

1. Ohm's law relates V , I , and R for a resistor. For each of the situations following, find the missing item:

(a) ($2\frac{1}{2}$ points) $R = 1\text{ k}\Omega$, $V = 5\text{ V}$

Solution: $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{5V}{1k} = 5mA$

(b) ($2\frac{1}{2}$ points) $V = 5\text{ V}$, $I = 1\text{ mA}$

Solution: $R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{5V}{1mA} = 5k$

(c) ($2\frac{1}{2}$ points) $R = 10\text{ k}\Omega$, $I = 0.1\text{ mA}$

Solution: $V = IR = 10k * 0.1mA = 1V$

(d) ($2\frac{1}{2}$ points) $R = 100\ \Omega$, $V = 1\text{ V}$

Solution: $I = V/R = 10mA$

2. FIG 1 (a) shows a two-resistor voltage divider. Its function is to generate a voltage V_o (smaller than the power-supply voltage V_{DD}) at its output node X. The circuit looking back at node X is equivalent to that shown in FIG 1 (b). Observe that this is the Thevenin equivalent of the voltage-divider circuit.

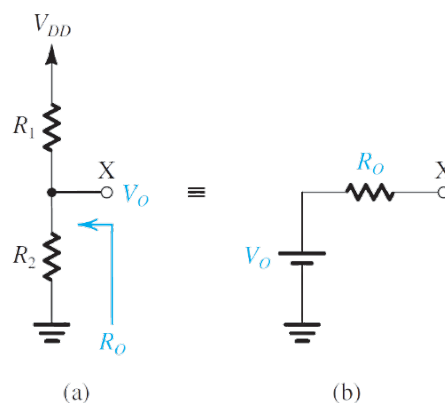


FIGURE 1. Two-resistor voltage divider.

(a) (5 points) Find expressions for V_o for $V_{DD} = 5V$, $R_1 = R_2 = 1k$



Solution: $V_o = V_{DD} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{5V \cdot 1k}{2k} = 2.5V$
According to the Thevenin equivalent principal, R_o is found by shorting V_{DD} into the node X.

(b) (5 points) Find expressions for R_o for $V_{DD} = 5V, R_1 = R_2 = 1k$

Solution: $R_o = R_1 || R_2 = \frac{R_1 \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 500\Omega$

3. (20 points) An amplifier has the following RMS¹ characteristics: $v_I = 100mV, i_I = 100\mu A, v_o = 10V, R_L = 100\Omega$. Find its the voltage, current, and power gains (A_v, A_i , and A_p , respectively) both as ratios and in dB

Solution: $A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_I} = \frac{10V}{100mV} = 100V/V = 20 \log_{10} 100 = 40dB$
 $A_i = \frac{i_o}{i_I} = \frac{v_o/R_L}{i_I} = \frac{10V/100\Omega}{100\mu A} = \frac{1000A}{100\mu A} = 10000 = 20 \log_{10} 10000 = 60dB$
 $A_p = \frac{v_o \cdot i_o}{v_I \cdot i_I} = 100 \cdot 10000 = 10^5 W/W = 50dB$

4. Suppose you are part of team that needs to design a voltage amplifier which will be driven from a signal source v_s with an amplitude of $v_s = 5mV$ peak amplitude and a source resistance of $R_s = 10k\Omega$. Assuming that the amplifier must supply a peak output of $v_o = 2V$ across a $R_L = 1k\Omega$ load ...

(a) (5 points) What is the required voltage gain from the source to the load?

Solution: The voltage gain is

$$A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_s} = \frac{2V}{0.005V} = 400V/V \tag{1}$$

(b) (5 points) If the peak current available from the source is $0.1\mu A$, what is the smallest input resistance allowed?

Solution: The smallest input resistor R_i that is allowed is given

$$0.1\mu A = \frac{5mV}{R_s + R_i} \Leftrightarrow R_s + R_i = 50k\Omega \Rightarrow R_i = 40k\Omega \tag{2}$$

¹ Remember the root-mean-square (RMS) value of a voltage V_a is equal to $V_{RMS} = \frac{V_a}{\sqrt{2}}$

- (c) (5 points) For the design with the value of R_i obtained in question (b) above, find the overall current gain and power gain.

Solution:

- For $R_i = 40\text{ k}\Omega$ and $0.1\ \mu\text{A}$ peak current, the overall current gain is

$$\frac{v_o/R_L}{i_i} = \frac{\frac{2V}{1\text{ k}\Omega}}{0.1\ \mu\text{A}} = 2 \times 10^4\text{ A/A} \quad (3)$$

- If we take into consideration the power dissipated into the internal resistor of the source, the overall power gain is given

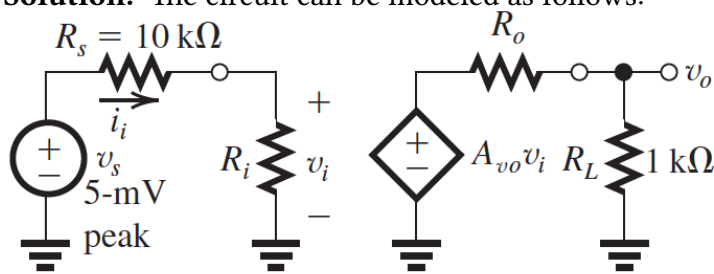
$$\frac{P_o(rms)}{P_i(rms)} = \frac{v_o^2(rms)/R_L}{v_s(rms) \times i_i(rms)} \quad (4)$$

The above equation reduces to (in RMS values):

$$\frac{\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2/1000}{\frac{5 \times 10^{-3}}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{0.1 \times 10^{-6}}{\sqrt{2}}} = 8 \times 10^6\text{ W/W} \quad (5)$$

- (d) (5 points) If the amplifier power supply limits the peak value of the output open-circuit voltage to 3 V, what is the largest output resistance allowed?

Solution: The circuit can be modeled as follows:



If the amplifier power supply limits the peak value of the output open-circuit voltage to 3 V, then largest value of the output resistor R_o is given by

$$R_o = 3V \times \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_o} = 2 \quad (6)$$

Thus, the maximum output resistor allowed is given by

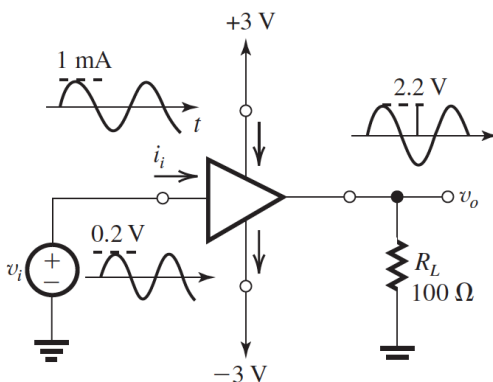
$$R_o = \frac{1}{2}R_L = 500\ \Omega \quad (7)$$

5. A spectrum analyzer is used to measure a square a square-wave signal. The spectrum analyzer is a frequency-selective voltmeter and show its spectrum to contain adjacent components (spectrallines) at 98 kHz and 126 kHz of amplitudes 63 mV and 49 mV, respectively.
- (5 points) For this signal, what would direct measurement of the fundamental show its frequency and amplitude to be?
 - (5 points) What is the RMS value of the fundamental?
 - (5 points) What are the peak-to-peak amplitude and period of the originating square wave?

Solution: Please skip this question. It was not covered in our lectures

6. An amplifier operating from $\pm 3V$ supplies provides a $2.2V$ peak sine wave across a $100\ \Omega$ load when provided with a $0.2\ V$ peak input from which $1.0\ mA$ peak is drawn. The average current in each supply is measured to be $20\ mA$.
- (5 points) Find the voltage gain of the amplifier

Solution:
The amplifier can be modeled as follows



The voltage gain, v_o/v_i is given by

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{2.2}{0.2} = 11V/V = 20.8dB \quad (8)$$

- (5 points) Find the current gain of the amplifier



Solution: The current gain

$$\frac{I_o}{I_i} = \frac{2.2/0.1}{1} = 22A/A = 26.8dB \quad (9)$$

(c) (5 points) Find the power gain of the amplifier and express it in decibels

Solution:

$$\frac{V_o I_o / 2}{V_i I_i / 2} = 11 \times 22 = 242W/W = 23.8dB \quad (10)$$

(d) (10 points) Find the supply power, amplifier dissipation, and amplifier efficiency.

Solution: The supply power is

$$\frac{V_o^2}{2R_L \times \frac{1}{\eta}} = \frac{2.2^2}{2 \times 0.1 \times 0.1} = 242mW \quad (11)$$