



Transistor Amplifier Terminologies

Amplifier Terminologies

Gain of the Amplifier

- The ratio of the output quantity to the input quantity of the amplifier is called as Gain of the Amplifier.

Gain of Multistage Amplifier

- Let us consider three amplifiers having respective gain of G_1 , G_2 and G_3 .

The total gain of the amplifier is

$$G = G_1 \times G_2 \times G_3$$

- The gain of the multistage amplifier G is less than produce of $G_1 \times G_2 \times G_3$ due to loading of next stages.

Decibel Gain

- The gain of the amplifier is very large therefore it is represented by common logarithm (base 10). The unit of gain is bel or db.

Power gain

- The ratio of output power to the input power in log to the base 10 is called as power gain of the amplifier.
- Power Gain = $\text{Log}_{10} (P_{\text{OUT}} / P_{\text{IN}})$ bel

$$1 \text{ bel} = 10 \text{ db} = 10 \text{ Log}_{10} (P_{\text{OUT}} / P_{\text{IN}}) \text{ db}$$

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Voltage Gain

- The ratio of the output voltage to the input voltage in log of base 10 is called as voltage gain of the amplifier.
- Let $P_{\text{OUT}} = V_{\text{OUT}}^2 / R$
- $P_{\text{IN}} = V_{\text{IN}}^2 / R$

$$\text{Voltage gain} = 10 \text{ Log}_{10} (P_{\text{OUT}} / P_{\text{IN}}) \text{ db}$$

$$= 10 \text{ Log}_{10} [V_{\text{OUT}}^2 / R] / [V_{\text{IN}}^2 / R] \text{ db}$$

$$= 20 \text{ Log}_{10} (V_{\text{OUT}} / V_{\text{IN}}) \text{ db}$$

Current Gain

- The ratio of the output current to the input current in log of base 10 is called as voltage gain of the amplifier.

$$\text{Let } P_{\text{OUT}} = I_{\text{OUT}}^2 R$$

$$P_{\text{IN}} = I_{\text{IN}}^2 R$$

- Current Gain = $10 \text{ Log}_{10} (P_{\text{OUT}} / P_{\text{IN}}) \text{ db}$
 $= 10 \text{ Log}_{10} [I_{\text{OUT}}^2 R] / [I_{\text{IN}}^2 R] \text{ db}$
 $= 20 \text{ Log}_{10} (I_{\text{OUT}} / I_{\text{IN}})$

Power Gain	$\text{Log}_{10} (P_{\text{OUT}} / P_{\text{IN}}) \text{ bel}$	$10 \text{ Log}_{10} (P_{\text{OUT}} / P_{\text{IN}}) \text{ db}$
Current Gain	$\text{Log}_{10} (I_{\text{OUT}} / I_{\text{IN}}) \text{ bel}$	$20 \text{ Log}_{10} (I_{\text{OUT}} / I_{\text{IN}}) \text{ db}$
Voltage Gain	$\text{Log}_{10} (V_{\text{OUT}} / V_{\text{IN}}) \text{ bel}$	$20 \text{ Log}_{10} (V_{\text{OUT}} / V_{\text{IN}}) \text{ db}$

Bandwidth

- *It is range of frequencies over which the voltage gain is equal to or greater than 70.7% of the maximum gain.*
- The f_1 and f_2 is range of frequencies over which the gain is equal / greater than 70.7% of the maximum gain.

Where f_1 = Lower cut off frequency and f_2 = Higher cut off frequency

$$\text{Bandwidth} = f_2 - f_1$$

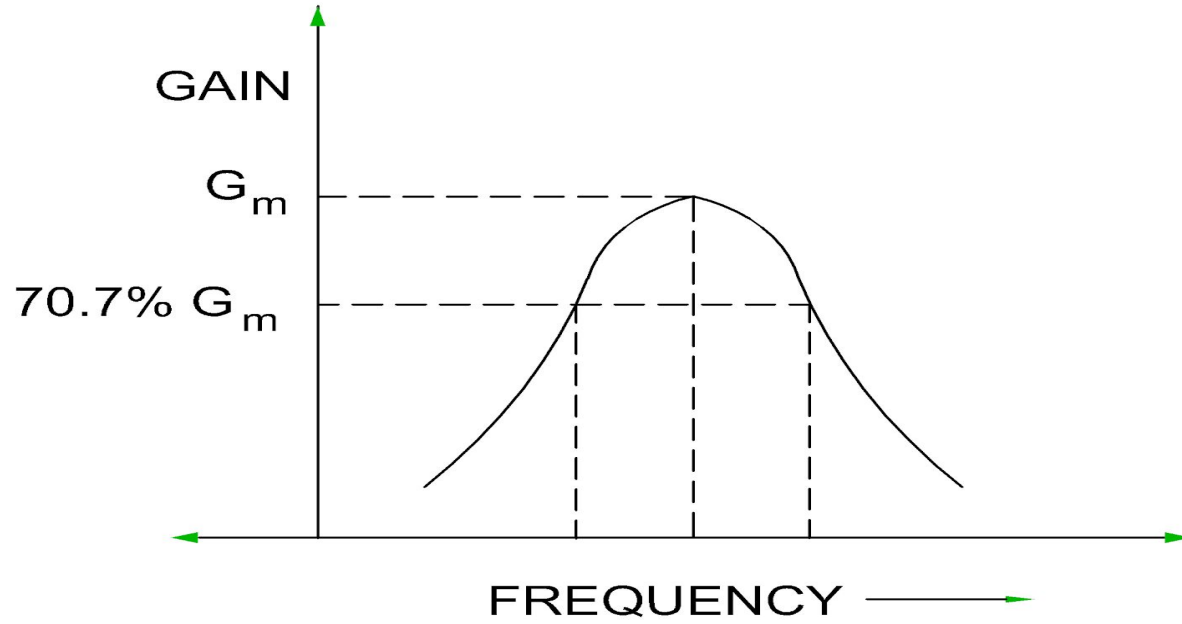


FIG : EFFECT OF FREQUENCY ON GAIN

- It is important that the signal frequencies lie between f_1 and f_2 for distortion less amplification.

Bandwidth in terms of db

Let us consider that the maximum gain of the amplifier is 100.

Fall in voltage gain from 100 to 70.7%

$$= 20 \text{ Log}_{10} (100) - 20 \text{ Log}_{10} (70.7) \text{ db}$$

$$= 20 \text{ Log}_{10} (100 / 70.7) \text{ db}$$

$$= 20 \text{ Log}_{10} (1.414) \text{ db} = 3\text{db}$$

- ***The bandwidth of the amplifier is defined as the range of frequency over which the voltage gain fall by 3 db from the maximum gain.***
- The frequency f_1 or f_2 is called as half power frequency or 3 db frequency.

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