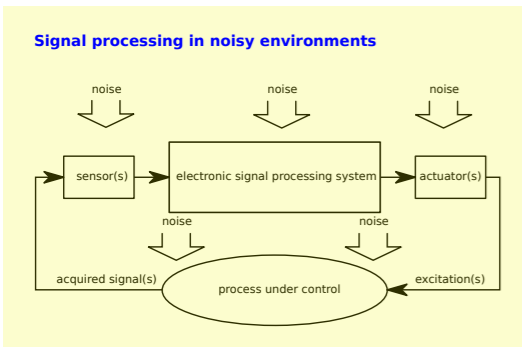


Information processing



Signal
- a physical quantity that contains meaningful data

Data
- properties or details of a signal that represent the information

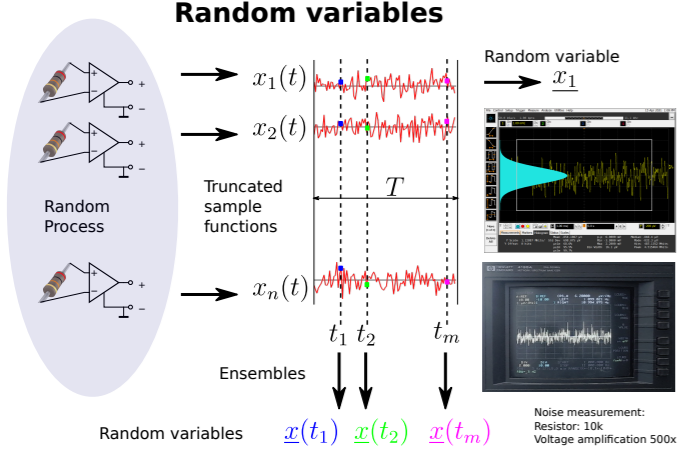
Noise
- a physical quantity whose data is meaningless

Information
- the meaning of the data

Signal processing
- Perform operations on a signal. Extract or modify the information contained in the signal.

A signal is a signal, it is neither random nor deterministic, but we can model it either way. G.P. Box: All models are wrong, but some are useful.

Random signal modeling



Stationary process
Statistical properties do not change with time.

Ergodic process
Statistical properties of one sample function equal those of ensembles (the whole process).

Random modeling: use of statistical description methods

Probability Density Function
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x, t) dx = 1$
 $\Pr(a \leq x \leq b, t) = \int_a^b P(x, t) dx$

Power Spectral Density
 $S(f)$ [W/Hz]
Mean power per unit of bandwidth as a function of frequency.

Ensemble Average First-order expectation
 $E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xP(x, t) dx$

Moment Second-order expectation
 $E(x^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 P(x, t) dx$

Variance Squared standard deviation
 $\sigma^2 = E(x - E(x))^2$

Time Average: DC value
 $\bar{x}(t) = x_{DC} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t) dt$

Mean Square Value:
 $\overline{x(t)^2} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t)^2 dt$

Mean square AC value:
 $\overline{x_{AC}^2} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (x(t) - x_{DC})^2 dt$

Autocorrelation
The joint power between a signal and its time-shifted copy tells us something about the dependency between signal values.
 $r_x(\tau) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x_T(t)x_T(t+\tau) dt$ $r_x(0) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x_T(t)^2 dt = \overline{x(t)^2}$

Fourier Transform
Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)
Norbert Wiener (1894-1964)

Wiener-Khinchin theorem
Aleksandr Khinchin (1894-1959)
Stationary process: Autocorrelation function and spectral density form a Fourier pair

Parseval's theorem
Marc-Antoine Parseval (1755-1836)
 $\overline{x_1(t)^2} = \int_0^\infty S(f) df$

Noise in electronic circuits

Thermal noise
Noise in conductors caused by thermal (Brownian) motion (Brown 1828). Experimentally detected by Johnson (1928) and explained by Nyquist (1928).
 $S_{Vn} = 4kTR$ [V²/Hz]

Excess noise
Noise current resulting from fluctuations in conduction mechanism.
 $S_{in} = 4kTG$ [A²/Hz]

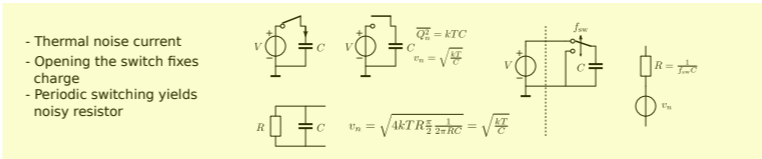
In resistors
 $S_{Vn,f} = K \frac{V_R^2}{f}$
 $S_{Vn} = 4kTR \left(1 + \frac{f}{f_c}\right)$
 $f_c = K \frac{V_R}{4kT}$
 $K = \frac{10^{10} \cdot 10^{-12}}{\ln 10}$

In junctions
 $S_{In,f} = K \frac{I_J}{f}$ [A²/Hz]

Shot noise
Noise current associated with a DC current through a junction.
 $S_{In} = 2qI_J$ [A²/Hz]

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Switched capacitor noise

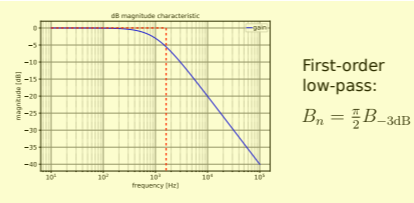


Noise parameters

Equivalent noise bandwidth
Bandwidth of a brickwall filter with a pass-band gain equal to the maximum magnitude of the system transfer that would produce the same output noise power as the system:
 $B_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \left| \frac{H(j\omega)}{H_{max}} \right|^2 d\omega$ [Hz]

First-order low-pass:
 $B_n = \frac{\pi}{2} B_{-3dB}$

Available power
Maximum power that can be delivered by a source:
 $P_{av} = \frac{V^2}{4Re(Z)}$



Noise temperature

Apparent temperature of a noise source with available noise power P over a bandwidth B: $T_n = \frac{P}{kB}$

Signal-to-noise ratio

Ratio of (weighted) signal power and (weighted) noise power:
 $SNR = \frac{P_{signal}}{P_{noise}}$ $SNR_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_{signal}}{P_{noise}} \right)$

Noise figure
Measure for deterioration of the signal-to-noise ratio by a system:
 $F = \frac{SNR \text{ at input}}{SNR \text{ at output}}$ $F_{dB} = 10 \log_{10}(F)$

Dynamic range

Ratio of maximum signal power and the noise power in the absence of a signal:
 $D = \frac{P_{s,max}}{P_{n,min}}$ $D_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{P_{s,max}}{P_{n,min}} \right)$

Effective number of bits

In mixed signal (analog-digital systems) Log (base 2) of the ratio of the maximum number of counts and the standard deviation in counts in the absence of a signal:
 $ENOB_n = \log_2 \frac{2^n}{\sigma}$

Two-ports

Two-port: amplifier model used at an early stage of the design

- Two ports
- Two port variables (V, I)
- Six representation methods (Chapter 18)

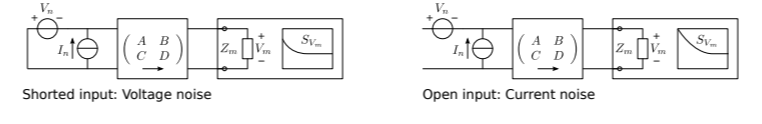
Noisy two-ports

- Two independent variables
- Two dependent variables
- Six representation methods

Can be translated into each other:
- Example 2.9
- Example 19.2

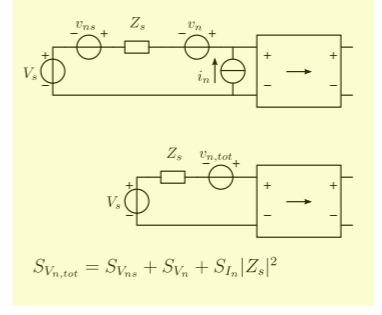
Noise performance modeled correctly for arbitrary port termination impedances

Transmission-1 matrix two-port representation
Anti-causal representation
Output port quantities as independent variables
Input port quantities as dependent variables
 $\begin{pmatrix} V_i \\ I_i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_o \\ I_o \end{pmatrix}$



Amplifier noise design

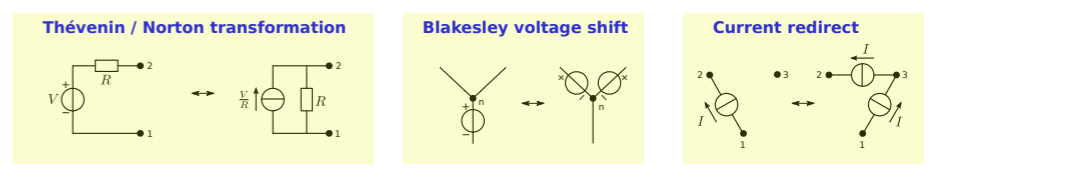
Equivalent-input noise description is convenient at early stages of the design. Budgets for equivalent input noise sources can be determined without knowledge of the amplifier circuit.



Noise figure
Source-referred definition:
Ratio of total (weighted) source-referred noise and the total (weighted) noise associated with the signal source:
 $F = \frac{\int_0^\infty S_{v_{n,tot}} |W(f)|^2 df}{\int_0^\infty S_{v_{ns}} |W(f)|^2 df}$

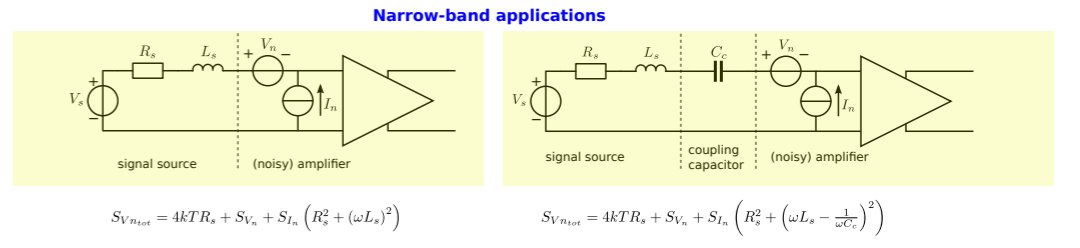
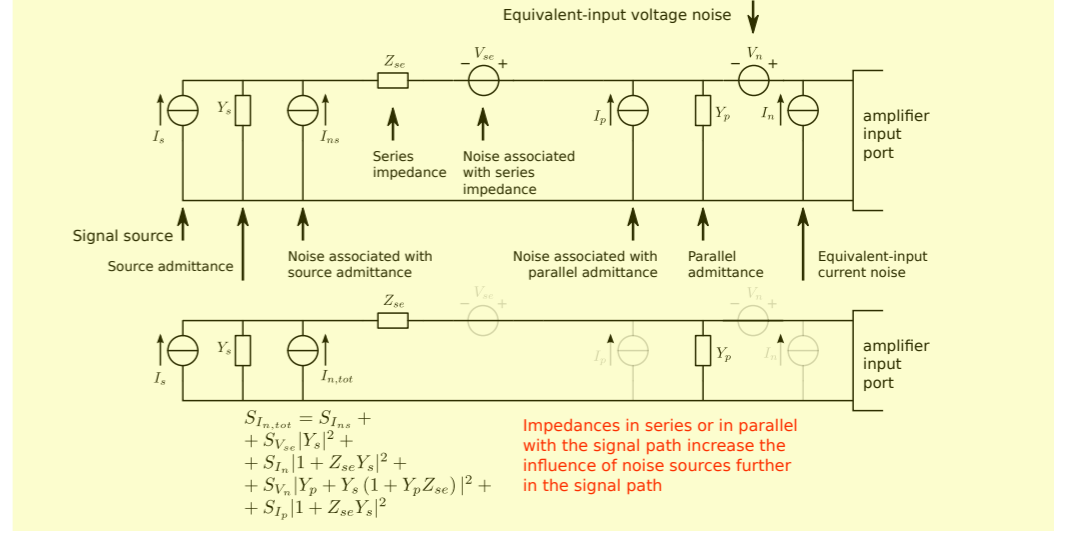
$|W(f)|^2$ Squared magnitude of a weighting function that models the sensitivity of the observer as a function of frequency

Determination of source-referred noise



Equivalent two-port representations
SPICE / SLICAP / MNA
Determination of output (detector-referred) noise:
- Summ all noise contributions at detector
Determination of input (source-referred) noise
- Divide result by source-to-load transfer

Thou shalt not insert impedances in series or in parallel with the signal path



Single-loop passive feedback configurations and their equivalent noise models

