EE 330 Lecture 31

Basic amplifier architectures

- Common Emitter/Source
- Common Collector/Drain
- Common Base/Gate
- Common Emitter/Source with R_E/R_S

Basic Amplifiers

• Analysis, Operation, and Design

Two-Port Equivalents of Interconnected Two-ports



Apply V₁, open V₂ to get A_V but short V₂ to get R_{IN} Apply V₂, open V₁ to get A_{VR} but short V₁ to get R_{OUT}

Basic Amplifier Structures



Common Source or Common Emitter

Common Gate or Common Base

Common Drain or Common Collector

MOS			BJT		
ommon	Input	Output	Common	Input	Output
S	G	D	E	В	С
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Objectives in Study of Basic Amplifier Structures

1. Obtain key properties of each basic amplifier

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2. Develop method of designing amplifiers with specific characteristics using basic amplifier structures

The three basic amplifier types for both MOS and bipolar processes



Will focus on the performance of the bipolar structures and then obtain performance of the MOS structures by observation

Two-Port Models of Basic Amplifiers widely used for Analysis and Design of Amplifier Circuits

Methods of Obtaining Amplifier Two-Port Network



2. Write $v_1 : v_2$ equations in standard form

$$v_1 = i_1 R_{IN} + A_{VR} v_2$$
$$v_2 = i_2 R_0 + A_{V0} v_1$$

- 3. Thevenin-Norton Transformations
- 4. Ad Hoc Approaches

Any of these methods can be used to obtain the two-port model

Consider Common Emitter/Common Source Two-port Models



Will focus on Bipolar Circuit since MOS counterpart is a special case obtained by setting $g_{\pi}=0$

Two-port model for Common Emitter Configuration



In terms of small signal model parameters:

$$R_{in} = \frac{1}{g_{\pi}}$$
 $A_{V0} = -\frac{g_m}{g_0}$ $R_0 = \frac{1}{g_0}$ $A_{VR} = 0$

In terms of operating point and model parameters:

$$\mathsf{R}_{i} = \frac{\beta \mathsf{V}_{t}}{\mathsf{I}_{CQ}} \qquad \mathsf{A}_{V0} = -\frac{\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{AF}}}{\mathsf{V}_{t}} \qquad \mathsf{R}_{0} = \frac{\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{AF}}}{\mathsf{I}_{CQ}} \qquad \qquad \mathsf{A}_{\mathsf{VR}} = \mathbf{0}$$

Characteristics:

- Input impedance is mid-range
- Voltage Gain is Large and Inverting
- Output impedance is large
- Unilateral
- Widely used to build voltage amplifiers

Common Emitter Configuration



Common Emitter Configuration

Consider the following CE application

(this will also generate a two-port model for this CE application)



This circuit can also be analyzed directly without using 2-port model for CE configuration



Common Emitter Configuration

Consider the following CE application

(this is also a two-port model for this CE application)



Operating point and model parameter domain

Small signal parameter domain

$$\mathsf{A}_{v} \stackrel{g_{0} << g_{c}}{\cong} - g_{m} \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{C}}$$

$$\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{out}} = \frac{1}{g_0 + g_C} \stackrel{g_0 << g_c}{\cong} \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{C}}$$

 $R_{in} = r_{\pi}$

$$A_{v} \stackrel{g_{o} << g_{c}}{\cong} -\frac{I_{CQ}R_{C}}{V_{t}}$$
$$R_{out} \stackrel{g_{o} << g_{c}}{\cong} R_{C}$$
$$R_{c} \stackrel{\beta V_{t}}{=}$$

CQ

 $A_{VR} = 0$

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Common Source/ Common Emitter Configurations



Characteristics:

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Common Source/Common Emitter Configuration



• Widely used as a voltage amplifier

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Two-port model for Common Collector Configuration



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Applying KCL at the input and output node, obtain

$$i_{1} = (\boldsymbol{v}_{1} - \boldsymbol{v}_{2})g_{\pi}$$

$$i_{2} = (g_{m} + g_{\pi} + g_{o})\boldsymbol{v}_{2} - (g_{m} + g_{\pi})\boldsymbol{v}_{1}$$

These can be rewritten as

$$\boldsymbol{v}_{1} = i_{1}\mathbf{r}_{\pi} + \boldsymbol{v}_{2}$$
$$\boldsymbol{v}_{2} = \left(\frac{1}{g_{m} + g_{\pi} + g_{o}}\right)\boldsymbol{i}_{2} + \left(\frac{g_{m} + g_{\pi}}{g_{m} + g_{\pi} + g_{o}}\right)\boldsymbol{v}_{1}$$

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 v_1 : v_2 equations in standard form

It thus follows that

$$R_{iX} = r_{\pi}$$
 $A_{Vr} = 1$ $R_{0X} = \left(\frac{1}{g_m + g_\pi + g_o}\right)$ $A_{V0} = \left(\frac{g_m + g_\pi}{g_m + g_\pi + g_o}\right)$

Two-port model for Common Collector Configuration











To obtain R_0 , set $\vartheta_{in} = 0$

 $\mathbf{i}_{out} = \mathbf{v}_{out} \left(g_E + g_0 + g_\pi \right) - g_m \left(-\mathbf{v}_{out} \right)$ $\mathsf{R}_{out} = \frac{1}{g_m + g_\pi + g_o + g_E} \stackrel{g_E < < g_o}{\cong} \frac{1}{g_m}$



 V_{DD}



• Not completely unilateral but output-input transconductance (or A_{Vr}) is small and effects are generally negligible though magnitude same as A_V

Common Collector/Common Drain Configurations



Consider Common Base/Common Gate Two-port Models



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 $R_{iX} = -$

$$\mathbf{i}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 g_{\pi} + (\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2) g_0 + g_m \mathbf{v}_1$$

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Standard Form for Amplifier Two-Port

$$v_1$$
 : v_2 equations in standard form

It thus follows that:

$$R_{iX} = \frac{1}{g_m + g_\pi + g_0} \cong \frac{1}{g_m}$$
 $A_{VOr} = \frac{g_0}{g_m + g_\pi + g_0}$ $A_{VO} = 1 + \frac{g_m}{g_0} \cong \frac{g_m}{g_0}$ $R_{oX} = \frac{1}{g_0}$

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Common Base Configuration



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Common Base Application

(this is not a two-port model for this CB application)





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- Have developed both two-ports and a widely used application of all 6
- A fourth structure (two additional applications) is also quite common so will be added to list of basic applications



Common Emitter with Emitter Resistor Configuration Application

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It can also be shown that

$$R_{in} \cong r_{\pi} + \beta R_{E}$$
$$R_{out} \cong R_{C}$$

Nearly unilateral (is unilateral if $g_0=0$)

Common Emitter with Emitter Resistor Configuration Application

(this is not a two-port model for this CE with R_E application)



Characteristics:

- Analysis would simplify if g₀ were set to 0 in model
- Gain can be accurately controlled with resistor ratios
- Useful for reasonably accurate low gains
- Input impedance is high

Basic Amplifier Gain Table



(not two-port models for the four structures)

Basic Amplifier Gain Table



Can use these equations only when small signal circuit is EXACTLY like that shown !!

Basic Amplifier Structures

- 1. Common Emitter/Common Source
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- 4. Common Emitter with R_E/ Common Source with R_S
- 5. Cascode (actually CE:CB or CS:CG cascade)
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Properties/Use of Basic Amplifiers

CE and CS



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 R_{C} or R_{D} may (or may not) be load

- Large inverting gain
- Moderate input impedance for BJT (high for MOS)
- Moderate output impedance
- Most widely used amplifier structure

Properties/Use of Basic Amplifiers



More practical biasing circuits usually used

R_E or R_S may (or may not) be load

- Gain very close to +1 (little less)
- High input impedance for BJT (high for MOS)
- Low output impedance
- Widely used as a buffer

Properties/Use of Basic Amplifiers

CB and CG



More practical biasing circuits usually used

 $R_{\rm C} \mbox{ or } R_{\rm D} \mbox{ may (or may not)} \mbox{ be load}$

- Large noninverting gain
- Low input impedance
- Moderate (or high) output impedance
- Used more as current amplifier or, in conjunction with CD/CS to form two-stage cascode

Basic Amplifier Characteristics Summary



Cascaded Amplifiers



- Amplifier cascading widely used to enhance gain
- Amplifier cascading widely used to enhance other characteristics and/or alter functionality as well
 e.g. (R_{IN}, BW, Power, R_O, Linearity, Impedance Conversion..)

Cascaded Amplifier Analysis and Operation



• Systematic Methods of Analysis/Design will be Developed

One or more couplings of nonadjacent stages



- Less Common
- Analysis Generally Much More Involved, Use Basic Circuit Analysis Methods

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