

Question:

A **class-A** emitter follower biased with a constant current source is shown in **Figure 1**. Assume circuit parameters of $V^+ = 10\text{ V}$, $V^- = -10\text{ V}$, and $R_L = 20\ \Omega$. The transistor parameters are $\beta = 40$ and $V_{BE}(\text{on}) = 0.7\text{ V}$. The minimum current in Q_1 is to be $i_{E1} = 50\text{ mA}$ and the minimum collector-emitter voltage is to be $v_{CE}(\text{min}) = 0.7\text{ V}$.

Determine the value of R that will produce the maximum possible output voltage swing. **What** is the value of I_Q ? **What** is the maximum value of i_{E1} ? [10 marks]

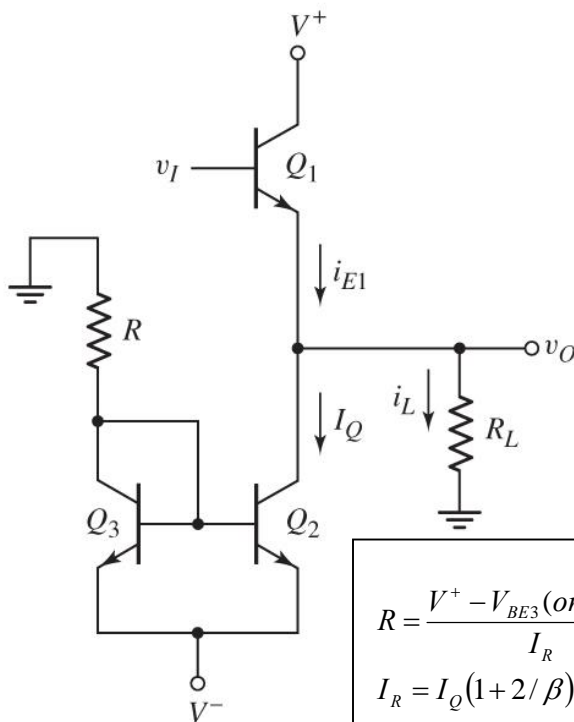


Figure 1

$$i_C = I_S e^{v_{BE}/V_T}; \text{npn}$$

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; Small signal

$$\beta = \sigma r$$

$$R = \frac{V^+ - V_{BE3}(\text{on}) - V^-}{I_R} = \frac{0 - 0.7 - (-10)}{I_R} = \frac{9.3}{I_R} \quad [1]$$

$$I_R = I_Q (1 + 2/\beta) \quad [1]$$

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$$i_{E1}(\text{min}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{min}) \quad [1]$$

$$i_L(\text{min}) = \frac{v_O(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{V^- + v_{CE2}(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{-10 + 0.7}{20} = -465\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_Q = i_{E1}(\text{min}) - i_L(\text{min}) = 50\text{mA} - (-465\text{mA}) = 515\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_R = (515\text{mA})(1 + 2/40) = 540.75\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$R = (9.3\text{V}) / (540.75\text{mA}) = 17.198\ \Omega \quad [1]$$

$$i_{E1}(\text{max}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{max}) \quad [1]$$

$$i_L(\text{max}) = \frac{v_O(\text{max})}{R_L} = \frac{V^+ - v_{CE1}(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{10 - 0.7}{20} = 465\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$i_{E1}(\text{max}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{max}) = 515\text{mA} + 465\text{mA} = 980\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

Question:

A **class-A** emitter follower biased with a constant current source is shown in **Figure 1**. Assume circuit parameters of $V^+ = 11\text{ V}$, $V^- = -11\text{ V}$, and $R_L = 15\ \Omega$. The transistor parameters are $\beta = 40$ and $V_{BE}(\text{on}) = 0.7\text{ V}$. The minimum current in Q_1 is to be $i_{E1} = 50\text{ mA}$ and the minimum collector-emitter voltage is to be $v_{CE}(\text{min}) = 0.7\text{ V}$.

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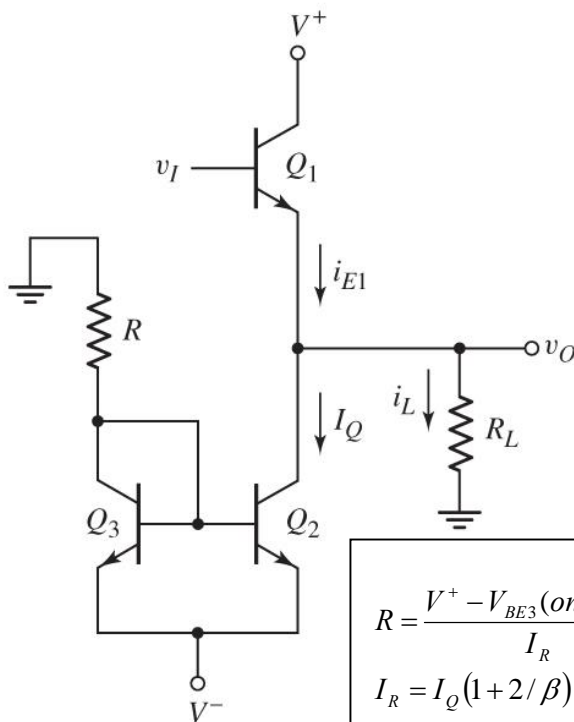


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$$I_Q = i_{E1}(\text{min}) - i_L(\text{min}) = 50\text{mA} - (-686.7\text{mA}) = 736.7\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_R = (736.7\text{mA})(1 + 2/40) = 773.5\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$R = (10.3\text{V}) / (773.5\text{mA}) = 13.316\ \Omega \quad [1]$$

$$i_{E1}(\text{max}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{max}) \quad [1]$$

$$i_L(\text{max}) = \frac{v_O(\text{max})}{R_L} = \frac{V^+ - v_{CE1}(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{11 - 0.7}{15} = 686.7\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$i_{E1}(\text{max}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{max}) = 736.7\text{mA} + 686.7\text{mA} = 1423.4\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

Question:

A **class-A** emitter follower biased with a constant current source is shown in **Figure 1**. Assume circuit parameters of $V^+ = 11\text{ V}$, $V^- = -11\text{ V}$, and $R_L = 25\ \Omega$. The transistor parameters are $\beta = 40$ and $V_{BE}(\text{on}) = 0.7\text{ V}$. The minimum current in Q_1 is to be $i_{E1} = 50\text{ mA}$ and the minimum collector-emitter voltage is to be $v_{CE}(\text{min}) = 0.7\text{ V}$.

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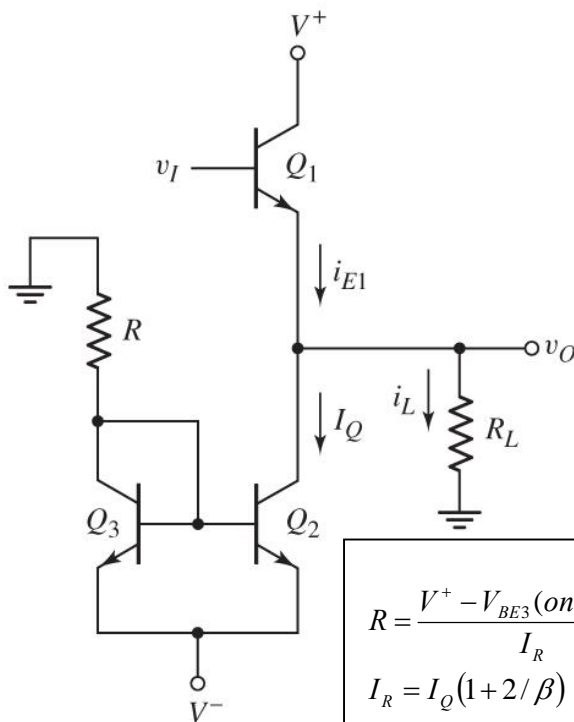


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$$I_Q = i_{E1}(\text{min}) - i_L(\text{min}) = 50\text{mA} - (-412\text{mA}) = 462\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_R = (462\text{mA})(1 + 2/40) = 485.1\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$R = (10.3\text{V})/(485.1\text{mA}) = 21.232\ \Omega \quad [1]$$

$$i_{E1}(\text{max}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{max}) \quad [1]$$

$$i_L(\text{max}) = \frac{v_O(\text{max})}{R_L} = \frac{V^+ - v_{CE1}(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{11 - 0.7}{25} = 412\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$i_{E1}(\text{max}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{max}) = 462\text{mA} + 412\text{mA} = 874\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

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Question:

A **class-A** emitter follower biased with a constant current source is shown in **Figure 1**. Assume circuit parameters of $V^+ = 9\text{ V}$, $V^- = -9\text{ V}$, and $R_L = 20\ \Omega$. The transistor parameters are $\beta = 40$ and $V_{BE}(\text{on}) = 0.7\text{ V}$. The minimum current in Q_1 is to be $i_{E1} = 50\text{ mA}$ and the minimum collector-emitter voltage is to be $v_{CE}(\text{min}) = 0.7\text{ V}$.

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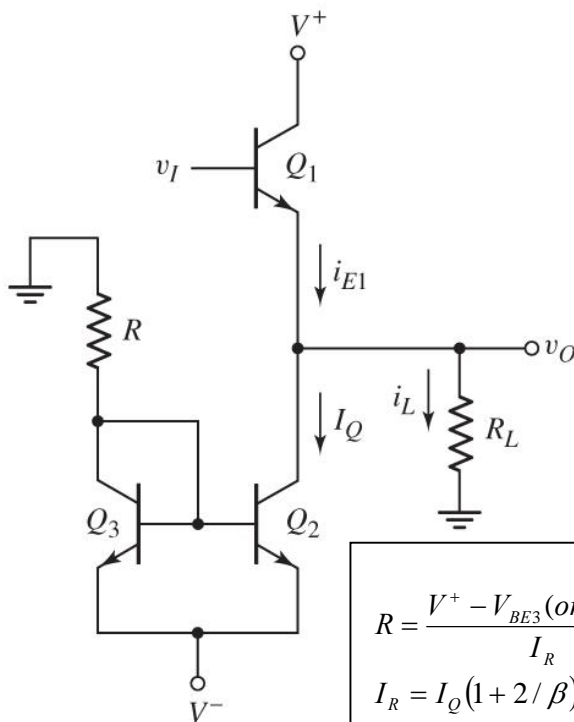


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$$R = \frac{V^+ - V_{BE3}(\text{on}) - V^-}{I_R} = \frac{0 - 0.7 - (-9)}{I_R} = \frac{8.3}{I_R} \quad [1]$$

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$$i_L(\text{min}) = \frac{v_O(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{V^- + v_{CE2}(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{-9 + 0.7}{20} = -415\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_Q = i_{E1}(\text{min}) - i_L(\text{min}) = 50\text{mA} - (-415\text{mA}) = 465\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_R = (465\text{mA})(1 + 2/40) = 488.25\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$R = (8.3\text{V})/(488.25\text{mA}) = 16.999\ \Omega \quad [1]$$

$$i_{E1}(\text{max}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{max}) \quad [1]$$

$$i_L(\text{max}) = \frac{v_O(\text{max})}{R_L} = \frac{V^+ - v_{CE1}(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{9 - 0.7}{20} = 415\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

$$i_{E1}(\text{max}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{max}) = 465\text{mA} + 415\text{mA} = 880\text{mA} \quad [1]$$

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