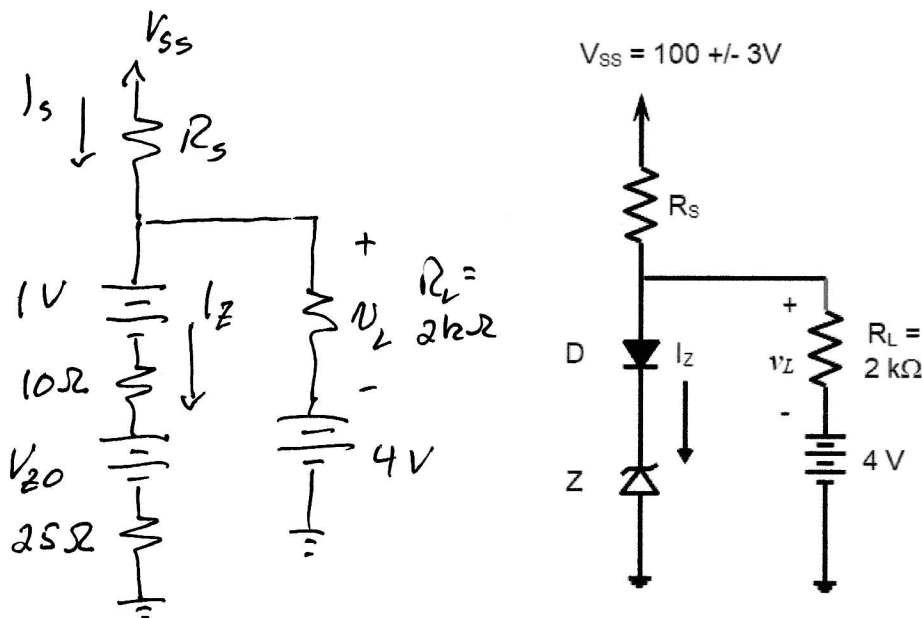
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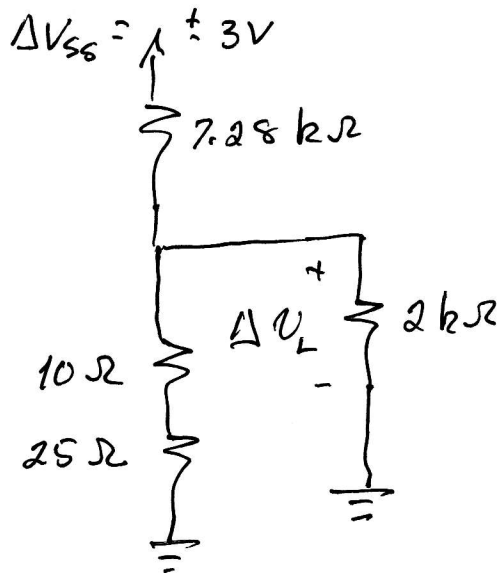
a) For  $v_L = 5$  V, and  $I_Z = 10$  mA,

$$I_s = \frac{100 - 9}{R_s} = 0.01 + \frac{5}{2000} \Rightarrow \underline{R_s = 2.28 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

b)  $\underline{V_{Z0} = V_Z - I_Z r_Z = 8 - 0.01(25) = 7.75 \text{ V}}$

Room for extra work

- c) Inserting  $V_{z0}$  and  $R_s$  into the circuit, and de-activating DC voltage sources gives

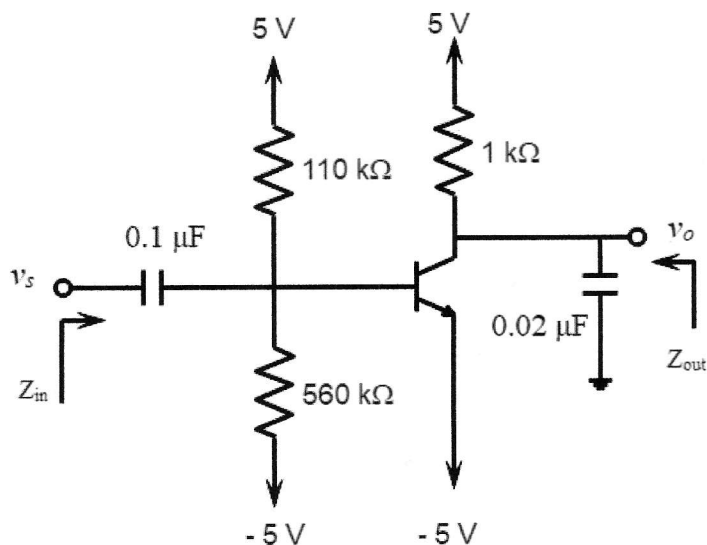


$$\Delta V_L = \Delta V_{ss} \frac{2000 // 35}{2000 // 35 + 7280}$$

$$\Delta V_L = \pm 14.1 mV$$

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we will use the hybrid- $\pi$  model so we'll need  $r_{\pi}$ .

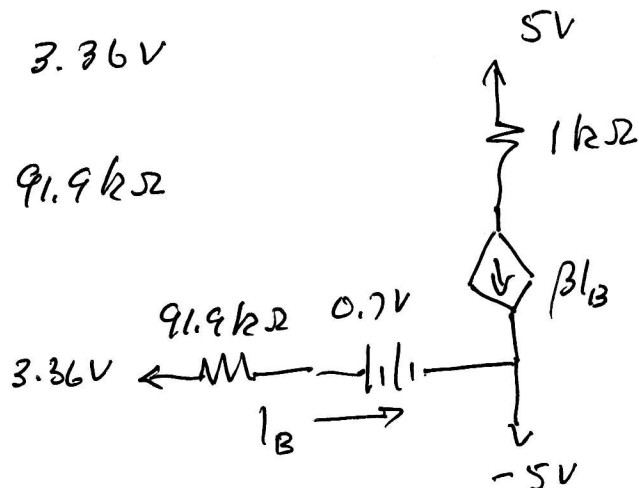
Thevenin equivalent at the base:

$$V_{BB} = 10 \frac{560}{560 + 110} - 5 = 3.36 \text{ V}$$

$$R_B = 560 \text{ k}\Omega // 110 \text{ k}\Omega = 91.9 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$I_B = \frac{3.36 - 0.7 + 5}{91.9 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

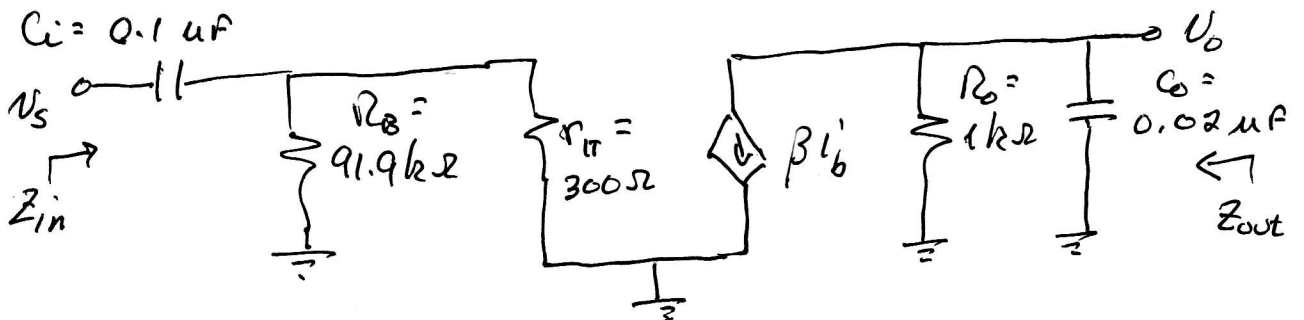
$$= 83.35 \mu\text{A}$$



$$r_{\pi} = \frac{V_T}{I_B} = \frac{0.025}{83.35 \times 10^{-6}} = 300 \Omega$$

Room for extra work

Small signal model:



Note:  $91.9 \text{ k}\Omega \parallel 300 \Omega \approx 300 \Omega$  so we will ignore  $R_B$ .

$$V_o = -\beta i_b \frac{R_o}{1 + j\omega C_o R_o} \quad i_b = \frac{V_s}{r_{\pi} + \frac{1}{j\omega C_i}} = V_s \frac{j\omega C_i}{1 + j\omega C_i r_{\pi}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_o}{V_s} = -\beta \frac{R_o}{1 + j\omega C_o R_o} \frac{j\omega C_i}{1 + j\omega C_i r_{\pi}} = \frac{-j\omega 0.005}{(1 + j\omega (2 \times 10^{-5})) (1 + j\omega 3 \times 10^{-5})}$$

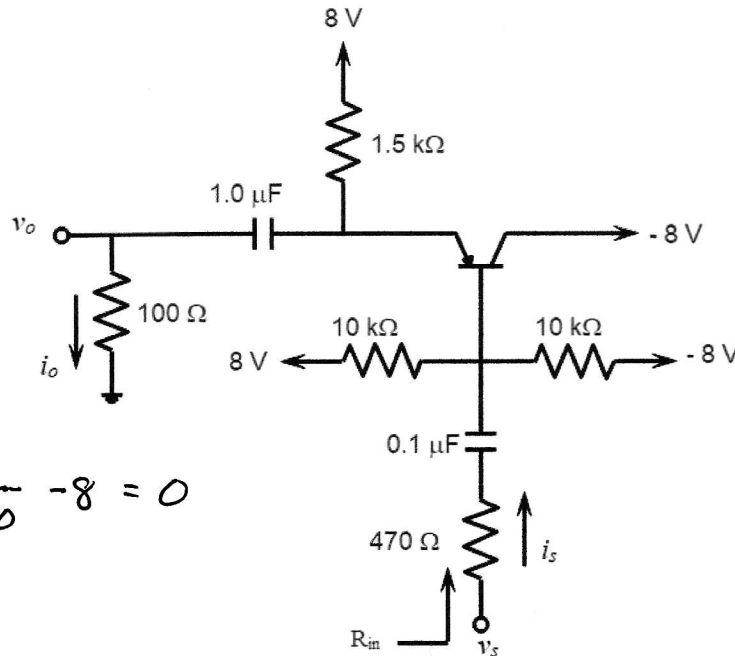
b)  $Z_{in} = \frac{1}{j\omega C_i} + R_B \parallel r_{\pi} \approx \frac{1}{j\omega C_i} + r_{\pi}$

c)  $Z_{out} = R_o \parallel \frac{1}{j\omega C_o} = \frac{R_o}{1 + j\omega C_o R_o}$



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- Draw the small signal circuit model. Include values for any small signal model parameters you use.
- Find the input resistance  $R_{in}$  in the passband.
- Find the current gain  $i_o/i_s$  in the passband.



$$V_{BB} = 16 \cdot \frac{10}{10+10} - 8 = 0$$

$$R_B = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$$

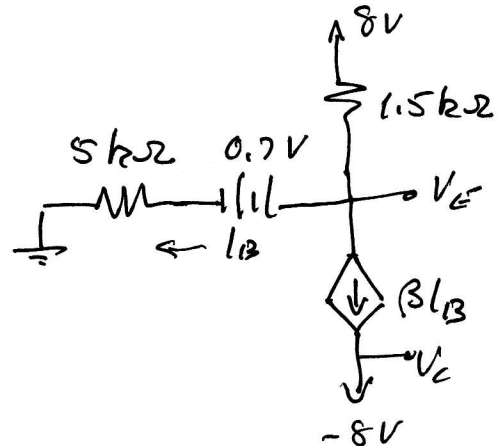
We are not told the operating region, but it appears to be the linear region. Let's check.

$$I_B = \frac{8 - 0.7}{5000 + 151(1500)}$$

$$= 31.53 \mu\text{A} \quad \checkmark$$

$$V_{CE} = -8 - (0.7 + 5000 I_B)$$

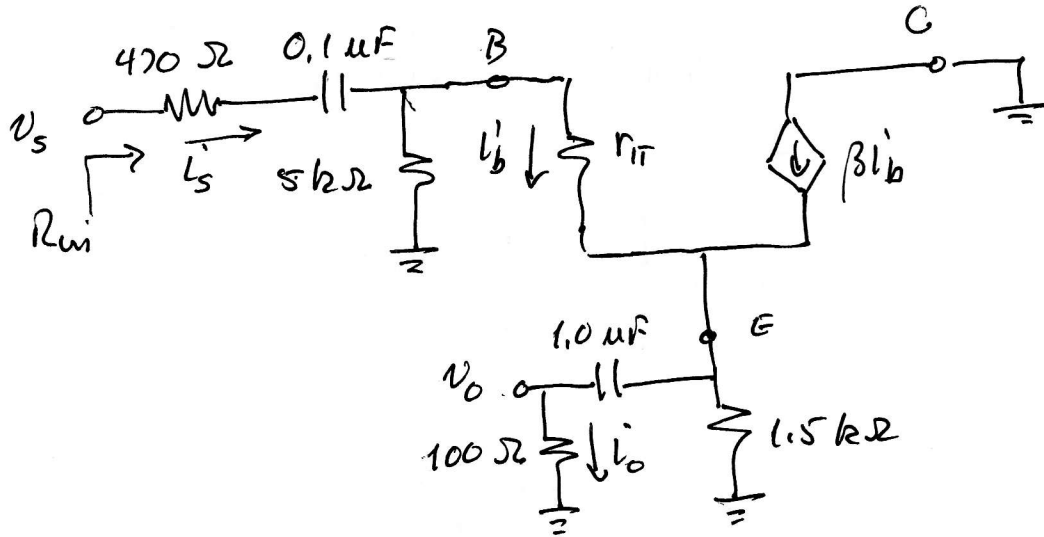
$$= -8.86 \text{ V} \quad \checkmark$$



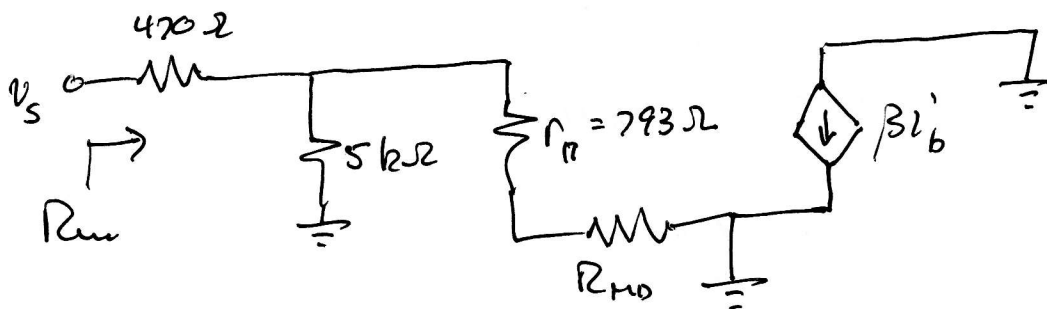
$$r_{\pi} = \frac{V_T}{I_B} = 793 \Omega$$

Room for extra work

a) Small signal model:



b) In the passband, both capacitors are shorts. Also, we can apply Miller's Dual to  $100 \Omega \parallel 1500 \Omega$ . This gives:



$$R_{m0} = (\beta + 1)(100 \parallel 1500)$$

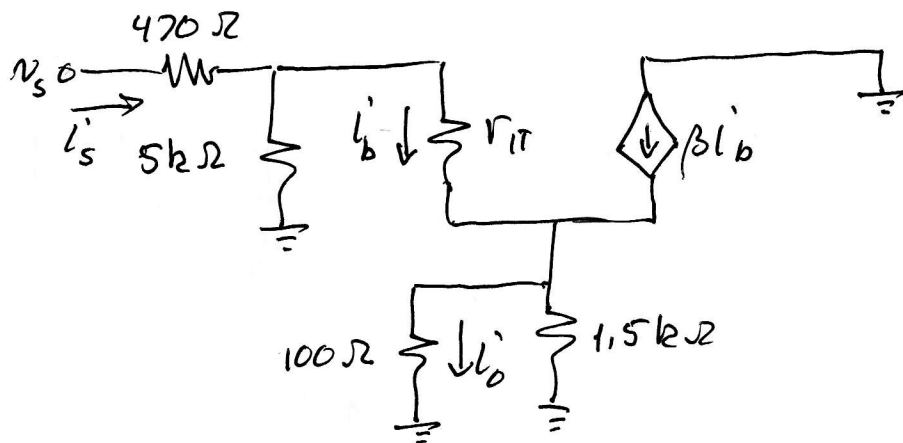
$$= 14.16 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Then  $R_{in} = 470 + 5 \text{ k}\Omega \parallel (r_{\pi} + R_{m0})$

$$\boxed{R_{in} = 4.217 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

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c) For current gain we will need to go back to the original circuit, with  $C \rightarrow$  short.



We have

$$i_e' = (\beta + 1) i_b' \frac{1500}{1500 + 100}$$

We can use the previous diagram (with Miller's Dual) to find  $i_b'$ , since it has to be the same...

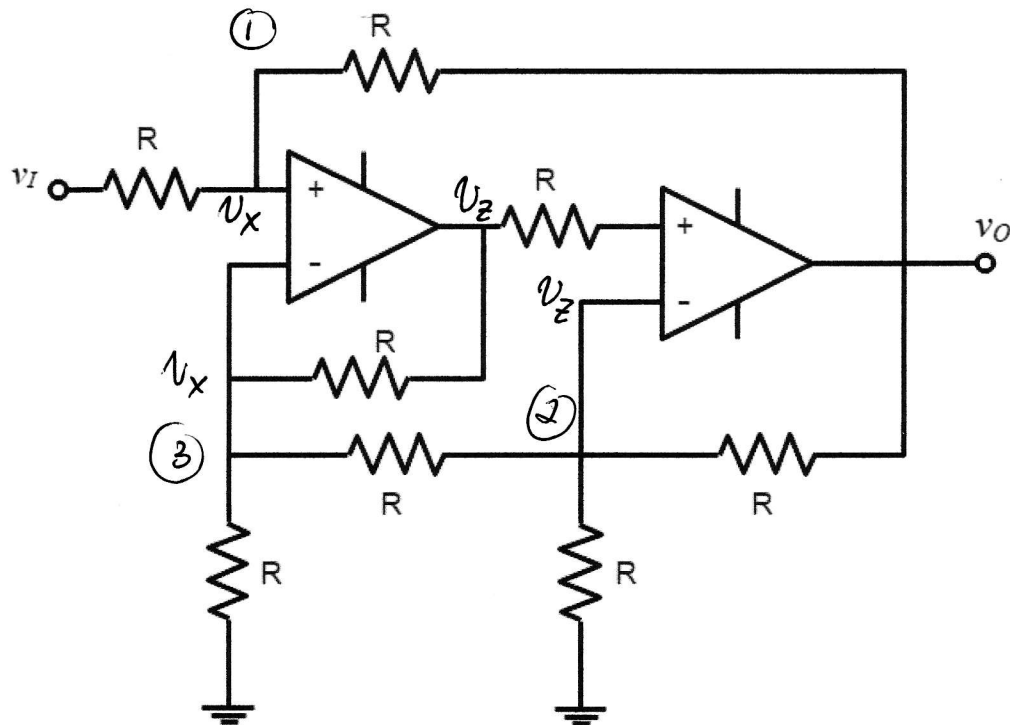
$$i_b' = i_s' \frac{5000}{5000 + r_{\pi} + R_{eq}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{i_e'}{i_s'} = (\beta + 1) \frac{1500}{1500 + 100} \cdot \frac{5000}{5000 + r_{\pi} + R_{eq}} = 35,5 \right]$$

(A more tedious route is to do a KCL at the emitter, and a KVL through  $r_{\pi}$ ,  $100 \Omega$ , and  $5000 \Omega$ , noting that the current in  $5000 \Omega$  is  $i_s' - i_b'$ . This gives the same result.)

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Find  $v_o$  in terms of  $v_i$ .



There are several ways to do this. Here's one:  
KVL at ①, ②, and ③ gives

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{v_x - v_i}{R} = \frac{v_x - v_o}{R} \Rightarrow v_x = \frac{1}{2} v_i + \frac{1}{2} v_o$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{v_z - v_x}{R} + \frac{v_z}{R} + \frac{v_z - v_o}{R} = 0 \Rightarrow 3v_z = v_x + v_o$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} v_i + \frac{3}{2} v_o$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{v_x - v_z}{R} + \frac{v_x - v_z}{R} + \frac{v_x}{R} = 0 \Rightarrow 3v_x = 2v_z$$

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Room for extra work

$$v_2 = \frac{1}{6} v_i + \frac{1}{2} v_o \Rightarrow 2v_2 = \frac{1}{3} v_i + v_o$$

$$\therefore 3v_x = 2v_2 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} v_i + \frac{3}{2} v_o = \frac{1}{3} v_i + v_o$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v_o = -\frac{7}{3} v_i}$$