

ELECTRONICS SOLUTIONS

GATE-2010

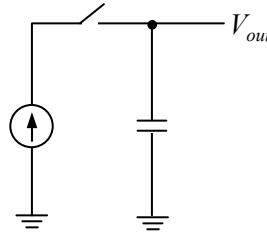
Q1. The voltage resolution of a 12-bit digital to analog converter (DAC), whose output varies from -10 V to $+10\text{ V}$ is, approximately

- (a) 1 mV (b) 5 mV (c) 20 mV (d) 100 mV

Ans: (b)

Solution: Voltage resolution = $\frac{20\text{V}}{2^{12} - 1} = 4.8\text{ mV}$

Q2. The figure shows a constant current source charging a capacitor that is initially uncharged.



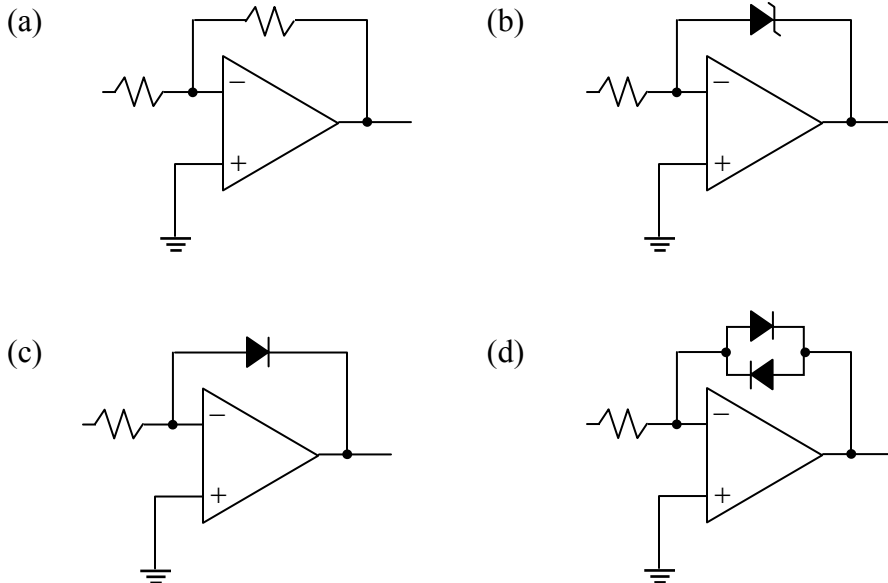
If the switch is closed at $t = 0$, which of the following plots depicts correctly the output voltage of the circuit as a function of time?

- (a) (b) (c) (d)

Ans: (d)

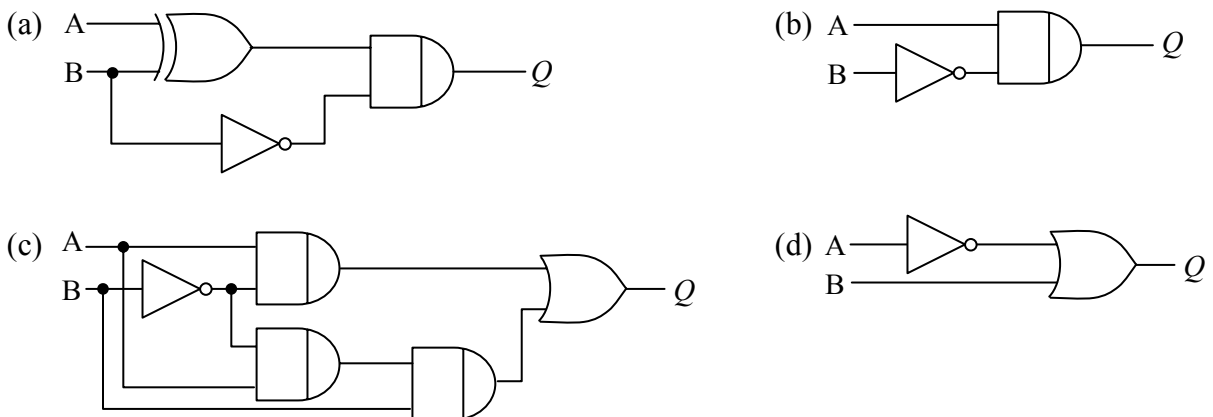
Solution: $I_0 = \frac{CdV_0}{dt} \Rightarrow V_0 = \frac{I_0}{C}t$

Q3. In one of the following circuits, negative feedback does not operate for a negative input. Which one is it? The opamps are running from ± 15 V supplies.



Ans: (c)

Q4. For any set of inputs, A and B, the following circuits give the same output, Q, except one. Which one is it?



Ans: (d)

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Q5. Which of the following statements is **CORRECT** for a common emitter amplifier circuit?

- (a) The output is taken from the emitter
- (b) There is 180° phase shift between input and output voltages
- (c) There is no phase shift between input and output voltages
- (d) Both $p-n$ junctions are forward biased

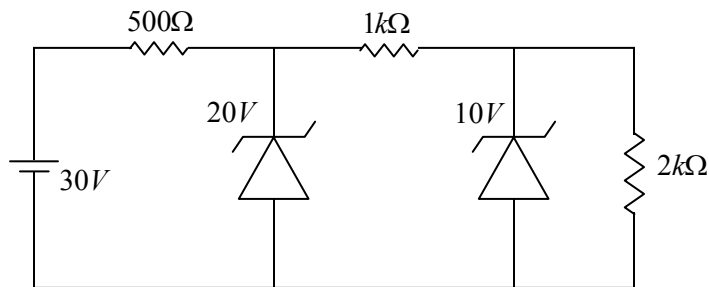
Ans: (b)

Q6. For an intrinsic semiconductor, m_e^* and m_h^* are respectively the effective masses of electrons and holes near the corresponding band edges. At a finite temperature the position of the Fermi level

- (a) depends on m_e^* but not on m_h^*
- (b) depends on m_h^* but not on m_e^*
- (c) depends on both m_e^* and m_h^*
- (d) depends neither on m_e^* nor on m_h^*

Ans: (c)

Q7. In the following circuit, the voltage across and the current through the $2\text{ k}\Omega$ resistance are



- (a) 20 V, 10 mA
- (b) 20 V, 5 mA
- (c) 10 V, 10 mA
- (d) 10 V, 5 mA

Ans: (d)

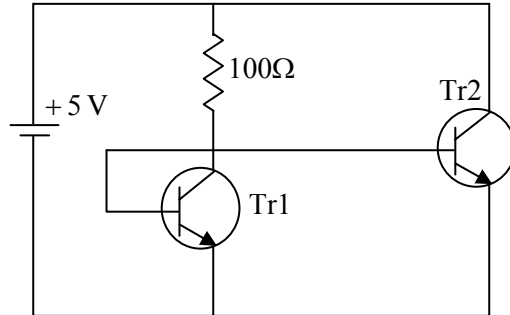
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Q8. In the following circuit, Tr1 and Tr2 are identical transistors having $V_{BE} = 0.7 \text{ V}$. The current passing through the transistor Tr2 is



- (a) 57 mA (b) 50 mA (c) 48 mA (d) 43 mA

Ans: (d)

Solution: Current through 100Ω , $I = \frac{5 - 0.7}{100} = 43 \text{ mA}$

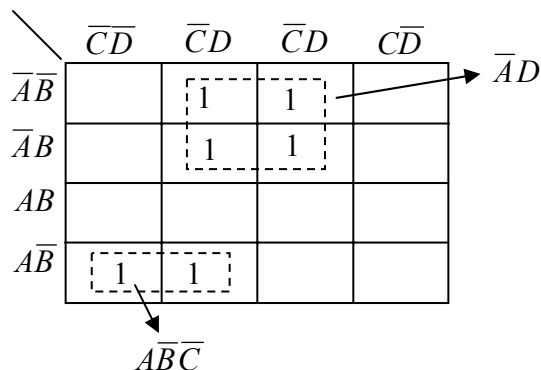
$$I = I_C + 2I_B \approx I_C = 43 \text{ mA}.$$

Q9. The following Boolean expression

$Y = A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C} \cdot \bar{D} + \bar{A} \cdot B \cdot \bar{C} \cdot D + \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C} \cdot D + \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C \cdot D + \bar{A} \cdot B \cdot C \cdot D + A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C} \cdot D$ can be simplified to

- (a) $\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C + A \cdot \bar{D}$ (b) $\bar{A} \cdot B \cdot \bar{C} + A \cdot \bar{D}$
 (c) $A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot \bar{C} + \bar{A} \cdot D$ (d) $A \cdot \bar{B} \cdot C + \bar{A} \cdot D$

Ans: (c)



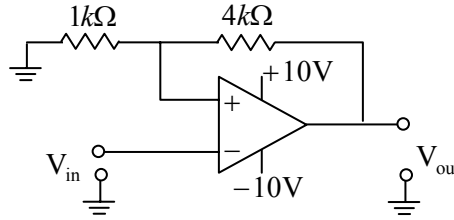
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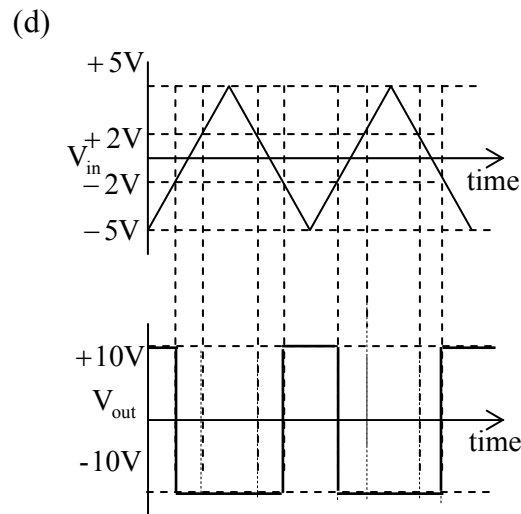
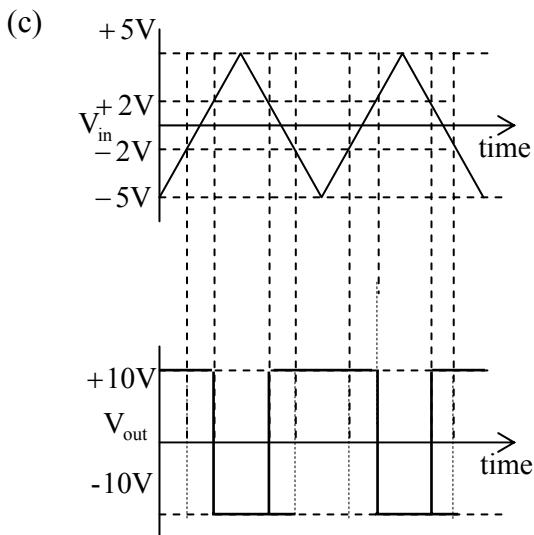
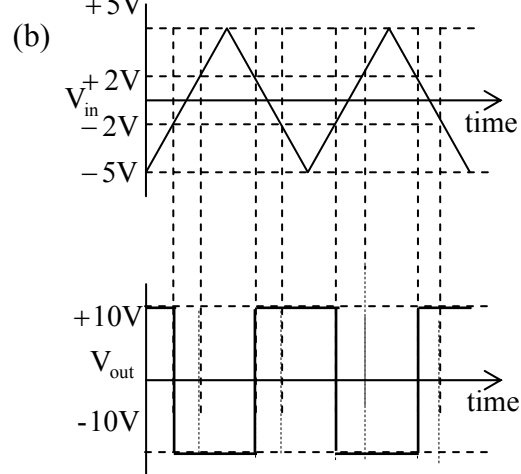
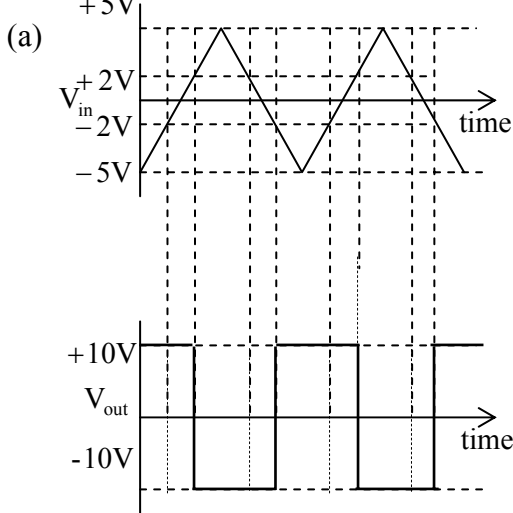
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Q10. Consider the following circuit



Which of the following correctly represents the output V_{out} corresponding to the input

V_{in} ?



Ans: (a)

Solution: $V_{ut} = \left(\frac{1}{1+4}\right) \times 10 = +2V$, $V_{lt} = \left(\frac{1}{1+4}\right) \times -10 = -2V$.

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- Q11. If the peak output voltage of a full wave rectifier is 10 V, its d.c. voltage is
 (a) 10.0 V (b) 7.07 V (c) 6.36 V (d) 3.18 V

Ans: (c)

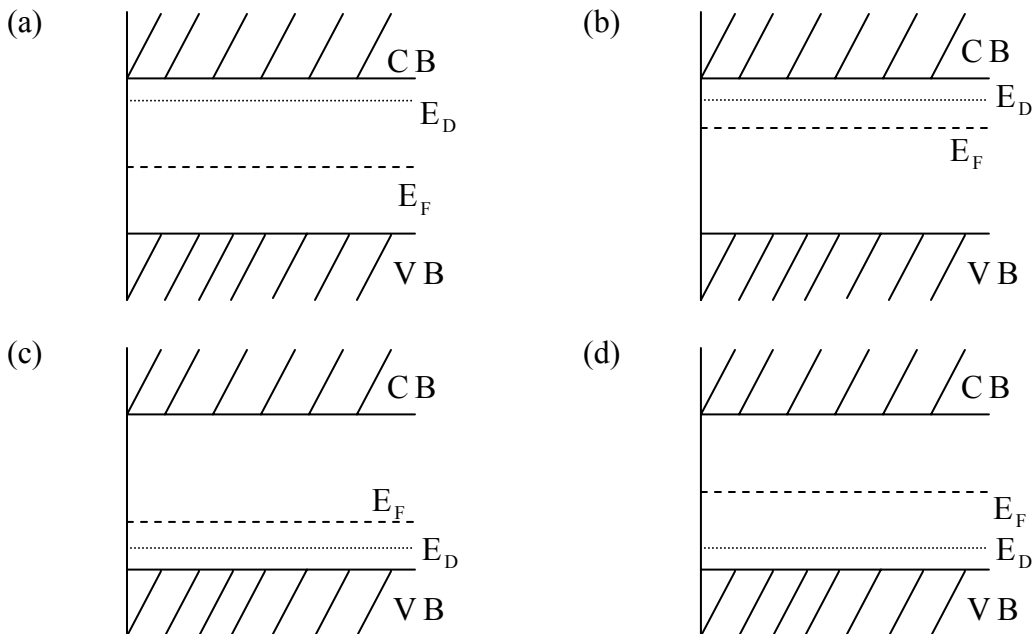
Solution: $V_{dc} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} = \frac{2 \times 10}{22/7} = \frac{14 \times 10}{22} = \frac{70}{11} = 6.36V$

- Q12. A Ge semiconductor is doped with acceptor impurity concentration of 10^{15} atoms/cm³. For the given hole mobility of 1800 cm²/V-s, the resistivity of the material is
 (a) 0.288 Ω cm (b) 0.694 Ω cm (c) 3.472 Ω cm (d) 6.944 Ω cm

Ans: (c)

Solution: $\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{N_A e u_h} = \frac{1}{10^{15} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 1800} = 3.47 \Omega cm$

- Q13. Identify the CORRECT energy band diagram for silicon doped with Arsenic. Here CB, VB, E_D and E_F are conduction band, valence band, impurity level and Fermi level, respectively.

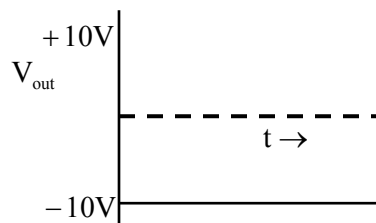
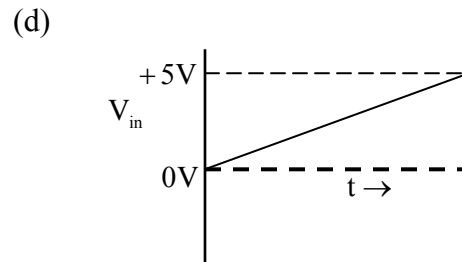
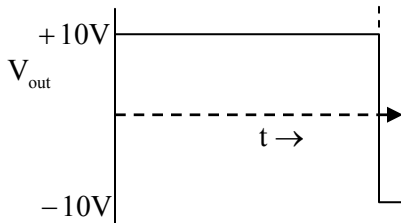
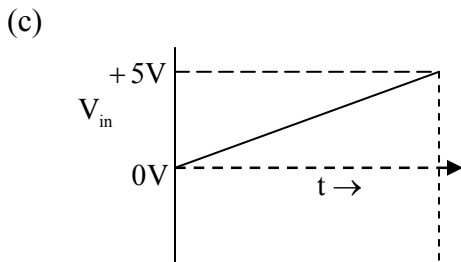
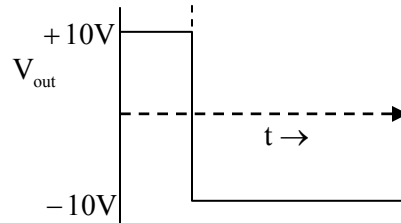
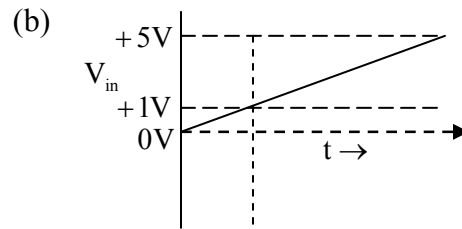
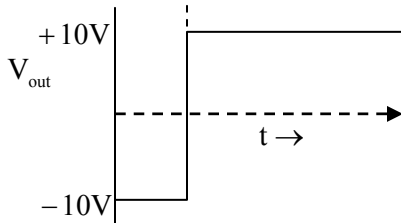
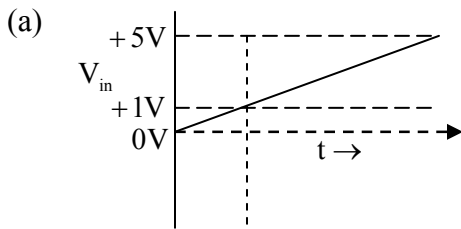
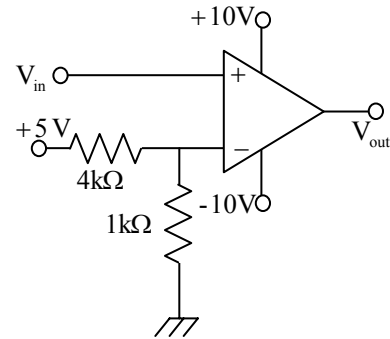


Ans: (b)

Solution: N-type material (Si doped with A_S).

Q14. Consider the following OP-AMP circuit

Which one of the following correctly represents the output V_{out} corresponding to the input V_{in} ?



Ans: (a)

Solution: Voltage at inverting input $V_2 = \left(\frac{1}{1+4}\right) \times 5 = +1V$.

When $v_{in} > +1V$, $v_o = +V_{CC}$ and when $v_{in} < +1V$, $v_o = -V_{CC}$

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Q15. In the following circuit, for the output voltage to be $V_0 = (-V_1 + V_2 / 2)$ the ratio R_1/R_2 is

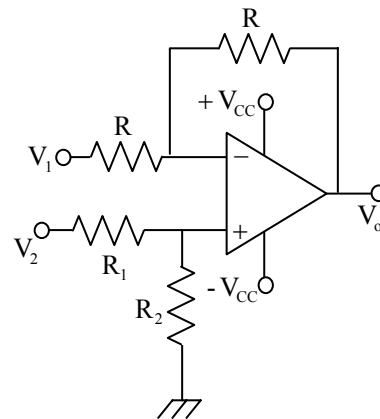
- (a) 1/2
- (b) 1
- (c) 2
- (d) 3

Ans: (d)

Solution: When $V_2 = 0$, $v_{01} = -V_1$

$$\text{when } V_1 = 0, \quad v_{02} = \left(1 + \frac{R}{R}\right) \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}\right) V_2$$

$$\text{Since } V_0 = -V_1 + \frac{V_2}{2} \Rightarrow 2 \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{R_1}{R_2} = 3$$



Q16. In the following circuit, the voltage drop across the ideal diode in forward bias condition is 0.7V. The current passing through the diode is

- (a) 0.5 mA
- (b) 1.0 mA
- (c) 1.5 mA
- (d) 2.0 mA

Ans: (b)

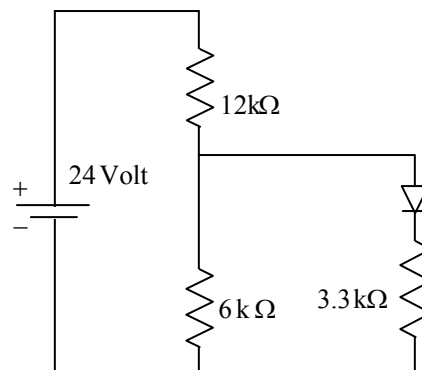
Solution: Let current through $12k\Omega$ is I and through

diode is I_D

$$\text{Then } 0.7 + I_D \times 3.3 = (I - I_D) \times 6 \tag{1}$$

$$\text{and } -24 + I \times 12 + (I - I_D) \times 6 = 0 \tag{2}$$

From (1) and (2) $I_D \approx 1mA$.



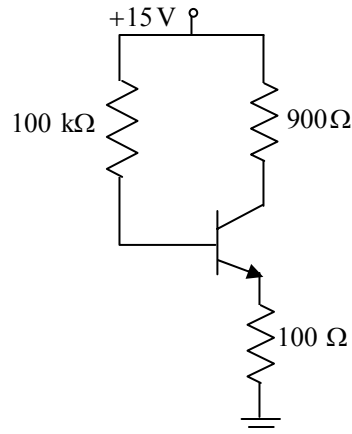
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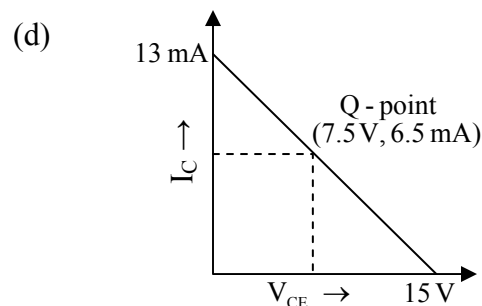
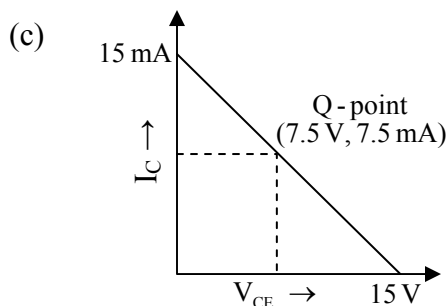
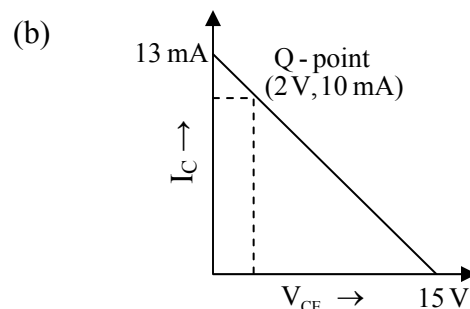
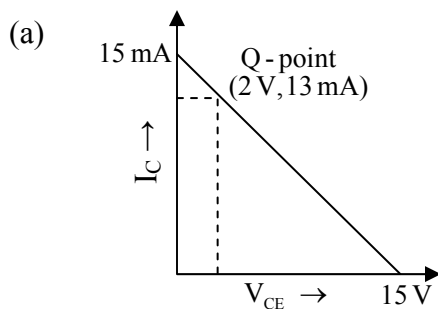
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Q17. Consider the following circuit in which the current gain β_{dc} of the transistor is 100.



Which one of the following correctly represents the load line (collector current I_C with respect to collector-emitter voltage V_{CE}) and Q-point of this circuit?



Ans: (a)

$$\text{Solution: } I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B + R_E} = \frac{15 - 0.7}{100 \times 10^3 + 100} \approx \frac{14.3}{100} \text{ mA.}$$

$$I_C \approx \beta I_B \approx 14.3 \text{ mA} \approx 13 \text{ mA}, V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C (R_C + R_E) = 15 - (900 + 100) \times 13 \times 10^{-3} = 2 \text{ V.}$$

$$I_{C,Sat} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C + R_E} = \frac{15}{1000} = 15 \text{ mA.}$$

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Q18. What should be the clock frequency of a 6-bit A/D converter so that its maximum conserved time is $32\mu s$?

- (a) 1 MHz (b) 2 MHz (c) 0.5 MHz (d) 4 MHz

Ans: (c)

Q19. A phosphorous doped silicon semiconductor (doping density: $10^{17}/\text{cm}^3$) is heated from 100°C to 200°C . Which one of the following statements is CORRECT?

- (a) Position of Fermi level moves towards conduction band
 (b) Position of dopant level moves towards conduction band
 (c) Position of Fermi level moves towards middle of energy gap
 (d) Position of dopant level moves towards middle of energy gap

Ans: (c)

Statement for Linked Answer Questions 20 and 21:

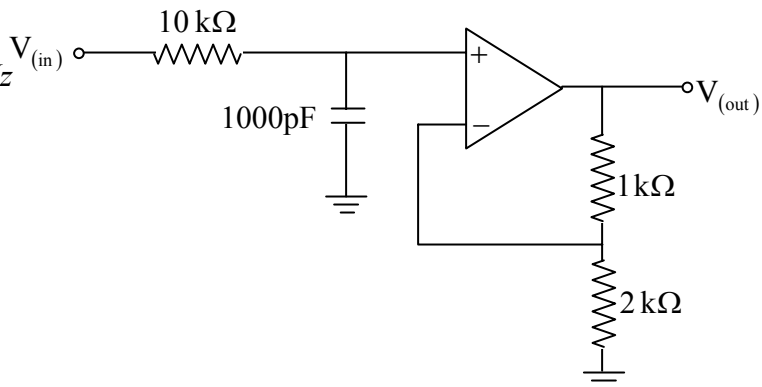
Consider the following circuit

Q20. For this circuit the frequency above which the gain will decrease by 20 dB per decade is

- (a) 15.9 kHz (b) 1.2 kHz
 (c) 5.6 kHz (d) 22.5 kHz

Ans: (a)

Solution: $f_H = \frac{1}{2\pi RC} = 16\text{kHz}$



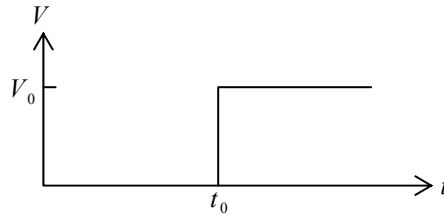
Q21. At 1.2 kHz the closed loop gain is

- (a) 1 (b) 1.5 (c) 3 (d) 0.5

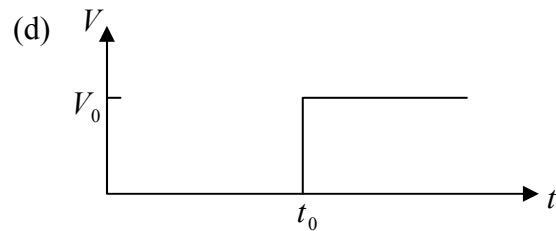
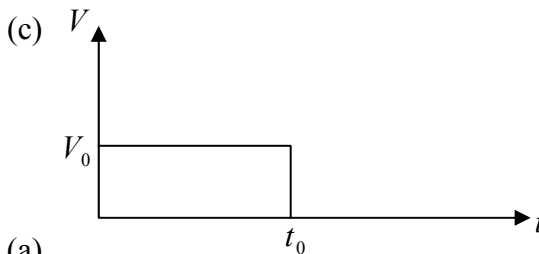
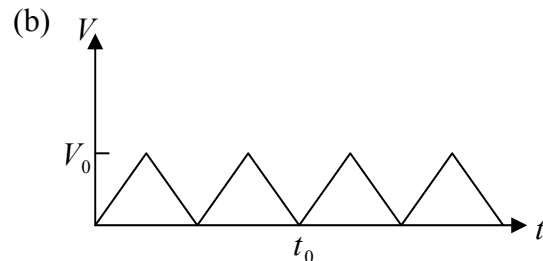
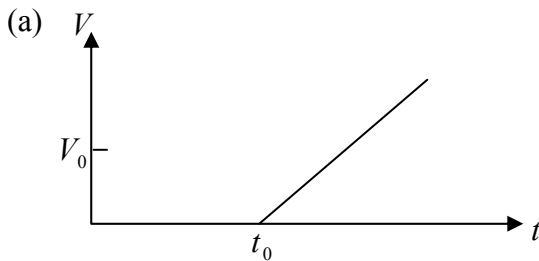
Ans: (b) $\left| \frac{v_0}{v_{in}} \right| = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_1} \right)}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{f}{f_H} \right)^2}} = 1.5$

GATE-2014

Q22. The input given to an ideal OP-AMP integrator circuit is



The correct output of the integrator circuit is



Ans: (a)

Q23. The minimum number of flip-flops required to construct a mod-75 counter is

Ans: 7

Q24. The donor concentration in a sample of n -type silicon is increased by a factor of 100.

The shift in the position of the Fermi level at 300K, assuming the sample to non degenerate is _____ meV

$$(k_B T = 25meV \text{ at } 300K)$$

Ans: 115.15

Solution: $E_C - E_F = kT \ln\left(\frac{N_c}{N_d}\right)$ and $E_C - E'_F = kT \ln\left(\frac{N_c}{100N_d}\right) = kT \ln\left(\frac{N_c}{N_d}\right) - kT \ln(100)$

Thus shift is $\Delta E = kT \ln(100) = 25 \ln(100) meV = 115.15 meV$

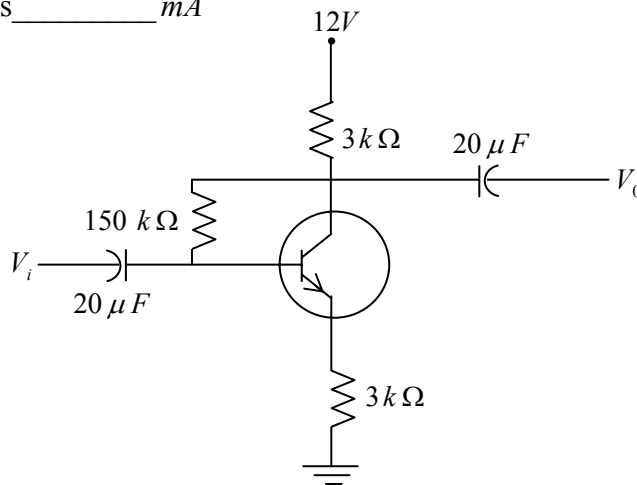
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Q25. The current gain of the transistor in the following circuit is $\beta_{dc} = 100$. The value of collector current I_C is _____ mA



Ans: 1.6

Solution: $I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B + \beta(R_C + R_E)} = \frac{12 - 0}{150 + 100(3 + 3)} = 0.016 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow I_C = \beta I_B = 1.6 \text{ mA}$

Q26. In order to measure a maximum of 1V with a resolution of 1mV using a n -bit $\frac{A}{D}$ converter working under the principle of ladder network the minimum value of n is _____

Ans: 10

Solution: $1 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{1}{2^n - 1} \Rightarrow n \approx 10$

Q27. A low pass filter is formed by a resistance R and a capacitance C . At the cut-off angular frequency $\omega_c = \frac{1}{RC}$ the voltage gain and the phase of the output voltage relative to the input voltage respectively are

- (a) 0.71 and 45° (b) 0.71 and -45° (c) 0.5 and -90° (d) 0.5 and 90°

Ans: (b)

Solution: $\frac{v_0}{v_{in}} = \frac{X_C}{R + X_C} = \frac{1}{\frac{R}{X_C} + 1} = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega CR}$

At $\omega = \omega_c = \frac{1}{RC} \Rightarrow \frac{v_0}{v_{in}} = \frac{1}{1 + j} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}e^{j45^\circ}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-j45^\circ}$

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Q28. The band gap of an intrinsic semiconductor is $E_g = 0.72 eV$ and $m_n^* = 6m_g^*$. At $300 K$, the Fermi level with respect to the edge of the valence band (in eV) is at _____ (upto three decimal places) $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} JK^{-1}$

Ans.: 0.395

Solution: $E_i = \frac{E_c + E_v}{2} + \frac{3}{4} kT \ln \left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_n^*} \right)$

$$n_i = N_v e^{-(E_i - E_v)/kT} = \sqrt{N_c N_v} e^{-E_g/2kT}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-(E_i - E_v)/kT} = \sqrt{\frac{N_c}{N_v}} e^{-E_g/2kT} \Rightarrow e^{(E_i - E_v)/kT} = \sqrt{\frac{N_v}{N_c}} e^{E_g/2kT}$$

$$\frac{E_i - E_v}{kT} = \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{N_v}{N_c}} \right) + \frac{E_g}{2kT} = \ln \left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_n^*} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} + \frac{E_g}{2kT} \Rightarrow E_i - E_v = \frac{3}{4} kT \ln(6) + \frac{E_g}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_i - E_v = \frac{3}{4} \times 0.026 \times 1.7917 + \frac{0.72}{2} = 0.3949 eV \approx 0.395 eV$$

Q29. Which one of the following DOES NOT represent an exclusive OR operation for inputs A and B ?

(a) $(A + B)\overline{AB}$

(b) $\overline{AB} + \overline{BA}$

(c) $(A + B)(\overline{A} + \overline{B})$

(d) $(A + B)AB$

Ans.: (d)

Solution: (a) $(A + B)\overline{AB} = (A + B)(\overline{A} + \overline{B}) = \overline{AB} + \overline{AB}$

(b) $\overline{AB} + \overline{AB}$

(c) $\overline{AB} + \overline{AB}$

(d) $(A + B)AB = AB$

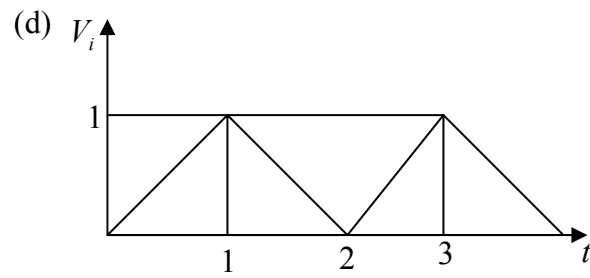
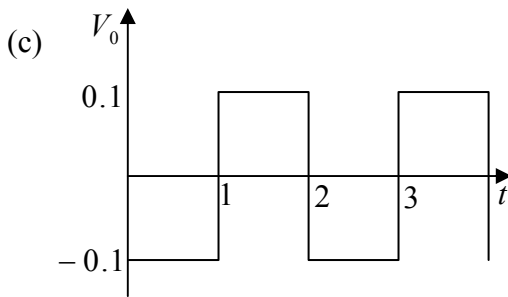
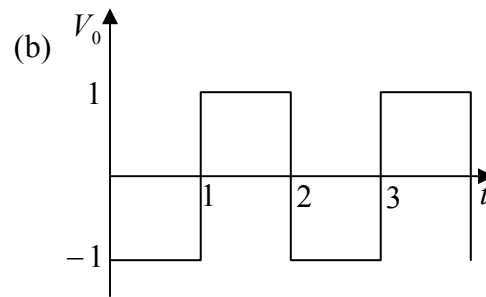
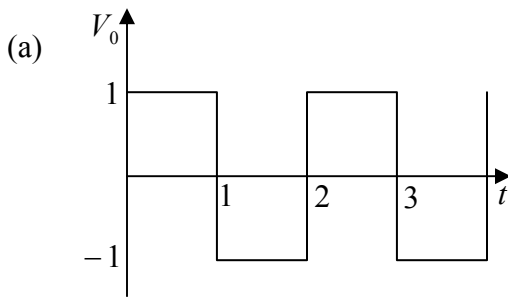
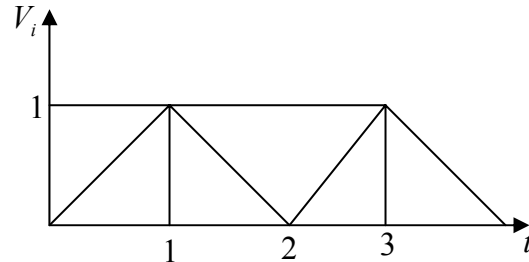
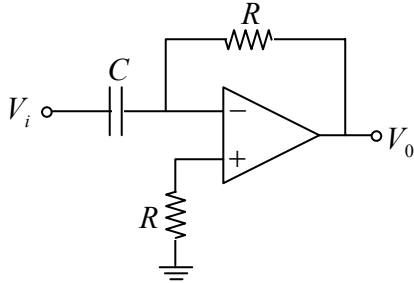
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Q30. Consider the circuit shown in the figure, where $RC = 1$. For an input signal V_i shown below, choose the correct V_0 from the options:



Ans.: (b)

$$\text{Solution: } C \frac{dv_i}{dt} = \frac{0 - v_0}{R} \Rightarrow v_0 = -RC \frac{dv_{in}}{dt} = -\frac{dv_{in}}{dt}$$

$$v_{in} = +t \Rightarrow v_0 = -1V \quad \text{and} \quad v_{in} = -t \Rightarrow v_0 = +1V$$

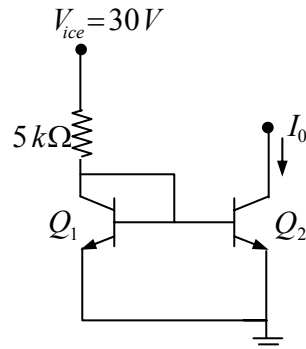
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Q31. In the simple current source shown in the figure, Q_1 and Q_2 are identical transistors with current gain $\beta = 100$ and $V_{BE} = 0.7V$



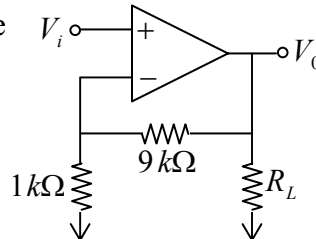
The current I_0 (in mA) is _____ (upto two decimal places)

Ans.: 5.86

Solution: $-V_{CC} + I_C R_C + V_{BE} = 0$

$$I_C = \frac{30 - 0.7}{5} = \frac{29.3}{5} = 5.86 \text{ mA}$$

Q32. In the given circuit, if the open loop gain $A = 10^5$ the feedback configurations and the closed loop gain A_f are



(a) series-shunt, $A_f = 9$

(b) series-series, $A_f = 10$

(c) series-shunt, $A_f = 10$

(d) shunt-shunt, $A_f = 10$

Ans.: (c)

Solution: $A_f = \left(1 + \frac{R_F}{R_1}\right) = (1 + 9) = 10.$

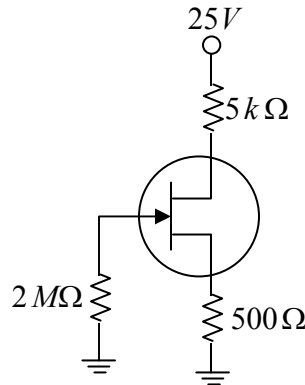
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Q33. In the given circuit, the voltage across the source resistor is $1 V$. The drain voltage (in V) is _____



Ans.: 15

Solution: $V_S = I_D R_S \Rightarrow I_D = \frac{1}{500} A \Rightarrow V_D = V_{DD} - I_D R_D = 25 - \frac{1}{500} \times 5000 \Rightarrow V_D = 15V$

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Q34. The number density of electrons in the conduction band of a semiconductor at a given temperature is $2 \times 10^{19} m^{-3}$. Upon lightly doping this semiconductor with donor impurities, the number density of conduction electrons at the same temperature becomes $4 \times 10^{20} m^{-3}$. The ratio of majority to minority charge carrier concentration is _____.

Ans : 400

Solution: Intrinsic carrier concentration is $n_i = 2 \times 10^{19} m^{-3}$

Majority carrier concentration is $n = 4 \times 10^{20} m^{-3}$

Minority carrier concentration is $p = \frac{n_i^2}{n} = \frac{(2 \times 10^{19})^2}{4 \times 10^{20}} = 10^{18} m^{-3}$

The ratio of majority to minority charge carrier concentration is $\frac{n}{p} = \frac{4 \times 10^{20}}{10^{18}} = 400$

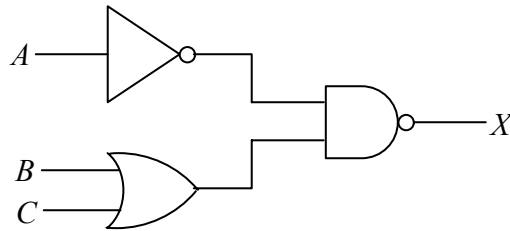
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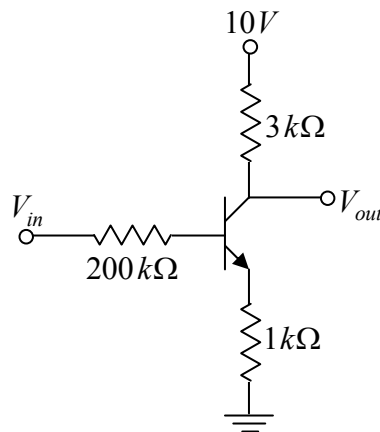
Q35. For the digital circuit given below, the output X is



- (a) $\overline{A+B.C}$ (b) $\overline{A.(B+C)}$ (c) $\overline{A.(B+C)}$ (d) $A+(\overline{B.C})$

Ans.: (b)

Q36. For the transistor shown in the figure, assume $V_{BE} = 0.7V$ and $\beta_{dc} = 100$. If $V_{in} = 5V$, V_{out} (in Volts) is _____. (Give your answer upto one decimal place)



Ans.: 5.7

$$\text{Solution: } I_B = \frac{V_{in} - V_{BE}}{R_B + \beta R_E} = \frac{5 - 0.7}{200 + 100} = \frac{4.3}{300} \text{ mA} \quad I_C = \beta I_B = 1.433 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{out} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C \Rightarrow V_{out} = 10 - 1.433 \times 3 = 5.7 \text{ V}$$

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