

Question:

A class-A emitter follower biased with a constant current source is shown in **Figure 1**. Assume circuit parameters of $V^+ = 12\text{ V}$, $V^- = -12\text{ V}$, 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 $i_{E1(\text{min})} = 40\text{ mA}$ 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]

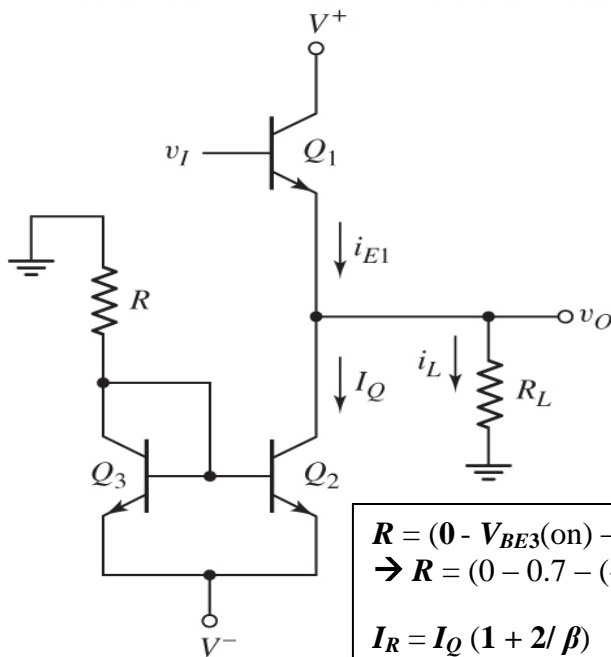


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• Small signal

$$R = (0 - V_{BE3(\text{on})} - V^-) / I_R$$

$$\rightarrow R = (0 - 0.7 - (-12)) / I_R = 11.3 / I_R \quad [1]$$

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

$$I_{E1} = I_Q + I_L \rightarrow I_{E1(\text{min})} = I_Q + I_{L(\text{min})} \quad [1]$$

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$$\rightarrow I_{L(\text{min})} = (-12 + 0.7) / 25 = -452\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_Q = I_{E1(\text{min})} - I_{L(\text{min})}$$

$$\rightarrow I_Q = 40\text{ mA} - (-452\text{ mA}) = 492\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_R = (492\text{ mA})(1 + 2/40) = 516.6\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$\rightarrow R = 11.3 / 516.6\text{m} = 21.873\ \Omega \quad [1]$$

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

$$I_{L(\text{max})} = v_{O(\text{max})} / R_L = (V^+ - V_{CE1(\text{min})}) / R_L$$

$$\rightarrow I_{L(\text{max})} = (12 - 0.7) / 25 = 452\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$\rightarrow I_{E1(\text{max})} = 492\text{ mA} + 452\text{ mA} = 944\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

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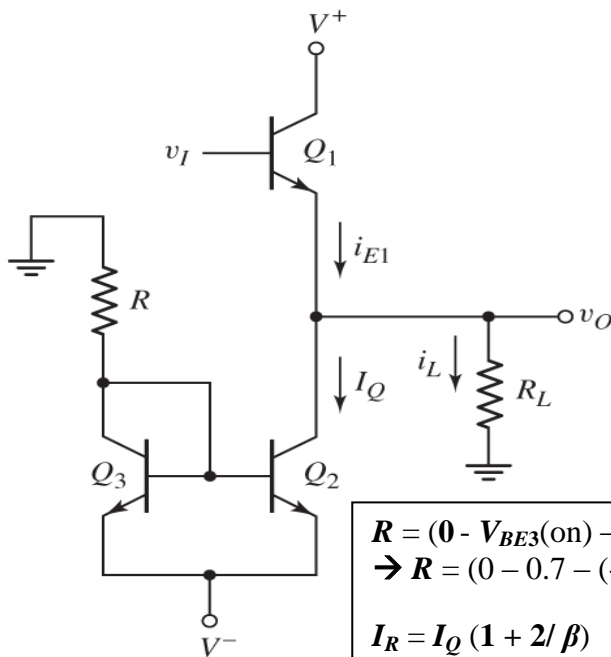


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$$\rightarrow I_{L(\text{min})} = (-11 + 0.7) / 15 = -686.7\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_Q = I_{E1(\text{min})} - I_{L(\text{min})}$$

$$\rightarrow I_Q = 45\text{ mA} - (-686.7\text{ mA}) = 731.7\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_R = (731.7\text{ mA})(1 + 2/40) = 768.285\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$\rightarrow R = 10.3 / 768.285\text{m} = 13.406\ \Omega \quad [1]$$

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

$$I_{L(\text{max})} = v_{O(\text{max})} / R_L = (V^+ - V_{CE1(\text{min})}) / R_L$$

$$\rightarrow I_{L(\text{max})} = (11 - 0.7) / 15 = 686.7\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$\rightarrow I_{E1(\text{max})} = 731.7\text{m} + 686.7\text{m} = 1418.4\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

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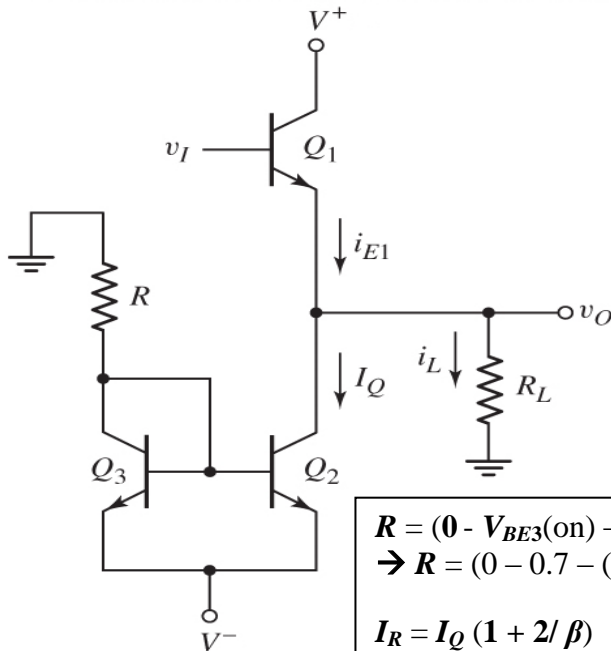


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$$I_Q = I_{E1(\text{min})} - I_{L(\text{min})}$$

$$\rightarrow I_Q = 45\text{ mA} - (-412\text{ mA}) = 457\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_R = (457\text{ mA})(1 + 2/40) = 479.85\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$\rightarrow R = 10.3 / 479.85\text{m} = 21.465\ \Omega \quad [1]$$

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

$$I_{L(\text{max})} = v_{O(\text{max})} / R_L = (V^+ - V_{CE1(\text{min})}) / R_L$$

$$\rightarrow I_{L(\text{max})} = (11 - 0.7) / 25 = 412\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$\rightarrow I_{E1(\text{max})} = 457\text{ m} + 412\text{ m} = 869\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

Question:

A class-A emitter follower biased with a constant current source is shown in **Figure 1**. Assume circuit parameters of $V^+ = 9\text{ V}$, $V^- = -9\text{ V}$, 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 $i_{E1(\text{min})} = 55\text{ mA}$ and the minimum collector-emitter voltage is to be $v_{CE(\text{min})} = 0.7\text{ V}$.

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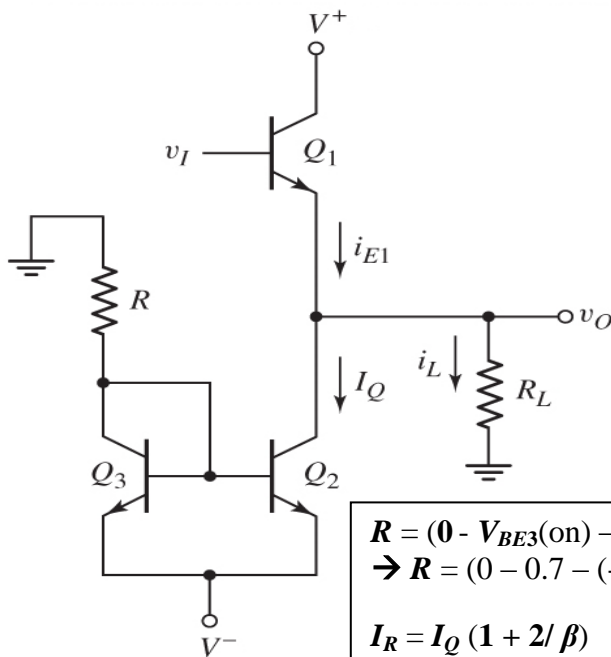


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$$\rightarrow R = (0 - 0.7 - (-9)) / I_R = 8.3 / I_R \quad [1]$$

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

$$I_{E1} = I_Q + I_L \rightarrow I_{E1(\text{min})} = I_Q + I_{L(\text{min})} \quad [1]$$

$$I_{L(\text{min})} = v_{O(\text{min})} / R_L = (V^- + V_{CE2(\text{min})}) / R_L$$

$$\rightarrow I_{L(\text{min})} = (-9 + 0.7) / 15 = -553.3\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_Q = I_{E1(\text{min})} - I_{L(\text{min})}$$

$$\rightarrow I_Q = 55\text{ mA} - (-553.3\text{ mA}) = 608.3\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$I_R = (608.3\text{ mA})(1 + 2/40) = 638.715\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$\rightarrow R = 8.3 / 638.715\text{m} = 12.995\ \Omega \quad [1]$$

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

$$I_{L(\text{max})} = v_{O(\text{max})} / R_L = (V^+ - V_{CE1(\text{min})}) / R_L$$

$$\rightarrow I_{L(\text{max})} = (9 - 0.7) / 15 = 553.3\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

$$\rightarrow I_{E1(\text{max})} = 608.3\text{ m} + 553.3\text{ m} = 1161.6\text{ mA} \quad [1]$$

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