

# JFET Biasing

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LECTURE 10

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# Introduction

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For the JFET, the relationship between input and output quantities is nonlinear due to the squared term in Shockley's equation.

Nonlinear functions results in curves as obtained for transfer characteristic of a JFET.

Graphical approach will be used to examine the dc analysis for FET because it is most popularly used rather than mathematical approach

The input of BJT and FET controlling variables are the current and the voltage levels respectively

# Introduction

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## Common FET Biasing Circuits

- JFET
  - Fixed – Bias
  - Self-Bias
  - Voltage-Divider Bias

# General Relationships

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For all FETs:

$$I_G \approx 0A$$

$$I_D = I_S$$

For JFETs

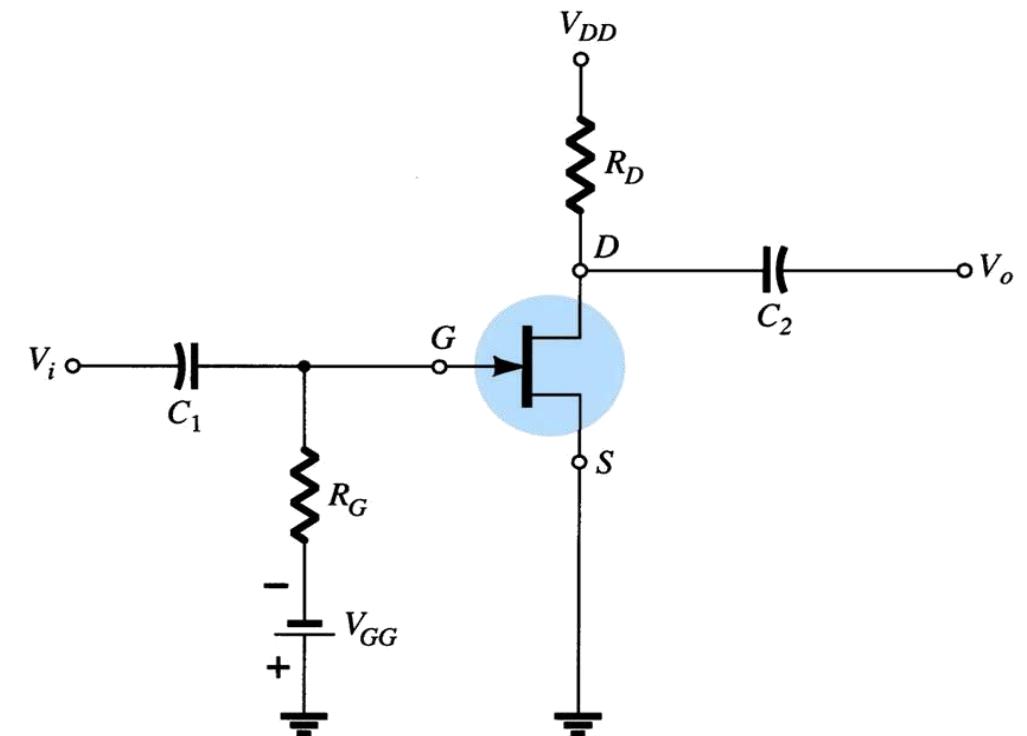
$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P}\right)^2$$

# Fixed-Bias Configuration

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The configuration includes the ac levels  $V_i$  and  $V_o$  and the coupling capacitors.

The resistor  $R_G$  is present to ensure that  $V_i$  appears at the input to the FET amplifier for the AC analysis.

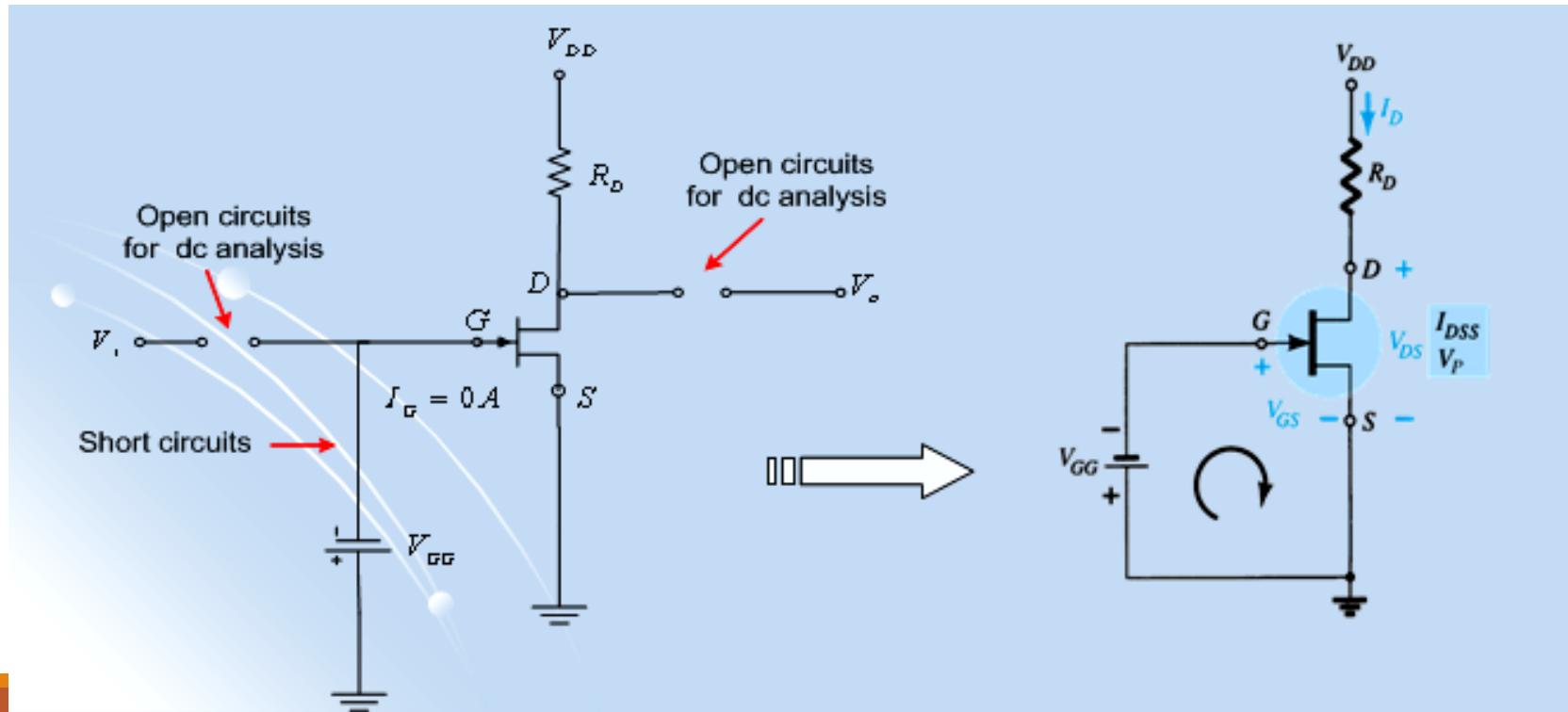


# Fixed-Bias Configuration

For the DC analysis,

- Capacitors are open circuits
- and  $I_G \approx 0A$        $V_{RG} = I_G R_G = (0A)R_G = 0V$

The zero-volt drop across  $R_G$  permits replacing  $R_G$  by a short-circuit



# Fixed-Bias Configuration

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Investigating the input loop

$I_G = 0A$ , therefore

$$V_{RG} = I_G R_G = 0V$$

Applying KVL for the input loop,

$$-V_{GG} - V_{GS} = 0$$

$$V_{GG} = -V_{GS}$$

It is called *fixed-bias configuration* due to  $V_{GG}$  is a fixed power supply so  $V_{GS}$  is fixed

The resulting current,

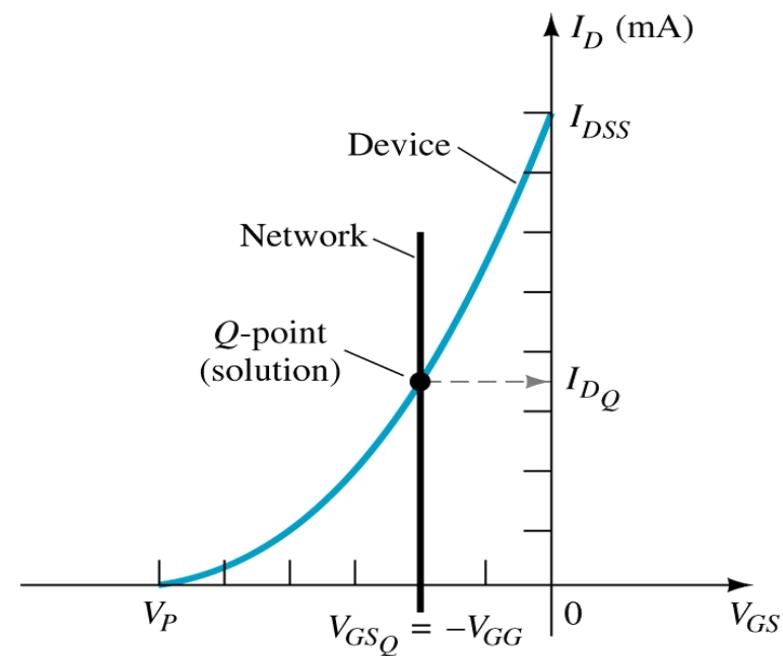
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Investigating the graphical approach.

Using below tables, we  
can draw the graph

$V_{GS}$	$I_D$
0	$I_{DSS}$
$0.3V_P$	$I_{DSS}/2$
0.5	$I_{DSS}/4$
$V_P$	0mA



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The fixed level of  $V_{GS}$  has been superimposed as a vertical line at

$$V_{GS} = -V_{GG}$$

At any point on the vertical line, the level of  $V_G$  is  $-V_{GG}$ --- the level of  $I_D$  must simply be determined on this vertical line.

The point where the two curves intersect is the common solution to the configuration – commonly referrers to as the **quiescent** or operating point.

The quiescent level of  $I_D$  is determined by drawing a horizontal line from the Q-point to the vertical  $I_D$  axis.

## Output loop

$$V_{DS} = V_{DD} - I_D R_D$$

$$V_S = 0V$$

$$V_{DS} = V_D - V_S$$

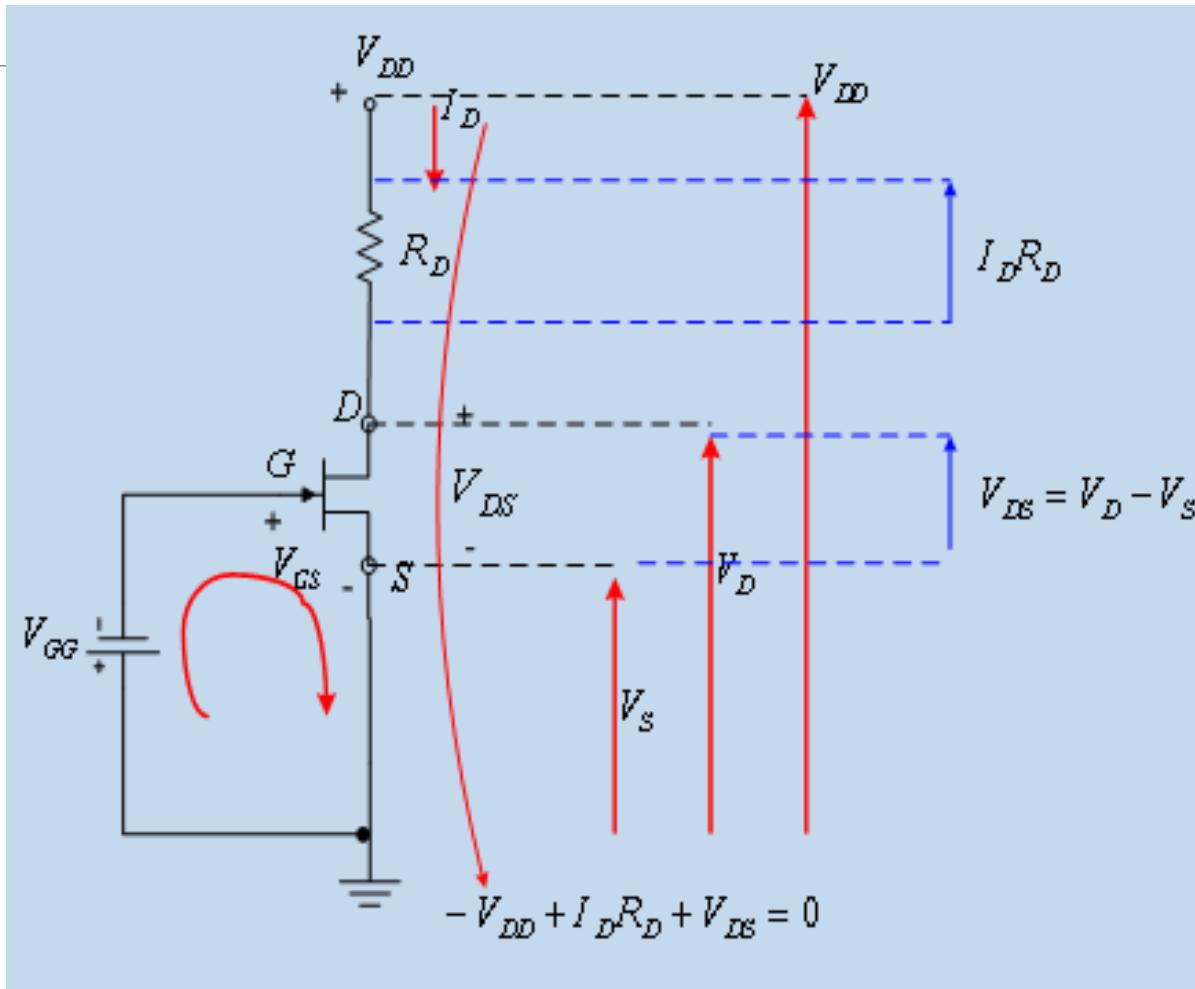
$$V_D = V_{DS} + V_S \quad V_S = 0$$

$$V_D = V_{DS}$$

$$V_{GS} = V_G - V_S$$

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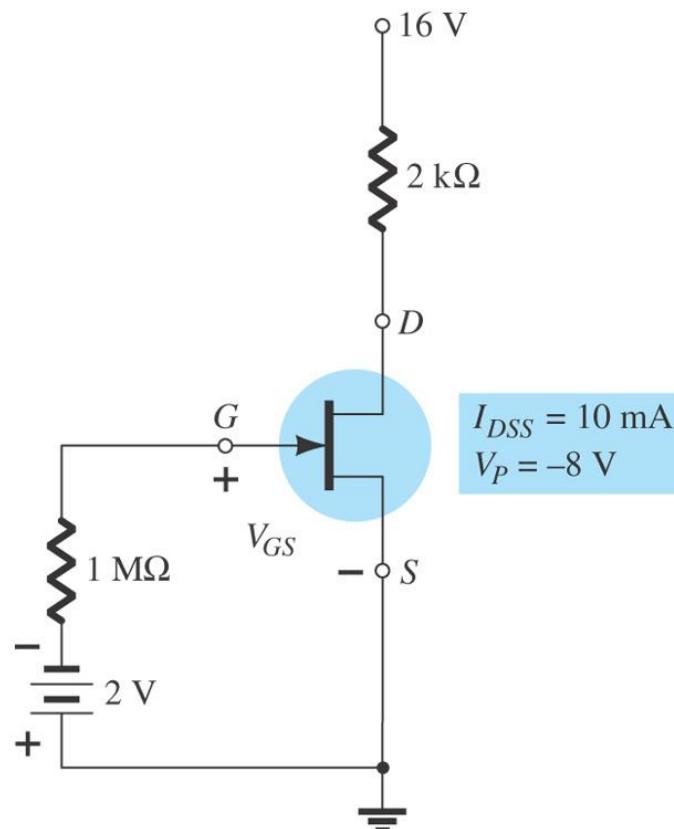
$$V_G = V_{GS}$$



# Example

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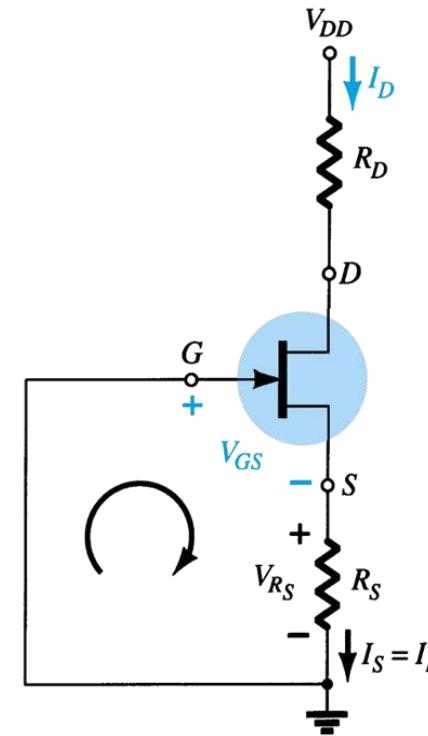
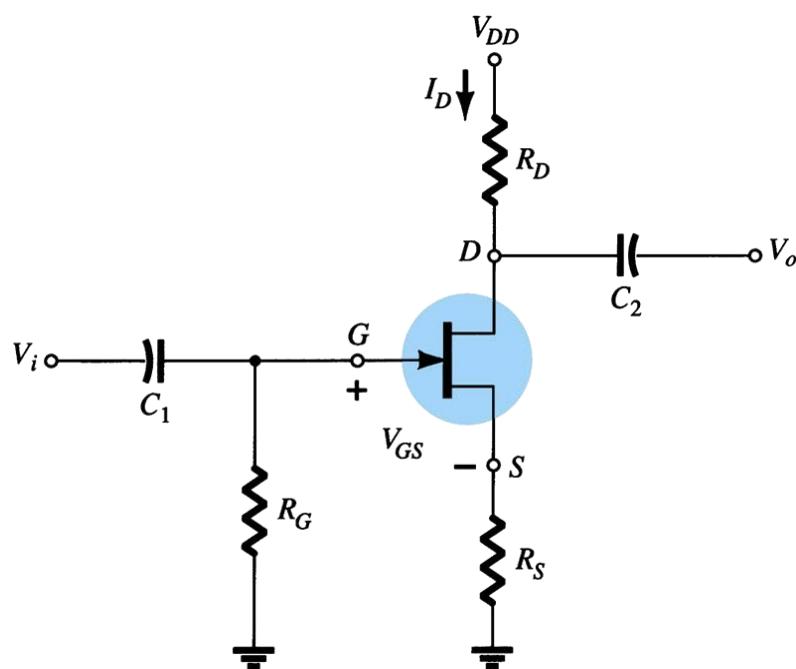
Determine  $V_{GS}$ ,  $I_D$ ,  $V_{DS}$ ,  $V_D$ ,  $V_G$ ,  $V_S$



# Self Bias Configuration

The self-bias configuration eliminates the need for two dc supplies.

The controlling  $V_{GS}$  is now determined by the voltage across the resistor  $R_S$



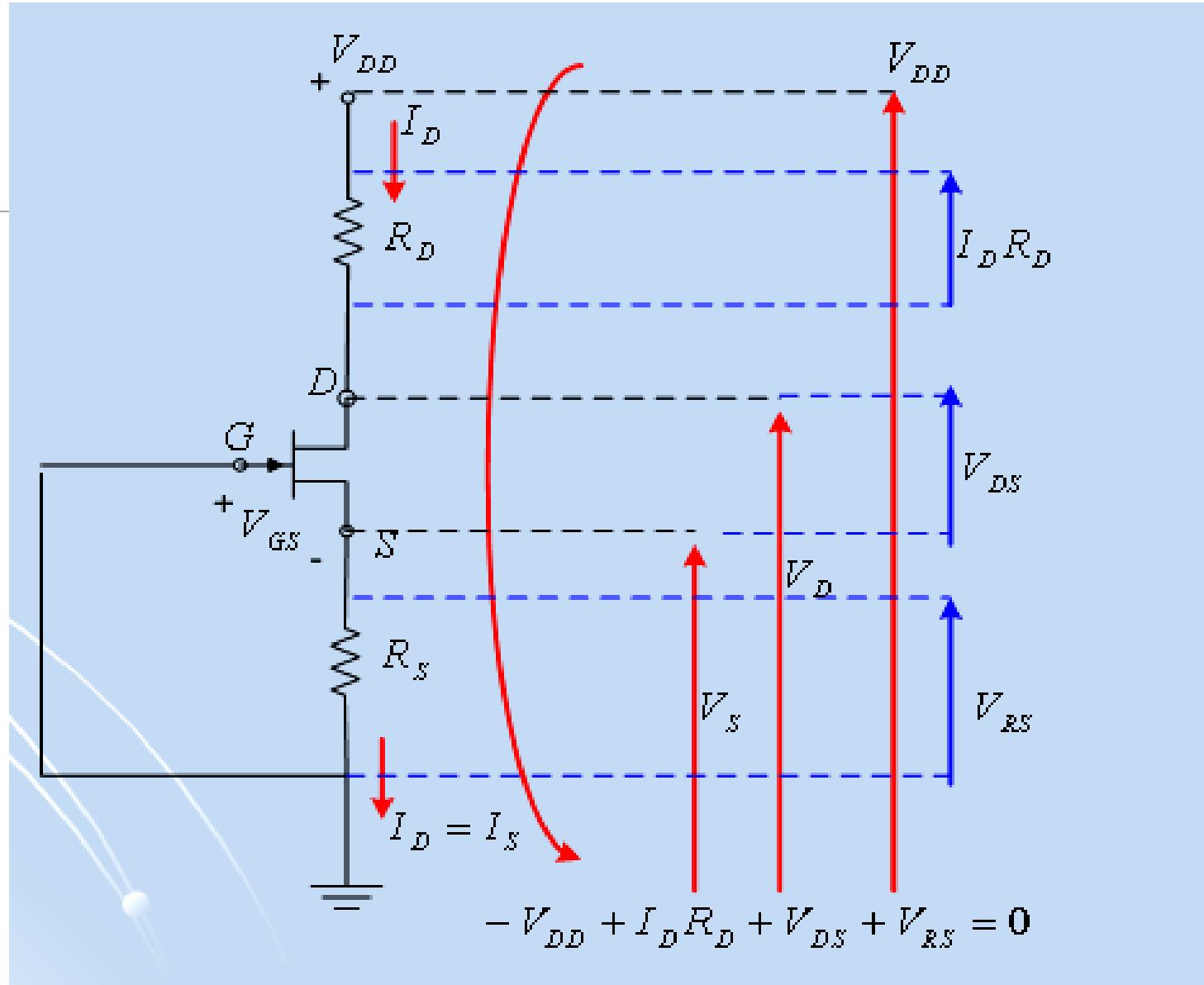
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For the indicated input loop:

$$V_{GS} = -I_D R_S$$

Mathematical approach:  $I_D = I_{DSS} \left( 1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left( 1 + \frac{I_D R_S}{V_P} \right)^2$$



For output loop

- Apply KVL of output loop
  - Use  $I_D = I_S$
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$$V_{DS} = V_{DD} - I_D (R_S + R_D)$$

$$V_S = I_D R_S$$

$$V_D = V_{DS} + V_S = V_{DD} - V_{RD}$$

- Graphical approach
  - Draw the device transfer characteristic
  - Draw the network load line

● Use  $V_{GS} = -I_D R_S$  to draw straight line.

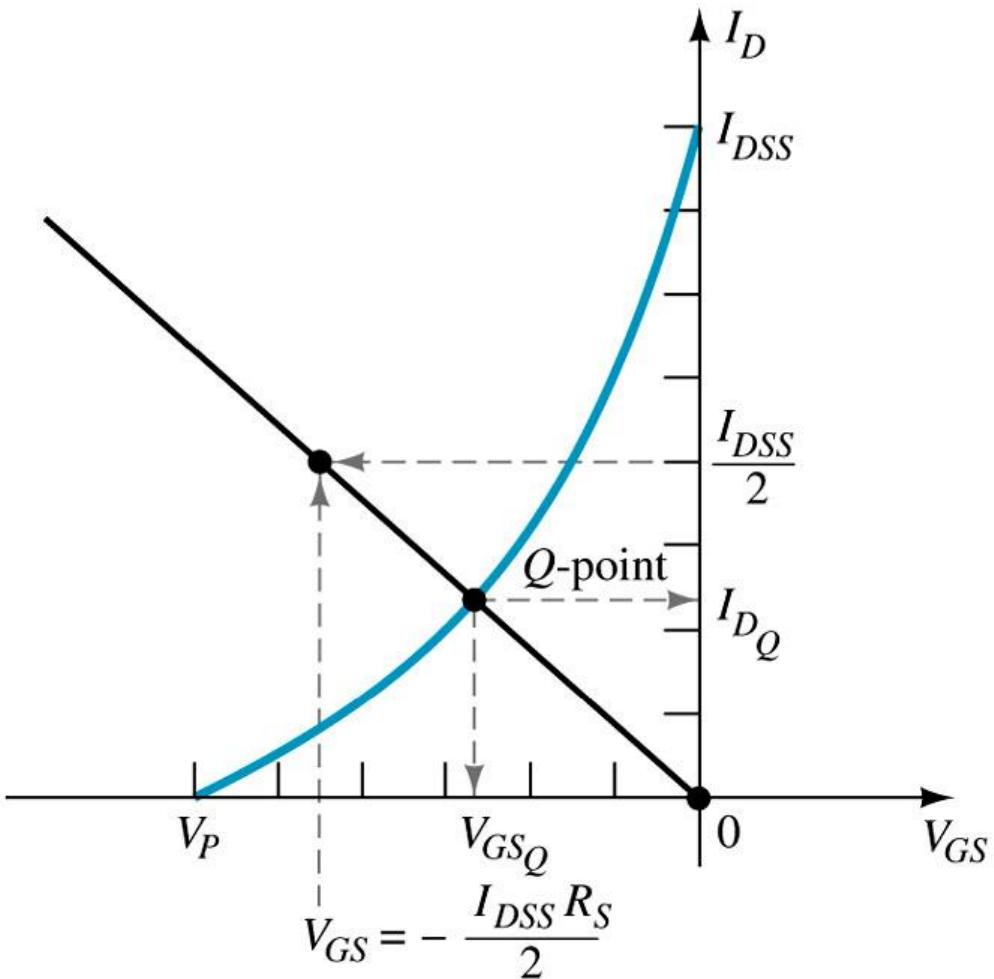
● First point,  $I_D = 0, V_{GS} = 0$

● Second point, any point from  $I_D = 0$  to  $I_D = I_{DSS}$ . Choose

$$I_D = \frac{I_{DSS}}{2} \text{ then}$$

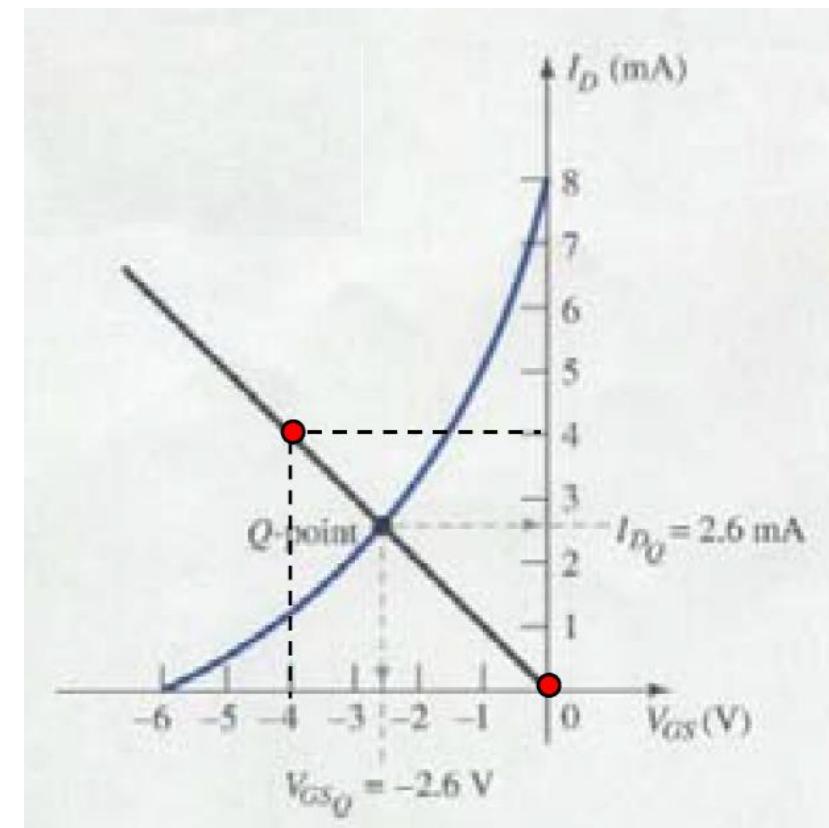
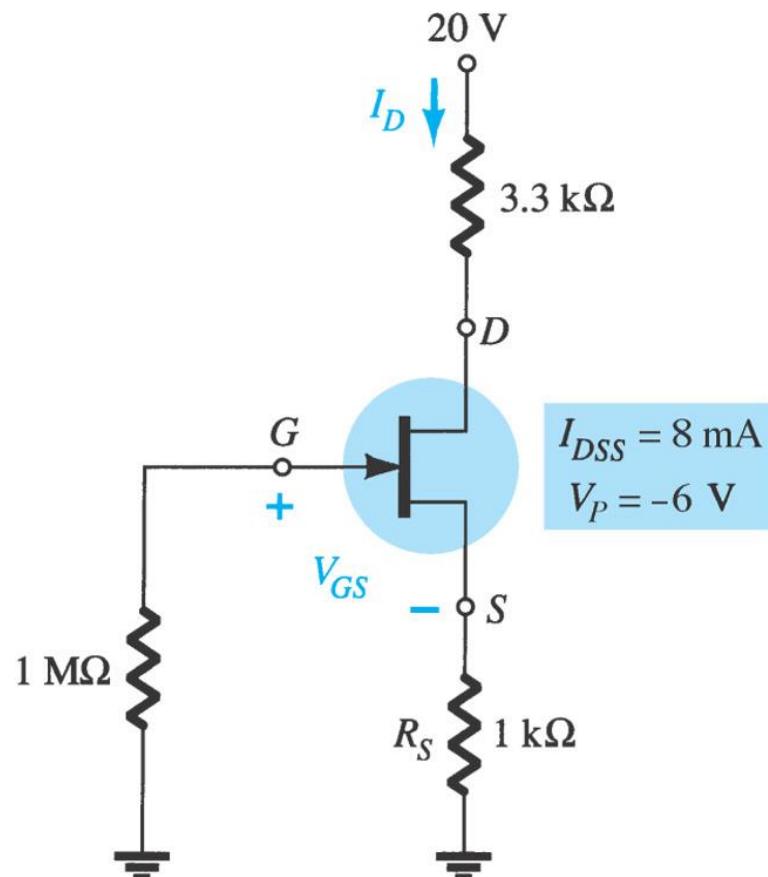
$$V_{GS} = -\frac{I_{DSS} R_S}{2}$$

- the quiescent point obtained at the intersection of the straight line plot and the device characteristic curve.
- The quiescent value for  $I_D$  and  $V_{GS}$  can then be determined and used to find the other quantities of interest.



# Example

Determine  $V_{GS}$ ,  $I_D$ ,  $V_{DS}$ ,  $V_S$ ,  $V_G$  and  $V_D$ .

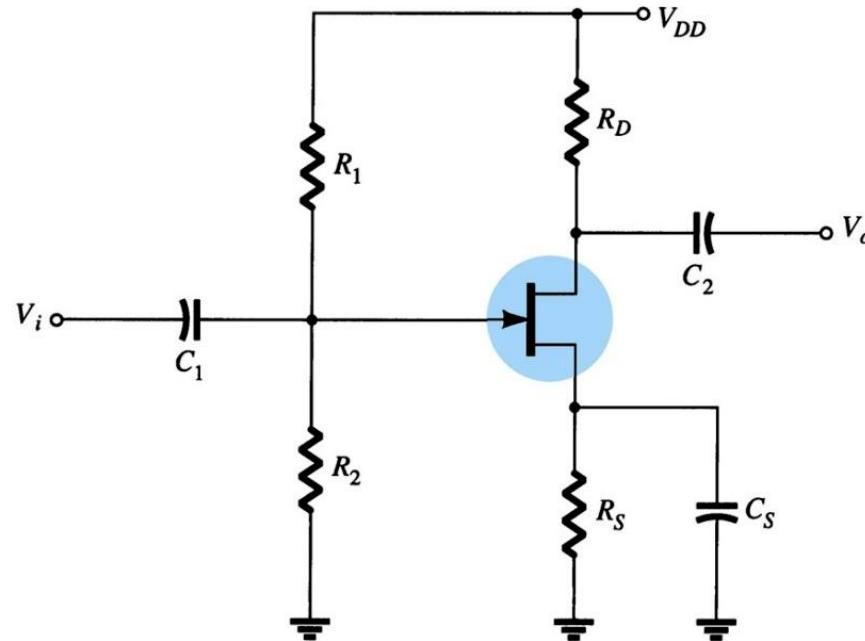


# Voltage-Divider Bias

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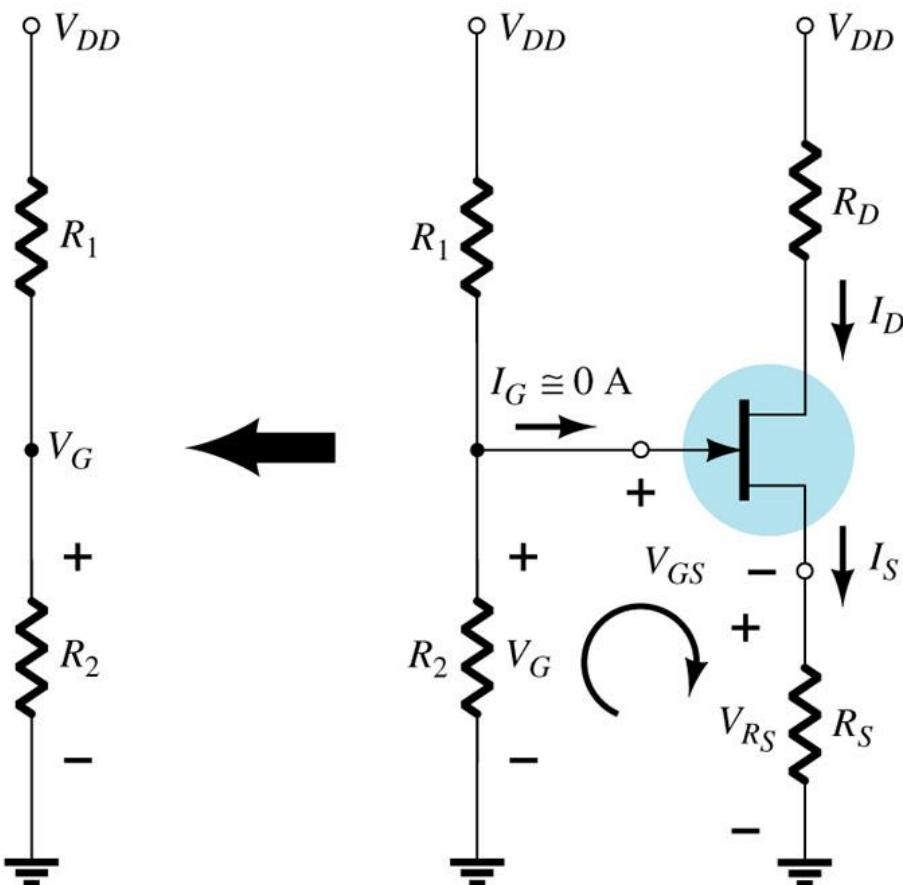
The arrangement is the same as BJT but the DC analysis is different

In BJT,  $I_B$  provide link to input and output circuit, in FET  $V_{GS}$  does the same



# Voltage-Divider Bias

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The source  $V_{DD}$  was separated into two equivalent sources to permit a further separation of the input and output regions of the network.

$I_G = 0 \text{ A}$ , Kirchoff's current law requires that  $I_{R1} = I_{R2}$  and the series equivalent circuit appearing to the left of the figure can be used to find the level of  $V_G$ .

# Voltage-Divider Bias

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$V_G$  can be found using the voltage divider rule :

$$V_G = \frac{R_2 V_{DD}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Using Kirchoff's Law on the input loop:

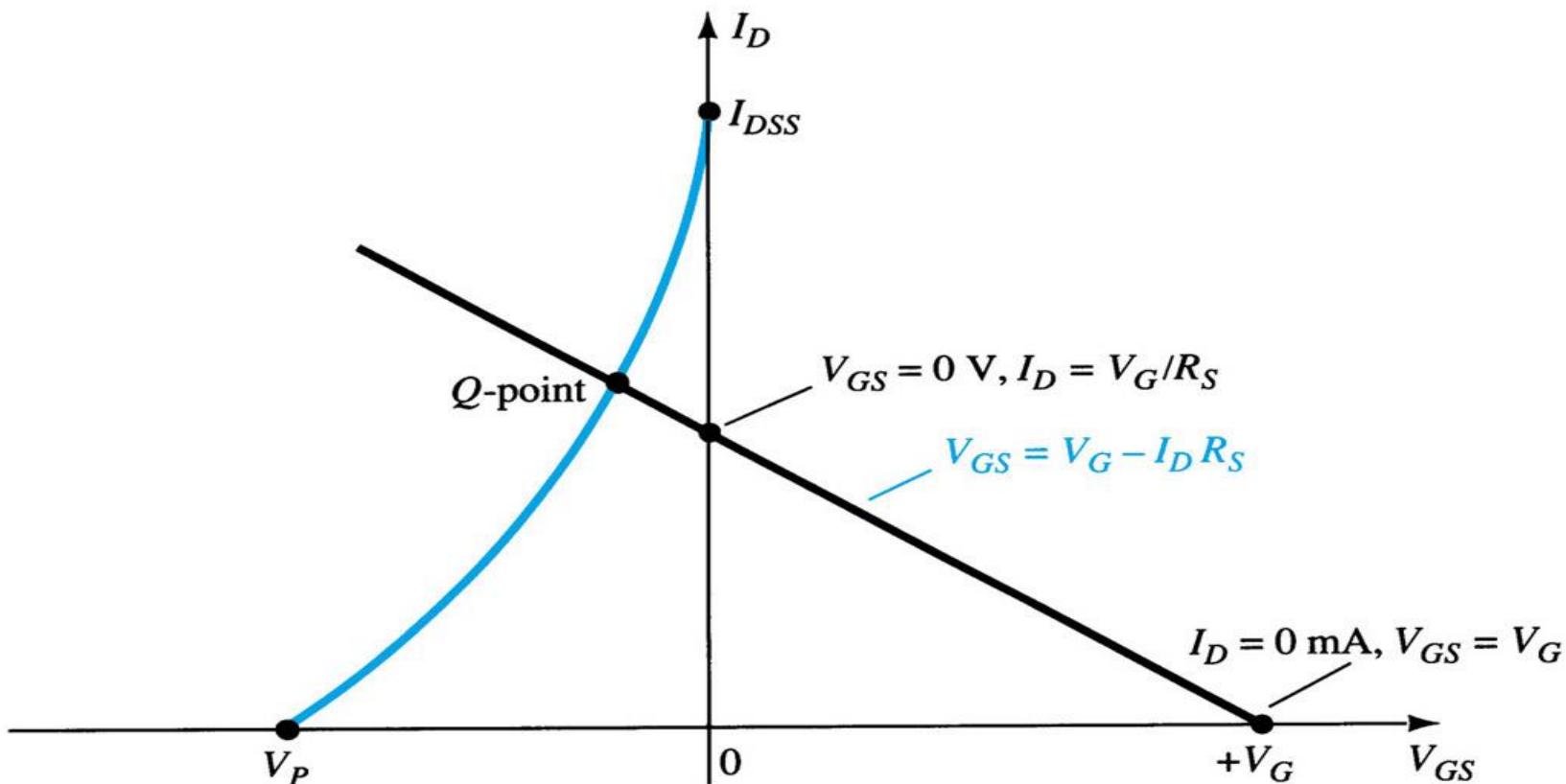
Rearranging and using  $I_D = I_S$ :

$$V_G - V_{GS} - V_{RS} = 0$$

$$V_{GS} = V_G - I_D R_S$$

Again the Q point needs to be established by plotting a line that intersects the transfer curve.

# Procedures for plotting



1. Plot the line: By plotting two points:  $V_{GS} = V_G$ ,  $I_D = 0$  and  $V_{GS} = 0$ ,  $I_D = V_G / R_S$
2. Plot the transfer curve by plotting  $I_{DSS}$ ,  $V_P$  and calculated values of  $I_D$ .
3. Where the line intersects the transfer curve is the Q point for the circuit.

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Once the quiescent values of  $I_{DQ}$  and  $V_{GSQ}$  are determined, the remaining network analysis can be found.

$$I_{R1} = I_{R2} = \frac{V_{DD}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$V_{DS} = V_{DD} - I_D(R_D + I_D R_S)$$

Output loop:

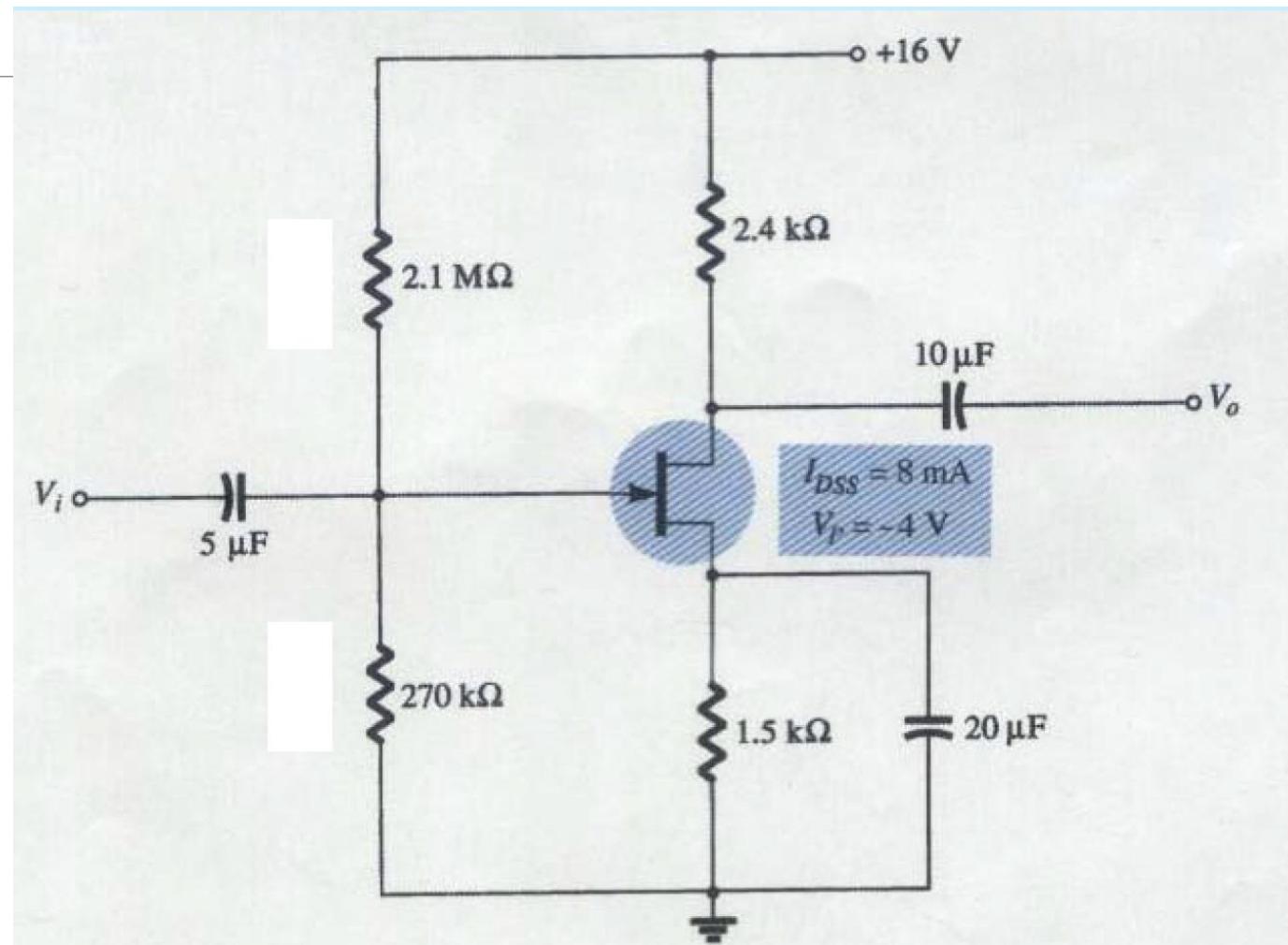
$$V_D = V_{DD} - I_D R_D$$

$$V_S = I_D R_S$$

# Example

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$V_{DS} = 9\text{V}$  and determine  $V_G, I_D, V_{GS}, V_S$ .



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Thank You