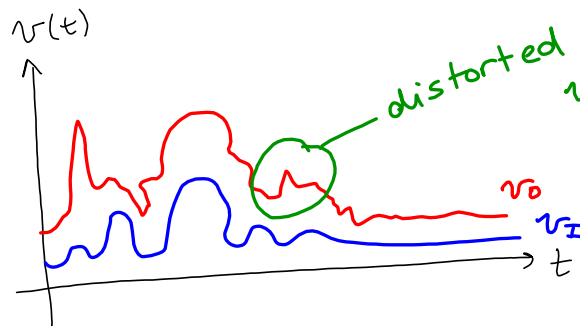
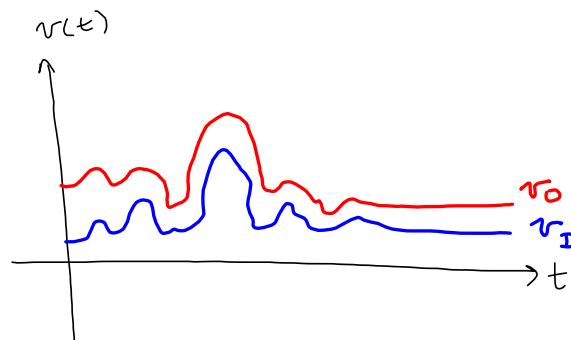


$v_I$  is a weak or small signal (mV to  $\mu$ V)

$v_o$  is the amplified version of  $v_I$  (.1V to 1V)

Good amplification  $\Rightarrow$  Linear  $v_o = A v_I$   
 $\uparrow$   
 constant



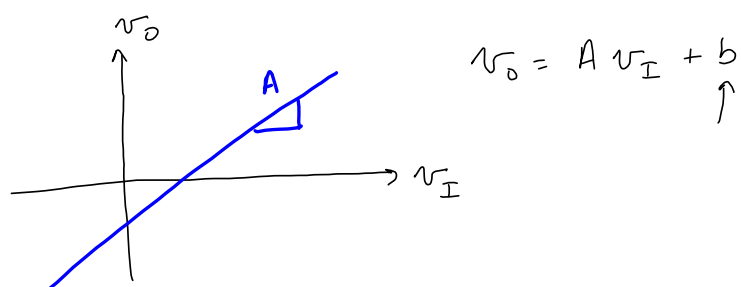
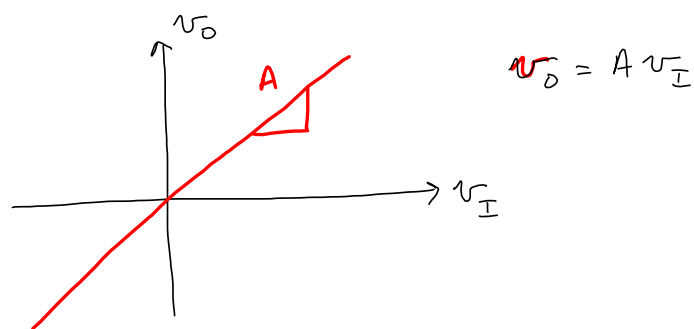
distorted

$$v_o = A v_I$$

$$v_o = A v_I + \{ A v_I^2 + A v_I^3 \dots \}$$

get rid

voltage transfer characteristic: (VTC)



Amplifier design goals  $\Rightarrow$  linear amplification  
no distortion

## Amplifier Types

voltage amps  $\Rightarrow v_o = A_v \cdot v_i$        $A_v \equiv$  voltage gain

current amps  $\Rightarrow i_o = A_i \cdot i_i$        $A_i \equiv$  current gain

power amps  $\Rightarrow p_o = A_p \cdot p_i$        $A_p \equiv$  power gain

$$A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_i} \left( \frac{V}{V} \right) \quad A_i = \frac{i_o}{i_i} \left( \frac{A}{A} \right) \quad A_p = \frac{p_o}{p_i} \left( \frac{W}{W} \right)$$

$$= \frac{v_o i_o}{v_i i_i} = \left( \frac{VA}{VA} \right)$$

if using log scale  $\Rightarrow$  express gain in dB.

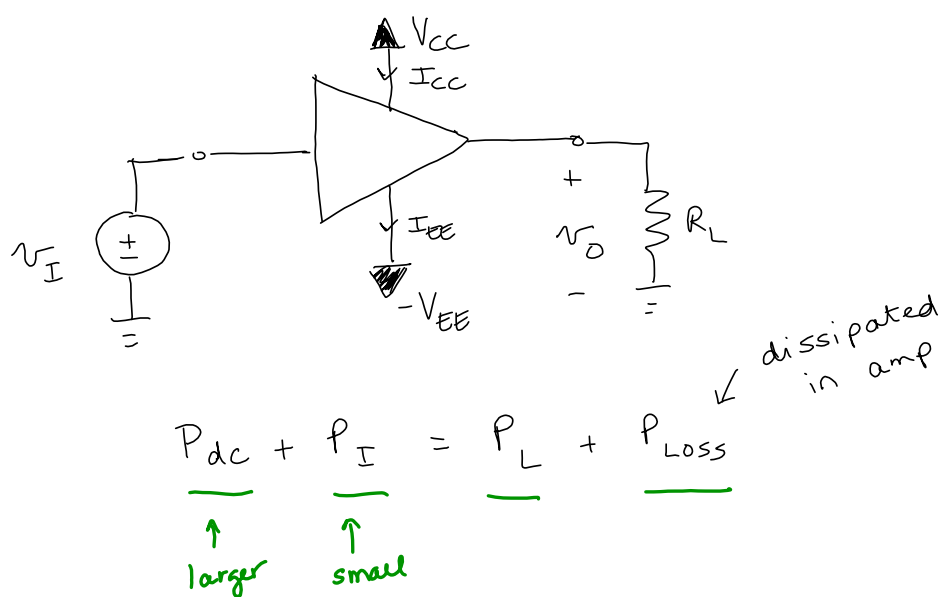
dB

$$A_v = 20 \log |A_v|$$

$$A_v = -10 \text{ V/V}$$

$$A_i = 20 \log |A_i|$$

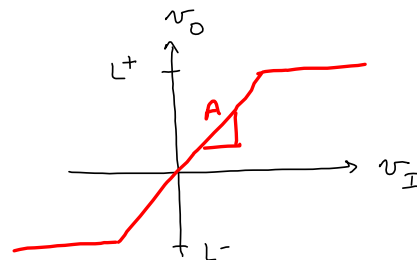
$$A_p = 10 \log |A_p|$$



amplifier efficiency:  $\eta = \frac{P_L}{P_{dc}} \times 100 \Rightarrow$  percent efficiency

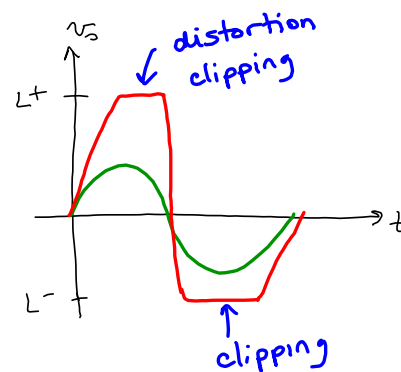
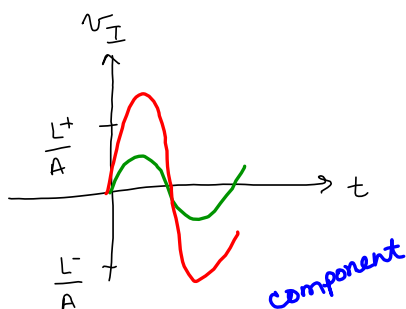
# Amplifier saturation

$$v_o = A v_I$$



$$\frac{L^-}{A} \leq v_I \leq \frac{L^+}{A}$$

$L^+, L^-$  are typically  
90-99% of the dc  
supply



total signal

$$v_o = V_o + v_o(t)$$

$$i_A = I_A + i_a(t)$$

dc component  
dc bias

AC component  
small-signal component

large signal resistance  $R_i, R_o, R_I, R_O$

small signal resistance  $r_\pi, r_o, r_i$