

Bipolar Transistor Characteristics :-

For a common emitter configuration of a transistor I_B and V_{CE} are taken as independent variables. Since V_{BE} is a function of I_B and V_{CE} and also I_C is another function of I_B and V_{CE} .

$$\text{then } V_{BE} = f(I_B, V_{CE}) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } I_C = f(I_B, V_{CE}) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

If a curve represents the variables of the dependent variables V_{BE} or I_C with one of the two independent variables then the curve is called the characteristic of the transistor.

Expanding eqn (1) & (2) by Taylor's theorem and neglecting higher orders, we can write,

$$dV_{BE} = \left(\frac{\partial V_{BE}}{\partial I_B} \right)_{V_{CE}} dI_B + \left(\frac{\partial V_{BE}}{\partial V_{CE}} \right)_{I_B} dV_{CE}$$

$$dI_C = \left(\frac{\partial I_C}{\partial I_B} \right)_{V_{CE}} dI_B + \left(\frac{\partial I_C}{\partial V_{CE}} \right)_{I_B} dV_{CE}$$

The partial derivatives of the above two equations define the hybrid-parameters (h-parameters) of the transistor of this configuration. Thus,

$$(i) \text{ Input impedance } (h_{ie}) = \left(\frac{\partial V_{BE}}{\partial I_B} \right)_{V_{CE}}$$

$$(ii) \text{ Reverse voltage ratio } (h_{re}) = \left(\frac{\partial V_{BE}}{\partial I_C} \right)_{V_{CE}}$$

(iii) Forward current transfer ratio (h_{fe}) = $\left(\frac{\partial I_c}{\partial I_B}\right)_{V_{CE}}$

(iv) output admittance (h_{oe}) = $\left(\frac{\partial I_c}{\partial V_{CE}}\right)_{I_B}$.

Similarly, for the common base configuration of a transistor I_E and V_{CB} are taken as independent variables.

Since V_{EB} is a function of I_E and V_{CB} and also I_c is a function of I_E and V_{CB} ,

$$V_{EB} = f(I_E, V_{CB}) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$I_c = f(I_E, V_{CB}) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Each of the above equations represents two sets of characteristic curves. Expanding eqn (3) & (4) by Taylor's theorem and neglecting higher orders,

$$dV_{EB} = \left(\frac{\partial V_{EB}}{\partial I_E}\right)_{V_{CB}} dI_E + \left(\frac{\partial V_{EB}}{\partial V_{CB}}\right)_{I_E} dV_{CB}$$

$$dI_c = \left(\frac{\partial I_c}{\partial I_E}\right)_{V_{CB}} dI_E + \left(\frac{\partial I_c}{\partial V_{CB}}\right)_{I_E} dV_{CB}$$

The partial derivatives of the above two equations

(i) Input impedance (h_{ib}) = $\left(\frac{\partial V_{EB}}{\partial I_E}\right)_{V_{CB}}$.

(ii) Reverse voltage ratio (h_{rb}) = $\left(\frac{\partial V_{EB}}{\partial V_{CB}}\right)_{I_E}$

(iii) forward current transfer ratio (h_{fb}) = $\left(\frac{\partial I_c}{\partial I_E}\right)_{V_{CB}}$

(iv) output admittance (h_{ob}) = $\left(\frac{\partial I_c}{\partial V_{CB}}\right)_{I_E}$