
Lesson 17

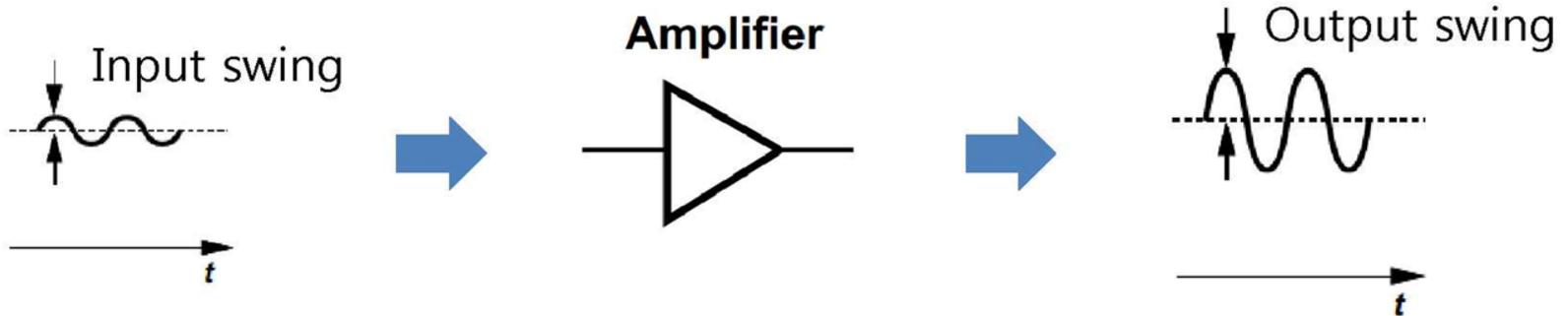
Common-Emitter Stage

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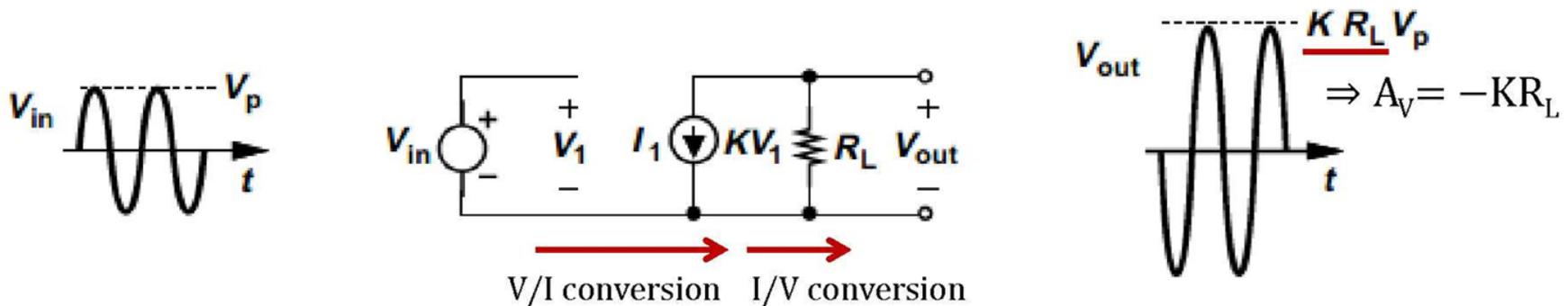
- Youtube: Lec. 19; from 28 min to end, Lec. 20
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• Amplifier



$$\text{Voltage gain} = \frac{\text{Output swing}}{\text{Input swing}} = A_V$$

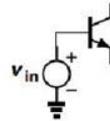


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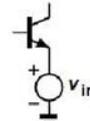
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- Topology

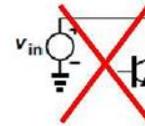
Input cases \Rightarrow



(a)



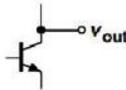
(b)



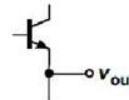
(c)

($\because V_{in}$ does not affect the base or emitter voltages.)

Output cases \Rightarrow



(d)



(e)

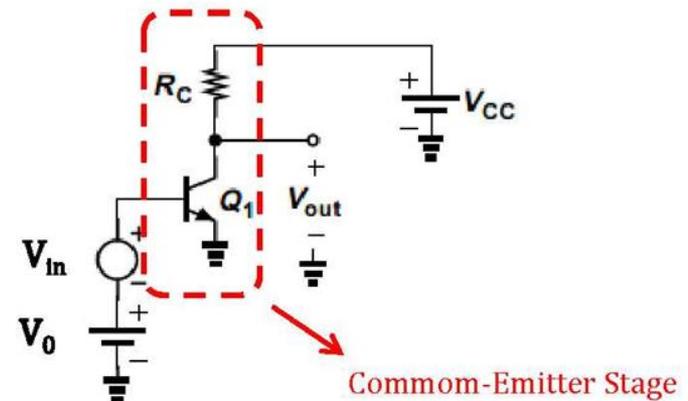
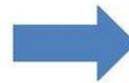
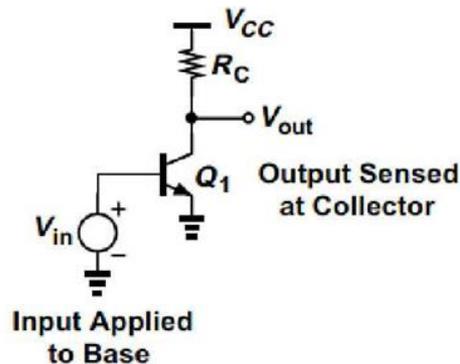


(f)

($\because V_{out}$ is not a function of the collector current.)

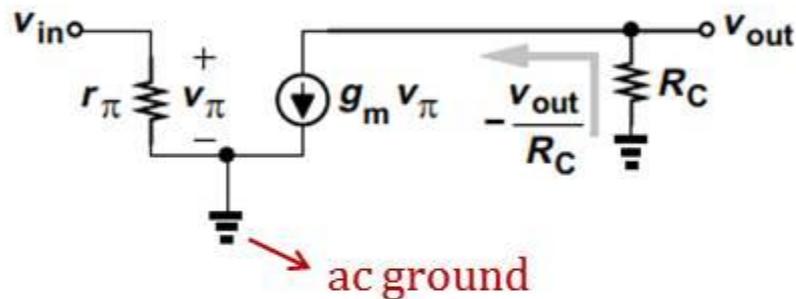
(b) + (e) (x) ($\because V_{in} = V_{out} \Rightarrow$ No function)

- Common-Emitter Topology



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- **Small-Signal Voltage Gain**
(Assume $V_A = \infty$)



$$v_{\pi} = v_{in} \Rightarrow g_m * v_{\pi} = g_m * v_{in}$$

$$g_m * v_{in} = -\frac{v_{out}}{R_C} \Rightarrow \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = -g_m * R_C = A_V$$

$$A_V = -g_m * (\text{total resistance tied between the collector and ac ground})$$

※ A_V in active region

$$|A_V| = g_m R_C = \frac{I_C R_C}{V_T}$$

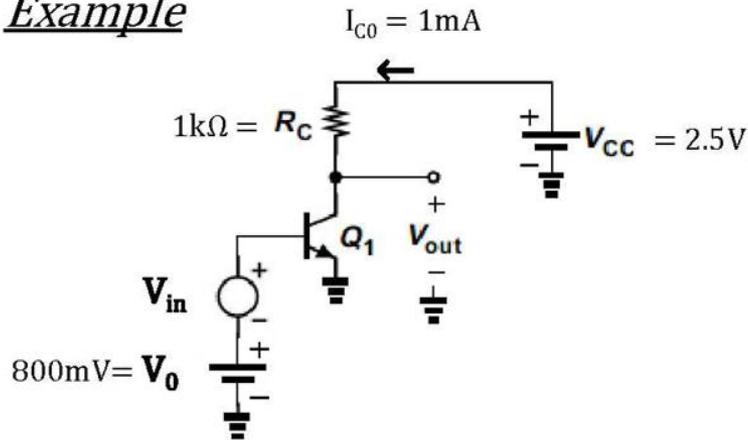
$$\Rightarrow |A_V| < \frac{V_{CC}}{V_T} \quad (\because V_{RC} < V_{CC})$$

$$\Rightarrow |A_V| < \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{V_T} \quad (\because V_{BE} < V_{CC})$$

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- **Small-Signal Voltage Gain**
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Example



$$g_m = \frac{1mA}{26mV} = \frac{1}{26\Omega}$$

$$A_V = -g_m * R_C = -1k\Omega * \frac{1}{26\Omega} \approx -38$$

$$(V_{CE} = V_{CC} - V_{RC} = 2.5V - 1V = 1.5V > V_{BE})$$

※ **Double A_V**

$$A_V = -g_m * R_C$$

$$i) R_C \Rightarrow 2R_C$$

$$R_C = 2k\Omega$$

$$V_{CE} = 2.5V - 2V = 0.5V < V_{BE} \Rightarrow \text{Saturation}$$

$$ii) g_m \Rightarrow 2g_m$$

$$g_m = -\frac{I_C}{V_T} * R_C$$

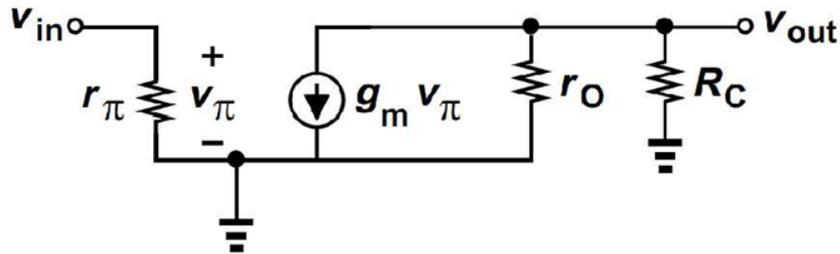
$$\text{Double } I_C \Rightarrow I_C * R_C \text{ doubles} \Rightarrow V_{CE} < V_{BE}$$

\Rightarrow **Saturation**

$$|A_V| < \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{V_T} = \frac{1700mV}{26mV} \approx 65.3$$

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- Inclusion of Early Effect



$$A_V = -g_m * (r_o \parallel R_C)$$

$$\text{※ } R_C \rightarrow \infty$$

$$A_V = -g_m * r_o$$

$$= -\frac{I_C}{V_T} * \frac{V_A}{I_C} = -\frac{V_A}{V_T} \Rightarrow \text{const.}$$

$g_m * r_o$: intrinsic gain of the transistor

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Thank you