HSICE Simulation Guide

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HSPICE Input/Output Files & Suffixes

.sp

.cfg

hspice.ini

HSPICE Input

- > input netlist
- design configuration
- initialization

hsnice de

hspice design > design.lis

Typical Invocations:

or...

hspice design.ckt > design.out

HSPICE Output

- > run status .st0
- > output listing .lis
- > initial condition .ic
- > measure output .m*# (e.g. .mt0,mt1,.)
- Analysis data, transient .tr# (e.g. .tr0,tr1,.)
- Analysis data, dc .sw# (e.g. .sw0,sw1,.)
- > Analysis data, ac .ac# (e.g. .ac0,ac1,.)
- Plot file .gr# (e.g. .gr0, gr1,..)

Run time status

.lis file contains results of:

.print & .plot

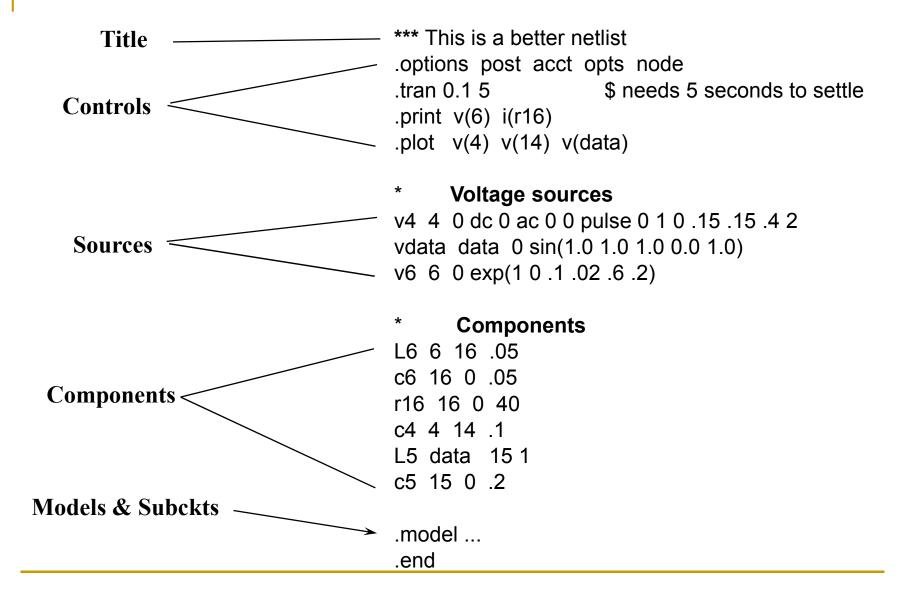
.op (operating point)

.options (results)

Depends on .Option Post

Note: # is either a sweep or a hardcopy file number.

Netlist Structure: Recommended Format



Input Control

- .option
- .param
- .alter
- .model
- .Lib

.OPTION

.OPTION LIST

- Prints a list of netlist elements, node connections, and values.
 Calculates effective sizes of elements and key values.
 - Useful in diagnosing topology related problems.

.OPTION NODE

- Prints a node connection table. The nodal cross-reference table lists each node and all the elements connected to it.
 - Useful in diagnosing topology related non-convergence problems.

.OPTION ACCT

- Reports job accounting and run-time statistics at the end of the output listing.
 - Useful in observing simulation efficiency. Maximum performance is when
 Total Iteration Count : Convergent Iteration Count is 2:1.

.OPTION NOMOD

Suppresses the print-out of MODEL parameters

.OPTION

.OPTION POST PROBE

- Graph nodal voltages, element currents, circuit response, algebraic expressions from transient analysis, DC sweeps, AC analysis
- Requesting Graph Data Format
 - OPTION POST (binary)
 - OPTION POST=2 (ASCII, platform independent)
- .PROBE
 - Write directly to the Graph Data File (without writing to the .LIS file)
 - Limit data in Graph Data file to that specified in .PRINT, .PLOT, .PROBE, .GRAPH

.OPTION

.OPTION SCALE

- profound effect on element parameter values.
- Geometric ELEMENT parameters (L, W, area, etc)
- Global works for MOSFETs, DIODEs, and JFETs
 - OPTION SCALE=<value>

.OPTION SCALE defaults to 1meter

- OPTION SCALE=1e-6
- Local works for Passive Values
 - Passive Devices are NOT affected by .OPTION SCALE
 - □ Cshunt 5 0 1u SCALE=10 (Result=10u)
 - □ Labc 10 0 1u SCALE=10 (Result=10u)

Warning:

.OPTION SCALE=1e-6

M1 Vdd 10 20 0 mymodel L=1u W=1u

Results in L=1e-12 and W=1e-12!!!

.PARAM

- .PARAM parnam1=val1 <parnam2=val2...>
 - > Sets **global** values

* Example 2

- Parameterize input element, source, model data
- Algebraically manipulate output print/plot variables
- Central to circuit optimization and multiple simulation runs

```
*Example 1
.PARAM A=4 B='5 * sqrt(A)' C=10
R1 0 4 'C+5*A'
```

```
.PARAM wp=50u lp=.6u ln=.6u
+ abc=10
X1 1 2 inv wn=10u wp=20u ln=2u lp=.8u cba=5
.SUBCKT inv in out wn=8u wp=8u ln=1u lp=1u abc=5
m1 out in vdd vdd p w=wp l=lp m=abc
m2 out in 0 0 n w=wn l=ln m=cba
.ENDS
```

Actual Value

m1 l=.6u w=50u m=10 m2 l=.6u w=10u m=5

.PARAM

- Defining your own functions
 - .param <function name>(arg1, <arg2>) = 'parameter expr'

```
.param gain(out,in) = 'v(out) / v(in)'
.print par('gain(2,1)') 'mygain'=par('gain(3,1)')
```

Nesting: WARNING!!! Does NOT work past 3 levels!!!

```
.param X=2
                 .param squarit(a)='pow(a,2)'
                          fourth(b) = 'squarit(b) * squarit(b)'
                 +
                         sixteenth(c)='fourth(c) * fourth(c)'
                 +
HSPICE
Output
                 .print '2nd'=par('squarit(X)') '4th'=par('fourth(X)')
                                                                        par('sixteenth(X)')
                              2nd
                                                   4th
                                                                          param
                                                                          sixteenth(x)
                              4.0000
                                                   16.0000
                                                                          256.0000
```

.ALTER

.ALTER

- > Rerun a simulation several times with different
 - Circuit Topology
 - Models
 - Library Components

.ALTER	Sequence for Worst Case Corner Analysis
.DELETE LIB	Removes previous library selection
.LIB	Add new library case

- Elements
- Parameter Values
- Options
- Source stimulus
- Analysis Variables
- Print/Plot commands (must be parameterized)
- > 1st Run HSPICE reads input netlist file up to the first .ALTER
- > Subsequent Reads input netlist to next .ALTER, etc

.ALTER

Limitations:

- CAN include
 - Element Statements (except source)
 - .DATA, .LIB, .DEL LIB, .INCLUDE, .MODEL statements
 - IC, .NODESET statements
 - .OP, .OPTIONS, .PARAM, .TEMP, .TF, .TRAN, .DC, .AC
- CANNOT include
 - .PRINT, .PLOT, .GRAPH, or any other I/O statements
- AVOID adding analysis statements under each .ALTER block. (will cause huge penalty in simulation time and confusion in result outputting!)

.ALTER

Example

Parameterize Source Statements

```
.PARAM A=4ns B=5ns

V1 VA GND PULSE (0v 5v 0ns A B 46.5ns 100ns)

V2 VB GND PULSE (0v 5v 0ns A B 96ns 200ns)

V3 VC GND PULSE (0v 5v 0ns A B 196.5ns 400ns)

.ALTER

.PARAM A=5ns B=6ns

.ALTER

.PARAM A=6ns B=7ns

.END
```

.Model

.model Statement

- .MODEL mname type <pname1=pval1 pname2=pval2 . . >
 - mname Model name reference
 - pname I Parameter name
 - pval_I Specifies the parameter value
 - type Selects the model type, which must be one of the following:

```
OPT optimization model

PJF p-channel JFET model

PLOT plot model for the .GRAPH statement

PMOS p-channel MOFET model

PNP pnp BJT model

R resistor model

U lossy transmission line model (lumped)

W lossy transmission line model

SP S-Parameter
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AMP operational amplifier model

C capacitor model

CORE magnetic core model

PMOS p-channel MOFET model

D diode model

L magnetic core mutual inductor model

NJF n-channel JFET model

NMOS n-channel MOFET model

NPN npn BJT model

Examples

```
.model g nmos level=49

***** Version Parameters
+ hspver = 98.40 version = 3.20

***** Geometry Range Parameters
+ wmin = 0.64u wmax = 900.000u
+ lmin = 0.28u lmax = 900.000u
```

.Lib

- LIB Library Call Statement
 - > .LIB '<filepath>filename' entryname
 - entryname Entry name for the section of the library file to include
 - filename Name of a file to include in the data file
 - filepath
 Path to a file
- .LIB Library File Definition Statement
 - .LIB entryname1
 - <\$ ANY VALID SET OF HSPICE STATEMENTS>
 - .ENDL entryname1
 - .LIB entryname2
 - <\$ ANY VALID SET OF HSPICE STATEMENTS>
 - .ENDL entryname2
- .DEL LIB Statement
 - DEL LIB '<filepath>filename' entryname
 - entryname Entry name used in the library call statement to be deleted
 - filename
 Name of a file for deletion from the data file
 - filepath
 Path name of a file, if the operating system
 - supports tree-structured directories

.Lib

```
*Netlist
R1 1 0 10k
.lib 'MyProcess.lib' TT ←
M1 1 1 2 0 nchan
.end
                                   MyProcess.lib file
                                                                     * file: /usr/lib/cmos1.dat
                            .lib TT
                                          $ typical process
                                                                     .model nchan
                            .param TOX_8=230 ...
                                                                     + level=13 ...
                            .include '/usr/lib/cmos1.dat'
                                                                     + tox=tox_8
                            .endl TT
                            .lib FF
                                          $ fast process
                            .param TOX_8=200 ...
                            .include '/usr/lib/cmos1.dat'
                            .endl FF
```

Output Control

.print

.measure

.PRINT

- syntax
 - PRINT antype ov1 <ov2...ov32>
 - Standard form: .print V(node) or I(element) or PAR('equation')
 - v(1) = voltage at node 1
 - v(1,2) = voltage between node 1 and node 2 (differential)
 - i(Rin) = current through Rin
 - PAR('v(out)/v(in)') = value of v(out)/v(in)

.PRINT

```
*** ID-Vds curve temp=0 nmos w=50 l=0.4 dbp011
.option nomod nopage acct wl scale=0.87u co=132
.temp 25
.inc '/home/users2/kyusun/model/model_typ'
.param pa_vgs=4.0v
.dc vds 0v 4.5v 0.5v
vds vds gnd
vgs vg gnd pa_vgs
vbb vbb gnd -1.0v
                                                                  Input file
mnmos vds vg gnd vbb g w=0.36 l=0.27
   vds vs_im 10k
   vs_im gnd 10k
.print i(mnmos)
                        Print value of current
.end
                        through element 'mnmos'
```

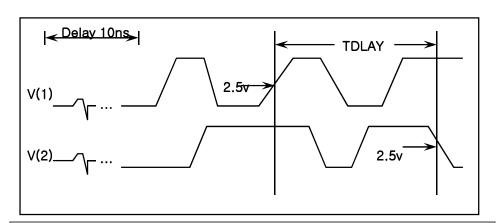
.PRINT

```
*** id-vds curve temp=0 nmos w=50 l=0.4 dbp011
***** dc transfer curves
                               tnom= 25.000 temp= 25.000
*****
Χ
   volt
              current
              mnmos
                                                                      Output file
 0.
              1.0000p
500.00000m
              42.3973u
                                                                       (.lis)
 1.00000
              80.8944u
 1.50000
              114.1583u
 2.00000
              132.4595u
 2.50000
              136.4053u
 3.00000
              138.5470u
 3.50000
              140.3573u
              142.0558u
 4.00000
 4.50000
              143.7045u
     ***** job concluded
```

.MEASURE

- Print user-defined electrical specifications of a circuit.
- .MEASURE is a post processor
- > Seven Fundamental Measurement modes:
 - Rise, Fall, Delay
 - Average, RMS, Min, Max, & Peak-to-Peak
 - Find-When
 - Equation Evaluation
 - Derivative Evaluation
 - Integral Evaluation
 - Relative Error

- .MEASURE <DC | TRAN | AC> result TRIG TARG <optimization options>
 - result name given the measured value in the HSPICE® output.
 - TRIG trig_var VAL=trig_val <TD=timedelay> <CROSS=#of> <RISE=#of> +<FALL=#of>
 - TRIG AT=value
 - TARG targ_var VAL=targ_val <TD=timedelay> <CROSS=#of | LAST> +<RISE=#of | LAST> <FALLS=#of | LAST>



.MEAS TRANTDLAY TRIG V(1) VAL=2.5 TD=10ns RISE=2
+ TARG V(2) VAL=2.5 FALL=2

- .MEASURE <DC | TRAN | AC> result func out_var<FROM=val> <TO=val> <optimization options>
 - func: AVG, RMS, MIN, MAX, PP
 - result: name given the measured value in the HSPICE® output
 - out_var: name of the output variable to be measured.

Examples

- .MEAS TRAN avgval AVG V(10) From=10ns To=55ns
 - Print out average nodal voltage of node 10 during tran time 10 to 55ns. Print as "avgval"
- .MEAS TRAN maxval MAX V(1,2) From=15ns To=100ns
 - Find the maximum voltage difference between nodes 1 and 2 from time 15ns to 100ns. Print as "maxval".

FIND-WHEN

- Allows any independent variables (time, freq, parameter), by using WHEN syntax, or any dependent variables (voltage, current, etc), by using FIND-WHENsyntax, to be measured when some specific event occurs.
- .MEASURE <DC | TRAN | AC> result WHEN out_var=val <TD=val> +<RISE=#of> | LAST> <FALL=#of | LAST> <CROSS=#of | LAST> +<optimization options>
 - result name given the measured value in the HSPICE® output file.
- Example when
 - MEAS TRAN fifth WHEN V(osc_out)=2.5v RISE=5
 - measure the time of the 5th rise of node "osc_out" at 2.5v. Report as "fifth" in listing.
- Example find when
 - .MEAS TRAN result FIND v(out) WHEN v(in)=40m
 - measure v(out) when v(in)=40m store in variable result

Equation Evaluation

- Use this statement to evaluate an equation that can be a function of the results of previous .Measure statements.
- The equation MUST NOT be a function of node voltages or branch currents.
- .MEASURE <DC | TRAN | AC> result
 PARAM='equation' +<optimization options>
 - result name given the measured value in the HSPICE® output file.

Example

.MEAS TRAN Tmid PARAM='(T_from+T_to)/2'

Power Sources

Independent Sources

Independent Sources: DC, AC

Syntax

- Vxxx n+ n- <<DC=> dcval> <tranfun> <AC=acmag, acphase> or
- > Iyyy n+ n- <<DC=> dcval> <tranfun> <AC=acmag, acphase> <M=val>

DC Sources

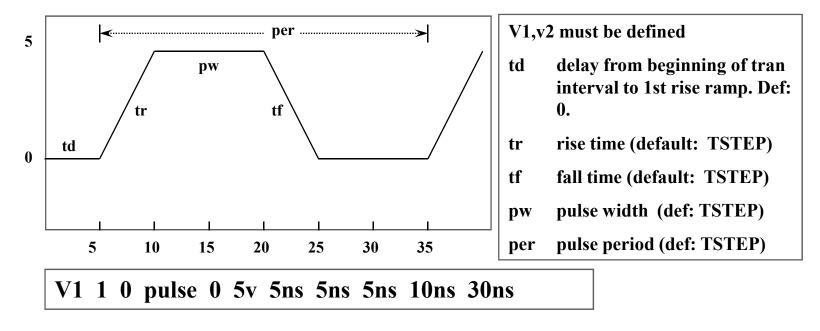
- > V1 1 0 DC=5V (def. = 0v)
- > V1 1 0 5V
- > I1 1 0 DC=5ma
- > DC sweep range is specified in the .DC analysis statment.

AC Sources

- impulse functions used for an AC analysis
- AC (freq. Domain analysis provides the impulse response of the circuit
- V1 1 0 AC=10v,90 (def. ACMAG=1v, ACPHASE=0 degree)
- > AC frequency sweep range is specified in the .AC analysis statement.

Independent Sources: Transient

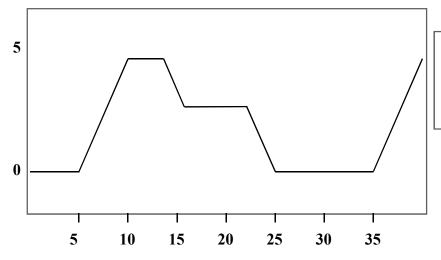
- Time Varying (Transient)
 - > PULSE v1 v2 >>>



- > PULSE (v1 v2 <options>)
 - Eg) VIN 3 0 PULSE (-1 1 2ns 2ns 2ns 50ns 100ns)

Independent Sources: PWL

- Piece-Wise Linear
 - PWL t1 v1 <t2 v2 t3 v3...> <R <=repeat>> <TD=delay>
 - > PWL (t1 v1 <options>)
 - PWL t1 I1 <t2 I2...> <options>
 - Value of source at intermediate values is determined by linear interpolation.
 - PL (ASPEC style) reverses order to voltage-time pairs.



VIN VGate 0 PWL (0 0v 5n 0v +10n 5v 13n 5v 15n 2.5v 22n 2.5v +25n 0 30n 0 R)

Independent Transient Sources: SIN, Mixed

SIN

- SIN vo va <freq <td <damping <phasedelay>>>>
- SIN (vo va <options>)
- > Examples:
 - VIN 3 0 SIN (0 1 100MEG 1ns 1e10)
 - Damped sinusoidal source connected between nodes 3 and 0. 0v offset,
 Peak of 1v, freq of 100 MHz, time delay of 1ns. Damping factor of 1e10.
 Phase delay (defaulted to 0) of 0 degrees.

Composite (Mixed)

- Specify source values for more than 1 type of analysis.
- Examples
 - VH 3 6 DC=2 AC=1,90
 - VCC 10 0 VCC PWL 0 0 10n VCC 15n VCC 20n 0
 - VIN 13 2 0.001 AC 1 SIN (0 1 1Meg)

Analysis

DC analysis

AC analysis

Transient analysis

Temperature analysis

Analysis types

- Types and Order of Execution
 - DC Operating (Bias) Point
 - First and most important job is to determine the DC steady state response (called the DC operating point)
 - DC Bias Point & DC Sweep Analysis
 - .DC, .OP, .TF, .SENS
 - AC Bias Point & AC Frequency Sweep Analysis
 - .AC, .NET, .Noise, .Distortion
 - Transient Bias Point & Transient Sweep Analysis
 - Trans, .Fourier, .OP <time>
 - Temperature Analysis
 - .Temp
- Advanced Modifiers: Monte Carlo, Optimization

DC Analysis

- Getting DC Operating Point (Quiescent Point) is crucial before performing DC or AC analysis
- DC Operating point analysis have to be done before transient analysis and/or AC analysis.
 - Caps are OPEN, Inductors SHORT
 - Initialized by .IC, .NODESET, and Voltage Sources (time zero values)
- 5 DC Analysis & Operating Point Analysis Statements
 - .DC Sweeps for power supply, temp, param, transfer curves
 - OP Operating point is to be calculated at a specific time
 - .PZ Pole/Zero Analysis
 - SENS DC small-signal sensitivities.
 - .TF DC small-signal transfer function

.DC

.DC Statement - DC Sweep

- DC var1 start1 stop1 incr1 <var2 start2 stop2 incr2>
- DC var1 start1 stop1 incr1 <SWEEP var2 type np start2 stop2>
- DC var1 type np start1 stop1 <SWEEP DATA=datanm>
- DC DATA=datanm <SWEEP var2 start2 stop2 incr2>
- .DC DATA=datanm
 - var1 ... Name of an independent voltage or current source,
 any element or model parameter, or the keyword TEMP.
 - start1 ... Starting voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values.
 - stop1 ... Final voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values.
 - incr1 ... Voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature increment values.
 - SWEEP Indicates a second sweep has different type of variation (DEC, OCT, LIN, POI, DATA statement)
 - type Can be any of the following keywords: DEC, OCT, LIN, POI.
 - np Number of points per decade (or depending on the preceding keyword).
 - DATA=datanm
 Datanm is the reference name of a .DC statement

.DC

Examples

- DC VIN 0.25 5.0 0.25
 Sweep VIN from .25 to 5v by .25v increments
- DC VDS 0 10 .5 VGS 0 5 1
 Sweep VDS from 0 to 10v by .5 incr at VGS values of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5v.
- DC TEMP -55 125 10
 Sweep TEMP from -55C to 125C in 10 degree C increments
- DC xval 1k 10k .5k SWEEP TEMP LIN 5 25 125
 - DC analysis performed at each temperature value. Linear TEMP sweep from 25 to 125 (5 points) while sweeping a resistor value called 'xval' from 1K to 10K in .5K.

.OP & .TF

- OP <format> <time> <format> <time> (transient only)
 - Calculating the operating point of MOSFETs at the specific time
 - Reports:
 - Node voltages, Source Currents
 - Power Dissipation at the Operating Point
 - Semiconductor device currents, conductance, capacitances

.TF Outvar INSRC

- Calculating Small-signal DC gain, input resistance, output resistance
- Examples
 - _ .TF V(4) V(1)
 - □ DC Gain : V(4) / V(1)
 - Input resistance : resistance value b/w node 1 and node 0
 - Ouput resistance : resistance value b/w node 4 and node 0

AC Analysis

- Analyze Frequency Response
 - After doing .OP analysis, HSPICE conducting AC analysis of the nonlinear device, such as MOSFET, at the DC operating point.
 - Includes white Noise Calculation considering resistors, semiconductor device
 - Flicker noise estimation
- AC Analysis Statements
 - > .AC Compute output variables as a function of frequency
 - NOISE Noise Analysis
 - DISTO Distortion Analysis
 - NET Network analysis
 - SAMPLE Sampling Noise
- .AC Sweep Statements:
 - Frequency, Element Value, Temperature, Model parameter Value
 - > Random Sweep (Monte Carlo), Optimization and AC Design Analysis

.AC

- AC Sweep
 - .AC type np fstart fstop
 - AC type np fstart fstop <SWEEP var start stop incr>
- .AC type np fstart fstop <SWEEP DATA=datanm>
 - .AC DATA=datanm

_	fstart	Starting	frequency
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- fstop
 Final frequency
- var
 Name of an independent voltage or current source,

any element or model parameter, or the keyword TEMP.

start
 Starting voltage, current, element, model parameter,

or temperature values.

stop
 Final voltage, current, element, model parameter,

or temperature values.

incr
 Voltage, current, element, model parameter,

or temperature increment values.

SWEEP Indicates a second sweep is specified in the .AC statement.

.AC

Examples

- .AC DEC 10 1K 100MEG
 - Freq sweep 10 points per decade for 1KHz to 100MHz
 - Total AC analysis points: 51
 - Because Freq range is 1k~100M, log(100M/1K) = 5 decades,
 and 10 points per decade
- > .AC LIN 100 1 100hz
 - Linear Sweep 100 points from 1hz to 100Hz
 - Use LIN when the Freq range is narrow
- Mixed Command
 - AC DEC 10 1 10K SWEEP cload LIN 20 1pf 10pf
 - AC analysis for each value of cload, with a linear sweep of cload between 1pf and 10pf (20 points). Sweeping frequency 10 points per decade from 1Hz to 10KHz. (41point freq.)

Transient Analysis

- Transient Analysis Statements
 Compute circuit solution as a function of time over a time range
- .TRAN Statement Can be Used for:
 - Transient Operating Point (eg. .OP 20n)
 - Transient Temperature Sweep
 - Transient Monte Carlo Analysis (random sweep)
 - Transient Parameter Sweep
 - Transient Optimization
- Taking .OP results as a initial value for Transient Analysis

.TRAN

- .TRAN Statement
 - .TRAN tincr1 tstop1 <tincr2 tstop2...> <START=val> <UIC>
 - + <SWEEP..>
 - TRAN var1 START=start1 STOP=stop1 STEP=incr1
 - TRAN var1 START=start1 STOP=stop1 STEP=incr1
 - + <SWEEP var2 type np start2 stop2>
 - TRAN tincr1 tstop1 < tincr2 tstop2 < tincr3 tstop3 > > < START=val>
 - TRAN tincr1 tstop1 <tincr2 tstop2<tincr3 tstop3>....> <START=val>
 - + <SWEEP var2 pstart pstop pincr>
 - .TRAN DATA=datanm
 - TRAN var1 START=start1 STOP=stop1 STEP=incr1
 - + <SWEEP DATA=datanm>
 - .TRAN DATA=datanm <SWEEP var2 pstart pstop pincr>
 - UIC Calculates the initial transient conditions, rather than solving for the quiescent operating point

.TRAN

_	tincr1	Printing/plotting increment for printer output, and the suggested computing increment for the postprocessor
_	tstop1 tincr1	Time at which the transient analysis stops incrementing by
_	var	Name of an independent voltage or current source, any element or model parameter, or the keyword TEMP.
_	pstart	Starting voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values.
_	pstop	Final voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature values.
_	pincr	Voltage, current, element, model parameter, or temperature increment values.
_	START	Time at which printing/plotting begins
_	SWEEP	Indicates a second sweep is specified on the .TRAN statement
_	np	Number of points per decade
		(or depending on the preceding keyword).
_	DATA=da	atanm Datanm is the reference name of a .TRAN statement
_	type	Can be any of the following keywords: DEC, OCT, LIN, POI.

.TRAN

Examples

- .TRAN 1ns 100ns
 - Transient analysis is made and printed every 1ns for 100ns.
- > .TRAN .1ns 25ns 1ns 40ns START=10ns
 - Calculation is made every .1ns for the first 25ns, and then every 1ns until 40ns. The printing and plotting begin at 10ns.
- > .TRAN 10ns 1us SWEEP cload POI 3 1pf 5pf 10pf
 - Calculation is made every 10ns for 1us at three cload. (POI Points of Interests)

Examples

Transient Analysis AC Analysis

Transient Analysis

```
*** HSPICE Netlist file for DIFF AMP Transient Analysis
*** Created by ikim
.option post
.option ACC=1 BRIEF=1
.param VDD=5.0v
.global VDD!
.temp 25
.op
.tans 0.1ns 100ns
.print i(M5)
.meas avgpow avg power from t1 to t2
.meas maxpow max power from t1 to t2
.param t1=10n
.param t2=90n
*** Source ****
VVDD! VDD! 0 VDD
VINn INn 0 pu 2.3v 2.7v 0n 0.1n 0.1ns 4.9ns 10ns
VINp INp 0 dc 2.5v
Vb Vb 0 1.15v
Cout out 1fF
*** Components ***
.inc './diff_amp.net'
.model '/home/users2/kyusun/tool/model/libcmos050t22a.sp' CMOS1
.end
```

AC Analysis

```
*** HSPICE Netlist file for DIFF AMP Frequency Analysis
*** Created by ikim
.option post
.option ACC=1 BRIEF=1
.param VDD=5.0v
.global vdd! Gnd
.temp 25
.dc
.pz v(out) vinn
.ac dec 10 1k 10giga
*** Source ****
VVDD! VDD! 0 VDD
VINn INn 0 dc 2.5v ac 1, 180
VINp INp 0 dc 2.5v ac 1
Vb Vb 0 1.15v
Cout out 1fF
*** Components ***
.inc './diff_amp.net'
.model '/home/users2/kyusun/tool/model/libcmos050t22a.sp' CMOS1
.end
```