

Highlights of *Fundamentals of Microelectronics*

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1 Introduction to Microelectronics

Voltage Gain

Voltage gain A_v in a voltage amplifier:

$$A_v = \frac{v_{\text{out}}}{v_{\text{in}}}. \quad (1)$$

Expressed in decibels (dB):

$$A_v|_{\text{dB}} = 20 \log \frac{v_{\text{out}}}{v_{\text{in}}}. \quad (2)$$

Kirchoff's Laws

The Kirchoff Current Law (KCL). The sum of all currents flowing *into* a node is zero:

$$\sum_j I_j = 0. \quad (3)$$

The Kirchoff Voltage Law (KVL). The sum of voltage drops around any closed loop in a circuit is zero:

$$\sum_j V_j = 0. \quad (4)$$

Thevenin and Norton Equivalents

Thevenin's theorem. A linear one-port network can be replaced with a voltage source in series with an impedance. The *equivalent voltage* v_{Thev} can be calculated by leaving the port open; The *equivalent impedance* Z_{Thev} can be determined by setting all independent voltage and current sources to zero.

Norton's theorem. A linear one-port network can be replaced with a current source in parallel with an impedance. The *equivalent current* i_{Nor} can be obtained by shorting the port; The *equivalent impedance* Z_{Nor} can be determined by setting all independent voltage and current sources to zero.

Note that $Z_{\text{Thev}} = Z_{\text{Nor}}$.

2 Basic Physics of Semiconductors

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