

FIG. 7-31

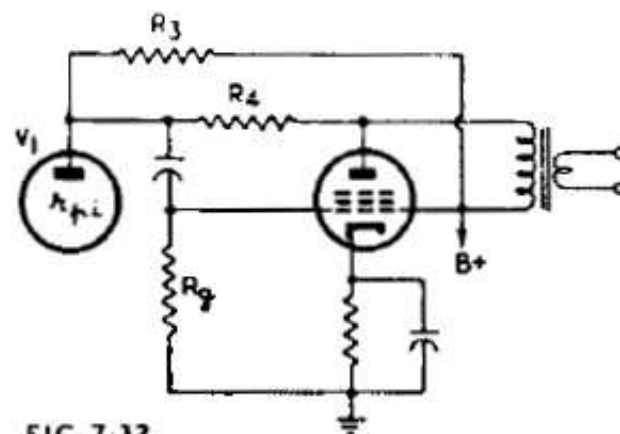


FIG. 7-32

Fig. 7.31. Voltage feedback applied in series with the load resistor. The reduction in effective resistance occurs in the load resistor itself.

Fig. 7.32. Electrically equivalent circuit to Fig. 7.31, using one less resistor.

Both these circuits (Fig. 7.31 and 7.32) have the effect of reducing the effective load into which V_1 works. This has the merit of extending the response to higher audio frequencies. In Fig. 7.31 the effective value of R_L becomes

$$R_L' = R_L / (|\beta| A_2 + 1) \text{ where } |\beta| = R_1 / (R_1 + R_2)$$

and A_2 is the numerical voltage gain of V_2 . For example if $|\beta| = 0.1$ and $A_2 = 17$, the effective load resistance changes from R_L without feedback to $0.37 R_L$ with feedback. The load R_L' into which V_1 works is, however, not constant because A_2 varies due to distortion. This circuit is usually limited to values of $|\beta|$ not greater than say 0.05 to 0.1 for typical applications.

A similar effect occurs with the equivalent circuit Fig. 7.32 in which the feedback causes the effective value of R_4 to change to $R_4 / (A_2 + 1)$. In both circuits V_1 is preferably a pentode, although a high-mu triode may be used with less effectiveness.