

Definition

Amplifier object

- Three electrical ports
- input port: connection to signal source
- output port: connection to load
- power port: connection to power supply

Amplification function

- provide load with accurate copy of source signal

Characteristic property

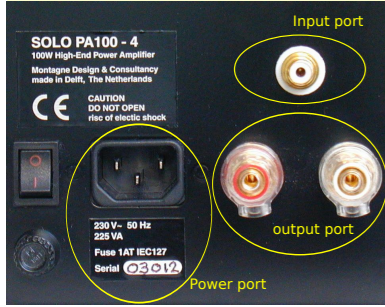
- Available power gain exceeds unity

Functional model

- Two-port input and output port only
- Active (delivers power)
- Linear, instantaneous, and time-invariant:

$$y(t) = Ax(t)$$

$$A = \text{constant}$$



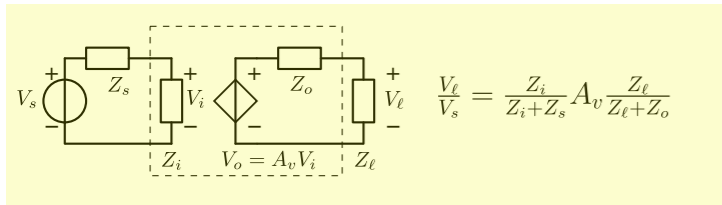
Example voltage amplifier

Source

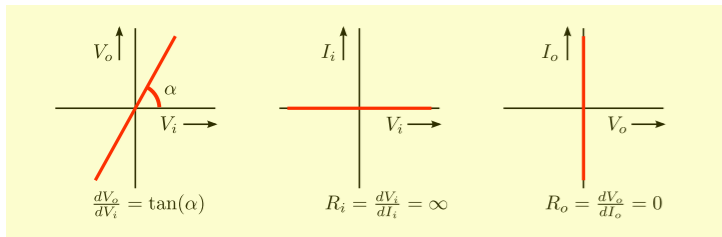
- Information accurately related to open-circuit voltage
- Source impedance inaccurately known

Load

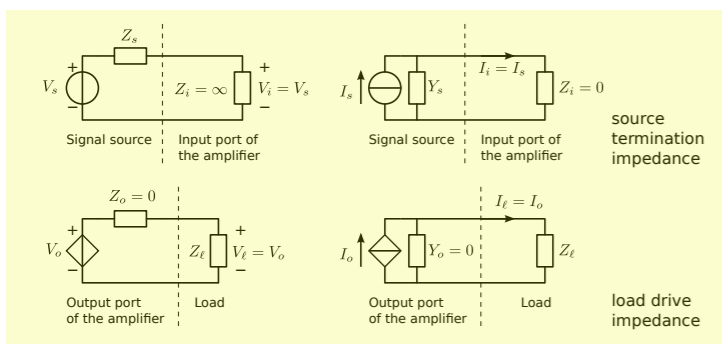
- Information accurately related to driving voltage
- Load impedance inaccurately known



Ideal characteristics



Source termination impedance and load drive impedance



Amplifier types

Follow from best source termination and load drive conditions for accurate signal transfer

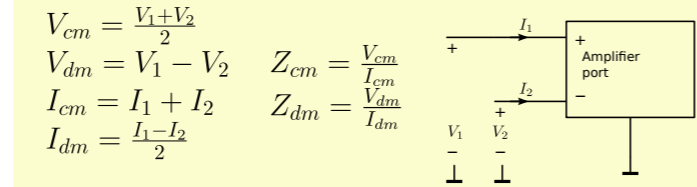
signal transfer	Type	Zi	Zo	A	B	C	D
voltage amplifier	transadmittance	infinite	0	A	0	0	0
transadmittance	transimpedance	infinite	infinite	0	B	0	0
transimpedance	current amplifier	0	0	0	0	C	0
voltage to voltage / current	voltage to voltage / current	0	infinite	0	0	0	D
current to voltage / current	voltage / current to voltage	infinite	Ro	A	B	0	0
voltage / current to voltage	voltage / current to voltage	0	Ro	0	0	C	D
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Amplifiers, concept, types and ideal behavioral models

Port isolation properties

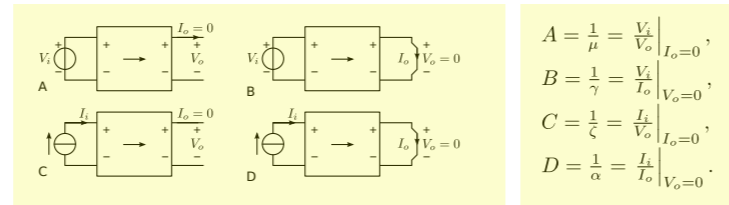
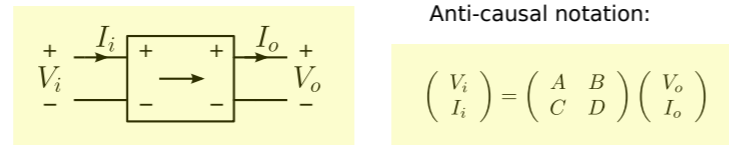
input-output	input-power	output-power	configuration
non-isolated	non-isolated	non-isolated	common-ground
non-isolated	non-isolated	isolated	x
non-isolated	isolated	non-isolated	differential receiver
non-isolated	isolated	isolated	floating supply
isolated	non-isolated	non-isolated	x
isolated	non-isolated	isolated	differential driver
isolated	isolated	non-isolated	x
isolated	isolated	isolated	differential receiver / driver

Floating port modeling and characterization

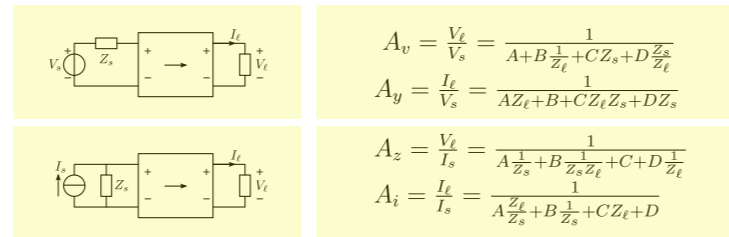


Modeling of ideal behavior (natural two-port)

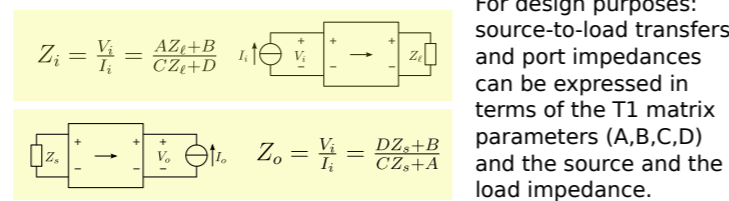
Transmission-1 matrix representation



Source-to-load transfer



Port impedances



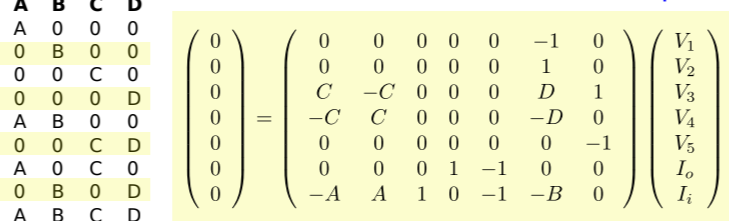
Unilateral amplifier types

Zero reverse transfer

$$AC = BD$$

Nullor and six non-unilateral types not listed in the table

Network model

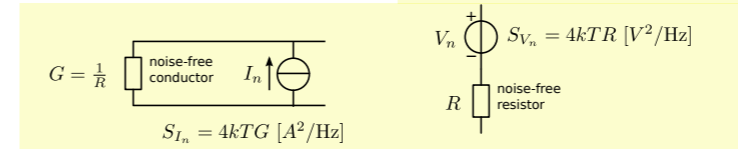


Amplifiers, modeling / characterization of non-ideal behavior

Noise

Thermal noise

Noise in conductors caused by thermal (Brownian) motion (Brown 1828). Experimentally detected by Johnson (1928) and explained by Nyquist (1928).



Shot noise

Noise current associated with a DC current through a junction.

$$S_{I_n} = 2qI_J$$

Excess noise

Noise current resulting from fluctuations in conduction mechanism.

In junctions

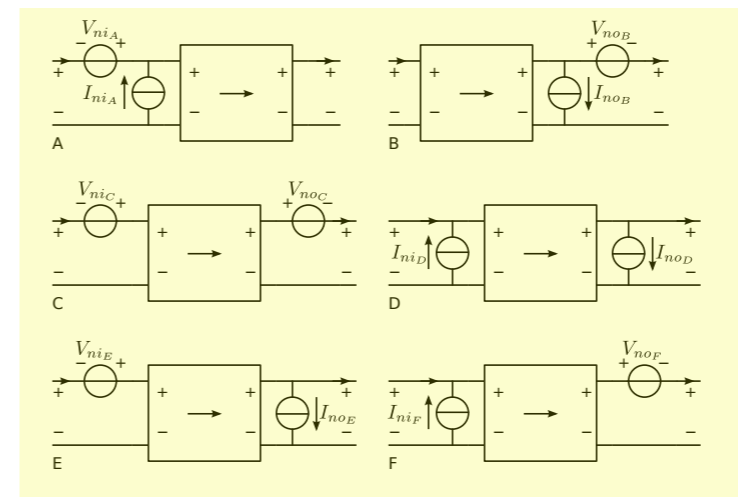
$$S_{I_n} = K \frac{I_J^2}{f}$$

In resistors

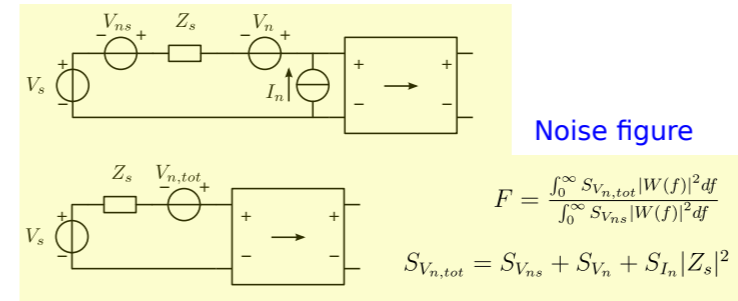
$$S_{V_n} = K \frac{V_R^2}{f}$$

Noisy two-ports

4 port variables: 2 independent, 2 dependent: 6 representations:



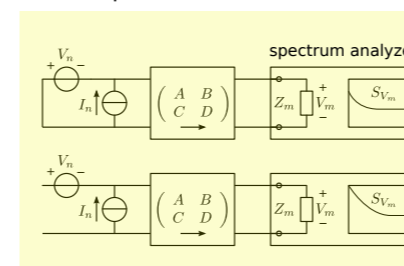
Equivalent input representation (A) convenient at an early stage of the design. Represent total noise in source type with Thevenin / Norton equivalent networks:



Determination of equivalent input noise sources

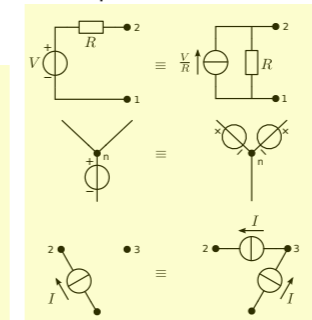
By measurements

- Measure spectrum of the output noise for open and shorted input
- Calculate input noise sources from load impedance and A,B,C,D.



By analysis

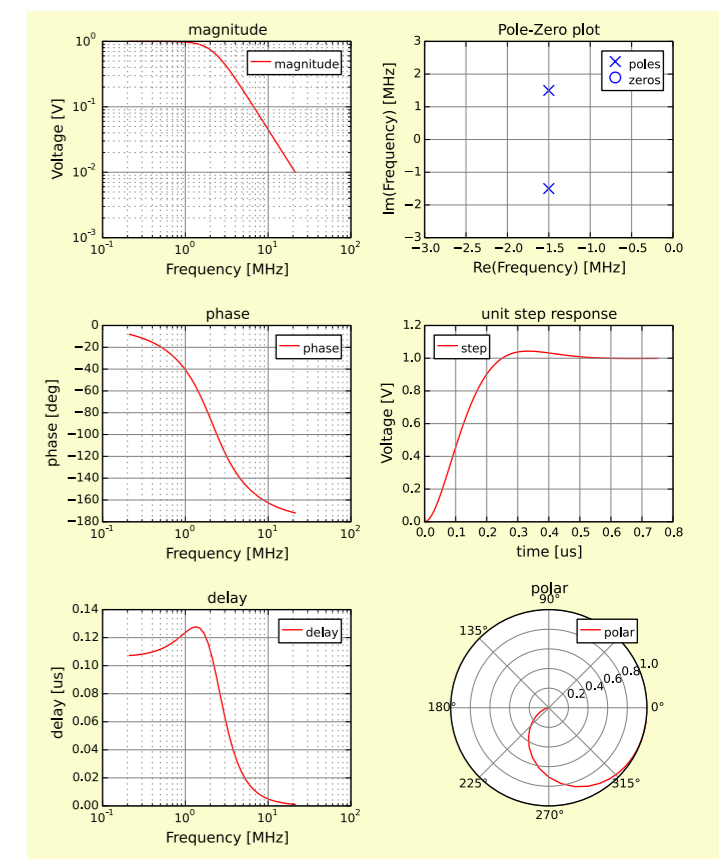
Source transformation techniques or MNA



Dynamic behavior

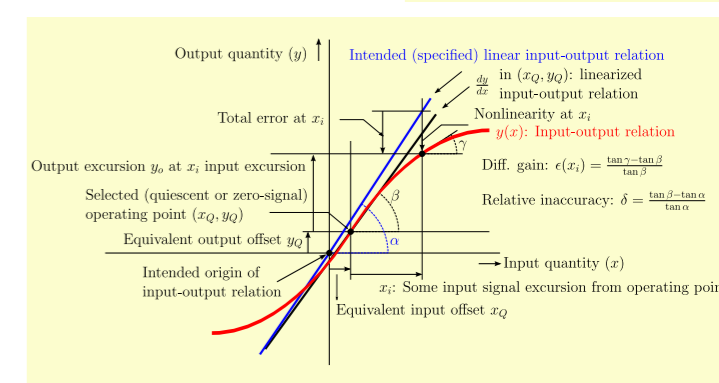
Small-signal dynamic behavior

Time domain: unit impulse or unit step response
Frequency domain: Bode plots (frequency characteristics)
Complex frequency domain: poles and zeros



Nonlinear behavior

Static nonlinear behavior



Rate-independent / frequency-independent distortion

- offset, nonlinearity, differential gain, dead zone, saturation, rate-independent hysteresis
- THD, IMD, gain compression

Dynamic nonlinear behavior

Rate-dependent / frequency-dependent distortion

- THD, IMD
- gain compression
- differential-gain
- differential-phase
- rate-dependent hysteresis
- slew rate
- full-power bandwidth
- overdrive recovery

