

ECE 137 A Mid-Term Exam

Thursday February 5, 2015

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There are 3 problems on this exam, and you have 75 minutes.

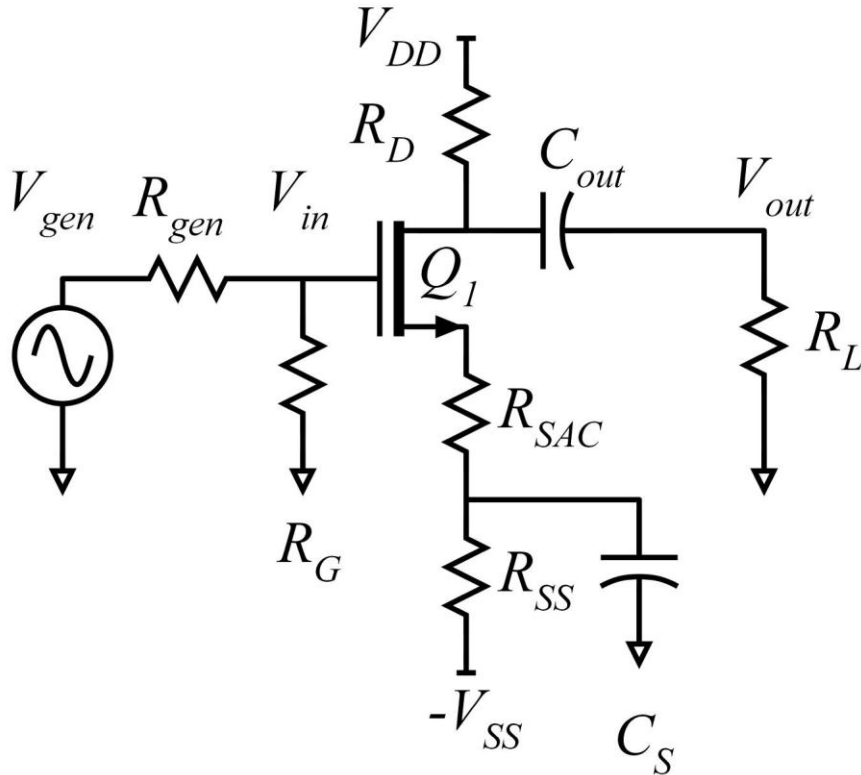
Use any and all reasonable approximations (5% accuracy is fine.),
AFTER STATING and approximately Justifying them.

Name: _____

Part	Points Received	Points Possible	Part	Points Received	Points Possible
1a		10	2f		15
1b		5	3a		8
1c		5	3b		8
1d		10	3c		4
1e		15			
2a		10			
2b		5			
2c		5			
2d		10			
2e		5			
TOTAL					100

Problem 1, 30 points

You will be working on the circuit below:



The transistor has

$$L_g = 45 \text{ nm}, \quad \mu = 400 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}, \quad \epsilon_{r,ox} = 3.8, \quad T_{ox} = 1 \text{ nm}, \quad v_{sat} = 10^7 \text{ cm/s}, \quad V_{th} = 0.284 \text{ V},$$

$$1/\lambda = 10 \text{ V},$$

From which we calculate:

$$c_{ox} v_{sat} = 3.36 \text{ mA/V}/\mu\text{m}, \quad \mu c_{ox} / 2L_g = 15 \text{ mA/V}^2/\mu\text{m}, \quad \Delta V = L_g v_{th} / \mu = 0.113 \text{ V},$$

The supplies are +1V and -1 V

You are to bias the transistor at 1mA drain current,
with 0.5V DC drain voltage, and with -0.35 V DC source voltage.

$$R_{SAC} = 10 \Omega, \quad R_G = 1 \text{ M}\Omega, \quad R_{gen} = 100 \text{ k}\Omega, \quad R_L = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$$

C_S and C_{out} are very large (AC short-circuit)

Part a, 10 points

DC bias.

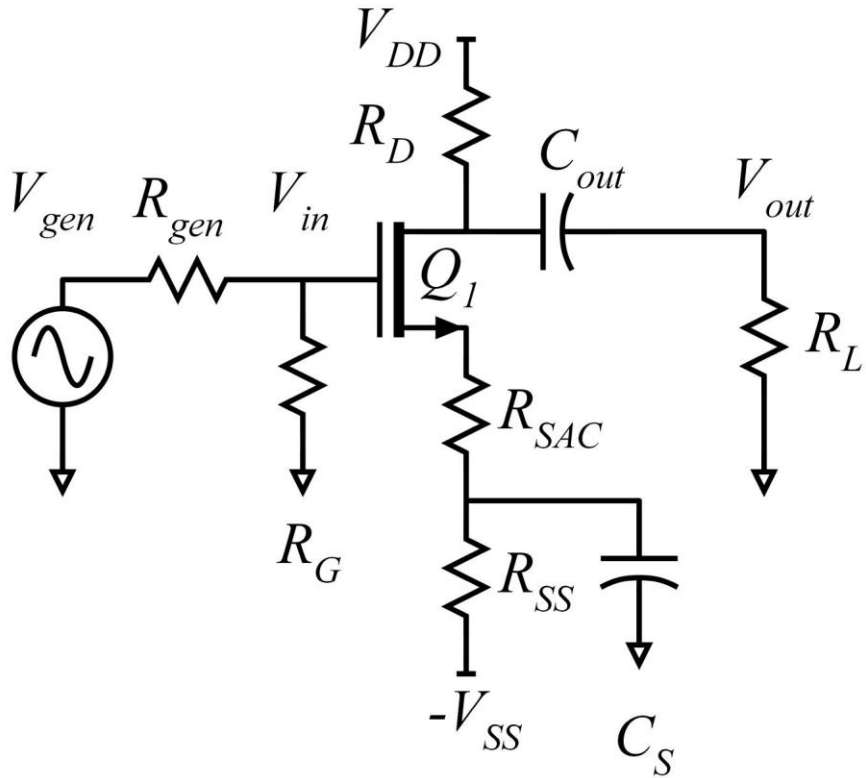
Use this approximation: Ignore (i.e. set to zero) the FET λ parameter in the DC bias calculation.

Find the following:

FET gate width W_g =_____ R_{ss} =_____ R_D =_____

Part b, 5 points

DC bias



On the circuit diagram above, label the DC voltages at **ALL nodes** and the DC currents through **ALL resistors**

Part c, 5 points

Using the actual (nonzero) FET λ parameter, find the FET small signal parameters
gm=_____ Rds=_____

Part d, 10 points.

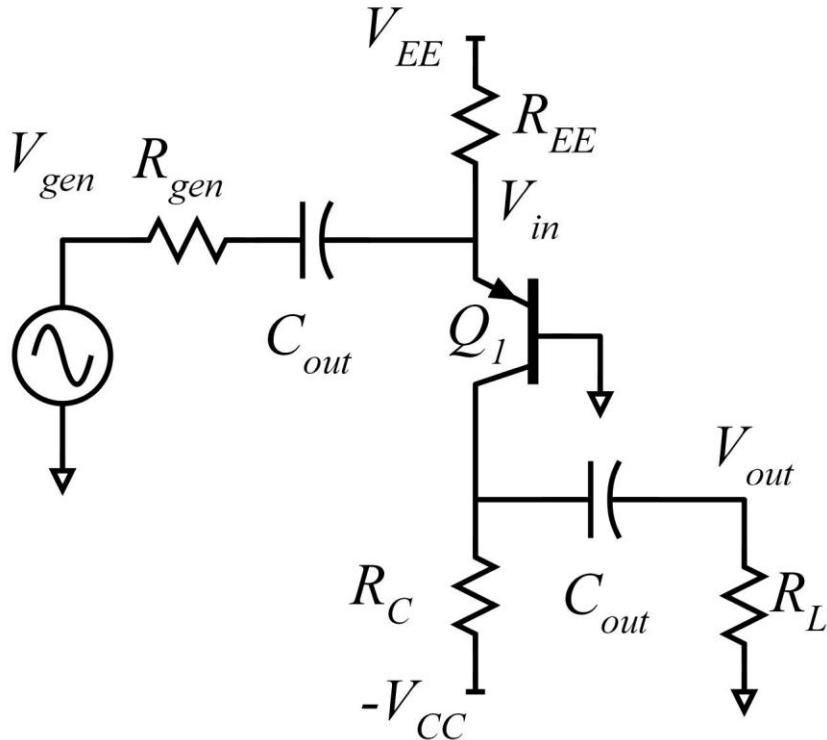
Find the small signal voltage gain V_{out}/V_{in} and the amplifier small-signal input resistance.

$V_{out}/V_{in} =$ _____

$R_{in, \text{ amplifier}} =$ _____

Problem 2, 50 points

You will be working on the circuit below:



Q1: $\beta = 100$, $V_A = \text{infinity V}$

The supplies are $+7.5\text{V}$ and -7.5V .

You will bias the transistor with 1mA collector current.

The DC collector bias voltage is -4V .

R_L is $10\text{k}\Omega$, R_{gen} is $75\ \Omega$

Part a, 10 points

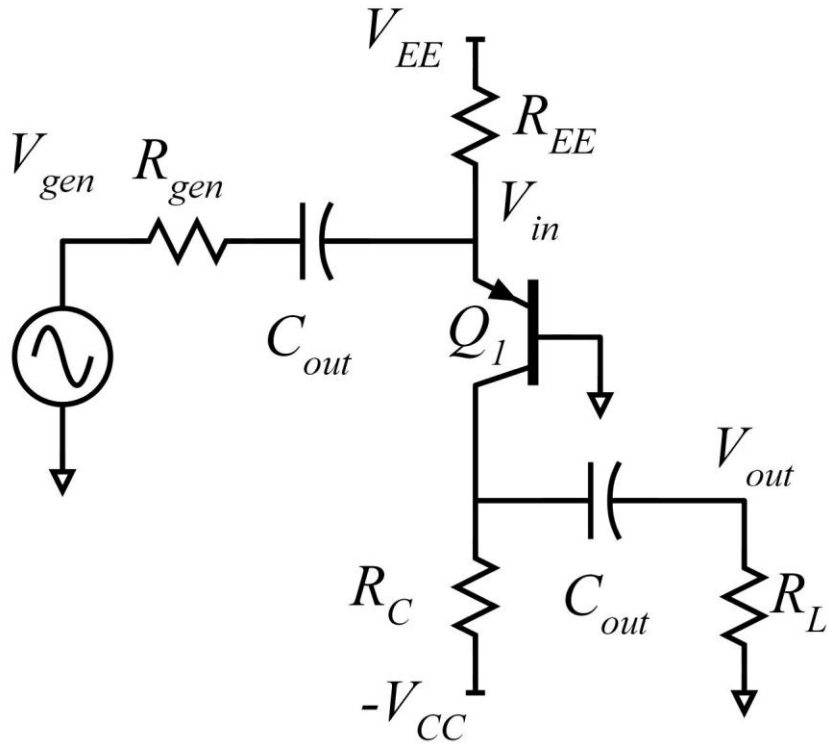
DC bias.

Find the following:

$$R_{EE} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad R_C = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Part b, 5 points

DC bias



On the circuit diagram above, label the DC voltages at **ALL nodes** and the DC currents through **ALL resistors**

Part c, 5 points

Find the small signal parameters of Q1.

$g_m =$ _____ $R_{ce} =$ _____ $R_{be} =$ _____

Part d, 10 points.

Find the small signal voltage gain (V_{out}/V_{in}) of Q1 and the amplifier small-signal input resistance.

$V_{out}/V_{in} =$ _____

$R_{in,amp} =$ _____

Part e, 5 points

Find (V_{in}/V_{gen}) and (V_{out}/V_{gen})

$(V_{in}/V_{gen}) =$ _____

$(V_{out}/V_{gen}) =$ _____

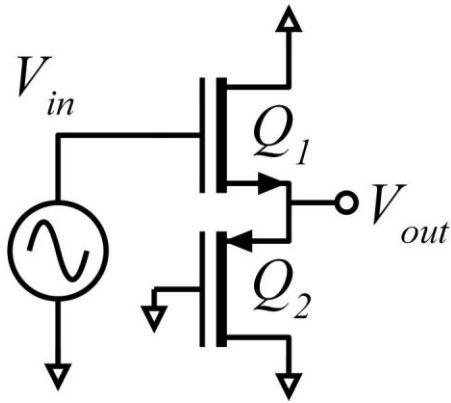
Part f, 15 points

Now you must find the maximum signal swings. Find the output voltage due to saturation and cutoff in Q2. **Give the sign (+ or -) in your answers below.**

Cutoff of Q1; Maximum ΔV_{out} resulting = _____

Saturation of Q1; Maximum ΔV_{out} resulting = _____

Problem 3, 20 points
nodal analysis



You will be working on the circuit to the left.

Ignore DC bias analysis. You don't need it.

Transistor 1 has transconductance g_{m1} .

Transistor 2 has transconductance g_{m2} .

The drain-source resistances R_{ds} of both transistors are infinity (so you don't need to draw it!)

Part a, 8 points

Draw the small-signal equivalent circuit

Part b, 8 points

Find, by nodal analysis, a small-signal expression for V_{out}/V_{in} .

$V_{out}/V_{in} =$ _____

Part c, 4 points

$g_{m1} = 1 \text{ mS}$ $g_{m2} = 2 \text{ mS}$

Give a numerical value for V_{out}/V_{in} .

$V_{out}/V_{in} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$