
2-Port Models

ECE 321: Electronics II

Lecture #13:

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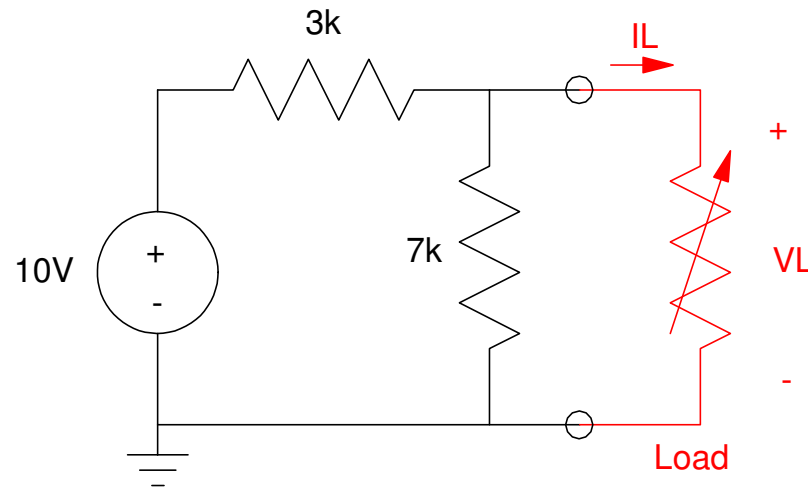
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Generalized Thevenin Equivalent

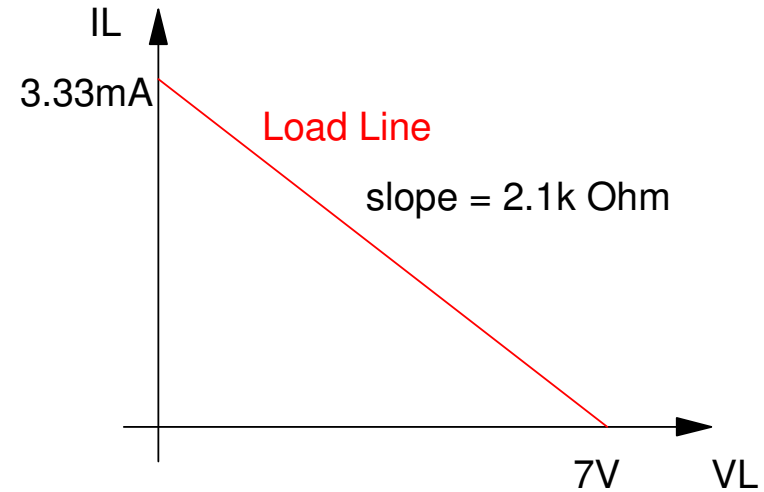
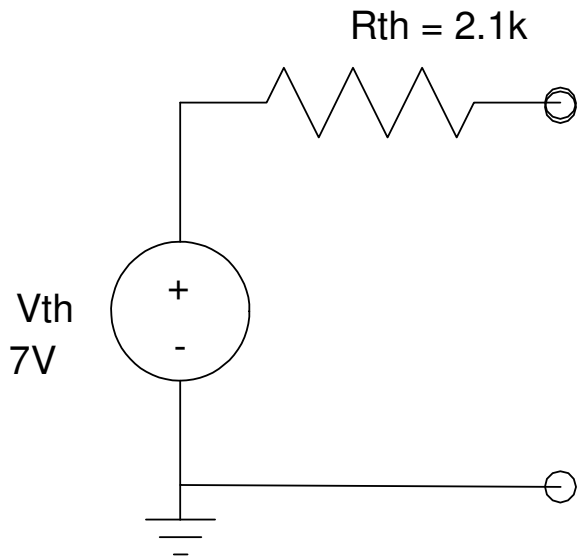
Thevenin Equivalents

- The output of a circuit follows a load line
- Any circuit with the same load line behaves the same
- The Thevenin Equivalent is the simplest circuit to obtain the same load line



Thevenin Example:

- V_{th} : The voltage at the load with $R_L = \text{infinity}$ (7V)
- R_{th} : The resistance looking in with sources turned off: $3k \parallel 7k = 2.1k$
- I_{short} : The current I_L when $R_L = 0$. $I_{short} = V_{th} / R_{th}$: $I_{short} = 10V / 3V = 3.33mA$

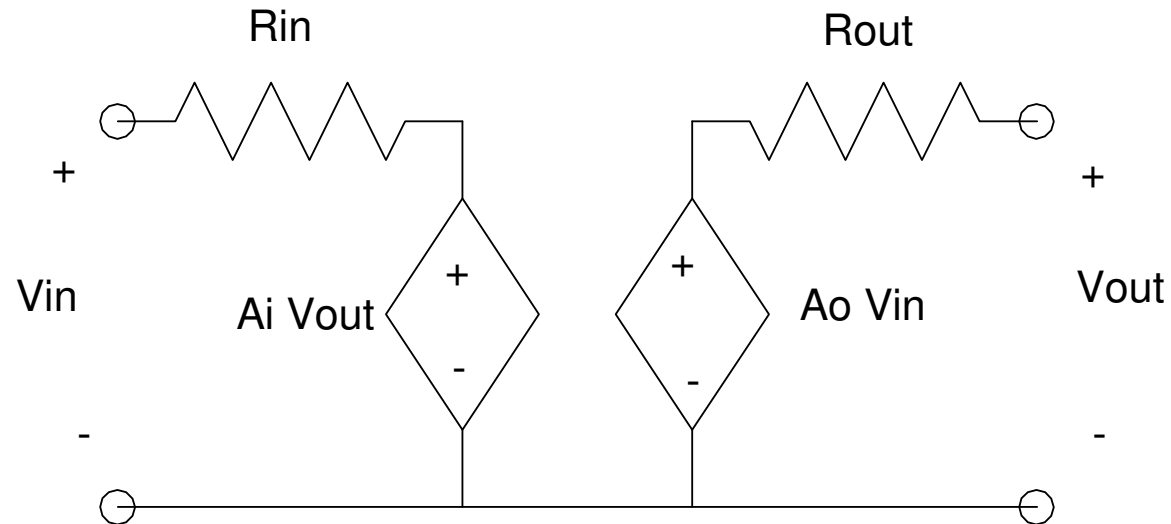


Thevenin Equivalent for Previous Circuit along with its Load Line

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Thevenin equivalent for circuits with

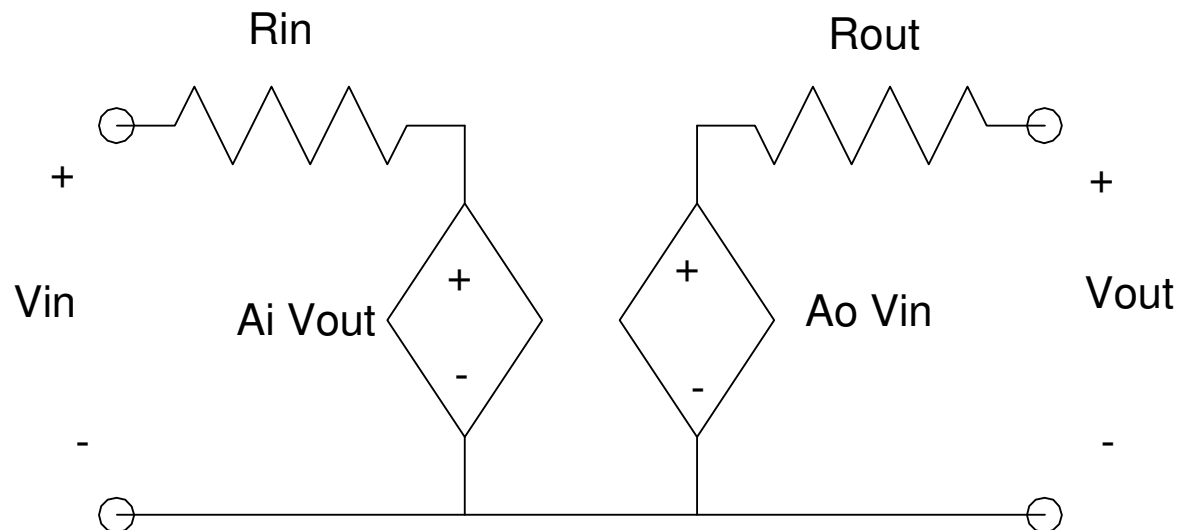
- An input
- An output



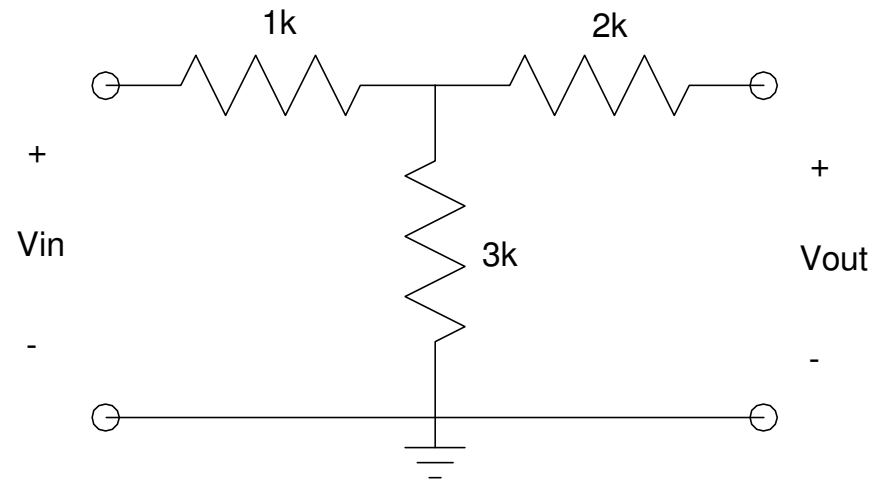
2-Port Parameters:

To determine each of the four 2-port model parameters, four tests are run:

- A_i : Set $V_{out} = 1V$ and measure V_{in} . $A_i = V_{in}$
- A_o : Set $V_{in} = 1V$ and measure V_{out} . $A_o = V_{out}$
- R_{in} : Set $V_{out} = 0V$ and measure the resistance seen at the input
- R_{out} : Set $V_{in} = 0V$ and measure the resistance seen at the output

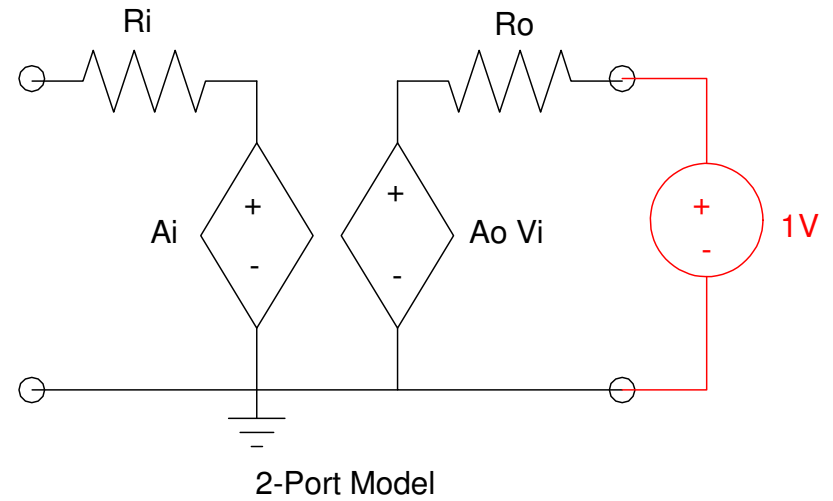
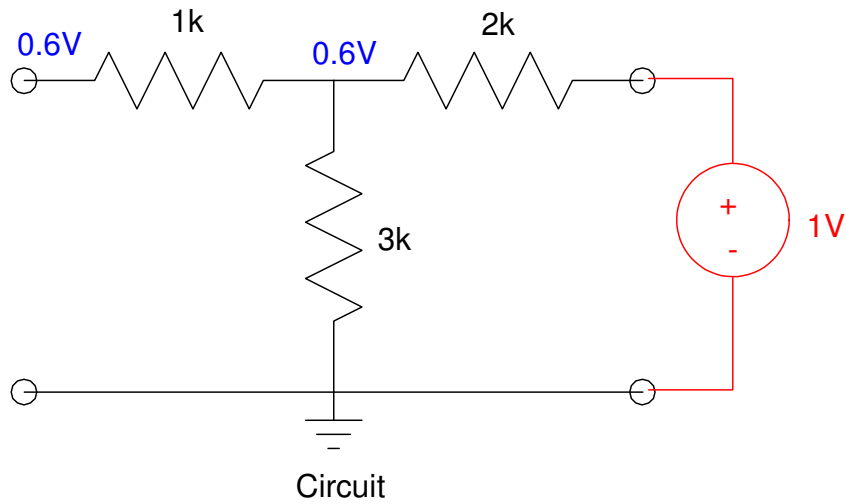


Example: Determine the 2-port model for the following circuit:



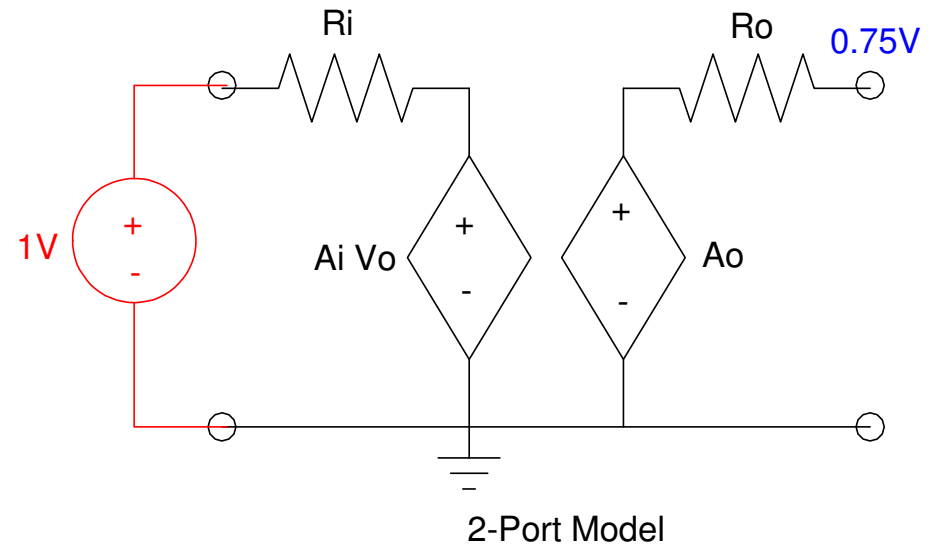
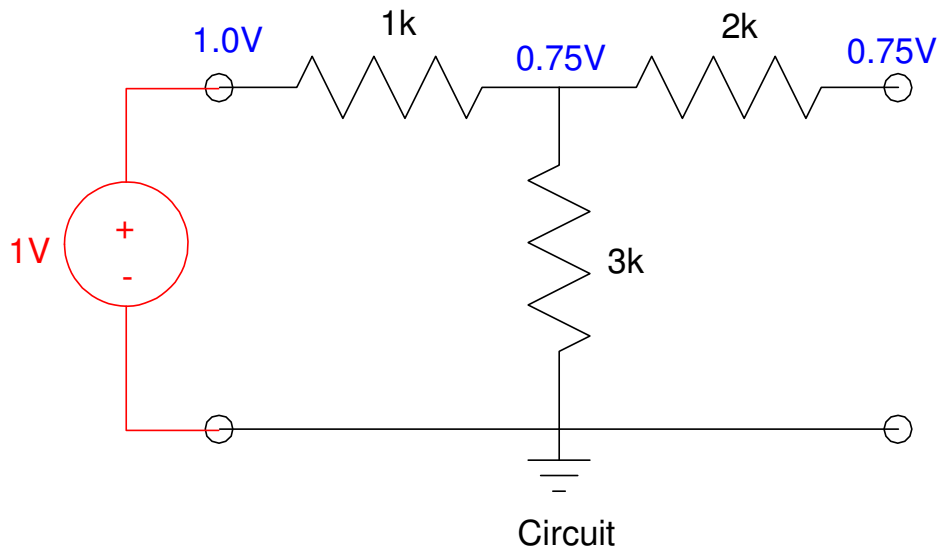
Ai: Set $V_{out} = 1V$, measure the voltage at V_{in} . $A_i = V_{in}$

- $A_i = 0.6$



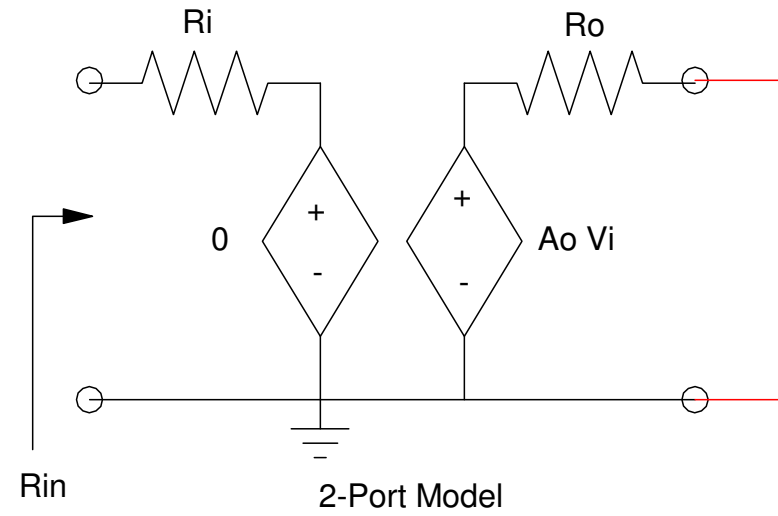
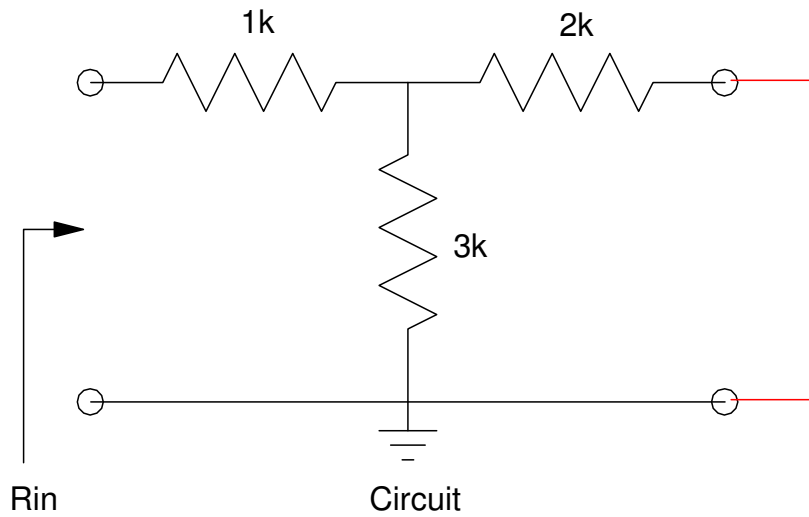
Ao: Set $V_{in} = 0V$, measure the voltage at V_{out} . $A_o = V_{out}$

- $A_o = 0.75$



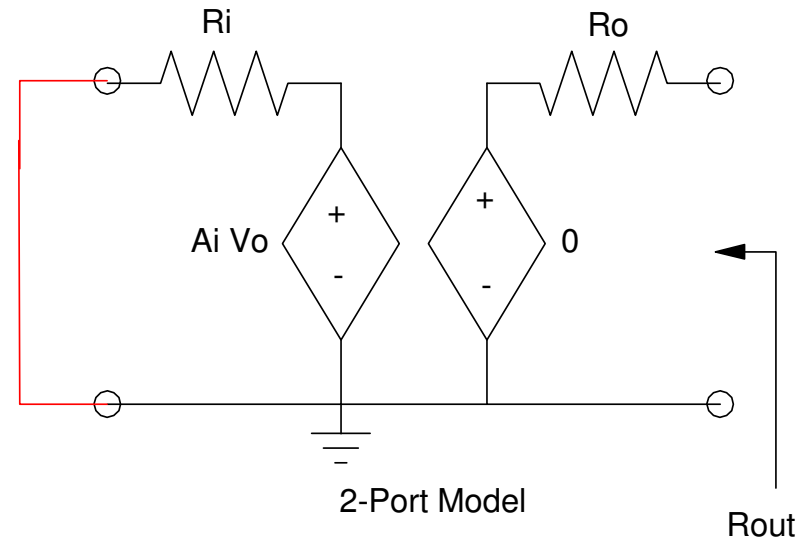
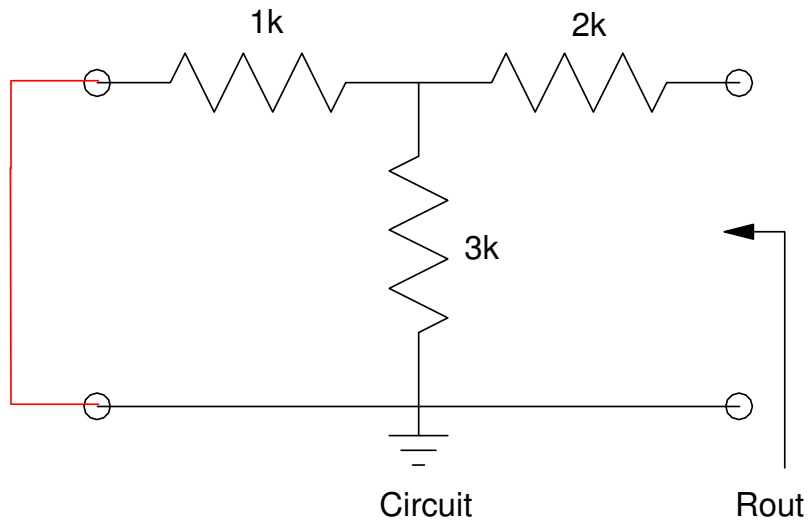
Rin: Set $V_{out} = 0V$, measure the resistance at V_{in} .

- $R_{in} = 1k + 3k || 2k = 2.2k\Omega$

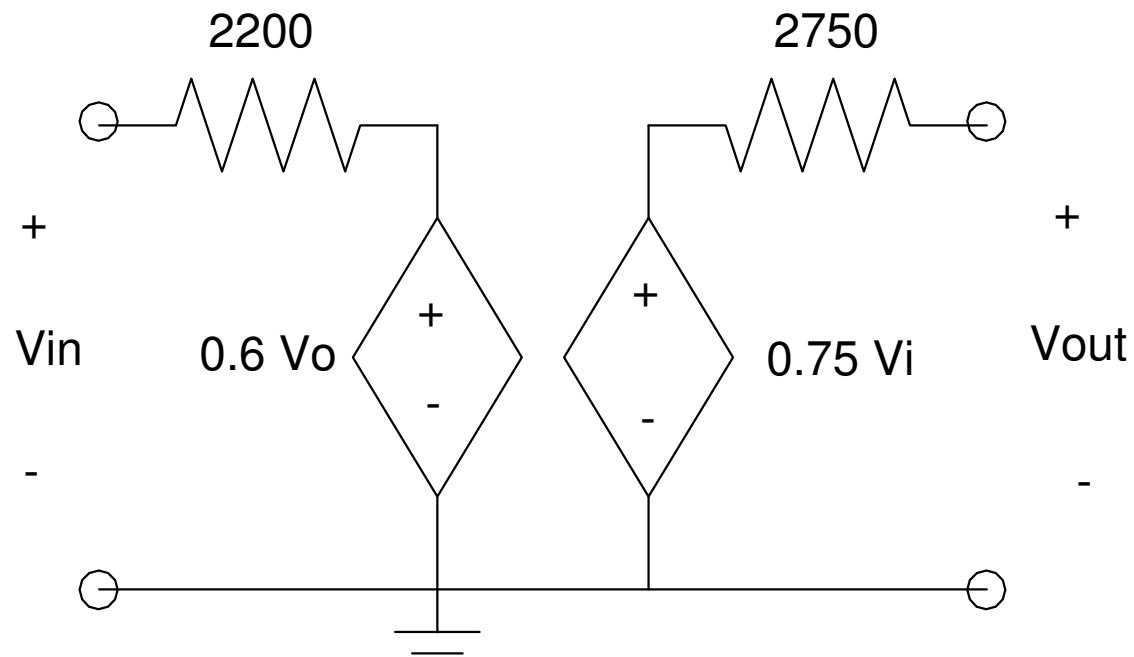


Rout: Set $V_{in} = 0V$, measure the resistance at V_{out}

- $R_{out} = 2k + 1k || 3k = 2750\Omega$

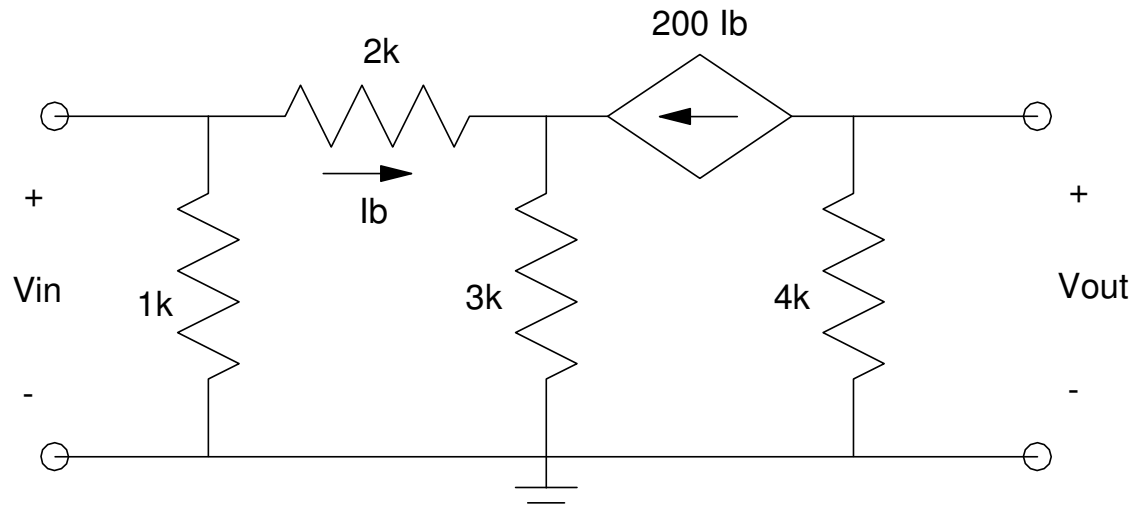


So, the 2-port model is:

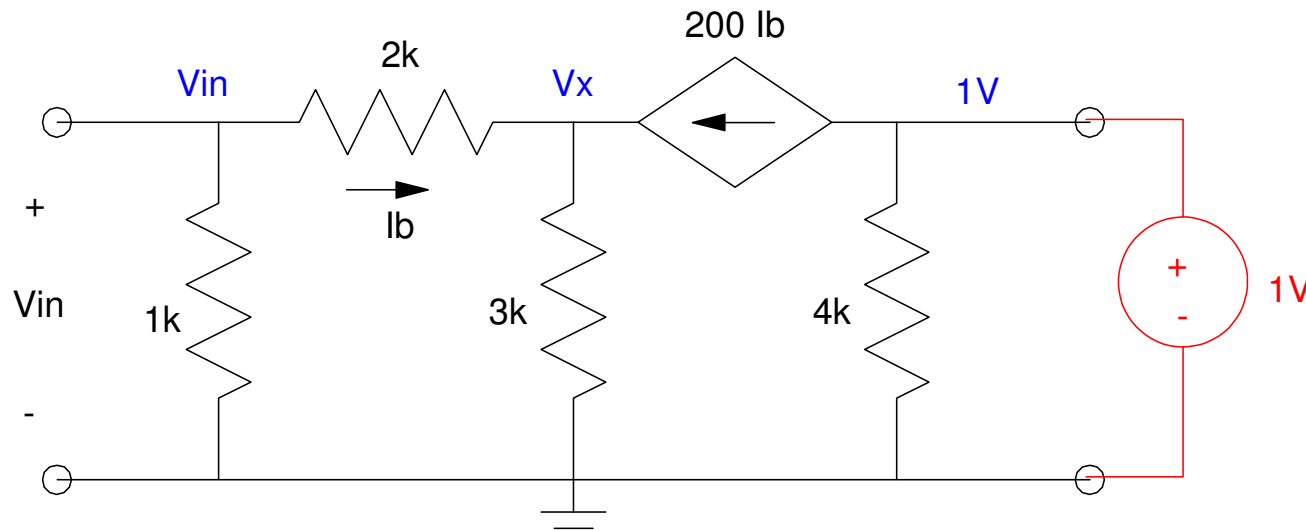


Example 2: When R isn't obvious

- Apply a test voltage (1V typical)
- Compute the current draw
- $R = 1V / I$



Ai: Set $V_{out} = 1V$, measure V_{in}



Compute V_x using voltage nodes:

$$\left(\frac{V_x}{1k+2k}\right) + \left(\frac{V_x}{3k}\right) - 200\left(\frac{0-V_x}{3k}\right) = 0$$

$$V_x = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{A_i = 0}$$

Ao: Set $V_{in} = 1V$, measure the voltage at V_o

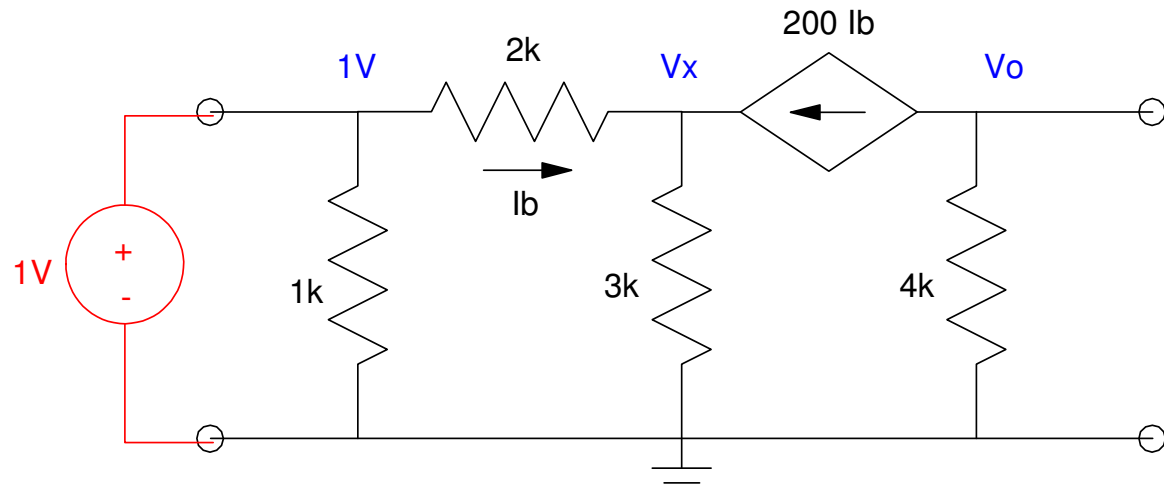
Find V_x using voltage nodes:

$$\left(\frac{V_x - 1}{2k}\right) + \left(\frac{V_x}{3k}\right) - 200\left(\frac{1 - V_x}{2k}\right) = 0$$

$$V_x = 0.9951V$$

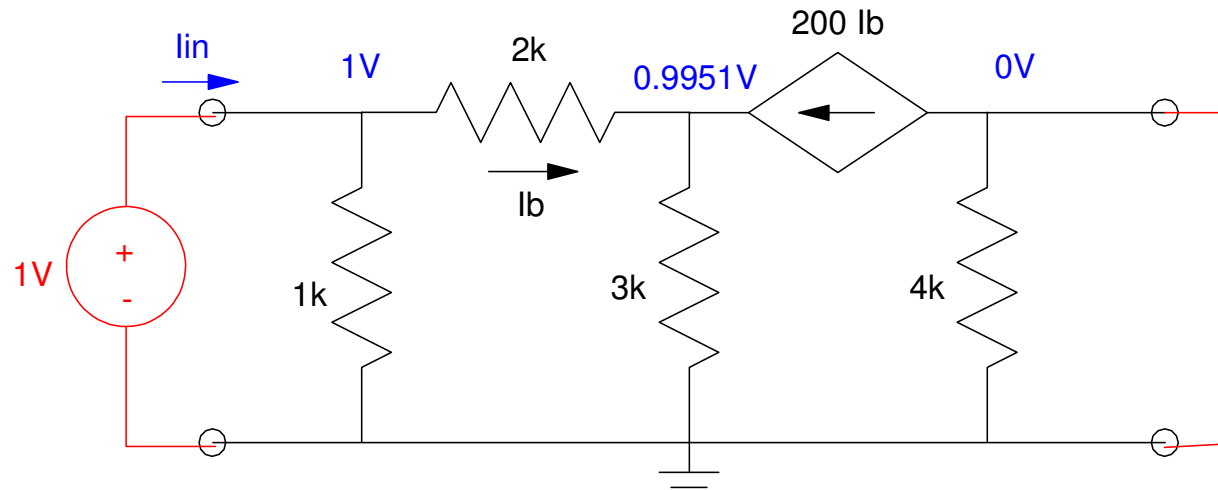
$$I_b = \left(\frac{1 - V_x}{2k}\right) = 2.469\mu A$$

$$V_o = -(200I_b)4k = 1.9753V$$



Ao = 1.9753

R_{in}: Set $V_o = 0V$, measure the resistance at the input.



From the previous analysis, $V_x = 0.9951V$,

$$I_{in} = \left(\frac{1V - 0.9951V}{2k} \right) + \left(\frac{1V}{1k} \right) = 1.0017mA$$

$$R_{in} = \frac{V_{in}}{I_{in}} = \frac{1V}{1.0017mA} = 998\Omega$$

Rout: Set $V_{in} = 0V$, measure the resistance at V_{out} .

This isn't obvious, so add a $1V$ source at the output and compute the resulting current

Solve for V_x :

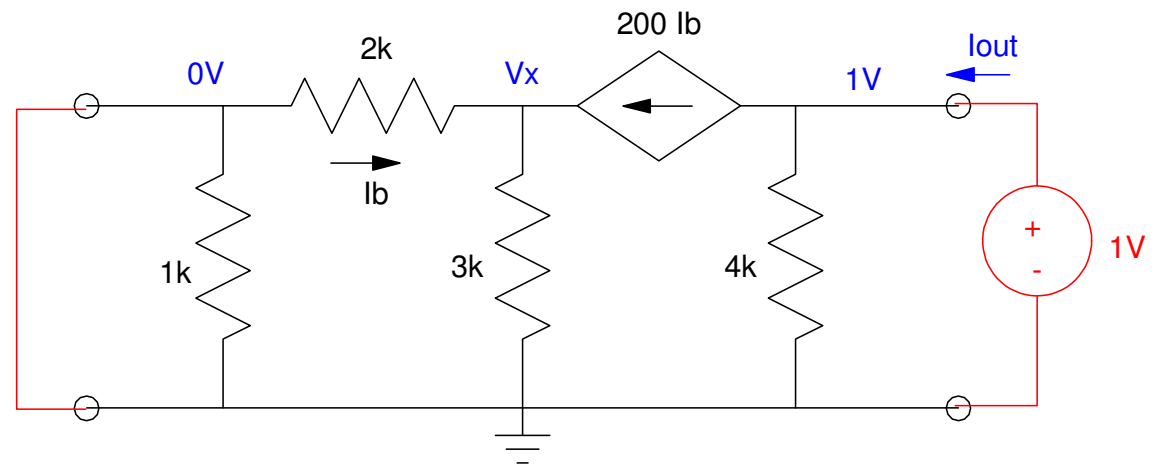
$$\left(\frac{V_x - 0}{2k}\right) + \left(\frac{V_x}{3k}\right) - 200\left(\frac{0 - V_x}{2k}\right) = 0$$

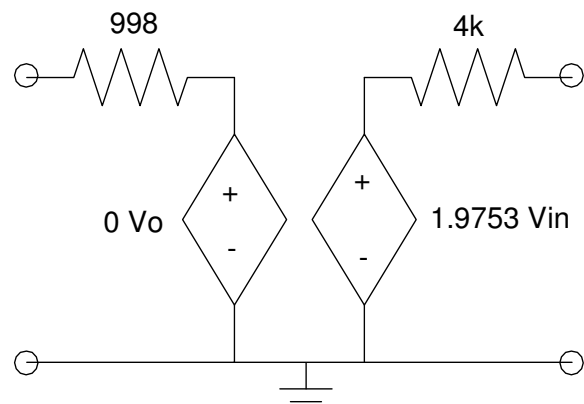
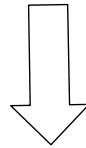
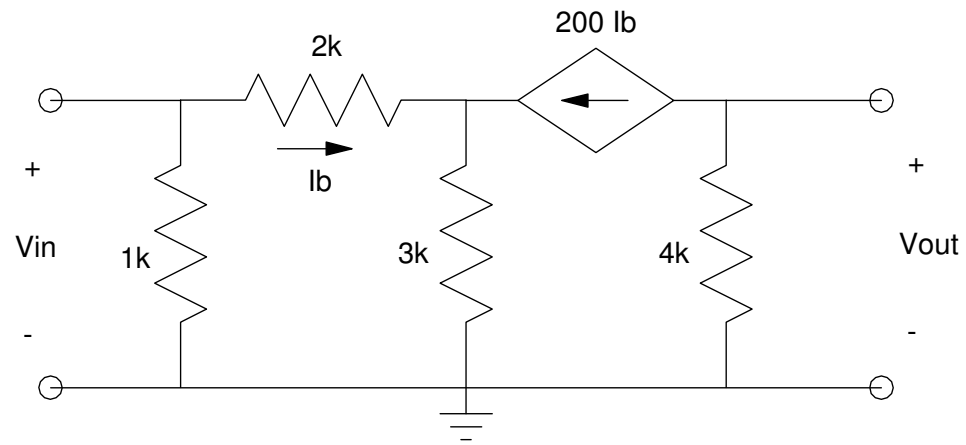
$$V_x = 0$$

$$I_{out} = 0 + \left(\frac{1V}{4k}\right) = 250\mu A$$

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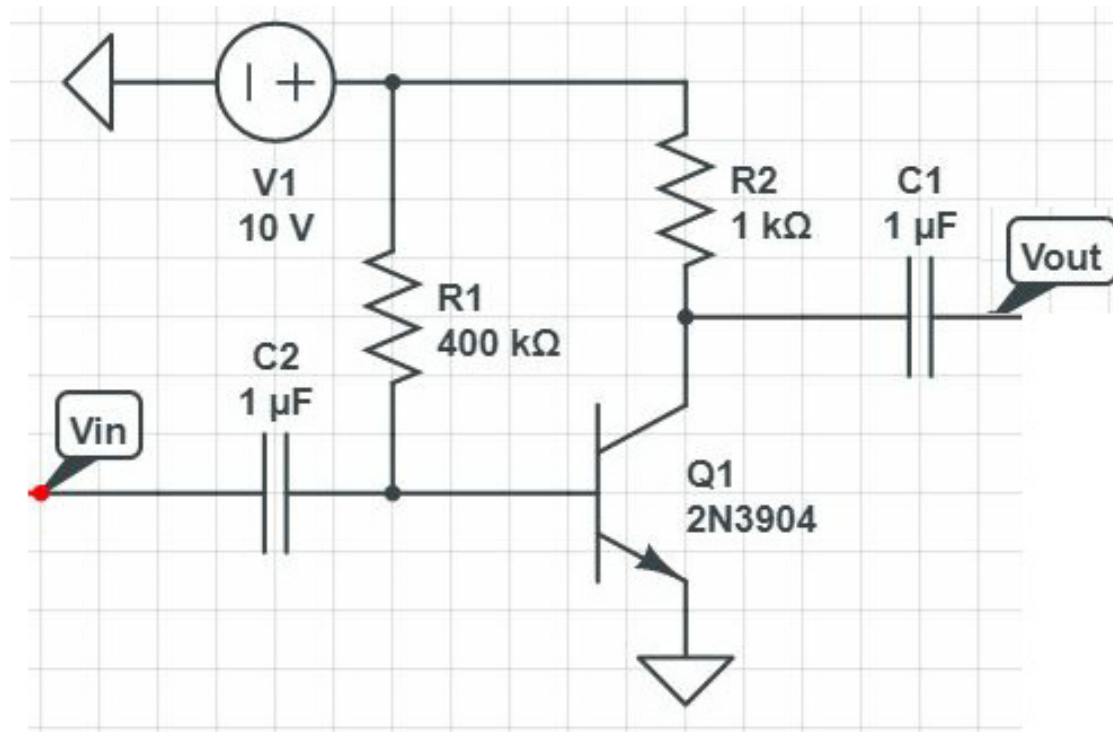
$$R_{out} = \frac{V_{out}}{I_{out}} = \frac{1V}{250\mu A} = 4k\Omega$$





2-Port Model: Experimental

- Actually CircuitLab
- Determine the 2-port model at 1kHz

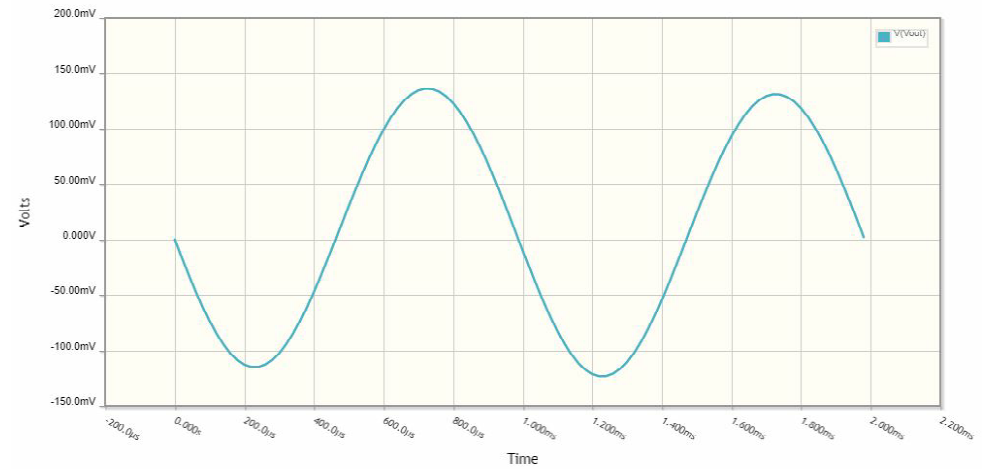
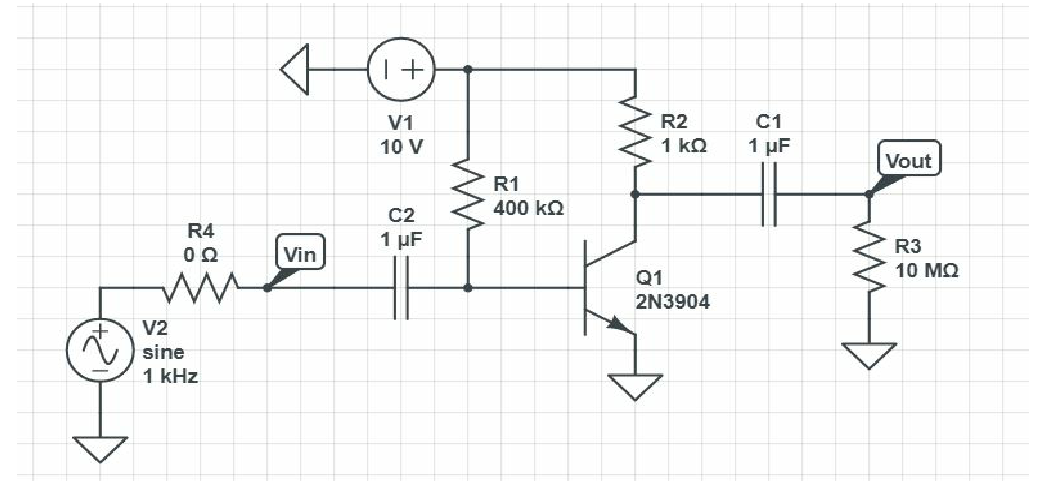


Ao:

- Open Vout (set Rout = 10M)
- Apply 1mV @ 1kHz at Vin
- Measure Vout

$$V_{out} = 137.5\text{mV}_p$$

- out of phase with Vin
- $A_o = -137.5$



Rout:

- Apply 1mV @ 1kHz to Vin
- Add a 1k resistor to Vout
- Measure Vout

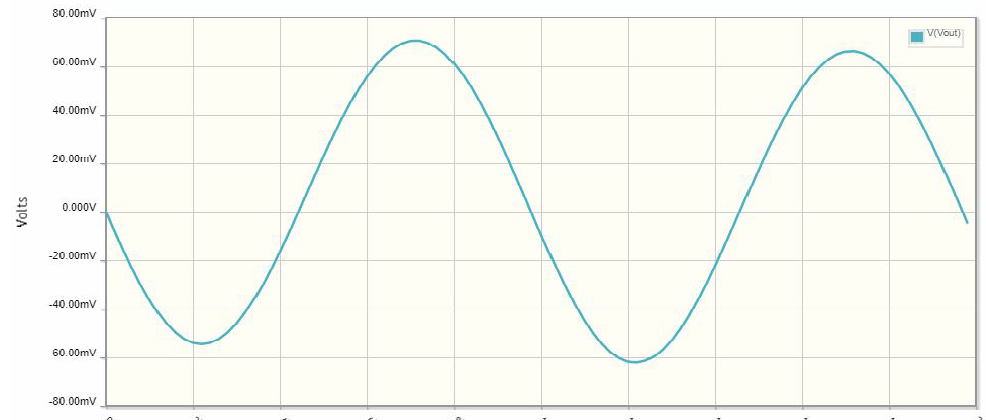
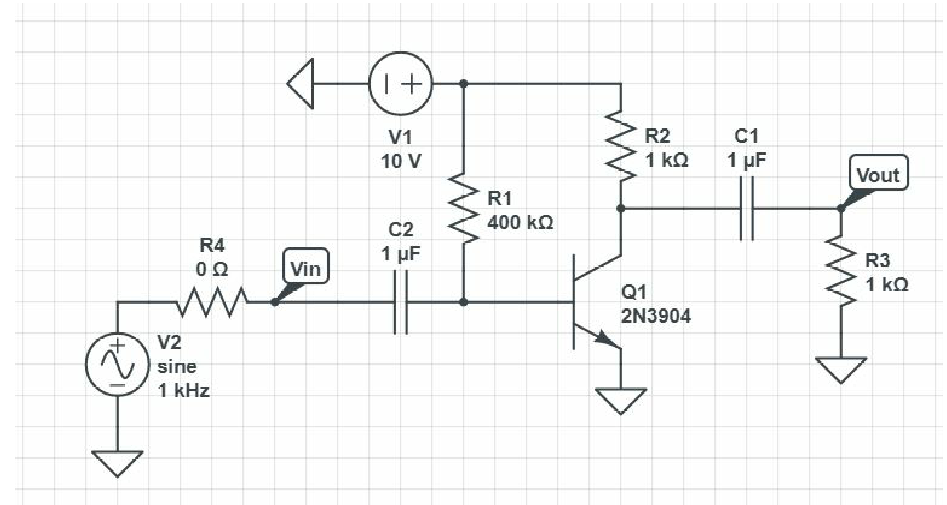
$$V_{out} = 70.3mV_p$$

Ao = 135.7mV from before

$$70.3mV = \left(\frac{1000}{1000 + R_{out}} \right) 135.7mV$$

$$R_{out} = \left(\frac{135.7mV - 70.3mV}{70.3mV} \right) 1k$$

$$R_{out} = 930.3\Omega$$

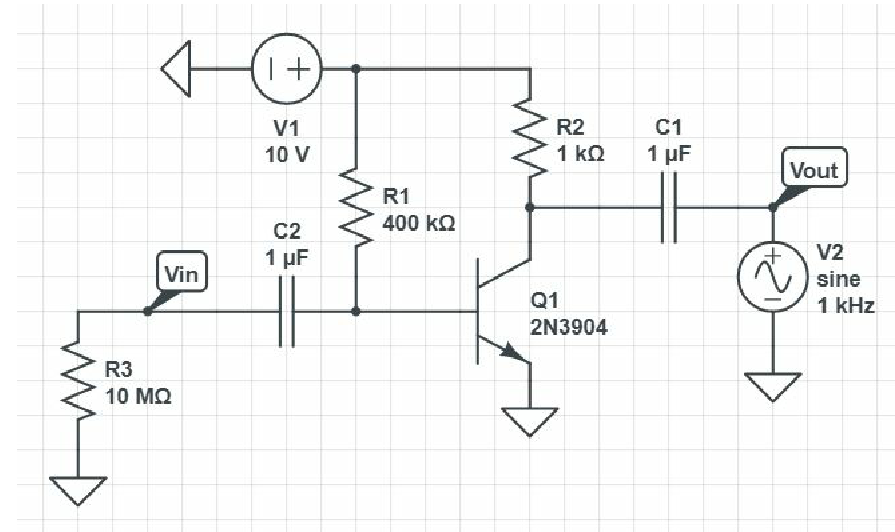


Ain:

- Apply 1mV 1kHz sine wave at Vout
- Measure Vin

$$V_{in} = 9.25nV$$

- $A_{in} = 0.00925$
- A_{in} is about zero



Rin

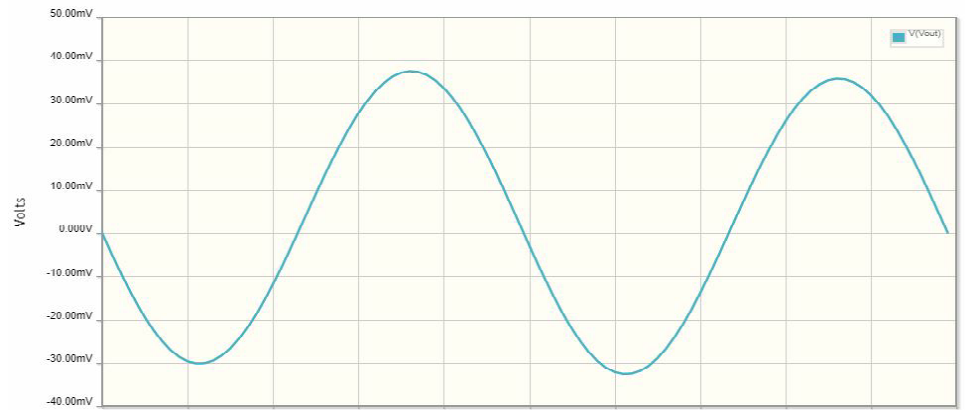
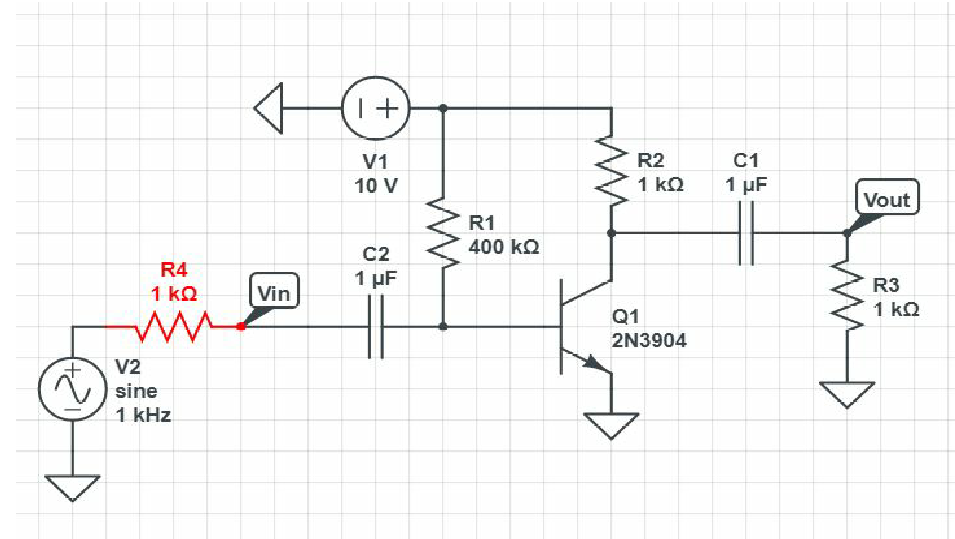
- Since $A_{in} = 0$
- Apply 1mV 1kHz sine wave to V_{in}
- Add a 1k resistor in series
- Measure V_{out}

$$V_{out} = 71.66mV$$

$$\left(\frac{R_{in}}{R_{in} + 1k} \right) 135.7mV = 71.66mV$$

$$R_{in} = \left(\frac{71.66mV}{135.7mV - 71.66mV} \right) 1k$$

$$R_{in} = 1119.0\Omega$$



Summary

2-Port models are a generalized Thevenin equivalent

- Thevenin equivalent at the input ($V_{out} = 1V$)
- Thevenin equivalent at the output ($V_{in} = 1V$)

With four tests, you can determine

- A_{in}
- R_{in}
- A_{out}
- A_o

