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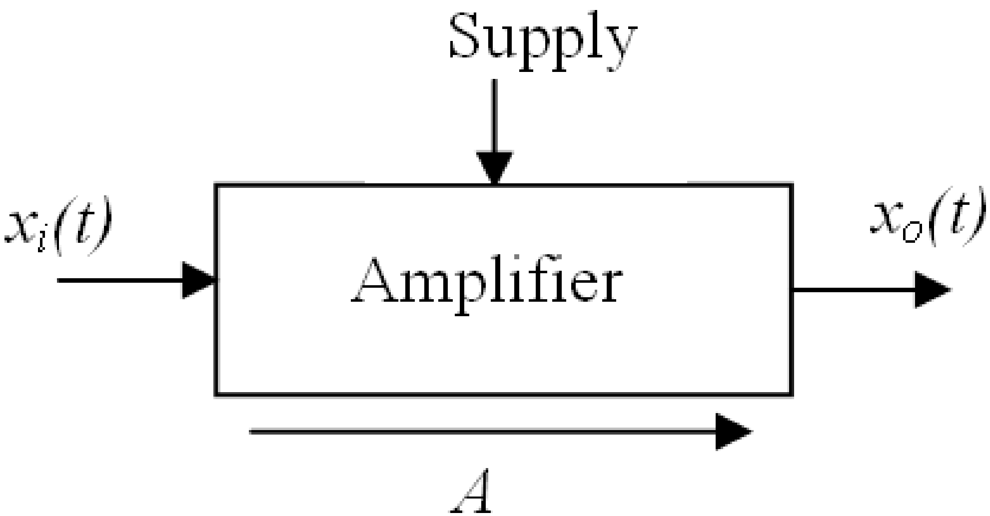
Amplifier: activ three-port network that delivers to the output a signal $x_o(t)$ (voltage or current) with **the same shape** as the input signal $x_i(t)$ and can provide **greater power** on an adequated load.



A – amplification, gain

$$\boxed{x_o(t) = A x_i(t)}$$

- Linear circuit:

  x_0 proportional with x_i

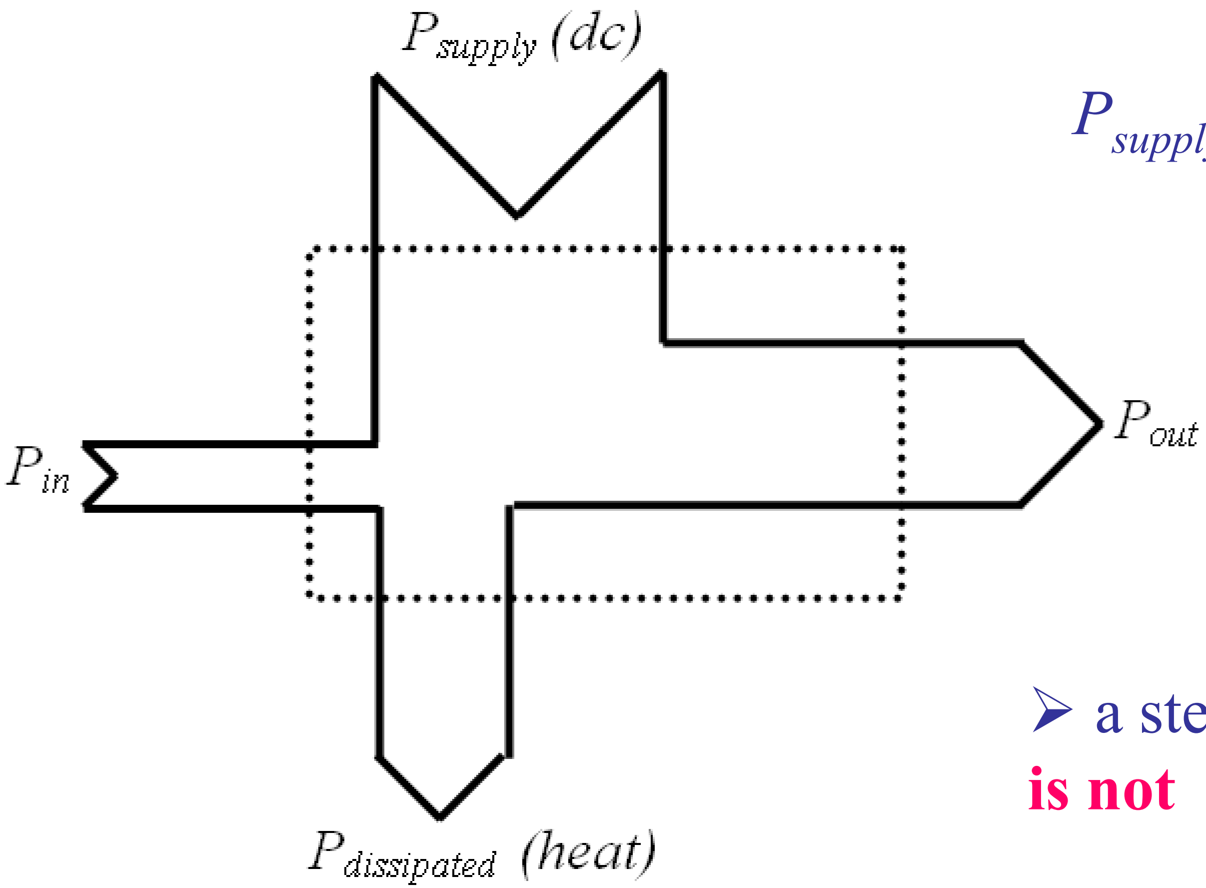
$A < 0$ *inverting*

$A > 0$ *non-inverting*

Power transfer and power balance

➢ the average power of the output signal P_{out} is greater than the average power of the input signal P_{in}.

➢ the excess of the output power is taken from the supply sources



$$P_{supply} + P_{in} = P_{out} + P_{dissip}$$

$$P_{supply} \approx P_{out} + P_{dissip}$$

➢ efficiency

$$\eta = P_{out} / P_{supply}$$

➢ a step up transformer **is not** an amplifier

Amplifier models

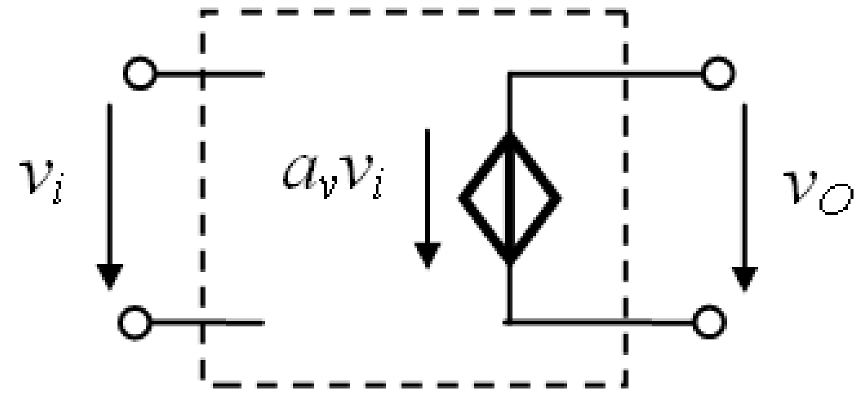
- two-port network: it consider explicitly only the behavior to the input and output ports and input-output transfer for the signal
- valid, irrespective of the internal complexity of the amplifiers
- valid in the bandpass frequency domain

Linear controlled sources

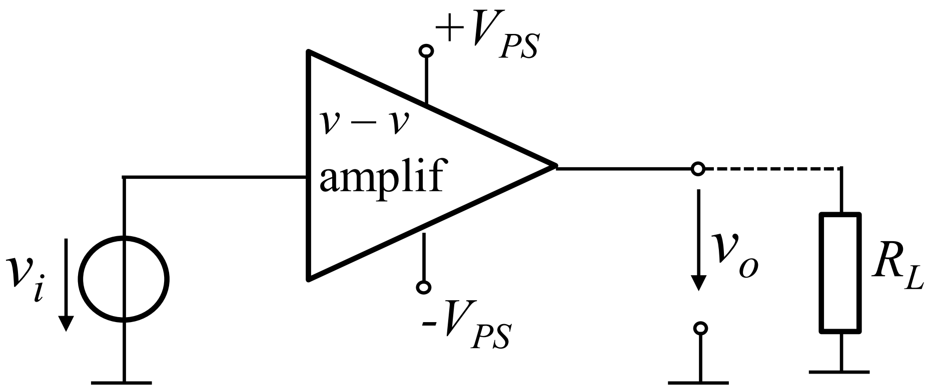
- active two-port network – only one finite, non-zero parameter: forward transfer parameter (gain)
- the output signal (voltage - v_o) is **controlled** by the input signal (voltage - v_i)
- pseudo-sources

Example: VCVS

$$v_O = a_v v_i$$



Noninverting amplifier, symmetric differential supply



$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} A_v &> 0 \\ v_O &= A_v v_i \end{aligned}}$$

- general-purpose op-amp

$$\boxed{v_O \in (-V_{PS} + 1\text{V}\ldots 2\text{V};\ +V_{PS} - 1\text{V}\ldots 2\text{V})}$$

- rail-to-rail op amp:

$$\boxed{v_O \in (-V_{PS}; +V_{PS})}$$

VTC for the voltage-to-voltage, noninverting amplifier, symmetric differential supply

- amplification (active) region:

$$v_I \in \left(\frac{V_{OL}}{A_v}; \frac{V_{OH}}{A_v} \right);$$
$$v_O \in (V_{OL}; V_{OH})$$

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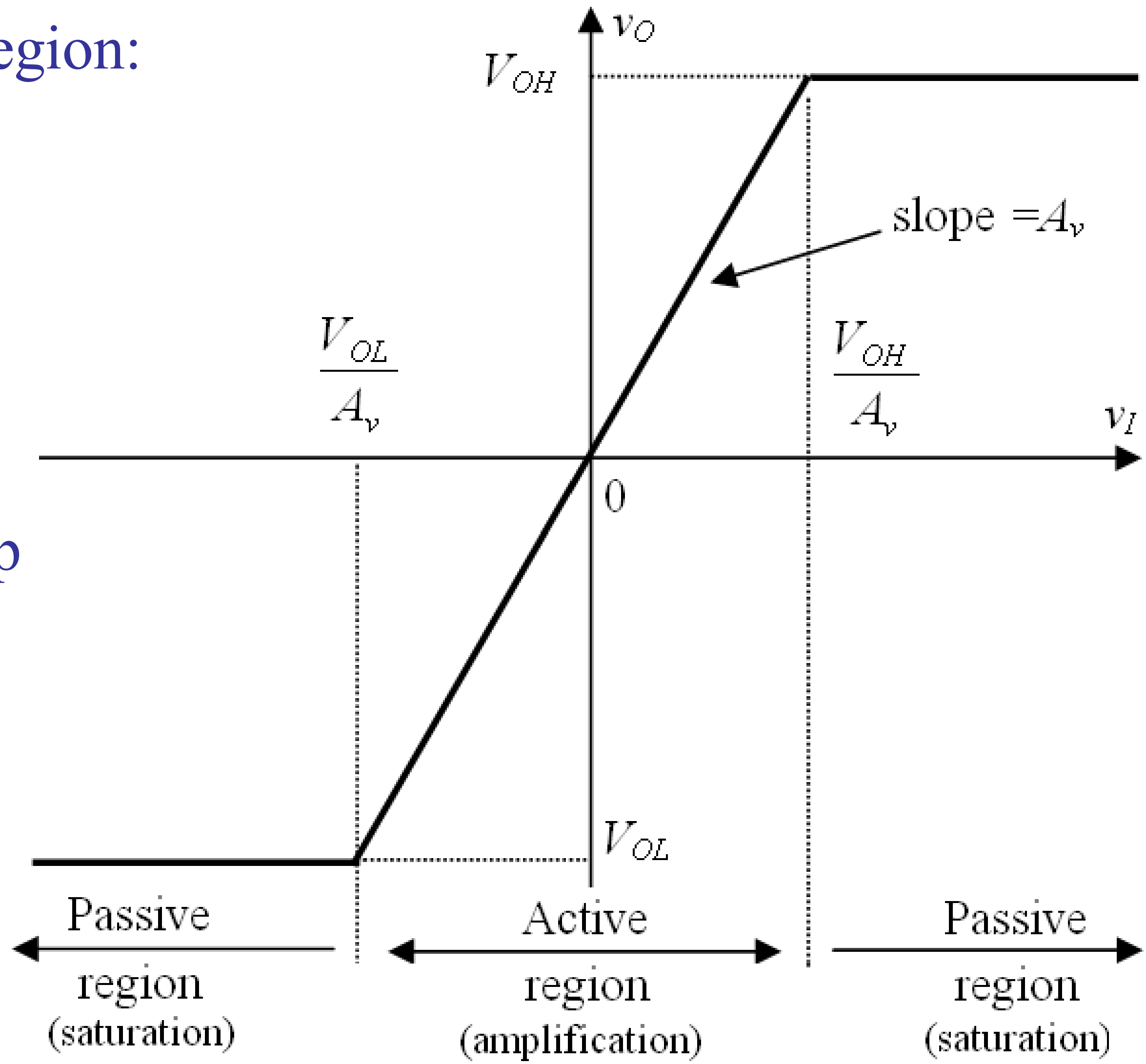
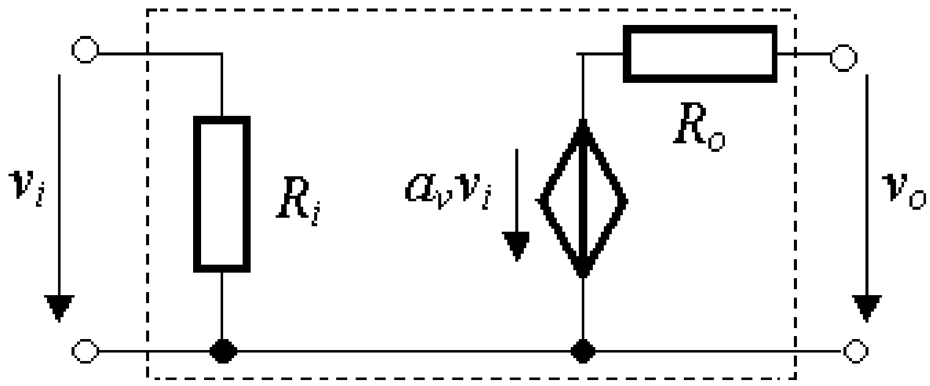


Modeling the voltage amplifier

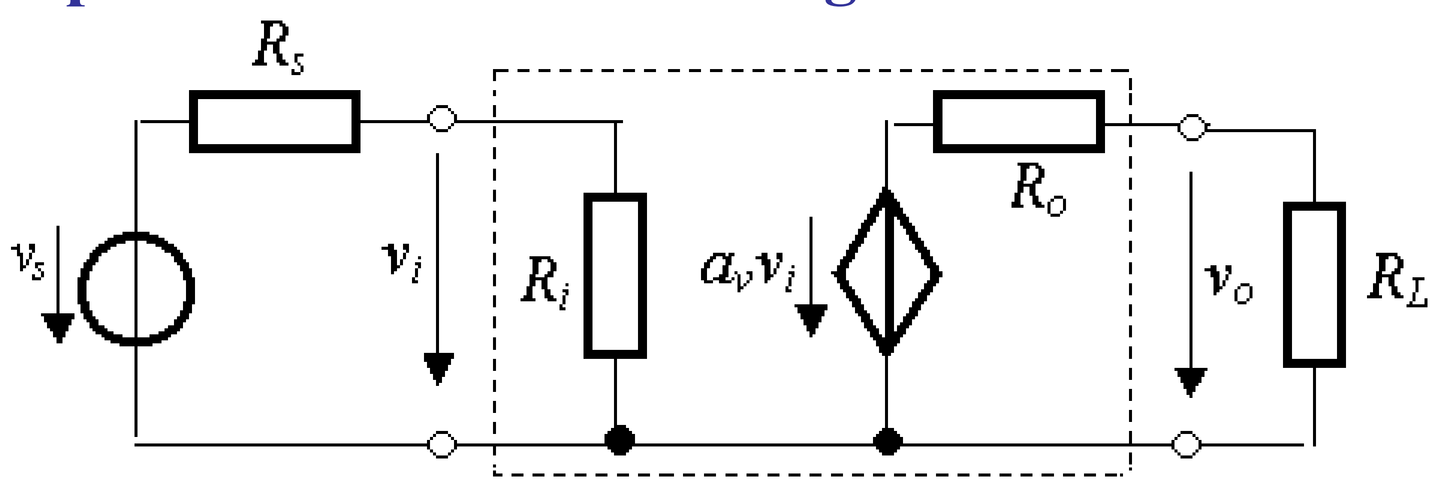


$$a_v = \frac{v_o}{v_i}$$

R_i – draws current from the input signal source

R_o – deteriorates the output voltage in the presence of load (voltage divider)

Amplifier connected with a signal source and a load resistance



ideal voltage amplifier

$\boldsymbol{R_i = \infty; \quad R_o = 0}$

$$v_i = v_s$$

$$v_o = a_v v_i$$

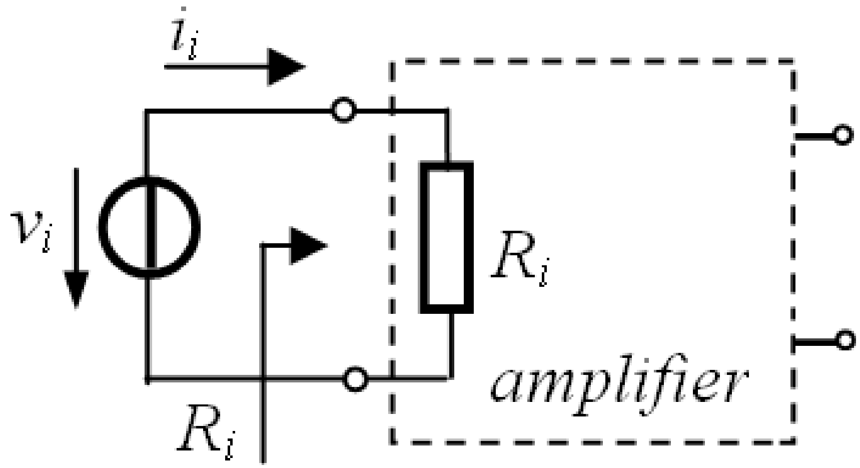
Determining the amplifier performances

- gain (forward transfer factor)
- input resistance
- output resistance

Gain

- analysis of the circuit using theorems and electrical circuit relations (Kirchhoff, Ohm, etc.) and equations describing the operation of the active devices
- express the output signal as a function of the input signal and compute the gain

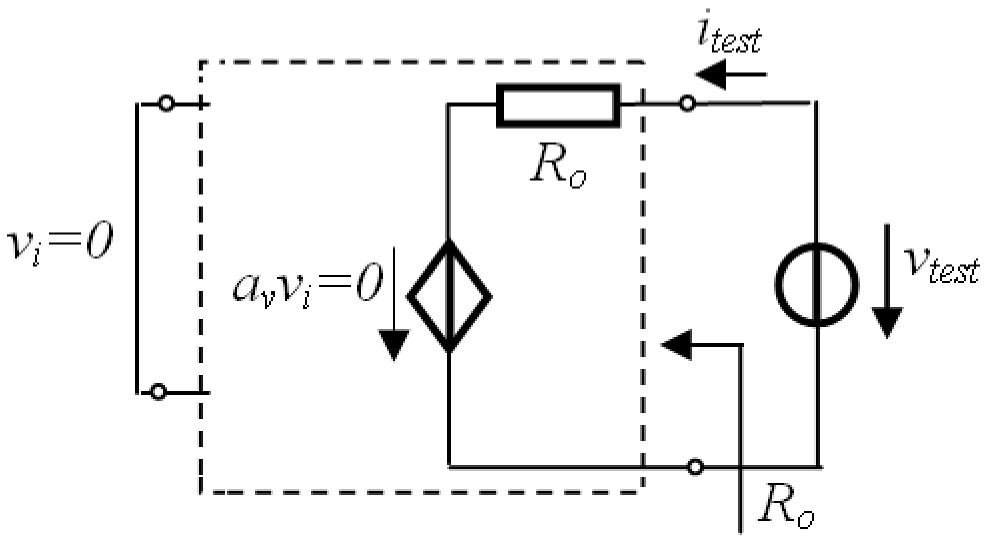
Input resistance



$$R_i = \frac{v_i}{i_i}$$

➢ **The resistance seen by the signal source when it looks to the circuit**

Output resistance



➢ Set the input signal source to zero

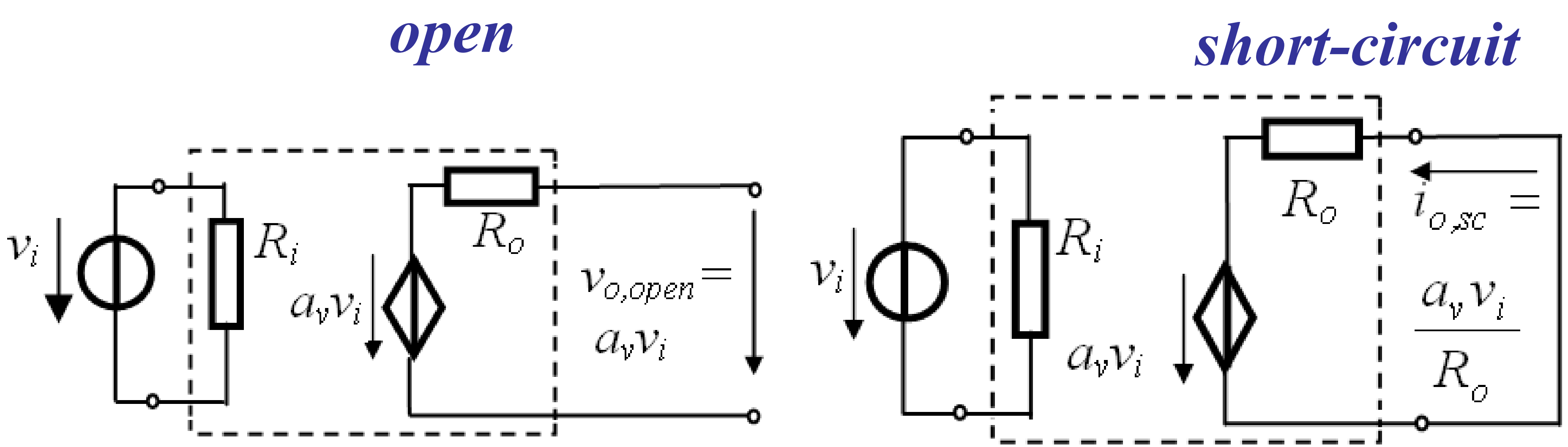
➢ Connect to the output a test source

$$R_o = \frac{v_{test}}{i_{test}}$$

➢ **The resistance seen by the load when it looks back to the circuit and input signal source is set to zero**

Output resistance – alternative method

Optional



$$R_o = \frac{v_{o,open}}{i_{o,sc}}$$