

# Important CMOS Design Characteristics Formulas PDF



**Formulas  
Examples  
with Units**

## List of 24 Important CMOS Design Characteristics Formulas

### 1) Adjacent Capacitance Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_{adj} = \frac{V_{tm} \cdot C_{gnd}}{V_{agr} - V_{tm}}$$

Example with Units

$$7.9989_{pF} = \frac{12.75v \cdot 2.98_{pF}}{17.5v - 12.75v}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

### 2) Agression Driver Formula ↻

Formula

$$R_{agr} = \frac{R_{vi} \cdot k \cdot (C_{adj} + C_{gnd})}{C_{ga} + C_{adj}}$$

Example with Units

$$1.1233 = \frac{1.98 \cdot 0.62 \cdot (8_{pF} + 2.98_{pF})}{4_{pF} + 8_{pF}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

### 3) Agression Time Constant Formula ↻

Formula

$$\tau_{agr} = k \cdot \tau_{vi}$$

Example

$$1.2462 = 0.62 \cdot 2.01$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

### 4) Agressor Voltage Formula ↻

Formula

$$V_{agr} = \frac{V_{tm} \cdot (C_{gnd} + C_{adj})}{C_{adj}}$$

Example with Units

$$17.4994v = \frac{12.75v \cdot (2.98_{pF} + 8_{pF})}{8_{pF}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

### 5) Branching Effort Formula ↻

Formula

$$b = \frac{C_{onpath} + C_{offpath}}{C_{onpath}}$$

Example with Units

$$3.8125 = \frac{3.2_{pF} + 9_{pF}}{3.2_{pF}}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



## 6) Built-in Potential Formula ↻

Formula

$$\psi_o = V_t \cdot \ln \left( \frac{N_a \cdot N_d}{n_i^2} \right)$$

Example with Units

$$18.8181 \text{ v} = 0.55 \text{ v} \cdot \ln \left( \frac{1100 \text{ 1/m}^3 \cdot 1.9 \text{ e}14 \text{ 1/m}^3}{17^2} \right)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 7) Capacitance Offpath Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_{\text{offpath}} = C_t - C_{\text{onpath}}$$

Example with Units

$$9 \text{ pF} = 12.2 \text{ pF} - 3.2 \text{ pF}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 8) Capacitance Onpath Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_{\text{onpath}} = C_t - C_{\text{offpath}}$$

Example with Units

$$3.2 \text{ pF} = 12.2 \text{ pF} - 9 \text{ pF}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 9) Change in Frequency Clock Formula ↻

Formula

$$\Delta f = K_{\text{vco}} \cdot V_{\text{ctrl}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.07 \text{ Hz} = 0.01 \cdot 7 \text{ v}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 10) Ground to Agression Capacitance Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_{\text{adj}} = \frac{(R_{\text{vi}} \cdot k \cdot C_{\text{gnd}}) - (R_{\text{agr}} \cdot C_{\text{ga}})}{R_{\text{agr}} - R_{\text{vi}} \cdot k}$$

Example with Units

$$8.8294 \text{ pF} = \frac{(1.98 \cdot 0.62 \cdot 2.98 \text{ pF}) - (1.13 \cdot 4 \text{ pF})}{1.13 - 1.98 \cdot 0.62}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 11) Lock Voltage Formula ↻

Formula

$$V_{\text{lock}} = V_{\text{ctrl}} - V_{\text{offl}}$$

Example with Units

$$2 \text{ v} = 7 \text{ v} - 5 \text{ v}$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 12) Off-Path Capacitance of CMOS Formula ↻

Formula

$$C_{\text{offpath}} = C_{\text{onpath}} \cdot (b - 1)$$

Example with Units

$$8.992 \text{ pF} = 3.2 \text{ pF} \cdot (3.81 - 1)$$

Evaluate Formula ↻

## 13) Output Clock Phase Formula ↻

Formula

$$\Phi_{\text{out}} = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot V_{\text{ctrl}} \cdot K_{\text{vco}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.4398 = 2 \cdot 3.1416 \cdot 7 \text{ v} \cdot 0.01$$

Evaluate Formula ↻



## 14) Static Current Formula

Formula

$$i_{\text{static}} = \frac{P_{\text{static}}}{V_{\text{bc}}}$$

Example with Units

$$2.9406 \text{ mA} = \frac{5.94 \text{ mW}}{2.02 \text{ V}}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 15) Static Power Dissipation Formula

Formula

$$P_{\text{static}} = i_{\text{static}} \cdot V_{\text{bc}}$$

Example with Units

$$5.9994 \text{ mW} = 2.97 \text{ mA} \cdot 2.02 \text{ V}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 16) Thermal Voltage of CMOS Formula

Formula

$$V_t = \frac{\psi_o}{\ln\left(\frac{N_a \cdot N_d}{n_i^2}\right)}$$

Example with Units

$$0.5495 \text{ V} = \frac{18.8 \text{ V}}{\ln\left(\frac{1100 \text{ 1/m}^3 \cdot 1.9 \text{e}14 \text{ 1/m}^3}{17^2}\right)}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 17) Time Constant Ratio of Aggression to Victim Formula

Formula

$$k = \frac{\tau_{\text{agr}}}{\tau_{\text{vi}}}$$

Example

$$0.6169 = \frac{1.24}{2.01}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 18) Total Capacitance Seen by Stage Formula

Formula

$$C_t = C_{\text{onpath}} + C_{\text{offpath}}$$

Example with Units

$$12.2 \text{ pF} = 3.2 \text{ pF} + 9 \text{ pF}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 19) VCO Control Voltage Formula

Formula

$$V_{\text{ctrl}} = V_{\text{lock}} + V_{\text{offl}}$$

Example with Units

$$7 \text{ V} = 2 \text{ V} + 5 \text{ V}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 20) VCO Offset Voltage Formula

Formula

$$V_{\text{offl}} = V_{\text{ctrl}} - V_{\text{lock}}$$

Example with Units

$$5 \text{ V} = 7 \text{ V} - 2 \text{ V}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 21) VCO Single Gain Factor Formula

Formula

$$K_{\text{VCO}} = \frac{\Delta f}{V_{\text{ctrl}}}$$

Example with Units

$$0.0114 = \frac{0.08 \text{ Hz}}{7 \text{ V}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## 22) Victim Driver Formula

Formula

$$R_{vi} = \frac{R_{agr} \cdot (C_{ga} + C_{adj})}{k \cdot (C_{adj} + C_{gnd})}$$

Example with Units

$$1.9919 = \frac{1.13 \cdot (4_{pF} + 8_{pF})}{0.62 \cdot (8_{pF} + 2.98_{pF})}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 23) Victim Time Constant Formula

Formula

$$\tau_{vi} = \frac{\tau_{agr}}{k}$$

Example

$$2 = \frac{1.24}{0.62}$$

Evaluate Formula 

## 24) Victim Voltage Formula

Formula

$$V_{tm} = \frac{V_{agr} \cdot C_{adj}}{C_{gnd} + C_{adj}}$$

Example with Units

$$12.7505 v = \frac{17.5 v \cdot 8_{pF}}{2.98_{pF} + 8_{pF}}$$

Evaluate Formula 



## Variables used in list of CMOS Design Characteristics Formulas above

- **b** Branching Effort
- **C<sub>adj</sub>** Adjacent Capacitance (Picofarad)
- **C<sub>ga</sub>** Ground A Capacitance (Picofarad)
- **C<sub>gnd</sub>** Ground Capacitance (Picofarad)
- **C<sub>offpath</sub>** Capacitance Offpath (Picofarad)
- **C<sub>onpath</sub>** Capacitance Onpath (Picofarad)
- **C<sub>t</sub>** Total Capacitance in Stage (Picofarad)
- **i<sub>static</sub>** Static Current (Milliampere)
- **k** Time Constant Ratio
- **K<sub>vco</sub>** VCO Gain
- **N<sub>a</sub>** Acceptor Concentration (1 per Cubic Meter)
- **N<sub>d</sub>** Donor Concentration (1 per Cubic Meter)
- **n<sub>i</sub>** Intrinsic Electron Concentration
- **P<sub>static</sub>** Static Power (Milliwatt)
- **R<sub>agr</sub>** Agression Driver
- **R<sub>vi</sub>** Victim Driver
- **V<sub>agr</sub>** Agressor Voltage (Volt)
- **V<sub>bc</sub>** Base Collector Voltage (Volt)
- **V<sub>ctrl</sub>** VCO Control Voltage (Volt)
- **V<sub>lock</sub>** Lock Voltage (Volt)
- **V<sub>offl</sub>** VCO Offset Voltage (Volt)
- **V<sub>t</sub>** Thermal Voltage (Volt)
- **V<sub>tm</sub>** Victim Voltage (Volt)
- **Δf** Change in Frequency of Clock (Hertz)
- **T<sub>agr</sub>** Agression Time Constant
- **T<sub>vi</sub>** Victim Time Constant
- **Φ<sub>out</sub>** Output Clock Phase
- **ψ<sub>o</sub>** Built-in Potential (Volt)

## Constants, Functions, Measurements used in list of CMOS Design Characteristics Formulas above

- **constant(s): pi**,  
3.14159265358979323846264338327950288  
*Archimedes' constant*
- **Functions: ln**, ln(Number)  
*The natural logarithm, also known as the logarithm to the base e, is the inverse function of the natural exponential function.*
- **Measurement: Electric Current** in Milliampere (mA)  
*Electric Current Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Power** in Milliwatt (mW)  
*Power Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Frequency** in Hertz (Hz)  
*Frequency Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Capacitance** in Picofarad (pF)  
*Capacitance Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Electric Potential** in Volt (V)  
*Electric Potential Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement: Carrier Concentration** in 1 per Cubic Meter (1/m<sup>3</sup>)  
*Carrier Concentration Unit Conversion* 



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