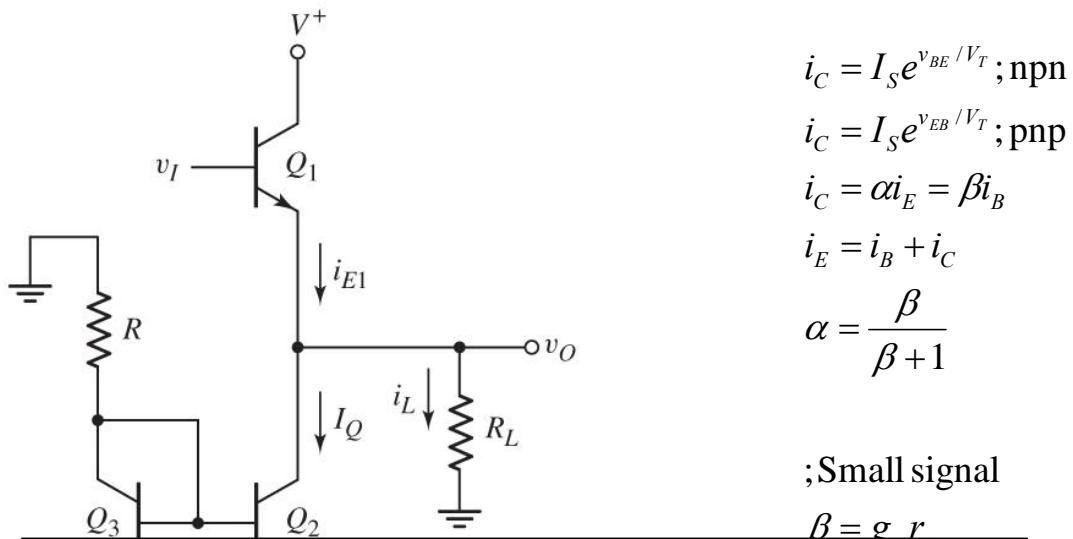


**Question:**

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  $i_{E1}(\text{min}) = 50 \text{ mA}$  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]



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

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

$$i_{E1} = I_Q + i_L$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

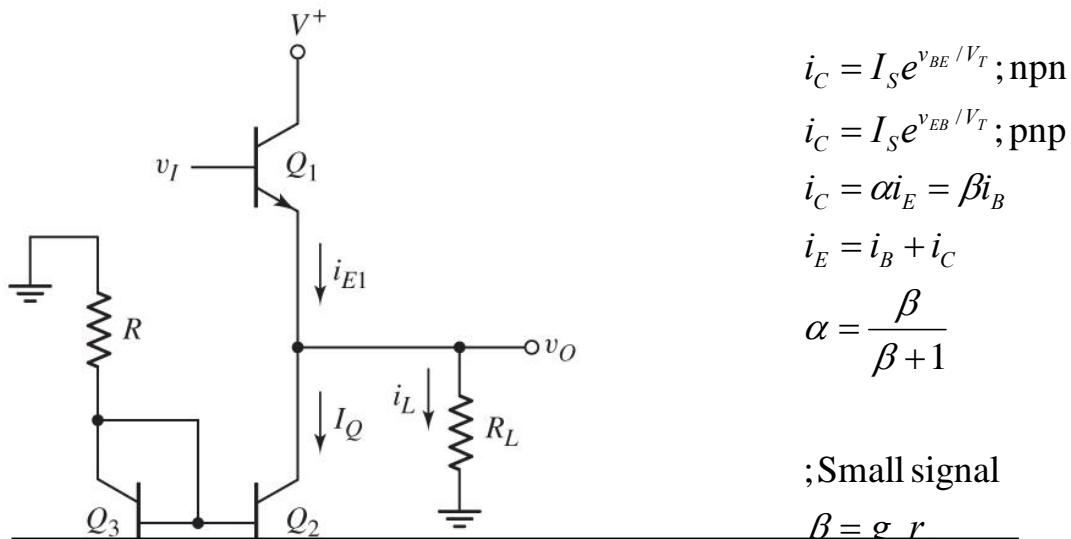
$$i_{E1}(\text{max}) = I_Q + i_L(\text{max}) = 515mA + 465mA = 980mA \quad [1]$$

**Answer:**

**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  $i_{E1}(\text{min}) = 50 \text{ mA}$  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]



$$R = \frac{V^+ - V_{BE3}(\text{on}) - V^-}{I_R} = \frac{0 - 0.7 - (-11)}{I_R} = \frac{10.3}{I_R} \quad [1]$$

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

$$i_{E1} = I_Q + i_L$$

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

$$\text{Answer: } i_L(\text{min}) = \frac{v_O(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{V^- + v_{CE2}(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{-11 + 0.7}{15} = -686.7 \text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

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

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

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

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

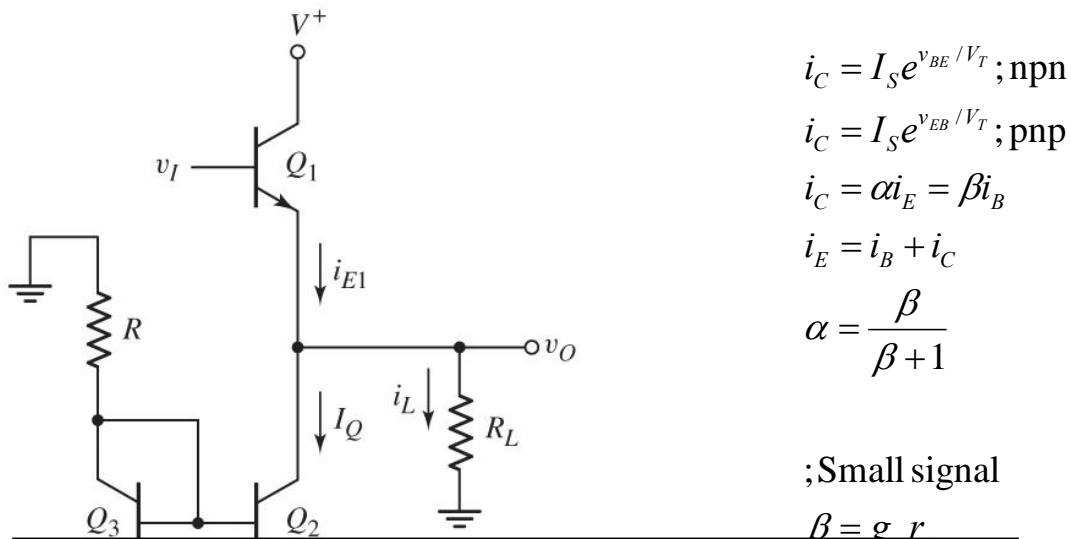
$$i_L(\text{max}) = \frac{v_O(\text{max})}{R_L} = \frac{V^+ - v_{CE1}(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{11 - 0.7}{15} = 686.7 \text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

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

## Question:

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

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



$$R = \frac{V^+ - V_{BE3}(on) - V^-}{I_R} = \frac{0 - 0.7 - (-11)}{I_R} = \frac{10.3}{I_R} \quad [1]$$

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

$$i_{E1} = I_Q + i_L$$

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

**Answer:**

$$i_L(\text{min}) = \frac{v_o(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{V^- + v_{CE2}(\text{min})}{R_L} = \frac{-11 + 0.7}{25} = -412mA [1]$$

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

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

$$R = (10.3V)/(485.1mA) = 21$$

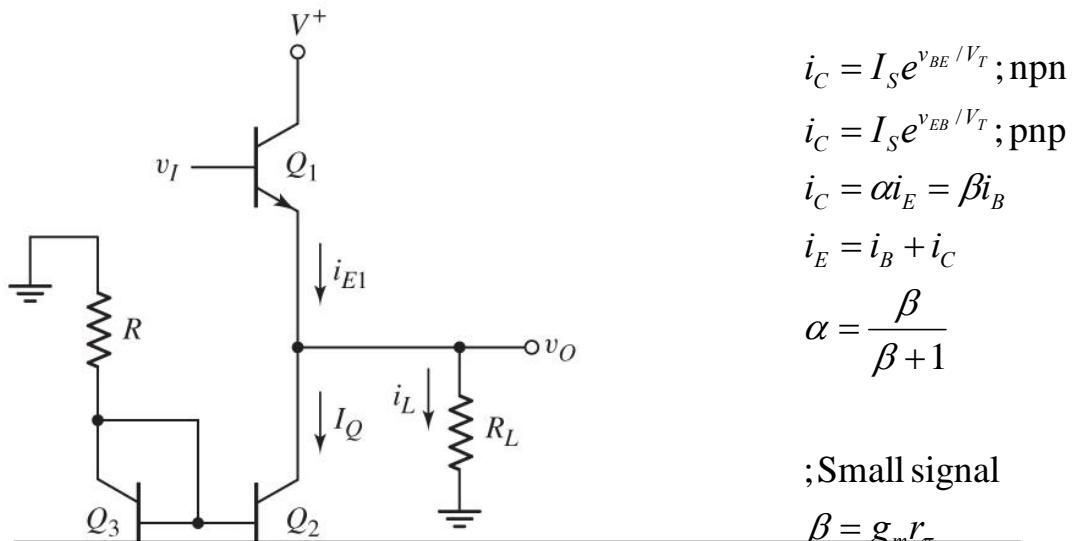
$$i_{E1}(\max) = I_Q + i_L(\max) [1]$$

$R_L$        $R_L$       25

**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  $i_{E1}(\text{min}) = 50 \text{ mA}$  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]



**Answer:**

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

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

$$i_{E1} = I_Q + i_L$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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