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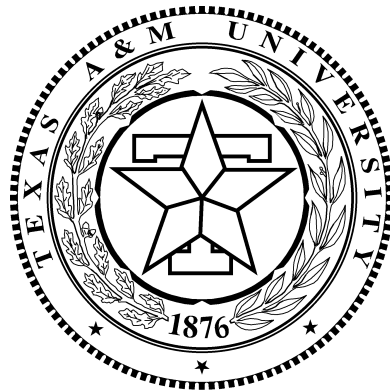
Electronics

Bipolar Junction Transistors

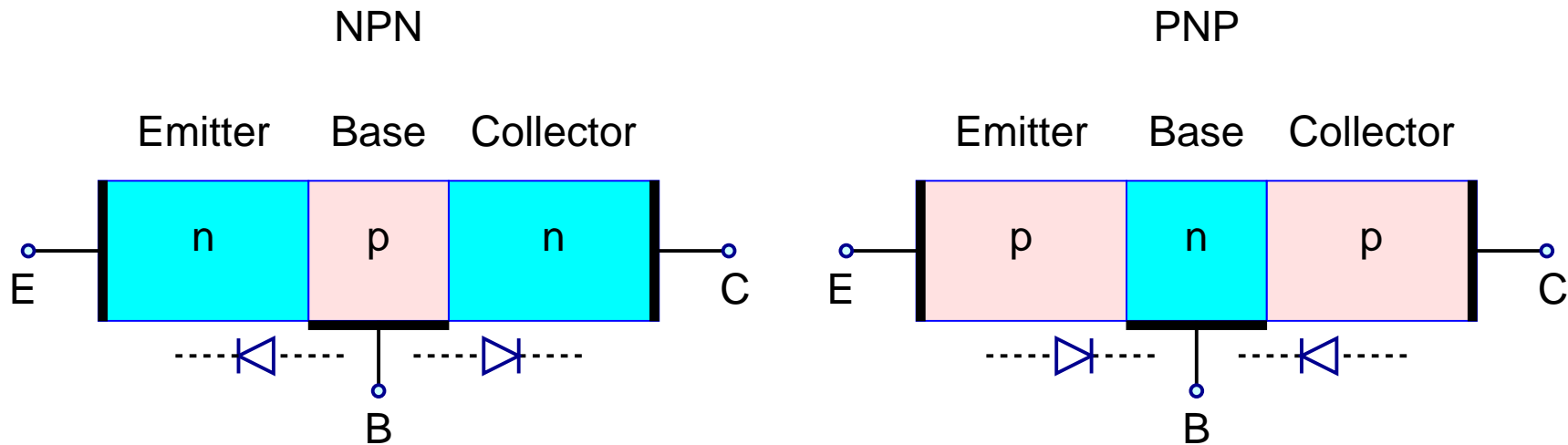
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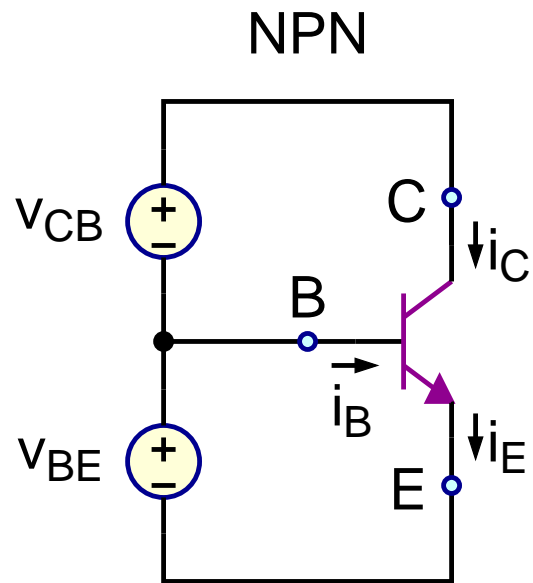
Bipolar Junction Transistor



Mode	Base-Emitter	Base-Collector
Cutoff	Reverse	Reverse
Active	Forward	Reverse
Reverse Active	Reverse	Forward
Saturation	Forward	Forward

BJT Large-Signal Model

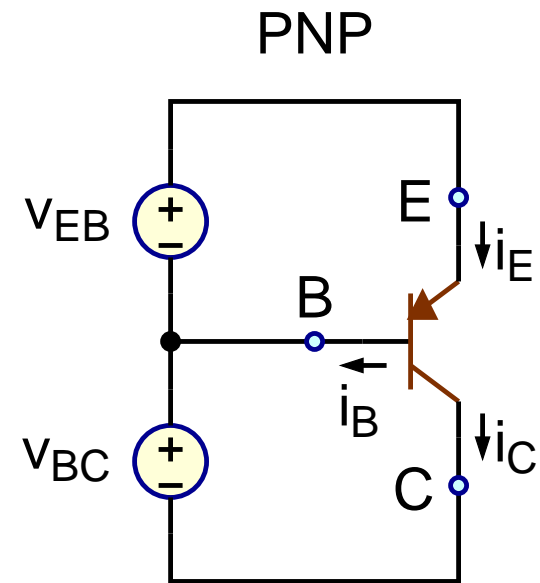
Active



$$V_{CE} \geq V_{CE,sat}$$

$$i_B = \frac{I_S}{\beta} e^{v_{BE}/V_T}$$

$$i_C = I_S e^{v_{BE}/V_T}$$



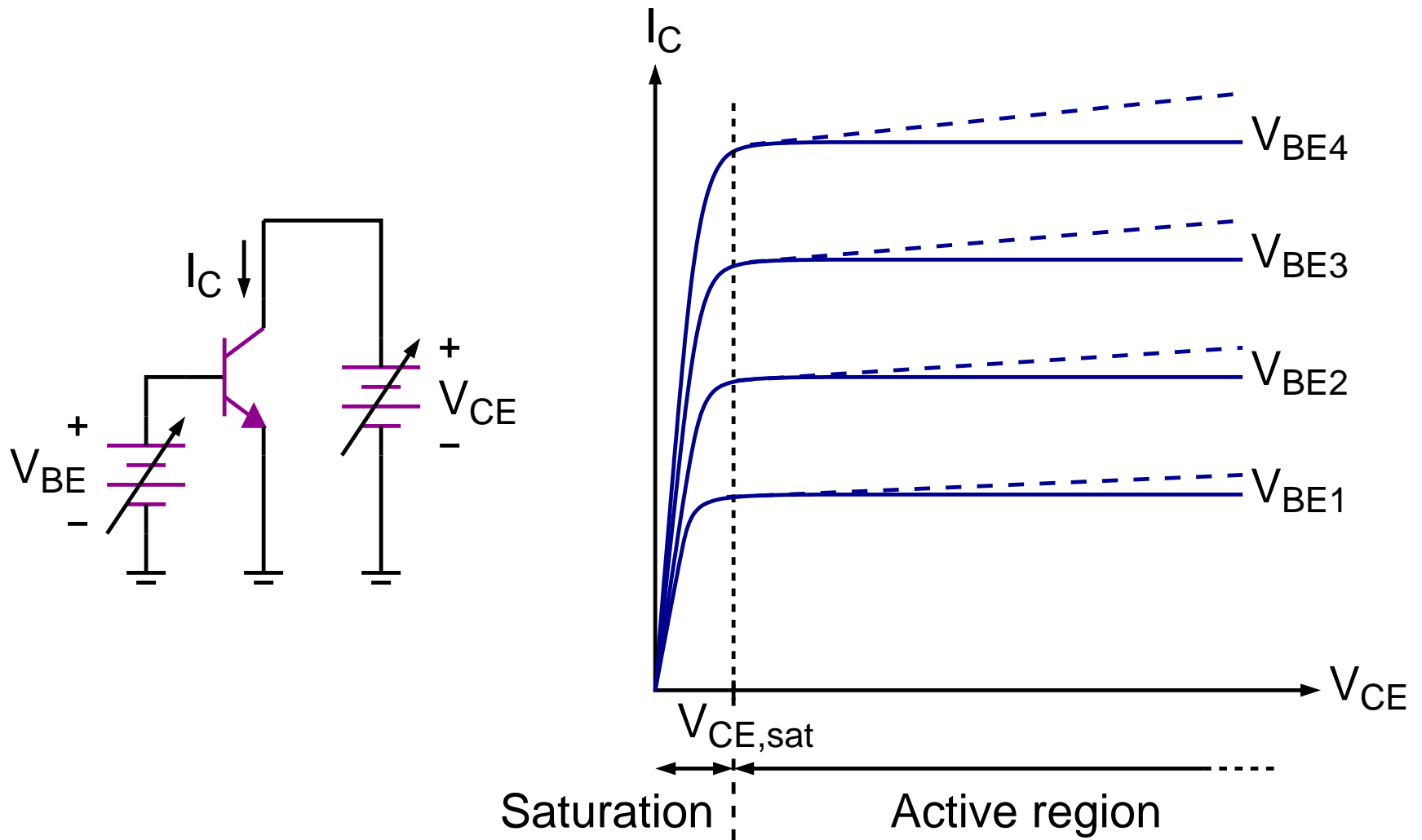
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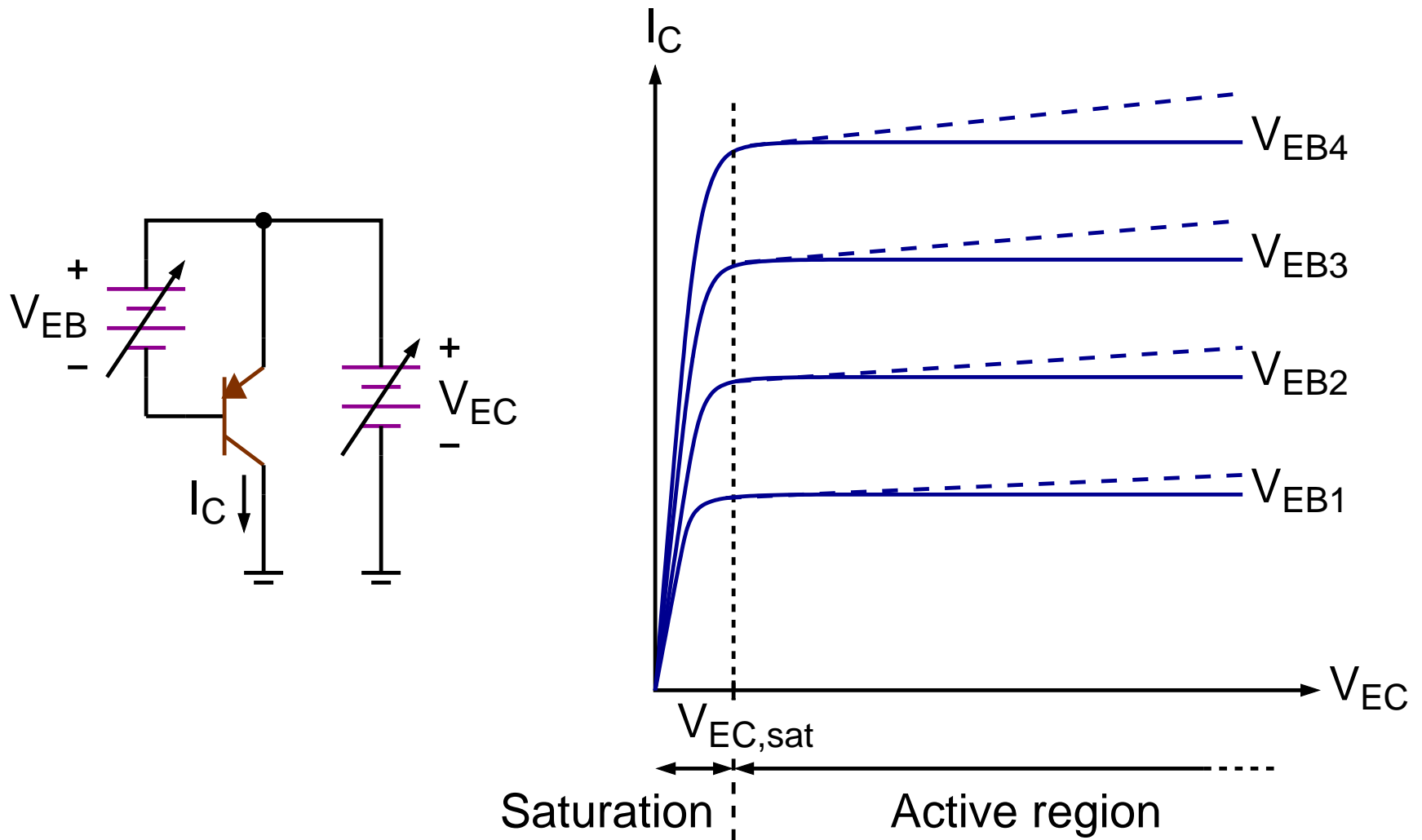
I_C - V_{CE} Characteristics

NPN



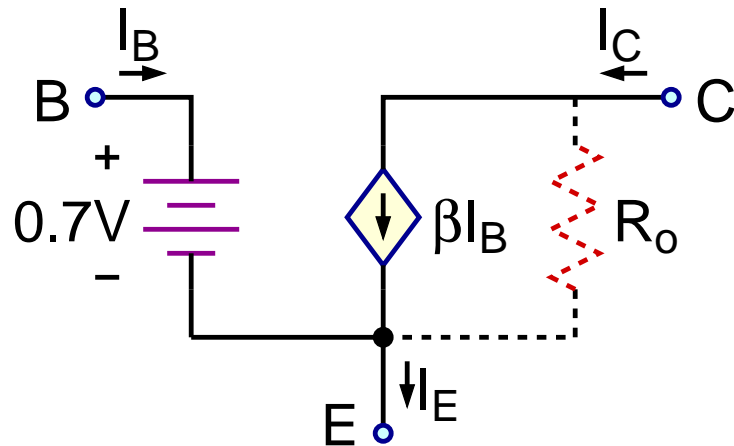
I_C - V_{EC} Characteristics

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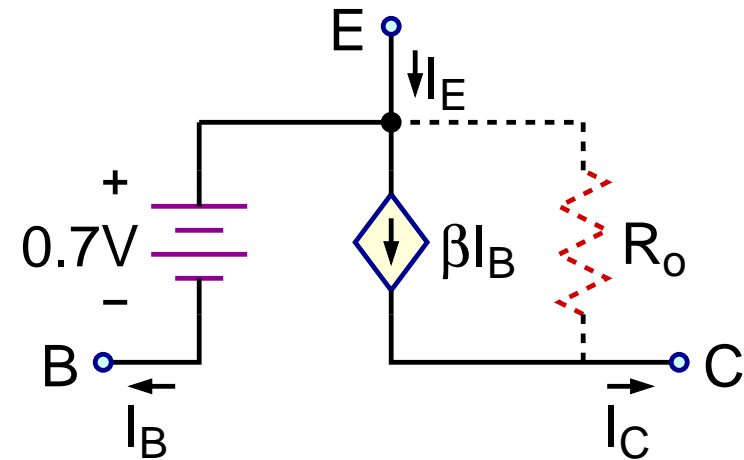


BJT DC Model

Active



$$V_{CE} \geq V_{CE,sat}$$
$$V_{BE} = 0.7 \text{ V}$$



$$V_{EC} \geq V_{EC,sat}$$
$$V_{EB} = 0.7 \text{ V}$$

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

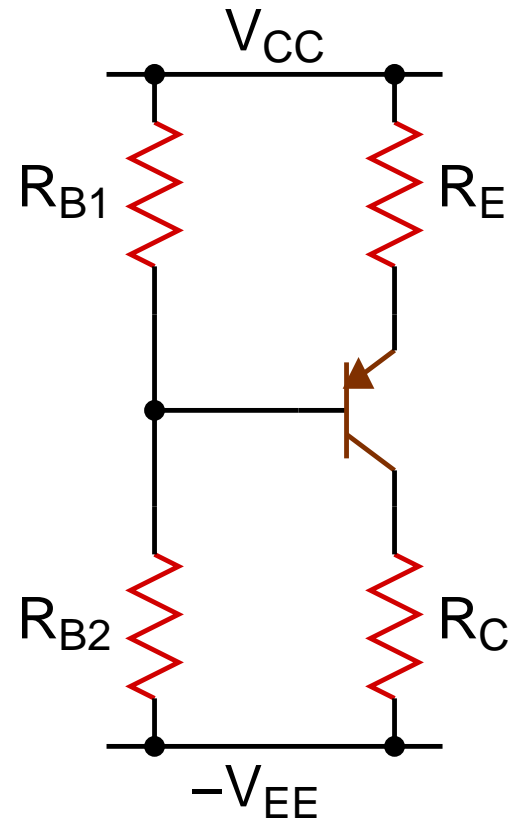
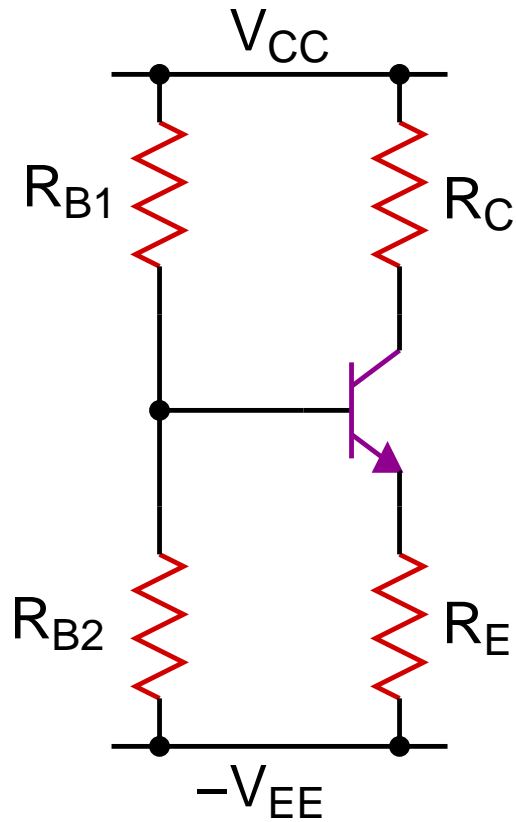
$$I_C = \beta I_B = \alpha I_E$$

$$I_E = (\beta + 1) I_B = I_C / \alpha$$

$$I_B = I_C / \beta = I_E / (\beta + 1)$$

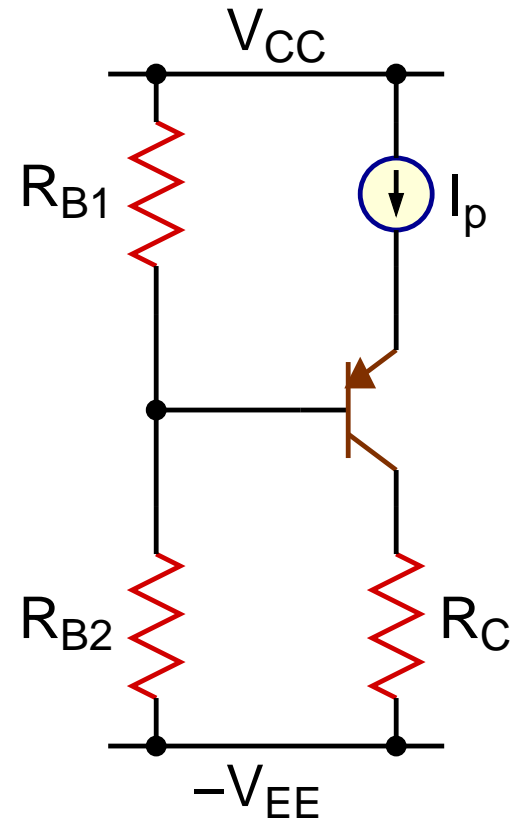
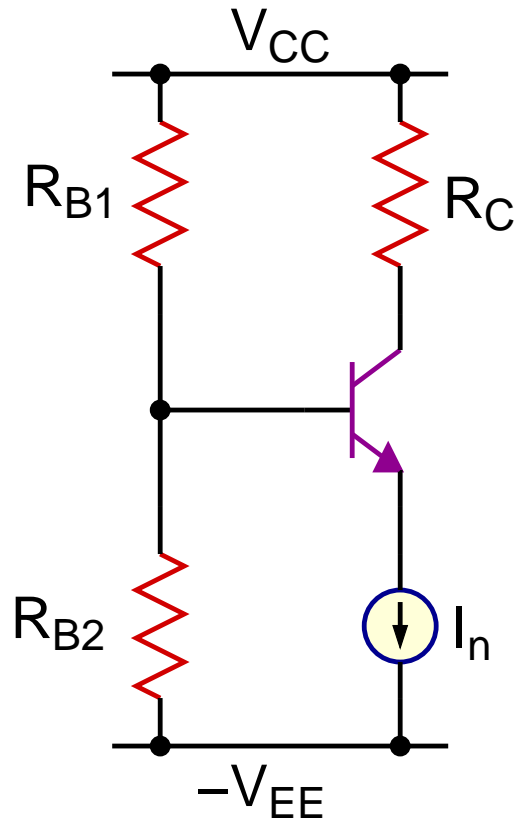
BJT DC Biasing

Resistive



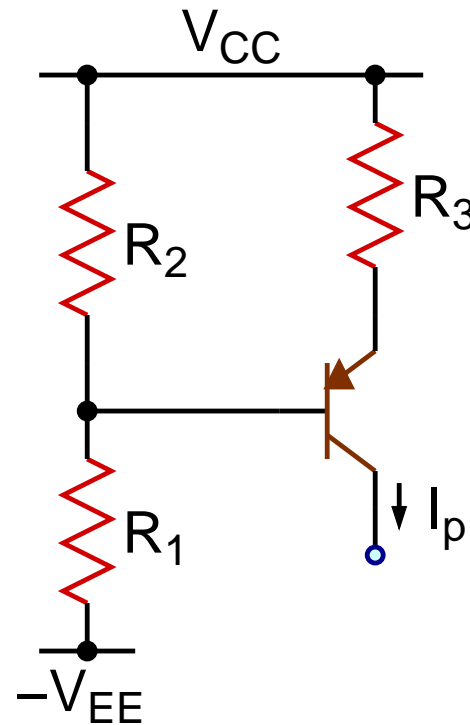
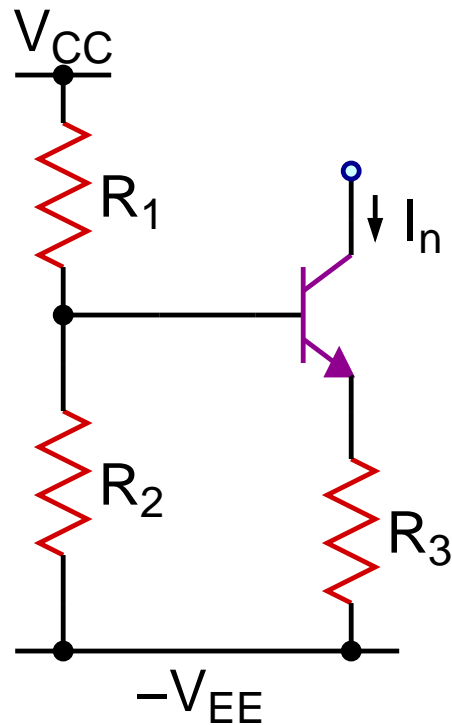
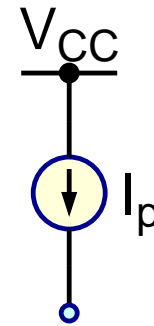
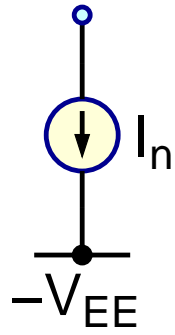
BJT DC Biasing

Current Source



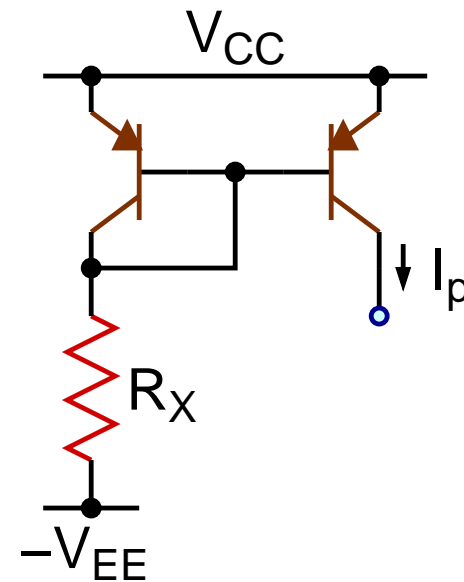
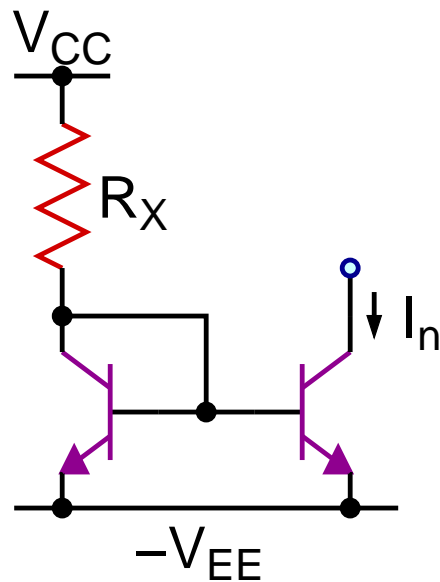
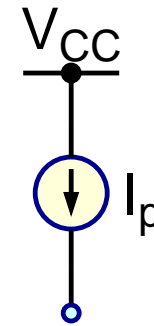
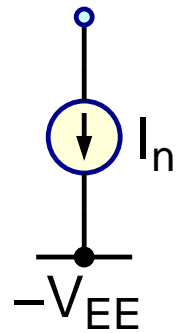
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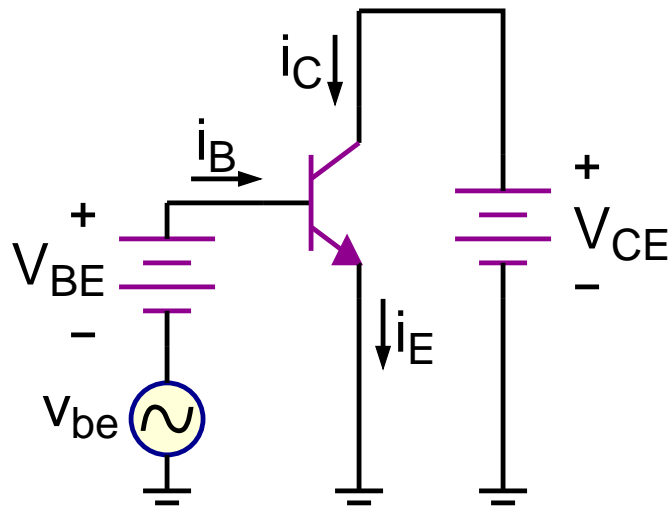
BJT DC Biasing

Current Source



BJT Small-Signal Operation

Transconductance



$$V_{BE} = V_{BE} + v_{be}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i_C &= I_S e^{V_{BE}/V_T} \\ &= I_S e^{V_{BE}/V_T} e^{v_{be}/V_T} \\ &= I_C e^{v_{be}/V_T} \end{aligned}$$

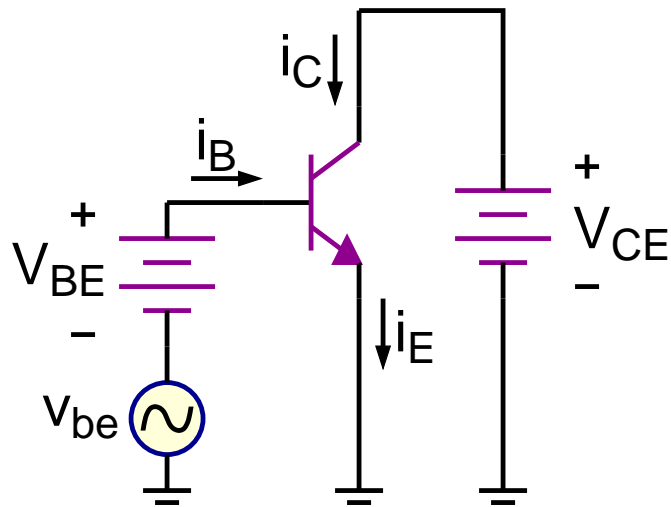
Assume $v_{be} \ll V_T$, then

$$\begin{aligned} i_C &\approx I_C \left(1 + \frac{v_{be}}{V_T} \right) \\ &= I_C + \frac{I_C}{V_T} v_{be} \\ &= I_C + g_m v_{be} \\ &= I_C + i_c \end{aligned}$$

$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T}$$

BJT Small-Signal Operation

Resistance



$$i_B = \frac{i_C}{\beta} = \frac{I_C}{\beta} + \frac{i_c}{\beta}$$

$$i_b = \frac{i_c}{\beta} = \frac{g_m v_{be}}{\beta}$$

$$\frac{v_{be}}{i_b} = r_{\pi} = \frac{\beta}{g_m}$$

$$i_E = \frac{i_C}{\alpha} = \frac{I_C}{\alpha} + \frac{i_c}{\alpha}$$

$$i_e = \frac{i_c}{\alpha} = \frac{g_m v_{be}}{\alpha}$$

$$\frac{v_{be}}{i_e} = r_e = \frac{\alpha}{g_m} \approx \frac{1}{g_m}$$

$$v_{be} \ll V_T$$

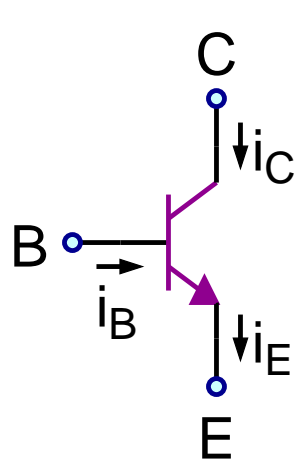
$$i_C = I_C + i_c$$

$$i_B = I_B + i_b$$

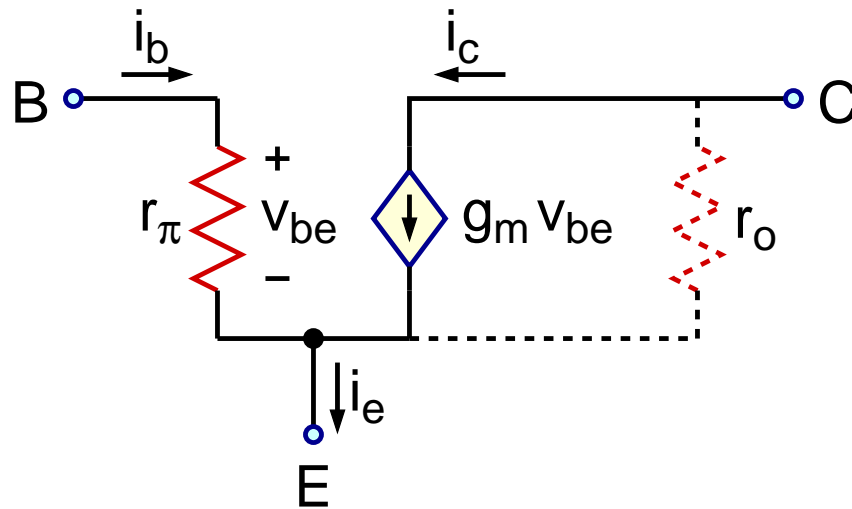
$$i_E = I_E + i_e$$

BJT Small Signal Model

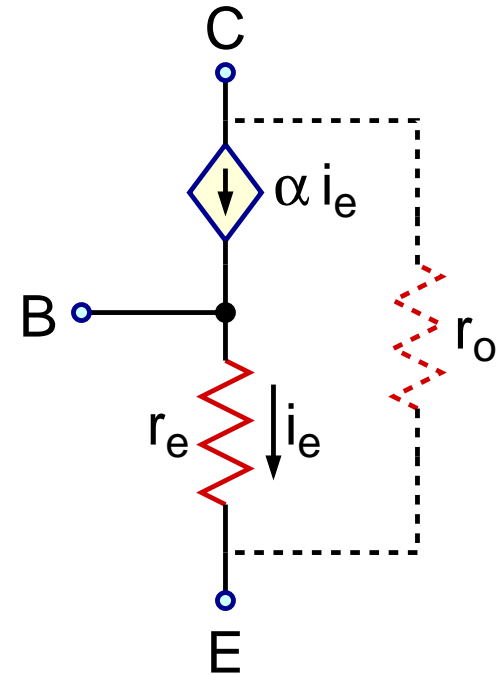
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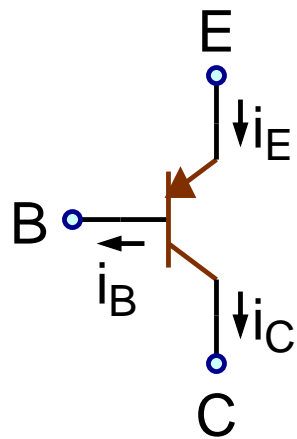


T model

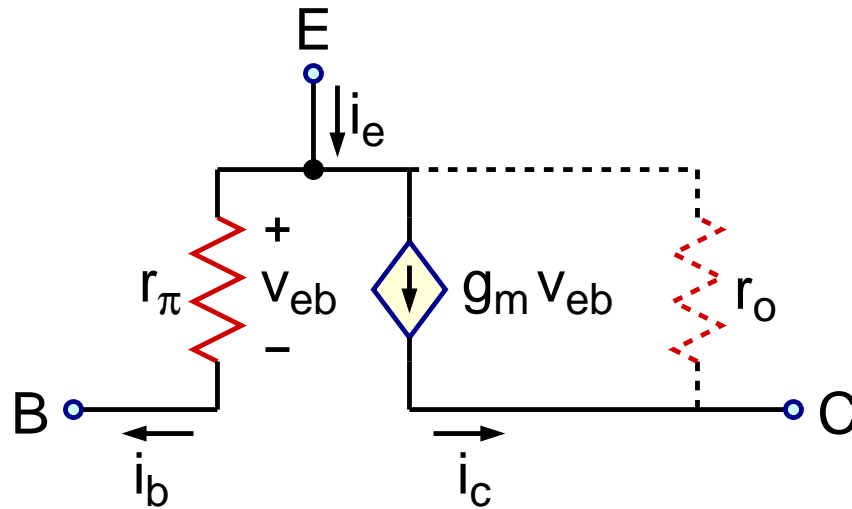
$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} \quad r_\pi = \frac{\beta}{g_m} \quad r_e = \frac{V_T}{I_E} = \frac{\alpha}{g_m} \approx \frac{1}{g_m} \quad r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C}$$

BJT Small Signal Model

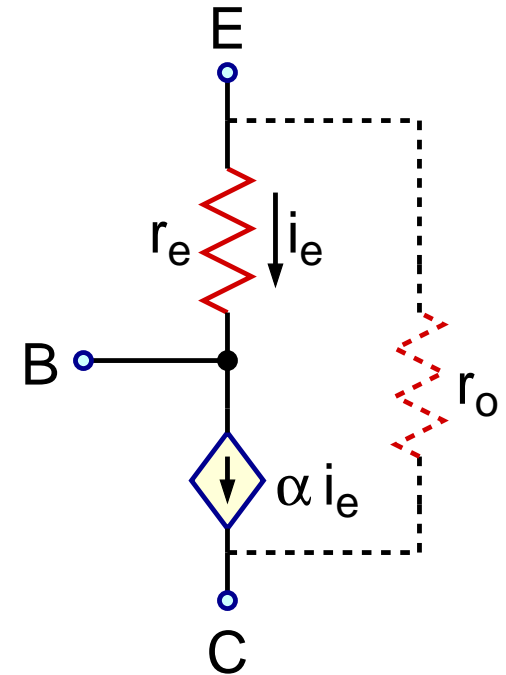
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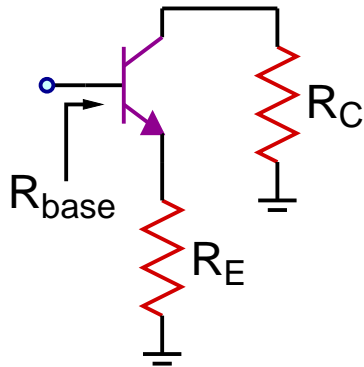


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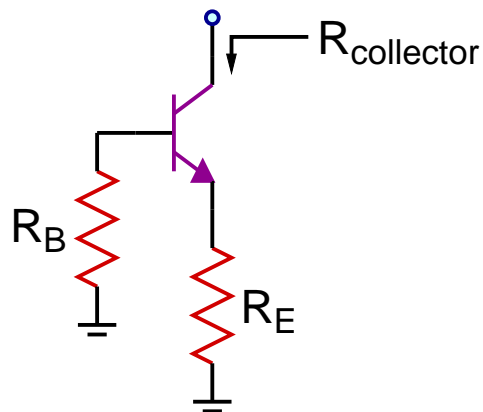
$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} \quad r_{\pi} = \frac{\beta}{g_m} \quad r_e = \frac{V_T}{I_E} = \frac{\alpha}{g_m} \approx \frac{1}{g_m} \quad r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C}$$

BJT Node Resistances

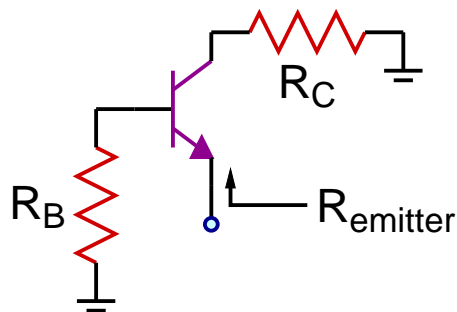
AC, $r_o = \infty$



$$R_{base} = (\beta + 1)(r_e + R_E)$$



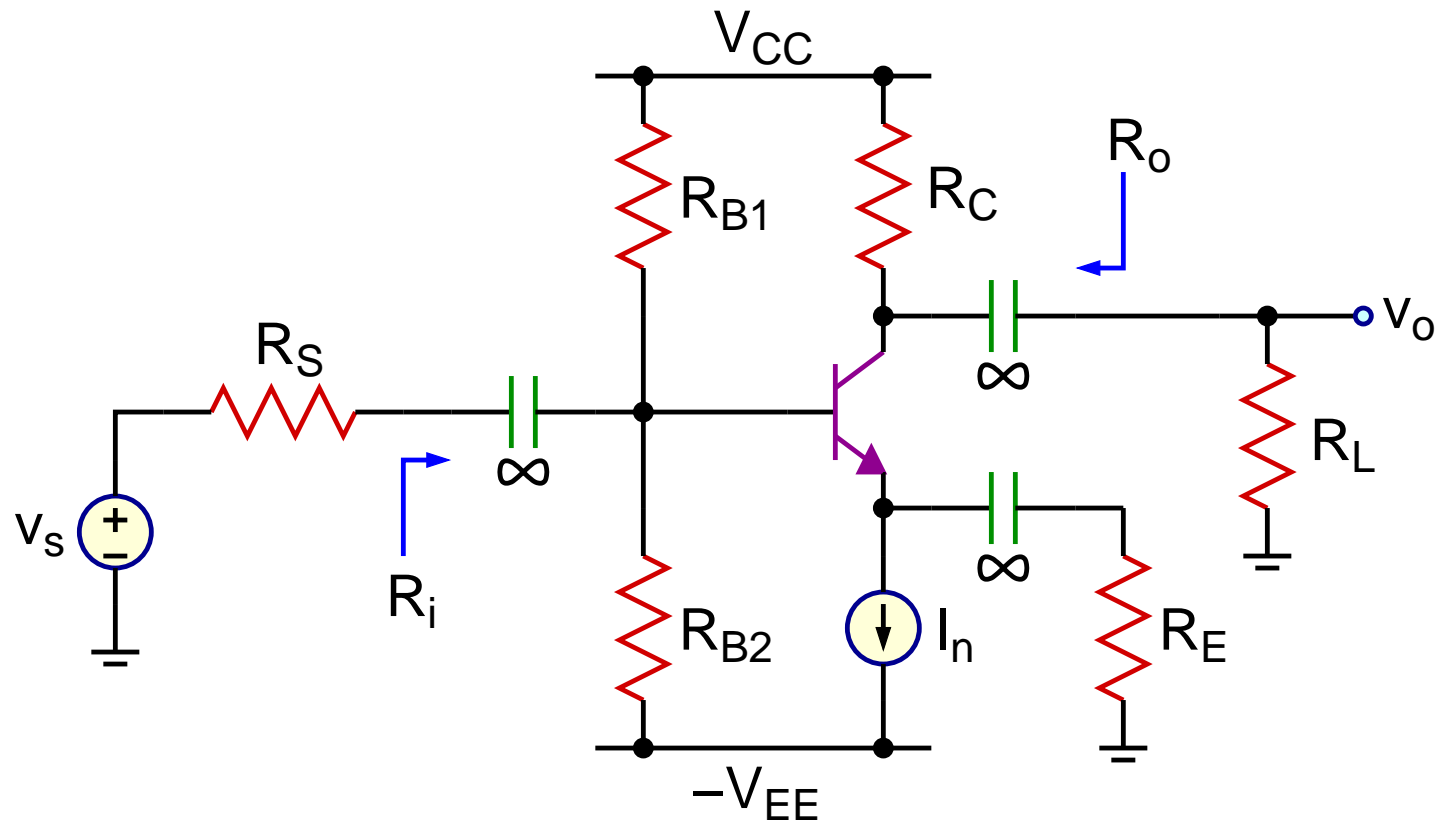
$$R_{collector} = \infty$$



$$R_{emitter} = r_e + \frac{R_B}{\beta + 1}$$

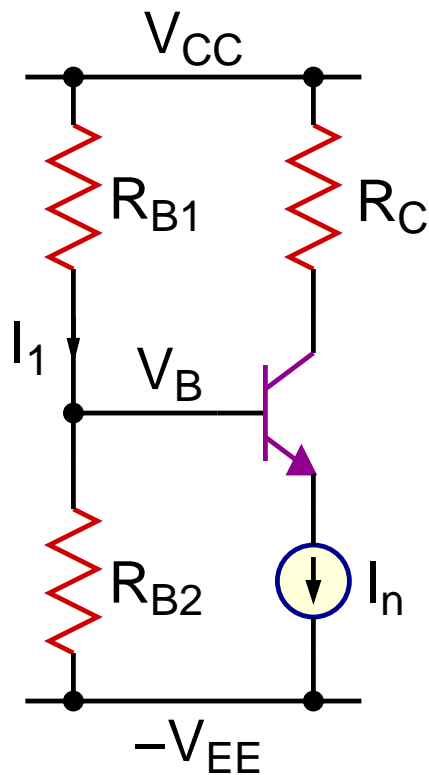
Common Emitter Amplifier

B → C (–)



Common Emitter Amplifier

DC Equivalent



$$I_E = I_n \approx I_C$$

$$V_C = V_{CC} - I_C R_C$$

$$I_1 \gg I_B \Rightarrow$$

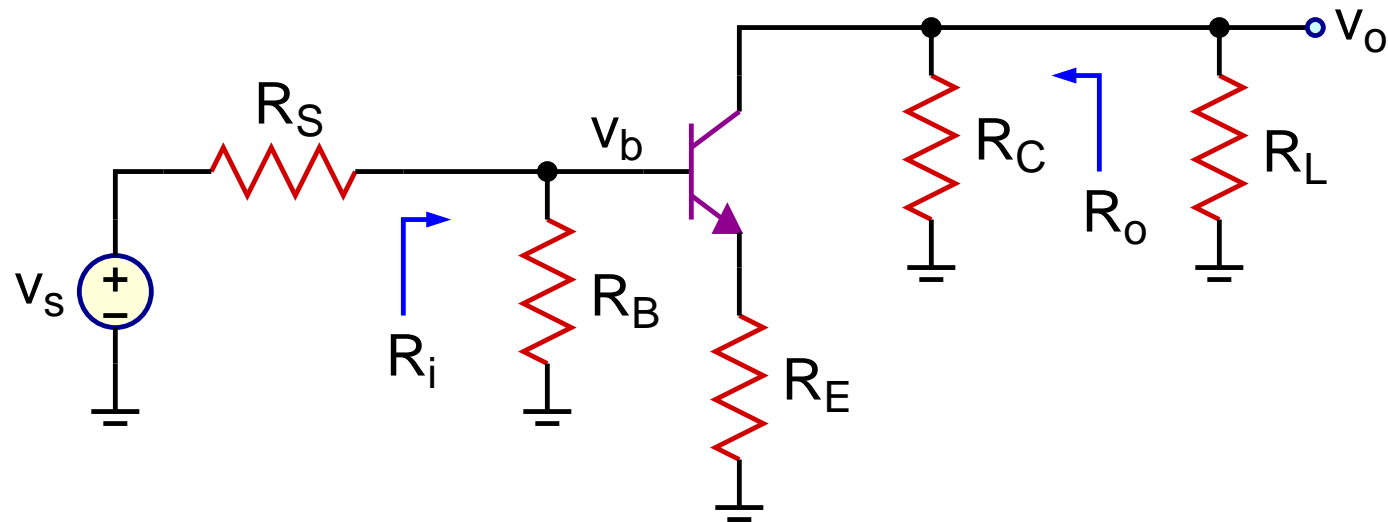
$$V_B \approx V_{CC} - \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}} (V_{CC} + V_{EE})$$

$$V_E = V_B - 0.7$$

$$V_{CE} \geq V_{CE,sat} \Rightarrow \text{ACTIVE}$$

Common Emitter Amplifier

AC Equivalent



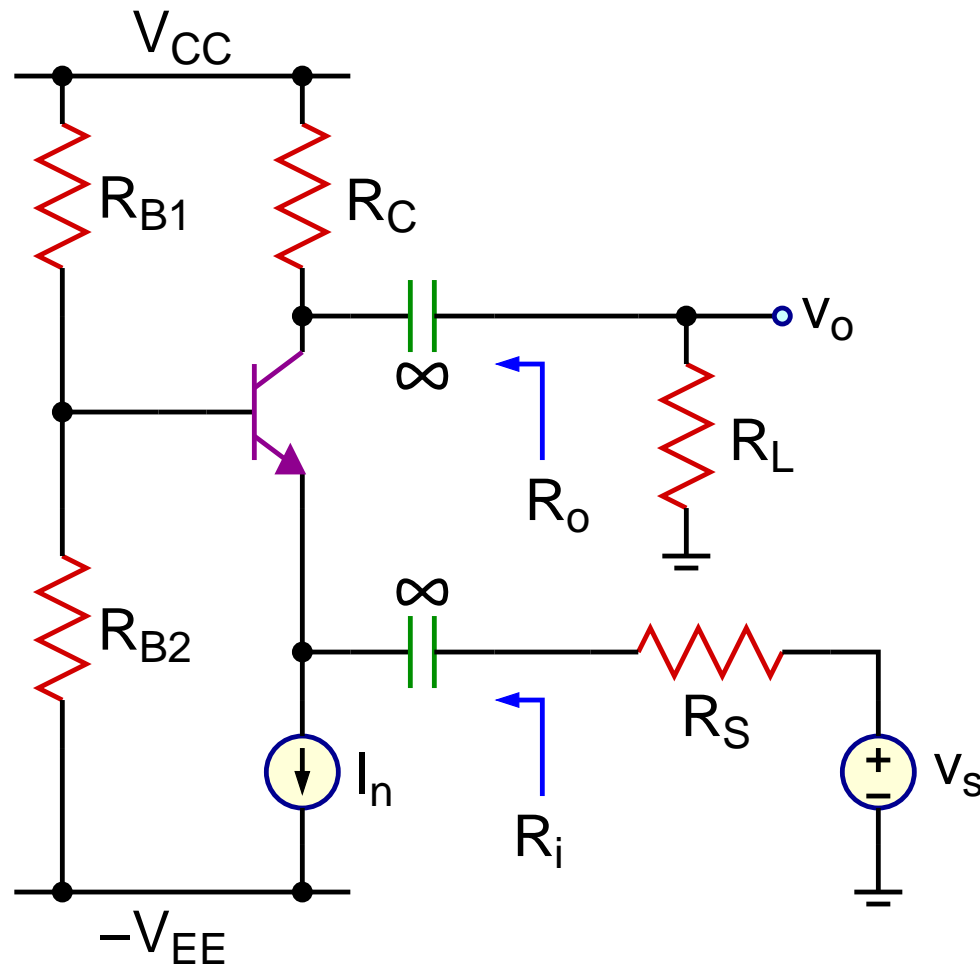
$$R_i = R_B \parallel R_{\text{base}} \quad , \quad R_B = R_{B1} \parallel R_{B2}$$

$$R_o = R_C \parallel R_{\text{collector}}$$

$$\frac{v_b}{v_s} = \frac{R_i}{R_i + R_s} \quad , \quad \frac{v_o}{v_b} = -\alpha \frac{R_C \parallel R_L}{r_e + R_E} \approx -\frac{R_C \parallel R_L}{r_e + R_E}$$

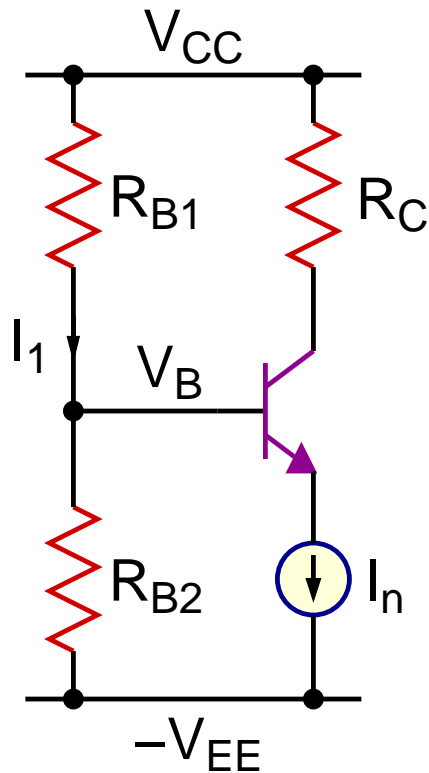
Common Base Amplifier

E → C (+)



Common Base Amplifier

DC Equivalent



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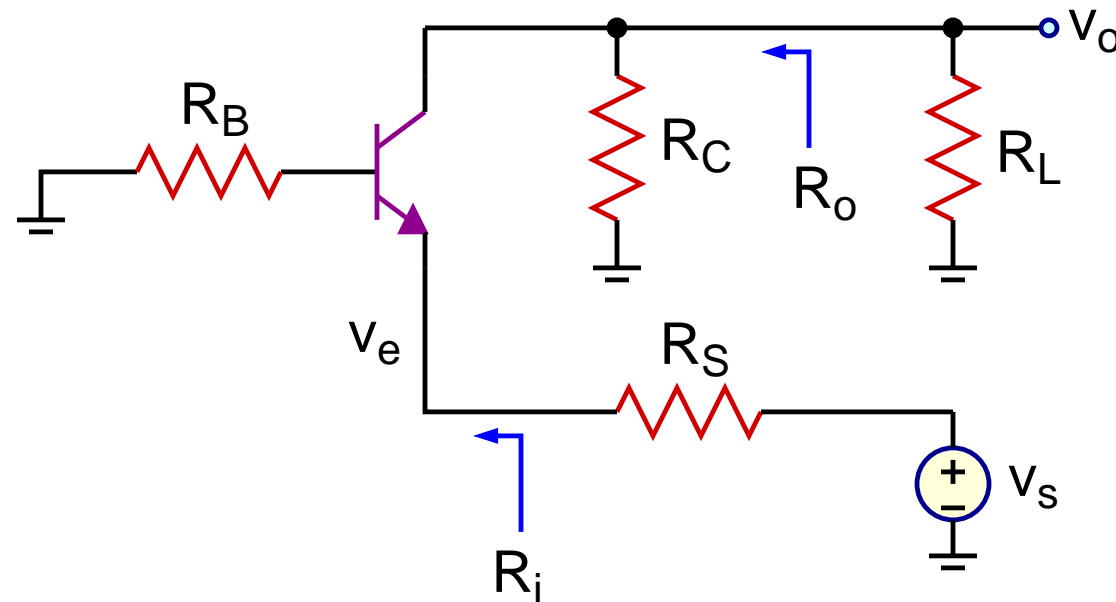
$$V_B \approx V_{CC} - \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}} (V_{CC} + V_{EE})$$

$$V_E = V_B - 0.7$$

$$V_{CE} \geq V_{CE,sat} \Rightarrow \text{ACTIVE}$$

Common Base Amplifier

AC Equivalent



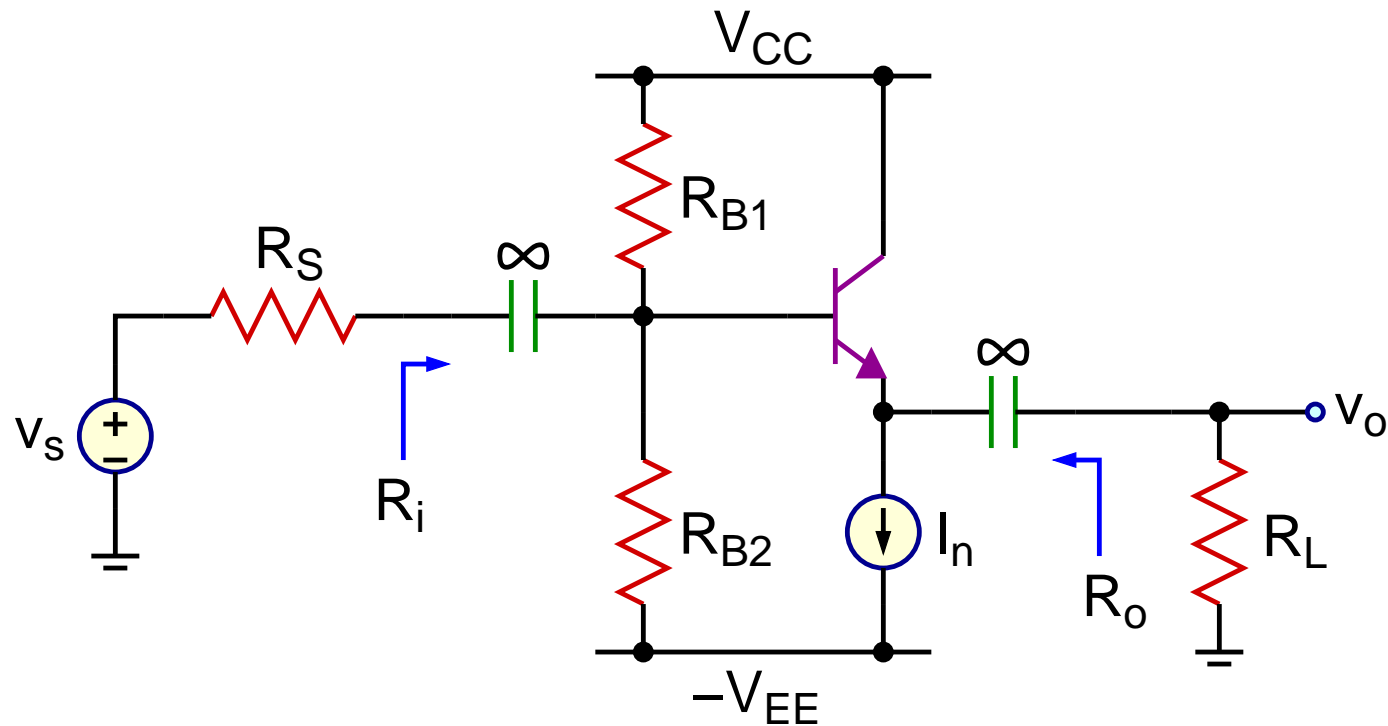
$$R_i = R_{\text{emitter}} \quad , \quad R_B = R_{B1} \parallel R_{B2}$$

$$R_o = R_C \parallel R_{\text{collector}}$$

$$\frac{v_e}{v_s} = \frac{R_i}{R_i + R_S} \quad , \quad \frac{v_o}{v_e} = \alpha \frac{R_C \parallel R_L}{R_{\text{emitter}}} \approx \frac{R_C \parallel R_L}{R_{\text{emitter}}}$$

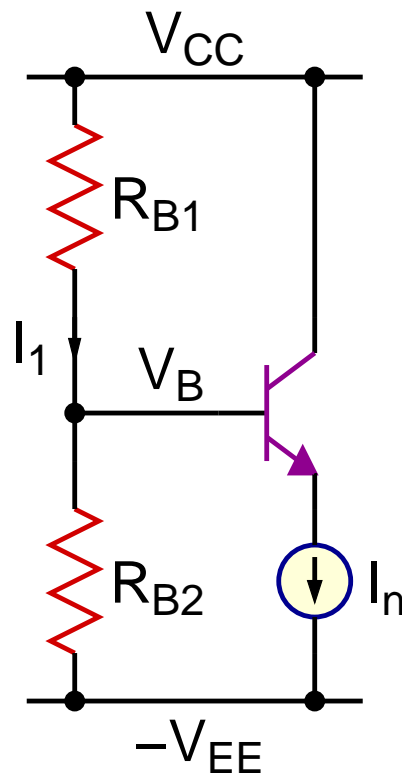
Common Collector Amplifier

B → E (+)



Common Collector Amplifier

DC Equivalent



$$I_E = I_n \approx I_C$$

$$V_C = V_{CC}$$

$$I_1 \gg I_B \Rightarrow$$

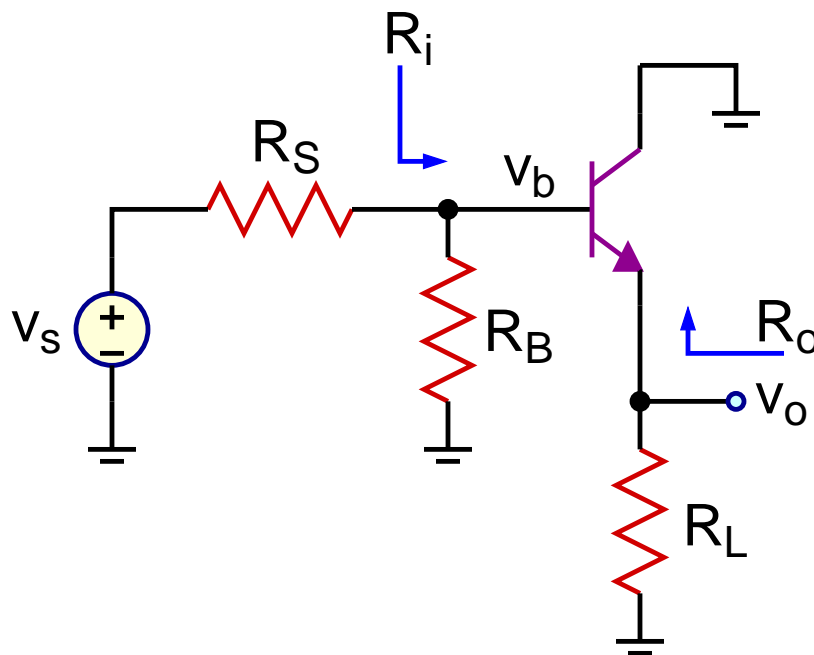
$$V_B \approx V_{CC} - \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}} (V_{CC} + V_{EE})$$

$$V_E = V_B - 0.7$$

$$V_{CE} \geq V_{CE,sat} \Rightarrow \text{ACTIVE}$$

Common Collector Amplifier

AC Equivalent



$$R_B = R_{B1} \parallel R_{B2}$$

$$R_i = R_B \parallel R_{\text{base}}$$

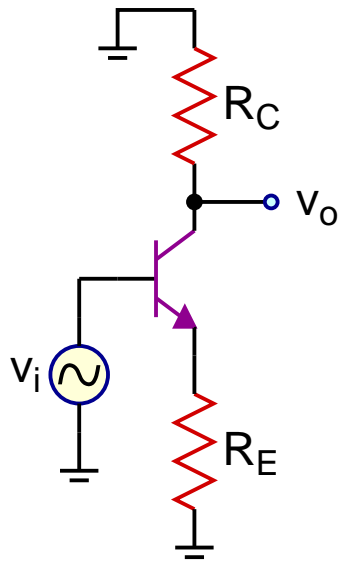
$$R_o = R_{\text{emitter}}$$

$$\frac{v_b}{v_s} = \frac{R_i}{R_i + R_S}$$

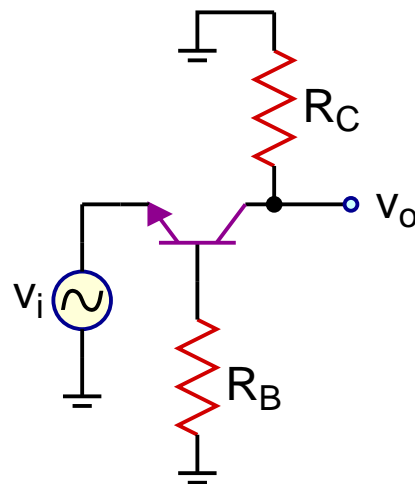
$$\frac{v_o}{v_b} = \frac{R_L}{r_e + R_L}$$

BJT Amplifiers - Summary

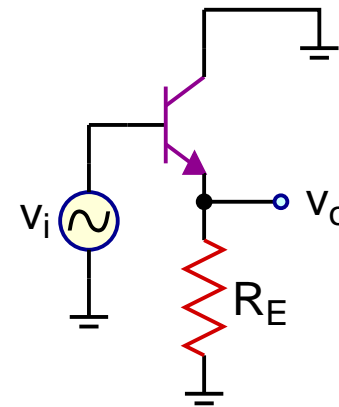
AC, $r_o = \infty$



$$\frac{v_o}{v_i} = \frac{-\alpha R_C}{r_e + R_E}$$

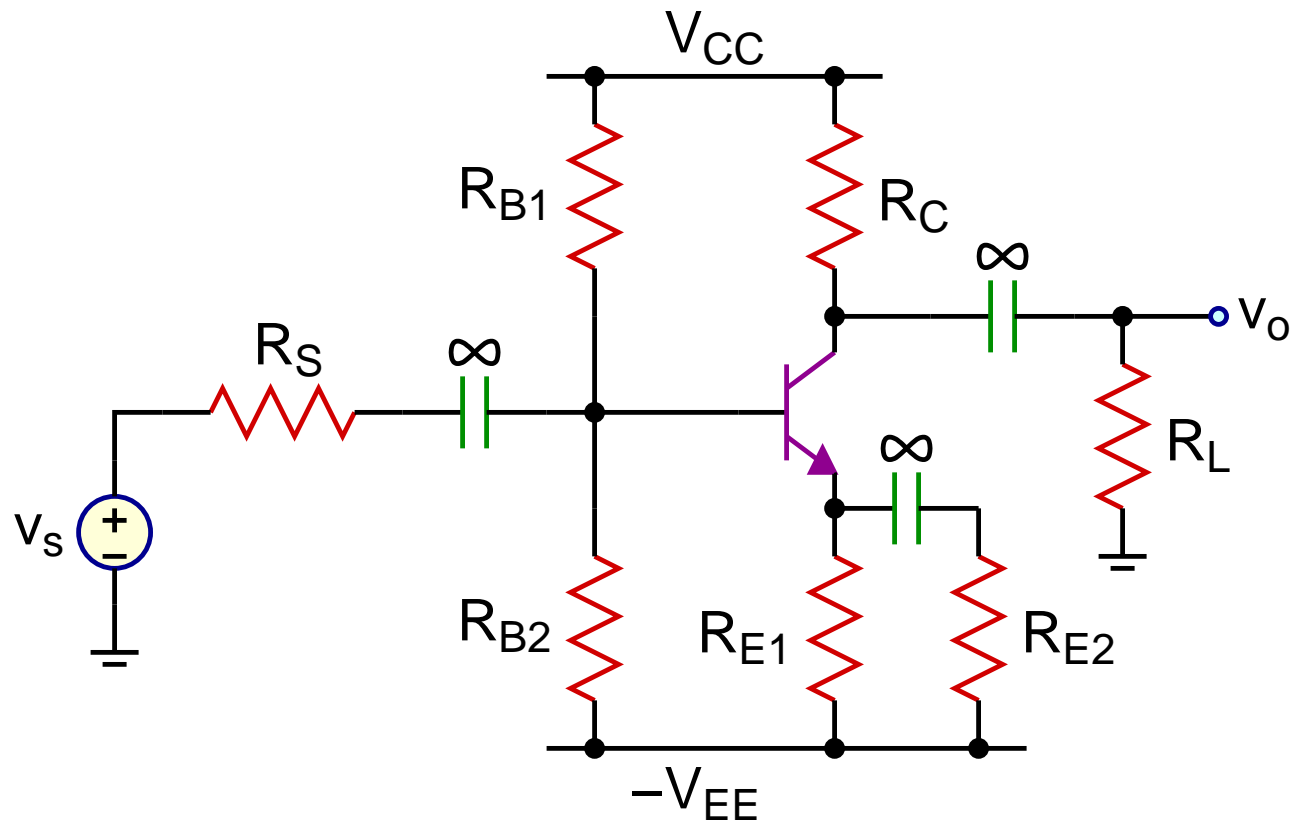


$$\frac{v_o}{v_i} = \frac{\alpha R_C}{R_{\text{emitter}}}$$



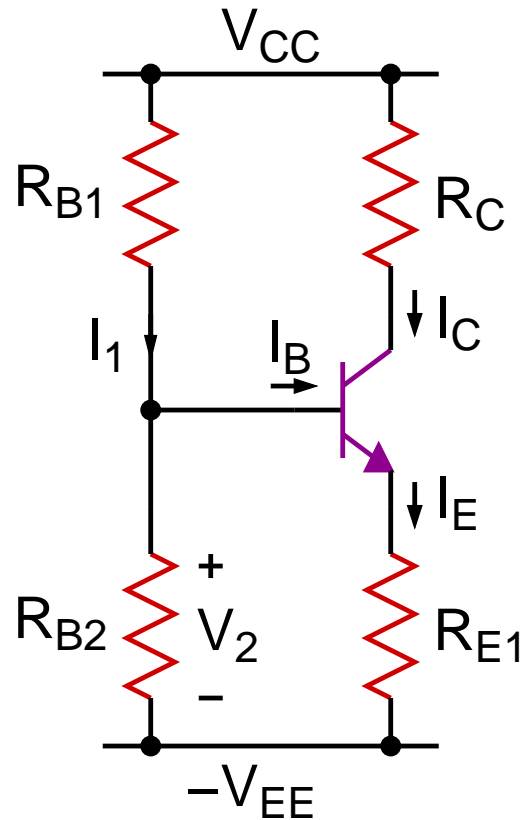
$$\frac{v_o}{v_i} = \frac{R_E}{r_e + R_E}$$

Example 1



Example 1

DC Equivalent



$$I_1 \gg I_B \Rightarrow V_2 \approx \frac{R_{B2}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}}(V_{CC} + V_{EE})$$

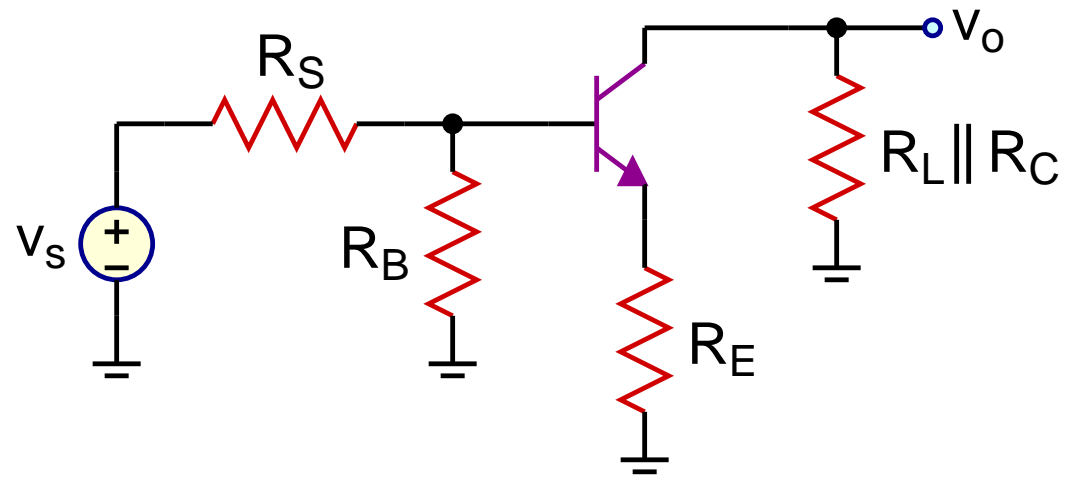
$$V_2 = 0.7 + I_E R_{E1}$$

$$I_E = \frac{V_2 - 0.7}{R_{E1}} \approx I_C$$

$$V_{CE} \approx V_{CC} + V_{EE} - (R_C + R_{E1})I_C$$

$$V_{CE} \geq V_{CE,sat} \Rightarrow \text{ACTIVE}$$

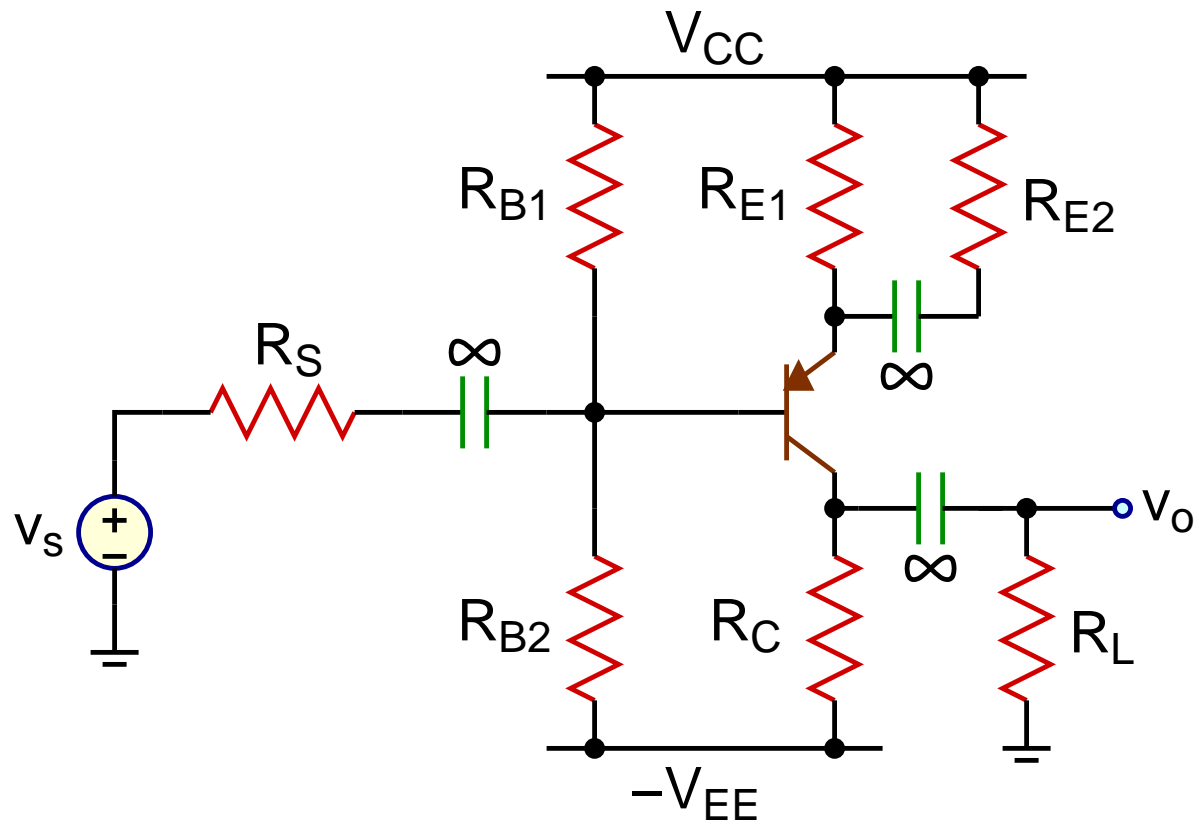
Example 1



$$R_B = R_{B1} \parallel R_{B2}$$

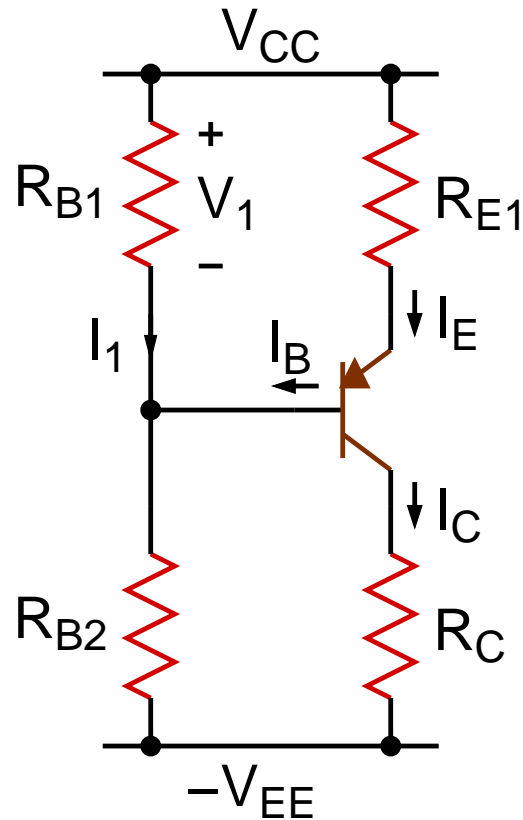
$$R_E = R_{E1} \parallel R_{E2}$$

Example 2



Example 2

DC Equivalent



$$I_1 \gg I_B \Rightarrow$$

$$V_1 \approx \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}} (V_{CC} + V_{EE})$$

$$V_1 = I_E R_{E1} + 0.7$$

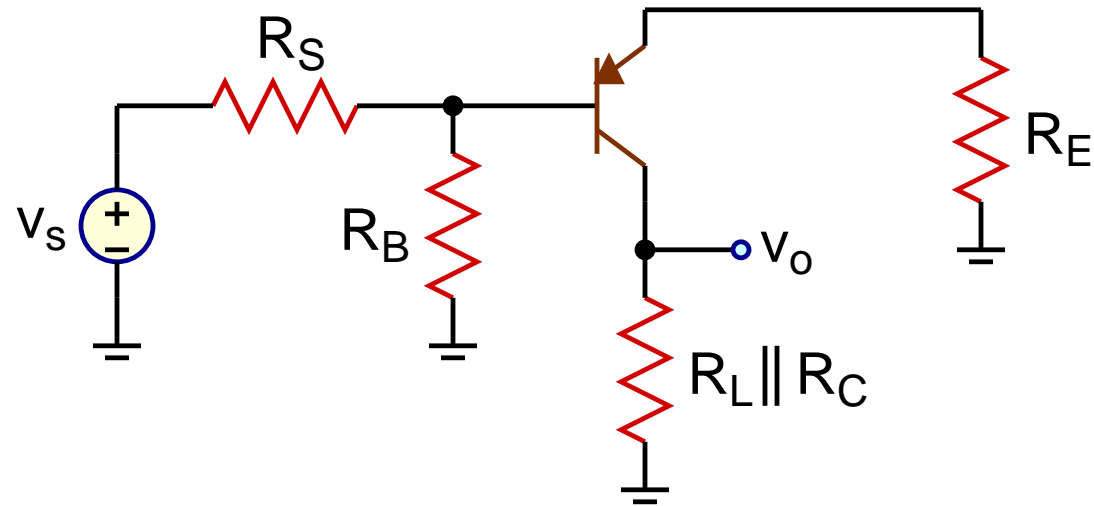
$$I_E = \frac{V_1 - 0.7}{R_{E1}} \approx I_C$$

$$V_{EC} \approx V_{CC} + V_{EE} - (R_C + R_{E1}) I_C$$

$$V_{EC} \geq V_{EC,sat} \Rightarrow \text{ACTIVE}$$

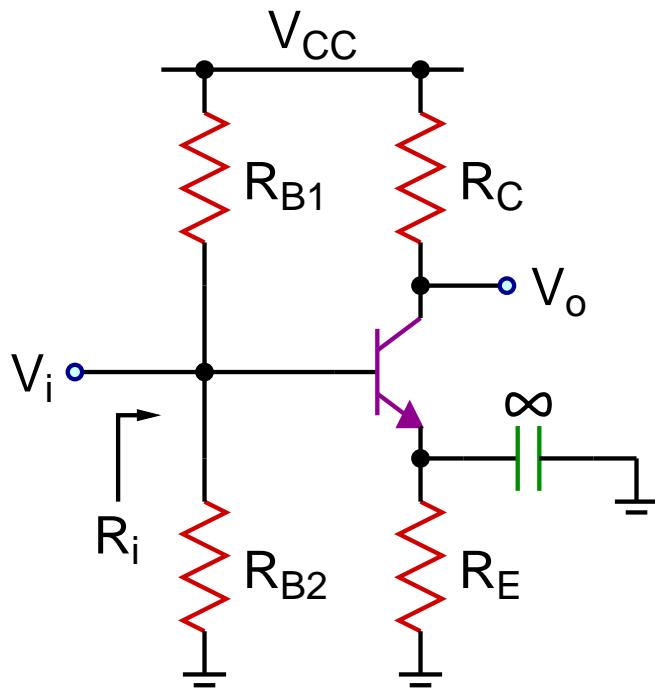
Example 2

AC Equivalent

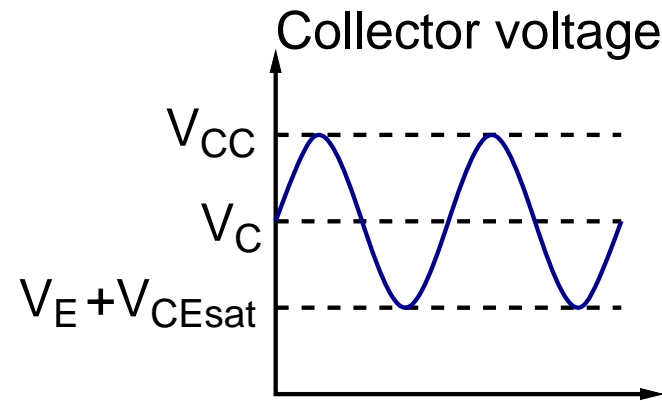
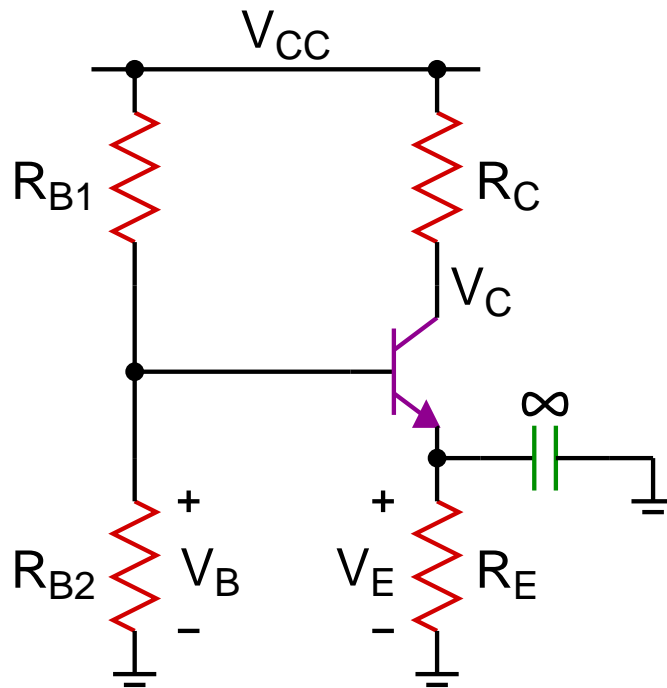


$$R_B = R_{B1} \parallel R_{B2}$$

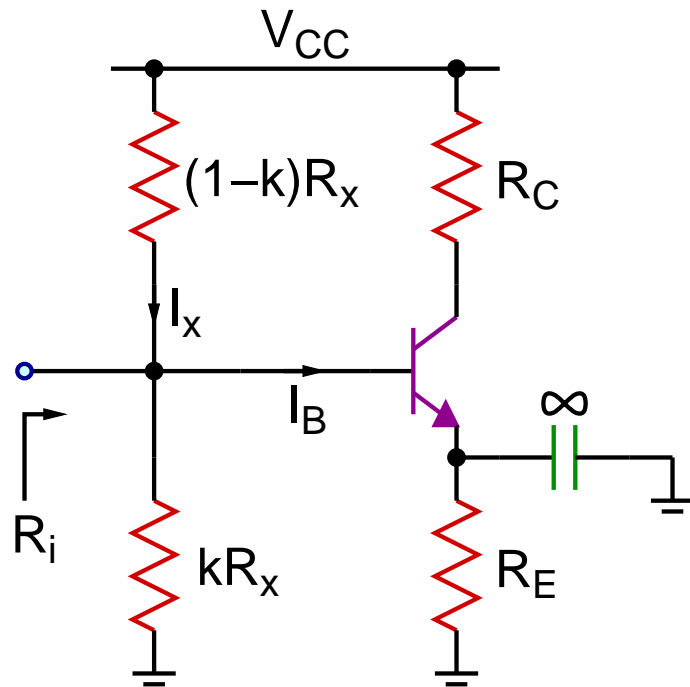
$$R_E = R_{E1} \parallel R_{E2}$$



- Output voltage swing (V_{O-p})
- Input resistance (R_i)
- Voltage gain ($|A_v|$)
- Insensitive to:
 - V_{BE} variations
 - β variations



- For V_{BE} -insensitivity, choose V_E as large as possible.
Example: Assume V_B is set to $1.7V$ to have $V_E = 1V$. If V_{BE} varies $\pm 0.1V$, the resulting variation in I_C is $\mp 10\%$.
- For the V_{0-p} requirement, choose V_E and V_C to satisfy:
 $V_C - (V_E + V_{CEsat}) \geq V_{0-p}$ and $V_{CC} - V_C \geq V_{0-p}$



$$k = \frac{V_B}{V_{CC}}$$

$$R_{B1} = (1 - k)R_x$$

$$R_{B2} = kR_x$$

- For β -insensitivity, $I_B \ll I_x$.

$$I_B \ll I_x \Rightarrow \frac{I_C}{\beta} \ll \frac{V_{CC}}{R_x} \Rightarrow I_C \ll \frac{\beta V_{CC}}{R_x}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_C = \frac{\beta V_{CC}}{NR_x}, \quad R_x = \frac{\beta V_{CC}}{NI_C}, \quad N \geq 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_i &= kR_x \parallel (1 - k)R_x \parallel \beta r_e = [k(1 - k)R_x] \parallel \left[\beta \frac{V_T}{I_C} \right] \\ &= \left[k(1 - k) \frac{\beta V_{CC}}{NI_C} \right] \parallel \left[\beta \frac{V_T}{I_C} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$R_i = \frac{\beta}{\frac{1}{V_T} + \frac{N}{k(1 - k)V_{CC}}} \frac{1}{I_C} \quad \rightarrow \text{Find } I_C$$

$$R_x = \frac{\beta V_{CC}}{NI_C}, \quad R_C = \frac{V_{CC} - V_C}{I_C}, \quad R_E = \frac{V_E}{I_C}$$

$$|A_v| = \frac{R_C}{r_e} = \frac{(V_{CC} - V_C)/I_C}{V_T/I_C} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_C}{V_T}$$