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Ideal Op Amps

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Ideal Voltage Amplifier

→ ideal when  $\frac{N_o}{N_i} = A_{vR}$ ; i.e., when source and load R's do not influence the gain of the amplifier.

For this to occur, the voltage division at the input & output must be eliminated. This happens when:

$R_i = \infty$   
 $R_o = 0$  } These resistance values define an ideal voltage amplifier.

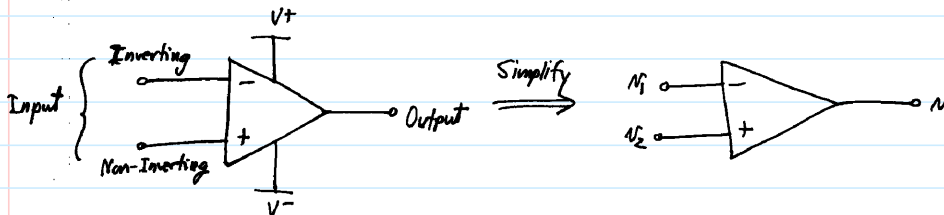
We'll look at other amplifier types later.

→ This, then, naturally leads us to:

Ideal Operational Amplifiers (Op Amps)

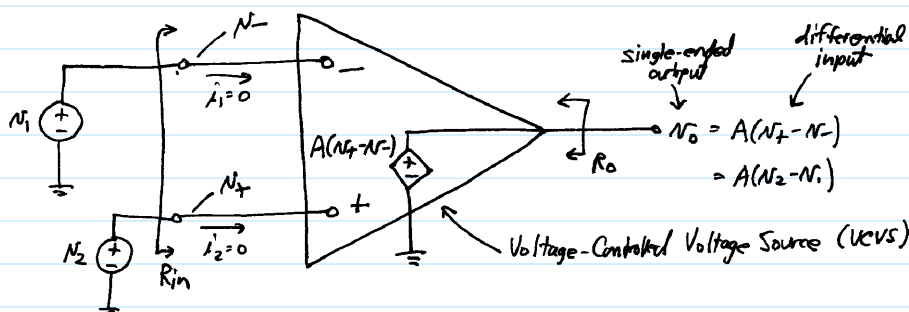
→ The work horse of analog electronics → combinations of op amps w/ feedback components allow the implementation of analog computers, sampled-data systems, analog filters, A/D Converters, DAC's, instrumentation amplifiers

In general, have a minimum of 5 terminals:



Perhaps the best way to define an op amp is thru its equivalent ckt:

Equivalent Ckt. of an Ideal Op Amp:



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Properties of Ideal Op Amps:

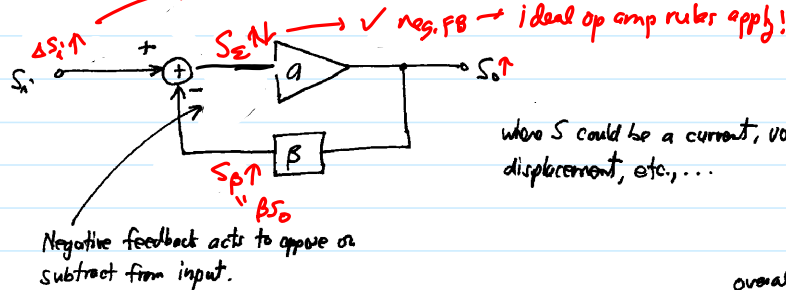
- ①  $R_{in} = \infty$  leads to ④  $i_+ = i_- = 0$
- ②  $R_o = 0$
- ③  $A = \infty$  leads to ⑤  $V_+ = V_-$ , assuming  $N_o = \text{finite}$   
 ↳ Why? Because for  $\infty(N_+ - N_-) = N_o = \text{finite}$   
 $\therefore \underbrace{N_+ - N_-}_{\frac{N_o}{\infty}} = 0 \rightarrow N_+ = N_-$   
 $\Rightarrow$  virtual short ckt. (virtual ground)

Big assumption! ( $N_o = \text{finite}$ )

How can we assume this?  $\Rightarrow$  only when there is an appropriate negative feedback path!

Negative Feedback

perturbation analysis to determine (-) or (+) FB



$$\left. \begin{aligned} S_o &= a S_\Sigma \\ S_\Sigma &= S_i - \beta S_o \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow S_o = a(S_i - \beta S_o)$$

$$S_o(1 + a\beta) = a S_i \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{S_o}{S_i} = \frac{a}{1 + a\beta}}$$

overall transfer function

$$[a \rightarrow \infty] \Rightarrow \frac{S_o}{S_i} \approx \frac{a}{a\beta} = \frac{1}{\beta} = \text{finite!}$$

$$\therefore S_o = \frac{1}{\beta} S_i = \text{finite} \checkmark$$

(when there is neg. FB around the amplifier)

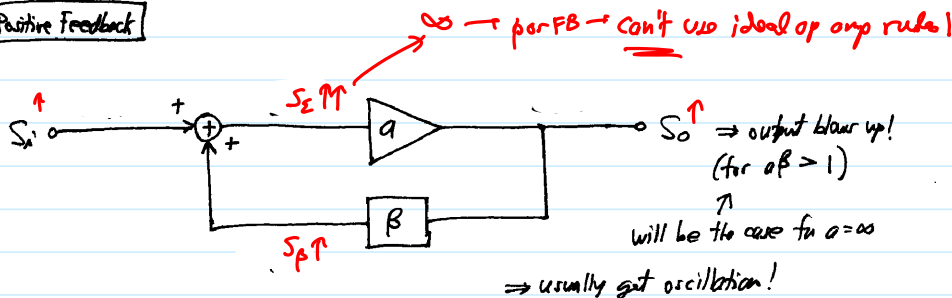
In Summary:

- ① Neg. FB can insure  $S_o = \text{finite}$  even with  $a = \infty$ .
- ② <sup>Overall</sup> Gain dependent (or overall T.F.) dependent only on external components. (e.g.,  $\beta$ )
- ③ Overall (closed-loop) gain  $\frac{S_o}{S_i}$  is independent of amplifier gain  $a$ .

↳ very important!  $\Rightarrow$  as you'll see, when designing amplifiers using transistors, it's easy to get large gain, but it's hard to get an exact gain.  
 i.e., if you're shooting for  $a = 50,000$ , you might get 47,000 or 60,000 instead.

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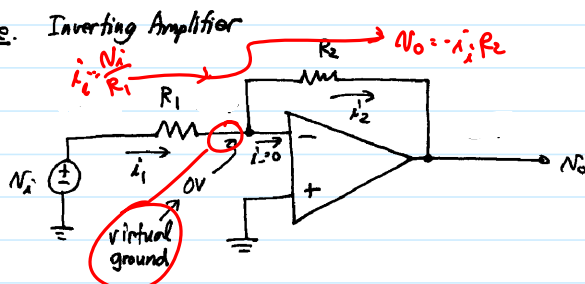
Contrast w/ Positive Feedback



Thus, for a bounded, controllable function, need negative FB around an op amp.

Op Amp Ckts.

Example. Inverting Amplifier

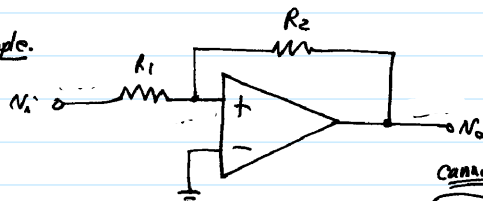


- ① Verify that there is negative FB. ✓
- ②  $\therefore N_0 = \text{finite} \rightarrow N_+ = N_- \rightarrow$  node attached to (-) terminal is virtual ground
- ③  $i_- = 0 \Rightarrow i_1 = i_2$

$$i_1 = \frac{N_i - 0}{R_1} = \frac{N_i}{R_1} = i_2 \Rightarrow N_0 = -\left(\frac{N_i}{R_1}\right)R_2 = -\frac{R_2}{R_1}N_i \therefore \frac{N_0}{N_i} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

Note: Gain dependent only on  $R_1$  &  $R_2$  (external components), not on the op amp gain.

Example.



① Verify that there is neg. FB X

$N_0 = L^+$  or  $L^-$  depending on initial conds.  
 $N_+ = (+) \rightarrow L^+$   
 $N_+ = (-) \rightarrow L^-$   
 cannot analyze using ideal op amp method!  
 $\therefore N_0 \neq \text{finite}, N_+ \neq N_- \Rightarrow$  this ckt. will "rail out"

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Basic Op Amp Design

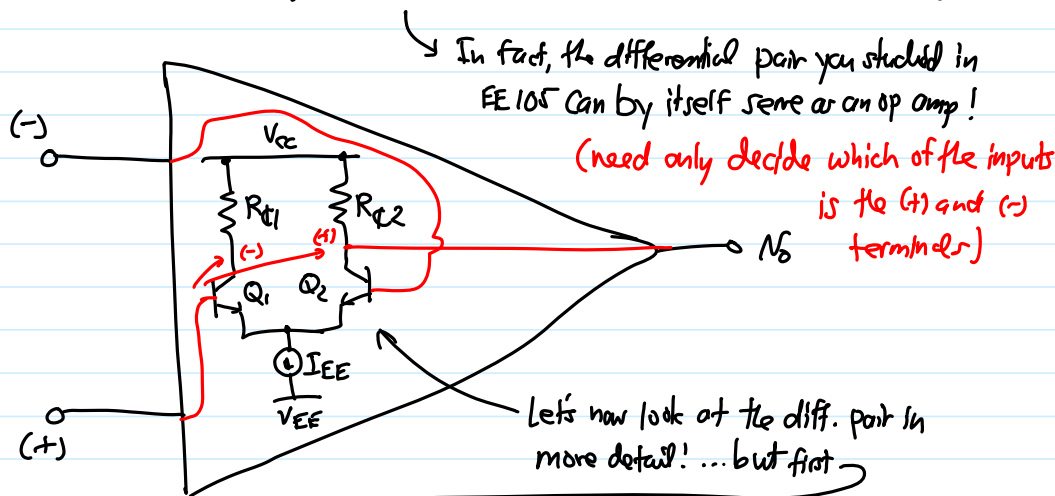
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How do we make an op amp? (It turns out, you already know!)

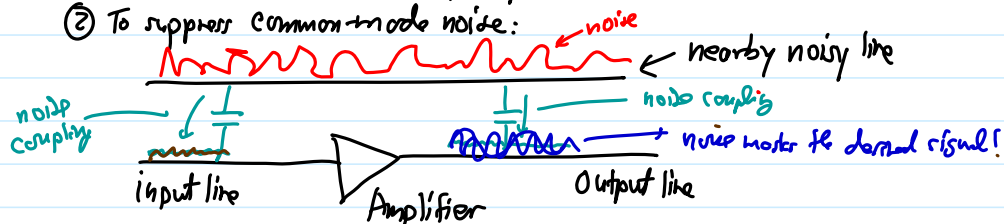
⇒ Basic Needed Attributes:

- ① Gain (voltage gain).
- ② Two inputs, (+) and (-).
- ③ One output equal to the difference of the inputs multiplied by some gain.

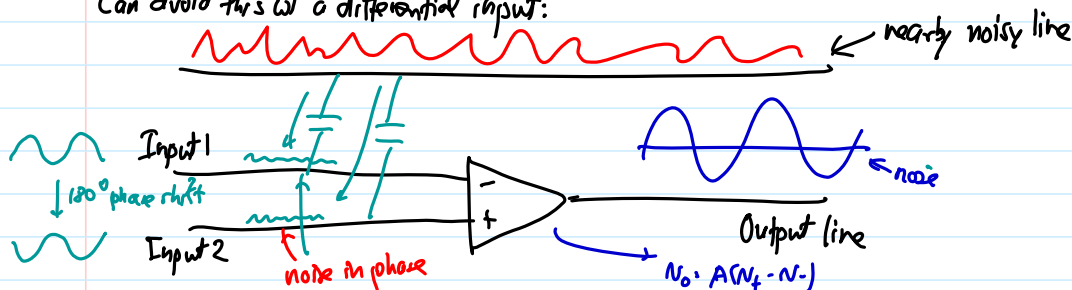


Why have 2 inputs?

- ① To get a virtual short for op amp dets.
- ② To suppress common-mode noise:



Can avoid this w/ a differential input:



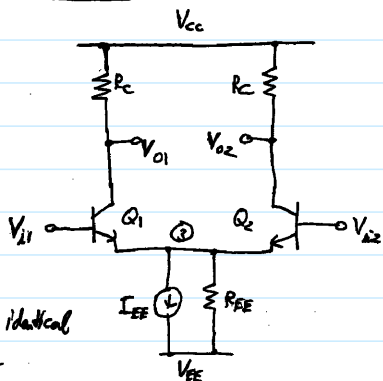
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Differential Pair (Bipolar)

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Differential Pair (Emitter-Coupled Pair)



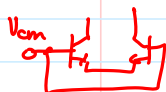
Purpose: Amplify the difference between two signals regardless of their common-mode DC values (or their common-mode values in general)

Definition:  $V_{id} = V_{i1} - V_{i2}$  (differential input)  
 $V_{icm} = \frac{V_{i1} + V_{i2}}{2}$  (common-mode input)

Assumes  $Q_1 \neq Q_2$  identical  
 $R_{E1} = R_{E2}$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} V_{i1} = V_{icm} + \frac{V_{id}}{2} \\ V_{i2} = V_{icm} - \frac{V_{id}}{2} \end{cases}$$

Differential Gain =  $A_d = \frac{V_{O1} - V_{O2}}{V_{id}} = \frac{V_{od}}{V_{id}}$  (want this to be large for this differential amplification)



Common-Mode Gain =  $A_{cm} = \frac{V_{O1}}{V_{cm}}$  or  $\frac{V_{O2}}{V_{cm}}$  (want this to be small so that the amp rejects common-mode signals)

Common-Mode Rejection Ratio = CMRR =  $\frac{A_{dm}}{A_{cm}}$  (should be very high to favor the differential-mode and reject the common-mode)

⇒ we also want a high Common-Mode Input Range to reject DC input offsets

⇒ Note: No need for bypass capacitors (large) to the inputs or outputs → can just use direct coupling!

Biasing & Large Signal Common-Mode Behavior

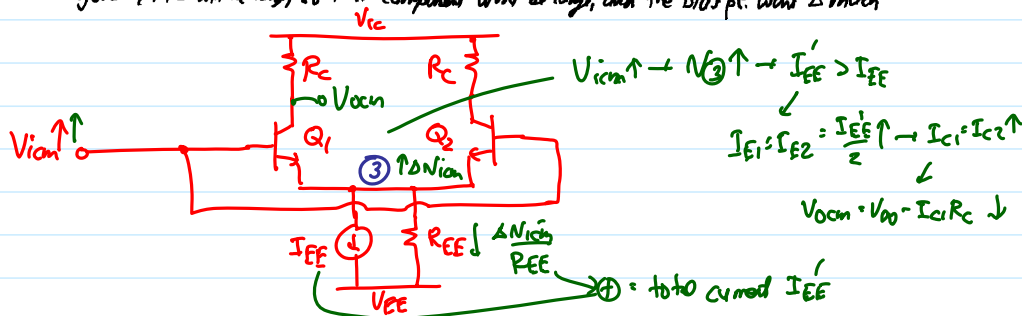
Case:  $R_{EE} = \infty$  → ideal current source biasing →  $I_{E1} = I_{E2} = \frac{I_{EE}}{2}$  →  $V_{O1} = V_{O2} \Rightarrow V_{od} = 0$

If  $V_{cm} \uparrow \rightarrow V_{O1} \uparrow$ , but current drawn from  $I_{EE}$  stays constant ∴  $I_{C1}$  &  $I_{C2}$  stay constant → bias pt. doesn't change  
 $g_m = \frac{1}{2} \frac{I_{EE}}{V_T}$

Case:  $R_{EE} = \text{finite}$  →  $V_{O1} = V_{i1} - V_{BE}(cm)$

If  $V_{icm} \uparrow \rightarrow V_{O1} \uparrow \rightarrow I_{E1} = I_{EE} \uparrow$  (current drawn =  $I_{EE} + \frac{V_{O2}}{R_{EE}}$ )

⇒ in general,  $R_{EE}$  will be large, so this component won't be large, and the bias pt. won't Δ much



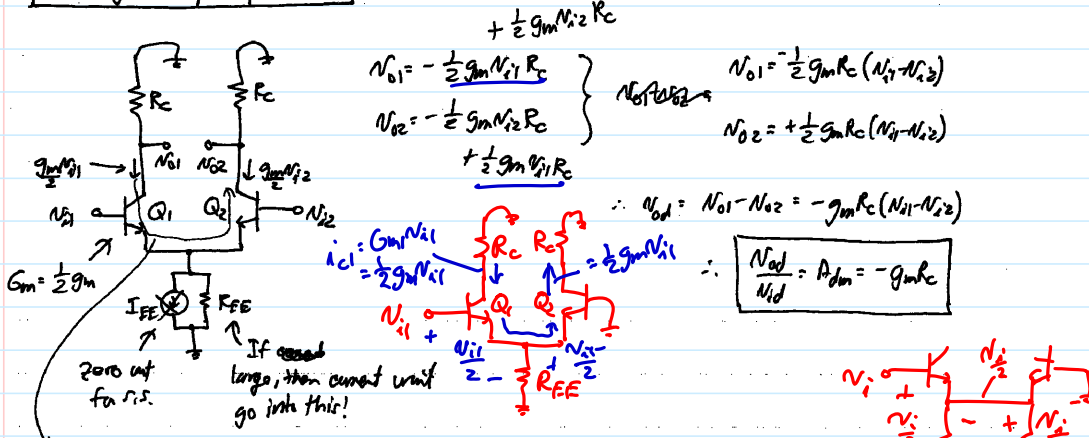
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Differential Mode Analysis

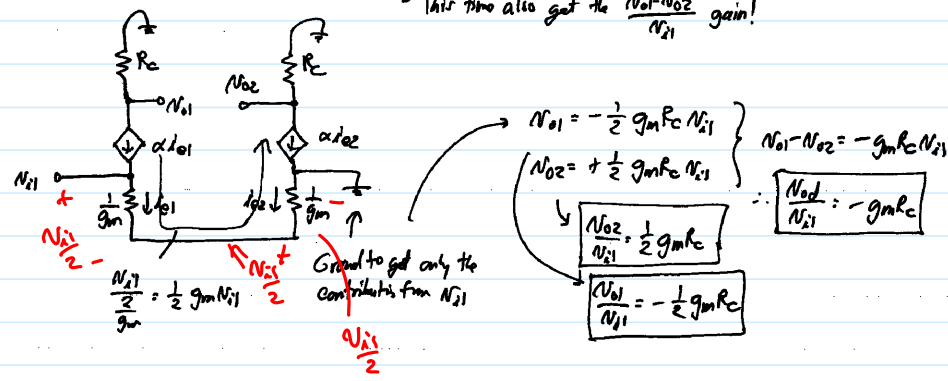
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Small-Signal Analysis of Diff. Pair

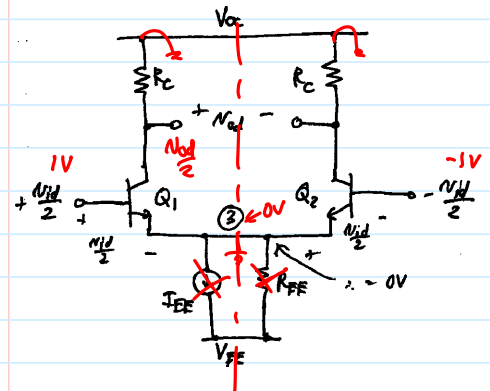


= Easiest to see this happening using the T-model: (for those who must see the model ckt)



Diff. Mode Analysis

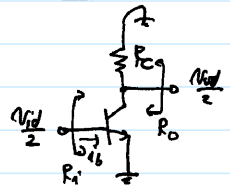
Assume a ckt. w/ only diff. input:



Total current thru  $I_{EE} = \text{const.}$   
 $\rightarrow V_E = \text{const. as input changes}$   
 $\rightarrow$  ③ acts as an incremental ground!  $\rightarrow v_3 = 0V$  (always!)  
 ∴ we can ground ③, and then have  
 a **Differential Half Ckt.**  
 Note: Can really only make this for a purely symmetrical ckt!

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Differential Half Ckt.



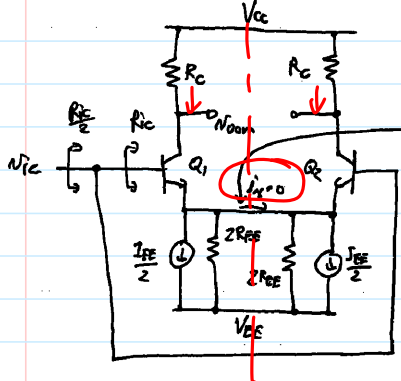
By inspection:  $\frac{V_{out}/2}{V_{in}/2} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = A_{dm} = -g_m R_c$

$\frac{V_{out}/2}{i_b} = r_{\pi} \rightarrow R_{id} = \frac{V_{in}}{i_b} = 2r_{\pi} = R_{id}$

S.S. params. determined w/  $I_c = \frac{I_{EE}}{2}$

Common-Mode Analysis

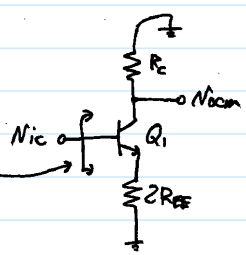
Assume a pure CM input  $\rightarrow$  tie inputs together



By symmetry,  $i_x = 0$ .  $\Rightarrow$  then, really have the equivalent of an open ckt. here

$\therefore \Rightarrow$  can split the ckt. into CM half-ckt.!

S.S. CM Half-Ckt.



$R_{ic} = r_{\pi} + (\beta+1)(2R_{EE})$   
@ each input

$A_{cm} = \frac{V_{out,cm}}{V_{ic}} = -\frac{g_m R_c}{1 + g_m(2R_{EE})} \approx -\frac{R_c}{2R_{EE}}$

Want small for large CMRR  $\therefore$  want  $R_{EE} = \text{large!}$

Common-Mode Rejection Ratio =  $CMRR = \frac{A_{dm}}{A_{cm}} = \frac{-g_m R_c}{-\frac{g_m R_c}{1 + g_m(2R_{EE})}} \Rightarrow CMRR = 1 + 2g_m R_{EE}$

Having looked at S.S. parameters, we now turn to large signal performance. Here, we'll be particularly interested in the linear range of the ECP.

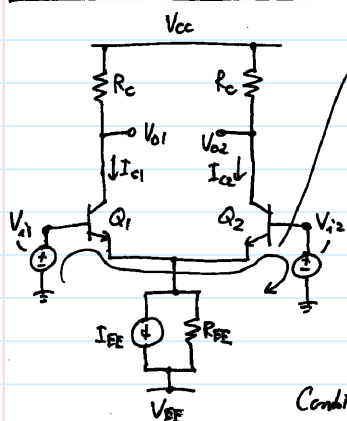
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Large Signal ECP Performance

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Large Signal ECP performance



Find  $I_{C1}$  &  $I_{C2}$ :

KVL:  $V_{i1} - V_{be1} + V_{be2} - V_{i2} = 0$

$I_{C1} = I_{S1} \exp\left(\frac{V_{be1}}{V_T}\right) \rightarrow V_{be1} = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{C1}}{I_{S1}}\right), V_{be2} = V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{C2}}{I_{S2}}\right)$

$V_{i1} - V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{C1}}{I_{S1}}\right) - V_T \ln\left(\frac{I_{C2}}{I_{S2}}\right) - V_{i2} = 0 \rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{I_{C1}}{I_{C2}}\right) = \frac{V_{i1} - V_{i2}}{V_T} = \frac{V_{id}}{V_T}$

$\frac{I_{C1}}{I_{C2}} = \exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{V_T}\right) \quad (1)$

$I_{EE} = I_{C1} + I_{C2} = \frac{1}{\alpha} (I_{C1} + I_{C2}) \quad (2)$

Combine (1) & (2) to get:

$I_{C1} = \frac{\alpha I_{EE}}{1 + \exp\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{V_T}\right)}, I_{C2} = \frac{\alpha I_{EE}}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{V_T}\right)} \quad (3)$

Find  $V_{od}$ :

$V_{o1} = V_{CC} - I_{C1} R_C$   
 $V_{o2} = V_{CC} - I_{C2} R_C$

$V_{od} = V_{o1} - V_{o2} = (I_{C2} - I_{C1}) R_C$

$= \alpha_F I_{EE} R_C \left\{ \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{V_T}\right)} - \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{V_T}\right)} \right\}$   
 $\times \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)}{\exp\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)} \quad \times \frac{\exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)}$

$= \alpha_F I_{EE} R_C \left\{ \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)}{\exp\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)} - \frac{\exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)} \right\}$

$= \alpha_F I_{EE} R_C \left\{ \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)}{\exp\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)} \right\} = \alpha_F I_{EE} R_C \frac{\sinh\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)}{\cosh\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)}$

$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \sinh u &= \frac{1}{2}(e^u - e^{-u}) \\ \cosh u &= \frac{1}{2}(e^u + e^{-u}) \end{aligned} \right\} u = -\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}$

$\therefore V_{od} = \alpha_F I_{EE} R_C \tanh\left(-\frac{V_{id}}{2V_T}\right)$

From our knowledge of the Taylor series for

$\tanh x \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2}{15}x^5 - \dots$

this is fairly linear for small  $V_{id}$ , but gets nonlinear abruptly when  $V_{id}$  approaches a threshold value!

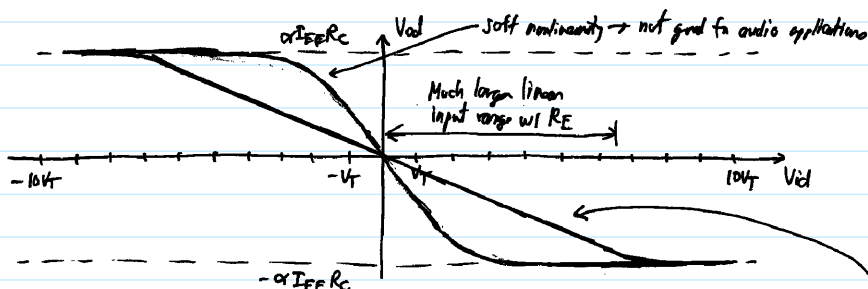


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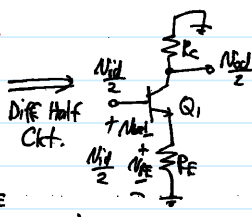
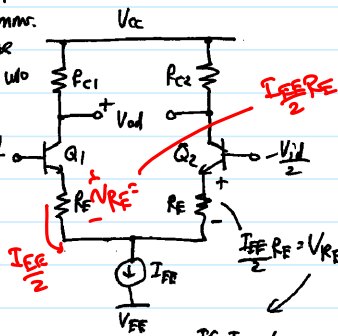
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In the above curve, the  $\frac{V_{out}}{V_{id}}$  Xfer function is really, only linear for  $V_{id} < V_T \rightarrow$  beyond  $V_T$ , start to enter the non-linear realm of curve  $\rightarrow$  causes signal distortion: eg., phone breaking up, television static

To linearize: add emitter degeneration (same trick as used before for single Xristin amplifiers)

Needed in comm. to handle large input signals w/o distortion!

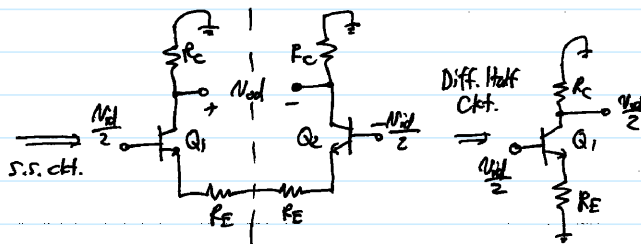
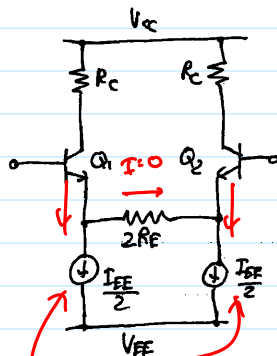


$$A_{dm} = -\frac{g_m R_C}{1 + g_m R_E}$$

$\Rightarrow$  s.f. gain reduced, but the linear range is increased

If  $I_{EE}$  is large, then this can force large supply voltages.  
 $\frac{N_{id}}{2} = N_{be1} + V_{BE}$   
 This can still be  $N_{be1} < V_T$  if this absorbs some of the input voltage!

Alternative Biasing Technique If Need Larger DC Currents:-



Same S.S. performance w/o the need to drop a DC voltage across  $R_E \rightarrow$  get both  
 Can use Power  $V_{CC} + V_{EE}$ .