

# Part 1: Analog Circuits

## Principles

Ohm's Law:

$$V = IR \quad P = VI = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

Resistors and Capacitors: Parallel vs. Series:

$$R_{\text{series}} = R_1 + R_2 \quad R_1 || R_2 = \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$C_1 || C_2 = C_1 + C_2 \quad C_{\text{series}} = \left( \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \right)^{-1}$$

Capacitors and RC Charging/Discharging:

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} \quad C = \frac{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0 A}{D}$$

Permittivity of Free Space:  $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$

$$\text{Energy stored: } E_C = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$$

$$\text{Charging: } V_C = V_{in} (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

$$\text{Discharging: } V_C = V_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

Voltage and Current Dividers:

$$V_2 = V_1 \frac{Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \quad I_{R_1} = I_T \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

## Methods & Tools

### Thevenin Equivalence

$R_{th}$ : Remove load, short voltage sources, and open current sources. Find resistance which the load sees.

$V_{th}$ : Remove load and find open-circuit voltage.

### Norton Equivalence

$$R_{nor} = R_{th} \quad V_{th} = I_{nor} R_{nor}$$

### Fourier Transforms

$$\text{Continuous Domain: } V(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

$$v(t) = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} [a_i \cos(\omega_i t) + b_i \sin(\omega_i t)]$$

$$a_i = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T v(t) \cos(\omega_i t) dt \quad b_i = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T v(t) \sin(\omega_i t) dt$$

Common component Fourier-Domain Impedances:

$$Z_R(\omega) = R \quad Z_C(\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega C} \quad Z_L = j\omega L$$

- Capacitor: Voltage lags current by  $90^\circ$
- Inductor: Voltage leads current by  $90^\circ$

## Power

### Transformers

Faraday's Law:  $V = -N \frac{d}{dt} [B \cdot A]$

$$\Rightarrow V_s = \frac{N_s}{N_p} V_p \quad I_s = \frac{N_p}{N_s} I_p$$

### Zener Diodes

Dynamic resistance:  $\frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I} = R_{DYN}$

### Linear Regulators (LM317)

$$V_{out} = 1.25 \left( 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)$$

### AC/DC Converters: Linear

Main components:

- Transformer adjusts AC voltage
- Diode bridge rectifies the signal
- Capacitor smooths DC
- Linear regulator gives final cleaned output

### AC/DC Converters: Switching

Main components:

- Diode bridge rectifies 60 Hz AC voltage
- Capacitor smooths DC
- Switch (controlled by feedback loop) adjusts voltage with PWM and switches at a much higher frequency
- Transformer acts on this new higher frequency AC
- Cleaned by another capacitor and linear regulator

Main advantages: higher switching frequency  $\rightarrow$  smaller transformer (Faraday's Law); more efficient.

### DC/DC Converters

- Buck Converter: Step Down
- Boost Converter: Step Up
- Buck/Boost: Inverting, Step Up or Down

Main takeaways:

- Very efficient — no intentionally dissipative components
- Switching devices  $\rightarrow$  the output will always have some noise

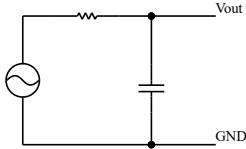
## Filters

Cutoff frequency  $\omega_0$  is defined such that:

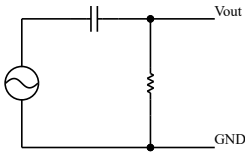
$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{RC} \quad \rightarrow \quad |H(\omega_0)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

### Passive

Low-Pass Filter:

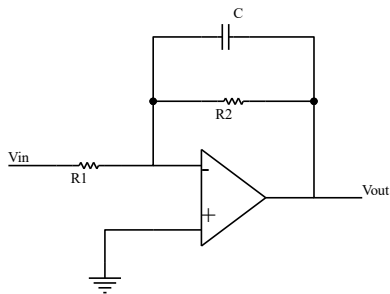


High-Pass Filter:

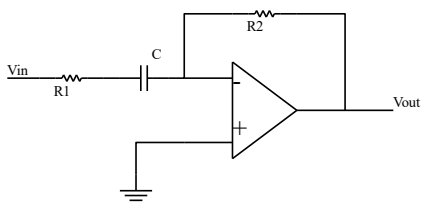


### Active (Inverting Topologies)

Low-Pass Filter:



High-Pass Filter:

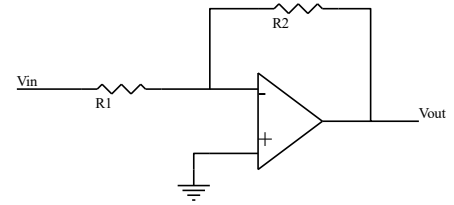


## Amplifier Circuits

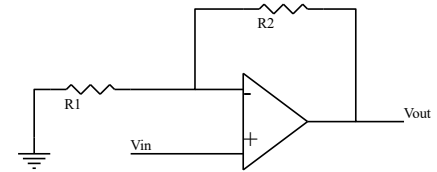
Golden Rules:

- **Golden Rule 1:**  $I_{in} \rightarrow 0$
- **Golden Rule 2:**  $V_A = V_B$

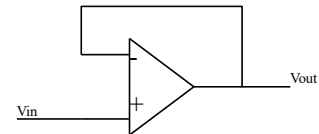
$$\text{Inverting Amplifier: } H(\omega) = \frac{-R_2}{R_1}$$



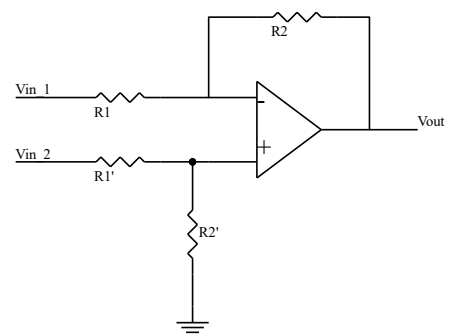
$$\text{Non-inverting Amplifier: } H(\omega) = 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$



$$\text{Buffer (Voltage Follower): } V_{out} = V_{in}$$



$$\text{Difference Amplifier: } V_{out} = (V_2 - V_1) \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$



## Part 2: Digital and Communications

Key topics:

- Binary, octal, and hexadecimal number systems
- ADCs quantize signal amplitude and sample in discrete time

Types of ADCs (increasing speed, decreasing precision):

1. Integrating
2. Sigma Delta
3. Successive Approximation
4. Subranging
5. Flash

Aliasing equation:

$$f_{\text{signal}} = |f_0 \pm N f_s|$$

where  $f_{\text{signal}}$  is the true signal frequency,  $f_0$  is the apparent (measured) frequency, and  $f_s$  is the sampling frequency.

### Serial Communications

Types of directional transmission:

- Simplex: data flows in one direction
- Half duplex: data can flow in either direction, but only in one direction at a time
- Full duplex: data flows in both directions simultaneously

RS-232 Data Frame:

1. Start bit (0)
2. Data bits, starting with LSB
3. Parity bit (optional)
4. Stop bit(s)

Serial Port Parameter Shorthand:

$$\underbrace{\text{baud rate}}_{9600} - \underbrace{\text{data bits}}_8 - \underbrace{\text{parity}}_E - \underbrace{\text{stop bits}}_1$$

### Combinatorial Logic

DeMorgan's Law:

$$\overline{AB} = \overline{A} + \overline{B} \qquad \overline{A + B} = \overline{A} \, \overline{B}$$

AND      OR      NAND      NOR      NOT      XOR

## Sequential Logic

Half-adder:

Full-adder:

SR Latch (NAND):

$\bar{S}$	$\bar{R}$	$Q$	$\bar{Q}$	Condition
0	0	1	1	Race
0	1	1	0	Set
1	0	0	1	Reset
1	1	$Q$	$\bar{Q}$	Hold

D Latch:

$D$	$Q$	$\bar{Q}$	Mode
0	0	1	Reset
1	1	0	Set

JK Flip-Flop:

$J$	$K$	$Q$	$\bar{Q}$	Condition
0	0	$Q$	$\bar{Q}$	Hold
0	1	0	0	Reset
1	0	0	0	Set
1	1	$\bar{Q}$	$Q$	Toggle

### Wireless Communications

Frequency mixing:

- Euler Identity:  $\cos(\omega_0 t) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{j\omega_0 t} + e^{-j\omega_0 t})$
- Multiply two sine waves  $\rightarrow f = f_1 \pm f_2$  (half amplitude)
- Add two sine waves  $\rightarrow$  both frequencies are present
- Basic AM:  $S(t) = B[1 + M \cdot x(t)] \cos(2\pi f_c t)$
- Diode mixers can do mediocre AM by rectifying the sum of the signals
- Basic FM:  $S(t) = B \cos \left[ 2\pi f_c t + \frac{f_\delta}{f_m} \cos(2\pi f_m t) \right]$
- FM Bandwidth (Carson's Rule):  $BW \approx 2(f_\Delta + f_m)$

## Antennas

### Transmission and Reception

Antenna gain:

$$G = 4\pi\eta \frac{A_{\text{phys}}}{\lambda^2} = 4\pi \frac{A_e}{\lambda^2} = \eta \left( \frac{\pi D}{\lambda} \right)^2 \quad \lambda = \frac{c}{f}$$

(Approximate) antenna beamwidth (half-power):

$$G\theta^2 \approx 4\pi\eta \left( \frac{180}{\pi} \right)^2 \approx \eta 41,253 \text{ deg}^2$$

Transmitter Irradiance:

$$I(R) = \frac{P_t L_t G_t}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{\text{EIRP}}{4\pi R^2} [\text{W/m}^2]$$

Received power (Friis equation):

$$P_r = I(R) \cdot A_e \quad \rightarrow \quad P_r = \frac{P_t G_t G_r \lambda^2}{(4\pi R)^2}$$

Alternate form — Space Loss:

$$L_s = \left( \frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad P_r = P_t G_t L_t G_r L_s$$

### Noise

$$T_{\text{ant}} = \eta T_{\text{ext}} + (1 - \eta) T_{\text{phys}}$$

Noise Factor ( $F$ , linear) and Noise Figure ( $NF$ , dB):

$$F = 1 + \frac{T_{Rx}}{T_0} \quad NF = 10 \log_{10}(F)$$

Total System Noise:

$$T_{\text{sys}} = T_{\text{ant}} + \frac{T_{\text{cable}}}{L} + \frac{T_{Rx}}{L}$$

Noise Power Density ( $N_O$ , [W/Hz]) and Noise Power ( $N$ , [W]):

$$N_O = k T_{\text{sys}} \quad N = k T_{\text{sys}} B$$

$$P_{\text{signal}} = \frac{P_t L_t G_t G_r L_{\text{atm}} \lambda^2}{(4\pi R)^2} = \text{EIRP} \cdot G_r L_{\text{atm}} L_s$$

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{P_{\text{signal}}}{N_O B} = \frac{C}{N_O} \frac{1}{R}$$

$$\text{Factor of Merit} = \text{FOM} = \frac{G_r}{T_{\text{sys}}}$$

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{1}{k} \cdot \text{EIRP} \cdot \text{FOM} \cdot (L_{\text{atm}} L_s) \cdot \frac{1}{R}$$

Digital  $\rightarrow$  SNR =  $\frac{E_b}{N_O}$ :

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{min}} = \frac{C}{N_O} [dB] - 10 \log_{10}(R) + RDM$$

Link margin = actual SNR - minimum SNR