

Test Equipment and Electricity Basics John R. Leeman GEARS 2022



# A Few Safety Notes



- Never work on high voltage DC or any AC systems unless qualified
- This class doesn't qualify you
- Don't work on live systems if possible
- Don't work alone
- Unsure? Stop
- Did I mention this course doesn't make you an electrician?



# "Anything can be a fuse" - A Mechanical Engineer





Electric circuits are closed loops that electrons flow through. Electrical energy is stored electrical potential difference.





# We generally think in conventional current flow, not electron flow



WE WERE GOING TO USE THE TIME MACHINE TO PREVENT THE ROBOT APOCALYPSE, BUT THE GUY WHO BUILT IT WAS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.



# In electronics we generally only have to consider a few fundamental quantities

• Voltage

• Current

- Resistance
- Capacitance
- Inductance
- Reactance





= amperes

# We can use the water analogy for a bit longer







More

Less





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Ohm's Law relates all of these quantities





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# Let's apply Ohm's law to a few systems

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# We draw circuits in schematic diagrams with symbols to represent parts and connections





# The symbols are "standard" for many components





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#### Junctions mark there connections are made





### We also use net name labels to reduce schematic clutter





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# Golden rule - read the datasheet, completely, always, and ignore the "banner specifications" on page 1

Sample & Buy

#### TEXAS INSTRUMENTS



#### LMx24-N, LM2902-N Low-Power, Quad-Operational Amplifiers

Technical

Documents

#### Features 1

Internally Frequency Compensated for Unity Gain

Product

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- Large DC Voltage Gain 100 dB
- Wide Bandwidth (Unity Gain) 1 MHz (Temperature Compensated)
- Wide Power Supply Range:
  - Single Supply 3 V to 32 V
  - or Dual Supplies ±1.5 V to ±16 V
- Very Low Supply Current Drain (700 µA) -Essentially Independent of Supply Voltage
- Low Input Biasing Current 45 nA (Temperature Compensated)
- Low Input Offset Voltage 2 mV and Offset Current: 5 nA
- Input Common-Mode Voltage Range Includes Ground
- Differential Input Voltage Range Equal to the • Power Supply Voltage
- Large Output Voltage Swing 0 V to V<sup>+</sup> 1.5 V
- Advantages:
  - Eliminates Need for Dual Supplies
  - Four Internally Compensated Op Amps in a Single Package
  - Allows Direct Sensing Near GND and VOUT

#### **3** Description

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The LM124-N series consists of four independent, internally frequency high-gain, compensated operational amplifiers designed to operate from a single power supply over a wide range of voltages. Operation from split-power supplies is also possible and the low-power supply current drain is independent of the magnitude of the power supply voltage.

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Application areas include transducer amplifiers, DC gain blocks and all the conventional op amp circuits which now can be more easily implemented in single power supply systems. For example, the LM124-N series can directly operate off of the standard 5-V power supply voltage which is used in digital systems and easily provides the required interface electronics without requiring the additional ±15 V power supplies.

Device	Information <sup>(1)</sup>	
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PART NUMBER	PACKAGE	BODY SIZE (NOM)	
LM124-N		10 56	
LM224-N	- CDIP (14)	19.56 mm × 6.67 mm	
LM324-N	CDIP (14)	19.56 mm × 6.67 mm	
	PDIP (14)	19.177 mm × 6.35 mm	
	SOIC (14)	8.65 mm × 3.91 mm	
	TSSOP (14)	5.00 mm × 4.40 mm	
	PDIP (14)	19.177 mm × 6.35 mm	



Resistors





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### There are common values, we recommend 1% or better

c	Colour	Band 1 First digit	Band 2 Second digit	Band 3 Multiplier	Band 4 Tolerance
	Black	0	0	x 1 (x 1)	
	Brown	1	1	x 10 (x 10)	1%
	Red	2	2	x 100 (x 100)	2%
	Orange	3	3	x 1 000 (x 1k)	not used
	Yellow	4	4	x 10 000 (x 10k)	not used
	Green	5	5	x 100 000 (x 100k)	not used
	Blue	6	6	x 1 000 000 (x 1M)	not used
	Violet	7	7		not used
	Grey	8	8	2	not used
	White	9	9	-	not used
	Gold	-	2	2	5%
	Silver	-	-		10%

		1% Resistor V	alues ( $k\Omega$ )	
5% Resistor Values (kΩ)	100-174	178-309	316-549	562-976
10	100	178	316	562
11	102	182	324	576
12	105	187	332	590
13	107	191	340	604
15	110	196	348	619
16	113	200	357	634
18	115	205	365	649
20	118	210	374	665
22	121	215	383	681
24	124	221	392	698
27	127	226	402	715
30	130	232	412	732
33	133	237	422	750
36	137	243	432	768
39	140	249	442	787
43	143	255	453	806
47	147	261	464	825
51	150	267	475	845
56	154	274	487	866
62	158	280	499	887
68	162	287	511	909
75	165	294	523	931
82	169	301	536	953
91	174	309	549	976



## Capacitors







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# Inductors





Image: embeddedmicro.com

#### Diodes



Types of Diode

Image: Instructables

Switches





Image: Learning Engineering



# Transistors can be operated in different modes





# Transistors as a switch



Image: Sparkfun

FETs

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Image: Electronics Tutorials

# Voltage Regulation





Image: Components 101

### Motors





Wire





Image: Simkan Cable

#### Connectors





Image: Wikipedia, topflitecomponents, EBay, Amphenol, renhotecrf

Start/Stop Circuit





Image: drstienecker.com

# Failsafe Circuit





Image: instrumentationtools.com

### Failsafe Circuit





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Voltage dividers are a building block you'll find over and over





# **Common Equipment**













Images: Test Equipment Depot, tequipment.net, Tektronix

# The DMM is your best friend and a good one can be had for about \$50



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Extech EX330 Autoranging Mini Multimeter with NCV and Type K Temperature, orange and

#### green

Brand: Extech

\*\*\*\*\* ~ 824 ratings

#### -8% <sup>\$</sup>54<sup>99</sup>

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Autorange Multimeter with Thermometer	Electrical TRMS Multimeter
\$54.99	\$109.99
<b>√</b> prime	<b>√</b> prime
Manual Range Multimeter	Standard Autorange
	Multimeter
\$34.22	1 option from \$182.80
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# You can go as crazy as you want depending upon the features you need



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#### Style:

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Brand	Fluke
Power Source	Corded Electric
Style	Fluke 289 True-RMS Logging Multimeter
ltem Weight	1.92 Pounds
Item Dimensions LxWxH	0.24 x 0.4 x 0.87 inches

Roll over image to zoom in

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Brand	Fluke
Style	Fluke 87-V Multimeter w/ NIST Certificiate
Measurement Type	Multimeter

Images: Amazon





#### Roll over image to zoom in
Never use these cheap meters or connect to AC unless you know what you are doing - and even then avoid cheap meters!





YT Channel: DiodesGoneWild

#### Meter functions are marked with symbols on a dial or in a menu

Symbol	Meaning	Sym
v	V DC	⊣⊢
•		-▶
v	V AC	Hz
mV	millivolts (.001V or 1/1,000V)	$REL\Delta$
Α	Amps	Range
mA	milliamps (.001A or 1/1000A)	Hold
μΑ	microA (.000001A or 1/1,000,000A)	MIN I
Ω	Resistance (Ohms)	4
kΩ,ΜΩ	kilo-Ohms, Megohms	1
))))	Continuity beeper	$\Delta$

ymbol	Meaning					
F	Capacitance	(uF: Microfarads)				
		(nF: Nanofarads)				
$\vdash$	Diode test					
2	Hertz (cycles/	sec)				
ELΔ	Relative or offset reading					
ange	Manual override of autorange					
old 🚹 blo	Touch Hold-last stable reading					
IN MAX	Highest, lowest recorded readings					
1	Dangerous vo	Itage levels				
λ	Caution: see	manual				

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#### Voltage measurement is the most common task

- Select correct voltage function (AC/DC)
- Plug black probe into COM jack and red into V jack
- Select highest range if the meter is not autoranging
- Touch probes across DUT in parallel to the voltage to be measured





#### **Resistance Measurement**

- Select the resistance function
- Plug black probe into COM jack and red into Ohms jack
- Touch probes across resistance to be measured, watch the units!
- OL is open circuit
- Continuity beeper function is great!





Image: electrical-engineering-portal.com

## Current measurements require a different hookup structure

- Select the current function (AC or DC), use mA for small currents
- Ensure the circuit is powered off and break the circuit
- Insert the probes in series at the circuit break
- Plug black probe into COM jack and red into correct current jack
- Power the circuit





Pay attention to the mA/A connector - you may even need a current clamp device for higher current measurements













What is RMS and why you do or don't need it



Power consumed in R1 is same for both AC and DC source if the Vac<sub>RMS</sub> = Vdc.



Images: Fluke

# When would you need an RMS meter?

Multi	meter Type	Average	True RMS
$\sim$	Response to sine wave	Correct	Correct
സ്ഥ	Response to square wave	10% High	Correct
_^	Response to single phase diode rectifier	40% low	Correct
$\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{W}}$	Response to 3 phase diode rectifier	5-30% low	Correct



Oscilloscopes are the second most used tool and are available at many price points and form factors







#### Oscopes graph voltage over time with generally large bandwidths





# The main screen generally tells you most of the things you need





### The vertical system controls the volts/div and offset of each channel





#### The horizontal system controls time scale of trigger offset





#### Choosing the right time base lets you see what you're interested in







#### Just free-running in time can produce nauseating displays





# The trigger system is designed to "freeze" a waveform



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- Trigger level
- Type (edge, pulse, slope)
- 50%
- Force
- Trigger Hold Off

# Probes should be "invisible", but at high frequencies this means some RF magic





#### Full size scopes have test points for probe compensation





# Scopes can be easily smoked (along with you) when probing non-isolated circuits





There are a number of specs to consider when buying a scope

- Bandwidth
- Analog vs. Digital
- Channel Count
- Sampling Rate
- Rise Time
- Maximum Input Voltage
- Resolution
- Vertical Sensitivity
- Time Base
- Input Impedance



Function generators can create known signals to feed into systems and can be found from a few hundred dollars





# END



























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## Stepper motors work by moving a magnetic field electrically





4-lead motors are used in smaller motors to save space and in larger motors as the cost of wiring is lower. They cannot, therefore, be wired in serial, parallel or with one half of the winding according to the speed requirements as in the 6-lead and 8lead versions.

Step o	perat	ion							
F	0		1		2		3		
н	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
AH A\L	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Вн В/	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
A\H AL	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	
B\H BL	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	
dez	12	4	6	2	3	1	9	8	



Bridge circuits are a common configuration





Images: National Instruments

#### This can also be a factor when connecting two DAQ systems





Rtotal = 990 ohms!



Image: TransTek, National Instruments, MCCDAQ

#### Input impedance tells us how much load a system puts on the DUT





Image: Sound On Sound

# Mismatched impedance can cause puzzling behavior

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Impedance is really "AC resistance"



