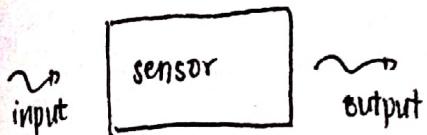


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Sensors

- ANS Def: A device w/c provides a usable output in response to a specified measurand.



- acquires a physical parameter & converts it into a signal suitable for processing
- active element: transducer
 - microphone, loud speaker, biological sensors

Transducer

- converts one form of energy to another
- when input is physical & output is electrical \rightarrow sensor
- input is electrical & output is physical \rightarrow actuator

Detectable Phenomenon

Stimulus	Quantity	\leadsto responses
Acoustic	Wave	
Biological/Chemical	Fluid conc.	
Electric	Charge, voltage, current, E-Field	
Magnetic	Magnetic field	
Optical	Refractive index, reflectivity	
Thermal	Temp., flux, specific heat	
Mechanical	Position, velocity, force	

Physical Principles

Ampere's Law

Curie - Weiss Law

- Faraday's Law of induction
- Photoconductive effect

• Sensors are omnipresent.

How to choose sensors?

Environmental Factors

Temp. range, humidity effects, corrosion, size, ruggedness, power consumption

Economic Factors

Cost, Availability, Lifetime

Sensor Characteristics

Sensitivity, range, stability, error, repeatability, linearity, response time, frequency response

Temperature Sensors \rightarrow read

Accelerometer

\rightarrow used to measure along one line of axis

Physical Computing

- sensing & controlling the physical world w/ computers
- "computers"
- low cost, open source hardware

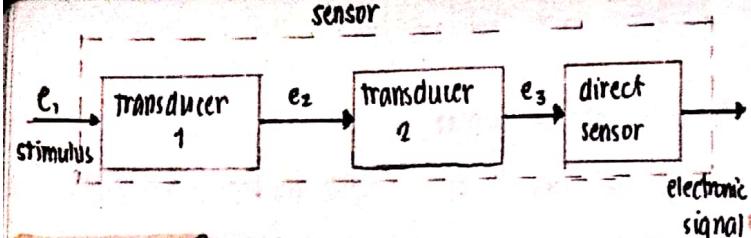
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Sensors, Signals, & Systems

- Sensor - device that receives a stimulus and responds with an electrical signal
- input physical property (stimulus) & converts to electrical signal
 - output voltage, current, or charge
 - amplitude, frequency, phase, or digital code
 - output signal format

ex. Motion Sensor

- time of flight (sound) (?) sensor
- does not directly measure distance or motion
- sends out pulse/echo to detect distance
- microphone + speaker system



Units of measurement
→ important

Why sensors?

- to create a more accurate/precise observations of physical quantities
- information (that you can use)

• Any sensor is an energy converter

• Landauer's Principle: $kT \ln 2$ to flip a bit

1 1 1 1 1 0 1

2, new information (not expected)

• Sensors are imp't in gathering new info.

↳ transferring max. amt of information to the signal.

Sensor vs. Transducer

• Transducer converts one type of energy into another. Sensor converts any type of energy to electrical.

• Fundamental rule of transducer: measuring device/method should not alter the event being measured.

• Rule of thumb: Energy drawn from system should be $\leq 1/100$ measuring energy

Direct vs. Indirect

• direct energy conversion into electrical signal generation or modification.

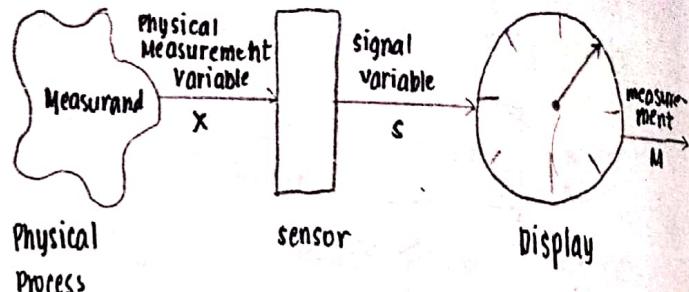
• ex. of direct sensors

- induction/emf experiment (diagram: a coil with an arrow pointing through it)

Create thermometer

- make repeatable measurements
- scale

Simple Instrument Model



- sensors tend to have their own response.
- S is a function of time (may or may not change)
- X also is a fcn of time
- expanding S, X , & M into Taylor series, terms should have same form (not always true)

accuracy: how close the value measured to the theoretical value.

error: difference of theoretical & measured
- systematic error
- random error

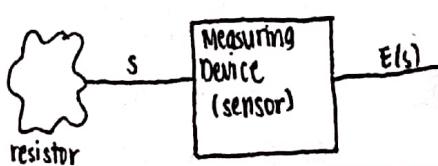
precision: how close the measured values are to each other

resolution: how detailed the given data/figure is

threshold: limit / cap

ex. threshold is 0. if reading is non-0, the reading is biased → not additive or can be additive

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Focus of 185: Physics of measuring device not the physics of the physical material being measured

Standard Values		Measured
E	S	$S_M = F(E)$
E_1	S_1	
E_2	S_2	
E_3	S_3	

can be called a calibration table

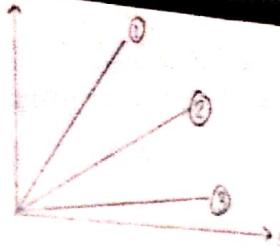
↳ measured unknown

Given $E \cdot f(S) \rightarrow S = f^{-1}(E) = F(E)$

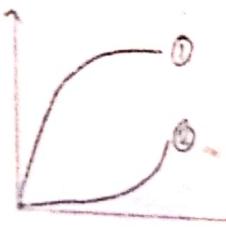
to find fcn F : ① use lookup table

② plot points & find trend curve

③ interpolate data



Which is better to work with?
 ① → high sensitivity
 → small change in S , big change in E (good readings)



- ① → better to measure small S values
- ② → better to measure large S values
- to measure the entirety of S , use a combination of ① & ②

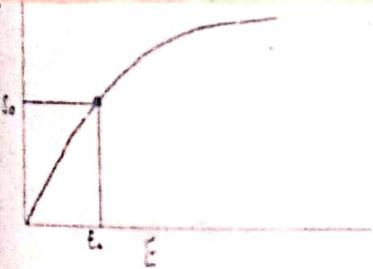
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V-IR → can't use best fit line IF R is constant.

But $R = \frac{PL}{A} = \rho_0(1 + \alpha T) L / A$. R changes over time.

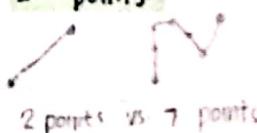
finding the fcn is important to find S . This function 'converting' S to $E(S)$ is called the transfer function.

calibration curve → a mirror of the transfer fcn.



more data points → better calibration curve

in order to describe what happens between 2 points:



for Taylor series to be precise, the highest no. of degree allowed is 1 or 2 or whatever precision you want.

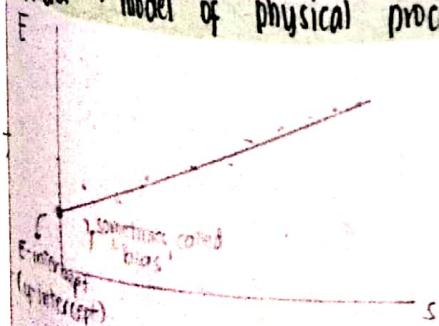
problems w/ polynomial fit: function passing through 0.

Types of fits:

- linear
- nonlinear
- polynomial
- trigonometric
- exponential
- logarithmic
- special fns. (ex. fourier)

2D calibrator: calibration sheet/manifold

Model → model of physical processes or model of data



$$E = A + BS$$

\downarrow

$E_0 \rightarrow$ sensor sensitivity (slope)

continues lesson

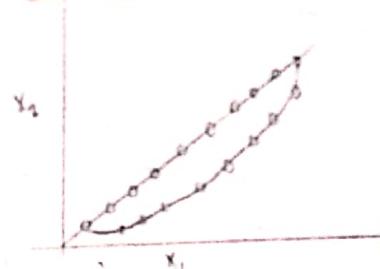


- is the sensor:
- sensitive?
- calibrated?

E12 Resistance (?)

10 → 100 (?)
 multiply with $\frac{1}{2} \pi$ (?)

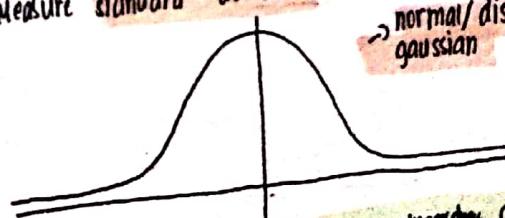
Hysteresis → difference in forward & reverse measurements



ex. incandescent bulb,
 magnetic systems, oil price

some systems have additive noise (no signal, may noise)
 and some have multiplicative noise (no signal, no noise)

- If noise = 0: $S(x, noise) = S(x, 0) + S(x)$
- Taking multiple measurements & averaging it (mean)
 "characterizes" the noise (but not really) →
- Measure standard deviation



normal/distribution gaussian

it is assumed that noise is ~~approximately~~ distributed in a gaussian/normal curve.

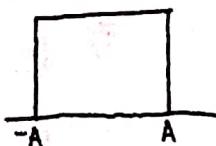
Don't assume noise is normal w/out good foundations!

central-limit theorem

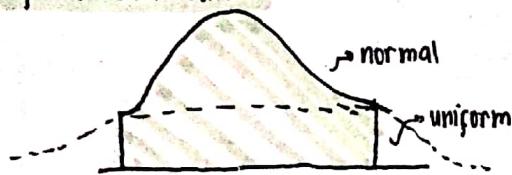
- > makes it okay to assume noise is normal
- > after repeated measurements (until $t \rightarrow \infty$), every signal, including noise, will appear to have a gaussian distribution

• poisson distribution \rightarrow exponential

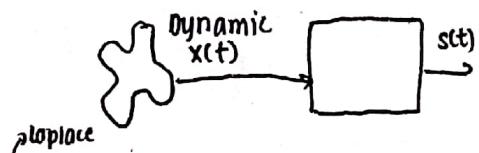
• uniform distribution:



• signals (w/ noise): combination of normal & uniform distribution



• when signals are dynamic, sensors should have a dynamic response



$$x(t) = a_k \frac{d^k y}{dt^k} + \dots + a_2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0 y$$

$$X(s) = (a_k s^k + \dots + a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0) Y(s)$$

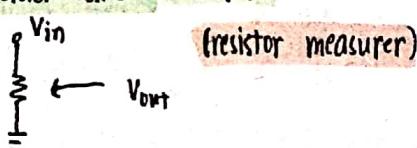
$$\frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{1}{a_k s^k + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} = G(s)$$

↑ to see how much of
Y is in X

↑ transfer function

↳ 0's in denominator: poles

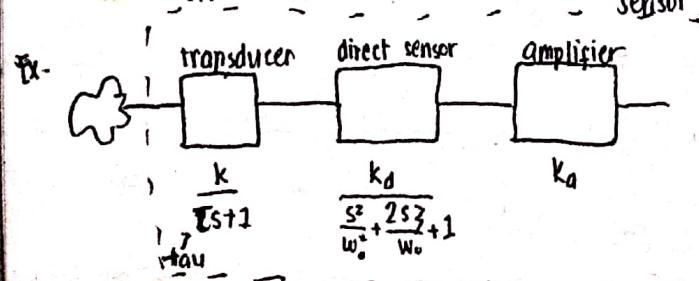
ex. of 0 order sensor: (0 poles)



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Transfer Function, $G(s)$

$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{1}{a_k s^k + \dots + a_1 s + a_0}$$



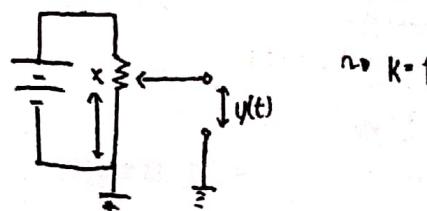
$$\text{Transfer fun of the complex sensor: } \frac{K K_d K_a}{(s+1)(\frac{s^2 + 2sZ_0}{W_0} + 1)}$$

0-order sensor: no poles

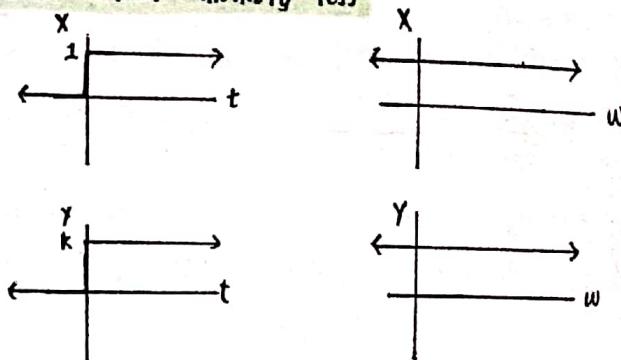
$$y(t) = \sqrt{K} x(t) \quad K = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$$

- no capacitors

- $y(t) \approx x(t)$ have same freq (diff. amplitude)
- no delay, infinite bandwidth



• sometimes called memory-less



• physically: no energy storage, high impedance

1st order sensor

$$x(t) = a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0 y$$

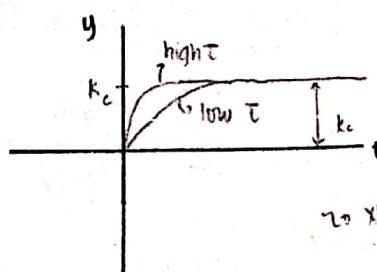
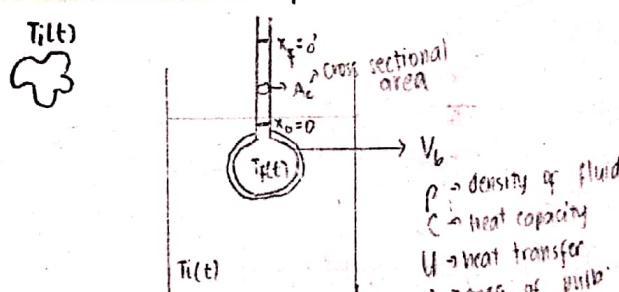
$$G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{1}{as + a_0} = \frac{k}{Ts + 1}$$

↑ state sensitivity
↑ time constant

• at least 1 energy/information storage

• problem: energy dissipation

consider: measure Temperature ($T(t)$)



↳ x(t) is a step func

$$UA_b T_f = UA_b T_f + V_b p \frac{dI}{dt} C$$

$X_c = \frac{K_{ex} V_b}{A_c}$

↳ energy absorbed by fluid

Combining the 2 equations above:

$$\frac{\rho C A_c}{K_{ex}} \frac{dx_0}{dt} + \frac{U A_b A_c}{K_{ex} V_b} x_0 = U A_b T_i$$

sensitivity $k: \frac{K_{ex} V_b}{A_c}$

time constant $\tau = \frac{\rho C V_b}{U A_b}$

2nd order

Now let's look at:

$$a_2 \frac{dy}{dt^2} + a_1 \frac{dy}{dt} + a_0 y = x(t)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{a_2 s^2 + a_1 s + a_0}$$

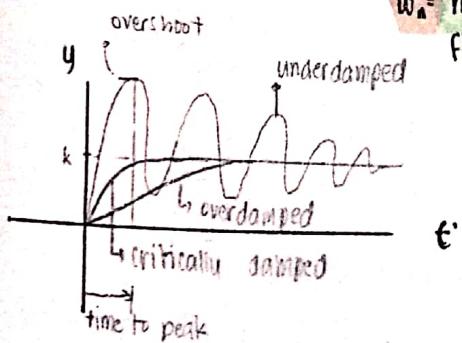
$$= \frac{K w_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta w_n s + w_n^2}$$

↳ 2nd order

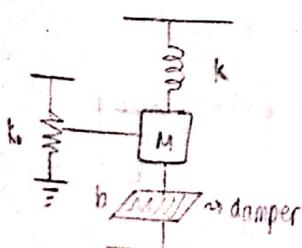
$k = \text{static gain} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} \right)$

$\zeta = \text{damping coefficient} \left(\frac{a_1}{2\sqrt{a_0 a_2}} \right)$

$w_n = \text{natural frequency} \left(\sqrt{\frac{a_0}{a_2}} \right)$

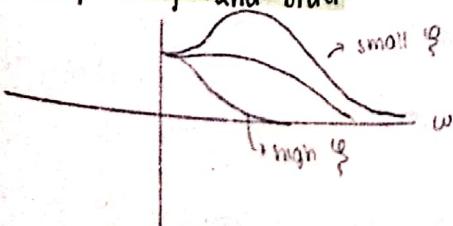


Ex.



↳ seismometer / accelerometer

frequency response of 2nd order:



For underdamped systems, you will have extra frequencies. For overdamping, it introduces extra signals & attenuates the system.

Electrical sensors

- charge → measured by counting no. of electrons
- counting electrons = measuring current

$$I = \frac{\text{no. of electrons}}{\text{time}}$$

$$\frac{q}{F} \rightarrow \frac{Q}{F}$$

↳ test charge

instead of using a field detector, we can use a flux detector instead

current I

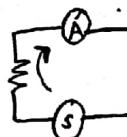
move along conductors

KVL (Kirchhoff's Voltage Law): $\sum V_{\text{closed}} = 0$

KCL (Kirchhoff's Current Law): $I_{\text{out}} = \sum I_{\text{in}}$

ammeter connected in series to measure current

How to measure I w/o interrupting the system?



- use wire around the circuit, use Galvanometer to measure induced EMF. (no internal R)
- problem: sensitivity

voltage V

amount of work needed to move a unit charge from A to B; ↳ not easy to measure

Ohm's Law: $V = IR$

problems in making a voltmeter:

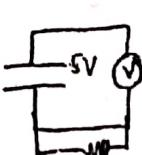
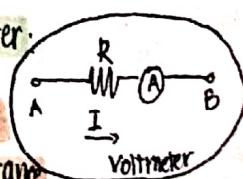
↳ requires a working ammeter

↳ requires a known resistance

↳ changes the internal resistance of a system.

can be measured using capacitors: $C = \frac{Q}{V}$

→ need the values of Q



$T = \frac{1}{RC}$ → measure from observing the behavior of the capacitor (when the capacitance drops to $\frac{1}{e}$ of its initial value)

largest C that you can get is the largest sampling rate that you have

$$C_{\text{max}} = \frac{4096}{R} \text{ [Arduino]}$$

• Resistivity, ρ

- dependent on the geometry of the material
- $\rho(T) \Rightarrow J \propto E$ dependent on J & E

• Resistance R

- measure L, A & know its resistivity, ρ

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$

- Polarization
- Capacitance

load cell → used in bathroom scales

Resistance

$$R = \rho \left(\frac{L}{A} \right)$$

geometric factor

$$\rho = \rho_0 (1 + \alpha \Delta T)$$

normalized

$$\downarrow \frac{T - T_0}{T_0}$$

?

Ways to deform a material: Stress & Strain

• Stress - Force is in the same direction w/ the deformation → Young's modulus $F \propto F/A$

• Strain - Not the same direction

Young's modulus



$$E = \frac{F}{A}$$

Deformation

$$e = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

$$\bullet \text{Stress } \sigma = \frac{F}{A} = F \frac{\Delta L}{L} = F e$$

↓ strain

Young's modulus

• we know that the volume of the cylinder is

$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^2 h$$

$$\text{So, } R = \rho \frac{L}{A} = \rho \frac{L^2}{V}$$

$$\frac{dR}{R} = \frac{2\rho L}{V}$$

→ longer resistor is better than a shorter one (change in R is dependent on the length)
→ has a maximum

→ smaller volume is better

$$\frac{dR}{R} \propto S_e e$$

↳ gauge sensor (dependent on the material)

Primary Transducers

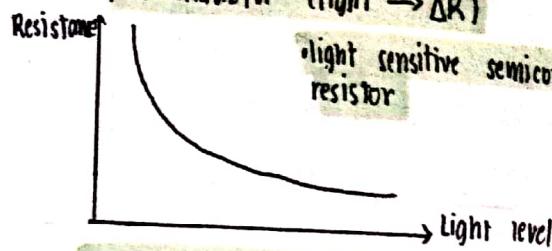
• light sensor

↳ photodiode

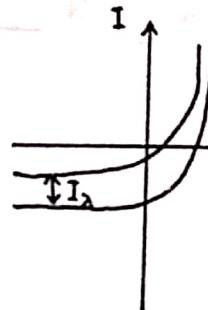
another name for LDR
(light → ΔR)

• light sensitive semiconductor
resistor

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↳ photodiode (light → ΔI)



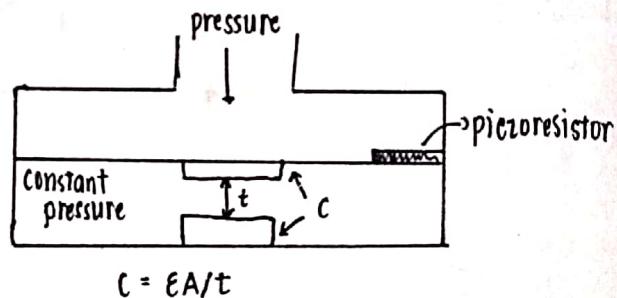
$$I = I_0 [e^{\frac{ev}{kT} - 1}] - I_0$$

• I_0 is proportional to the light level

• membrane pressure sensor

resistive (pressure → ΔR)

capacitive (pressure → ΔC)



Displacement Measurements

• measurements of size, shape & position utilize

(v) Poisson's ratio - ratio of transverse contraction strain & longitudinal extension strain

(GF) Gauge factor - strain factor ($1 + 2v + \frac{\Delta p}{p}$)

↳ platinum sensor

Temperature Sensor

• Resistance Temperature Detector (RTD)

• Thermistors (thermally sensitive resistors)

→ observe R changes: $R_T = R_0 [1 + \alpha T]$

→ $R_T = R_0 \exp [B \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{T_0} \right)]$

↳ very small
↳ relatively large

Thermocouples

• based on the Seebeck effect: dissimilar metals at different temperatures → signal

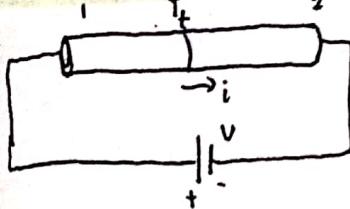


different types of thermocouple
- usual thermocouple used: K-type (Chromel + Alumel -)
↳ cheap

Fiber Optic Temperature Sensor
• can be made small enough for biological implantation

Peltier effect

- temperature change in a conductor
- can produce heat or cold depending on the direction of electric current through the junction.



• concerns the reversible absorption of heat which usually takes place when an electric current crosses a junction between 2 dissimilar metals.

Touch sensor ↳ refrigerator

Tilt sensors ↳ keyboard press, switches

Tilt sensors ↳ measure tilting position wrt. gravity

Encoders

• count no. of rotations

• important spec: Number of counts / revolution

Strain sensor

• resistance changes as it bends. ($V = IR$)

• assuming constant voltage current, voltage changes w/ resistance

MEMS = micro-electro-mechanical system

↳ miniature transducers created using IC fabrication processes

Microaccelerometer

↳ cantilever beam
↳ suspended mass

Rotation

↳ gyroscope

Passive Sensor Readout Circuit

Photodiode circuits

Thermistor Half-bridge

Thermistone bridge

Basic Op-amp config

• Voltage comparator - digitize input

• Voltage follower - buffer

• Non-inverting & Inverting Amplifier

Summing Amplifier

• Differential Amplifier

• Integrating Amp

• Differentiating Amp

$$V_{out} = -(V_1 R_F/R_1 + \dots + V_N R_F/R_N)$$

Converting configuration

• current-to-voltage

• voltage-to-current

$$V_{out} = -I_{in} R$$

$$I_L = V_{in}/R$$

Instrumentation Amplifier

• Robust differential gain amplifier

• Input stage → input impedance (buffers gain stage)

- no common mode gain
- can have differential gain

• Gain stage - differential gain

- ↓ input impedance

Overall

↳ amplifies only the differential component

- high common mode rejection ratio

- ↳ high input impedance suitable for bipotential electrodes w/ high output impedance

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Sensor

Input characteristics

• Impedance → similar to resistor ('impedes')

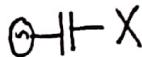
- involves relevant when you have signals not static in time

- purely resistive: no effect at low & high frequencies (R) (no imaginary part)

- complex term: reactance (reactive element)

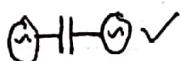
capacitive reactance:

at low frequencies: (ex. DC)



↳ will act as a capacitor

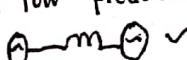
at high frequencies: better transmission (capacitor)



→ big for capacitors: low frequencies will attenuate more than at high frequencies

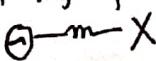
inductive reactance (-m)

at low frequencies: (pass through)



→ acts like a wire

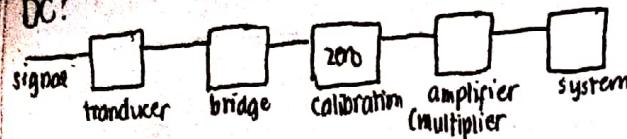
at high frequencies: (not pass through)



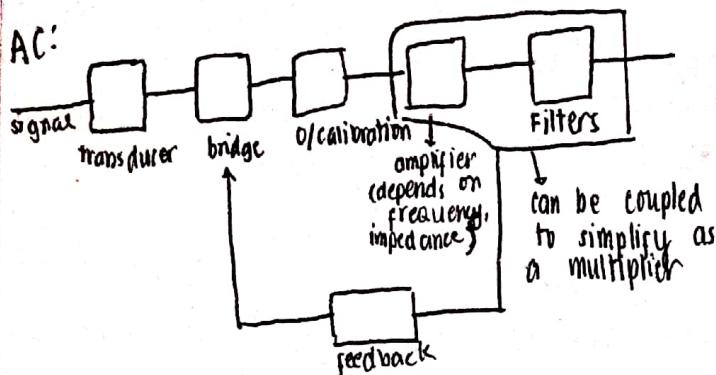
→ magnetic field → back EMF
↳ attenuate signal

AC

DC:



AC:



• adding more components makes the sensor more expensive.

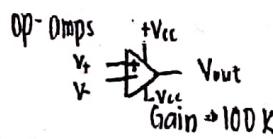
amplification:

- increase level to ADC level
- improve sensitivity
- resolution

filtering

- reject noise
- aliasing → distortion

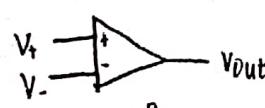
isolation



Golden rules

- $V_+ = V_-$
- high impedance

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(non-inverting)

$$I_{in} = \frac{V_{in}}{R_{in}}$$

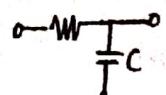
$$V_{out} = -I_{in} R_f$$

$$V_{out} = -\frac{V_{in}}{R_{in}} R_f$$

non-inverting: gain = $\left(1 + \frac{R_f}{R_{in}}\right)$

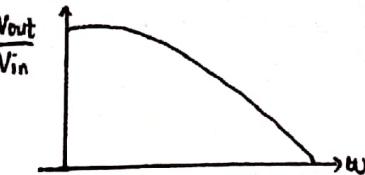
LPF

- low pass filter
- something that does not fluctuate in fast changing frequency fluctuations
- ex. capacitor



example of low-pass filter

- allows 'low' signals to pass through



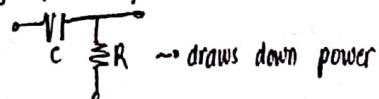
$$\cdot \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{1}{1 + j\omega RC}$$

- When to use low-pass filters?

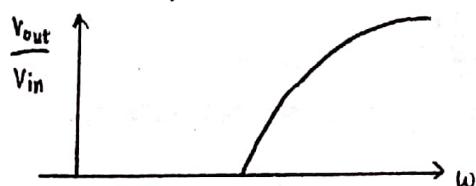
→ removal of high-frequency noise

HPF

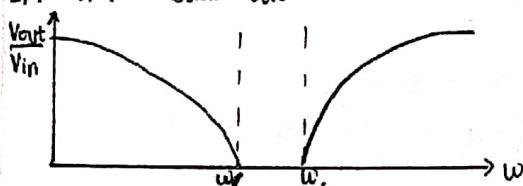
- high pass filter



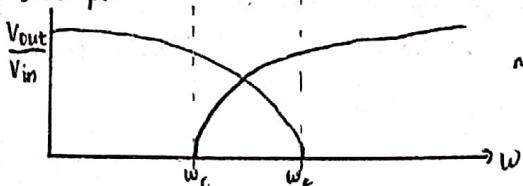
- DC can't pass through



LPF + HPF = Band cut



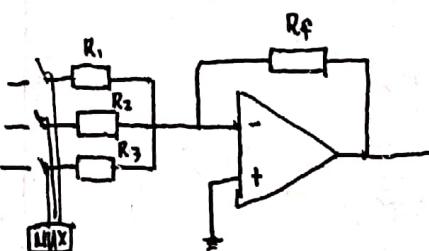
Band pass



→ overlapping LPF & HPF

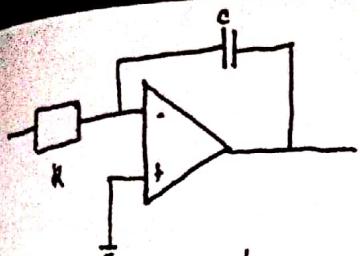
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(summing amplifier)



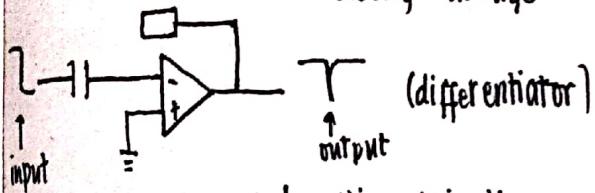
→ "poor man's multi-input" amplifier

↓
for selecting w/c
resistors to use
feedback



(integrator)

- ↳ sums up the input signals
- ↳ "moving average"



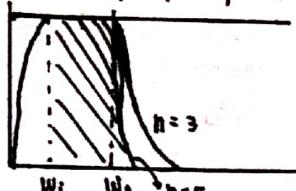
(differentiator)

input

output

- ↳ getting derivative

adding a high pass filter



'rectangle' pass band

- nonlinear response
- "smooth transition"
- not sharp

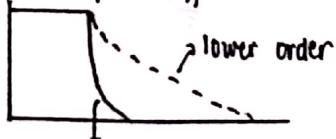


• higher orders make thinner rectangle pass band

Chebyshev filter

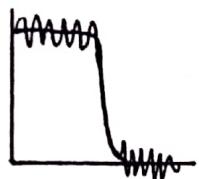
→ sharp cutoff

→ notch filter



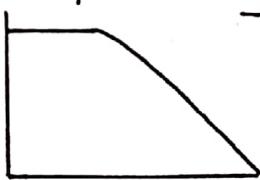
higher order

- Elliptic filter
- allows ripples



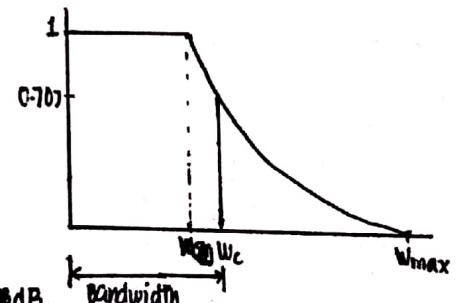
Bessel filters

→ linear response



Bandwidth

→ where values of transfer func is greater than 0.707



Break point

→ when signals gone down by -3 dB

$$\rightarrow [-10 \log \left(\frac{w_{\text{out}}}{w_{\text{in}}} \right)] \text{ dB}$$

↓ definition of decibel

Filters

$$\left| \frac{O(w)}{I(w)} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{w}{w_0} \right)^n}$$

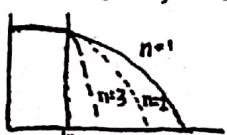
n transfer function

"Butterworth filter"

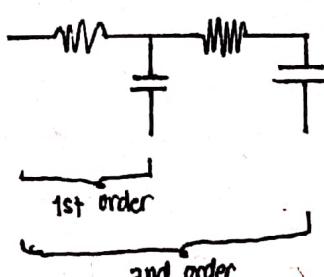
order n: n=0: not useful; allows everything to pass through

n=1: RC circuit

n>1



→ to get a sharper slope, increase order of Butterworth filter → maximally (?) flat pass band

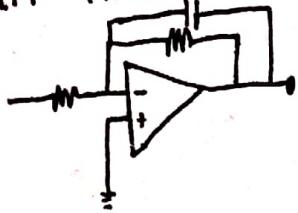


1st order

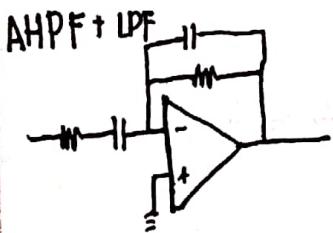
and order

: problem → attenuates signal because of multiple resistors

A1PF (Active low pass filter)



- ~ also an integrator
- ~ 1st order
- ~ how to make 2nd order:
 - attach another op-amp
 - attach 2nd order LPF to op-amp



AHPF



+ Sallen-Key Sallen-Key