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# **OPAx837 Low-Power, Precision, 105-MHz, Voltage-Feedback Op Amp**

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## <span id="page-0-1"></span>**1 Features**

- Bandwidth: 105 MHz ( $A_V = 1$  V/V)
- <span id="page-0-4"></span>• Very Low (Trimmed) Supply Current: 600 µA
- Gain Bandwidth Product: 50 MHz
- Slew Rate: 105 V/µs
- Negative Rail Input, Rail-to-Rail Output
- <span id="page-0-5"></span>• Single-Supply Operating Range: 2.7 V to 5.4 V
- 25°C Input Offset: ±130 µV (Max)
- Input Offset Voltage Drift (DCK Package):  $<$  ±1.6 µV/ $\degree$ C (Maximum)
- Input Voltage Noise: 4.7 nV/√Hz (> 100 Hz)
- $HD2: -120$  dBc at 2  $V_{PP}$ , 100 kHz
- HD3:  $-145$  dBc at 2  $V_{PP}$ , 100 kHz
- Settling Time: 35 ns, 0.5-V Step to 0.1%
- 5-µA Shutdown Current With Fast Recovery From Shutdown for Power Scaling Applications

## <span id="page-0-2"></span>**2 Applications**

- 12-Bit to 16-Bit, Low-Power SAR Drivers
- <span id="page-0-3"></span>Precision ADC Reference Buffers
- Very-Low-Power Active Filters
- Low-Power Transimpedance Amplifiers
- Sensor Signal Conditioning
- Wearable Devices
- <span id="page-0-6"></span>Low-Side Current Sensing

#### **Low-Power, Low-Noise, Precision, Single-Ended SAR ADC Driver With True Ground Input and Output Range**

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## **3 Description**

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The OPA837 and OPA2837 are single- and dualchannel unity-gain stable, voltage-feedback amplifiers that provide among the highest MHz per mW of bandwidth versus power among precision op amps. Using only 600 µA per channel on a single 5-V supply, these 3.0-mW devices deliver 105-MHz bandwidth at a gain of 1 V/V. The very low trimmed offset voltage of  $\pm 130$  µV (maximum) comes with a typical  $(\pm 1\sigma)$  drift of  $\pm 0.4$  µV/°C.

Ideally suited to single-ended, successiveapproximation register (SAR) analog-to-digitalconverter (ADC) driving applications, the OPAx837 provides one of the lowest input spot noise levels at 4.7 nV/√Hz for the 3-mW quiescent power. The very high 50-MHz gain bandwidth product provides the low output impedance to high frequencies required to supply the fast charging currents in SAR ADC driver applications. This low dynamic output impedance is also suitable for reference buffer applications with precision ADCs. The single-channel OPA837 is available in a 6-pin SOT-23 package (that includes a power shutdown feature) and a 5-pin SC70 package whereas the dual-channel OPA2837 is available in an 8-pin VSSOP package and a 10-pin WQFN package.

The OPAx837 is characterized for operation over the a wide temperature range of –40°C to +125°C.

**Device Information[\(1\)](#page-0-0)**



(1) For all available packages, see the package option addendum at the end of the data sheet.



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 $V_{1N2+}$ 

 $V_{S}$ 



**OPA2837 RUN Package 10-Pin WQFN Top View**



**Pin Functions**

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(1)  $I = input$ ,  $O = output$ , and  $P = power$ .

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## <span id="page-4-0"></span>**6 Specifications**

## <span id="page-4-1"></span>**6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings**

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

(2) Staying below this ± supply turn-on edge rate prevents the edge-triggered ESD absorption device across the supply pins from turning on.

(3) Long-term continuous output current for electromigration limits.

# <span id="page-4-2"></span>**6.2 ESD Ratings**



(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

## <span id="page-4-3"></span>**6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions**

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)



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## <span id="page-5-0"></span>**6.4 Thermal Information: OPA837**



(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/spra953) and IC Package Thermal Metrics application report.

## <span id="page-5-1"></span>**6.5 Thermal Information: OPA2837**

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(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the [Semiconductor](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/spra953) and IC Package Thermal Metrics application report.

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### <span id="page-6-0"></span>**6.6 Electrical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 5 V$

at  $V_{S+}$  = 5 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V, R<sub>F</sub> = 0  $\Omega$ , R<sub>L</sub> = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and T<sub>A</sub> ≈ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

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<span id="page-6-1"></span>(1) Test levels (all values set by characterization and simulation): (A) 100% tested at 25°C, overtemperature limits by characterization and simulation; (B) Not tested in production, limits set by characterization and simulation; (C) Typical value only for information.

(2) This slew rate is the average of the rising and falling time estimated from the large-signal bandwidth as:  $(0.8 \times V_{PEAK} / \sqrt{2}) \times 2\pi \times f_{-3dB}$ where this  $f_{-3dB}$  is the typical measured  $\overline{2}$ -V<sub>PP</sub> bandwidth at gains of 1 V/V.

(3) Input offset voltage drift, input bias current drift, and input offset current drift are average values calculated by taking data at the end points, computing the difference, and dividing by the temperature range. Typical drift specifications are ±1sigma. Maximum drift specifications are set by min/max sample packaged test data using a wafer-level screened drift. Min/Max drift is not specified by final automated test equipment (ATE) nor by QA sample testing.

(4) Current is considered positive out of the pin.

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# **Electrical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 5 V$  (continued)

at  $V_{S+}$  = 5 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V, R<sub>F</sub> = 0  $\Omega$ , R<sub>L</sub> = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and T<sub>A</sub> ≈ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

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(5) The typical specification is at 25°C T<sub>J</sub>. The min, max limits are expanded for the automated test equipment (ATE) to account for an ambient range from 22°C to 32°C with a 2-µA/°C temperature coefficient on the supply current.



### <span id="page-8-0"></span>**6.7 Electrical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 3$  **V**

at  $V_{S+}$  = 3 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V, R<sub>F</sub> = 0  $\Omega$ , R<sub>L</sub> = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and T<sub>A</sub> ≈ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

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(1) Test levels (all values set by characterization and simulation): (A) 100% tested at 25°C, overtemperature limits by characterization and simulation; (B) Not tested in production, limits set by characterization and simulation; (C) Typical value only for information.

(2) This slew rate is the average of the rising and falling time estimated from the large-signal bandwidth as: (0.8 x V<sub>PEAK</sub> /  $\sqrt{2}$ ) x 2 $\pi$  x f<sub>-3dB</sub> where this  $f_{-3dB}$  is the typical measured 2-Vpp bandwidth at gains of 1V/V.

(3) Input offset voltage drift, input bias current drift, and input offset current drift are average values calculated by taking data at the end points, computing the difference, and dividing by the temperature range. Typical drift specifications are ±1sigma. Maximum drift specifications are set by min/max sample packaged test data using a wafer-level screened drift. Min/Max drift is not specified by final automated test equipment (ATE) nor by QA sample testing.

(4) Current is considered positive out of the pin.

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# **Electrical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 3 V$  (continued)

at  $V_{S+}$  = 3 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V, R<sub>F</sub> = 0  $\Omega$ , R<sub>L</sub> = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and T<sub>A</sub> ≈ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

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(5) The typical spec is at 25<sup>o</sup>C T<sub>j</sub>. The min, max limits are expanded for ATE to account for ambient range from 22<sup>o</sup>C to 32<sup>o</sup>C with a +4uA/°C temperature coefficient on the supply current.



### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**6.8 Typical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 5.0 V$

at  $V_{S+}$  = 5.0 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V,  $V_{OUT}$  = 2 V<sub>PP</sub>, R<sub>F</sub> = 0  $\Omega$ , R<sub>L</sub> = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and T<sub>A</sub>  $\approx$ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

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# **Typical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 5.0$  V (continued)

at  $V_{S+}$  = 5.0 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V,  $V_{OUT}$  = 2 V<sub>PP</sub>, R<sub>F</sub> = 0  $\Omega$ , R<sub>L</sub> = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and T<sub>A</sub>  $\approx$ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)



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## **Typical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 5.0$  V (continued)

at  $V_{S+}$  = 5.0 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V,  $V_{OUT}$  = 2  $V_{PP}$ ,  $R_F$  = 0  $\Omega$ ,  $R_L$  = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and  $T_A \approx$ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

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## <span id="page-13-0"></span>**6.9 Typical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 3.0$  **V**

at  $V_{S+}$  = 3.0 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V,  $V_{OUT}$  = 1  $V_{PP}$ ,  $R_F$  = 0  $\Omega$ ,  $R_L$  = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and  $T_A \approx$ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

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## **Typical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 3.0$  V (continued)

at  $V_{S+}$  = 3.0 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V,  $V_{OUT}$  = 1  $V_{PP}$ ,  $R_F$  = 0  $\Omega$ ,  $R_L$  = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and  $T_A \approx$ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

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# **Typical Characteristics:**  $V_s = 3.0$  V (continued)

at  $V_{S+}$  = 3.0 V,  $V_{S-}$  = 0 V,  $V_{OUT}$  = 1  $V_{PP}$ ,  $R_F$  = 0  $\Omega$ ,  $R_L$  = 2 k $\Omega$ , G = 1 V/V, input and output referenced to mid-supply, and  $T_A \approx$ 25°C (unless otherwise noted)

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## **6.10 Typical Characteristics: ±2.5-V to ±1.5-V Split Supply**

with  $P_D = V_{CC}$  and  $T_A \approx 25^{\circ}C$  (unless otherwise noted)

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# **Typical Characteristics: ±2.5-V to ±1.5-V Split Supply (continued)**

with  $P_D = V_{CC}$  and  $T_A \approx 25^{\circ}C$  (unless otherwise noted)





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## **Typical Characteristics: ±2.5-V to ±1.5-V Split Supply (continued)**

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# **Typical Characteristics: ±2.5-V to ±1.5-V Split Supply (continued)**

with  $P_D = V_{CC}$  and  $T_A \approx 25^{\circ}C$  (unless otherwise noted)

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# **Typical Characteristics: ±2.5-V to ±1.5-V Split Supply (continued)**

with  $P_D = V_{CC}$  and  $T_A \approx 25^{\circ}C$  (unless otherwise noted)



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## <span id="page-21-0"></span>**7 Detailed Description**

## <span id="page-21-1"></span>**7.1 Overview**

The OPA837 and OPA2837 are single- and dual-channel, power efficient, unity-gain stable, voltage-feedback amplifiers (VFAs). Combining a negative rail input stage and a rail-to-rail output (RRO) stage, the OPAx837 provides a flexible solution where exceptional precision and wide bandwidth at low power are required. This 50-MHz gain bandwidth product (GBP) amplifier requires less than 0.65 mA of supply current per channel over a 2.7-V to 5.4-V total supply operating range. A shutdown feature on the OPA837 6-pin package version provides power savings where the system requires less than 10 µA when shut down. Offering a unity-gain bandwidth greater than 100 MHz, the OPAx837 provides less than  $-118$ -dBc THD at 100 kHz and a 2-V<sub>PP</sub> output.

## <span id="page-21-2"></span>**7.2 Functional Block Diagrams**

The OPAx837 is a standard voltage-feedback op amp with two high-impedance inputs and a low-impedance output. [Figure](#page-21-3) 62 and [Figure](#page-21-4) 63 show the supported standard applications circuits. These application circuits are shown with a DC  $V_{REF}$  on the inputs that set the DC operating points for single-supply designs. The  $V_{REF}$  is often ground, especially for split-supply applications.





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**Figure 63. Inverting Amplifier**



#### <span id="page-22-0"></span>**7.3 Feature Description**

### **7.3.1 OPA837 Comparison**

[Table](#page-22-2) 1 lists several members of the device family that includes the OPA837.

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### **Table 1. Device Family Comparison(1)**

(1) For a complete selection of TI high speed amplifiers, visit [www.ti.com.](http://www.ti.com/lsds/ti/amplifiers/op-amps/high-speed-op-amps-products.page#)

#### **7.3.2 Input Common-Mode Voltage Range**

When the primary design goal is a linear amplifier with high CMRR, the design must remain within the input common-mode voltage range ( $V_{ICR}$ ) of an op amp. These ranges are referenced off of each supply as an input headroom requirement. Ensured operation at 25°C is maintained to the negative supply voltage and to within 1.3 V of the positive supply voltage. The common-mode input range specifications in the *[Electrical](#page-6-0) [Characteristics](#page-6-0)* table use CMRR to set the limit. The limits are selected to ensure CMRR does not degrade more than 3 dB below the minimum CMRR value if the input voltage is within the specified range.

Assuming the op amp is in linear operation, the voltage difference between the input pins is small (ideally 0 V); and the input common-mode voltage is analyzed at either input pin with the other input pin assumed to be at the same potential. The voltage at  $V_{\text{IN+}}$  is simple to evaluate. In the noninverting configuration of [Figure](#page-21-3) 62, the input signal,  $V_{IN}$ , must not violate the  $V_{ICR}$ . In the inverting configuration of [Figure](#page-21-4) 63, the reference voltage,  $V_{REF}$ , must be within the  $V_{ICR}$ .

The input voltage limits have fixed headroom to the power rails and track the power-supply voltages. For one 5-V supply, the typical linear input voltage ranges from  $-0.2$  V to 3.8 V and  $-0.2$  V to 1.5 V for a 2.7-V supply. The delta headroom from each power-supply rail is the same in either case: –0.2 V and 1.2 V, respectively.

### **7.3.3 Output Voltage Range**

The OPAx837 is a rail-to-rail output op amp. Rail-to-rail output typically means that the output voltage swings to within 100 mV of the supply rails. There are two different ways to specify this feature: one is with the output still in linear operation and another is with the output saturated. Saturated output voltages are closer to the powersupply rails than the linear outputs, but the signal is not a linear representation of the input. Saturation and linear operation limits are affected by the output current, where higher currents lead to more voltage loss in the output transistors; see [Figure](#page-19-1) 55.

The *Electrical [Characteristics](#page-6-0)* tables list saturated output voltage specifications with a 2-kΩ load. [Figure](#page-19-1) 55 illustrates the saturated voltage-swing limits versus output load resistance, and [Figure](#page-19-1) 56 illustrates the output saturation voltage versus load current. Given a light load, the output voltage limits have nearly constant headroom to the power rails and track the power-supply voltages. For example, with a 2-kΩ load and a single 5-V supply, the linear output voltage ranges from 0.10 V to 4.9 V and ranges from 0.1 V to 2.6 V for a 2.7-V supply. The delta from each power-supply rail is the same in either case: 0.1 V.

With devices like the OPA837 and OPA2837 where the input range is lower than the output range, typically the input limits the available signal swing only in a noninverting gain of 1 V/V. Signal swing in noninverting configurations in gains greater than +1 V/V and inverting configurations in any gain are typically limited by the output voltage limits of the op amp.

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#### **7.3.4 Power-Down Operation**

The OPA837 includes a power-down mode in the 6-pin SOT23-6 package. Under logic control, the amplifier can switch from normal operation to a standby current of less than 10  $\mu$ A. When the PD pin is connected high, the amplifier is active. Connecting the  $\overline{PD}$  pin low disables the amplifier and places the output in a high-impedance state. When the amplifier is configured as a unity-gain buffer, the output stage is in a high DC-impedance state. A new feature in the OPA837 is a switch from the external inverting input pin to the internal active transistors. This switch operates with the disable pin function to open up the connection to the internal devices when powered down. Operating in unity gain provides a high-impedance voltage into both the output and inverting input pins. This feature allows direct active multiplexer operation to be implemented; see [Figure](#page-40-0) 87. The *[TIDA-](http://www.ti.com/tool/TIDA-01565)01565 Wired OR MUX and PGA [Reference](http://www.ti.com/tool/TIDA-01565) Design* demonstrates the use of the OPAx837 in wired-OR multiplexer and programmable gain amplifier applications. When disabled, the internal input devices on the inverting input approximately follow the noninverting input on the other side of the open switch through the backto-back protection diodes across the inputs. When powered up, these diodes (two in each direction) act to limit overdrive currents into the active transistors.

<span id="page-23-0"></span>The PD pin must be actively driven high or low and must not be left floating. If the power-down mode is not used, PD must be tied to the positive supply rail.

PD logic states are referenced relatively low to the negative supply rail,  $\vee_{S_{-}}$ . When the op amp is powered from a single-supply and ground, and the disable line is driven from logic devices with similar  $V_{DD}$  voltages to the op amp, the disable operation does not require any special consideration. The OPA837 is specified to be off with PD driven to within 0.55 V of the negative supply and specified to be on when driven more than 1.5 V above the negative supply. Slight hysteresis is provided around a nominal 1-V switch point; see [Figure](#page-19-0) 58. When the op amp is powered from a split supply with  $V_{S-}$  below ground, a level shift logic swing below ground is required to operate the disable function.

#### **7.3.5 Low-Power Applications and the Effects of Resistor Values on Bandwidth**

The OPAx837 can use a direct short in the feedback for a gain of 1 V/V. [Table](#page-30-0) 2 gives a list of recommended values over gain for an increasing noninverting gain target. This table was produced by increasing the R values until they added 50% of the total output noise power. Higher values can be used to reduce power at the cost of higher noise. Lower values can be used to reduce the total output noise at the cost of more load power in the feedback network. Stability is also impaired going to very high values because of the pole introduced into the feedback path with the inverting input capacitance (1.5-pF common-mode). In low-power applications, reducing the current in the feedback path is preferable by increasing the resistor values. Using larger value resistors has two primary side effects (other than lower power) because of the interactions with the inverting input parasitic capacitance. Using large value resistors lowers the bandwidth and lowers the phase margin. When the phase margin is lowered, peaking in the frequency response and overshoot and ringing in the pulse response results.

[Figure](#page-23-1) 64 shows the gain = 2 V/V (6 dB) small-signal frequency response with R<sub>F</sub> and R<sub>G</sub> equal to 1 kΩ, 2 kΩ, 5 kΩ, 10 kΩ, and 20 kΩ. This test was done with R<sub>L</sub> = 2 kΩ. Lower R<sub>L</sub> values can reduce the peaking because of  $\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{L}}$  loading effects, but higher values do not have a significant effect.



<span id="page-23-1"></span>**Figure** 64. **Frequency Response With Various**  $R_F = R_G$  Resistor Values



As expected, larger value resistors cause lower bandwidth and peaking in the response (peaking in frequency response is synonymous with overshoot and ringing in pulse response). Adding a 1.5-pF capacitor in parallel with  $R_F$  (equal to the input common-mode capacitance) helps compensate the phase margin loss and restores flat frequency response. [Figure](#page-24-1) 65 shows the test circuit.





#### <span id="page-24-1"></span>**7.3.6 Driving Capacitive Loads**

The OPAx837 can drive a parasitic load capacitance up through 4 pF on the output with no special considerations. When driving capacitive loads greater than 4 pF, TI recommends using a small resistor  $(R_0)$  in series with the output as close to the device as possible. Without  $R_{O_i}$  output capacitance interacts with the output impedance of the amplifier causing phase shift in the loop gain of the amplifier that reduces the phase margin. This reduction causes peaking in the frequency response and overshoot and ringing in the pulse response. Inserting  $R<sub>O</sub>$  isolates the phase shift from the loop-gain path and restores the phase margin; however  $R<sub>O</sub>$  can also limit bandwidth to the capacitive load.

<span id="page-24-0"></span>[Figure](#page-18-1) 66 shows the test and Figure 49 illustrates the recommended values of  $R_0$  versus capacitive loads,  $C_1$ using a 30° phase margin target for the op amp. See [Figure](#page-18-1) 50 for the frequency responses with various values of  $C_L$  and  $R_{OUT}$  parametric on gain.



**Figure 66. ROUT versus C<sup>L</sup> Test Circuit**

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### <span id="page-25-0"></span>**7.4 Device Functional Modes**

### **7.4.1 Split-Supply Operation (±1.35 V to ±2.7 V)**

To facilitate testing with common lab equipment, the OPA837EVM (see the *[OPA835DBV](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLOU314) and OPA836DBV EVM [User's](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLOU314) Guide*) allows split-supply operation. This configuration eases lab testing because the mid-point between the power rails is ground, and most signal generators, network analyzers, oscilloscopes, spectrum analyzers, and other lab equipment have inputs and outputs that prefer a ground reference for DC-coupled testing.

<span id="page-25-1"></span>[Figure](#page-21-3) 67 shows a simple noninverting configuration analogous to Figure 62 with a  $\pm$ 2.5-V supply and V<sub>REF</sub> equal to ground. The input and output swing symmetrically around ground. For ease of use, split supplies are preferred in systems where signals swing around ground. In this example, an optional bias current cancellation resistor is used in series with the noninverting input. For DC-coupled applications, set this resistor to be equal to the parallel combination of  $R_F$  and  $R_G$ . This resistor increases the noise contribution at the input because of that resistor noise (see the *Output Noise [Calculations](#page-32-0)* section).





<span id="page-25-3"></span><span id="page-25-2"></span>[Figure](#page-25-3) 68 shows the step response for this gain of 2-V/V circuit with a  $\pm 1$ -V input to a  $\pm 2$ -V output. For a 4-V output step, the input edge rate is set to 40 ns to avoid slew limiting.



**Figure 68.**  $V_{IN}$  and  $V_{OUT}$  vs Time



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### **Device Functional Modes (continued)**

### **7.4.2 Single-Supply Operation (2.7 V to 5.4 V)**

Most newer systems use a single power supply to improve efficiency and to simplify power-supply design. The OPAx837 can be used with single-supply power (ground for the negative supply) with no change in performance from split supply, as long as the input and output pins are biased within the linear operating region of the device. The outputs nominally swing rail-to-rail with approximately a 100-mV headroom required for linear operation. The inputs can typically swing 0.2 V below the negative rail (typically ground) and to within 1.2 V of the positive supply. For DC-coupled single-supply operation, the input swing is below the available output swing range for noninverting gains greater than 1.30 V/V. Typically, the 1.2-V input headroom required to the positive supply only limits output swing range for a unity-gain buffer.

To change the circuit from split supply to single-supply, level shift all voltages by half the difference between the power-supply rails. For example, [Figure](#page-26-0) 69 depicts changing from a ±2.5-V split supply to a 5-V single-supply. The load is shown as mid-supply referenced but can be grounded as well.





<span id="page-26-0"></span>A practical circuit has an amplifier or other circuit providing the bias voltage for the input, and the output of this amplifier stage provides the bias for the next stage.

[Figure](#page-26-1) 70 shows a typical noninverting amplifier circuit. With 5-V single-supply, a mid-supply reference generator is needed to bias the negative side through  $R_G$ . To cancel the voltage offset that is otherwise caused by the input bias currents, R<sub>1</sub> is selected to be equal to R<sub>F</sub> in parallel with R<sub>G</sub>. For example, if a gain of 2 V/V is required and  $R_F = 2$  kΩ, select  $R_G = 2$  kΩ to set the gain, and  $R_1 = 1$  kΩ for bias current cancellation which reduces the output DC error to  $I_{OS}$  x R<sub>F</sub>. The value for C is dependent on the reference, and TI recommends a value of at least 0.1 µF to limit noise. The frequency response flatness is impacted by the AC impedance, including the reference and capacitor added to the  $R<sub>G</sub>$  element.



<span id="page-26-1"></span>**Figure 70. Noninverting Single-Supply Operation With Reference**



### **Device Functional Modes (continued)**

[Figure](#page-27-0) 71 shows a similar noninverting single-supply scenario with the reference generator replaced by the Thevenin equivalent using resistors and the positive supply.  $R_G'$  and  $R_G''$  form a resistor divider from the 5-V supply and are used to bias the negative side with the parallel sum equal to the equivalent  $R<sub>G</sub>$  to set the gain. To cancel the voltage offset that is otherwise caused by the input bias currents,  $R_1$  is selected to be equal to  $R_F$  in parallel with R<sub>G</sub>' in parallel with R<sub>G</sub>" (R<sub>1</sub>= R<sub>F</sub> || R<sub>G</sub>' || R<sub>G</sub>"). For example, if a gain of 2 V/V is required and R<sub>F</sub> = 2 kΩ, selecting  $R_G' = R_G'' = 4$  kΩ gives an quivalent parallel sum of 2 kΩ, sets the gain to 2, and references the input to mid-supply (2.5 V). R<sub>1</sub> is set to 1 kΩ for bias current cancellation. The resistor divider costs less than the 2.5-V reference in [Figure](#page-26-1) 70 but increases the current from the 5-V supply. Any noise or variation on the 5-V supply now also comes into the circuit as an input through the biasing path.



**Figure 71. Noninverting Single-Supply Operation With Resistor Mid-Supply Biasing**

<span id="page-27-0"></span>[Figure](#page-27-1) 72 shows a typical inverting amplifier circuit. With a 5-V single supply, a mid-supply reference generator is needed to bias the positive side through  $R_1$ . To cancel the voltage offset that is otherwise caused by the input bias currents, R<sub>1</sub> is selected to be equal to R<sub>F</sub> in parallel with R<sub>G</sub>. For example, if a gain of –2 V/V is required and  $R_F$  = 2 kΩ, select  $R_G$  = 1 kΩ to set the gain and  $R_1$  = 667 Ω for bias current cancellation. The value for C is dependent on the reference, but TI recommends a value of at least 0.1 µF to limit noise into the op amp.



#### <span id="page-27-1"></span>**Figure 72. Inverting Single-Supply Operation With Reference**



### **Device Functional Modes (continued)**

[Figure](#page-28-0) 73 shows a similar inverting single-supply scenario with the reference generator replaced by the Thevenin equivalent using resistors and the positive supply.  $\mathsf{R}_1$  and  $\mathsf{R}_2$  form a resistor divider from the 5-V supply and are used to bias the positive side. To cancel the voltage offset that is otherwise caused by the input bias currents, set the parallel value of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  equal to the parallel value of  $R_F$  and  $R_G$ . C must be added to limit coupling of noise into the positive input. For example, if gain of –2 V/V is required and R<sub>F</sub> = 2 kΩ, select R<sub>G</sub> = 1 kΩ to set the gain.  $R_1 = R_2 = 2 \times 667$   $\Omega = 1.33$  k $\Omega$  for the mid-supply voltage bias and for op-amp input-bias current cancellation. A good value for C is 0.1 µF. The resistor divider costs less than the 2.5-V reference in [Figure](#page-27-1) 72 but increases the current from the 5-V supply. Any noise or variation in the 5-V supply also comes into the circuit through this bias setup but be band-limited by the pole formed with  $\mathsf{R}_1 \, || \, \mathsf{R}_2$  and C.



#### **Figure 73. Inverting Single-Supply Operation With Resistor Midsupply Biasing**

<span id="page-28-0"></span>These examples are only a few of the ways to implement a single-supply design. Many other designs exist that can often be simpler if AC-coupled inputs are allowed. A good compilation of options can be found in the *[Single-](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/sloa030)Supply Op Amp Design [Techniques](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/sloa030)* application report.

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## <span id="page-29-0"></span>**8 Application and Implementation**

#### **NOTE**

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#### <span id="page-29-1"></span>**8.1 Application Information**

#### **8.1.1 Noninverting Amplifier**

The OPAx837 can be used as a noninverting amplifier with a signal input to the noninverting input,  $V_{IN+}$ . A basic block diagram of the circuit is illustrated in [Figure](#page-21-3) 62.  $V_{REF}$  is often ground when split supplies are used.

<span id="page-29-4"></span>Calculate the amplifier output according to [Equation](#page-29-4) 1 if  $V_{IN} = V_{REF} + V_{SIG}$ .

$$
V_{OUT} = V_{SIG} \left( 1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G} \right) + V_{REF} \tag{1}
$$

The signal gain of the circuit is set by [Equation](#page-29-5) 2, and  $V_{REF}$  provides a reference around which the input and output signals swing. Output signals are in-phase with the input signals within the flat portion of the frequency response. For a high-speed, low-noise device such as the OPAx837, the values selected for  $R_F$  (and  $R_G$  for the desired gain) can strongly influence the operation of the circuit. For the characteristic curves, the noninverting circuit of [Figure](#page-29-3) 74 shows the test configuration set for a gain of 2 V/V. [Table](#page-30-0) 2 lists the recommended resistor values over gain.

<span id="page-29-5"></span><span id="page-29-2"></span>
$$
G = 1 + \frac{R_F}{R_G}
$$
\n
$$
R_G 2k\Omega \qquad R_F 2k\Omega
$$
\n(2)



<span id="page-29-3"></span>**Figure 74. Characterization Test Circuit for Network, Spectrum Analyzer**



#### **Application Information (continued)**

[Table](#page-30-0) 2 lists the recommended resistor values from target gains of 1 V/V to 10 V/V where standard E96 values are shown. This table controls the  $R_F$  and  $R_G$  values to set the resistor noise contribution at approximately 50% of the total output noise power. These values increase the spot noise at the output over what the op amp voltage noise produces by 41%. Lower values reduce the output noise of any design at the cost of more power in the feedback circuit. Using the TINA model and [simulation](http://www.ti.com/product/OPA837/toolssoftware) tool shows the impact of different resistor value choices on response shape and noise.

<span id="page-30-0"></span>

<b>TARGET GAIN (V/V)</b>	$R_F(\Omega)$	$R_G(\Omega)$	<b>ACTUAL GAIN (V/V)</b>	GAIN (dB)
	0	Open	1.00	0.00
1.5	1190	2370	1.50	3.53
2	2000	2000	2.00	6.02
3	2260	1130	3.00	9.54
4	2370	787	4.01	12.07
5	2490	619	5.02	14.02
6	2550	511	5.99	15.55
7	2610	432	7.04	16.95
8	2670	383	7.97	18.03
9	2670	332	9.04	19.13
10	2670	294	10.08	20.07

**Table 2. Noninverting Recommended Resistor Values**

#### **8.1.2 Inverting Amplifier**

The OPAx837 can be used as an inverting amplifier with a signal input to the inverting input,  $\vee_{iN}$ , through the gain-setting resistor  $R_G$ . A basic block diagram of the circuit is illustrated in [Figure](#page-21-4) 63.

<span id="page-30-1"></span>The output of the amplifier can be calculated according to [Equation](#page-30-1) 3 if  $V_{IN} = V_{REF} + V_{SIG}$  and the noninverting input is biased to  $V_{REF}$ .

$$
V_{\text{OUT}} = V_{\text{SIG}} \left( \frac{-R_{\text{F}}}{R_{\text{G}}} \right) + V_{\text{REF}}
$$

(3)



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(4)

The signal gain of the circuit is set by [Equation](#page-31-3) 4 and  $V_{REF}$  provides a reference point around which the input and output signals swing. For bipolar-supply operation,  $V_{REF}$  is often ground. The output signal is 180° out-of-phase with the input signal in the pass band of the application. [Figure](#page-31-1) 75 shows the 50- $\Omega$  input matched configuration used for the inverting characterization plots set up for a gain of –1 V/V. In this case, an added termination resistor, R<sub>T</sub>, is placed in parallel with the input R<sub>G</sub> resistor to provide an impedance match to 50- $\Omega$  test equipment. The output network appears as a 2-kΩ load but with a  $50-\Omega$  source to the network analyzer. This output interface network does add a 37.9-dB insertion loss that is normalized out in the characterization curves. [Table](#page-31-2) 3 lists the suggested values for  $R_F$ ,  $R_G$ , and  $R_T$  for inverting gains from –0.5 V/V to –10 V/V. If a 50- $\Omega$  input match is not required, eliminate the  $R<sub>T</sub>$  element.

<span id="page-31-3"></span><span id="page-31-0"></span>
$$
G = \frac{-R_F}{R_G}
$$



**Figure 75. Inverting Characterization Circuit for Network Analyzer**

<span id="page-31-2"></span><span id="page-31-1"></span>





#### **8.1.3 Output DC Error Calculations**

The OPAx837 can provide excellent DC signal accuracy because of its high open-loop gain, high common-mode rejection, high power-supply rejection, and low input offset voltage and bias current offset errors. To take full advantage of this low input offset voltage, pay careful attention to input bias current cancellation. The low-noise input stage for the OPAx837 has a relatively high input bias current (0.34 µA typical out the pins) but with a close match between the two input currents. The OPAx837 is a negative rail input device using PNP input devices where the base current flows out of the device pins. A large resistor to ground on the V+ input shifts the pin voltage positively because of the input bias current. The mismatch between the two input bias currents is very low, typically only ±10 nA of input offset current. Match the DC source impedances out of the two inputs to reduce the total output offset voltage. [Figure](#page-25-2) 67 illustrates an example of resistor matching for bias current cancellation. Analyzing the simple circuit of [Figure](#page-25-2) 67 (using a gain of 2-V/V target with  $R_F = R_G = 2$  k $\Omega$ ) illustrates that the noise gain for the input offset voltage drift is 1 + 2 kΩ / 2 kΩ = 2 V/V. This value results in an output drift term of ±1.6  $\mu$ V/°C  $\times$  2 = ±3.2  $\mu$ V/°C (DCK package). Because the two impedances out of the inputs are matched, the residual error from the maximum  $\pm 250$  pA/°C offset current drift is this maximum  $I_{OS}$  drift times the 2-kΩ feedback resistor value, or ±50 µV/°C. The total output DC error drift band is ±53.2 µV/°C. If the output DC drift is more important than reduced feedback currents, lower the resistor values to reduce the dominant drift term resulting from the  $I_{OS}$  term.

#### <span id="page-32-0"></span>**8.1.4 Output Noise Calculations**

The unity-gain stable, voltage-feedback OPAx837 op amp offers among the lowest input voltage and current noise terms for any device with a supply current less than 0.7 mA. [Figure](#page-32-1) 76 shows the op amp noise analysis model that includes all noise terms. In this model, all noise terms are shown as noise voltage or current density terms in nV/√Hz or pA/√Hz.



**Figure 76. Op Amp Noise Analysis Model**

<span id="page-32-1"></span>The total output spot noise voltage is computed as the square root of the squared contributing terms to the output noise voltage. This computation is adding all the contributing noise powers at the output by superposition, then taking the square root to return to a spot noise voltage. The last term includes the noise for both the  $R_G$  and  $R<sub>F</sub>$  resistors. [Equation](#page-32-2) 5 shows the general form for this output noise voltage using the terms presented in [Figure](#page-32-1) 76.

$$
E_{O} = \sqrt{E_{NI}^{2} + (I_{BN}R_{S}) + 4kTR_{S}}NG^{2} + (I_{BI}R_{F})^{2} + 4kTR_{F}NG}
$$
\n(5)

<span id="page-32-3"></span><span id="page-32-2"></span>Dividing this expression by the noise gain (NG = 1 + R<sub>F</sub> / R<sub>G</sub>), as shown in [Equation](#page-32-3) 6, gives the equivalent input referred spot noise voltage at the noninverting input.

$$
E_{\rm O} = \sqrt{E_{\rm NI}^2 + (I_{\rm BN}R_{\rm S}) + 4kTR_{\rm S}} \, \text{JNG}^2 + (I_{\rm BI}R_{\rm F})^2 + 4kTR_{\rm F}N\text{G}
$$
\n(5)

\ning this expression by the noise gain (NG = 1 + R\_{\rm F} / R\_{\rm G}), as shown in Equation 6, gives the equivalent input end spot noise voltage at the noninverting input.

\n
$$
E_{\rm N} = \sqrt{E_{\rm NI}^2 + (I_{\rm BN}R_{\rm S})^2 + 4kTR_{\rm S} + \left(\frac{I_{\rm BI}R_{\rm F}}{NG}\right)^2 + \frac{4kTR_{\rm F}}{NG}}
$$
\n(6)



Using the resistor values listed in [Table](#page-30-0) 2 with  $R_S = 0 \Omega$  results in a constant input-referred voltage noise of < 7 nV/√Hz. Reducing the resistor values can reduce this noise value towards the 4.7 nV/√Hz intrinsic to the OPA837. As shown in [Equation](#page-32-2) 5, adding the  $R<sub>S</sub>$  for bias current cancellation in noninverting mode adds the noise from the  $R<sub>S</sub>$  to the total output noise. In inverting mode, bypass the  $R<sub>S</sub>$  bias current cancellation resistor with a capacitor for the best noise performance. For more details on op amp noise analysis, see the *[Noise](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOA066) Analysis for [High-Speed](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOA066) Op Amps* application report.

#### **8.1.5 Instrumentation Amplifier**

[Figure](#page-33-0) 77 is an instrumentation amplifier that combines the high input impedance of the differential-to-differential amplifier circuit and the common-mode rejection of the differential-to-single-ended amplifier circuit. This circuit is often used in applications where high input impedance is required (such as taps from a differential line) or in cases where the signal source is a high impedance.



**Figure 77. Instrumentation Amplifier (INA)**

<span id="page-33-0"></span>The output of the amplifier can be calculated according to [Equation](#page-33-1) 7 if  $V_{IN+} = V_{CM} + V_{SIG+}$  and  $V_{IN-} = V_{CM} + V_{M}$  $V_{\mathsf{SIG-}}$ .

$$
V_{OUT} = (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}) \times \left(1 + \frac{2R_{F1}}{R_{G1}}\right) \left(\frac{R_{F2}}{R_{G2}}\right) + V_{REF}
$$
\n(7)

<span id="page-33-1"></span> $(V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}) \times \left(1 + \frac{2R_{F1}}{R_{G1}}\right) \left(\frac{R_{F2}}{R_{G2}}\right)$ <br>ws the signal gain of the circuit. Though which the output signal swing<br>bund which the output signal swing<br> $\left(\frac{2R_{F1}}{R_{G2}}\right) \left(\frac{R_{F2}}{R_{G2}}\right)$ [Equation](#page-33-2) 8 shows the signal gain of the circuit. The input  $V_{CM}$  is rejected, and  $V_{REF}$  provides a reference voltage or level shift around which the output signal swings. The single-ended output signal is in-phase to the lower input signal polarity.

$$
G = \left(1 + \frac{2R_{F1}}{R_{G1}}\right) \left(\frac{R_{F2}}{R_{G2}}\right)
$$
\n(8)

<span id="page-33-2"></span>Integrated INA solutions are available, but the OPAx837 device provides a high-frequency solution at relatively low power (< 1.8 mA for the three op-amp solution). For best CMRR performance, resistors must be matched. A good rule of thumb is CMRR ≈ the resistor tolerance; so a 0.1% tolerance provides approximately 60-dB CMRR. For higher gain INA implementations with higher bandwidths, apply the [OPA838](http://www.ti.com/product/OPA838) to the circuit of [Figure](#page-33-0) 77.

#### **8.1.6 Attenuators**

The noninverting circuit of [Figure](#page-21-3) 62 has a minimum gain of 1. To implement attenuation, a resistor divider can be placed in series with the positive input, and the amplifier set for a gain of 1 V/V by shorting  $V_{\text{OUT}}$  to  $V_{\text{IN}}$  and removing R<sub>G</sub>. Because the op amp input is high impedance, the resistor divider sets the attenuation.

The inverting circuit of [Figure](#page-21-4) 63 is used as an attenuator by making  $R_G$  larger than  $R_F$ . The attenuation is the resistor ratio. For example, a 10:1 attenuator can be implemented with  $R_F = 2$  k $\Omega$  and  $R_G = 20$  k $\Omega$ .



#### **8.1.7 Differential to Single-Ended Amplifier**

[Figure](#page-34-0) 78 shows a differential amplifier that converts differential signals to single-ended in a single stage and provides gain (or attenuation) and level shifting. This circuit can be used in applications such as a line receiver for converting a differential signal from a Cat5 cable to a single-ended output signal.



**Figure 78. Differential to Single-Ended Amplifier**

<span id="page-34-1"></span><span id="page-34-0"></span>The output of the amplifier can be calculated according to [Equation](#page-34-1) 9 if  $V_{IN+} = V_{CM} + V_{SIG+}$  and  $V_{IN-} = V_{CM}$  +  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{SIG-}}$ .

$$
V_{OUT} = (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}) \times \left(\frac{R_F}{R_G}\right) + V_{REF}
$$
\n(9)

The signal gain of the circuit is shown in [Equation](#page-34-2) 10,  $V_{CM}$  is rejected, and  $V_{REF}$  provides a level shift or reference voltage around which the output signal swings. The single-ended output signal is in-phase with the noninverting input signal.  $V_{REF}$  is often ground when split supplies are used on the op amp.

$$
G = \frac{R_F}{R_G} \tag{10}
$$

<span id="page-34-2"></span>Line termination can be accomplished by adding a shunt resistor across the V<sub>IN+</sub> and V<sub>IN</sub>\_ inputs. The differential impedance is the shunt resistance in parallel with the input impedance of the amplifier circuit, which is usually much higher. For low gain and low line impedance, the resistor value to add is approximately the impedance of the line. For example, if a 100-Ω Cat5 cable is used with a gain of 1 V/V amplifier and R<sub>F</sub> = R<sub>G</sub> = 2 kΩ, adding a 100-Ω shunt across the input gives a differential impedance of 99 Ω, which is an adequate match for most applications.

For best CMRR performance, resistors must be matched. Assuming CMRR  $\approx$  the resistor tolerance, a 0.1% tolerance provides approximately 60-dB CMRR.

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#### **8.1.8 Differential-to-Differential Amplifier**

[Figure](#page-35-0) 79 shows a differential amplifier that is used to amplify differential signals to a differential output. This circuit has high input impedance and is used in differential line driver applications where the signal source is a high-impedance driver (for example, a differential DAC) that must drive a line.



**Figure 79. Differential-to-Differential Amplifier**

<span id="page-35-1"></span><span id="page-35-0"></span>The output of the amplifier can be calculated according to [Equation](#page-35-1) 11 if  $\sf{V}_{\sf IN^{\pm}}$  is set to  $\sf{V}_{\sf CM}$  +  $\sf{V}_{\sf SIG_{\pm}}$ .

$$
V_{OUT \pm} = V_{IN\pm} \times \left(1 + \frac{2R_F}{R_G}\right) + V_{CM}
$$
\n(11)

<span id="page-35-2"></span>The signal gain of the circuit is shown in [Equation](#page-35-2) 12, and  $\rm V_{CM}$  passes with unity gain. The amplifier combines two noninverting amplifiers into one differential amplifier that shares the  $\sf R_G$  resistor, which makes  $\sf R_G$  effectively half its value when calculating the gain. The output signals are in-phase with the input signals.

$$
G = 1 + \frac{2R_F}{R_G} \tag{12}
$$



#### **8.1.9 Pulse Application With Single-Supply Circuit**

For pulsed applications where the signal is at ground and pulses to a positive or negative voltage, the circuit bias-voltage considerations differ from those in an application with a signal that swings symmetrically around a reference point. [Figure](#page-36-0) 80 shows a circuit where the signal is at ground (0 V) and pulses to a positive value. The waveforms are shown slightly above ground because the output stage requires approximately 100 mV headroom to the supplies. To operate with the I/O swing truly to ground on a single-supply setup, consider using the fixed –0.23-V output [LM7705.](http://www.ti.com/product/LM7705)



**Figure 80. Noninverting Single-Supply Circuit With Pulse**

<span id="page-36-0"></span>As shown in [Figure](#page-36-1) 81, an inverting amplifier is more appropriate if the input signal pulses negative from ground. A key consideration in noninverting and inverting cases is that the input and output voltages are kept within the limits of the amplifier. Because the  $V_{ICR}$  of the OPA837 includes the negative supply rail, the OPA837 op amp is well-suited for this application.



<span id="page-36-1"></span>**Figure 81. Inverting Single-Supply Circuit With Pulse**

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#### **8.1.10 ADC Driver Performance**

The OPAx837 provides excellent performance when driving high-performance delta-sigma (ΔΣ) or successiveapproximation-register (SAR) ADCs in low-power audio and industrial applications.

<span id="page-37-0"></span>[Figure](#page-37-1) 82 repeats the front page diagram. Many designs prefer to work with a true 0-V input range to 0-V output at the ADC. The 100-mV output headroom requirement for the OPAx837 then requires a small negative supply to hold the output linearity to ground. This supply is provided in this example using the low-cost LM7705 fixed negative, –0.23-V output regulator. On a 5-V supply, the input headroom requires at least a 1.2-V headroom to that supply. As shown in [Figure](#page-37-1) 82, this requirement limits the maximum input to 3.8 V. The SAR operates with a precision 4.096-V reference provided by the [REF5040](http://www.ti.com/product/REF5040), where the gain of 1.05 V/V takes the 3.8-V maximum input to a 4.0-V maximum output. The RC values have been set to limit the overshoot at the OPAx837 output pin to reduce clipping on fast (50 ns) transitions.



<span id="page-37-1"></span>**Figure 82. OPA837 and [ADS8860](http://www.ti.com/product/ADS8860) Example Circuit**



### <span id="page-38-0"></span>**8.2 Typical Applications**

### **8.2.1 Active Filters**

The OPAx837 is a good choice for active filters. [Figure](#page-38-1) 83 and [Figure](#page-38-2) 84 show MFB and Sallen-Key circuits designed implementing second-order, low-pass Butterworth filter circuits. [Figure](#page-39-0) 85 illustrates the frequency response.

The main difference is that the MFB active filter provides an inverting amplifier in the pass band and the Sallen-Key active filter is noninverting. The primary advantage for each active filter is that the Sallen-Key filter in unity gain has no resistor gain error term or feedback resistor noise contribution. The MFB active filter has better attenuation properties beyond the bandwidth of the op amp. The example circuits are assuming a split-supply operation but single-supply operation is possible with midscale biasing.



<span id="page-38-1"></span>**Figure 83. MFB Active Filter, 100-kHz, Second-Order, Low-Pass Butterworth Filter Circuit**



#### **Figure 84. Sallen-Key Active Filter, 100-kHz, Second-Order, Low-Pass Butterworth Filter Circuit**

#### <span id="page-38-2"></span>*8.2.1.1 Design Requirements*

For both designs, target the following filter shape characteristic:

- Gain of 1 V/V
- 100-kHz Butterworth response
- $Q = 0.707$  gives a flat Butterworth design

Scale the resistors down to reduce their noise contribution. In the MFB design, the input resistor is the in-band load to the prior stage. Use values slightly below the gain of –1 V/V in [Table](#page-31-2) 3. The Sallen-Key filter shows a high impedance input in-band, so scale those resistors down further to improve noise.

The output DC error and drift can be improved by adding bias current cancellation resistors. For the MFB filter that is a resistor (and a noise filter capacitor) on the noninverting input to ground equal to the resistor inside the loop times the noise gain. For the Sallen-Key design, add a feedback resistor equal to the sum of the two input resistors.

#### *8.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure*

The filter designs shown in this section used an improved design flow that reduces the resistor noise and noise gain peaking. For the MFB filter, the design was based on the information in the *Design [Methodology](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOA114) for MFB Filters in ADC Interface [Applications](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOA114)* application note.

For the Sallen-Key design, the solution is based on the information in the *Component [Pre-Distortion](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNOA369) for Sallen Key [Filters](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNOA369)* application note.

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## **Typical Applications (continued)**

### *8.2.1.3 Application Curves*

[Figure](#page-39-0) 85 shows the comparative response curves for each of the filter design examples. Both filters hit the desired response shape exactly. However, notice the loss of stop-band rejection in the Sallen-Key design. This loss results from the op amp output impedance increasing at higher frequencies and allowing the signal to feed through the feedback capacitor to the output.

[Figure](#page-39-0) 86 shows a comparison of the output spot noise for the two designs. The Sallen-Key is much lower because of the lower resistor values used. Also, the MFB shows a noise gain of 2 V/V versus the Sallen-Key gain of 1 V/V. This difference immediately increases the MFB output noise by at least twice the input voltage noise from the op amp. The higher resistor values also increase the total output noise for the MFB.

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### **8.2.2 Implementing a 2:1 Active Multiplexer**

The OPA837 includes a unique feature that enables a much improved wired-or mux operation. When disabled, an internal switch opens from the inverting input to the active transistors isolating those nonlinear loads from the signal being driven back into the inverting input through the active channel. [Figure](#page-40-0) 87 illustrates a simple example of this multiplexer. In this figure, one of two signals are selected to be passed on to a shared output. The logic control turns both amplifiers off (logic low) prior to turning one of them on. This control eliminates both outputs being active at the same time. If both amplifiers must be on, as in the simple switch illustrated in [Figure](#page-40-0) 87, adding 100-Ω isolating resistors inside the loop at the outputs limits the current flow when both amplifiers are turned on. This solution offers a very high input impedance to both inputs, very low buffered output drive, and nearly perfect channel-to-channel isolation. The example of [Figure](#page-40-0) 87 also includes a –0.23-V supply generator to allow true swing to ground on the output pins. This negative supply generator is optional if the outputs are more than 0.1 V above ground or intended to be AC-coupled. Testing with a single channel active and an off channel attached to the output showed no degradation in harmonic distortion; see [Figure](#page-12-0) 17 and [Figure](#page-15-2) 35. This approach can be expanded to more than two channels or to operate with gain in the channels. Adding more than two select channels in parallel should add 100-Ω feedback resistors to isolate the inverting input capacitance from the active output channel.



### **Typical Applications (continued)**



**Figure 87. 2:1 Active Multiplexer**

#### <span id="page-40-0"></span>*8.2.2.1 Design Requirements*

To implement a 2:1 active mux, connect the outputs of two OPA837 devices together with separate input signals. If termination is required for the input signals, add this termination as a resistor to ground on the noninverting inputs. The inputs accept an input range from 0 V to 3.8 V by using a negative 0.23-V supply generator, such as the LM7705.

#### *8.2.2.2 Detailed Design Procedure*

Aside from simply connecting the two outputs together as shown in [Figure](#page-40-0) 87, there are several other considerations as well:

- If the source impedance is not 0  $\Omega$ , consider adding a resistor in the feedback networks equal to that source impedance to reduce the output DC error resulting from bias currents
- If the logic control can place both channels on at the same time, place 100-Ω resistors inside the feedback loop to limit supply currents when both outputs are active
- If a matched gain is desired for the two inputs, configure the op amps for that gain instead of gain of 1 V/V
- If the load is capacitive, add the required  $R<sub>OUT</sub>$  before the summing point on each op amp output

**Typical Applications (continued)**

### **8.2.3 1-Bit PGA Operation**

Using the internal inverting input switch that operates along with the power disable function can also allow a simple gain selection on a single input signal. [Figure](#page-41-1) 88 shows an example gain select of either 1 V/V or 2 V/V from a single input to a single output. The logic disables both channels before turning one of them on to avoid high currents in both outputs to be active at the same time. If this approach is not possible, as in the simple switch shown in [Figure](#page-41-1) 88, insert 100-Ω resistors inside the loop of each op amp output. A bipolar supply is shown in [Figure](#page-41-1) 88, but any of the single-supply options are also possible. Any combination of gains can be implemented, but wide gain ranges show a larger change in signal bandwidth. This approach can be expanded to more than two gain settings. Testing with the circuit of [Figure](#page-41-1) 88 showed no change in harmonic distortion; see [Figure](#page-12-0) 18 and [Figure](#page-15-2) 36.



**Figure 88. 1-Bit PGA**

### <span id="page-41-1"></span>*8.2.3.1 Design Requirements*

Configure two OPA837 device outputs in different gains when driving the noninverting input with the same input signal. Select one the two channels using the disable control. Set one channel to a gain of 1 V/V and the second channel to a gain of 2 V/V using the recommended 2-k $\Omega$  values from [Table](#page-30-0) 2.

### *8.2.3.2 Detailed Design Procedure*

The simple design of [Figure](#page-41-1) 88 has several options and details to consider, which include:

- For split-supply operation, the disable control line must operate to within 0.55 V of the negative supply to disable a channel. A logic level shift is required.
- Any combination of gains can be implemented. However, the signal bandwidths may vary widely through the gain bandwidth product effect between the two channels if the gains are widely separated. If a more constant bandwidth between gains is desired, consider adding a fixed RC filter after the combined outputs at a lower cutoff frequency than the slowest gain setting.

<span id="page-41-0"></span>The *[TIDA-01565](http://www.ti.com/tool/TIDA-01565) Wired OR MUX and PGA Reference Design* demonstrates the use of the OPAx837 in wired-OR multiplexer and programmable gain amplifier applications.



## <span id="page-42-0"></span>**9 Power Supply Recommendations**

The OPAx837 is intended to work in a nominal supply range of 3.0 V to 5 V. Supply-voltage tolerances are supported with the specified operating range of 2.7 V (–10% on a 3-V supply) and 5.4 V (+8% on a 5-V supply). Good power-supply bypassing is required. Minimize the distance  $( $0.1$  inch) from the power-supply pins to high$ frequency, 0.1-µF decoupling capacitors. A larger capacitor (2.2 µF is typical) is used along with a highfrequency, 0.1-µF supply-decoupling capacitor at the device supply pins. For single-supply operation, only the positive supply has these capacitors. When a split supply is used, use these capacitors for each supply to ground. If necessary, place the larger capacitors further from the device and share these capacitors among several devices in the same area of the printed circuit board (PCB). Avoid narrow power and ground traces to minimize inductance between the pins and the decoupling capacitors. An optional supply decoupling capacitor across the two power supplies (for bipolar operation) reduces second harmonic distortion.

The OPA837 has a positive supply current temperature coefficient; see [Figure](#page-19-0) 57. This coefficient helps improve the input offset voltage drift. Supply current requirements in the system design must account for this effect using the maximum intended ambient and [Figure](#page-19-0) 57 to size the supply required. The very low power dissipation for the OPA837 typically does not require any special thermal design considerations. For the extreme case of 125°C operating ambient, use the approximate maximum 200°C/W for the two packages, and a maximum internal power of 5.4-V supply × 0.8-mA 125°C supply current from [Figure](#page-19-0) 57 gives a maximum internal power of 4.3 mW. This power only gives a 0.86°C rise from ambient to junction temperature, which is well below the maximum 150°C junction temperature. Load power adds to this value, but also increases the junction temperature only slightly over ambient temperature.

## <span id="page-42-1"></span>**10 Layout**

### <span id="page-42-2"></span>**10.1 Layout Guidelines**

The *[OPA837EVM](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLOU473)* can be used as a reference when designing the circuit board. TI recommends following the EVM layout of the external components near to the amplifier, ground plane construction, and power routing as closely as possible. General guidelines are listed below:

- 1. Signal routing must be direct and as short as possible into and out of the op amp.
- 2. The feedback path must be short and direct avoiding vias if possible, especially with  $G = 1$  V/V.
- 3. Ground or power planes must be removed from directly under the negative input and output pins of the amplifier.
- 4. TI recommends placing a series output resistor as close to the output pin as possible. See [Figure](#page-18-1) 49 for recommended values for the expected capacitive load. These values are derived targeting a 30° phase margin to the output of the op amp.
- 5. A 2.2-µF power-supply decoupling capacitor must be placed within two inches of the device and can be shared with other op amps. For split supply, a capacitor is required for both supplies.
- 6. A 0.1-µF power-supply decoupling capacitor must be placed as close to the supply pins as possible, preferably within 0.1 inch. For split supply, a capacitor is required for both supplies.
- 7. The  $\overline{PD}$  pin uses low logic swing levels. If the pin is not used,  $\overline{PD}$  must be tied to the positive supply to enable the amplifier. If the pin is used, PD must be actively driven. A bypass capacitor is not necessary, but can be used for robustness in noisy environments.

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### **10.2 Layout Example**

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**Figure 89. EVM Layout Example**



# <span id="page-44-1"></span>**11 Device and Documentation Support**

## <span id="page-44-2"></span>**11.1 Documentation Support**

### **11.1.1 Related Documentation**

For related documentation see the following:

- Texas Instruments, *ADS8860 16-Bit, 1-MSPS, Serial Interface, microPower, Miniature, [Single-Ended](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBAS569) Input, SAR [Analog-to-Digital](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBAS569) Converter* data sheet
- Texas Instruments, *LM7705 [Low-Noise](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNVS420) Negative Bias Generator* data sheet
- Texas Instruments, *OPA838 1-mA, 300-MHz Gain Bandwidth, [Voltage-Feedback](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOS867) Op Amp* data sheet
- Texas Instruments, *REF50xx [Low-Noise,](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOS410) Very Low Drift, Precision Voltage Reference* data sheet
- Texas Instruments, *[OPA837DBV,](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLOU314) OPA836DBV EVM* user's guide
- Texas Instruments, *[Single-Supply](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/sloa030) Op Amp Design Techniques* application report
- Texas Instruments, *Noise Analysis for [High-Speed](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOA066) Op Amps* application report
- Texas Instruments, *Design [Methodology](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOA114) for MFB Filters in ADC Interface Applications* application note
- Texas Instruments, *Component [Pre-Distortion](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SNOA369) for Sallen Key Filters* application note
- Texas Instruments, *[TIDA-01565](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/TIDUDJ0) Wired OR MUX and PGA Reference Design* design guide
- Texas Instruments, TINA model and [simulation](http://yoda.sc.ti.com:7777/wro/owa/literature_table_all?device_name=OPA837) tool

### <span id="page-44-0"></span>**11.2 Related Links**

The table below lists quick access links. Categories include technical documents, support and community resources, tools and software, and quick access to order now.



#### **Table 4. Related Links**

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### <span id="page-44-5"></span>**11.5 Trademarks**

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## <span id="page-44-6"></span>**11.6 Electrostatic Discharge Caution**



These devices have limited built-in ESD protection. The leads should be shorted together or the device placed in conductive foam during storage or handling to prevent electrostatic damage to the MOS gates.



### <span id="page-45-0"></span>**11.7 Glossary**

### [SLYZ022](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

## <span id="page-45-1"></span>**12 Mechanical, Packaging, and Orderable Information**

The following pages include mechanical, packaging, and orderable information. This information is the most current data available for the designated devices. This data is subject to change without notice and revision of this document. For browser-based versions of this data sheet, refer to the left-hand navigation.



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#### **DGK0008A VSSOP - 1.1 mm max height** TM

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- 7. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.
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# **DGK0008A VSSOP - 1.1 mm max height** TM

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# **EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT**

# **DCK0005A SOT - 1.1 max height**

SMALL OUTLINE TRANSISTOR



NOTES: (continued)

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# **EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN**

# **DCK0005A SOT - 1.1 max height**

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NOTES: (continued)

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**2 X 2, 0.5 mm pitch** PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

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# **PACKAGE OUTLINE**

# **RUN0010A WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

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# **EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT**

# **RUN0010A WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD



NOTES: (continued)

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# **EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN**

# **RUN0010A WQFN - 0.8 mm max height**

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# **PACKAGE OUTLINE**

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# **EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT**

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# **EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN**

# **DBV0006A SOT-23 - 1.45 mm max height**

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