

# Analog Electronic

ENEE236

**FET Amplifiers**  
**ac small signal analysis**  
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## Definition: Transconductance $g_m$

For JFETs and DMOSFETs

$$g_m = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}} = \frac{2I_{DSS}}{|V_P|} \left[ 1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right]$$

$$g_m = g_{m0} \left[ 1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right] = g_{m0} \sqrt{\frac{I_D}{I_{DSS}}} \quad g_{m0} = \frac{2I_{DSS}}{|V_P|}$$

For EMOSFET

$$I_D = K(V_{GS} - V_{GS(TH)})^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_m = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}} = 2K(V_{GS} - V_{GS(TH)})$$

$$K = \frac{I_D}{(V_{GS} - V_{GS(TH)})^2} \quad (V_{GS} - V_{GS(TH)}) = \sqrt{\frac{I_D}{K}}$$

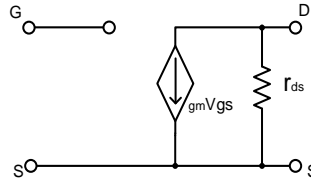
$$\therefore g_m = 2K \sqrt{\frac{I_D}{K}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{I_D K^2}{K}} = 2\sqrt{I_D K}$$

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## AC Small Signal Equivalent Circuit (MODEL Valid for all FET Types)

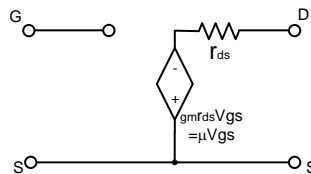
- In ac

$$g_m = \frac{i_d}{v_{gs}} \Rightarrow i_d = g_m v_{gs}$$



- Or

$$\mu = g_m r_{ds} \text{ - amplification factor}$$



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## FET Impedance

**Input impedance:**

$$Z_i = \infty \Omega$$

**Output Impedance:**

$$Z_o = r_{ds} = \frac{1}{y_{os}} \quad \text{where} \quad r_{ds} = \left. \frac{\Delta V_{DS}}{\Delta I_D} \right|_{V_{GS} = \text{constant}}$$

$y_{os}$  = admittance parameter listed on FET spec sheets

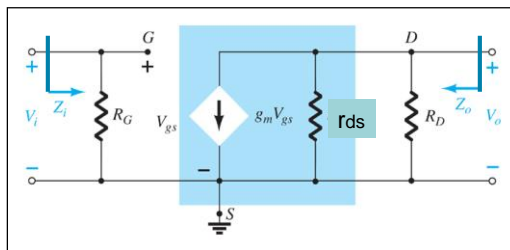
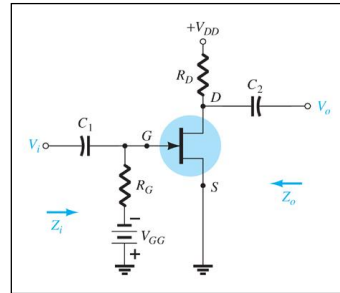
## Common-Source (CS) Fixed-Bias

The input is applied to the gate and the output is taken from the drain

There is a 180° phase shift between the circuit input and output

**To construct ac ss equivalent circuit**

- 1) C1 & C2 are replaced by short
- 2)  $V_{DD}=0$  V (short)
- 3) FET ac ss MODEL



## Calculations

**Input impedance:**

$$Z_i = R_G$$

**Output impedance:**

$$Z_o \Big|_{V_i=0} = R_D // r_{ds}$$

$$Z_o \Big|_{V_i=0} \cong R_D \quad r_{ds} \geq 10R_D$$

**Voltage gain:**

$$V_i = V_{gs}$$

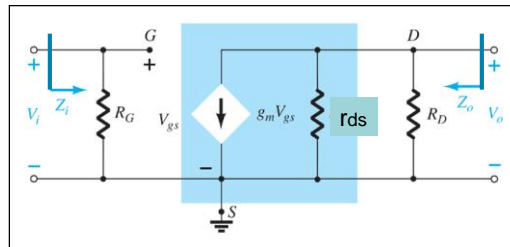
$$V_o = V_{ds}$$

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{V_{ds}}{V_{gs}}$$

$$V_{ds} = -g_m V_{gs} (r_{ds} // R_D)$$

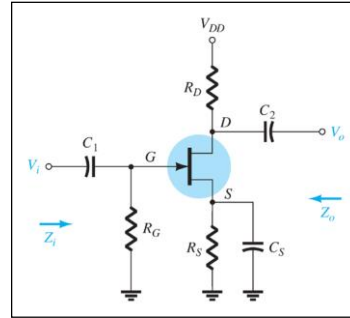
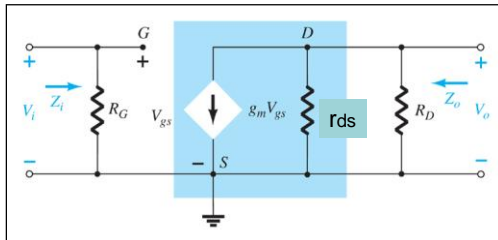
$$A_v = \frac{V_{ds}}{V_{gs}} = -g_m (r_{ds} // R_D)$$

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = -g_m R_D \quad r_{ds} \geq 10R_D$$



## Common-Source (CS) Self-Bias

This is a common-source amplifier configuration, so the input is applied to the gate, and the output is taken from the drain.



There is a 180° phase shift between input and output.

## Calculations

**Input impedance:**

$$Z_i = R_G$$

**Output impedance:**

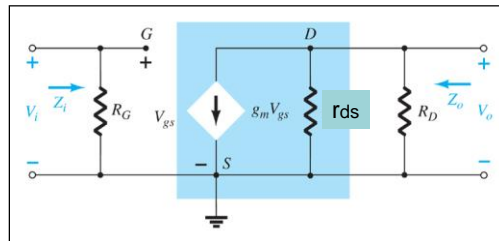
$$Z_o = r_{ds} // R_D$$

$$Z_o \cong R_D \quad | \quad r_{ds} \geq 10 R_D$$

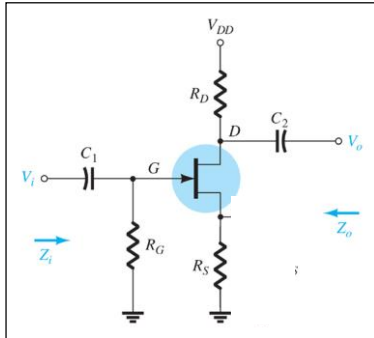
**Voltage gain:**

$$A_v = -g_m (r_{ds} // R_D)$$

$$A_v = -g_m R_D \quad | \quad r_{ds} \geq 10 R_D$$



## Common-Source (CS) Self-Bias Effect of $R_s$ (ignore $r_{ds}$ )



$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i}$$

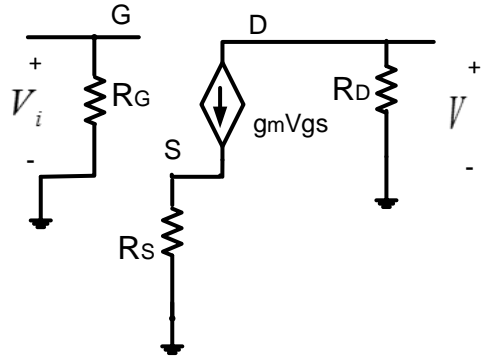
$$V_o = -g_m V_{gs} (R_D)$$

$$V_s = g_m V_{gs} (R_S)$$

$$V_g = V_i$$

$$V_{gs} = V_g - V_s = V_i - g_m V_{gs} R_S$$

$$\Rightarrow V_i = V_{gs} + g_m V_{gs} R_S$$

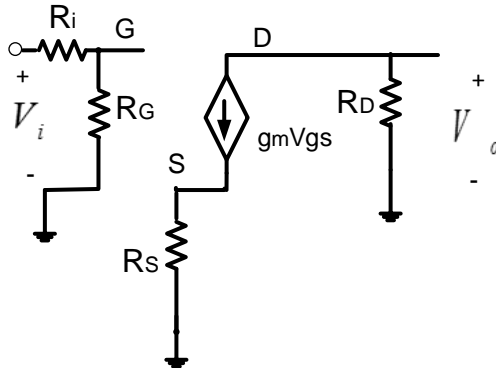


$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{-g_m V_{gs} R_D}{V_{gs} + g_m V_{gs} R_S}$$

$$A_v = \frac{-g_m R_D}{1 + g_m R_S}$$

Gain is reduced due to  $R_S$

## Common-Source (CS) Self-Bias Effect of $R_i$



$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i}$$

$$V_o = -g_m V_{gs} (R_D)$$

$$V_s = g_m V_{gs} (R_S)$$

$$V_g = \frac{R_G}{R_G + R_i} V_i$$

$$V_{gs} = V_g - V_s = \frac{R_G}{R_G + R_i} V_i - g_m V_{gs} R_S$$

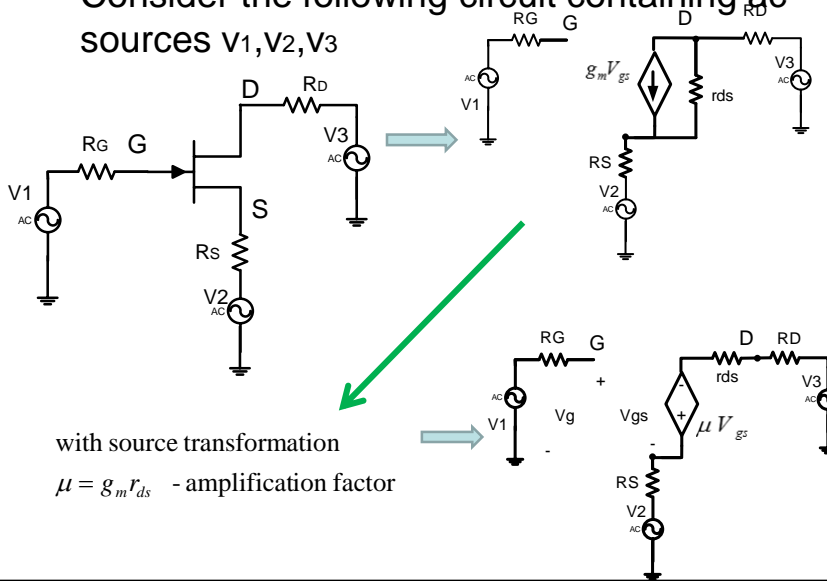
$$\Rightarrow V_i = V_{gs} (1 + g_m R_S) \frac{R_G + R_i}{R_G}$$

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{-g_m R_D}{1 + g_m R_S} \frac{R_G}{R_G + R_i}$$

Gain is reduced more due to  $R_i$

## Impedance Reflection

- Consider the following circuit containing ac sources  $V_1, V_2, V_3$



## Impedance Reflection

KVL for the drain - source loop

$$V_3 - i_D R_D - i_D r_{ds} - i_D R_S + \mu V_{gs} - V_2 = 0 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

but

$$V_{gs} = V_g - V_S = V_g - (i_D R_S + V_2) \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

substituting (2) in (1) yields:

$$V_3 - i_D R_D - i_D r_{ds} - i_D R_S + \mu (V_g - (i_D R_S + V_2)) - V_2 = 0$$

$$V_3 - i_D R_D - i_D r_{ds} - i_D R_S + \mu V_g - \mu i_D R_S - \mu V_2 - V_2 = 0$$

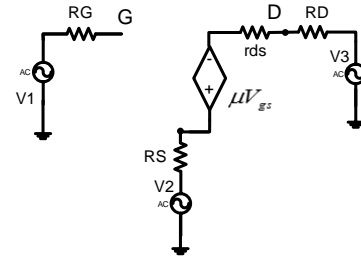
$$V_3 - i_D R_D - i_D r_{ds} - i_D R_S (\mu + 1) + \mu V_g - V_2 (\mu + 1) = 0$$

$$i_D R_D + i_D r_{ds} + i_D R_S (\mu + 1) = V_3 + \mu V_g - V_2 (\mu + 1)$$

$$V_3 - i_D R_D - i_D r_{ds} - i_D R_S + \mu (V_g - (i_D R_S + V_2)) - V_2 = 0$$

$$i_D = \frac{V_3 + \mu V_g - V_2 (\mu + 1)}{R_D + r_{ds} + R_S (\mu + 1)} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

(3) is the drain Equivalent circuit equation



$$i_D = \frac{V_3 + \mu V_g - V_2(\mu + 1)}{R_D + r_{ds} + R_s(\mu + 1)} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

(3) is the drain Equivalent circuit equation

Reflection from Source to Drain

$\mu V_{gs} \Rightarrow \mu V_g$   
 $R_s \Rightarrow R_s(\mu + 1)$   
 $V_2 \Rightarrow V_2(\mu + 1)$

divide eq. (3) by  $(\mu + 1)$

$$i_D = \frac{\frac{V_3}{(\mu + 1)} + \frac{\mu V_g}{(\mu + 1)} - V_2}{\frac{R_D}{(\mu + 1)} + \frac{r_{ds}}{(\mu + 1)} + R_s} \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

(4) is the source equivalent circuit equation

Reflection Drain to Source

$\mu V_{gs} \Rightarrow \frac{\mu V_g}{(\mu + 1)}$   
 $R_D \Rightarrow \frac{R_D}{(\mu + 1)}$   
 $r_{ds} \Rightarrow \frac{r_{ds}}{(\mu + 1)}$

## Example: Phase Splitting circuit

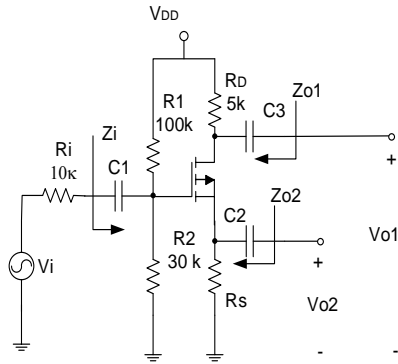
- Two outputs:

- Vo1 from drain
- Vo2 from source

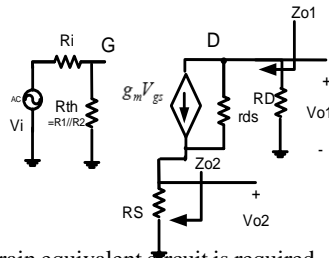
Find  $A_v, A_1, Z_{O1}, Z_{O2}$  and  $Z_i$

$$r_{ds} = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$$

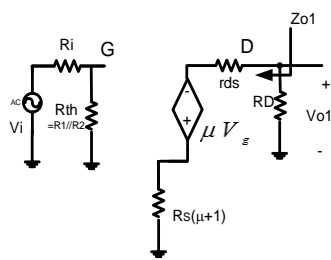
$$g_m = 1 \text{ mS}$$



## Solution: ac ss equivalent circuit



1) To Find  $Z_{O1}, V_{O1}$  Drain equivalent circuit is required since both of these quantities are seen from the drain



$$V_{o1} = \frac{R_D}{R_D + r_{ds} + R_S(\mu + 1)} (-\mu V_g)$$

$$V_g = V_i \frac{R_{th}}{R_{th} + R_i}$$

$$A_v = \frac{V_{o1}}{V_i} = (-\mu) \frac{R_D}{R_D + r_{ds} + R_S(\mu + 1)} \cdot \frac{R_{th}}{R_{th} + R_i}$$



2) To Find  $Z_{O1} \Big|_{V_i=0, V_g=0}$

$V_i = 0 \rightarrow$   
 $\mu V_g \rightarrow 0$

$Z_{O1} \Big|_{V_i=0, V_g=0} = R_D // [r_{ds} + R_s(\mu + 1)]$

### Solution: continued

3) To Find  $Z_{O2}, V_{O2}$  Source equivalent circuit is required since both of these quantities are seen from the source

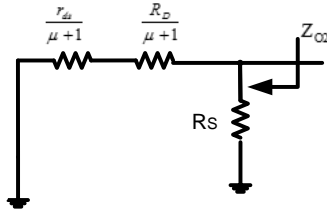
Reflection Drain to Source

$\mu V_{gs} \Rightarrow \frac{\mu V_g}{(\mu + 1)}$   
 $R_D \Rightarrow \frac{R_D}{(\mu + 1)}$   
 $r_{ds} \Rightarrow \frac{r_{ds}}{(\mu + 1)}$

$V_{o2} = \frac{R_s}{R_D + r_{ds} + R_s} \left( \frac{\mu V_g}{(\mu + 1)} \right)$   
 $V_g = V_i \frac{R_{th}}{R_{th} + R_i}$   
 $A_{v2} = \frac{V_{o2}}{V_i} = \frac{\mu}{(\mu + 1)} \frac{R_s}{R_D + r_{ds} + R_s} \cdot \frac{R_{th}}{R_{th} + R_i}$

### Solution: continued

4) To Find  $Z_{O2} \Big|_{V_i=0, V_g=0}$



$$Z_{O2} \Big|_{V_i=0, V_g=0} = R_S \parallel \left[ \frac{r_{ds} + R_D}{(\mu + 1)} \right]$$



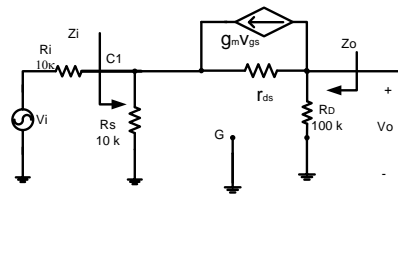
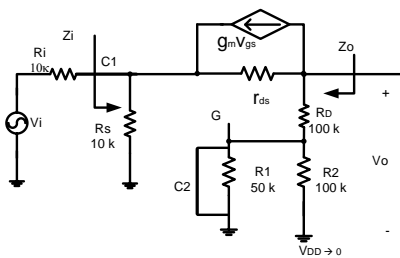
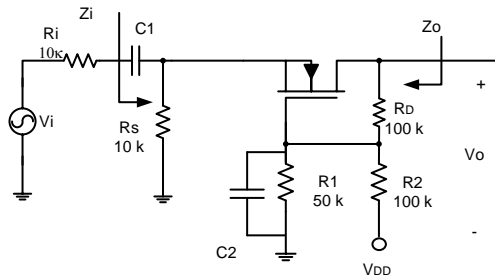
$$Z_{O2} \Big|_{V_i=0, V_g=0, r_{ds} \rightarrow \infty} = R_S \parallel \frac{1}{g_m}$$

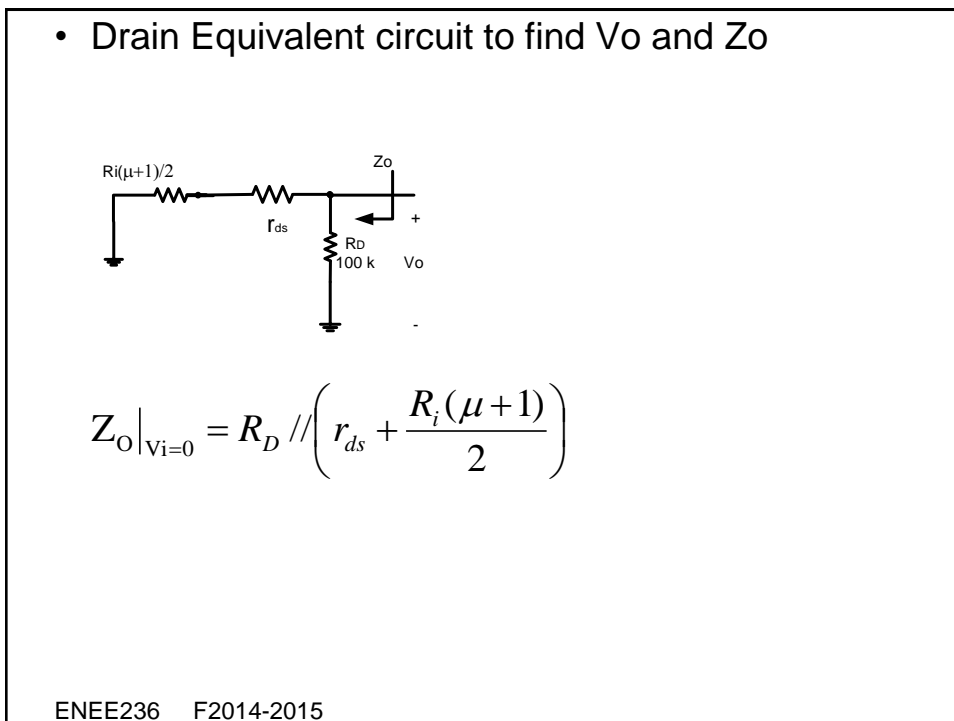
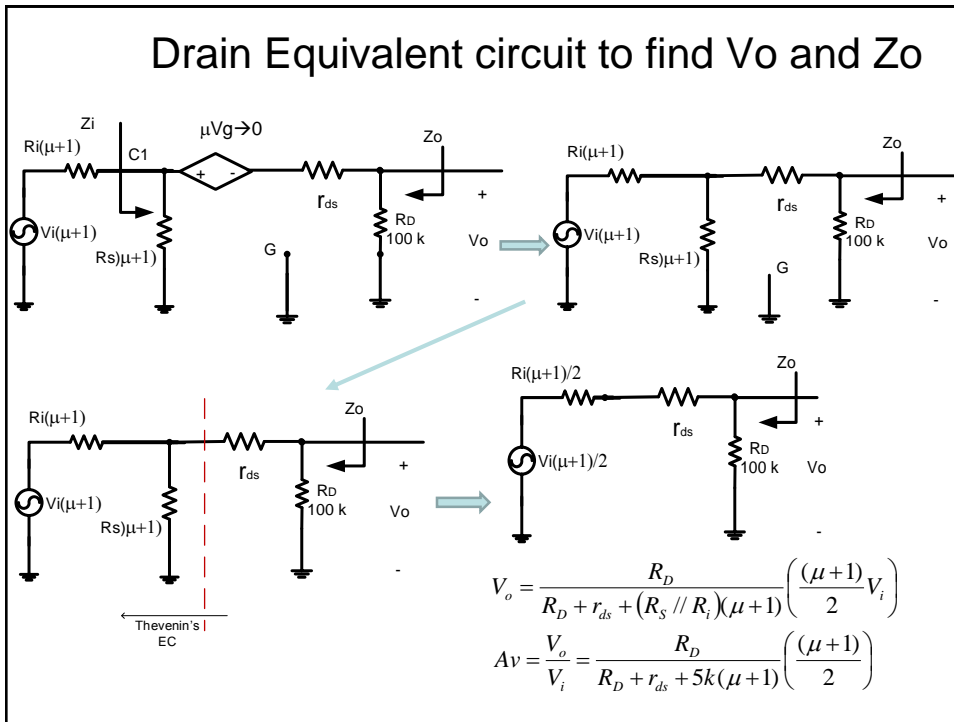
since  $\lim_{r_{ds} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r_{ds} + R_D}{\mu + 1} = \lim_{r_{ds} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{r_{ds}}{g_m \mu} + \frac{R_D}{g_m \mu}}{\frac{1}{g_m} + \frac{1}{r_{ds}}}$

$= \lim_{r_{ds} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{R_D}{r_{ds}}}{\frac{1}{g_m} + \frac{1}{r_{ds}}} = \frac{1}{g_m}$

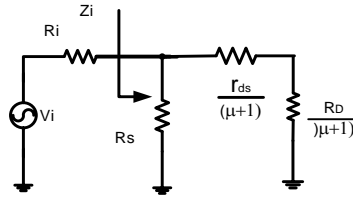
$$Z_i = R_{th} = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

### Common Gate Amplifier





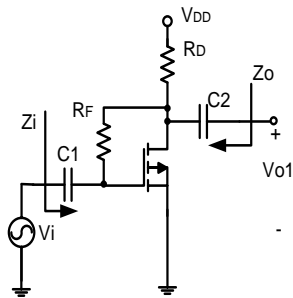
- To find  $Z_i$  source equivalent circuit is needed



$$Z_i = R_S // \left[ \frac{r_{ds} + R_D}{(\mu + 1)} \right]$$

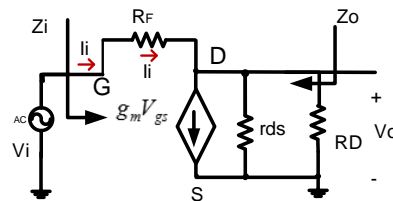
$$Z_i \Big|_{r_{ds} \rightarrow \infty} = R_S // \frac{1}{g_m}$$

### Drain Feedback Configuration (self study)



$$I_i = g_m V_{gs} + \frac{V_o}{R_D // r_{ds}}$$

$$V_{gs} = V_i$$



$$I_i = g_m V_i + \frac{V_o}{R_D // r_{ds}}$$

$$I_i - g_m V_i = \frac{V_o}{R_D // r_{ds}}$$

$$V_o = (I_i - g_m V_i)(R_D // r_{ds})$$

also

$$I_i = \frac{V_i - V_o}{R_F}$$

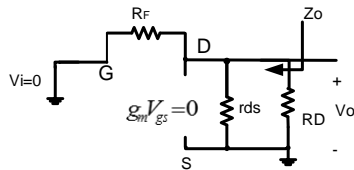
$$= \frac{V_i - ((I_i - g_m V_i)(R_D // r_{ds}))}{R_F}$$

$$I_i R_F = V_i - ((I_i - g_m V_i)(R_D // r_{ds}))$$

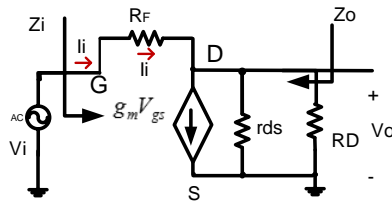
$$V_i [1 + g_m (R_D // r_{ds})] = I_i [R_F + (R_D // r_{ds})]$$

∴

$$Z_i = \frac{V_i}{I_i} = \frac{[R_F + (R_D // r_{ds})]}{[1 + g_m (R_D // r_{ds})]}$$



$$Z_o|_{v_i=0} = R_D // r_{ds} // R_F$$



$$I_i = g_m V_{gs} + \frac{V_o}{(R_D // r_{ds})}$$

$$V_{gs} = V_i \quad \text{also} \quad I_i = \frac{V_i - V_o}{R_F}$$

$$\frac{V_i - V_o}{R_F} = g_m V_{gs} + \frac{V_o}{(R_D // r_{ds})}$$

$$\frac{V_i}{R_F} - \frac{V_o}{R_F} = g_m V_i + \frac{V_o}{(R_D // r_{ds})}$$

$$\frac{V_i}{R_F} - g_m V_i = \frac{V_o}{(R_D // r_{ds})} + \frac{V_o}{R_F}$$

$$V_i \left( \frac{1}{R_F} - g_m \right) = V_o \left( \frac{1}{(R_D // r_{ds})} + \frac{1}{R_F} \right)$$

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{\left( \frac{1}{R_F} - g_m \right)}{\left( \frac{1}{(R_D // r_{ds})} + \frac{1}{R_F} \right)}$$

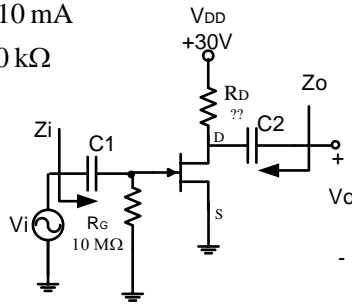
## FET Amplifier Design (Important)

- Design a fixed bias network such that the ac voltage gain  $|A_v| = 10$ , i.e. find value of  $R_D$

$$V_P = -4 \text{ V}$$

$$I_{DSS} = 10 \text{ mA}$$

$$r_{ds} = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$$



## Solution

ac ss equivalent circuit

$$V_{GS} = V_G - V_S = 0 \text{ V}$$

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left( 1 - \frac{0}{-4} \right)^2 = I_{DSS} = 10 \text{ mA}$$

For JFETs

$$g_m = \frac{2I_{DSS}}{|V_P|} \left[ 1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2(10 \text{ mA})}{|-4|} \left[ 1 - \frac{0}{-4} \right] = 5 \text{ mS}$$

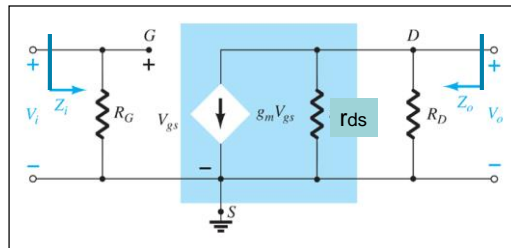
$$V_{gs} = V_i$$

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i}$$

$$V_o = -g_m V_{gs} (r_{ds} // R_D)$$

$$V_o = -g_m V_i (r_{ds} // R_D)$$

$$|A_v| = \left| \frac{V_o}{V_i} \right| = | -g_m (r_{ds} // R_D) |$$



Since  $A_v$  &  $g_m$  are known, then

$$|A_v| = \left| \frac{V_o}{V_i} \right| = | -g_m (r_{ds} // R_D) | = 10$$

$$\therefore (r_{ds} // R_D) = \frac{10}{g_m} = \frac{10}{5 \text{ mS}} = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Substitute  $r_{ds} = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$

$$(r_{ds} // R_D) = \frac{r_{ds} \cdot R_D}{r_{ds} + R_D} = \frac{50 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot R_D}{50 \text{ k}\Omega + R_D} = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\rightarrow R_D = \frac{2 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot 50 \text{ k}\Omega}{48 \text{ k}\Omega} = 2.08 \text{ k}\Omega$$

## Design Example 2 (Important)

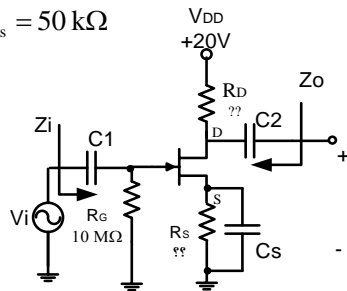
Choose the values of  $R_D$  and  $R_S$  that will result in

voltage gain  $|A_v| = 8$  using the value of  $g_m$  defined at  $V_{GSQ} = \frac{1}{4} V_p$

$$V_p = -4 \text{ V}$$

$$I_{DSS} = 10 \text{ mA}$$

$$r_{ds} = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$$



## Solution (value of $R_D$ ?)

ac ss equivalent circuit

$$V_{GS} = \frac{1}{4} V_p = -1$$

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left( 1 - \frac{-1}{-4} \right)^2 = I_{DSS} \cdot 0.5625$$

$$= 5.625 \text{ mA}$$

$$g_m = \frac{2I_{DSS}}{|V_p|} \left[ 1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_p} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2(10 \text{ mA})}{|-4|} \left[ 1 - \frac{-1}{-4} \right] = 3.75 \text{ mS}$$

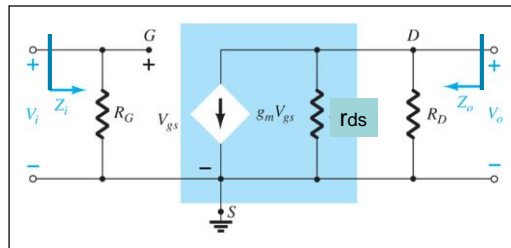
$$V_{gs} = V_i$$

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i}$$

$$V_o = -g_m V_{gs} (r_{ds} // R_D)$$

$$V_o = -g_m V_i (r_{ds} // R_D)$$

$$|A_v| = \left| \frac{V_o}{V_i} \right| = | -g_m (r_{ds} // R_D) |$$



Since  $A_v$  &  $g_m$  are known, then

$$|A_v| = \left| \frac{V_o}{V_i} \right| = | -g_m (r_{ds} // R_D) | = 8$$

$$\therefore (r_{ds} // R_D) = \frac{8}{g_m} = \frac{8}{3.75 \text{ mS}} = 2.133 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Substitute  $r_{ds} = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$

$$(r_{ds} // R_D) = \frac{r_{ds} \cdot R_D}{r_{ds} + R_D} = \frac{50 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot R_D}{50 \text{ k}\Omega + R_D} = 2.133 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\rightarrow R_D = \frac{2.133 \text{ k}\Omega \cdot 50 \text{ k}\Omega}{47.867 \text{ k}\Omega} = 2.22 \text{ k}\Omega$$

## Value of $R_s$ ?

The value of  $R_s$  is determined from DC analysis

Given

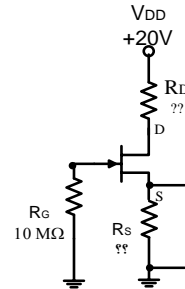
$$V_{GS} = V_G - V_S = \frac{1}{4} V_p = -1$$

$$V_G = 0$$

$$V_S = I_D R_s = 1$$

$$\text{but } I_D = I_{DSS} \left( 1 - \frac{-1}{-4} \right)^2 = I_{DSS} \cdot 0.5625 = 5.625 \text{ mA}$$

$$\therefore R_s = \frac{V_S}{I_D} = \frac{1 \text{ V}}{5.625 \text{ mA}} = 177.8 \ \Omega$$



## Design Example 3

Choose the values of  $R_D$  and  $R_S$  that will result in

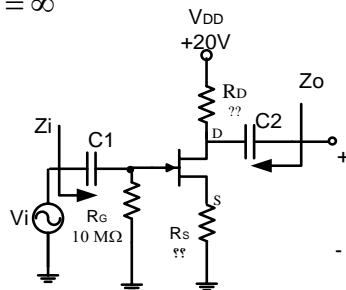
voltage gain  $|A_v| = 8$  using the value of  $g_m$  defined at  $V_{GSQ} = \frac{1}{4} V_p$

$$V_p = -4 \text{ V}$$

$$I_{DSS} = 10 \text{ mA}$$

$$r_{ds} = \infty$$

Note: This is the same previous example except that no  $C_s$  (source capacitor)





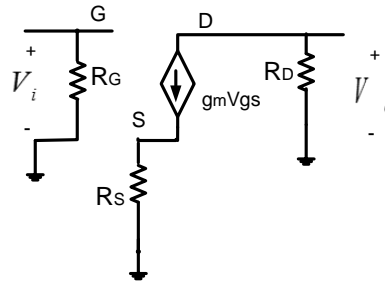
## Solution

ac ss equivalent circuit

$$V_{GS} = -1 \text{ V}$$

$$I_D = 5.625 \text{ mA}$$

$$g_m = 3.75 \text{ mS (from previous example)}$$



$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i}$$

$$V_o = -g_m V_{gs} (r_{ds} // R_D)$$

$$V_{gs} = V_g - g_m V_{gs} R_S$$

$$V_g = V_i$$

$$V_{gs} = V_i - g_m V_{gs} R_S$$

$$V_i = V_{gs} + g_m V_{gs} R_S$$

$$V_o = \frac{-g_m V_{gs} (R_D)}{V_{gs} + g_m V_{gs} R_S} = \frac{-g_m R_D}{1 + g_m R_S}$$

$$|A_v| = \left| \frac{V_o}{V_i} \right| = \left| \frac{-g_m R_D}{1 + g_m R_S} \right| = 8$$

Since  $A_v$  &  $g_m$  and  $R_S$  are known, then

$$R_S = 180 \Omega \text{ (based on DC analysis)}$$

$$\therefore R_D = 3.573 \text{ k}\Omega$$

## Value of $R_S$ ?

The value of  $R_S$  is determined from DC analysis

Given

$$V_{GS} = V_G - V_S = \frac{1}{4} V_p = -1$$

$$V_G = 0$$

$$V_S = I_D R_S = -1$$

$$\text{but } I_D = I_{DSS} \left( 1 - \frac{-1}{-4} \right)^2 = I_{DSS} \cdot 0.5625 = 5.625 \text{ mA}$$

$$\therefore R_S = \frac{V_S}{I_D} = \frac{1 \text{ V}}{5.625 \text{ mA}} = 177.8 \Omega$$

choose standard value  $180 \Omega$

