ECE 321: Handout #2

Amplifiers and Mixers

1) Design a circuit to implement Y = 4X - 2



2) Design a circuit to implement Y = 4A + 3B + 2C



Solution #1

1) Design a circuit to implement Y = 4X - 2

There are many ways to do this. One solution uses an instrumentation amplifier.

The gain of an instrumentation amplifier is

$$Y = \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)(A - B)$$

Rewrite as

$$Y = 4\left(X - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

- The gain is 4 (R2/R1 = 4)
- X is the positive input (A)
- 1/2V is the negative input (B)



2) Design a circuit to implement Y = 4A + 3B + 2C

Again, there are many ways to do this. One solution is to

• Create a signal that's the weighted average of A, B, C

$$X = \left(\frac{4A + 3B + 2C}{9}\right)$$

Y is then

$$Y = 9X$$

Let R = 12k (arbitrary)

- Ra = 12k / 4 = 3k
- Rb = 12k / 3 = 4k
- Rc = 12k / 2 = 6k



There are other solutions....