Electrical, Electronic and Digital Principles (EEDP)

Lecture 3

Other BJT Biasing Techniques

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EXAMPLE 4.8 Determine the dc bias voltage V_{CE} and the current I_C for the voltagedivider configuration of Fig. 4.35.



$$I_{C} = \beta I_{B}$$

$$= (100)(8.38 \ \mu \text{A})$$

$$= 0.84 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_{C}(R_{C} + R_{E})$$

$$= 22 \text{ V} - (0.84 \text{ mA})(10 \text{ k}\Omega + 1.5 \text{ k}\Omega)$$

$$= 22 \text{ V} - 9.66 \text{ V}$$

$$= 12.34 \text{ V}$$



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- \checkmark The results reveal the difference between exact and approximate solutions.
- \checkmark Icq is about 30% greater with the approximate solution,
- ✓ VCEQ is about 10% less.



Voltage-divider Bias

Load-Line Analysis

From the collector-emitter loop appears in Fig. $+I_E R_E + V_{CE} + I_C R_C - V_{CC} = 0$ Substituting $I_E \cong I_C$ and grouping terms gives $V_{CE} - V_{CC} + I_C (R_C + R_E) = 0$ and $V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C (R_C + R_E)$



The addition of the emitter resistor reduces the collector saturation level





Voltage-divider Bias

BDC effect (Stability)

EXAMPLE 4.10 Repeat the exact analysis of Example 4.8 if β is reduced to 50, and compare solutions for I_{C_0} and V_{CE_0} .

This example is for testing how much the Q-point will move if the level of BDC is cut in half 39 kΩ $R_{\rm Th} = 3.55 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega, \qquad E_{\rm Th} = 2 \,\mathrm{V}$ 10 µF $I_B = \frac{E_{\rm Th} - V_{BE}}{R_{\rm Th} + (\beta + 1)R_F}$ $= \frac{2 \text{ V} - 0.7 \text{ V}}{3.55 \text{ k}\Omega + (51)(1.5 \text{ k}\Omega)} = \frac{1.3 \text{ V}}{3.55 \text{ k}\Omega + 76.5 \text{ k}\Omega}$ 3.9 kΩ $= 16.24 \,\mu A$ $I_{C_0} = \beta I_B$ $= (50)(16.24 \,\mu\text{A})$ $= 0.81 \, \text{mA}$ $V_{CE_0} = V_{CC} - I_C(R_C + R_E)$ $= 22 \text{ V} - (0.81 \text{ mA})(10 \text{ k}\Omega + 1.5 \text{ k}\Omega)$ = 12.69 V



Effect of β variation on the response of the voltage-divider configuration of Fig. 4.35.

β	$I_{C_Q}(mA)$	$V_{CE_Q}(V)$
100	0.84 mA	12.34 V
50	0.81 mA	12.69 V

The results show the relative insensitivity of the circuit to the change in BDC.
 Even though BDC is drastically cut in half, the levels of ICQ and VCEQ are essentially the same.

- ➢ four additional methods for dc biasing a transistor circuit are discussed.
- > These methods are not as common as voltage-divider because of the stability
- The more stable a configuration, the less its response will change due to undesireable changes in temperature and parameter variations
- If the Q-point is highly dependent on BDC of the transistor, the configuration is not stable.
- BDC is temperature sensitive, especially for silicon transistors, and its actual value is usually not well-defined,



- 2. Emitter-Feedback Bias
- 3. Emitter Bias
- 4. Collector-Feedback Bias



Common Assumptions that could be used for simplification (if needed):

 $V_{BE} \cong 0.7 \text{ V}$

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

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

1. Base Bias (Fixed Bias)

- This method of biasing is common in switching circuits.
- The analysis of this circuit for the linear region shows that it is directly dependent on BDC

The Kirchhoff's voltage law around the base circuit:

$$V_{\rm CC} - V_{R_{\rm B}} - V_{\rm BE} = 0$$

$$V_{\rm CC} - I_{\rm B}R_{\rm B} - V_{\rm BE} = 0$$

Then solving for IB,

$$I_{\rm B} = \frac{V_{\rm CC} - V_{\rm BE}}{R_{\rm B}}$$

The Kirchhoff's voltage law around the collector circuit:

$$V_{\rm CC} - I_{\rm C}R_{\rm C} - V_{\rm CE} = 0$$

Substituting the expression for I_B into the formula $I_C = \beta_{DC}I_B$ yields

$$I_{\rm C} = \beta_{\rm DC} \left(\frac{V_{\rm CC} - V_{\rm BE}}{R_{\rm B}} \right)$$

$$V_{\rm CE} = V_{\rm CC} - I_{\rm C} R_{\rm C}$$

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1. Base Bias

Q-Point Stability of Base Bias

- ✓ Since Ic is dependent on BDC
- ✓ That a variation in BDC causes IC and, VCE to change, thus changing the Q-point of the transistor.
- \checkmark This makes the base bias circuit extremely beta-dependent and unpredictable.
 - BDC varies with temperature and from one transistor to another of the same type due to manufacturing variations.
 - For these reasons, base bias is rarely used in linear circuits



2. Emitter-Feedback Bias

- ✓ If an emitter resistor is added to the base-bias, the result is emitter-feedback bias
- The idea is to help make base bias more predictable with negative feedback (negates any attempted change in collector current with an opposing change in base voltage).



- If the Ic tries to increase, VE increases, causing an increase in VB because:
 VB = VE + VBE.
- This increase in VB reduces the voltage across RB, thus reducing IB and keeping Ic from increasing.
- A similar action occurs if the collector current tries to decrease.

While this is better for linear circuits than base bias, it is still dependent on BDC and is not as predictable as voltage-divider bias.

2. Emitter-Feedback Bias

✓ Calculating the emitter current:

write Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL) around the base circuit.

$$+ V_{CC} - I_B R_B - V_{BE} - I_E R_E = 0 I_E = (\beta + 1) I_B V_{CC} - I_B R_B - V_{BE} - (\beta + 1) I_B R_E = 0$$

Grouping terms then provides the following:

$$-I_B(R_B + (\beta + 1)R_E) + V_{CC} - V_{BE} = 0$$

solving for I_B gives

$$I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B + (\beta + 1)R_E}$$

The emitter current can be approximated by : IE = B IB

$$I_{\rm E} = \frac{V_{\rm CC} - V_{\rm BE}}{R_{\rm E} + R_{\rm B}/\beta_{\rm DC}}$$



Stability Comparison between Emitter-Feedback Bias and Base Bias

EXAMPLE 5–8 Determine how much the Q-point (I_C , V_{CE}) for the circuit in Figure 5–20 will change over a temperature range where β_{DC} increases from 100 to 200.

For
$$\beta_{\rm DC} = 100$$
,
 $I_{\rm C(1)} = \beta_{\rm DC} \left(\frac{V_{\rm CC} - V_{\rm BE}}{R_{\rm B}} \right) = 100 \left(\frac{12 \,\mathrm{V} - 0.7 \,\mathrm{V}}{330 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega} \right) = 3.42 \,\mathrm{mA}$

$$V_{\text{CE}(1)} = V_{\text{CC}} - I_{\text{C}(1)}R_{\text{C}} = 12 \text{ V} - (3.42 \text{ mA})(560 \Omega) = 10.1 \text{ V}$$

For $\beta_{\rm DC} = 200$,

$$I_{\rm C(2)} = \beta_{\rm DC} \left(\frac{V_{\rm CC} - V_{\rm BE}}{R_{\rm B}} \right) = 200 \left(\frac{12 \,{\rm V} - 0.7 \,{\rm V}}{330 \,{\rm k}\Omega} \right) = 6.84 \,{\rm m}$$

$$V_{\text{CE}(2)} = V_{\text{CC}} - I_{\text{C}(2)}R_{\text{C}} = 12 \text{ V} - (6.84 \text{ mA})(560 \Omega) = 8.17 \text{ V}$$

The percent change in $I_{\rm C}$ as $\beta_{\rm DC}$ changes from 100 to 200 is

$$\%\Delta I_{\rm C} = \left(\frac{I_{\rm C(2)} - I_{\rm C(1)}}{I_{\rm C(1)}}\right) 100\%$$
$$= \left(\frac{6.84 \,\mathrm{mA} - 3.42 \,\mathrm{mA}}{3.42 \,\mathrm{mA}}\right) 100\% = 100\% \text{ (an increase)}$$

The percent change in V_{CE} is

$$\sqrt[6]{\Delta V_{\text{CE}}} = \left(\frac{V_{\text{CE}(2)} - V_{\text{CE}(1)}}{V_{\text{CE}(1)}}\right) 100\%$$

= $\left(\frac{8.17 \text{ V} - 10.1 \text{ V}}{10.1 \text{ V}}\right) 100\% = -19.1\% \text{ (a decrease)}$

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V_{CC} +12 V

 $R_{\rm B}$

 $330 k\Omega$

R_C 560 Ω

Stability Comparison between Emitter-Feedback Bias and Base Bias

- As you can see, the Q-point is very dependent on in this (very unreliable).
- > The base bias is not normally used if linear operation is required.
- However, it can be used in switching applications.

EXAMPLE 5–9 Determine how much the Q-point will change if the same circuit is used but converted to emitter-feedback bias with RE = 1000 ohms

For
$$\beta_{DC} = 100$$
,
 $I_{C(1)} = I_E = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_E + R_B/\beta_{DC}} = \frac{12 \text{ V} - 0.7 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega + 330 \text{ k}\Omega/100} = 2.63 \text{ mA}$
 $V_{CE(1)} = V_{CC} - I_{C(1)}(R_C + R_E) = 12 \text{ V} - (2.63 \text{ mA})(560 \Omega + 1 \text{ k}\Omega) = 7.90 \text{ V}$
 $I_{C(2)} = I_E = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_E + R_B/\beta_{DC}} = \frac{12 \text{ V} - 0.7 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ k}\Omega + 330 \text{ k}\Omega/200} = 4.26 \text{ mA}$
 $V_{CE(2)} = V_{CC} - I_{C(2)}(R_C + R_E) = 12 \text{ V} - (4.26 \text{ mA})(560 \Omega + 1 \text{ k}\Omega) = 5.35 \text{ V}$

The percent change in $I_{\rm C}$ is

$$\%\Delta I_{\rm C} = \left(\frac{I_{\rm C(2)} - I_{\rm C(1)}}{I_{\rm C(1)}}\right) 100\% = \left(\frac{4.26 \text{ mA} - 2.63 \text{ mA}}{2.63 \text{ mA}}\right) 100\% = 62.0\%$$

$$\%\Delta V_{\rm CE} = \left(\frac{V_{\rm CE(2)} - V_{\rm CE(1)}}{V_{\rm CE(1)}}\right) 100\% = \left(\frac{7.90 \text{ V} - 5.35 \text{ V}}{7.90 \text{ V}}\right) 100\% = -32.3\%$$

Although it significantly improved the stability of the bias for a change in BDC compared to base bias, it still does not provide a reliable Q-point.
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Emitter-Feedback Bias Vcc 2. ✓ Load Line equation: (Output loop similar to voltage-divider bias) R_C $R_{\rm B}$ From the collector–emitter loop appears in Fig. \succ $+I_E R_E + V_{CE} + I_C R_C - V_{CC} = 0$ Substituting $I_E \cong I_C$ and grouping terms gives $V_{CE} - V_{CC} + I_C(R_C + R_E) = 0$ $V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C(R_C + R_E)$

and

The addition of the emitter resistor reduces the collector saturation level



$$I_{C_{\text{sat}}} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C + R_E}$$

3. Collector-Feedback Bias

- ✓ The collector voltage provides the bias for the B-E junction.
- ✓ The negative feedback creates an "offsetting" effect that tends to keep the Q-point stable.
- ✓ Although the Q -point is not totally independent of beta (even under approximate conditions), the sensitivity to changes in beta or temperature variations is normally less than encountered in other three types



> Base-Emitter Loop
$$V_{CC} - I'_C R_C - I_B R_F - V_{BE} - I_E R_E = 0$$

 $I'_C = I_C + I_B$

However, the level of Ic and Ic' far exceeds the usual level of IB

$$C' \cong I_C$$

Substituting
$$I'_C \cong I_C = \beta I_B$$
 $I_E \cong I_C$

The new equation is : $V_{CC} - \beta I_B R_C - I_B R_F - V_{BE} - \beta I_B R_E = 0$

Gathering terms, we have $V_{CC} - V_{BE} - \beta I_B(R_C + R_E) - I_BR_F = 0$

and solving for I_B yields

$$I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_F + \beta(R_C + R_E)}$$

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variations in BDC.



3. Collector-Feedback Bias

Output Loop Equation

$$I_E R_E + V_{CE} + I'_C R_C - V_{CC} = 0$$

Because $I'_C \cong I_C$ and $I_E \cong I_C$, we have

$$I_C(R_C + R_E) + V_{CE} - V_{CC} = 0$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C(R_C + R_E)$$





EMITTER-FOLLOWER CONFIGURATION

COMMON-BASE CONFIGURATION





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- The design process is one where a current and/or voltage may be specified and the elements required to establish the designated levels must be determined.
- The path toward a solution is less defined and in fact may require a number of basic assumptions that do not have to be made when simply analyzing a network.
- ✓ If the transistor and supplies are specified, the design process will simply determine the required resistors for a particular design.
- Once the theoretical values of the resistors are determined, the nearest standard commercial values are normally chosen and any variations due to not using the exact resistance values are accepted as part of the design.
- ✓ This is certainly a valid approximation considering the tolerances normally associated with resistive elements and the transistor parameters.



EXAMPLE 4.21 Given the device characteristics of Fig. 4.59a, determine V_{CC} , R_B , and R_C for the fixed-bias configuration of Fig. 4.59b. V_{CC} $\downarrow I_C$ (mA)

Base Bias (Fixed Bias)

From the load line Solution: $V_{CC} = 20 \text{ V}$ $I_C = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C} \bigg|_{V_{CE} = 0 \text{ V}}$ $R_C = \frac{V_{CC}}{I_C} = \frac{20 \text{ V}}{8 \text{ mA}} = 2.5 \text{ k}\Omega$ $I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_P}$ $R_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{I_B}$ $\frac{20 \,\mathrm{V} - 0.7 \,\mathrm{V}}{40 \,\mu\mathrm{A}} = \frac{19.3 \,\mathrm{V}}{40 \,\mu\mathrm{A}}$ $= 482.5 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega$



Standard resistor values are $R_C = 2.4 \text{ k}\Omega$ $R_B = 470 \text{ k}\Omega$ Using standard resistor values gives $I_B = 41.1 \mu \text{A}$

which is well within 5% of the value specified.

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EXAMPLE 4.22 Given that
$$I_{C_Q} = 2 \text{ mA}$$
 and $V_{CE_Q} = 10 \text{ V}$, determine R_1 and R_C for the network of Fig. 4.60.
Solution:
 $V_E = I_E R_E \cong I_C R_E$
 $= (2 \text{ mA})(1.2 \text{ k}\Omega) = 2.4 \text{ V}$
 $V_B = V_{BE} + V_E = 0.7 \text{ V} + 2.4 \text{ V} = 3.1 \text{ V}$
 $V_B = \frac{R_2 V_{CC}}{R_1 + R_2} = 3.1 \text{ V}$
 $\frac{(18 \text{ k}\Omega)(18 \text{ V})}{R_1 + 18 \text{ k}\Omega} = 3.1 \text{ V}$
 $324 \text{ k}\Omega = 3.1 R_1 + 55.8 \text{ k}\Omega$
 $3.1R_1 = 268.2 \text{ k}\Omega$
 $R_1 = \frac{268.2 \text{ k}\Omega}{3.1} = 86.52 \text{ k}\Omega$
 $R_C = \frac{V_{R_C}}{I_C} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_C}{I_C}$
 $V_C = V_{CE} + V_E = 10 \text{ V} + 2.4 \text{ V} = 12.4 \text{ V}$
 $R_C = \frac{V_{R_C}}{I_C} = 10 \text{ V} + 2.4 \text{ V} = 12.4 \text{ V}$

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Design Technique to obtain a given specification (operating point)

- 1. The **supply voltage** and **operating point** were selected from the manufacturer's information on the transistor used in the amplifier.
- ✓ The selection of collector and emitter resistors cannot proceed directly from the information just specified (two unknown quantities (Rc and RE)]
- ✓ RE cannot be unreasonably large because the voltage across it limits the range of swing of the voltage Vce
- ✓ The examples examined in this chapter reveal that the voltage from emitter to ground is typically around (1/4) to (1/10) of the supply voltage.



Use the technique for voltage-divider bias

Design of a Current-Gain-Stabilized (Beta-Independent) Circuit

EXAMPLE 4.25 Determine the levels of R_C , R_E , R_1 , and R_2 for the network of Fig. 4.63 for the operating point indicated.

$$V_E = \frac{1}{10} V_{CC} = \frac{1}{10} (20 \text{ V}) = 2 \text{ V}$$

$$R_E = \frac{V_E}{I_E} \cong \frac{V_E}{I_C} = \frac{2 \text{ V}}{10 \text{ mA}} = 200 \text{ }\Omega$$

$$R_C = \frac{V_{R_C}}{I_C} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE} - V_E}{I_C} = \frac{20 \text{ V} - 8 \text{ V} - 2 \text{ V}}{10 \text{ mA}} = \frac{10 \text{ V}}{10 \text{ mA}}$$

$$= 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$V_B = V_{BE} + V_E = 0.7 \text{ V} + 2 \text{ V} = 2.7 \text{ V}$$

 ✓ Assume that the current through R1 and R2 should be approximately equal to and much larger than the base current (at least 10:1).

$$R_{2} \leq \frac{1}{10} \beta R_{E} \qquad R_{2} \leq \frac{1}{10} (80)(0.2 \text{ k}\Omega) \\ = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega \\ V_{B} = \frac{R_{2}}{R_{1} + R_{2}} V_{CC} \qquad V_{B} = 2.7 \text{ V} = \frac{(1.6 \text{ k}\Omega)(20 \text{ V})}{R_{1} + 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega}$$



$$2.7R_1 + 4.32 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega = 32 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega$$

 $2.7R_1 = 27.68 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega$
 $R_1 = 10.25 \,\mathrm{k}\Omega$ (use 10 k Ω)