# ECE 320 - Homework #5

Transistor Theory, Transistor as a Switch, H-Bridge. Due Monday, September 26th

#### Assume

- NPN: 3904 Transistor,  $\beta = 100$ , max(Ic) = 200mA, max(Vce) = 40V, \$0.06 ea.
- PNP: 3907 Transistor,  $\beta = 100$ , max(Ic) = 200mA, max(Vec) = 40V), \$0.07 ea.

### **Transistors:**

1) The VI characteristics for a transistor are given in the following graph.

Label the Off - Saturated - and Active regions on this graph.

Determine the current gain,  $\beta$ , from this graph.

20uA at Ib produces 2mA at Ic.

$$\beta = 100$$

Vin O

12V

- 2) For the circuit to the right, draw the load line shown on graph
- 3) Determine the Q-point (Vc, Ic) when
- Vin = 0.5V: This isn't enough to turn on the diode, so
  - Ib = 0Ic = 0Vce = 12V

Vin = 3V: This is enough to turn on the diode from base to emitter. Assuming active:

$$I_b = \left(\frac{3V - 0.7V}{20k}\right) = 115\mu A$$
$$I_c = \beta I_b = 11.5mA$$
$$V_c = 12V - 1k \cdot I_c$$
$$V_c = 0.5V$$

The Q-point is

Vce = 0.5VIc = 11.5mA

Vin = 5V: This is enough to turn on the diode from base to emitter. Assuming active:

$$I_b = \left(\frac{5V - 0.7V}{20k}\right) = 215\mu A$$
$$I_c = \beta I_b = 21.5mA$$

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$$V_c = 12V - 1k \cdot I_c$$
$$V_c = -9.50V$$

Vc can't go negative, so it clips at 0.2V (saturated). Then

$$I_c = \left(\frac{12V - 0.2V}{1k}\right) = 11.8mA$$

The Q-point is

$$Vce = 0.2V$$
$$Ic = 11.8mA$$



#### **Transistor Switches:**

4) Design a circuit which allows you to turn on and off a 3W LED with the function generator:

Input: 0V / 5V signal capable of driving 20mA

Output: 3W LED. Vf = 3V @ 1A

Relationship:

- 0V in = 0mA to the LED
- 5V in = 100 mA to the LED (something the 3904 transistor is capable of )

First, design a circuit to drive 100mA through the LED. Assume a 5V power supply

$$R_c = \left(\frac{5V - 3V - 0.2V}{100mA}\right) = 18\Omega$$

Next, choose Rb so that

- Ib < 20mA (input limit), and
- 100Ib > Ic

To saturate the transistor

$$\beta I_b > I_c$$
$$I_b > \frac{100mA}{100} = 1mA$$

Let Ib = 2mA

$$R_b = \left(\frac{5V - 0.7V}{2mA}\right) = 2150\Omega$$

The exact value of Rb isn't critical: anything close works. Let Rb = 2200.



# **PartSim Simulation:**

Diode is on: A white LED isn't in PartSim, so use a 3V source to simulate the voltage drop through the diode.

This results in

- Ic = 103 mA (vs. 100mA computed)
- Ib = 1.92mA (vs. 1.955 computed)



## 0V in turns off the diode



### **H-Bridge**

5) Design an H-bridge to drive +/- 100mA through an 8-Ohm speaker

Input: Four signals (A,B,C,D), each 0/5V capable of 20mA

Output: 8 Ohm Speaker

Relationship:

- Setting (A, B, C, D) to different voltages allows you to drive the speaker at +100mA, 0mA, or -100mA
- Tolerance: 10%

Assume +5V power.

Add a resistance to limit the current to the 8-Ohm speaker to 100mA

$$R_{total} = \left(\frac{4.8V - 0.2V}{100mA}\right) = 46\Omega$$

The 8-Ohm speaker contributes 8 Ohms (duh), so you need to add 38 Ohms to get to 46 Ohms.

To saturate the transistors, pick Rb so that 100Ib > Ic. For the PNP transistors (When Vc = 0V)

$$R_b = \left(\frac{5V - 0.7V}{20mA}\right) = 2150\Omega$$

For the NPN transistors (when Vb = 5V)

$$R_b = \left(\frac{5V - 0.7V}{20mA}\right) = 2150\Omega$$

Round each to 2200 Ohms (resulting in Ib = 1.955mA). This H-brige will work for loads up to 195.5mA.





	Calculated	Simulated	Measured (lab)
Vleft	0.2V	0.140V	-
Vright	4.8V	4.89V	-
Vb1	0.7V	0.775V	-
Vb3	4.3V	4.48V	-



	Calculated	Simulated	Measured (lab)
Vleft	4.8V	4.89V	-
Vright	0.2V	0.140V	-
Vb4	0.7V	0.775V	-
Vb2	4.3V	4.40V	-

# Lab:

- 6) Simulate in PartSim (or similar program) problem 3, 4, or 5
- 7) Build in lab either problem 3, 4, or 5.