

## BJT Applications, feedback amplifiers & its applications

### ① Bipolar junction transistors as an Amplifier :

Amplification is the process of linearly increasing the amplitude of an electrical signal. The transistor amplifies the current because the collector current is equal to ' $\beta$ ' times the base current.

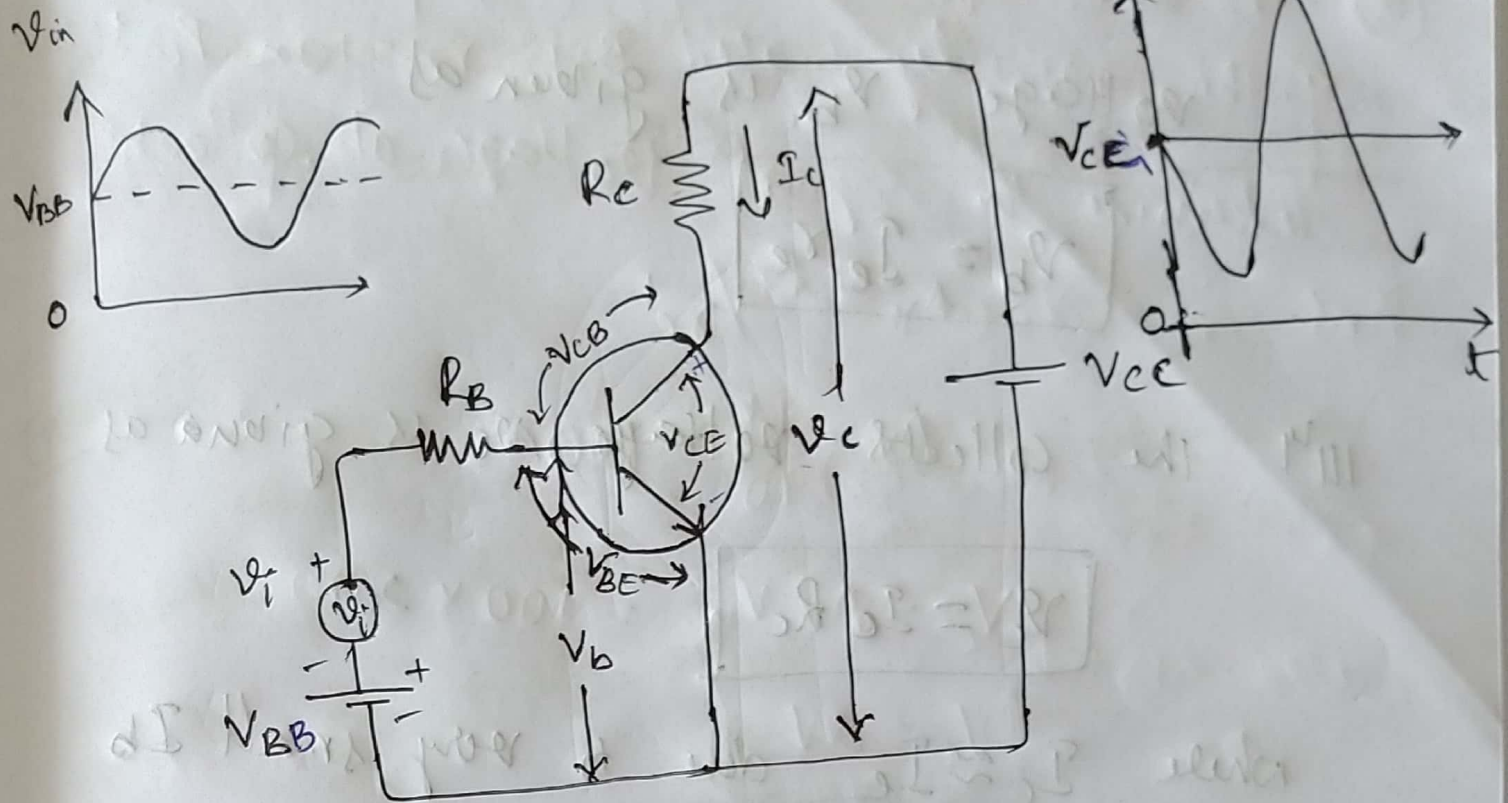
$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

The base transistor current in the transistor is very small compared to the collector & emitter current because of this the collector current is approximately equal to emitter current.

$$I_E = I_C + I_B$$

$I_B$  is too small

$$I_E \approx I_C$$



The fig shows basic transistor amplifier circuit with ac source voltage  $V_i$  is superimposed on the dc bias voltage  $V_{BB}$  by series connection.  $V_{CC}$  is connected to the collector thru' the collector resistor  $R_C$ .

The ac input voltage produces an ac base current which results in much larger collector current, this ac collector current produces an ac voltage across  $R_C$ .

The forward biased base emitter junction presents a very low resistance to the ac signal. this internal resistance (emitter resistance) is denoted as  $r_e'$



$I$  appears in series with  $R_B$ .

voltage  $V_B$  is given as

$$V_B = I_e r_e'$$

iii) the collector voltage  $V_C$  is given as

$$V_C = I_c R_C$$

where  $I_c \approx I_e$  due to very small  $I_B$

$$V_C = I_e R_C$$

Voltage gain is defined as the ratio output voltage to input voltage

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{V_C}{V_B}$$

$$= \frac{I_c R_C}{I_e r_e'}$$

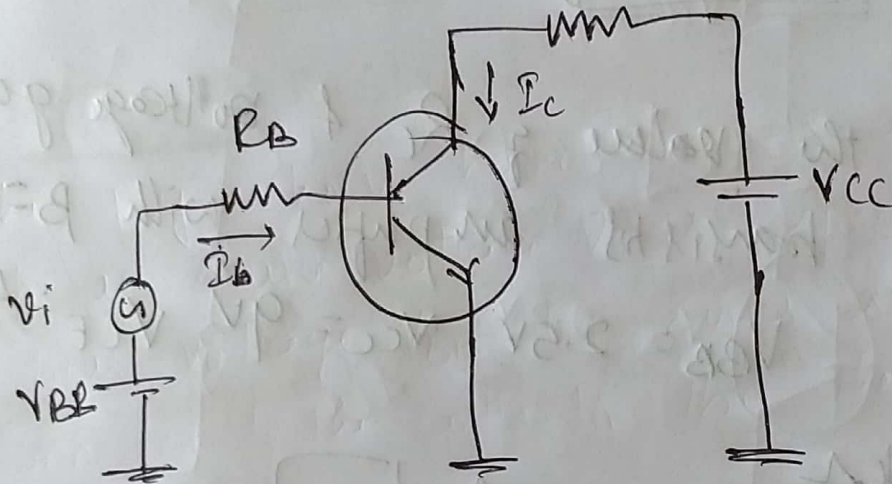
$$A_v = \frac{R_C}{r_e'}$$

In this equation  $R_c$  is always larger than the internal resistance  $r_e'$

∴ The above circuit provides amplification.

### Examples

For the circuit shown below determine the voltage gain & ac o/p voltage if  $r_e' = 50\Omega$   
 $R_c = 2k$  &  $V_b = 100mV$



Voltage gain

$$A_v = \frac{R_c}{r_e'} = \frac{2k}{50} = 40$$

ac o/p voltage is given as

$$V_{out} = A_v V_b = 40 \times 100mV \\ = \underline{4V}$$



② A  $20\text{mV}$  signal is applied to the base of the properly biased BJT  $r_e' = 10\Omega$   $R_C = 1\text{k}\Omega$  determine the signal voltage at collector

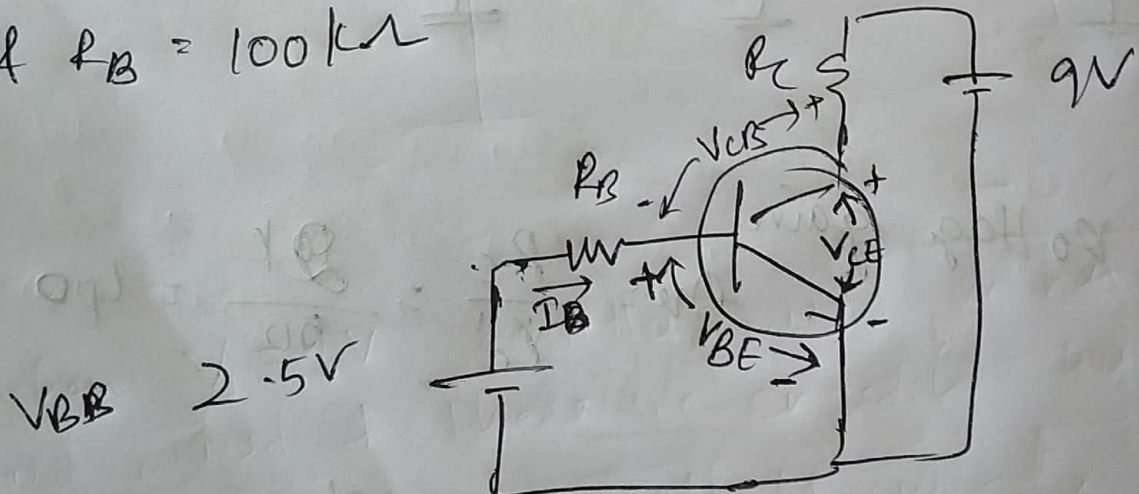
Ans :-  $A_v = R_C / r_e'$

$$A_v = \frac{1\text{k}}{10} = 100$$

$$V_C = A_v V_{in} = 100 \times 20\text{m}$$

$$V_C = 2\text{V}$$

③ Determine the value of  $R_C$  & voltage gain in an npn transistor amplifier with  $\beta = 250$   
 $r_e' = 10\Omega$   $V_{BB} = 2.5\text{V}$   $V_{CC} = 9\text{V}$   $V_{CE} = 4\text{V}$   
 $R_B = 100\text{k}\Omega$



$$I_B = \frac{V_{BB} - V_{BE}}{R_B} = \frac{2.5 - 0.7}{100K} = 18 \mu A$$

$$I_C = \beta I_B = 4.5 mA$$

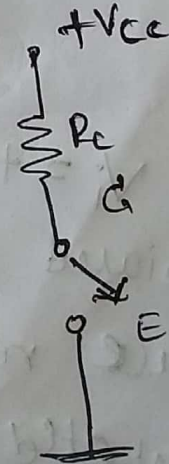
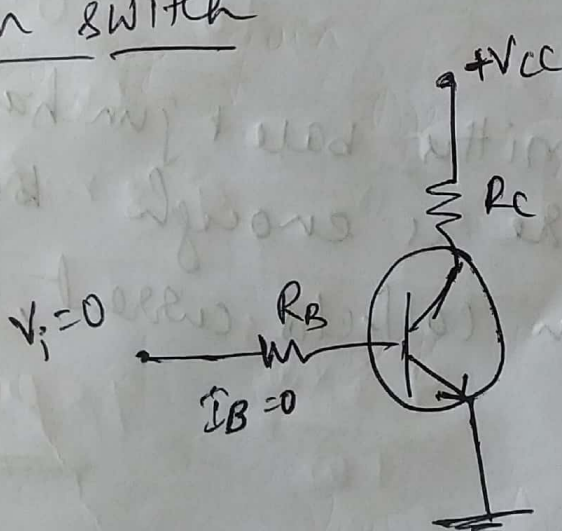
$$R_C = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE}}{I_C} = \frac{9 - 4}{4.5 mA} = 1.1 K\Omega$$

$$A_v = \frac{R_C}{r_i} = \frac{1.1 K}{10 \Omega} = \underline{\underline{110}}$$

## ② BJT as a switch

To use Transistor as an electronic switch the transistor must be operated in cutoff region (open switch) & in saturation region (closed switch).

open switch



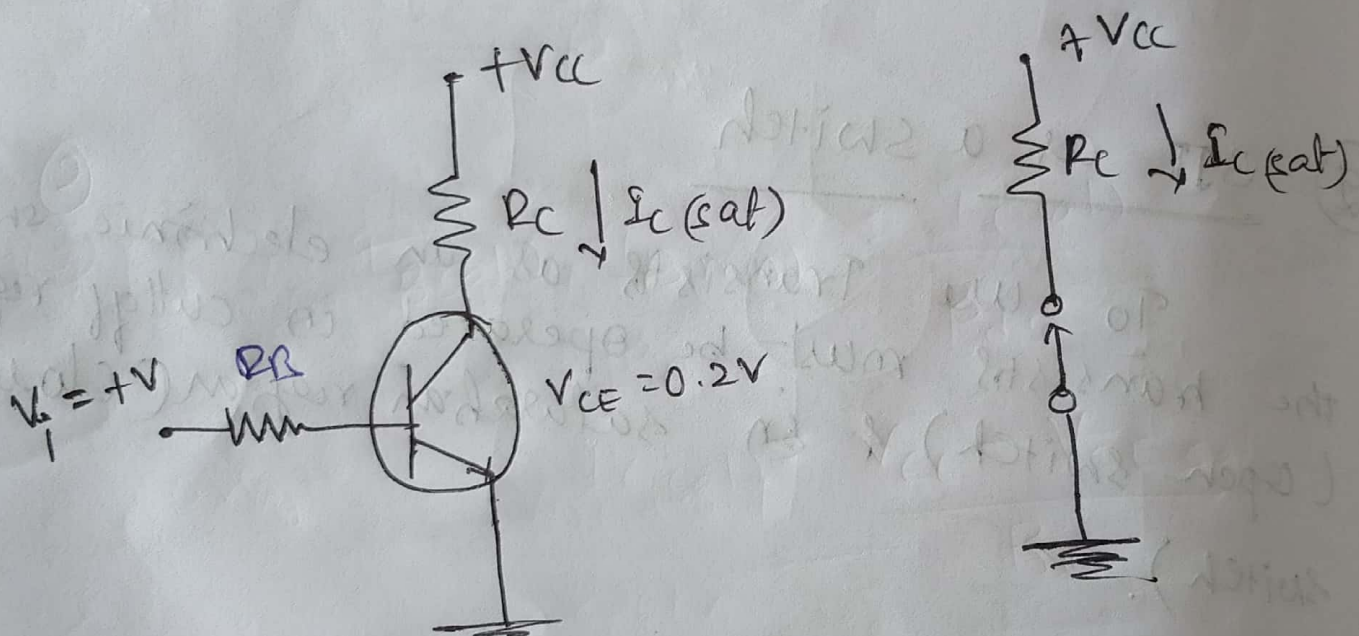


When  $V_i = 0$  emitter base junction is reverse biased & transistor is in cut off region. in this condition  $I_B = 0$  &  $I_C = 0$ ,  $I_E = 0$ .

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

$$V_{CE}(\text{cutoff}) = V_{CC}$$

closed switch



When  $V_i = +V$ , emitter base junction is forward biased & there is enough base current to produce maximum collector current, transistor is saturated.

$$I_{C(sat)} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE(sat)}}{R_C}$$

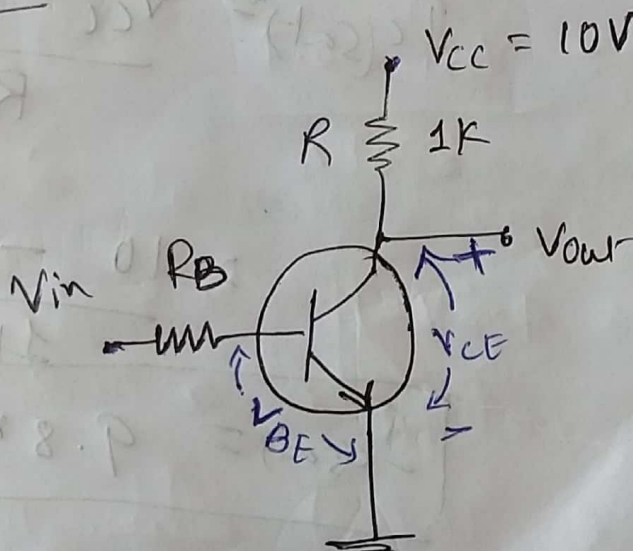
The minimum value of base current - required to produce saturation is

$$I_{B(min)} = \frac{I_{C(sat)}}{\beta_{DC}}$$

$I_B$  should be greater than  $I_{B(min)}$  for the transistor to operate in saturation.

Example

For the circuit shown in the figure



① Determine the value of  $V_{CE}$  when  $V_{in} = 0$



② calculate minimum value of  $I_B$  to saturate transistor if  $\beta_{DC} = 100$  assume  $V_{CE(sat)} = 0.2V$

③ calculate the maximum value of  $R_B$  when  $V_{in} = 5V$

① when  $V_{in} = 0$   $I_B = 0$   $I_C = 0$

$$\therefore V_{CE} = V_{CC} = 10V$$

②  $I_{B(min)} = \frac{I_{C(sat)}}{\beta_{DC}}$

$$I_{C(sat)} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE(sat)}}{R_C}$$

$$= \frac{10 - 0.2}{1k}$$

$$I_{C(sat)} = 9.8mA$$

$$I_{B(min)} = \frac{9.8 \times 10^{-3}}{100} = \underline{\underline{98\mu A}}$$

③  $V_{IN} = 5V$

$\therefore V_{BE} = 0.7V$

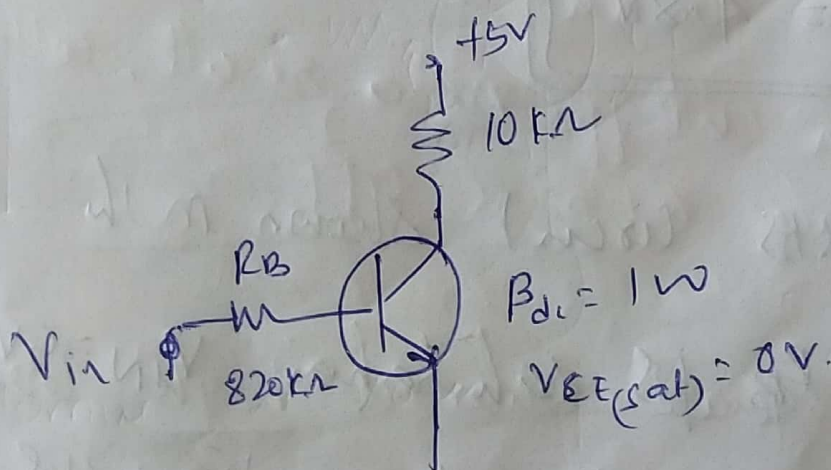
$$\frac{V_{IN} - V_{BE}}{I_B} = R_B$$

$$R_B (\max) = \frac{5 - 0.7}{I_{B(\min)}} = \frac{4.3}{98 \times 10^{-6}}$$

$$R_{B(\max)} = 43.88 k\Omega$$

② For the transistor circuit shown in the figure determine

- ①  $I_C (\text{sat})$
- ②  $I_B$  to produce saturation
- ③ minimum  $V_{IN}$  for saturation.

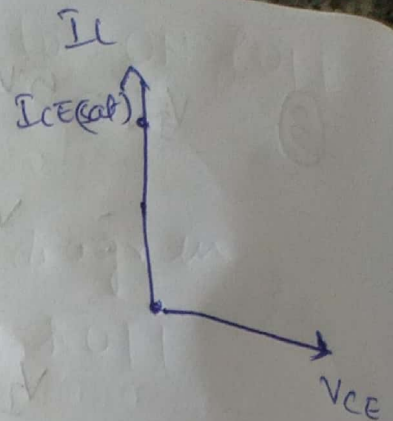




$$① \quad I_{C(sat)} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE(sat)}}{R_C}$$

$$= \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C}$$

$$\boxed{I_{C(sat)} = 500 \mu A}$$



$$② \quad I_{B(min)} = \frac{I_{C(sat)}}{\beta} = 5 \mu A$$

$$③ \quad I_{B(min)} = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

$$5 \times 10^{-6} = \frac{V_{IN} - 0.7}{820 k\Omega}$$

$$\boxed{V_{IN} = 4.8 V}$$

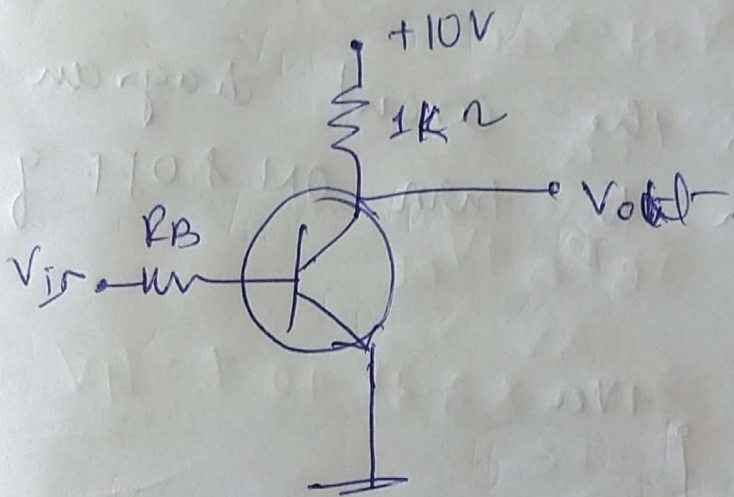
③ The transistor circuit shown in the figure.

① value of  $R_B$  for saturation  $V_{IN} = 5V$

② value of  $V_{IN}$  to cut off transistor

Assume  $V_{CE(sat)} = 20V$

$\beta_{DC} = 50$



$$① I_{C(sat)} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE(sat)}}{R_C}$$

$$I_{C(sat)} = \frac{10V}{1k\Omega} = 10mA$$

$$\boxed{I_{C(sat)} = 10mA}$$

$$I_{B(min)} = \frac{I_{C(sat)}}{\beta_{DC}} = 200\mu A$$

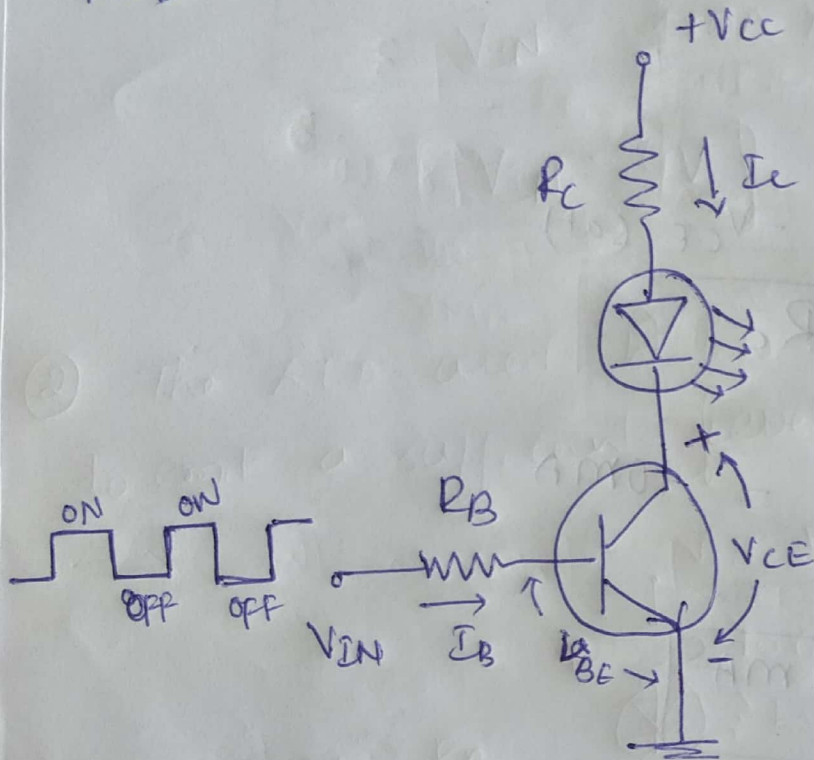
$$\boxed{I_{B(min)} = 200\mu A}$$

$$R_{B(max)} = \frac{V_{in} - 0.7}{I_{B(min)}} = \frac{5 - 0.7}{200\mu A} = 21.5k\Omega$$



## BJT as switch to ON & OFF of an LED

The fig shows the circuit diagram of BJT as a switch to turn ON & OFF of an LED



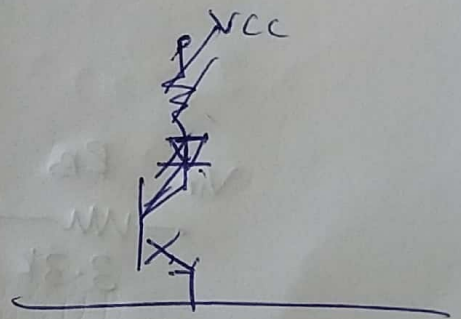
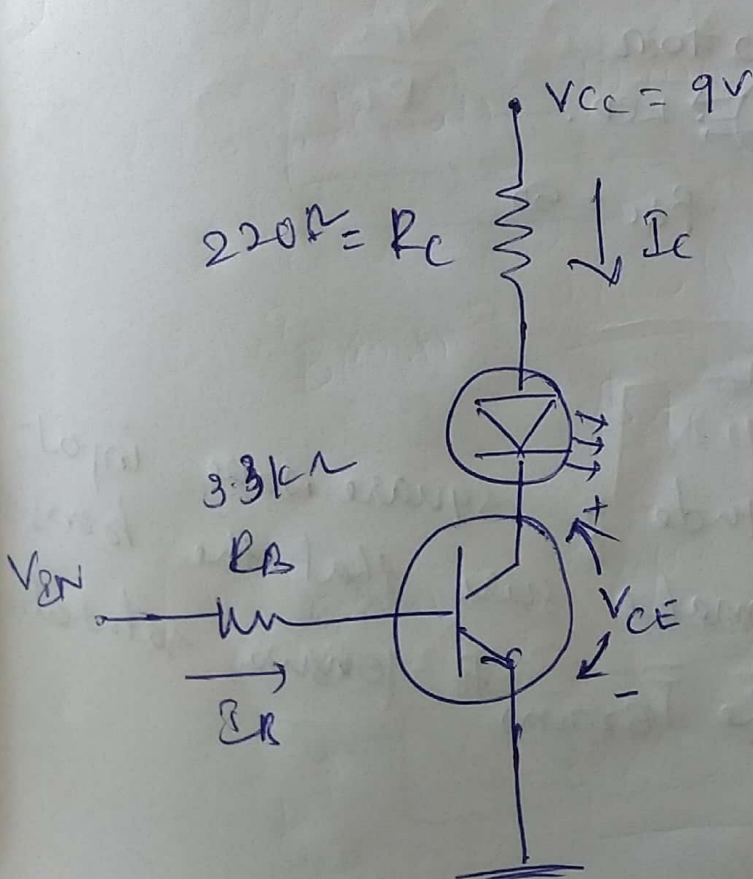
\* When a square wave is at ~~'0' level~~ '0' level the base-emitter junction is reverse biased & the transistor is in cut-off. As a result, collector  $I_C$  is zero & hence LED is OFF

\* When a square wave is 'high' level the base-emitter junction is forward biased, & the

enough base current will make transistor to operate in saturation region & a saturation current  $I_C$  flows thro' the LED & LED is in ON state.

problems

For the transistorized LED driving circuit shown below,  $I_{LED} = 30\text{mA}$ ,  $V_{LED} = 1.6\text{V}$   
 $V_{CC} = 9\text{V}$ ,  $V_{CE(sat)} = 0.2\text{V}$ ,  $R_C = 220\Omega$ ,  $R_B = 3.3\text{k}\Omega$   
 &  $\beta_{DC} = 50$  determine the amplitude of square wave input voltage necessary to make sure that transistor will operate in saturation region.



$$I_{C(sat)} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{LED} - V_{CE(sat)}}{R_C}$$

$$I_{C(sat)} = 32.7\text{mA}$$

$$I_{B(min)} = \frac{I_{C(sat)}}{\beta} = 654.5\mu\text{A}$$



let  $I_B(\text{min}) = 1 \text{ mA}$

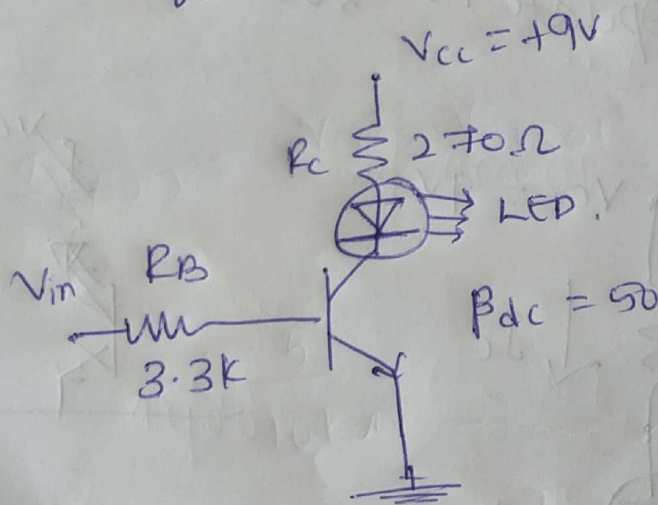
$$I_B = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

$$V_{IN} = I_B R_B + V_{BE}$$

$$V_{IN} = 1 \text{ mA} \times 3.3 \text{ k} + 0.7 = \underline{\underline{4 \text{ V}}}$$

$$V_{IN} = 4 \text{ V}$$

② The LED used below ~~uses~~ requires 30 mA to emit a sufficient level of light -



Determine the amplitude of square wave input voltage necessary to make sure that the transistor saturates. we double the  $I_B(\text{min})$  to ensure saturation.

Assume  $V_{CE(\text{sat})} = 0.3 \text{ V}$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: saturation collector current is given as

$$I_C(\text{sat}) = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE(\text{sat})}}{R_C}$$

$$I_C(\text{sat}) = \frac{9 - 0.3}{270} = 32.2 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_B(\text{min}) = \frac{I_C(\text{sat})}{\beta} = \frac{32.2 \times 10^{-3}}{50}$$

$$I_B(\text{min}) = 644.4 \mu\text{A}$$

To double the current to ensure saturation

$$I_B(\text{min}) = 2 \times 644.4 \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_B(\text{min}) = 1288 \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_B(\text{min}) = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

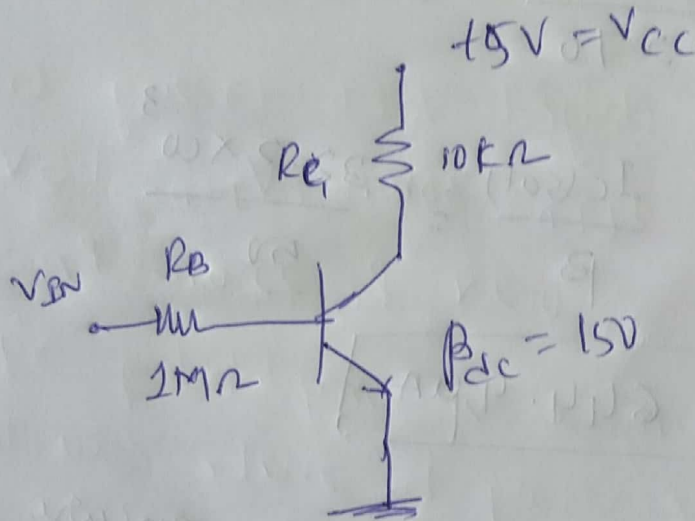
$$I_B(\text{min}) \times R_B + V_{BE} = V_{IN}$$

$$V_{IN} = 4.95 \text{ V}$$

Amplitude of square wave



- ③ In the circuit given ① what is the value of  $I_B$  necessary to produce saturation  
 ② what minimum value of  $V_{BE}$  is necessary to saturate? Assume  $V_{CE(sat)} = 0V$



$$I_{C(sat)} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE(sat)}}{R_C} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C}$$

$$= \frac{5}{10k\Omega}$$

$$I_{C(sat)} = 500\mu A$$

$$I_{B(min)} = \frac{I_{C(sat)}}{\beta} = 3.33\mu A$$

$$I_{B(\min)} = \frac{V_{IN} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

$$V_{IN} = I_{B(\min)} R_B + V_{BE}$$

$$= 3.3 \times 10^{-6} \times 1 \times 10^6 + 0.7$$

$$\boxed{V_{IN} = 4V}$$