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Introduction and Objective:

This lab aims to bias a Bipolar-Junction Transistor (BJT) in the active region and to test a Common-Emitter (CE) amplifier. We will learn the skills to record values of the input and output resistances of the amplifier and to analyze the behavior of a CE amplifier. For the lab, we used a 2N3904 NPN BJT to achieve these objectives.

Pre-Lab:

$$V_{CC} = 15V$$

$$\beta = 150$$

$$V_{BE,on} = 0.7V$$

$$V_{CE,sat} = 0.3V$$

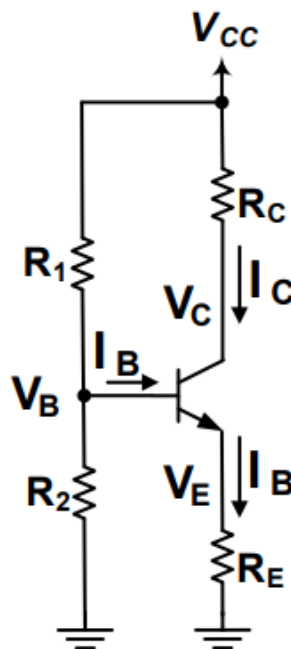


Figure 1.0 Transistor Circuit

Table P1. Quiescent voltages and currents and AC parameters of the transistor circuit of Figure 1.

$V_B[V]$	$V_C[V]$	$V_E[V]$	$I_B[mA]$	$I_C[mA]$	$I_E[mA]$	$g_m[mS]$	$r_e[k\Omega]$	$r_{\pi}[k\Omega]$
5.505	10.23	4.8	2.65×10^{-3}	0.3973	0.4	0.015	0.06475	4.704

$$V_{CC} = 15V$$

$$R_S = 50\Omega$$

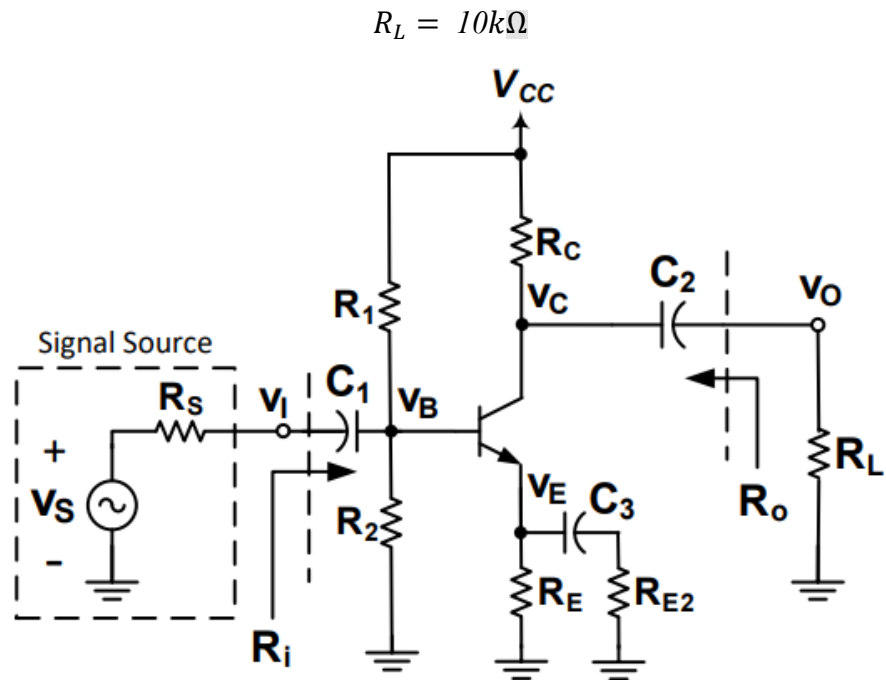


Figure 2.0 Common-Emitter (CE) amplifier based on the circuit of Figure 1.

Table P2. Parameters of the CE amplifier of **Figure 2**.

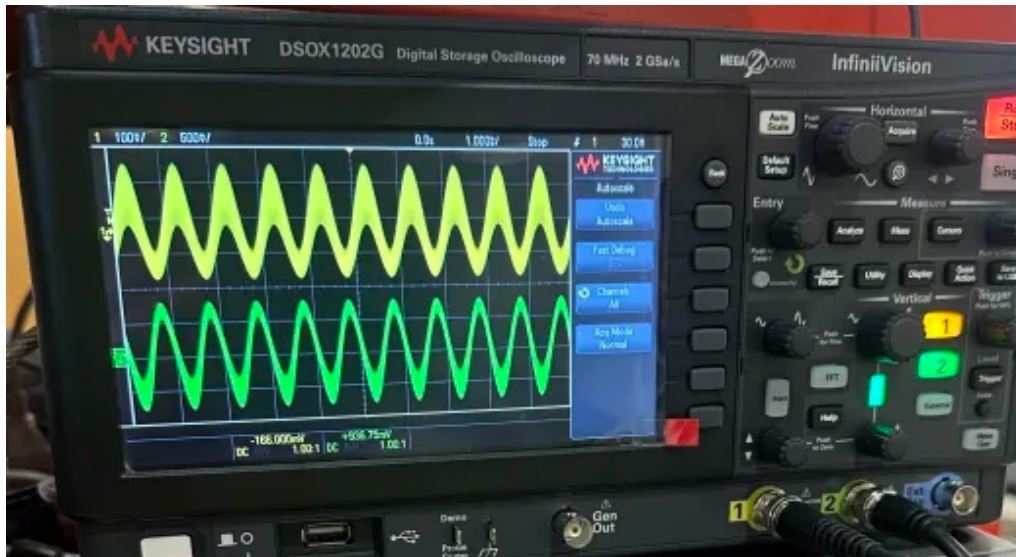
$A_{vo}[V/V]$	$A_v[V/V]$ for $R_L = 10\text{ k}\Omega$	$R_i[k\Omega]$	$R_o[k\Omega]$
-0.693	-0.058	15	12

Experiment and Results:

Table E1. Measured terminal voltages and currents of the BJT in the circuit of **Figure 1**.

$V_B [V]$	$V_C [V]$	$V_E [V]$	$I_B [mA]$	$I_C [mA]$	$I_E [mA]$
5.479	10.1309	4.8586	0.2634	0.844	0.4041

Table 1.0 Experiment Results 1



Graph E2.

Table E2(a). Input and output ac voltages and gain of the CE amplifier, with $R_L = 10\text{ k}\Omega$.

$V_i [V_{rms}]$	$V_o [V_{rms}]$	$A_v [V/V]$	$V_i [dB]$	$V_o [dB]$	$A_v [dB]$
0.0706	0.387	5.49	30.94	45.729	14.784

Table 2.0a Experiment Results 2a

Table E2(b). Input and output ac voltages and gain of the CE amplifier, with $R_L = \infty$.

$V_i [V_{rms}]$	$V_o [V_{rms}]$	$A_{vo} [V/V]$	$V_i [dB]$	$V_o [dB]$	$A_{vo} [dB]$
0.0759	0.85117	17.1	0.30.449	052.569	24.63

Table 2.0b Experiment Results 2b

Table E3. Parameters of the CE amplifier for determining its input resistance.

$R_{t,in} [k\Omega]$	$V_t [V_{rms}]$	$V_i [V_{rms}]$	$R_i [k\Omega]$
15	070.687	038.954	0.139

Table 3.0 Experiment Results 3

Table E4. Parameters of the CE amplifier for determining its output resistance.

$R_{t,out} [k\Omega]$ (i.e., the load)	$V_o [V_{rms}]$ without load (i.e., $A_{vo} v_i$)	$V_o [V_{rms}]$ with load	$R_o [k\Omega]$
12	1.16	027.924	21.5

Table 4.0 Experiment Results 4

Conclusions:**C1.****Table C1.** Calculated and measured (DC) voltages in the transistor circuit of **Figure 1**.

	$V_B [V]$	$V_C [V]$	$V_E [V]$
Calculated values (from Table P1)	5.505	10.23	4.8
Measured values (from Table E1)	5.479	10.1309	4.858
Percent error, $e\%$	0.472 %	0.978 %	1.208 %

C2.**Table C2.** Calculated and measured ac parameters for the CE amplifier of **Figure 2**.

	$A_v [V/V]$	$A_{vo} [V/V]$	$R_i [k\Omega]$	$R_o [k\Omega]$
Calculated Values (from Table P2)	-0.58	-0.693	0.989	5.46
Measured Values (from Tables E2, E3, and E4)	5.481	12.06	8.265	20.87
Percent Error, $e\%$	1045 %	1841 %	736 %	282 %

A reason for these extremely large discrepancies may be human error in regard to the configuration of the circuit, seen as a common-emitter BJT amplifier configuration should result in a negative gain, as evident by the calculated values in Table P2, ultimately meaning that the required circuit was built/configured incorrectly

C3.

$$i_o = \frac{v_o}{R_{t,out}}$$

$$i_i = \frac{V_t - V_i}{R_{t,in}}$$

Using the values from Table E3 and Table E4:

$$i_o = 2.33\text{A}$$

$$i_i = 2.11\text{A}$$

$$A_i = \frac{i_o}{i_i} = 1.102\text{A}$$

$$A_p = A_v A_i = (5.48)(1.102) = 6.04$$

C4.

Effect of R_{E2} on the CE amplifier on:

- Voltage Gain: R_{E2} and Voltage gain are inversely proportional. When R_{E2} increases, the voltage gain decreases and vice versa.
- Input Resistance: R_{E2} no significant impact on the input resistance
- Output Resistance: R_{E2} no significant impact on the output resistance since the output resistance is determined by R_C
- Maximum Magnitude of v_i before the output voltage exhibits distortion: R_{E2} and maximum magnitude of v_i are inversely proportional. When R_{E2} increases, the maximum magnitude of v_i decreases and vice versa.