

**ECE3050 Homework Set 2**

1. A diode has the parameters  $I_S = 10 \text{ fA}$ ,  $n = 2$ , and  $V_T = 25 \text{ mV}$ .  
 (a) Calculate  $r_d$  for  $V_D = 0.6 \text{ V}$ .

$$r_d = \frac{nV_T}{I_D + I_S} = \frac{nV_T e^{-V_D/nV_T}}{I_S} = 30.72 \text{ M}\Omega$$

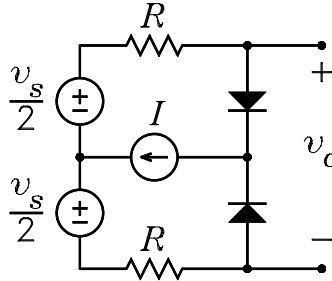
- (b) Calculate  $r_d$  for  $V_D = 0 \text{ V}$ .

$$r_d = \frac{nV_T}{I_S} = 5 \times 10^{12} \Omega$$

- (c) At what voltage does  $r_d$  exceed  $10^{15} \Omega$ ?

$$V_D = nV_T \ln\left(\frac{nV_T}{I_S r_d}\right) = -0.265 \text{ V}$$

2. A diode current-controlled attenuator circuit is shown. It is given that  $R = 20 \text{ k}\Omega$ . The diode parameters are  $n = 2$  and  $V_T = 0.025 \text{ V}$ .



- (a) Calculate the bias current which will provide a small-signal attenuation of 20 dB, i.e.  $v_o/v_s = 0.1$ .

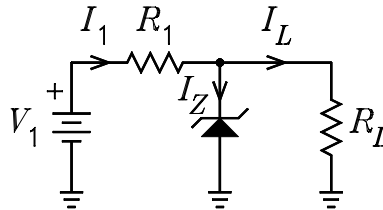
$$I = \frac{2nV_T}{R} \left[ \left(\frac{v_o}{v_s}\right)^{-1} - 1 \right] = 45 \mu\text{A}$$

- (b) If the current is halved, what is the new attenuation? (-14.8 dB). (c) If the current is doubled, what is the new attenuation? (-25.6 dB)
3. A diode has the current  $I_{D1} = 1 \text{ mA}$  for  $V_{D1} = 0.55 \text{ V}$  and  $I_{D2} = 2 \text{ mA}$  for  $V_{D2} = 0.58 \text{ V}$ . If  $I_S \ll I_{D1}$ , determine the ideality factor or emission coefficient  $n$  and the saturation current  $I_S$ .

$$n = \frac{V_{D2} - V_{D1}}{V_T \ln(I_{D2}/I_{D1})} = 1.73$$

$$I_S = \frac{I_{D1}}{\exp(V_{D1}/nV_T)} = \frac{I_{D2}}{\exp(V_{D2}/nV_T)} = 3.03 \text{ nA}$$

4. The diagram shows a zener diode regulator. It is given that  $V_1 = 35 \text{ V}$ . The diode has the zener voltage  $V_Z = 24 \text{ V}$ . The load resistance varies between the limits  $500 \Omega \leq R_L \leq 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ .



(a) Calculate  $R_1$  if  $I_Z$  is to have a value that is no smaller than 10 mA. Note that  $I_1$  is a constant once  $R_1$  is determined and  $I_1 = I_Z + I_L$ . Thus the minimum value of  $I_Z$  occurs when  $I_L$  is a maximum (when  $R_L$  is a minimum) because this makes  $I_Z$  have the smallest value.

$$R_1 = \frac{35 \text{ V} - 24 \text{ V}}{0.01 \text{ A} + 24 \text{ V}/500 \Omega} = 190 \Omega$$

(b) What is the power dissipation in  $R_1$  and the maximum power dissipation in the zener diode? Note that  $I_1$  is a constant and  $I_1 = I_Z + I_L$ . Thus the maximum dissipation in the zener diode occurs when  $I_L$  is its smallest value because this makes  $I_Z$  have the largest value.

$$P_1 = \frac{(35 \text{ V} - 24 \text{ V})^2}{190 \Omega} = 0.637 \text{ W} \quad P_{Z \max} = 24 \text{ V} \left( \frac{35 \text{ V} - 24 \text{ V}}{190 \Omega} - \frac{24 \text{ V}}{10 \text{ k}\Omega} \right) = 1.33 \text{ W}$$

5. Calculate the values of  $\beta$  and  $I_S$  for the transistor shown if  $V_{CB} = V_{BE} = 0.7 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_B = 0.2 \text{ mA}$ , and  $I_E = 10 \text{ mA}$ .

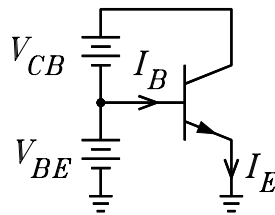
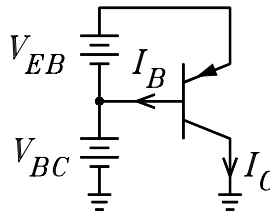


Figure 1:

$$\beta = \frac{10 \text{ mA} - 0.2 \text{ mA}}{0.2 \text{ mA}} = 49 \quad I_S = \frac{9.8 \times 10^{-3}}{\exp(0.7/0.025)} = 6.78 \times 10^{-15} \text{ A}$$

6. Calculate the values of  $\beta$  and  $I_S$  for the transistor shown if  $V_{EB} = V_{BC} = 0.7 \text{ V}$ ,  $I_B = 50 \mu\text{A}$ , and  $I_C = 2.5 \text{ mA}$ .

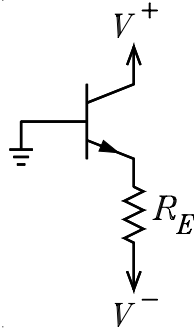


$$\beta = \frac{2.5 \text{ mA}}{50 \mu\text{A}} = 50 \quad I_S = \frac{2.5 \times 10^{-3}}{\exp(0.7/0.025)} = 1.73 \times 10^{-15} \text{ A}$$

7. Calculate the collector, emitter, and base currents if  $V^+ = 3.3 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_{EE} = -3.3 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_{BE} = 0.7 \text{ V}$ ,  $R_E = 47 \text{ k}\Omega$ , and  $\beta = 90$ .

$$I_E = \frac{-0.7 \text{ V} - (-3.3 \text{ V})}{47 \text{ k}\Omega} = 55.3 \mu\text{A} \quad I_B = \frac{55.3 \mu\text{A}}{91} = 0.608 \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_C = I_E - I_B = 54.7 \mu\text{A}$$



8. An npn transistor is operated in the active mode with a base current of  $3\ \mu\text{A}$ . It is found that  $I_C = 240\ \mu\text{A}$  for  $V_{CE} = 5\ \text{V}$  and  $I_C = 265\ \mu\text{A}$  for  $V_{CE} = 10\ \text{V}$ . What are the values of  $\beta_0$  and  $V_A$  for this transistor? [ $\beta_0 = 71.7$ ,  $V_A = 43.1\ \text{V}$ ]
9. A BJT has the parameters  $\beta_0 = 75$ ,  $V_A = 100\ \text{V}$ , and  $V_{CE} = 10\ \text{V}$ .
- (a) Calculate  $I_C$  for  $r_\pi = 10\ \text{k}\Omega$ .

$$I_B = \frac{V_T}{r_\pi} = 2.5\ \mu\text{A} \quad I_C = \beta_0 \left( 1 + \frac{V_{CE}}{V_A} \right) I_B = 0.2063\ \text{mA}$$

- (b) Calculate the values of  $g_m$  and  $r_0$ .

$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} = \frac{1}{121.2} \quad r_0 = \frac{V_A + V_{CE}}{I_C} = 533.3\ \text{k}\Omega$$

- (c) Calculate  $\alpha$  and  $r_e$ .

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta} = \frac{\beta_0 \left( 1 + \frac{V_{CE}}{V_A} \right)}{1 + \beta_0 \left( 1 + \frac{V_{CE}}{V_A} \right)} = 0.9880$$

$$r_e = \frac{V_T}{I_E} \stackrel{\text{or}}{=} \frac{V_T}{(1 + \beta) I_B} \stackrel{\text{or}}{=} \frac{r_\pi}{1 + \beta_0 \left( 1 + \frac{V_{CE}}{V_A} \right)} = 119.8\ \Omega$$

10. The output characteristics of a BJT are shown. (a) Determine  $\beta_0$  and  $V_A$ . [ $\beta_0 = 120$ ,  $V_A = 30\ \text{V}$ ] (b) Calculate  $\beta$  at  $i_B = 4\ \mu\text{A}$  and  $V_{CE} = 5\ \text{V}$ . [135] (c) Calculate  $\beta$  at  $i_B = 8\ \mu\text{A}$  and  $V_{CE} = 15\ \text{V}$ . [225]

