

Figure 10: Relationship between coil voltage and relay status

- 5) Unplug the relay and measure the resistance of its coil using the multimeter. Record the value of resistance.
- b- To examine the relay switching speed, do the following steps:
- 1) Connect the circuit shown in figure 11.

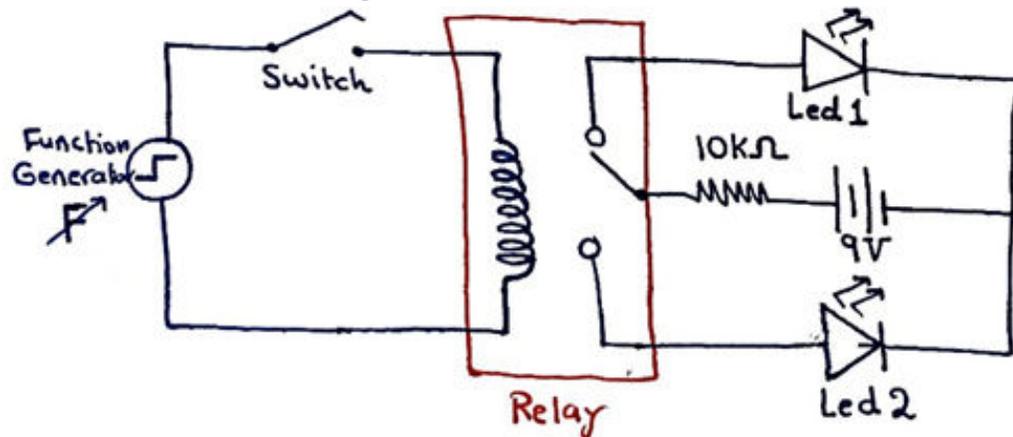


Figure 11: Relay switching speed circuit

- 2) Use a function generator to generate a square wave of equal duty cycle at a 5V peak value.
  - 3) Increase the frequency of the square signal until the LEDs stop blinking. Record this frequency.
- **Part 2: Transistor Switching**
    - a- To examine 2N2222 transistor as a switch, do the following:
      - 1) Connect the circuit shown in figure 12.
      - 2) Calculate the value the required based resistor ( $R_b$ ).

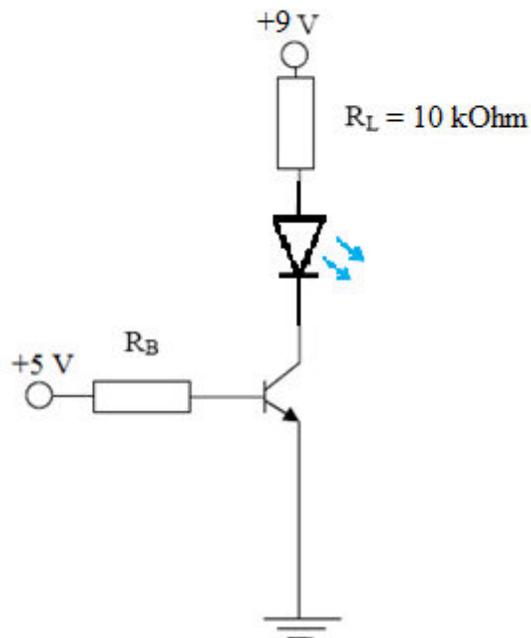


Figure 12: Transistor switching a resistive load

- b- To examine the transistor switching speed, do the following steps:
- 1) Replace the 5V DC power supply by a function generator to generate a square wave of 5 V peak value.
  - 2) Connect the oscilloscope to the collector of the BJT transistor and observe the output signal.
  - 3) Increase the frequency of the function generator until the square wave signal at the output disappears. Record the frequency of the signal at this point.

### **Discussion and Conclusions**

- 1- How many terminals does the relay have? Identify the function of each terminal.
- 2- What is the shape of “the relationship between coil voltage and relay status” curve? And what is this phenomenon called?
- 3- State the main advantages and disadvantages of using a transistor as a switch compared to a relay?
- 4- Why did the signal disappear at the output of the transistor in part 2.b?