

## Experiment - 2

## BJT Common Emitter Characteristics

Aim - To verify and find input and output characteristics of BJT Common emitter

Apparatus - BJT (Bipolar Junction Transistor), Resistor, connecting wires, Ammeter (0-10mA, 0-100 $\mu$ A), DC power supply (0-30V), etc  
(Site Link) - [vlab.iitkgp.ac.in/bc/1kq11/india.html#](https://www.geogebra.org/m/1kq11/india.html#)

Theory - A BJT is a single piece of Si with 2 back to back PN junction. BJT's can be made either as PNP or NPN. They have 3 regions and 3 terminals emitter, base and collector - E, B and C. When transistor is conducting normally, an easy way to remember is NPN stands for "Not Pointing IN".

Regions -

- Cutoff region - Base emitter junction is reverse biased, no current
- Saturation region - Base emitter junction is forward biased and collector base junction is forward biased.
- Active region - Base emitter junction is forward biased, collector base junction is reverse biased.

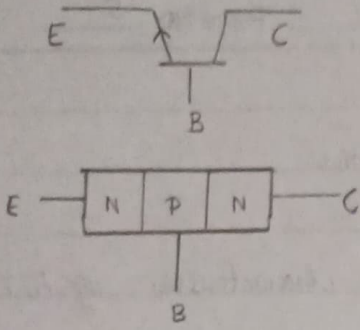
Breakdown region -  $I_c$  and  $V_{ce}$  exceed specifications and can cause damage to the transistor

Cutoff region - Both junctions are reverse biased

$V_{BE} < 0$  (Base) and  $V_{CB} > 0$  (with reverse biasing, all currents are zero)

Structure of BJT

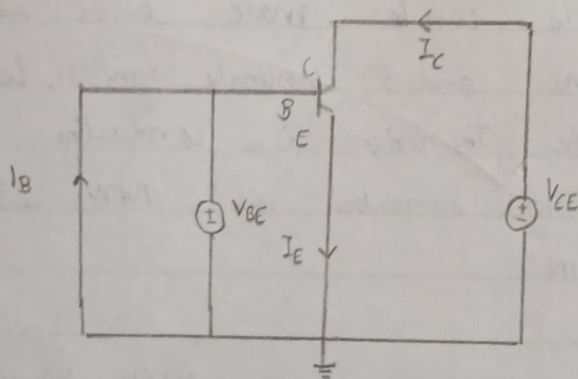
FOUR OPERATING CONDITIONS



BC Junction

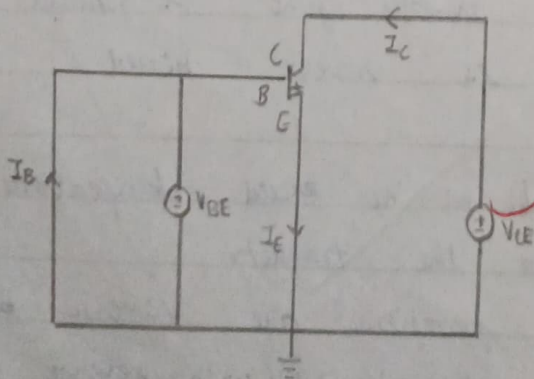
		BE Junction	
		Reverse	Forward
BC Junction	Reverse	Cut-off	Forward Active
	Forward	Reverse Active	Saturation

→ INPUT CHARACTERISTICS CKT



$I_B = \phi(V_{BE}, V_{CE})$   
for constant  $V_{CE}$

→ OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS CKT



$I_C = \phi(V_{CE}, I_B)$   
for constant  $I_B$

Forward Active region-

Base is fwd biased ( $V_{BE} > 0$ ) and collector is reverse biased ( $V_{CB} < 0$ ). fwd bias will cause injection of both holes and  $e^-$  across the junction.

$$I_C = \alpha_F I_E + I_{CO}, \quad \alpha \text{ is forward current transfer ratio}$$

$I_{CO} \rightarrow$  collector reverse saturation current

Saturation region

Both junctions fwd biased, Base is  $V_{BE} > 0$  and Collector-Base is  $V_{CB} < 0$ . Max current flow through transistor, only small voltage drop.

Reverse active region

Base-emitter is reverse biased ( $V_{BE} < 0$ ) and collector base is fwd biased ( $V_{CB} < 0$ ). Current gain is smaller.

Application - In digital circuits and analog switching circuits.

$$I_E = -\alpha_R * I_C + I_{EO}$$

$\alpha_R \rightarrow$  reverse current transfer ratio

$I_{EO} \rightarrow$  Emitter reverse saturation current

BJT - Common Emitter Circuit

↳ described as Ebers-Moll Model -

$$I_F = I_{ES} \times \left( \exp \frac{V_{BE}}{V_T} - 1 \right)$$

$$I_R = I_{CS} \times \left( \exp \frac{V_{CB}}{V_T} - 1 \right)$$

$I_{ES} \rightarrow$  base-emitter saturation current

$I_{CS} \rightarrow$  base-collector saturation current

(A)

S.No	Base emitter voltage (V)	Base current (uA)	R <sub>h</sub> (Ω)
1	0.2	2.824	10
2	0.3	3.232	15
3	0.4	3.714	20
4	0.5	4.248	25
5	0.6	4.875	30
6	0.7	5.599	35
7	0.8	6.434	40
8	0.9	7.397	45
9	1	8.508	50
10	1.1	9.789	55
11	1.2	11.27	60
12	1.3	12.97	65
13	1.4	14.94	70
14	1.5	17.21	75
15	1.6	14.83	80

(a)  $V_{CE} = 1V$   
 $R_{h2} = 10\Omega$

(Cont)  
 $R_{h2} = 100\Omega$   
 $C_{E\text{ voltage}} = 10V$

INPUT  
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(B)

S.No	Base emitter voltage (V)	Base current (uA)	R <sub>h</sub> Ω
1	0.02000	2.077	10
2	0.08000	2.261	15
3	0.1400	2.462	20
4	0.2000	2.680	25
5	0.2600	2.918	30
6	0.3200	3.178	35
7	0.3800	3.461	40
8	0.4400	3.769	45
9	0.5000	4.104	50
10	0.5600	4.470	55

(b)  $V_{CE} = 2V$   
 $R_{h2} = 20\Omega$

Precautions

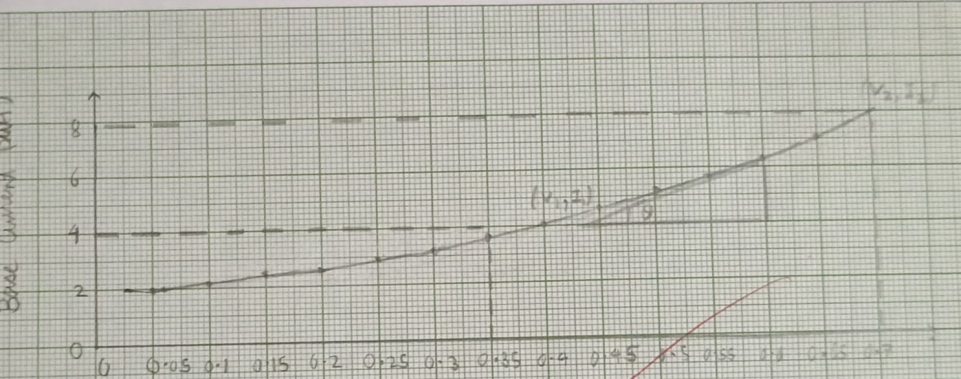
1. Ensure proper connection and biasing.
2. Check polarity and avoid overheating
3. Calibrate instruments and avoid static discharge

→ Result

The characteristic behavior of BJT in various regions such as active, saturation etc is shown.

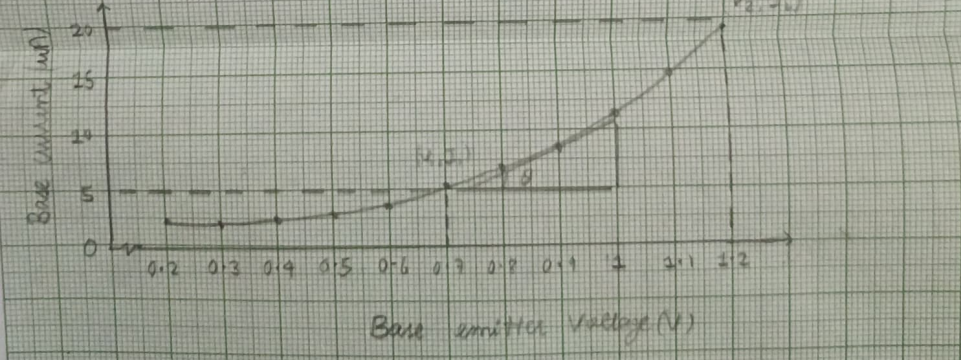
It may be helpful to design units involving BJT like - amplifiers and switches.

INPUT CHARACTERISTICS (V-I PLOT)



SCALE  
 Y-axis  
 Base current (mA)  
 ①  $I_{cm} = 2 \text{ mA}$   
 X-axis  
 Base emitter Voltage ( $V_{BE}$ )  
 ②  $I_{cm} = 0.05 \text{ V}$

Base emitter Voltage ( $V_{BE}$ )  
 Slope =  $\frac{V_2 - V_1}{I_2 - I_1} = \frac{0.5 - 0.35}{4 - 3} = 0.15 \text{ V}$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{0.0075} = 133.33$   
 Y axis  
 $I_{cm} =$



Slope =  $\frac{V_2 - V_1}{I_2 - I_1} = \frac{1}{0.0033} = 303.03$

SCALE  
 Y-axis  
 Base current  
 ①  $I_{cm} = 5 \text{ mA}$   
 X-axis  
 Base emitter Voltage (V)  
 ②  $I_{cm} = 0.1 \text{ cm}$

S.No	Output Emitter Voltage (V)	Collector Current (mA)	$R_{h_2}$ ( $\Omega$ )
1	1	1750	10
2	1.5	2080	15
3	2	2215	20
4	2.5	2267	25
5	3	2286	30
6	3.5	2293	35
7	4	2298	40
8	4.5	2297	45
9	5	2297	50
10	5.5	2297	55
11	6	2298	60
12	7	2298	65
13	7.5	2298	70
14	8	2298	80

(A)  $I_b = 15.35$   
 $R_{h_1} = 15$

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS

(cont)

$R_{h_1} = 100\Omega$   
 Base-current  
 $174.14\text{mA}$

(B)

S.No	Collector emitter Voltage (V)	Collector Current (mA)
1	0.1000	7.427
2	0.4000	35.08
3	0.7000	55.80
4	1.000	70.31
5	1.300	79.86
6	1.600	85.09
7	1.900	88.28
8	2.200	91.08
9	2.500	91.09
10	2.800	91.64

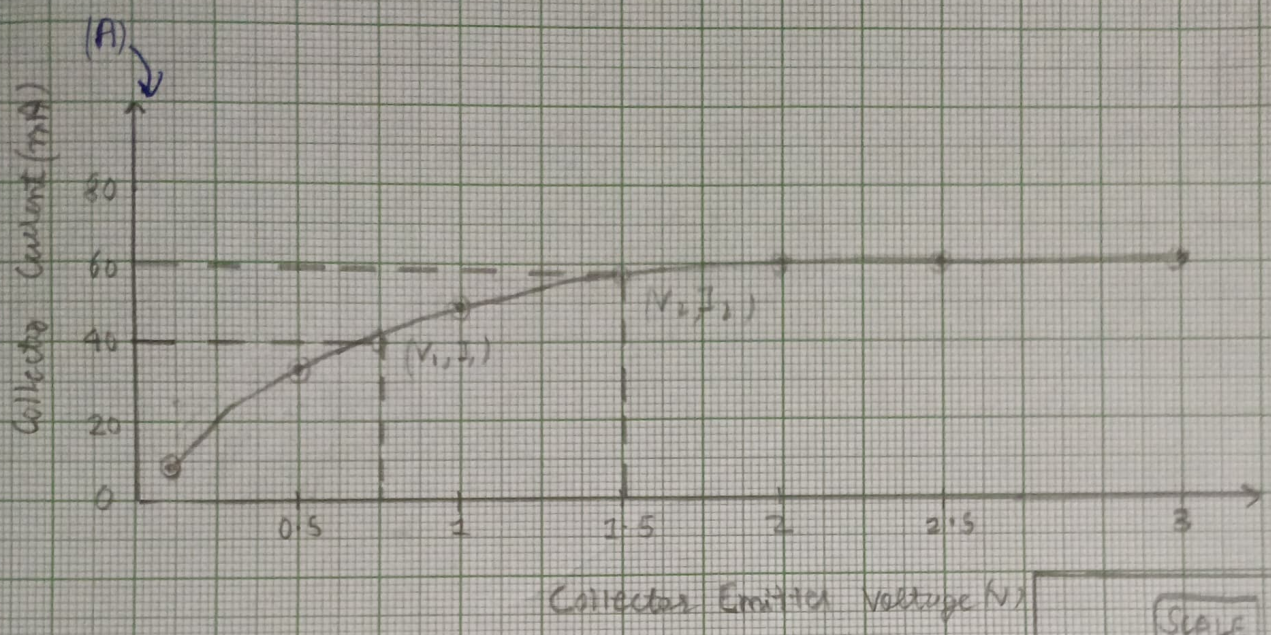
(B)  $I_b = 20.43$   
 $R_{h_1} = 25$

( $I_b \rightarrow$  Base current)

(C)

S.No	Collector emitter Voltage (V)	Collector Current (mA)
1	0.1000	12.96
2	0.4000	49.42
3	0.7000	78.62
4	1.000	99.07
5	1.300	112.1
6	1.600	119.4
7	1.900	124.4
8	2.200	126.9
9	2.500	128.3
10	2.800	129.1
11	3.100	129.6
12	3.400	129.8

(C)  $I_b = 25.67$   $R_{h_1} = 33$

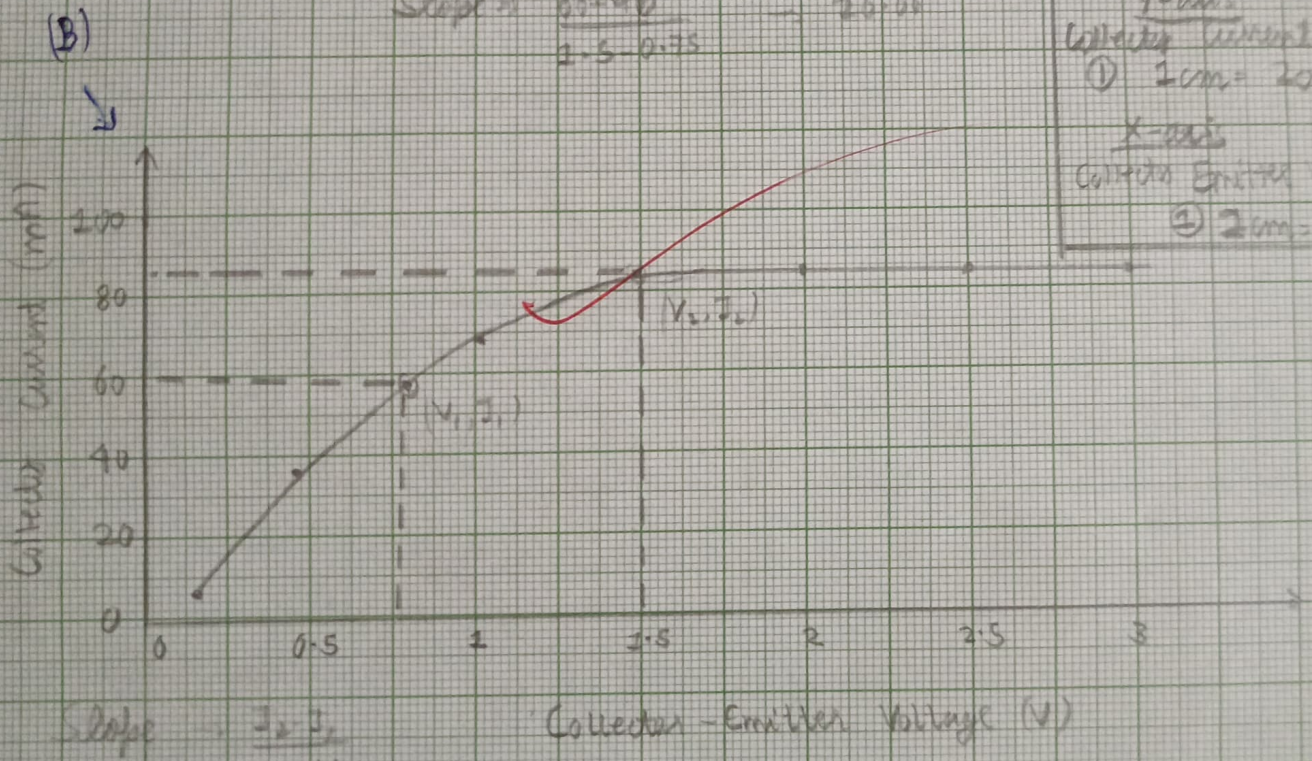


Slope =  $\frac{I_2 - I_1}{V_2 - V_1} = \frac{60 - 40}{1.5 - 0.75} = 26.66$

SCALE

Y-axis  
Collector Current  
① 2cm = 20 mA

X-axis  
Collector-Emitter Voltage  
② 2cm = 0.5V



Slope =  $\frac{I_2 - I_1}{V_2 - V_1}$

$\rightarrow \frac{80 - 60}{1.5 - 0.75}$

$\rightarrow \frac{20}{0.75}$

$\rightarrow 26.666$

SCALE

Y-axis  
Collector Current  
2cm = 20 mA

① X-axis  
Collector-Emitter Voltage  
② 2cm = 0.5V