



# **EEE1024: Fundamentals of Electrical and Electronics Engineering**

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# ***Semiconductor Devices***

## **Diode**

Applications

***Rectifiers***

***Voltage  
regulation  
(Zener)***

***Solar Cells***

## **Transistors –& *BJT* & CMOS**

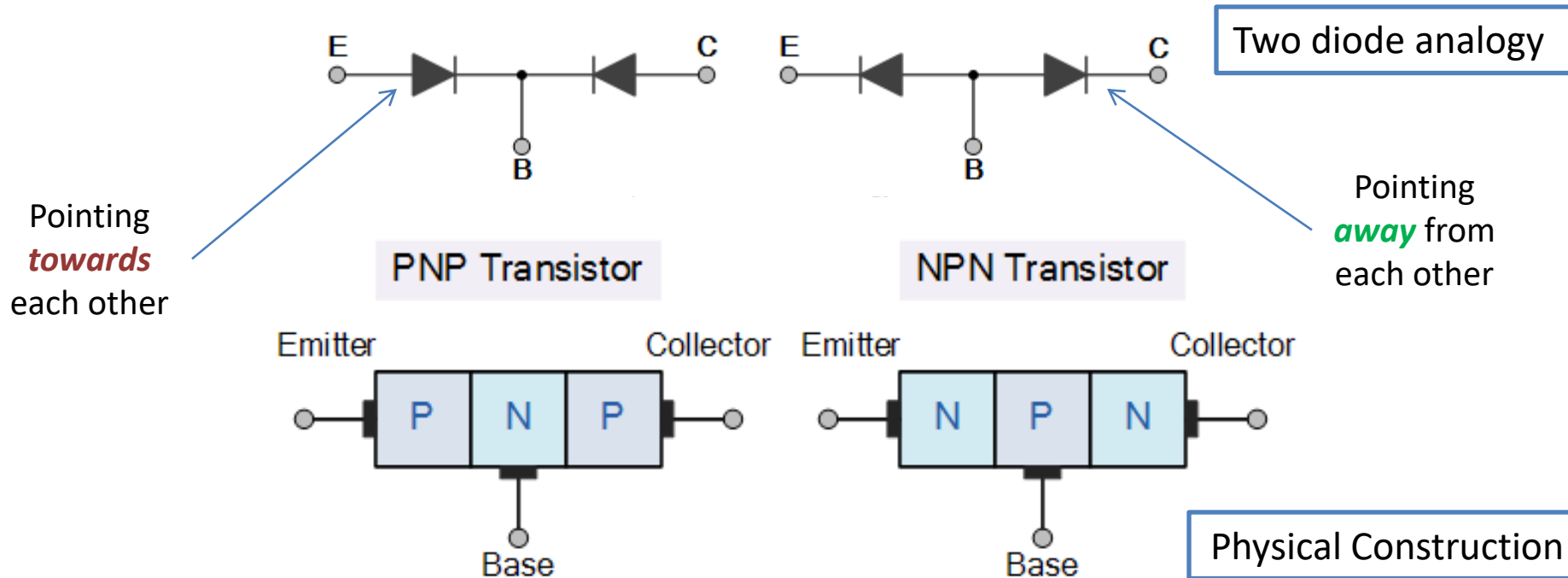
Applications

Infinite !

Billions or crores of circuit  
elements inside the chip or  
IC on the motherboard !

# Bipolar Junction Transistor

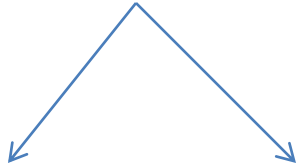
BJT: If two individual diodes are joined together back-to-back, it gives two PN-junctions connected together in series that share a common **P** or **N** terminal.



- ✓ BJTs are current regulating devices
- ✓ The amount of current flowing from the Emitter to the Collector terminals is controlled depending upon the amount of biasing voltage applied to their base terminal, thus acting like a current-controlled switch.
- ✓ A small current flowing into the base terminal controls a much larger collector current  
- working of transistor action.

# Bipolar Junction Transistor

Uses of TRANSISTORS

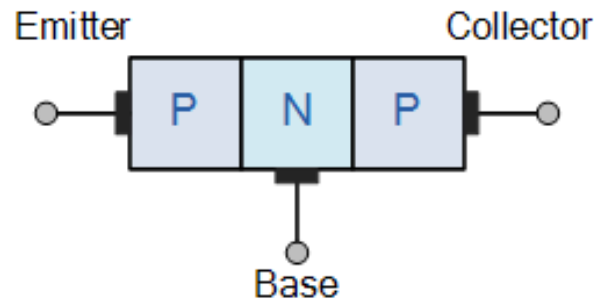


SWITCHING

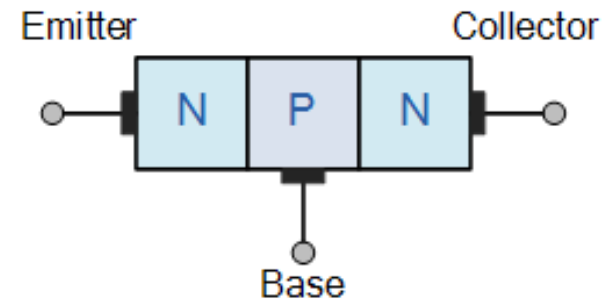
AMPLIFICATION

Physical Construction

PNP Transistor



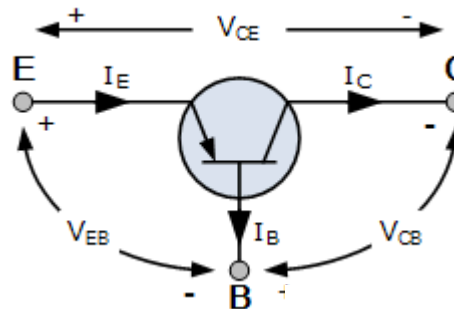
NPN Transistor



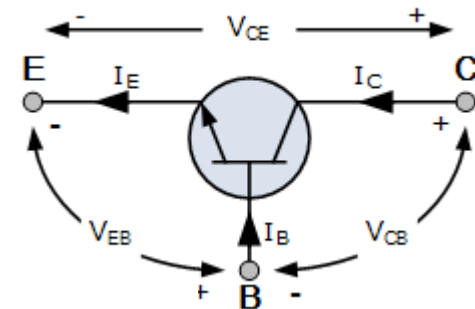
Circuit Symbols

Arrow →

- Direction of conventional current from Base to Emitter
- Always from P to N



**Inward arrow - PNP**



**Outward arrow - NPN**

# ***BJT Configurations***

BJT – Three terminal device

- 3 possible ways it can be connected in an electronic circuit where each terminal is made common between the input and output by grounding it.
- 3 for PNP, 3 for NPN

Common Base (CB) configuration

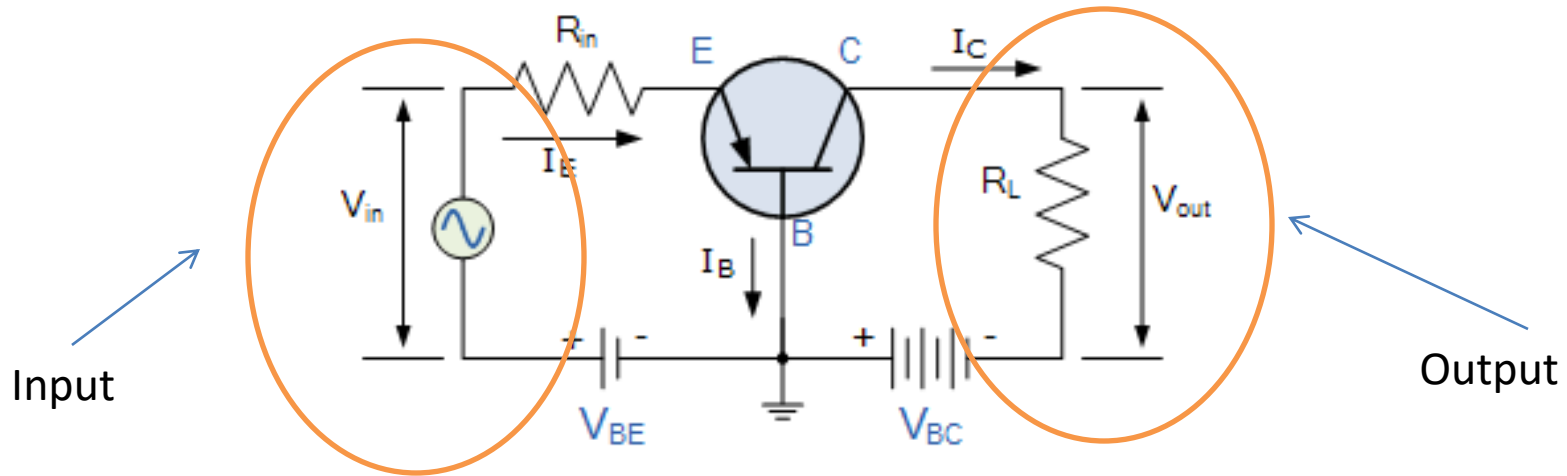
Common Emitter (CE) configuration

Common Collector(CC) configuration



**A Typical  
Bipolar Transistor**

# PNP: Common Base Configuration



- CB configuration: Base terminal grounded or common between input and output

Current gain = Output current / Input current

Output current < Input current

$I_E \rightarrow$  HIGH!  $I_C < I_E$

Current gain =  $A_i = 1$  LOW

$$R_L > R_{in}$$

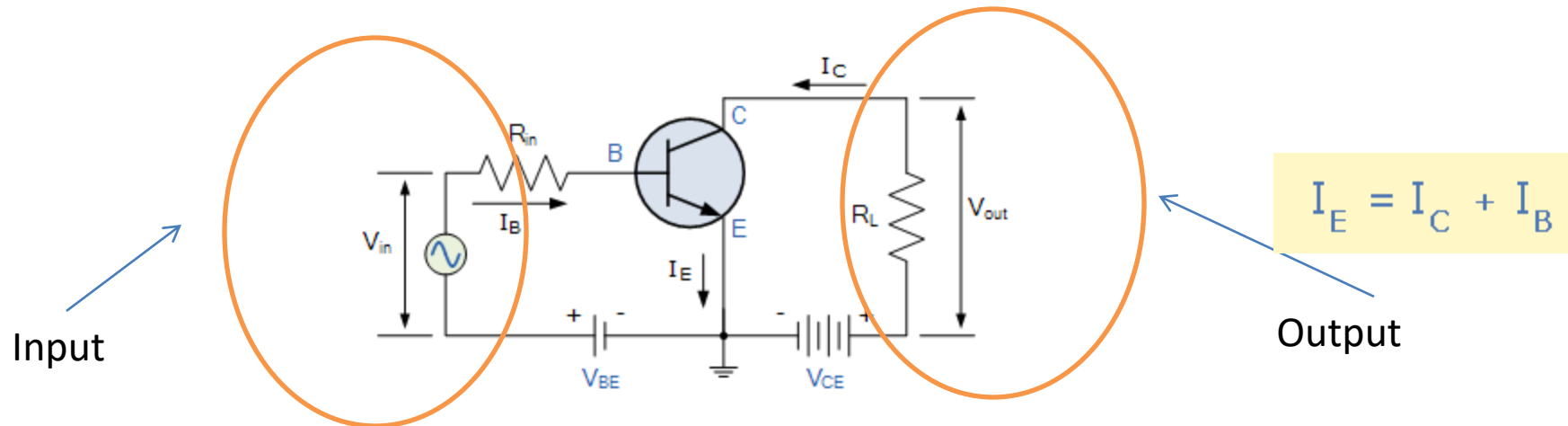
Voltage gain =

$$A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{I_C \times R_L}{I_E \times R_{in}}$$

= HIGH

Use: Single stage amplifier circuits (microphone pre-amplifier or radio frequency ( Rf ) amplifiers )

# NPN: Common Emitter Configuration



- CE configuration: Emitter terminal grounded or common between input and output

Two current gains for CE configuration

Alpha, ( $\alpha$ ) =  $\frac{I_C}{I_E}$  and Beta, ( $\beta$ ) =  $\frac{I_C}{I_B}$

$$\therefore I_C = \alpha \cdot I_E = \beta \cdot I_B$$

$$I_E > I_C$$

$\beta$  – HIGH (20 to 200)

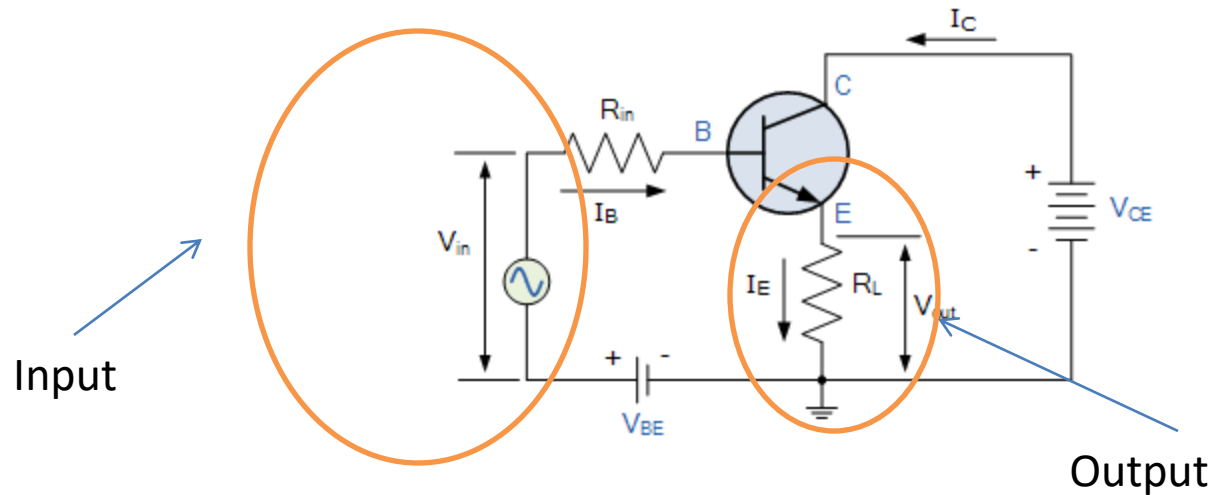
$$\alpha < 1$$

Current gain  $\beta$  – HIGH

Current gain  $\alpha$  – Low

Voltage gain - LOW

# ***NPN: Common Collector Configuration***



$$I_E = I_C + I_B$$

- CC configuration: Collector terminal grounded or common between input and output

Current gain =  $A_i = \frac{I_E}{I_B} = \frac{I_C + I_B}{I_B}$

$$A_i = \frac{I_C}{I_B} + 1$$

$$A_i = \beta + 1$$

Current gain – HIGH

Voltage gain - LOW

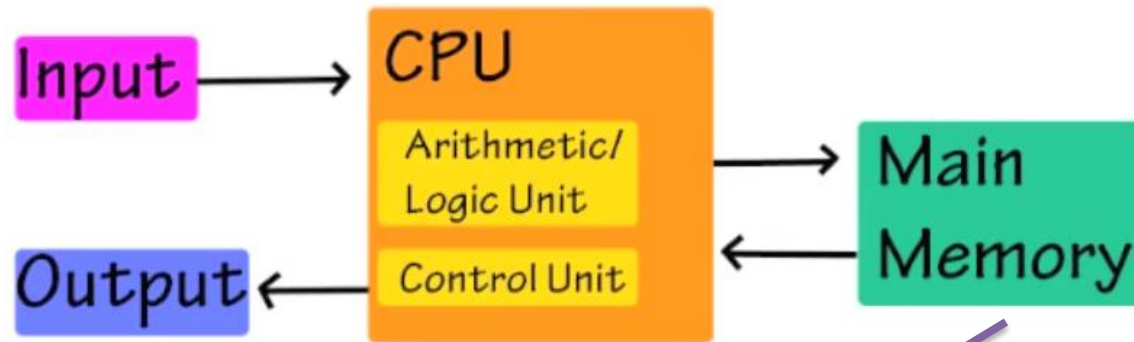
$$A_V = 1$$



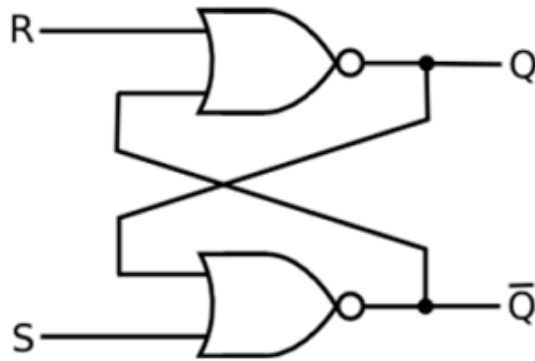
# ***NPN and PNP - Differences***

- For amplification, no difference between NPN and PNP
- They differ only structurally, i.e. where the input and outputs are in both NPN and PNP.
- Even though the difference is only in physical structure, the way connections are made differ, but that does not affect the amplification in CB, CE or CC configurations.
- The difference is only in the biasing and the polarity of the power supply.

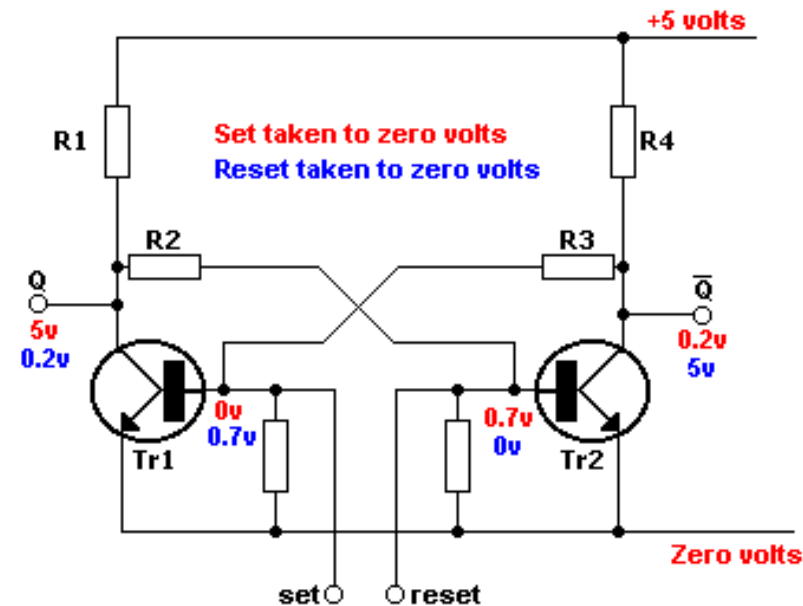
# Transistor level implementation of S-R flipflop

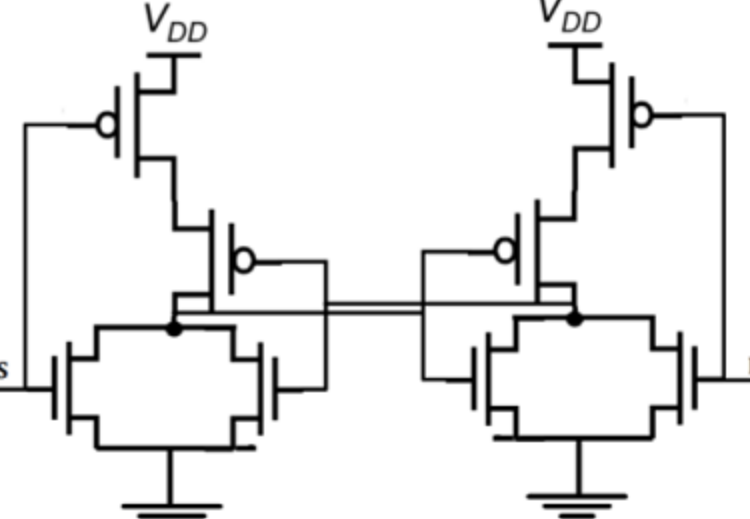


Flip-flops



Transistors





End of SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

# Quiz – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct

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