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Q.1 (a) Explain series positive clipper with diagram.

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Answer:

Series Positive Clipper

A **clipper** is an electronic circuit used to "clip" or **remove a portion of the input waveform** without distorting the remaining part. A **series positive clipper** removes the **positive half** of the input signal.

Circuit Diagram:

Working:

- **Positive Half Cycle:**

- Diode becomes **forward-biased**.
- It **conducts current**, acting like a short circuit.
- No voltage appears across the load resistor (**Output = 0 V**) — **positive part is clipped**.

- **Negative Half Cycle:**

- Diode is **reverse-biased**.
- It **blocks current**, acting like an open circuit.
- Entire negative voltage appears across the load resistor (**Output = Input**).

Waveforms:

- **Input Waveform:** Full sine wave (positive + negative)
- **Output Waveform:** Only **negative half cycles** appear; **positive cycles are removed**.

(b) Draw and explain V-I characteristic of P-N junction diode.

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Answer:

◆ **V-I Characteristics of P-N Junction Diode:**

The **V-I characteristic** of a P-N junction diode shows the relationship between the **voltage (V)** applied across the diode and the resulting **current (I)** flowing through it.

✓ **1. Forward Bias Region:**

- When the **P-side** is connected to the **positive terminal** and the **N-side** to the **negative terminal**, the diode is said to be in **forward bias**.
- A small forward voltage (~0.3 V for Ge and ~0.7 V for Si) is required to **overcome the barrier potential**.

- After this threshold, current increases **rapidly and exponentially**.

✓ 2. Reverse Bias Region:

- When the **P-side** is connected to the **negative terminal** and the **N-side** to the **positive terminal**, the diode is in **reverse bias**.
- Only a **very small leakage current** flows due to minority carriers.
- If reverse voltage exceeds a certain value (breakdown voltage), the diode enters **breakdown region** and large current flows, potentially damaging the diode.

✓ Diagram: V-I Characteristic of a P-N Junction Diode

Conclusion:

The V-I characteristic curve of a P-N junction diode clearly shows that it **conducts current easily in forward bias** but **restricts current in reverse bias**, making it useful as a **rectifier** and **switching device**.

- (c) Draw and Explain bridge rectifier. Explain advantage and disadvantage of bridge rectifier over full wave rectifier. 07

Answer:

1. Introduction:

A **bridge rectifier** is a type of **full-wave rectifier** that converts the **entire AC input** signal into **DC output** using **four diodes** arranged in a bridge configuration. It allows current to flow during both the **positive and negative half cycles** of the AC input.

✓ 2. Circuit Diagram of Bridge Rectifier:

3. Working of Bridge Rectifier:

◆ Positive Half Cycle:

- Diodes **D1 and D3** become **forward biased** → they conduct.
- Diodes **D2 and D4** are **reverse biased** → they do not conduct.
- Current flows from the **positive terminal**, through **D1** → **RL** → **D3**, and returns to the **AC source**.
- **Load receives positive voltage.**

◆ Negative Half Cycle:

- Diodes **D2 and D4** become **forward biased** → they conduct.
- Diodes **D1 and D3** are **reverse biased** → they do not conduct.
- Current flows from the **now-positive lower terminal**, through **D2** → **RL** → **D4**, and returns.
- Again, **load receives current in the same direction.**

Thus, both half cycles produce output in the **same direction**.

✓ 4. Output Waveform:

5. Advantages of Bridge Rectifier over Center-Tap Full-Wave Rectifier:

Bridge Rectifier	Full-Wave Rectifier (Center Tap)
No center-tap transformer required	Requires center-tap transformer
Better transformer utilization	Only half of secondary winding is used
Higher output voltage for same input	Lower output due to center tap division
More efficient (both half-cycles used fully)	Less efficient

✓ 6. Disadvantages of Bridge Rectifier:

- Uses **4 diodes**, so **more voltage drop** compared to full-wave rectifier (only 2 diodes).
- **Complex circuit** than center-tap design.

✓ 7. Conclusion:

The **bridge rectifier** is a widely used full-wave rectifier circuit that provides **better efficiency, higher output, and simpler transformer requirements**. It is preferred in **DC power supplies** and **electronic chargers**.

Q.2 (a) Drive the relation between current gain α and β for CE configuration.

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Answer:

In a transistor, the two important current gain parameters are:

- **α (alpha)**: Current gain in **common base (CB)** configuration
 $\alpha = I_C / I_E$
- **β (beta)**: Current gain in **common emitter (CE)** configuration
 $\beta = I_C / I_B$

Derivation:

We know that:

$$I_E = I_C + I_B \quad (\text{Kirchhoff's Current Law})$$

Now divide both sides by I_B :

$$\frac{I_E}{I_B} = \frac{I_C}{I_B} + 1$$

Substitute:

- $\beta = \frac{I_C}{I_B}$
- $\alpha = \frac{I_C}{I_E} \Rightarrow I_C = \alpha I_E$

Now, from $\beta = \frac{I_C}{I_B}$, express I_B as:

$$I_B = I_E - I_C = I_E - \alpha I_E = I_E(1 - \alpha)$$

Now,

$$\beta = \frac{I_C}{I_B} = \frac{\alpha I_E}{I_E(1 - \alpha)} = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}$$

Final Relations:

$$\boxed{\beta = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta}}$$

- (b) Draw the symbol of NPN & PNP transistor. Also state the advantage of transistor. **04**

Answer:

Symbols of NPN and PNP Transistor:

(i) NPN Transistor Symbol:

(ii) PNP Transistor Symbol:

Advantages of Transistor:

1. ☒ **Small size and lightweight** – Useful for compact electronic devices.
2. ☒ **Low operating voltage and current** – Efficient for battery-powered circuits.
3. ☒ **Long life and high reliability** – Solid-state device with no moving parts.
4. ☒ **Can be used as amplifier or switch** – Very versatile in applications.

☒ **Conclusion:**

The **symbols of NPN and PNP transistors** help identify the direction of current flow. Transistors are widely used due to their **compactness, efficiency,** and **reliability** in modern electronics.

- (c) Draw and explain input and output characteristic of transistor in CE configuration. 07

Answer:

Introduction:

In the **Common Emitter (CE)** configuration of a transistor, the **emitter terminal is common** to both input and output circuits.

- **Input is applied** between **Base and Emitter**.
- **Output is taken** between **Collector and Emitter**.

This configuration is widely used in amplifiers because it offers **high voltage gain and moderate current gain**.

1. Input Characteristics (IB vs VBE at constant VCE):

✓ **Definition:**

It is the curve plotted between **Base current (IB)** and **Base-Emitter voltage (VBE)** at **constant Collector-Emitter voltage (VCE)**.

✓ **Explanation:**

- The input characteristics of a CE transistor resemble a **forward-biased diode**.
- As **VBE increases**, the **base current IB increases rapidly** after a threshold ($\sim 0.6\text{--}0.7\text{V}$ for silicon).
- The input resistance is **low** (hundreds of ohms).

 Input Characteristics Diagram:

2. Output Characteristics (IC vs VCE at constant IB):

✓ **Definition:**

It is the curve plotted between **Collector current (IC)** and **Collector-Emitter voltage (VCE)** at **constant Base current (IB)**.

✓ **Explanation:**

- Initially, when **VCE increases** from 0, **IC rises rapidly**.
- After a certain **VCE** (called **saturation voltage**), **IC becomes almost constant**, indicating transistor is in **active region**.
- As **IB increases**, **IC increases linearly** ($IC \approx \beta \times IB$).

 Output Characteristics Diagram:

Regions in Output Characteristics:

Region	Description
Cut-off	$IB = 0$, transistor is OFF
Active	IC increases with IB
Saturation	Both junctions are forward biased; transistor fully ON

✓ **Conclusion:**

In CE configuration:

- **Input characteristics** resemble a diode curve.
- **Output characteristics** show transistor behavior in **cut-off, active**, and **saturation** regions.

- It is the most commonly used configuration for **amplifiers** due to its **high gain and stability**.

OR

- (c) Compare CE, CB, and CC configuration with respect to different transistor characteristics. 07

Answer:

Introduction:

A transistor can be connected in three basic configurations based on which terminal is common to both input and output:

1. **Common Emitter (CE)**
2. **Common Base (CB)**
3. **Common Collector (CC)**

Each configuration exhibits different electrical characteristics such as gain, impedance, and phase relation, and is used in different electronic applications.



Comparison of CE, CB, and CC Configurations:

Parameter	Common Emitter (CE)	Common Base (CB)	Common Collector (CC)
Input Impedance	Medium (1 kΩ to 5 kΩ)	Low (50 Ω to 500 Ω)	High (>100 kΩ)
Output Impedance	Medium	High	Low
Current Gain (β or α)	High (20 to 500)	Less than 1 ($\alpha \approx 0.95-0.99$)	High (same as CE)
Voltage Gain	High	High	Less than 1
Power Gain	High	Medium	Medium
Phase Shift Between Input and Output	180° (inverted output)	0° (no phase shift)	0° (no phase shift)
Application	Most general-purpose amplifiers	High-frequency amplifiers	Buffer or impedance matching
Input Between	Base and Emitter	Emitter and Base	Base and Collector
Output Between	Collector and Emitter	Collector and Base	Emitter and Collector
Feedback Type	Negative	Positive	Negative
Signal Inversion	Yes (inverts signal)	No	No

Conclusion:

- **CE configuration** is widely used for **amplification** due to high voltage and current gain.
- **CB configuration** is preferred for **high-frequency applications** because of its low input capacitance and high voltage gain.
- **CC configuration** is used for **impedance matching** (as a **buffer** stage) due to its high input and low output impedance.

Q.3 (a) Explain V-I characteristics of tunnel diode.

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Answer:

V-I Characteristics of Tunnel Diode

A **tunnel diode** is a highly doped p-n junction diode that exhibits **negative resistance** due to the **quantum mechanical tunneling** effect.

V-I Characteristics Diagram:

Explanation of Regions:

1. **Zero Bias:**

- No current flows at zero voltage.

2. **Forward Bias (0 to V_p):**

- As voltage increases, current increases rapidly due to **tunneling of electrons**.
- At **peak point (V_p, I_p)**, maximum current flows.

3. **Negative Resistance Region (V_p to V_v):**

- With further increase in voltage, the tunneling reduces.
- Current **decreases** even though voltage increases.
- This is called the **negative resistance region**.
- The diode is **unstable** here.

4. **Valley Point (V_v, I_v):**

- After this point, tunneling stops and normal diode conduction begins.

5. **Forward Bias Beyond V_v :**

- The diode behaves like a normal forward-biased diode.
- Current increases exponentially.

6. **Reverse Bias:**

- In reverse bias, small tunneling current flows initially.
 - As reverse voltage increases, the diode eventually breaks down.
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Important Points:

- **Peak Point (V_p, I_p):** Max current before negative resistance starts.
- **Valley Point (V_v, I_v):** Min current before normal conduction resumes.
- Region between **V_p and V_v** is the **negative resistance region**.
- This unique property makes tunnel diodes useful in **oscillators** and **high-speed switching circuits**

(b) Explain Schottky diode in details.

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Answer:

Schottky Diode:

A **Schottky diode** is a special type of semiconductor diode formed by the **junction of a metal (such as aluminum or platinum)** with a **n-type semiconductor** instead of a p-n junction. It is also known as a **hot-carrier diode**.

✓ **Construction:**

- It consists of a **metal-semiconductor junction** (usually metal to n-type silicon).

- No depletion layer as in p-n junction diode.
- The junction has **low forward voltage drop** (typically 0.2 to 0.3 V).

✓ Working:

- When **forward biased**, electrons move from the n-type semiconductor into the metal, resulting in **current conduction with very little voltage**.
- When **reverse biased**, it blocks current like a normal diode but **with a lower reverse breakdown voltage**.

✓ V-I Characteristic:

- In forward bias, current increases rapidly at **lower voltage (~0.2–0.3 V)**.
 - In reverse bias, a small leakage current flows until breakdown.
- (You may draw a curve similar to normal diode but starting at 0.2 V)*

✓ Advantages:

1. ♦ **Very fast switching speed**
2. ♦ **Low forward voltage drop**
3. ♦ **Low power loss and high efficiency**

✓ Applications:

- Used in **high-frequency circuits**
- Power supplies
- RF and microwave applications
- Clamping and protection circuits

✓ Conclusion:

A **Schottky diode** is a metal-semiconductor device known for its **low forward voltage drop** and **high switching speed**, making it suitable for **fast and efficient electronic circuits**.

(c) Comparison between P-N junction Diode and Zener Diode.

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Answer:

Introduction:

Both **P-N junction diode** and **Zener diode** are semiconductor devices that allow current to flow in a specific direction. However, they differ significantly in construction, operation, and application — especially in **reverse bias condition**.

 **Comparison Table:**

Parameter	P-N Junction Diode	Zener Diode
1. Definition	A P-N diode allows current to flow in one direction only (forward bias).	A Zener diode is designed to operate in reverse breakdown region.
2. Doping Level	Normally doped	Heavily doped P-N junction
3. Reverse Breakdown	Not designed for reverse breakdown; may get damaged	Specially designed to operate safely in breakdown region
4. Symbol		

5. Reverse Current	Very small leakage current in reverse bias	Maintains constant voltage after breakdown
6. Application	Rectification in power supplies	Voltage regulation, over-voltage protection
7. Operating Region	Operates only in forward bias	Operates in reverse breakdown region
8. Voltage Regulation	Cannot regulate voltage	Used to regulate voltage at a fixed value
9. VI Characteristic	Sharp rise in forward, breakdown destroys in reverse	Sharp breakdown in reverse without damage

✓ **Diagram:**

Conclusion:

- The **P-N junction diode** is mainly used for **rectification**.
- The **Zener diode** is used for **voltage regulation** because it can operate reliably in the **reverse breakdown region**.

OR

Q.3 (a) Advantage, disadvantage and application of LED.

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Answer:

Advantages of LED:

1. **Low Power Consumption** – LEDs require very little energy and are highly efficient.
2. **Long Life** – LEDs have a longer operational life (typically more than 50,000 hours).
3. **Fast Switching** – LEDs turn on and off instantly.
4. **Compact Size** – Small in size, making them suitable for compact circuits.
5. **Low Heat Output** – LEDs generate very little heat compared to incandescent bulbs.
6. **Environmentally Friendly** – No mercury or toxic materials used.

✗ **Disadvantages of LED:**

1. **High Initial Cost** – More expensive than traditional light sources.
2. **Voltage Sensitivity** – LEDs require precise voltage and current regulation.
3. **Temperature Dependence** – Performance can be affected at very high temperatures.
4. **Limited Color Spectrum** – Though improving, pure white light is harder to achieve.

💡 **Applications of LED:**

1. **Indicator Lamps** – Used in electronic devices as power indicators.
2. **Display Devices** – Used in digital watches, calculators, and display panels.
3. **Lighting** – Street lights, household lamps, and emergency lights.
4. **Optical Communication** – Used in remote controls and fiber optic communication.
5. **Signage** – Used in billboards, traffic signals, and decorative lighting.

(b) Compare PIN diode and Photo Diode.

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Answer:

The comparison between **PIN Diode** and **Photo Diode** is as follows:

Parameter	PIN Diode	Photo Diode
1. Full Form	P-type, Intrinsic, N-type Diode	Light-sensitive semiconductor diode
2. Construction	Has an intrinsic (undoped) layer between P and N regions	Similar to P-N or PIN diode with transparent window
3. Function	Works as a high-speed switch or attenuator	Converts light into current (used as sensor)
4. Biasing	Usually operated under forward bias	Always operated under reverse bias
5. Light Sensitivity	Not light-sensitive	Light-sensitive (generates current when exposed to light)
6. Applications	Used in RF, microwave circuits , attenuators, and switches	Used in optical communication , light sensors, cameras

✓ **Conclusion:**

While both are special types of diodes, the **PIN diode** is mainly used in **high-frequency applications**, and the **Photo diode** is used as a **light sensor** in optical systems.

(c) State the applications of Rectifier, and Comparison of Halfwave, Full-wave center- tap and Full-wave Bridge rectifier. 07

Answer:

1. Applications of Rectifier:

A **rectifier** is an electronic device that **converts AC (alternating current) into DC (direct current)**. Rectifiers are widely used in various electronic systems where DC supply is required.

◆ **Common Applications:**

1. **DC power supply circuits**
2. **Battery chargers**
3. **Radio and TV receivers**
4. **DC motor drives**
5. **Electronic measuring instruments**
6. **Welding equipment**
7. **Electroplating circuits**

✓ **2. Comparison of Rectifier Types:**

Parameter	Half-wave Rectifier	Full-wave Center-tap Rectifier	Full-wave Bridge Rectifier
Number of Diodes Used	1	2	4
Transformer Requirement	No transformer required	Requires center-tap transformer	Does not require center-tap transformer
Efficiency	Low (~40.6%)	Higher (~81.2%)	Higher (~81.2%)

PIV (Peak Inverse Voltage)	High (equal to peak input voltage)	$2 \times V_{m}$ per diode	V_{m} per diode
Ripple Frequency	Same as AC supply (f)	Twice the input frequency (2f)	Twice the input frequency (2f)
Transformer Utilization	Not used	Poor (only half secondary is used at a time)	Good (entire transformer secondary is used)
Output Voltage	Low	Higher than half-wave	Higher than half-wave
Output Current	Low	Higher	Higher
Cost	Cheapest	Moderate (requires center tap)	Moderate to high (4 diodes used)
Complexity	Very simple	Moderate	Slightly more complex

✓ **Conclusion:**

- **Half-wave rectifier** is simple and cheap but inefficient.
- **Full-wave center-tap rectifier** is better but needs a special transformer.
- **Bridge rectifier** gives the **best performance** using the **full AC waveform** and does not need a center-tap transformer.

Q.4 (a) List out the salient feature of emitter follower.

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Answer:

Salient Features of Emitter Follower (Common Collector Amplifier):

An **emitter follower** is a transistor circuit configuration where the **output is taken from the emitter terminal**, and the **input is applied at the base**. It is also called a **common collector (CC) amplifier**.

♦ **Salient Features:**

- Voltage Gain ≈ 1 :**
 - The emitter follower provides **unity voltage gain** or slightly less than 1.
 - It **does not amplify voltage** but follows the input.
- High Input Impedance:**
 - It offers **very high input resistance**, which minimizes the loading effect on the previous stage.
- Low Output Impedance:**
 - The output impedance is very low, making it suitable for **impedance matching** between high and low impedance stages.
- No Phase Shift:**
 - The output signal is **in phase** with the input signal (i.e., 0° phase shift).
- Power Gain is High:**
 - While voltage gain is low, it provides **good current and power gain**.
- Excellent Buffer Stage:**
 - Commonly used as a **buffer amplifier** because of its impedance transformation properties.

Answer:

A **logic family** is a group of electronic logic gates constructed using one particular type of electronic device. Logic families are primarily classified based on the **technology** used in their design.

♦ **Main Classification of Logic Families:**

1. Bipolar Logic Families

These use **bipolar junction transistors (BJT)** for logic operations.

- **(i) RTL (Resistor-Transistor Logic):**
Uses resistors and transistors. Low speed and high power consumption. Obsolete.
- **(ii) DTL (Diode-Transistor Logic):**
Uses diodes for input logic and transistor for amplification.
- **(iii) TTL (Transistor-Transistor Logic):**
Most popular bipolar logic family. High speed and moderate power.
Variants: Standard TTL, Low-Power TTL, High-Speed TTL, Schottky TTL
- **(iv) ECL (Emitter Coupled Logic):**
Very high-speed logic family. Consumes more power. Used in high-speed applications.

2. Unipolar Logic Families

These use **MOSFETs (Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field Effect Transistors)**.

- **(i) CMOS (Complementary MOS):**
Uses both p-type and n-type MOSFETs.
Advantages: Low power consumption, high noise immunity.
Widely used in modern digital circuits.
- **(ii) NMOS (N-type MOS Logic):**
Uses only N-channel MOSFETs. Faster than PMOS but consumes more power.
- **(iii) PMOS (P-type MOS Logic):**
Uses only P-channel MOSFETs. Slower and obsolete now.

✔ **Comparison Summary:**

Logic Family	Technology	Power	Speed	Use Today
TTL	Bipolar BJT	Moderate	Fast	Yes (limited)
ECL	Bipolar BJT	High	Very fast	Rare
CMOS	MOSFET	Very low	Moderate	Widely used
NMOS/PMOS	MOSFET	Low	Moderate	Mostly obsolete

✔ **Conclusion:**

Logic families are classified into **bipolar** and **MOS-based families**. Among them, **CMOS** is the most widely used today due to its **low power**

consumption and **high integration capability**.

(c) Explain application of Transistor as a switch.

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Answer:

1. Introduction:

A **transistor** can be used not only as an amplifier but also as a **switch** in digital and power electronics. When operated in the **cut-off** and **saturation** regions, it behaves like an **electronic ON/OFF switch**.

✓ **2. Transistor as a Switch – Basic Concept:**

- The transistor is used in **Common Emitter (CE)** configuration.
- Input signal is given to the **base** through a resistor.
- The **load** (e.g., **LED, relay, motor**) is connected to the **collector**.
- When base current is applied, the transistor turns ON, and current flows through the load.

✓ **3. Working Principle:**

Condition	Transistor Region	Output Condition
No base current ($I_{B</sub>= 0$)	Cut-off	Transistor is OFF → No current flows through collector. Output = HIGH.
Base current applied ($I_{B</sub>> 0$)	Saturation	Transistor is ON → Current flows through collector. Output = LOW.

✓ **4. Circuit Diagram:**

5. Applications of Transistor as a Switch:

1. **Switching LEDs or buzzers**
2. **Driving relays** in control systems
3. **Pulse generation circuits**
4. **Digital logic circuits**
5. **Motor drivers**
6. **Timer circuits** (e.g., in 555 timer applications)
7. **Power regulation circuits**

✓ **6. Advantages:**

- Fast switching (microseconds to nanoseconds)
- Low power consumption
- Compact and reliable
- Can handle both analog and digital signals

✓ **7. Conclusion:**

A transistor acts as an efficient **electronic switch** when operated between **cut-off** and **saturation**. It plays a vital role in **digital electronics, automation,** and **embedded systems** where ON/OFF control is required.

OR

Q.4 (a) Explain Negative Clamping circuit with diagram.

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Answer:

Negative Clamping Circuit

A **clamping circuit** shifts the **entire waveform** either above or below the zero voltage level **without changing the shape** of the waveform.

A **negative clamping circuit** moves the waveform **downward**, so the entire signal lies **below the zero reference level**.

 Circuit Diagram:

Components:

- Diode (D)
 - Capacitor (C)
 - Resistor (R)
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 Working:

- During the **positive half cycle** of the input:
 - The diode **conducts** (forward-biased).
 - Capacitor **charges** to the peak voltage (V_m) of the input.
 - During the **negative half cycle**:
 - The diode becomes **reverse-biased** (open circuit).
 - The charged capacitor now acts as a **voltage source**, shifting the entire waveform **downward**.
 - As a result, the **output waveform is clamped negatively**, i.e., its **peak goes below 0V**.
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 Output Waveform:

- The output waveform has **same shape as input**, but is **shifted downward**, such that the **maximum value touches zero** and the **rest goes negative**.
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(b) Explain why NAND and NOR gate are called universal gate.

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Answer:

Universal Gates:

A **universal gate** is a logic gate that can be used to construct **any other basic logic gate** such as **AND**, **OR**, and **NOT**.

The **NAND** and **NOR** gates are called **universal gates** because **any Boolean logic function** can be implemented using **only NAND or only NOR gates**.

◆ **Why NAND is Universal:**

- NAND gate can be used to create:
 - **NOT gate** → by connecting both inputs of NAND together
 - **AND gate** → by using NAND followed by a NAND as inverter
 - **OR gate** → using a combination of NAND and inverters

✦ Hence, NAND alone is sufficient to realize all logic functions.

◆ **Why NOR is Universal:**

- NOR gate can be used to create:

- **NOT gate** → by connecting both inputs of NOR together
- **OR gate** → by using NOR followed by a NOR as inverter
- **AND gate** → using a combination of NOR and inverters

✦ Therefore, NOR alone can also implement all logic operations.

✓ **Conclusion:**

Since **NAND** and **NOR** gates can be used to construct **all other logic gates**, they are called **universal gates** and are widely used in **digital circuit design**.

(c) Discuss MOSFET in details.

07

Answer:

1. Introduction:

MOSFET stands for **Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor**. It is a type of **FET (Field Effect Transistor)** used widely in analog and digital electronics. It is a **voltage-controlled device** with **high input impedance**, widely used in **amplifiers, switches, and digital ICs**.

✓ **2. Types of MOSFET:**

MOSFETs are mainly classified into two types:

1. **Enhancement Type MOSFET**
2. **Depletion Type MOSFET**

Each of these comes in **n-channel** and **p-channel** versions.

✓ **3. Construction of MOSFET:**

- It has **three terminals: Gate (G), Drain (D), Source (S)**.
- The **gate** is insulated from the channel by a thin layer of **silicon dioxide (SiO₂)**.
- This insulation provides **very high input resistance**.
- The **substrate** is usually connected to the source terminal.

✓ **4. Symbol of MOSFET:**

5. Working Principle:

MOSFET operates by controlling the **flow of charge carriers** in a semiconductor channel between **source and drain** terminals.

◆ **Enhancement Type:**

- No channel exists by default.
- A **positive voltage at gate (V_{GS})** creates an **n-channel** by attracting electrons.
- Current starts flowing from drain to source when **V_{GS} > threshold voltage (V_{th})**.

◆ **Depletion Type:**

- Channel exists naturally.
- Applying **negative V_{GS}** depletes the channel and reduces current.

✓ **6. V-I Characteristics:**

Output Characteristics (I_D vs V_{DS}):

- For **V_{GS} below threshold**, no current flows.

- As **VDS increases**, current rises and then saturates.
 - Device enters **cut-off, linear, and saturation** regions.
- (You should draw labeled graph of I_D vs V_{DS} for various V_{GS})

✓ **7. Applications of MOSFET:**

1. **Switching devices** in digital electronics
2. **Power amplifiers**
3. **Motor control circuits**
4. **Analog signal processing**
5. **CMOS technology** in integrated circuits
6. **Voltage-controlled resistors and capacitors**

✓ **8. Advantages:**

- **Very high input impedance**
- **Low power consumption**
- **Compact and easy for IC fabrication**
- **Fast switching speed**

✓ **9. Disadvantages:**

- Sensitive to **electrostatic discharge (ESD)**
- More **complex to handle** compared to BJT in power circuits

✓ **Conclusion:**

The **MOSFET** is a highly efficient, **voltage-controlled device** that dominates modern **digital and analog electronic applications**. Due to its high input impedance and low power consumption, it is widely used in **microprocessors, memory chips, and switching circuits**.

Q.5 (a) Define the use of Coupling capacitor.

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Answer:

Use of Coupling Capacitor

A **coupling capacitor** is used in amplifier circuits to **connect (or couple)** two stages of a circuit **without allowing DC components to pass** from one stage to the next. It **blocks DC** and **passes AC signals**.

◆ **Definition:**

A **coupling capacitor** is a capacitor that is placed between two stages of an amplifier circuit to **transfer the AC signal** while **blocking DC voltage** from affecting the next stage.

🔧 **Use / Purpose:**

1. **Blocks DC component:**
 - Prevents **DC bias** of one stage from disturbing the biasing of the next stage.
2. **Passes AC signal:**
 - Allows **AC signal** (useful information) to pass from one stage to another.
3. **Maintains biasing stability:**

- Keeps the **biasing of each stage independent**, improving performance and preventing distortion.
4. **Used in amplifier stages:**
- Commonly used between **transistor amplifier stages** (like CE → CE or CE → CC).



Example in Amplifier Circuit:

In a **common emitter amplifier**, a coupling capacitor is connected between the **collector of the first stage** and the **base of the second stage** to transfer the signal.

(b) Give Comparison of BJT and FET.

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Answer:

The comparison between **BJT (Bipolar Junction Transistor)** and **FET (Field Effect Transistor)** is given below:

Parameter	BJT (Bipolar Junction Transistor)	FET (Field Effect Transistor)
1. Type of Device	Current-controlled device	Voltage-controlled device
2. Current Flow	Involves both electrons and holes (bipolar)	Involves either electrons or holes (unipolar)
3. Input Impedance	Low	High
4. Noise	More noise	Less noise
5. Thermal Stability	Less	Better
6. Gain	High current gain	High voltage gain
7. Power Consumption	More	Less
8. Applications	Amplifiers, switches, analog circuits	High-speed and low-noise applications, integrated circuits



Conclusion:

- **BJT** is preferred for **high gain and linear amplification**.
- **FET** is ideal where **low power, high input impedance**, and **low noise** are required.

(c) Draw symbol and explain all logic gates in details.

07

Answer:

1. Introduction:

Logic gates are the basic building blocks of digital circuits. They perform **logical operations** on one or more binary inputs to produce a single binary output. The basic logic gates are:

1. AND Gate
2. OR Gate
3. NOT Gate
4. NAND Gate
5. NOR Gate
6. XOR Gate
7. XNOR Gate

Each gate follows a **truth table** based on **Boolean algebra**.

✓ 2. Basic Logic Gates and Their Explanation:

◆ (1) AND Gate

- **Symbol:**
- **Boolean Expression:**
 $Y = A \cdot B$ (A AND B)
- **Truth Table:**

A	B	Y (A · B)
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

- **Explanation:**
Output is **1** only when both inputs are 1.
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◆ (2) OR Gate

- **Symbol:**
- **Boolean Expression:**
 $Y = A + B$ (A OR B)
- **Truth Table:**

A	B	Y (A + B)
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

- **Explanation:**
Output is **1** if any one input is 1.
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◆ (3) NOT Gate

- **Symbol:**
- **Boolean Expression:**
 $Y = \bar{A}$ (NOT A)
- **Truth Table:**

A	Y ($\bar{A}$)
0	1
1	0

- **Explanation:**
Output is the **inverse of input**.

✓ 3. Universal Logic Gates

◆ (4) NAND Gate

- **Symbol:**
- **Boolean Expression:**
 $Y = (A \cdot B)^{\overline{}}$
- **Truth Table:**

A	B	Y
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

- **Explanation:**
Output is **0 only** when both inputs are 1.

◆ (5) NOR Gate

- **Symbol:**
- **Boolean Expression:**
 $Y = (A + B)^{\overline{}}$
- **Truth Table:**

A	B	Y
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

- **Explanation:**
Output is **1 only** when both inputs are 0.

✓ 4. Exclusive Logic Gates

◆ (6) XOR Gate (Exclusive OR)

- **Symbol:**
- **Boolean Expression:**
 $Y = A \oplus B = \overline{A}B + A\overline{B}$
- **Truth Table:**

A	B	Y
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1

1	1	0
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- **Explanation:**
Output is **1** when inputs are different.

◆ (7) XNOR Gate (Exclusive NOR)

- **Symbol:**

- **Boolean Expression:**
 $Y = A \odot B = AB + \bar{A}\bar{B}$

- **Truth Table:**

A	B	Y
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

- **Explanation:**
Output is **1** when inputs are equal.

✓ **Conclusion:**

Logic gates are the foundation of digital electronics. Understanding their **symbols, functions, and truth tables** is essential for designing **combinational and sequential logic circuits**.

OR

Q.5 (a) Explain the properties and application of common base amplifier.

03

Answer:

Common Base Amplifier: Properties and Applications

A **common base (CB) amplifier** is a type of single-stage transistor amplifier where the **base terminal is common** to both the **input and output** circuits.

◆ **Properties of Common Base Amplifier:**

1. **Input is applied between** emitter and base.
2. **Output is taken from** collector and base.
3. **Base is grounded** for both AC and DC signals.
4. **Input impedance is very low** (approx. 50–100 Ω).
5. **Output impedance is high** (approx. 1–10 k Ω).
6. **Current gain (α)** is less than 1 (typically around 0.98).
7. **Voltage gain is high.**
8. **Power gain is moderate.**
9. **Phase difference:** Input and output signals are **in-phase** (0° phase shift).

◆ **Applications of Common Base Amplifier:**

1. **High-frequency amplifiers:**
 - Used in **VHF and UHF circuits** due to **low input capacitance** and **high-frequency response**.

2. **Impedance matching:**
 - Suitable for applications where **low input impedance** and **high output impedance** are required.
3. **RF amplifiers:**
 - Used in **radio transmitters and receivers** for signal amplification.
4. **Buffer stages:**
 - Used between stages to prevent loading due to **low input impedance**

(b) State advantage, disadvantage and application of FET.

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Answer:

Advantages of FET (Field Effect Transistor):

1. **High input impedance** – reduces the loading effect on the preceding stage.
2. **Low power consumption** – due to small input current.
3. **Low noise operation** – suitable for sensitive signal amplification.
4. **Thermal stability** – better than BJT under temperature variation.
5. **Voltage controlled device** – makes circuit design simpler.

◆ **Disadvantages of FET:**

1. **Lower gain** – compared to BJT in certain applications.
2. **More sensitive to static electricity** – especially MOSFETs.
3. **Limited frequency response** – especially in high power operations.
4. **Complex manufacturing** – especially for integrated circuits.

◆ **Applications of FET:**

1. Used in **amplifiers** (low-noise, high-impedance amplifiers).
2. Used in **oscillators and mixers** in RF circuits.
3. Commonly used in **analog switches and buffer stages**.
4. Widely used in **CMOS logic circuits and VLSI design**.
5. Preferred in **automotive and industrial control** due to reliability.

✓ **Conclusion:**

FETs are widely used in modern electronics due to their **low power, high input impedance**, and **low noise** characteristics, making them essential in **amplification and switching** applications.

(c) Give comparison between different types of digital logic families.

07

Answer:

1. Introduction:

Digital logic families are groups of **electronic logic gates** that are built using similar internal circuitry. Each family has its own electrical characteristics such as **speed, power consumption, voltage levels**, and **fan-out**. The two main categories of logic families are:

- **Bipolar families** (e.g., TTL)
- **Unipolar families** (e.g., CMOS)

Each logic family is suitable for specific applications depending on the required speed, power, and cost.

✓ 2. Types of Digital Logic Families:

The commonly used digital logic families include:

1. **TTL (Transistor-Transistor Logic)**
 2. **CMOS (Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor)**
 3. **ECL (Emitter Coupled Logic)**
 4. **RTL (Resistor-Transistor Logic)**
 5. **DTL (Diode-Transistor Logic)**
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3. Comparison Table of Digital Logic Families:

Parameter	TTL	CMOS	ECL	RTL	DTL
Technology	Bipolar	MOSFET	Bipolar	Bipolar	Bipolar
Speed	Moderate	Moderate to High	Very High	Low	Low
Power Consumption	High	Very Low	Very High	High	High
Noise Margin	Medium	High	Low	Low	Low
Fan-out	10	>50	25	5	5
Power Supply Voltage	+5V	3V to 15V	−5.2V	+5V	+5V
Switching Speed (ns)	10–30 ns	50–200 ns (older), 1–10 ns (modern)	<1 ns	100+ ns	50–100 ns
Cost	Low	Low	High	Very Low	Low
Integration Level	SSI, MSI, LSI	SSI to VLSI	SSI	SSI	SSI
Application	General purpose, microprocessors	Battery-operated systems, ICs	High-speed computing, supercomputers	Historical use only	Replaced by TTL

✓ 4. Conclusion:

- **TTL** is widely used in general-purpose logic circuits.
- **CMOS** is preferred for **low power and high-density** IC applications.
- **ECL** is used in **very high-speed systems** despite high power use.
- **RTL** and **DTL** were used in early logic circuits and are now largely obsolete.

Understanding the **characteristics and comparison** of logic families helps engineers choose the **right family for specific digital applications**.
