

# Lab 6

## Objectives

To construct and study the frequency response of the power amplifier (PA) subsystem.

## Frequency response measurement

Amplitude: 0.1A				Amplitude: 0.2A			
Frequency (Hz)	V <sub>IN</sub> -pp (V)	V <sub>OUT</sub> -pp (V)		Frequency (Hz)	V <sub>IN</sub> -pp (V)	V <sub>OUT</sub> -pp (V)	
100	0.23	8.36		100	0.39	9.25	
200	0.23	8.34		200	0.43	11.08	
500	0.21	8.87		500	0.43	10.18	
1000	0.2	8.29		1000	0.42	9.99	
2000	0.18	8.11		2000	0.39	9.83	
5000	0.2	7.97		5000	0.39	9.76	
10000	0.21	7.83		10000	0.4	9.79	
20000	0.22	7.53		20000	0.41	9.94	
50000	0.22	5.85		50000	0.42	9.94	

## PA frequency response characterization

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In [ ]: import numpy as np
import plotly.graph_objs as go
from plotly.graph_objs.scatter.marker import Line
import math

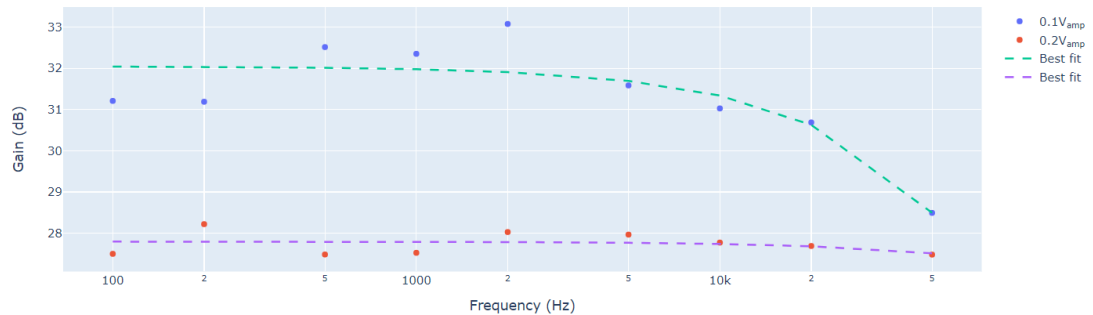
frequency = np.array([100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10000, 20000, 50000])
v_IN_01 = np.array([0.23, 0.23, 0.21, 0.2, 0.18, 0.21, 0.22, 0.22, 0.22])
v_OUT_01 = np.array([8.36, 8.34, 8.87, 8.29, 8.11, 7.97, 7.83, 7.53, 5.85])
v_IN_02 = np.array([0.39, 0.43, 0.43, 0.42, 0.39, 0.39, 0.4, 0.41, 0.42])
v_OUT_02 = np.array([9.25, 11.08, 10.18, 9.99, 9.83, 9.76, 9.79, 9.94, 9.94])

gain_01 = 20*np.log10(v_OUT_01/v_IN_01)
gain_02 = 20*np.log10(v_OUT_02/v_IN_02)

fig = go.Figure()
fig.update_xaxes(type='log')
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=frequency, y=gain_01, mode='markers', name='0.1V<sub>in</sub>'))
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=frequency, y=gain_02, mode='markers', name='0.2V<sub>in</sub>'))
fig.update_layout(xaxis_title='Frequency (Hz)', yaxis_title='Gain (dB)')

coef = np.polyfit(frequency, gain_01, deg=1) # deg=1 for order 1 polynomial (lin
fit = coef[0]*frequency + coef[1]
lab_temp = 25 # Laboratory temperature
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=frequency, y=fit, mode='lines', line=dict(dash='dash'
name='Best fit'))
coef = np.polyfit(frequency, gain_02, deg=1) # deg=1 for order 1 polynomial (lin
fit = coef[0]*frequency + coef[1]
lab_temp = 25 # Laboratory temperature
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fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=frequency, y=fit, mode='lines', line=dict(dash='dash', name='Best fit')))
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In [ ]: total_gain1 = 0.0
total_gain2 = 0.0
print("Gain 1:", gain_01)
for i in range(len(gain_01)):
    total_gain1 += gain_01[i]
    total_gain2 += gain_02[i]

print("Average Gain 1", total_gain1/9.0 )
print("Average Gain 2", total_gain2/9.0 )
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Gain 1: [31.20956883 31.18876429 32.5140865 32.3504907 33.07496698 31.58478053 31.02678162 30.68744591 28.49466371]

Average Gain 1 31.34794989704426

Average Gain 2 27.742400876383527

With an 0.1V amplitude, the gain across the frequencies have an average of 31.4dB.

With an 0.2V Amplitude, the gain across the frequencies have an average of 27.7dB.

This can be justified as at higher amplitudem the noise will also be amplified. This could result in the gain being lower from the typical 34dB. The SNR between 0.1V and 0.2V will not be affecting much even though higher amplitude improves the SNR.

From the results, it seems that with higher amplitude will result in a lower gain from 34dB.

It can be seen from the graph that the gain drops more sharply after 2kHz. From the LM380N datasheet, it has a GBWP of 100kHz. When divided by 34dB/50 voltage gain ratio. the characteristic frequency is 2kHz. This is true from results

## Open-Ended Questions

**How much current is flowing through the output stage ground (GND2) when the PA is driven with the loudest volume?**

At 0.1V and 200Hz, current is 112mA

At 0.2V and 1000Hz, current is 173mA