

# Important RF Microelectronics Formulas PDF



## Formulas Examples with Units

### List of 18 Important RF Microelectronics Formulas

#### 1) Drain Current of Low Noise Amplifier Formula

Formula

$$I_d = \frac{g_m \cdot (V_{gs} - V_{th})}{2}$$

Example with Units

$$11.99A = \frac{2.18s \cdot (43v - 32v)}{2}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 2) Drain Resistance of Low Noise Amplifier Formula

Formula

$$R_d = \frac{A_v}{g_m}$$

Example with Units

$$3.6697\Omega = \frac{8}{2.18s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 3) Energy Stored in all Unit Capacitances Formula

Formula

$$E_{tot} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot C_u \cdot \left(\sum \left(x, 1, K, \left(\left(\frac{n}{K}\right)^2\right) \cdot \left((V_1)^2\right)\right)\right)$$

Example with Units

$$37.5J = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot 6F \cdot \left(\sum \left(x, 1, 2, \left(\left(\frac{2}{2}\right)^2\right) \cdot \left((2.5v)^2\right)\right)\right)$$

Evaluate Formula 

#### 4) Equivalent Capacitance for n Stacked Spirals Formula

Formula

$$C_{eq} = 4 \cdot \frac{\left(\sum \left(x, 1, N - 1, C_m + C_s\right)\right)}{3 \cdot \left((N)^2\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$2.6667F = 4 \cdot \frac{\left(\sum \left(x, 1, 2 - 1, 4.5F + 3.5F\right)\right)}{3 \cdot \left((2)^2\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 5) Feedback Factor of Low Noise Amplifier Formula ↻

Formula

$$\alpha = \frac{g_m \cdot R_S - 1}{2 \cdot g_m \cdot R_S \cdot A_v}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0613 = \frac{2.18\text{s} \cdot 23\Omega - 1}{2 \cdot 2.18\text{s} \cdot 23\Omega \cdot 8}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 6) Gate to Source Voltage of Low Noise Amplifier Formula ↻

Formula

$$V_{gs} = \left( \frac{2 \cdot I_d}{g_m} \right) + V_{th}$$

Example with Units

$$43\text{v} = \left( \frac{2 \cdot 11.99\text{A}}{2.18\text{s}} \right) + 32\text{v}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 7) Input Impedance of Low Noise Amplifier Formula ↻

Formula

$$Z_{in} = \left( \frac{1}{g_m} \right) + \alpha \cdot Z_i$$

Example with Units

$$1.0695\Omega = \left( \frac{1}{2.18\text{s}} \right) + 0.06 \cdot 10.18\Omega$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 8) Load Impedance of Low Noise Amplifier Formula ↻

Formula

$$Z_l = \frac{Z_{in} - \left( \frac{1}{g_m} \right)}{\alpha}$$

Example with Units

$$10.1881\Omega = \frac{1.07\Omega - \left( \frac{1}{2.18\text{s}} \right)}{0.06}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 9) Noise Figure of Low Noise Amplifier Formula ↻

Formula

$$NF = 1 + \left( \frac{4 \cdot R_S}{R_f} \right) + \gamma$$

Example with Units

$$14.8286\text{dB} = 1 + \left( \frac{4 \cdot 23\Omega}{35\Omega} \right) + 11.2$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 10) Output Impedance of Low Noise Amplifier Formula ↻

Formula

$$R_{out} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot (R_f + R_S)$$

Example with Units

$$29\Omega = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot (35\Omega + 23\Omega)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 11) Return Loss of Low-Noise Amplifier Formula ↻

Formula

$$\Gamma = \text{mod}_{\mu\text{S}} \left( \frac{Z_{in} - R_S}{Z_{in} + R_S} \right)^2$$

Example with Units

$$0.8301\text{dB} = \text{mod}_{\mu\text{S}} \left( \frac{1.07\Omega - 23\Omega}{1.07\Omega + 23\Omega} \right)^2$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



## 12) Source Impedance of Low Noise Amplifier Formula

Formula

$$R_s = 2 \cdot R_{out} - R_f$$

Example with Units

$$23\Omega = 2 \cdot 29\Omega - 35\Omega$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 13) Threshold Voltage of Low Noise Amplifier Formula

Formula

$$V_{th} = V_{gs} - \frac{2 \cdot I_d}{g_m}$$

Example with Units

$$32v = 43v - \frac{2 \cdot 11.99A}{2.18s}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 14) Total Noise Power Introduced by Interferer Formula

Formula

$$P_{n,tot} = \int (S_n[x] \cdot x, x, f_L, f_H)$$

Example with Units

$$19.698kW = \int (7Hz \cdot x, x, 46Hz, 88Hz)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 15) Total Power Lost in Spiral Formula

Formula

$$P_{tot} = \sum (x, 1, K, ((I_{u,n})^2) \cdot KR_s)$$

Example with Units

$$160w = \sum (x, 1, 2, ((4A)^2) \cdot 5\Omega)$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 16) Transconductance of Low Noise Amplifier Formula

Formula

$$g_m = \frac{2 \cdot I_d}{V_{gs} - V_{th}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.18s = \frac{2 \cdot 11.99A}{43v - 32v}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 17) Voltage Gain of Low Noise Amplifier Formula

Formula

$$A_v = g_m \cdot R_d$$

Example with Units

$$7.848 = 2.18s \cdot 3.6\Omega$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 18) Voltage Gain of Low Noise Amplifier given DC Voltage Drop Formula

Formula

$$A_v = 2 \cdot \frac{V_{rd}}{V_{gs} - V_{th}}$$

Example with Units

$$8 = 2 \cdot \frac{44v}{43v - 32v}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of RF Microelectronics Formulas above

- $A_v$  Voltage Gain
- $C_{eq}$  Equivalent Capacitance of N Stacked Spirals (Farad)
- $C_m$  Inter Spiral Capacitance (Farad)
- $C_s$  Substrate Capacitance (Farad)
- $C_u$  Value of Unit capacitance (Farad)
- $E_{tot}$  Energy Stored in All Unit Capacitances (Joule)
- $f_H$  Higher End of the Desired Channel (Hertz)
- $f_L$  Lower End of the Desired Channel (Hertz)
- $g_m$  Transconductance (Siemens)
- $I_d$  Drain Current (Ampere)
- $I_{u,n}$  Corresponding RC Branch Current (Ampere)
- $K$  Number of Inductors
- $KR_s$  Substrate Resistance (Ohm)
- $n$  Value of Node N
- $N$  Number of Stacked Spirals
- $NF$  Noise Figure (Decibel)
- $P_{n,tot}$  Total Noise Power of Interferer (Kilowatt)
- $P_{tot}$  Total Power Lost in Spiral (Watt)
- $R_d$  Drain Resistance (Ohm)
- $R_f$  Feedback Resistance (Ohm)
- $R_{out}$  Output Impedance (Ohm)
- $R_s$  Source Impedance (Ohm)
- $S_n[x]$  Broadened Spectrum of Interferer (Hertz)
- $V_1$  Input Voltage (Volt)
- $V_{gs}$  Gate to Source Voltage (Volt)
- $V_{rd}$  DC Voltage Drop (Volt)
- $V_{th}$  Threshold Voltage (Volt)
- $Z_{in}$  Input Impedance (Ohm)
- $Z_l$  Load Impedance (Ohm)
- $\alpha$  Feedback Factor

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of RF Microelectronics Formulas above

- **Functions: int**, int(expr, arg, from, to)  
*The definite integral can be used to calculate net signed area, which is the area above the x-axis minus the area below the x-axis.*
- **Functions: modulus**, modulus  
*Modulus of a number is the remainder when that number is divided by another number.*
- **Functions: sum**, sum(i, from, to, expr)  
*Summation or sigma ( $\Sigma$ ) notation is a method used to write out a long sum in a concise way.*
- **Measurement: Electric Current** in Ampere (A)  
*Electric Current Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Energy** in Joule (J)  
*Energy Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Power** in Kilowatt (kW), Watt (W)  
*Power Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Noise** in Decibel (dB)  
*Noise Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Frequency** in Hertz (Hz)  
*Frequency Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Capacitance** in Farad (F)  
*Capacitance Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Electric Resistance** in Ohm ( $\Omega$ )  
*Electric Resistance Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Electric Potential** in Volt (V)  
*Electric Potential Unit Conversion* ↻
- **Measurement: Transconductance** in Siemens (S)  
*Transconductance Unit Conversion* ↻



- $\gamma$  Noise Factor of Transistor
- $\Gamma$  Return Loss (*Decibel*)



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