General Description

The MAX4265–MAX4270 ultra-low distortion, voltage-feedback op amps are capable of driving a 100 Ω load while maintaining ultra-low distortion over a wide bandwidth. They offer superior spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR) performance: -90dBc at 5MHz and -59dBc at 100MHz (MAX4269). Additionally, input voltage noise density is 8nV/√Hz while operating from a single +4.5V to +8.0V supply or from dual $\pm 2.25V$ to $\pm 4.0V$ supplies. These features make the MAX4265–MAX4270 ideal for use in high-performance communications and signal-processing applications that require low distortion and wide bandwidth.

The MAX4265 single and MAX4268 dual amplifiers are unity-gain stable. The MAX4266 single and MAX4269 dual amplifiers are compensated for a minimum stable gain of +2V/V, while the MAX4267 single and MAX4270 dual amplifiers are compensated for a minimum stable gain of +5V/V.

For additional power savings, these amplifiers feature a low-power disable mode that reduces supply current and places the outputs in a high-impedance state. The MAX4265/MAX4266/MAX4267 are available in a spacesaving 8-pin μ MAX package, and the MAX4268/ MAX4269/MAX4270 are available in a 16-pin QSOP package.

Applications

Base-Station Amplifiers IF Amplifiers High-Frequency ADC Drivers High-Speed DAC Buffers

RF Telecom Applications

High-Frequency Signal Processing

Pin Configurations appear at end of data sheet.

Features

- ♦ **Operates from +4.5V to +8.0V**
- ♦ **Superior SFDR with 100**Ω **Load** -90 dBc ($fc = 5$ MHz) **-59dBc (fC = 100MHz)**
- \triangleleft 35dBm IP3 (f_C = 20MHz)
- ♦ **8nV/**√Hz **Voltage Noise Density**
- ♦ **100MHz 0.1dB Gain Flatness (MAX4268)**
- ♦ **900V/µs Slew Rate**
- ♦ **±45mA Output Driving Capability**
- ♦ **Disable Mode Places Outputs in High-Impedance State**

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DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0, R_L = 100Ω to V_{CC}/2, V_{CM} = V_{CC}/2, T_A = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T_A = +25°C.)

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AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0, R_L = 100Ω to V_{CC}/2, V_{CM} = V_{CC}/2, MAX4265/MAX4268 A_V = +1V/V, MAX4266/MAX4269 A_V = +2V/V, MAX4267/MAX4270 A $_V$ = +5V/V, T $_A$ = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T $_A$ = +25°C.)

AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0, R_L = 100Ω to V_{CC}/2, V_{CM} = V_{CC}/2, MAX4265/MAX4268 A_V = +1V/V, MAX4266/MAX4269 A_V = +2V/V, MAX4267/MAX4270 A $_{\rm V}$ = +5V/V, T $_{\rm A}$ = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T $_{\rm A}$ = +25°C.)

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AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0, R_L = 100Ω to V_{CC}/2, V_{CM} = V_{CC}/2, MAX4265/MAX4268 A_V = +1V/V, MAX4266/MAX4269 A_V = +2V/V, MAX4267/MAX4270 A $_V$ = +5V/V, T $_A$ = T_{MIN} to T_{MAX}, unless otherwise noted. Typical values are at T $_A$ = +25°C.)

AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (continued)

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Typical Operating Characteristics

(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0, DISABLE_ = +5V, R_L = 100Ω to V_{CC}/2, MAX4265/MAX4268 A_V = +1V/V, MAX4266/MAX4269 A_V = +2V/V, MAX4267/MAX4270 A $v = +5V/V$, T_A = $+25^{\circ}$ C, unless otherwise noted.)

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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{EE} = 0, DISABLE_ = +5V, R_L = 100\Omega$ to $V_{CC}/2, MAX4265/MAX4268$ $Av = +1V/V, MAX4266/MAX4269$ $Av = +2V/V,$ MAX4267/MAX4270 A $v = +5$ V/V, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

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Typical Operating Characteristics (continued)

 $(V_{CC} = +5V, V_{FF} = 0, DISABLE = +5V, R_L = 100Ω to V_{CC}/2, MAX4265/MAX4268 A_V = +1V/V, MAX4266/MAX4269 A_V = +2V/V,$ MAX4267/MAX4270 A $_V$ = +5V/V, T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.)

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500mV/div

5ns/div

OUTPUT 500mV/div

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5ns/div

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Pin Description

Detailed Description

The MAX4265–MAX4270 family of operational amplifiers features ultra-low distortion and wide bandwidth. Their low distortion and low noise make them ideal for driving high-speed ADCs up to 16 bits in telecommunications applications and high-performance signal processing.

These devices can drive a 100 Ω load and deliver 45mA while maintaining DC accuracy and AC performance. The input common-mode voltage ranges from (VEE + 1.6V) to (V_{CC} - 1.6V), while the output typically swings to within 1.1V of the rails.

Low Distortion

The MAX4265–MAX4270 use proprietary bipolar technology to achieve minimum distortion in low-voltage systems. This feature is typically available only in dualsupply op amps.

Several factors can affect the noise and distortion that a device contributes to the input signal. The following guidelines explain how various design choices impact the total harmonic distortion (THD):

- Choose the proper feedback-resistor and gain-resistor values for the application. In general, the smaller the closed-loop gain, the smaller the THD generated, especially when driving heavy resistive loads. Largevalue feedback resistors can significantly improve distortion. The MAX4265–MAX4270's THD normally increases at approximately 20dB per decade at frequencies above 1MHz; this is a lower rate than that of comparable dual-supply op amps.
- Operating the device near or above the full-power bandwidth significantly degrades distortion (see the Total Harmonic Distortion vs. Frequency graph in the Typical Operating Characteristics).
- The decompensated devices (MAX4266/MAX4267/ MAX4269/MAX4270) deliver the best distortion performance since they have a slightly higher slew rate and provide a higher amount of loop gain for a given closed-loop gain setting.

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Choosing Resistor Values

Unity-Gain Configurations

The MAX4265 and MAX4268 are internally compensated for unity gain. When configured for unity gain, they require a small resistor (RF) in series with the feedback path (Figure 1). This resistor improves AC response by reducing the Q of the tank circuit, which is formed by parasitic feedback inductance and capacitance.

Inverting and Noninverting Configurations

The values of the gain-setting feedback and input resistors are important design considerations. Large resistor values will increase voltage noise and interact with the amplifier's input and PC board capacitance to generate undesirable poles and zeros, which can decrease bandwidth or cause oscillations. For example, a noninverting gain of +2V/V (Figure 1) using $R_F = R_G = 1k\Omega$ combined with 2pF of input capacitance and 0.5pF of board capacitance will cause a feedback pole at 128MHz. If this pole is within the anticipated amplifier bandwidth, it will jeopardize stability. Reducing the 1k Ω resistors to 100 Ω extends the pole frequency to 1.28GHz, but could limit output swing by adding 200 Ω in parallel with the amplifier's load. Clearly, the selection of resistor values must be tailored to the specific application.

Distortion Considerations

The MAX4265–MAX4270 are ultra-low-distortion, highbandwidth op amps. Output distortion will degrade as the total load resistance seen by the amplifier decreases. To minimize distortion, keep the input and gain-setting resistor values relatively large. A 500 $Ω$ feedback resistor combined with an appropriate input resistor to set the gain will provide excellent AC performance without significantly increasing distortion.

Noise Considerations

The amplifier's input-referred noise-voltage density is dominated by flicker noise at lower frequencies and by thermal noise at higher frequencies. Because the thermal noise contribution is affected by the parallel combination of the feedback resistive network, those resistor values should be reduced in cases where the system bandwidth is large and thermal noise is dominant. This noise-contribution factor decreases, however, with increasing gain settings. For example, the input noise voltage density at the op amp input with a gain of +10V/V using R_F = 100k Ω and R_G = 11k Ω is e_n = 18nV/ \sqrt{Hz} . The input noise can be reduced to 8nV/ \sqrt{Hz} by choosing R_F = 1kΩ, R_G = 110Ω.

Driving Capacitive Loads

The MAX4265–MAX4270 are not designed to drive highly reactive loads. Stability is maintained with loads up to 15pF with less than 2dB peaking in the frequency response. To drive higher capacitive loads, place a small isolation resistor in series between the amplifier's output and the capacitive load (Figure 1). This resistor improves the amplifier's phase margin by isolating the capacitor from the op amp's output.

To ensure a load capacitance that limits peaking to less than 2dB, select a resistance value from Figure 2. For example, if the capacitive load is 100pF, the corresponding isolation resistor is $6Ω$ (MAX4266/MAX4269). Figures 3 and 4 show the peaking that occurs in the frequency response with and without an isolation resistor.

Coaxial cable and other transmission lines are easily driven when terminated at both ends with their characteristic impedance. When driving back-terminated transmission lines, the capacitive load of the transmission line is essentially eliminated.

ADC Input Buffer

Input buffer amplifiers can be a source of significant errors in high-speed ADC applications. The input buffer is usually required to rapidly charge and discharge the ADC's input, which is often capacitive (see Driving Capacitive Loads). In addition, since a high-speed ADC's input impedance often changes very rapidly during the conversion cycle, measurement accuracy must

*OPTIONAL, USED TO MINIMIZE PEAKING FOR CL > 15pF.

Figure 1. Noninverting Configuration

be maintained using an amplifier with very low output impedance at high frequencies. The combination of high speed, fast slew rate, low noise, and a low and stable distortion overload makes the MAX4265– MAX4270 ideally suited for use as buffer amplifiers in high-speed ADC applications.

Low-Power Disable Mode

The MAX4265–MAX4270 feature an active-low disable mode that can be used to save power and place the outputs in a high-impedance state. Drive DISABLE_ with logic levels, or connect DISABLE_ to V_{CC} for normal operation. In the dual versions (MAX4268/ MAX4269/ MAX4270), each individual op amp is disabled separately, allowing the devices to be used in a multiplex configuration. The supply current in low-power mode is reduced to 1.6mA per amplifier. Enable time is typically 100ns, and disable time is typically 750µs.

Figure 3a. MAX4268 Small-Signal Gain vs. Frequency Without Isolation Resistor

Figure 3c. MAX4270 Small-Signal Gain vs. Frequency Without Isolation Resistor

Figure 2. MAX4265–MAX4270 Isolation Resistance vs. Capacitive Load

Figure 3b. MAX4269 Small-Signal Gain vs. Frequency Without Isolation Resistor

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Figure 4a. MAX4268 Small-Signal Gain vs. Frequency With Isolation Resistor

Figure 4b. MAX4269 Small-Signal Gain vs. Frequency With Isolation Resistor

Power Supplies, Bypassing, and Layout

The MAX4265–MAX4270 operate from a single +4.5V to +8.0V supply or in a dual-supply configuration.

When operating with a single supply, connect the V_{EE} pins directly to the ground plane. Bypass V_{CC} to ground with ceramic chip capacitors. Due to the MAX4265–MAX4270s' wide bandwidth, use a 1nF capacitor in parallel with a 0.1µF to 1µF capacitor. If the device is located more than 10cm from the power supply, adding a larger bulk capacitor will improve performance.

When operating with dual supplies, ensure that the total voltage across the device (V_{CC} to V_{EE}) does not exceed $+8V$. Therefore, supplies of $\pm 2.5V$, $\pm 3.3V$, and asymmetrical supplies are possible. For example, operation with $V_{\text{CC}} = +5V$ and $V_{\text{FE}} = -3V$ provides sufficient voltage swing for the negative pulses found in video signals. When operating with dual supplies, the V_{CC} pins and the VEE pins should be bypassed using the same guidelines stated in the paragraph above.

Figure 4c. MAX4270 Small-Signal Gain vs. Frequency With Isolation Resistor

Because the MAX4265–MAX4270 have high bandwidth, circuit layout becomes critical. A solid ground plane provides a low-inductance path for high-speed transient currents. Use multiple vias to the ground plane for each bypass capacitor. If VEE is connected to ground, use multiple vias here, too. Avoid sharing ground vias with other signals to reduce crosstalk between circuit sections.

Avoid stray capacitance at the op amp's inverting inputs. Stray capacitance, in conjunction with the feedback resistance, forms an additional pole in the circuit's transfer function, with its associate phase shift. Minimizing the trace lengths connected to the inverting input helps minimize stray capacitance.

Chip Information

MAX4265/66/67 TRANSISTOR COUNT: 132 MAX4268/69/70 TRANSISTOR COUNT: 285 PROCESS: Bipolar

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