

Question:

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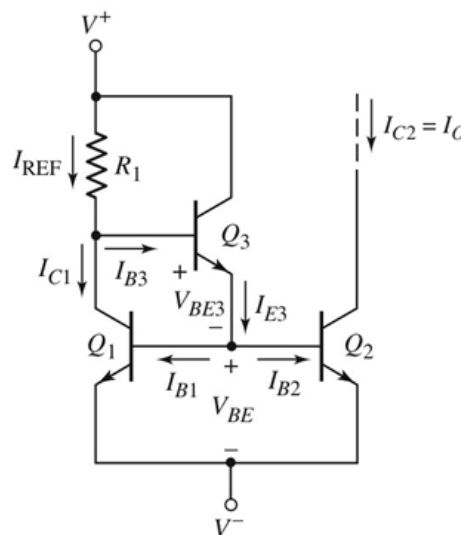
The circuit parameters are: $V^+ = 8\text{ V}$ and $V^- = -8\text{ V}$.

The transistor parameters are: $\beta = 50$, $V_{BE(\text{on})} = 0.6\text{ V}$, and $V_A = 120\text{ V}$.

- (a) **Design** a three-transistor current source using all parameters given above so that $I_{B2} = 5.6\text{ }\mu\text{A}$. [8 marks]
- (b) **Calculate** the **output resistance (R_O)** of the three-transistor current source. [2 marks]

Show clearly all calculations as marks are given according to this.

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$$i_c = I_s e^{v_{BE}/V_T}; \text{npn}$$

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$$i_c = \alpha i_E = \beta i_B$$

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$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1}$$

; Small signal

$$\beta = g_m r_\pi$$

$$g_m = \frac{I_{CQ}}{V_T}$$

$$r_\pi = \frac{\beta V_T}{I_{CQ}}$$

$$r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_{CQ}}$$

$$V_T = 26\text{ mV}$$

(a) Design	
$I_O = I_{C2} = \beta I_{B2}$	[1]
$= (50)(5.6\text{ }\mu\text{A})$	[0.5]
$= 0.28\text{ mA}$	[0.5]
$I_{REF} = I_O [1 + 2/\beta(1 + \beta)]$	[2]
$= (0.28\text{m})[1 + 2/(50 \times 51)]$	[0.5]
$= 0.2802\text{ mA}$	[0.5]
$R_1 = (V^+ - 2V_{BE} - V^-) / I_{REF}$	[2]
$= (8 - 2 \times 0.6 - (-8)) / (0.2802\text{ m})$	[0.5]
$= 52.8194\text{ k}\Omega$	[0.5]
(b) Calculate R_O	
$R_O = r_{O2} = V_A / I_O$	[1]
$= (120\text{ V}) / (0.28\text{ mA})$	[0.5]
$= 428.57\text{ k}\Omega$	[0.5]

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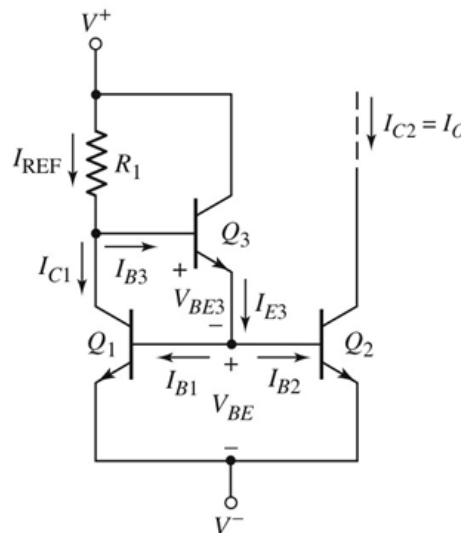
The transistor parameters are: $\beta = 40$, $V_{BE(\text{on})} = 0.6\text{ V}$, and $V_A = 130\text{ V}$.

(c) **Design** a three-transistor current source using all parameters given above so that $I_{B2} = 5.4\text{ }\mu\text{A}$. [8 marks]

(d) **Calculate** the **output resistance (R_O)** of the three-transistor current source. [2 marks]

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(a) Design	
$I_O = I_{C2} = \beta I_{B2}$	[1]
$= (40)(5.4\text{ }\mu\text{A})$	[0.5]
$= 0.216\text{ mA}$	[0.5]
$I_{REF} = I_O [1 + 2/\beta(1 + \beta)]$	[2]
$= (0.216\text{ m})[1 + 2/(40 \times 41)]$	[0.5]
$= 0.2162\text{ mA}$	[0.5]
$R_1 = (V^+ - 2V_{BE} - V^-) / I_{REF}$	[2]
$= (8 - 2 \times 0.6 - (-8)) / (0.2162\text{ m})$	[0.5]
$= 68.4551\text{ k}\Omega$	[0.5]
(b) Calculate R_O	
$R_O = r_{O2} = V_A / I_O$	[1]
$= (130\text{ V}) / (0.2162\text{ mA})$	[0.5]
$= 601.29\text{ k}\Omega$	[0.5]

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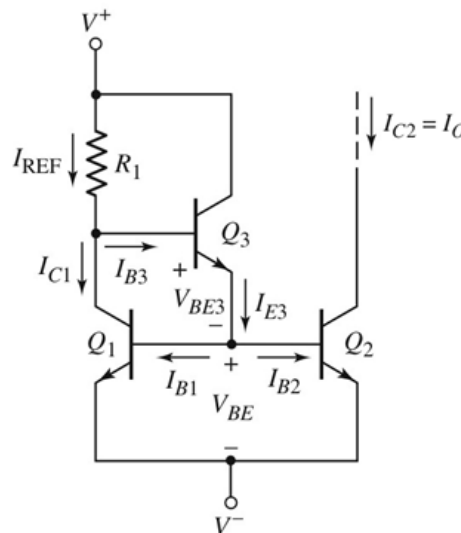
The circuit parameters are: $V^+ = 8.5 \text{ V}$ and $V^- = -8.5 \text{ V}$.

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- (e) **Design** a three-transistor current source using all parameters given above so that $I_{B2} = 5.8 \mu\text{A}$. [8 marks]
- (f) **Calculate** the **output resistance (R_O)** of the three-transistor current source. [2 marks]

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$= 0.29 \text{ mA}$	[0.5]
$I_{REF} = I_O [1 + 2/\beta(1 + \beta)]$	[2]
$= (0.29\text{m})[1 + 2/(50 \times 51)]$	[0.5]
$= 0.2902 \text{ mA}$	[0.5]
$R_1 = (V^+ - 2V_{BE} - V^-) / I_{REF}$	[2]
$= (8.5 - 2 \times 0.6 - (-8.5)) / (0.2902 \text{ m})$	[0.5]
$= 54.4452 \text{ k}\Omega$	[0.5]
(b) Calculate R_O	
$R_O = r_{O2} = V_A / I_O$	[1]
$= (130 \text{ V}) / (0.29 \text{ mA})$	[0.5]
$= 448.27 \text{ k}\Omega$	[0.5]

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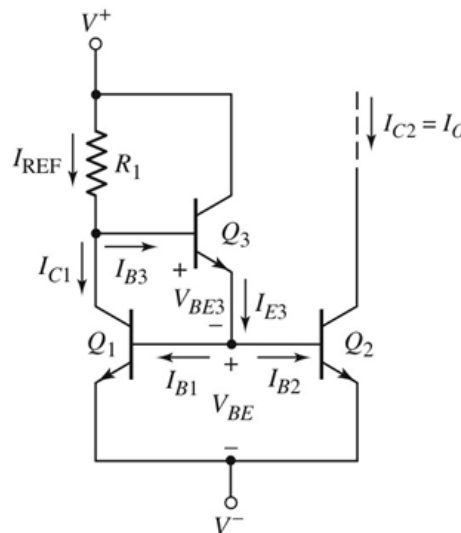
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(g) **Design** a three-transistor current source using all parameters given above so that $I_{B2} = 5.2 \mu\text{A}$. [8 marks]

(h) **Calculate** the **output resistance (R_O)** of the three-transistor current source. [2 marks]

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(a) Design	
$I_O = I_{C2} = \beta I_{B2}$	[1]
$= (40) (5.2 \mu\text{A})$	[0.5]
$= 0.208 \text{ mA}$	[0.5]
$I_{REF} = I_O [1 + 2/\beta(1 + \beta)]$	[2]
$= (0.208\text{m})[1 + 2/(40 \times 41)]$	[0.5]
$= 0.2082 \text{ mA}$	[0.5]
$R_1 = (V^+ - 2V_{BE} - V^-) / I_{REF}$	[2]
$= (8.5 - 2 \times 0.6 - (-8.5)) / (0.2082 \text{ m})$	[0.5]
$= 75.888 \text{ k}\Omega$	[0.5]
(b) Calculate R_O	
$R_O = r_{O2} = V_A / I_O$	[1]
$= (120 \text{ V}) / (0.2082 \text{ mA})$	[0.5]
$= 576.368 \text{ k}\Omega$	[0.5]