

# ECE 137 A Mid-Term Exam

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

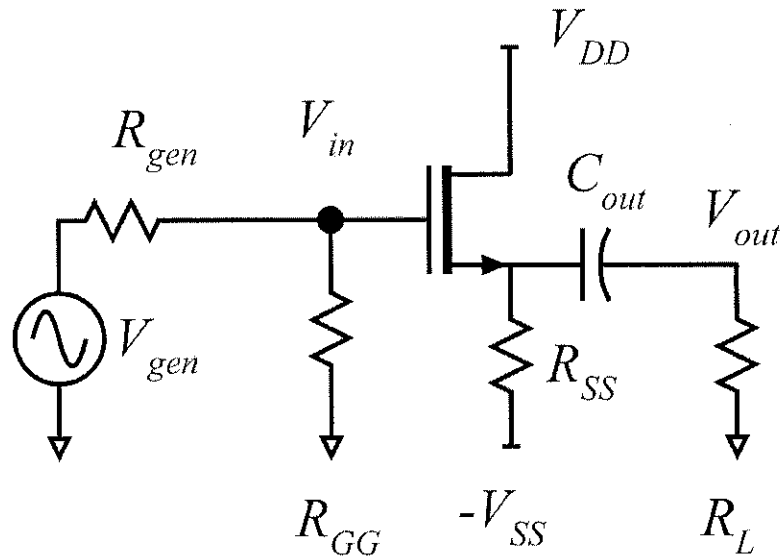
Use any and all reasonable approximations (5% accuracy is fine. ),  
*AFTER STATING and approximately Justifying them.*

Name: Solution B

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

$$L_g = 22 \text{ nm}, \mu = 180 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}, \epsilon_{r,ox} = 3.8, T_{ox} = 1 \text{ nm}, v_{sat} = 10^7 \text{ cm/s}, V_{th} = 0.3 \text{ V}, 1/\lambda = 10 \text{ V},$$

From which we calculate:

$$c_{ox} v_{sat} = 3.36 \text{ mA/V}/\mu\text{m}, \mu c_{ox} / 2L_g = 13.8 \text{ mA/V}^2/\mu\text{m}, \Delta V = L_g v_{th} / \mu = 0.122 \text{ V},$$

The supplies are +2V and -2 V

You are to bias the transistor at 2mA drain current, and with -0.5 V DC source voltage.

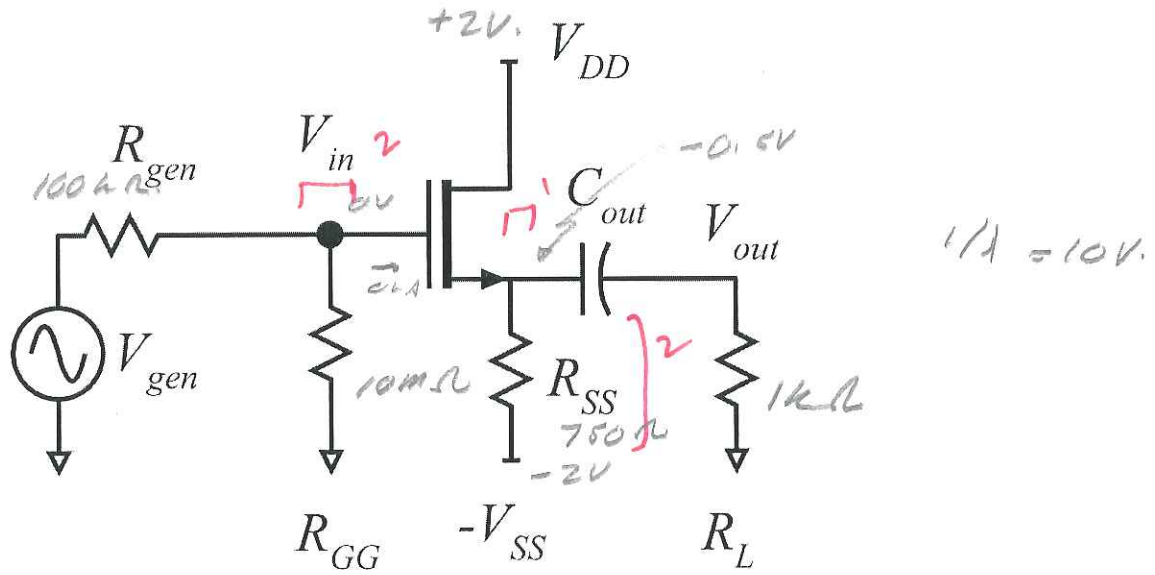
$$R_{GG} = 10 \text{ M}\Omega, R_{gen} = 100 \text{ k}\Omega, R_L = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$C_{out}$  are is very large (AC short-circuit)



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**

$$I_{DQ} = \frac{V_{GS} - V_{th}}{R_{SS}} = \frac{2V - 1.6V}{750\Omega} = 14.4 \frac{\mu A}{V}$$

$$R_{DS} = 56\Omega$$

$$g_m = 16.6 \mu A/V$$

Part c, 5 points

Using the actual (nonzero) FET  $\lambda$  parameter, find the FET small signal parameters

$g_m = \underline{18.1 \text{ mS}}$ ,  $R_{ds} = \underline{565}$

$$\begin{aligned} g_m &\triangleq \frac{2I_D}{2V_{GS}} = C_{ox} \cdot \frac{W}{L} \cdot \mu_n (1 + \lambda V_{DS}) \\ &= \frac{3.36 \mu\text{A}}{V} \cdot 4.3 \mu\text{m} \left(1 + \frac{2.5V}{10V}\right) \\ &= 18.06 \text{ mS} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} R_{DS} &= \left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\lambda I_D} &= \frac{10V}{2 \mu\text{A}} = 500 \Omega \\ \frac{V_{DS} + 1/\lambda}{I_D} &= \frac{10V + 2.5V}{2 \mu\text{A}} = 6.25 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned}$$

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either answer acceptable; I will use 565  $\Omega$  in the solution.

Part d, 10 points.

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

$$V_{out}/V_{in} = \underline{0.877}$$

$$R_{in, \text{ amplifier}} = \underline{10 \text{ M}\Omega}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{eq} &= R_{S1} \parallel R_L \parallel R_{D1} \\ &= 750 \Omega \parallel 1 \text{ k}\Omega \parallel 560 \Omega = 395 \Omega \end{aligned} \quad ]^3$$

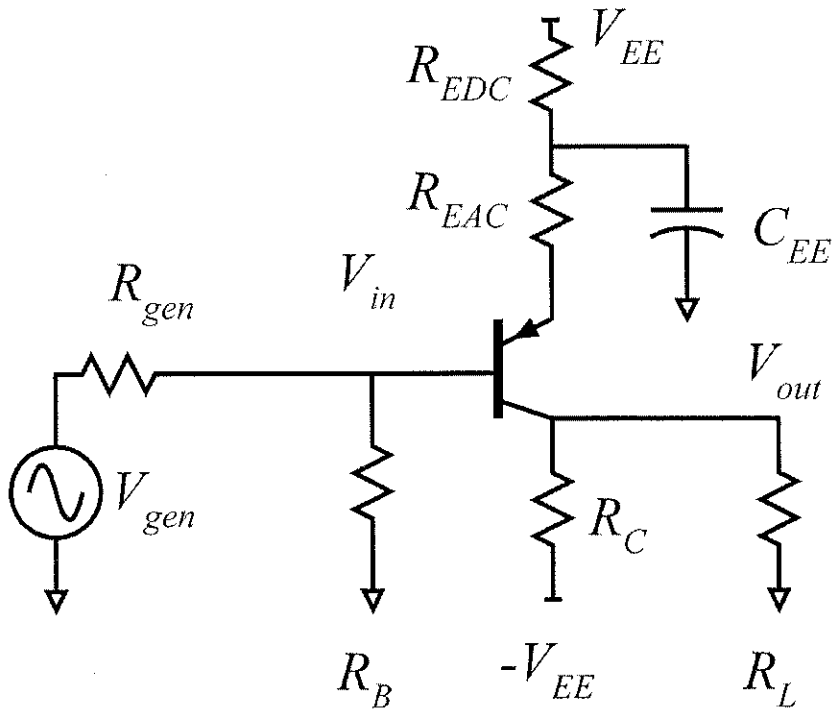
$$1/g_m = \frac{1}{18.1 \text{ mS}} = 55.2 \Omega \quad ]^2$$

$$A_v = \frac{R_{eq}}{R_{eq} + 1/g_m} = \frac{395 \Omega}{395 \Omega + 55.2 \Omega} = \underline{\underline{0.877}} \quad ]^3$$

$$R_{in, \text{ amp}} = R_{gg} = 10 \text{ M}\Omega \quad ]^2$$

**Problem 2, 50 points**

You will be working on the circuit below:



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

The supplies are +5V and -5 V.

You will bias the transistor with 10mA collector current.

The DC collector bias voltage is 0V.

$R_L$  is  $500 \Omega$ ,  $R_{gen}$  is  $100 \Omega$ ,  $R_b$  is  $1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_{EAC}$  is  $25 \Omega$

$C_{EE}$  is very large. Assume that it is an AC short-circuit.

Part a, 10 points

DC bias.

Find the following:

~~$R_{EE} = 10k\Omega$~~   $R_C = 500\Omega$   $R_{EDC} = 405\Omega$

$$R_C = \frac{5V}{10mA} = 500\Omega$$

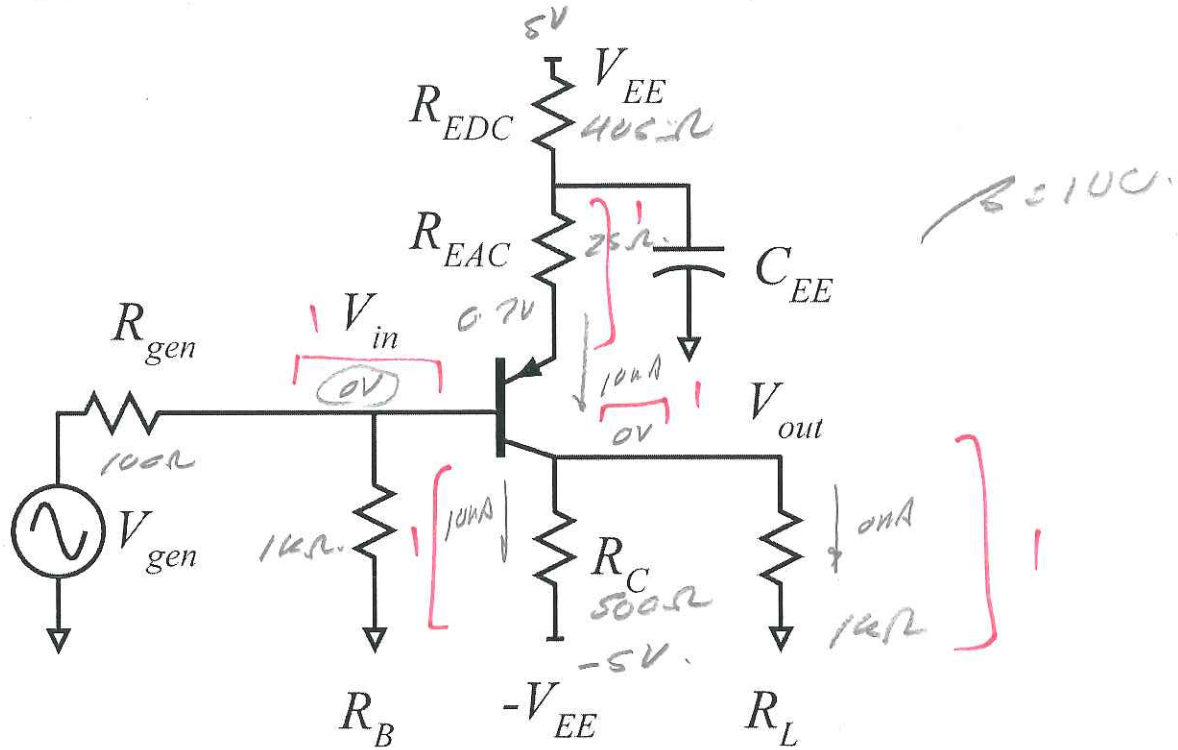
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$$5 \left[ R_{EDC} = \frac{5V - 0.7V}{10mA} - 25\Omega = 430\Omega - 25\Omega = 405\Omega \right]$$



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.

$g_m = \underline{38.5 \text{ mS}}$ ,  $R_{ce} = \underline{\infty \Omega}$ ,  $R_{be} = \underline{260 \Omega}$

$$g_m = \frac{10 \text{ mA}}{26 \text{ mV}} = \frac{1}{2.6 \Omega} = 38.5 \text{ mS} \quad ]^1$$

$$R_{ce} = \frac{V_A + V_{CE}}{I_C} = \frac{\infty + V_{CE}}{I_C} = \infty \Omega \quad ]^2$$

$$R_{be} = \beta / g_m = 100 \cdot 2.6 = 260 \Omega \quad ]^2$$

Part d, 10 points.

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

$$V_{out}/V_{in} = \underline{\underline{-12.1}}$$

$$R_{in,amp} = \underline{\underline{724\Omega}}$$

$$R_{eq} = R_C \parallel R_L = 500\Omega \parallel 14\Omega = 333\Omega \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} 2.5$$

$500\Omega = 250\Omega$

$$A_v = \frac{-R_{eq}}{r_{e1} + R_{eq}} = \frac{-333\Omega}{2.6\Omega + 25\Omega} = -12.1 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} 2.5$$

$-9.06$

$$R_{i,T} = \beta(r_{e1} + R_{eq}) = 100(1.3\Omega + 25\Omega) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} 2.5$$
$$= 100(26.3\Omega) = 2.63\text{k}\Omega$$

$$R_{i,amp} = 2.63\text{k}\Omega \parallel 1\text{k}\Omega = 724\Omega \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} 2.5$$

$736\Omega$

Part e, 5 points

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

$$(V_{in}/V_{gen}) = \underline{0.879}$$

$$(V_{out}/V_{gen}) = \underline{-10.6}$$

$$v_i/v_{gen} = \frac{R_{in}}{R_{in} + R_{gen}} = \frac{724 \Omega}{724 \Omega + 100 \Omega} = 0.877 \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{724 \Omega}{724 \Omega + 100 \Omega}} \right\} 2.5$$

$$v_o/v_i = \frac{v_{ch}}{v_{gen}} \cdot \frac{v_o}{v_i} = 0.877 \cdot (-12.1) = -10.6 \quad \left. \vphantom{0.877 \cdot (-12.1)} \right\} 2.5$$

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  $\Delta V_{out}$  resulting =  $3.33V \downarrow$   $2.5V \downarrow$

Saturation of Q1; Maximum  $\Delta V_{out}$  resulting = \_\_\_\_\_

Cutoff

$$\Delta I_c = 10mA$$

$$R_{eq} = 333\Omega \parallel 250\Omega$$

$$\Delta V_{out} = 10mA \cdot 333\Omega = 3.33V \downarrow$$

$2.5V \downarrow$

Saturation

$$V_{ce sat} = 11.2V$$

$$V_{ce, b.c} = 0.7V$$

$$\Delta V_{ce} = 0.2V \leftarrow \text{acceptable answer.}$$

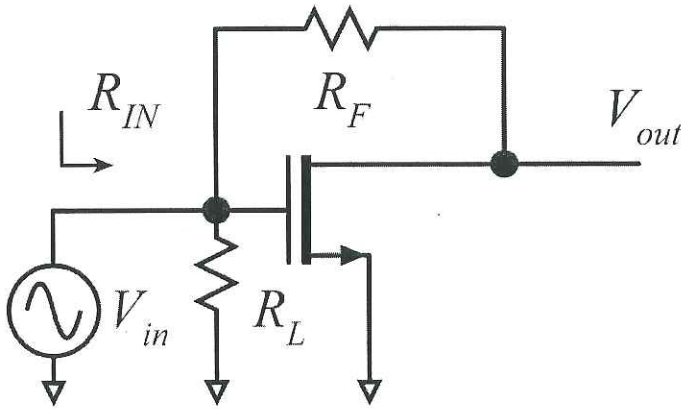
$$\Delta V_{out} = \Delta V_{ce} \cdot \frac{\delta V_{out}}{\delta V_{ce}} = \Delta V_{ce} \cdot \frac{R_{eq}}{R_{eq} + R_{cc}}$$

$$= 0.2V \cdot \frac{333\Omega}{333\Omega + 250\Omega} = 0.2V \cdot 0.57$$

$$= 0.114V$$

More exact answer  
if ok

**Problem 3, 20 points**  
nodal analysis



You will be working on the circuit to the left.

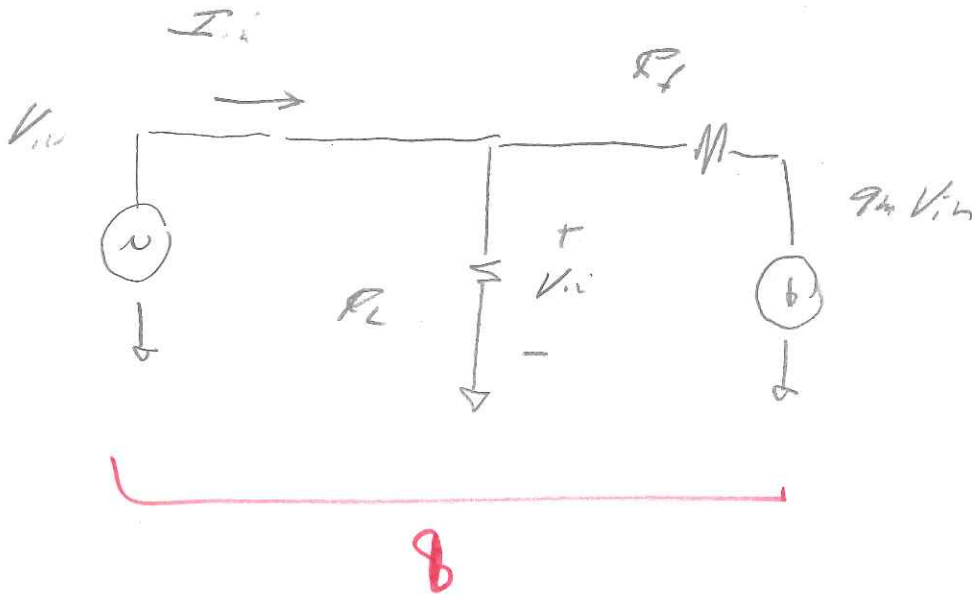
Ignore DC bias analysis. You don't need it.

The transistor has transconductance  $g_m$ .

The drain-source resistance  $R_{ds}$  of the transistor is 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  $R_{in}$ .

$R_{in} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

The currents in the 2 branches are

$v_{in}/R_2$  and  $g_m v_{in}$

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$$R_{in} = R_2 \parallel 1/g_m$$

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Part c, 4 points

$g_m = 1 \text{ mS}$ ,  $R_L = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_f = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

Give a numerical value for  $R_{in}$ .

$R_{in} = \underline{750\Omega}$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{in} &= R_f \parallel \frac{1}{g_m} = 3000 \parallel 1000 \\ &= 750\Omega \end{aligned}$$

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