



Chapter Three :- Field-Effect Transistors and Applications

FETs vs. BJTs

Similarities:

- Amplifiers
- Switching devices
- Impedance matching circuits

Differences:

- FETs are voltage controlled devices. BJTs are current controlled devices.
- FETs have a higher input impedance. BJTs have higher gains.
- FETs are less sensitive to temperature variations and are more easily integrated on ICs.
- FETs are generally more static sensitive than BJTs.

FET Types

• **JFET:** Junction FET

• **MOSFET:** Metal–Oxide–Semiconductor FET

▪ **D-MOSFET:** Depletion MOSFET

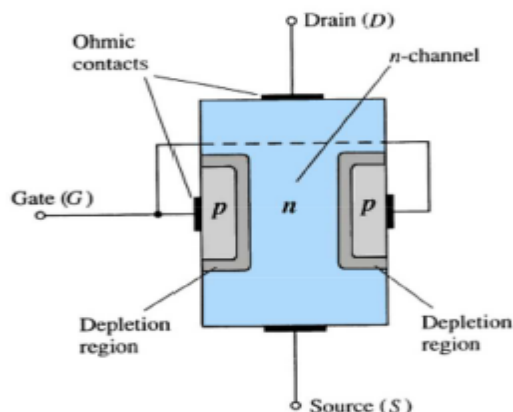
▪ **E-MOSFET:** Enhancement MOSFET

JFET Construction

There are two types of JFETs

- ***n*-channel**
- ***p*-channel**

The *n*-channel is more widely used.



There are three terminals:

- **Drain (D)** and **Source (S)** are connected to the *n*-channel
- **Gate (G)** is connected to the *p*-type material

JFET Operation: The Basic Idea

JFET operation can be compared to a water spigot.

The **source** of water pressure is the accumulation of electrons at the negative pole of the drain-source voltage.

The **drain** of water is the electron deficiency (or holes) at the positive pole of the applied voltage.

The **control** of flow of water is the gate voltage that controls the width of the *n*-channel and, therefore, the flow of charges from source to drain.



JFET Operating Characteristics

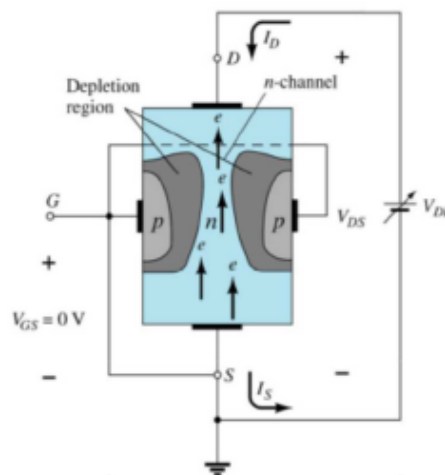
There are three basic operating conditions for a JFET:

- $V_{GS} = 0$, V_{DS} increasing to some positive value
- $V_{GS} < 0$, V_{DS} at some positive value
- Voltage-controlled resistor

JFET Operating Characteristics: $V_{GS} = 0$ V

Three things happen when $V_{GS} = 0$ and V_{DS} is increased from 0 to a more positive voltage

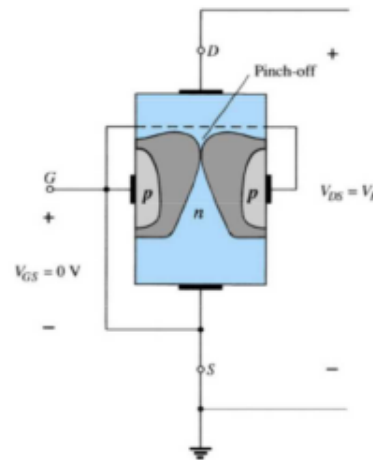
- The depletion region between p-gate and n-channel increases as electrons from n-channel combine with holes from p-gate.
- Increasing the depletion region, decreases the size of the n-channel which increases the resistance of the n-channel.
- Even though the n-channel resistance is increasing, the current (I_D) from source to drain through the n-channel is increasing. This is because V_{DS} is increasing.



JFET Operating Characteristics: Pinch Off

If $V_{GS} = 0$ and V_{DS} is further increased to a more positive voltage, then the depletion zone gets so large that it **pinches off** the n-channel.

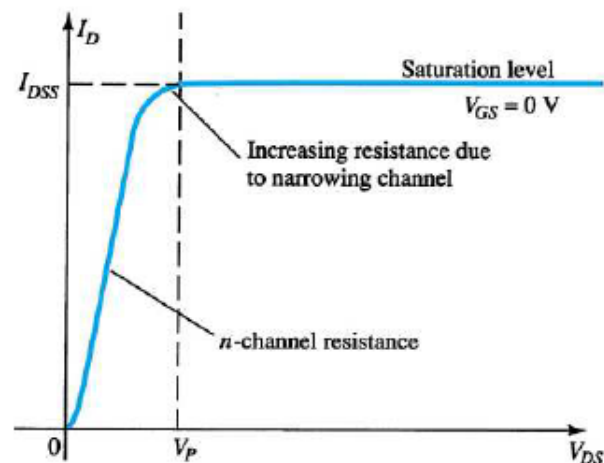
This suggests that the current in the n-channel (I_D) would drop to 0A, but it does just the opposite—as V_{DS} increases, so does I_D .



JFET Operating Characteristics: Saturation

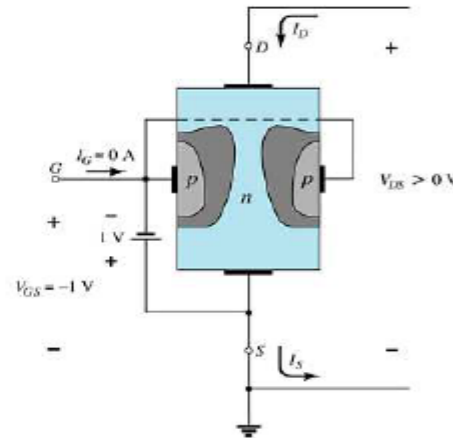
At the pinch-off point:

- Any further increase in V_{GS} does not produce any increase in I_D . V_{GS} at pinch-off is denoted as V_P .
- I_D is at saturation or maximum. It is referred to as I_{DSS} .
- The ohmic value of the channel is maximum.



JFET Operating Characteristics

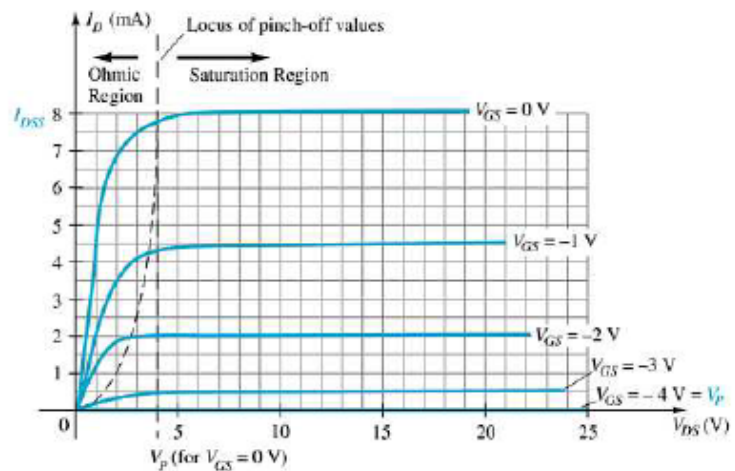
As V_{GS} becomes more negative, the depletion region increases.



JFET Operating Characteristics

As V_{GS} becomes more negative:

- The JFET experiences pinch-off at a lower voltage (V_P).
- I_D decreases ($I_D < I_{DSS}$) even though V_{DS} is increased.
- Eventually I_D reaches 0 A. V_{GS} at this point is called V_p or $V_{GS(off)}$.



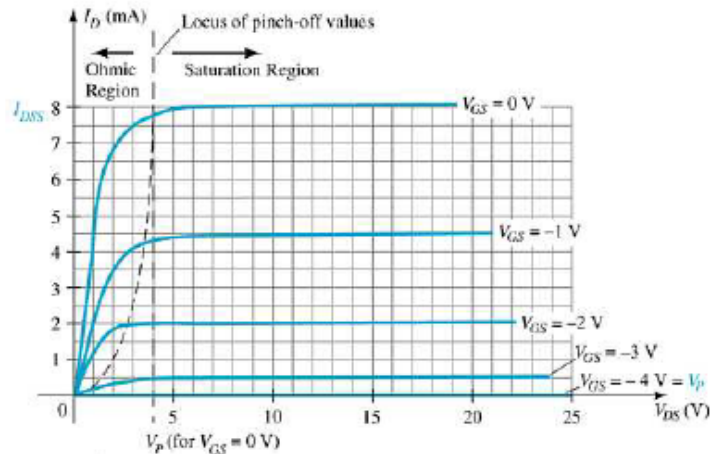
Also note that at high levels of V_{DS} the JFET reaches a breakdown situation. I_D increases uncontrollably if $V_{DS} > V_{DSmax}$.

JFET Operating Characteristics: Voltage-Controlled Resistor

The region to the left of the pinch-off point is called the **ohmic region**.

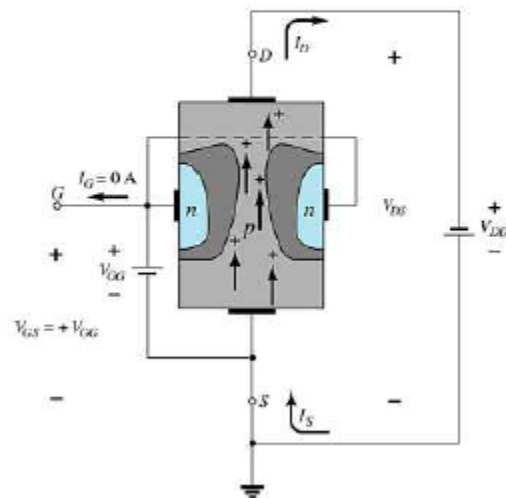
The JFET can be used as a variable resistor, where V_{GS} controls the drain-source resistance (r_d). As V_{GS} becomes more negative, the resistance (r_d) increases.

$$r_d = \frac{r_o}{\left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P}\right)^2}$$



p-Channel JFETs

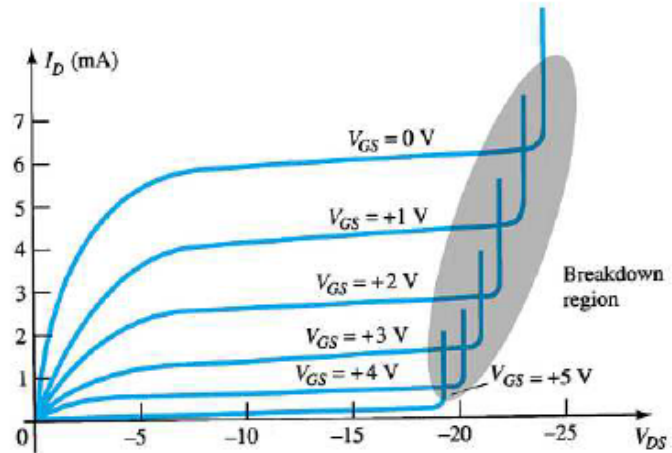
The *p*-channel JFET behaves the same as the *n*-channel JFET, except the voltage polarities and current directions are reversed.



p-Channel JFET Characteristics

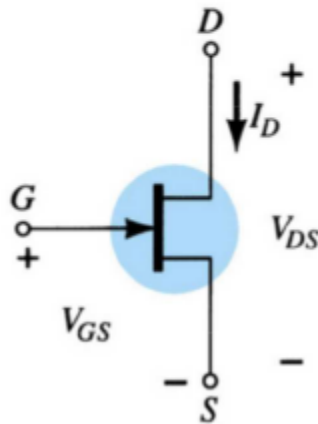
As V_{GS} increases more positively

- The depletion zone increases
- I_D decreases ($I_D < I_{DSS}$)
- Eventually $I_D = 0$ A



Also note that at high levels of V_{DS} the JFET reaches a breakdown situation: I_D increases uncontrollably if $V_{DS} > V_{DSmax}$.

N-Channel JFET Symbol



JFET Transfer Characteristics

The transfer characteristic of input-to-output is not as straightforward in a JFET as it is in a BJT.

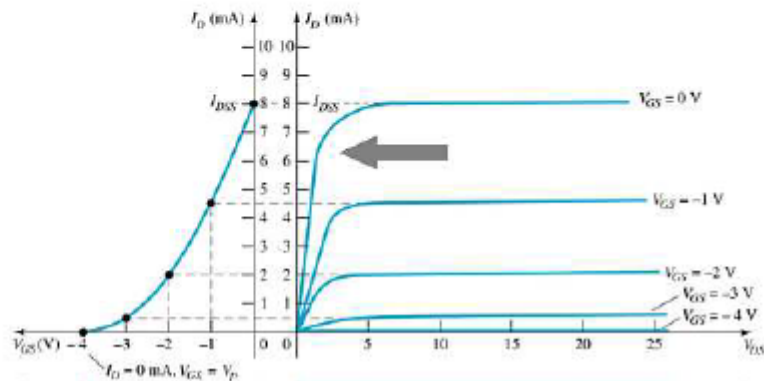
In a BJT, β indicates the relationship between I_B (input) and I_C (output).

In a JFET, the relationship of V_{GS} (input) and I_D (output) is a little more complicated:

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$$

JFET Transfer Curve

This graph shows the value of I_D for a given value of V_{GS} .



Plotting the JFET Transfer Curve

Using I_{DSS} and V_p ($V_{GS(off)}$) values found in a specification sheet, the transfer curve can be plotted according to these three steps:

Step 1

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$$

Solving for $V_{GS} = 0V$ $I_D = I_{DSS}$

Step 2

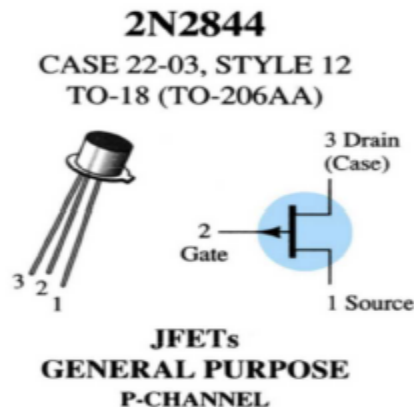
$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$$

Solving for $V_{GS} = V_p$ ($V_{GS(off)}$) $I_D = 0A$

Step 3

Solving for $V_{GS} = 0V$ to V_p $I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$

Case and Terminal Identification



MOSFETs

MOSFETs have characteristics similar to JFETs and additional characteristics that make them very useful.

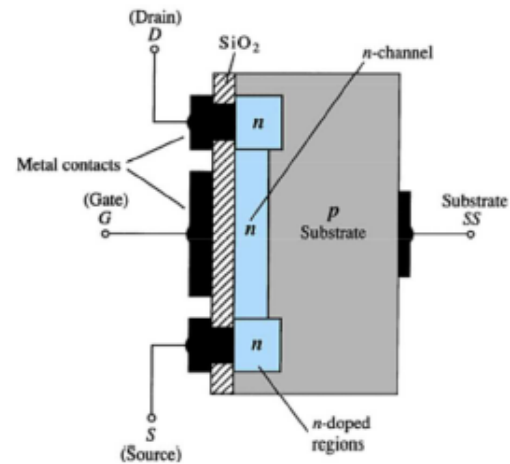
There are two types of MOSFETs:

- Depletion-Type
- Enhancement-Type

Depletion-Type MOSFET Construction

The **Drain (D)** and **Source (S)** connect to the n -doped regions. These n -doped regions are connected via an n -channel. This n -channel is connected to the **Gate (G)** via a thin insulating layer of SiO_2 .

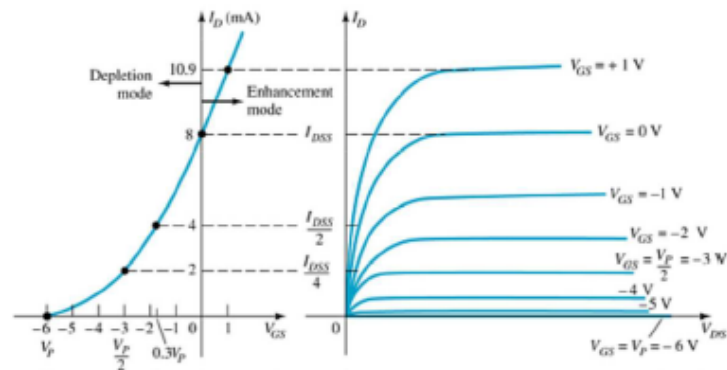
The n -doped material lies on a p -doped substrate that may have an additional terminal connection called **Substrate (SS)**.



Basic MOSFET Operation

A depletion-type MOSFET can operate in two modes:

- Depletion mode
- Enhancement mode



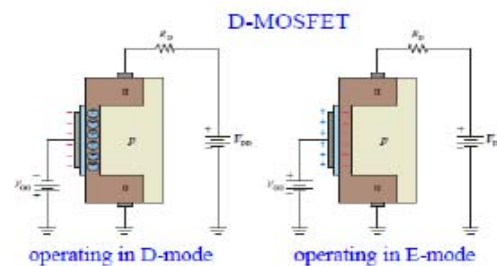
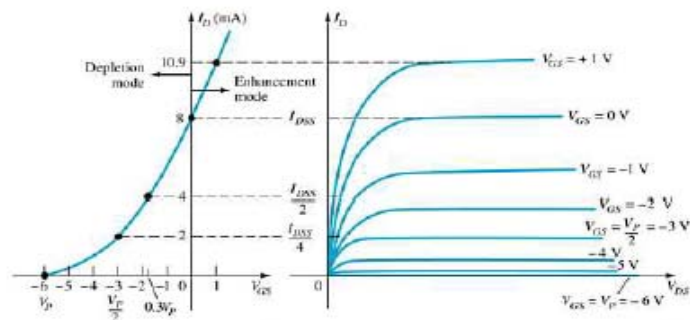
D-Type MOSFET in Depletion Mode

Depletion Mode

The characteristics are similar to a JFET.

- When $V_{GS} = 0$ V, $I_D = I_{DSS}$
- When $V_{GS} < 0$ V, $I_D < I_{DSS}$
- The formula used to plot the transfer curve still applies:

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$$

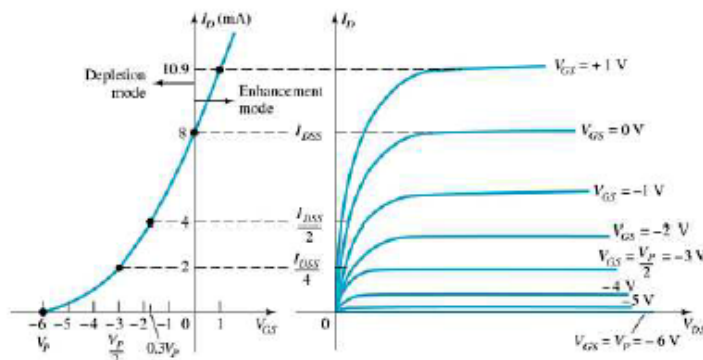


D-Type MOSFET in Enhancement Mode

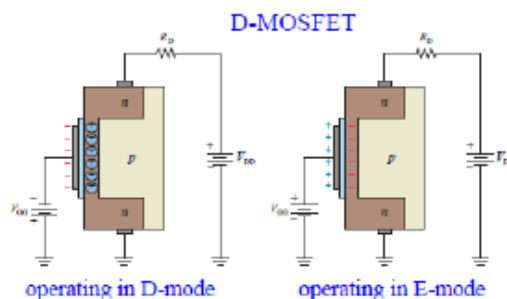
Enhancement Mode

- $V_{GS} > 0 \text{ V}$
- I_D increases above I_{DSS}
- The formula used to plot the transfer curve still applies:

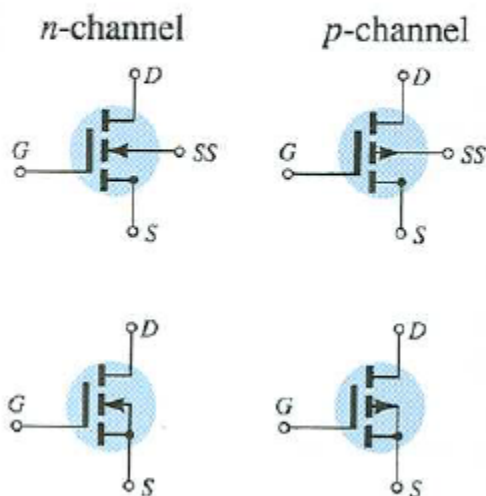
$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$$



Note that V_{GS} is now a positive polarity



MOSFET Symbols





Common FET Biasing Circuits

JFET Biasing Circuits

- Fixed – Bias
- Self-Bias
- Voltage-Divider Bias

D-Type MOSFET Biasing Circuits

- Self-Bias
- Voltage-Divider Bias

E-Type MOSFET Biasing Circuits

- Feedback Configuration
- Voltage-Divider Bias

Basic Current Relationships

For all FETs:

$$I_G \cong 0A$$

$$I_D = I_S$$

For JFETS and D-Type MOSFETs:

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$$

For E-Type MOSFETs:

$$I_D = k(V_{GS} - V_T)^2$$



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Applications

Voltage-controlled resistor

JFET voltmeter

Timer network

Fiber optic circuitry

MOSFET relay driver

Chapter Three (part two) : BJT small signal ac analysis

COMMON-EMITTER FIXED-BIAS CONFIGURATION

- the common-emitter *fixed-bias* network is shown in Fig. 8.1.

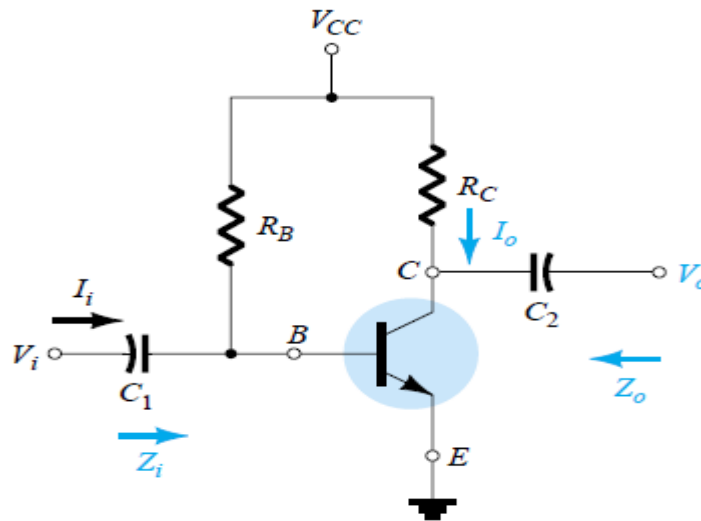


Figure 8.1 Common-emitter fixed-bias configuration.

- The small-signal ac analysis begins by removing the dc effects of V_{CC} and replacing the dc blocking capacitors C_1 and C_2 by short-circuit equivalents, resulting in the network of Fig. 8.2.

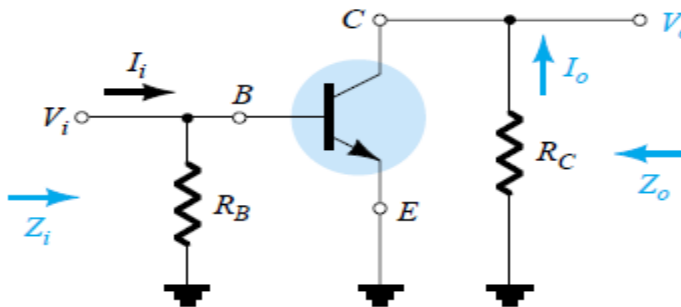


Figure 8.2 Network of Figure 8.1 following the removal of the effects of V_{CC} , C_1 , and C_2 .

- Substituting the r_e model for the common-emitter configuration of Fig. 8.2 will result in the network of Fig. 8.3.

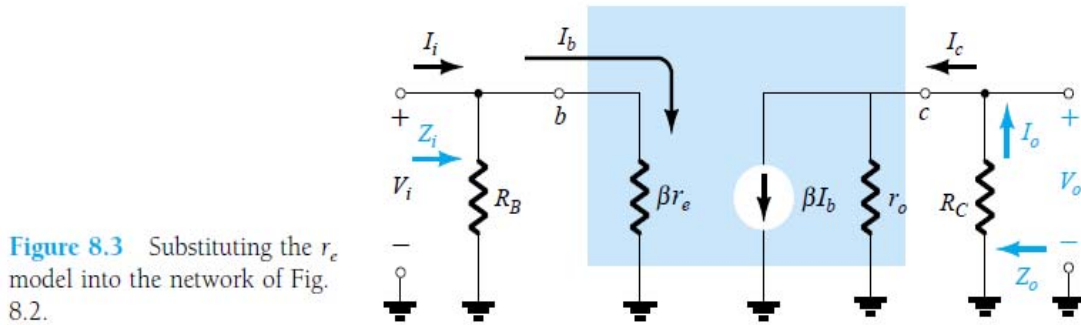


Figure 8.3 Substituting the r_e model into the network of Fig. 8.2.

- The next step is to determine β , r_e , and r_o . Figure 8.3 clearly reveals that

$$Z_i = R_B \parallel \beta r_e \quad \text{ohms} \quad (8.1)$$

- For the majority of situations R_B is greater than βr_e by more than a factor of 10,

$$Z_i \cong \beta r_e \quad \text{ohms} \quad (8.2)$$

$R_B \geq 10 \beta r_e$

- For Fig. 8.3, when $V_i = 0$, $I_i = 0$, $I_b = 0$, resulting in an open-circuit equivalence for the current source. The result is the configuration of Fig. 8.4.

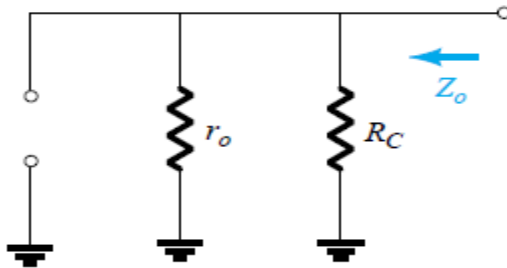


Figure 8.4 Determining Z_o for the network of Fig. 8.3.

$$Z_o = R_C \parallel r_o \quad \text{ohms} \quad (8.3)$$

If $r_o \geq 10 R_C$, the approximation $R_C \parallel r_o \cong R_C$ is frequently applied and

$$Z_o \cong R_C \quad \text{ohms} \quad (8.4)$$

$r_o \geq 10 R_C$

- Av:** The resistors r_o and R_C are in parallel



and

$$V_o = -\beta I_b (R_C \parallel r_o)$$

but

$$I_b = \frac{V_i}{\beta r_e}$$

so that

$$V_o = -\beta \left(\frac{V_i}{\beta r_e} \right) (R_C \parallel r_o)$$

and

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = -\frac{(R_C \parallel r_o)}{r_e}$$

If $r_o \geq 10R_C$,

$$A_v = -\frac{R_C}{r_e} \quad r_o \geq 10R_C$$

- **A_i :** The current gain is determined in the following manner: Applying the current- divider rule to the input and output circuits,

$$I_o = \frac{(r_o)(\beta I_b)}{r_o + R_C} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{I_o}{I_b} = \frac{r_o \beta}{r_o + R_C}$$

with

$$I_b = \frac{(R_B)(I_i)}{R_B + \beta r_e} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{I_b}{I_i} = \frac{R_B}{R_B + \beta r_e}$$

The result is

$$A_i = \frac{I_o}{I_i} = \left(\frac{I_o}{I_b} \right) \left(\frac{I_b}{I_i} \right) = \left(\frac{r_o \beta}{r_o + R_C} \right) \left(\frac{R_B}{R_B + \beta r_e} \right)$$

and

$$A_i = \frac{I_o}{I_i} = \frac{\beta R_B r_o}{(r_o + R_C)(R_B + \beta r_e)} \quad (8.7)$$

which is certainly an unwieldy, complex expression.

However, if $r_o \geq 10R_C$ and $R_B \geq 10\beta r_e$, which is often the case,

$$A_i = \frac{I_o}{I_i} \cong \frac{\beta R_B r_o}{(r_o)(R_B)}$$

and

$$A_i \cong \beta \quad r_o \geq 10R_C, R_B \geq 10\beta r_e \quad (8.8)$$

$$A_i = -A_v \frac{Z_i}{R_C} \quad (8.9)$$

- **Phase Relationship:** The negative sign in the resulting equation for A_v reveals that a 180° phase shift occurs between the input and output signals, as shown in Fig.8.5.

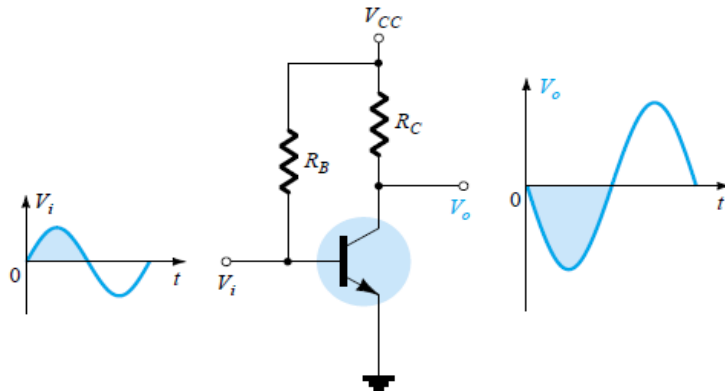


Figure 8.5 Demonstrating the 180° phase shift between input and output waveforms.

EXAMPLE:

For the network of Fig. 8.6:

- Determine r_o .
- Find Z_i (with $r_o = \infty \Omega$).
- Calculate Z_o (with $r_o = \infty \Omega$).
- Determine A_v (with $r_o = \infty \Omega$).
- Find A_i (with $r_o = \infty \Omega$).
- Repeat parts (c) through (e) including $r_o = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$ in all calculations and compare results.

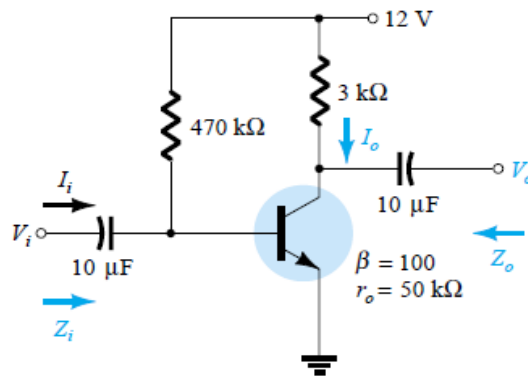


Figure 8.6 Example

Solution

(a) DC analysis:

$$I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B} = \frac{12 \text{ V} - 0.7 \text{ V}}{470 \text{ k}\Omega} = 24.0 \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_E = (\beta + 1)I_B = (101)(24.04 \mu\text{A}) = 2.428 \text{ mA}$$

$$r_e = \frac{26 \text{ mV}}{I_E} = \frac{26 \text{ mV}}{2.428 \text{ mA}} = 10.71 \Omega$$

(b) $\beta r_e = (100)(10.71 \Omega) = 1.071 \text{ k}\Omega$

$$Z_i = R_B \parallel \beta r_e = 470 \text{ k}\Omega \parallel 1.071 \text{ k}\Omega = 1.069 \text{ k}\Omega$$

(c) $Z_o = R_C = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$

(d) $A_v = -\frac{R_C}{r_e} = -\frac{3 \text{ k}\Omega}{10.71 \Omega} = -280.11$

(e) Since $R_B \geq 10\beta r_e$ ($470 \text{ k}\Omega > 10.71 \text{ k}\Omega$)

$$A_i \cong \beta = 100$$

(f) $Z_o = r_o \parallel R_C = 50 \text{ k}\Omega \parallel 3 \text{ k}\Omega = 2.83 \text{ k}\Omega$ vs. $3 \text{ k}\Omega$

$$A_v = -\frac{r_o \parallel R_C}{r_e} = \frac{2.83 \text{ k}\Omega}{10.71 \Omega} = -264.24 \text{ vs. } -280.11$$

$$A_i = \frac{\beta R_B r_o}{(r_o + R_C)(R_B + \beta r_e)} = \frac{(100)(470 \text{ k}\Omega)(50 \text{ k}\Omega)}{(50 \text{ k}\Omega + 3 \text{ k}\Omega)(470 \text{ k}\Omega + 1.071 \text{ k}\Omega)} = 94.13 \text{ vs. } 100$$

As a check:

$$A_i = -A_v \frac{Z_i}{R_C} = \frac{-(-264.24)(1.069 \text{ k}\Omega)}{3 \text{ k}\Omega} = 94.16$$

EMITTER-FOLLOWER CONFIGURATION

When the output is taken from the emitter terminal of the transistor as shown in Fig. 8.17, the network is referred to as an *emitter-follower*.

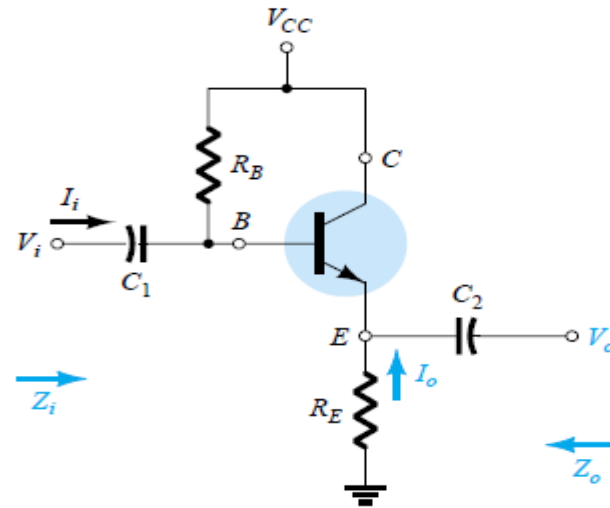


Figure 8.17 configuration.

- Substituting the r_e equivalent circuit into the network of Fig. 8.17 will result in the network of Fig. 8.18.

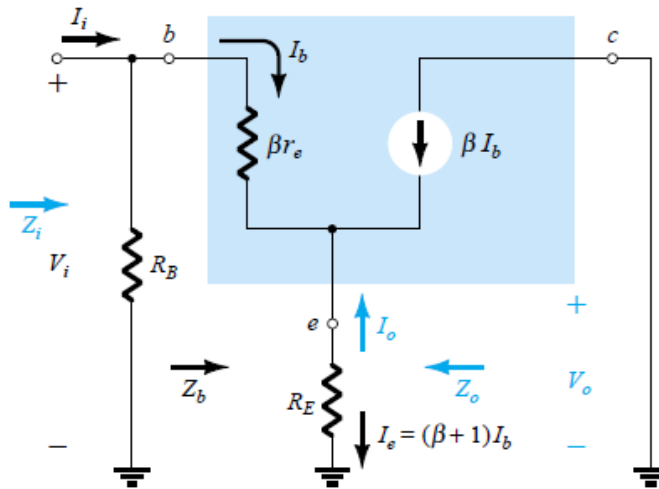


Figure 8.18 Substituting the r_e equivalent circuit into the ac equivalent network of Fig. 8.17.

- Z_i :** The input impedance is determined in the same manner as described in the preceding section:

$$Z_i = R_B || Z_b \quad (8.37)$$

$$Z_b = \beta r_e + (\beta + 1)R_E \quad (8.38)$$

$$Z_b \cong \beta(r_e + R_E) \quad (8.39)$$

$$Z_b \cong \beta R_E \quad (8.40)$$

- Z_o :** The output impedance is best described by first writing the equation for the current I_b :

$$I_b = \frac{V_i}{Z_b}$$

and then multiplying by $(\beta + 1)$ to establish I_e . That is,

$$I_e = (\beta + 1)I_b = (\beta + 1) \frac{V_i}{Z_b}$$

Substituting for Z_b gives

$$I_e = \frac{(\beta + 1)V_i}{\beta r_e + (\beta + 1)R_E}$$

or

$$I_e = \frac{V_i}{[\beta r_e / (\beta + 1)] + R_E}$$

but

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

and

$$\frac{\beta r_e}{\beta + 1} \cong \frac{\beta r_e}{\beta} = r_e$$

so that

$$I_e \cong \frac{V_i}{r_e + R_E}$$

- If we now construct the network defined by Eq. (8.41), the configuration of Fig. 8.19 will result.

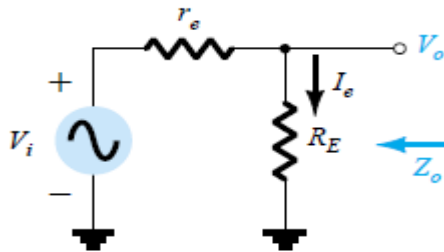


Figure 8.19 Defining the output impedance for the emitter-follower configuration.

To determine Z_o , V_i is set to zero and

$$Z_o = R_E \parallel r_e$$

Since R_E is typically much greater than r_e , the following approximation is applied:

$$Z_o \cong r_e$$

A_v : Figure 8.19 can be utilized to determine the voltage gain using the voltage-divider rule:

$$V_o = \frac{R_E V_i}{R_E + r_e}$$

and

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{R_E}{R_E + r_e}$$

Since R_E is usually much greater than r_e , $R_E + r_e \cong R_E$ and

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} \cong 1$$

- A_i : From Fig. 8.18,

$$I_b = \frac{R_B I_i}{R_B + Z_b}$$

or

$$\frac{I_b}{I_i} = \frac{R_B}{R_B + Z_b}$$

and

$$I_o = -I_e = -(\beta + 1)I_b$$

or

$$\frac{I_o}{I_b} = -(\beta + 1)$$

so that

$$A_i = \frac{I_o}{I_i} = \frac{I_o}{I_b} \frac{I_b}{I_i}$$

$$= -(\beta + 1) \frac{R_B}{R_B + Z_b}$$

and since

$$(\beta + 1) \cong \beta,$$

$$A_i \cong -\frac{\beta R_B}{R_B + Z_b} \quad (8.46)$$

or

$$A_i = -A_v \frac{Z_i}{R_E} \quad (8.47)$$

- **Phase relationship:** As revealed by Eq. (8.44) and earlier discussions of this section, V_o and V_i are in phase for the emitter-follower configuration.
- **Effect of r_o :**
 Z_i :

$$Z_b = \beta r_e + \frac{(\beta + 1)R_E}{1 + \frac{R_E}{r_o}} \quad (8.48)$$

If the condition $r_o \geq 10R_E$ is satisfied,

$$Z_b = \beta r_e + (\beta + 1)R_E$$

which matches earlier conclusions with

$$Z_b \cong \beta(r_e + R_E) \quad r_o \geq 10R_E \quad (8.49)$$

Z_o :

$$Z_o = r_o \parallel R_E \parallel \frac{\beta r_e}{(\beta + 1)} \quad (8.50)$$

Using $\beta + 1 \cong \beta$,

$$Z_o = r_o \parallel R_E \parallel r_e$$

and since $r_o \gg r_e$,

$$Z_o \cong R_E \parallel r_e \quad \text{Any } r_o \quad (8.51)$$

A_v :

$$A_v = \frac{(\beta + 1)R_E / Z_b}{1 + \frac{R_E}{r_o}} \quad (8.52)$$

If the condition $r_o \geq 10R_E$ is satisfied and we use the approximation $\beta + 1 \cong \beta$,

$$A_v \cong \frac{\beta R_E}{Z_b}$$

But

$$Z_b \cong \beta(r_e + R_E)$$

so that

$$A_v \cong \frac{\beta R_E}{\beta(r_e + R_E)}$$

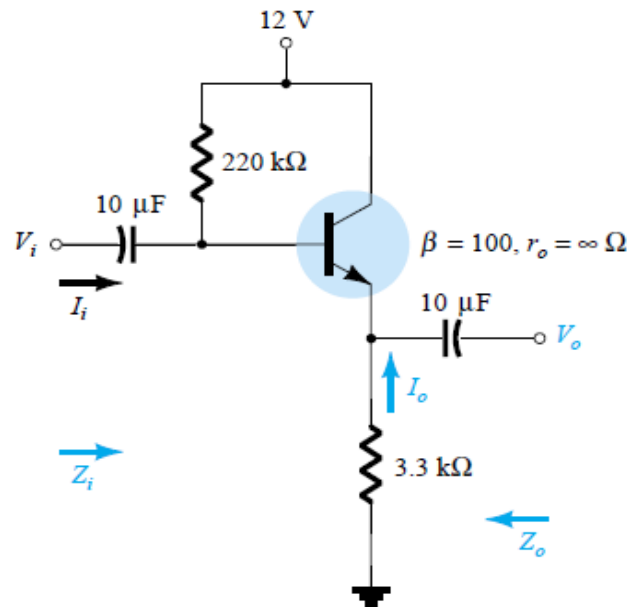
and

$$A_v \cong \frac{R_E}{r_e + R_E} \quad r_o \geq 10R_E \quad (8.53)$$

EXAMPLE:-

For the emitter-follower network of Fig. 8.20, determine:

- r_e .
- Z_i .
- Z_o .
- A_v .
- A_i .
- Repeat parts (b) through (e) with $r_o = 25 \text{ k}\Omega$ and co.



Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a) } I_B &= \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B + (\beta + 1)R_E} \\
 &= \frac{12 \text{ V} - 0.7 \text{ V}}{220 \text{ k}\Omega + (101)3.3 \text{ k}\Omega} = 20.42 \text{ }\mu\text{A} \\
 I_E &= (\beta + 1)I_B \\
 &= (101)(20.42 \text{ }\mu\text{A}) = 2.062 \text{ mA} \\
 r_e &= \frac{26 \text{ mV}}{I_E} = \frac{26 \text{ mV}}{2.062 \text{ mA}} = 12.61 \text{ }\Omega
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad Z_b &= \beta r_e + (\beta + 1)R_E \\
 &= (100)(12.61 \, \Omega) + (101)(3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega) \\
 &= 1.261 \, \text{k}\Omega + 333.3 \, \text{k}\Omega \\
 &= 334.56 \, \text{k}\Omega \cong \beta R_E \\
 Z_i &= R_B \parallel Z_b = 220 \, \text{k}\Omega \parallel 334.56 \, \text{k}\Omega \\
 &= 132.72 \, \text{k}\Omega \\
 \text{(c)} \quad Z_o &= R_E \parallel r_e = 3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega \parallel 12.61 \, \Omega \\
 &= 12.56 \, \Omega \cong r_e \\
 \text{(d)} \quad A_v &= \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{R_E}{R_E + r_e} = \frac{3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega}{3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega + 12.61 \, \Omega} \\
 &= 0.996 \cong 1 \\
 \text{(e)} \quad A_i &\cong -\frac{\beta R_B}{R_B + Z_b} = -\frac{(100)(220 \, \text{k}\Omega)}{220 \, \text{k}\Omega + 334.56 \, \text{k}\Omega} = -39.67 \\
 &\text{versus} \\
 A_i &= -A_v \frac{Z_i}{R_E} = -(0.996) \left(\frac{132.72 \, \text{k}\Omega}{3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega} \right) = -40.06
 \end{aligned}$$

(f) Checking the condition $r_o \geq 10R_E$, we have

$$25 \, \text{k}\Omega \geq 10(3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega) = 33 \, \text{k}\Omega$$

which is *not* satisfied. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_b &= \beta r_e + \frac{(\beta + 1)R_E}{1 + \frac{R_E}{r_o}} = (100)(12.61 \, \Omega) + \frac{(100 + 1)3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega}{1 + \frac{3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega}{25 \, \text{k}\Omega}} \\
 &= 1.261 \, \text{k}\Omega + 294.43 \, \text{k}\Omega \\
 &= 295.7 \, \text{k}\Omega
 \end{aligned}$$

with $Z_i = R_B \parallel Z_b = 220 \, \text{k}\Omega \parallel 295.7 \, \text{k}\Omega$
 $= 126.15 \, \text{k}\Omega$ vs. $132.72 \, \text{k}\Omega$ obtained earlier
 $Z_o = R_E \parallel r_e = 12.56 \, \Omega$ as obtained earlier

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_v &= \frac{(\beta + 1)R_E/Z_b}{\left[1 + \frac{R_E}{r_o} \right]} = \frac{(100 + 1)(3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega)/295.7 \, \text{k}\Omega}{\left[1 + \frac{3.3 \, \text{k}\Omega}{25 \, \text{k}\Omega} \right]} \\
 &= 0.996 \cong 1
 \end{aligned}$$

COMMON-BASE CONFIGURATION

- The common-base configuration is characterized as having a relatively low input and a high output impedance and a current gain less than 1. The voltage gain, however, can be quite large. The standard configuration appears in Fig. 8.23, with the commonbase r_e equivalent model substituted in Fig. 8.24.

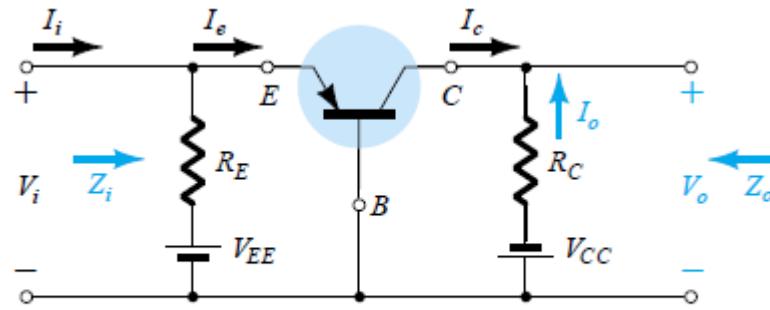


Figure 8.23 Common-base configuration.

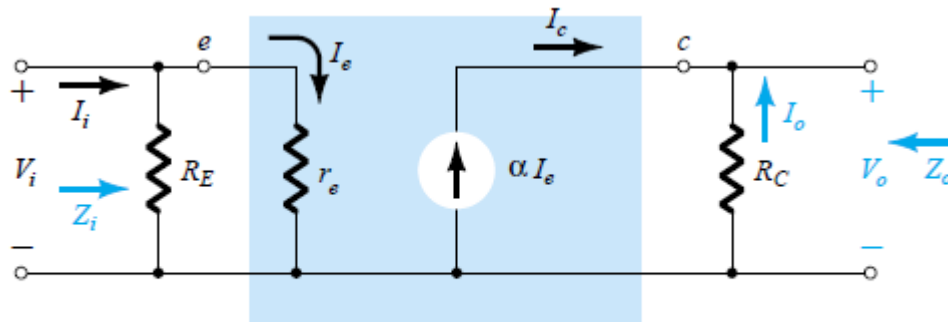


Figure 8.24 Substituting the r_e equivalent circuit into the ac equivalent network of Fig. 8.23.

Z_i :

$$Z_i = R_E \parallel r_e$$

(8.54)

Z_o :

$$Z_o = R_C$$

(8.55)

A_v :

$$V_o = -I_o R_C = -(-I_c) R_C = \alpha I_e R_C$$

with
$$I_e = \frac{V_i}{r_e}$$

so that
$$V_o = \alpha \left(\frac{V_i}{r_e} \right) R_C$$

and
$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{\alpha R_C}{r_e} \cong \frac{R_C}{r_e}$$

A_i : Assuming that $R_E \gg r_e$ yields

$$I_e = I_i$$

and
$$I_o = -\alpha I_e = -\alpha I_i$$

with
$$A_i = \frac{I_o}{I_i} = -\alpha \cong -1$$

- **Phase relationship:** The fact that A_v is a positive number reveals that V_o and V_i are in phase for the common-base configuration.
- **Effect of r_o :** For the common-base configuration, $r_o = 1/h_{ob}$ is typically in the megohm range and sufficiently larger than the parallel resistance R_C to permit the approximation $r_o || R_C \approx R_C$.

EXAMPLE:-

For the network of Fig. 8.25, determine:

- r_e .
- Z_i .
- Z_o .
- A_v .
- A_i .

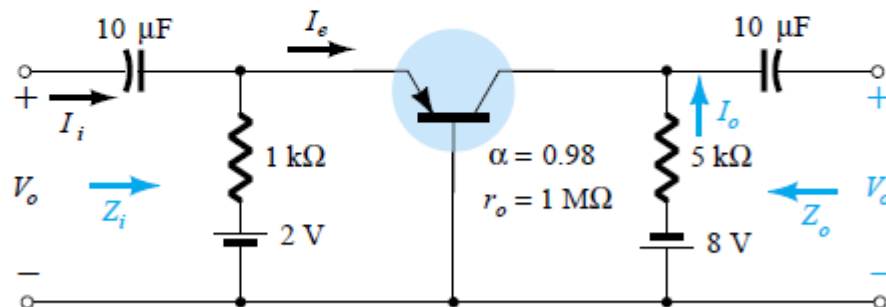


Figure 8.25 Example 8.8.



Solution

$$(a) I_E = \frac{V_{EE} - V_{BE}}{R_E} = \frac{2 \text{ V} - 0.7 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = \frac{1.3 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega} = 1.3 \text{ mA}$$

$$r_e = \frac{26 \text{ mV}}{I_E} = \frac{26 \text{ mV}}{1.3 \text{ mA}} = 20 \text{ }\Omega$$

$$(b) Z_i = R_E \parallel r_e = 1 \text{ k}\Omega \parallel 20 \text{ }\Omega \\ = 19.61 \text{ }\Omega \cong r_e$$

$$(c) Z_o = R_C = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$(d) A_v \cong \frac{R_C}{r_e} = \frac{5 \text{ k}\Omega}{20 \text{ }\Omega} = 250$$

$$(e) A_i = -0.98 \cong -1$$