

UNIT-IIIBipolar Junction Transistor (BJT)

BJT (Bipolar junction transistor):

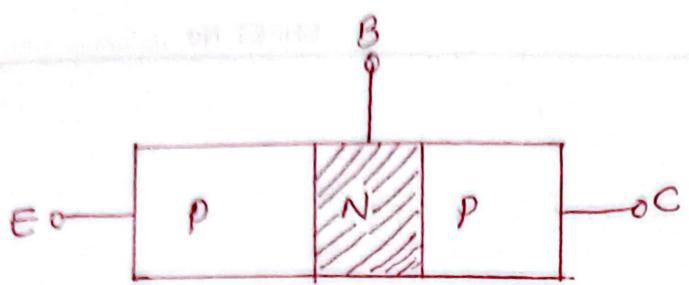
- Bipolar junction transistor (BJT) is a three terminal semiconductor device, terminals are Emitter, Base and Collector.
- The operation of the device depends on the interaction of both majority and minority charge carriers hence the name is bipolar.
- It is smaller in size.
- It is used in amplifiers, oscillators and as a switch in digital circuits.
- It has wide applications in computers, satellite and other modern communication systems.

Construction of BJT

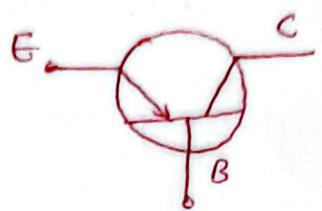
- BJTs are two types. They are

1. PNP transistors.
2. NPN transistors.

1. PNP-transistor: The BJT consists of a silicon (or germanium) crystal in which a thin layer of N-type silicon is sandwiched b/w two layers of P-type silicon. This transistor is called as PNP-transistor.

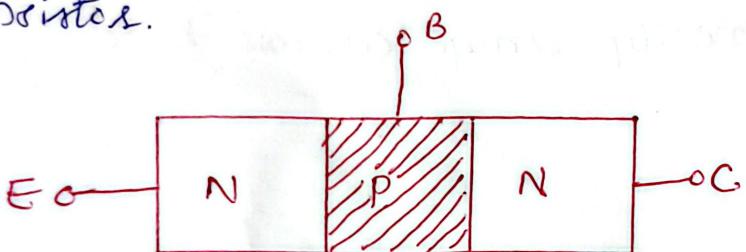


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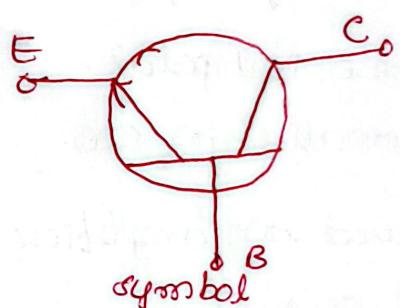


symbol.

2. NPN transistors:- A BJT consists of a silicon (or germanium) crystal in which a thin layer of p-type silicon sandwiched b/w two layers of n-type silicon. This transistor is called NPN transistor.



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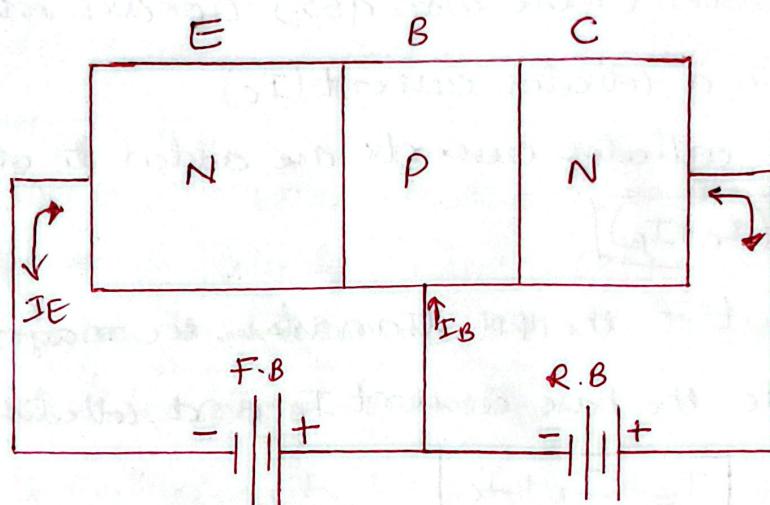
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- The arrow in the emitter specifies the direction of current flow when EB junction is forward biased.
- Emitter is heavily doped so that it can injects a large number of charge carriers into base.
- Base is lightly doped and thin. It passes most of the injected charge carriers from emitter to collector.
- Collector is moderately doped. It collects charge carriers from emitter and base.

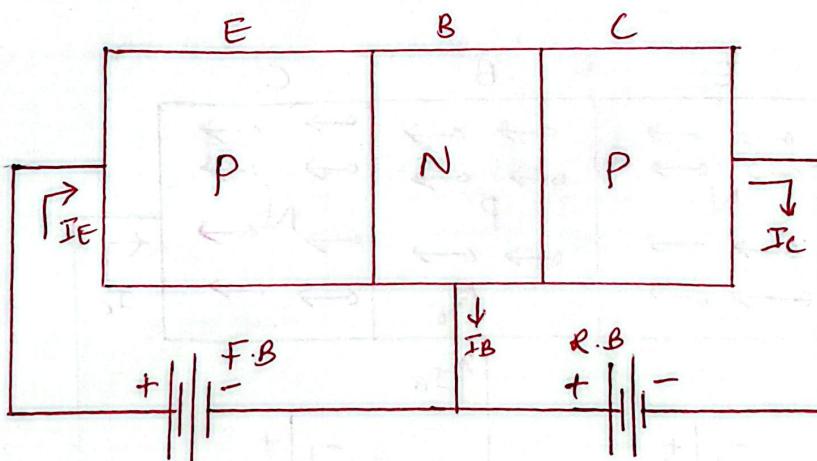
Transistor Biasing:-

Usually the emitter base junction is forward biased and collector base junction is in reverse biased.

- Due to forward bias of emitter base junction the emitter current flows through the base into collector.
- Due to reverse bias of base collector junction, almost the entire emitter current flows through the collector circuit.



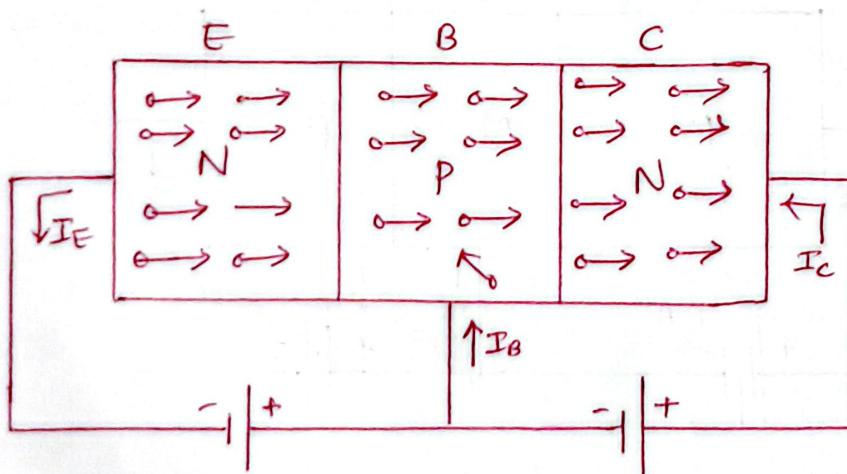
NPN transistor Biasing



PNP transistor Biasing.

Operation of NPN transistor

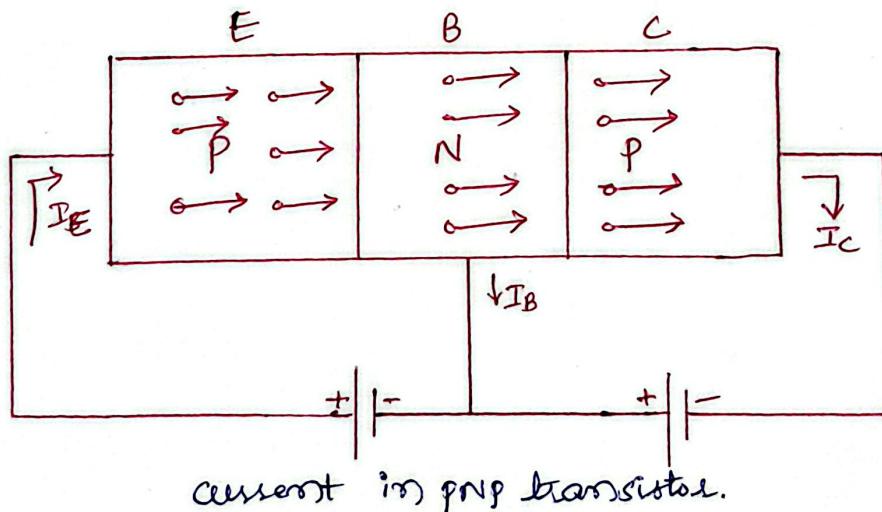
- The forward bias applied to the emitter base junction of NPN transistor, due to this lot of electrons move from emitter region to the base region.
- as base is lightly doped with p-type impurity, then the no. of holes in base region is very small and hence the no. of electrons combine with holes in base region is also very small
- Hence a few electrons combine with hole and to constitute a base current (I_B)
- The remaining electrons (more than 95%) moves into collector region to constitute a collector current (I_C)
- Thus the base and collector currents are added to get Emitter current i.e $I_E = - (I_C + I_B)$
- In external circuit of the NPN transistor, the magnitudes of emitter current I_E , the base current I_B and collector current I_C are related by $I_E = I_B + I_C$



current in NPN transistor

Operation of PNP Transistor

- The forward biased applied to the emitter base junction of PNP transistor causes a lot of holes from the emitter region to base region.
- As the base is lightly doped with N-type impurities, the no. of electrons in the base region is very small
- Hence the no. of holes combined with electrons in the N-type base region is also very small
- Hence a few holes combined with electrons to generate base current (I_B).
- The remaining holes (more than 95%) moves into the collector region to generate collector current (I_C)
- Thus the collector and base current summed up to give emitter current. (I_E). i.e $I_E = - (I_B + I_C)$
- In the external circuit of PNP bipolar junction transistor the magnitude of emitter current I_E, base current I_B and collector current I_C are related by. $I_E = I_B + I_C$

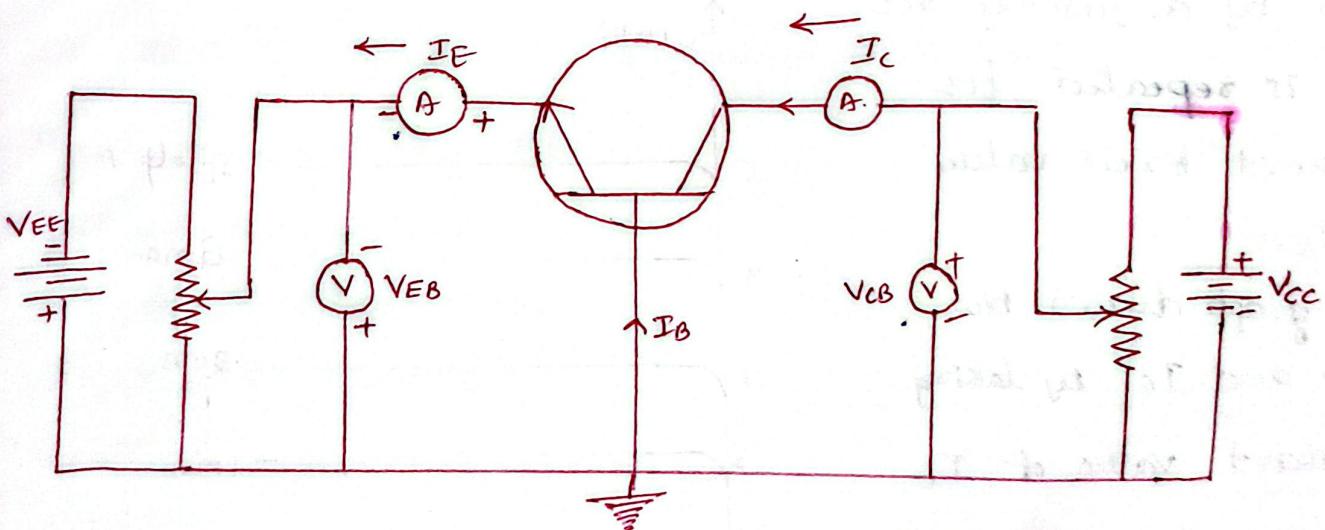


Types of Configurations:-

- When a transistor connected in a circuit, one terminal is used as input terminal, other terminal is used as output terminal and third terminal used as common to the i/p and o/p.
- Depending upon the i/p, o/p and common terminal, a transistor can be connected in three configurations. they are
 1. Common base (CB) configuration
 2. Common Emitter (CE) configuration
 3. Common collector (CC) configuration

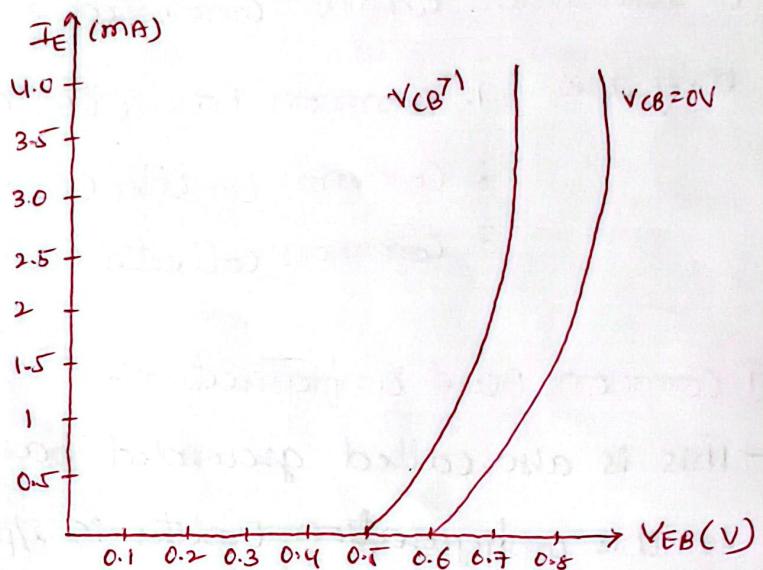
① Common Base configuration:

- This is also called grounded base configuration. in this configuration Emitter is i/p terminal, collector is o/p terminal and base is common terminal.
- The circuit diagram shows the NPN transistor in common base configuration.



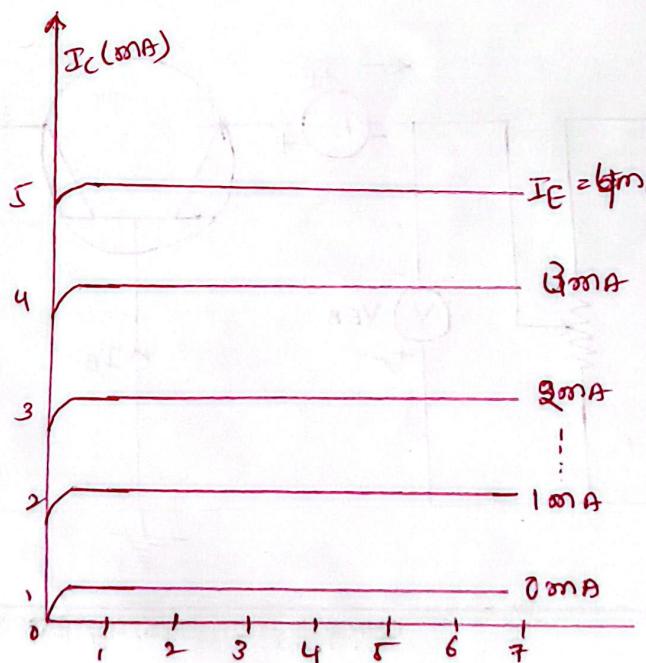
Input characteristics:-

- To determine the i/p characteristics, the collector base voltage (V_{CB}) is kept constant at zero volt and emitter current (I_E). Emitter base voltage (V_{EB}) is increased from zero in suitable equal steps by increasing V_{EE} .
- This is repeated for higher fixed values of V_{EE} .
- The graph drawn b/w emitter current I_E and V_{EB} at constant V_{CB}
- When V_{CB} is equal to zero, then emitter base junction is forward biased. so that emitter current (I_E) increased rapidly.



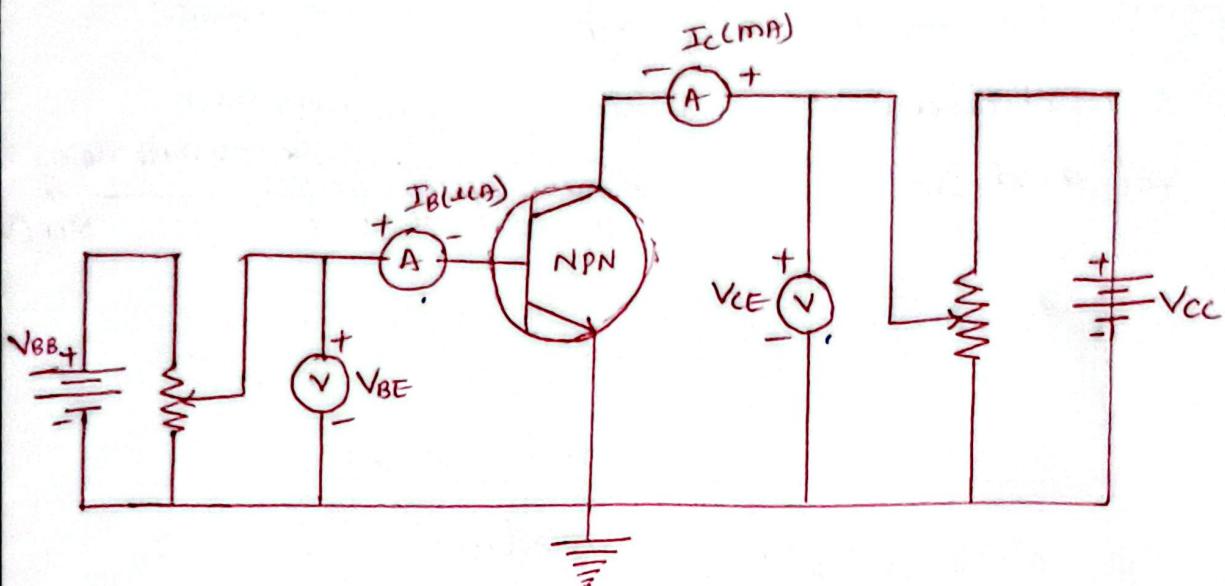
Output characteristics:-

- To determine output characteristics the emitter current (I_E) is kept constant and increase the values of I_C , V_{CB} by suitable value caused by adjusting V_{CC} .
- This is repeated for different fixed values of I_E .
- The graph drawn b/w V_{CB} and I_C by taking constant value of I_E .



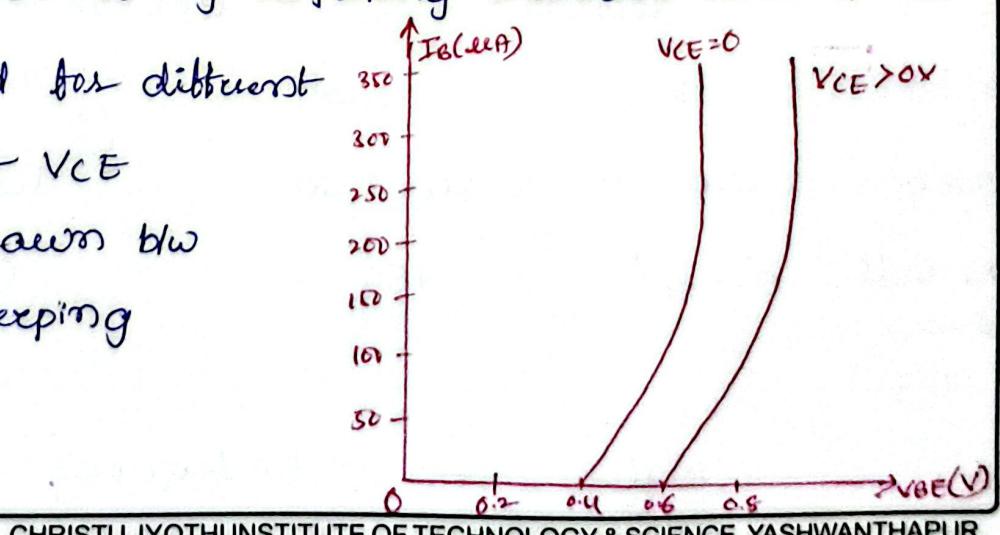
CE configuration:

- This is also called grounded emitter configuration. In this configuration Base is input, collector is output and emitter is common terminal.
- The circuit diagram shows the NPN transistor common emitter configuration



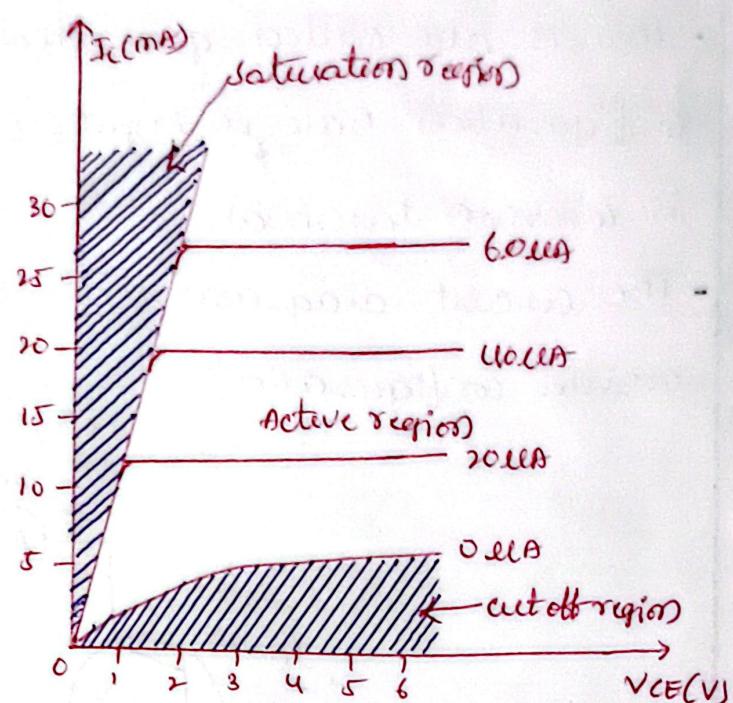
Input characteristics

- To determine the i/p characteristics the collector to emitter voltage (V_{CE}) kept constant at zero volt and increase the values of I_B , V_{BE} by adjusting suitable value of V_{BB} .
- This is repeated for different fixed values of V_{CE}
- The graph drawn b/w I_B , V_{BE} by keeping constant V_{CE} .



Output characteristics

- To determine the output characteristics of CE configuration. the base current (I_B) is kept constant and increased I_C , V_{CE} values by adjusting suitable equal steps from zero.
- This is repeated for various values of I_B . and draw graph b/w V_{CE} and I_C .



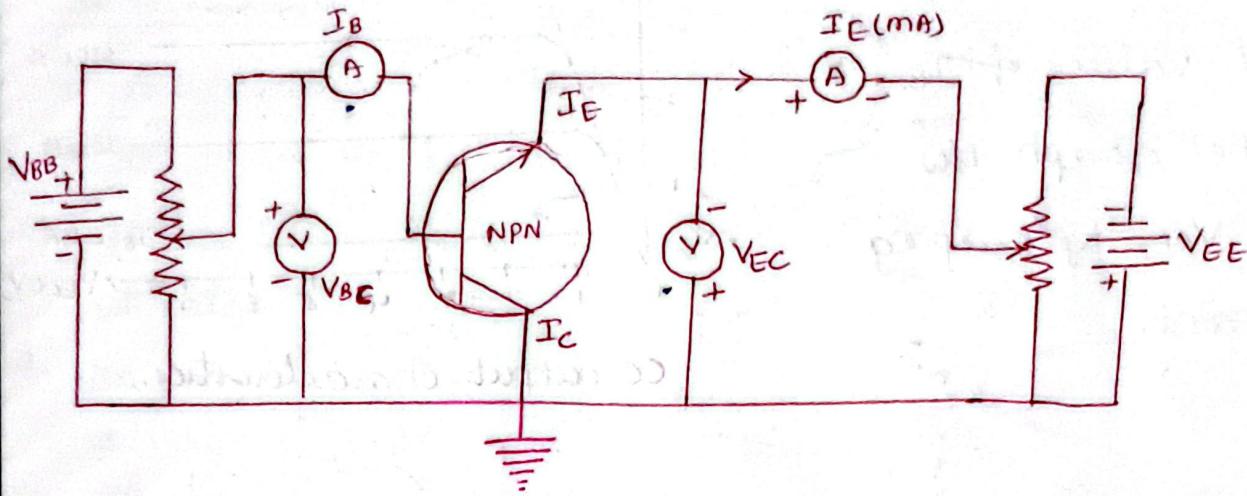
Comparison of CB, CE, CC configurations.

Property	CB	CE	CC
Input resistance	low (about 100Ω)	moderate (about 750Ω)	High (about $750\text{k}\Omega$)
O/p Resistance	High (about $450\text{K}\Omega$)	Moderate (about $45\text{k}\Omega$)	low (about 25Ω)
current gain	1	High	High
voltage gain	about 150	about 500	less than 1
phase shift b/w input and output	0° or 360°	180°	0° or 360°
application	for high frequency circuits	for audio frequency circuits	for impedance matching

Common collector configuration:-

This is also called grounded collector configuration, in this configuration, base is the input terminal, emitter is the output terminal and collector is common terminal.

- The circuit diagram shows the characteristics of NPN transistor in common collector configuration.

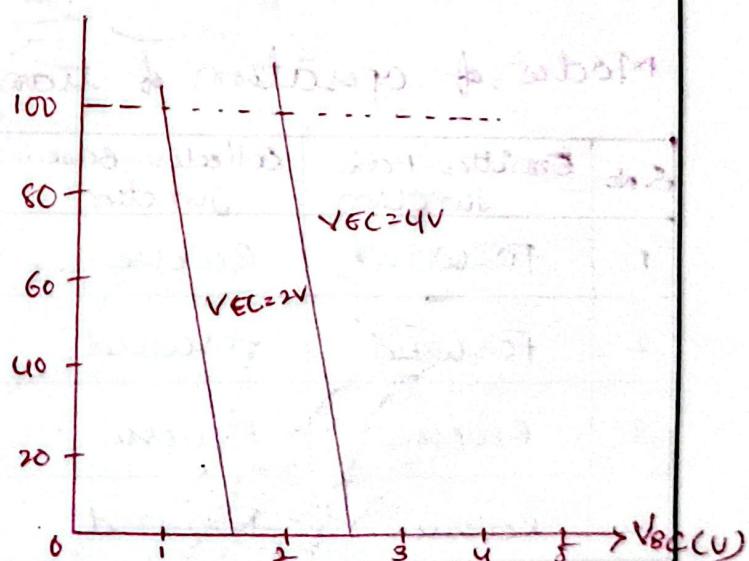


input characteristics:-

To determine input characteristics, V_{CE} is kept constant at suitable fixed value.

and increase I_B , V_{BC} by adjusting suitable value of V_{BB} .

- This is repeated for different fixed values of V_{CE} .



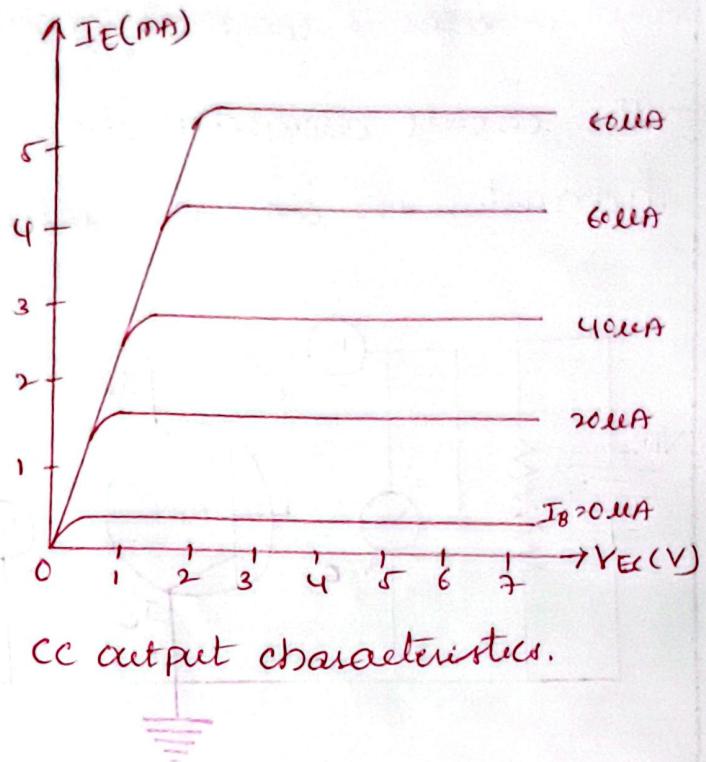
- draw the graph b/w I_B , V_{BC} by keeping V_{CE} constant.

Output characteristics:-

- The output characteristics determine by keeping base current (I_B) constant and increased the values of I_E , V_{CE} by adjusting suitable value of V_{EE} .

- This is repeated for different values of I_B .

- Draw the graph b/w I_E and V_{CE} by keeping I_B constant.



Modes of operation of transistors

S.No	Emitter-Base junction	Collector-Base junction	Mode of operation	Application
1.	Forward	Reverse	Active Region	Amp, filters, oscillators
2	Forward	Forward	Saturation Region	switches, OR/AND
3	Reverse	Reverse	Cut off Region	switched OFF
4	Reverse	Forward	Inverse active region	Normally not used

Current amplification factors

- In a transistor amplifier with a.c input signal the ratio of change in output current to change in input current is known as current amplification factor.
- In CB configuration the current amplification factor

$$\alpha = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_E}$$

- In CE configuration the current amplification factor

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_B}$$

- In CC configuration the current amplification factor

$$\gamma = \frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_B}$$

Relation b/w α, β

We know that $\Delta I_E = \Delta I_B + \Delta I_C$

By definition $\Delta I_C = \alpha \Delta I_E$

$$\Delta I_E = \alpha \Delta I_E + \Delta I_B$$

$$\Delta I_B = \Delta I_E (1 - \alpha)$$

Dividing above equation both sides by ΔI_C

$$\frac{\Delta I_B}{\Delta I_C} = \frac{\Delta I_E (1 - \alpha)}{\Delta I_C}$$

$$\frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\alpha} (1 - \alpha)$$

$$\beta = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \text{ and } \alpha = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \text{ (or) } \frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$$

- From the above relation it is cleared that the α approaches unity, β approaches infinity.
- The CE configuration is used in almost all transistors applications because of its high current gain (β)

Relation among α , β and γ :

$$\gamma = \frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_B}$$

$$\text{substituting } \Delta I_B = \Delta I_E - \Delta I_C$$

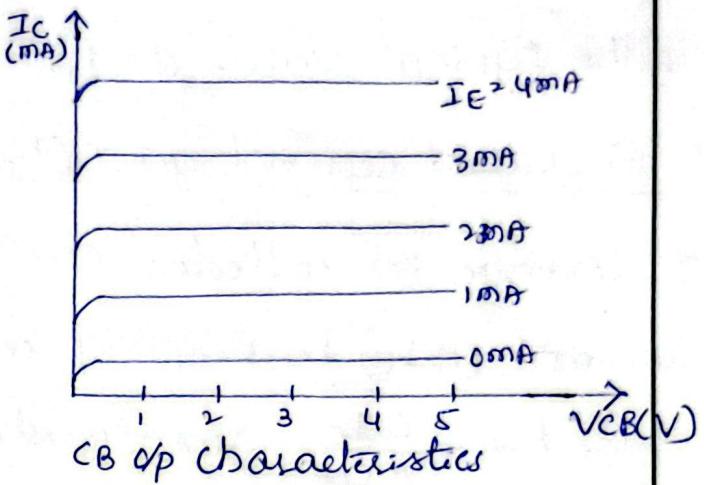
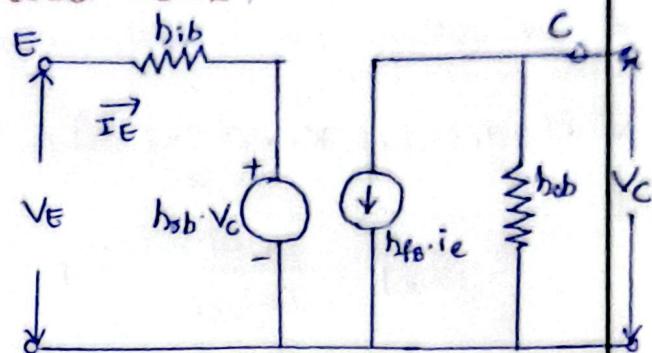
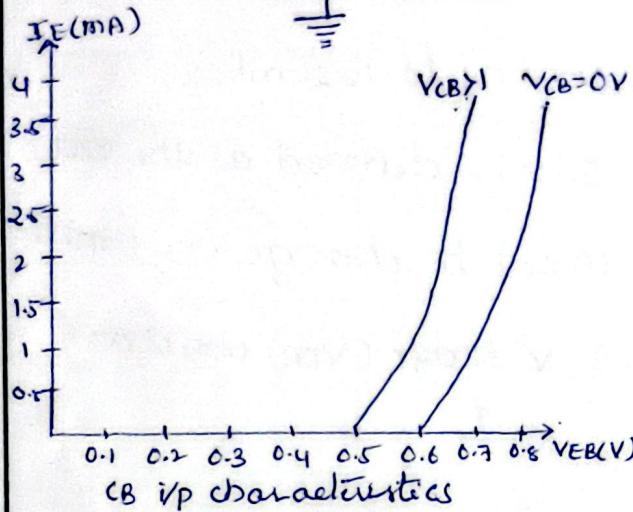
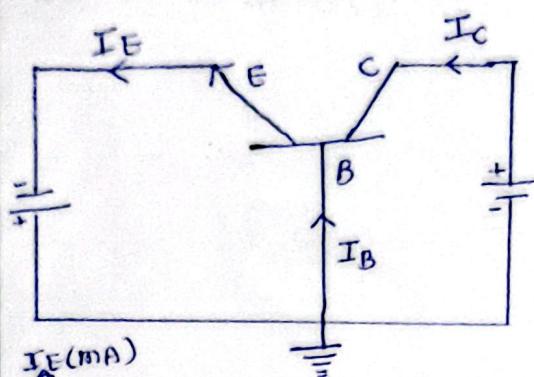
$$\gamma = \frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_E - \Delta I_C}$$

Dividing RHS numerators and denominators by ΔI_E

$$\gamma = \frac{\frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_E}}{\frac{\Delta I_E - \Delta I_C}{\Delta I_E}} = \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\gamma = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} = (\beta+1)}$$

BJT - CB characteristics H-parameters.



$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= h_{11}I_1 + h_{12}V_2 \\ I_2 &= h_{21}I_1 + h_{22}V_2 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} V_B &= h_{fB}I_B + h_{fb}V_{CB} \\ I_C &= h_{fB}I_B + h_{fb}V_{CB} \end{aligned}$$

The slope of CB characteristics will give four transfer parameters. These parameters have different dimensions.

1. Input impedance (h_{11}) :- It is defined as the ratio of change in Emitter voltage $\frac{\Delta V_{EB}}{\Delta I_E}$ to change in emitter current (ΔI_E), by O/P collector voltage (V_{CB}) kept constant.

$$h_{11} = \frac{\Delta V_{EB}}{\Delta I_E}, V_{CB} - \text{constant.}$$

* The typical value of h_{11} is from 20Ω to 50Ω

2. Output Admittance (h_{ob}): It is defined as the ratio of change in collector current (ΔI_c) to change in collector voltage (ΔV_{CB}) by keeping I_E constant

$$h_{ob} = \frac{\Delta I_c}{\Delta V_{CB}}, I_E - \text{constant}$$

* The typical value of h_{ob} is from 0.1 to 10 mhos.

3. Forward current gain (h_{fb}): It is defined as the ratio of change in collector current (ΔI_c) to change in emitter current (ΔI_E) by keeping collector voltage (V_{CB}) constant

$$h_{fb} = \frac{\Delta I_c}{\Delta I_E}, V_{CB} - \text{constant}$$

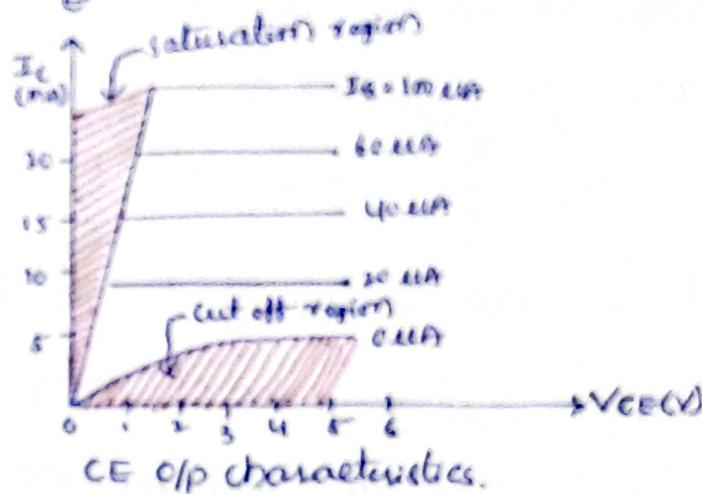
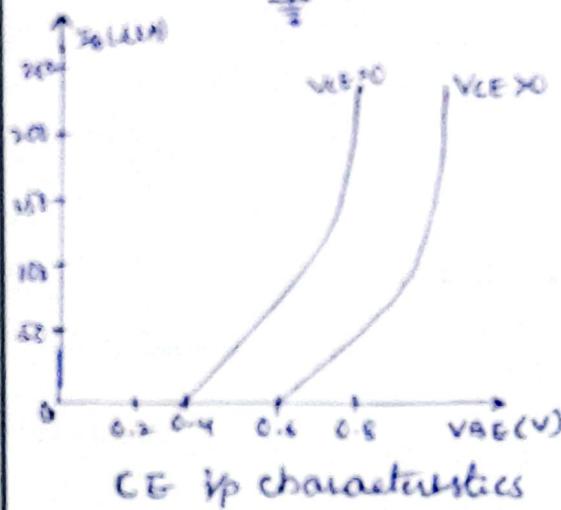
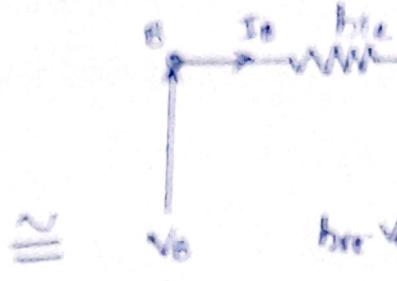
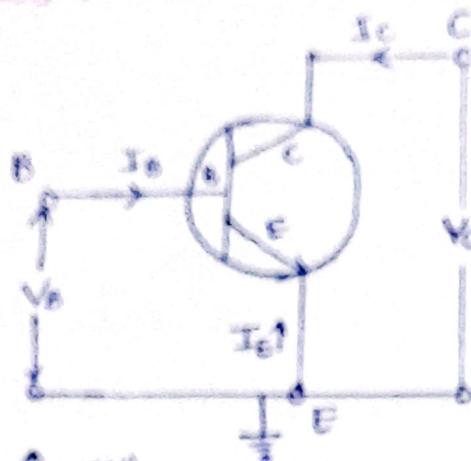
* The typical value of h_{fb} is from 0.9 to 1.0

4. Reverse voltage gain (h_{rb}): It is defined as the ratio of change in Emitter voltage (ΔV_{EB}) to change in collector voltage (ΔV_{CB}) by keeping I_E constant

$$h_{rb} = \frac{\Delta V_{EB}}{\Delta V_{CB}}, I_E - \text{constant}$$

* The typical value of h_{rb} is from 10^5 to 10^4

BJT-CE characteristic h-parameter



- The slope of CE characteristics will give four transistor parameters these parameters have different dimensions they are commonly known as CE hybrid parameters

Input impedance (h_{ie}) :- It is defined as the ratio of change in base voltage (ΔV_{BE}) to the change in base current (ΔI_B) by keeping collector voltage (V_{CE}) kept constant

$$\therefore h_{ie} = \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{\Delta I_B}, V_{CE} - \text{constant}$$

* The typical value of h_{ie} is from 500Ω to 2000Ω

2. Output admittance (b_{oe}): It is defined as the ratio of change in collector current (ΔI_c) to change in collector voltage by keeping base current (I_B) constant.

$$b_{oe} = \frac{\Delta I_c}{\Delta V_{CE}} - I_B - \text{constant}$$

* The typical value of b_{oe} is from 0.1 to 10 mhos.

3. Forward current gain (b_{fe}): It is defined as the ratio of change in collector current to change in base current (ΔI_B) by keeping collector voltage (V_{CE}) constant.

$$b_{fe} = \frac{\Delta I_c}{\Delta I_B}, V_{CE} - \text{constant}$$

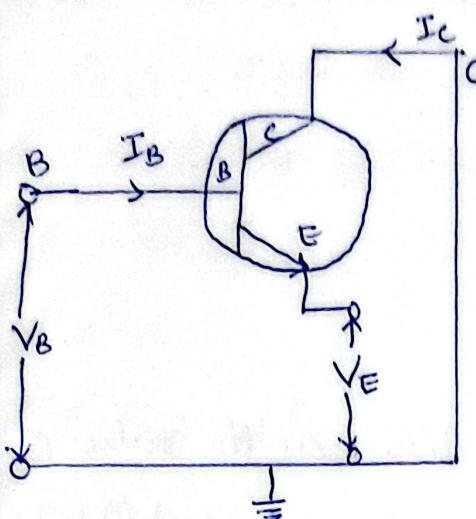
* The typical value of b_{fe} is from 20 to 200

4. Reverse voltage gain (b_{re}): It is defined as the ratio of change in the base voltage (ΔV_{BE}) to change in collector voltage (ΔV_{CE}) by keeping base current (I_B) constant

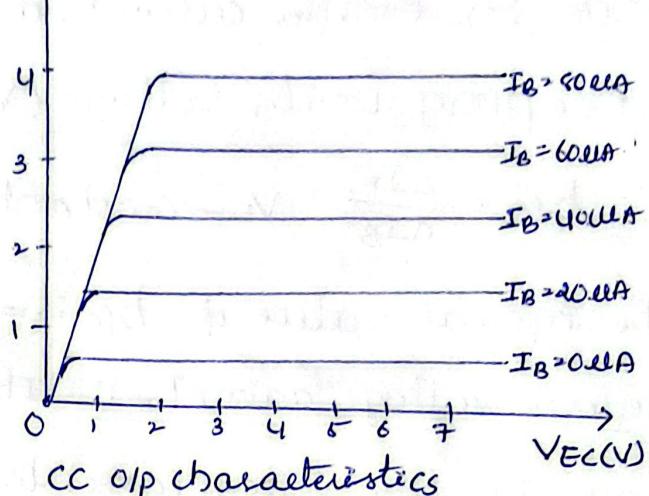
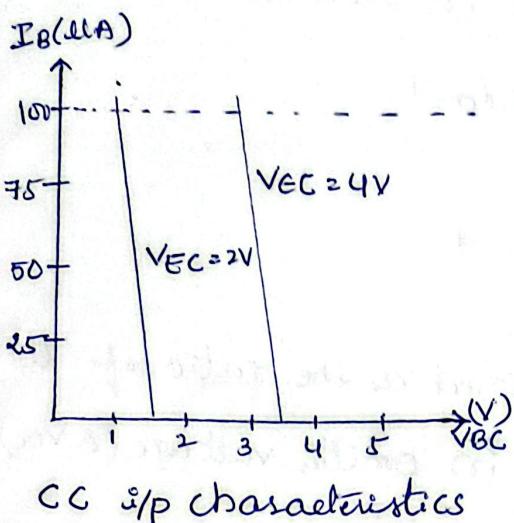
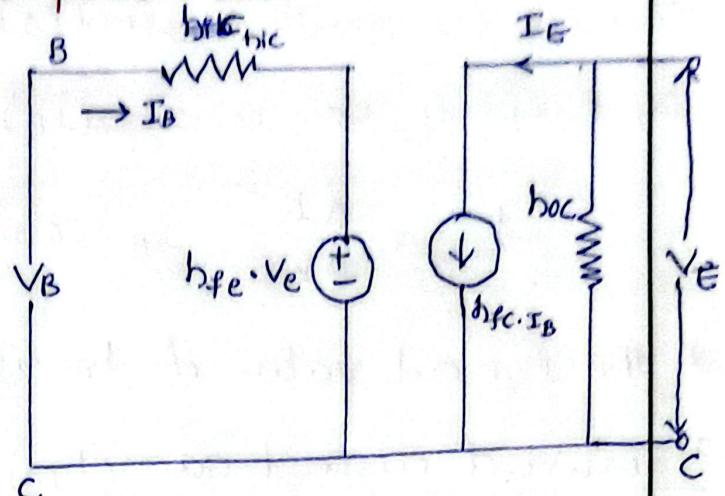
$$b_{re} = \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{\Delta V_{CE}}, I_B - \text{constant}$$

* Its typical value of b_{re} is from 10^{-5} to 10^{-4}

BJT-CC characteristics hybrid parameters



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1. Input impedance (h_{ic}) :- It is defined as the ratio of change of input voltage (ΔV_{BC}) to change of base current (ΔI_B) by keeping (V_{EC}) constant.

$$h_{ic} = \frac{\Delta V_{BC}}{\Delta I_B}, V_{CE} - \text{constant}$$

* The typical range of h_{ic} is -1100Ω

2. Output admittance (h_{oc}): It is defined as the ratio of change in Emitter current (ΔI_c) to change in Emitter voltage (ΔV_{EC}) by keeping base current (I_B) constant.

$$\therefore h_{oc} = \frac{\Delta I_c}{\Delta V_{EC}}, I_B - \text{constant}$$

* The typical value of h_{oc} is $-25 \mu A/V$

3. Forward current gain (h_{fe}): It is defined as the ratio of change in Emitter current, $\overset{(I_E)}{\Delta I_E}$, to change in base current (ΔI_B) by keeping Emitter voltage (V_E) is constant.

$$\therefore h_{fe} = \frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_B}, V_E - \text{constant}$$

* The typical value of h_{fe} is $= -51$

4. Reverse voltage gain (h_{rc}): It is defined as the ratio of the change in base voltage (ΔV_{BC}) to change in Emitter voltage (ΔV_{EC}) by keeping base current (I_B) constant.

$$\therefore h_{rc} = \frac{\Delta V_{BC}}{\Delta V_{EC}}, I_B - \text{constant}$$

* The typical value of h_{rc} is $= 1$