

## Final Exam, ECE 137A

Wednesday March 22, 2017, 7:30 - 10:30pm

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Closed Book Exam:

Class Crib-Sheet and 3 pages (6 surfaces) of student notes permitted

Do not open this exam until instructed to do so. Use any and all reasonable approximations (5% accuracy), *after stating & justifying them.*

**Show your work:**

**Full credit will not be given for correct answers if supporting work is missing.**

Good luck

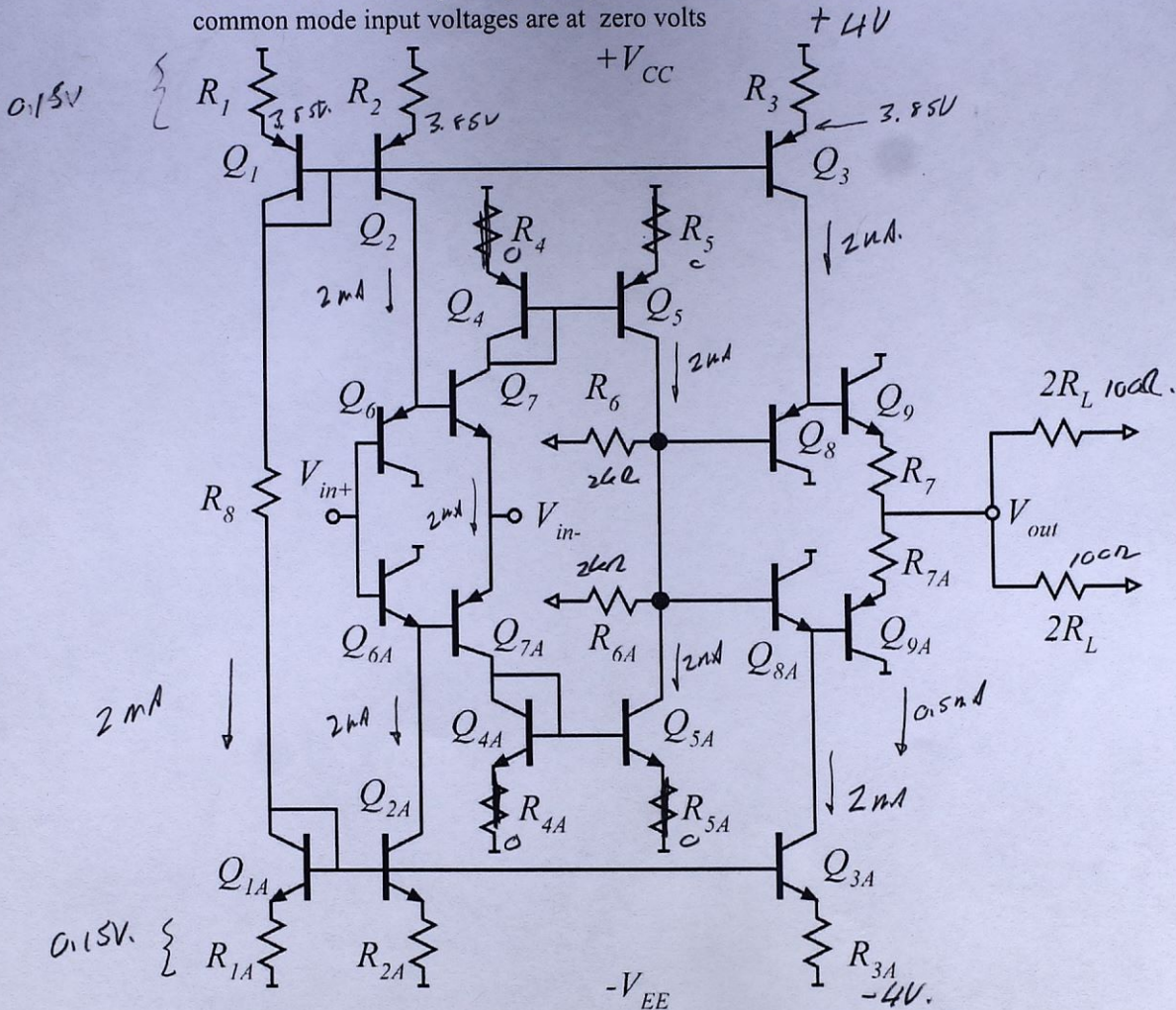
Time function	LaPlace Transform
$\delta(t)$ impulse	1
$U(t)$ unit step-function	$1/s$
$e^{-\alpha}U(t)$	$\frac{1}{s + \alpha}$
$e^{-\alpha} \cos(\omega_d t)U(t)$	$\frac{s + \alpha}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \omega_d^2}$
$e^{-\alpha} \sin(\omega_d t)U(t)$	$\frac{\omega_d}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \omega_d^2}$

Part	Points Received	Points Possible	Part	Points Received	Points Possible
1a		5	2c		15
1b		6	2d		10
1c		4	3a		7
1d		10	3b		8
1e		10	3c		7
2a		10	3d		8
2b		10			
<b>total</b>		<b>100</b>			



**Problem 1, 35 points**

**This is an NOT an Op-Amp:** Analyze under the assumption that the differential and common mode input voltages are at zero volts



All the transistors have the same (matched)  $I_S$ , have  $\beta = 100$ , and  $V_A = \infty$  Volts.

$V_{CE(sat)} = 0.5V$ .

$V_{be}$  is roughly 0.7 V, but use  $V_{be} = (kT/q) \ln(I_E / I_S)$  when necessary and appropriate.

The supplies are +4 Volts and -4 Volts.

$R_1=R_{1A}$ ,  $R_2=R_{2A}$ ,  $R_3=R_{3A}$ ,  $R_6=R_{6A}$ ,  $R_7=R_{7A}$ .

The voltage drops across  $R_1$  and  $R_{1A}$  are both 150mV.

$Q_1, Q_{1A}, Q_6, Q_{6A}, Q_7, Q_{7A}, Q_5, Q_{5A}, Q_8, Q_{8A} : I_C = 2mA$ .

$Q_9, Q_{9A} : I_C = 0.5 mA$ .

$R_L = 50 \text{ Ohms}$ ,  $R_6 = R_{6A} = 2000 \text{ Ohms}$ .  $R_4 = R_{4A} = R_5 = R_{5A} = 0 \text{ Ohms}$ .

$$\frac{kT}{q} \ln 4 = R_7 \cdot 0.5mA$$

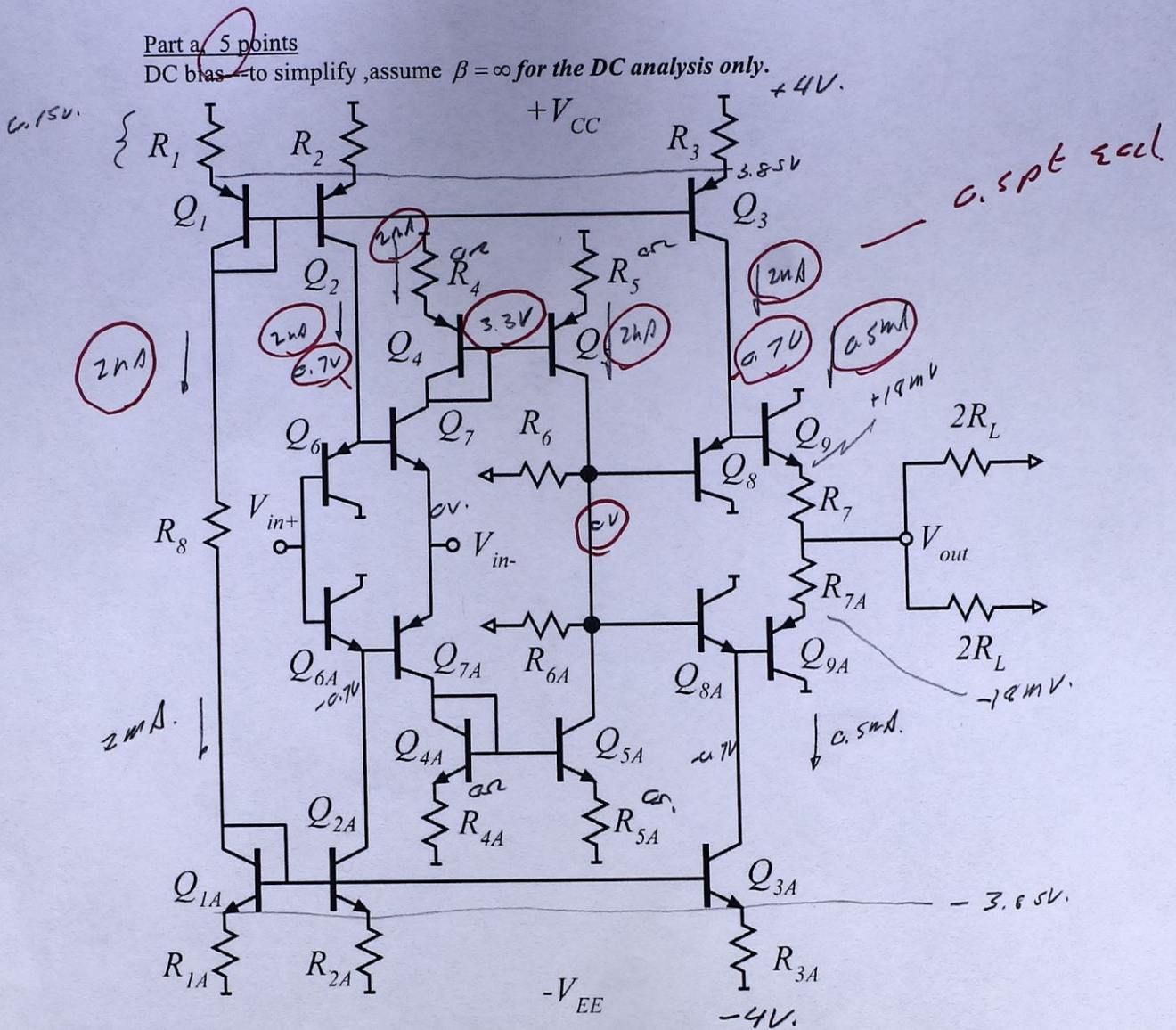
$$R_7 = 36\Omega$$



$$\beta = 100, V_A = \infty$$

Part a, 5 points

DC bias - to simplify, assume  $\beta = \infty$  for the DC analysis only.



On the circuit diagram above, label the DC voltages at ALL nodes, the DC currents through ALL resistors, and the DC collector currents of all transistors.



Part b, 6 points

DC bias:

Find the value of all resistors.

$$R1/R1A = 75 \quad R2/R2A = 75 \quad R3/R3A = 7.5 \quad R4/R4A = 0\Omega$$
$$R5/R5A = 0\Omega \quad R6/R6A = 2k\Omega \quad R7/R7A = \frac{3.85k\Omega}{72\Omega} \quad R8 = 3.85k\Omega$$

$$2 \left[ R1, I1A, 2/20, 3/3A: R = \frac{0.15V}{2mA} = 75\Omega \right]$$

$$2 \left[ R7, R7A: V_{CE8} + V_{BE8A} - V_{BE9} - V_{BE9A} = 2 \cdot R7 \cdot 0.5mA$$
$$2 \frac{kT}{q} \ln\left(\frac{4}{1}\right) = 2R7 \cdot 0.5mA$$
$$R7 = 72\Omega \right]$$

$$2 \left[ R8: V_{drop} \text{ is } (4V - 0.15V) = 2, \text{ current is } 2mA$$
$$R = \frac{(4V - 0.15V) \cdot 2}{2mA} = 3.85k\Omega \right]$$



Part c. 4 points

find the following

device	Q1/1A	2/2A	3/3A	4/4a	5/5A	6/6A	7/7A	8/8A	9/9A
gm, S									
Rce, $\Omega$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$

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$$R_{ce} = \frac{V_A + V_{CE}}{I_c} \rightarrow \infty \Omega$$

1.5

All  $I_c$  except Q9/Q9A:

$$I_c = 2 \text{ mA} \rightarrow 1/g_m = 13 \Omega \rightarrow g_m = 76.9 \text{ mS}$$

1.5

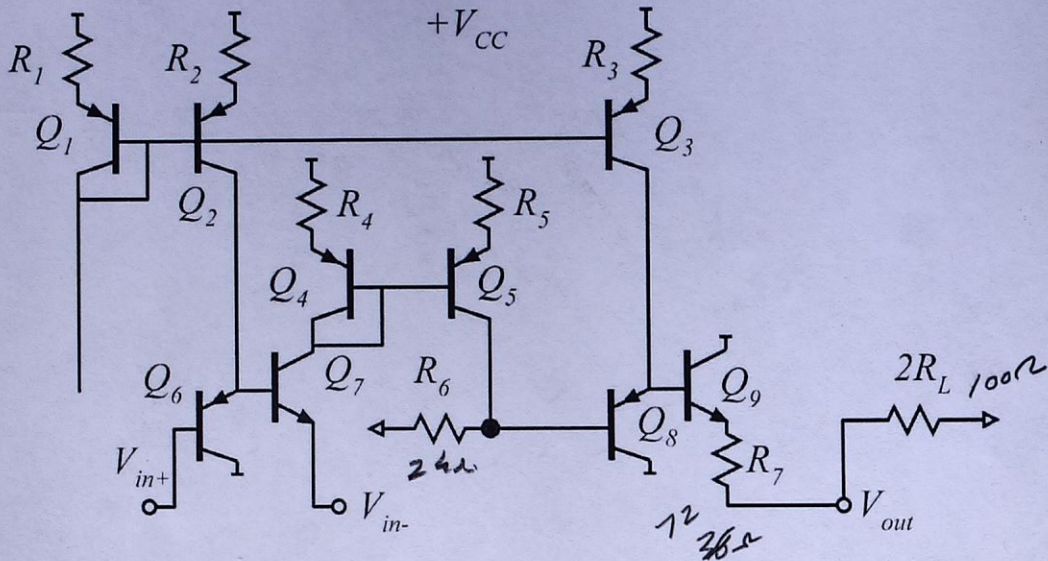
Q9/Q9A

$$I_c = 1/2 \text{ mA} \rightarrow 1/g_m = 52 \Omega \rightarrow g_m = 19.2 \text{ mS}$$



Part d, 10 points.

The circuit is 100% symmetric, and can be represented by the simpler small-signal diagram below;



Find the following, using the actual value of  $\beta$ , i.e.  $\beta=100$

	Voltage Gain	Input impedance
Q9	0.45	22kΩ
Q8	1	2.2MΩ
Q5	-154	1.3kΩ
Q7	-1	1.3kΩ
Q6	1	130kΩ
Overall differential Vout/Vin	69	130kΩ

Note: with some insight, you can find the combined gain of Q7/Q4/Q5 in a single step. If you would like to do so, omit the separate answers for Q5 and Q7 in the table above, and instead fill in the table below,

	Voltage Gain	Input impedance
Q7/Q4/Q5 combination.	154	1.3kΩ



Q4/  $R_7, 2R_1$  divider

$$V_{out}/V_{in} = \frac{100\Omega}{172\Omega}$$

$$Q9: A_v = \frac{172\Omega}{172\Omega + 52\Omega} = 0.77$$

} 0.45 over

$$1/2 [ R_{i2} = \beta(172\Omega + 52\Omega) = 22.4 k\Omega$$

Q8:  $1/2 [ R_{eq} = R_{i9} = 22.4 k\Omega$

$$1/g_m = 13\Omega$$

$$1/2 [ A_v = \frac{22.4 k\Omega}{22.4 k\Omega + 13\Omega} = 0.999 \approx 1$$

$$1/2 [ R_{i1} = \beta(22.4 k\Omega) = 2.24 M\Omega$$

Q5  $1/2 [ R_{eq5} = R_6 \parallel R_{i8} = 2 k\Omega \parallel 2.24 M\Omega = 1.995 M\Omega \approx 2 k\Omega$

$$1/2 [ A_v = -g_{m5} \cdot R_{eq5} = -\frac{2 k\Omega}{13\Omega} = -153.8$$

$$1/2 [ R_{i5} = \beta/g_m = 100 \cdot 13\Omega = 1.3 k\Omega$$

Q7  $1/2 [ R_{eq} = 1/g_{m4} \parallel R_{i5} = 13\Omega \parallel 1.3 k\Omega = 0.99 \cdot 13\Omega \approx 13\Omega$

$$1 [ A_{v7} = -g_{m7} R_{eq7} = -13\Omega / 13\Omega = -1$$

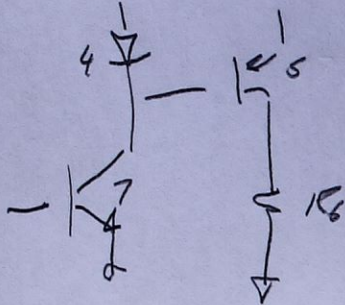
$$1 [ R_{i7} = \beta/g_m = 1.3 k\Omega$$

Q6/  $1 [ R_{eq} = R_{i7} = 1.3 k\Omega$   $1 [ A_v = \frac{1.3 k\Omega}{1.3 k\Omega + 13\Omega} = 0.99$

$$1 [ R_{i1} = \beta \cdot R_{eq} = 130 k\Omega$$



Alternative: for the Q7/4/5 comb. net. u.



$$A_v = +g_{m7} R_6 = \frac{26 \Omega}{13 \Omega} = 153.8$$



Note: QXA answers are the negative of QX answers.

Part e, 10 points

Maximum peak-peak output voltage (*show all your work*)

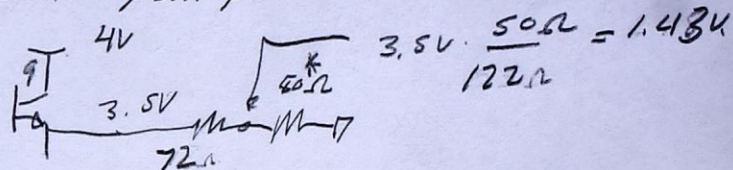
For this, you must use the full circuit diagram, not the half circuit diagram.

	magnitude and sign of maximum output signal swing due to <i>cutoff</i>	magnitude and sign of maximum output signal swing due to <i>saturation</i>
Transistor Q9	1.43V	N/A
Transistor Q9A	-1.43V	N/A
Transistor Q8	-1.84V	+10V
Transistor Q8A	+1.84V	-10V
Transistor Q5	1.43V	N/A
Transistor Q5A	-1.43V	N/A
Transistor Q7	N/A	N/A
Transistor Q7A	N/A	N/A

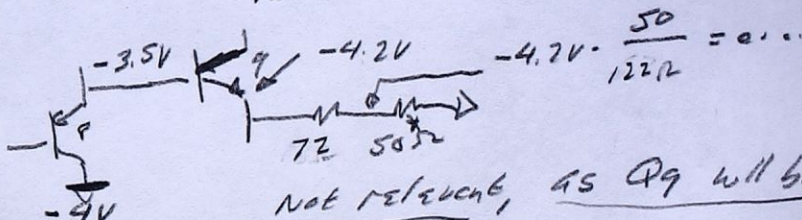
Be warned: In some cases a limit is not relevant at all. Mark those answers "not relevant". But, give a 1-sentence statement below as to why it is not relevant. Q9/9A form a push pull stage, so be careful about your answer there. **Hint:** There is, effectively, another push-pull stage in the circuit, which will affect two of the other answers.

1. [ Q9 cutoff - not relevant - push pull

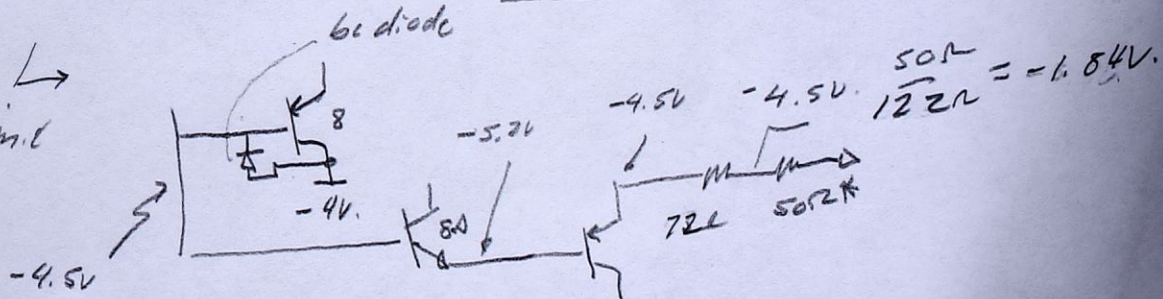
1. [ Q9 saturation



1. [ Q8 saturation



1. [ actual limit

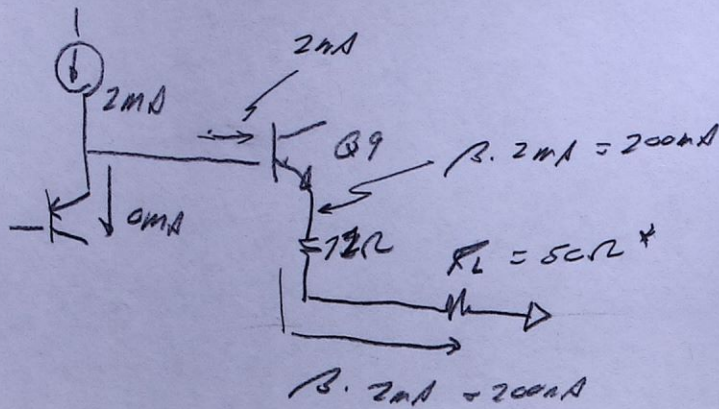


\*note - we will accept  $\frac{100\Omega}{100\Omega + 72\Omega}$  as acceptable.

and will accept use of 100 for load.



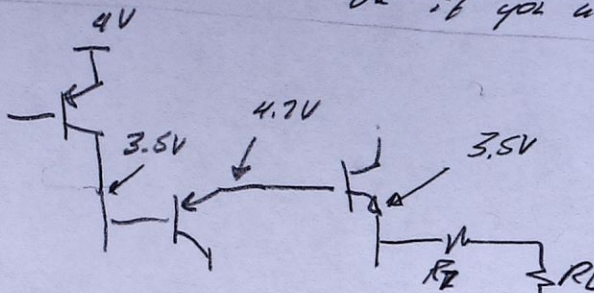
Cutoff Q9



$$V_o^+ = R_L \cdot 200mA = 50\Omega \cdot 200mA = +10V$$

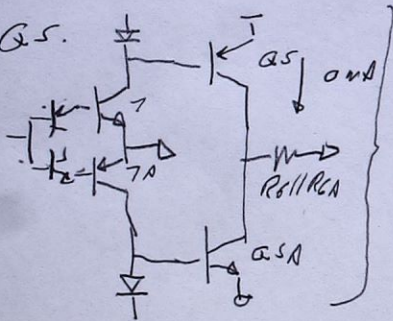
\* OL if you used 100Ω.

Sat Q5



$$3.5V \cdot \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_2} = 3.5V \cdot \left( \frac{50\Omega}{122\Omega} \right) = 1.438V$$

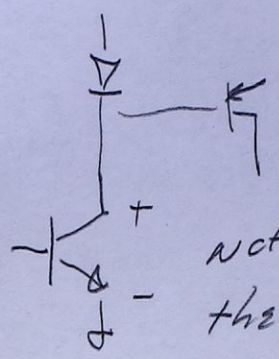
Cutoff Q5



Cutoff of Q5 is not relevant as Q5/Q5A form another push-pull pair.

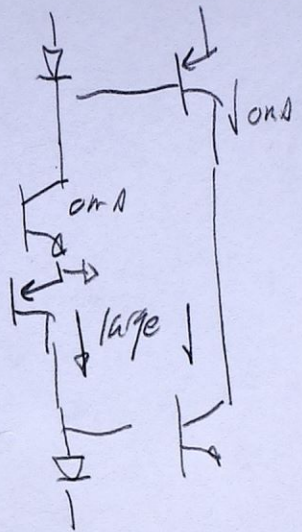


Sat Q7



not relevant - if  $V_{CE7} = 0.5V$   
then  $I_{CS}$  would be VERY large.

sat off Q7

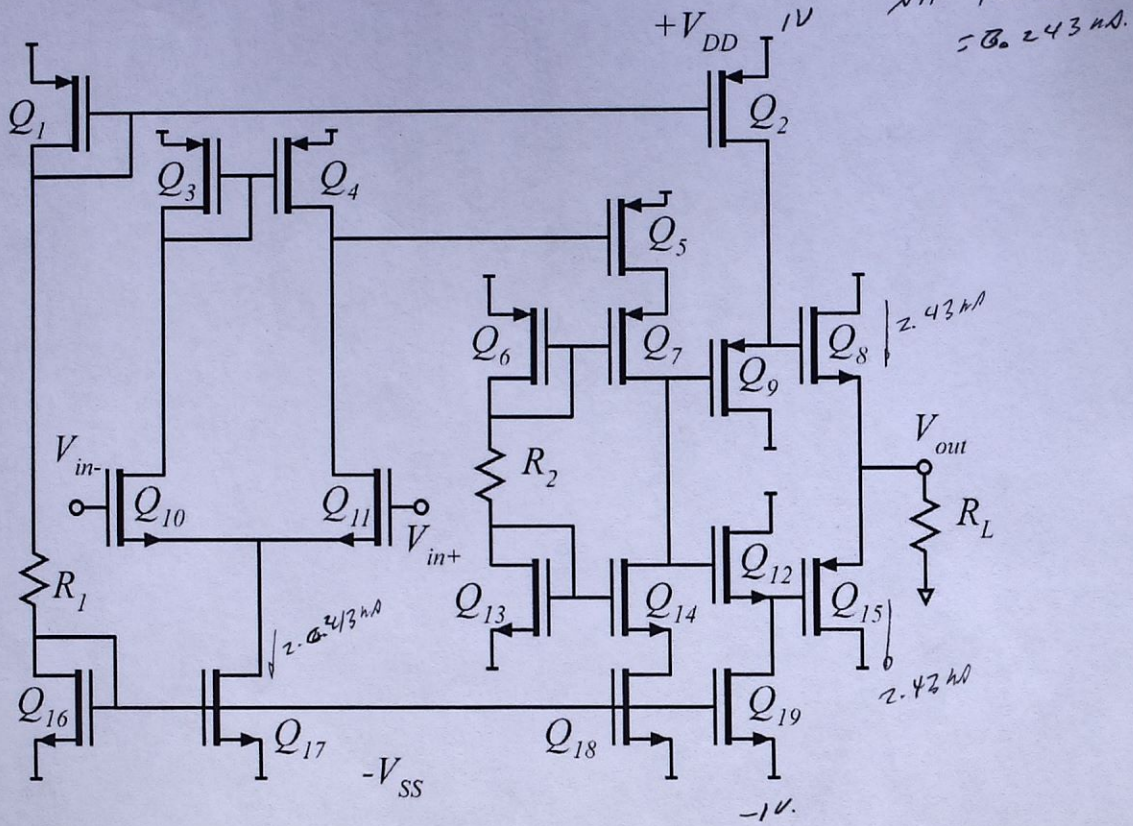


Again - not relevant  
as Q7/7A  
& Q5/5A  
form push pull pair



**Problem 2, 35 points**

*This is an Op-Amp*---analyze the bias under the assumption that DC output voltage is zero volts, that the positive input  $V_{i+}$  is zero volts, and that we must determine the DC value of the negative input voltage ( $V_{i-}$ ) necessary to obtain this.



The NMOSFETs and the PMOSFETs have a 0.20 V threshold, a 22nm gate length, 200  $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$  mobility, a  $10^7 \text{cm/s}$  injection velocity, and  $1/\lambda = 4$  Volts. The gate oxide thickness is 0.8nm and the dielectric constant is 3.8. This gives

$$\mu c_{ox} W_g / 2L_g = 19.1 \text{ mA/V}^2 \cdot (W_g / 1\mu\text{m}) \text{ and}$$

$$v_{sat} c_{ox} W_g = 4.21 \text{ mA/V} \cdot (W_g / 1\mu\text{m}) \text{ (both are a bit unrealistic for a real technology).}$$

$$\text{and } v_{sat} L_g / \mu = 0.110 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{DD} = +1 \text{ V}, -V_{SS} = -1 \text{ V}, R_L = 10 \text{ kOhm}$$



Part a, 10 points

DC bias.

**Approximation: ignore the term  $(1 + \lambda V_{DS})$  in DC bias analysis.**

Analyze the bias under the assumption that DC output voltage is zero volts, that the positive input  $V_{i+}$  is zero volts, and that we must determine the DC value of the negative input voltage ( $V_{i-}$ ) necessary to obtain this.

All transistors **except Q6, Q13** have  $|V_{gs}| = 0.25V$ .

Q6 and Q13 have  $V_{gs} = 0.30V$ .

All transistors **except Q8, Q15, Q17** have  $|I_D| = 0.243mA$ .

Q8 and Q15 have  $|I_D| = 2.43mA$ .

You can figure out  $|I_D|$  for Q17.

Find the gate widths of all transistors, plus R1 and R2.

Find:

Wg1= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg2= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg3= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg4= \_\_\_\_\_  
Wg5= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg6= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg7= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg8= \_\_\_\_\_  
Wg9= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg10= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg11= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg12= \_\_\_\_\_  
Wg13= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg14= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg15= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg16= \_\_\_\_\_  
Wg17= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg18= \_\_\_\_\_ Wg19= \_\_\_\_\_  
R1= \_\_\_\_\_ R2= \_\_\_\_\_

1  $|V_{gs}| = 0.25V \rightarrow$  less than  $V_{th} + \Delta V \rightarrow$  mobility limited.

2  $0.243mA = \frac{19.1mA}{V^2} \frac{Wg}{1\mu m} (0.25V - 0.2V)^2 \rightarrow Wg = 5.1\mu m \approx 5\mu m$

1  $Wg = 5\mu m$  for all Fets except Q8, 15, 17, 6, 13.

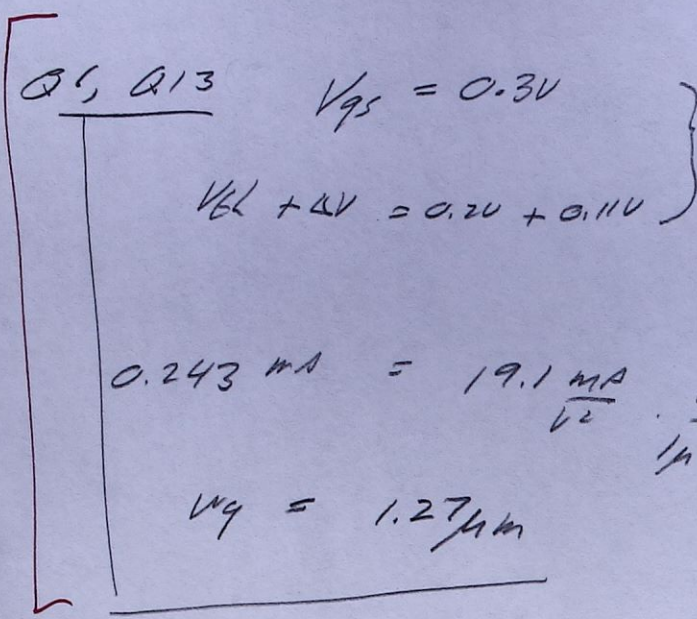
1  $\text{for Q8/15} \rightarrow Wg = 51\mu m$  (10:1 more  $I_D$ , same  $V_{gs}$ ).

2  $\text{for Q17} \quad 0.486mA = \frac{19.1mA}{V^2} \frac{Wg}{1\mu m} (0.25V - 0.2V)^2 \rightarrow Wg = 10.1\mu m$

1  $R1 \parallel I = 0.243mA, V = 2(1V - 0.25V) \rightarrow R = 6.17k\Omega$

1  $R2 \parallel I = 0.243mA, V = 2(1V - 0.3V) \rightarrow R = 5.76k\Omega$



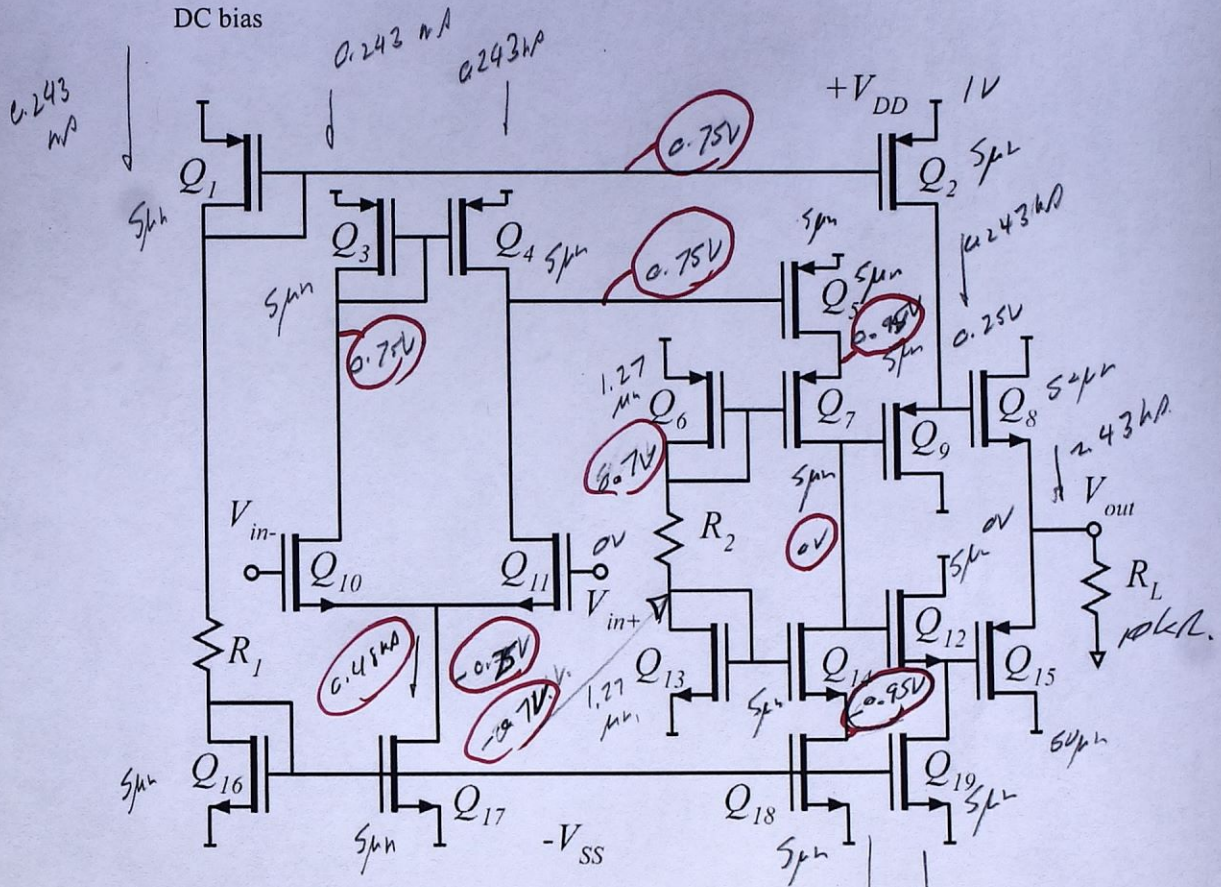


still mobility limited.



Part b, 10 points

DC bias



On the circuit diagram above, label the DC voltages at ALL nodes, the drain currents of ALL transistors, and the gate widths of ALL transistors

0.243 nA  
0.415 nA  
0.243 nA



$$\frac{1}{\lambda} = 4V$$

Part c, 15 points.

You will now compute the op-amp differential gain. *You must consider the  $(1 + \lambda V_{DS})$  term in the FET IV characteristics when you do this.*

Find the following

	Voltage Gain	Input impedance
Transistor combination Q3,4,10,11	157.6	$\infty \Omega$
Q5,7	13,300	$\infty \Omega$
Q9 or Q12.	0.996	$\infty \Omega$
Q8 or Q15	0.99	$\infty \Omega$
Overall differential Vout/Vin	$1.94 \cdot 10^6$	$\infty \Omega$

Notes:

1) You can analyze Q5 and Q7 as separate stages, or as a combined stage using Norton/Thevenin methods. Don't ask for hints as to how to do this.

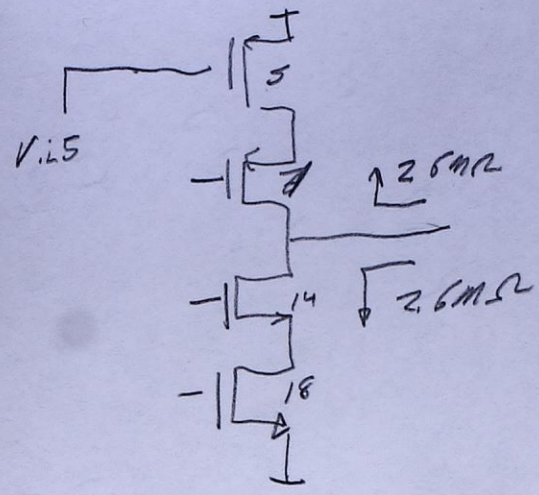
2) For Q9/12 and for Q8/15, you can assume that Q9 and Q12 are on for the positive signal swing and Q8 and Q15 are on for the negative signal swing. More accurately, you can assume, for the signal swing near zero volts, that all are on. If you take the latter approach (and do it correctly), you will receive a couple of extra credit points. One hint (don't ask for any other hints): use symmetry.

or work as 2 stages.



o- work as 2 stages.

let's analyze this by ~~Norton~~ Norton method



node impedance is  
 $2.6M\Omega \parallel 2.6M\Omega = 1.3M\Omega$

short-circuit current is  

$$g_{m5} v_{in5} \cdot \frac{R_{DSS}}{R_{DSS} + 1/g_{m7}}$$

→ Voltage gain =  $g_{m5} \cdot 1.3M\Omega \cdot \frac{R_{DSS}}{R_{DSS} + 1/g_{m7}}$

voltage gain of Q5 & Q7 =  $\frac{1.3M\Omega}{104.7\Omega} \cdot \frac{16.5K\Omega}{16.5K\Omega + 104.7\Omega} = \frac{12,300}{0.994}$

Q10/11/13/14 -

$R_{Leg} = R_{DSS9} \parallel R_{DSS11}$

$R_{DSS} = 1/\lambda I_D = 16.5K\Omega$

$A_v = g_m R_{Leg} = 16.5K\Omega (104.7\Omega)^{-1} = 157.6$



$$2 \left[ \begin{array}{l} g_m = 2 \overbrace{(V_{gs} - V_{th})}^{0.05V} \cdot \frac{19.1 \mu A}{V^2} \cdot W_9 \\ = 9.55 \text{ mS for all } \text{IL} \rightarrow \text{except } Q_{8/15} = 1/104.7 \Omega \\ = 95.5 \text{ mS for } Q_{8/15} = 1/10.47 \Omega \end{array} \right.$$

Q8 assume  $Q_{15}$  off

$$1 \left[ \begin{array}{l} A_{v8} = \frac{10k\Omega \parallel R_{DS8}}{R_{DS8} \parallel 10k\Omega + 119\Omega} = 0.993 \approx 1 \\ R_{DS8} \uparrow 10.47\Omega \\ R_{i8} = \infty \Omega \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} R_{DS8} = 1/\lambda I_D \\ 17\mu = 1.65k\Omega \\ \text{--- should have been included.} \end{array} \right.$$

Q9

$$1 \left[ \begin{array}{l} R_{DS14} = 1/\lambda I_D = 4V/0.243mA = 16.5k\Omega \\ R_{eq} = R_{DS14} \parallel R_{DS9} = 8.25k\Omega \\ A_v = \frac{16.5k\Omega}{8.25k\Omega + 119\Omega} = 0.988 \approx 1 \\ R_{i9} = \infty \Omega \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} 104.7\Omega \end{array} \right.$$

Q7 and Q5

$$1 \left[ \begin{array}{l} R_{eq} = R_{in \text{ drain } 14} = (g_{m14} R_{DS14} + 1) R_{DS19} \\ R_{DS19} = R_{DS14} = 1/\lambda I_D = 4V/0.243mA = 16.5k\Omega \\ = (16.5k\Omega / 104.7\Omega + 1) 16.5k\Omega = 2.6M\Omega \end{array} \right.$$

two options to work

- 1) stages by stage.
- 2) Norton analysis of B517 combination.



Part d, 10 points

Maximum peak-peak output voltage at the positive output  $V_{o+}$  (show all your work)

	magnitude and sign of maximum output signal swing due to <i>cutoff</i>	magnitude and sign of maximum output signal swing due to: <i>knee voltage</i> (saturation)
Transistor Q8	not relevant - post-kill	+0.95V
Transistor Q15	" " " "	-0.95V
Transistor Q9	+4V (or large/ignore)	+1.2V
Transistor Q12	-4V (or "large")	-1.2V
Transistor Q2	N/A	0.7V
Transistor Q19	N/A	-0.7V
Transistor Q7	-630V or irrelevant	+0.9V
Transistor Q14	N/A	-0.9V

Be warned: in some cases a limit is not relevant. Mark those answers "not relevant".

1 [ Q8 - cutoff - not relevant - post-kill  
 Q15 - " " " " " "

1 [ Q9 knee voltage  $\begin{matrix} +0.2V \\ | \\ +0.25V \end{matrix} +0.05V$  knee is @  $V_{DS} = 0.05V$ .  
 $V_{out} = 1V - 0.05 = 0.95V$

1/2 [ Q15 knee voltage - identical calculation.

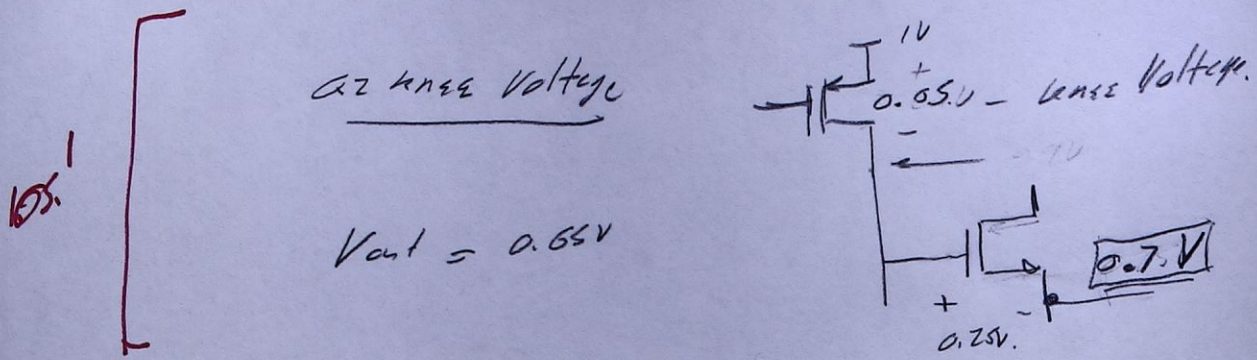
1/2 [ Q9 cutoff  $\Delta I_D = 0.243mA$  but  $R_{DS2}$  is  $R_{DS2} = \text{large}$ .  
 $\Delta V = 0.243mA \cdot R_{DS2} = +4V \rightarrow \text{large} \rightarrow \text{ignore}$

1/2 [ Q12 cutoff identical calculation

1 [ Q9 knee voltage  $\begin{matrix} \leftarrow 0.95V \\ | \\ 0.05V \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} | \\ 0.2V \end{matrix} \rightarrow -1.2V$  - beyond supply  
 - not relevant

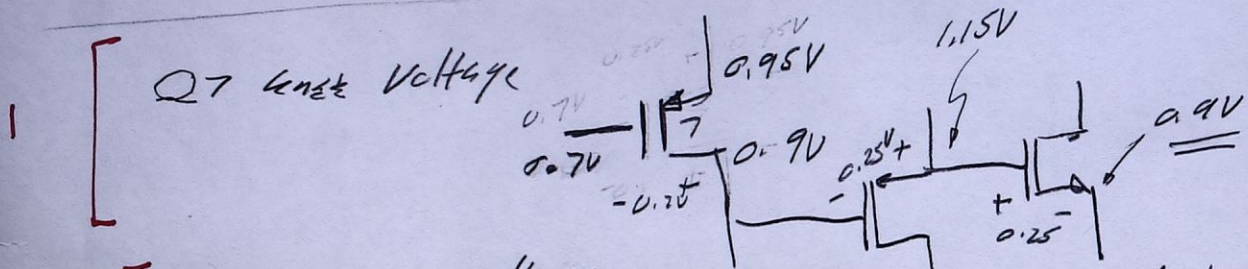
1/2 [ Q12 knee voltage ] identical calculation  $\rightarrow +1.2V$





1/2 [ Q19 knee voltage → identical calculation  
 →  $V_{out} = -0.70V$

1/2 [ Q2/Q19 cutoff - not relevant -  $I_D$  doesn't turn off.



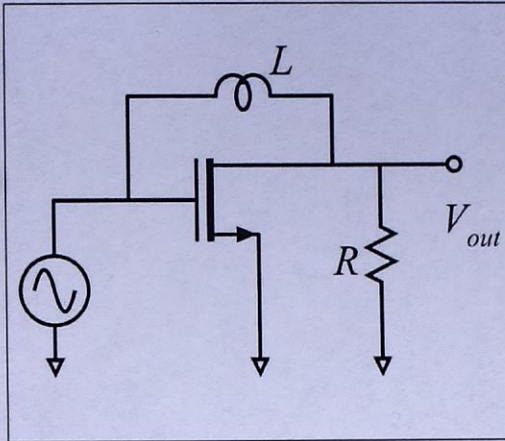
1/2 [ Q14 knee voltage → identical calculation -  $V_{out} = -0.9V$

1 [ Q7 cutoff:  $\Delta I = 0.243 mA$   
 $R_{Lsq} = 2.6 M\Omega$  ]  $\Delta V = \text{product}$   
 $= -630V$   
 Very large (not relevant)

1/2 [ Q14 cutoff - not relevant -  $I_D$  does not vary



Problem 3, 30 points



You will be working on the circuit to the left

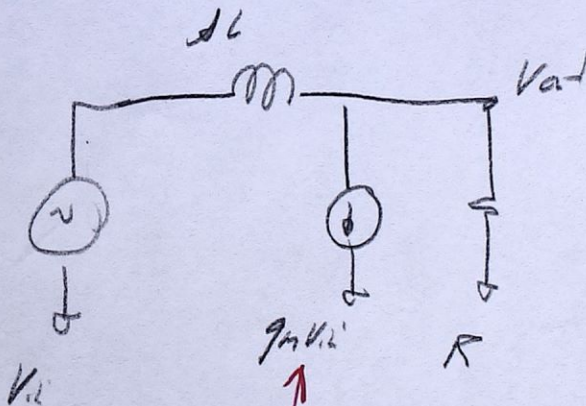
Ignore DC bias analysis. You don't need it.

The transistor has transconductance  $g_m$ .

Its output resistance  $r_{ds}$  is infinity...so you don't need to include this element in the circuit diagram !

Part a, 7 points

Draw a small-signal equivalent circuit of the circuit.



*Control must be identified!*

*all the element must be included*



Part b, 8 points

$g_m = 20 \text{ mS}$ ,  $L = 1 \text{ nH}$ ,  $R = 1000 \text{ Ohms}$

Find, by nodal analysis, a small-signal expression for  $V_{out}/V_{in}$ . Be sure to give the answer with **\*\*correct units\*\*** and in ratio-of-polynomials form, i.e.

$$\frac{V_{out}(s)}{V_{gen}(s)} = K \cdot \frac{1 + b_1s + b_2s^2 + \dots}{1 + a_1s + a_2s^2 + \dots} \text{ or (as appropriate) } \frac{V_{out}(s)}{V_{gen}(s)} = K \cdot (s\tau)^n \cdot \frac{1 + b_1s + b_2s^2 + \dots}{1 + a_1s + a_2s^2 + \dots}$$

Note that an expression like

$$\frac{V_{out}(s)}{V_{gen}(s)} = \frac{1}{1 + (3 \cdot 10^{-6})s} \text{ is dimensionally wrong; } \frac{1}{1 + (3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ seconds})s} \text{ is dimensionally correct}$$

$V_{out}(s)/V_{in}(s) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$\Sigma I @ V_{out} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \frac{(V_{out} - V_{in})}{sL} + g_m V_{in} + V_{out} / R = 0 \quad ] \quad 4$$

$$V_{in} (1/sL - g_m) = V_{out} (1/sL + 1/R)$$

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{1/sL - g_m}{1/sL + 1/R} = \frac{1 - sLg_m}{1 + sL/R}$$

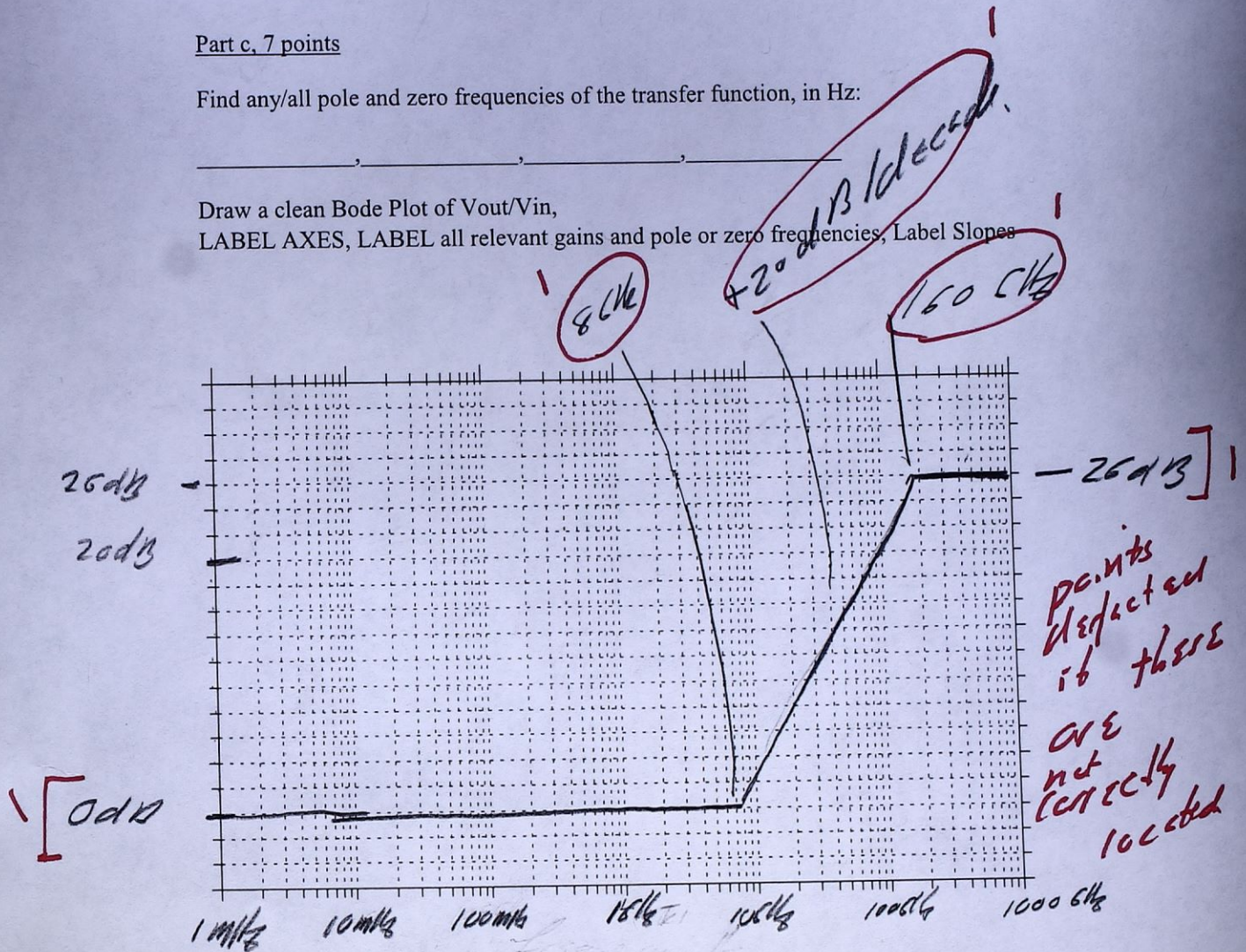
$$= \frac{1 - s(20 \text{ pS})}{1 + s(1 \text{ nS})}$$



Part c, 7 points

Find any/all pole and zero frequencies of the transfer function, in Hz:

Draw a clean Bode Plot of  $V_{out}/V_{in}$ ,  
 LABEL AXES, LABEL all relevant gains and pole or zero frequencies, Label Slopes



$$f_p = \frac{1}{2\pi(1\mu s)} = 160 \text{ kHz}$$

$$f_z = \frac{1}{2\pi(24\mu s)} = 8 \text{ kHz}$$

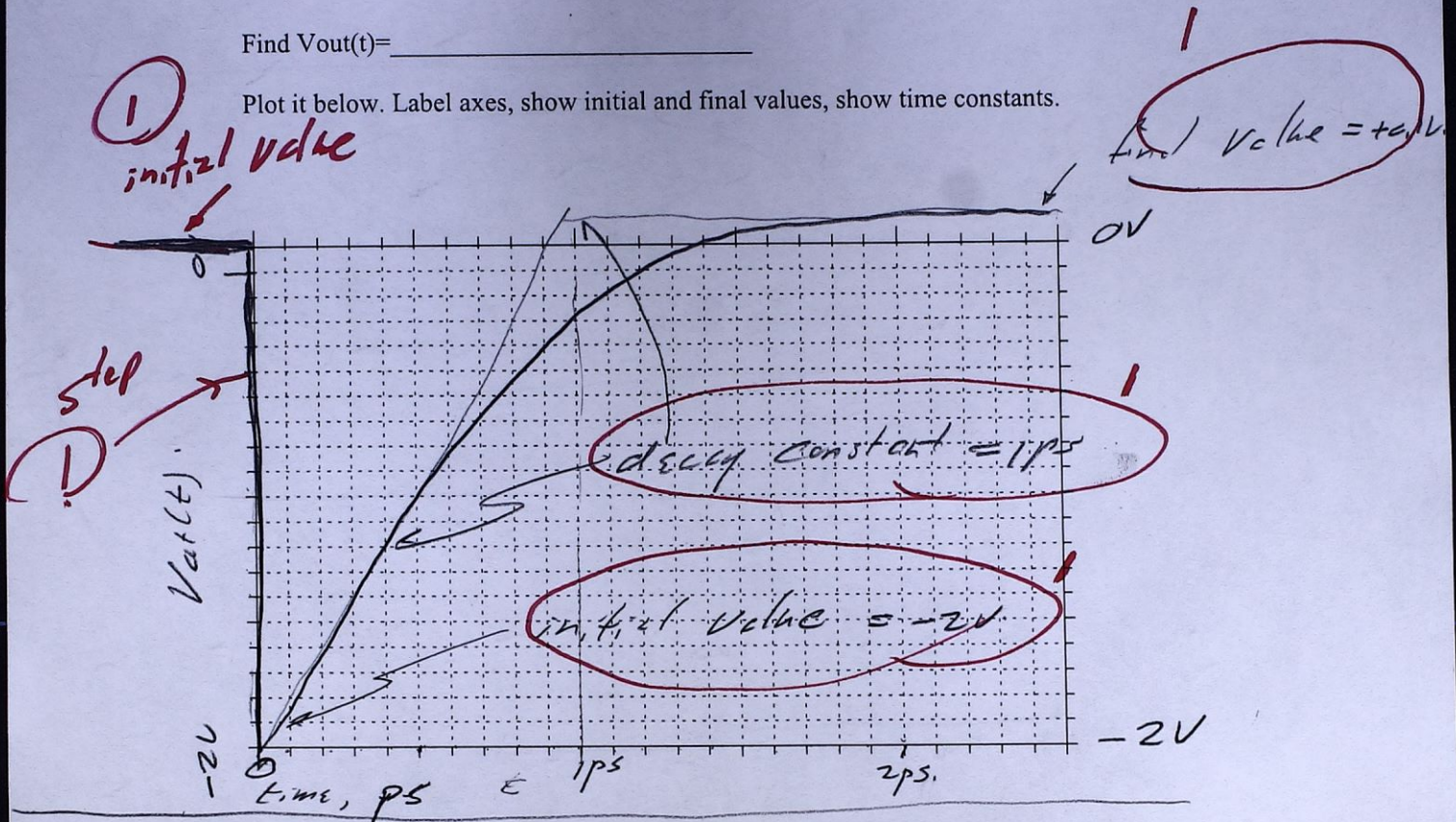


Part d, 8 points

$V_{in}(t)$  is a 0.1 V amplitude step-function.

Find  $V_{out}(t) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Plot it below. Label axes, show initial and final values, show time constants.



$$V_i(s) = 0.1V/s$$

$$V_o(s) = \frac{0.1V}{s} \frac{1 - sT_z}{1 + sT_p} = \frac{0.1V}{s} \left[ 1 + \frac{s(-T_z - T_p)}{1 + sT_p} \right]$$

$$= \frac{0.1V}{s} + 0.1V \frac{(-T_z - T_p)}{T_p} \frac{T_p}{1 + sT_p} = \frac{0.1V}{s} + 0.1V (-21) \frac{1ps}{1 + s(1ps)}$$

$$V_o(t) = 0.1V \cdot u(t) - 2.1V u(t) \cdot e^{-t/1ps}$$