

AE_LECTURE5_PARTA_LOW FREQUENCYANALYSISOFCE_AMPLIFIER*

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Abstract

AE_Lecture5_PartA describes the short Circuit Time Constant Method of determining the lower
-3dB frequency of RC coupled CE Amplifier.

AnalogElectronics_Lecture5_PartA_Low Frequency Analysis of CE Amplifier(Final)

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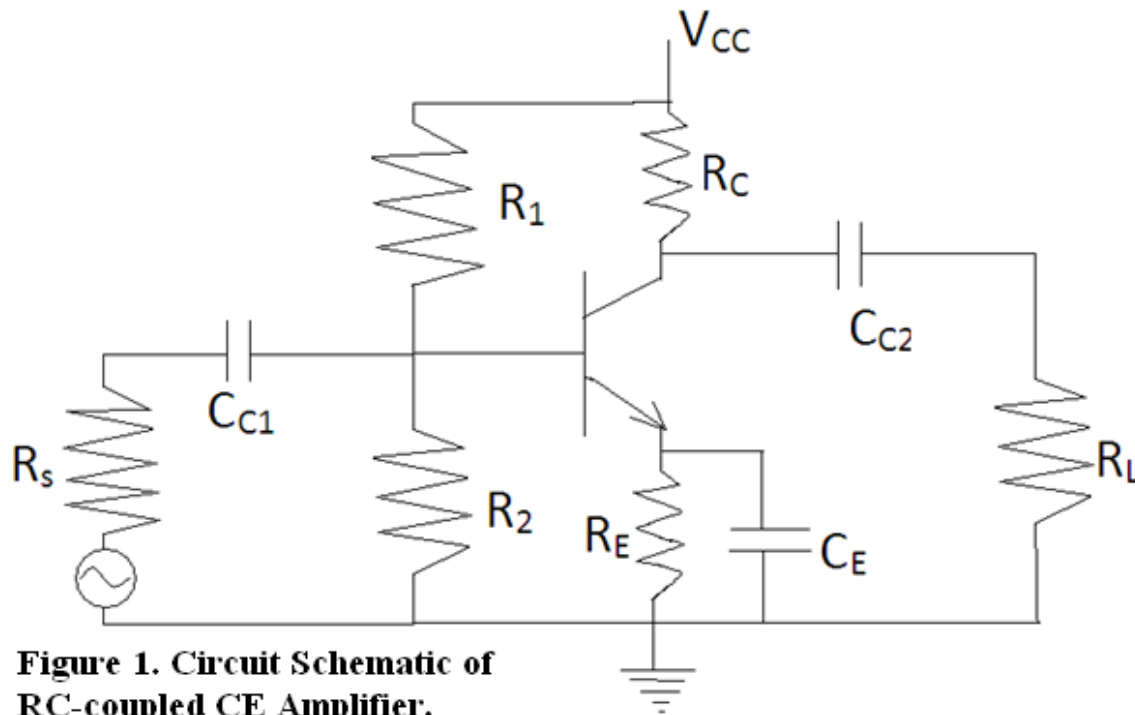


Figure 1

Figure 1. RC-coupled CE Amplifier.

Lower -3dB frequency of CE Amplifier is determined by Short Circuit Time Constant Method.

Coupling Capacitors and Emitter By-pass capacitor are responsible for lower -3dB frequency(f_L).

We consider the time constant associated with each capacitor with the remaining capacitors shorted. Suppose the time constants associated with C_{C1} , C_{C2} and C_E are τ_{1S} , τ_{2S} and τ_{3S} . Then the overall time constant associated with the amplifier due to combined effect of C_{C1} , C_{C2} and C_E is τ_L where:

$$\frac{1}{\tau_L} \triangleq \frac{1}{\tau_{1S}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{2S}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{3S}} = 2\pi f_L = \omega_L$$

Figure 2

Here Time Constant associated with each capacitor is $\tau = RC$ where R is the equivalent resistance seen by each Capacitor.

$$R_S = 5k\Omega, R_B = R_1 || R_2 = 10k\Omega, R_C = 2k\Omega$$
$$r_x = 100\Omega, r_\pi = 0.4k\Omega, g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} = 100\text{mmho}$$

Figure 3

$$I_C = 2.5\text{mA}, R_E = 0.4k\Omega, \beta_{fo} = 40$$

Figure 4

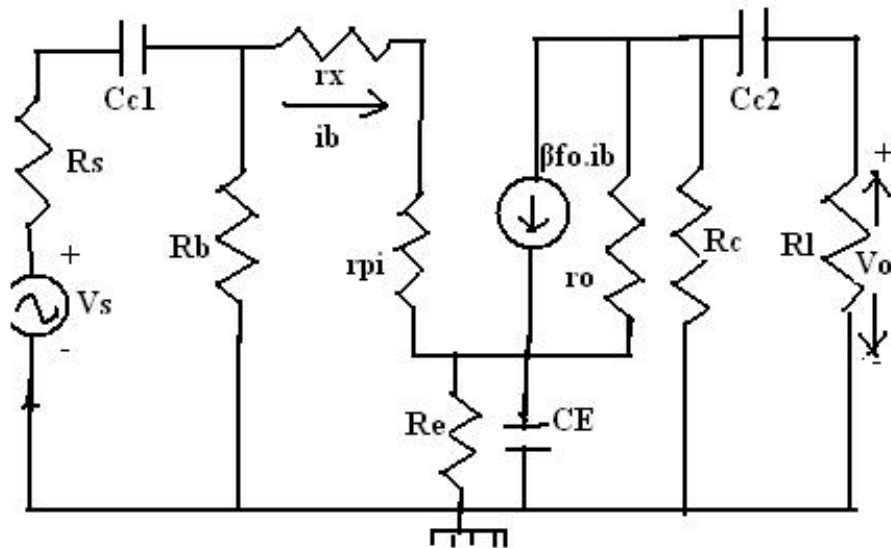


Figure 2. The incremental model of RC-coupled CE Amplifier. Battery V_{cc} has been shorted and BJT has been replaced by Hybrid- π Model.

Figure 5

Figure 2. Low Frequency Incremental model

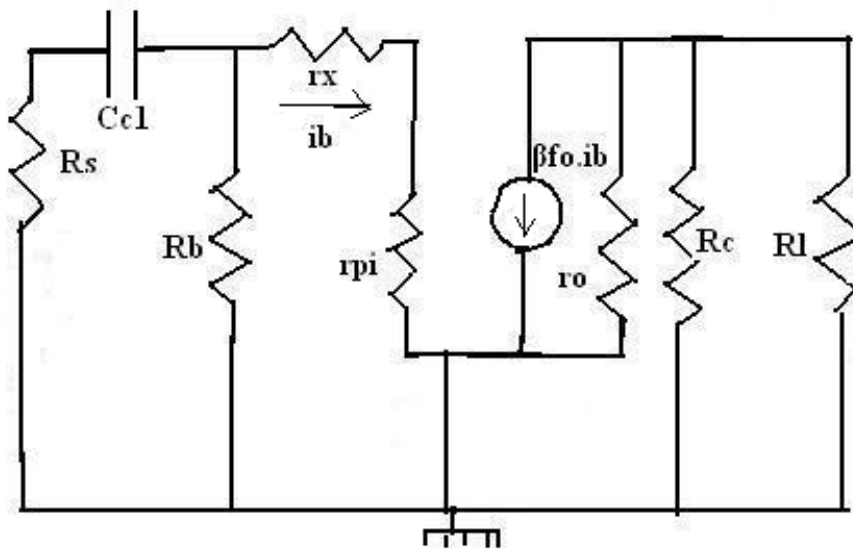


Figure 3. Calculation of Short Circuit Resistance as seen by Cc1.

Figure 6

Figure 3. Low frequency Incremental Model with C_E and C_{c2} shorted. Equivalent resistance seen by C_{c1} is $R_S + (R_B || (r_x + r_\pi))$

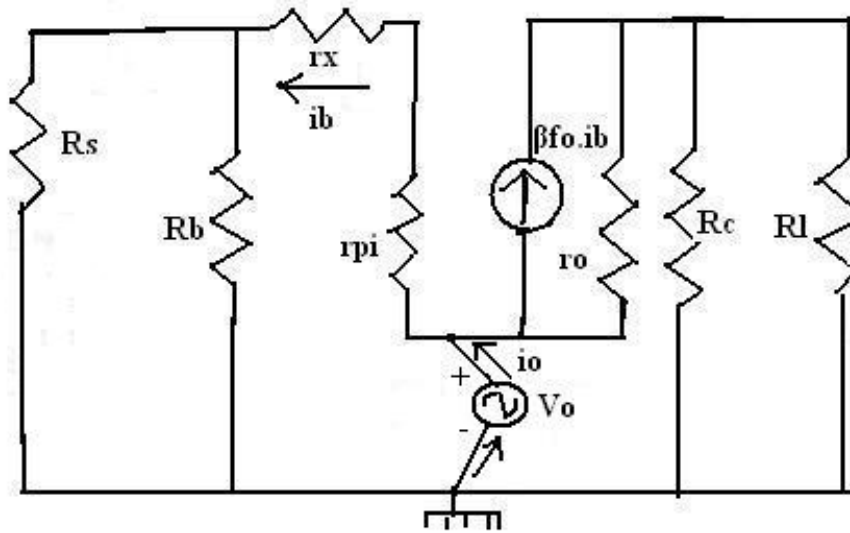


Figure 4. Equivalent circuit for measuring the short circuit resistance as seen by C_e

Figure 7

Figure 4. Incremental Model with C_{c1} and C_{c2} shorted. C_e sees the equivalent Resistance $R_{2s} = v_o/i_o$
 In Figure 4 , a voltage source v_o is connected in place of C_E .
 Current drawn from the source is : $i_o = i_b + \beta_{f_o} \cdot i_b$
 where $i_b = v_o / (r_{\pi} + r_x + R_B || R_S)$ therefore $i_o = i_b(1 + \beta_{f_o}) = (1 + \beta_{f_o}) \cdot v_o / (r_{\pi} + r_x + R_B || R_S)$;
 Therefore $v_o / i_o = (r_{\pi} + r_x + R_B || R_S) / (1 + \beta_{f_o}) = R_{2s}$;

$$R_{1s} = R_s + R_B || (r_x + r_\pi) = 5.48k\Omega$$

$$R_{2s} = R_E || \left[\frac{r_x + r_\pi + R_s || R_B}{\beta_{fo} + 1} \right] = 0.0758k\Omega$$

C_{C1} and C_E are both present. $C_{C2} = \infty$

Overall -3dB frequency will be:

$$\omega_l = \frac{1}{\tau_L} = \frac{1}{\tau_{1s}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{2s}}$$

For equal poles:-

$$1.15\omega_l = \frac{1}{\tau_{1s}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{2s}}$$

Figure 8

$$\text{If } f_l = 30\text{Hz}; \omega_l = 188.5 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}} = 0.1885(\text{msec})^{-1}$$

$$\therefore 0.217(\text{msec})^{-1} = \frac{1}{5.48C_C} + \frac{1}{0.0758C_E}$$

$$C_C = 1.68\mu\text{F}, C_E = 122\mu\text{F}$$

From first principles:

(i.e. detailed circuit analysis)

$$A_V(j\omega) = \frac{-A_{vo}(j\omega)(j\omega + \omega_z)}{(j\omega + \omega_{p1})(j\omega + \omega_{p2})}$$

At $\omega \gg \omega_{p1}, \omega_{p2}, \omega_z$,

Figure 9

$$A_V(j\omega) = \frac{-A_{vo}(j\omega)(j\omega)}{(j\omega)(j\omega)} = -A_{vo}$$

Figure 10

By detailed analysis,

$$\frac{1}{\tau L} \triangleq \frac{1}{\tau 1s} + \frac{1}{\tau 2s} + \frac{1}{\tau 3s} = 2\pi f_L = \omega_L$$

Figure 11

Here there are two poles corresponding to two capacitors C_{C1} and C_E . The second coupling capacitor is considered to be infinity. The highest pole decides lower -3dB frequency. So 0.188Krad/sec decides the lower -3dB frequency which comes out to be 30Hz.