

ESC201: INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRONICS

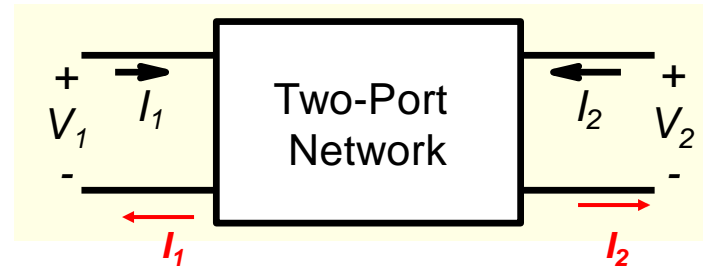
MODULE 5: AMPLIFIERS



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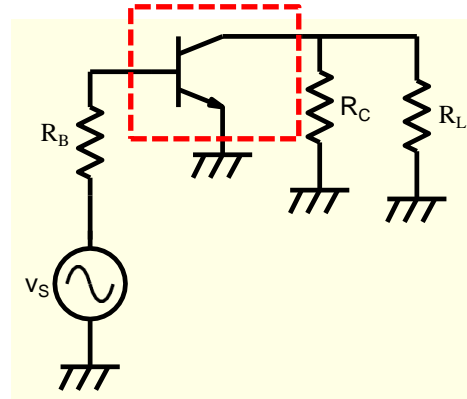
Two-Port Networks



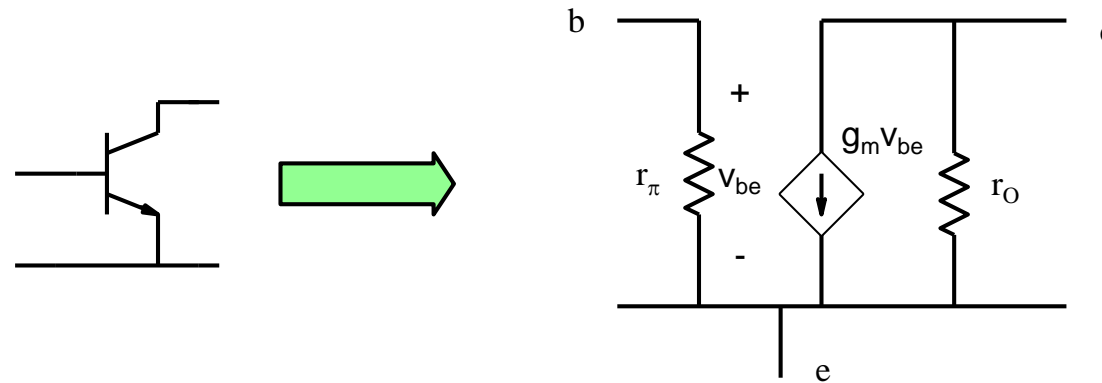
- Port: A pair of terminals through which a signal can enter/leave the network
- Constraints on analysis:
 1. Linear elements only (R,L,C, dependent sources,..)
 2. No independent sources or stored energy inside the network

No matter how complicated is the circuit inside the two-port network, it can be represented by only four elements !

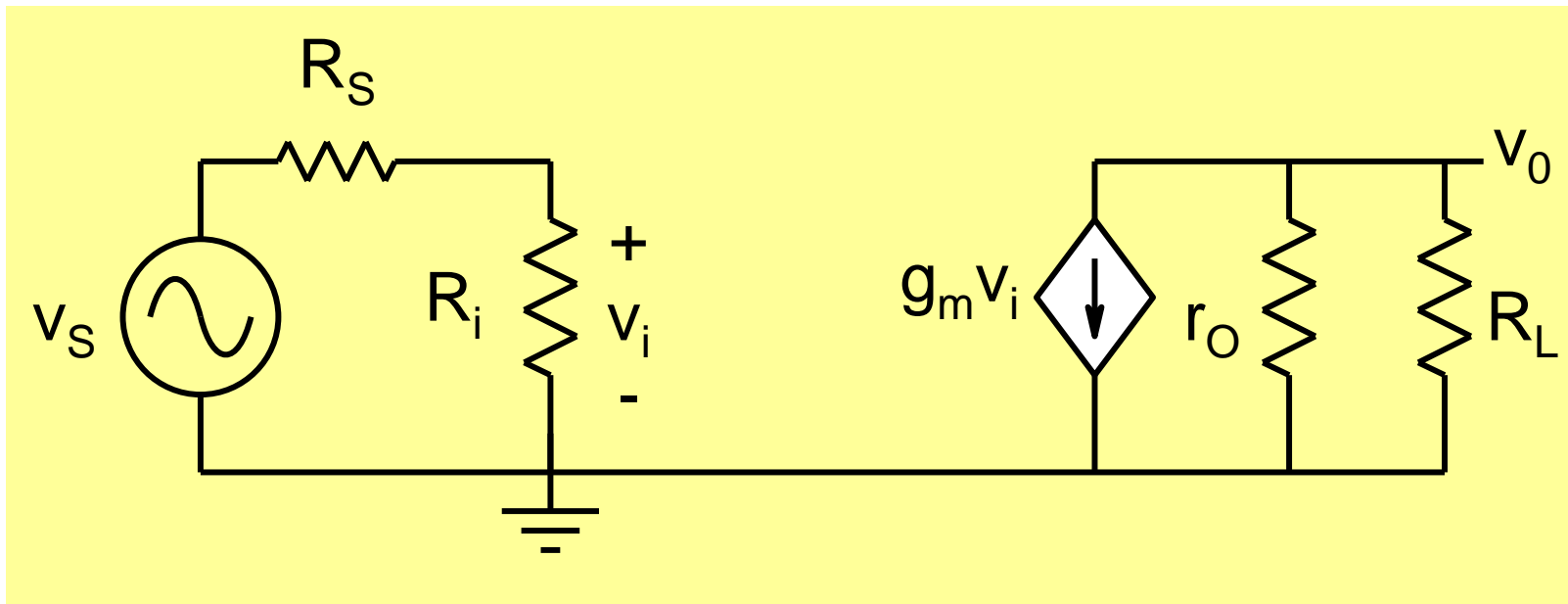
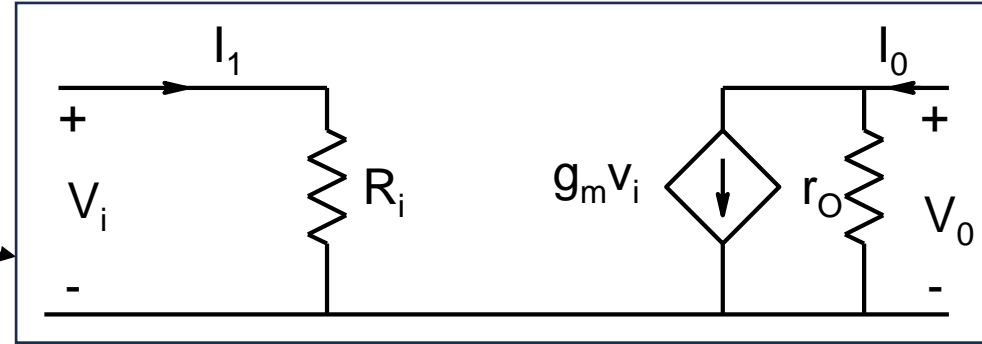
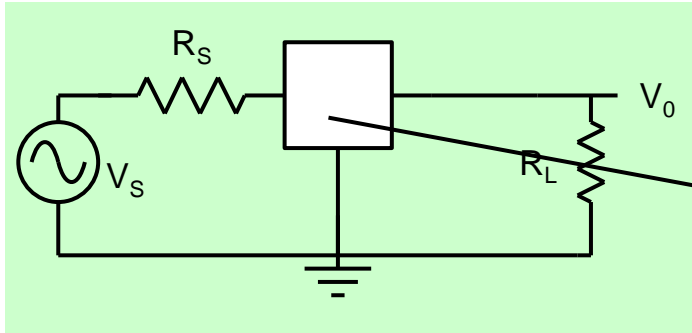
Representation of Complex Elements Within Circuits



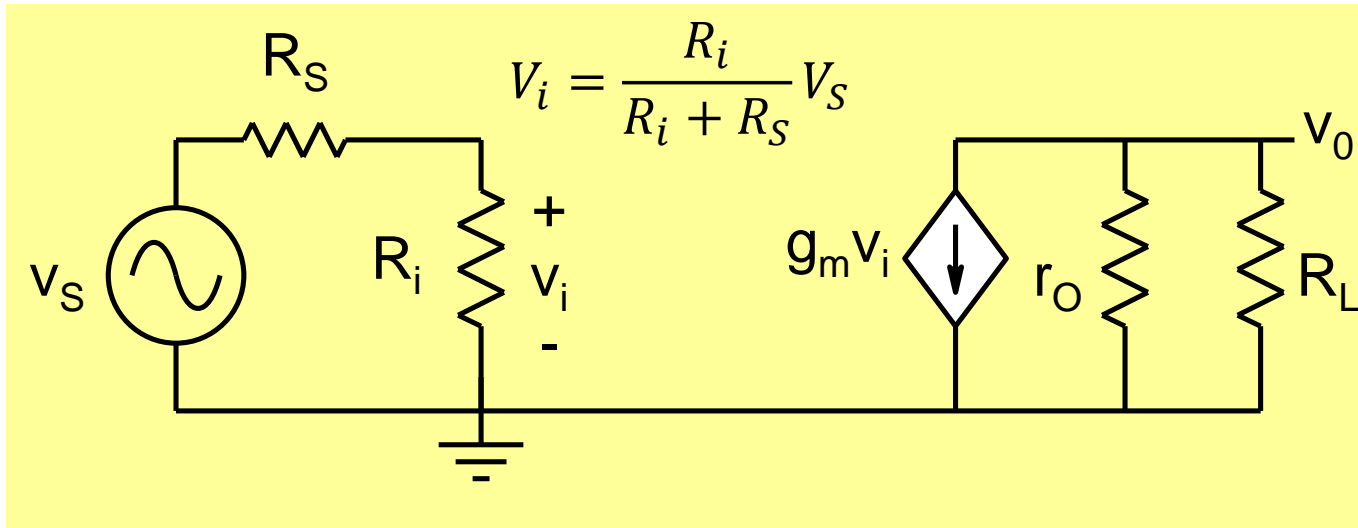
Two port network allows transistor representation in terms of familiar elements.



Amplifier circuits



Voltage gain



$$V_o = -g_m V_i \times r_o \parallel R_L$$

$$A_V = \frac{V_o}{V_S} = -g_m r_o \times \frac{R_L}{r_o + R_L} \times \frac{R_i}{R_i + R_S}$$

Necessary Condition for Voltage Amplification

$$|A_V| \leq g_m \times r_o$$

$$g_m \times r_o > 1$$

R_i Large

g_m Large

r_o Large

High voltage gain

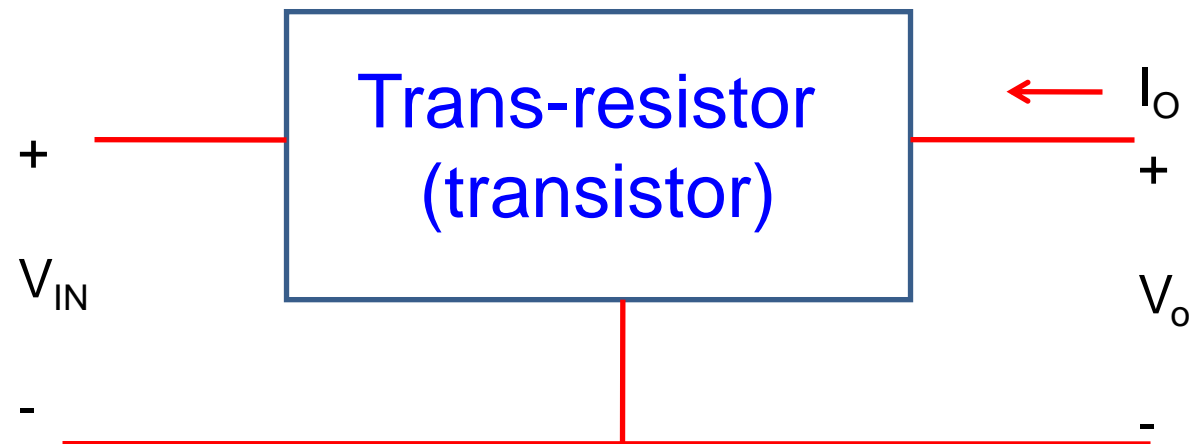
$$g_m r_o \gg 1$$

$$g_m \gg \frac{1}{r_o} = g_o$$

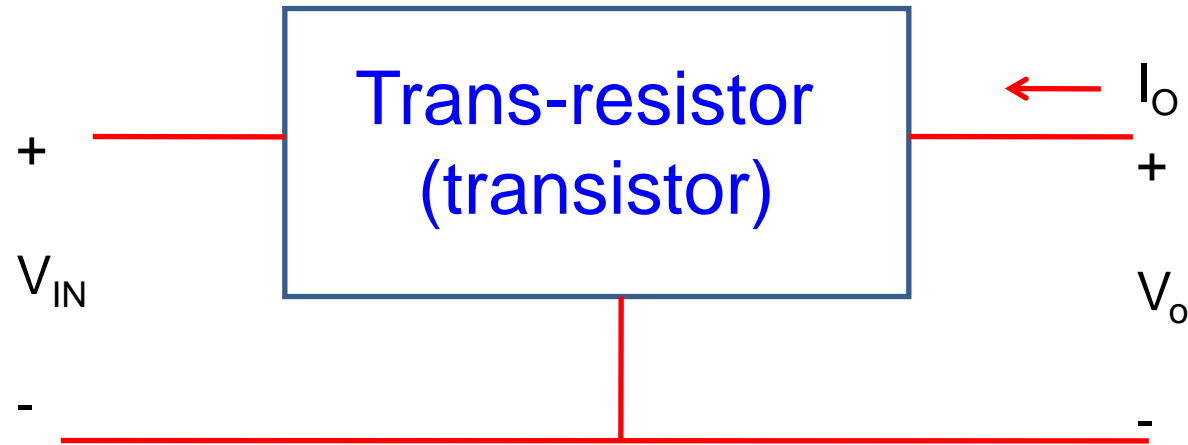
Trans-conductance \gg Output Conductance

Trans-resistance \ll Output resistance

i.e. current I_o is much more sensitive to V_{IN} than V_o



High voltage gain



i.e. current I_O is much more sensitive to V_{IN} than V_O

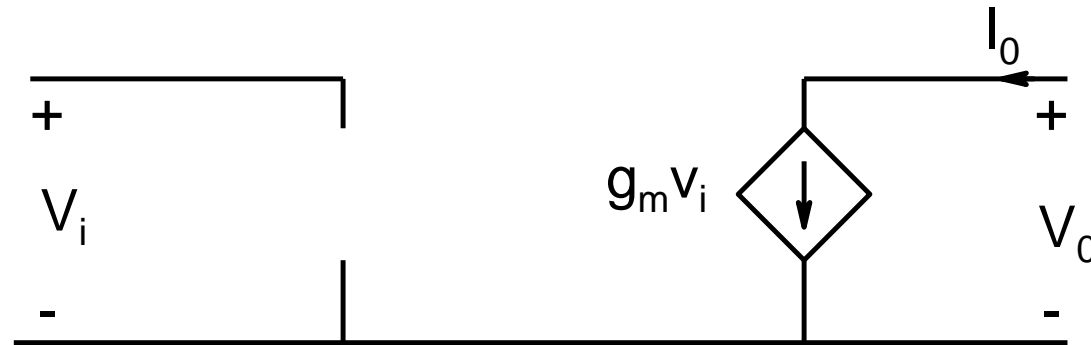
- Can be used for voltage amplification
- Can be used as a switch
- Implement logic
- ...

Ideal transistor

$$A_V = \frac{V_o}{V_s} = -g_m r_o \times \frac{R_L}{r_o + R_L} \times \frac{R_i}{R_i + R_s}$$

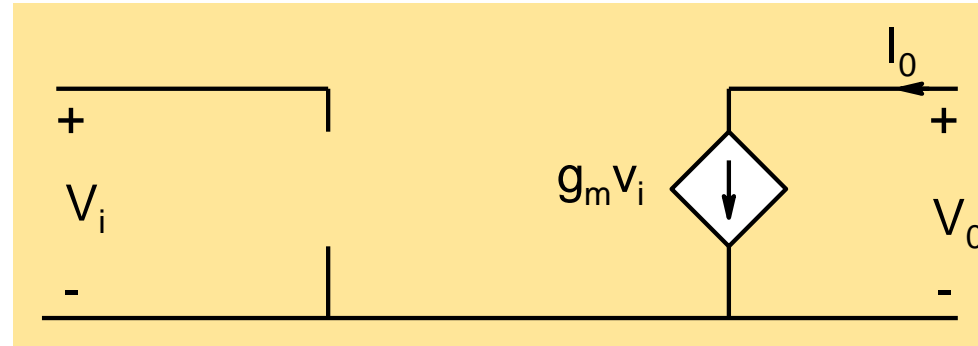
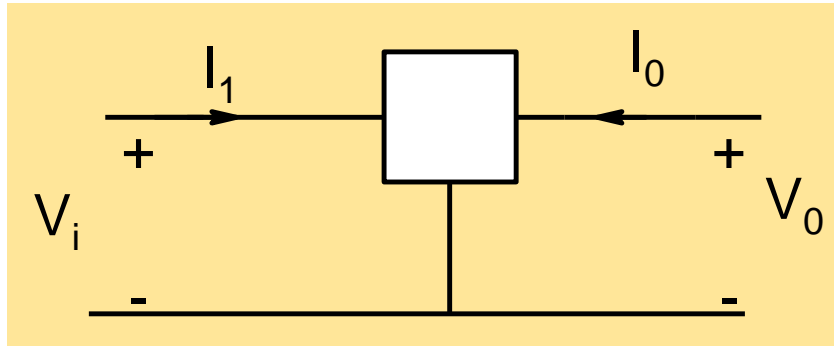
- Ideally, r_o and R_i are infinite

$$A_V = -g_m R_L$$

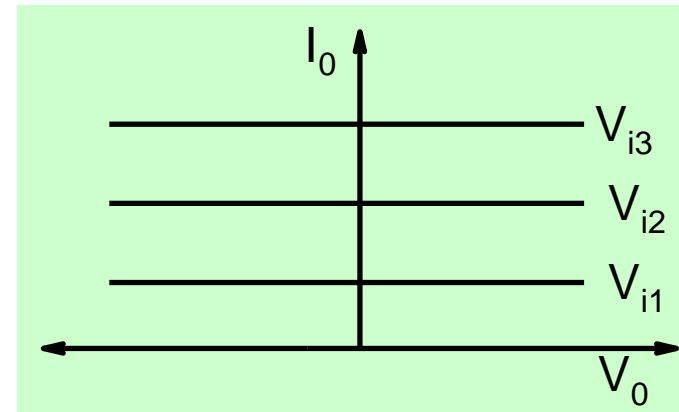
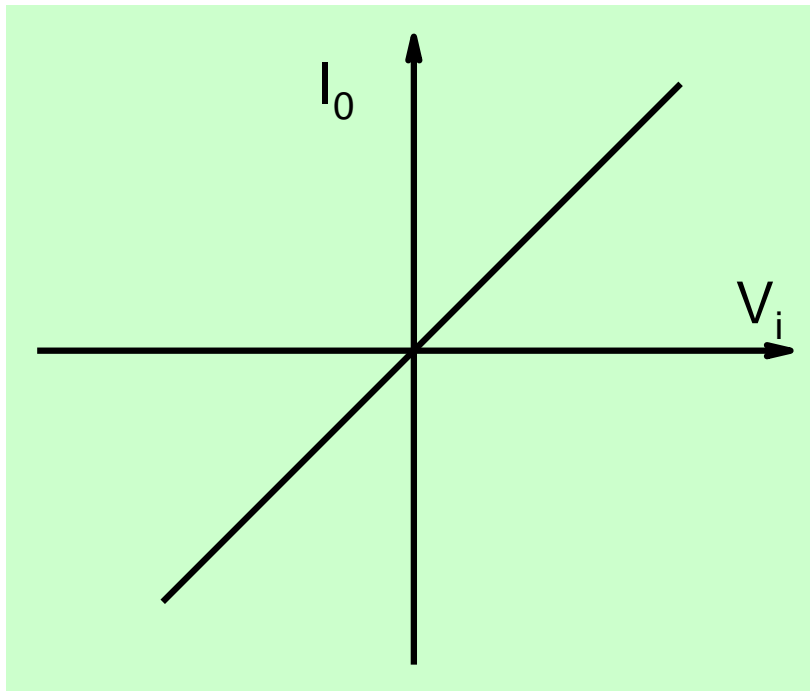


Key device needed: voltage controlled current source

Ideal transistor characteristics

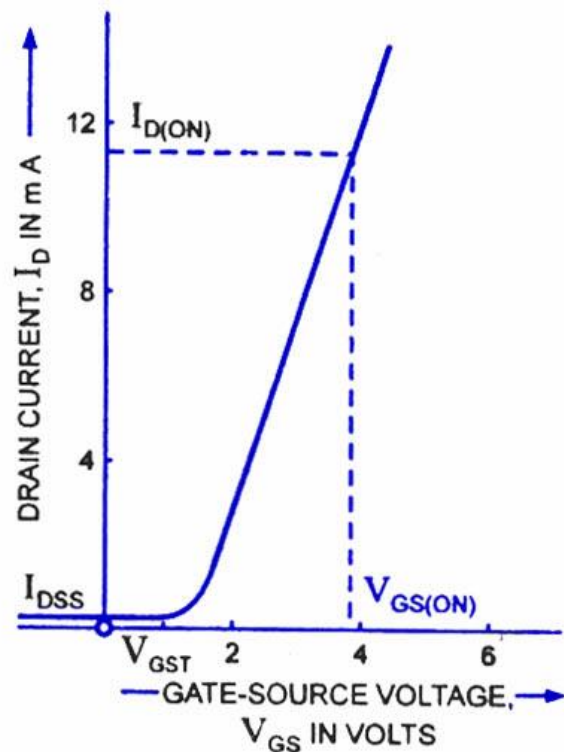
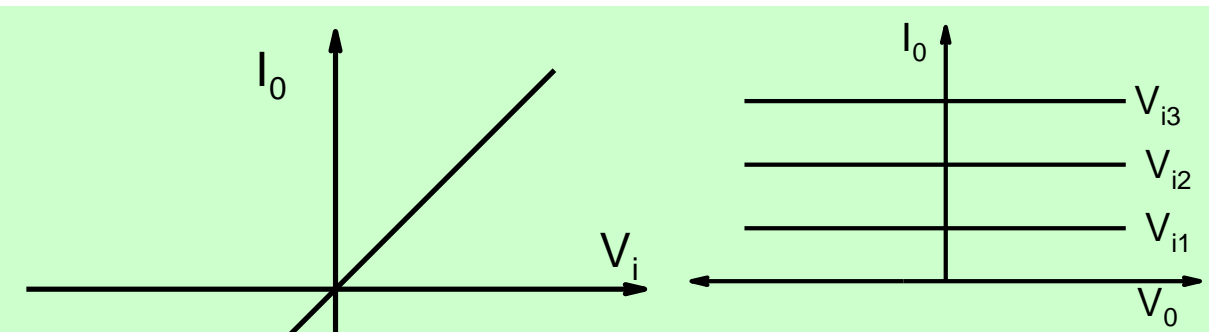


$$A_V = \frac{v_o}{v_s} = -g_m R_L$$

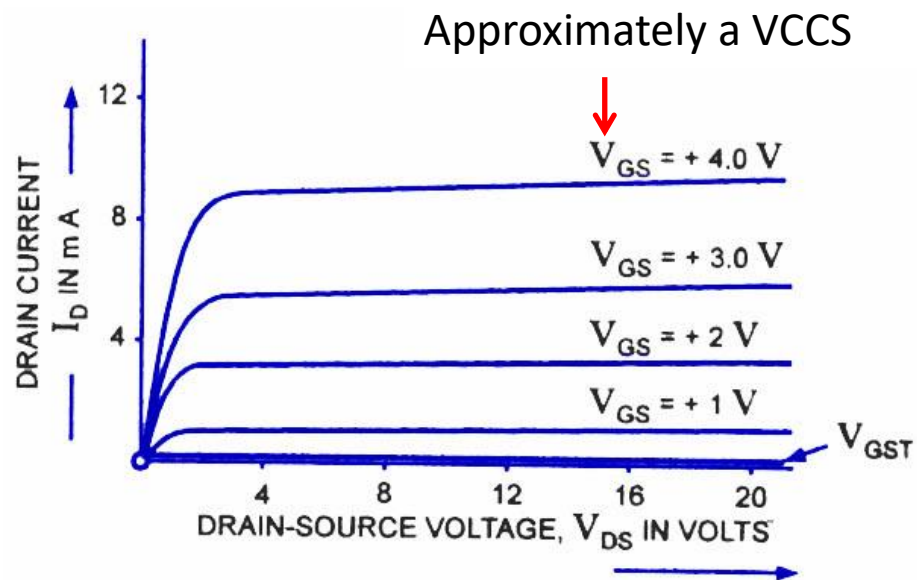


In practice there is no element which has the characteristics of ideal transistor !

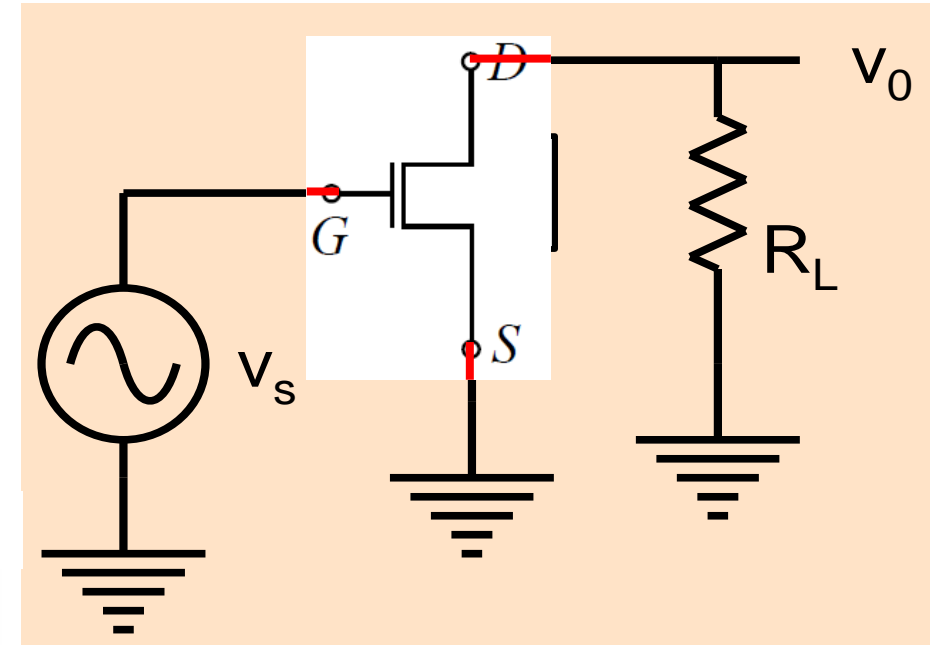
Real transistors



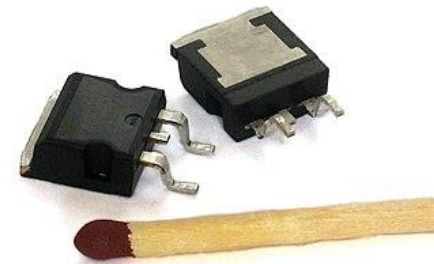
Transfer Characteristic



Drain Characteristics

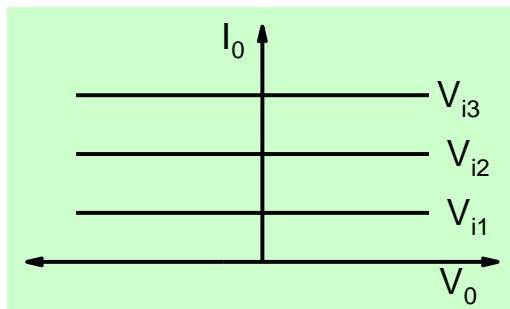
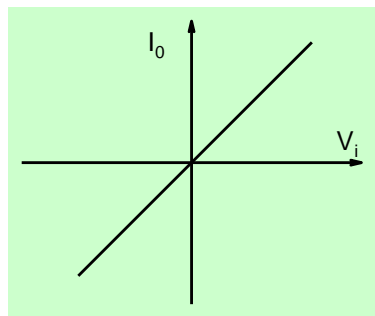


metal-oxide-semiconductor field-effect transistor
MOSFET

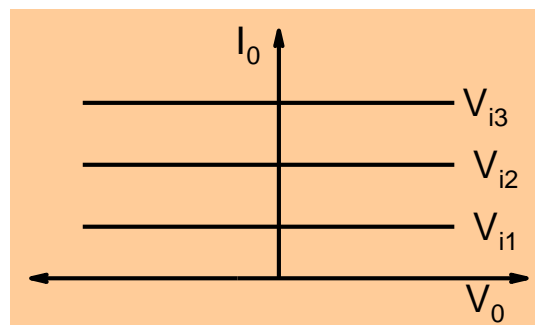
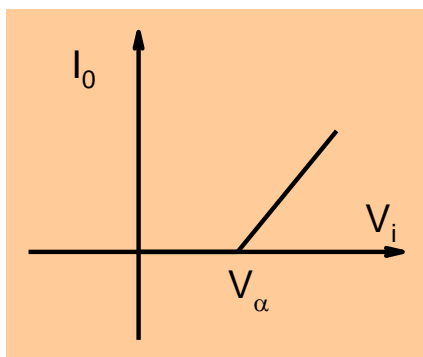


Real Devices to Amplifiers

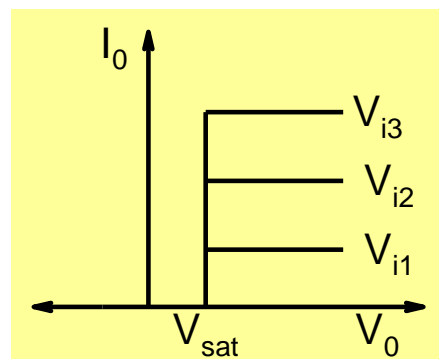
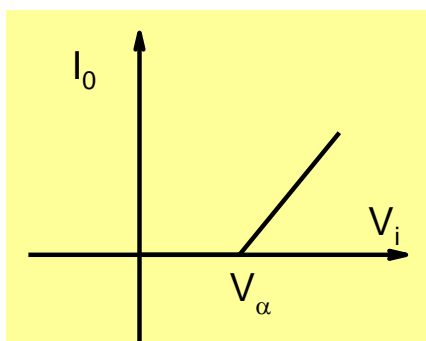
Ideal transistor



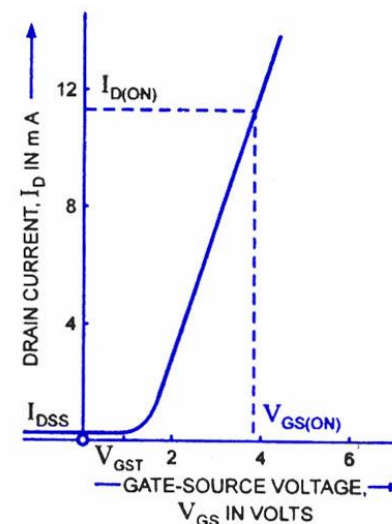
How do we use devices such as X, Y etc to make amplifiers?



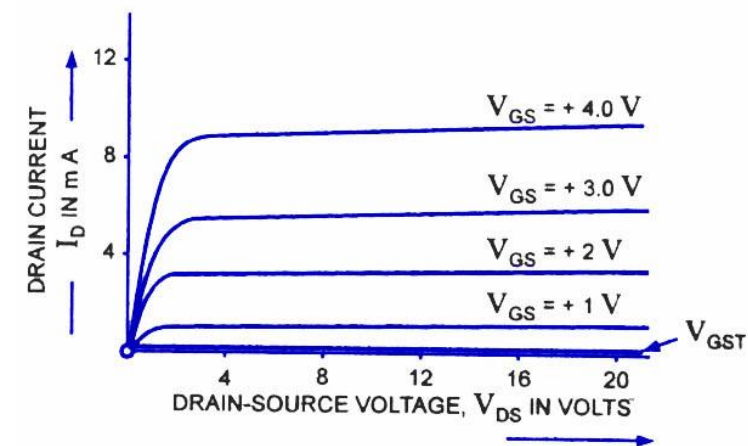
Device X



Device Y



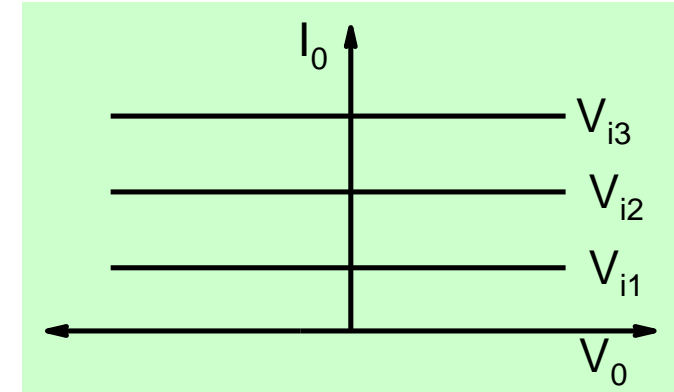
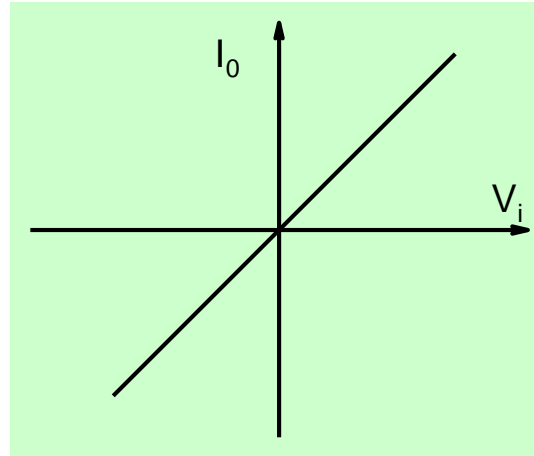
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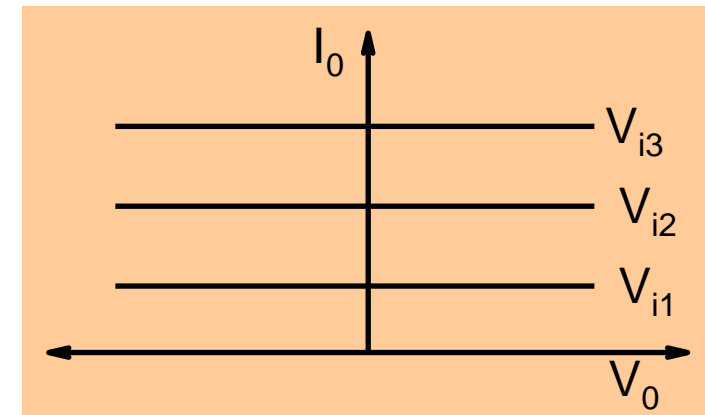
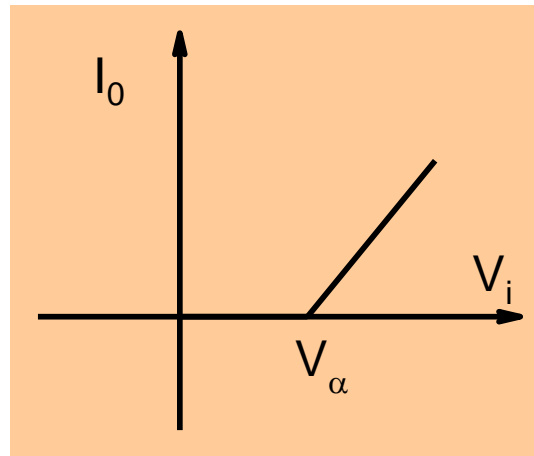
Drain Characteristics

Simplified model X

Ideal transistor



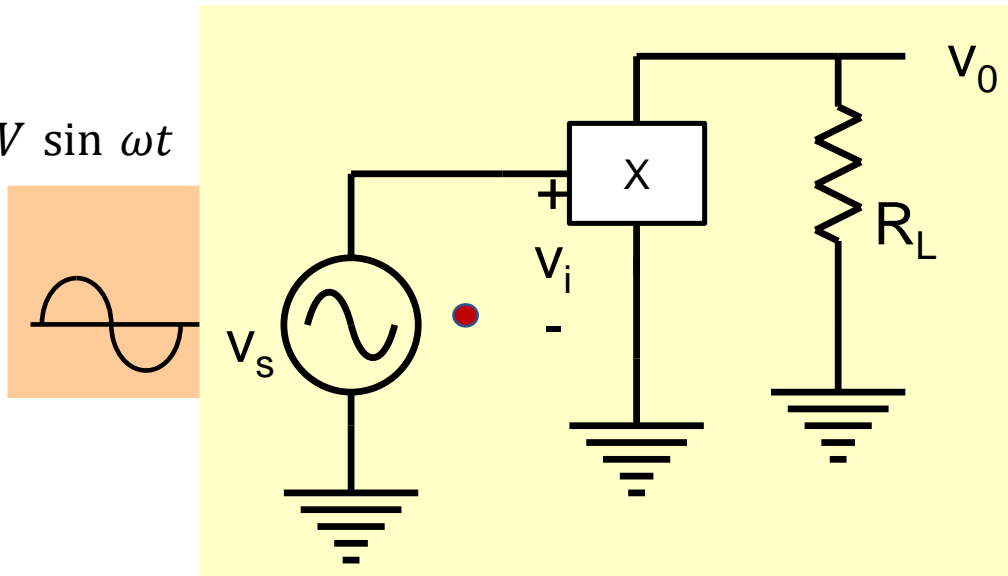
Device X (non-linear)



$$I_o = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } V_i \leq V_\alpha \\ g_m(V_i - V_\alpha) & \text{for } V_i > V_\alpha \end{cases}$$

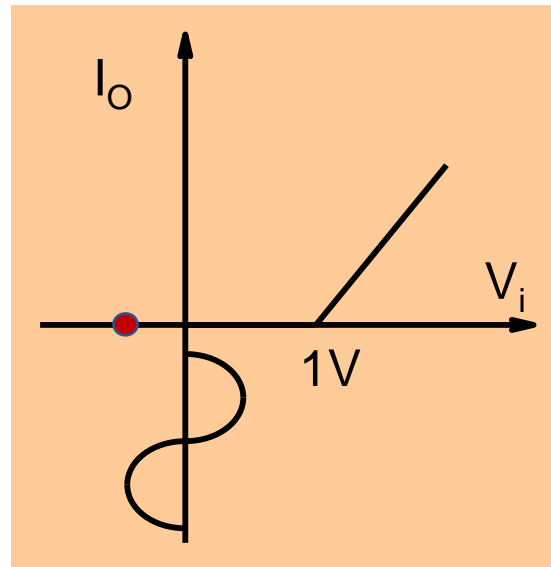
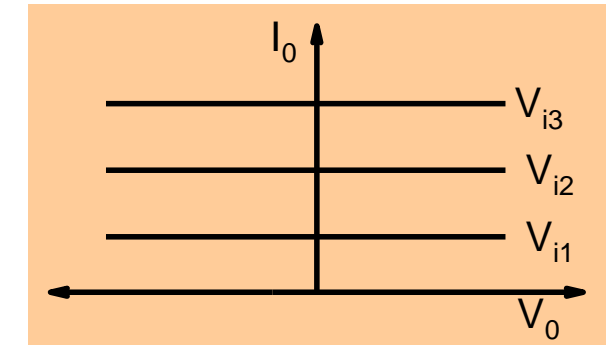
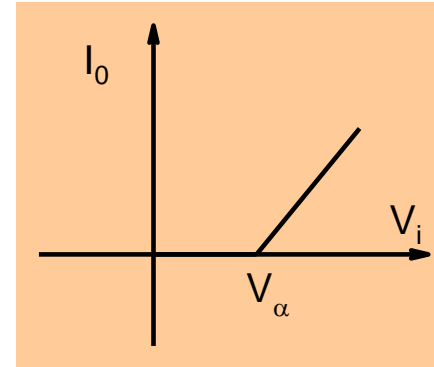
Amplifier circuit?

$$v_s = 0.5V \sin \omega t$$



$$V_\alpha = 1V; g_m = 0.01\Omega^{-1}$$

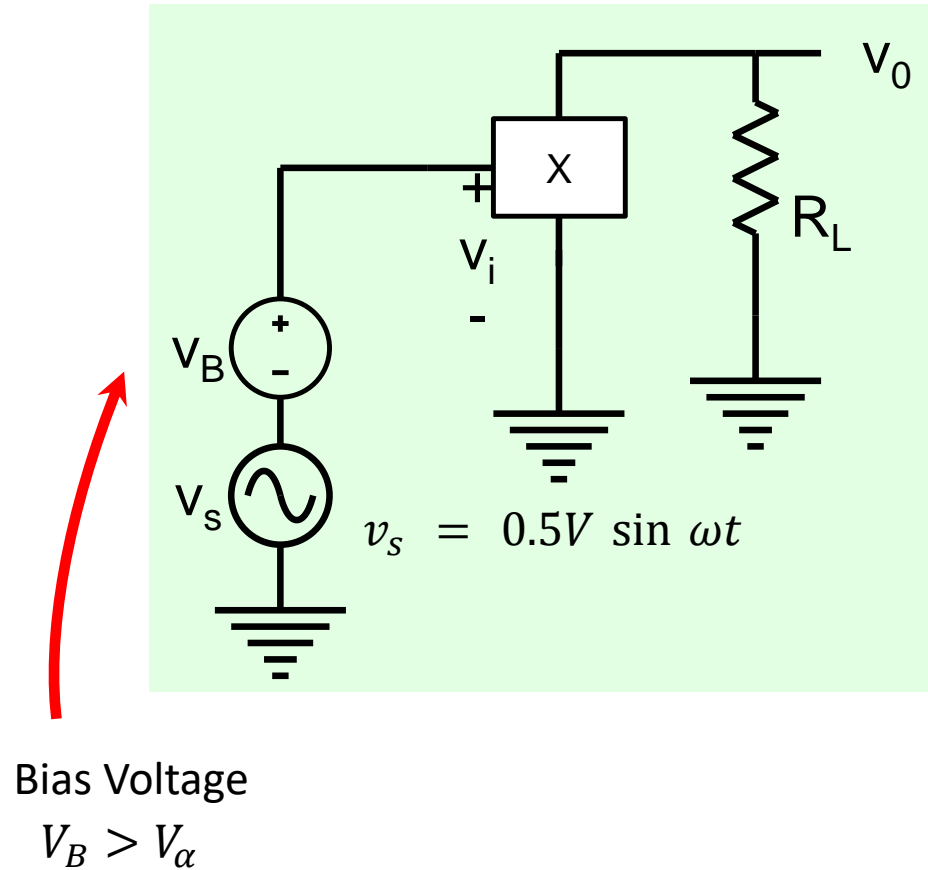
$$R_L = 1K;$$



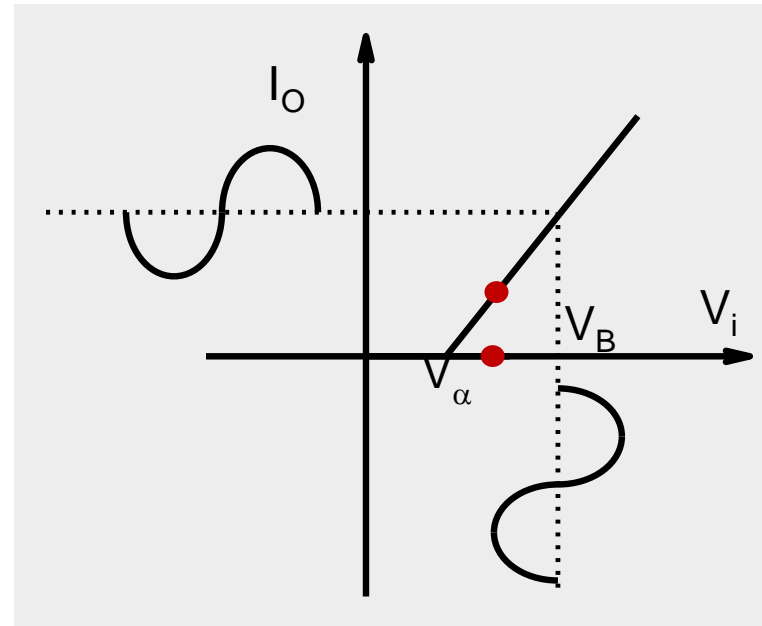
$$I_o = 0 \Rightarrow V_o = 0$$

No Amplification

Amplifier with biasing



$$V_\alpha = 1V; g_m = 0.01\Omega^{-1}$$
$$R_L = 1K;$$



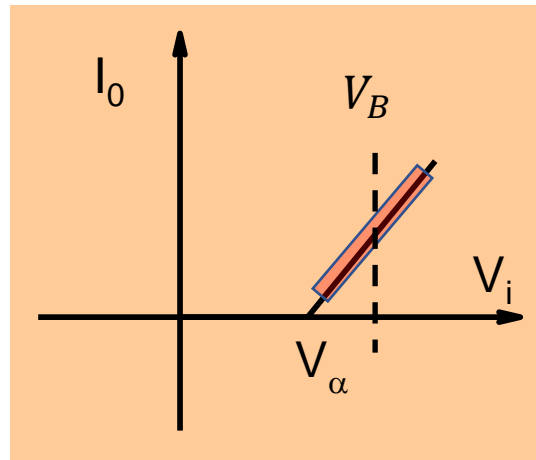
Biassing

When only a part of device characteristics is suitable for amplification, then we need to push the device into that region by applying suitable bias voltages.

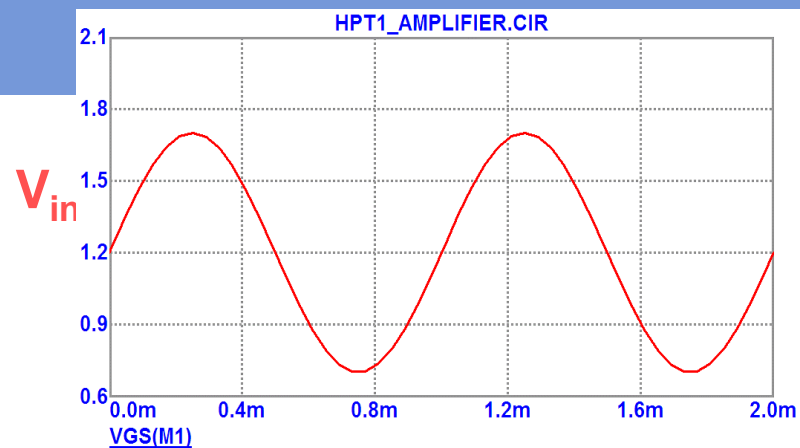
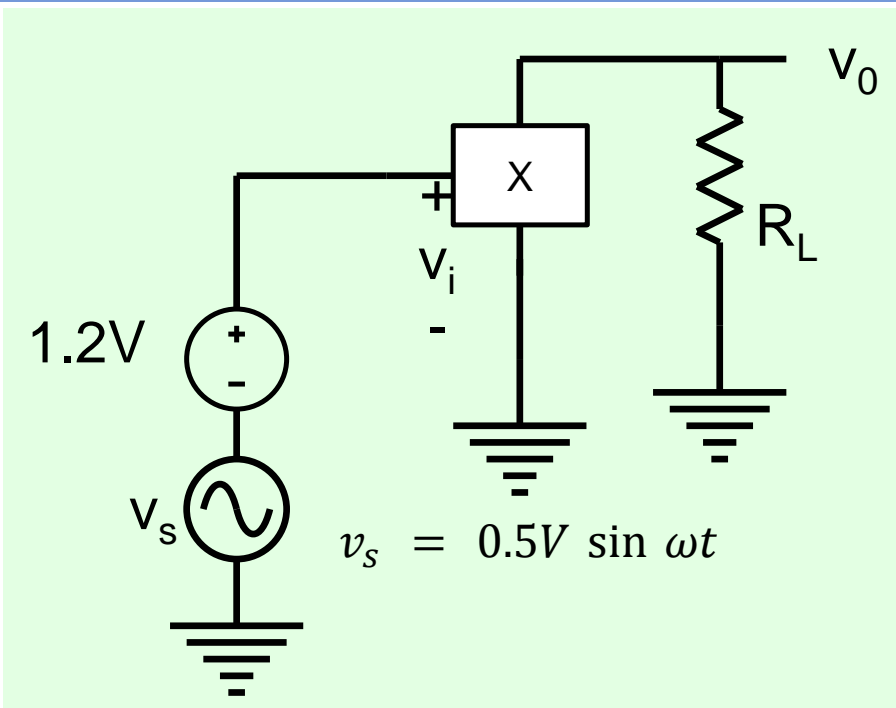
$$V_o = -I_o R_L$$

How to choose the bias voltage V_B ?

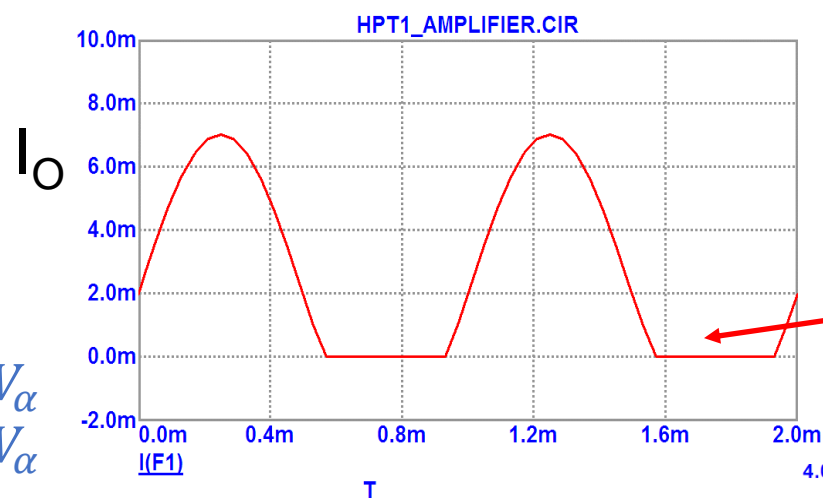
- Choose V_B as the center point of desired operating range
- Otherwise: clipping!



V_B : Bias point or Quiescent point (Q-point)

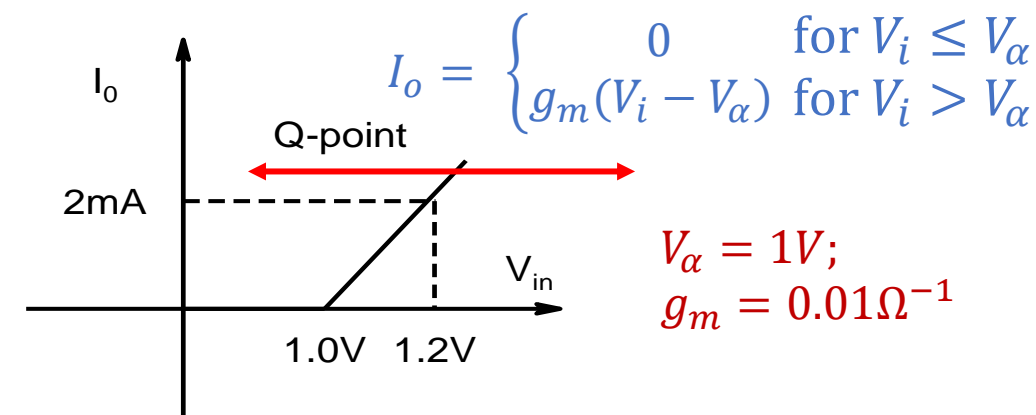
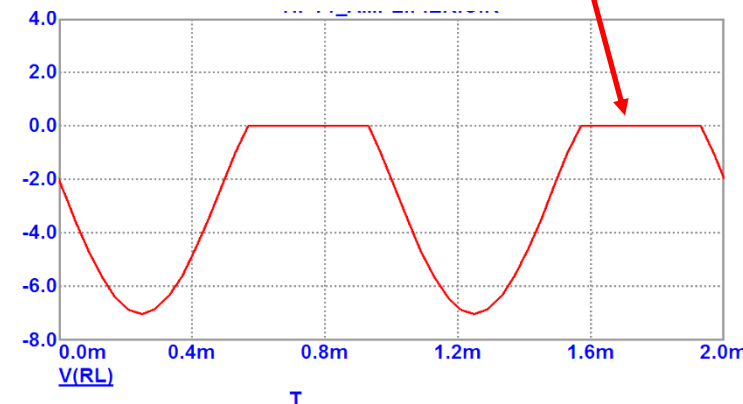


Need to choose a proper value of biasing voltage



clipped

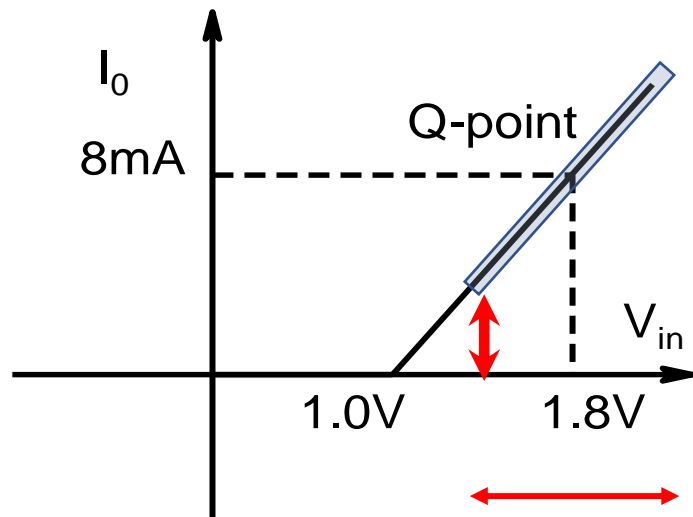
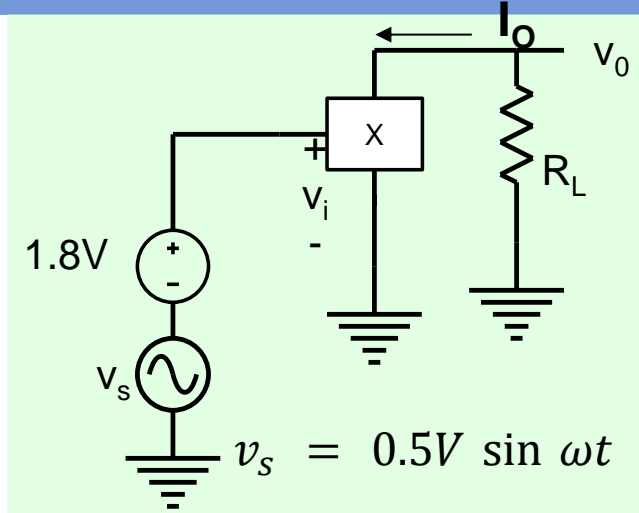
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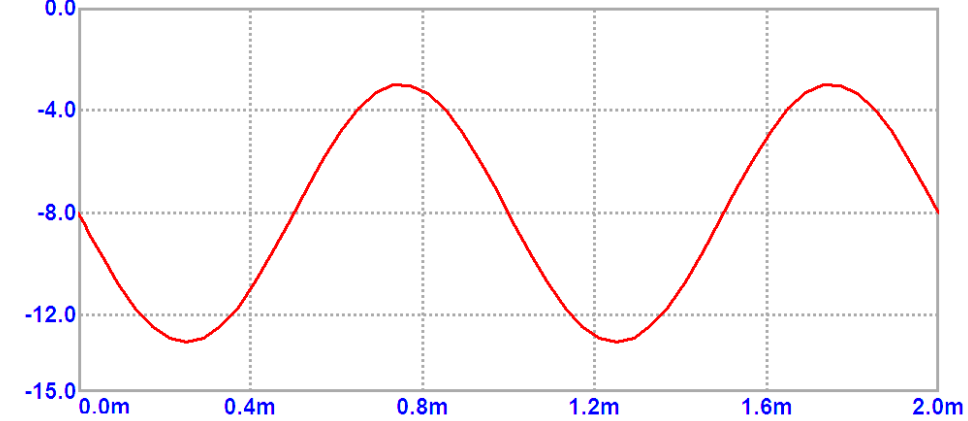
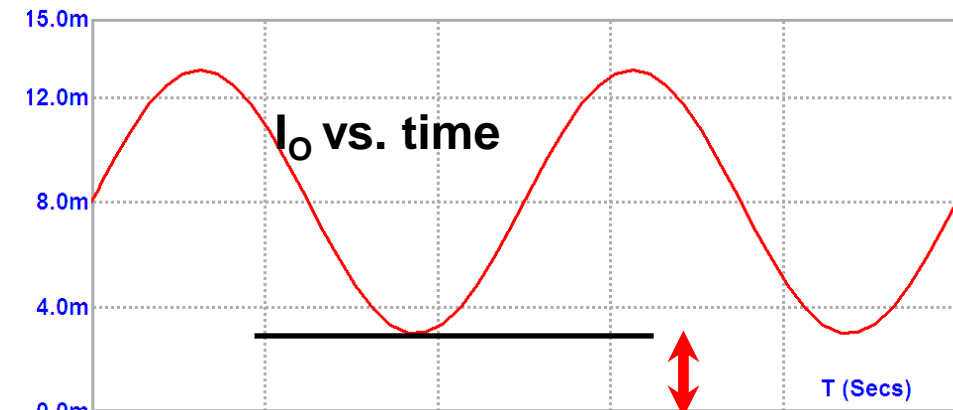
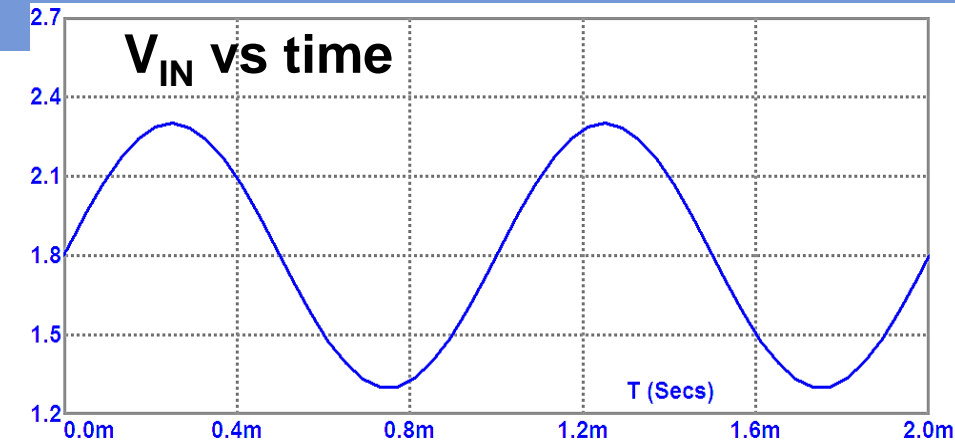
$$V_\alpha = 1V;$$

$$g_m = 0.01\Omega^{-1}$$

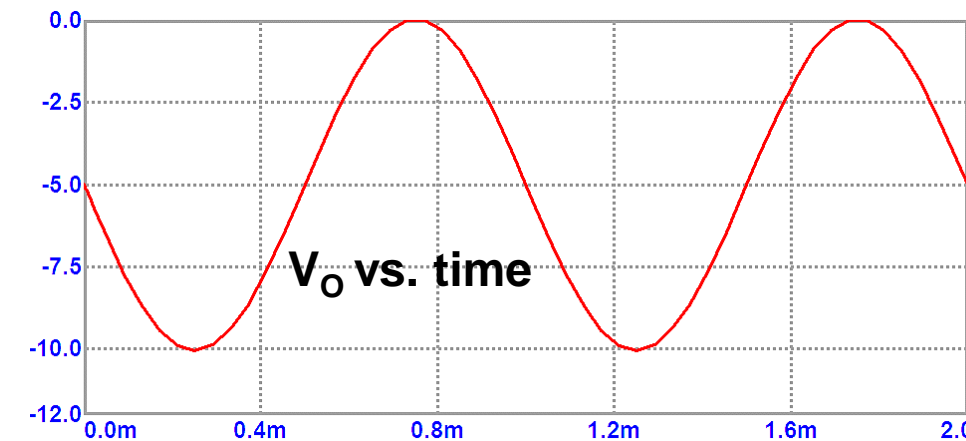
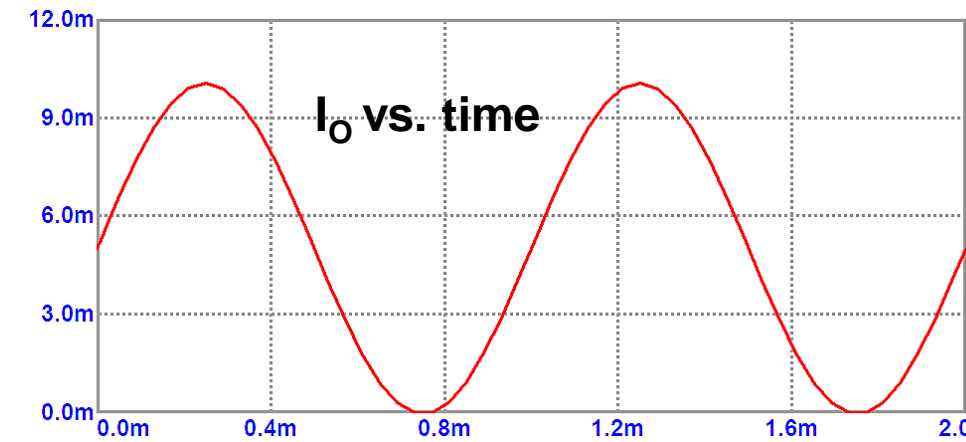
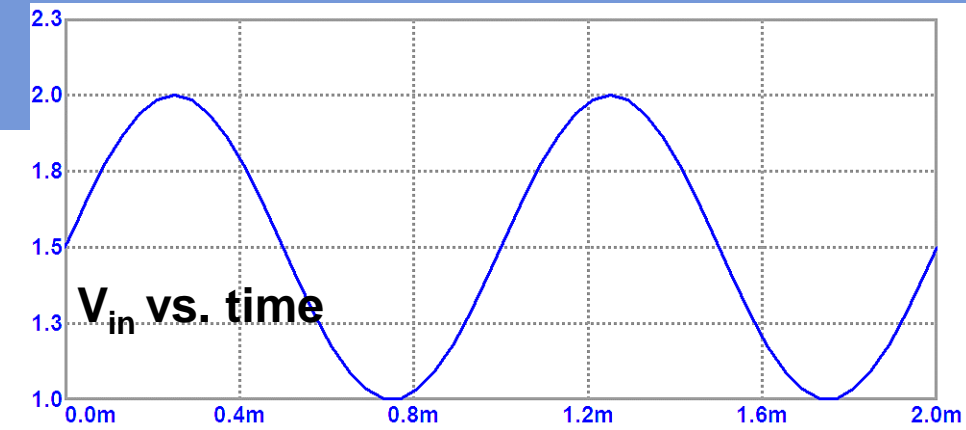
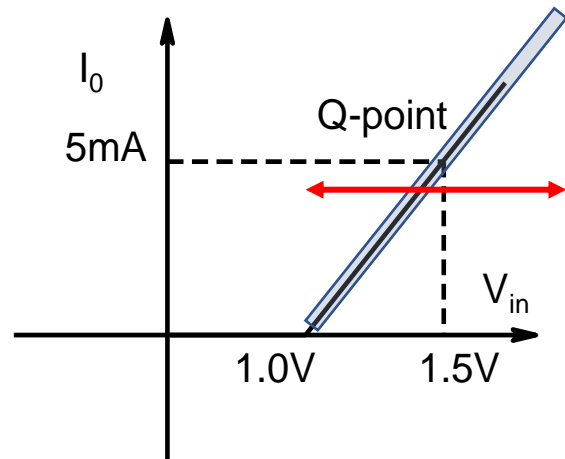
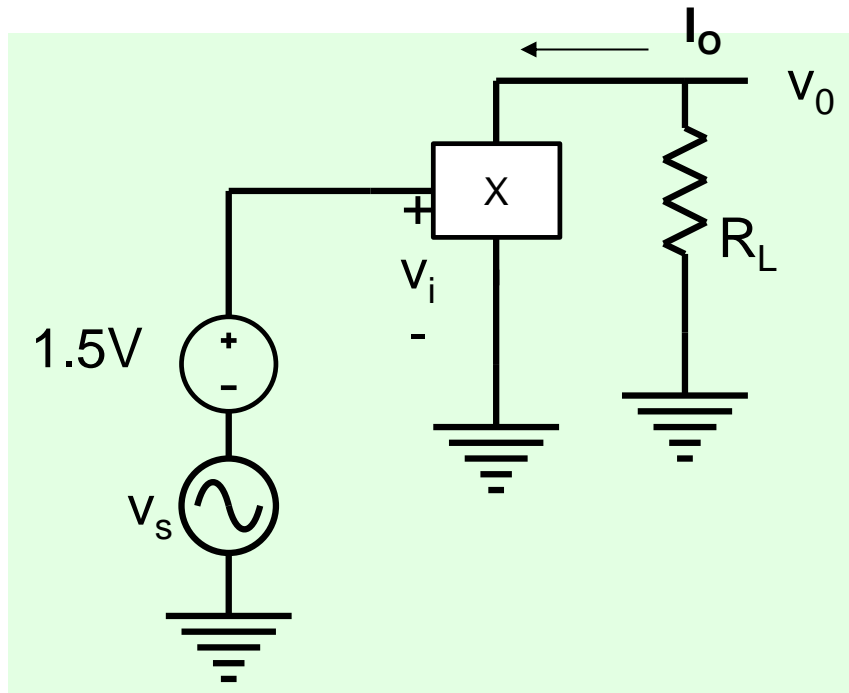
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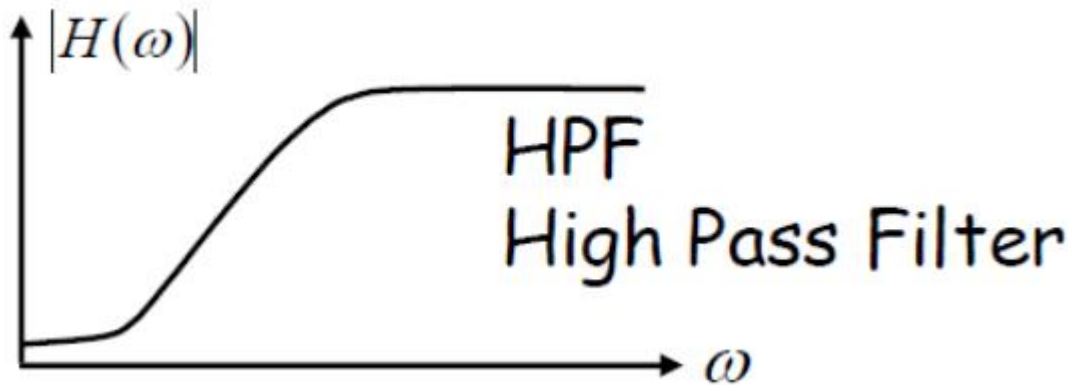
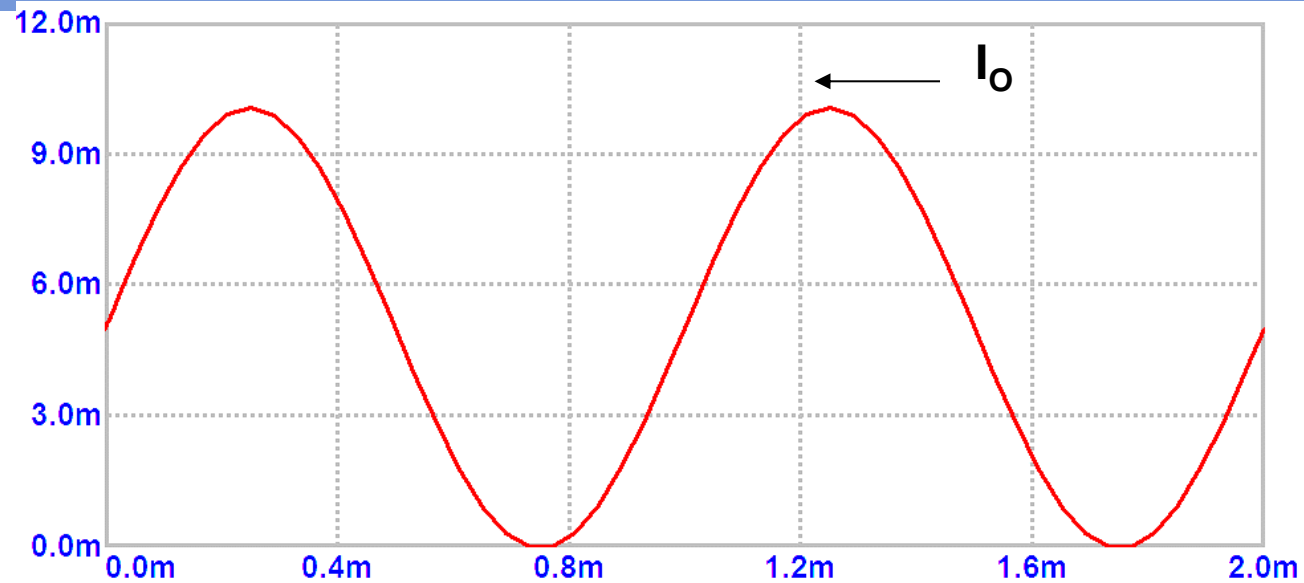
Unnecessary Power
Dissipation



Optimum biasing

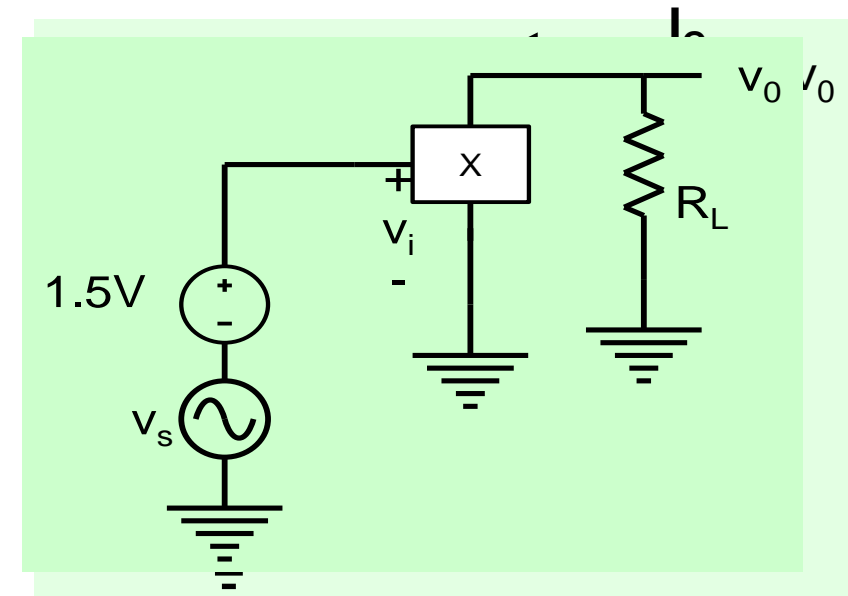


Removing the dc component

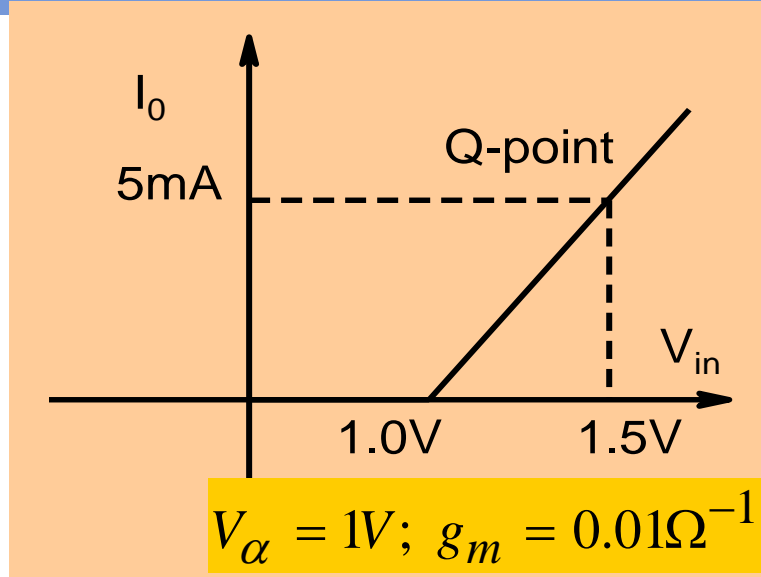
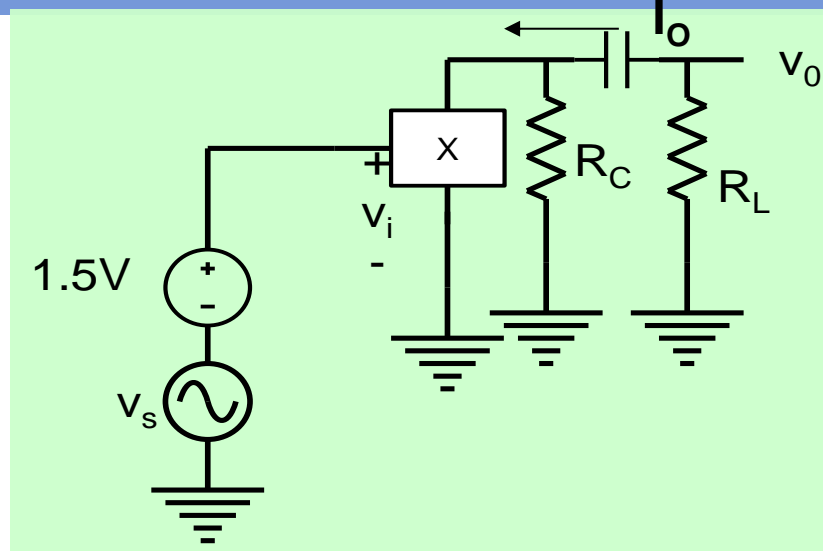


Capacitor is chosen large enough so that at the signal frequency ,

$$\frac{1}{j\omega C} \sim 0.$$

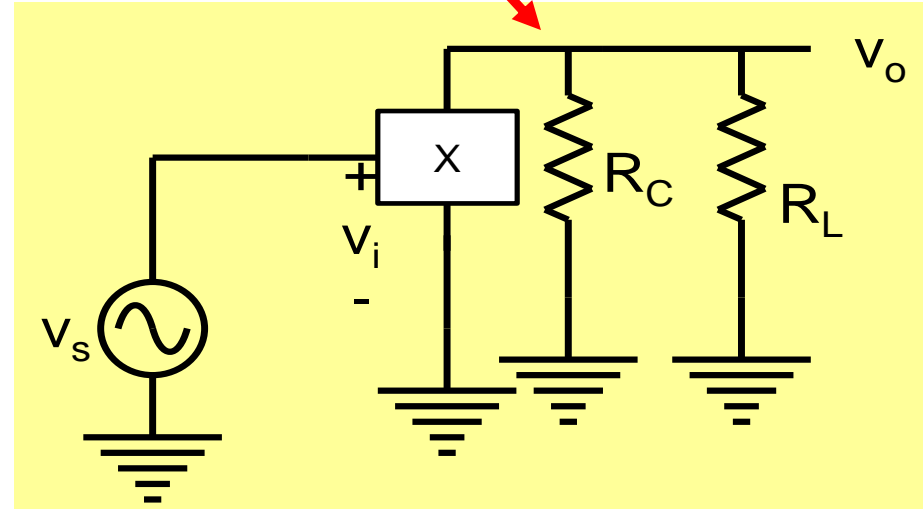
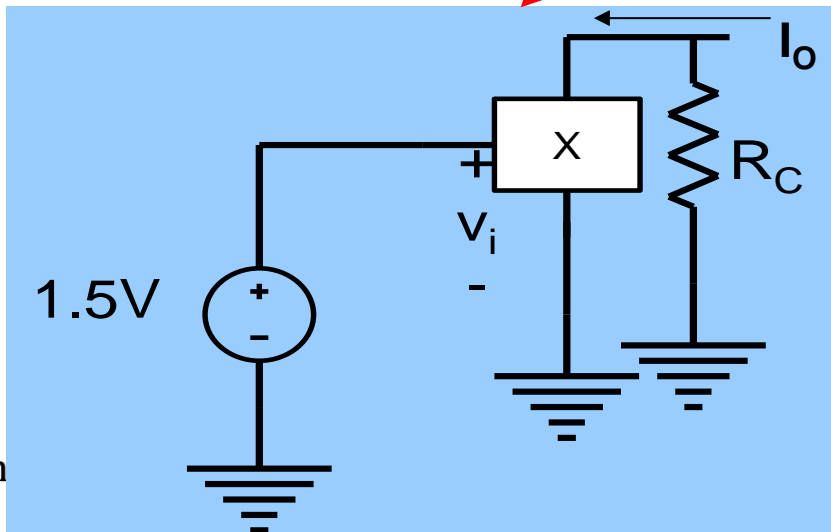


DC vs AC Components



dc

ac
(signal)



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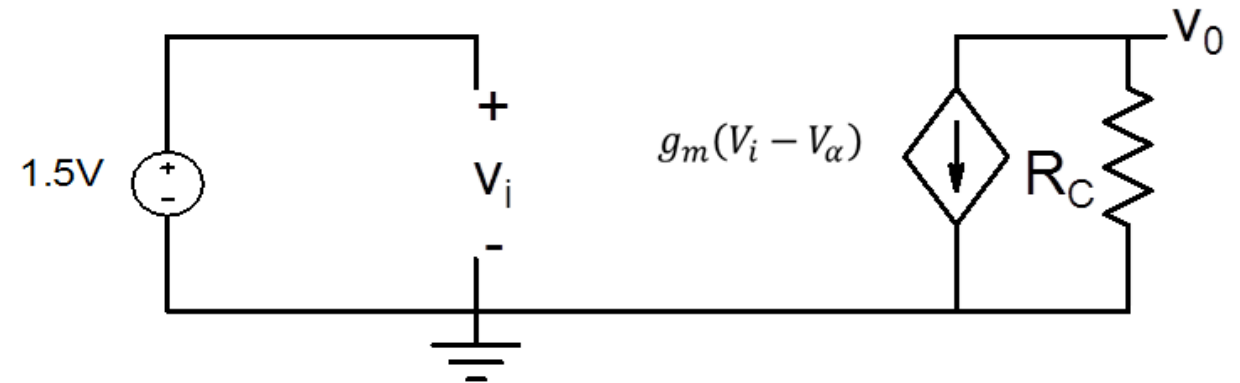
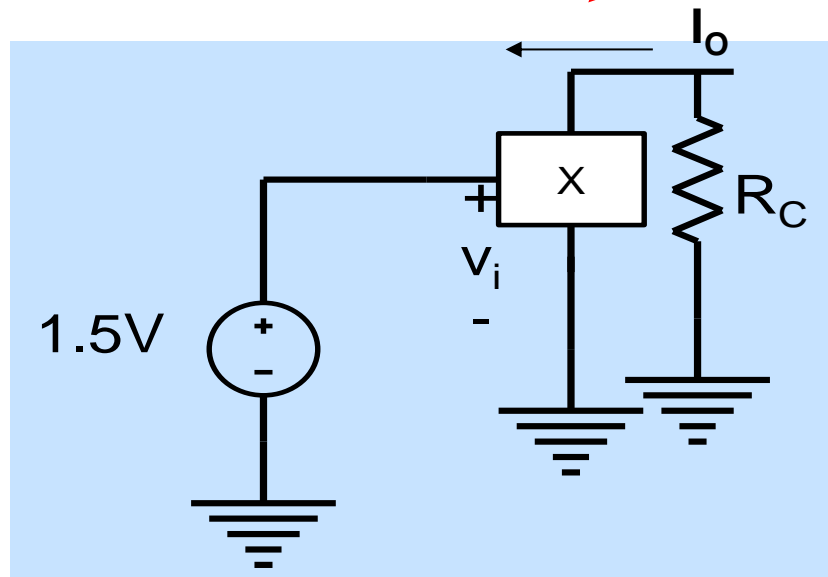
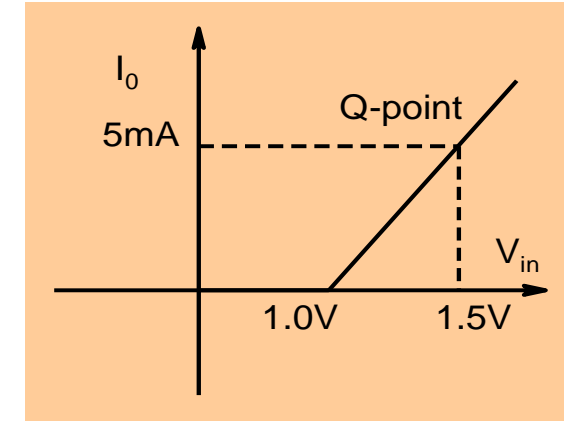
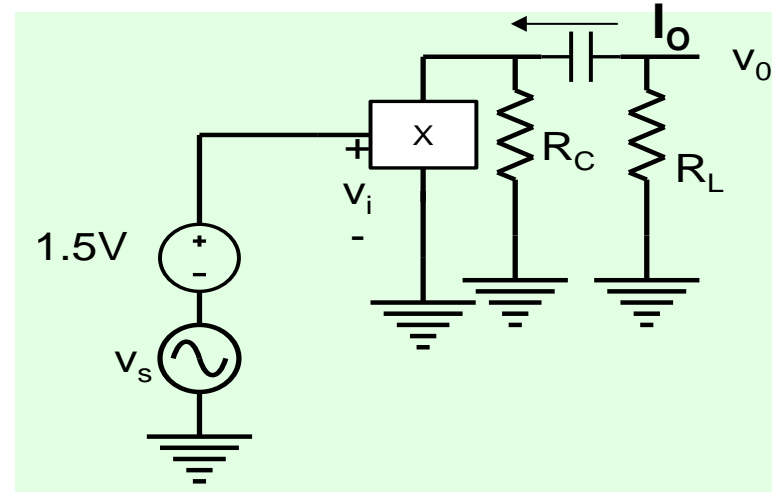
$$\frac{1}{j\omega C} \sim 0.$$

Large signal model: non linear

$$V_{\alpha} = 1V;$$

$$g_m = 0.01\Omega^{-1}$$

Large signal model
(aka dc model)



$$V_i = 1.5V$$

$$I_o = g_m(V_i - V_{\alpha}) = 5mA$$

Non-linear characteristics since superposition does not hold

Small signal method

- Operate at some bias point V_D, I_D
- Superimpose small signal v_d on top of V_D
- Response i_d to small signal v_d is approximately linear.

- Also known as
 - Incremental model
 - Linearized model
 - AC model

$$i_D = I_D + i_d$$

signal

Bias

Additional
small signal

$$v_D = V_D + v_d$$

signal

Bias

Additional
small signal

Linear

$$i_d = k v_d$$