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- (a) Name the circuit for the current source. [1 mark]
- (b) Draw the AC equivalent circuit for the current source. [2 marks]
- (c) Draw the small-signal equivalent circuit for the current source. Do not forget to connect external test signal, V_x , to the circuit. [3 marks]
- (d) Using the small-signal equivalent circuit derive the equation for output resistance, R_O , of the current source. [4 marks]

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$$V_{be4} = -I_x (r_{o2} \parallel r_{\pi4})$$

Summing currents at output node yields

$$I_x = g_{m4} V_{be4} + \left(\frac{V_x - (-V_{be4})}{r_{o4}} \right)$$

$$I_x = -g_{m4} I_x (r_{o2} \parallel r_{\pi4}) + \left(\frac{V_x - I_x (r_{o2} \parallel r_{\pi4})}{r_{o4}} \right)$$

$$\frac{V_x}{r_{o4}} = I_x + g_{m4} I_x (r_{o2} \parallel r_{\pi4}) + \frac{I_x (r_{o2} \parallel r_{\pi4})}{r_{o4}}$$

$$V_x = I_x (r_{o4} + r_{o4} g_{m4} (r_{o2} \parallel r_{\pi4}) + (r_{o2} \parallel r_{\pi4}))$$

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Where $\beta = g_{m4} r_{\pi4}$ and assuming $r_{\pi4} \ll r_{o2}$

$$R_O = \frac{V_x}{I_x} = r_{o4} (1 + \beta) + r_{\pi4} \approx \beta r_{o4}$$

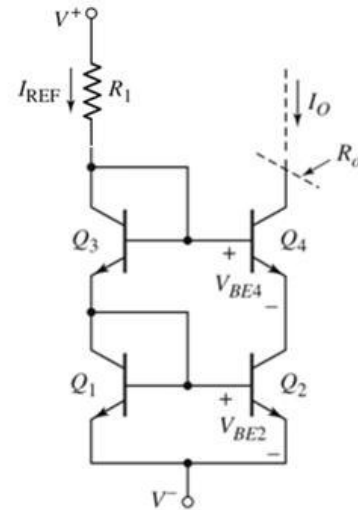
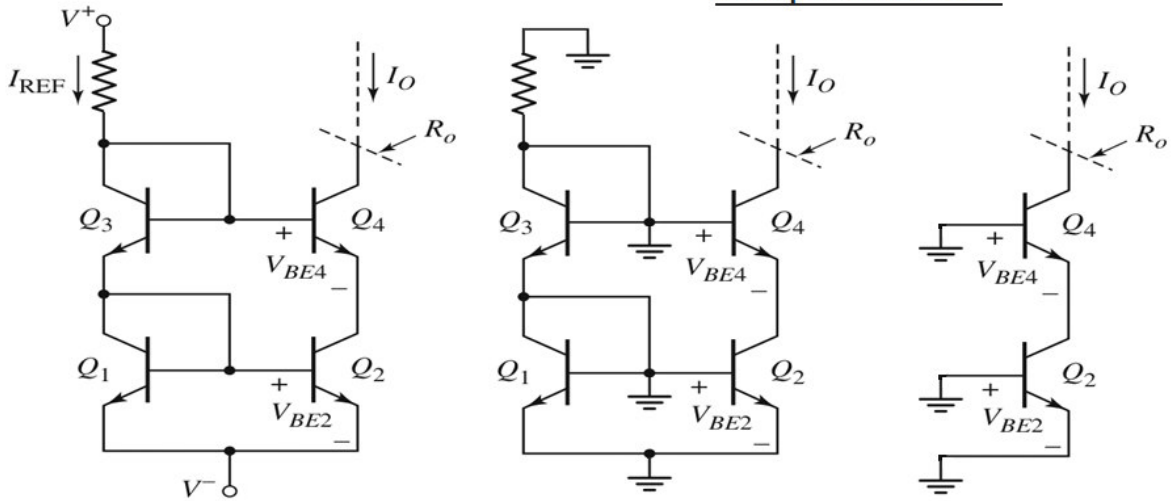
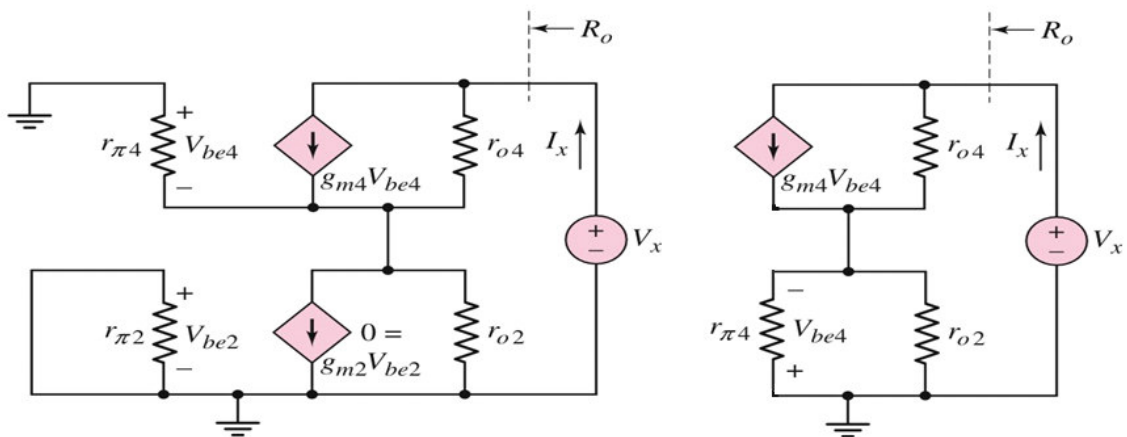


Figure 1

AC equivalent circuits



Small-signal equivalent circuits



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Define $R'_E = R_E \parallel r_{\pi 2}$

Then

$$V_{\pi 2} = -I_x R'_E$$

$$I_x = g_{m2} V_{\pi 2} + \frac{V_x - (-V_{\pi 2})}{r_{o2}}$$

$$I_x = g_{m2} (-I_x R'_E) + \frac{V_x}{r_{o2}} - \frac{I_x R'_E}{r_{o2}}$$

$$\frac{V_x}{r_{o2}} = I_x + g_{m2} (I_x R'_E) + \frac{I_x R'_E}{r_{o2}}$$

Normally $(1/r_{o2}) \ll g_{m2}$, producing

$$\frac{V_x}{I_x} = R_O = r_{o2} \left[1 + R'_E \left(g_{m2} + \frac{1}{r_{o2}} \right) \right]$$

$$R_O \cong r_{o2} (1 + g_{m2} R'_E)$$

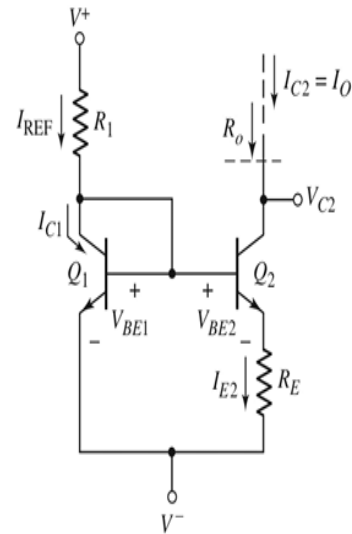


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