

NTC thermistor with Linearization for temperature sensing

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Design Set-Up:

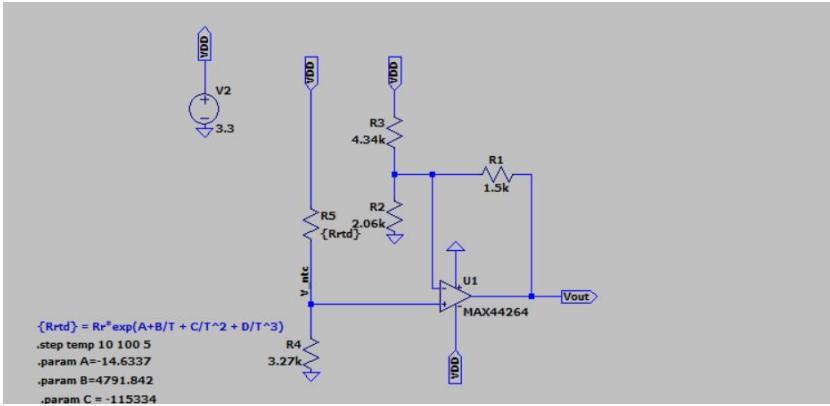


Figure 1: LTSpice for testing purposed

Temp		Output Vol		Supply	
<i>min</i>	<i>max</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>max</i>	<i>Vdd</i>	<i>Vee</i>
25	85	0.5	3.25	3.5V	0

Design Idea based on Circuit

$$V_{out} = V_{dd} \cdot \frac{R_4}{R_{ntc} + R_4} \cdot \frac{(R_2 R_3 \text{parallel}) + R_1}{(R_2 R_3 \text{parallel})} - \left(\frac{R_4}{R_3} \cdot V_{dd} \right)$$

- Calculate the value of R1 to produce a linear output voltage. Use the minimum and maximum values of the NTC to obtain a range of values for R1.
 - $R_{ntc \text{ max}} = R_{ntc @ 25} = 10k$
 - $R_{ntc \text{ min}} = R_{ntc @ 85} = 1070$
 - $R_4 = \sqrt{(R_{ntc @ 25} \cdot R_{ntc @ 85})} = 3271$
- Calculate the input voltage range.
 - $V_{inMin} = V_{dd} \cdot \frac{R_4}{R_{ntc \text{ max}} + R_4} = 0.86(V)$
 - $V_{inMax} = V_{dd} \cdot \frac{R_4}{R_{ntc \text{ min}} + R_4} = 2.64(V)$
- Calculate the gain required to produce the maximum output swing.
 - $G = \frac{V_{outMax} - V_{outMin}}{V_{inMax} - V_{inMin}} = 1.8 \frac{V}{V}$
- Solve for the parallel combination of R2 and R3 using the ideal gain. Select R1= 1.5 kΩ (Standard Value)
 - $(R_2 R_3) = \frac{R_1}{G-1} = 1875$
 - $R_3 = \frac{R_1 \cdot V_{dd}}{V_{inMax} \cdot G - V_{outMax}} = 4369$
 - $R_2 = \frac{R_2 R_3 \cdot R_3}{R_3 - R_2 R_3} = 3284$
- Calculate the actual gain with the standard values of R2 (4.34 kΩ) and R3 (2.06 kΩ)
 - $G = \frac{R_2 R_3 + R_1}{R_2 R_3} = 1.8 \frac{V}{V}$

NTC Datasheet

OpAmp Datasheet

LTS spice Results:

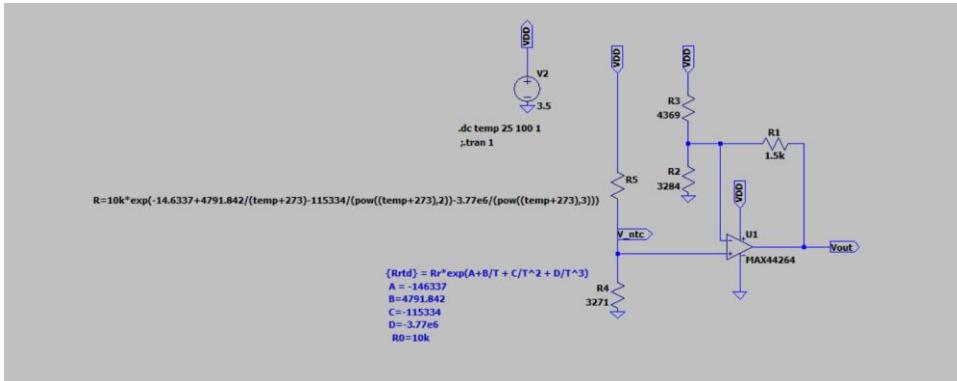


Figure 2: LTSpice Sketch



Figure 3: NTC output voltage

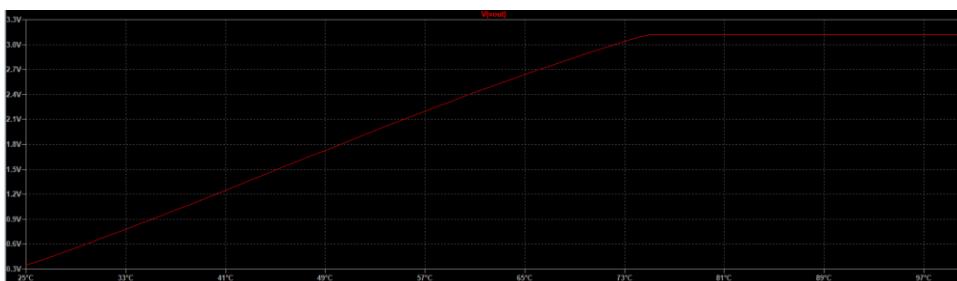


Figure 3: Temperature sensing output voltage