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Abstract: In this paper, a Current Mode Instrumentation Amplifier (CMIA) is presented. The proposed circuit employs two Extra X Current Controlled Current Conveyors (EX-CCCII) and a single grounded resistor. The circuit offers a wide differential-gain bandwidth, wide CMRR bandwidth, and electronically tunable differential gain. The circuit offers cascadibility feature with input impedance of 2.167 k Ω which is very small in comparison to the output impedance of 2.17 M Ω . Simultaneously, a Transresistance (TR) instrumentation amplifier is also obtained with the features of electronically tunable high differential gain and wide bandwidth. The effect of non-idealities of EX-CCCII on the circuit performance is also analysed. The validity of the proposed circuit is verified through PSPICE simulations using 0.25µm parameters with a supply voltage of ±1.25V. Also, the circuit is verified by experimental results.

Keywords: current-mode circuit; instrumentation amplifier; EX-CCCII; CMRR; current conveyor; Analog integrated circuit.

1. Introduction

The usefulness of current conveyors and its variants has now been well established in technical literature [1-5]. The volume of work reported on the subject and the continuous research for better future avenues has ensured the applications of current-mode approach for analog signal processing and more generally for instrumentation and communication systems. The instrumentation amplifier (IA) amplify the differential input signal and reject the common mode signal; which make it widely useful in many application areas such as medical instrumentation, the read out circuit of biosensors, and signal processing [6-8]. IA can be categorized as voltage-mode (VM), current-mode (CM), trans-admittance mode (TAM), and trans-impedance mode (TIM). In the technical literature, the available IA have been realized using active elements such as operational amplifier (Op-Amp) [9, 10], current conveyors (CC) [2-4, 11, 12, 17-19, 21, 23, 24], operational floating current conveyor (OFCC) [7, 8, 25], operational conveyor (OC) [13, 14], current operational amplifier (COA) [20, 22] and and MOS structures [15, 16]. The conventional voltage mode IA circuits based on op-amp have some drawback such as constant gain bandwidth product of op-amp and resistive

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