

Single stage Transistor amplifier.

In the previous chapter (Biasing & stabilization) we saw how proper biasing raises the strength of a transistor & thus acts as an amp^r.

Almost all electronic equipments must include means for amplifying electrical signal.

For example, radio receivers amplify weak signals sometime few mv to to until they are strong enough to fill the room with sound. The transducers in medical field amplify (μ V) to (mV).

Amplification may be

- i) single stage or
- ii) Multi stage.



Single stage amplifier with proper Biasing ckt -

The circuit for single stage transistor amp^r is shown in figure.

Here voltage divider biasing is used because it is better among all the above.

When only one transistor with associated circuitry is used for amplifying a weak signal, the circuitry is known as single stage transistor amp^r.

- Although the practical amp^r consist of no. of stages, yet such a complex circuit can be conveniently split into separate single stages.
- By analyzing carefully only a single stage & using single stage analysis repeatedly, we can effectively analyze the complex circuit.

How transistor amplifies.

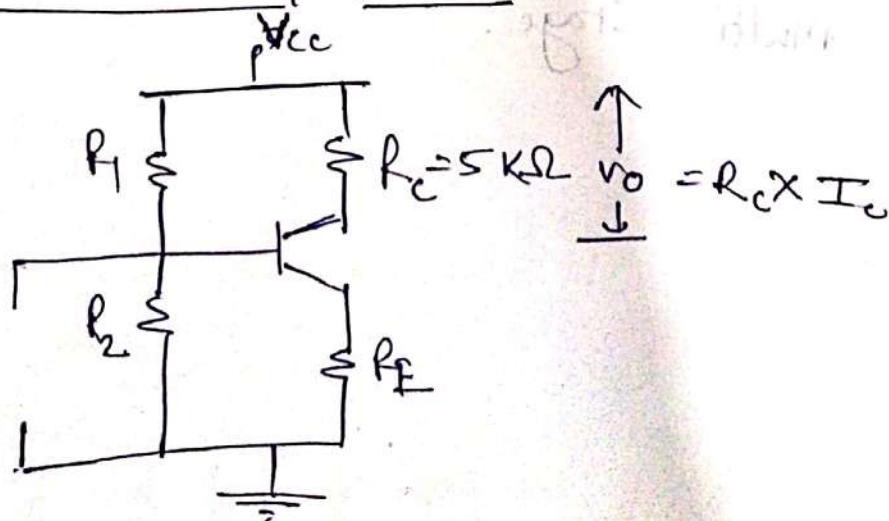
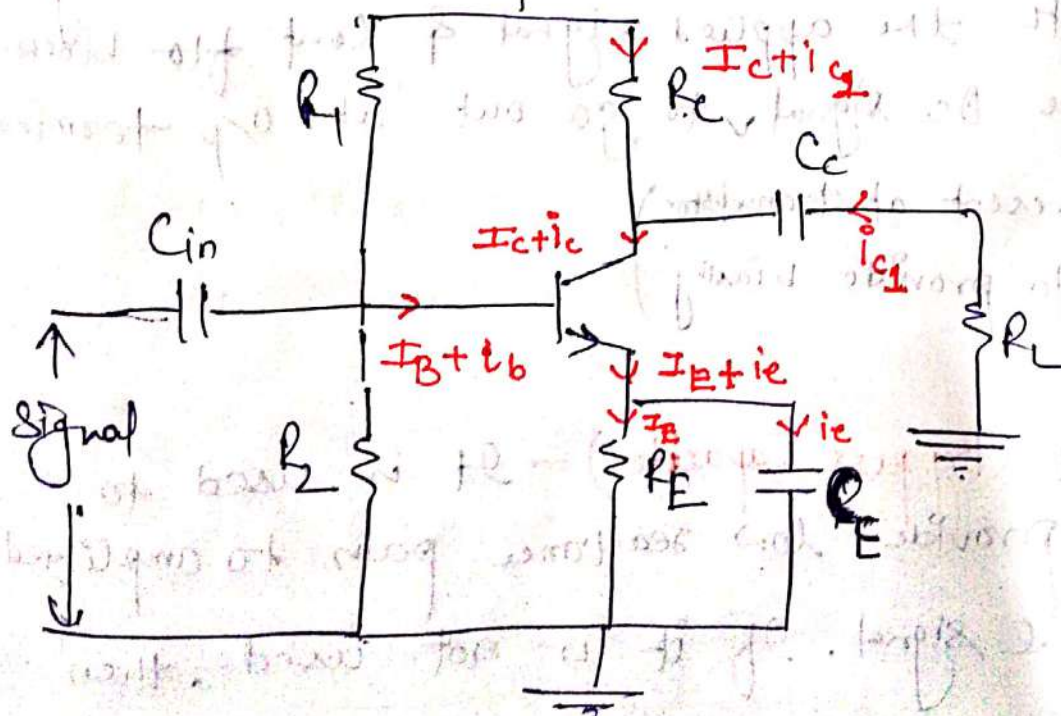


fig. shows a single stage transistor amp^r. when a weak A.C signal given to base of transistor, a small current I_B starts to flow. Due to transistor action, a much larger current (β times base current) flows through R_C . And R_C is quite high, therefore large voltage appears R_C . Thus, a weak signal applied in base circuit appears in amplified form at collector.

So basically,

$$\boxed{\text{AC signal given to base}} \Rightarrow \boxed{I_B \uparrow} \Rightarrow \boxed{I_C \uparrow (\text{as } I_C = \beta I_B)} \Rightarrow \boxed{V_C \uparrow (\text{As } V_C = I_C \times R_C)}$$

Practical circuit of transistor amp^r.



Biasing Circuit - The resistance R_1 , R_2 & R_E form the biasing & stabilizing circuit. It provides proper operating point otherwise a part of -ve half of cycle may be cut off.

C_{in} (Input Capacitor) & C_{out} (O/p Capacitor) -

C_{in} & C_{out} are coupling capacitors and they are used to couple the ip signal to base & amplified o/p to external world.

Basically Capacitor work as S.C (Short Circuit) for AC & O.C for DC.

So, C_{in} block the DC content coming with the applied signal & C_{out} block the DC signal to go out at o/p terminal.

(present at transistor)
(to provide biasing)

C_E (Bypass Capacitor) - It is used to provide low reactance path to amplified A.C signal. If it is not used, then amplified A.C signal flowing through R_E will cause a voltage drop, therefore noise.

Base Current -

$$i_B = I_B + i_b$$

flows due
to biasing circuit
Basically DC Base current

flows due to
A.C signal applied
Basically AC Base current

Similarly.

$$i_C = I_C + i_c$$

DC collector
current

AC collector
current

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$i_c = \beta i_b$$

(relation of DC collector current
to DC base current),
(relation of AC collector "
to AC base current).

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$I_E =$

$$I_E = I_B + I_C$$

DC Emitter
current

AC Emitter
current

$$I_E = I_B + I_C$$

$$i_e = i_b + i_c$$

base current is usually very small,

so.

$$I_E \approx I_C$$

$$i_e \approx i_c$$

D.C & A.C Equivalent circuit.

In a transistor amplifier both the supplies (AC & DC) are present. DC is used for biasing purpose (or to operate in proper operating point) & AC is used (as a signal). therefore a simple way to analyze the transistor action. split the analysis into two parts

- i) AC Analysis
- ii) DC Analysis

for AC analysis, we consider all the AC sources at same time & work for A-C voltage & current

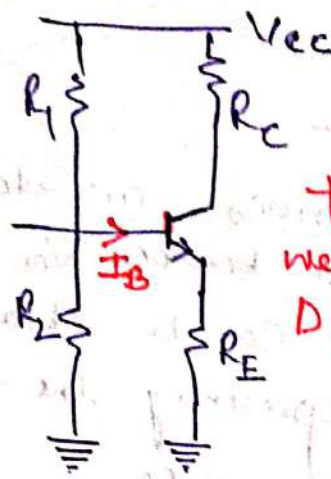
Similarly, for DC, consider all the DC source & work for DC voltage & current

i) DC Equivalent circuit -

In the DC Equivalent circuit, only DC Condition are to be considered i.e. it is presumed that no signal is applied

→ for DC, Capacitor work as O.C so, Open all the capacitors.

→ for DC, assume all the A.C source to zero.



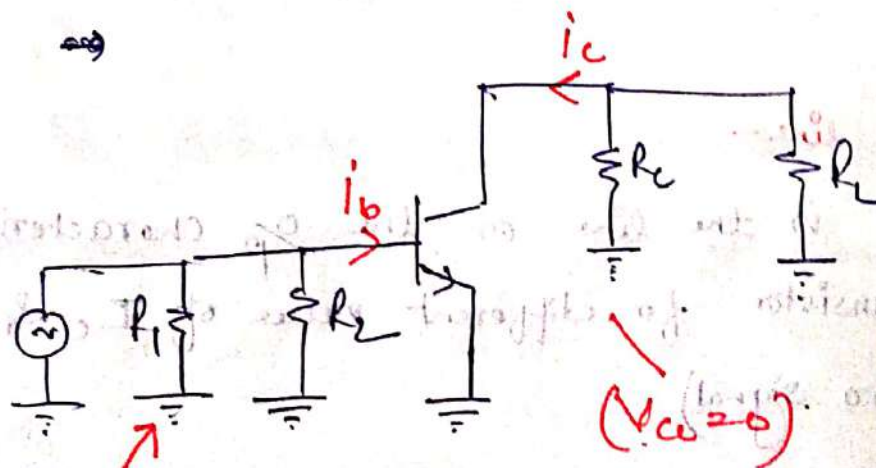
from this,
we can easily calculate
DC current & voltages.

A.C. equivalent circuit -

In the AC equivalent circuit, only AC conditions are to be considered

→ DC voltage is not important in AC equivalent circuit & it can be considered zero.

→ Capacitors work as s.c for A.C



GND because
($V_{cc} = 0$)

Load Line Analysis -

The o/p characteristics are determined experimentally & indicate the relation between V_{CE} & I_C . However, the same information can be obtained in a much simpler way by representing the mathematical relation between I_C & V_{CE} graphically.

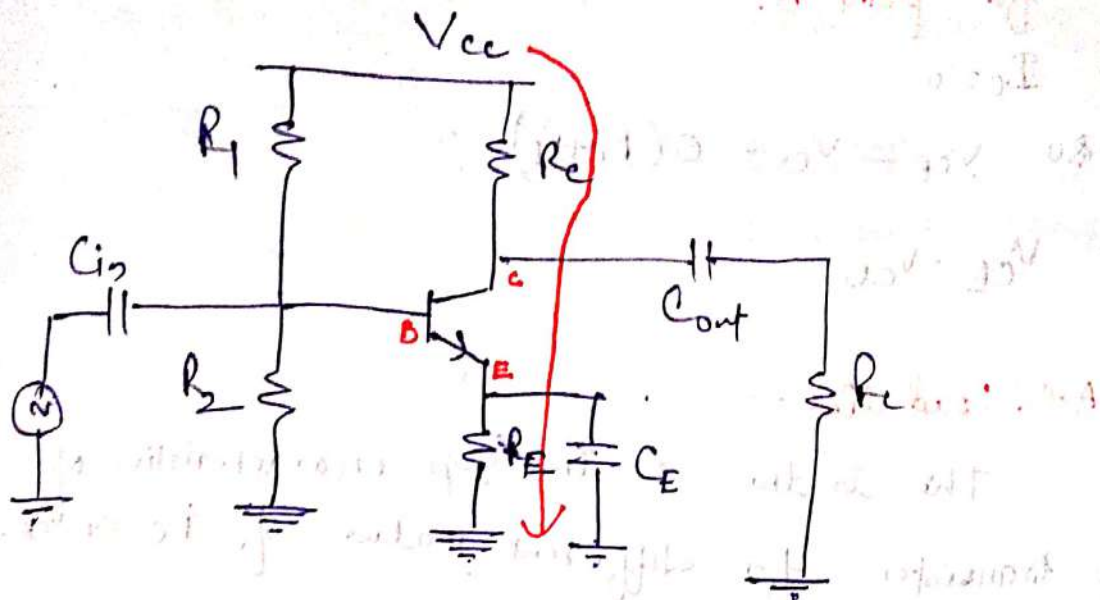
As discussed before, the relationship between V_{CE} & I_C is linear so that it can be represented by a straight line on the o/p char. This is known as Load Line.

In the transistor both A.C & D.C condition exist, therefore there are two types of load line exist. A.C Load line & D.C Load line.

DC Load line -

It is the line on the o/p characteristics of a transistor for different values of I_C & V_{CE} . (for zero signal)

After redrawing the circuit, by removing signal (or in absence of signal)



By applying KVL,

$$+V_{CC} - I_C R_C - V_{CE} - I_E R_E = 0$$

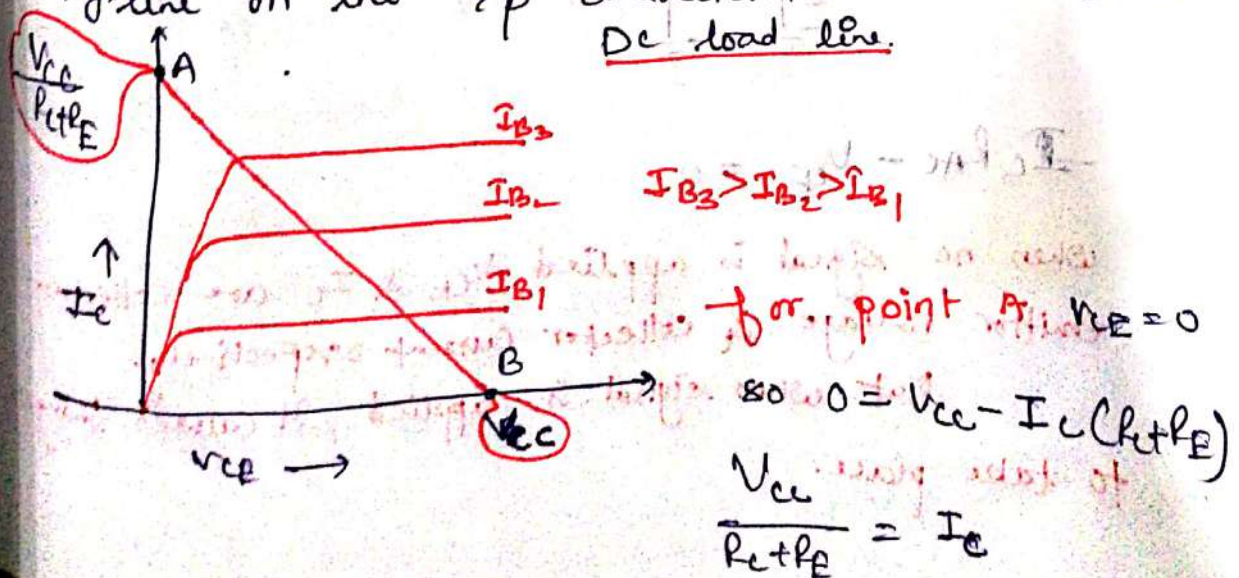
$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C - I_E R_E$$

$$(\because I_E \approx I_C)$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C (R_C + R_E) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where V_{CC} & $(R_C + R_E)$ are constant, therefore it is

a first degree eqⁿ & can be represented by a straight line on the I_C vs V_{CE} characteristics. This is known as DC load line.



for point B.

$$I_C = 0$$

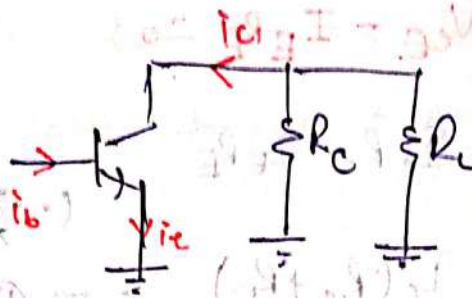
$$\text{So, } V_{CE} = V_{CC} - 0(R_C + R_E)$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC}$$

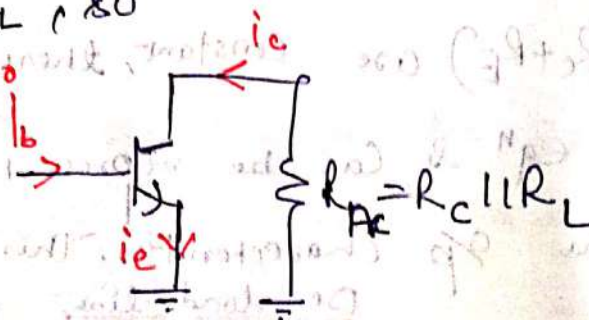
A.C. Load line —

This is the on the i_C characteristics of a transistor for different value of i_C & V_{CE} when signal is applied.

After redrawing A.C equivalent circuit,



$$R_C \parallel R_L \text{ so}$$

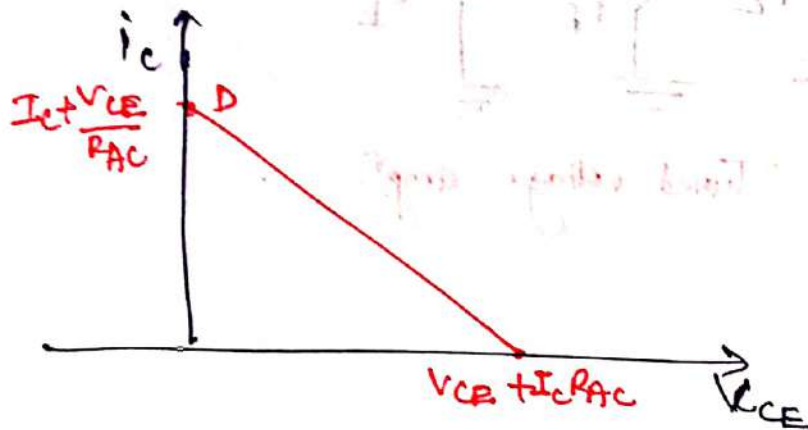


$$-I_C R_{AC} - V_{CE} = 0$$

When no signal is applied, V_{CE} & I_C are collector-emitter voltage & collector current respectively.

But when signal is applied, it causes changes to take place.

- Max collector current due to A.C signal = I_c
- Max the swing of AC collector-emitter voltage = $I_c R_{AC}$
- Total max collector ^{emitter} voltage = $V_{CE} + I_c R_{AC}$
- Max the swing of AC collector current = V_{CE} / R_{AC}
- Total max collector current = $I_c + V_{CE} / R_{AC}$



Tuned voltage Amplifier -

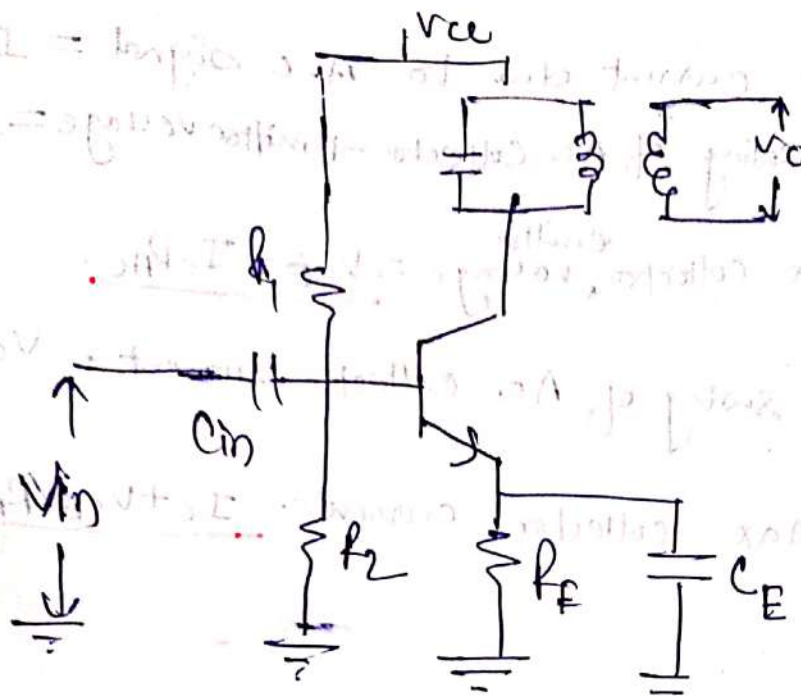
Tuned amp^r is used to amplify a narrow band of frequencies.

Commonly used for RF (30KHz to 300MHz).

Radio freq are generally single and tuned amp^r allow the desired freq. while rejecting others.

It may be

- i) Single tuned voltage amp^r
- ii) Double tuned voltage amp^r



Tuned voltage amp^r.

→ After completing the chapter try these
Questions

Q i) Draw the single stage CE (Common Emitter) amp^r.

Q ii) What is load line?

Q iii) Explain DC load line.

Q iv) Explain A.C load line.

Q v) What is requirement of multistage amp^r?

Q vi) Differentiate b/w A.C load line & DC load line.

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