# EE 330 Lecture 27

Small-Signal Analysis

- Graphical Interpretation
- MOSFET Model Extensions
- Biasing (a precursor)

Two-Port Amplifier Modeling

# Fall 2023 Exam Schedule

- Exam 1 Friday Sept 22
- Exam 2 Friday Oct 20
- Exam 3 Friday Nov. 17

#### Final Monday Dec 11 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Review from last lecture

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# Small Signal Model of MOSFET

Large Signal Model



*MOSFET is usually operated in saturation region in linear applications where a small-signal model is needed so will develop the small-signal model in the saturation region*

## Small Signal Model of MOSFET

Saturation Region Summary

*Nonlinear model:*

I Model of MOSFET  
\nRegion Summary  
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$$
\int_{I_o} I_o = 0
$$
\n
$$
I_o = \mu C_{ox} \frac{W}{2L} (V_{cs} - V_{\tau})^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS})
$$
\n
$$
\int_{I_o} \vec{t}_o = y_{11} v_{cs} + y_{12} v_{DS} = 0
$$
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$$
\vec{t}_o = y_{21} v_{cs} + y_{22} v_{DS} = 0
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$$
V_{12} = 0
$$
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$$
V_{22} = g_0 \approx \lambda I_{DQ}
$$

*Small-signal model:*

$$
\left[\boldsymbol{i}_{\scriptscriptstyle G} = y_{\scriptscriptstyle 11}\boldsymbol{v}_{\scriptscriptstyle GS} + y_{\scriptscriptstyle 12}\boldsymbol{v}_{\scriptscriptstyle DS} = 0\right]
$$

$$
\boldsymbol{i}_{\scriptscriptstyle D} = y_{\scriptscriptstyle 21}\boldsymbol{v}_{\scriptscriptstyle GS} + y_{\scriptscriptstyle 22}\boldsymbol{v}_{\scriptscriptstyle DES}
$$

 ${\bf y}_{11} = 0$  ${\bf y}_{12} = 0$  ${\sf y}_{{}_{21}}={}_{\cal{S}}_{_{m}}\cong\,{\sf nC}_{_{\sf OX}}\frac{{\sf W}}{{\sf t}}({\sf V}_{_{\sf GSQ}}-{\sf V}_{_{\sf T}})\qquad\quad {\sf Y}_{{}_{22}}={\cal{S}}_{_{0}}\cong\left.{\cal X}\right|_{{}_{\sf DQ}}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  $= g_{_{m}} \cong \mu G_{_{\rm OX}} \frac{1}{1 -} (\mathsf{V}_{_{\rm CSQ}} - \mathsf{V}_{_{\rm T}})$  **y**  $_{22} = \mathsf{g}_{_{0}}$ 

#### Small-Signal Model of MOSFET Review from last lecture



*Alternate equivalent expressions for gm:* 

$$
I_{_{\text{DQ}}} \text{=}\mu C_{_{\text{OX}}} \frac{W}{2L}\big( V_{_{\text{GSQ}}} - V_{_{\text{T}}}\big)^2 \big(1 + \lambda V_{_{\text{DSQ}}}\big) \cong \mu C_{_{\text{OX}}} \frac{W}{2L}\big( V_{_{\text{GSQ}}} - V_{_{\text{T}}}\big)^2
$$

$$
g_{\scriptscriptstyle m} = \mu C_{\scriptscriptstyle OX} \frac{W}{L} (V_{\scriptscriptstyle \text{GSO}} - V_{\scriptscriptstyle \text{T}})
$$

$$
g_{\scriptscriptstyle m} = \sqrt{2 \mu C_{\scriptscriptstyle OX} \frac{W}{L}} \bullet \sqrt{I_{\scriptscriptstyle \text{DQ}}}
$$

$$
g_{\scriptscriptstyle m} = \frac{2I_{\scriptscriptstyle DQ}}{V_{\scriptscriptstyle GSQ} - V_{\scriptscriptstyle T}}
$$

Review from last lecture

### Small Signal Model of BJT





Alternate equivalent small signal model









ss circuit

#### Review from last lecture

#### Small-Signal Model Representations



#### The good, the bad, and the **unnecessary** !!



- Equivalent circuits often given for each representation
- All provide identical characterization
- Easy to move from any one to another

#### Graphical Analysis and Interpretation

Consider Again



$$
V_{\text{out}} = V_{\text{dd}} - I_{\text{b}}R
$$

$$
I_{\text{b}} = \frac{\mu C_{\text{ox}} W}{2L} (V_{\text{in}} - V_{\text{ss}} - V_{\text{t}})^{2}
$$

$$
I_{_{\text{DQ}}}=\frac{\mu C_{_{\text{OX}}}W}{2L}\big(V_{_{\text{SS}}}+V_{_{\text{T}}}\big)^2
$$











- As  $V_{IN}$  changes around Q-point,  $V_{IN}$  induces changes in  $V_{GS}$ . The operating point must remain on the load line!
- Small sinusoidal changes of  $V_{IN}$  will be nearly symmetric around the  $V_{GSO}$  line
- This will cause nearly symmetric changes in both  $I_D$  and  $V_{DS}$ !
- Since  $V_{SS}$  is constant, change in  $V_{DS}$  is equal to change in  $V_{OUT}$



As  $V_{IN}$  changes around Q-point, due to changes  $V_{IN}$  induces in  $V_{GS}$ , the operating point must remain on the load line!



- Linear signal swing region smaller than saturation region
- Modest nonlinear distortion provided saturation region operation maintained
- Symmetric swing about Q-point
- 



Very limited signal swing with non-optimal Q-point location



- Signal swing can be maximized by judicious location of Q-point
- Often selected to be at middle of load line in saturation region

### Small-Signal MOSFET Model Extension

Existing 3-terminal small-signal model does not depend upon the bulk voltage !



**Recall** that changing the bulk voltage changes the electric field in the channel region and thus the threshold voltage!



Typical Effects of Bulk on Threshold Voltage for n-channel Device Recall:



Bulk-Diffusion Generally Reverse Biased ( $V_{BS}$ < 0 or at least less than 0.3V) for nchannel

Shift in threshold voltage with bulk voltage can be substantial

Recall: Typical Effects of Bulk on Threshold Voltage for p-channel Device



Bulk-Diffusion Generally Reverse Biased ( $V_{BS}$  > 0 or at least greater than -0.3V) for n-channel

Same functional form as for n-channel devices but  $V_{T0}$  is now negative and the magnitude of  $V_T$  still increases with the magnitude of the reverse bias

### 4-terminal model extension Recall:





Design Parameters : {W,L} but only one degree of freedom W/L biasing or quiescent point

**Small-Signal 4-terminal Model Extension**  
\n
$$
I_s = 0
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$$
I_s = 0
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$$
V_{cs} \le V_{\tau}
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V_{cs} \le V_{\tau}
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$$
V_{cs} \le V_{\tau}
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\n
$$
V_{cs} \ge V_{\tau}
$$
\n
$$
V_{\tau} = V_{\tau 0} + \gamma \left(\sqrt{\phi} - V_{\tau s} - \sqrt{\phi}\right)
$$
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$$
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$$
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$$
V_{\tau s} = \frac{\partial I_s}{\partial V_{\tau s}}\Big|_{V = V_0} = 0 \quad V_{\tau 2} = \frac{\partial I_s}{\partial V_{\tau s}}\Big|_{V = V_0} = 0 \quad V_{\tau 3} = \frac{\partial I_s}{\partial V_{\tau s}}\Big|_{V = V_0} = 0
$$
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$$
V_{\tau 1} = \frac{\partial I_s}{\partial V_{\tau s}}\Big|_{V = V_0} = g_{\tau}
$$
\n
$$
V_{\tau 2} = \frac{\partial I_s}{\partial V_{\tau s}}\Big|_{V = V_0} = g_{\tau}
$$
\n
$$
V_{\tau 3} = \frac{\partial I_s}{\partial V_{\tau s}}\Big|_{V = V_0} = 0 \quad V_{\tau 3} = \frac{\partial I_s}{\partial V_{\tau s}}\Big|_{V = V_0} = g_{\tau}
$$
\n
$$
V_{\tau 4} = \frac{\partial I_s}{\partial V_{\tau s}}\Big|_{V = V_0} = 0 \quad V_{\tau 3} = \frac{\partial I_s}{\partial V_{\tau s}}\Big|_{V = V_0} = 0
$$

Small-Signal 4-terminal Model Extension **<sup>W</sup> <sup>I</sup>** <sup>=</sup> **μ C** <sup>−</sup> • <sup>1</sup> <sup>+</sup> ( ) ( ) **D S 2** Definition: **<sup>D</sup> O X V G S V <sup>T</sup> V 2 L** *V V V* = <sup>−</sup> *EB GS T* <sup>+</sup> ( <sup>−</sup> <sup>−</sup> ) <sup>V</sup> <sup>T</sup> V <sup>T</sup> <sup>0</sup> V <sup>B</sup> <sup>S</sup> *V V V* == <sup>−</sup> *EBQ GSQ TQ* W W μC 2 V V V μC V *I* 1 ( ) (<sup>1</sup> ) *D* = = − • + *g* OX GS T DS OX EBQ 2L L *m V GS V V V V* =*<sup>Q</sup> <sup>Q</sup>* Same as 3-term =<sup>W</sup> μC 2 V V λ λI *I* 2 ( ) *D* = = − • *g* OX GS T DQ 2L *o V* Same as 3-term*DS V V V V <sup>Q</sup> <sup>Q</sup>* = <sup>W</sup> μC 2 V V 1+λV *I V* 1 ( ) ( ) = = − • − • *D T g mb* OX GS T DS 2L *V V BS BS V V V V* = =*Q Q* W W μC V μC V *I V* 1 1 ( ) ( ) ( ) <sup>−</sup> *g V* = • = − − − OX EBQ OX EBQ 1 1 *D T* 2 *mb BS* L L *V V* 2 *<sup>Q</sup> V V BS BS V V V V* = = *Q Q*





#### **This contains absolutely no more information than the set of small-signal model equations**

#### Small Signal 4-terminal MOSFET Model Summary



Relative Magnitude of Small Signal MOS Parameters Consider:

$$
l_{d} = g_{m}V_{gs} + g_{mb}V_{bs} + g_{b}V_{ds}
$$

3 alternate equivalent expressions for  $g<sub>m</sub>$ 

$$
g_{\scriptscriptstyle m} = \frac{\mu C_{\scriptscriptstyle OX} W}{L} V_{\scriptscriptstyle \text{EBQ}} \qquad g_{\scriptscriptstyle m} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu C_{\scriptscriptstyle OX} W}{L}} \sqrt{I_{\scriptscriptstyle DQ}} \qquad \qquad g_{\scriptscriptstyle m} = \frac{2I_{\scriptscriptstyle DQ}}{V_{\scriptscriptstyle \text{EBQ}}}
$$

Consider, as an example:

 $\mu C_{OX}$ =100μA/V<sup>2</sup>, λ=.01V<sup>-1</sup>, γ = 0.4V<sup>0.5</sup>, V<sub>EBQ</sub>=1V, W/L=1, V<sub>BSQ</sub>=0V

$$
i_{d} = g_{m}v_{gs} + g_{mb}v_{bs} + g_{o}v_{ds}
$$
  
\nrate equivalent expressions for  $g_{m}$   
\n
$$
j_{m} = \frac{\mu C_{ox}W}{L}V_{EBO} \t g_{m} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu C_{ox}W}{L}}\sqrt{I_{DO}} \t g_{m} = \frac{2I_{bo}}{V_{EBO}}
$$
  
\n
$$
I_{ox} = 100\mu A/V^{2}, \lambda = .01V^{1}, \gamma = 0.4V^{0.5}, V_{EBO} = 1V, W/L = 1, V_{BSQ} = 0V
$$
  
\n
$$
I_{oo} \approx \frac{\mu C_{ox}W}{2L}V_{EBO}^{2} = \frac{10^{4}W}{2L}(1V)^{2} = 5E - 5
$$
  
\n
$$
g_{m} = \frac{\mu C_{ox}W}{L}V_{EBO} = 1E - 4
$$
  
\n
$$
g_{m} = \lambda I_{oo} = 5E - 7
$$
  
\n
$$
g_{m} = g_{m} \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\sqrt{\phi - V_{BSQ}}}\right) = .26g_{m}
$$
  
\nIn many circuits,  $U_{BS} = 0$  as well

In this example

 $\sim$ 

$$
g_{\rm mb} < g_{\rm m}
$$

This relationship is common

In many circuits,  $v_{\rm{BS}}$ =0 as well

- **Often the g<sup>o</sup> term can be neglected in the small signal model because it is so small**
- **Be careful about neglecting g<sup>o</sup> prior to obtaining a final expression**

#### Relative Magnitude of Small Signal BJT Parameters



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#### Small Signal Model Simplifications for the MOSFET and BJT



Often simplifications of the small signal model are adequate for a given application

These simplifications will be discussed next

# Small Signal Model Simplifications



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## Small Signal BJT Model Simplifications





#### **Simplification that is often adequate**



# Gains for MOSFET and BJT Circuits BJT MOSFET



- Gains are identical in small-signal parameter domain !
- Gains vary linearly with small signal parameter  $g_m$
- Power is often a key resource in the design of an integrated circuit
- In both circuits, power is proportional to  $I_{CQ}$ ,  $I_{DQ}$  (if  $V_{SS}$  is fixed)

# How does  $g_m$  vary with  $I_{\text{DO}}$ ?

$$
g_{\scriptscriptstyle m}=\sqrt{\frac{2\mu C_{_{OX}}W}{L}}\sqrt{I_{_{DQ}}}
$$

Varies with the square root of  $I_{\text{DO}}$ 

$$
g_m = \frac{2I_{\text{DQ}}}{V_{\text{GSQ}} - V_{\text{T}}} = \frac{2I_{\text{DQ}}}{V_{\text{EBQ}}}
$$

Varies linearly with  $I_{\text{DO}}$ 

$$
g_m = \frac{\mu C_{ox} W}{L} \big( V_{G S Q} - V_T \big)
$$

Doesn't vary with  $I_{\text{DO}}$ 

# How does  $g_m$  vary with  $I_{\text{DO}}$ ?

All of the above are true – but with qualification

 $g_m$  is a function of more than one variable  $(I_{\text{DO}})$  and how it varies depends upon how the remaining variables are constrained



**Not convenient to have multiple dc power supplies V**<sub>OUTO</sub> very sensitive to V<sub>EE</sub>

**Single power supply Additional resistor and capacitor**

Compare the small-signal equivalent circuits of these two structures Compare the small-signal voltage gain of these two structures



- Voltage sources  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{EE}}$  and  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{CC}}$  used for biasing
- Not convenient to have multiple dc power supplies
- $V_{\text{OUTO}}$  very sensitive to  $V_{\text{EE}}$
- ➢ Biasing is used to obtain the desired operating point of a circuit
- $\triangleright$  Ideally the biasing circuit should not distract significantly from the basic operation of the circuit



**Single power supply Additional resistor and capacitor Thevenin Equivalent of**  $v_{\text{IN}}$  **& R<sub>B</sub> is**  $v_{\text{IN}}$ 

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**Single power supply Additional resistor and capacitor**



Compare the small-signal equivalent circuits of these two structures



Since Thevenin equivalent circuit in red circle is  $V_{\overline{IN}}$ , both circuits have same voltage gain

But the load placed on V<sub>IN</sub> is different

**Method of characterizing the amplifiers is needed to assess impact of difference**

# Small-Signal Analysis

- Graphical Interpretation
- MOSFET Model Extensions
- Biasing (a precursor)

# $\Rightarrow$  **Two-Port Amplifier Modeling**

This example serves as a precursor to amplifier characterization

**Determine V<sub>OUTQ</sub>, A<sub>V</sub>, R<sub>IN</sub> Assume β=100 Determine**  $v_{\text{out}}$  and  $v_{\text{out}}$ <sup> $\text{th}$ </sup> if  $v_{\text{in}}$ =.002sin(400t)



In the following slides we will analyze this circuit



Several different biasing circuits can be used  $\rm (biasing\ components: \; C,\, R_{\rm B},\, V_{\rm CC} \;$  in this case, all disappear in small-signal gain circuit)

 $\mathsf{D}$ etermine V<sub>OUTQ</sub>, A<sub>v</sub>, R<sub>IN</sub>



Determine V<sub>OUTQ</sub>





dc equivalent circuit



$$
I_{\text{CQ}} = \beta I_{\text{BQ}} = 100 \left( \frac{12 \text{V} - 0.6 \text{V}}{500 \text{K}} \right) = 2.3 \text{mA}
$$

$$
V_{\text{OUTQ}} = 12V - I_{\text{CQ}}R_1 = 12V - 2.3mA \cdot 2K = 7.4V
$$

dc equivalent circuit

Determine the SS voltage gain  $(A<sub>v</sub>)$ 



Have seen this circuit before but will repeat for review purposes

 $\mathsf{D}$ etermine V<sub>OUTQ</sub>, A<sub>v</sub>, R<sub>IN</sub>



- Here  $R_{IN}$  is defined to be the impedance facing  $V_{IN}$
- Here any load is assumed to be absorbed into the one-port
- Later will consider how load is connected in defining  $R_{IN}$



Determine  $R_{IN}$ 



**Determine**  $v_{\text{out}}$  **and**  $v_{\text{out}}$ **<sup>t</sup>) if**  $v_{\text{in}}$ **=.002sin(400t)** 



This example identified several useful characteristics of amplifiers but a more formal method of characterization is needed!

# Amplifier Characterization

- Two-Port Models
- Amplifier Parameters

Will assume amplifiers have two ports, one termed an input port and the other termed an output port

#### Two-Port and Three-Port Networks





- Each port characterized by a pair of nodes (terminals)
- Can consider any number of ports
- Can be linear or nonlinear but most interest here will be in linear n-ports
- Often one node is common for all ports
- Ports are externally excited, terminated, or interconnected to form useful circuits
- Often useful for decomposing portions of a larger circuit into subcircuits to provide additional insight into operation

#### Two-Port Representation of Amplifiers



- Two-port model representation of amplifiers useful for insight into operation and analysis
- Internal circuit structure of the two-port can be quite complicated but equivalent two-port model (when circuit is linear) is quite simple

### Two-port representation of amplifiers

Amplifiers can be modeled as a linear two-port for small-signal operation



In terms of y-parameters

Other parameter sets could be used

- Amplifier often **unilateral** (signal propagates in only one direction: wlog y<sub>12</sub>=0)
- One terminal is often common



#### Two-port representation of amplifiers

Unilateral amplifiers:



- Thevenin equivalent output port often more standard
- $\,$  R<sub>IN</sub>, A<sub>V</sub>, and R<sub>OUT</sub> often used to characterize the two-port of amplifiers



Unilateral amplifier in terms of "amplifier" parameters

$$
R_{IN} = \frac{1}{y_{11}} \qquad A_V = -\frac{y_{21}}{y_{22}} \qquad R_{OUT} = \frac{1}{y_{22}}
$$

#### Amplifier input impedance, output impedance and gain are usually of interest Why?



- Can get gain without reconsidering details about components internal to the Amplifier !!!
	- Analysis more involved when not unilateral

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• Analysis more involved when not unilateral



# Stay Safe and Stay Healthy !

# End of Lecture 27