

Smart Sensors for IoT

Exercise 6 (30.11.2022)

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Problem 1 Autozero SC Amplifiers

Referring to Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, and considering both OpAmps having infinite gain and an off-set voltage of 0.1 mV, what is the output residual off-set voltage in the two cases if:

- $C_1 = 10 \text{ pF}$ and $C_2 = 1 \text{ pF}$;
- $C_1 = 1 \text{ pF}$ and $C_2 = 1 \text{ pF}$.

Now, referring to Fig. 2, consider the OpAmp to have the same offset but limited gain A .

- Calculate the minimum A in order to have a 99.9% offset reduction for the two values of C_1 and C_2 above. Comment the results, focusing also on the impact of the offset on the A_v gain.

Optional problem [difficult]

Referring to Fig. 2 and Slide 20 in the lecture notes, derive the results for:

- V_{neq}
- V_{os-res} .

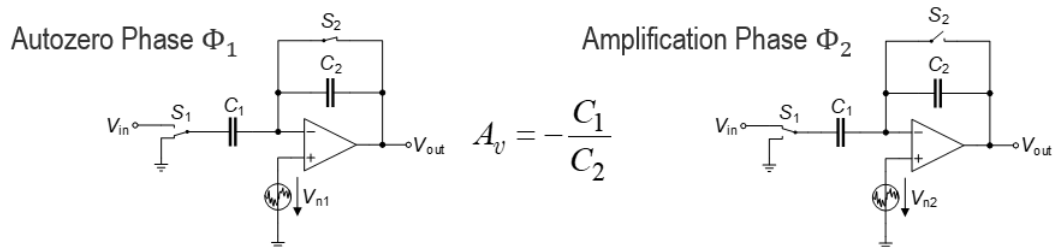


Figure 1: Autozero SC Amplifiers, first implementation.

Problem 2 The Chopper Stabilization (CS) technique

Consider the Chopper Stabilization (CHS) Principle chain shown in Fig. 3 and consider the amplifier DC gain $A_{dc} = 80 \text{ dB}$, the input signal amplitude $A_{in} = 10 \text{ mV0-P}$, the flicker corner frequency $f_k = 10 \text{ kHz}$, the amplifier off-set voltage $V_{os} = 0.1 \text{ mV}$, $S_0 = 50 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

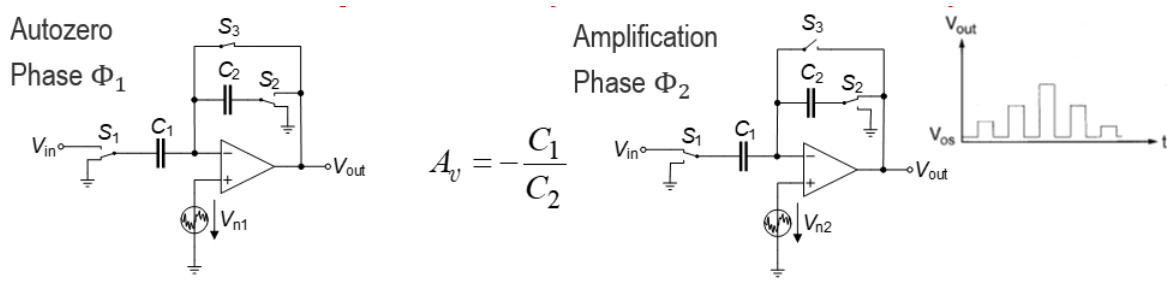


Figure 2: Autozero SC Amplifiers, second implementation.

- Calculate the equivalent DC gain.
- Chose a proper chopping period T so to have the total residual noise in the baseband around $92.5 \text{ nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$.
- Consider the residual input-referred offset due to the injection of the modulator switches. The input equivalent capacitance of the OpAmp is 500 fF , the relative tuning error between the selective amplifier center frequency and the chopper frequency is negligible and the worst case error charge Δq is $25 \mu\text{C}$. Calculate the maximum switches on-resistance R_{on} resistance in order to have a residual input-referred offset smaller than $10 \mu\text{V}$.

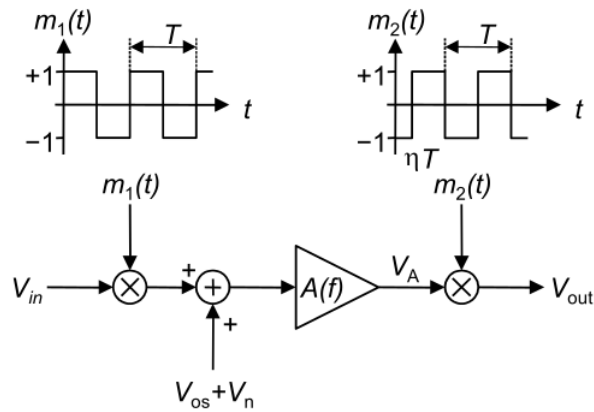


Figure 3: Chopper Stabilization (CHS) Principle chain.