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## Lab Session 01

### OBJECTIVES

To investigate the Inverting Amplifier i.e.

To determine the phase shift between the input and output signals.

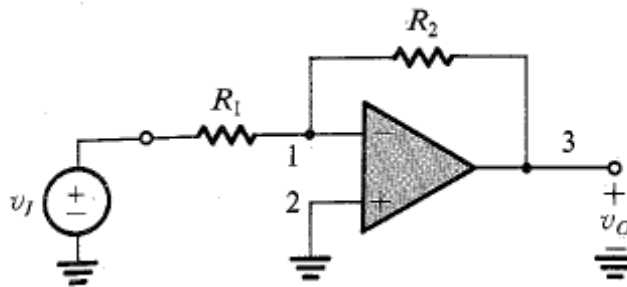
To measure the frequency response of an op amp and demonstrate the effect of negative feedback

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Protoboard  
741 Opamps  
Resistors  
Digital Multimeter  
Function Generator  
Oscilloscope

### Theory:

Figure shows the inverting configuration. It consists of one opamp & two resistors  $R_1$  &  $R_2$ .  $R_2$  is connected from output terminal back to inverting or inverting input terminal. If  $R_2/R_1 = 10$ , & we apply the sine wave input of 1V pk-pk, output will be a sine wave of 10V pk-pk, & phase shifted  $180^\circ$



### Observations:

S.No	Frequency	Input (p-p)	Output (p-p)	Gain
1 1k				
2				
3				
4				
5 10k				
6				
7				
8				
9 100k				
10				
11				
12				

### Calculations:

Calculated Gain:

$$G=V_o/V_i=-(R_2/R_1)$$

## Lab Session 02

### OBJECTIVES

To investigate the Weighted Summer Operation

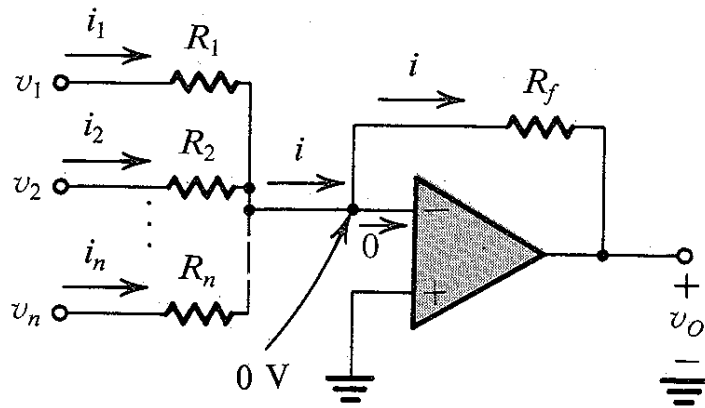
### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Protoboard  
741 Opamps  
Resistors  
Digital Multimeter  
Function Generator  
Oscilloscope

### THEORY:

Figure shows that there are number of input signals,  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  each applied to a corresponding resistor  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$ , which are connected to inverting terminal of Opamp

Output is the weighted sum of the input signals  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$ . Each summing coefficient may be independently adjusted using  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$



$$v_o = - \left( \frac{R_f}{R_1} v_1 + \frac{R_f}{R_2} v_2 + \dots + \frac{R_f}{R_n} v_n \right)$$

OBSERVATIONS:

S. No	INPUT SIGNALS		OUTPUT p-p	Gain
	V1 (p-p)	V2 (p-p)		
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

CALCULATIONS:

Calculated Gain:

## Lab Session 03

### OBJECTIVES

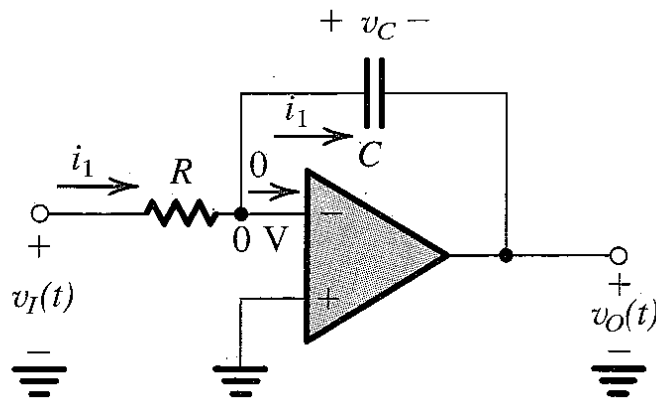
To investigate the Operation of Inverting Integrator

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Protoboard  
741 Opamps  
Resistors, Capacitors  
Digital Multimeter  
Function Generator  
Oscilloscope

### THEORY:

By placing the capacitor in the feedback path, and resistor at the input realizes the mathematical operation of integration.





### OBSERVATIONS:

S. No	Frequency	Input (p-p)	Output (p-p)	Gain
1 1k				
2				
3				
4				
5 10k				
6				
7				
8				
9 100k				
10				
11				
12				

### CALCULATIONS:

The integrating frequency according to the values of C & R is:

## Lab Session 04

### OBJECTIVES

To investigate the Operation of BJT Current Mirror.

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Protoboard  
Q2N2222 BJT npn transistors  
Resistors, Capacitors  
Digital Multimeter  
Function Generator  
Oscilloscope  
Connecting wires

### THEORY:

The basic BJT Current Mirror is shown in figure. Neglecting base current, the reference current  $I_{REF}$  is passes through the diode connected transistor  $Q_1$ , & thus produces corresponding voltage  $V_{be}$ , which in turn is applied between base & emitter of  $Q_2$ . If  $Q_2$  is matched to  $Q_1$ , then the collector current of  $Q_1$  is equal to that of  $Q_1$

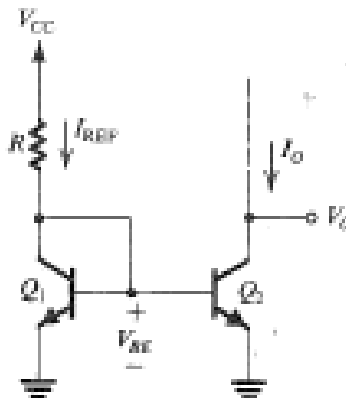


FIGURE 1

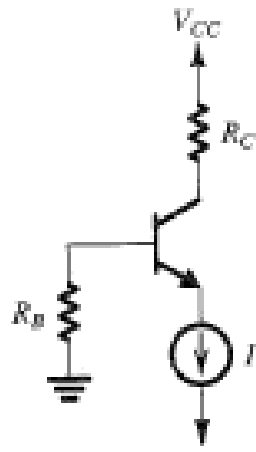


FIGURE 2

PROCEDURE:

- Implement the circuit given in figure 2, using current source in figure 1.
- Vary the potentiometer and observe changes in  $I_{ref}$  and  $I_o$

OBSERVATIONS:

S. No	$I_{ref}$	$I_o$
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

CALCULATIONS:

## Lab Session 05

### OBJECTIVES

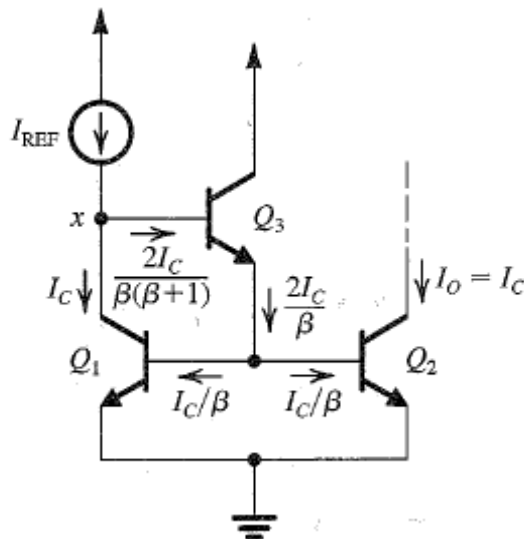
To illustrate the operation of current source implemented using BJT, with Base-Current Compensation.

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Protoboard  
Q2N2222 BJT npn transistors  
Resistors, Capacitors  
Digital Multimeter  
Function Generator  
Oscilloscope  
Connecting wires

### THEORY:

Figure shows a bipolar current mirror with a current transfer ratio that is much less dependent on  $\beta$  than that of simple current mirror. The reduced dependence is achieved by using transistor Q3



## PROCEDURE:

- Implement the circuit in figure 2 of previous lab session using above current source, using potentiometer in place of  $I_{ref}$
- Vary potentiometer & observe readings for  $I_{ref}$  &  $I_o$

## OBSERVATIONS:

S. No	$I_{ref}$	$I_o$
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

## CALCULATIONS:

## Lab Session 06

### OBJECTIVES

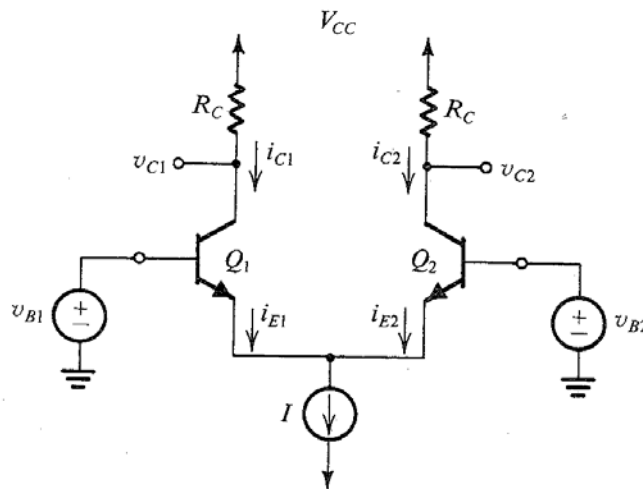
To illustrate the operation of BJT Differential Pair  
As a Switch  
As an Amplifier

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Protoboard  
Q2N2222 BJT npn transistors  
Resistors, Capacitors  
Digital Multimeter  
Function Generator  
Oscilloscope  
Connecting wires

### THEORY:

It consists of two matched transistors,  $Q_1$  &  $Q_2$ , whose emitters are joined together and biased by constant current source  $I$ . It is essential that, collector circuits be such that  $Q_1$  &  $Q_2$  never enter saturation.



OBSERVATIONS:

S.NO	V <sub>B1</sub>	V <sub>B2</sub>	V <sub>B1</sub> -V <sub>B2</sub>	V <sub>c1</sub>	V <sub>c2</sub>	V <sub>c1</sub> -V <sub>c2</sub>			
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									

RESULTS:

## Lab Session 07

### OBJECTIVES

To illustrate the operation of Wilson MOS Mirror

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Protoboard  
MOSFET  
Resistors, Capacitors  
Digital Multimeter  
Function Generator  
Oscilloscope  
Connecting wires

### THEORY:

Figure 1 shows the Wilson MOS Mirror. Advantage of MOS Wilson lies in its enhanced output resistance. To balance the two branches of the mirror, and to avoid systematic current error resulting from the difference between  $Q_1$  &  $Q_2$ , other two transistors  $Q_3$  &  $Q_4$  connected.

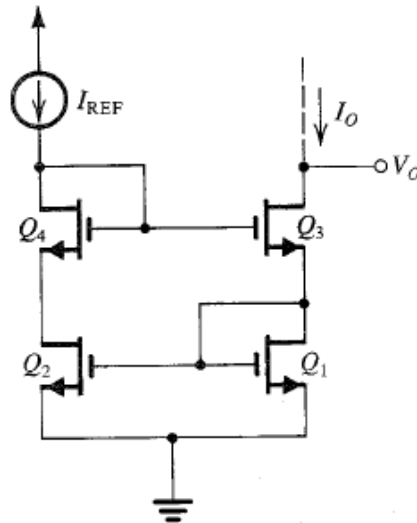
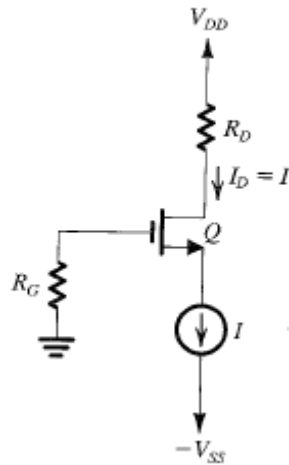


FIGURE 1





**PROCEDURE:**

- Implement the circuit in figure 2 using MOS Wilson current Mirror as that in figure 1, using potentiometer in place of  $I_{ref}$
- Vary potentiometer & observe readings for  $I_{ref}$  &  $I_o$

**OBSERVATIONS:**

S. No	$I_{ref}$	$I_o$
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

**CALCULATIONS:**

## Lab Session 08

### OBJECTIVES

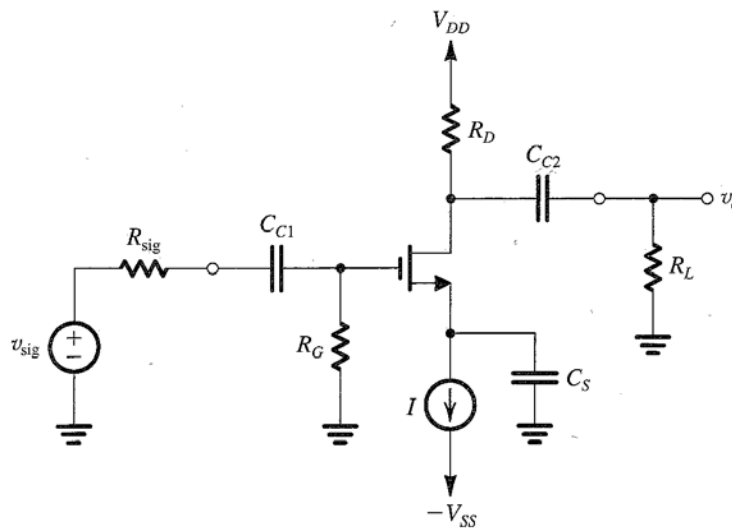
To illustrate the operation of Common Source Amplifier and also determine phase shift between input and output.

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Protoboard  
Q2N2222 BJT npn transistors  
Resistors, Capacitors  
Digital Multimeter  
Function Generator  
Oscilloscope  
Connecting wires

### THEORY:

A Common Source Amplifier or Grounded Source Configuration is shown in figure. To establish a signal ground, or ac ground, a large capacitor is connected between source & ground. The signal current bypasses the output resistance of the current source & is called a bypass Capacitor.  $C_{C1}$  is known as Coupling Capacitor, & acts as a perfect short circuit at all signal frequencies of interest.



### OBSERVATIONS:

S.No	Frequency	Input (p-p)	Output (p-p)	Gain
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				

### CALCULATIONS:

Calculated Gain:

## Lab Session 09

### OBJECTIVES

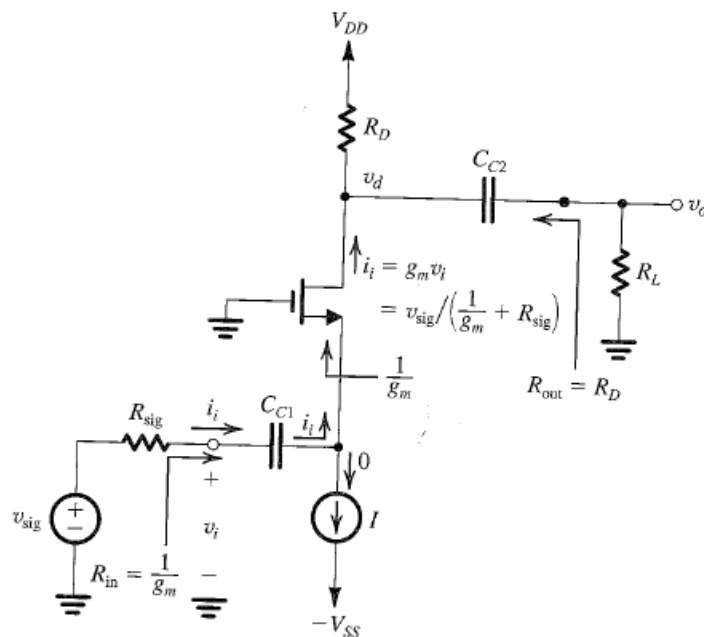
To illustrate the operation of Common Gate Amplifier.

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Protoboard  
MOSFET  
Resistors, Capacitors  
Digital Multimeter  
Function Generator  
Oscilloscope  
Connecting wires

### THEORY:

By establishing a signal ground on the MOSFET gate terminal, a circuit configuration called Common Gate is obtained. The input is applied to the source and output is taken at the drain terminal, with gate being the common terminal between input & output ports.



### OBSERVATIONS:

S.No	Frequency	Input (p-p)	Output (p-p)	Gain
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2				
3				
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10				
11				
12				

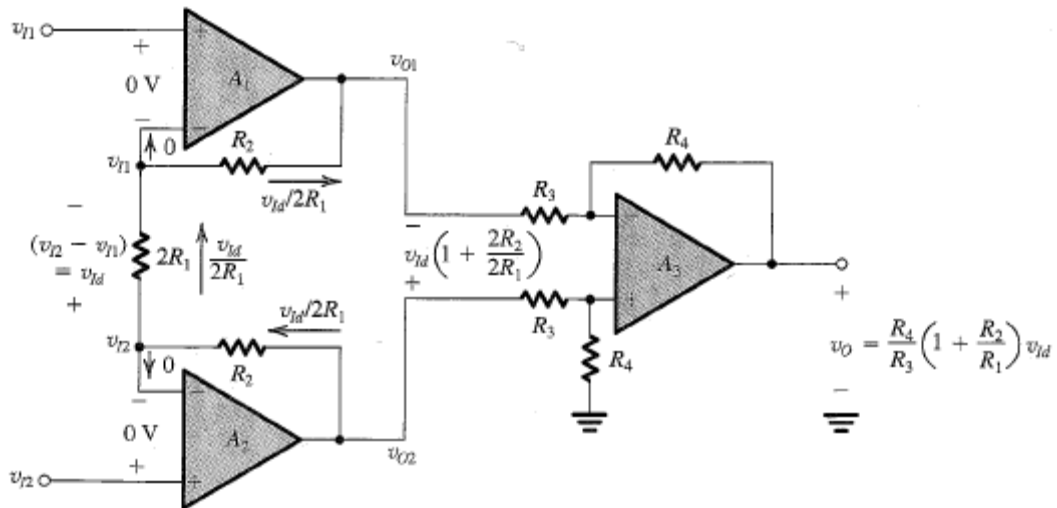
### CALCULATIONS:

Calculated Gain:

## Lab Session 10

### PROJECT # 1

To illustrate the operation of Instrumentation Amplifier

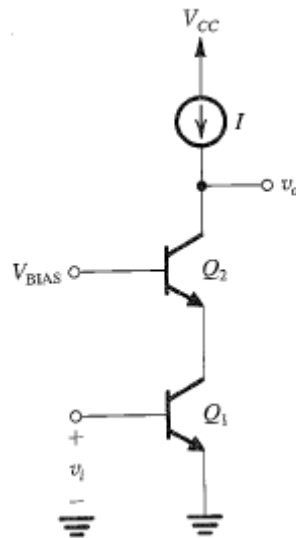


## Lab Session 11

### PROJECT # 2

To illustrate the operation of BJT Cascode Configuration and thus find:

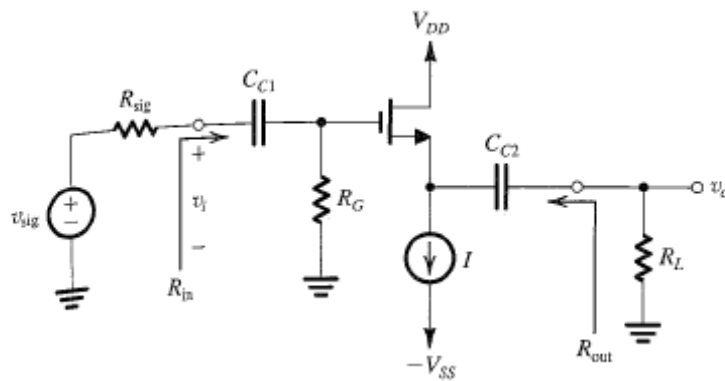
1. Gain
2. Frequency Response



## Lab Session 12

### PROJECT # 3

To illustrate the operation of Common Drain Amplifier





## Lab Session 13

### OBJECTIVES:

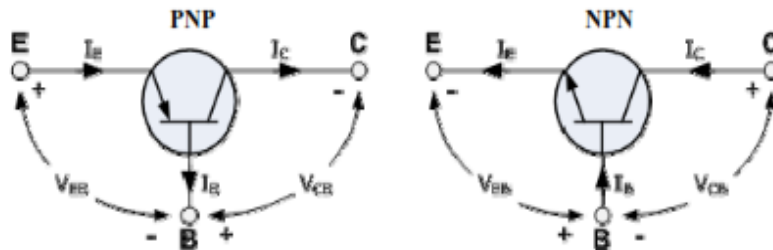
- (i) To study the input and output characteristics of a PNP transistor in Common Base mode and determine transistor parameters.
- (ii) To study the input and output characteristics of an NPN transistor in Common Emitter mode and determine transistor parameters.

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

(i) Transistors (2 Nos: 1 PNP (CK 100 or equivalent) and 1 NPN (BC 107 or equivalent)), (ii) Resistors (4 Nos.) (iii) Multimeters (3 Nos.), (iv) D.C. power supply, (v) Connecting wires and (vi) Breadboard.

### BASIC THEORY:

A **Bipolar Junction Transistor** or **BJT** is a three terminal device having two PN- junctions connected together in series. Each terminal is given a name to identify it and these are known as the Emitter (E), Base (B) and Collector (C). There are two basic types of bipolar transistor construction, NPN and PNP, which basically describes the physical arrangement of the P-type and N-type semiconductor materials from which they are made. Bipolar Transistors are "CURRENT" Amplifying or current regulating devices that control the amount of current flowing through them in proportion to the amount of biasing current applied to their base terminal. The principle of operation of the two transistors types NPN and PNP, is exactly the same the only difference being in the biasing (base current) and the polarity of the power supply for each type.



The symbols for both the NPN and PNP bipolar transistor are shown above along with the direction of conventional current flow. The direction of the arrow in the symbol shows current flow between the base and emitter terminal, pointing from the positive P-type region to the negative N-type region, exactly the same as for the standard diode symbol. For normal operation, the emitter-base junction is forward-biased and the collector-base junction is reverse-biased.

### **Transistor Configurations:**

There are three possible configurations possible when a transistor is connected in a circuit: (a) Common base, (b) Common emitter (c) Common collector. We will be focusing on the first two configurations in this experiment. The behavior of a transistor can be represented by d.c. current-voltage (I-V) curves, called the static characteristic curves of the device. The three important characteristics of a transistor are: (i) Input characteristics, (ii) Output characteristics and (iii) Transfer Characteristics. These characteristics give information about various transistor parameters, e.g. input and out dynamic resistance, current amplification factors, etc.

## Common Base Transistor Characteristics

In common base configuration, the base is made common to both input and output as shown in its circuit diagram.

**(1) Input Characteristics:** The input characteristics is obtained by plotting a curve between  $I_E$  and  $V_{EB}$  keeping voltage  $V_{CB}$  constant. This is very similar to that of a forward-biased diode and the slope of the plot at a given operating point gives information about its input dynamic resistance.

**Input Dynamic Resistance ( $r_i$ ):** This is defined as the ratio of change in base emitter voltage ( $\Delta V_{EB}$ ) to the resulting change in base current ( $\Delta I_E$ ) at constant collector-emitter voltage ( $V_{CB}$ ). This is dynamic as its value varies with the operating current in the transistor.

$$r_i = \left. \frac{\Delta V_{EB}}{\Delta I_E} \right|_{V_{CB}}$$

**(2) Output Characteristics:** The output characteristic curves are plotted between  $I_C$  and  $V_{CB}$ , keeping  $I_E$  constant. The output characteristics are controlled by the input characteristics. Since  $I_C$  changes with  $I_E$ , there will be different output characteristics corresponding to different values of  $I_E$ . These curves are almost horizontal. This shows that the output dynamic resistance, defined below, is very high.

**Output Dynamic Resistance ( $r_o$ ):** This is defined as the ratio of change in collector-emitter voltage ( $\Delta V_{CB}$ ) to the change in collector current ( $\Delta I_C$ ) at a constant base current  $I_E$ .

$$r_o = \left. \frac{\Delta V_{CB}}{\Delta I_C} \right|_{I_E}$$

**(3) Transfer Characteristics:** The transfer characteristics are plotted between the input and output currents ( $I_E$  versus  $I_C$ ).

**Current amplification factor ( $\alpha$ ):** This is defined as the ratio of the change in collector current to the change in emitter current at a constant collector-base voltage ( $V_{CB}$ ) when the transistor is in active state.

$$\alpha_{ac} = \left. \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_E} \right|_{V_{CB}}$$

This is also known as small signal current gain and its value is very large. The ratio of  $I_C$  and  $I_E$  is called  $\alpha_{dc}$  of the transistor. Hence,

$$\alpha_{dc} = \left. \frac{I_C}{I_E} \right|_{V_{CB}}$$

Since  $I_C$  increases with  $I_E$  almost linearly, the values of both  $\alpha_{dc}$  and  $\alpha_{ac}$  are nearly equal.

## Common Emitter Transistor Characteristics

In a common emitter configuration, emitter is common to both input and output as shown in its circuit diagram.

**(1) Input Characteristics:** The variation of the base current  $I_B$  with the base-emitter voltage  $V_{BE}$  keeping the collector-emitter voltage  $V_{CE}$  fixed, gives the input characteristic in CE mode.

**Input Dynamic Resistance ( $r_i$ ):** This is defined as the ratio of change in base emitter voltage ( $\Delta V_{BE}$ ) to the resulting change in base current ( $\Delta I_B$ ) at constant collector-emitter voltage ( $V_{CE}$ ). This is dynamic and it can be seen from the input characteristic, its value varies with the operating current in the transistor:

$$r_i = \left. \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{\Delta I_B} \right|_{V_{CE}}$$

The value of  $r_i$  can be anything from a few hundreds to a few thousand ohms.

**(2) Output Characteristics:** The variation of the collector current  $I_C$  with the collector emitter voltage  $V_{CE}$  is called the output characteristic. The plot of  $I_C$  versus  $V_{CE}$  for different fixed values of  $I_B$  gives one output characteristic. Since the collector current changes with the base current, there will be different output characteristics corresponding to different values of  $I_B$ .

**Output Dynamic Resistance ( $r_o$ ):** This is defined as the ratio of change in collector emitter voltage ( $\Delta V_{CE}$ ) to the change in collector current ( $\Delta I_C$ ) at a constant base current  $I_B$ .

$$r_o = \left. \frac{\Delta V_{CE}}{\Delta I_C} \right|_{I_B}$$

The high magnitude of the output resistance (of the order of 100 kW) is due to the reverse-biased state of this diode.

**(3) Transfer Characteristics:** The transfer characteristics are plotted between the input and output currents ( $I_B$  versus  $I_C$ ). Both  $I_B$  and  $I_C$  increase proportionately.

**Current amplification factor ( $\beta$ ):** This is defined as the ratio of the change in collector current to the change in base current at a constant collector-emitter voltage ( $V_{CE}$ ) when the transistor is in active state.

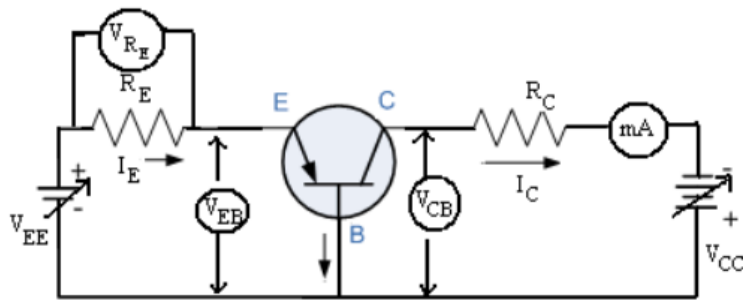
$$\beta_{ac} = \left. \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_B} \right|_{V_{CE}}$$

This is also known as small signal current gain and its value is very large. The ratio of  $I_C$  and  $I_B$  we get what is called  $\beta_{dc}$  of the transistor. Hence,

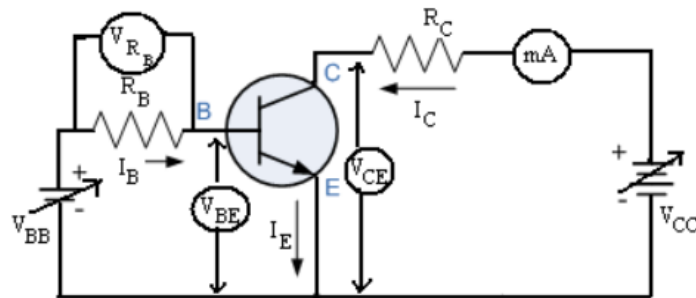
$$\beta_{dc} = \left. \frac{I_C}{I_B} \right|_{V_{CE}}$$

Since  $I_C$  increases with  $I_B$  almost linearly, the values of both  $\beta_{dc}$  and  $\beta_{ac}$  are nearly equal.

## Circuit Diagrams:



**PNP transistor in CB configuration**



**NPN transistor in CE configuration**

## **PROCEDURE:**

1. Note down the type number of both the transistors.
2. Identify different terminals (E, B and C) and the type (PNP/NPN) of the transistors. For any specific information refer the datasheet of the transistors.

### **(I) PNP Common Base (CB) characteristics**

1. Configure CB circuit using the PNP transistor as per the circuit diagram. Use  $R_E = R_C = 150 \Omega$ .
2. For input characteristics, first fix the voltage  $V_{CB}$  by adjusting  $V_{CC}$  to the minimum possible position. Now vary the voltage  $V_{EB}$  slowly (say, in steps of 0.05V) by varying  $V_{EE}$ . Measure  $V_{EB}$  using a multimeter. If  $V_{CB}$  varies during measurement bring it back to the initial set value. To determine  $I_E$ , measure  $V_{RE}$  across the resistor and use the relation  $I_E = V_{RE}/R_E$ .
3. Repeat the above step for another value of  $V_{CB}$  say, 2V.
4. Take out the multimeter measuring  $V_{EB}$  and connect in series with the output circuit to measure  $I_C$ . For output characteristics, first fix  $I_E = 0$ , i.e.  $V_{RE} = 0$ . By adjusting  $V_{CC}$ , vary the collector voltage  $V_{CB}$  in steps of say 1V and measure  $V_{CB}$  and the corresponding  $I_C$  using multimeters. After acquiring sufficient readings, bring back  $V_{CB}$  to 0 and reduce it further to get negative values. Vary  $V_{CB}$  in negative direction and measure both  $V_{CB}$  and  $I_C$ , till you get 0 current.
5. Repeat the above step for at least 5 different values of  $I_E$  by adjusting  $V_{EE}$ . You may need to adjust  $V_{EE}$  continuously during measurement in order to maintain a constant  $I_E$ .

- Plot the input and output characteristics by using the readings taken above and determine the input and output dynamic resistance.
- To plot transfer characteristics, select a suitable voltage  $V_{CB}$  well within the active region of the output characteristics, which you have tabulated already. Plot a graph between  $I_C$  and the corresponding  $I_E$  at the chosen voltage  $V_{CB}$ . Determine  $\alpha_{ac}$  from the slope of this graph.

## (II) NPN Common Emitter (CE) characteristics

- Now configure CE circuit using the NPN transistor as per the circuit diagram. Use  $R_B = 100k\Omega$  and  $R_C = 1k\Omega$ .
- For input characteristics, first fix the voltage  $V_{CE}$  by adjusting  $V_{CC}$  to the minimum possible position. Now vary the voltage  $V_{BE}$  slowly (say, in steps of  $0.05V$ ) by varying  $V_{BB}$ . Measure  $V_{BE}$  using a multimeter. If  $V_{CE}$  varies during measurement bring it back to the set value. To determine  $I_B$ , measure  $V_{RB}$  across the resistor  $R_B$  and use the relation  $I_B = V_{RB}/R_B$ .
- Repeat the above step for another value of  $V_{CE}$  say,  $2V$ .
- For output characteristics, first fix  $I_B = 0$ , i.e.  $V_{RB} = 0$ . By adjusting  $V_{CC}$ , vary the collector voltage  $V_{CE}$  in steps of say  $1V$  and measure  $V_{CE}$  and the corresponding  $I_C$  using multimeters. If needed vary  $V_{CE}$  in negative direction as described for CB configuration and measure both  $V_{CE}$  and  $I_C$ , till you get 0 current.
- Repeat the above step for at least 5 different values of  $I_B$  by adjusting  $V_{BB}$ . You may need to adjust  $V_{BB}$  continuously during measurement in order to maintain a constant  $I_B$ .
- Plot the input and output characteristics by using the readings taken above and determine the input and output dynamic resistance.
- Plot the transfer characteristics between  $I_C$  and  $I_B$  as described for CB configuration for a suitable voltage of  $V_{CE}$  on the output characteristics. Determine  $\beta_{ac}$  from the slope of this graph.

## OBSERVATIONS AND CALCULATIONS:

### CB configuration:

Transistor code: \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Transistor type: \_\_\_\_\_ (PNP/NPN)  
 $R_E =$  \_\_\_\_\_,  
 $R_C =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

**Table (1): Input Characteristics**

Sl. No.	$V_{CB} =$ V			$V_{CB} =$ V		
	$V_{EB}$ (V)	$V_{RE}$ (V)	$I_E$ (mA)	$V_{EB}$ (V)	$V_{RE}$ (V)	$I_E$ (mA)
1						
2						
..						
..						
10						

**Table (2): Output Characteristics**

Sl. No.	$I_{E1} = 0$		$I_{E2} =$		$I_{E3} =$		$I_{E4} =$		$I_{E5} =$	
	$V_{CB}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)	$V_{CB}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)	$V_{CB}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)	$V_{CB}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)	$V_{CB}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)
1										
2										
..										
..										
10										

**Table (3): Transfer Characteristics**       $V_{CB} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ V}$

Sl. No.	$I_E$ (mA)	$I_C$ (mA)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

**CE configuration:**

Transistor code: \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Transistor type: \_\_\_\_\_ (PNP/NPN)  
 $R_B =$  \_\_\_\_\_,  
 $R_C =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

**Table (4): Input Characteristics**

Sl. No.	$V_{CE} = \text{ V}$			$V_{CE} = \text{ V}$		
	$V_{BE}$ (V)	$V_{RB}$ (V)	$I_B$ ( $\mu\text{A}$ )	$V_{BE}$ (V)	$V_{RB}$ (V)	$I_B$ ( $\mu\text{A}$ )
1						
2						
..						
..						
10						

**Table (5): Output Characteristics**

Sl. No.	$I_{B1} = 0$		$I_{B2} =$		$I_{B3} =$		$I_{B4} =$		$I_{B5} =$	
	$V_{CE}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)	$V_{CE}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)	$V_{CE}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)	$V_{CE}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)	$V_{CE}$ (V)	$I_C$ (mA)
1										
2										
..										
..										
10										

**Table (6): Transfer Characteristics**       $V_{CE} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ V}$

Sl. No.	$I_B$ ( $\mu\text{A}$ )	$I_C$ (mA)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

**Graphs:**

Plot the input, output and transfer characteristics for each configuration.

***CB configuration:***

- (1) Input characteristics: Plot  $V_{EB} \sim I_E$ , for different  $V_{CB}$  and determine the input dynamic resistance in each case at suitable operating points.
- (2) Output characteristics: Plot  $V_{CB} \sim I_C$ , for different  $I_E$  and determine the output dynamic resistance in each case at suitable operating points in the active region.
- (3) Transfer characteristics: Plot  $I_E \sim I_C$ , for a fixed  $V_{CB}$  and determine  $\alpha_{ac}$ .

***CE configuration:***

- (1) Input characteristics: Plot  $V_{BE} \sim I_B$ , for different  $V_{CE}$  and determine the input dynamic resistance in each case at suitable operating points.
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## Lab Session 14

### OBJECTIVES

To investigate the characteristics curves for Field Effect Transistor.

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

D.C power supply.  
Oscilloscope ,A.V.Ometer .  
FET, Resistors 1k $\Omega$  and 200k $\Omega$ .

### BASIC THEORY

The acronym 'FET' stands for **field effect transistor**. It is a three-terminal unipolar solid state device in which current is controlled *by an electric field* as is done in vacuum tubes.

Broadly speaking, there are two types of FETs:

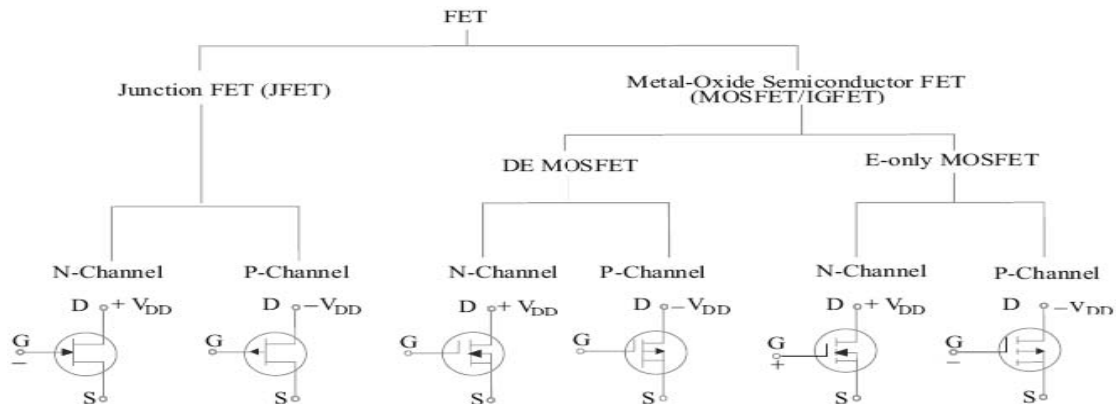
- (a) junction field effect transistor (JFET)
- (b) metal-oxide semiconductor FET (MOSFET)

It is also called insulated-gate FET (IGFET). It may be further subdivided into:

- (i) depletion-enhancement MOSFET *i.e.* DEMOSFET
- (ii) enhancement-only MOSFET *i.e.* E-only MOSFET

Both of these can be either *P*-channel or *N*-channel devices.

The FET family tree is shown below:



As shown in Fig.1, it can be fabricated with either an N-channel or P-channel though N-channel is generally preferred. For fabricating an N-channel JFET, first a narrow bar of N-type semiconductor material is taken and then two P-type junctions are diffused on opposite sides of its middle part [Fig.1 (a)].

These junctions form two P-N diodes or gates and the area between these gates is called channel. The two P-regions are internally connected and a single lead is brought out which is called gate terminal. Ohmic



contacts (direct electrical connections) are made at the two ends of the bar-one lead is called source terminal S and the other drain terminal D. When potential difference is established between drain and source, current flows along the length of the 'bar' through the channel located between the two P-regions. The current consists of only majority carriers which, in the present case, are electrons. P-channel JFET is similar in construction except that it uses P-type bar and two N-type junctions. The majority carriers are holes which flow through the channel located between the two N-regions or gates. Following FET notation is worth remembering:

1. **Source.** It is the terminal through which majority carriers enter the bar. Since carriers come from it, it is called the source.
2. **Drain.** It is the terminal through which majority carriers leave the bar i.e. they are drained out from this terminal. The drain to source voltage  $V_{DS}$  drives the drain current  $I_D$ .
3. **Gate.** These are two internally-connected heavily-doped impurity regions which form two P-N junctions. The gate-source voltage  $V_{GS}$  reverse biases the gates.
4. **Channel.** It is the space between two gates through which majority carriers pass from

Source-to-drain when  $V_{DS}$  is applied. Schematic symbols for N-channel and P-channel JFET are shown in Fig.1 (c). It must be kept in mind that gate arrow always points to N-type material.

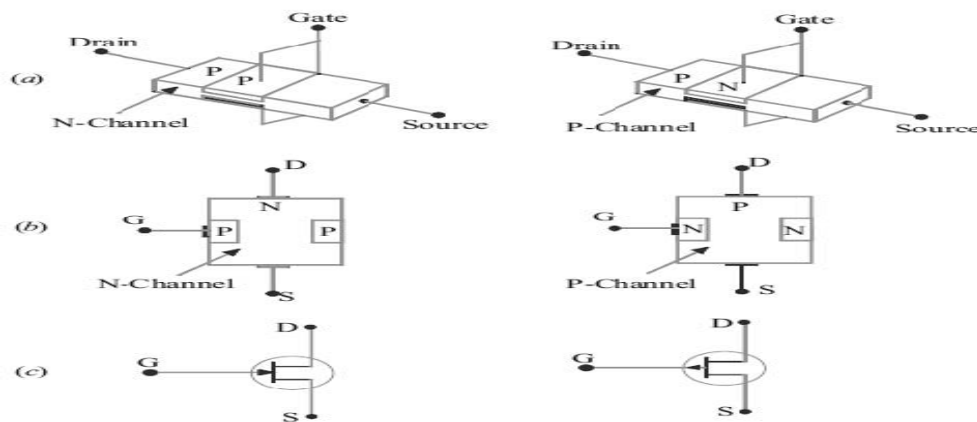


Fig. 1 FET construction

### ***Static Characteristics of a JFET***

We will consider the following two characteristics:

- a) **Drain characteristic:** It gives relation between  $I_D$  and  $V_{DS}$  for different values of  $V_{GS}$  (which is called running variable).
- b) **Transfer characteristic:** It gives relation between  $I_D$  and  $V_{GS}$  for different values of  $V_{DS}$ . We will analyse these characteristics for an N-channel JFET connected in the common-source mode as shown in Fig. 2. We will first consider the drain characteristic when  $V_{GS} = 0$  and then when  $V_{GS}$  has any negative value upto  $V_{GS(off)}$ .

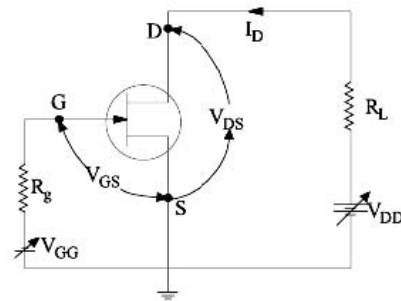


Fig. 2

### JFET Drain Characteristic With $V_{GS} = 0$

Such a characteristic is shown in Fig. 3.

It can be subdivided into following four regions :

- 1) Ohmic Region OA: This part of the characteristic is linear indicating that for low values of  $V_{DS}$ , current varies directly with voltage following Ohm's Law. It means that JFET behaves like an ordinary resistor till point A (called knee) is reached.
- 2) Curve AB In this region,  $I_D$  increases at reverse square-law rate upto point B which is called pinch-off point. This progressive decrease in the rate of increase of  $I_D$  is caused by the square law increase in the depletion region at each gate upto point B where the two regions are closest without touching each other.

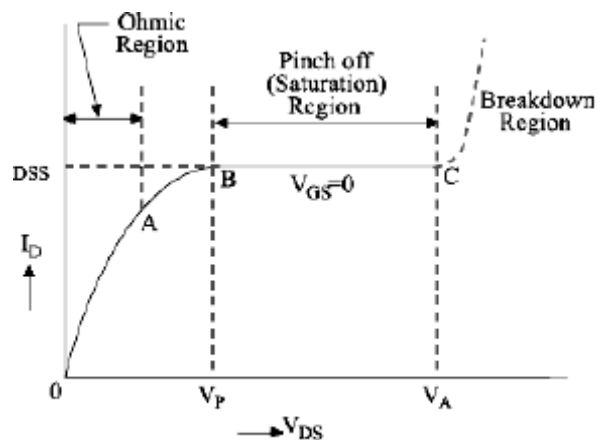


Fig. 3

- 3) Pinch-off Region BC: It is also known as saturation region or 'amplified' region. Here, JFET operates as a constant-current device because  $I_D$  is relatively independent of  $V_{DS}$ . It is due to the fact that as  $V_{DS}$  increases channel resistance also increases proportionally thereby keeping  $I_D$  practically constant at  $I_{DSS}$ . It should also be noted that the reverse bias required by the gate-channel junction is supplied entirely by the voltage drop across the channel resistance due to flow of  $I_{DSS}$  and none by external bias because  $V_{GS} = 0$ .
- 4) Breakdown Region: If  $V_{DS}$  is increased beyond its value corresponding to point C (called avalanche breakdown voltage), JFET enters the breakdown region where  $I_D$  increases to an excessive value. This happens because the reverse-biased gate-channel P-N junction undergoes avalanche breakdown when small changes in  $V_{DS}$  produce very large changes in  $I_D$ . It is interesting to note that increasing values of  $V_{DS}$  make a JFET behave first as a resistor (ohmic region), then as a constant-current source (pinch-off region) and finally, as a constant-voltage source (breakdown region).

### PROCEDURE

1. Connect the circuit as shown in fig 4.
2. Let  $V_{DS} = (0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5)$  v measure  $I_D$ .
3. Repeat step 3 for  $V_{GS} = (0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5)$  V.

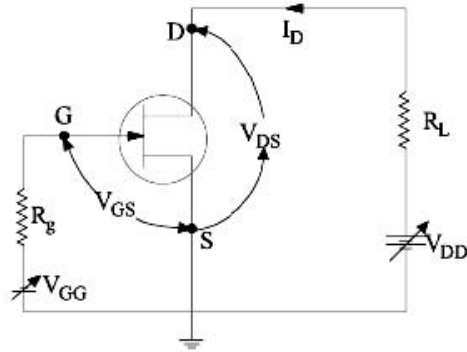


Fig. 4

### OBSERVATIONS AND CALCULATIONS

1. Draw (drain characteristics) between  $I_D$  &  $V_{DS}$  for different values of  $V_{GS}$ .
2. Draw  $I_D$  with  $V_{GS}$
3. Find  $g_m$