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Question 1

- a. Even though class A power amplifier is not the most efficient way to operate a transistor, but it is still a popular way for such application. Why is that so? [3]
- b. Figure-Q1(b) shows a voltage divider bias class B/AB power amplifier.

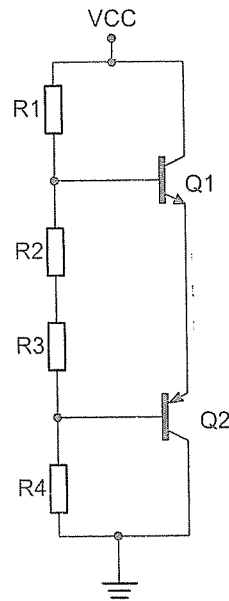


Figure-Q1(b)

- i. The transistors in Figure-Q1(b) are complementary. What does that mean? [3]
- ii. What is the basic requirement for resistors R1, R2, R3 and R4? [4]
- iii. If the V_{BE} of transistors Q1 and Q2 are 0.7V, what is the total voltage drop across resistor R2 and R3? [2]
- iv. The configuration in Figure-Q1(b) reduces crossover distortion but the ultimate danger is thermal runaway. Why is that so? [3]

- c. Figure-Q1(c) shows a diode bias class B/AB power amplifier.

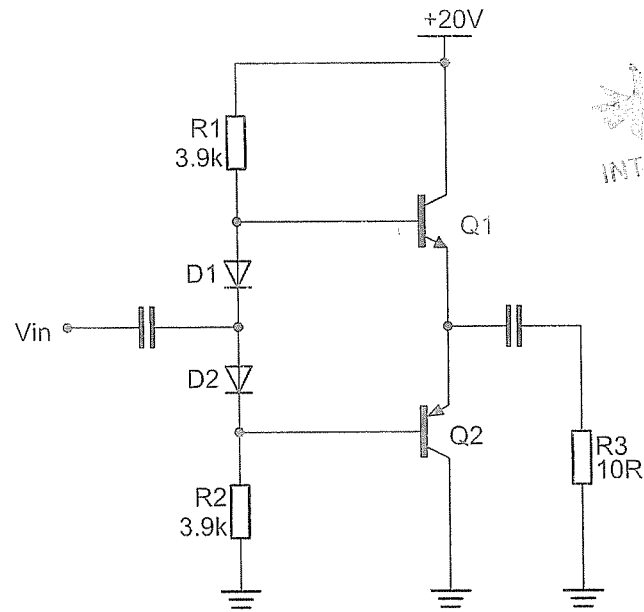


Figure-Q1(c)

- i. Assuming that $V_{in} = 0V$, the forward bias voltage for D1 and D2 is 0.7V respectively and they match the B-E junctions of transistor Q1 and Q2. Also, the quiescent base currents of transistors Q1 and Q2 are negligible. Calculate the amount of DC current drawn from the 20V DC supply. [3]
- ii. What are the quiescent voltage values at the base of transistor Q1 and Q2 respectively? [4]
- iii. Assume that transistors Q1 and Q2 are perfectly matched, determine the value of V_{CEQ} for both transistors respectively. [3]

Question 2

- a. The midrange voltage gain of an amplifier is 250. The amplifier's input RC circuit model contributed a lower cutoff frequency of 500Hz and a 20dB/dec roll-off rate.
- Determine the amplifier's voltage gain at 500Hz. [3]
 - Determine the amplifier's voltage gain at 50Hz. [4]
 - At what frequency will the amplifier exhibit unity gain? [4]
 - How will you quantitatively modify the circuit if the lower cutoff frequency of the amplifier is to be reduced to 100Hz? [4]
- b. Figure-Q2(b) shows a BJT based amplifier circuit. The transistor's $\beta = 100$ and $r_e = 16\Omega$.

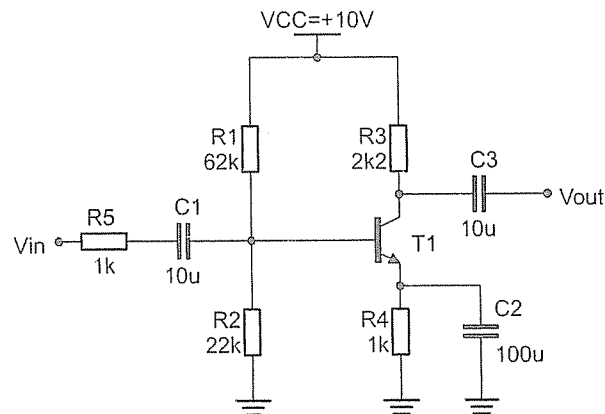


Figure-Q2(b)

- Draw the AC equivalent model for the amplifier circuit in Figure-Q2(b), assuming only the bypass capacitor is acting alone. [4]
- Hence, determine the cutoff frequency contributed by the bypass capacitor. [6]

Question 3

- a. i. Draw an op-amp based inverting amplifier circuit. [3]
- ii. If the input resistance of the inverting amplifier circuit drawn in part 3(a)(i) is $27\text{k}\Omega$, while its feedback resistance is $470\text{k}\Omega$, what is the voltage gain of the amplifier? [3]
- iii. What is the feedback factor of the inverting amplifier in part 3(a)(ii)? [3]
- iv. If the connections of the input terminals of the op-amp in part 3(a)(ii) are swapped, what is the name of the circuit formed and quantitatively how will it affect the output waveform if a relatively large sinusoidal waveform is applied to the circuit. [6]

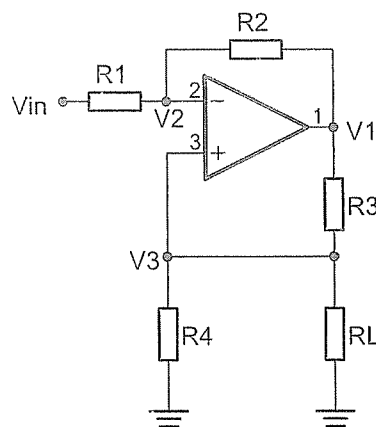


Figure-Q3(b)

- b. i. Assume ideal op-amp operation, what is voltage relationship between V_2 and V_3 in Figure-Q3(b)? [1]
- ii. Write the node equations for V_2 and V_3 respectively. [4]
- iii. Hence show that the load current is directly proportional to the input voltage V_{in} and is independent of the load resistance R_L if $R_2 R_4 = R_1 R_3$. [5]

Question 4

- a. The transfer function of an active filter is given as,

$$T(s) = \frac{100s^2}{s^2 + 141.421\pi s + 10^4 \pi^2}$$

- i. What is the type of the filter? [2]
 - ii. Determine the cutoff frequency of the filter in Hz. [3]
 - iii. Determine the passband gain of the filter in dB unit. [3]
 - iv. What is the expected stopband roll-off rate of the filter? [2]
 - v. Determine the gain of the filter at 25Hz. [3]
 - vi. Does the filter exhibit any peaking in its frequency response? Why? [2]
- b. Figure-Q4(b) shows an op-amp based active filter.

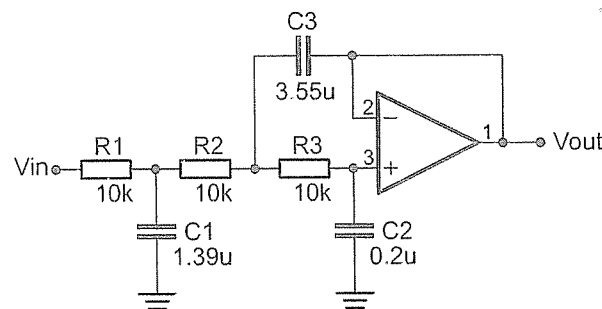


Figure-Q4(b)

- i. What is the order of the filter? [2]
- ii. Quantitatively show that the circuit in Figure-Q4(b) implements a low pass filter. [6]
- iii. What is the passband gain of the filter? [2]

Question 5

- a. The circuit in Figure-Q5(a) is intended to implement an oscillator circuit.

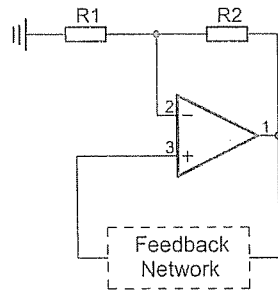


Figure-Q5(a)

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- i. Identify the circuit configuration formed by the op-amp, R_1 and R_2 in Figure-Q5(a). [2]
 - ii. Draw a circuit for the feedback network in Figure-Q5(a) to complete the oscillator circuit. [3]
 - iii. What is the phase-shift contributed by the feedback network drawn in part 5(a)(ii) if the oscillator circuit has sustain oscillation? [2]
 - iv. Explain the main problem in the given oscillator circuit. [3]
 - v. Suggest a solution to the problem explained in part 5(a)(iv). Support your solution with a clearly drawn schematic diagram. [5]
- b. Figure-Q5(b) shows a first order active all pass filter.

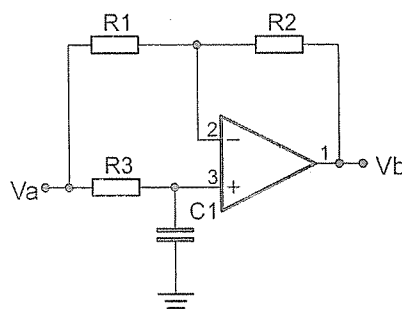


Figure-Q5(b)

- i. Determine the phase shift expression of the circuit in Figure-Q5(b). [5]
- ii. Explain how two of the circuit in Figure-Q5(b) can be utilized with an inverting amplifier to form a harmonic oscillator. Support your explanation with a clearly drawn schematic diagram. [5]

Question 6

- a. Figure-Q6(a) shows a voltage regulator circuit using a 3-terminal IC voltage regulator.

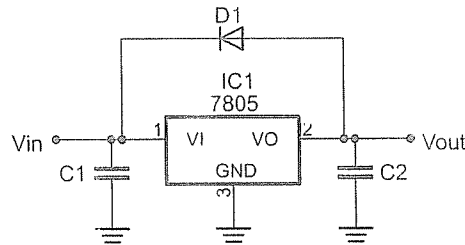


Figure-Q6(a)

- i. State three advantages of the 3-terminal IC voltage regulator. [3]
 - ii. State the main disadvantage of the 3-terminal IC voltage regulator. [1]
 - iii. Explain the function of diode D_1 . [3]
 - iv. If the IC voltage regulator has a line regulation given by 50mV/V , what does that mean? [3]
 - v. If the ground connection at pin-3 of IC1 is replaced by a 2V DC supply, what is the output voltage V_{out} ? [3]
- b. Figure-Q6(b) shows an application of a 3-terminal IC voltage regulator.

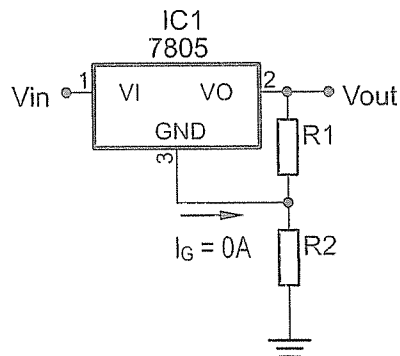


Figure-Q6(b)

- i. If 0.8A is to be maintained flowing through resistor R_2 regardless of its non-zero and finite resistance, what should be the value of resistor R_1 ? [3]
- ii. With the value of resistor R_1 obtained in part 6(b)(i), what is the current flowing through resistor R_2 if IC1 is replaced with a 7808 regulator? [2]

- c. Figure-Q6(c) shows a voltage regulator circuit.

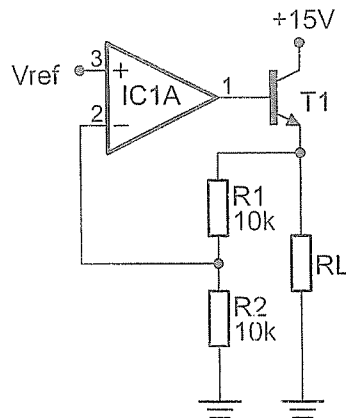


Figure-Q6(c)

- i. If V_{ref} in Figure-Q6(c) is 5V, how much voltage drop across the load resistor R_L ? [2]
- ii. If resistor R_L in Figure-Q6(c) is $10k\Omega$ while V_{ref} remains 5V, what is the approximated current drawn from the 15V source? State any assumption made. [3]
- iii. How much current will be drawn from the 15V source if resistor R_2 is open-circuited while resistor R_L remains as $10k\Omega$ and V_{ref} remains as 5V? [2]

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