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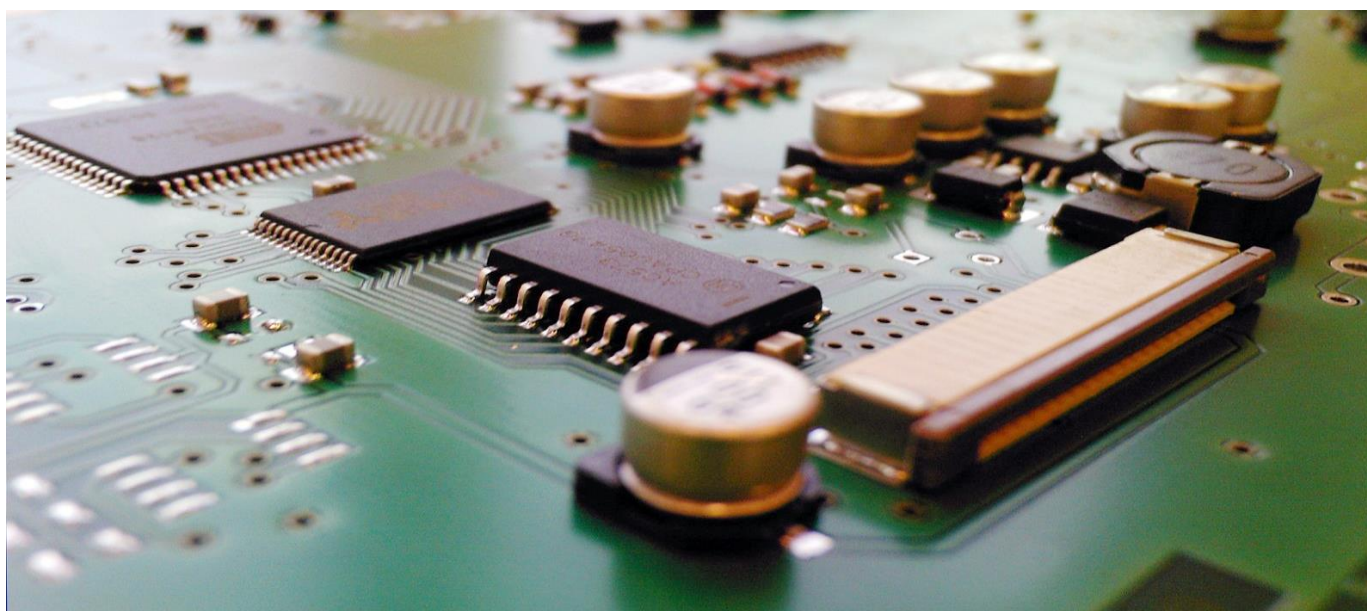
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BASIC ELECTRONICS (Th-4B)

FIRST & SECOND SEMESTER

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ELECTRONICS DEVICES

1.1 Basic Concept of Electronics and its application.

Definition:

The branch of engineering which deals with current conduction through a vacuum or gas or semiconductor is known as electronics. An electronic device is that in which current flows through a vacuum or gas or semiconductor.

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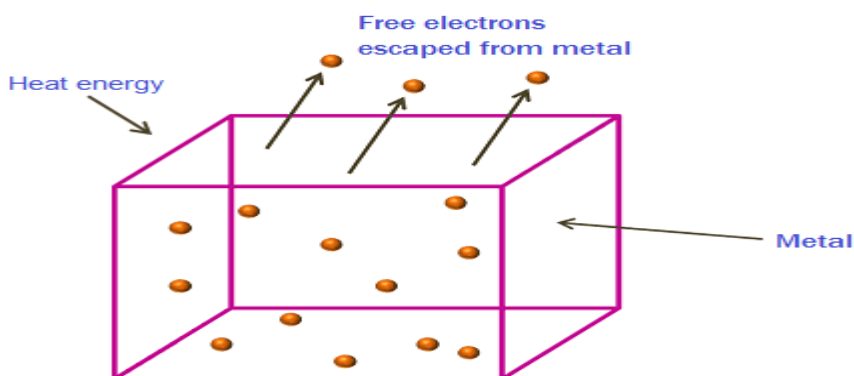
Electronics is the branch of science that deals with the study of the flow of electrons and their effects in a vacuum, gases, and semiconductor materials.

APPLICATION OF ELECTRONICS

1. Entertainment and Communication:- Tv, radio, DVD Player, Video games, Mobiles Etc.
2. Control and Instrumentation :- Traffic light Control, Multimeters, CRO, Frequency Converter.
3. Medical science :- X-Ray, ECG, EEG, EMG
4. Defence :- Radar, Missile, Walkie-talkies.

1.2 Basic Concept of Electron Emission & its types.

The Electronics devices depend on the movements of free electrons in an evacuated space. *The liberation of electrons from the surface of a metal is known as **Electron Emission***



- For electron emission, metals are used because they have many free electrons.
 - The electrons are free only to transfer from one atom to another within the metal but they cannot leave the metal surface to provide electron emission.
 - Thus at the surface of the metal, a free electron encounters forces that prevent it to leave the metal.
 - In other words, the metallic surface offers a barrier to free electrons, their kinetic energy increases and is known as surface barrier.
 - However, if sufficient energy is given to the free electrons, their kinetic energy increases and thus the electrons will cross over the surface barrier to leave the metal.
 - This additional energy required by an electron to overcome the surface barrier of the metal is called *work function* of the metal.
- Different types of Emission:

There are following four principal methods of obtaining electron emission from the surface of a metal:

1. Thermionic Emission - (Due to Thermal energy)
2. Field Emission - (Due to application of strong electric field)

3. Secondary Emission – (**due to bombardment of high-speed electrons**)

4. Photo Electric Emission – (*by the application of light*)

1. Thermionic Emission

*The process of electron emission from a metal surface by supplying thermal energy to it is known as **Thermionic emission**.*

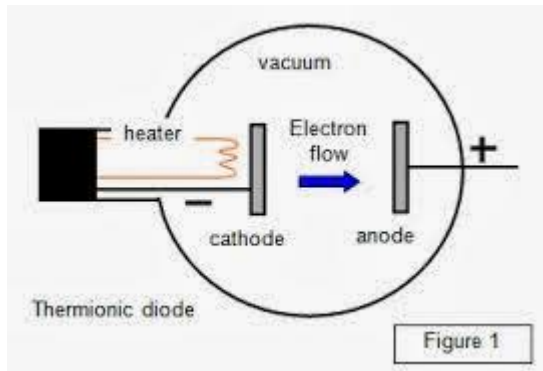
In this type of emission the electron emission is achieved by heating the electrode to a sufficient temperature (about 2500°C) to enable the free electrons to leave the metal surface. Due to heating the electrons get enough energy that they emit from the surface of that material heat energy is converted into kinetic energy, causing accelerated motion of free electrons and electrons acquire additional energy equal to the work function of the metal. An electron emitted from a hot cathode comes out with a velocity that presents different between the kinetic energy possessed by electron just before emission usually used in cathode of diode, triode, pentode, CRT and many other. The higher the temperature, the greater is the emission of electrons. The commonly used materials for electron emission are *tungsten, thoriated tungsten* and *metallic oxides of barium and strontium*.

S.No. Emitter Work Function Operating Temperature

1 *Tungsten* 4.52 eV 2327°C

2 *Thoriated tungsten* 2.63 eV 1700°C

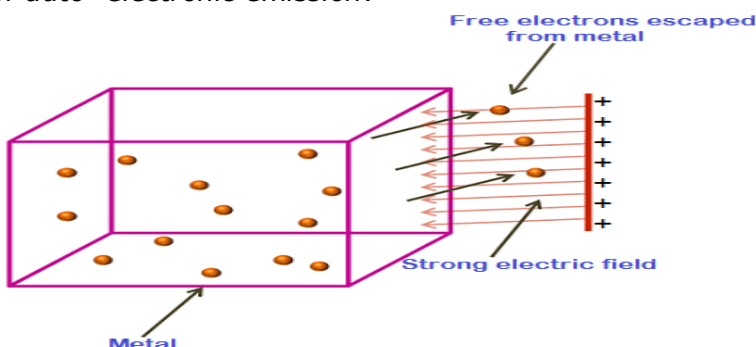
3 *Oxide-coated* 1.1 eV 750°C



2. Field Emission

*The process of electron emission by the application of strong electric field at the surface of a metal is known as **field emission**.*

When metal surface is placed in an electric field, the electron rotating in their orbits experience a force due to electrostatic field. Hence the process of electron emission by application of strong electric field at the surface of a metal is called field emission. It is also called *cold cathode emission* or *auto- electronic emission*.

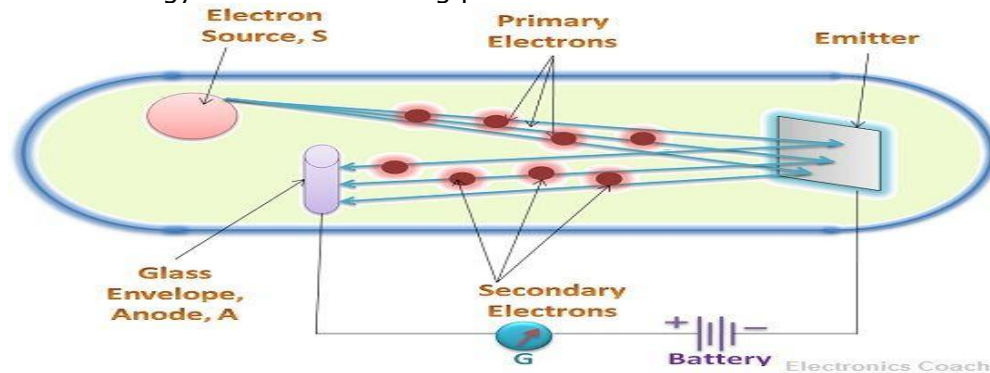


3. Secondary Emission

Electron emission from a metallic surface by the bombardment of high-speed electrons or other particles is known as secondary emission.

When high-speed electrons suddenly strike a metallic surface, they may give some or all of their kinetic energy to the free electrons in the metal. If the energy of the striking electrons is sufficient, it

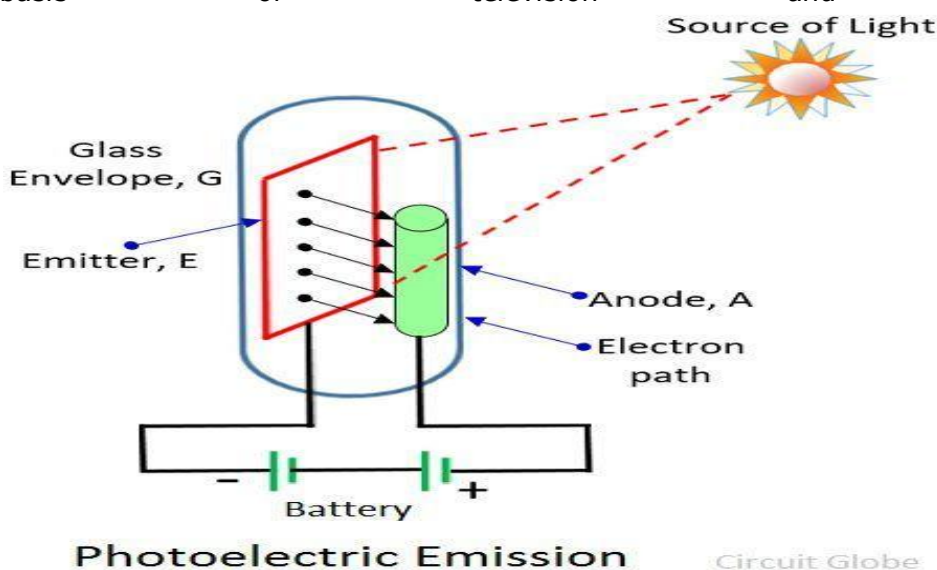
may cause free electrons to escape from the metal surface. This phenomenon is called secondary emission. The electrons that strike the metal are called primary electrons while the emitted electrons are known as secondary electrons. The intensity of secondary emission depends upon the emitter material, mass and energy of the bombarding particles.



4. Photo Electric Emission

Electron emission from a metallic surface by the application of light is known as photo electric emission.

When a beam of light strikes the surface of cathode normally made of potassium, Sodium the energy of photons of light is transfer to the free electrons of cathode. In this method, the energy of light falling upon the metal surface is transferred to the free electrons within the metal to enable them to leave the surface. The greater the intensity of light beam falling on the metal surface, the greater is the photoelectric emission. The emitted electrons are known as *photo electrons* and the phenomenon is known as *photoelectric emission*. Photo-electric emission is utilised in photo tubes which form the basis of television and sound films.



1.3 Classification of material according to electrical conductivity (Conductor, Semiconductor & Insulator) with respect to energy band diagram only.

For better understanding of classification we have to understand what is energy band and different types of bands present in a metal.

Energy Band: The range of energies possessed by an electron in a solid is known as **energy band**.

Valence band: The range of energies (i.e. band) possessed by valence electrons is known as **valence band**.

Conduction band: The range of energies (i.e. band) possessed by conduction band electrons is known as **conduction band**.

Forbidden energy gap: The separation between conduction band and valence band on the energy level diagram is known as **forbidden energy gap**.

(i) **Insulators.** Insulators (e.g. wood, glass etc.) are those substances which do not allow the passage of electric current through them. In terms of energy band, the valence band is full while the conduction band is empty. Further, the energy gap between valence and conduction bands is very large (15 eV). Therefore, a very high electric field is required to push the valence electrons to the conduction band.

However, when the temperature is raised, some of the valence electrons may acquire enough energy to cross over to the conduction band. Hence, the resistance of an insulator decreases with the increase in temperature i.e. an insulator has negative temperature coefficient of resistance.

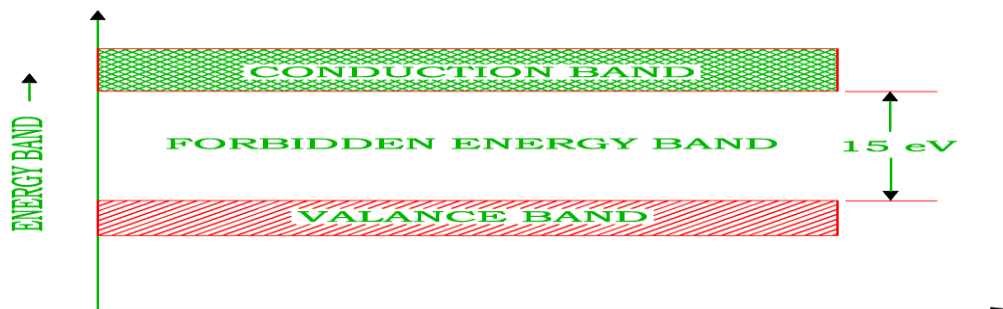


FIG C : ENERGY BAND DIAGRAM FOR INSULATOR

(ii) **Conductors.** Conductors (e.g. copper, aluminium) are those substances which easily allow the passage of electric current through them. It is because there are a large number of free electrons available in a conductor. In terms of energy band, the valence and conduction bands overlap each other. Due to this overlapping, a slight potential difference across a conductor causes the free electrons to constitute electric current.

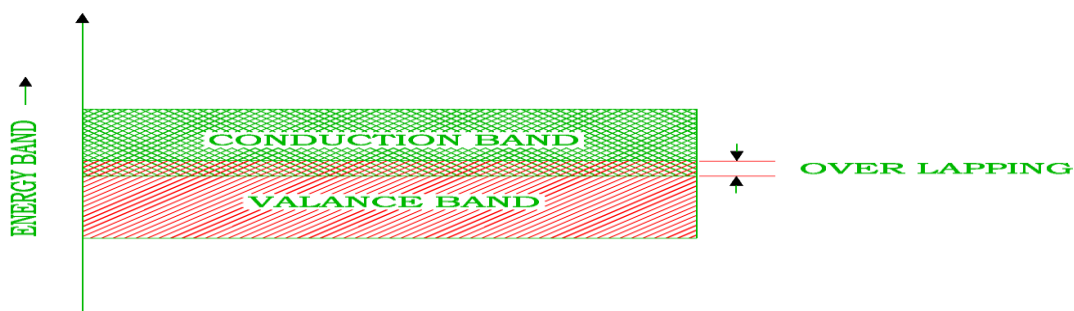


FIG A : ENERGY BAND DIAGRAM FOR CONDUCTOR

(iii) **Semiconductors.** Semiconductors (e.g. germanium, silicon etc.) are those substances whose electrical conductivity lies in between conductors and insulators. In terms of energy band, the valence band is almost filled and conduction band is almost empty. Further, the energy gap between valence and conduction bands is very small. Therefore, comparatively smaller electric field (smaller than insulators but much greater than conductors) is required to push the electrons from the valence band to the conduction band. In short, a semiconductor has :

(a) almost full valence band

(b) almost empty conduction band

(c) small energy gap (1 eV) between valence and conduction bands.

At low temperature, the valence band is completely full and conduction band is completely empty. Therefore, a semiconductor virtually behaves as an insulator at low temperatures. However, even at room temperature, some electrons (about one electron for 10^{10} atoms) cross over to the conduction band, imparting little conductivity to the semiconductor.

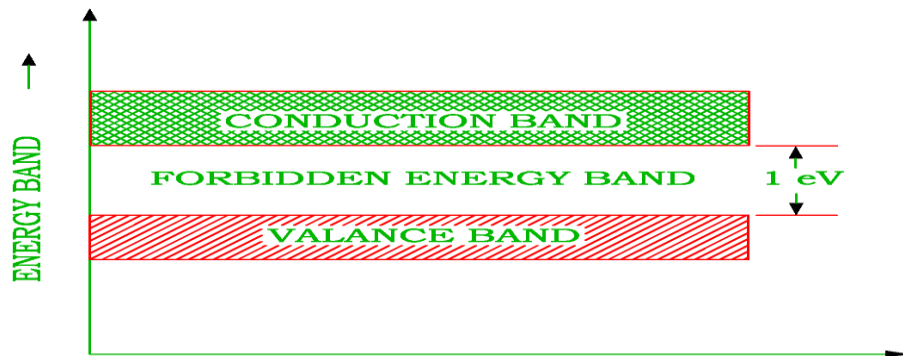


FIG B : ENERGY BAND DIAGRAM FOR SEMI CONDUCTOR

1.4 Difference between Intrinsic & Extrinsic Semiconductor.

INTRINSIC SEMICONDUCTOR	EXTRINSIC SEMICONDUCTOR
1.Semiconductor in its pure form is termed as intrinsic semiconductor	1.If any impurity is added to pure form Semiconductor then that is called semiconductor
2.doping or addition of impurity does not take place in intrinsic semiconductor	2.doping or addition of impurity does take place in extrinsic semiconductor
3.the number of free electron in the conduction band is equal to the number of holes in the valence band	3.the number electron and holes are not equal.
4.electrical conductivity is low	4.electrical conductivity is High.
5.electrical conductivity is a function of temp. alone	5.electrical conductivity depends on temp. as well as on the amount of impurity doping in the pure semiconductor.
6.example :- crystalline forms of pure silicon and germanium	6.example:- silicon (Si) and germanium (Ge) crystals with impurity atoms of As,sb,p etc.

1.5 Difference between vacuum tube & semiconductor

Vaccum Tube	Semiconductor
1.The size of vaccum tube is big and its	1.Its size is small and weight is less.

weight is heavy.	
2.Frile in Mechanical construction	2. Rugged in Mechanical construction
3.Since filament is present ,heating power is required heating dealy is present.	3. No Filament or heating power required No heating delay .
4.operation is Complex .	4. operation is Easy .
5.Its life period is Short .	5. Its life period is very long .
6. High operating voltage is required.	6.Very low operating voltage is required.
7.It is mostly used in very high output power and high frequency operation	7.It is mostly used in low and medium power and frequency application.

Depending upon the type of impurity added, extrinsic semiconductors are classified into:

(i) n-type semiconductor (ii) p-type semiconductor

(i) n-type Semiconductor

When a small amount of pentavalent impurity is added to a pure semiconductor, it is known as **n-type semiconductor**.

The addition of pentavalent impurity pro-vides a large number of free electrons in the semiconductor crystal. Typical examples of pentavalent impurities are *arsenic ,antimony,Bismuth and Phosphorous etc*. Such impurities which produce n-type semiconductor are known as *donor impurities* because they donate or provide free electrons to the semiconductor crystal.

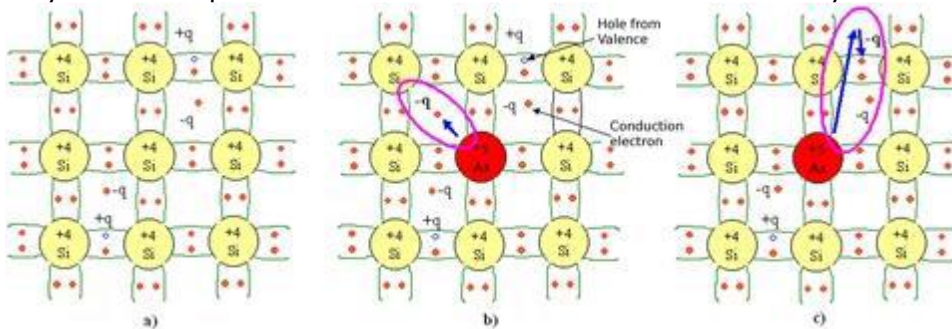


Figure 4 : Schematic

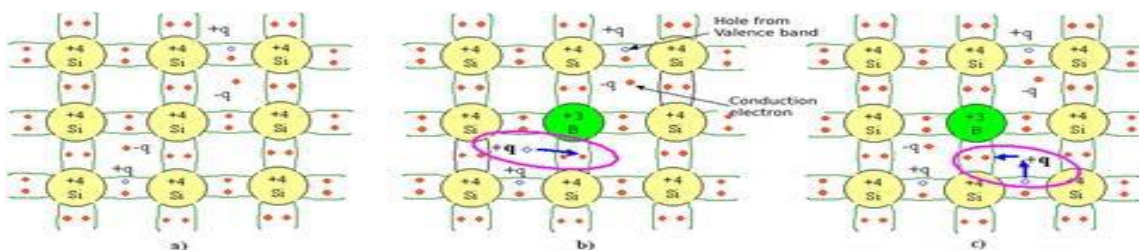
representation of electronic bonds in a Silicon crystal doped with Arsenic As (n doping)

□ Electrons are said to be the majority carriers whereas holes are the minority carriers.

(ii) p-type Semiconductor

When a small amount of trivalent impurity is added to a pure semiconductor, it is called **p-type Semiconductor**.

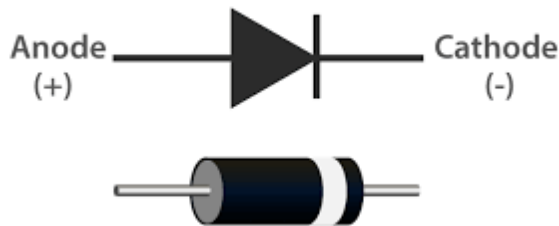
The addition of trivalent impurity provides a large number of holes in the semiconductor. Typical examples of trivalent impurities are *gallium ,indium, boron etc*. Such impurities which produce p-type semiconductor are known as *acceptor impurities* because the holes created can accept the electrons fig 5.



1.6 Principle of working and use of PN junction diode, Zener diode and Light Emitting Diode (LED)

PN Junction:

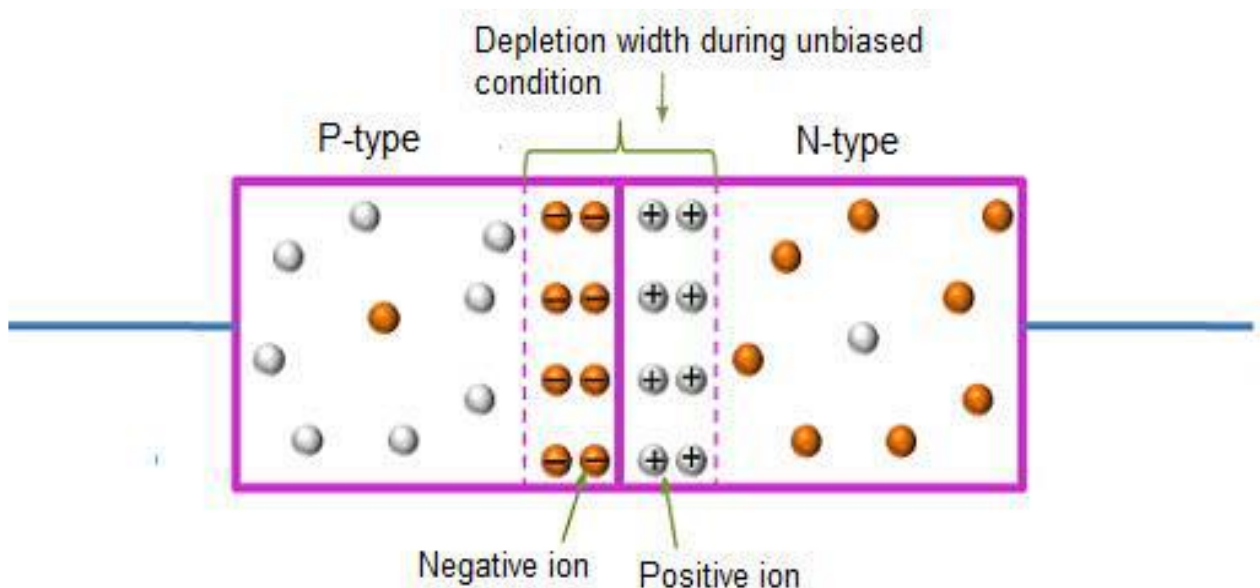
When a p-type & n-type semiconductor properly join together it forms pn junction. It is the basic building block for many semiconductor devices. After the formation of junction a large difference in carrier density exists which results holes in the p-side tends to diffuse into n-side leaving behind trivalent ion and electrons in the n-side are tends to diffuse into p-side leaving behind pentavalent ion. Due to this charge separation a layer of negative charges (trivalent ions) in p-type & positive charges (pentavalent ions) in n-type near the junction created. These two layers of positive and negative charges form the **depletion region** (or **depletion layer**).



Once pn junction is formed and depletion layer created, the diffusion of free electrons stops. In other words, the depletion region acts as a barrier to the further movement of free electrons across the junction. Since the holes in p-side encounter a positive charge in n-side near the junction similarly electrons in n-side encounter a negative charge in p-side near the junction. The positive and negative charges set up an electric field. The electric field is a barrier to the free electrons in the n-region. There exists a potential difference across the depletion layer and is called **barrier potential** (V_0).

PN- junction Diode:

A *pn junction* is known as a semi-conductor or crystal diode. It is a two terminal unidirectional (allows current only in single direction) semiconductor device. The lead connected to p-side called **anode** and the lead connected to n-side called **cathode** of the diode. The circuit symbol of diode is shown in figure.



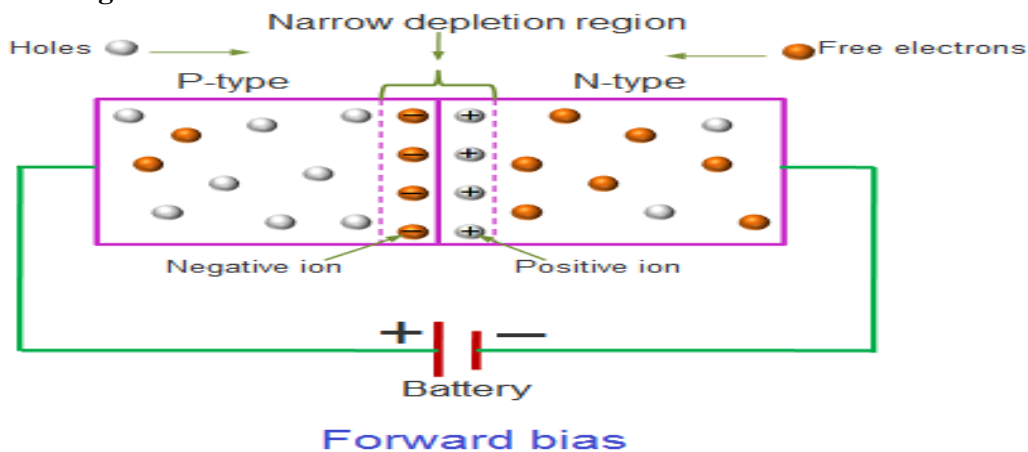
His pn junction does not allow flow of current. To make it suitable for electronics circuits we need to biasing (applying external voltage) pn-diode. There are two ways of biasing pn-diode (i) Forward biasing
(ii) Reverse biasing

(i) Forward biasing

When a diode is connected in a **Forward Bias** condition, a negative voltage is applied to the N-type material and a positive voltage is applied to the P-type material.

Like charges repel, so the free electrons are pushed toward the PN junction. Similarly, the holes are repelled by the positive terminal of the battery toward the PN junction. If the voltage pushing the electrons and holes has sufficient strength to overcome the depletion zone (approximately 0.7 V for typical silicon diode) the electrons and holes combine at the junction and current passes through the diode.

The forward voltage at which the depletion region vanishes and the current in diode raises rapidly is called „**Knee voltage**“.

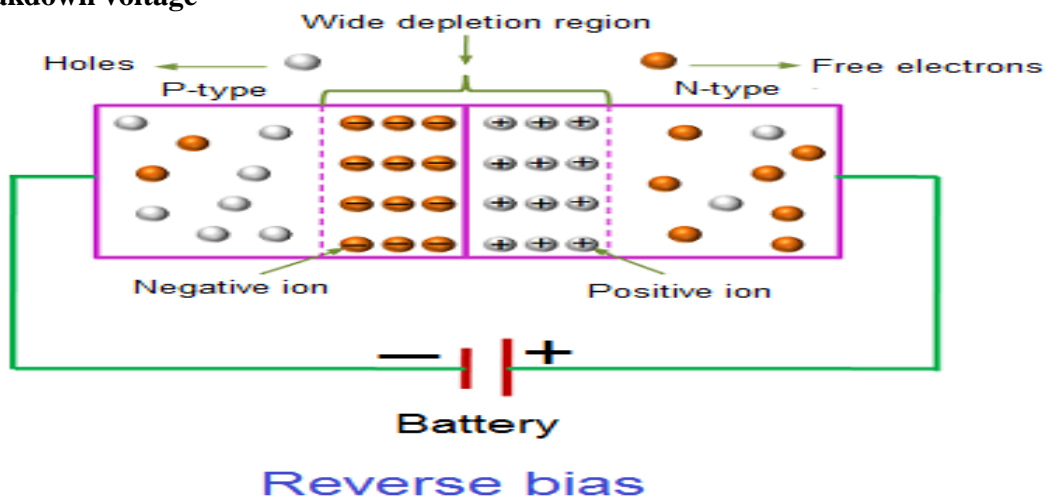


(ii) Reverse biasing

When a diode is connected in a **Reverse Bias** condition, a positive voltage is applied to the N-type material and a negative voltage is applied to the P-type material.

The negative terminal attracts the positive holes in the P-type silicon and the positive terminal of the battery attracts the free electrons in the N-type silicon. All the charge carriers are pulled away from the PN junction which essentially creates a larger depletion region. In reverse bias condition there is a small reverse leakage current because of minority carriers which is independent of reverse supply voltage called „**Reverse saturation current**“.

The minimum reverse voltage at which pn junction breaks down with sudden rise in reverse current is called „**Breakdown voltage**“.



VI characteristics of pn-diode

Volt-ampere (V-I) characteristics of a pn-diode is the graphical representation of the curve between voltage across the junction and the current through the circuit. Normally the voltage is taken along the x-axis and current along y-axis.

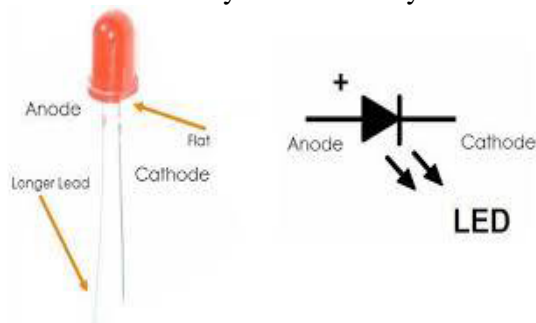
Applications of Diode

In forward bias condition, the diode allows electric current whereas in reverse bias condition, the diode does not allow electric current. Due to this characteristic, the diode finds number of applications as given below:

- i. Rectification
- ii. Clipper & Clamping circuits
- iii. Voltage regulating circuits
- iv. Light emitting diodes(LED) & Laser diodes
- v. Switching Circuits

Zener Diode

Zener diode is an ordinary diode which is properly doped so that it has a sharp breakdown voltage. Unlike normal pn junction diode it allows current in forward bias as well as reverse bias condition. It starts conducting in reverse direction when reverse voltage reaches a predetermined value. Zener diode is mostly used in reverse bias condition only. The circuit symbol is shown in figure

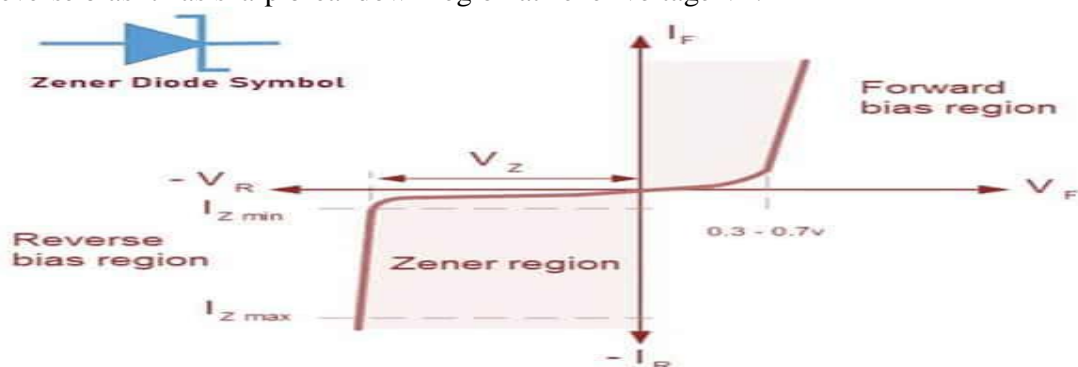


Working principle

When zener diode connected in the reverse mode, which is usual in most of its applications, a small leakage current may flow. As the reverse voltage increases to the predetermined breakdown voltage (V_Z), a current starts flowing through the diode. The current increases to a maximum, which is determined by the series resistor, after which it stabilizes and remains constant over a wide range of applied voltage.

VI characteristic of Zener diode

The graph between voltage and current of zener diode in forward bias is same as normal pn diode but in reverse bias it has sharp breakdown region at zener voltage V_Z .



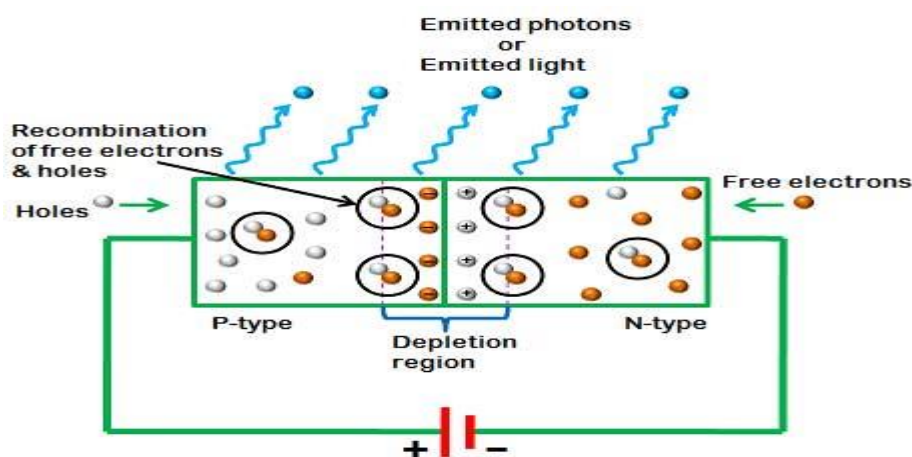
Applications

Zener diodes are mostly used in voltage regulator, overvoltage protection & clipper circuits.

LIGHT EMITTING DIODE

The LED is basically a device which convert input electrical energy into output optical radiation in the visible or infrared portion of spectrum depending on the semiconductor material used. LEDs have replaced incandescent lamps in many application because of low voltage long life and Fast On off switching. The Materials used in manufacturing the LED are

1. Gallium Arsenide Phosphide (Ga,AsP)- It provides either red light or yellow light
2. Gallium Phosphide (GaP)- It provides red or green light.
3. Gallium arsenide (GaAs) – It provides Infrared radiation.



Light Emitting Diode (LED)

Physics and Radio-Electronics

I When a p-n junction is forward biased ,charge carrier recombination take place at a junction as electron cross from the n-side and combine with holes on the p-side free electrons are in the conduction band of energy level while holes are in the valence band. Therefore electrons are at higher energy level than holes when recombination take place some of its energy is given up in the form of heat and light .if the semiconductor material is translucent the light will be emitted and junction becomes light sources which is called as light emitting diode.

- The metal film anode connection must be patterned to a allow most of the light to be emitted A gold film is applied to the bottom of the light towards the surface of the device and to provide cathode connection.

Application

1. Calculator
2. Multimeter
3. Digital watches
4. Intercoms
5. Electronic panels
6. Seven segment display

Advantages

1. Require low voltage to operate (1-2 volt) and consume less power.
2. Longer life
3. Fast On-Off switching.

1.5 State basic concept of Integrated Circuits (I.C) & its use.



An integrated circuit (IC), sometimes called a *chip* or microchip, is a semiconductor wafer on which thousands or millions of tiny resistors, capacitors, and transistors are fabricated. An IC can function as an amplifier, oscillator, timer, counter, computer memory, or microprocessor. A particular IC is categorized as either linear analog or digital, depending on its intended application. IC's are of Linear, digital and mixed types

Linear ICs have continuously variable output (theoretically capable of attaining an infinite number of states) that depends on the input signal level. As the term implies, the output signal level is a linear function of the input signal level. Linear ICs are used as audio-frequency (AF) and radio-frequency (RF) amplifiers. The *operational amplifier* (op amp) is a common device in these applications.

Digital ICs operate at only a few defined levels or states, rather than over a continuous range of signal amplitudes. These devices are used in computers, computer networks, modems, and frequency counters. The fundamental building blocks of digital ICs are logic gates, which work with binary data, that is, signals that have only two different states, called low (logic 0) and high (logic 1).

Applications and Uses of Integrated Circuits

The advantages of Integrated Circuits are:

1. Very small size: Hundred times smaller than the discrete circuits.
2. Lesser weight: As large number of components can be packed into a single chip, weight is reduced
3. Reduced cost: The mass production technique has helped to reduce the price,
4. High reliability: Due to absence of soldered connection, few interconnections and small temperature rise failure rate is low.
5. Low power requirement: As the size is small power consumption is less.
6. Easy replacement: In case of failure chip can easily be replaced.

Linear IC's also known as analog Integrated circuits are:

1. Power amplifiers
2. Small-signal amplifiers
3. Operational amplifiers
4. Microwave

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CHAPTER-2

ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS

2.1 Rectifier & its uses.

Rectifier

A rectifier is an electrical device that converts an Alternating Current (AC) into a Direct Current (DC) by using one or more P-N junction diodes.

When AC voltage or AC current is applied across the P-N junction diode, during the positive half cycle the diode is forward biased and allows electric current through it. However, when the AC current reverses its direction to negative half cycle, the diode is reverse biased and does not allow electric current through it. Thus, electric current flows through the diode only during the positive half cycle of the AC current.

This current which flows across the diode is nothing but a DC current. Thus, the P-N junction diode acts like a rectifier by converting the AC current into DC current.

Rectifiers are mostly used to provide continuous voltage (DC Voltage) required to run almost all electronic devices & circuits.

2.2 Principles of working of different types of Rectifiers with their merits and demerits

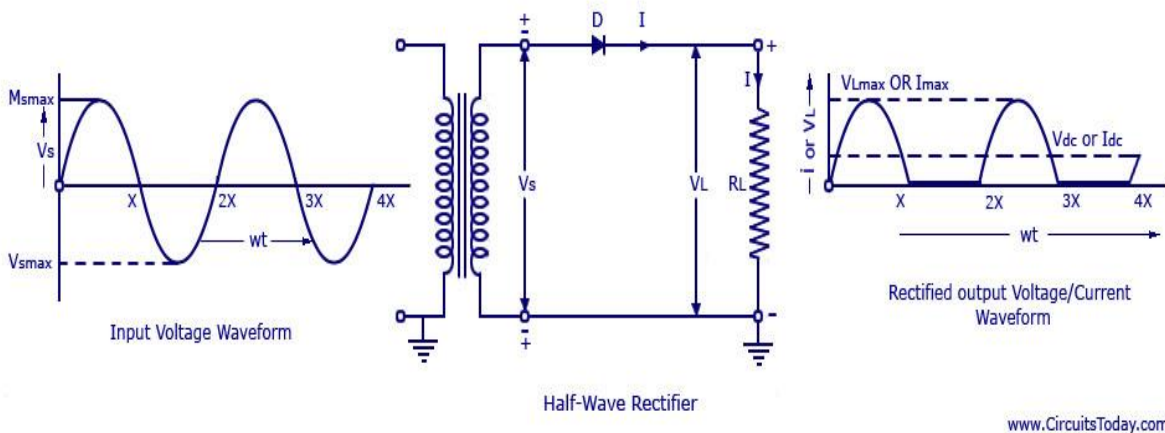
Types of Rectifier: The rectifiers are mainly classified into two types:

(i) Half wave rectifier

(ii) Full wave rectifier

HalfWaveRectifier

As the name suggests, the half wave rectifier is a type of rectifier which converts half of the AC input signal (positive half cycle) into pulsating DC output signal and the remaining half signal (negative half cycle) is blocked or lost. A half-wave rectifier is the simplest of them all as it is composed of only a single diode.



Operation

During the positive half cycle, the diode terminal anode will become positive and the cathode will become negative known as forward bias. And it will allow the positive cycle to flow through the diode.

During the negative half cycle, the anode will become negative and the cathode will become positive, which is known as reverse bias. So the diode will block the negative cycle.

In this way rectifier allows only the positive half cycle of the input AC voltage supply. It uses only half of the input voltage the other half is wasted

Merits

○ Simple circuit as it uses less no of components.

○ Low cost

Demerits

○ It only allow +ve half-cycle and wasted the -ve half-cycle which leads to power loss.

- Produce low output voltage
- Output is not purely DC, it has high ripple factor.

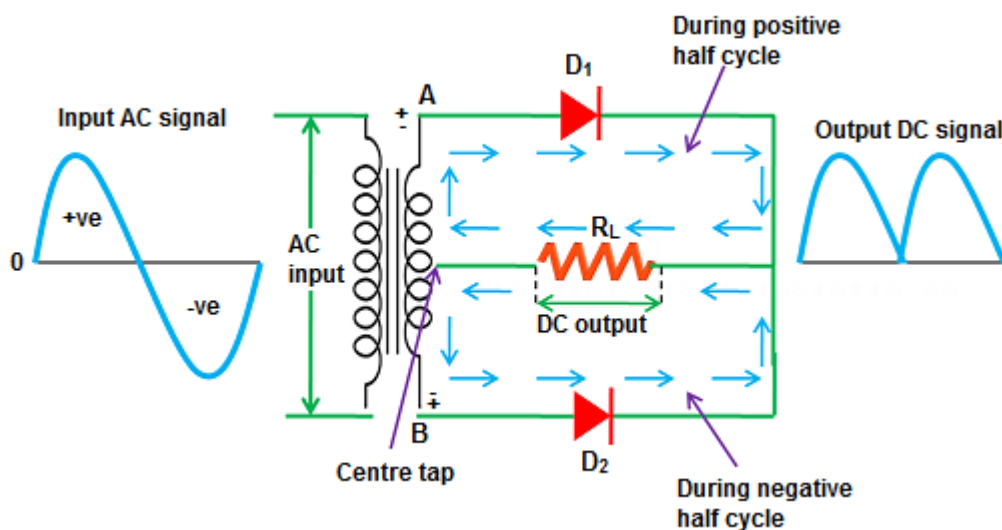
Full wave rectifier

The full wave rectifier is a type of rectifier which converts the full AC input signal (positive half cycle and negative half cycle) to pulsating DC output signal. Unlike the half wave rectifier, the input signal is not wasted in full wave rectifier. The efficiency of full wave rectifier is high as compared to the half wave rectifier. A full wave rectifier is made up of more than one diode.

There are two types of full wave rectifier.

1. Center-Tap Rectifier
2. Bridge Rectifier

Center-Tap Full Wave Rectifier



This type of rectifier circuit uses a transformer with secondary winding tapped at the center point & two diodes as shown in figure.

Operation

The full wave rectifier circuit consists of two *power diodes* connected to a single load resistance (R_L) with each diode taking it in turn to supply current to the load. When point A of the transformer is positive with respect to point C, diode D_1 conducts in the forward direction as indicated by the arrows. When point B is positive (in the negative half of the cycle) with respect to point C, diode D_2 conducts in the forward direction and the current flowing through resistor R is in the same direction for both half-cycles.

Merits

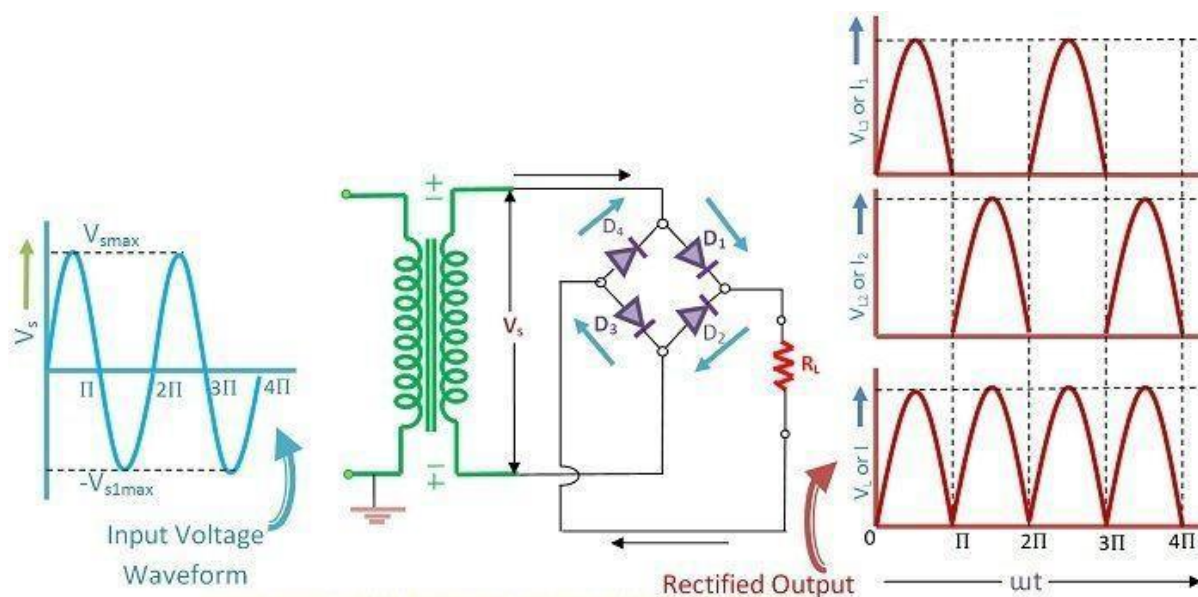
- Low ripples in the output DC signal
- Rectifier efficiency is doubled as compare to half wave rectifier.
- Low power loss

Demerits

- It is expensive as it uses center tapped transformer.
- The output voltage is half of the secondary voltage, as each diode utilizes only one half of the transformer secondary voltage.

Bridge Type Full Wave Rectifier

This type of single phase rectifier uses four individual rectifying diodes connected in a “bridge” configuration as shown in figure. The main advantage of this bridge circuit is that it does not require a special centre tapped transformer, thereby reducing its size and cost.



Operation

The four diodes labelled D_1 to D_4 are arranged in “series pairs” with only two diodes conducting current during each half cycle.

During the positive half cycle of the supply, diodes D_1 and D_2 conduct in series while diodes D_3 and D_4 are reverse biased and the current flows through the load as shown

During the negative half cycle of the supply, diodes D_3 and D_4 conduct in series, but diodes D_1 and D_2 switch “OFF” as they are now reverse biased. The current flowing through the load is the same direction as during the positive half cycle as shown in figure.

Merits

- o High rectifier efficiency.
- o Low power loss as compared to half wave rectifier.

Demerits

- o Since four diodes are used, cost is high.
- o The output is not a proper DC quantity. It has ripples in its output.
- o More power loss compared to centre tapped full wave rectifier.

2.3 Functions of filters and classification of simple Filter circuit (Capacitor, Choke input and π)

Filters

A **filter circuit** is a device which removes the a.c. component of rectifier output but allows the d.c. component to reach the load.

It is connected between rectifier and load because the output of a rectifier has pulsating character i.e. it contains a.c. and d.c. components. The a.c. component is undesirable and must be kept away from the load. To do so, a filter circuit is used which removes (or filters out) the a.c. component and allows only the d.c. component to reach the load.

A filter circuit is generally a combination of inductors (L) and capacitors (C). A capacitor passes a.c. readily but does not pass d.c. at all. On the other hand, an inductor opposes a.c. but allows d.c. to pass through it. It then becomes clear that suitable network of L and C can effectively remove the a.c. component & allowing the d.c. component to reach the load.

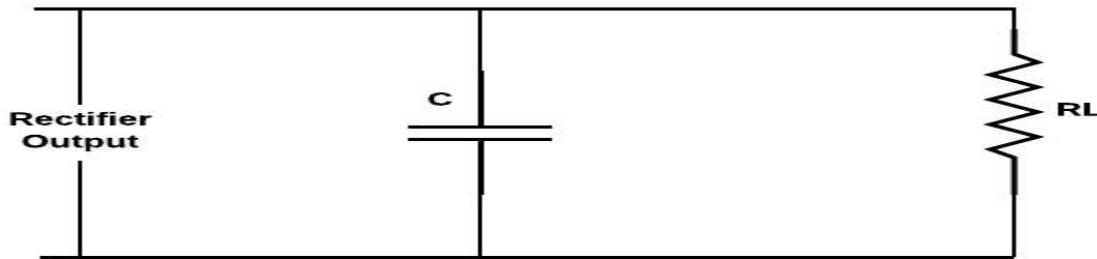
Classification of Filters

i. Capacitor filter :

It is also called Capacitor Filter. It offers low reactance to ac & a very high reactance to the dc component. The capacitive reactance is $X_C = 1/2\pi fC$, for d.c, $f=0$ Then, $X_C = \infty$

Hence a capacitor does not allow the d.c to pass through it. When the pulsating output is applied the ac component experiences a resistive path so bypass through the capacitor but the dc component is blocked by capacitor and appears at load. In this way the undesired ac component is removed

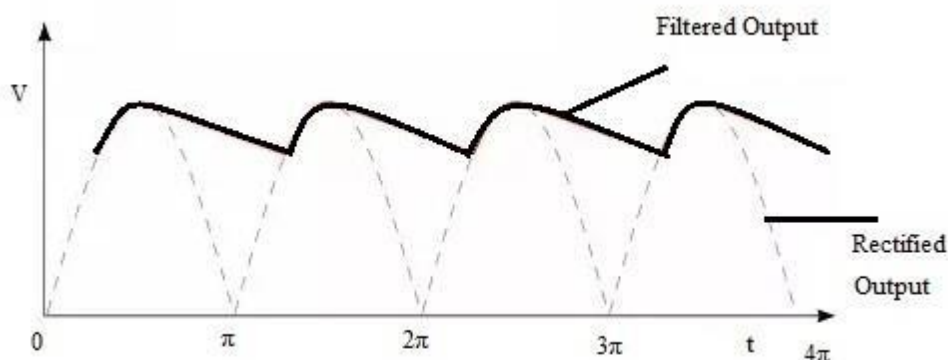
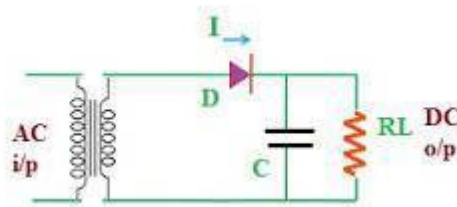
ii. Choke input filter:



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It consists of a choke L connected in series with the rectifier output and a filter capacitor C across the load. The inductive reactance is $X_L = 2\pi fL$, for d.c, $f(\text{frequency})=0$ Then, $X_L=0$

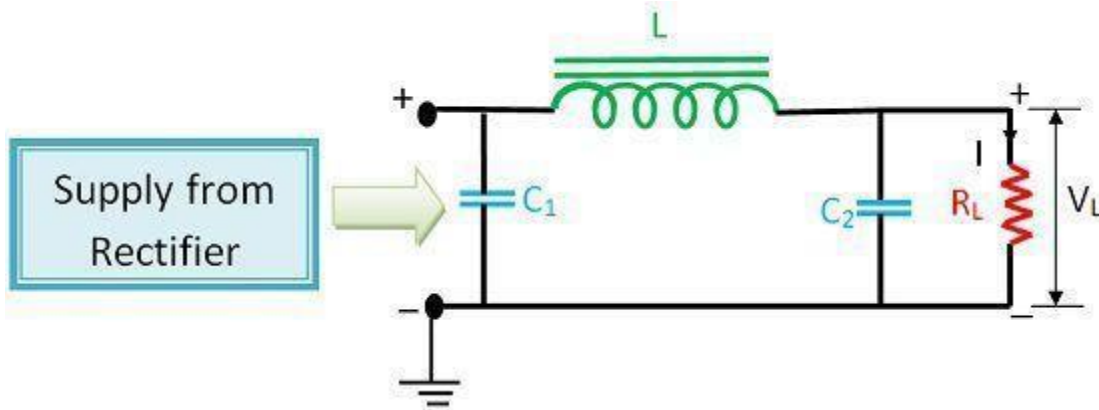
Hence inductor allows the d.c to pass through it & blocks ac. When the pulsating output is applied the ac component is blocked by the series Inductor L , only dc component passes through it. If the resultant output has any ac component it bypass through the parallel capacitor C and the pure dc component will appear across load.



iii. Capacitor input filter:

It consists of a filter capacitor C_1 connected across the rectifier output, a choke L in series and another filter capacitor C_2 connected across the load. The shape of the circuit diagram of this filter circuit appears like Greek letter π (pi) and hence the name π -filter.

Here pulsating output from rectifier is applied across 1st capacitor C_1 which offers zero reactance to a.c & infinite reactance to d.c. Hence d.c component continues to reach across (Choke Filter) L . The filter choke then allows the d.c component easily by blocking a.c component if any. Finally the 2nd capacitor C_2 across load bypasses the a.c component if any which the choke (L) failed to block by making d.c component to reach across load.



2.4 Working of D.C power supply system (unregulated) with help of block diagrams only

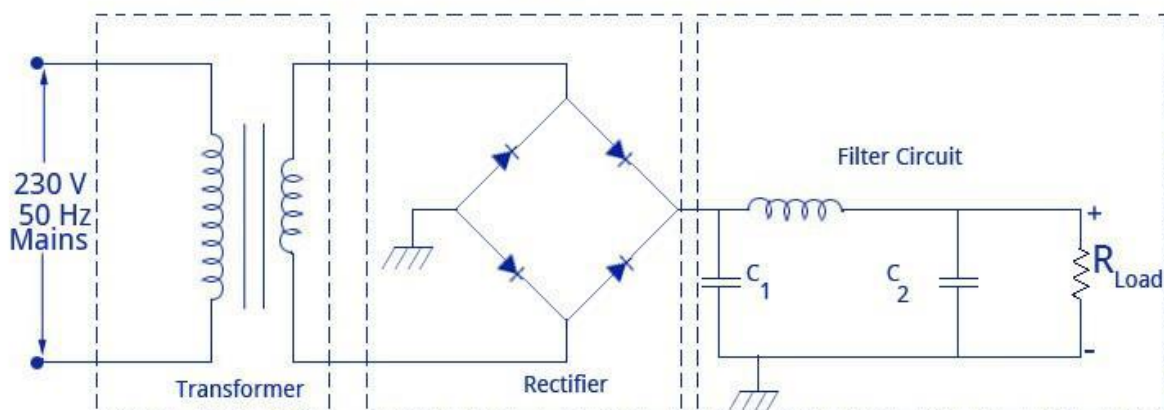
Almost all household electronic circuits need an unregulated AC to be converted to constant DC in order to operate. All devices will have certain power supply

Limit and the inside circuit must be able to supply dc voltage within this limit. This DC supply is regulated & limited in terms of voltage and current but the mains supply may be fluctuating may cause damage to the electronic circuit. This job is done by a unregulated power supply.

The DC power supply is practically converted to each & every stage in the system. All low power system can be run with a battery but batteries are expensive & frequently replaced. So the best method is a unregulated power supply.

A unregulated power supply is a combination of 3 parts namely a transformer, a rectifier & a filter circuit. The Block diagram of a unregulated power supply is shown in figure.

Unregulated Power Supply - Block Diagram

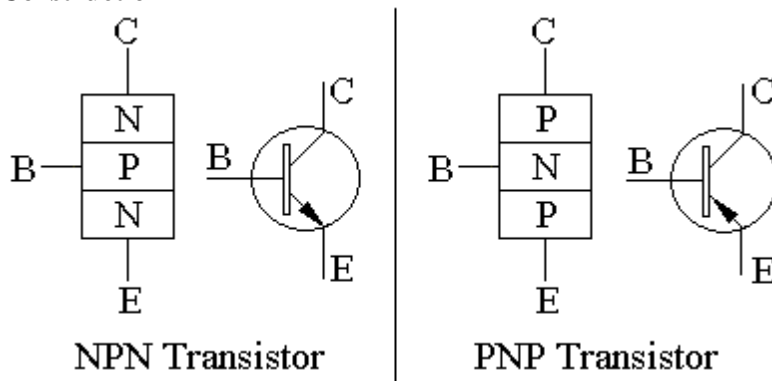


2.5 Transistor, Different types of Transistor Configuration and state output and input current gain relationship in CE, CB and CC configuration (No mathematical derivation)

Transistor

The transistor is a three terminal semiconductor device that regulates current or voltage flow and acts as a switch or gate for signals. The transistor is a semiconductor device which transfers a weak signal from low resistance circuit to high resistance circuit. The words **trans** mean **transfer property** and **istor** mean **resistance property** offered to the junctions.

Construction



Construction

A transistor consists of two pn junctions formed by sandwiching either p-type or n-type semiconductor between a pair of opposite types. Also we can say The transistor consists two PN diode connected back to back. Hence it has got two PN junctions.

Accordingly there are two types of transistors namely ;

- (i) n-p-n transistor
- (ii) p-n-p transistor

An *n-p-n* transistor is composed of two *n*-type semiconductors separated by a thin section of *p*-type and a *p-n-p* transistor is formed by two *p*-sections separated by a thin section of *n*-type as shown in Figure.

The three terminals drawn from the transistor indicate Emitter (E), Base (B) and Collector (C) terminals. They have their functionality as discussed below.

Emitter

- ☐ The left-hand side of the above shown structure can be understood as Emitter.
- ☐ This has a moderate size and is heavily doped as its main function is to supply a number of majority carriers, i.e. either electrons or holes.
- ☐ As this emits electrons, it is called as an Emitter.
- ☐ This is simply indicated with the letter **E**.

Base

- ☐ The middle material in the above figure is the Base.
- ☐ This is thin and lightly doped.
- ☐ Its main function is to pass the majority carriers from the emitter to the collector.
- ☐ This is indicated by the letter **B**.

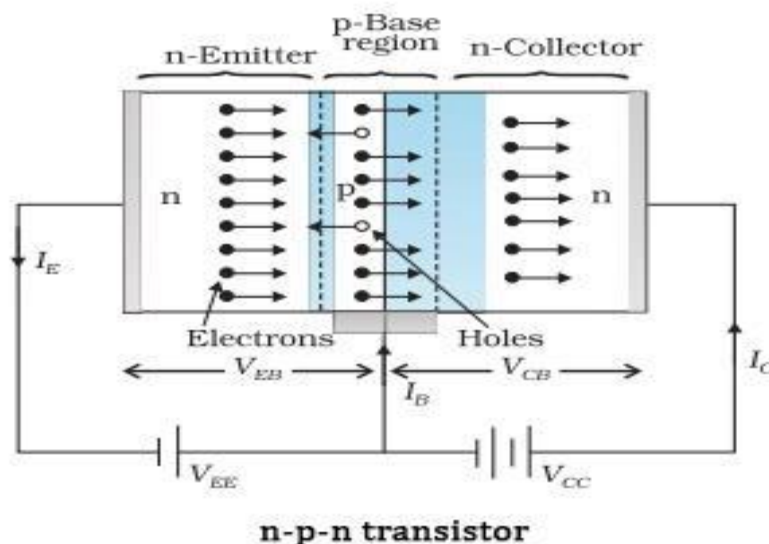
Collector

- ☐ The right side material in the above figure can be understood as a Collector.
- ☐ Its name implies its function of collecting the carriers.
- ☐ This is a bit larger in size than emitter and base. It is moderately doped.
- ☐ This is indicated by the letter **C**

The emitter-base junction is always forward bias whereas the collector-base junction is always reverse bias. The arrow in the symbol indicates the direction of flow of conventional current in the emitter with forward biasing applied to the emitter-base junction. The only difference between the NPN and PNP transistor is in the direction of the current.

Working of NPN Transistor

- ☐ Here emitter-base junction is forward biased and collector-base junction is reverse biased.
- ☐ The voltage V_{EE} provides a negative potential at the emitter which repels the electrons in the N-type material and these electrons cross the emitter-base junction, to reach the base region.
- ☐ There, a very low percent of electrons re-combine with free holes of P-region. This provides very low current which constitutes the base current I_B .
- ☐ The remaining holes cross the collector-base junction, to constitute the collector current I_C .
- As an electron reaches out of the collector terminal, and enters the positive terminal of the battery, an electron from the negative terminal of the battery V_{EE} enters the emitter increases and the electron current flows through the transistor.
- ☐ Using Kirchhoff's Current Law we get $I_E = I_B + I_C$



Working of PNP Transistor

- ☐ Here emitter-base junction is forward biased and collector-base junction is reverse biased.
- ☐ The voltage V_{EE} provides a positive potential at the emitter which repels the holes in the P-type material and these holes cross the emitter-base junction, to reach the base region.
- ☐ There a very low percent of holes re-combine with free electrons of N-region. This provides very low current which constitutes the base current I_B .
- ☐ The remaining holes cross the collector-base junction, to constitute collector current I_C , which is the hole current.
- ☐ As a hole reaches the collector terminal, an electron from the battery negative terminal fills the space in the collector. This flow slowly increases and the electron minority current flows through the emitter, where each electron entering the positive terminal of V_{EE} , is replaced by a hole by moving towards the emitter junction. This constitutes emitter current I_E .

□ Here also if we applying Kirchhoff's Current Law we get $I_E = I_B + I_C$

Different Transistor Configurations

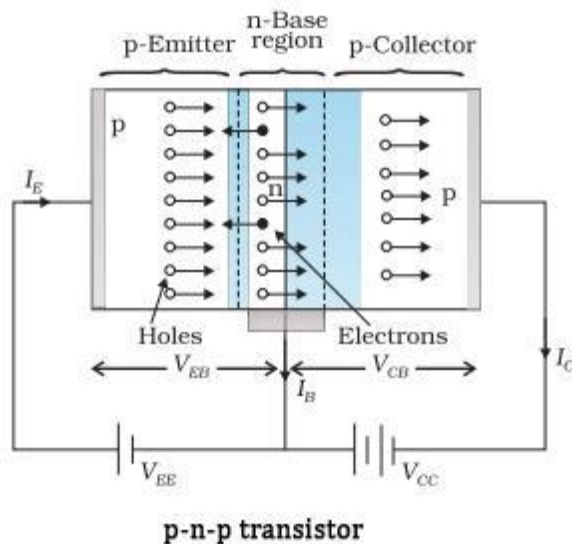
There are three leads in a transistor named as Emitter, Base and Collector terminals. However, when a transistor is to be connected in a circuit, we require four terminals, two for the input and two for the output. This difficulty is overcome by making one terminal of the transistor common to both input and output. The input is fed between this common terminal and one of the other two terminals. The output is obtained between the common terminal and the remaining terminal.

Accordingly, There are three different configurations of Transistors.

- **Common Base (CB) Configuration:** no current gain but voltage gain
- **Common Emitter (CE) Configuration:** current gain and voltage gain
- **Common Collector (CC) Configuration:** current gain but no voltage gain

Common Base (CB) Configuration

As its name suggests, in the Common Base or grounded base configuration, the BASE connection is common to both the input signal AND the output signal with the input signal being applied between the base and the emitter terminals. The corresponding output signal is taken from between the base and the collector terminals as shown with the base terminal grounded or connected to a fixed reference voltage point.

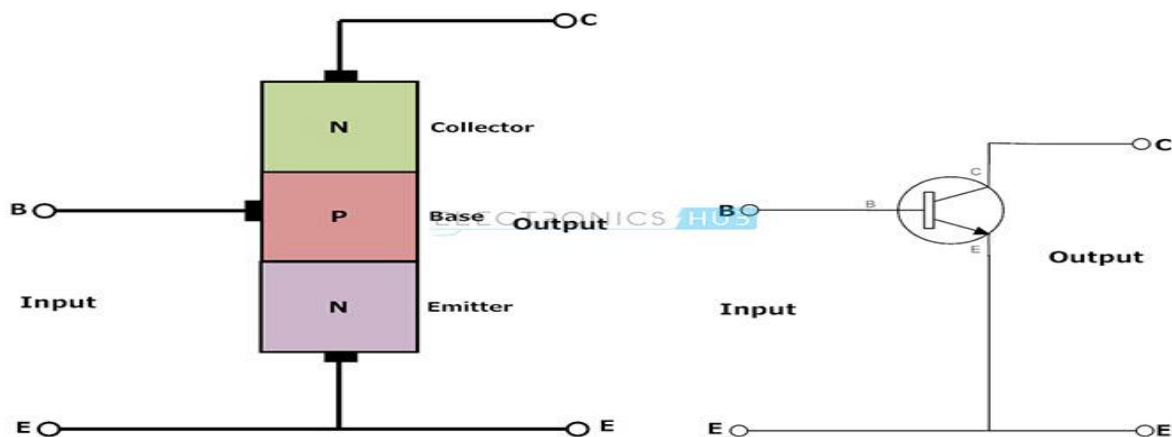


The ratio of change in collector current (ΔI_C) to the change in emitter current (ΔI_E) at constant collector-base voltage (V_{CB}) is known as **current amplification factor** in common base (CB) arrangement i.e. $\alpha = \Delta I_C / \Delta I_E$

Common Emitter (CE) Configuration

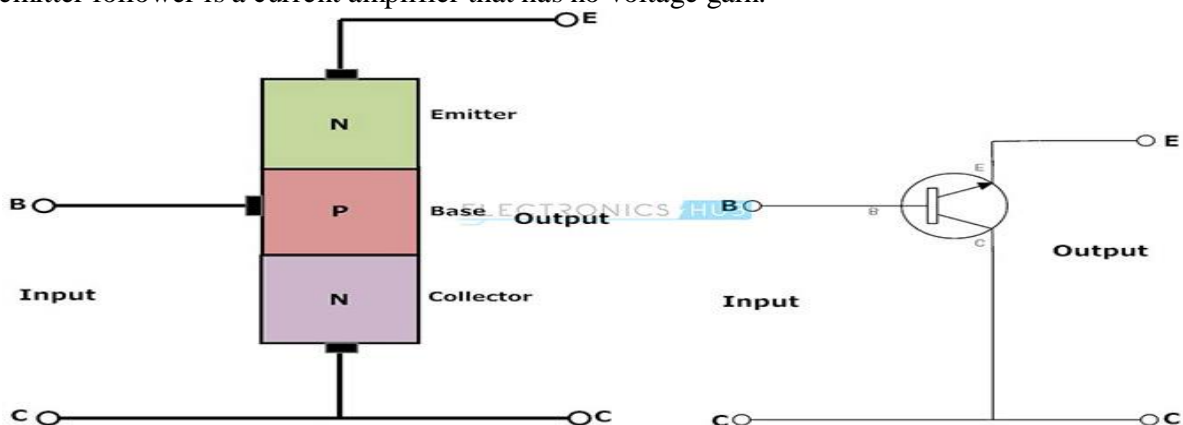
In the Common Emitter or grounded emitter configuration, the input signal is applied between the base and the emitter, while the output is taken from between the collector and the emitter as shown. This type of configuration is the most commonly used circuit for transistor based amplifiers and which represents the “normal” method of bipolar transistor connection.

The ratio of change in collector current (ΔI_C) to the change in base current (ΔI_B) is known as **base current amplification factor** i.e. $\beta = \Delta I_C / \Delta I_B$



Common Collector (CC) Configuration

In the Common Collector or grounded collector configuration, the collector is now common through the supply. The input signal is connected directly to the base, while the output is taken from the emitter load as shown. This type of configuration is commonly known as a Voltage Follower or Emitter Follower circuit: The emitter follower is a current amplifier that has no voltage gain.



The ratio of change in emitter current (ΔI_E) to the change in base current (ΔI_B) is known as **current amplification factor** in common collector (CC) arrangement i.e. $\gamma = \Delta I_E / \Delta I_B$

2.6 Need of biasing and explain different types of biasing with circuit diagram. (only CE configuration)

Biasing

Biasing is the application of external dc supply to establish a fixed level of current and voltage. Transistor operates only at a particular point of the characteristics called operating point or Q-point/ Quiescent point. The circuit which provides transistor biasing is called as **Biasing Circuit**.

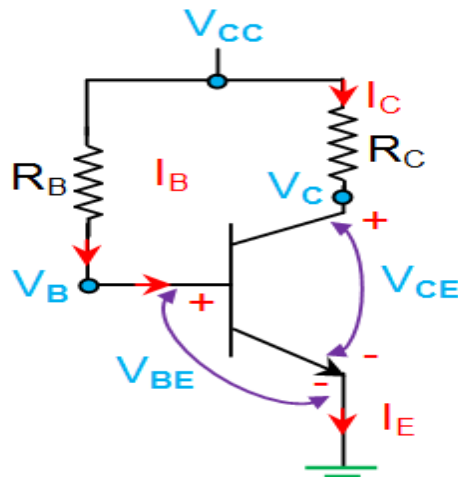
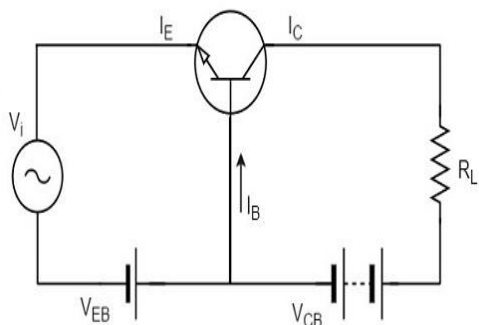
Need for DC biasing

If a signal of very small voltage is given to the input of a transistor, it cannot be amplified. Because, to amplify a signal a transistor must satisfy these two conditions.

- The input voltage should exceed **cut-in voltage** for the transistor to be **ON**.
- The BJT should be in the **active region**, to be operated as an **amplifier**.

If appropriate DC voltages and currents are given through BJT by external sources, so that BJT operates in active region and superimpose the AC signals to be amplified, then this problem can be avoided. The given DC voltage and currents are so chosen that the transistor remains in active region for entire input AC cycle. Hence DC biasing is needed.

The below figure shows a transistor amplifier that is provided with DC biasing on both input and output circuits.



For a transistor to be operated as a faithful amplifier, the operating point should be stabilized

Types of Biasing

Transistor biasing was done with the aid of a battery V_{BB} which was separate from the battery V_{CC} used in the output circuit. However, in the interest of simplicity and economy, it is desirable that transistor circuit should have a single source of supply. The following are the most commonly used methods of obtaining transistor biasing from one source of supply (*i.e.* V_{CC})

- Base resistor method
- Emitter bias method
- Biasing with collector-feedback resistor method
- Voltage-divider bias method

Base Resistor Method

In this method, a high resistance R_B is connected between the base and +ve end of supply for npn transistor and between base and negative end of supply for pnp transistor. Here, the required zero signal base current is provided by V_{CC} and it flows through R_B . It is because now base is positive w.r.t. emitter *i.e.* base-emitter junction is forward biased. The required value of zero signal base current I_B (and hence $I_C = \beta I_B$) can be made to flow by selecting the proper value of base resistor R_B .

Base Emitter Loop:

Applying KVL we have

$$V_{CC} - I_B R_B - V_{BE} = 0$$

$$I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

Since V_{BE} and V_{CC} are constant, the selection of a base resistor R_B sets the level of base current for the operating point.

Collector Emitter Loop:

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$V_{CC} - I_C R_C - V_{CE} = 0$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C$$

So R_B controls I_B and I_C , and the level of R_C determines the magnitude of V_{CE} .

$$V_{CE} = V_C - V_E, V_{BE} = V_B - V_E$$

Emitter Bias Method

This circuit differs from base-bias circuit in two important respects. First, it uses two separate d.c. voltage sources; one positive (+ V_{CC}) and the other negative (− V_{EE}). Normally, the two supply voltages will be equal. For example, if $V_{CC} = +20V$ (d.c.), then $V_{EE} = -20V$ (d.c.). Secondly, there is a resistor R_E in the emitter circuit.

Base Emitter Loop:

Applying KVL we have

$$V_{CC} - I_B R_B - V_{BE} - I_E R_E = 0$$

Collector Emitter Loop:

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$V_{CC} - I_C R_C - V_{CE} - I_E R_E = 0$$

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

Collector feedback Resistor Method

In this method, one end of R_B is connected to the base and the other end to the collector as shown in Figure. Here, the required zero signal base current is determined *not* by V_{CC} but by the collector-base voltage V_{CB} . It is clear that V_{CB} forward biases the base-emitter junction and hence base current I_B flows through R_B . This causes the zero signal collector current to flow in the circuit.

Base Emitter Loop:

Applying KVL and solving we have

$$I_B =$$

Collector Emitter Loop:

Applying KVL and solving we have

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

Voltage divider Method

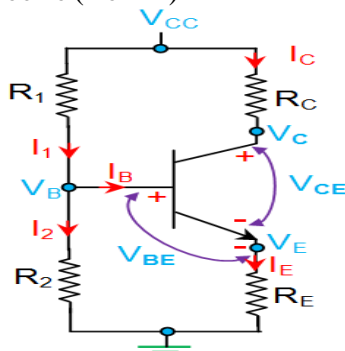
This is the most widely used method of providing biasing and stabilisation to a transistor. In this method, two resistances R_1 and R_2 are connected across the supply voltage V_{CC} and provide biasing. The emitter resistance R_E provides stabilisation. The name „voltage divider“ comes from the voltage divider formed by R_1 and R_2 . The voltage drop across R_2 forward biases the base-emitter junction. This causes the base current and hence collector current flow in the zero signal conditions.

The Thevenin equivalent circuit is redrawn and the I_{BQ} can be found by applying KVL in output loop

$$V_{TH} - I_B R_{TH} - V_{BE} - I_E R_E = 0$$

By solving the output collector emitter loop by KVL

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



2.7 Amplifiers(concept) , working principles of single phase CE amplifier

Amplifier

The device which increase the strength of a weak signal is known as amplifier. This can achieve by use of transistor. It may be classified based on the no of stage of amplification.

1. Single stage amplifier

2. Multi stage amplifier

Working principles of single stage CE amplifier

When in an amplifier circuit only one transistor is used for amplifying a weak signal, the circuit is known as single stage amplifier. A single stage CE amplifier has one common emitter transistor, bias circuit & other auxiliary components as shown in figure.

When a weak a.c. signal is applied to the base of the transistor, a small base current starts flowing in the input circuit.

Due to transistor action, a much larger (β times the base current) a.c. current flows through the the load R_C in the output circuit. Since the value of load resistance R_C is very high, a large voltage will drop across it.

Thus, a weak signal applied in the base circuit appears in amplified form in the collector circuit. In this way the transistor acts as an amplifier.

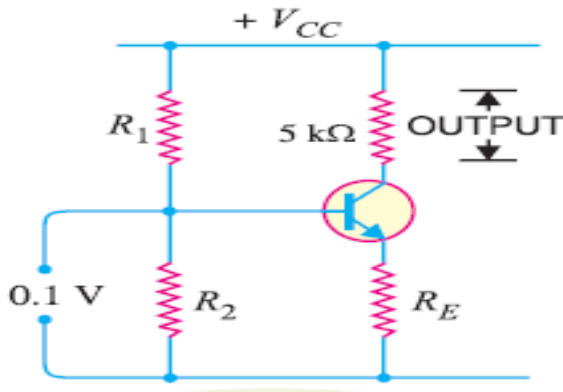
The resistances R_1 , R_2 and R_E provide biasing and stabilisation.

An electrolytic capacitor of value $10\ \mu\text{F}$ is used to couple the signal to the base of the transistor.

An emitter bypass capacitor of value $100\ \mu\text{F}$ is used in parallel with R_E to provide a low reactance path to the amplified a.c. signal.

The coupling capacitor of value $10\ \mu\text{F}$ is used to couple one stage of amplification to the next stage.

The voltage gain of a single stage transistor amplifier is the ratio of a.c. output voltage to a.c. input signal voltage.



2.8 Electronic Oscillator and its classification

Defination

An **oscillator** is a circuit which produces a continuous, repeated, alternating waveform without any input. Oscillators basically convert unidirectional current flow from a DC source into an alternating waveform which is of the desired frequency, as decided by its circuit components.

The basic principle behind the working of oscillators can be understood by analyzing the behavior of an LC tank circuit shown in Figure, which employs an inductor L and a completely pre-charged capacitor C as its components.

Classification of Oscillator

The oscillators are classified based on the nature of the output waveforms, the parameters used, the range of frequency etc. The various ways in which oscillators are classified as :

Based on the Output Waveform

Under this, the oscillators are classified as sinusoidal and non sinusoidal oscillators. The sinusoidal oscillator generate purely sinusoidal waveform at the output. While non sinusoidal oscillators generate an output waveform as triangular, square, saw tooth etc.

Based on the circuit components

The oscillator using the components resistance and capacitor are called RC oscillators. While the oscillators using the components inductance and capacitor are called LC oscillators. In some oscillators, crystal is used, are called crystal oscillators.

Based on the range of Operating Frequency

If the oscillators are used to generate the oscillations at audio frequency range which is 20 Hz to $100 - 200\text{ KHz}$, then the oscillators are classified as low frequency or audio frequency oscillators. While the oscillators used at the frequency range more than $200 - 300\text{ KHz}$ upto GHz

are classified as high frequency or radio frequency oscillators. The RC oscillators are used at low frequency while the LC oscillators are used at high frequency range.

Based on type of Feedback used

The oscillators in which the feedback is used, which satisfies the required conditions, are classified as feedback type of oscillators. The oscillators in which the feedback is not used to generate the oscillations, are classified as non feedback oscillators.

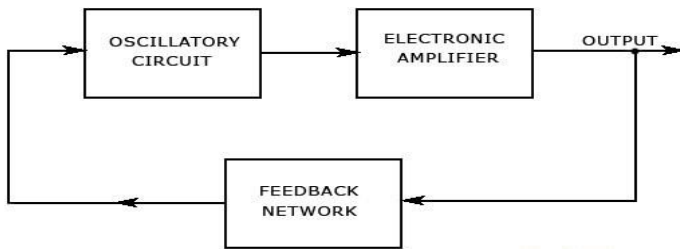
2.9 Working of Basic Oscillator with different elements through simple Block Diagram

Working of Oscillator

The **oscillators** are nothing but the amplifier circuits which are provided with a positive or regenerative feedback wherein a part of the output signal is fed back to the input as shown in the figure. Here the amplifier

consists of an amplifying active element which can be a transistor or an Op-Amp and the back-fed in-phase signal is held responsible to keep-up (sustain) the oscillations by making-up for the losses in the circuit

BLOCK DIAGRAM OF AN OSCILLATOR



Once the power supply is switched ON, the oscillations will be initiated in the system due to the electronic noise present in it. This noise signal travels around the loop, gets amplified and converges to a single frequency sine wave very quickly.

The amplifier produce total phase shift of 360° hence the feedback becomes a positive feedback and produce oscillations.

➤ Example- loudspeaker which works as a transducer i.e. converts the electrical signal in the form of original sound signal.

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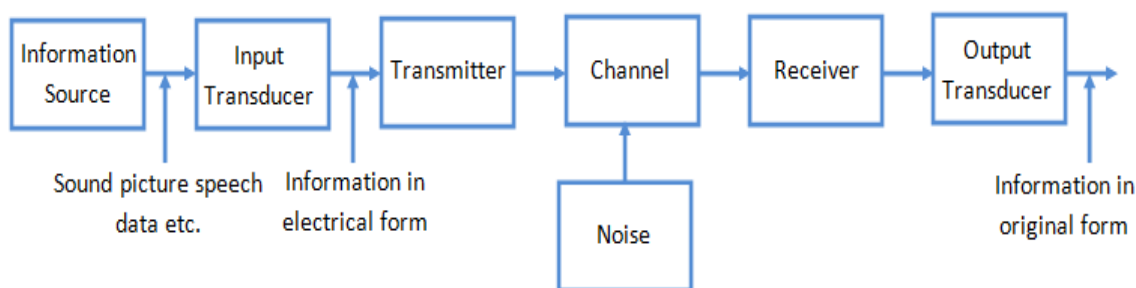
3.COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

3.1 Basic communication system (concept & explanation with help of Block diagram)

The communication system is a system which describes the information exchange between two points. The process of transmission and reception of information is called communication. The major elements of communication are the **Transmitter** of information, **Channel or medium** of communication and the **Receiver** of information.

Block Diagram of Communication Systems

The block diagram given below represents the flow of the signal from the source to the destination.



The essential components of a communication system are information source, input transducer, transmitter, communication channel, receiver and destination.

Information Source

➤ Message or information is the entity that is to be transmitted. It can be in the form of audio, video, temperature, picture, pressure, etc.

Input Transducer

➤ A transducer is a device which converts one form of energy into another form.

➤ The message from the information source may or may not be electrical in nature. In a case when the message produced by the information source is not electrical in nature, an input transducer is used to convert it into a time-varying electrical signal.

➤ Example: microphone converts the information or message which is in the form of sound waves into corresponding electrical signal.

Transmitter

➤ It is the arrangement that processes the message signal into a suitable form for transmission and subsequently reception.

➤ Modulation is the main function of the transmitter. In modulation, the message signal is superimposed upon the high-frequency carrier signal.

Channel

➤ A channel refers to a physical medium such as wire, cables, space through which the signal is passed from transmitter to the receiver.

➤ There are many channel impairments that affect the channel performance to a pronounced level. Noise, Attenuation and distortion to mention the major impairments.

Noise

➤ Noise is an unwanted signal which tends to interfere with the required signal. Noise signal is always random in character. Noise may interfere with signal at any point in a communication system.

Receiver

- An arrangement that extracts the message or information from the transmitted signal at the output end of the channel and reproduces it in a suitable form as the original message signal is a receiver.
- The main function of the receiver is to reproduce the message signal in electrical form from the distorted received signal. This reproduction of the original signal is accomplished by a process known as the demodulation or detection. Demodulation is the reverse process of modulation carried out in transmitter.

Output transducer

- Output transducer convert an electrical message signal into its original form.

3.2 Concept of Modulation and Demodulation, Difference between them

- Modulation is the process by which some characteristics or parameters of the carrier wave is changed according to the signal containing information. These characteristics can be amplitude, frequency or phase. Basically, it is assumed that the information signal is a low-frequency one and thus needs conversion from low to high in order to have a better transmission.
- Demodulation is defined as extracting the original information-carrying signal from a modulated carrier wave. A demodulator is an electronic circuit that is mainly used to recover the information content from the modulated carrier wave.

Need for modulation:

- The baseband signals can be transmitted directly, but the baseband transmission has many limitations which can be overcome using modulation.
- In the process of modulation, the baseband signal is translated i.e. shifted from low frequency to high frequency.
- This frequency shift is proportional to the frequency of carrier.
- The modulation process has the following advantages:

Advantages of modulation:

- Reduction in the height of antenna:

- When the transmission occurs over free space, the antennae radiate the signal out and receiver receives it. In order to operate efficiently, antennae need to be in order of the magnitude of wavelength of the transmitted signal.
- For the transmission of radio signals, the antenna height must be a multiple of $(\lambda/4)$. Here λ is the wavelength. $\lambda = c/f$ where c is velocity of light and f is the frequency of the signal to be transmitted.
- The minimum antenna height required to transmit a baseband signal of $f=10$ kHz is calculated as follows:

Minimum antenna height $= \lambda/4 = c/4f = (3 \times 10^8)/(4 \times 10 \times 10^3) = 7500$ meters i.e. 7.5 km

It is impossible to build antennae this big.

- Now consider a modulated signal at $f=1$ MHz. The minimum antenna height is given by,

Minimum antenna height $= \lambda/4 = c/4f = (3 \times 10^8)/(4 \times 1 \times 10^6) = 75$ meter

- This length of the antenna can be built easily and this example clearly shows us how hugely the process of modulation is enabling communication systems.

-Avoids mixing of signals:

□ If the baseband sound signals are transmitted without using the modulation by more than one transmitter, then all the signals will be in the same frequency range i.e 0 to 20Khz. Therefore, all the signals get mixed together and a receiver cannot separate them from each other.

□ Hence, if each baseband sound signal is used to modulate a different carrier then they will occupy different slots in the frequency domain (different channels). Thus, modulation avoids mixing of signals.

-Increase the range of communication:

□ By using modulation to transmit the signals through space to long distances, it removed the need for wires in the communication systems.

□ The technique of modulation helped to use wireless equipment in a big way in their lives.

-Multiplexing is possible:

□ Multiplexing is a process in which two or more signals can be transmitted over the same communication channel simultaneously. This is possible only with modulation.

□ The Multiplexing allows the same channel to be used by many signals.

-Improves quality of reception:

□ With frequency modulation (FM), and the digital communication techniques like PCM, the effect of noise is reduced to a great extent. This improves quality of reception.

Differences between Modulation and Demodulation

1. The key difference between modulation and demodulation is that modulation is done at the transmitter side while demodulation is done at the receiver side of a communication system.

2. Both modulation and demodulation occur during data transmission but the two processes are exactly reverse of each other. In modulation original message signal is mixed with the carrier wave whose parameters are required to be changed. As against, in demodulation the combination of carrier and message signal are separated from each other, to have original information signal.

3. Modulation requires a modulator section for mixing of the two signals whereas demodulation requires demodulator to recover the original signal. However, combined equipment is used for the two known as Modem.

4. Modulation is done to convert the low-frequency signal into a high-frequency signal. While at the time of demodulation, the low-frequency signal is achieved from high-frequency signal.

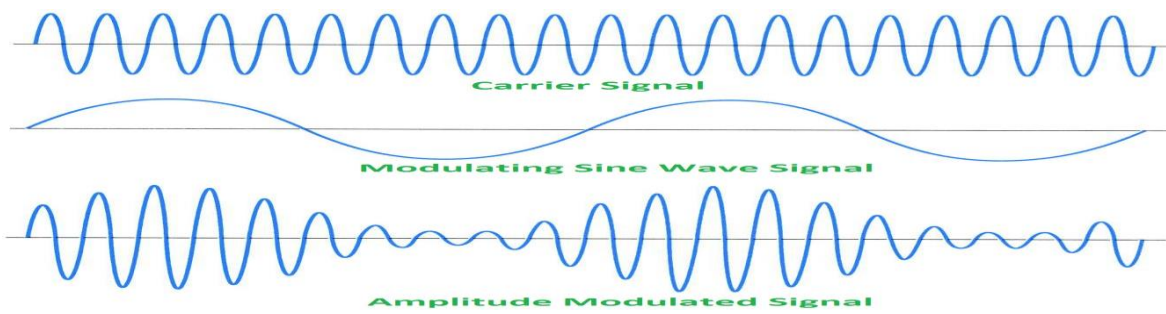
5. Modulation is basically done to transmit data to longer distance whereas demodulation is done to regain the original message signal.

6. Demodulation is somewhat a complex process when compared with modulation.

3.3 Different types of Modulation (AM, FM & PM) based on signal, carrier wave and modulated wave (only concept, No mathematical Derivation)

There are three types of modulation, namely:

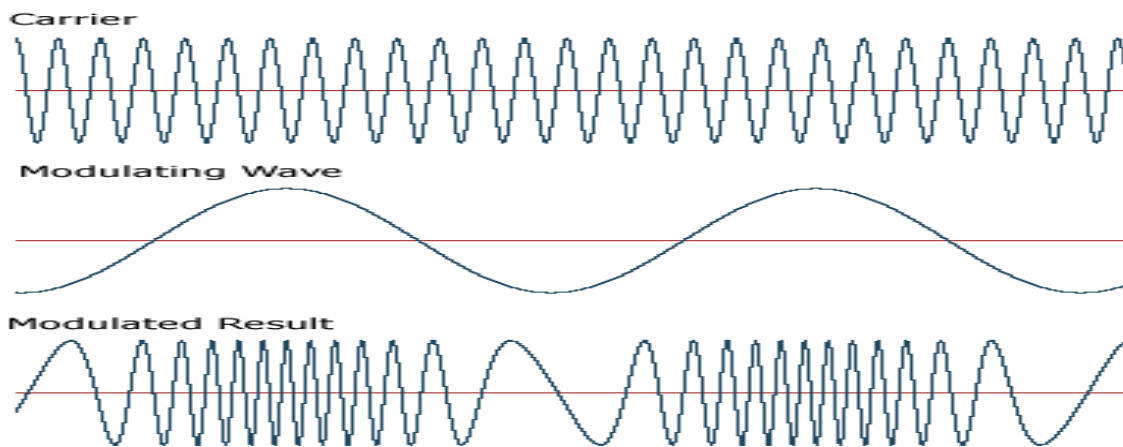
1.Amplitude modulation (AM) In amplitude modulation, the amplitude of the carrier wave is varied in proportion to the message signal, and the other factors like frequency and phase remain constant.



2. Frequency modulation (FM)

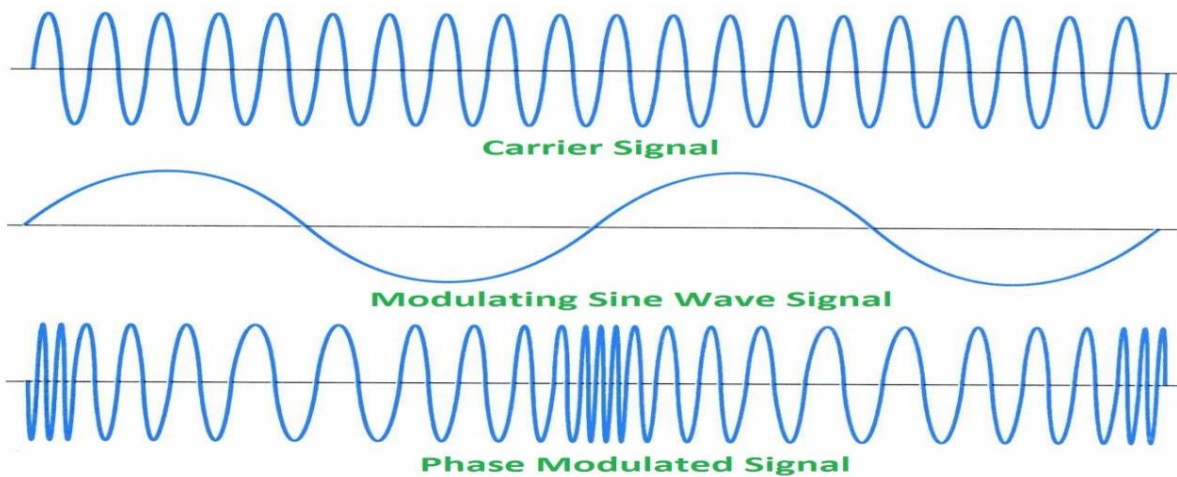
Frequency modulation (FM) varies the frequency of the carrier in proportion to the message or data signal while maintaining other parameters constant.

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3. Phase modulation (PM)

In **phase modulation**, the carrier phase is varied in accordance with the data signal while maintaining other parameters constant.



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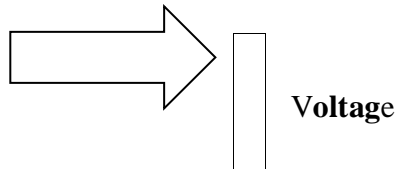
4. TRANSDUCERS AND MEASURING INSTRUMENTS

4.1 Concept of Transducer and sensor with their differences

Transducer

- The transducer is a device that changes the physical attributes of the non-electrical signal into an electrical signal which is easily measurable.
- The process of energy conversion in the transducer is known as the transduction.
- The transduction is completed into two steps. First by sensing the signal and then strengthening it for further processing.
- The transducer has three major components; they are the input device, signal conditioning or processing device and an output device.
- The input devices receive the measurand quantity and transfer the proportional analogue signal to the conditioning device. The conditioning device modified, filtered, or attenuates the signal which is easily acceptable by the output devices.

Pressure



Sensor

- The sensor is a device that measures the physical quantity (i.e. Heat, light, sound, etc.) into an easily readable signal (voltage, current etc.). It gives accurate readings after calibration.
- **Ex** – The mercury used in the thermometer converts the measured temperature into an expansion and contraction of the liquid which is easily measured with the help of a

calibrated

glass
Sensor output

tube.

Parameter
eg pressure temperature
force etc

Sensing element

Transduction element

Electrical signal

Differences between Sensor and Transducer

The following are the key differences between the sensor and transducer.

1. The sensor senses the physical change across the surrounding whereas the transducer transforms the one form of energy into another.
2. The sensor itself is the major component of the sensor, whereas the sensor and the signal conditioning are the major elements of the transducer.
3. The primary function of the sensor is to sense the physical changes, whereas the transducer converts the physical quantities into an electrical signal.

4. The accelerometer, barometer, gyroscope are the examples of the sensors whereas the thermistor, and thermocouple is the examples of the transducer.

4.2 Different type of Transducers & concept of active and passive transducer.

Classification of Transducers

The classification of transducers is made from the following basis:

1. Based on the physical phenomenon
 - Primary transducer
 - Secondary transducer
2. Based on the power type Classification
 - Active transducer
 - Passive transducer
3. Based on the type of output the classification of transducers are made
 - Analog transducer
 - Digital transducer
4. Based on the electrical phenomenon is a best Classification of Transducer
 - Resistive transducer
 - Capacitive transducer
 - Inductive transducer
 - Photoelectric transducer
 - Photovoltaic transducer
5. Based on the non-electrical phenomenon Classification of transducer
 - Linear displacement
 - Rotary displacement
6. Based on the transduction phenomenon
 - Transducer
 - Inverse transducer.

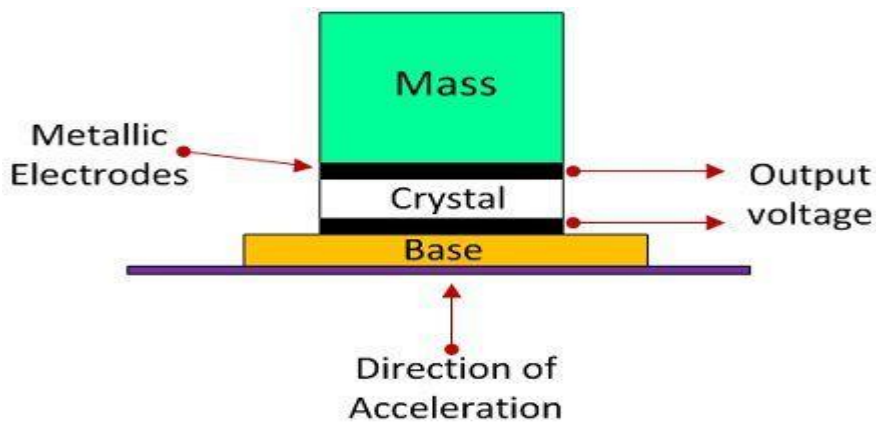
concept of active and passive transducer.

Active Transducer

- The transducer which does not require the external power source is known as the active transducer.
- Such type of transducer develops their own voltage or current, hence known as a self-generating transducer.
- The energy required for generating the output signals are obtained from the physical quantity which is to be measured.

Example:

The Piezo electrical crystal is the example of the natural active transducer. The crystal has the property of producing the output voltage when the external force applied to them. The piezoelectric crystal is placed between the two metallic electrodes. When the force applied to the crystal, the voltage induces across it.



Active Transducer

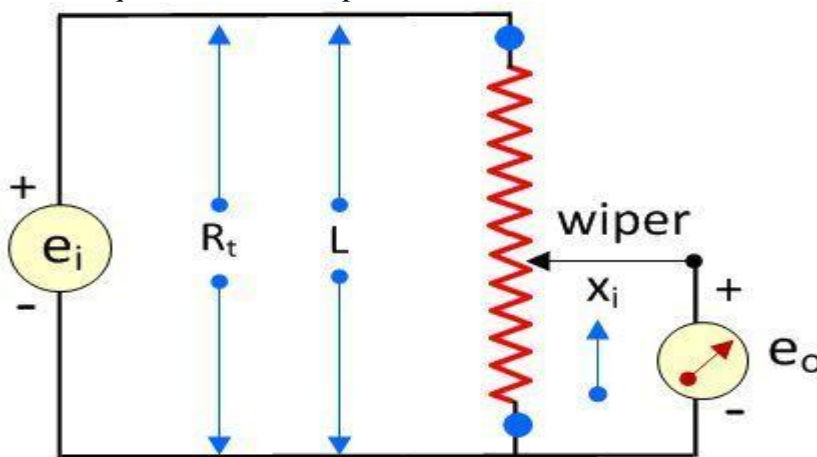
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Passive Transducer

- The transducer which requires the power from an external supply source is known as the passive transducer.
- They are also known as the external power transducer. The capacitive, resistive and inductive transducers are the example of the passive transducer.
- **The passive transducer takes power from the external energy source for transduction.** The word transduction means conversion of energy from one form to another.

Example:

The linear potentiometer is the examples of the passive transducer. It is used for measuring the displacement. The POT requires the external power source efor work. It measures the linear displacement x_i .



Linear Potentiometer (Pot), a passive transducer

Circuit Globe

Consider the L is the length of the potentiometer. R_t is their total internal resistance and x_i is their input displacement. The output voltage is calculated by the formula shown below.

4.3 Working principle of photo emissive, photoconductive, photovoltaic transducer and its application

The photoelectric transducer converts the light energy into electrical energy. It is made of semiconductor material. The photoelectric transducer uses a photosensitive element, which ejects the electrons when the beam of light absorbs through it.

These photoelectric transducers are classified into five types which include the following

- Photo emissive Cell

□ Photodiode

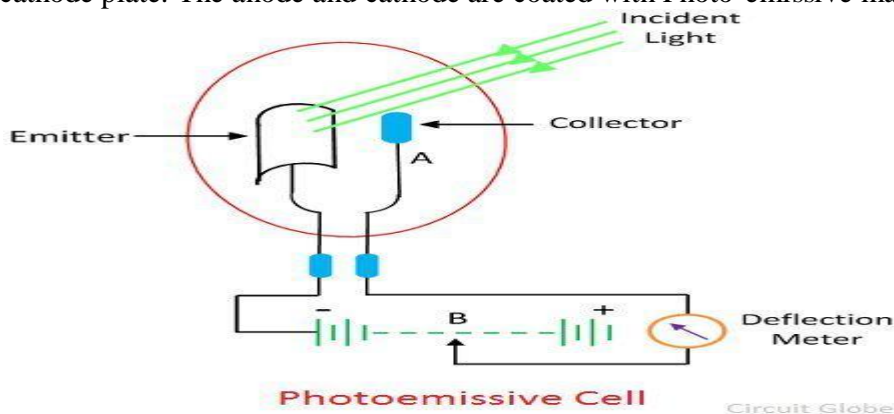
• Phototransistor

□ Photo-voltaic cell

□ Photoconductive Cell

Photo-emissive Cell

➤ The Photo-emissive cell converts the photons into electric energy. It consists of the anode rod and the cathode plate. The anode and cathode are coated with Photo-emissive material called caesium antimony

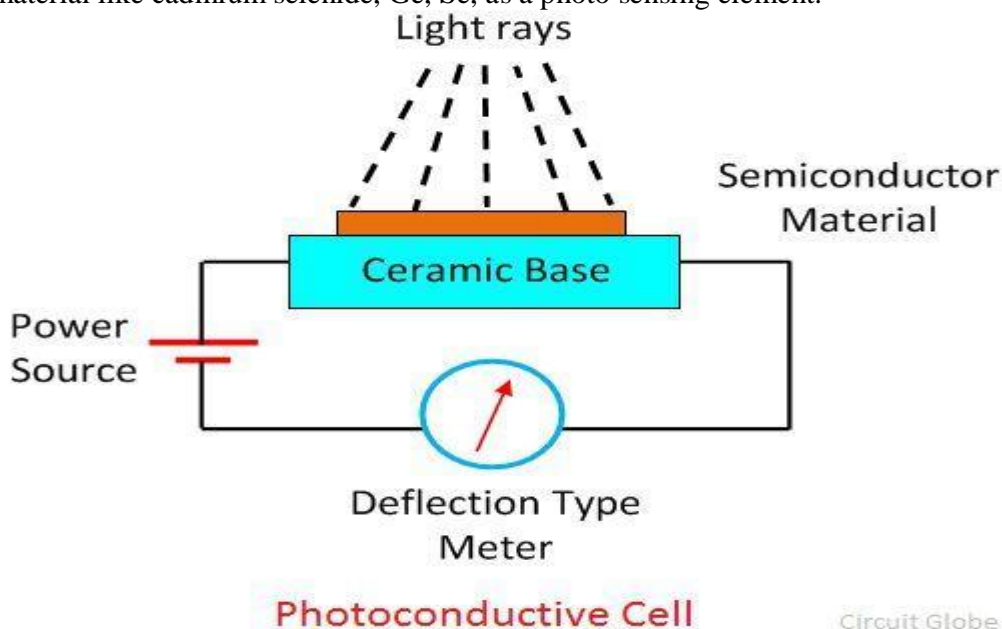


➤ When the radiation of light falls on cathode plates, the electrons start flowing from anode to cathode. Both the anode and the cathode are sealed in a closed, opaque evacuated tube. When the radiation of light falls on the sealed tube, the electrons start emitting from the cathode and move towards the anode.

➤ The anode is kept to the positive potential. Thus, the photoelectric current starts flowing through the anode. The magnitude of the current is directly proportional to the intensity of light passing through it.

Photoconductive Cell

➤ The photoconductive cell converts the light energy into an electric current. It uses the semiconductor material like cadmium selenide, Ge, Se, as a photo sensing element.



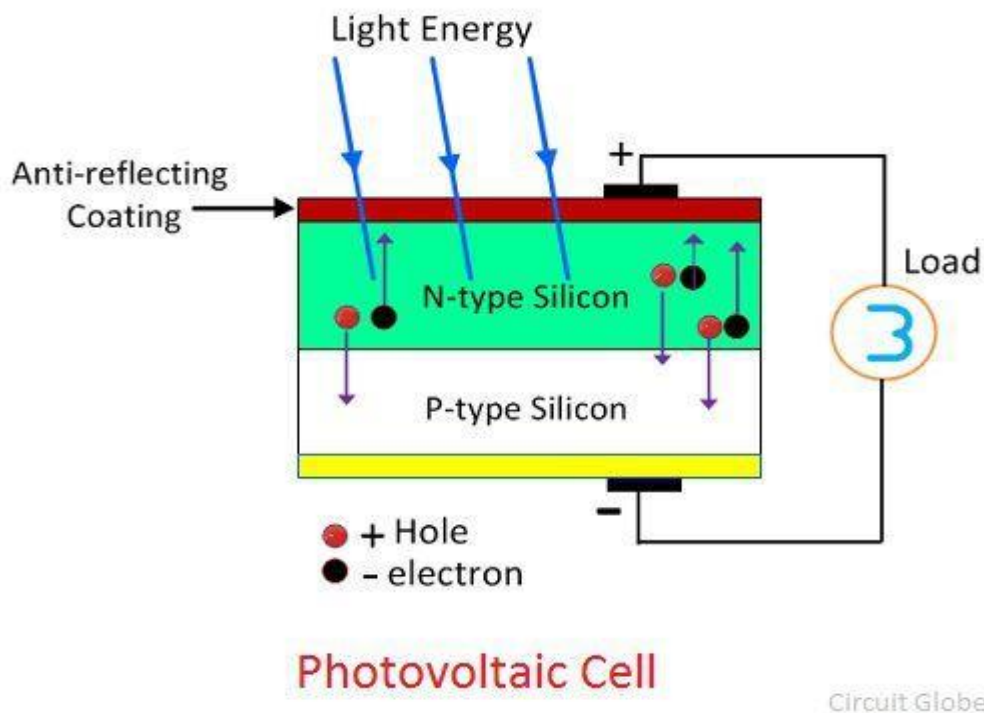
➤ When the beam of light falls on the semiconductor material, its conductivity increases and the material works like a closed switch. The current starts flowing into the material and deflects the pointer of the meter.

Photo-voltaic cell

➤ The photovoltaic cell is the type of active transducer. The current starts flowing into the photovoltaic cell when the load is connected to it. The silicon and selenium are used as a semiconductor material. When the

semiconductor material absorbs heat, the free electrons of the material starts moving. This phenomenon is known as the photovoltaic effect.

➤ The movements of electrons develop the current in the cell, and the current is known as the photoelectric current



Applications of Photoelectric Transducer

The applications of this transducer mainly include the following.

- ☐ These transducers are used in biomedical applications
- ☐ Pickups of pulse
- ☐ Pneumograph respiration
- ☐ Measure blood pulsatile volume changes
- ☐ Records Body movements.

4.4 Multimeter and its applications

➤ A multimeter is an electronic measuring instrument that combines several measurement functions in one unit.

➤ A typical multimeter can measure voltage, current, and resistance. It is an indispensable instrument and can be used for measuring d.c as well as a.c voltages and currents.

➤ Multimeter is the most inexpensive equipment and can make various electrical measurement with reasonable accuracy.

Applications

- ☐ For checking the circuit continuity.
- ☐ For measuring d.c current flowing through the cathode, plate, screen and other vacuum tube circuits.
- ☐ For measuring d.c voltages across various resistors in electric circuits.
- ☐ For measuring a.c voltages across power supply transformers.

- For ascertaining whether or not open or short circuit exists in the circuit under study.

4.5 Analog and Digital Multimeter and their differences

Analog Multimeter

➤ Analog Multimeter is basically a moving coil instrument. A rectifier unit is also provided with the instrument. It is a multirange instrument and various ranges are obtained by different resistance elements in series or in parallel with the movement of the instrument. With the help of a rotary selector switch the various ranges are used.

Digital Multimeter

➤ The digital multimeter is an instrument capable of measuring dc voltage, ac voltage, dc current, ac current, resistance, conductance and decibels. Thus DMM offers increased versatility. Some DMMs can measure the temperature, frequency etc.

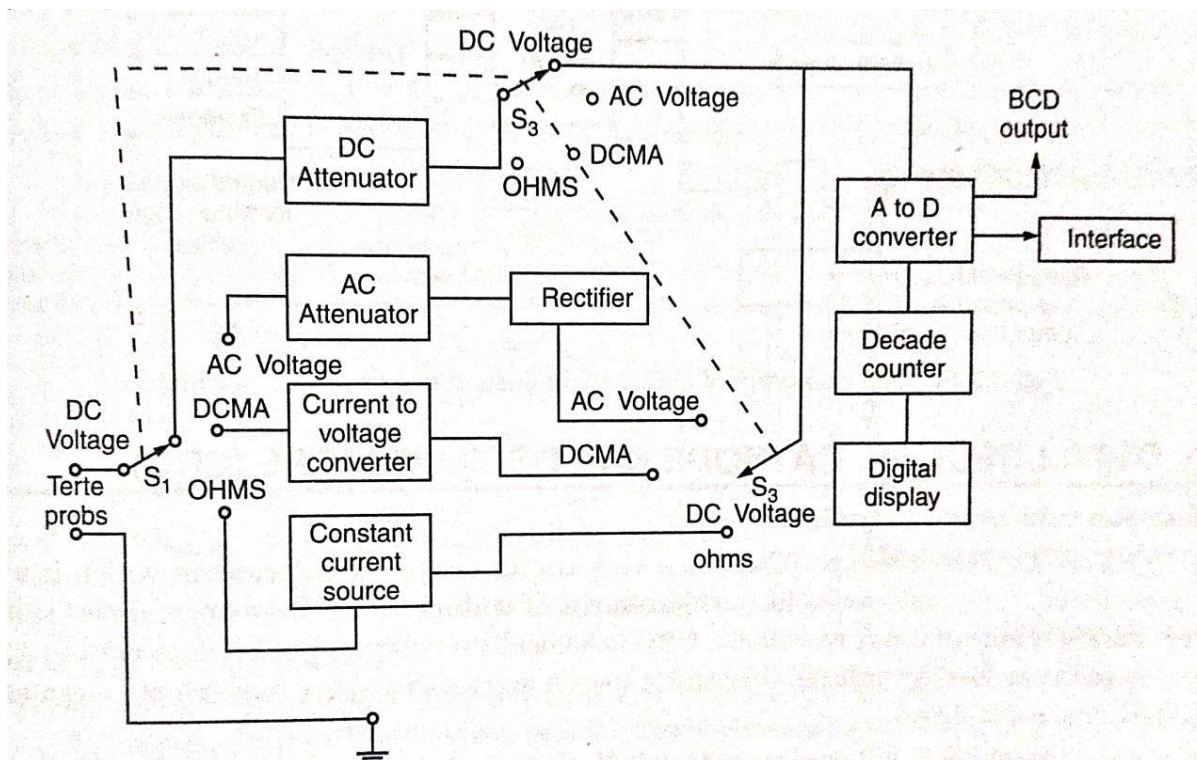
➤ A DMM has a digital display and a function selector switch. The range selection takes place automatically. There are four input terminals, out of which two terminals are used for measurement of all the general purpose quantities such as ac/dc voltage, resistance, capacitance and diode, transistor testing.

Difference between Analog and Digital Multimeter

Analog Multimeter	Digital Multimeter
Power supply is not required	Power supply is required
Visual indication of changes in the reading is not that much better	Better visual indication of changes in the reading is obtained
Less suffered from electrical noise	More suffered from electrical noise
Less isolation problems Accuracy is less	More isolation problems. High accuracy is obtained.
The output cannot be interfaced with external equipment	The output can be interfaced with external equipment
Construction is simple	Construction is complicate
Bigger in size	Smaller in size
Many times output is ambiguous	An unambiguous reading is obtained
Less expensive	More expensive

4.6 Working principle of Multimeter with Basic Block diagram

➤ All digital multimeters make use of some type of analog to digital converter (ADC). Generally dual slope integration type AD is used for this purpose. The block diagram of basic digital multimeter is as shown in figure below



➤ A commercial digital multimeter consists of several A to D converters, decade counters and display. It is basically a dc voltmeter. In order to measure unknown current; a current to voltage converter is used. An unknown current to be measured is applied to one of the input terminals of op-amp. Since input impedance of op-amp is very high; very small current can pass through it. This current passing into the op-amp can be neglected.

➤ Thus $I_{in} = I_{fb}$, Here I_{fb} = feedback current

➤ This feedback current is allowed to pass through one of the known resistances. This current will cause a voltage drop across the resistance. This voltage is applied to analog to digital converter and finally digital display is obtained. Thus, output displayed on the digital display is directly proportional to unknown current.

➤ In order to measure an unknown resistance; a constant current source is used. The current from this constant current source is allowed to pass through unknown resistance. Thus the proportional voltage is obtained. The output display is directly proportional to unknown resistance.

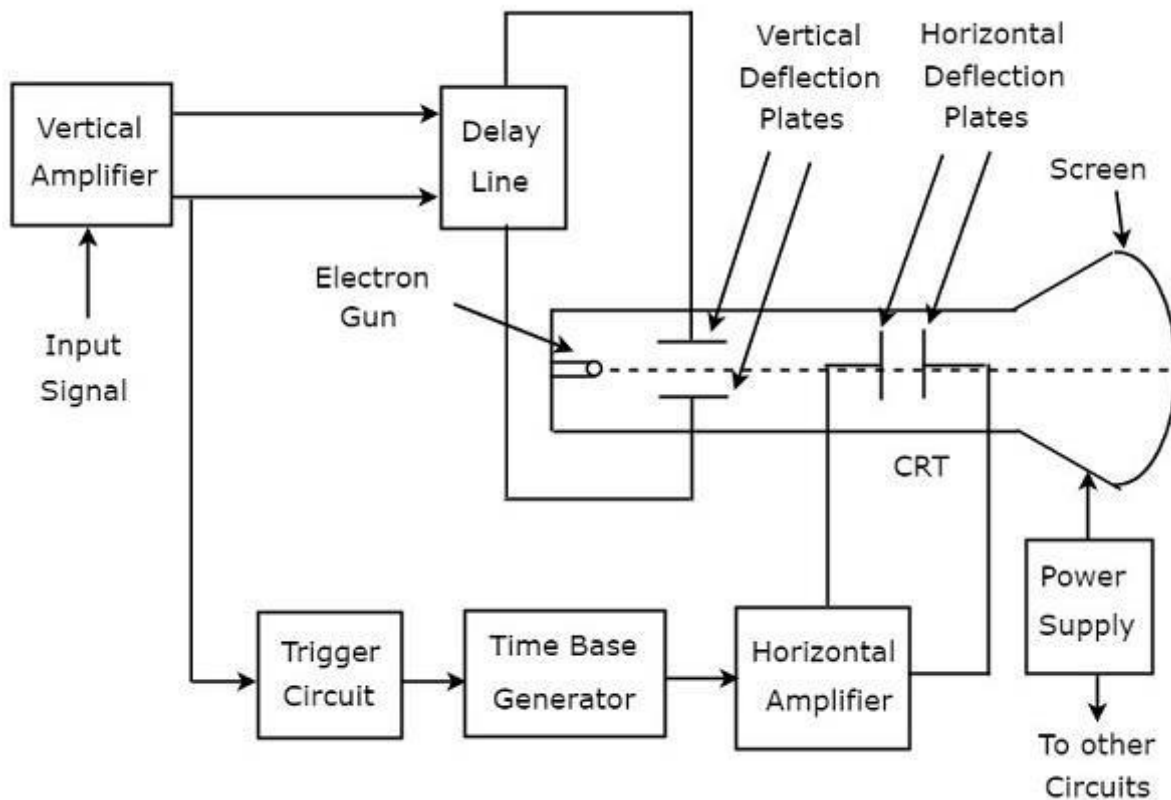
➤ To measure the ac voltage; a rectifier and filter is used. This rectifier converts ac signal into dc signal. Now, this dc signal is applied to A to D converter to the digital display. The BCD output can be obtained from A to D converter. Similarly, the output from digital multimeter can be used to interface with other equipments.

4.7 CRO, working principle of CRO with simple Block diagram

➤ Oscilloscope is electronic equipment, which displays a voltage waveform. Among the oscilloscopes, Cathode Ray Oscilloscope (CRO) is the basic one and it displays a time varying signal or waveform.

Block Diagram of CRO

➤ Cathode Ray Oscilloscope (CRO) consists of a set of blocks. These are vertical amplifier, delay line, trigger circuit, time base generator, horizontal amplifier, Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) & power supply. The block diagram of CRO is shown in the below figure.



The function of each block of CRO is mentioned below.

- **Vertical Amplifier** – It amplifies the input signal, which is to be displayed on the screen of CRT.
- **Delay Line** – It provides some amount of delay to the signal, which is obtained at the output of vertical amplifier. This delayed signal is then applied to vertical deflection plates of CRT.
- **Trigger Circuit** – It produces a triggering signal in order to synchronize both horizontal and vertical deflections of electron beam.
- **Time base Generator** – It produces a sawtooth signal, which is useful for horizontal deflection of electron beam.
- **Horizontal Amplifier** – It amplifies the sawtooth signal and then connects it to the horizontal deflection plates of CRT.
- **Power supply** – It produces both high and low voltages. The negative high voltage and positive low voltage are applied to CRT and other circuits respectively.

• **Cathode Ray Tube (CRT)** – It is the major important block of CRO and mainly consists of four parts. Those are electron gun, vertical deflection plates, horizontal deflection plates and fluorescent screen. The electron beam, which is produced by an electron gun gets deflected in both vertical and horizontal directions by a pair of vertical deflection plates and a pair of horizontal deflection plates respectively. Finally, the deflected beam will appear as a spot on the fluorescent screen.

In this way, CRO will display the applied input signal on the screen of CRT. So, we can analyse the signals in time domain by using CRO.

