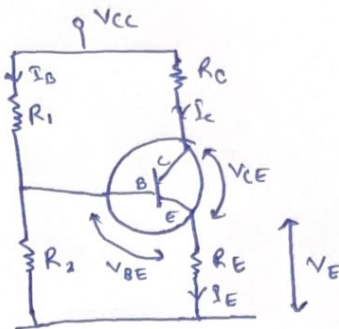


Voltage Divider Bias Method / Self Bias:

This is the most commonly used method for stabilizing & biasing ~~by~~ a transistor.

The resistors R_1 and R_2 will divide the supply voltage and across R_2 will forward bias the Emitter-Base junction.



Approximate Analysis:

1. In this method two resistance R_1 & R_2 are connected across the supply voltage V_{cc}
2. R_1 & R_2 provide biasing.
3. R_E provide stabilization to the circuit.
4. Voltage drops across R_2 i.e. ~~EB~~ E-B junction in FB.

Collector Current (I_C):

$$I_B \rightarrow I_1$$

$$I_1 = \frac{V_{cc}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_1 \text{ is the current flowing through } R_1 \text{ since } \\ I_B \text{ is very small current through } R_2 \text{ is } \\ \text{approximately } I_1. \end{array} \right.$

$$\text{Voltage across } R_2 : V_2 = R_2 I_1$$

$$V_2 = R_2 \cdot \frac{V_{cc}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Applying KVL to the input part:

$$V_2 = V_{BE} + V_E$$

$$V_2 = V_{BE} + R_E I_E$$

$$\Rightarrow I_E = \frac{V_2 - V_{BE}}{R_E}$$

Since: $I_E \approx I_C$

$$(\because I_E = I_B + I_C)$$

\downarrow
no

$$I_C = \frac{V_2 - V_{BE}}{R_E}$$

$\Rightarrow I_C$ is independent of β .

$\rightarrow V_{BE} \ll V_2$ i.e. I_C is independent of V_{BE} .

So in this circuit I_C is independent of transistor parameters and hence a good stabilization is ensured.
Hence potential divider circuit has become universal method for dividing voltage and used for stabilizing and biasing.

• Collector-emitter voltage:- (V_{CE})

Applying KVL to output.

$$V_{CC} = I_C R_C + V_{CE} + I_E R_E$$

$$\text{as } I_C \approx I_E$$

So,

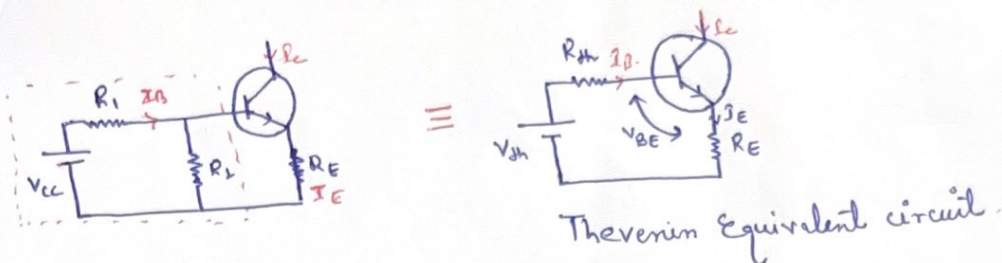
$$V_{CC} = I_C (R_C + R_E) + V_{CE}$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C (R_C + R_E)$$

Since, I_C and V_{CE} are both independent of β , Q-point does not change with change in transistor parameters.

Exact Analysis / Stability factor for potential Divider Bias:

Drawing the input part and replacing it by the thevenin equivalent circuit



$$R_{th} = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

$$R_{th} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$V_{th} = I_1 R_2$$

$$V_{th} = \frac{V_{CC} R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Applying KVL in the input loop.

$$V_{th} = R_{th} I_B + V_{BE} + I_E R_E \rightarrow (1)$$

$$I_E = I_C + I_B$$

$$I_E = I_B + \beta I_B$$

$$I_E = (1 + \beta) I_B \rightarrow (2)$$

Substituting (2) in (1)

$$\Rightarrow V_{th} = R_{th} I_B + V_{BE} + (1 + \beta) I_B R_E$$

$$I_B = \frac{V_{th} - V_{BE}}{R_{th} + R_E (1 + \beta)}$$

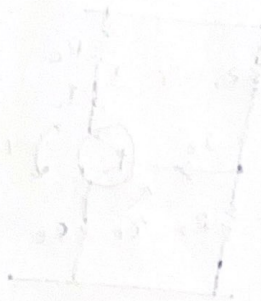
Hence, I_B is depending on β as Temp. \uparrow β \uparrow and hence I_B \downarrow , which reduces I_C maintaining the stabilization and avoid thermal runaway.

Assignment ^{to submit} (3-oct. 2023)

i) For a Collector to Base bias circuit, derive the expressions for stability factor.

ii) Calculate the stability factor in case of voltage divider Bias.

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$$I_B = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_1 + R_2 + \beta(R_E + R_C)} \quad \text{as } V_{BE} \approx 0$$

$$I_E = I_B (1 + \beta)$$

$$I_C = I_E = I_B (1 + \beta)$$