EE 330 Lecture 31

Basic amplifier architectures

- Common Emitter/Source
- Common Collector/Drain
- Common Base/Gate

Exam Schedule

Exam 2 will be given on Friday March 11 Exam 3 will be given on Friday April 15



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- MOS and Bipolar Transistors both have 3 primary terminals
- MOS transistor has a fourth terminal that is generally considered a parasitic terminal



Observation:



These circuits considered previously have a terminal (emitter or source) common to the input and output in the small-signal equivalent circuit

For BJT, E is common, input on B, output on CTermed "Common Emitter"For MOSFET, S is common, input on G, output on DTermed "Common Source"



Amplifiers using these devices generally have one terminal common and use remaining terminals as input and output

Since devices are nearly unilateral, designation of input and output terminals is uniquely determined

Three different ways to designate the common terminal

Source or Emitter	termed Common Source or Common Emitter
Gate or Base	termed Common Gate or Common Base
Drain or Collector	termed Common Drain or Common Collector



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
G	S	D	В	Е	С
D	G	S	С	В	E

Identification of Input and Output Terminals is not arbitrary

It will be shown that all 3 of the basic amplifiers are useful !



Common Source or Common Emitter

Common Gate or Common Base

Common Drain or Common Collector

Objectives in Study of Basic Amplifier Structures

- 1. Obtain key properties of each basic amplifier
- 2. Develop method of designing amplifiers with specific characteristics using basic amplifier structures



Characterization of Basic Amplifier Structures



- Observe that the small-signal equivalent of any 3-terminal network is a two-port
- Thus to characterize any of the 3 basic amplifier structures, it suffices to determine the two-port equivalent network
- Since small signal model when expressed in terms of small-signal parameters of BJT and MOSFET differ only in the presence/absence of g_{π} term, can analyze the BJT structures and then obtain characteristics of corresponding MOS structure by setting g_{π} =0





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



- Significantly different gain characteristics for the three basic amplifiers
- There are other significant differences too (R_{IN}, R_{OUT}, ...) as well



More general models are needed to accommodate biasing, understand performance capabilities, and include effects of loading of the basic structures

Two-port models are useful for characterizing the basic amplifier structures

How can the two-port parameters be obtained for these or any other linear two-port networks?

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

Methods of Obtaining Amplifier Two-Port Network



1. v_{TEST} : i_{TEST} Method (considered in a previous lecture)

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

 v_{test} : i_{test} Method for Obtaining Two-Port Amplifier Parameters SUMMARY from PREVIOUS LECTURE



If Unilateral A VR =0

Will now develop two-port model for each of the three basic amplifiers and look at one widely used application of each



Parameter Domains for Small-Signal Models for Any Devices



• Small-signal parameter domain

Y-parameters, g-parameters, amplifier parameters, ...

- Model Parameters and Operating Point (MPOP)
- Small-signal analysis naturally results in small-signal parameter domain
- More insight often in MPOP domain
- Mixed-parameter domains possible but often difficult to obtain insight

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• Model Parameters and Operating Point (MPOP)

Example: Give A_V for basic amplifier in ss parameter domain and MPOP domain



Small-Signal parameter domain

$$A_{V} = rac{v_{OUT}}{v_{N}} = -g_{m}R$$

MPOP domain

$$A_{V} = rac{v_{OUT}}{v_{N}} = -2rac{l_{DQ}R}{V_{EB}}$$

Consider Common Emitter/Common Source Two-port Models



- Will focus on Bipolar Circuit since MOS counterpart is a special case obtained by setting $g_{\pi}=0$
- Will consider both two-port model and a widely used application

Basic CE/CS Amplifier Structures



Can include or exclude R and R₁ in two-port models (of course they are different circuits)

The CE and CS amplifiers are themselves two-ports !

Two-port model for Common Emitter Configuration



 $\{R_i, A_{V0} \text{ and } R_0\}$

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By Thevenin : Norton Transformations

$$R_{in} = \frac{1}{g_{\pi}}$$
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Alternately, by v_{TEST} : \mathbf{i}_{TEST} Method



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Impedance Range and Classification

The terms "High Impedance" and " Low Impedance" are often used

Whether an impedance is considered high or low or mid-range is a relative assessment

When building MOS or BJT amplifiers, the following relative notation of impedance levels is often useful (though there may be some extreme applications where even this notation is not standard)



Impedance Range and Classification

Ideal Port Impedance of the four basic amplifiers

Amplifier Type	R_{IN}	R _{OUT}
Voltage	8	0
Current	0	8
Transconductance	8	8
Transresistance	0	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 (use standard 2-port transistor model instead)



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

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

Small-signal parameter domain

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

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

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

 $A_{VR} = 0$

Characteristics:

- Input impedance is mid-range
- Voltage Gain is large and Inverting
- Output impedance is mid-range
- Unilateral
- Widely used as a voltage amplifier

Common Source/ Common Emitter Configurations



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Common Source/Common Emitter Configuration

Widely used CE application (but also a two-port)



Consider Common Collector/Common Drain Two-port Models



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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

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

Standard Two-Port Amplifier Representation



 v_1 : v_2 equations in standard form

It thus follows that

$$\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{iX}} = \mathsf{r}_{\pi} \qquad \mathsf{A}_{\mathsf{VOr}} = 1 \qquad \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{0X}} = \left(\frac{1}{g_m + g_\pi + g_o}\right) \qquad \mathsf{A}_{\mathsf{VO}} = \left(\frac{g_m + g_\pi}{g_m + g_\pi + g_o}\right)$$





- Input impedance is mid-range (infinite for MOS)
- Voltage Gain is nearly 1
- Output impedance is very low
- Slightly non-unilateral (critical though in increasing input impedance when R_E added)
- Widely used as a buffer







$$s_{out} = \frac{1}{g_m + g_\pi + g_o + g_{RE}} \cong \frac{1}{g_m}$$



Common Collector Configuration with R_C



It can be readily shown that unless R_C is very large, it has little effect on the performance and have same expressions for A_V , R_{IN} , and R_{OUT}

$$\mathsf{A}_{\mathsf{V}} \cong \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_E} = \frac{\mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{CQ}}\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{E}}}{\mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{CQ}}\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{E}} + \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{t}}} \cong \mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{CQ}}$$

$$R_{in} \cong r_{\pi} + \beta R_{E}$$
$$R_{out} \cong \frac{1}{g_{m}}$$

Intuitively this can be expected since if g_0 is neglected, R_C is in series with a current source in the ss BJT model

 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





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Consider Common Base/Common Gate Two-port Models



- Will focus on Bipolar Circuit since MOS counterpart is a special case obtained by setting $g_{\pi}=0$
 - Will consider both two-port model and a widely used application

Two-port model for Common Base Configuration



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$$\mathbf{i}_{1} = \mathbf{v}_{1}g_{\pi} + (\mathbf{v}_{1} - \mathbf{v}_{2})g_{0} + g_{m}\mathbf{v}_{1}$$
$$\mathbf{i}_{2} = (\mathbf{v}_{2} - \mathbf{v}_{1})g_{0} - g_{m}\mathbf{v}_{1}$$

These can be rewritten as

 $\boldsymbol{v}_2 = \left(\frac{1}{g_0}\right)\boldsymbol{i}_2 + \left(1 + \frac{g_m}{g_0}\right)\boldsymbol{v}_1$

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_1 = \left(\frac{1}{g_m + g_\pi + g_0}\right)\boldsymbol{i}_1 + \left(\frac{g_0}{g_m + g_\pi + g_0}\right)\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_2$

Standard Form for Amplifier Two-Port



 v_1 : v_2 equations in standard form

It thus follows that:

$$\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{iX}} = \frac{1}{g_m + g_\pi + g_0} \cong \frac{1}{g_m} \qquad \mathsf{A}_{\mathsf{VOr}} = \frac{g_0}{g_m + g_\pi + g_0} \qquad \mathsf{A}_{\mathsf{VO}} = 1 + \frac{g_m}{g_0} \cong \frac{g_m}{g_0} \qquad \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{oX}} = \frac{1}{g_0}$$

Two-port model for Common Base Configuration



Common Base Configuration



Common Base Configuration

Consider the following popular CB application (this is not asking for a two-port model for this CB application $-R_{in}$ and A_V defined for no load on output, R_o defined for short-circuit input) v_{IN} (



Alternately, this circuit can also be analyzed directly with BJT model



By KCL at the output node, obtain $(g_{C}+g_{0})\mathcal{V}_{0}=(g_{m}+g_{0})\mathcal{V}_{in} \longrightarrow A_{V} = \frac{g_{m}+g_{0}}{g_{C}+g_{0}} \cong g_{m}R_{C}$ By KCL at the emitter node, obtain $i_{1}=(g_{m}+g_{\pi}+g_{0})\mathcal{V}_{in}-g_{0}\mathcal{V}_{out} \longrightarrow R_{in}=\frac{g_{0}+g_{C}}{g_{C}(g_{m}+g_{\pi}+g_{0})+g_{\pi}g_{0}} \cong \frac{1}{g_{m}}$ $R_{out}=\frac{R_{C}}{1+g_{0}R_{C}} \cong R_{C}$



Characteristics:

- Output impedance is mid-range
- A_{V0} is large and positive (equal in mag to that to CE)
- Input impedance is very low
- Not completely unilateral but output-input transconductance is small

Common Base/Common Gate Application



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- A_{V0} is large and <u>positive</u> (equal in mag to that to CE)
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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

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



Common Emitter with Emitter Resistor Configuration Application

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



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 Two-Port Amplifier Gain Table



Basic Amplifier Application Gain Table



(not two-port models for the four structures)

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



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