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- Three basic equations for calculating decibels

TABLE 3-8 COMMON GAINS AND LOSSES EXPRESSED IN DECIBELS

Ratio (out/in)	Voltage gain (dB)	Power gain (dB)
1/1000	-60	-30
1/100	-40	-20
1/10	-20	-10
1/2	-6.02	-3.01
1	0	0
2	+6.02	+3.01
5	+14	+7
10	+20	+10
100	+40	+20
1,000	+60	+30
10,000	+80	+40
100,000	+100	+50
1,000,000	+120	+60

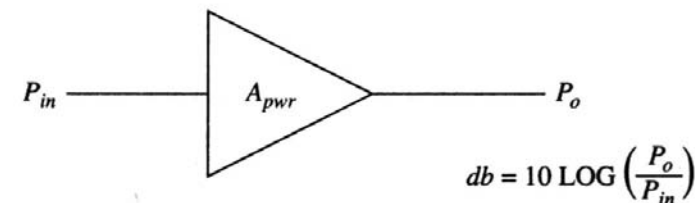
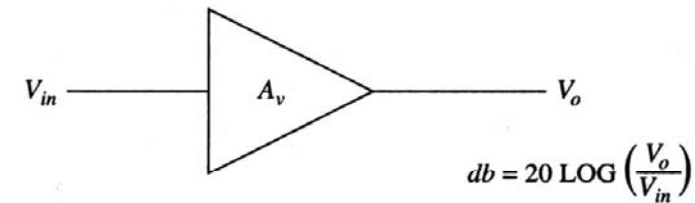
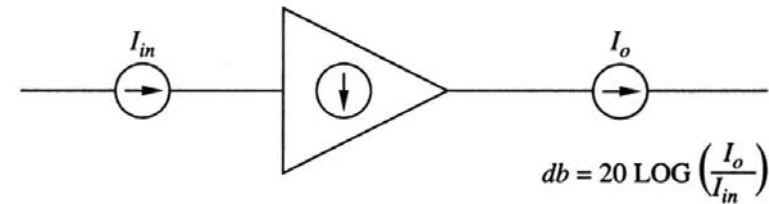


Figure 3-5
Three basic equations for calculating decibels.
Source: EEIM.

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□ Example: When $V_{in}=1\text{mV}$, find $V_o=?$

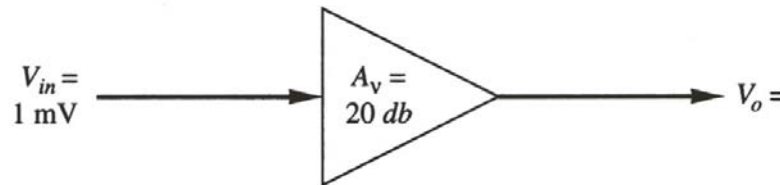


Figure 3-7
20-dB amplifier with 1-mV input signal.
Source: EEIM.

$$\text{Ans: } A_v = 20\text{dB} = 20\log\left(\frac{V_o}{V_{in}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \log\left(\frac{V_o}{V_{in}}\right) \Rightarrow 10^1 = \frac{V_o}{V_{in}}$$

$$V_o = 10 \cdot V_{in} = 10 \cdot 0.001 = 0.01$$

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□ Special decibel scales

- ❖ dBm –Used in reference frequency(RF) measurement, 0 dBm is defined as 1 mW

$$dBm = 10 \log\left(\frac{P}{1mW}\right)$$

- ❖ VU(volume units) –The VU scale is used in audio work and defines 0VU as 1 mW of 1000Hz audio signal dissipated in a 600 –ohm resistive load
- ❖ dB(telephone) –The dB scale defined 0dB as 6 mW of 1000Hz audio signal dissipated in a 500–ohm resistive load
- ❖ dBmV –Used in television antenna coaxial cable system with 75-ohm resistive impedance, the dBmV system uses 1000uV across a 75-ohm resistive load as the 0dBmV reference point

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□ Example: What is the signal level 9mW as expressed in dBm?

Ans:

$$dBm = 10 \log\left(\frac{P}{1mW}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 \log\left(\frac{9mW}{1mW}\right)$$

$$= 9.54dBm$$

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□ Measurement standards

- ❖ The science of measurement, requires a rule to which things are compared
- ❖ The rule is called a standard
- ❖ Hierarchy of standards

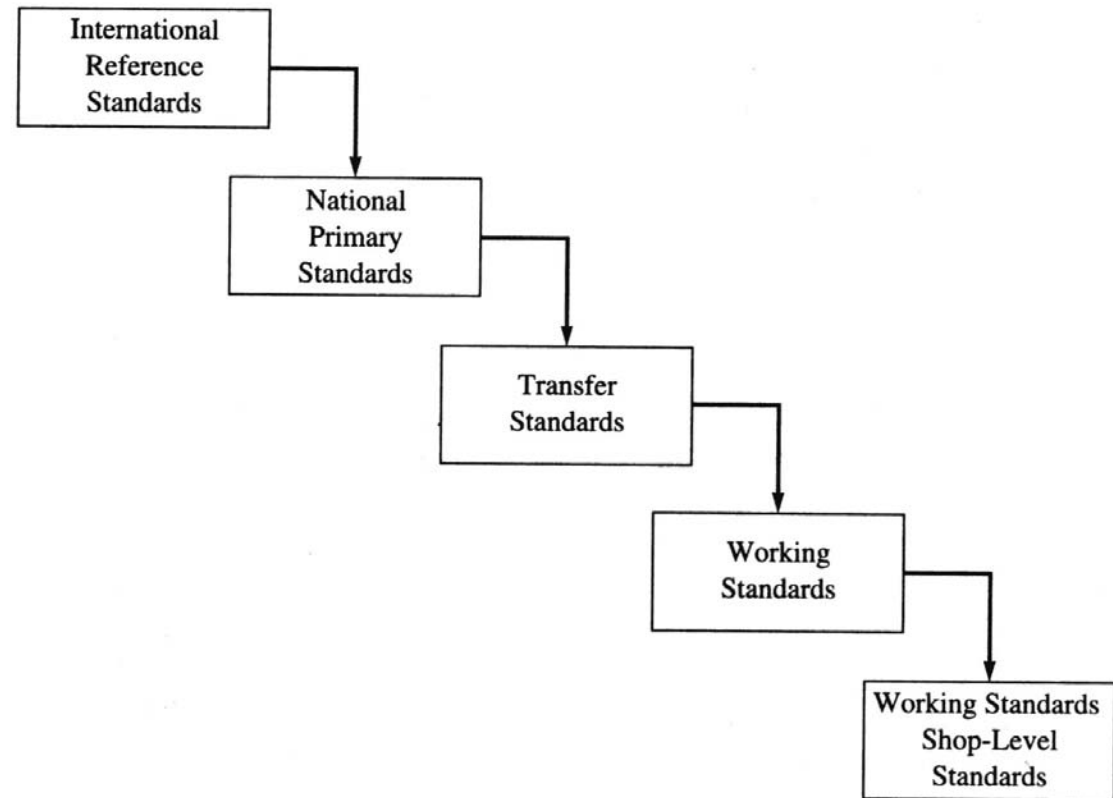


Figure 3-9
Hierarchy of standards.

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□ Standard deviation(標準差)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{N}}$$

□ Variance(變異數)

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{N}$$

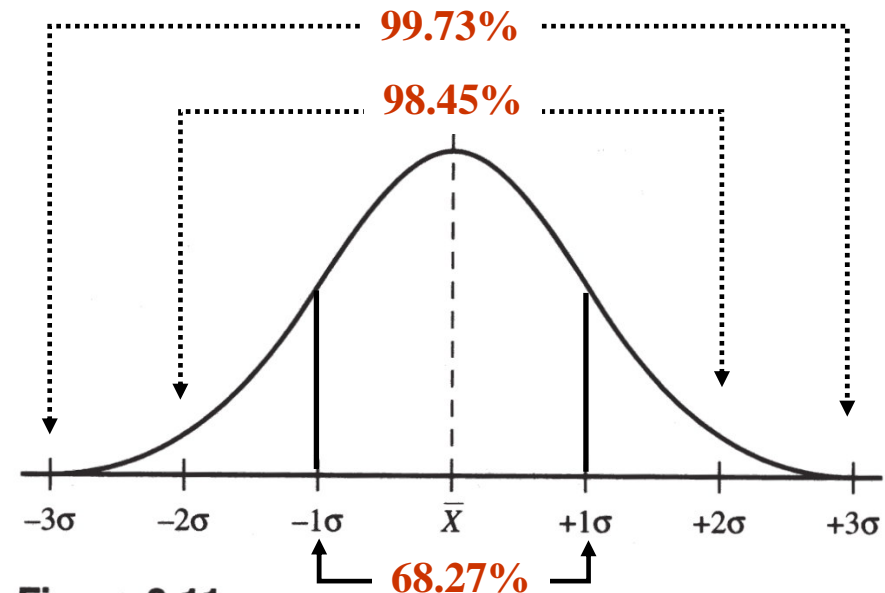


Figure 3-11
Standard deviation. Source: EEIM.

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□ For small sample taken

☛ Standard deviation(標準差)

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{N-1}}$$

☛ Variance(變異數)

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{N-1}$$