

Question:

For all BJT current sources mentioned in this question, all transistors are matched and have same parameters. The transistor parameters are: $\beta = 50$, $V_{BE}(\text{on}) = 0.6 \text{ V}$, and $V_A = 150 \text{ V}$. The circuit parameters are: $V^+ = 7.5 \text{ V}$, $V^- = -7.5 \text{ V}$ and $R_I = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$. Calculate output current (I_O) and output resistance (R_O) for every BJT current source given in **Table 1** and fill in the **Table 1**. **Show all calculations** and do not forget to put proper Units to I_O and R_O in the **Table 1**.

Answer:

Table 1

BJT current source	Output current, I_O	Output resistance, R_O
Three-transistor current source	1.379 mA	108.781 kΩ
Wilson current source	1.379 mA	2.719 MΩ
Cascode current source	1.278 mA	5.869 MΩ

[0.5 marks] x 6 blanks in the **Table 1** = [3 marks]

Which current source has the most stable I_O ? Answer: Wilson/Cascode [1 mark]

Calculations for I_O and R_O for every BJT current source: [1 mark] x 6 = [6 marks]

Model answers:

Three-transistor current source	Wilson current source	Cascode current source
$I_{REF} = (V^+ - 2V_{BE} - V^-) / R_I = (7.5 - 2 \times 0.6 - (-7.5)) / (10\text{k}) = 1.380 \text{ mA}$		
$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(1+\beta)))$ $= (1.380\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(150 \times 151))$ $= 1.379 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(2+\beta)))$ $= (1.380\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(150 \times 152))$ $= 1.379 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 4/\beta)$ $= (1.380\text{m}) / (1 + 4/(150))$ $= 1.278 \text{ mA}$
$r_{O2} = V_A / I_O$ $= 150 / (1.379\text{m})$ $= 108.781 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O3} = V_A / I_O$ $= 150 / (1.379\text{m})$ $= 108.779 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O4} = V_A / I_O$ $= 150 / (1.278\text{m})$ $= 117.391 \text{ k}\Omega$
$R_O = r_{O2}$ $= 108.781 \text{ k}\Omega$	$R_O = (\beta r_{O3}) / 2$ $= (150 \times 108.779\text{k}) / 2$ $= 2.719 \text{ M}\Omega$	$R_O = \beta r_{O4}$ $= 150 \times 117.391\text{k}$ $= 5.869 \text{ M}\Omega$

Question:

For all BJT current sources mentioned in this question, all transistors are matched and have same parameters. The transistor parameters are: $\beta = 75$, $V_{BE}(\text{on}) = 0.6 \text{ V}$, and $V_A = 120 \text{ V}$. The circuit parameters are: $V^+ = 10 \text{ V}$, $V^- = -10 \text{ V}$ and $R_I = 15 \text{ k}\Omega$. Calculate output current (I_O) and output resistance (R_O) for every BJT current source mentioned in **Table 1** and fill in the **Table 1**. **Show all calculations** and do not forget to put proper Units to I_O and R_O in the **Table 1**.

Answer:

Table 1

BJT current source	Output current, I_O	Output resistance, R_O
Three-transistor current source	1.253 mA	95.778 kΩ
Wilson current source	1.253 mA	3.591 MΩ
Cascode current source	1.190 mA	7.563 MΩ

[0.5 marks] x 6 blanks in the **Table 1** = [3 marks]

Which current source has the most stable I_O ? Answer: Wilson/Cascode [1 mark]

Calculations for I_O and R_O for every BJT current source: [1 mark] x 6 = [6 marks]

Model answers:

Three-transistor current source	Wilson current source	Cascode current source
$I_{REF} = (V^+ - 2V_{BE} - V^-) / R_I = (10 - 2 \times 0.6 - (-10)) / (15\text{k}) = 1.253 \text{ mA}$		
$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(1+\beta)))$ $= (1.253\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(120 \times 121))$ $= 1.253 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(2+\beta)))$ $= (1.253\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(120 \times 122))$ $= 1.253 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 4/\beta)$ $= (1.253\text{m}) / (1 + 4/(120))$ $= 1.190 \text{ mA}$
$r_{O2} = V_A / I_O$ $= 120 / (1.253\text{m})$ $= 95.778 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O3} = V_A / I_O$ $= 120 / (1.253\text{m})$ $= 95.778 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O4} = V_A / I_O$ $= 120 / (1.190\text{m})$ $= 100.851 \text{ k}\Omega$
$R_O = r_{O2}$ $= 95.778 \text{ k}\Omega$	$R_O = (\beta r_{O3}) / 2$ $= (120 \times 95.778\text{k}) / 2$ $= 3.591 \text{ M}\Omega$	$R_O = \beta r_{O4}$ $= 120 \times 100.851\text{k}$ $= 7.563 \text{ M}\Omega$

Question:

For all BJT current sources mentioned in this question, all transistors are matched and have same parameters. The transistor parameters are: $\beta = 75$, $V_{BE}(\text{on}) = 0.6 \text{ V}$, and $V_A = 100 \text{ V}$. The circuit parameters are: $V^+ = 7.5 \text{ V}$, $V^- = -7.5 \text{ V}$ and $R_I = 12 \text{ k}\Omega$. Calculate output current (I_O) and output resistance (R_O) for every BJT current source mentioned in **Table 1** and fill in the **Table 1**. **Show all calculations** and do not forget to put proper Units to I_O and R_O in the **Table 1**.

Answer:

Table 1

BJT current source	Output current, I_O	Output resistance, R_O
Three-transistor current source	1.150 mA	86.987 kΩ
Wilson current source	1.150 mA	3.262 MΩ
Cascode current source	1.092 mA	6.869 MΩ

[0.5 marks] x 6 blanks in the **Table 1** = [3 marks]

Which current source has the most stable I_O ? Answer: Wilson/Cascode [1 mark]

Calculations for I_O and R_O for every BJT current source: [1 mark] x 6 = [6 marks]

Model answers:

Three-transistor current source	Wilson current source	Cascode current source
$I_{REF} = (V^+ - 2V_{BE} - V^-) / R_I = (7.5 - 2 \times 0.6 - (-7.5)) / (12\text{k}) = 1.150 \text{ mA}$		
$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(1+\beta)))$ $= (1.150\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(75 \times 76))$ $= 1.150 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(2+\beta)))$ $= (1.150\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(75 \times 77))$ $= 1.150 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 4/\beta)$ $= (1.150\text{m}) / (1 + 4/(75))$ $= 1.092 \text{ mA}$
$r_{O2} = V_A / I_O$ $= 75 / (1.150\text{m})$ $= 86.987 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O3} = V_A / I_O$ $= 75 / (1.150\text{m})$ $= 86.987 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O4} = V_A / I_O$ $= 75 / (1.092\text{m})$ $= 91.594 \text{ k}\Omega$
$R_O = r_{O2}$ $= 86.987 \text{ k}\Omega$	$R_O = (\beta r_{O3}) / 2$ $= (75 \times 86.987\text{k}) / 2$ $= 3.262 \text{ M}\Omega$	$R_O = \beta r_{O4}$ $= 75 \times 91.594\text{k}$ $= 6.869 \text{ M}\Omega$

Question:

For all BJT current sources mentioned in this question, all transistors are matched and have same parameters. The transistor parameters are: $\beta = 70$, $V_{BE}(\text{on}) = 0.6 \text{ V}$, and $V_A = 100 \text{ V}$. The circuit parameters are: $V^+ = 10 \text{ V}$, $V^- = -10 \text{ V}$ and $R_I = 18 \text{ k}\Omega$. Calculate output current (I_O) and output resistance (R_O) for every BJT current source mentioned in **Table 1** and fill in the **Table 1**. **Show all calculations** and do not forget to put proper Units to I_O and R_O in the **Table 1**.

Answer:

Table 1

BJT current source	Output current, I_O	Output resistance, R_O
Three-transistor current source	1.044 mA	95.783 kΩ
Wilson current source	1.044 mA	3.352 MΩ
Cascode current source	0.988 mA	7.085 MΩ

[0.5 marks] x 6 blanks in the **Table 1** = [3 marks]

Which current source has the most stable I_O ? Answer: Wilson/Cascode [1 mark]

Calculations for I_O and R_O for every BJT current source: [1 mark] x 6 = [6 marks]

Model answers:

Three-transistor current source	Wilson current source	Cascode current source
$I_{REF} = (V^+ - 2V_{BE} - V^-) / R_I = (10 - 2 \times 0.6 - (-10)) / (18\text{k}) = 1.044 \text{ mA}$		
$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(1+\beta)))$ $= (1.044\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(70 \times 71))$ $= 1.044 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(2+\beta)))$ $= (1.044\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(70 \times 72))$ $= 1.044 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 4/\beta)$ $= (1.044\text{m}) / (1 + 4/(70))$ $= 0.988 \text{ mA}$
$r_{O2} = V_A / I_O$ $= 100 / (1.044\text{m})$ $= 95.783 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O3} = V_A / I_O$ $= 100 / (1.044\text{m})$ $= 95.783 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O4} = V_A / I_O$ $= 100 / (0.988\text{m})$ $= 101.216 \text{ k}\Omega$
$R_O = r_{O2}$ $= 95.783 \text{ k}\Omega$	$R_O = (\beta r_{O3}) / 2$ $= (70 \times 95.783\text{k}) / 2$ $= 3.352 \text{ M}\Omega$	$R_O = \beta r_{O4}$ $= 70 \times 101.216\text{k}$ $= 7.085 \text{ M}\Omega$

Question:

For all BJT current sources mentioned in this question, all transistors are matched and have same parameters. The transistor parameters are: $\beta = 70$, $V_{BE}(\text{on}) = 0.6 \text{ V}$, and $V_A = 120 \text{ V}$. The circuit parameters are: $V^+ = 7.5 \text{ V}$, $V^- = -7.5 \text{ V}$ and $R_I = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$. Calculate output current (I_O) and output resistance (R_O) for every BJT current source mentioned in **Table 1** and fill in the **Table 1**. **Show all calculations** and do not forget to put proper Units to I_O and R_O in the **Table 1**.

Answer:

Table 1

BJT current source	Output current, I_O	Output resistance, R_O
Three-transistor current source	1.379 mA	86.992 kΩ
Wilson current source	1.379 mA	3.044 MΩ
Cascode current source	1.305 mA	6.434 MΩ

[0.5 marks] x 6 blanks in the **Table 1** = [3 marks]

Which current source has the most stable I_O ? Answer: Wilson/Cascode [1 mark]

Calculations for I_O and R_O for every BJT current source: [1 mark] x 6 = [6 marks]

Model answers:

Three-transistor current source	Wilson current source	Cascode current source
$I_{REF} = (V^+ - 2V_{BE} - V^-) / R_I = (7.5 - 2 \times 0.6 - (-7.5)) / (10\text{k}) = 1.380 \text{ mA}$		
$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(1+\beta)))$ $= (1.380\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(70 \times 71))$ $= 1.379 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 2/(\beta(2+\beta)))$ $= (1.380\text{m}) / (1 + 2/(70 \times 72))$ $= 1.379 \text{ mA}$	$I_O = I_{REF} / (1 + 4/\beta)$ $= (1.150\text{m}) / (1 + 4/(70))$ $= 1.305 \text{ mA}$
$r_{O2} = V_A / I_O$ $= 120 / (1.379\text{m})$ $= 86.992 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O3} = V_A / I_O$ $= 120 / (1.379\text{m})$ $= 86.992 \text{ k}\Omega$	$r_{O4} = V_A / I_O$ $= 120 / (1.305\text{m})$ $= 91.925 \text{ k}\Omega$
$R_O = r_{O2}$ $= 86.992 \text{ k}\Omega$	$R_O = (\beta r_{O3}) / 2$ $= (70 \times 86.992\text{k}) / 2$ $= 3.044 \text{ M}\Omega$	$R_O = \beta r_{O4}$ $= 70 \times 91.925\text{k}$ $= 6.434 \text{ M}\Omega$