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Tutorial – **Noise**

- Q. 1. Estimate the RMS input voltage noise of 741 OPAMP over the following frequency bands. (a) instrumentation range (0.1 Hz to 100 Hz), (b) audio range (20 Hz to 20 kHz), (c) wide-band range (0.1 Hz to 1 MHz)
- Q. 2. Find the thermal noise associated with 1 k $\Omega$  resistor for a noise bandwidth of 1 Hz at below temperatures: (a) 25°C, (b) 77 K (liquid nitrogen), (c) 4.2 K (liquid helium)
- Q. 3. Calculate the voltage noise produced by shot noise (at 27°C) in the base-emitter junction of a transistor biased in active region. Assume emitter current = 10 mA and noise bandwidth of 10 kHz.
- Q. 4. Calculate the thermal noise of a conductor with same resistance and same noise bandwidth as the forward-biased junction in Q. 3.
- Q. 5. Consider a 10 k $\Omega$  resistor at room temperature. Find (a) its voltage and current spectral densities, and (b) RMS noise voltage over the audio-range
- Q. 6. Find the SNR for a diode over a bandwidth of 1 MHz if diode-current is 1  $\mu$ A and 1 nA.
- Q. 7. Find the noise-bandwidth of a second-order low-pass filter having (i) **natural frequency**  $f_c$  and damping factor = 1, (ii) natural frequency  $f_c$  and damping factor = 2
- Q. 8. Study the noise models of BJT, JFET and MOSFET.
- Q. 9. An inverting amplifier is configured to have a gain of 2 using 100 k $\Omega$  and 200 k $\Omega$  resistor. A resistor of 75 k $\Omega$  is also inserted for bias current compensation in the circuit. Find the total output-noise at the amplifier output above 0.1 Hz when OPAMP used is 741 IC ( $e_{nw} = 20$  nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ ,  $f_{CE} = 200$  Hz,  $i_{nw} = 500$  fA/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ ,  $f_{CI} = 2$  kHz,  $A = 10^6$ ,  $f_T = 1$  MHz). What is the SNR of this circuit if amplitude is 1V.
- Q. 10. What values of resistors should be chosen so that the RMS output noise gets reduced to 50  $\mu$ V and effect of bias current becomes negligible. Compute the SNR for this case as well.
- Q. 11. Find the total output noise and SNR of the inverting amplifier circuit if OP07 ( $e_{nw} = 10$  nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ ,  $f_{CE} = 10$  Hz,  $i_{nw} = 170$  fA/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ ,  $f_{CI} = 50$  Hz,  $A = 5 \times 10^5$ ,  $f_T = 0.6$  MHz) was used, instead of 741 IC in Question 9. Is it possible to reduce the noise by 50 %.
- Q. 12. Noise ( $e_n$ ) associated with an IC was measured at two frequencies ( $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ) and  $e_n(f_1) = 20$  nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  and  $e_n(f_2) = 6$  nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ . Assume  **$f_1 = 10$  Hz**,  $f_2 \gg f_{CE}$ . Find the RMS output noise from 1 mHz to 1 MHz.
- Q. 13. Find the Noise-equivalent bandwidth of a two-stage composite amplifier consisting of 2 identical stages of gain  $A(jf) = A_0/(1+jf/f_B)$ .
- Q. 14. Develop a circuit that can accept 3 inputs  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  and give an output  $v_o = 2(v_1 - v_2 - v_3)$ . Derive the expression for RMS output noise in the band ( $f_L$ ,  $f_H$ ). Assume noiseless resistors.
- Q. 15. Derive the output-noise expressions for (i) a difference amplifier made of 4 resistors  $R_1$  to  $R_4$ , (ii) a voltage buffer, (iii) trans-impedance amplifier with feedback resistor  $R$ .