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Overview

Analog Circuit Design: Discrete and Integrated is intended for electrical engineering majors envisioning industrial careers in analog electronics. Analog integrated-circuit (IC) designers, product, process, and reliability engineers, test and test-development engineers, analog applications, marketing, and customer-support engineers are always in strong demand.

The first three chapters, covering *diodes*, *bipolar junction transistors*, and *MOS field-effect transistors*, and emphasizing the more traditional discrete design approach, are suited for a first course in electronics, typically at the junior level. Pedagogically, it makes sense to start with basic discrete circuits before progressing to multitransistor systems—so much the better if this first course is accompanied by a lab, where it is easier to investigate simpler circuits. The objective of these chapters is to establish strong foundations based on intuition and on physical insight of the type engineers use daily on the job, as well as a thinking style and a problem-solving methodology that will prove invaluable in the subsequent chapters.

The remaining four chapters, covering *analog integrated circuit building blocks*, *representative analog*

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Semiconductor theory is covered in sufficient depth to serve the daily needs of a practicing engineer in industry. Every analog function is inextricably rooted in a physical phenomenon, so analog engineers—particularly IC designers and product/process/reliability engineers—need to be conversant with the physics of semiconductors in order to function optimally.

The book makes abundant use of SPICE both as a software oscilloscope to display device characteristics, transfer curves, and waveforms, and as a verification tool for hand calculations.

Website

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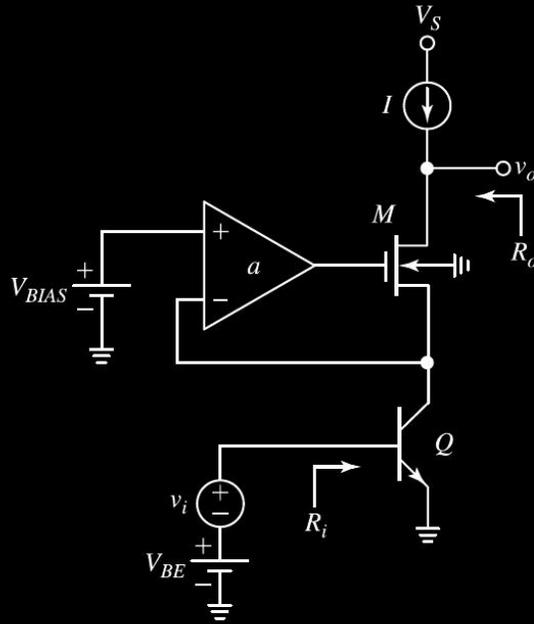
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