## ECE 320 - Homework \#4

Max/Min Circuits, Clipper Circuits, Transistor Theory. Due Monday, February 8th

## Max/Min:

1) Determine the voltages and currents for the following max/min circuit. What function does this circuit implement? $Y=f(A, B, C, D)$

2) Check your results in CircuitLab (or similar program)


|  | I | I 2 | I 3 | I | I | I 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calculated <br> (ideal diode) | 9.30 mA | 0 | 0 | 0.3 mA | 0 | 8.0 mA |
| Simulated <br> (nonlinear model) | 9.314 mA | -0.00000025 mA | -0.00000025 mA | 0.315 mA | -0.0000025 mA | 8.007 mA |

The ideal diode model is fairly accurate

## Clipper Circuits:

3) Design a circuit to approximate the following function subject to the following requirements:

- Input: $0 . .10 \mathrm{~V}$, capable of 100 mA
- Output: 100k resistor
- Relationship: Graph below, +/-200mV


The zener voltages are the voltage ( y -axis) where the slope changes
R0:

$$
\text { Slope }=2.38=1+\frac{R_{0}}{1 k}
$$

$$
R_{0}=1.38 k
$$

R1:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Slope }=1.23=\left(\frac{R_{1}}{R_{1}+1000}\right) 2.38 \\
& R_{1}=\left(\frac{1.23}{2.38-1.23}\right) 1000=1069 \Omega
\end{aligned}
$$

R2:
Slope $=0.53=\left(\frac{R_{12}}{R_{12}+1000}\right) 2.38$
$R_{12}=R_{1} \| R_{2}=\left(\frac{0.53}{2.38-0.53}\right) 1000=286.5 \Omega$
$R_{2}=391.4 \Omega$

4) Check your design in CircuitLab

5) Design a circuit which meets the following requirements:

- Input: -10 .. +10 V , capable of 100 mA
- Output: 1 k resistor
- Relationship:

$$
V_{\text {out }}=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}
+7 \mathrm{~V} & V_{\text {in }}>+7 \mathrm{~V} \\
V_{\text {in }} & -7 V<V_{\text {in }}<+7 \mathrm{~V} \\
-7 \mathrm{~V} & V_{\text {in }}<-7 \mathrm{~V}
\end{array}\right.
$$

Use a pair of zener diodes with $\mathrm{Vz}=6.3 \mathrm{~V}$



## Transistors

6) Determine the current gain, $\beta$, for the transistor show below. Also label the off, active, and saturated regions.

Pick a point in the active region:
When $\mathrm{Ib}=5 \mathrm{~mA}$, $\mathrm{Ic}=250 \mathrm{~mA}$

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\begin{aligned}
& \beta I_{b}=I_{c} \\
& \beta=\frac{250 \mathrm{~mA}}{5 \mathrm{~mA}}=50
\end{aligned}
$$


7) Draw the load-line and determine the Q-point for

- $\quad$ Vin $=0 \mathrm{~V}$
- $\mathrm{Vin}=3 \mathrm{~V}$
- $\mathrm{Vin}=6 \mathrm{~V}$



## Lab (over)

## Lab: Please include a photo of your circuit to receive credit for problems 8-10

8-10) Build the following circuit with your electronics kit.

- Measure Vce and Ic for $1 \mathrm{k}<\mathrm{Rb}<$ infinity.
- Determine the operating point for each conidition and the current gain for your 3904 transistor
- Draw the load line on the graph below and mark each point you measured

| Rb | lb | Vce | Ic | Current Gain <br> (Ic/lb) | Operating Region <br> (off / active / <br> saturated) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 k <br> $\mathrm{br}-\mathrm{bl}-\mathrm{re}$ | 4.25 mA | 0.01 V | 4.99 mA | 1.174 | saturated |
| 10 k <br> $\mathrm{br}-\mathrm{bl}-\mathrm{or}$ | 428 uA | 0.06 V | 4.94 mA | 11.54 | saturated |
| 100 k <br> $\mathrm{br}-\mathrm{bl}-\mathrm{ye}$ | 43.30 uA | 3.11 V | 1.89 mA | 43.65 | active |
| 1 M <br> $\mathrm{br}-\mathrm{bl}-\mathrm{gr}$ | 4.410 uA | 4.79 V | 0.21 mA | 47.62 | active |
| infinity | 0 uA | 4.98 V | 0 mA | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | off |



