Junior Design

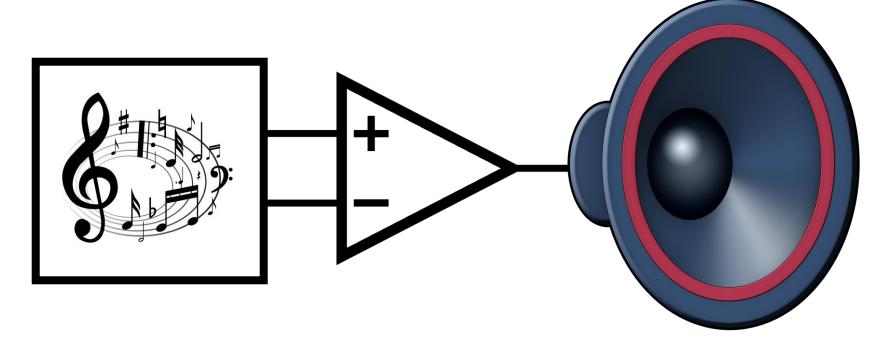
Circuit Design

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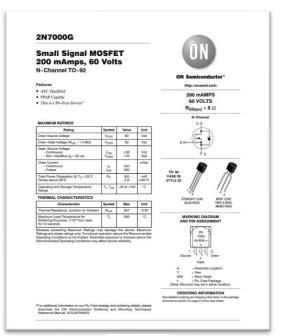


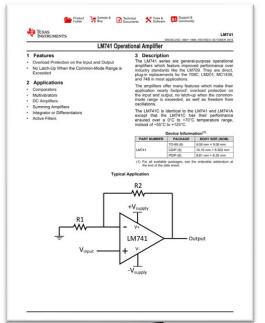


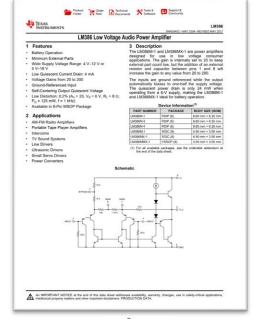
Challenge: Design an audio amplifier capable of driving a speaker











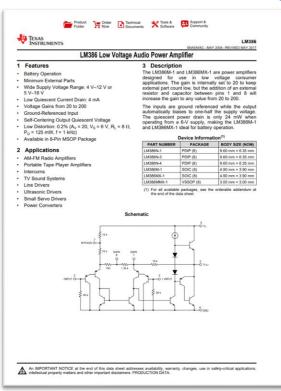


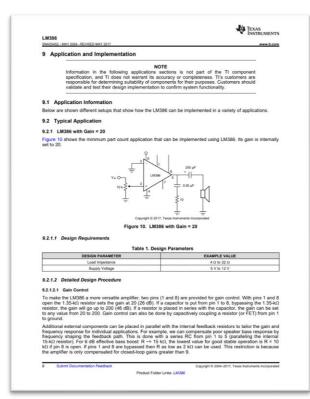






Evaluate Options





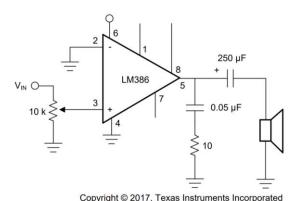
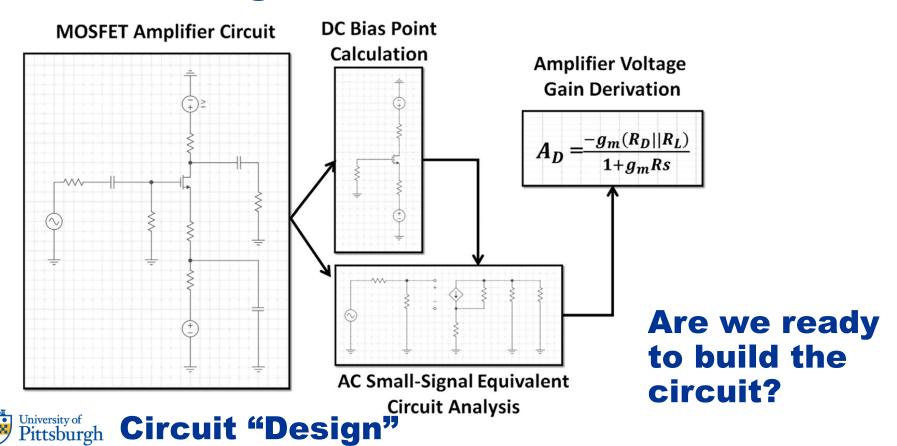
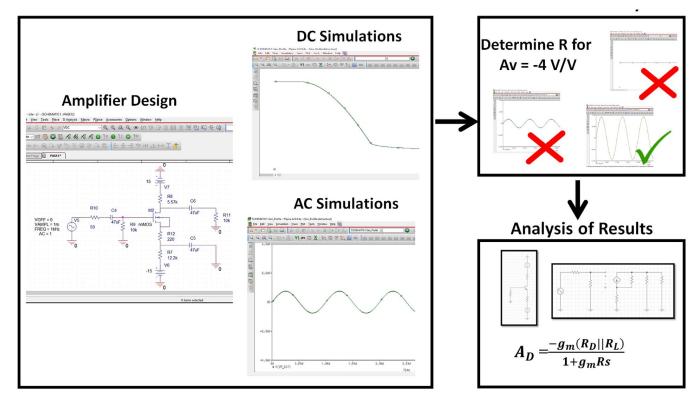


Figure 10. LM386 with Gain = 20



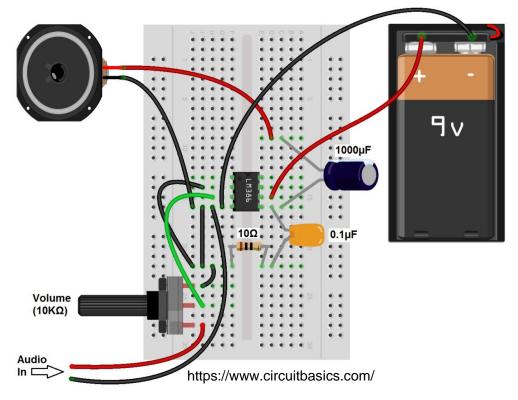
Datasheet "Application Note"







Circuit Simulation





Circuit Prototype





Final Product

https://www.ebay.com/itm/LM386-Audio-Power-Amplifier-Board-DC-3V-12V-5V-AMP-Module-Adjustable-volume-Knob-/191921396767

SPICE Simulation

- Simulation is an essential part of the circuit design process (for Analog and Digital circuits!)
- SPICE simulation is the de facto standard software tool for circuit simulation

Used in education, industry and research



History of SPICE



The natural course of a diverse engineering tool



C. C. Mcandrew, "How Come SPICE Is a Verb?: The Natural Course of a Diverse Engineering Tool," in *IEEE Solid-State Circuits Magazine*, vol. 11, no. 1, pp. 14-18, winter 2019, doi: 10.1109/MSSC.2018.2882279.

History of SPICE

 Started as a class project at the University of California Berkeley in 1969



Prof. Ronald Rohrer

- Students team develop a program called CANCER (Computer Analysis of Nonlinear Circuits, Excluding Radiation)
 - First circuit simulator to utilize sparse matrix techniques
 - Used Newton-Raphson iteration method heuristically modified for bipolar circuits (Ebers-Moll model)
 - Utilized implicit integration algorithms to accommodate widely spread time-constants of an IC
 - Integrated DC operating point analysis, small-signal AC analysis and transient analysis
- One of the students continued the project as a MS thesis topic (Larry Nagel)



History of SPICE



Larry Nagel



Prof. Donald Peterson



- Larry's thesis was successful, and continued working on it for PhD research with Prof. Donald Peterson under the name SPICE
 - Simulation Program with Integrated Circuit Emphasis
- Prof. Peterson insists that the program be released into the public domain for free as an Open Source project.
- Quickly became adopted for use in education, research and industry
- Still open-source, but today it is primarily modified, packaged and sold as commercial products
 - NGspice, HSPICE, Spectre, LTSpice, PSPICE, etc.

SPICE History

 Netlist file describes circuit and component connections

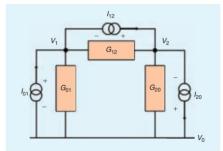


Fig. 1.

$$\begin{bmatrix} (G_{01} + G_{20}) & -G_{01} & -G_{20} \\ -G_{01} & (G_{12} + G_{01}) & -G_{12} \\ -G_{20} & -G_{12} & (G_{20} + G_{12}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} I_{20} - I_{01} \\ I_{01} - I_{12} \\ I_{12} - I_{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note the 'pattern of four' that each conductance (e.g. G_{01} highlighted below) impresses into the conductance matrix (Table 1).

In SPICE parlance, making this 'pattern of four' impression is called 'stamping the matrix.' Conveniently, this

'stamping' generalizes for any number of nodes and two terminal components. In a future article, we'll show how a small modification to this

	Column x	Column y	
Row x	+G _{xv}	-G _{xv}	
Row y	-G,,	+G	

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*LM741 OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIER MACRO-MODEL
 connections:
                  non-inverting input
                      inverting input
                         positive power supply
                             negative power supply
                                 output
.SUBCKT LM741/NS
*Features:
*Improved performance over industry standards
*Plug-in replacement for LM709, LM201, MC1439, 748
*Input and output overload protection
**********************************
IOS 2 1 20N
*^Input offset current
R1 1 3 250K
R2 3 2 250K
I1 4 50 100U
R3 5 99 517
R4 6 99 517
01 5 2 4 OX
Q2 6 7 4 QX
*Fp2=2.55 MHz
C4 5 6 60.3614P
**********************************
I2 99 50 1.6MA
*^Quiescent supply current
EOS 7 1 POLY(1) 16 49 1E-3 1
*Input offset voltage.^
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R9 49 50 40K
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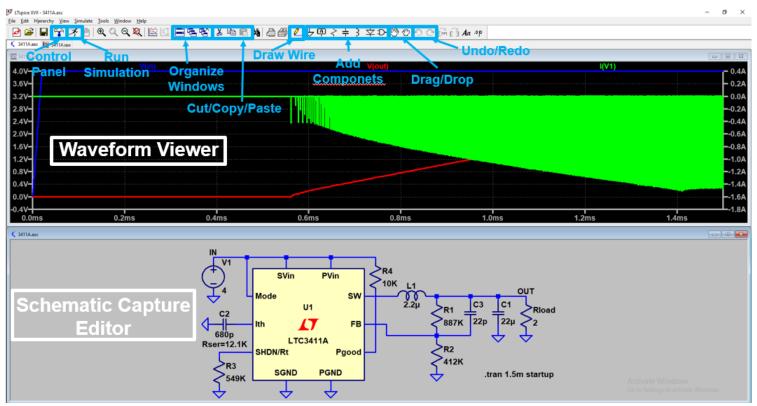
LM741 Op Amp Netlist



¹ For example "Computer Methods for Circuit Analysis and Design" by Kishore Singhal and Jiri Vlach

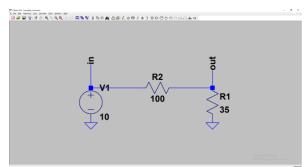
² The ch in Kirchhoff is pronounced like the ch in the Scots' word lo ch.

LTSPICE: Development Environment

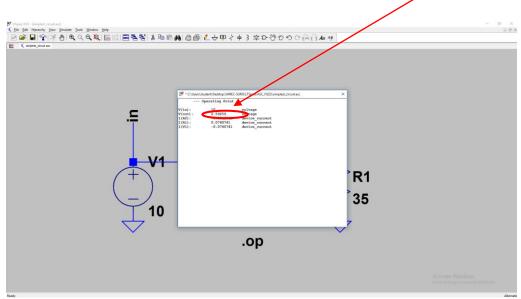




LTSPICE – DC Operating Point

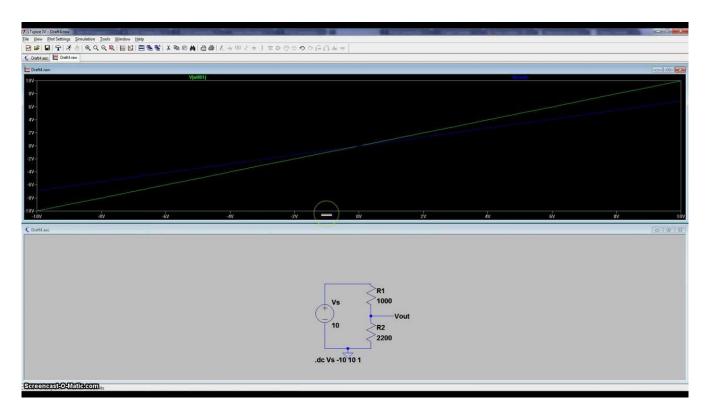


 $out = in \cdot \frac{R1}{R1 + R2} = 2.59259259 V$



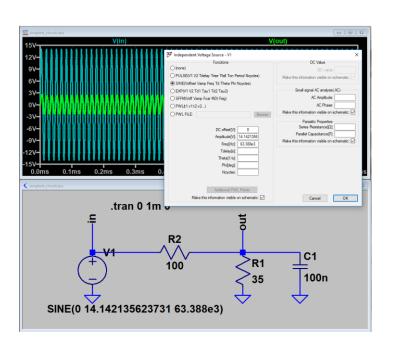


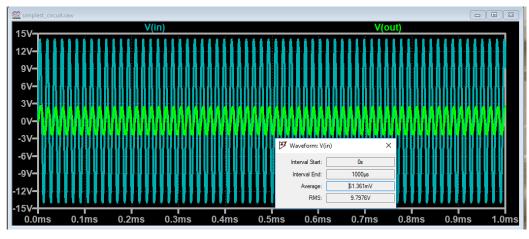
LT SPICE - DC Sweep





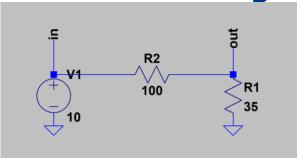
LTSPICE – Transient Analysis







LTSPICE – AC Analysis

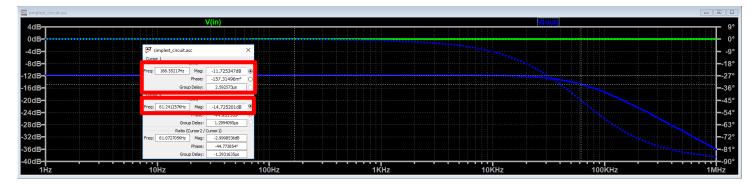


Amplitude at low frequencies

out
$$(dB) = 20 \log_{10} \frac{10 \ V \cdot \frac{R1}{R1 + R2}}{10 \ V} = -11.725 \ dB$$

3 dB Frequency

$$f_{3 dB}(Hz) = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot R1||R2 \cdot C} = 61.388 \text{ kHz}$$





Square Wave Oscillators

Square waves are used in many electronic applications

		Square

- There are several ways for us to construct a circuit that can produce the above waveform
- The 555 timer, is an Integrated Circuit (IC) that allows us to do so



Square Wave Oscillators

REVIEW 555 Timer Datasheet



Assignment #1

- Design a square wave oscillator using the 555 timer chip
- Design the circuit to have a clock period between 20 & 500 microseconds
- The circuit is unloaded
- Verify your design using LTSPICE
 - Edit→Component→MISC→NE555

