

# BJT

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what is BJT transistor :

Bjt is the solid device which flow current in the circuit which control the flow through third terminal in the circuit .Bipolar junction transistor (BJT) is the type of transistor and three-terminal semiconductor device, which has two p-n junctions. They are mainly used as amplifiers in electronic circuits. Both the electrons and holes will act as the charge carriers in the Bipolar junction transistor. Usually, the BJT transistors do not require any external DC current. This article explains transistors and types, characteristics and working principles Bjt is also knows as bipolar junction diode. Which has 3 terminal semiconductors device which is made up of 2 pn junction which amplify the current.

A digital transistor is a bipolar transistor that integrate resistor.

the contuction-

A transistors has three region situated in one side of transistor

1) emitter :it is a outer most region situated in one side of transistor. the Emitter: It is an outer. The function of emitter is to inje charge carriers (electrons in case of NPN transistor and holes in case of PNP transistors) into the base Sin emitter has to supply a large number of charge carrie so it is heavily doped.

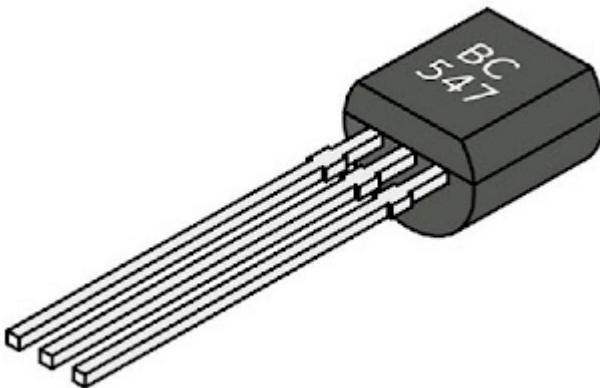
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2) **Base** : Base. It is the middle region of the transistor. The base is a very thin and lightly doped region. The function of this region is to pass all the charge carriers (electrons or holes) onto the collector.

2) **Collector** : It is the other outer region situated in the other side of transistor. The doping of collector is between the heavy doping of emitter and light doping of Base. The function of collector is to collect charge carriers (electrons or holes). The collector region is physically larger than the emitter region. The reason for this is that the collector has to dissipate more heat. Hence, it is so clear that although a BJT has two same type of outer regions, their function cannot be interchanged.

A transistor has two PN-junctions. One junction is formed between the emitter and the base. This is known as emitter-base junction. Another junction is formed between the base and the collector. This is known as collector-base junction.

### Characteristic of BJT :



1) BJT has three terminals and 2 pn junctions

(Terminals) base, collector, emitter

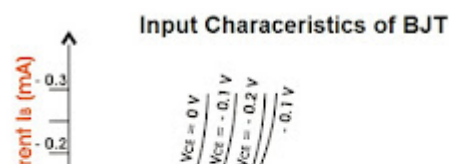
current flow only in base and emitter terminals

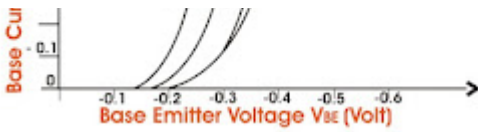
2) large current flow in collector and emitter

3) BJT works as a digital switch in modern technology

4) transistor used for switching operation either for opening or closing of the circuit

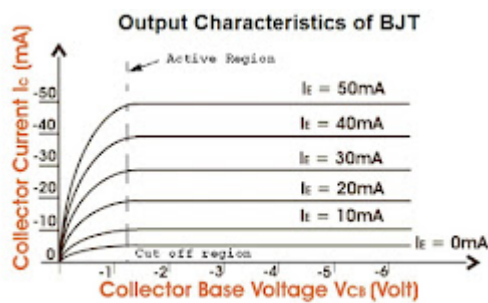
### Input characteristics :





- 1)  $I_B$  Vs base emitter  $V_{BE}$  give input character (base current)
- 2) base junction is a diode  $I_B$  Vs  $V_{BE}$  graph resemble a diode curve
- 3) when a collector emitter voltage  $V_{CE2}$  is  $> V_{CE1}$  base

### Output characteristics :



- For zero base current, for example,  $I_B = 0$ , as  $V_{CE}$  is increased, a small leakage (collector) current exists as shown in the figure.
- As the base current is increased from  $I_B = 0$  to  $I_{B1}$ ,  $I_{B2}$  etc, collector current also rises as which is shown in figure.
- Change in emitter current  $I_E$  result in the changing value of collector current  $I_C$ .

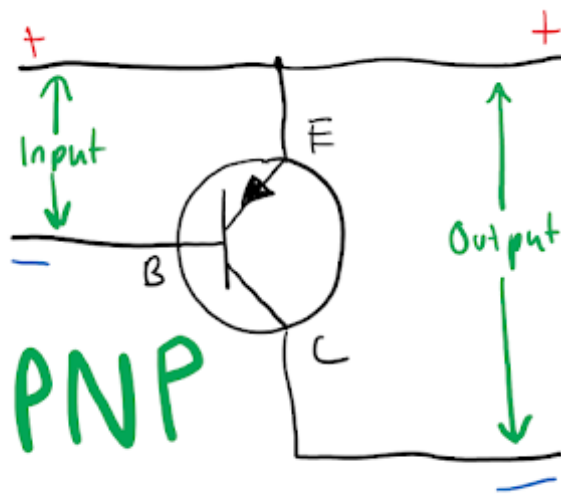
### Types :

There are two types pnp transistor, non transistor

Pnp transistor :

In PNP transistors, one n-type semiconductor is between the two p-type semiconductors and creates two p-n junctions. The PNP transistors are used to control current flow through the circuit. Usually, the p-n junction is considered a

diode. So, the transistors look like two crystal diodes connected in series. . The right side diode is known as the collector-base diode. In the PNP transistor, the left side diode is known as the emitter-base diode

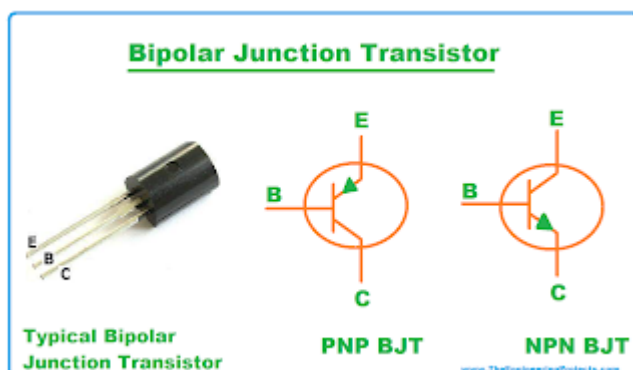


Npn transistor :

NPN transistors, one p-type semiconductor is placed between two n-type semiconductors and it forms the two p-n junctions. . In the NPN transistors, the current flow will be usually from the emitter to the collector region. These NPN transistors are widely used in many electronic devices

**Symbols :**

On following diagram :



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Consist of

- 1) base
- 2) collector
- 3) emitter

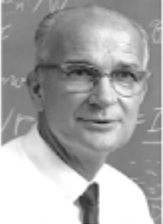
Notation :

Table 7.2: Standard Notations

S.No.	Name of Quantity	Instantaneous a.c.	d.c.	Total
1.	Collector current	$i_c$	$I_C$	$I_C$
2.	Emitter current	$i_e$	$I_E$	$I_E$
3.	Base Current	$i_b$	$I_B$	$I_B$
4.	Collector-emitter voltage	$V_{ce}$	$V_{CE}$	$V_{CE}$
5.	Emitter-Base Voltage	$V_{eb}$	$V_{EB}$	$V_{EB}$

## History of BJT :

### History of the bipolar junction transistor



- William Shockley made a successful attempt of making a bipolar junction transistor.
- The invention of BJT revolutionized the world of electronics beyond imagination.

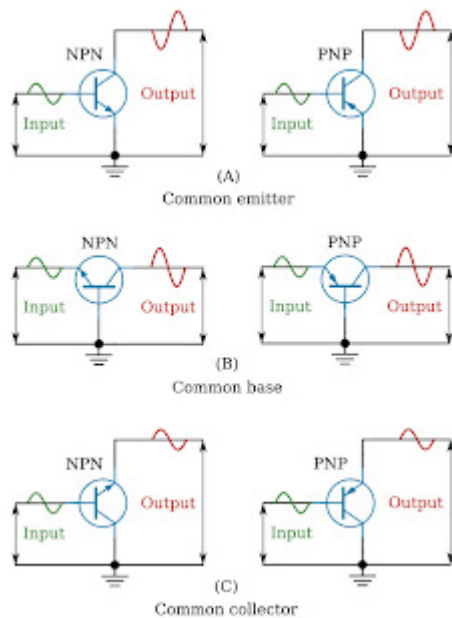
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1) vacuum tubes were used in electronic circuits which were highly expensive in those times back in the day

2) Major drawback was the increase in complications related to current, voltage and whatnot just by increasing the number of vacuum triodes in the circuit. So when scientists stop controlling electrons inside a vacuum and it was unruly behavior, they started making another way to run and control the circuit. tube and its make contact device which is different from modern bipolar junctions transistors but it was the foundation of the construction of a solid-state transistors which was vacuum.

4) Williams was the first which made a history attempt of making a bipolar junctions transistor by pressing together the semiconductors of wafers which led them to Nobel prize for achievements in 1956.

**bipolar junctions configuration :**



1) common base configuration :In common base configuration, the base of the transistor is made common. The input is applied between the emitter and base and the output is taken between the collector and base.

2) common emitter configuration :common-emitter of the transistor is made common. The input is applied between base and emitter and the output is taken between collector and emitter. This configuration is most widely used.

In the common base characteristics, the base of the transistor is grounded, then the emitter turns as input and the collector turns as output.

3) common collector configuration :In common collector configuration, the collector is made common. The input is applied between base and collector and the output is taken between emitter and collector.

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$$\text{constant } R_{in} = \frac{\Delta V_{be}}{\Delta I_B}$$

output characteristic of CC  $\Delta V_{CE}$   $\Delta I_E$  at

$$\text{constant } R_{out} = \frac{\Delta V_{CE}}{\Delta I_E}$$

**BJT Working Principle :(in detail)**

1) The NPN transistor is a biased active region. Here, the base-emitter junction is forward biased and the collector-base junction is reverse biased. So, the width of the depletion region of the base-emitter junction is small, while compared to the

width of the collector-base junction. The forward biased BE junction will reduce the barrier potential and help the current to flow from the emitter to the base.

2) NPN transistors are always thin and lightly doped so few holes will be absorbed with the electrons in the emitter.

3) The base current continues to flow as the recombination of holes in the base with electrons in the region of emitter.

Flow will remain opposed to the flow of electrons.

4) Large no. of electrons which remain in the emitter will pass the reverse biased collector junctions in the form of collector current.

According to Kirchhoff's Current Law, the emitter current is equal to the sum of collector current and base current. Generally, the base current  $I_B$  will remain small when compared to the emitter current  $I_E$  and the collector current  $I_C$ .

$$I_E = I_C + I_B$$

The only major difference between the NPN and PNP transistors are their majority charge carriers. The majority charge carriers of NPN transistors are electrons and the majority charge carriers of PNP transistors are holes. All other working principles and their doping ratio will remain the same for both NPN and PNP transistors.

In the transistor, if the collector current increases, then the collector junction temperature will increase. So, the resistance provided by the collector also gets reduced. As a result, the collector current increases. This phenomenon is known as the thermal runaway in BJT transistors.

### Advantage of bjt :

- 1) better gain and high current density
- 2) low forward voltage ⚡
- 3) operate in low and high power
- 4) large gain bandwidth
- 5) better performance at high frequency

### Disadvantages of BJT:

- 1) thermal stability is low.
- 2) effective radiation
- 3) low switch frequency
- 4) transistor produces loud noise

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  - 5) complex control
  - 6) switching time is low as compared to high
- Alternate frequency of current and voltage .



## Physics behind the working of a transistors


1) Emitter has the highly doping level than a collector and base has many holes as it because this is an npn transistor.

current will not flow only in one battery because of the reversed and forward biased will cancel the circuits to flow current we have to introduced or apply new battery.

because of the new battery the electrons will flow to the positive terminal and few electrons will fall on base because of kinetic energy in which hole is present which eventually break potential barrier because of electrons kinetics energy .

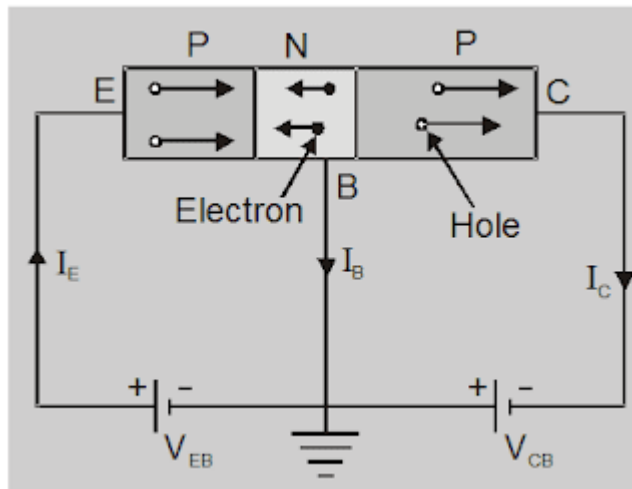
2) and highly electron charge will fall on collector

and which allowed electrons to flow on the circuits to the positive terminal.

3) if the base is thickness so the electrons will not flow straight and will deflected towards the second applied battery  terminal so that why we do not make base thicker

4) if doping level is thicker then the electrons will not flow toward collector because base will absorbed almost all electrons through first battery circuit.

5) so base current is directly propotional emitter current.



## transistors as amplifier:

### 1) transistors works as an Amplifier

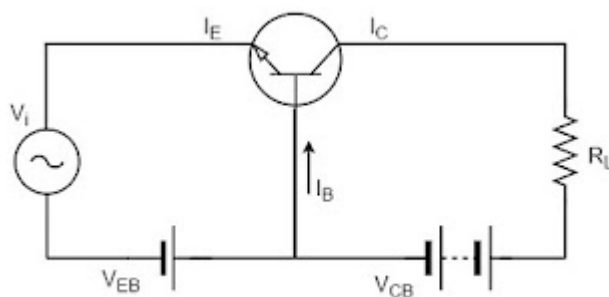
1) take as very weak signal through the base junction and raising the strength of weak signal and this signal is released as weak signal.



2) When the transistor is used as an amplifier, the input signals cause the emitter current to flow, which later

becomes part of the collector current. This current when flows through the load resistor, it results in a large voltage drop across. This shows that a transistor acts as an amplifier.

3) An amplifier is a circuit which magnifies or increases the amplitude of a signal waveform applied to it. However, it may be noted that only amplitude is changed and shape of the waveform remains unchanged.



### Relationships Between current gain $\alpha$ and $\beta$

a relationship between the two current gains  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . We know that the emitter current  $I_E$  of a transistor is given as  $I_E = I_B + I_C$

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Here  $I_B$  = Base Current  
 $I_C$  = Collector Current

Dividing above equation by  $I_C$  on both sides, we have

$$\frac{I_E}{I_C} = \frac{I_B}{I_C} + 1 \quad \dots (7.9)$$

But  $\frac{I_C}{I_E} = \alpha$

and  $\frac{I_C}{I_B} = \beta$

Putting these values in the last expression, we get

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\beta} + 1 = \frac{1 + \beta}{\beta}$$

or  $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta}$

or  $\alpha(1 + \beta) = \beta$

$$\alpha + \alpha\beta = \beta$$

$$\alpha = \beta - \alpha\beta = \beta(1 - \alpha)$$

or  $\beta = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}$

This is desired expression between current gain  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Why biasing is required :

The transistor is used in a wide number of applications. The most basic application of a

transistor is amplification. Amplification means to raise the strength or amplitude of a weak signal without any change in its original shape. However, for faithful amplification two things are necessary. Firstly, the transistor must operate in active region. It means that the emitter-base junction is forward-biased and collector-base junction is reverse-biased. Active region for amplification is must because amplification is a linear process and transistor operates linearly only in active region. Secondly, we should get a fixed collector current at a fixed collector voltage. These fixed values of collector current and collector voltage are expressed by a term called operating point or quiescent point or Q-point. The biasing circuit used for transistor biasing are simply called biasing circuit.

Therefore, the primary aim of biasing is to obtain a fixed collector current at a fixed collector

### **Requirements of biasing circuit :**

(a) A biasing circuit must set the operating point in the middle of the active region of the transistor characteristics.

(b) A biasing circuit must stabilize the collector current against temperature variations.

(c) A biasing circuit must ensure that the operating point is independent of the transistor parameters such as  $\beta$  so that operating point is not shifted if the transistor is replaced by another transistor of same type.

## **summary :**

A transistor is a three terminal device. The output voltage, current or power are controlled by the input current in a transistor. Therefore, it is also called a current-controlled device.

2. A transistor is also called a BJT. BJT stands for Bipolar junction transistor.

3. A transistor has a very important property that

it can raise the strength of an input weak signal.

4. A transistor has three regions namely emitter,

base and collector.

5. When no battery is connected across the different terminals of a transistor then the transistor is said to be in an unbiased state or in an open-circuit state.

When voltages are applied across the different terminals of a transistor, then this process is called biasing.

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7. There are two junctions in a transistor, namely emitter-base junction and collector-base junction. 8. There are four possible ways of biasing a

transistor. They are as under:

(i) active region, (ii) saturation region

(ii) cut-off region,

(iv) inverted region.

9. A transistor can be treated as a two-port network. 10. There are three transistor configurations

namely Common-Base (CB) configuration, Common-Emitter (CE) configuration and Common-Collector (CC) configuration. is given by

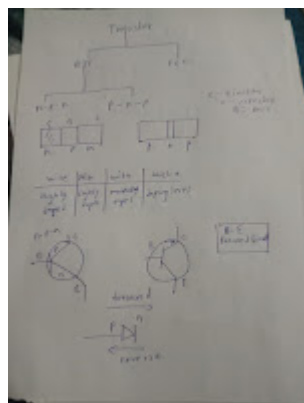
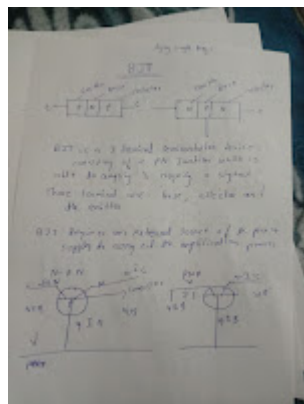
10. There are 3 types of configuration cb, ce, cc

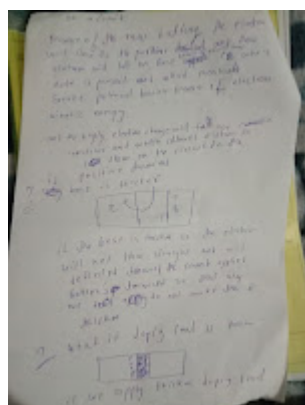
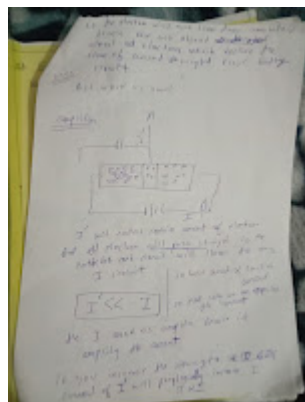
11. transistor is used as an amplifier

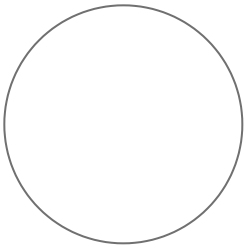
12. cb configuration DC current is  $x = I_C / I_E$

13) cb configuration the AC current is given by  $x = I_C / i_e$

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