

Homework #2 (8 problems)

ECE 363

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Due Oct 03

A. Unidirectional Current Booster Analysis

- 1) Consider the current booster shown in Fig. 1. The input voltage is  $V_{IN} = 500$  mV and the load is  $R_L = 75$  ohm. Assume an ideal op amp with  $\pm V_{CC} = \pm 9$ V. The transistor has  $V_{BE,ON} = 0.7$ V and  $\beta = 100$ .
- (a) Compute  $V_{OUT}$  and  $I_{LOAD}$ .
  - (b) Compute the op amp output current. Express your answer in mA.
  - (c) Compute the transistor power dissipation in mW. Express your answer in mW.
  - (d) Suppose the transistor has a power rating of 625 mW @  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  and a derating factor of 5 mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$ . Assuming  $T_A = 60^\circ\text{C}$ , determine whether or not the transistor needs a heat sink.

- 2) Consider the current booster shown in Fig.2. The input is a  $10V_{PP}$  triangle wave and the load is  $R_L = 100$  ohm. Assume an ideal op amp with  $\pm V_{CC} = \pm 15$ V. The transistor has  $V_{BE,ON} = 0.7$ V and  $\beta = 100$ .

- (a) Sketch  $V_{IN}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$ , and  $I_{LOAD}$ . Label important features (e.g. maximum and minimum  $V_{OUT}$ ).
- (b) Sketch the instantaneous power dissipation of Q1. In other words, sketch  $P = i_{EVC}E$  versus time. Label important features (e.g. maximum and minimum power).

Hint: Remember that the product of two linear functions is a quadratic function!

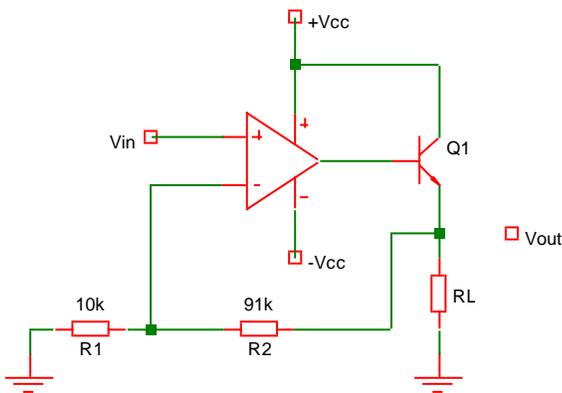


Fig. 1:  $V_{IN}$  is a constant voltage.

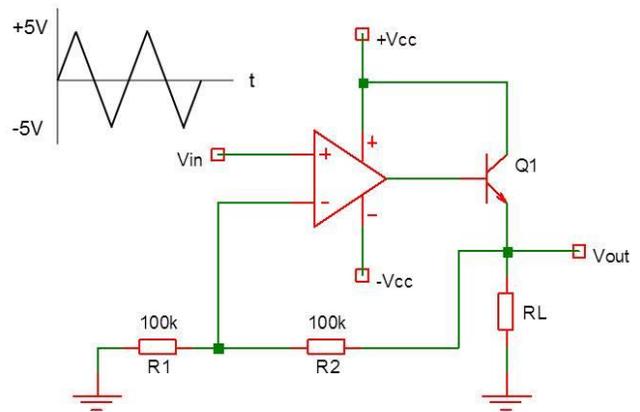


Fig. 2:  $V_{IN}$  is a triangle wave.

## B. Class B Analysis

- 3) We've seen how a Class B push-pull stage suffers from crossover distortion for *analog* signals. However, it works very well for *digital* signals. Suppose  $V_{IN}$  is a 25% duty cycle square wave that alternates between +13V (HIGH) and -13V (LOW). The load is  $R_L = 1 \text{ kohm}$ . Both transistors have  $V_{BE,ON} = 0.7\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CE,SAT} = 0.3\text{V}$ , and  $\beta = 100$ .
- You must choose between  $V_{CC} = 12, 15, \text{ or } 18\text{V}$ . Which is the best choice?
  - Sketch  $V_{IN}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$ ,  $i_{E1}$  (Q1 emitter current), and  $i_{E2}$  (Q2 emitter current). Label important features.
  - Given your choice of  $V_{CC}$ , estimate the power dissipation in Q1 and Q2.
- 4) Consider the push-pull current booster shown in Fig. 4. The input voltage is a 1  $V_{PP}$  sine wave, the load is  $R_L = 75 \text{ ohm}$ , and the power supplies are  $\pm V_{CC} = \pm 9\text{V}$ . Both transistors have  $V_{BE,ON} = 0.7\text{V}$  and  $\beta = 100$ . Both transistors have a power rating of 625 mW @  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  and a derating factor of 5 mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$ .
- Sketch  $V_{IN}$ ,  $V_{OUT}$ ,  $i_{E1}$ , and  $i_{E2}$ . Label important features (e.g. maximum and minimum  $V_{OUT}$ ).
  - Sketch the op amp output voltage versus time. Label important features.
  - Compute the power dissipation of Q1. Express your answer in mW. It should be around 100 mW.
  - Assuming  $T_A = 60^\circ\text{C}$ , determine whether or not the transistors need a heat sink.

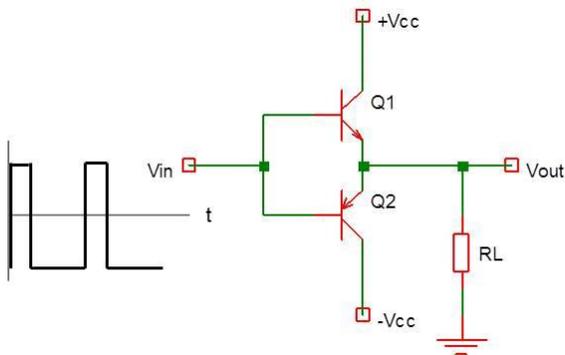


Fig. 3:  $V_{IN}$  is a 25% duty cycle square wave.

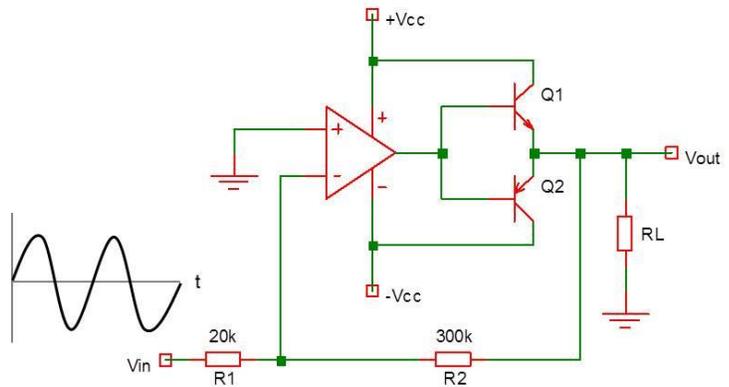


Fig. 4:  $V_{IN}$  is a sine wave.

### C. Class AB Analysis

5) Consider the push-pull stage shown in Fig. 5.  $V_{IN}$  is a 12V<sub>PP</sub> sine wave. The power supplies are  $\pm V_{CC} = \pm 8V$ . Both diodes have  $V_F = 0.7V$ . Both power transistors have  $V_{BE,ON} = 1.2V$ ,  $V_{CE,SAT} = 1V$ , and  $\beta = 40$ . Both transistors have a power rating of 2W @  $T_A=25^\circ C$  and a derating factor of 16 mW/ $^\circ C$ .

(a) Compute the minimum  $R_L$  that can be driven without distortion (i.e. no transistor saturation or cut-off). Make sure the biasing diodes have at least 1 mA of current.

HINT #1: See the posted Lecture 3 notes (page 3.12) for the more rigorous way to compute the minimum  $R_L$ .

HINT #2: You should get a value near 10 ohm.

(b) Assuming  $T_A = 60^\circ C$ , determine whether or not the transistors need a heat sink when  $R_L$  is minimum.

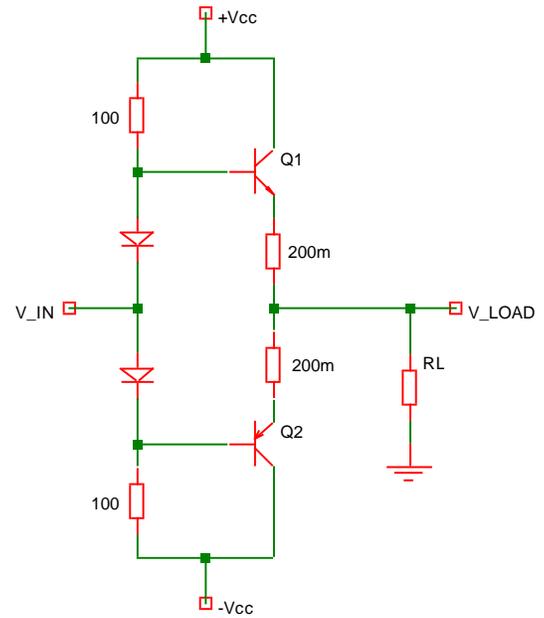


Fig. 5:  $V_{IN}$  is a 12 V<sub>PP</sub> sine wave.

6) Consider the Class AB current booster in Fig. 6. The input voltage is a 1V<sub>PP</sub> sine wave at 2 kHz, the minimum load is  $R_L = 50$  ohm. The op amp output swing is shown in the plot below. Both diodes have  $V_F = 0.7V$ . Both transistors have  $V_{BE,ON} = 0.7V$ ,  $V_{CE,SAT} = 0.3V$ , and  $\beta = 100$ .

(a) Compute the maximum load voltage and current (i.e. assume the entire circuit works properly).

(b) What is the minimum  $V_{CC}$  necessary to provide enough base current to Q1 when  $V_{LOAD}$  is maximum?

(c) Compute the peak op amp output current.

(d) You must choose between  $V_{CC} = 6, 9, 12,$  or  $15V$ . Explain your choice.

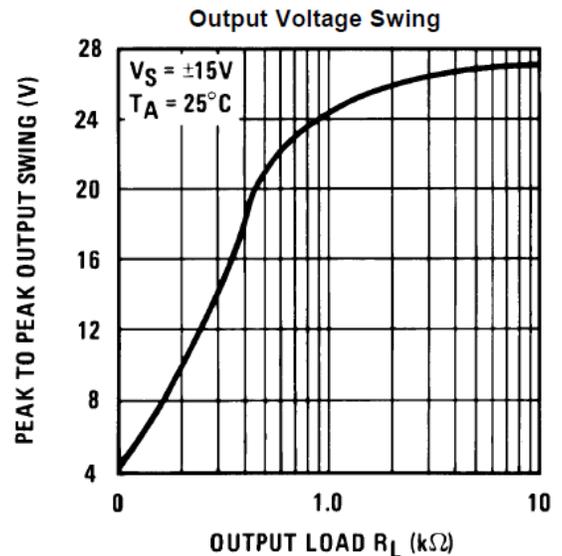
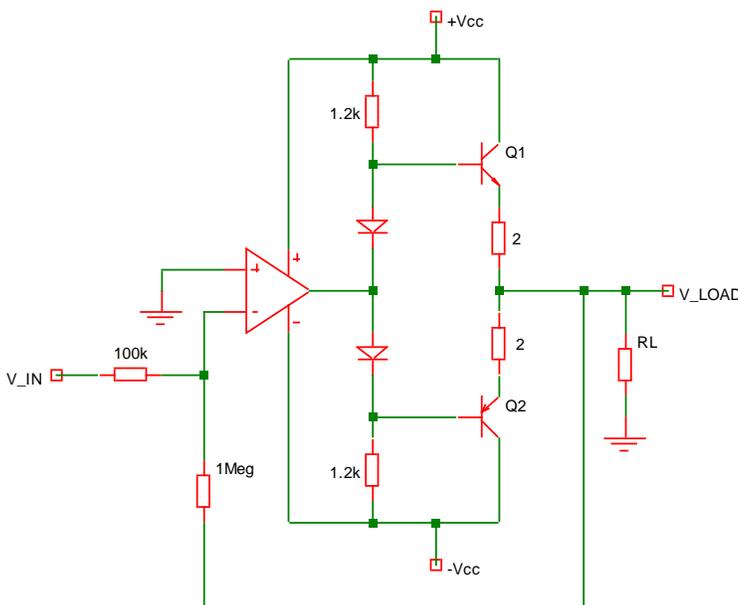


Fig. 6: (Left) Op amp with Class AB output stage. (Right) Op amp max output swing.

## D. Class AB Design

- 7) Design an inverting voltage amplifier to drive up to 200 mW (or slightly higher) into a 50 ohm load. The input signal is a sine wave with a maximum amplitude of 1V<sub>PP</sub>. The input impedance must be  $R_{IN} \geq 10$  kohm. The suggested schematic is shown in Fig. 7, where an LF356 op amp is used.
- Q1 must be a 2N3904, 2N4401, or TIP31A transistor. **Choose one and explain why.**  
NOTE: The pnp versions are 2N3906, 2N4403, and TIP32A.
  - V<sub>CC</sub> must be 4.5, 6, 9, or 12V. **Choose one and explain why.**  
NOTE: The 2V headroom is a “soft” rule, so it is OK if you reduce it by half a volt or so.
  - Choose RB1 and RB2. Pick standard 5% values.
  - Show that the op amp can provide the required output voltage and current. **If it does not, then you must increase V<sub>CC</sub> to a higher value and repeat part (c) and (d).**
  - Choose R1 and R2. Remember that  $R_{IN} = R1$  for an inverting amplifier. R2 should be kept below 1 Mohm. Pick standard 5% values.
  - Do your transistors need heat sinks? Use T<sub>A</sub> = 60°C for your power rating calculations.
- 8) Design a non-inverting voltage amplifier to drive a DC motor rated at 5V @ 100 mA. The input signal is a DC voltage between -0.5V and +0.5V. The suggested schematic is shown in Fig. 8, where an LF411 op amp is used.
- Q1 must be a 2N3904, 2N4401, or TIP31A transistor. **Choose one and explain why.**  
NOTE: The pnp versions are 2N3906, 2N4403, and TIP32A.
  - V<sub>CC</sub> must be 4.5, 6, 9, or 12V. **Choose one and explain why.**  
NOTE: The 2V headroom is a “soft” rule, so it is OK if you reduce it by half a volt or so.
  - Choose RB1 and RB2. Pick standard 5% values.
  - Show that the op amp can provide the required output voltage and current. **If it does not, then you must increase V<sub>CC</sub> to a higher value and repeat part (c) and (d).**
  - Choose R1 and R2. Typically,  $R1 \geq 1$  kohm and  $R2 \leq 1$  Mohm. Pick standard 5% values.
  - Do your transistors need heat sinks? Use T<sub>A</sub> = 60°C for your power rating calculations.

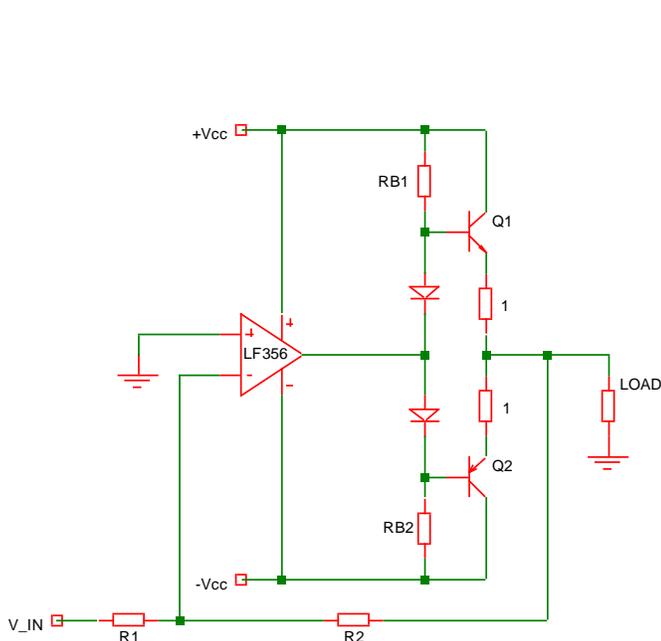


Fig. 7: Voltage amplifier using an LF356 op amp.

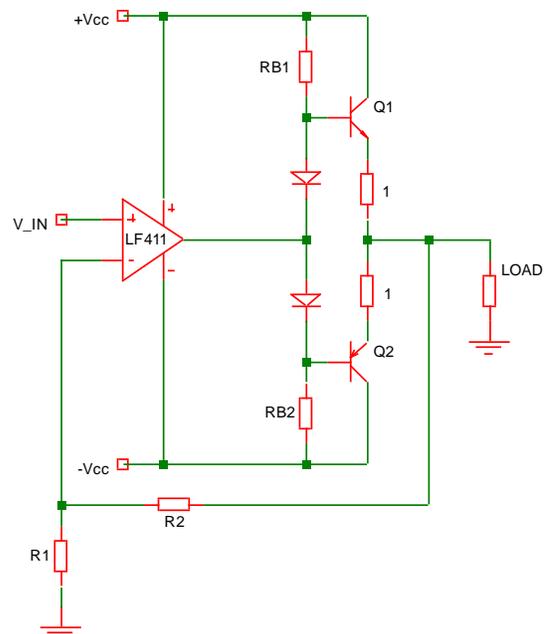


Fig. 8: Voltage amplifier using an LF411 op amp.