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Nomenclature

Variables and functions

$p(x)$	Probability density function with respect to variable x .
$P(A)$	Probability of event A occurring.
ε	The Bayes error.
ε_u	The Bhattacharyya bound.
B	The Bhattacharyya distance.
s	An HMM state. A subscript is used to refer to a particular state, e.g. s_i refers to the i^{th} state of an HMM.
\mathbf{S}	A set of HMM states.
\mathbf{F}	A set of frames.
\mathbf{o}_f	Observation (feature) vector associated with frame f .
$\gamma_s(\mathbf{o}_f)$	A posteriori probability of the observation vector \mathbf{o}_f being generated by HMM state s .
μ	Statistical mean vector.
Σ	Statistical covariance matrix.
$L(\mathbf{S})$	Log likelihood of the set of HMM states \mathbf{S} generating the training set observation vectors assigned to the states in that set.
$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} \mu, \Sigma)$	Multivariate Gaussian PDF with mean μ and covariance matrix Σ .
a_{ij}	The probability of a transition from HMM state s_i to state s_j .
N	Total number of frames or number of tokens, depending on the context.
D	Number of deletion errors.
I	Number of insertion errors.
S	Number of substitution errors.

Acronyms and abbreviations

AE	Afrikaans English
AID	accent identification
ASR	automatic speech recognition
AST	African Speech Technology
CE	Cape Flats English
DCD	dialect-context-dependent
DNN	deep neural network
G2P	grapheme-to-phoneme
GMM	Gaussian mixture model
HMM	hidden Markov model
HTK	Hidden Markov Model Toolkit
IE	Indian South African English
IPA	International Phonetic Alphabet
LM	language model
LMS	language model scaling factor
MFCC	Mel-frequency cepstral coefficient
MLLR	maximum likelihood linear regression
OOV	out-of-vocabulary
PD	pronunciation dictionary
PDF	probability density function
SAE	South African English
SAMPA	Speech Assessment Methods Phonetic Alphabet

Chapter 1

System design

1.1. System overview

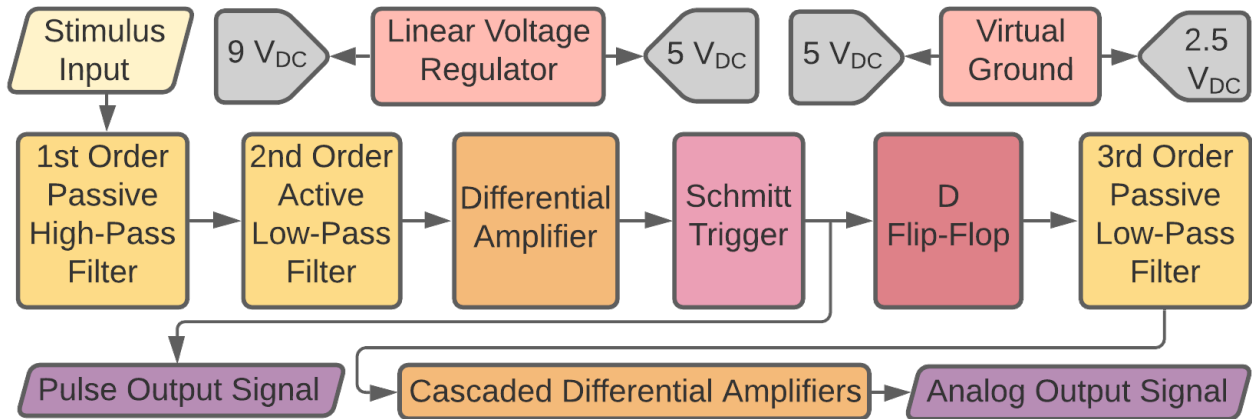


Figure 1.1: System Diagram

A heart-rate sensor is designed to receive an input signal, from which pulses and analogue values are generated, corresponding to heart-beats and the heart-rate respectively. The aforementioned is achieved by voltage regulation, signal conditioning, pulse generation and conversion to analogue, as shown in figure 1.1. The circuit is powered by a voltage regulator - see E344 Assignment 1 ??, also for temperature sensing. The input signal has an amplitude of insufficient magnitude for conversion, and is subject to noise, necessitating signal conditioning: a first order passive high-pass filter and a second order active low-pass filter attenuate both high- and low-frequencies. The filters were chosen with maximal simplicity in mind, as to reduce cost and complexity, while still performing adequately. Thereafter, a differential amplifier is used, resulting in a signal with a large amplitude and little noise. A Schmitt Trigger then produces a pulse signal with a frequency corresponding to the heart-rate. The Schmitt Trigger was chosen as it provides a noise margin via hysteresis. An analogue voltage output is required for microcontroller DAC conversion. Filtering and peak detection using diodes was considered but discarded, as non-linear diodes result in extremely slow simulation. Rather, the pulse output signal was converted to a pulse-width modulated signal, where the frequency of the former determines the duty cycle of the latter. This was done as PWM signals lend themselves to conversion-to-analogue by simple filtering. The PWM signal was obtained by using a D Flip-Flop and a RC-circuit (see section ??). A third order passive RC filter is then used - passive components were selected to reduce current usage and simulation time. The filter is of high order as to minimize noise, while meeting the settling time requirement. Finally, the signal was amplified to achieve the required range.

Also point the reader to your first report for more information on the temperature sensing and voltage regulation, and use a citation to it (add it to your `References.bib` file and cite it here). Remember to state what your remaining power budget is, based on Assignment 1's results.

Chapter 2

Heart rate sensor

2.1. Introduction

Circuits pertaining to signal conditioning, pulse signal and analogue output generation will be discussed. Conditioning is done via filtering and amplification; active filters provide high input and low output impedance, and a large Q-factor

Introduce the reader to what you want to present in this chapter. Include any references to literature you feel is needed. In this section, you put a very short summary of information you gathered from literature (papers, web sites, datasheets) that you used to do the design. Be sure to include the references, which you can add in the `References.bib` file. Rather than just copy&pasting¹ from the datasheet, give your own circuit diagrams. Remember, it is important that someone who reads your report must be able to reproduce your results. Some examples of how to cite (all in `References.bib`): It was stated by [?] that Subsequently, he changed his mind and said in [?] that While [?] claims it to be

2.2. Design

In this section, you need to capture your design, which should include the following:

- Design rationale, i.e. what your thinking was behind the design. For example, explain that you had to first analyse the heart beat signals before you could design the filtering.
- References to literature/sources as appropriate [?].
- You can assume the reader has an E&E degree, and will not need detail explanations of trivial information (e.g. what a resistor is, or what Ohm's law is).
- Design calculations, for example to determine resistor values and capacitor values, or to check for allowed voltage and current ranges and levels. These calculations should also give expected outputs, which hopefully matches the simulated values. Importantly, they are based on maths, and not on simulation - there is a difference.
- Analysis of given or expected input conditions.

¹I have a little bee in my bonnet about people who say "cut&paste" - if it were cut, it would not be there anymore!

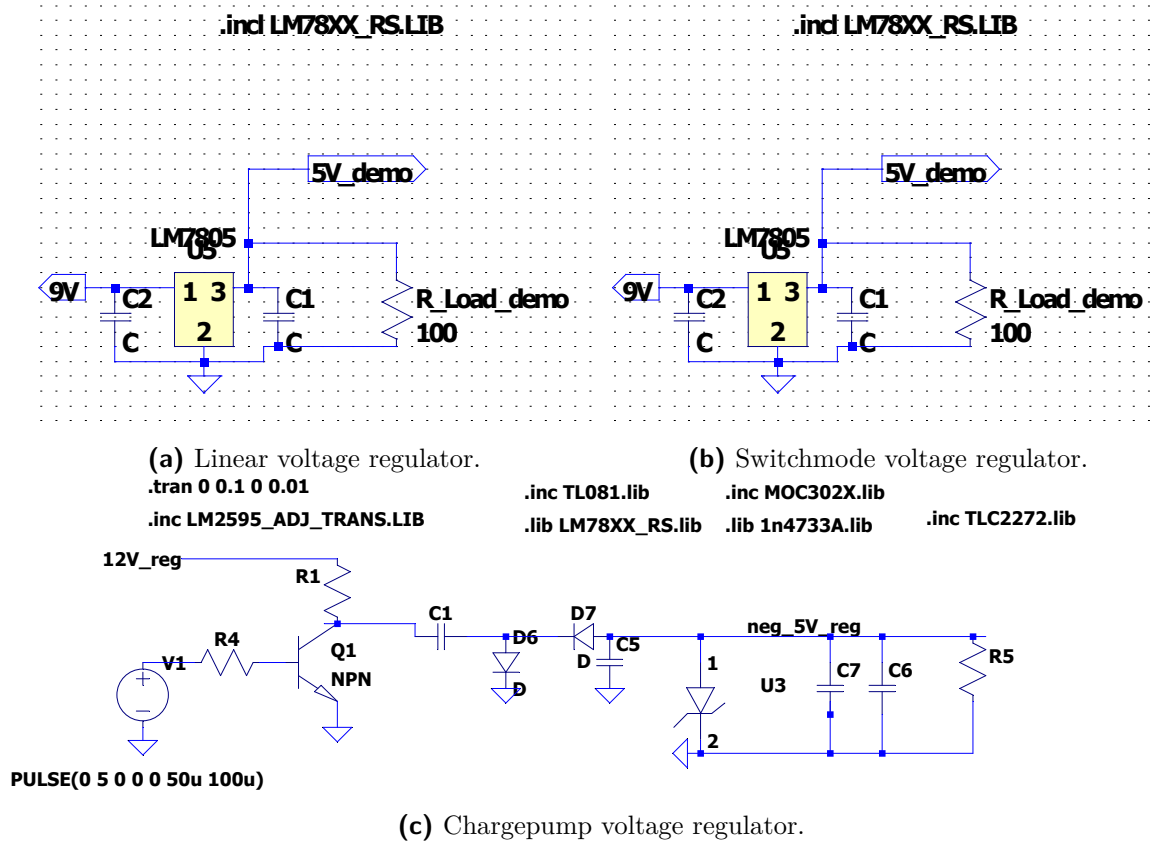


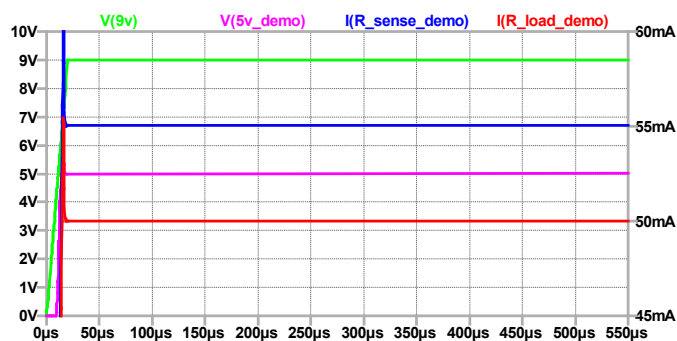
Figure 2.1: Circuit diagrams of the two voltage regulators, and another irrelevant one

- Expected values and ranges based on your design.
- Explain your choice of supply buy referring to the advantages and disadvantages of each.
- Circuit diagram like the one in Figure 2.1. I used “print to PDF” from LTSpice, but feel free to use a cropped screengrab if you are PDF-challenged and do not have a PDF printer (there are some free PDF creators online). Also have a look at the demo video on SUNLearn.

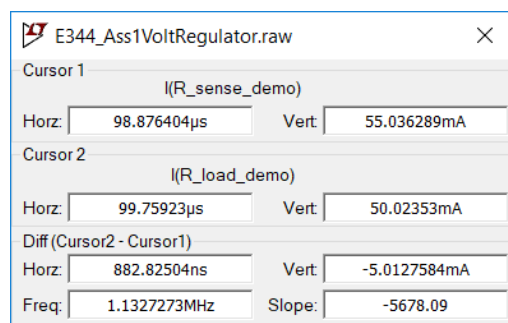
For your benefit, here is how to write values with units: 150 mΩ or 199 myUnits, and this is how we write ranges: 2 to 5 kV.

Here is an inline equation $\frac{55}{45+3}$. Here is a numbered equation in Eq. 2.1.

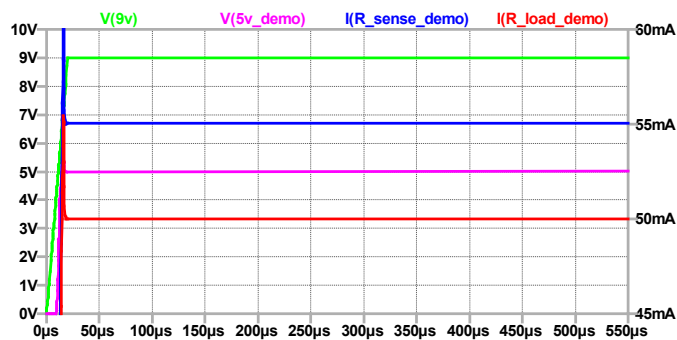
$$a = \frac{55}{45 + 3}. \quad (2.1)$$



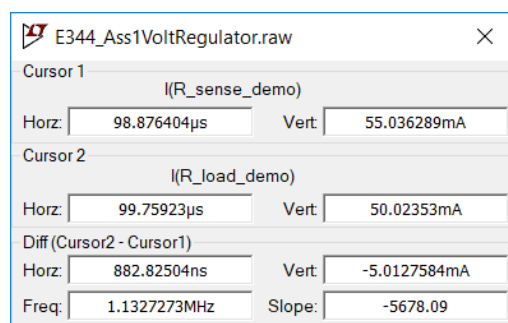
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Figure 2.2: Voltage regulation, comparing the linear and switchmode regulators... (a) Blah blah. (b) Blah blah. (c) Blah blah. (d) Blah blah. As far as possible, please put input(s) and output(s) on the same plot rather than on separate plots. Based on the datasheet of XXXX in [?]

Table 2.1: Example of a simple table.

	2017	2018	Δ_{Abs}	Δ_{DiD}
A	9,868	10,399	+5	-11
B	10,191	10,590	+4	-12

Table 2.2: Example of another table.

Schools	Total energy used		Change	
	2017 [kWh]	2018 [kWh]	Δ_{Abs} [%]	Δ_{DiD} [%]
A	9,868	10,399	+5	-11
B	10,191	10,590	+4	-12

2.3. Results

In this section, you want to demonstrate, by means of referring to simulation results, using the designed circuit, how your circuit behaves as you designed it in Section 2.2. Present and report on your simulated results in Figure 2.2. Be absolutely sure that the text and information in your report are readable.

You can use screengrabs or photos of the oscilloscope, or download the CSVs and plot them as PDFs using Matlab, Excel or similar. You can also use tables, example of which are presented in Tables 2.1 and 2.2.

2.4. Summary

State whether your design performs as expected and what the limitations are or things to keep in mind are.

Chapter 3

System and conclusion

3.1. System

Report on the “so what” or the take-away of the circuit you designed in this report. Report on noise levels and how the Heart rate sensor will fit into the system (E.g. what the calibration will look like and what the measurement error will be given the range, quantisation error and noise).

3.2. Lessons learnt

Write down at least three of the most important things you have learnt in Assignment 2, and state what you would have done differently if you had another chance.

Appendix A

Social contract

Sign and include.

Appendix B

GitHub Activity Heatmap

Take a screenshot of your github version control activity heatmap and insert here.

Appendix C

Stuff you want to include