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## Experiment 1 BIASING A DIODE

### Materials Required

#### Components

- \* Potentiometer Linear  $2K\Omega$
- \* Resistor,  $100\Omega$ , 2W
- \* Silicon diode, IN 4148 or equivalent

#### Equipment

- \* 0 - 50V voltmeter d.c
- \* 0 - 10mA ammeter, d.c
- \* 0 - 100A ammeter, d.c
- \* Stabilized Power supply unit 0-60V

### PROCEDURE

#### (A) Forward Biasing

- (i) Set up the circuit shown in Fig. 1 for the silicon diode and switch on the power supply set at 5V.
- (ii) Turn the potentiometer R1 gradually so that the applied voltage, V (measured by the 0-5V voltmeter) varies gradually in steps of 0.1V, starting from zero volt and stopping at a maximum of 0.8V. Measure the corresponding current I for each value of applied voltage, and record your readings as shown in Table 1 below.
- (iii) Repeat steps (i) and (ii) for the germanium diode, except that the maximum applied voltage should not exceed 0.5V. Record your results as shown also in Table 1.
- (iv) Switch off the power supply

#### (B) Reverse biasing

- (v) Set up the circuit shown in Fig. 2 for the silicon diode.
- (vi) Switch on the power supply and set it to read 50V.
- (vii) Measure the current (using the 0-100mA ammeter) as you gradually turn the potentiometer R1 to produce varying reverse applied voltage

in steps of -2V, starting from zero volt to -10 volts and subsequently in steps of -5V up to -30V, as shown in Table 2.  
 (viii) Repeat steps (v) to (vii) for the germanium diode.

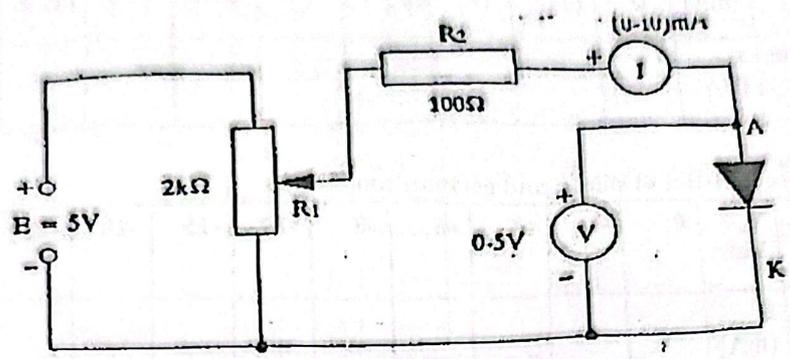


Fig. 1. Forward-biasing mode of the diode

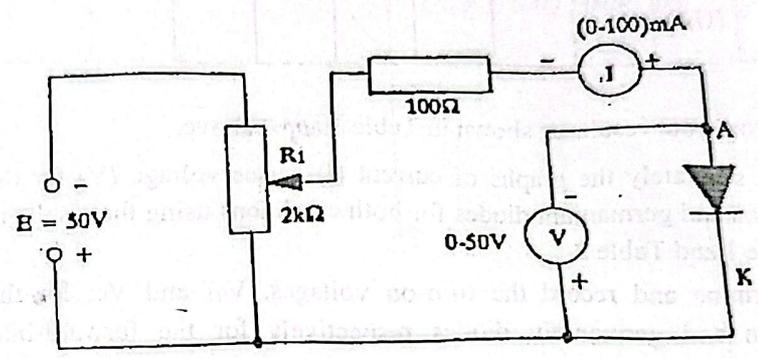


Fig. 2 Reverse-biasing mode of the diode

N.B. Only negative voltages and currents are implied in this step. The change in connection to the terminals of the micro-ammeter and voltmeter make the readings appear positive (see Table 2).

RESULT ANALYSIS

Table 1: Forward characteristics of silicon and germanium diodes

Type	V, Volts	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
			0.025	0.05	0.125	0.25			0.625	0.1
Silicon diode	I (mA)	0	0	0	0	0	4.5	9.9	11.4	0
Germanium diode	I (UA)									

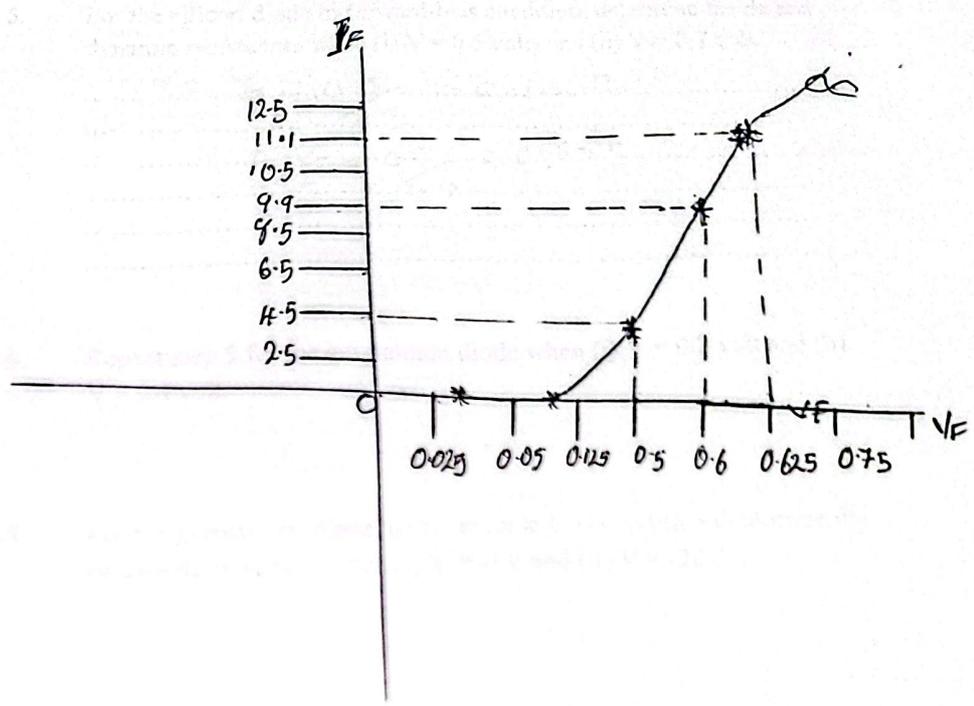
Table 2: Reverse characteristics of silicon and germanium diodes

Type	V, Volts	0	-2	-4	-6	-8	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30
Silicon diode	I (mA)										
Germanium diode	I (UA)										

- Record your results as shown in Table 1 and 2 above.
- Plot separately the graphs of current (I) versus voltage (V) for the silicon and germanium diodes for both conditions using the results in Table 1 and Table 2.
- Determine and record the turn-on voltages.  $V_{01}$  and  $V_{02}$  for the silicon and germanium diodes respectively for the forward-bias condition from the graphs obtained in step 2.
- Determine and record the saturation current ( $I_0$ ) and breakdown voltage  $V_B$  for both silicon and germanium diodes, (for the reverse-biased condition) from the graphs obtained in step 2.

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 5. For the silicon diode in forward-bias condition, determine the dc and dynamic resistances when (i)  $V = 0.5$  volts and (ii)  $V = 0.7$  volt.

$r_F = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{0.5}{4.5} = 0.111 \Omega$   
 $r_d = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{0.7}{11.4} = 0.061 \Omega$

6. Repeat step 5 for the germanium diode when (i)  $V = 0.2$  volt and (ii)  $V = 0.4$  volt.

7. For the germanium diode, under reverse-bias condition determine the reverse dc resistance when (i)  $V = -5V$  and (ii)  $V = -20V$

**QUESTIONS**

- (a) Do the static characteristic curves plotted in step 2 resemble in shape those shown in Fig. 1? Explain briefly the differences, if any.

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- (b) What difference do you notice in values between the dynamic resistances for a germanium diode under forward-bias and reverse-bias conditions?

Hint: In answering this question you may use your results in steps 6 and 7

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- (c) DO the turn-on voltages determined for silicon and germanium diode in step 3 agree with the expected results? Explain the differences, if any.

## Experiment 2 Zener Diode Characteristics

### Materials Required

#### Components

- \* (Linear) Potentiometer, 2 kilo ohms
- \* Resistor  $470\Omega$  (2W rated)
- \* Zener diode, BZY 488, 6.8V, 500mW at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

N.B. Any other zener diode of different breakdown voltage  $V_z$  may also be used.

#### Equipment

- \* Power supply, d.c., variable,.
- \* Electronic voltmeter.
- \* 0.10v, dc voltmeter
- \* 0-5, mA meter, d.c
- \* 0-10, mA meter, d.c.
- \* 0-30, mA meter, d.c (2Nos)
- \* 0-50, mA meter d.c
- \* Connection Leads or wires.

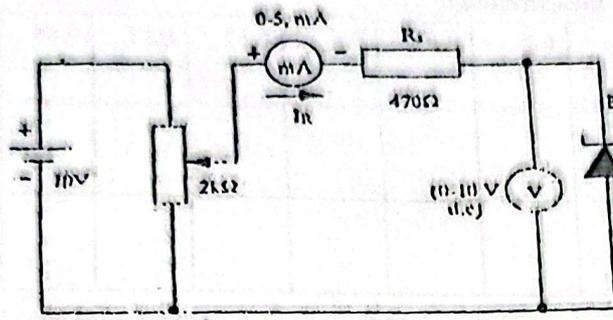


Fig. 3: Circuit showing zener diode in forward biasing condition.

### Procedure

#### (A) Forward bias

- (i) Connect the circuit of Fig. 3, keeping the power supply at 4V and the range of the voltmeter at 5V, max.
- (ii) Measure and record in Table 1, the forward current  $I_F$  in the diode at each level of applied voltage  $V_F$  shown in the table.
- (iii) Switch off the d.c power supply.

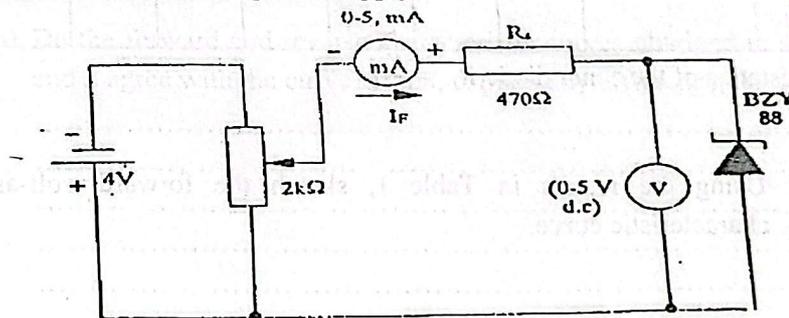


Fig. 4: Circuit showing zener diode in reverse-biasing condition.

#### Reverse bias

- (iv) Connect the circuit of Fig.4, keeping the power supply and those of the milliammetre, compared with the connection of Fig. 3.
- (v) Measure and record in Table 2, the reverse current  $I_R$  in the diode at each level of applied voltage  $V$  shown in the table.
- (vi) Meanwhile, switch off the d.c. power supply.

### RESULT ANALYSIS

Table 1: Forward bias measurements

$V_f$ (Volts)	0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.62	0.64	0.65	0.66	0.67
$I_f$ (mA)									
$R_f$ ohms									

N.B. Forward resistance,  $R_f = \frac{V_f}{I_f}$

Table 2: Reverse bias measurements

$V_r$ (Volts)	1	2	3	4	5	6	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.9
$I_r$ (mA)											
$R_r$ ohms											

N.B. Reverse resistance of the zener diode,  $R_r = \frac{V_r}{I_r}$

1. Using the results in Table 1, sketch the forward volt-ampere characteristic curve.

2. Using the results in table 1, sketch the reverse volt-ampere characteristic curve.

3. Determine from the reverse characteristic curve obtained in step 2 above, approximate the values of the following parameters:  $I_o$ ,  $V_{zmin}$ ,  $I_{zM}$  and  $I_{zT}$ .

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**QUESTIONS**

- (a) Do the forward and reverse characteristic curves obtained in steps 1 and 2 agree with the curve? If not, explain any difference(s)?

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- (b) Explain the reason for the changing values of  $R_F$  and  $R_z$  obtained from Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

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- (c) Given that the power and voltage ratings of the zener diode BZY 88 are  $P = 500\text{mW}$  and  $V_z = 6.8\text{V}$  respectively, determine the maximum permissible current through the diode.

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### Experiment 3

#### ZENER DIODE AS A VOLTAGE REGULATOR

##### Material Required

- \* Linear potentiometer,  $2\text{k}\Omega$
- \* Resistor,  $1\text{k}\Omega$  (1w), (2Nos)
- \* Resistor,  $100\Omega$  (2w)
- \* Zener diode BZY 88,  $6.8\text{V}$ ,  $500\text{mW}$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  or any other type, preferably with  $V_z < 10\text{v}$ .
  - Power supply, dc, variable unit.
  - Electronic voltmeter: (0-10)V dc voltmeter
  - (0-20)mA (dc) meter
  - (0-30) mA (dc) meters (2 Nos)

##### PROCEDURE

###### (A) Fixed $V_i$ Variable $R_L$

- (i) Connect the circuit of Fig. 1 with  $V_i = 20\text{V}$  fixed and load,  $R_L = 1\text{k}\Omega$  connected (by linking A to X).
- (ii) Measure  $I_z$ ,  $I_L$  and  $V_L$ , record as specified in Table 1.
- (iii) Disconnect the  $1\text{k}\Omega$  - load resistor and replace with  $R_L = 470\Omega$ . Repeat step (ii)
- (iv) Disconnect the  $470\Omega$  - load resistor and replace with  $R_L = 100\Omega$ . Repeat step (ii).

NB: Use (0-50) mA meter to measure  $I_L$  in this case.

- (v) Meanwhile, switch off the dc power supply. Do not disconnect the whole circuit of Fig. 1. Replace only the (0-50) mA meter with the (0-10) mA meter.

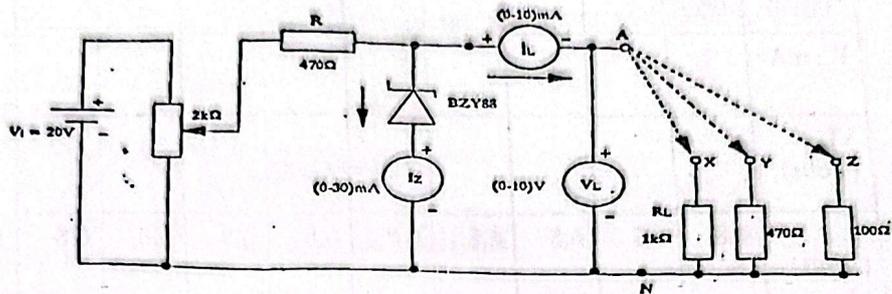


Fig. 1: Voltage regulator circuit using zener diode.

(B) Fixed  $R_L$  Variable  $V_i$

- (i) Connect the same circuit shown in Fig. 1 with  $R_L = 1k\Omega$
- (ii) set the dc power supply initially to  $V_i = 10v$
- (iii) Measure and record  $I_z$ ,  $I_L$  and  $V_z$  as specified in Table 2
- (iv) Slowly increase  $V_i$  in steps of 1V until  $V_i = 20v$ , and repeat step (iii).

Table 1: Zener diode regulator with different loads. Fixed  $V_i = 20v$ , variable  $R_L$ .

	$R_L = 1k\Omega$	$R_L = 470\Omega$	$R_L = 100\Omega$
$I_L$ , mA			
$I_z$ , mA			
$I_i = (I_L + I_z)$ mA			
$V_L$ (Volts)			
$V_z$ (Volts)	6.8	6.8	6.8
$V_i$ (Volts)	20	20	20

N.B. If the Zener diode BZY 88 is not used in this experiment, then write down the voltage rating of the zener diode you used ( instead of the 6.8V).

Table 2: Zener - regulator with  $V_i$  variable, fixed  $R_L = 1k\Omega$ , variable  $V_i$ .

$V_i$ (Volts)	10	11	12	1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
$I_z$ , mA											
$I_L$ , mA											
$V_L$ , (Volts)											
$V_z$ , (Volts)	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8

**QUESTIONS**

- (a) Using Equation 3, determine the minimum value of load resistance  $R_L$ , min suitable for this experiment if  $V_i = 20V$ ,  $V_z = 6.8v$  and  $R = 470\Omega$ .
- (b) How would you use your result in (i) to justify why  $V_i = 6.8v$  when the  $100\Omega$  - load was used (as recorded in Table 10.1)?
- (c) Determine from Table 2 the range of values of  $V_i$  for which  $V_L$  differs from  $V_z$  by  $0.1v$ .
- (d) (i) Determine from Table 2 the least in the value of  $V_i$  when  $V_L$  begins to be equal to  $V_z$ . Regard this value of  $V_i$  as  $V_{i,min}$  (as illustrated in Fig. 3)? If yes, why?

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- (i) Is it possible to determine  $V_{i,max}$  in this experiment? If not, why?

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- (e) Given that the manufacturer's specification of the Zener diode (BZY 88) used in this experiment are as follows:  $P = 500\text{mW}$  and  $V_x = 6.8\text{V}$ , determine the maximum permissible current through the diode.

## Experiment 4

### Transistor characteristics

#### Materials Required

##### Components

- \* Linear potentiometer, 1 Megaohm
- \* Linear potentiometer, 25-kilo ohm
- \* Linear potentiometer, 500ohm
- \* PNP transistor, type OC71 or other suitable PNP silicon PNP transistor e.g can be used.

##### Equipment

- \* Stabilized d.c power supply (0-60v)
- \* (0-10)v d.c voltmeter
- \* (0-10)mA d.c ammeter (2Nos)
- \* Digital voltmeter
- \* Connection leads

#### Procedure

(A) Output characteristics ( $I_c$  versus  $V_{CB}$  for  $I_E = \text{constant}$ .)

- (i) Connect the circuit of Fig.3 and turn R1 and R2 appropriately to set and keep  $I_E = 2\text{mA}$  initially.



(ix) Repeat step (viii) for  $V_{CB} = -8V$ .

### RESULT ANALYSIS

Table 1 Measurements on output characteristics.

$I_E$ (mA)	2	4	6	8	10
$V_{CB}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)				
-0					
-1					
-2					
-3					
-4					
-5					
-6					
-7					
-8					
-9					
-10					

Table 2 Measurements on input characteristic.

	$I_E$ , mA	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$V_{CB} = V_{EB}, 0V$	V											
$V_{CB} = V_{EB}, -4V$	V											

Table 3 Measurements on transfer characteristics.

	$I_E$ , mA	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$V_{CB} = 0V$	$I_C$ , mA											
$V_{CB} = -8V$	$I_C$ , mA											

1. Using the results in Table 1 plot the output characteristic curve.

2. Using the results in Table 2 plot the input characteristic curves
3. Using the results in table 3 plot the transfer characteristic curves
4. Determine the output impedance  $R_o$  of the transistor in CB configuration for  $I_E = 4\text{mA}$ , and  $I_E = 8\text{mA}$ , using your plot in step 1.

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5. Using your plot in step 2, determine the input impedance  $R_i$  for  $V_{CB} = -4\text{V}$ , when  $I_C = 5\text{mA}$

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6. Using your plot in step 3, determine the current gain  $h_{FB}$  for  $V_{CB} = 0\text{v}$ .

**QUESTIONS**

- (a) Do your plots in steps 1 – 3 agree with the theoretical sketches? Explain briefly the difference(s), if any.

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### Experiment 5

## STATIC CHARACTERISTICS OF A NPN TRANSISTOR IN COMMONEMITTER CONFIGURATION

### OBJECTIVE

To investigate the output, input and current gain static characteristics of a NPN transistor in common-emitter (CE) configuration.

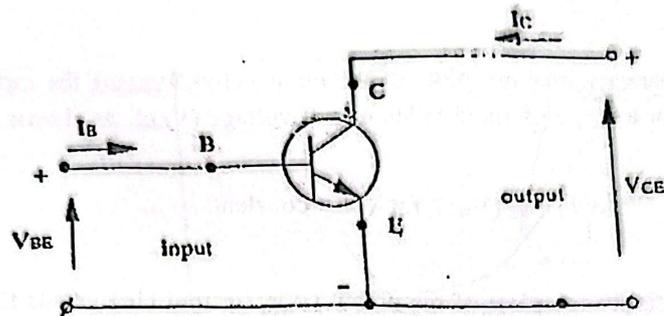


Fig. 1: Symbol of an NPN transistor in CE configuration

As expected of all bipolar junction transistor circuits in CE configuration the (base-emitter) side is forward-biased and the output (collector-emitter) side is reverse-biased. In particular for the NPN transistor in common-emitter connection (in the active region) the base-emitter junction is forward-biased, while the collector junction is reverse biased as shown in Fig.2.

For the transistor in common-emitter configuration, we note that: output (collector) characteristics are plots of the output current ( $I_C$ ) versus output voltage ( $V_{CE}$ ) for a range of fixed values of input current ( $I_B$ ) as shown in Fig. 3(a).

$$\text{i.e } I_C = f_1(V_{CE}), \text{ for constant values of } I_B$$

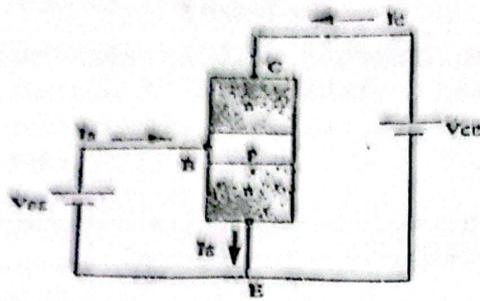


Fig. 2: Notation of an NPN transistor in CE

Input (Base) characteristics are plots of the input current versus the input voltage ( $V_{BE}$ ) for a range of fixed value output voltage ( $V_{CE}$ ), as shown in Fig. 3(b).

$$\text{i.e } I_B = f_2(V_{BE}), \text{ for } V_{CE} = \text{constant}$$

Transfer characteristics are plots of the output collector current ( $I_C$ ) versus the input base current ( $I_B$ ) for a range of fixed constant values of output voltage ( $V_{CE}$ ), as shown in Fig. 3(c)

$$\text{i.e } I_C = f_3(I_B), \text{ for } V_{CE} = \text{constant}$$

The output impedance  $R_o$  for any fixed  $I_B = \text{constant}$  can be determined as

$$R_o = \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{\Delta I_B} \text{ for } I_B = I_{B4} = \text{constant}$$

From the transfer characteristic graph, for a fixed  $V_{CE}$  (say,  $V_{CE} = 4V$ ) the current gain,  $\beta$  can be determined as the slope of the line,

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_B} \text{ for a given value of } I_C(\text{for example, when } I_C = 4mA)$$

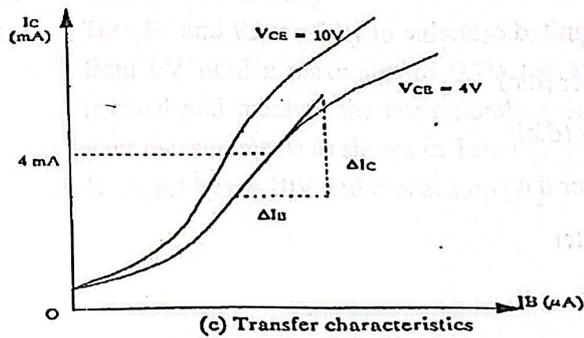
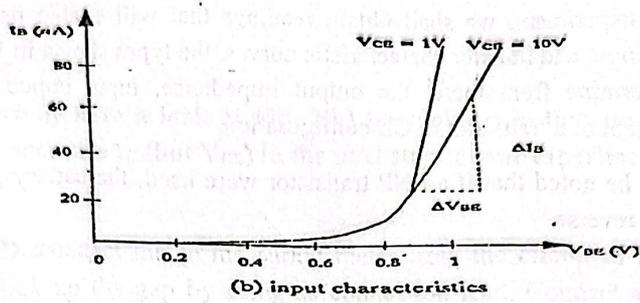
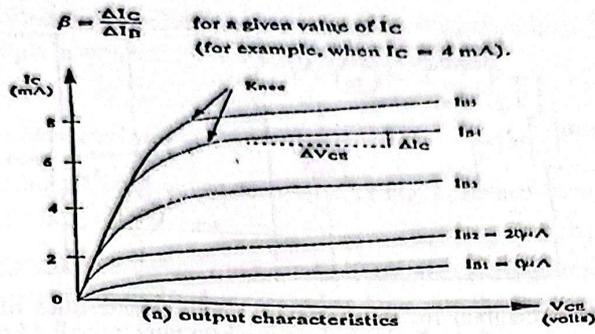


Fig.3: Characteristic curves of an NPN transistor in the CE configuration:

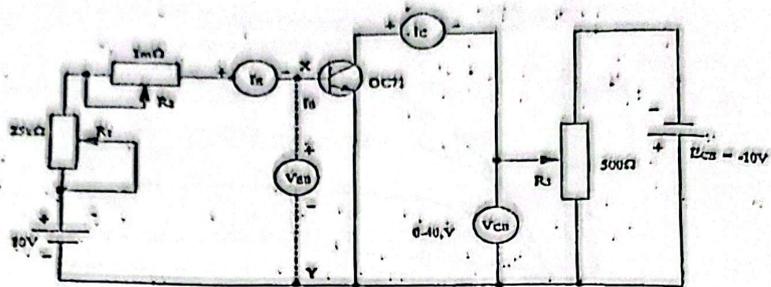


Fig. 4 Circuit diagram for investigating static characteristics of an NPN transistor in CE

In this experiment, we shall obtain readings that will enable us plot the output, input and transfer characteristic curves, the types shown in Fig. 13.3, and determine from there, the output impedance, input impedance and current gain of a transistor in CE configuration.

It should be noted that if a PNP transistor were used, the battery polarities would be reverse.

## MATERIALS REQUIRED

### Equipment

- \* Power supply unit, d.c.variable
- \* 0-100,  $\mu\text{A}$ , meter (d.c)
- \* 0-30, mA meter (d.c)
- \* 0-30, V voltmeter d.c
- \* 0-5V, dc voltmeter
- \* Connection leads

## PROCEDURE

### Output Characteristics

- (i) Connect the circuit of Fig. 4, and turn  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  appropriately to set  $I_B = 0 \mu\text{A}$  initially.
- (ii) Next, turn  $R_3$  to increase  $V_{ce}$  in steps of 1V, starting from 0V until a maximum of 10V is reached, and measure the corresponding  $I_c$  in each case. Record your readings as shown in Table 1.

- (iii) Follow the procedure in step (i) and set  $I_B = 20\mu A, 40\mu A, 60\mu A$  and  $80\mu A$  in turn, and for each fixed  $I_B$  repeat step (ii).

**Transfer characteristics**

- (iv) Using the same circuit connection of Fig. 4, set and keep  $V_{CE} = 2V$  initially.
- (v) Vary  $I_B$  continuously in steps of  $20\mu A$ , after starting from  $0\mu A$  until a maximum of  $80\mu A$  is reached and measure the corresponding  $I_C$  in mA). Record your readings as shown in Table 2.
- (vi) Next, set  $V_{CE} = 8V$  and repeat step (v).

**Input Characteristics**

N.B. Briefly have a look at Fig. 3(b) to remind you that we wouldn't need to measure  $I_C$  (but  $V_{CE}$ ) in the next stage of our experiment.

- (vii) Disconnect the  $I_C$  measuring meter from the circuit of Fig. 4, and link up the gap by using a connection lead. Connect a 0-5, V dc voltmeter between terminals X and Y to measure ( $V_{BE}$ ).
- (viii) Set  $V_{CE} = 1V$  initially
- (ix) Turn  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  carefully to vary  $V_{BE}$  in steps of  $0.1V$  starting from  $0V$  until a maximum of  $0.7V$  (or  $1V$ , if possible) is reached and measure the corresponding value of  $I_B$ . record your measurements as shown in Table 3.
- (x) Next, set  $V_{CE} = 10V$  and repeat step (ix)

**RESULT ANALYSIS**

Table 1: Measurement on output characteristics.

$I_B, (\mu A)$	0	20	40	60	80
$V_{CE}, (V)$					
0					

1						
2						
3						
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Table 2: Measurements on Transfer characteristics

	$I_B, \mu A$	0	20	40	60	80
$V_{CE} = 2V$	$I_C, mA$					
$V_{CE} = 10V$						

Table 3: Measurements on input characteristics

	$V_{be}$	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
$V_{CE} = 1$	$I_B (\mu A)$									
$V_{CE} = 10$	$I_B (\mu A)$									

**Result Analysis**

- Using the results in table 1, plot the output characteristic curves.
- Using the results in Table 2, plot the transfer characteristics curves
- Using the results in Table 3, plot the input characteristic curves
- Determine the output impedance  $R_o$  of the transistor in CE for  $I_B = 20\mu A$  and  $I_B = 80\mu A$ , using your plot in step 1 (N.B. see Fig. 3(a) for a hint on how to determine  $R_o$ )

5. Using your plot in step 2, determine the current gain for  $V_{CE} = 1V$ , when  $I_C = 5mA$
6. Use your plot in step 3 to determine the input impedance  $R_i$  for  $V_{CE} = 2V$ , when  $I_B = 20\mu A$ .

### QUESTIONS

- (a) Do your characteristic curves in steps 1 – 3 agree with the sketches shown in Fig. 3? Explain briefly the differences you notice, if any.
- (b) Explain briefly how the transistor characteristic curve in Fig. 3(c) could be obtained by using the output characteristic curves of Fig. 3(a) for a fixed value of  $V_{CE}$ .
- (c) Compute the value of  $\beta$  from one end of the curve to the other?
- (d) Explain briefly what change(s) you would expect in the circuit of Fig. 4 if a PNP transistor were used?
- (e) Using the characteristic curves in steps 1 and 3, find the value of  $I_C$  corresponding to  $V_{BE} = +600mV$  and  $V_{CE} = +5V$ .