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1. DOCUMENT SCOPE

This document outlines the requirements and specifications for a project centered on designing and implementing a virtual instrumentation system. The core objective is to develop virtual instruments within MATLAB to accurately measure and analyze key performance characteristics related to audio processing, including amplifier performance and signal equalization.

This document details the functional requirements, technical specifications, and the planned testing procedures essential for the successful creation and deployment of this virtual instrumentation system. The document scope encompasses:

1. An overview of Class D amplifier technology and its current state of the art
2. Detailed technical specifications for the simulation model, the virtual instrumentation and the equalizer.
3. Performance metrics and testing protocols to evaluate the multiple functionalities.
4. Regulatory considerations for the final product

This document provides a comprehensive project overview, establishing a shared understanding of the goals, requirements, and deliverables at this initial stage. It will serve as a guide for the design, development, testing, and validation of the entire virtual instrumentation system

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. *Introduction*

This project is centered around the development of a virtual instrumentation system designed to analyze the behavior and characterize the performance of Class D amplifiers through simulation and measurement. The core aim is to virtually design and build the necessary instruments to assess the degree of fulfillment of the amplifier's specified characteristics.

Goals and Main Functions:

The primary goal is to create a versatile virtual environment within MATLAB capable of performing the following functions:

- Frequency Response Analysis: To evaluate the amplifier's frequency response characteristics within the audio band (20 Hz - 20 kHz).
- Distortion Measurement: To quantify the amplifier's distortion levels, with a primary focus on Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) exceeding 0.1%.
- Gain and Power Estimation: To determine the amplifier's gain and output power capabilities under various operating conditions.
- Equalization: To build an equalizer with 5 bands and a +-3dB control.
- Class D Amplifier Simulation: To simulate the amplifier's behavior in both the time and frequency domains, enabling detailed analysis and design optimization.

Necessary Equipment/Tools:

The following software and hardware components will be required for the development and implementation of the virtual instrumentation system:

Software:

MATLAB: The primary software environment for developing and implementing the virtual instruments.

Hardware:

ADC (Analog-to-Digital Converter): To acquire analog signals from the Class D amplifier for analysis in MATLAB and DAC (Digital-to-Analog Converter): To generate test signals for stimulating the amplifier and validating the performance of the virtual instruments.

Main Parameters:

The main parameters involved in the functions of the product are:

- Frequency response: Frequency, Gain (dB), Phase (degrees)
- Distortion: THD (%), Harmonic amplitudes
- Gain and Power: Input voltage, Output voltage, Gain (dB), Output power (W)
- Equalization: Central frequency (Hz), Gain (dB)

2.2. *State of the art*

In the first place we need to know more about audio amplifiers, its main classes and its quality measurements. An audio amplifier is an electronic device designed to amplify low-power electronic audio signals. The objective of audio amplifiers is to reproduce the input audio signals at its output, with desired volume and power levels, introducing the minimum amount of distortion and in an efficient way.

MAIN CLASSES OF AUDIO AMPLIFIERS

We will be focused on class D amplifiers, because it is the kind of amplifier we will use for this project. This is due to the multiple benefits it brings. But in spite of that, it is still important to know about the other classes of amplifiers.

CLASS A AMPLIFIERS

Definition: Class A audio amplifiers are renowned for their exceptional sound quality and low distortion levels. **[1]**

Operation: These amplifiers operate with their output transistors conducting continuously throughout the entire 360-degree cycle of the audio signal, regardless of whether there's an input or not. **[2]**

Advantages:

Unparalleled sound quality and audio fidelity **[3]**

Low distortion levels, especially compared to other amplifier classes **[1]**

Excellent high-frequency performance and feedback loop stability **[2]**

No crossover distortion, which is common in Class AB and B designs **[2]**

Disadvantages:

Poor energy efficiency, with most power converted to heat **[4] [5]**

Larger physical size due to necessary heat management components **[5]**

Higher power consumption, even when idle. **[4]**

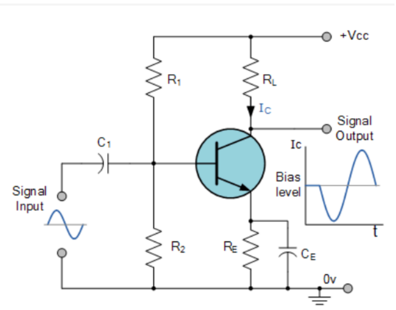


Figure 1: Class A audio amplifier circuit **[15]**

CLASS B AMPLIFIERS

Definition: Class B audio amplifiers are a type of power amplifier that offer improved efficiency compared to Class A amplifiers, but with some trade-offs in terms of audio quality.

Operation: Class B amplifiers use two transistors in a push-pull configuration, where each transistor conducts for 180 degrees (half) of the signal cycle **[2].** One transistor handles the positive half of the waveform, while the other manages the negative half. **[4]** This arrangement allows for more efficient power usage compared to Class A amplifiers.

Advantages:

Higher efficiency compared to Class A amplifiers, with theoretical efficiency reaching up to 78.5% **[2]**. In practical applications, efficiencies of 50% to 60% are achievable. **[6]**

Lower power consumption when no signal is present

Suitable for high-power applications

Disadvantages:

Introduces crossover distortion **[4]**, this occurs at the point where the signal transitions from one transistor to the other, creating a "dead zone" that can result in audible distortion, especially at lower volumes **[6]**

Requires more complex power supply design

Generally produces more distortion than Class A amplifiers **[6]**

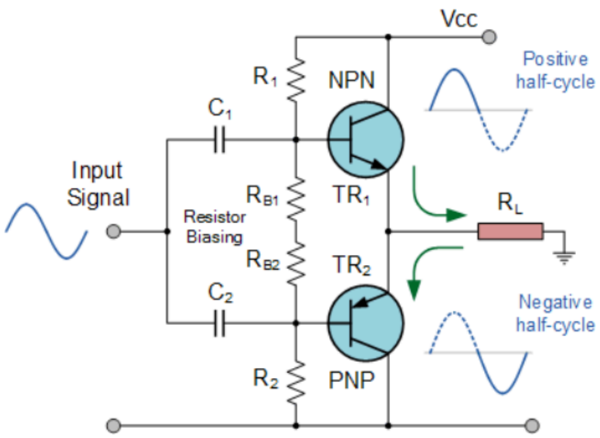


Figure 2: Class B audio amplifier circuit **[16]**

CLASS AB AMPLIFIERS

Definition: Class AB amplifiers are a popular type of audio amplifier that combine features of both Class A and Class B designs to achieve a balance between efficiency and linearity **[7]**. They are widely considered a good compromise for audio amplification due to their ability to handle various input signal levels effectively **[2]**.

Operation: Class AB amplifiers operate as follows:

The output transistors work in pairs, with each transistor conducting for more than half but less than the full cycle of the input signal **[8] [9]**.

A small bias voltage is applied to the output devices to prepare them for playing music, which helps reduce crossover distortion **[8]**.

At low power levels, they operate in Class A mode, switching to Class B operation for higher power output **[9]**.

Advantages

Balanced audio quality: Class AB amplifiers offer good sound quality, combining some of the finesse of Class A with the power handling of Class B **[9]**.

Reduced crossover distortion: The biasing technique minimizes the "dead zone" where both devices are nearly off, reducing distortion compared to Class B amplifiers **[2] [8]**.

Improved efficiency: They are more energy-efficient than Class A amplifiers, generating less heat **[2] [9]**.

Extended high-frequency performance: High-end Class AB amplifiers can play beyond 80 kHz with low distortion, making them suitable for high-resolution audio **[8]**.

Disadvantages

Heat generation: They still dissipate a significant amount of power as heat, especially at higher power levels, requiring larger heatsinks **[8]**

Complex internal circuitry: The blend of Class A and Class B architectures can introduce complexity, potentially impacting long-term reliability **[2]**.

Size and weight: Due to the need for larger heatsinks and power supplies, Class AB amplifiers tend to be bulkier and heavier than Class D alternatives **[2]**.

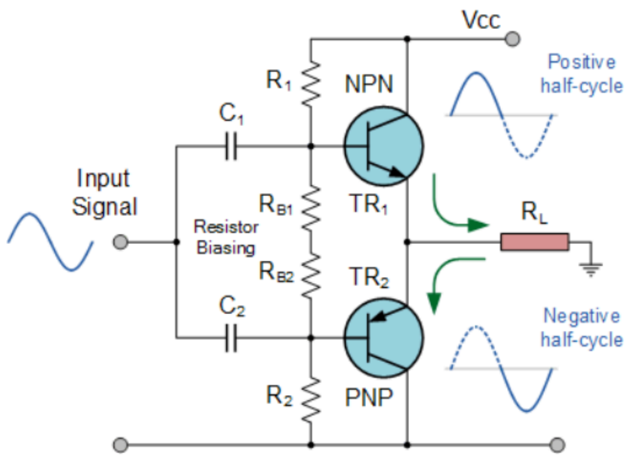


Figure 3: Class AB audio amplifier circuit **[17]**

CLASS D AMPLIFIERS

Definition: Class D audio amplifiers operate using a unique switching technique that sets them apart from traditional linear amplifiers.

Operation: Class D amplifiers function by converting the analog input signal into a series of high-frequency pulses through pulse-width modulation (PWM) **[10] [11]** The amplifier's output stage uses transistors that switch between fully on and fully off states at a high frequency, typically between 250kHz to 1.5MHz. **[12]** This PWM signal is then amplified and passed through a low-pass filter to recover the audio waveform, eliminating high-frequency noise. **[10] [11]**

Advantages

High Efficiency: Class D amplifiers are extremely efficient, often achieving 80-90% efficiency, with some models reaching up to 97% **[13]**. This high efficiency results in less energy wasted as heat.

Compact Size and Low Weight: Due to their efficient design, Class D amplifiers can be much smaller and lighter than traditional linear amplifiers **[13]**.

Cool Operation: Class D amplifiers generate significantly less heat compared to linear amplifiers, which can lead to a longer lifespan and reduced need for bulky heatsinks **[13]**.

High Power Output: The efficiency of Class D amplifiers allows them to deliver high power outputs from a compact form factor **[14]**.

Clear Sound: When properly designed, Class D amplifiers can produce clear, low-distortion audio with accurate sound imaging **[14]**.

Disadvantages

Potential for EMI: The high-frequency switching can generate electromagnetic interference, requiring careful design and shielding. **[11]**

Output Filter Requirement: Most Class D amplifiers need an output filter to remove high-frequency noise, which can affect the overall sound quality if not properly implemented **[5]**.

Complexity: Designing high-quality Class D amplifiers is challenging and requires advanced engineering expertise. **[10]**

Load Sensitivity: Some Class D amplifiers can be sensitive to speaker load variations, potentially affecting performance across different systems. **[5]**

Sound Character: While modern Class D amplifiers have improved significantly, some audiophiles still prefer the sound characteristics of traditional linear amplifiers. **[13]**

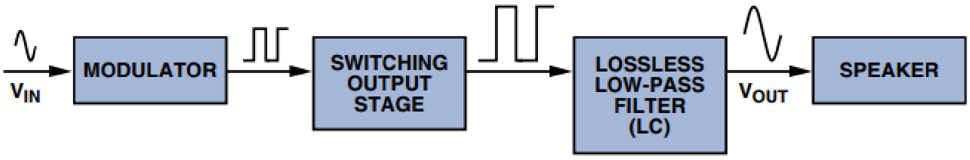


Figure 4: Class D open-loop-amplifier block diagram **[18]**

RESUME TABLE:

Characteristic	Class A	Class B	Class AB	Class D
Efficiency	~25-30%	~50-60%	~50-70%	~80-95%
Sound Quality	Excellent	Good (crossover distortion)	Very Good	Good (depends on design)
Heat Dissipation	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low
Power Consumption	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low
Distortion	Low	High (crossover distortion)	Low	Moderate (depends on filtering)
Complexity	Simple	Moderate	More complex	Most complex
Size & Weight	Large & heavy	Smaller than Class A	Smaller than Class A	Compact & lightweight
Application	High-end audio, studio gear	Not commonly used alone	Home audio, car audio	Portable, digital, high-power systems
Example Use Cases	Audiophile systems, tube amplifiers	Rarely used due to distortion	Hi-Fi audio, professional amplifiers	Bluetooth speakers, subwoofers, modern AV receivers

QUALITY MEASURES OF AUDIO AMPLIFIERS

Now that we have knowledge about what an audio amplifier is and its different classes, let's discuss their measurable qualities and the methods of its measurements. These qualities help us to assess the quality and reliability of an audio amplifier **[19]**.

OUTPUT POWER

This is the maximum power that the amplifier can provide at the output without distortion (clipping). Typically, the measurement is made on a 4 Ω or 8 Ω load resistor with a sinusoidal signal input.

FREQUENCY RESPONSE

Frequency response is defined as the gain of the signal at different frequencies. It is measured by applying sinusoidal signals of different frequencies to the input and observing the output power at each frequency. From this data, we can obtain the frequency response curve.

TOTAL HARMONIC DISTORTION (THD)

When an amplifier is connected to a signal at the input, it usually produces harmonics at the output signal. These harmonics do not belong to the useful signal, they are the errors produced by the internal circuit of the amplifier. It is then important to evaluate the harmonic distortion. The total harmonic distortion is defined as the ratio between the sum of the powers of the harmonics and the power of the fundamental frequency. The measurement is made with a sinusoidal signal input, observing the spectral power of the output signal. To assess the total harmonic distortion, we can use the ratio of the root mean square (RMS) value between the harmonic components and fundamental components with the following formula **[20]**.

$$\mathrm{THD} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{\mathrm{i}=2}^{\mathrm{n}} L_{i f_0}^2}}{L_{f_0}},$$

Where L is the root mean square value of the component in its indicated frequency, f_0 is the fundamental frequency and n is the number of observable components.

INTERMODULATION DISTORTION (IMD)

Intermodulation distortion can be observed when there are two tones of frequency f_L and f_H at the input of the amplifier. New components caused by the nonlinearity of the amplifier appear at the output. The new components have the frequency of $i f_L \pm j f_H$ where $f_L < f_H$ and $i, j \geq 0$. The sum of i and j is the order of the corresponding components. To assess the intermodulation distortion, we can use the ratio of the root mean square (RMS) value between the distortion components and useful components with the following formula **[20]**.

$$\text{MOD IMD} = \frac{\sqrt{L^2_{f_H - f_L} + L^2_{f_H + f_L} + L^2_{f_H - 2f_L} + L^2_{f_H + 2f_L}}}{L_{f_H}}.$$

SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO (SNR)

It is defined as the ratio of the output power to the noise power generated by the amplifier. To measure the noise power, an empty signal is applied to the input, and the output power in this situation corresponds to the noise power. A good quality amplifier should have a high SNR.

INPUT AND OUTPUT IMPEDANCE

In order to avoid loading effects, an ideal amplifier usually has an output impedance close to zero and a high input impedance. Therefore, it is important to measure the input and output impedances. In addition, with the output impedance value we can calculate the damping factor in our audio system. The damping factor is defined as the ratio between the load impedance connected to the amplifier output and the amplifier output impedance. A system with a higher damping factor has better reproduction performance.

DELAY

In this part, we will only consider the case of an amplifier without phase distortion. Delay is defined as the time it takes for a signal to pass through an amplifier.

CROSSTALK

Crosstalk is the phenomenon when part of the signal from one channel escapes to another, due to electromagnetic disturbances caused between the amplifier circuits. This quality is typically measured in stereo (2-channel) audio amplifiers. The method of measurement consists of applying a signal to the input of one channel and observing the signal at the output of another channel. The power ratio between the output and the input will be our evaluation criterion.

2.3. *Benchmarking*

Our project is designed and built to measure some features of an audio amplifier. That leaves us with a lot of competitors out there in the market. Our greatest strength is that our project is cheap, now we have to aim for the best capabilities.

VIRTUAL INSTRUMENTATION

These are some of the devices that make direct competence to our virtual instrumentation product:

APx555B Series Audio Analyzer**[21]**:

This is a professional audio analyzer which has two analog channels. It is specifically designed to be used in Research and Development engineering and with the highest performance possible. It clearly has a lot more functionalities than our product, but we have to say that a state-of-the-art machine like this has a price around 30.000 US$.

FX100 Audio Analyzer**[22]**:

This audio analyzer is designed to be used as a quality control of audio products. It is simple, fast, reliable and easy to use. It has more benefits than our product, but its cost is about 7000 US$.

AudioTester**[23]**:

AudioTester is just a software that turns your PC into an audio analysing tool. You can measure frequency responses of loudspeakers crossovers, distortion of any audio equipment and impulse responses of loudspeaker systems. Its license is just around 40 US$.

CLASS D AMPLIFIER

If we talk about our D class amplifier simulator, this are the some of our competitors:

Multisim Live **[24]**:

Multisim Live is a software designed to simulate electronic circuits as a D class amplifier. It is simple to understand and use, and it can be runned in the browser. It has different subscription options, from a free plan, which is very limited, to the premium plan which costs 90 US$/year and it has low limitations.

Falstad Class-D amplifier simulator **[25]**:

Falstad Class D amplifier simulator is an online simulator runned with java. It is a free simulator but has certain limitations. It is simple to use and has an interface oriented to electrical components where you can modify all the values. As I said previously it is free to use.

EQUALIZER

And this are some examples of competitors for our equalizer:

EQ 7153 **[26]**:

EQ 7153 is a tool made for audio professionals and sound engineers looking to fine tune audio. It comes equipped with dual 21-band equalizers. With an adjustable range of ±12 dB at each band you get the ability to fine-tune audio for as much as needed to get the perfect sound.
Its cost is around 200 US$.

FxSound **[27]**:

FxSound is a digital audio program built for Windows PC's. The background processing, built on a high-fidelity audio engine, acts as a sort of digital sound card for your system. There are active effects for shaping and boosting your sound's volume, timbre, and equalization included on top of this clean processing, allowing you to customize and enhance your sound. This software is free to use.

3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

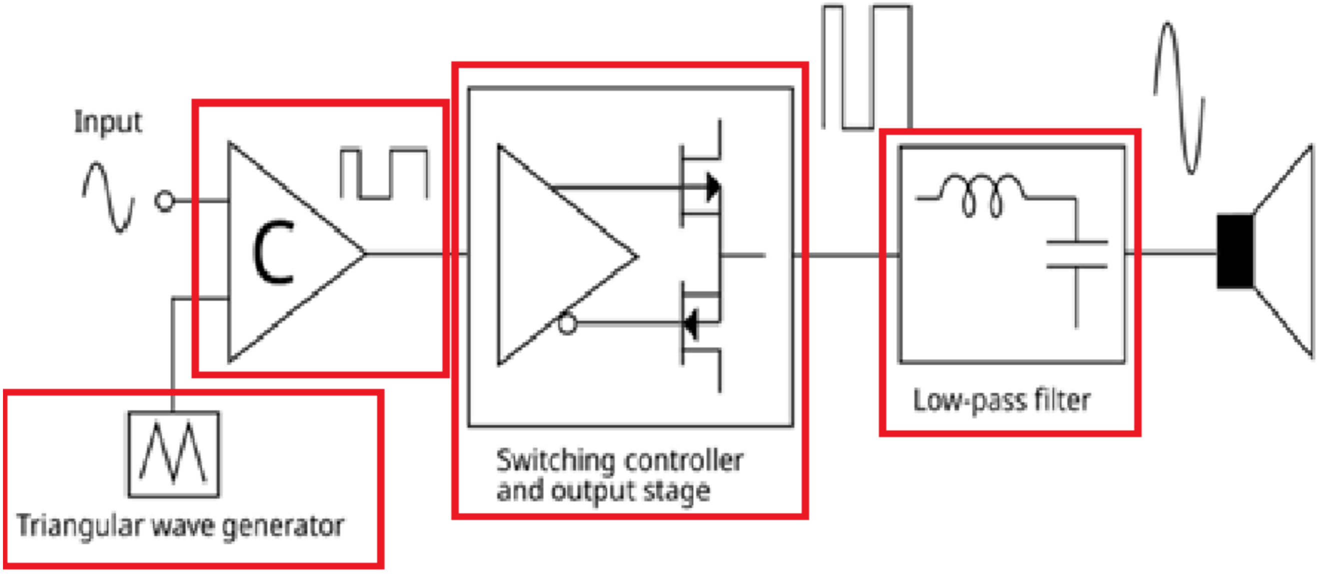
3.1. *System description:*

The system contains 3 main components: D class amplifier simulation, 5 bands equalizer and virtual instrumentation. The entire system is a program based on Matlab. In the amplifier simulation, the program is designed to behave like a real D class amplifier, which contains every stage of the D class amplifier: triangle wave generator, comparator, switching controller, low pass filter. Furthermore, the users are allowed to modify the parameters in each stage . In the virtual instrumentation, users can test a real amplifier with a sound card or the simulated amplifier. The results would be shown clearlly in graphic or other form. The available tests include frequency response, total harmonic distortion, gain and power estimation. The equalizer in this program is used for adjusting the frequency response of digital signals. It can be used as a pre-equalizer of the output signal from the computer to improve its response or the overall amplifier-loudspeaker response. Users can use audio files as the input of the equalizer. Also it allows real-time parameter adjustments with instant feedback. The output of the equalizer can be saved as a new audio file or played instantly on the sound card.

3.2. *Physical and operational specifications:*

The product will be delivered as a standalone MATLAB application that does not require any toolboxes. As a result, the user will only need a PC equipped with MATLAB R2018b and an audio card. The application will feature 3 separate windows, each dedicated to a main function.

The first window will focus on simulating the Class D amplifier. It will provide graphical representations of each stage, allowing users to interact with the product more effectively, specifically:



Stage 1: Input Signal

- Displays the input sinusoidal waveform in the time domain, with an option to visualize it in the frequency domain.
- Allows modification of its parameters, including frequency (kHz) and amplitude.

Stage 2: Triangular Signal (display is optional)

- Provides an option to adjust its parameters, such as frequency (kHz) and amplitude.

Stage 3: Low-Pass Filter

- Enables modification of its parameters, including resistance (R [Ω]), inductance (L [μH]), and capacitance (C [μF]), with a predefined default setting.
- Includes a button to adjust the gain.

Stage 4: Output

- Displays the output sinusoidal waveform in the time domain, with an option to visualize it in the frequency domain.

The axis values of the functions will be adjusted based on user inputs.
As our simulator does not operate in real-time, it does not need to perform A/D or D/A conversion, because we do not use any externally generated analog signal.

The second window will be dedicated to virtual instrumentation. There will be a switch for selecting if the testing amplifier is a real amplifier or a simulation. If the amplifier is real, the program will generate testing signals to the output of the sound card (it must be connected to the input of the testing amplifier) and receive the output signals from the testing amplifier with the sound card. If the amplifier is simulated, the program will take control of the amplifier simulator, automatically setting the input signals and recording the results. For the Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) section, there will be an input field for users to set the tone frequency and a button to start the THD test. When the THD test starts, the program will set the testing signal as a sinusoidal at the user indicated frequency and send it to the testing amplifier, then It will analyze the received signal, checking for the RMS value of harmonics, which are components that are multiples of the fundamental frequency. The results will be calculated using the methods described in 2.3. For the frequency response, there will be a slider for adjusting the accuracy of the test. It represents the number of the testing tones that will distribute uniformly between 20Hz-20kHz in logarithmic scale with base 2. When the test starts, it will send these tones and plot the frequency response curve based on the data received from the amplifier. Additionally, a screen will display the gain at a user-defined frequency, along with buttons to recalculate the frequency response and THD. The sampling frequency for the instrumentation will be set at 44 kHz.

The third window is the interface of the equalizer, there will be 5 vertical sliders for adjusting the gain in each band. These 5 bands have the following ranges :

- Base： 20 Hz - 250 Hz
- Low Mid：250 Hz - 500 Hz
- Mid：500 Hz - 2 kHz
- High Mid：2 kHz - 4 kHz
- Treble: 4 kHz - 20 kHz

There is a button for selecting an input audio file from local, the supported audio file formats are WAV, MP3, FLAC, etc. When the audio is loaded, the users can play the audio and hear the result of equalization immediately. Finally,the users can choose whether to save the result as an audio file.

This equalizer is based on 5 band pass IIR filters, the input signal will be distributed to these filters, then the output of the equalizer will be the sum of output of these filters.

3.3. *Final product specifications:*

The final product will be a MATLAB-based application capable of simulating a Class D amplifier and evaluating its key characteristics. This tool will allow users to obtain measurements of frequency response, Total Harmonic Distortion (THD), gain, and output power.

Expected System Parameters

The following are the typical values expected from the simulation and virtual instrumentation:

- **Frequency response:** Range from 20 Hz to 20 kHz with a maximum variation of ±3 dB.
- **Total Harmonic Distortion (THD):** Below 0.1% under ideal conditions.
- **Gain:** Adjustable, with typical values ranging from 10x to 50x depending on the configuration.
- **Output power:** Simulated under standard conditions, with reference values up to 50 W.

Hardware Dependency

The results obtained may vary depending on the hardware used, both in terms of simulation and virtual instrumentation measurements:

- **Computational power:** The accuracy and speed of the simulation will depend on the processing power of the PC. High-performance CPUs and larger RAM capacity will enhance the experience.
- **Sound card:** For virtual instrumentation, the quality of the sound card is crucial. Professional audio interfaces can provide better frequency response and lower THD in measurements.
- **Input/output resolution:** The reliability of measurements is influenced by the sampling rate and bit depth of the audio acquisition. A sampling rate of 44.1 kHz and a bit depth of 24 bits are recommended for accurate results.

The goal is to ensure that the system provides precise results with minimal hardware requirements while allowing improved performance on higher-end setups.

4. TEST REQUIREMENTS

Test 1: Virtual Instrumentation

This test aims to verify that the theoretical results obtained using MATLAB align with the practical measurements taken in an electronics lab. While minor errors may occur due to instrument precision, they should not significantly impact the results. This test helps assure the user that the product functions as expected without requiring additional expensive equipment.

- **Test 1.1: Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)**

  To validate the accuracy of the values and confirm the product's proper functionality, we will input a known signal into the system and analyze the effects of Total Harmonic Distortion (THD). THD introduces non-linearities in the output signal. The user, having already learned about THD in section 2.2, will compute it based on the system's output signal using the given formula:

$$THD = 20log(\frac{RMS\ harmonic\ energy}{RMS\ fundamental\ energy})$$

$$x_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \ ...\ + x_n^2)}$$

  *This process should be repeated about three times with different input signals to ensure the consistency of the results.

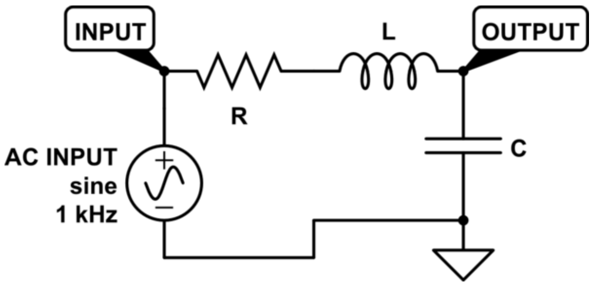
- **Test 1.2: Frequency Response**

  To confirm that the program correctly determines system values, we need to measure the frequency response of a simple system. By comparing the theoretical results with the output of our program (*The circuit used for this test is predefined within the simulation environment*), we can validate its accuracy. A straightforward way to test this is by using an RLC low-pass circuit, where the resistance (R), inductance (L), and capacitance (C) values determine the frequency response.

  The values of resistance (R), inductance (L), and capacitance (C) are pre-configured within the simulator. Therefore, the user does not need to manually set or adjust these parameters and should only focus on analyzing the results.

$$RLC\ ground\ truth:\ H(s) = \frac{V_o}{V_g}$$

The equations below describe the system's behavior:



$$H(s) = \frac{V_o}{V_g}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{R_g + R}\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

$$w_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

- **Test 1.3: Gain**

  Gain is defined as the ratio of output to input at a given frequency, as explained in section 2.2. To verify this, the user should construct a simple circuit using two resistors to measure the output signal at the midpoint (acting as a voltage divider). Since the expected gain for equal resistances is 0.5, if the program produces the same value, it confirms that the product is functioning correctly.

$$G = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}$$

Test 2: Class-D Simulator

This test differs from Test 1 because it aims to assure the user that our software functions correctly. The testing process will be carried out in stages, validating different blocks of the programmed code. The stages are outlined in section 3.3 under final product specifications.

- **Test 2.1: Input Signal**
  The program should accurately display a sinusoidal waveform with the desired values. This can be verified by manually calculating its period or using a MATLAB function to confirm correctness.
  If the amplitude matches the amplitude specified in the MATLAB code, then the signal generation works correctly.

- **Test 2.2: Triangular Signal**
  This test follows the same procedure as Test 2.1, but with a triangular waveform instead of a sinusoidal one.
- **Test 2.3: Low-Pass Filter**
  Since the values of resistance (R), inductance (L), and capacitance (C) are preconfigured within the simulator, the user does not need to define or adjust these parameters. To validate the functionality, we will compare the program's calculated values with the expected theoretical results.

$$RLC\ ground\ truth\colon\ H(s) = \frac{V_o}{V_g}$$

- **Test 2.4: Output**
  The correctness of the output will be determined by checking if the audio signal is amplified according to the gain specifications set by the user.

5. REGULATIONS

The development and implementation of this MATLAB-based Class D amplifier simulation must adhere to relevant software and hardware regulations to ensure reliability, accuracy, and compliance with industry standards. The applicable regulations include:

- **Software Documentation and Specification Standards** – The application should follow best practices for software documentation, including clear descriptions of functionality, user instructions, and technical specifications. This ensures maintainability and ease of use.
- **Unit Testing and Validation**: Ensure that the code is covered by unit tests and integration tests that validate both the mathematical aspects of the simulation and user interaction, and that it runs with realistic input data.
- **Real-Time Performance**: If the Class D amplifier simulator is intended to simulate signals in real-time, regulations should be established regarding the execution times of simulations and performance metrics such as latency.
- **Computational Efficiency**: Ensure that the code is optimized to minimize resource usage, especially if working with complex simulations involving a large number of calculations or iterations.
- **Transparency in Simulation Results**: Ensure that the software is transparent about the simulation results, providing users with clear information about the limitations of the model or any approximations that may have been made.

These regulations will help maintain the quality, accuracy, and usability of the product while aligning with industry standards.

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