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1. Definition

Ideal Amplifier: An ideal amplifier is a theoretical concept that assumes perfect performance with no limitations. It has infinite input impedance, zero output impedance, infinite gain, and no distortion or noise.

Practical Amplifier: A practical amplifier is a real-world device that has limitations such as finite input/output impedance, limited gain, and the presence of noise, distortion, and other non-ideal characteristics.

2. Input Impedance

Ideal Amplifier: Infinite input impedance, meaning it draws no current from the input source.

Practical Amplifier: Finite input impedance, which can load the input source and affect the signal.

3. Output Impedance

Ideal Amplifier: Zero output impedance, allowing it to drive any load without loss of signal.

Practical Amplifier: Non-zero output impedance, which can cause signal loss when driving low-impedance loads.

4. Gain

Ideal Amplifier: Infinite gain, capable of amplifying any input signal to any desired level.

Practical Amplifier: Finite gain, limited by the design and components used in the amplifier.

5. Bandwidth

Ideal Amplifier: Infinite bandwidth, capable of amplifying all frequencies equally.

Practical Amplifier: Limited bandwidth, with gain decreasing at higher frequencies due to parasitic capacitance and other factors.

6. Noise and Distortion

Ideal Amplifier: No noise or distortion, providing a perfect reproduction of the input signal.

Practical Amplifier: Presence of noise and distortion, which can degrade the quality of the output signal.

7. Power Supply Requirements

Ideal Amplifier: No power supply required (theoretical).

Practical Amplifier: Requires a power supply to operate, with limitations on voltage and current.

8. Temperature and Environmental Effects

Ideal Amplifier: Unaffected by temperature or environmental conditions.

Practical Amplifier: Performance can vary with temperature and environmental conditions, requiring thermal management and protection circuits.

9. Cost and Size

Ideal Amplifier: No cost or size considerations (theoretical).

Practical Amplifier: Cost and size are important factors, influencing design and component selection.