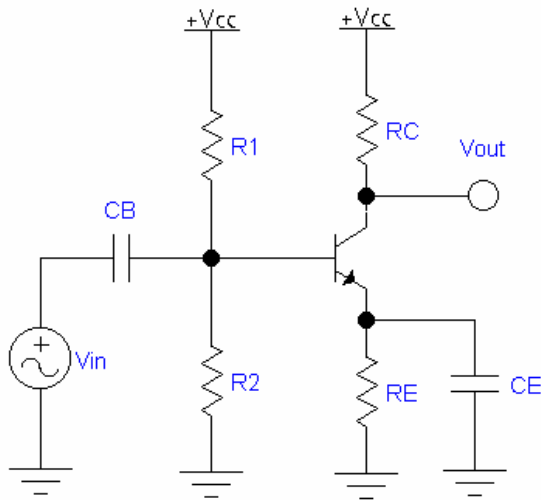


Transistor Amplifiers

Small Signal Modeling Examples

3. Common Emitter Amplifier w/ Voltage Divider Bias & Emitter Bypass Capacitor



DC Bias

$$V_B \approx V_{CC} [R_2 / (R_1 + R_2)]$$

if $(\beta + 1) R_E \gg R_1 \parallel R_2$

$$V_E = V_B - 0.7$$

$$I_E = V_E / R_E$$

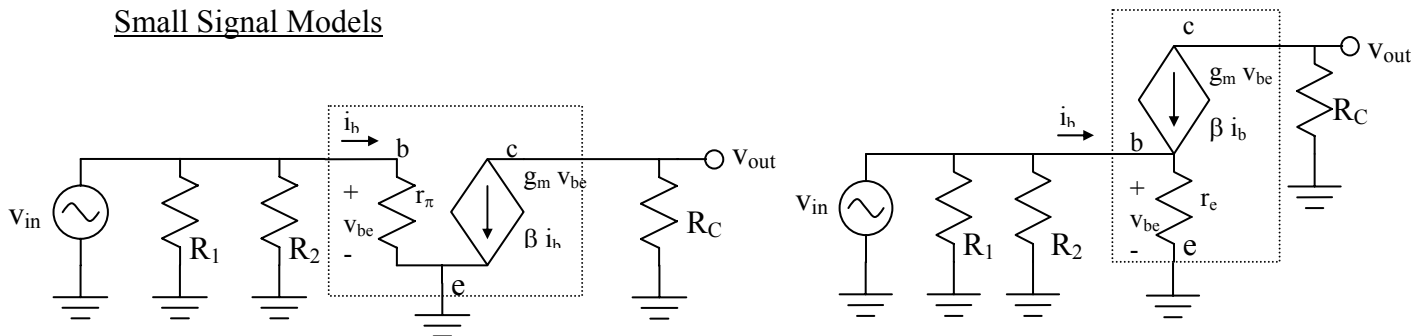
$$I_C \approx I_E$$

$$V_{RC} = I_C (R_C)$$

Check for saturation, ($V_{RC} > V_{CC}$)

$$V_{OUT (BIAS)} = V_{CC} - V_{RC}$$

Small Signal Models



Small Signal (ac) Parameters Voltage Gain (Av)

$$g_m = I_{C (BIAS)} / V_T$$

$$r_\pi = \beta / g_m$$

$$r_e = \beta / (\beta + 1) (1/g_m) \approx 1/g_m$$

$$v_{out} = -g_m v_{be} R_C$$

$$v_{in} = v_{be}$$

$$A_v = v_{out} / v_{in} = -g_m R_C$$

$$\approx -R_C / r_e$$

Input & Output Impedance (Rin, Rout)

$$R_{in} = R_1 \parallel R_2 \parallel r_\pi$$

$$= R_1 \parallel R_2 \parallel (\beta + 1) r_e$$

$$R_{out} = R_C$$

Notes: (1) $I_{C (BIAS)}$, g_m and A_v are fairly β independent.

(2) Relatively high gains are achievable.