ECE 321 - Homework #2

Tmperature and Calibration. Due Monday, November 16th

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Temperature Sensors: Voltage Output

1) A MF52A1103F3380 thermistor from Digikey has a temperature - resistance relationship of

$$R = 10,000 \, \exp\left(\frac{3380}{T + 273} - \frac{3380}{298}\right) \,\Omega$$

where T is the temperature in degrees Celsius.

1) Design a linearizing circuit so that the resistance is approximately linear from 0C to +30C. Plot the resulting resitance vs. temperature relationship.

In Matlab, set the cost equal to the square of the error terms minus the resulting spread in Z (in Ohms)

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function [J] = costR(Z)
   a = Z(1);
  b = Z(2);
   R0 = 1e4 * exp(3380/273 - 3380/298);
   R15 = 1e4 * exp(3380/288 - 3380/298);
   R30 = 1e4 * exp(3380/303 - 3380/298);
   ZO = (RO + a) * b / (RO + a + b);
   Z15 = (R15 + a) * b / (R15 + a + b);
   Z30 = (R30 + a) * b / (R30 + a + b);
   e1 = Z0 + Z30 - 2*Z15;
   e^{2} = a - b;
   J = e1^2 + e2^2 - abs(Z30 - Z0);
   T = [0:0.1:30]';
   R = 1e4 * exp(3380./(T+273) - 3380/298);
   Z = (R + a) * b . / (R + a + b);
  plot(T,Z);
  pause(0.01);
   end
>> [Z,e] = fminsearch('costR',[5000,5000])
Z =5490.7 5490.8
e = -781.1555
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The resulting resistance vs. temperature is then

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Ra = 5490;
Rb = 5490;
T = [0:0.1:30]';
R = 10000 * exp(3380 ./ (T + 273) - 3380/298);
Z = (R + Ra) * Rb ./ (R + Ra + Rb);
plot(T,Z)
plot(T([1,301]),Z([1,301]),'r')
xlabel('Temperature (C)');
ylabel('Ohms');
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- 2) Using the linearizing circuit from part 1, design a circuit which outputs
 - -10V at 0C
 - +10V at +30C
 - Proportional in between.

Plot the resulting output voltage vs. temperature.

At 0C: Y =-10V

- Z = 4722.4 Ohms
- X = 2.9223V

At +30C: Y = +10V

- Z = 3926.6 Ohms
- X = 2.5727V

As X goes down, Y goes up

• Connect to the minus input

At midband, the output is 0V

• offset =
$$\left(\frac{\max(X) + \min(X)}{2}\right) = 2.7475V$$

The gain needed is

$$gain = \left(\frac{\text{change in output}}{\text{change in input}}\right) = \left(\frac{10V - (-10V)}{2.9223V - 2.5257V}\right) = 57.2$$



The resulting voltage vs. temperature is then

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a = Z(1);
b = Z(2);
T = [0:0.1:30]';
R = 1e4 * exp(3380./(T+273) - 3380/298);
Z = (R + a)*b ./ (R + a + b);
X = Z ./ (Z + 10000) * 10;
offset = (max(X) + min(X)) / 2
offset = 2.7475
gain = (10 - (-10)) / (max(X) - min(X))
gain = 57.2000
Y = gain*(offset - X);
plot(T,Y,[0,30],[-10,10],'r');
xlabel('Temperature (C)');
ylabel('Y (Volts)');
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3) Determine a caliration funciton of the form

T = aV + b

to determine the temperature based upon the output voltage from your circuit in problem #2

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• What is the maximum calibration error?
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ans = 0.5779

The maximum error is 0.5779C



4) Determine a calibration function of the form

 $T = aV^3 + bV^2 + cV + d$

to determine the temperature based upon the output voltage from your circuit in problem #2

• What is the maximum calibration error?







Temperature Sensors: Frequency Output

5) Determine the frequency of the following 555 timer with R being the linearizing circuit from problem #2.

Note: For this 555 timer circuit

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t_{on} = (100 + Z) \cdot C \cdot \ln(2)
C \text{ charges through R1 and R2}
t_{off} = Z \cdot C \cdot \ln(2)
C \text{ discharges through R2}
f = \frac{1}{T} \text{ Hz}
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C = 0.1e-6;
Ton = (100 + Z)*C*log(2);
Toff = Z*C*log(2);
Hz = 1 ./ (Ton + Toff);
plot(T,Hz)
xlabel('Temperature (C)');
ylabel('Frequency (Hz)')
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Temperature - Frequency relationship for a 555 timer with a thermistor

- 6) In CircuitLab, simulate the 555 timer at T = 15C.
 - Does the simulated frequency match your computed frequency?

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At 15C,
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- R = 5247 Ohms
- Z = 3633 Ohms
- Perion (ton + toff) = 510.5us
- f = 1959Hz





Period = 555us (1800Hz) vs. 1950Hz computed

7) Determine a calibration function of the form

 $^{0}C = a \cdot Hz + b$

where Hz is the frequency of the oscillator over the temperature range of 0C to 30C

The maximum calibration error is 1.009 degrees C over the range of 0C to +30C



Temperature - Frequency relationship (blue) and linear curve fit (red)