University of Cyprus Biomedical Imaging and Applied Optics



ECE 370 Introduction to Biomedical Engineering

Bioinstrumentation - Bioelectronics

- Diagnosis and therapy depend heavily on the use of medical instrumentation.
- Medical procedures:
 - Medicine can be defined as a multistep procedure on an individual by a physician or group of physicians repeated until the symptoms disappear

Medical Procedure

- 1. Collection of data qualitative and/or quantitative
- 2. Analysis of data
- 3. Decision making
- 4. Treatment planning based on the decision
- Medical devices play a critical role in all of the above steps
 - Diagnostic, Therapeutic, Monitoring devices











- Components of Biomedical Instrumentation System...
- A sensor
 - Detects biochemical, bioelectrical, or biophysical parameters
 - Provides a safe interface with biological materials
 - Converts a physical parameter to an electrical output
 - Should respond only to the form of energy present in the parameter
 - Should be minimally invasive (ideally noninvasive)
- Electronics
 - Signal conditioning
 - Amplify, filter, match the impedance of the sensor
 - Further analog processing
 - Convert analog signal to digital
 - The electronics interface must
 - Match the electrical characteristics of the sensor/actuator with computation unit
 - Preserve the signal to noise ratio of sensor
 - Preserve the bandwidth (i.e., time response) of sensor/actuator
 - Provides a safe interface with the sensor/actuator
 - Provides a safe interface with the computation unit
- An actuator
 - Delivers external agents via direct or indirect contact
 - Controls biochemical, bioelectrical, or biophysical parameters
 - Provides a safe interface with biologic materials





Components of Biomedical Instrumentation System...

The computation unit

- provides primary user interface
- provides primary control for the overall system
- provides data storage for the system
- provides primary signal processing functions for the system
- maintains safe operation of the overall system

Output (display or printer)

- Results must be displayed in a form that the human operator can perceive
 - Numerical, Graphical, Discrete or continuous, Permanent or temporary, Visual or acoustical

Auxiliary elements

- Data storage
- Data transmission
- Control and feedback
- Calibration signal







Measured Parameters

- Physical quantity, property, or condition that the system measures
 - Biopotential
 - Pressure
 - Flow
 - Dimension (imaging)
 - Displacement (velocity, acceleration, and force)
 - Impedance
 - Temperature
 - Chemical concentrations





Measured Parameters

Measurement	Range	Frequency, Hz	Method
Blood flow	1 to 300 mL/s	0 to 20	Electromagnetic or ultrasonic
Blood pressure	0 to 400 mmHg	0 to 50	Cuff or strain gage
Cardiac output	4 to 25 L/min	0 to 20	Fick, dye dilution
Electrocardiography	0.5 to 4 mV	0.05 to 150	Skin electrodes
Electroencephalography	5 to 300 μ V	0.5 to 150	Scalp electrodes
Electromyography	0.1 to 5 mV	0 to 10000	Needle electrodes
Electroretinography	0 to 900 μ V	0 to 50	Contact lens electrodes
рН	3 to 13 pH units	0 to 1	pH electrode
pCO ₂	40 to 100 mmHg	0 to 2	pCO_2 electrode
pO ₂	30 to 100 mmHg	0 to 2	pO_2 electrode
Pneumotachography	0 to 600 L/min	0 to 40	Pneumotachometer
Respiratory rate	2 to 50 breaths/min	0.1 to 10	Impedance
Temperature	32 to 40 °C	0 to 0.1	Thermistor



- Bioinstrumentation should be designed with a specific signal in mind.
 - The values of the specifications
 - Have been agreed upon by committees
 - Are drawn from research, hospitals, industry, and government.

Specification	Value
Input signal dynamic range	±5 mV
Dc offset voltage	±300 mV
Slew rate	320 mV/s
Frequency response	0.05 to 150 Hz
Input impedance at 10 Hz	2.5 MΩ
Dc lead current	0.1 μΑ
Return time after lead switch	1 s
Overload voltage without damage	5000 V
Risk current at 120 V	10 μΑ

Specifications for an electrocardiograph



- Biomedical measurement systems should demonstrate high ...
- Resolution
 - The smallest incremental quantity that can be reliably measured.
 - However, high resolution does not imply high ٠ accuracy.
- Precision
 - Obtaining the same value from repeated ٠ measurements from the same input under the same conditions.
 - However, high precision does not imply high accuracy
- Accuracy
 - Obtaining the true value from repeated measurements from the same input under the same conditions
- Repeatability
 - The quality of obtaining the same output from repeated measurements from the same input over a period of time.

Low Resolution High Resolution





Low precision High precision





Low accuracy High accuracy







Biomedical measurement systems should also demonstrate high ...

- Sensitivity
 - Ability to distinguish between "normal" and "abnormal" results, "safe" and "unsafe" levels
- Non-Intrusivity
 - Does not interfere or alter the function being performed and measured
 - Does not interfere with the normal function of the body (ideally non-invasive) except if used for therapy!
- Safety
 - Should not pose danger to subject or researcher
- Practicality
 - Simple, easy, and inexpensive to use
 - Minimize possibility of errors









Problems encountered in measuring a living system

- Many crucial variables in living systems are inaccessible and can not be directly measured
- Variables measured are seldom deterministic
 - Intra-patient and Inter-patient variability
- Some biomedical measurements depend on the energy of an external stimulus
- Operation of instruments in the medical environment imposes important additional constraints







• Errors in measurements

- When we measure a variable, we seek to determine the true value
- This true value may be corrupted by a variety of errors.
- For example
 - Electric and magnetic fields from the power lines may couple into the wires and cause an undesired added voltage called interference
 - Movement of electrodes on the skin may cause an undesired added voltage called an artifact.
- Electronic noise
 - Thermal voltages in the amplifier semiconductor junctions may cause undesired added random voltage changes
- Drift
 - Temperature changes in the amplifier electronic components may cause undesired slow changes in voltage
- Digitization errors
 - Measurements become discrete (steps) in both time and amplitude
- We must evaluate each of these error sources to determine their size and what we can do to minimize them
 - e.g. frequency filters can be used to reduce noise and interference.

Calibration

- The instruments should be calibrated against a standard
 - An accuracy 3 to 10 times better than the desired calibration accuracy
- The accuracy of the standard should be traceable
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology, TSI, etc.)

Certification

- The instruments should be certified for safety
 - E.g. CE

Regulatory Approval

- The instruments must be tested in clinical trials
- Their clinical use must be approved by the appropriate bodies
 - E.g. FDA





Amplification Basics

- The term "amplify" basically means to make stronger.
- Types of amplification
 - There are three kinds of amplifications: Two major types, and the third type is derived from the another two :
 - Voltage Amplifier an amp that boosts the voltage of an input signal
 - Current Amplifier an amp that boosts the current of a signal
 - Power Amplifier the combination of the above two amplifiers





Bioelectric Amplifier



Bioelectric Amplifier

- Is the amplifier that used to process bio-potentials
- The gain may be
 - Low gain amp: gain factor bw X1 and X10 (EX: action potential)
 - Medium gain amp: gain factor bw X10 and X1000 (EX: ECG, Muscles potentials, ...)
 - High gain or low-level signal amp: gain factor over X10000 to as high as X1000000 (EX: EEG)
- It is usually ac coupled.
- DC-coupling is required where the input signal are clearly dc or change very slowly (0.05 Hz)
- Exceptional for EX.: ECG signal should be AC coupled despite of the component as low as 0.05 Hz to overcome electrode offset potential from electrode-skin connection
- The high-frequency response is the frequency at which the gain drops 3dB below its midfrequency value (for ECG form 0.05 to 100 Hz)

Bioelectric Amplifier

- Important parameters in a bioelectric amp:
 - <u>Noise</u>: normally is the thermal noise generated in resistances and semiconductors devices.
 - <u>**Drift</u>**: change in output signal voltage caused by change in operating temperature.</u>
 - <u>High input impedance</u>: 10⁷ to 10¹² Ω and it should be at least an order of magnitude high than the source impedance.
 - Integrated circuit (IC) operational amplifier is well suited as bioelectric amp because of these properties.

Fully integrated analog front-end for ECG and EEG





Amplification Basics

- Types of Amplifiers
 - Vacuum Valve
 - Transistor
 - Operational amplifier

Vacuum Tube

 In electronics, a vacuum tube or (outside North America) thermionic valve or just valve, is a device generally used to amplify, switch or otherwise modify, a signal by controlling the movement of electrons in an evacuated space.

Transistor

- Bipolar junction transistor (BJT) are two diodes joined with a very thin common region
- A small electrical input can be amplified by transistor

A simple onetransistor amplifier with positive and negative supplies







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Applying the Summing Point Constraint





 v_o

 R_L

Inverting Amplifier

Non-inverting Amplifiers

+

 v_i

 R_1

+



$$A_{v} = \frac{v_{o}}{v_{in}} = -\frac{R_{2}}{R_{1}}$$

 $A_{v} = \frac{v_{o}}{v_{in}} = 1 + \frac{R_{2}}{R_{1}}$

 R_2



Active Filters- Low-Pass Filter

• A low-pass filter attenuates high frequencies





- Active Filters (High-Pass Filter)
 - A high-pass filter attenuates low frequencies and blocks dc.





Active Filters (Band-Pass Filter)

• A bandpass filter attenuates both low and high frequencies.





Differential Amplifier

• In differential mode you can signals common to both input signals





Instrumentation Amplifier

- High gain and high-input impedance.
- Composed of 2 amplifiers in noninverting format and a 3rd amplifier as a differential amplifier



$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_2 - V_1} = \left(1 + \frac{2R_1}{R_{gain}}\right) \left(\frac{R_3}{R_2}\right)$$



- Noise
 - DC Drift (low frequency)
 - Electronic noise (low and high frequency)
 - Line interference (50 or 60 Hz)
- How to decrease noise artifacts?
 - Shielding of electrodes and equipment
 - Filtering (Low pass, high pass)





- Motion artifacts
 - The contact between the electrode and the tissue changes during the relative motions between the electrodes and the tissue.
- How to decrease the motion artifacts?
 - High input resistance of the amplifier
 - High quality electrodes
 - Reduction of the source impedance by usage of electrode gel.





- Input guarding
 - Negative feedback of common mode to reduce artifacts
 - Technique for increase both the input impedance of the amplifier of biopotentials and the CMRR
 - Instrumentation amplifier providing input guarding





Isolation Barrier

VOUT

System Ground

R_{G1}

 R_{G2}

~) V_D

(~)V_{CM}

V+

V-

Common (Input)

∏ R_{IN}

VISO

- Isolation amplifier
 - Isolation is realized in the following technologies:
 - Transformer isolation
 - Opto-isolation.
 - Complete galvanic separation between the input stage (patient) and the remaining part of the measure equipment.





- Surge protection of the bioamplifiers
 - Protection of the amplifier from damage due to surge input potentials.
 - Zener diodes and gas discharge tubes switch to conducting (short circuit) mode at high voltages (above the "breakdown" voltage



ECG Monitor Circuit





ECG Monitor Circuit




- Measuring skin resistance
 - Galvanic Skin response (GSR)
 - Electrodermal Activity (EDA)
 - Skin Conductance Level (SCL)

Measuring peripheral body temperature

Thermistors present a resistance that changes with temperature







Measuring blood pressure

- Inflate a cuff to momentarily interrupt the circulation
- Measure the pressure at which pulsation appears again



Measuring blood oxygenation

- Measure Red/Infrared Ratio
- Digital Signal Processing is used to do the "math"





Measuring blood glucose

- Oxidase glucose on the strip
- Measure the change (color, conductance, etc)



Measuring breathing capacity

• Flow, temperature, motion





And just about everything else



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Appendix

DC Circuits Capacitors and Inductors AC Circuits Operational Amplifiers

Circuit Elements





An electrical circuit consists of circuit elements such as voltage sources, resistances, inductances and capacitances that are connected in closed paths by conductors

Current:

- The rate of motion of charge in a circuit
- Symbol: I (or sometimes i).
- SI units: C/s = ampere (A)
- "Conventional current"
 - Assumed to consist of the motion of positive charges.
 - Conventional current flows from higher to lower potential.
- AC/DC
 - Direct current (DC) flows in one direction around the circuit
 - Alternating current (AC) "sloshes" back and forth (time-varying that changes its sign periodically)









Ohm's Law and Resistance:

- The current that flows through an object is directly proportional to the voltage applied across the object
- The constant of proportionality, R, is called the resistance of the object.
- SI unit of resistance: ohm (Ω)
- Resistance depends on the geometry of the object, and a property, resistivity, of the material from which it is made
- Resistivity symbol: ρ
- SI units of resistivity: ohm m (Ωm)



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DC Circuits

- Electrical Power
 - Power is the time rate of doing work
 - Voltage is the work done per unit charge
 - Current is the time rate at which charge goes by
 - Combining
 - Ohm's Law substitutions allow us to write several equivalent expressions for power
 - Regardless of how specified, power always has SI units of watts (W)

$$P = \frac{w}{t}$$

$$V = \frac{W}{q}$$

$$P = \frac{W}{t} = \frac{W}{q} \cdot \frac{q}{t} = VI$$

$$I = \frac{q}{t}$$

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

W





- A circuit, or a set of circuit elements, are said to be connected "in series" if there is only one electrical path through them.
- The same current flows through all series-connected elements. (Equation of continuity)

Parallel Connection

- A circuit, or a set of circuit elements, are said to be connected "in parallel" if the circuit current is divided among them.
- The same potential difference exists across all parallel-connected elements.









Kirchoff's Laws

The Voltage Law:

- Around any closed loop in a circuit, the sum of the potential changes must equal zero.
- (Energy conservation)

The Current Law:

- At any point in a circuit, the total of the currents flowing into that point must be equal to the total of the currents flowing out of that point.
- (Charge conservation; equation of continuity)



The total voltage drop (or gain) around any loop of a circuit is zero.

Kirchhoff's Current Law



The total current into a junction equals the total current out of the junction.



Node Voltage Analysis



From Kirchoff's Current Law



Mesh Current Analysis



From Kirchoff's Voltage Law $(i_1 - i_3)R_2 + (i_1 - i_2)R_3 - v_A = 0$ $(i_1 - i_2)R_3 - v_B - i_2R_4 = 0$ $(i_1 - i_3)R_2 - i_3R_1 + v_B = 0$



Superposition Principle

 The superposition principle states that the total response is the sum of the responses to each of the independent sources acting individually



(a) Original circuit



(b) Circuit with only the voltage source active



(c) Circuit with only the current source active







 I_n



Norton Equivalent Circuits





Maximum Power Transfer

Two-terminal circuit of sources and resistances R_L



(a) Original circuit with load

(b) Thévenin equivalent circuit with load

$$I_L = \frac{V_t}{R_t + R_L} \quad P_L = i_L^2 R_L = \left(\frac{V_t}{R_t + R_L}\right)^2 R_L \quad \frac{dP_L}{dR_L} = 0 \longrightarrow R_L = R_t$$





A bipolar square wave applied to a forward-biased diode circuit

Summary Table of DC Concepts



Device/Measurement	Action	Result
Series resistors	Simply add them together	R _T is larger than any single resistor value
Parallel resistors	Add them after inverting each value of the resistor, then invert the result	$R_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$ is less than any single resistor value
Voltage drop in a	The sum of drops equals	As the resistor value goes up, the
series resistive circuit	the total source voltage	value of the voltage drop also increases making them directly proportional
Currents in parallel	Sum of branch currents	As the resistor value goes up, the
circuits	equals the total current	current value goes down making them inversely proportional
Capacitor	Voltage charges in a capacitor	Time constant = $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{C}$
Inductor	Current builds up in an inductor	Time constant $=\frac{L}{R}$

- Capacitance
 - Ability to store charge
 - The SI unit of capacitance is the farad:
 - 1 farad = 1 F = 1 Coulomb/Volt
 - For a given charge, a capacitor with a larger capacitance will have a greater potential difference

 $Q = \frac{\varepsilon_0 A}{d} \Delta V = C \Delta V$ $C = \frac{\varepsilon_0 A}{2}$ $C = \frac{k\varepsilon_0 A}{d}$ (with dielectric)





- Like resistors, capacitors in circuits can be connected in series, in parallel, or in more-complex networks containing both series and parallel connections.



Inductance

- Ability to store magnetic energy
- The polarity of the voltage is such as to oppose the change in current (Lenz's law).
- Inductance, unit: henry [H] ullet

(a) Toriodal inductor

(b) Coil with an iron-oxide slug that can be screwed in or out to adjust the inductance







(c) Inductor with a laminated iron core







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- A capacitor connected in series with a resistor is part of an RC circuit.
 - Resistance limits charging current
 - Capacitance determines ultimate charge
- Unlike a battery, a capacitor cannot provide a constant source of potential difference.
 - This value is constantly changing as the charge leaves the plate.
 - Current due to a discharging capacitor is finite and changes over time.





Charging the capacitor

- Assume no initial charge in the capacitor
- At the instant the source is connected, the capacitor starts to charge.
 - The capacitor continues to charge until it reaches its maximum charge (Q = Cε)
- Once the capacitor is fully charged, the current in the circuit is zero.
 - The potential difference across the capacitor matches that supplied by the battery
- The charge on the capacitor increases exponentially with time q(t) = 0
 - τ is the time constant
 - T = RC



Teases
(t) =
$$C \mathcal{E} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} \right) = Q_0 \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right)^{t}$$

$$I(t) = \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{Ce}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} = I_o e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$



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Discharging the capacitor

- Assume a fully charged capacitor
- At the instant the switch closes, the capacitor starts to charge.
 - The capacitor continues to discharge until it reaches 0
- Once the capacitor is fully discharged, the current in the circuit is zero.
- The charge on the capacitor decreases exponentially with time
 - τ is the time constant
 - T = RC



 $I(t) = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{C\varepsilon}{RC}e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = I_0e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$



- Instantaneous voltage
- Instantaneous current
 - θ is the phase angle
- In phasor form
- Impedance
 - In series
 - In parallel

 $v(t) = V_{max} \sin \omega t$ $i(t) = I_{max} \sin (\omega t - \theta) \qquad I_{max} = V_{max} / |Z|$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}(X/R) \qquad Z = V / I \qquad |Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$ $V = V_{rms} \perp 0 \qquad I = I_{rms} \perp \theta \qquad V_{rms} = V_{max} / \sqrt{2} , \ I_{rms} = I_{max} / \sqrt{2}$ $Z = R + jX \qquad X = X_L - X_C$ $Z_{eq} = (R_1 + R_2) + j(X_1 + X_2)$ $1/Z_{eq} = 1/(R_1 + jX_1) + 1/(R_2 + jX_2)$





Voltage and current waveforms in a resistive circuit



Voltage and current waveforms in a capacitive circuit





Voltage and current waveforms in an inductive circuit



 $Z_L = j\omega L = \omega L \angle 90^\circ$

Voltage and current waveforms in an RC series circuit





Time (sec)

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AC Circuits

- Power can be expressed in rectangle form
- P- real power

- Q-reactive power
- Power factor $PF = cos(\theta) = cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$
- $\cos(\theta) = 1 \rightarrow \theta = 0$ Maximum Power Transfer •
 - $Z_{load} = Z_t^*$

 $S^2 = P^2 + Q^2$



S = P + jQ

$$Q = V_{rms} I_{rms} sin(\theta) = V_{rms}^2 / X$$







Summary Table of AC Concepts



Device/Measurement	Action	Result
Inductor	Inductive voltage leads the	The inductor is open at high frequency
Capacitor	Capacitive current leads the	The capacitor acts as a short at
	voltage by 90°	high frequency
Resistor	R $\Omega \angle 0^{\circ}$	Real number
Capacitive reactance	$X_c \Omega \angle -90^\circ$	$-J X_{c}\Omega$
Inductive reactance	$X_L \Omega \angle 90^\circ$	$+ J X_L \Omega$
Capacitive circuit	$ m R-J X_c$	$R \angle 0^{\circ} + X_c \angle -90^{\circ}$
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Figure 14.5 We make use of the summing-point constraint in the analysis of the inverting amplifier.


Inverting Amplifier

Non-inverting Amplifiers





 $-\frac{R_2}{R_1}$ A_{v} $v_{
m in}$

 $=\frac{v_o}{v_{\rm in}}=1+\frac{\kappa_2}{R_1}$

Voltage Follower



$$A_{v} = \frac{v_{o}}{v_{in}} = 1 + \frac{R_{2}}{R_{1}} = 1 + \frac{0}{\infty} = 1$$

Summing Amplifier



$$V_{out} = -R_f \times \left(\frac{V_A}{R_A} + \frac{V_B}{R_B} + \dots + \frac{V_n}{R_n}\right)$$







 $v_o(t) = -RC \frac{dv_{in}}{dt}$



