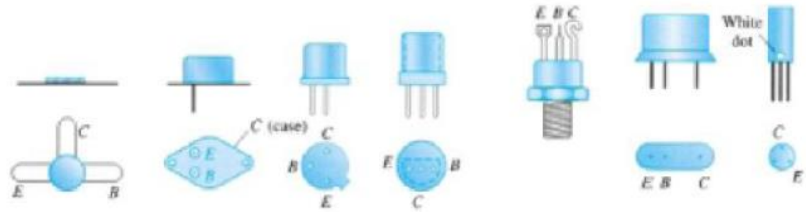

Bipolar Junction Transistors

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The First Transistor

Co-inventors of the first transistor at Bell Laboratories: Dr. William Shockley (seated); Dr. John Bardeen (left); Dr. Walter H. Brattain. (Courtesy of AT&T Archives.)

Dr. Shockley Born: London, England, 1910
PhD Harvard, 1936

Dr. Bardeen Born: Madison, Wisconsin, 1908
PhD Princeton, 1936

Dr. Brattain Born: Amoy, China, 1902
PhD University of Minnesota, 1928

All shared the Nobel Prize in 1956 for this contribution.

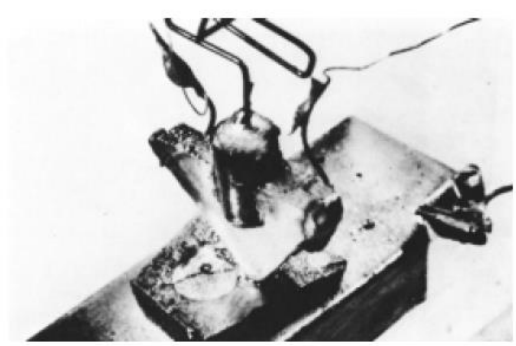

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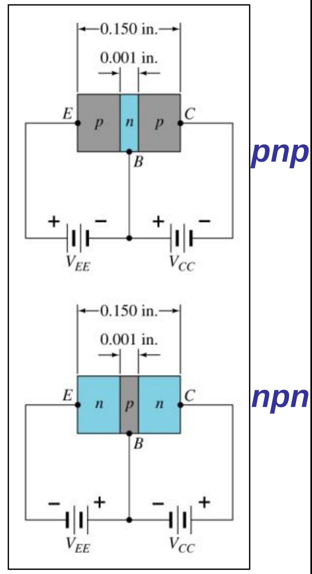
Figure 3.1 The first transistor. (Courtesy Bell Telephone Laboratories.)

Construction

- 3-Layer Semiconductor device
- 2 p- layers and one n-layer or vise versa
- pnp or npn types
- Two pn junctions , each of them can be either forward or reverse biased
- This results in 4 possible modes of operation



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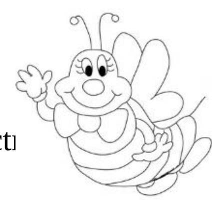
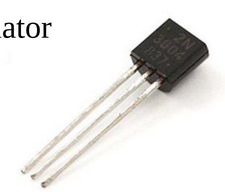
Bipolar junction Transistor _ (BJT):



BJT:

1. It's a semiconductor device that can amplify electr signals such as radio or television signals.

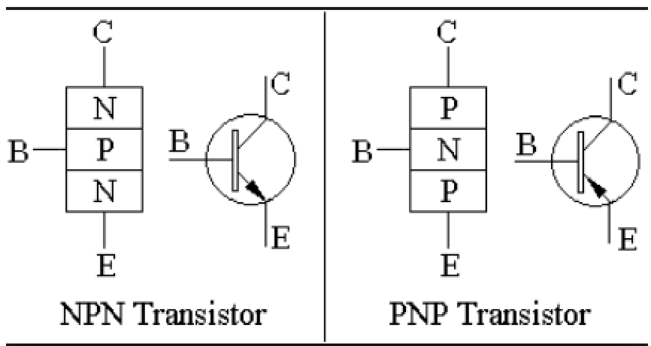
2. Its essential ingredient of every electronic circuits; from the simplest amplifier or oscillator to the most elaborate digital computer.



3. It's a three terminal device; Base, Emitter, and Collector.

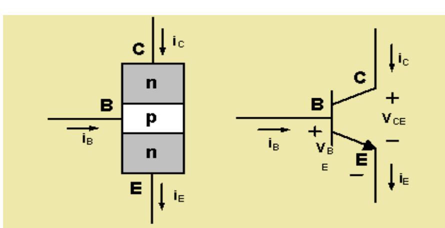
There are two type of BJT:

- **npn** type
- **pnp** type

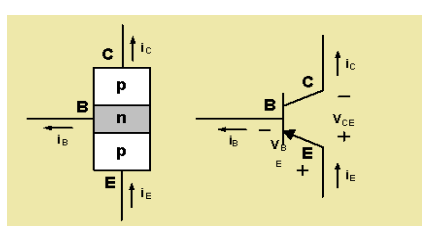


Transistor structure:

- **npn** type



- **pnp** type



Transistor biasing:

✓In order to operate properly as an amplifier, it's necessary to correctly bias the two pn-junctions with external voltages.

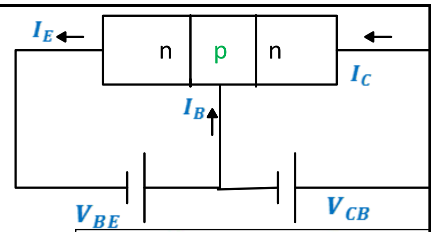
✓Depending upon external bias voltage polarities used; the transistor works in one of **four regions** (modes).

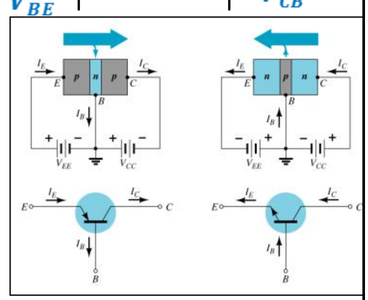
✓ For transistor to be used as an Active device **(Amplifier);** the emitter-base junction must be forward bias, while the collector-base junction must be reverse biased.

npn transistor modes of operation

Junction/ Mode	BE	BC	Remarks
Saturation Mode	Forward	Forward	Equivalent to short circuit Ic=Ic(sat) Vce=Vce(sat)=~ 0.2V
Active Mode (Linear Region)	Forward	Reverse	Ic proportional to Ib Vce defined by circuit
Cut-off Mode	Reverse	Reverse	Equivalent to open circuit Ic=Ib=0 Vce defind by circuit
Inverse Mode	Reverse	Forward	Rarely used and will not be discussed in this course

In active region





✓The base region is thin and lightly doped

✓The emitter-base junction is forward biased, thus the depletion region at this junction **is reduced**.

✓The base-collector junction is reverse biased, thus the depletion region at this junction **is increased**.

✓The forward biased BE-junction causes the electrons in the n-type emitter to flow toward the base; this constitutes the emitter current I_E.

✓As these electrons flow through the P-type base; they tend to recombine with holes in p-type base.

✓Since the base region is **lightly doped**; very few of the electrons injected into the base from the emitter recombine with holes to constitute base current I_B and the remaining large number of electrons cross the base and move through the collector region to the positive terminal of the external DC source; this constitute collector current I_C

✓There is another component for I_C due to the minority carrier; I_{CBO}

✓$I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBO}$

Majority (→ αI_E), Minority (→ I_{CBO})

$0.998 > \alpha > 0.9$

$$I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBo}$$

$$I_E = I_C + I_B$$

$$I_C = \alpha(I_C + I_B) + I_{CBo}$$

❖$I_C = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} I_B + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} I_{CBo}$

Let Beta, $\beta = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$

❖$I_C = \beta I_B + (\beta + 1) I_{CBo}$

$$I_C = \beta I_B + I_{CEo}$$

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

If $\alpha = 0.99$ → $\beta = 99$

If $\alpha = 0.995$ → $\beta = 199$

In active region:

$$I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBo}$$

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

$$I_C = \beta I_B + (\beta + 1) I_{CBo}$$

$$I_C = \beta I_B + I_{CEo}$$

$$I_E = I_C + I_B$$

Approximate relationships:

$$I_C \cong \alpha I_E \cong I_E$$

$$I_C \cong \beta I_B$$

$$I_E \cong (\beta+1) I_B$$

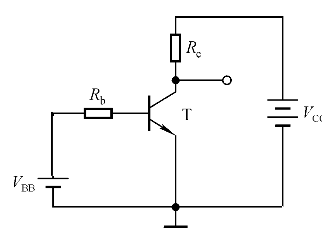
Basic BJT Amplifiers Circuits

BJT in Active Mode $I_E = I_B + I_C$

$$\alpha \approx \frac{I_C}{I_E}$$

$$\beta \approx \frac{I_C}{I_B}$$ ---common-emitter current gain

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



BJT DC Analysis

- Make sure the BJT current equations and region of operation match
  $V_{BE} > 0$,
  $V_{BC} < 0$, $\rightarrow$ $V_E < V_B < V_C$
- Utilize the relationships (β and α) between collector, base, and emitter currents to solve for all currents

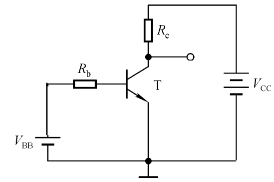
$$\begin{cases} I_E = I_C + I_B = (1+\beta) I_B \\ I_C = \beta I_B \\ I_C = \alpha I_E \end{cases}$$

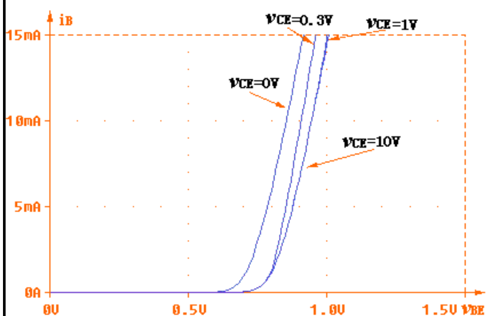
Basic BJT Amplifiers Circuits

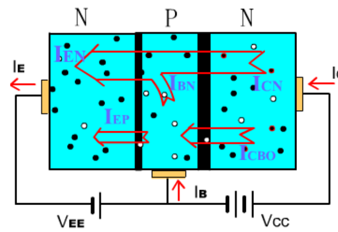
C-E Circuits I-V Characteristics

Base-emitter Characteristic(Input characteristic)

$$i_B = f(v_{BE})\,\Big|_{v_{CE}=C}$$







$$i_{B(t)} = I_{Bo}\left(e^{\frac{V_{BE}(t)}{\eta V_T}} - 1\right)$$

$$i_{B(t)} \cong I_{Bo}\left(e^{\frac{V_{BE}(t)}{\eta V_T}}\right)$$

$$i_{C(t)} \cong I_S\left(e^{\frac{V_{BE}(t)}{\eta V_T}}\right)$$

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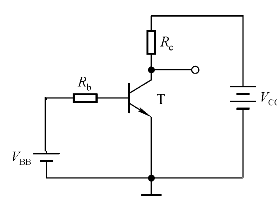
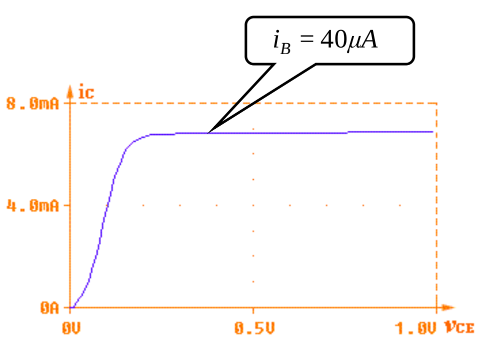
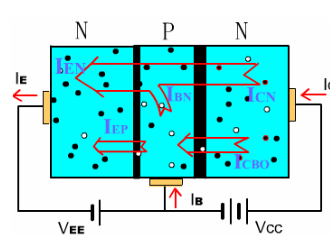
C-E Circuits I-V Characteristics

Collector characteristic (output characteristic)

$$i_C = f_{(V_{CE})}\Big|_{i_B=C}$$







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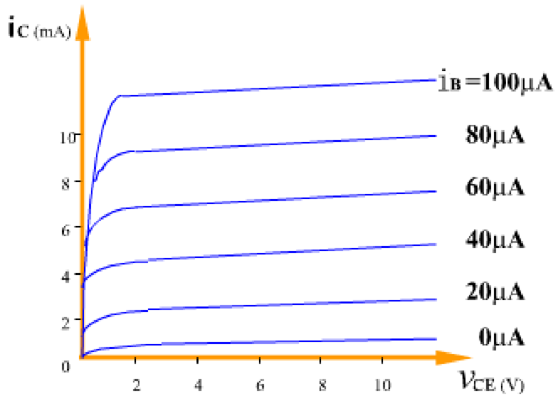

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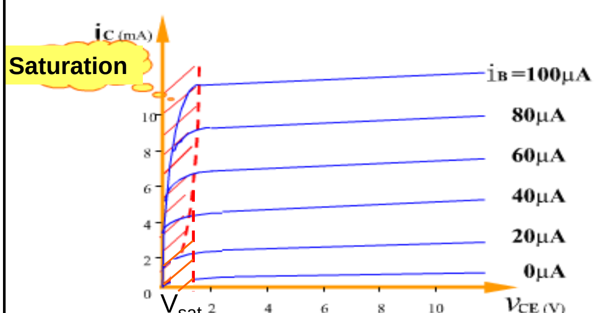
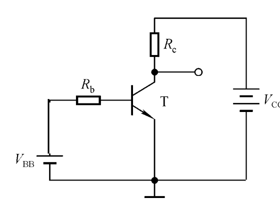
Collector characteristic





Saturation occurs when the supply voltage, V_{CC}, is across the total resistance of the collector circuit, R_C.

$I_{C(sat)} = V_{CC}/R_C$

Once the base current is high enough to produce saturation, further increases in base current have no effect on the collector current and the relationship $I_C = \beta I_B$ is no longer valid. When V_{CE} reaches its saturation value, $V_{CE(sat)}$, the base-collector junction becomes forward-biased.

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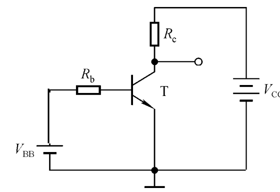
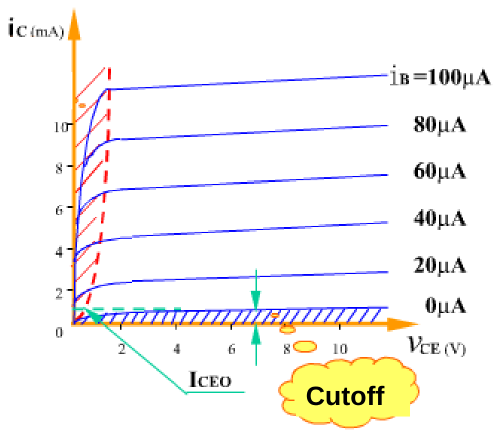
C-E Circuits I-V Characteristics

Collector characteristic





When $I_B = 0$, the transistor is in cutoff and there is essentially no collector current except for a very tiny amount of collector leakage current, I_{CEO}, which can usually be neglected. $I_C \approx 0$.

In cutoff both the base-emitter and the base-collector junctions are reverse-biased.

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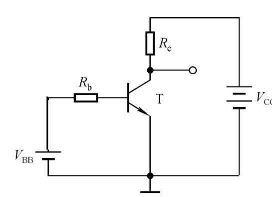
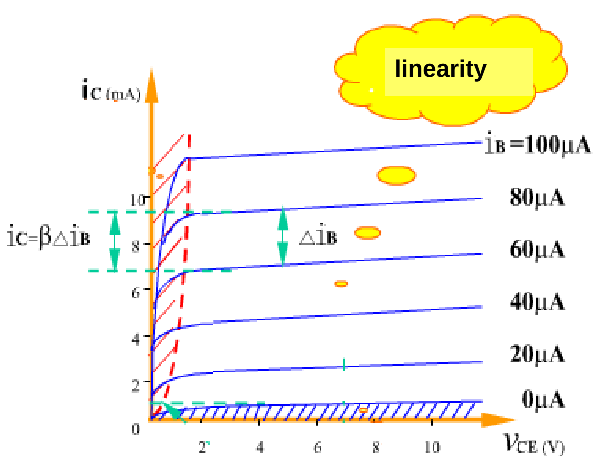
C-E Circuits I-V Characteristics

Collector characteristic





1. In the cutoff region :

$I_B = I_C = I_E = 0$

2. In the active region :

$I_C = \alpha I_E$

$I_C = \beta I_B$

$I_E = (\beta+1) I_B$

$V_{BE} = 0.7\ v$, Si , npn

$V_{BE} = -0.7\ v$, Si , pnp

$V_{CE} > V_{CE,sat} = 0.2\ v$, Si , npn

$V_{CE} < V_{CE,sat} = -0.2\ v$, Si , pnp

3. In the saturation region :

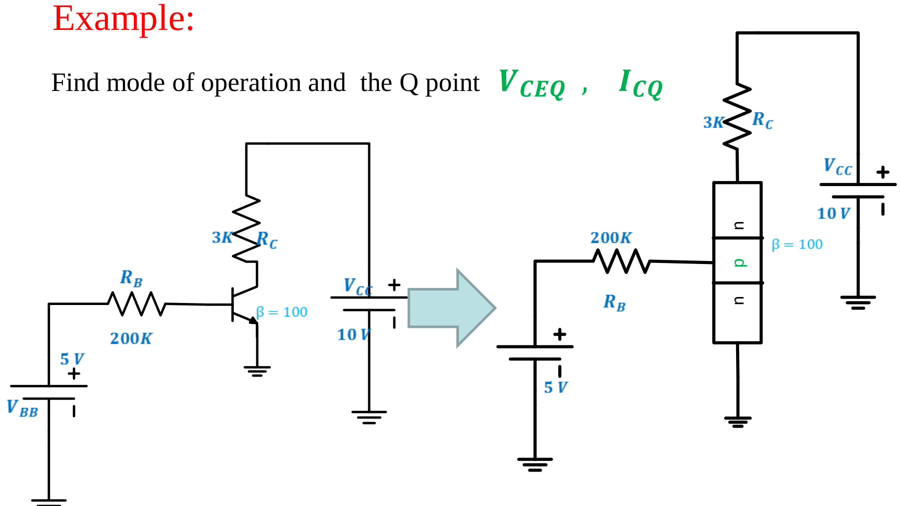
$V_{CE} = V_{CE,sat}$

$V_{BE} = 0.8\ v$, Si , npn

$V_{BE} = -0.8\ v$, Si , pnp

Example:

Find mode of operation and the Q point V_{CEQ} , I_{CQ}



Since the base emitter junction is forward bias; the transistor could be either in the active or the saturation region

In General

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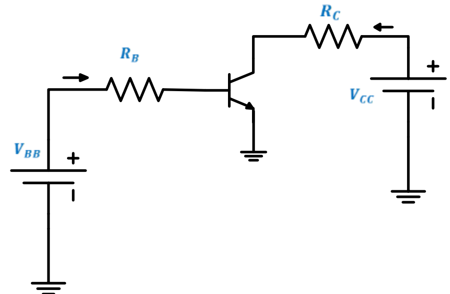


$$I_B = \frac{V_{BB} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - R_c I_c$$

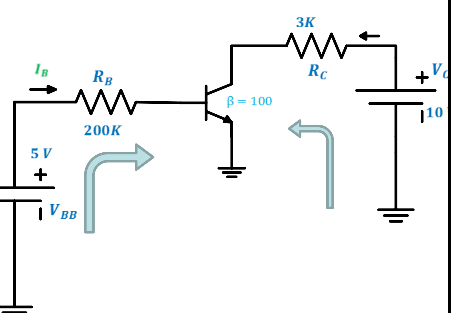
As : R_B ↓ , I_B ↑ , I_C ↑ , V_{CE} ↓

2) In the saturation region:

$V_{CE} = V_{CE,sat} = 0.2\ v$, Si , npn

$$I_C = I_{C,sat} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE,sat}}{R_C}$$

➢ Assume that the transistor in the active region:



KVL: $5 = 200k\, I_B + V_{BE}$

$$I_B = \frac{5 - 0.7}{200k} = 0.0215\ mA$$

$I_C = \beta I_B = 100 * 0.0215 = 2.15\ mA$

KVL: $10 = R_C I_C + V_{CE}$

$$V_{CE} = 10 - R_c I_c$$

❖ $V_{CE} = 10 - 3k * 2.15mA = 3.55\ Volt$

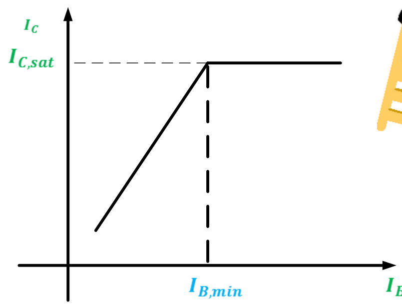
Since

$V_{CE} > V_{CE,sat}$ >>> The transistor is in the active region

➢ $\boldsymbol{V_{CEQ} = 3.55\ \ Volt}$

➢ $\boldsymbol{I_{CQ} = 2.15\ mA}$

Let define: $I_B(min) = \frac{I_{C,sat}}{\beta}$



$$I_B(min) = \frac{I_{C,sat}}{\beta}$$

- If $I_B > I_B(min)$ the transistor is in the saturation region.
- If $I_B < I_B(min)$ the transistor is in the Active region.

Determine Mode of Operation of BJT?

- Solution 1:
- 1) Since BE junction is forward biased ==> Q1 can be either in Active (Linear) or Saturation mode
- Assume it is in Active Mode

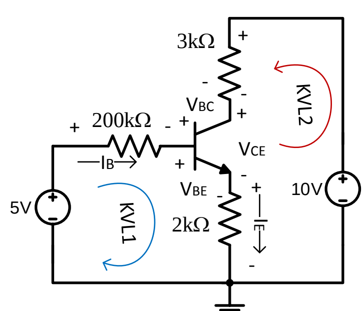
$$5 = 200\ \text{k}\Omega\,.\,I_B + V_{BE} + 2\ \text{k}\Omega.\,I_E$$

But, $\quad I_E = (1+\beta)I_B$

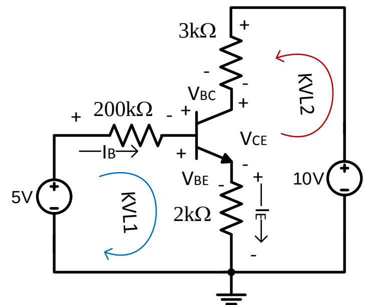
$$\text{Solve for } I_B = \frac{5 - V_{BE}}{200\ \text{k}\Omega + (1+\beta).\,2\ \text{k}\Omega}$$

$$I_B = \frac{5 - 0.7}{200\ \text{k}\Omega + (1+100).\,2\ \text{k}\Omega}$$

$$= \frac{4.3\ \text{V}}{402\ \text{k}\Omega} = 10.7\ \mu\text{A}$$



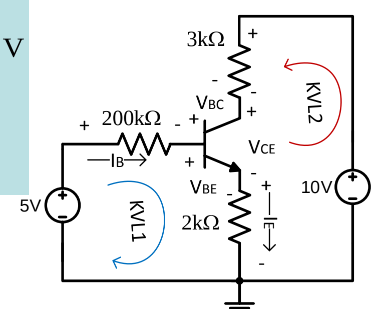
$I_C = \beta I_B$
$= (100).(10.7\ \mu A)$
$= 1.07\ \ mA$
$I_E = (\beta + 1) I_B$
$= 1.0807\ mA$
Now we find V_{CE} from output circuit



$10 - I_C\ .3\ k\Omega - I_E\ .2\ k\Omega = V_{CE}$
$\Rightarrow V_{CE} = 4.63\ V > V_{CE(sat)}$

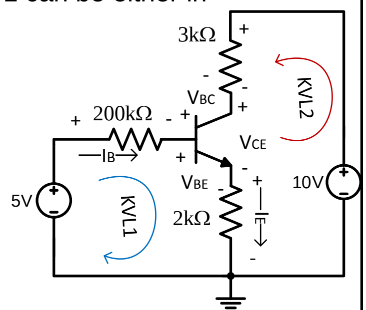
$\therefore$ Q1 is in active mode and the assumption is true
we can also verify that the BC junction is reverse biassed which is required so that the BJT operates in active mode

$10 - I_C\ .3\ k\Omega - I_E\ .2\ k\Omega = V_{CE}$
$\Rightarrow V_{CE} = V_{CB} - V_{EB}$
$\Rightarrow V_{CB} = V_{CE} - V_{BE} = 4.63 - 0.7 = 3.93\ V$
$\therefore V_{BC} = -V_{CB} = -3.33\ V$
BC junction is reverse biased



OR Second method: Assume Saturation

- 1) Since BE junction is forward biased ==> Q1 can be either in Active (Linear) or Saturation mode
- Assume it is in **saturation mode**:



$$10 - I_{C(sat)}.3k\Omega - I_{E(sat)}.2k\Omega = V_{CE(Sat)}$$

$$\text{assume} \quad I_{E(sat)} = I_{C(sat)}$$

$$\therefore I_{C(sat)} = \frac{10 - 0.2}{5k\Omega} = 1.96 \ \text{mA}$$

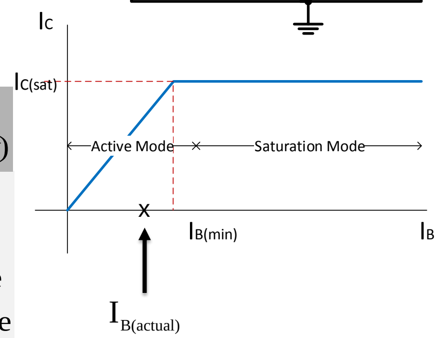
$$I_{B(min)} = \frac{I_{C(sat)}}{\beta} = 19.6 \ \mu\text{A}$$

Now we find the actual value of IB

$I_{B(actual)} = 10.7\ \mu A$ (it was found previously)

since

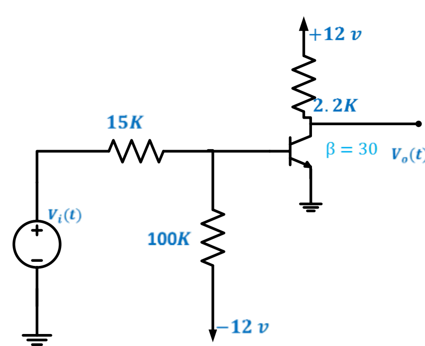
$I_{B(actual)} < I_{B(sat)} = I_{B(min)} \Rightarrow$ the assumption made earlier that BJT in saturation mode is wrong , and actually it is in active mode

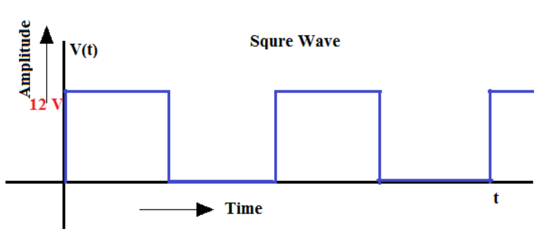


BJT as switch:

Example:

Find $V_o(t)$ for the input given below:

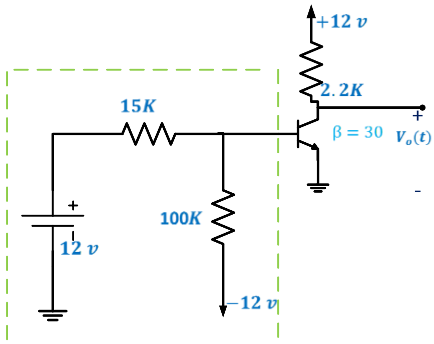


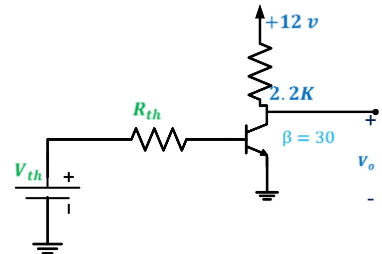


Solution:

❖Let $V_i(t) = +12\ volt$

Calculate V_{th}&R_{th}





$R_{th} = 15k\ //\ 100k = \frac{100k*15k}{15k+100k} = 13k$

$V_{th} = 8.9\ volt$ Proof!!

Since the base emitter junction is forward bias; the transistor could be either in the active or the saturation region

➢Assume that the transistor in the saturation region

$$I_C = I_{C,sat} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE,sat}}{R_C} = \frac{12 - 0.2}{2.2k} = 5.36\ mA$$

$$I_B(min) = \frac{I_{C,sat}}{β} = \frac{5.36mA}{30} = 0.18mA$$

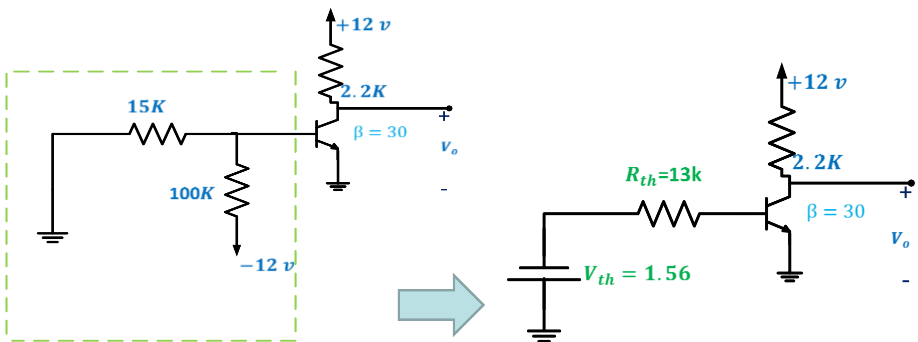
$$I_B = \frac{V_{th} - V_{BE}}{R_{TH}} = \frac{8.9 - 0.8}{13k} = 0.62\ mA$$

Since $I_B > I_B(min)$ the transistor is in the saturation region.

✓$V_o = V_{CE,sat} = 0.2\ volt$

✓$I_C = 5.36\ mA$

❖Let $V_i(t) = \ 0\ volt$



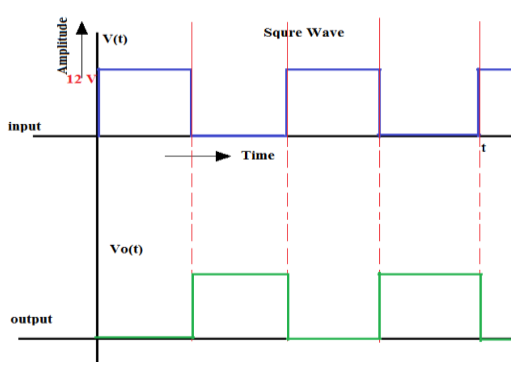
Since $V_{th} = -1.56\ volt$

Base emitter junction is revers biased the transistor in cutoff region

✓$V_o = V_{CE} = 12\ \ volt$

✓$I_C = 0\ mA$

The circuit acts as inverter or not gate



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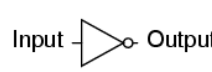

Input	Output
0	1
1	0