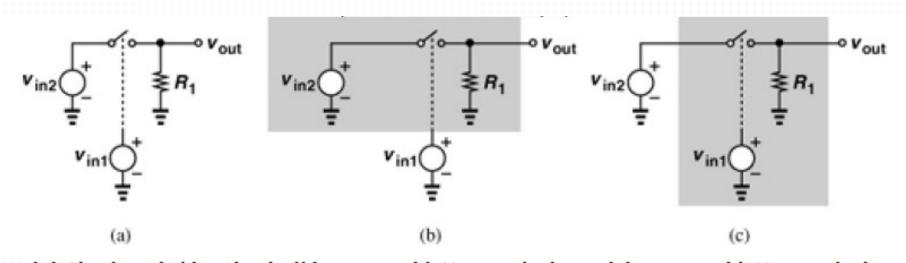
RF/Microwave Circuit and System

Lecture 5

Contents

- Basic Concepts in RF Design
 - Nonlinearity and Time Variance
 - -Intersymbol Interference
 - Random Processes and Noise
 - -Sensitivity and Dynamic Range
 - -Passive Impedance Transformation



(a) Simple switching circuit, (b) system with V_{in1} as the input, (c) system with V_{in2} as the input

$$v_{out}(t) = v_{in2}(t) \cdot S(t)$$
 v_{in2}
 v_{out}

$$V_{out}(f) = V_{in2}(f) * \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\sin(n\pi/2)}{n\pi} \delta\left(f - \frac{n}{T_1}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\sin(n\pi/2)}{n\pi} V_{in2}\left(f - \frac{n}{T_1}\right),$$

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1. Effects of Nonlinearity

$$y(t) = \alpha_1 x(t) + \alpha_2 x^2(t) + \alpha_3 x^3(t)$$

• 1) Harmonics

$$\begin{split} I\!f\,x(t) &= A coswt, \\ y(t) &= \alpha_1 x(t) + \alpha_2 x^2(t) + \alpha_3 x^3(t) \\ &= \alpha_1 A coswt + \frac{\alpha_2 A^2}{2} (1 + \cos 2wt) + \frac{\alpha_3 A^3}{4} (3\cos wt + \cos 3wt) \\ &= \frac{\alpha_2 A^2}{2} + (\alpha_1 A + \frac{3\alpha_3 A^3}{4}) \cos wt + \frac{\alpha_2 A^2}{2} \cos 2wt + \frac{\alpha_3 A^3}{4} \cos 3wt \end{split}$$

- 2) Gain Compression
 - -1dB compression point
 - Input signal level that causes the small-signal gain to drop by 1dB

• If $\alpha_3 < 0$, gain is decreasing function of A

$$(\alpha_1 + \frac{3\alpha_3 A^2}{4})Acoswt$$

$$20\log\left|\alpha_1 + \frac{3}{4}\alpha_3 A_{\text{1-dB}}^2\right| = 20\log\left|\alpha_1\right| - 1\text{dB}$$

$$A_{\text{1-dB}} = \sqrt{0.145\left|\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3}\right|}$$

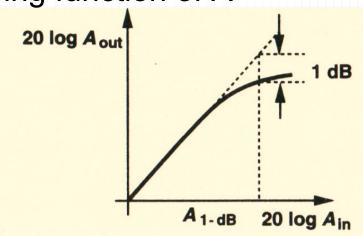


Figure 2.4 Definition of the 1-dB compression point.

3) Desensitization and Blocking

- Desensitization
 - Since a large signal tends to reduce the average gain of the circuit, the weak signal may experience a vanishingly small gain.

-Blocking

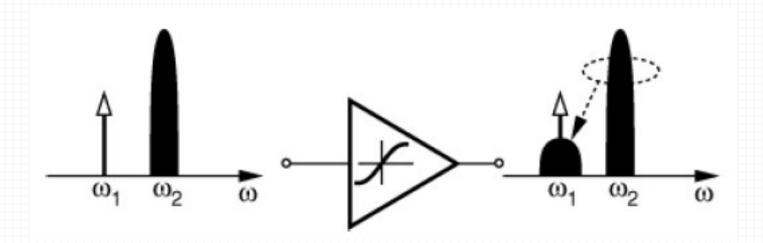
• Gain drop to Zero (
$$\alpha 3 < 0$$
)
$$If \, x(t) = A_1 {\cos} w_1 t + A_2 {\cos} w_2 t,$$

$$y(t) = (\alpha_1 A_1 + \frac{3}{4} \alpha_3 A_1^3 + \frac{3}{2} \alpha_3 A_1 A_2^2) {\cos} w_1 t + \dots$$
 A1 << A2

$$y(t)\!=(\alpha_1\!+\frac{3}{2}\alpha_3A_2^{\,2})A_1\!\cos\!w_1t+\dots$$

• 4) Cross Modulation

$$y(t) = \left[\alpha_1 + \frac{3}{2}\alpha_3 A_2^2 \left(1 + \frac{m^2}{2} + \frac{m^2}{2}\cos 2\omega_m t + 2m\cos \omega_m t\right)\right] A_1 \cos \omega_1 t + \cdots$$



- 5) Intermodulation
 - -When two signals with different frequencies are applied to a nonlinear system, the output in general exhibits some components that are not harmonics of the input frequencies.

$$\begin{split} If \, x(t) &= A_1 \mathrm{cos} \, w_1 t + A_2 \mathrm{cos} \, w_2 t, \\ y(t) &= \alpha_1 (A_1 \mathrm{cos} \, \omega_1 t + A_2 \mathrm{cos} \, \omega_2 t) + \alpha_2 (A_1 \mathrm{cos} \, \omega_1 t + A_2 \mathrm{cos} \, \omega_2 t)^2 \\ &+ \alpha_3 (A_1 \mathrm{cos} \, \omega_1 t + A_2 \mathrm{cos} \, \omega_2 t)^3 \end{split}$$

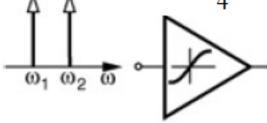
$$\omega = \omega_1 \pm \omega_2 : \alpha_2 A_1 A_2 \cos(\omega_1 + \omega_2) t + \alpha_2 A_1 A_2 \cos(\omega_1 - \omega_2) t$$

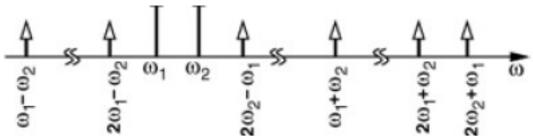
$$=2\omega_{1}\pm\omega_{2}:\frac{3\alpha_{3}A_{1}^{2}A_{2}}{4}\cos(2\omega_{1}+\omega_{2})t+\frac{3\alpha_{3}A_{1}^{2}A_{2}}{4}\cos(2\omega_{1}-\omega_{2})t$$

$$=2\omega_{2}\pm\omega_{1}:\frac{3\alpha_{3}A_{2}^{2}A_{1}}{4}\cos(2\omega_{2}+\omega_{1})t+\frac{3\alpha_{3}A_{2}^{2}A_{1}}{4}\cos(2\omega_{2}-\omega_{1})t$$

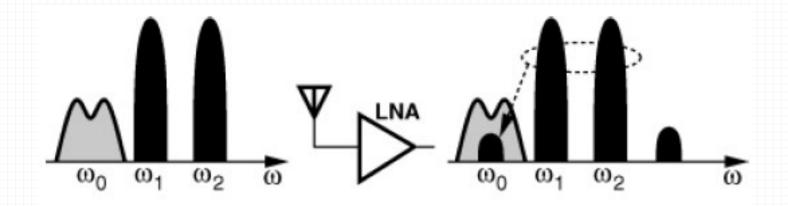
$$\omega = \omega_1, \omega_2 : (\alpha_1 A_1 + \frac{3}{4} \alpha_3 A_1^3 + \frac{3}{2} \alpha_3 A_1 A_2^2) \cos \omega_1 t$$

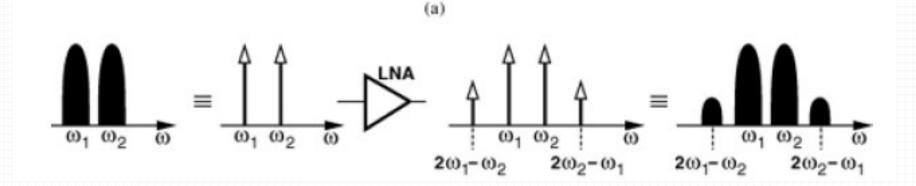
$$+(\alpha_1 A_2 + \frac{3}{4}\alpha_3 A_2^3 + \frac{3}{2}\alpha_3 A_2 A_1^2)\cos \omega_2 t$$

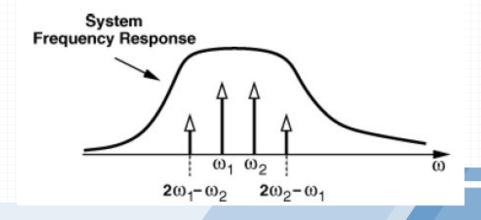


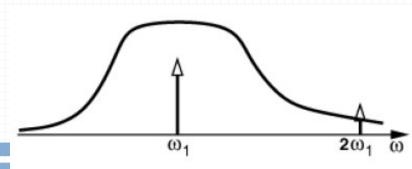


- Third Intercept Point(IP3)
 - -If the difference between w1 and w2 is small, the components at 2w1-w2 and 2w2-w1 appear in the vicinity of w1 and w2





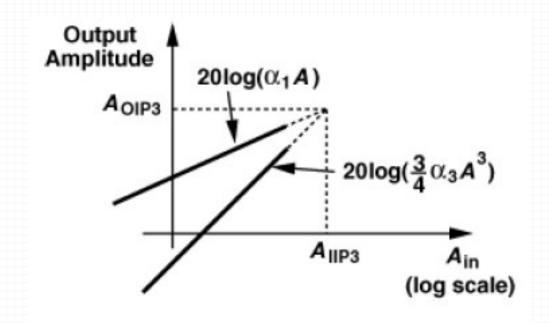


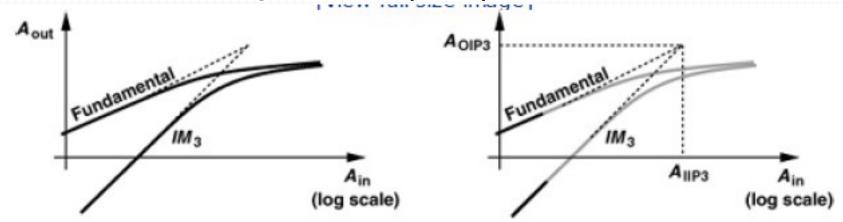


$$|\alpha_1 A_{IIP3}| = \left| \frac{3}{4} \alpha_3 A_{IIP3}^3 \right|$$

$$A_{IIP3} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3} \left| \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3} \right|}$$

$$\frac{A_{IIP3}}{A_{1dB}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{0.435}}$$
$$\approx 9.6 \, \text{dB}.$$





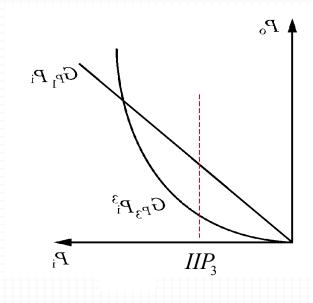
$$\frac{A_{\omega 1,\omega 2}}{A_{IM3}} \approx \frac{|\alpha_1| A_{im}}{3 |\alpha_3| A_{im}^3 / 4} = \frac{4 |\alpha_1|}{3 |\alpha_3| A_{im}^2} \qquad \frac{A_{\omega 1,\omega 2}}{A_{IM3}} = \frac{A_{IP3}^2}{A_{im}^2}
20 \log A_{\omega 1,\omega 2} - 20 \log A_{IM3} = 20 \log A_{IP3}^2 - 20 \log A_{im}^2
20 \log A_{IP3} = \frac{1}{2} (20 \log A_{\omega 1,\omega 2} - 20 \log A_{IM3}) + 20 \log A_{im}$$

In IP3 point $P_{o1} = P_{o3}$

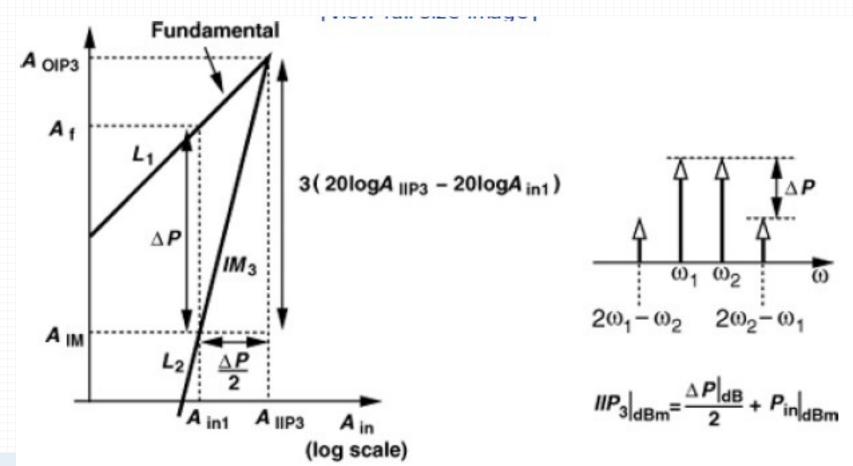
$$P_{o1} = G_{p1}(IIP_3)$$

 $P_{o3} = G_{p3}(IIP_3)^3$
 $G_{p1} = (IIP_3)^2$

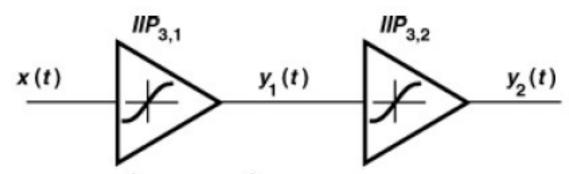
$$P_{IMR} = \frac{P_{o3}}{P_{o1}} = \frac{G_{p3}P_i^3}{G_{p1}P_i} = \frac{P_i^2}{(IIP_3)^2}$$



$$P_{IMR}(dB) = 2P_i(dBm) - 2(IIP_3)(dBm)$$







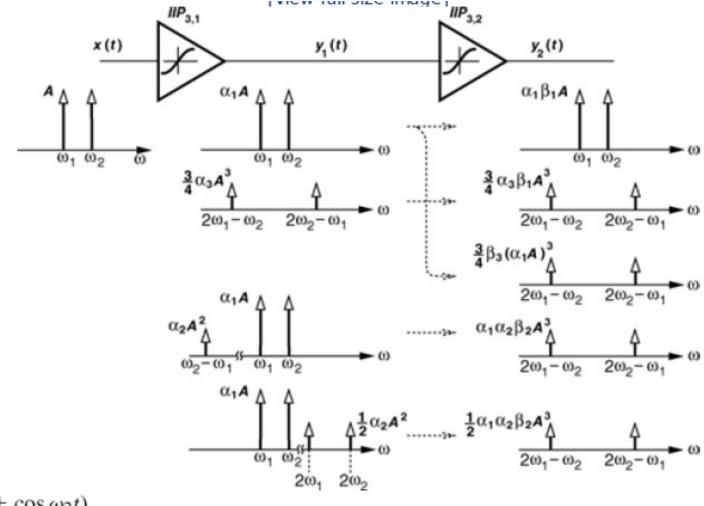
$$y_1(t) = \alpha_1 x(t) + \alpha_2 x^2(t) + \alpha_3 x^3(t) \ y_2(t) = \beta_1 y_1(t) + \beta_2 y_1^2(t) + \beta_3 y_1^3(t)$$

$$y_2(t) = \beta_1 [\alpha_1 x(t) + \alpha_2 x^2(t) + \alpha_3 x^3(t)] + \beta_2 [\alpha_1 x(t) + \alpha_2 x^2(t) + \alpha_3 x^3(t)]^2 + \beta_3 [\alpha_1 x(t) + \alpha_2 x^2(t) + \alpha_3 x^3(t)]^3.$$

$$y_2(t) = \alpha_1 \beta_1 x(t) + (\alpha_3 \beta_1 + 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \beta_2 + \alpha_1^3 \beta_3) x^3(t) + \cdots$$

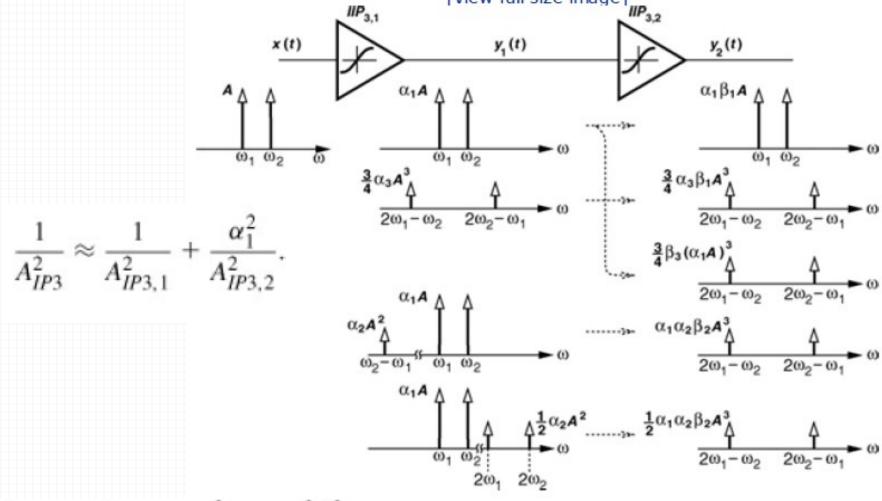
$$A_{IP3} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3} \left| \frac{\alpha_1 \beta_1}{\alpha_3 \beta_1 + 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \beta_2 + \alpha_1^3 \beta_3} \right|}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{A_{IP3}^2} &= \frac{3}{4} \left| \frac{\alpha_3 \beta_1 + 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \beta_2 + \alpha_1^3 \beta_3}{\alpha_1 \beta_1} \right| \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \left| \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_1} + \frac{2\alpha_2 \beta_2}{\beta_1} + \frac{\alpha_1^2 \beta_3}{\beta_1} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{A_{IP3,1}^2} + \frac{3\alpha_2 \beta_2}{2\beta_1} + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{A_{IP3,2}^2} \right|, \end{aligned}$$



$$y_{2}(t) = \alpha_{1}\beta_{1}A(\cos\omega_{1}t + \cos\omega_{2}t) + \left(\frac{3\alpha_{3}\beta_{1}}{4} + \frac{3\alpha_{1}^{3}\beta_{3}}{4} + \frac{3\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}\beta_{2}}{2}\right)A^{3}[\cos(\omega_{1} - 2\omega_{2})t + \cos(2\omega_{2} - \omega_{1})t] + \cdots,$$

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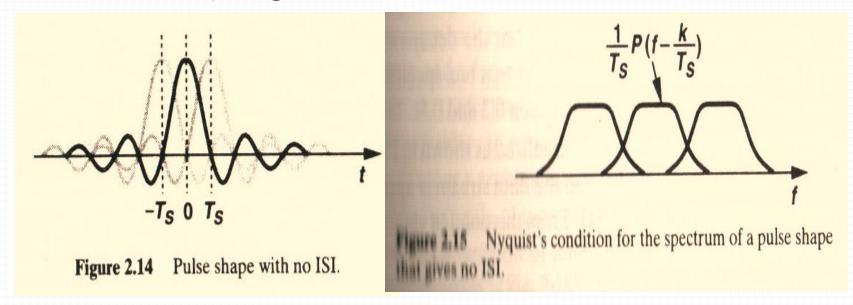
$$\frac{1}{A_{IP3}^2} \approx \frac{1}{A_{IP3,1}^2} + \frac{\alpha_1^2}{A_{IP3,2}^2} + \frac{\alpha_1^2 \beta_1^2}{A_{IP3,3}^2} + \cdots$$

Intersymbol Interference

- Linear time-invariant systems can also distort a signal if they do not have sufficient bandwidth
- Each bit level is corrupted by decaying tails created by previous bits
- Solution
 - Pulse shaping(Nyquist signaling)
 - -Raised cosine

Intersymbol Interference-ISI

Pulse Shaping



The shape is selected such that ISI is zero at certain points in time

AM/PM Conversion

In some RF circuits, e.g., power amplifiers, amplitude modulation (AM) may be converted to phase modulation (PM), thus producing undesirable effects.

$$V_{out}(t) = V_2 \cos[\omega_1 t + \phi(V_1)],$$

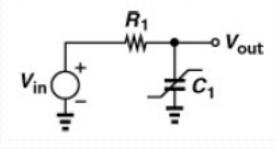
$$v_{in}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} R_1 \\ W \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} V_{out} \\ \hline \end{array} \quad C_1 = (1 + \alpha V_{out})C_0$$

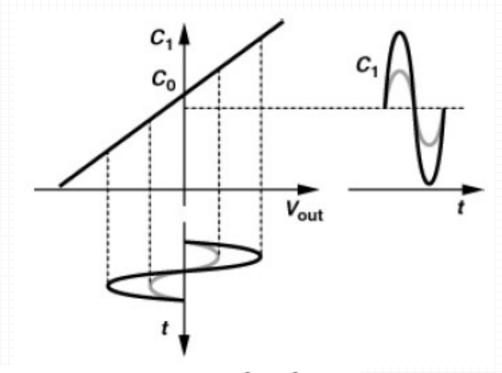
$$V_1 \cos \omega_1 t = R_1 (1 + \alpha V_{out}) C_0 \frac{dV_{out}}{dt} + V_{out}$$

$$V_{out}(t) \approx V_1 \cos(\omega_1 t - R_1 C_0 \omega_1 - \alpha R_1 C_0 \omega_1 V_1 \cos \omega_1 t).$$

AM/PM Conversion



$$C_1 = C_0(1 + \alpha_1 V_{out} + \alpha_2 V_{out}^2)$$



$$V_{out}(t) \approx V_1 \cos[\omega_1 t - R_1 C_0 \omega_1 (1 + \alpha_1 V_1 \cos \omega_1 t + \alpha_2 V_1^2 \cos^2 \omega_1 t)]$$

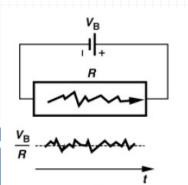
 $\approx V_1 \cos(\omega_1 t - R_1 C_0 \omega_1 - \frac{\alpha_2 R_1 C_0 \omega_1 V_1^2}{2} - \cdots).$

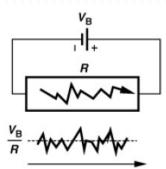
- 1. Random Processes
 - A family of time functions
- 1) Statiscal Ensembles
 - Doubly infinite(infinite measurements X infinite time)
 - Time average (n(t) : noise voltage)

$$< n(t)> = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} n(t) dt$$

– Ensemble average(Pn(n) : PDF)

$$\overline{n(t)} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} n(t) P_n(n) dn$$

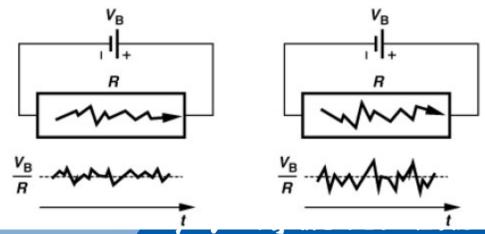




–Second-order average(mean square)

$$< n^2(t)> = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} n^2(t) dt$$

$$\overline{n^2(t)} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} n^2(t) P_n(n) dn$$

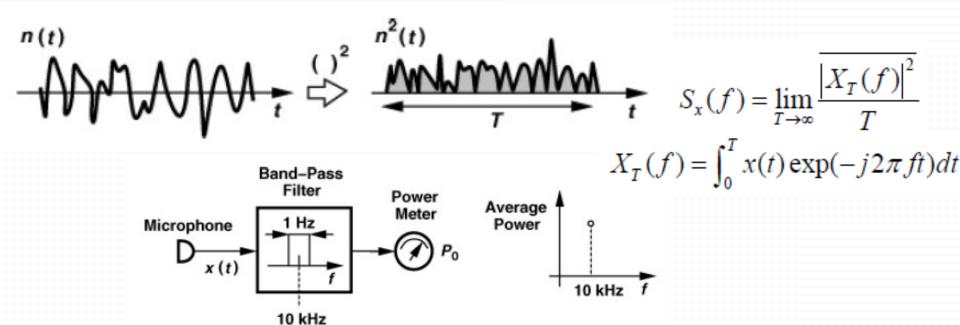


- 2) PDF(Probability Density Function)
 - $-P_x(x)dx = probability of x < X < x+dx$
 - -X is the measured value of x(t) at some point in time
 - -Gaussian distribution
 - PDF of the sum approaches a Gaussian distribution

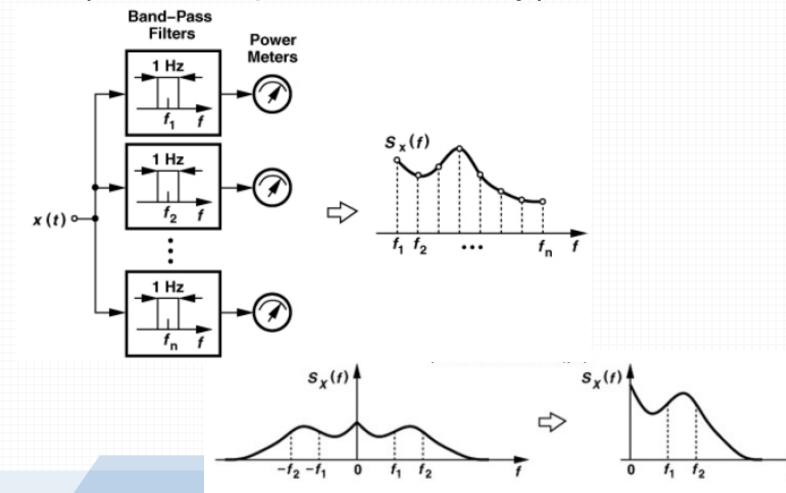
$$P_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} exp \frac{-(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

• 3) PSD(Power Spectral Density)

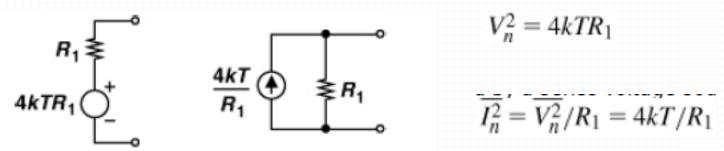
$$P = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T/2}^{+T/2} |x(t)|^2 dt < \infty$$



• 3) PSD(Power Spectral Density)



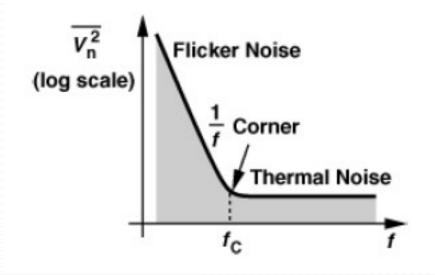
- 2. Noise
 - -1) Thermal Noise
 - resistor
 - base and emitter resistance of bipolar devices
 - channel resistance of MOSFETs



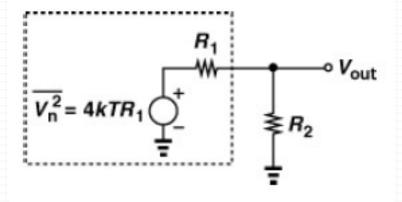
Noise power=(Vn/2R)^2*R=kTB

- 2. Noise
 - -Flicker Noise

$$\overline{V_n^2} = \frac{K}{WLC_{ox}} \frac{1}{f},$$



-2) Input-Referred Noise



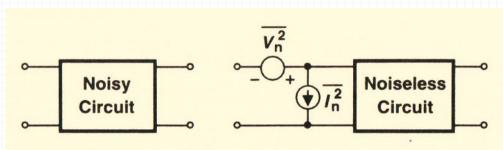


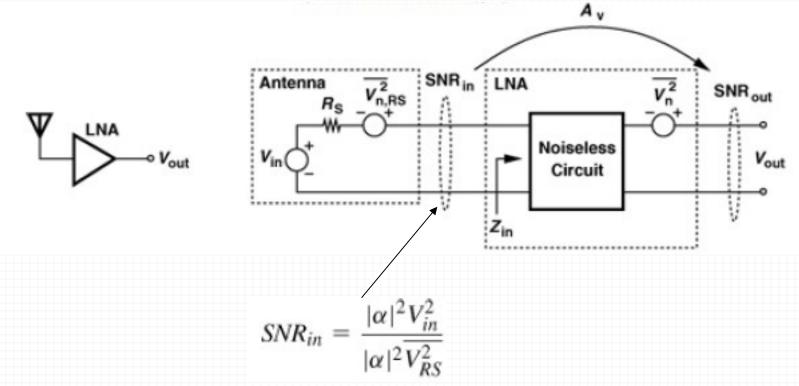
Figure 2.27 Representation of noise by input noise generators.

- 3) Noise Figure
 - -SNR Analog circuits
 - -NF RF circuits
 - -Consider noise of the circuit & SNR of the prestage

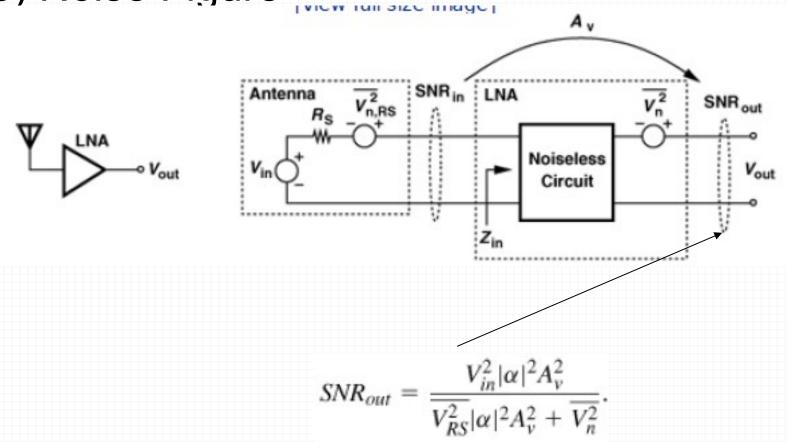
noise figure =
$$\frac{SNR_{\text{in}}}{SNR_{\text{out}}}$$
,

$$NF|_{dB} = 10 \log \frac{SNR_{in}}{SNR_{out}}$$

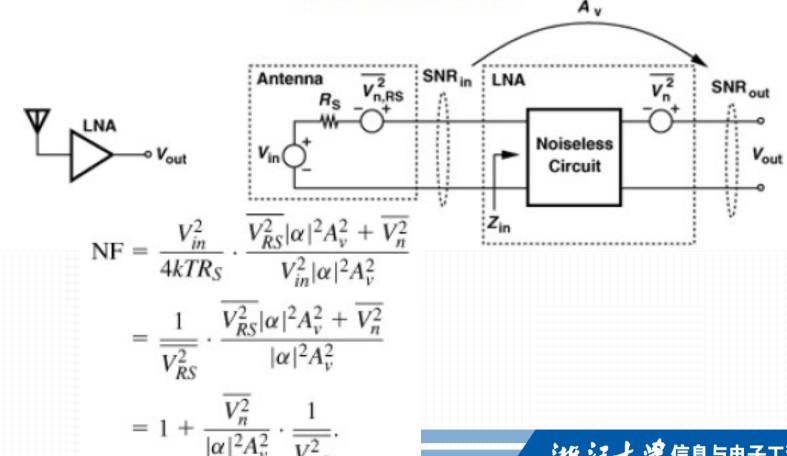
• 3) Noise Figure



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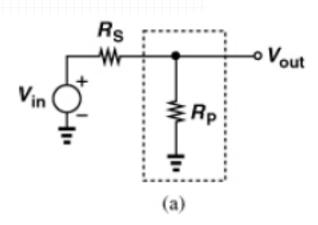


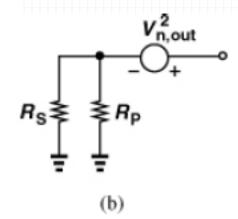
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$$NF = \frac{1}{4kTR_S} \cdot \frac{V_{n,out}^2}{A_0^2},$$

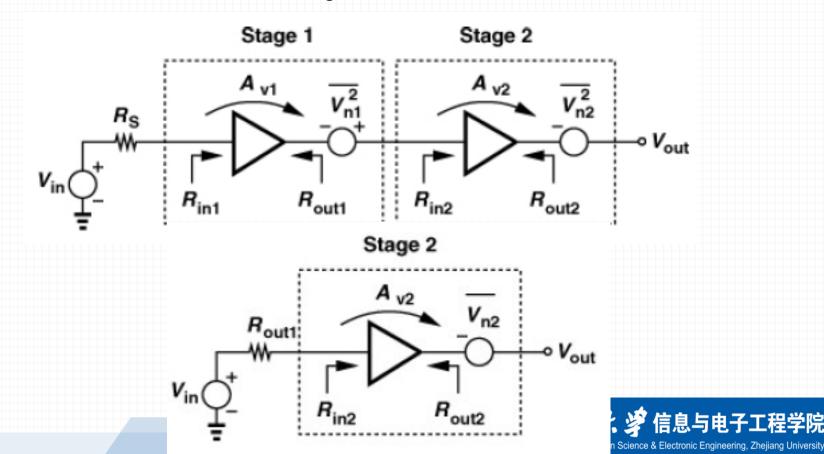




$$\overline{V_{n,out}^2} = 4kT(R_S||R_P).$$
 $A_0 = \frac{R_P}{R_P + R_S}$ NF = $4kT(R_S||R_P)\frac{(R_S + R_P)^2}{R_P^2}\frac{1}{4kTR_S}$ = $1 + \frac{R_S}{R_S}$.

• 3) Noise Figure

Noise in a cascade of stages



• 3) Noise Figure

Noise in a cascade of stages

$$A_0 = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{R_{in1}}{R_{in1} + R_S} A_{v1} \frac{R_{in2}}{R_{in2} + R_{out1}} A_{v2}.$$

$$\overline{V_{n,out}^2} = \overline{V_{n2}^2} + \overline{V_{n1}^2} \frac{R_{in2}^2}{(R_{in2} + R_{out1})^2} A_{v2}^2$$

$$NF_{tot} = 1 + \frac{\overline{V_{n,out}^2}}{A_0^2} \cdot \frac{1}{4kTR_S}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\overline{V_{n1}^2}}{\left(\frac{R_{in1}}{R_{in1} + R_S}\right)^2 A_{v1}^2} \cdot \frac{1}{4kTR_S}$$

$$+ \frac{\overline{V_{n2}^2}}{\left(\frac{R_{in1}}{R_{in1} + R_S}\right)^2 A_{v1}^2 \left(\frac{R_{in2}}{R_{in2} + R_{out1}}\right)^2 A_{v2}^2} \cdot \frac{1}{4kTR_S}$$

• 3) Noise Figure

Noise in a cascade of stages

$$NF_2 = 1 + \frac{\overline{V_{n2}^2}}{\frac{R_{in2}^2}{(R_{in2} + R_{out1})^2} A_{v2}^2} \frac{1}{4kTR_{out1}}.$$

$$NF_{tot} = NF_1 + \frac{NF_2 - 1}{\frac{R_{in1}^2}{(R_{in1} + R_S)^2} A_{v1}^2 \frac{R_S}{R_{out1}}}.$$

• 3) Noise Figure

Noise in a cascade of stages

$$P_{out,av} = V_{in}^2 \frac{R_{in1}^2}{(R_S + R_{in1})^2} A_{v1}^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4R_{out1}}$$
 $P_{S,av} = \frac{V_{in}^2}{4R_S}$

$$NF_{tot} = NF_1 + \frac{NF_2 - 1}{A_{P1}},$$

Friis equation

$$NF_{tot} = 1 + (NF_1 - 1) + \frac{NF_2 - 1}{A_{P1}} + \dots + \frac{NF_m - 1}{A_{P1} \cdot \dots \cdot A_{P(m-1)}}$$

Equivalent noise temperature

$$N_i = kT_0B$$

$$N_{itotal} = k(T_0 + T_e)B$$

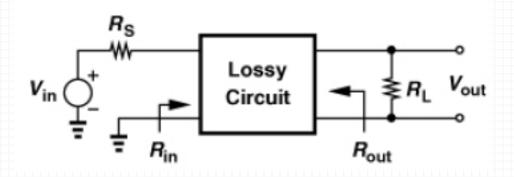
$$N_o = G_P k (T_0 + T_e) B$$

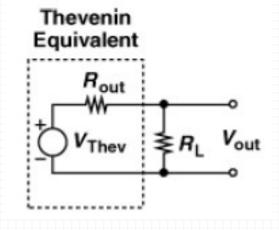
$$F = \frac{P_i / N_i}{P_o / N_o} = \frac{P_i / k T_0 B}{G_P P_i / G_P k (T_0 + T_e) B} = 1 + \frac{T_e}{T_0}$$

$$T_e = (F - 1)T_0$$

• 3) Noise Figure

Noise Figure of Lossy Circuits



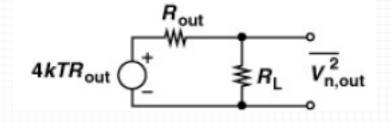


$$L = \frac{V_{in}^2}{V_{Thev}^2} \frac{R_{out}}{R_S}$$

3) Noise Figure

Noise Figure of Lossy Circuits

$$\overline{V_{n,out}^2} = 4kTR_{out} \frac{R_L^2}{(R_L + R_{out})^2}$$

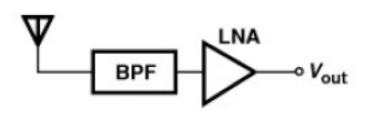


$$A_0 = \frac{V_{Thev}}{V_{in}} \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_{out}}$$

$$NF = 4kTR_{out} \frac{V_{in}^2}{V_{Thev}^2} \frac{1}{4kTR_S}$$
$$= L.$$

• 3) Noise Figure

Noise Figure of Lossy Circuits



$$NF_{tot} = NF_{filt} + \frac{NF_{LNA} - 1}{L^{-1}}$$
$$= L + (NF_{LNA} - 1)L$$
$$= L \cdot NF_{LNA},$$

if L = 1.5 dB and NFLNA = 2 dB, then NFtot = 3.5 dB.

Sensitivity and Dynamic Range

- 1. Sensitivity
 - Minimum signal level that the system can detect with acceptable SNR.

$$NF = \frac{SNR_{in}}{SNR_{out}}$$
$$= \frac{P_{sig}/P_{RS}}{SNR_{out}}$$

$$P_{sig} = P_{RS} \cdot NF \cdot SNR_{out}$$

$$P_{sig,tot} = P_{RS} \cdot NF \cdot SNR_{out} \cdot B.$$

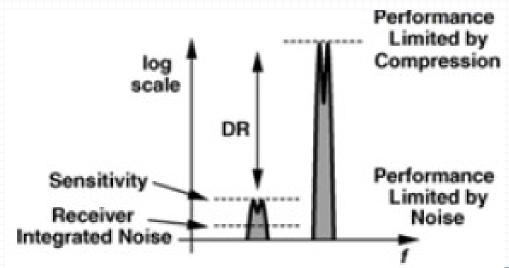
$$P_{sen}|_{dBm} = P_{RS}|_{dBm/Hz} + NF|_{dB} + SNR_{min}|_{dB} + 10\log B,$$

- Pin.min = -174dBm/Hz + NF + 10logB + SNRmin
- Noise floor : -174dBm/Hz + NF + 10logB

Sensitivity and Dynamic Range

2. Dynamic Range

 Ratio of the maximum input level that the circuit can tolerate to the minimum input level at which the circuit provides a resonable signal quality.



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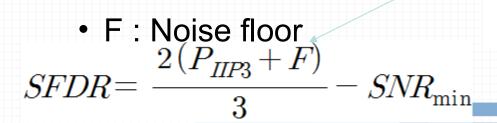
- -SFDR(Spurious-Free Dynamic Range)
 - Upper end of the dynamic range on the intermodulation behavior
 - Lower end on the sensitivity

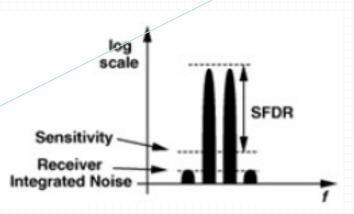
$$P_{IIP3} = P_{in} + \frac{P_{in} - P_{IM,in}}{2}$$

$$P_{in} = \frac{2P_{IIP3} + P_{IM,in}}{3}$$

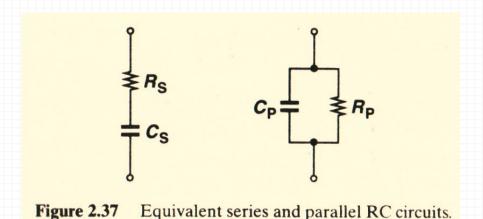
$$SFDR = P_{in,max} - (-174 \, dBm + NF + 10 \log B + SNR_{min})$$

$$= \frac{2(P_{IIP3} + 174 \, dBm - NF - 10 \log B)}{3} - SNR_{min}.$$





Passive Impedance Transformation

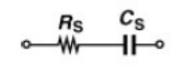


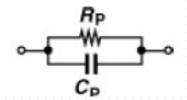
Q of the series combination : 1/RsCsw Q of the parallel combination : RpCpw

If Q is relatively high and the band of interest relatively narrow, then one network can be converted to the other

Passive Impedance Transformation

$$\frac{R_P}{R_P C_P s + 1} = \frac{R_S C_S s + 1}{C_S s}$$





$$R_P C_S j\omega = 1 - R_P C_P R_S C_S \omega^2 + (R_P C_P + R_S C_S) j\omega,$$

$$Q_S = Q_P. \longrightarrow R_P C_P R_S C_S \omega^2 = 1$$

$$R_P C_P + R_S C_S - R_P C_S = 0.$$

$$R_P = \frac{1}{R_S C_S^2 \omega^2} + R_S.$$

When

$$Q_S^2 \gg 1$$

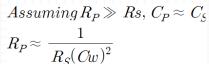
$$R_P \approx Q_S^2 R_S$$
 $C_P \approx C_S$.

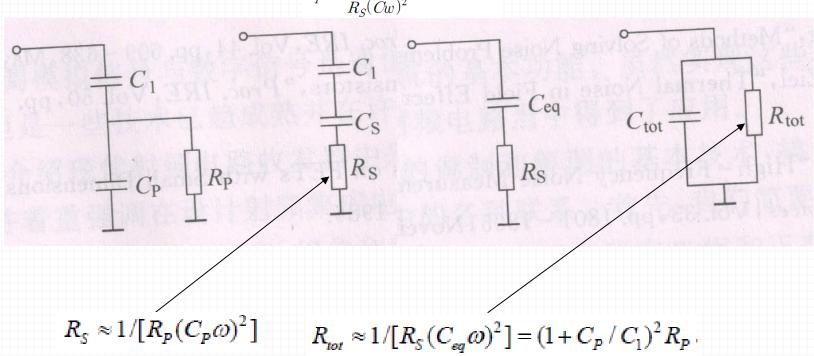
$$C_P \approx C_S$$
.

$$R_P = (Q_S^2 + 1)R_S.$$

$$C_P = \frac{Q_S^2}{Q_S^2 + 1} C_S.$$

Passive Impedance Transformation





Resistor increase $(1+C_p/C_1)^2$