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I-V Characteristics



Diode Physical Behavior and Equation



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The pn Junction I vs. V Equation

I-V characteristic of PN junctions

In EECS 105, 130, and other courses you will learn why the I vs. V relationship for PN junctions is of the form

$$I = I_0(e^{qV/kT} - 1)$$

where I_0 is a constant proportional to junction area and depending on doping in P and N regions, $q = \text{electronic charge} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$, k is Boltzman constant, and T is absolute temperature. $KT/q = 0.026V \text{ at} 300^{\circ}\text{K}$, a typical value for I_0 is $10^{-12} - 10^{-15} \text{ A}$

We note that in forward bias, I increases **exponentially** and is in the μ A-mA range for voltages typically in the range of 0.6-0.8V. In reverse bias, the current is essentially zero.

Diode Ideal (Perfect Rectifier) Model

The equation $I = I_0 exp(\sqrt[q]{r_T} - 1)$ is graphed below for $I_0 = 10^{-15} A$



The characteristic is described as a "rectifier" – that is, a device that permits current to pass in only one direction. (The hydraulic analog is a "check value".) Hence the symbol:



Simple "Perfect Rectifier" Model

If we can ignore the small forwardbias voltage drop of a diode, a simple effective model is the "perfect rectifier," whose I-V characteristic is given below:



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Diode Large-Signal Model (0.7 V Drop)





Improved "Large-Signal Diode" Model:

If we choose not to ignore the small forward-bias voltage drop of a diode, it is a very good approximation to regard the voltage drop in forward bias as a constant, about 0.7V. the "Large signal model" results.







pn-Junction Reverse Breakdown

• As the reverse bias voltage increases, the peak electric field in the depletion region increases. When the electric field exceeds a critical value ($E_{crit} \cong 2x10^5$ V/cm), the reverse current shows a dramatic increase:



Zener Diode

A Zener diode is designed to operate in the breakdown mode.



Load Line Analysis Method

- 1. Graph the *I-V* relationships for the non-linear element and for the rest of the circuit
- 2. The operating point of the circuit is found from the intersection of these two curves.



Solar cell: Example of simple PN junction

- What is a solar cell?
 - Device that converts sunlight into electricity
- How does it work?
 - In simple configuration, it is a diode made of PN junction
 - Incident light is absorbed by material
 - Creates electron-hole pairs that transport through the material through
 - Diffusion (concentration gradient)
 - Drift (due to electric field)







I-V characteristics of the device

I-V characteristics of a PN junction is given by

$$I = I_{s} \left[\exp(\frac{eV}{kT}) - 1 \right] - I_{L}$$

where I_s is the saturation intensity depending on band gap and doping of the material and I_L is the photocurrent generated due to light

• Efficiency is defined as

$$\eta = \frac{I_m V_m}{Light \ Intensity} = \frac{FF * V_{oc} * I_{sc}}{Light \ Intensity}$$

FF is the Fill Factor



Example 2: Photodiode



Photodetector Circuit Using Load Line



Ideal Diode Model of PN Diode



- An ideal diode passes current only in one direction.
- An *ideal diode* has the following properties:
 - when $I_D > 0$, $V_D = 0$

• when
$$V_D < 0$$
, $I_D = 0$ –

Diode behaves like a switch:

- closed in forward bias mode
- open in reverse bias mode

Large-Signal Diode Model





How to Analyze Circuits with Diodes

A diode has only two states:

- forward biased: $I_D > 0$, $V_D = 0 \vee (or \ 0.7 \vee)$
- reverse biased: $I_D = 0$, $V_D < 0$ V (or 0.7 V)

Procedure:

- 1. Guess the state(s) of the diode(s)
- 2. Check to see if KCL and KVL are obeyed.
- 3. If KCL and KVL are not obeyed, refine your guess
- 4. Repeat steps 1-3 until KCL and KVL are obeyed.



If $v_s(t) > 0$ V, diode is forward biased (else KVL is disobeyed – try it)

If $v_s(t) < 0$ V, diode is reverse biased (else KVL is disobeyed – try it)



Diode Logic: OR Gate

• Diodes can be used to perform logic functions:

Inputs A and B vary between 0 Volts ("low") and V_{cc} ("high") Between what voltage levels does C vary?



OR gate

output voltage is high if either (or both) A and B are high



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Device Isolation using pn Junctions



No current flows if voltages are applied between n-type regions, because two pn junctions are "back-to-back"



=> n-type regions isolated in p-type substrate and vice versa

Why are pn Junctions Important for ICs?

- The basic building block in digital ICs is the MOS transistor, whose structure contains reverse-biased diodes.
 - pn junctions are important for electrical isolation of transistors located next to each other at the surface of a Si wafer.
 - The junction capacitance of these diodes can limit the performance (operating speed) of digital circuits

Power Conversion Circuits

- Converting AC to DC
- Potential applications: Charging a battery



Rectifier Equivalent circuit



Half-wave Rectifier Circuits

• Adding a capacitor: what does it do?



Half-Wave Rectifier



Level Shift Circuit



Once the capacitor is charged by the negative most voltage the rest of the signal is shifted up by that amount.

Voltage Doubler Circuit



The final output is the peak to peak voltage of the input.

MOSFETs: Detailed outline

- OUTLINE
 - The MOSFET as a controlled resistor
 - Pinch-off and current saturation
 - MOSFET ID vs. VGS characteristic
 - NMOS and PMOS I-V characteristics
 - Load-line analysis; Q operating point; Bias circuits
 - Small-signal equivalent circuits
 - Common source amplifier
 - Source follower
 - Common gate amplifier
 - Gain
- Reading
 - Reader: Chapters 4 and 5

MOSFET Terminals

- The voltage applied to the GATE terminal determines whether current can flow between the SOURCE & DRAIN terminals.
 - For an n-channel MOSFET, the SOURCE is biased at a *lower* potential (often 0 V) than the DRAIN (Electrons flow from SOURCE to DRAIN when $V_G > V_T$)
 - For a p-channel MOSFET, the SOURCE is biased at a *higher* potential (often the supply voltage V_{DD}) than the DRAIN (Holes flow from SOURCE to DRAIN when $V_G < V_T$)
- The BODY terminal is usually connected to a fixed potential.
 - For an n-channel MOSFET, the BODY is connected to 0 V $\,$
 - For a p-channel MOSFET, the BODY is connected to V_{DD}



- In the absence of gate voltage, no current can flow between S and D.
- Above a certain gate to source voltage V_t (the "threshold"), electrons are induced at the surface beneath the oxide. (Think of it as a capacitor.)
- These electrons can carry current between S and D if a voltage is applied.

MOSFET

- Symbol and subscript convention
 - Upper case for both (e.g. V_D) = DC signal (often as bias)
 - Lower case for both (e.g. v_d) = AC signal (often small signal)
 - Lower symbol and upper sub (e.g. v_D) = total signal = $V_D + v_d$
- NMOS: Three regions of operation
 - V_{DS} and V_{GS} normally positive value
 - $V_{GS} < V_t$:cut off mode, $I_{DS} = 0$ for any V_{DS}
 - $V_{GS} > V_t$:transistor is turned on
 - $V_{DS} < V_{GS} V_t$: Triode Region $i_D = K \left[2(v_{GS} V_t)v_{DS} v_{DS}^2 \right]$
 - V_{DS} > V_{GS} V_t : Saturation Region $i_D = K \left[2(v_{GS} V_t)^2 \right]$

• Boundary
$$v_{GS} - V_t = v_{DS}$$
 $K = \frac{W}{L} \frac{KP}{2}$

MOSFET

- PMOS: Three regions of operation (interchange > and < from NMOS)
 - $-V_{DS}$ and V_{GS} Normally negative values
 - $V_{GS} > V_t$:cut off mode, $I_{DS} = 0$ for any V_{DS}
 - $V_{GS} < V_t$:transistor is turned on
 - V_{DS} > V_{GS} V_t : Triode Region $i_D = K \left[2(v_{GS} V_t)v_{DS} v_{DS}^2 \right]$

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MOSFET Operating Regions

NMOS



PMOS



Bias Circuits

- Use load line to find Quiescent operating point.
- Remember no current flow through the gate.



MOSFET Circuit

- First look at DC case to find Q point
 - Use load line technique
 - All capacitors are open circuit
 - From Q-point, get g_m and r_d for small signal
 AC model
- AC Small signal analysis
 - DC source is AC ground (because there is no AC signal variation).
 - All capacitors are short circuit (unless otherwise specified).



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Step 1: find Q point







$$v_g = v_{in}, v_s = 0 \rightarrow v_{gs} = v_{in}$$
$$v_o = \frac{R_L R_D}{R_L + R_D} (-g_m v_{gs})$$
$$A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_{in}} = -g_m \frac{R_L R_D}{R_L + R_D}$$

$$R_{in} = \frac{v_{in}}{i_{in}} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

For output impedance R_{out}:

- 1. Turn off all independent sources.
- 2. Take away load impedance R_L

$$v_{in} = 0, v_{gs} = 0, g_m v_{gs} = 0$$

$$R_{out} = \frac{r_d R_D}{r_d + R_D}$$



Step 1: find Q point







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Step 1: find Q point



Load line

The only difference in all three circuits are the intercepts at the axes. Again from load lines, we get $I_D \rightarrow$ and hence g_m and r_d



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MOSFET Digital Circuits – Introduction

- Analog: signal amplitude is continuous with time.
- Digital: signal amplitude is represented by a restricted set of discrete numbers.
 - Binary: only two values are allowed to represent the signal: High or low (i.e. logic 1 or 0).
- Digital word:
 - Each binary digit is called a bit
 - A series of bits form a word
 - Byte is a word consisting of 8-bits
- Advantages of digital signal
 - Digital signal is more resilient to noise → can more easily differentiate high (1) and low (0)
- Transmission
 - Parallel transmission over a bus containing n wires.
 - Faster but short distance (internal to a computer or chip)
 - Serial transmission (transmit bits sequentially)
 - Longer distance

Analog vs. Digital Signals

• Most (but not all) observables are analog think of analog vs. digital watches

but the most convenient way to represent & transmit information electronically is to use digital signals think of telephony

→ Analog-to-digital (A/D) & digital-to-analog (D/A) conversion is essential (and nothing new) think of a piano keyboard

Analog Signal Example: Microphone Voltage

Voltage with normal piano key stroke

50 microvolt 440 Hz signal



Voltage with soft pedal applied

25 microvolt 440 Hz signal



Digital Signal Representations

Binary numbers can be used to represent any quantity.

We generally have to agree on some sort of "code", and the dynamic range of the signal in order to know the form and the number of binary digits ("bits") required.

Example 1: Voltage signal with maximum value 2 Volts

- Binary two (10) could represent a 2 Volt signal.
- To encode the signal to an accuracy of 1 part in 64 (1.5% precision), 6 binary digits ("bits") are needed

Example 2: Sine wave signal of known frequency and maximum amplitude 50 μ V; 1 μ V "resolution" needed.

Decimal Numbers: Base 10

Digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Example: $3271 = (3x10^3) + (2x10^2) + (7x10^1) + (1x10^0)$

This is a four-digit number. The left hand most number (3 in this example) is often referred as the most significant number and the right most the least significant number (1 in this example).

Numbers: positional notation

- Number Base $B \Rightarrow B$ symbols per digit:
 - -Base 10 (Decimal): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

-Base 2 (Binary): 0, 1

• Number representation:

 $-d_{31}d_{30} \dots d_1d_0$ is a 32 digit number

 $-\text{value} = \textbf{d}_{31} \times \textbf{B}^{31} + \textbf{d}_{30} \times \textbf{B}^{30} + \ldots + \textbf{d}_{1} \times \textbf{B}^{1} + \textbf{d}_{0} \times \textbf{B}^{0}$

• Binary: 0,1 (In binary digits called "bits") 11010 = $1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$ = 16 + 8 + 2= 26

-Here 5 digit binary # turns into a 2 digit decimal #

Hexadecimal Numbers: Base 16

- Hexadecimal:
 - 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F –Normal digits + 6 more from the alphabet
- Conversion: Binary⇔Hex
 - -1 hex digit represents 16 decimal values -4 binary digits represent 16 decimal values \Rightarrow 1 hex digit replaces 4 binary digits

Digital Signal Representations

Binary numbers can be used to represent any quantity.

We generally have to agree on some sort of "code", and the dynamic range of the signal in order to know the form and the number of binary digits ("bits") required.

Example 1: Voltage signal with maximum value 2 V and minimum of 0 V.

- Binary two (10) could represent a 2 Volt signal.
- To encode the signal to an accuracy of 1 part in 64 (1.5% precision), 6 binary digits ("bits") are needed

Example 2: Sine wave signal of known frequency and maximum amplitude 50 μ V; 1 μ V "resolution" needed.

Resolution

 The size of the smallest element that can be separated from neighboring elements. The term is used to describe imaging systems, the frequency separation achieved by spectrometers, and so on.

Decimal-Binary Conversion

- Decimal to Binary
 - Repeated Division By 2
 - Consider the number 2671.
 - Subtraction if you know your 2^N values by heart.
- Binary to Decimal conversion $110001_2 = 1x2^5 + 1x2^4 + 0x2^3 + 0x2^2 + 0x2^1 + 1x2^0$

$$= 32_{10} + 16_{10} + 1_{10}$$
$$= 49_{10}$$
$$= 4x10^{1} + 9x10^{0}$$

Example 2 (continued)

Possible digital representation for the sine wave signal:

Analog representation:	Digital representation:
Amplitude in μ V	Binary number
1	000001
2	000010
3	000011
4	000100
5	000101
8	001000
16	010000
32	100000
50	110010
63	111111

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Binary Representation

- N bit can represent 2^N values: typically from 0 to 2^N-1
 - 3-bit word can represent 8 values: e.g. 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
- Conversion
 - Integer to binary
 - Fraction to binary $(13.5_{10}=1101.1_2 \text{ and } 0.392_{10}=0.011001_2)$
- Octal and hexadecimal

- Logic gates
 - Combine several logic variable inputs to produce a logic variable output
- Memory
 - Memoryless: output at a given instant depends the input values of that instant.
 - Momory: output depends on previous and present input values.

Boolean algebras

- Algebraic structures
 - "capture the essence" of the logical operations AND, OR and NOT
 - corresponding set for theoretic operations intersection, union and complement
 - named after George Boole, an English mathematician at University College Cork, who first defined them as part of a system of logic in the mid 19th century.
 - Boolean algebra was an attempt to use algebraic techniques to deal with expressions in the propositional calculus.
 - Today, Boolean algebras find many applications in electronic design. They were first applied to switching by Claude Shannon in the 20th century.

Boolean algebras

- The operators of Boolean algebra may be represented in various ways. Often they are simply written as AND, OR and NOT.
- In describing circuits, NAND (NOT AND), NOR (NOT OR) and XOR (eXclusive OR) may also be used.
- Mathematicians often use + for OR and · for AND (since in some ways those operations are analogous to addition and multiplication in other algebraic structures) and represent NOT by a line drawn above the expression being negated.

Boolean Algebra

•	NOT operation (inverter) $A \cdot \overline{A} = 0$	
•	AND operation	$A + \overline{A} = 1$ $A \bullet A = A$
		$A \bullet 1 = A$
 OR operation 	$A \bullet 0 = 0$	
	$A \bullet B = B \bullet A$	
	$(A \bullet B) \bullet C = A \bullet (B \bullet C)$	
		A + A = A
		A + 1 = 1
		A + 0 = A
		A + B = B + A
		(A+B)+C = A + (B+C)

Graphic Representation $A \bullet A = 0$ $A + \overline{A} = 1$ A A

Full square = complete set =1 Yellow part = $NOT(A) = \overline{A}$ White circle = A

Graphic Representation



 $A \oplus B = A\overline{B} + \overline{AB} = (A + B) \cdot (\overline{A} + \overline{B}) = A \cdot B + \overline{A + B}$ Exclusive OR=yellow and blue part – intersection/overlap part =exactly when only one of the input is true

Boolean Algebra

- Distributive Property $A \cdot (B + C) = A \cdot B + A \cdot C$ $(A + B) \cdot C = (A + B) \cdot (A + C)$
- De Morgan's laws

$$\overline{A+B} = \overline{A} \bullet \overline{B}$$

$$A \bullet B = A + B$$

An excellent web site to visit

 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boolean_algebra












Fan in/Fan out

- Complex digital operations are formed with a variety of gates interconnected to yield the desired logic function.
- Sometimes a number of inputs are connected to one gate input and output of a gate may be connected to a number of gates.
- Fan-in: the maximum number of logic gates that can be connected at the input of a gate without altering its performance.
- Fan-out: the maximum number of logic gates that can be connected to the output of a gate without altering its performance.
- Typical fan-in and fan-out numbers are 3.



Terminology for a Logic Circuit



V_{DD} = Power supply voltage (D is from Drain) we do not draw the symbol.

Pull-Up Network = Set of devices used to carry current from the power supply to the output node to charge the output node to the power supply voltage.

Pull-Down Network = Set of devices used to carry current from the output node to ground to discharge the output node to ground.

 $I_{OUT} = Current$ for the device under study.

 V_{TD} = Threshold Voltage value of V_{IN} at which the Pull-Down (NMOS transistor) begins to conduct.

 $V_{OUT-SAT-D}$ = Value of V_{OUT} beyond which the current I_{OUT-D} saturates at the (drain) current saturation value $I_{OUT-SAT-D}$.



Load Line For Pull-Up Device





Disadvantages of NMOS Logic Gates

- Large values of R_D are required in order to
 - achieve a low value of V_{OL}
 - keep power consumption low
 - → Large resistors are needed, but these take up a lot of space.
 - One solution is to replace the resistor with an NMOSFET that is always on.



CMOS Inverter Voltage Transfer Characteristic



CMOS Inverter Load-Line Analysis V GSD=V IN-V DD V_{DD} $V_{IN} = V_{DD} + V_{GSp}$ $V_{OUT} = V_{DD} + V_{DSp}$ $V_{DSp} = V_{OUT} - V_{DD}$ $I_{Dn} = -I_{Dp}$ $\frac{+}{I_{D_n}=-I_{D_p}}$ *V_{//V}* = 0 V V_{IN} O increasing 1 $V_{IN} = V_{DD}$ increasing V_{IN} $\xrightarrow{V}_{OUT} = V_{DSn}$

 $V_{DSp} = -V_{DD}$ $V_{DSp} = 0$ EE100 Summer 2008
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CMOS Inverter Load-Line Analysis: Region D





Features of CMOS Digital Circuits

- The output is always connected to V_{DD} or GND in steady state
 - \rightarrow Full logic swing; large noise margins
 - → Logic levels are not dependent upon the relative sizes of the devices ("ratioless")
- There is no direct path between V_{DD} and GND in steady state

 \rightarrow no static power dissipation

The CMOS Inverter: Current Flow during Switching



Power Dissipation due to Direct-Path Current



NMOS NAND Gate

• Output is low only if both inputs are high



NMOS NOR Gate

• Output is low if either input is high



N-Channel MOSFET Operation

An NMOSFET is a closed switch when the input is high



NMOSFETs pass a "strong" 0 but a "weak" 1

P-Channel MOSFET Operation

A PMOSFET is a closed switch when the input is low



PMOSFETs pass a "strong" 1 but a "weak" 0

Pull-Down and Pull-Up Devices

- In CMOS logic gates, NMOSFETs are used to connect the output to GND, whereas PMOSFETs are used to connect the output to V_{DD}.
 - An NMOSFET functions as a *pull-down device* when it is turned on (gate voltage = V_{DD})
 - A PMOSFET functions as a *pull-up device* when it is turned on (gate voltage = *GND*)







