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1 Objective

Analysis of circuits containing *NPN* transistors and their simulations.

2 Introduction

This paper will describe, analyse and simulate a simple circuit containing an *NPN* transistor.

2.1 Uses of transistors

A transistor can be used as a switch or an amplifier depending on the current through it's nodes.

Simply put, if the current from *emitter* to the *base* is reversed, the transistor is on, and can either amplify the signal on the *collector* or serve as a switch if the *collector* to *base* current isn't reversed.

3 Circuit Analysis

The following circuit will be analysed.

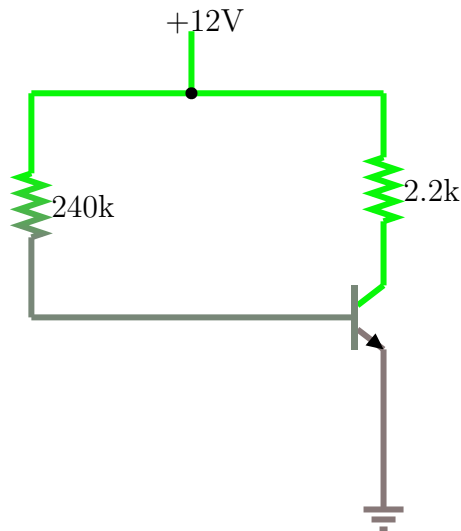


Figure 1: A simple *NPN* amplifier circuit, known $\beta = 50$

3.1 Separation of routes

To analyse this circuit one can simply separate the routes and calculate their parameters and join them after. In this case the *base* to *emitter* and the *collector* to *emitter* can be their own routes, calculated separately.

3.1.1 *Collector* to *Emmitter* Route

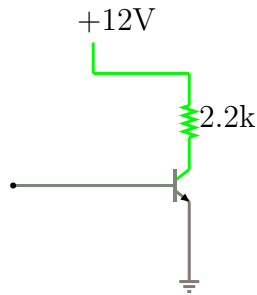


Figure 2: *Collector* to *emitter* route

This route can find the *Collector* current independent of the *Base*, as well as the voltage difference between the nodes of the transistor.

The following equations can be used here. Keeping in mind that these equations expect a series resistor, and it is likely that any circuit would have one since it's absence would cause a short between the supply and ground.

$$I_C = \beta \times I_B$$

$$V_{CE} + I_C \times R_C - V_{supply} = 0$$

Though the value for I_B is currently unknown, the following route will provide it.

3.1.2 Base to *Emmitter* Route

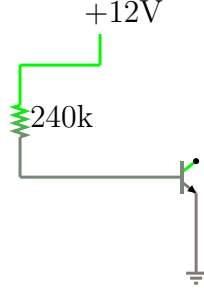


Figure 3: *Base to emitter* route

The following equations expect a constant of V_{BE} to be known, in silicon *NPN* transistors the value should be $0.7V$.

A resistor is also expected in the base to eliminate the possibility of a short.

$$V_{supply} - I_B \times R_B - V_{BE} = 0$$

The necessary parameter I_B can be found from the equation above.

$$I_B = \frac{V_{supply} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

Since all these values are known, the equation becomes as follows.

$$I_B = \frac{12 - 0.7}{240 \times 1000} = 0.000047A = 47\mu A$$

3.1.3 Joining the routes

Since I_B was the pre-requisite to find the other parameters, their values will be as follows.

$$I_B = 47,48\mu A$$

$$I_C = \beta \times I_B = 50 \times 47,48\mu = 2,35mA$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{supply} - I_C \times R_C = 6,83V$$

$$V_{BC} = V_{BE} - V_{CE} = -6,13V$$

3.2 Simulation

The following simulation was done with the simulation tool *Falstad Circuit Simulator*.

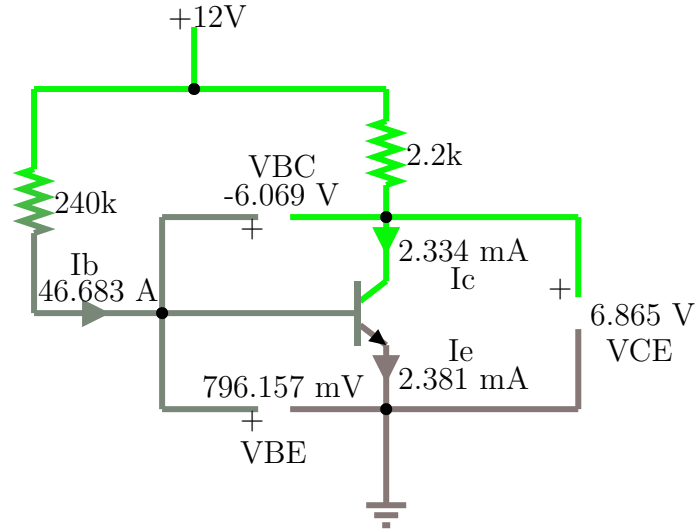


Figure 4: Simulation with the constant $V_{BE} = 0,796V$

The simulation tool does not allow for a direct value change to the V_{BE} constant, however it is close enough that the calculated values can be noted on the simulation.

	$V_{BE} = 0,7V$	$V_{BE} = 0,796V$
I_B	$47,08\mu A$	$46,683\mu A$
I_C	$2,35mA$	$2,334mA$
V_{CE}	$6,83V$	$6,864V$
V_{BC}	$-6,13V$	$-6,069V$