

Analysis and Design of Microwave Linearized Amplifiers Using Active Feedback

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Intermodulation distortion of active feedback amplifier systems has been analyzed using a simple method. Starting from the amplitude characteristic of both amplifiers -- the main and the auxiliary -- it is possible to calculate the intermodulation distortion of the complete system. Analytical results show that third-order intermodulation products can be considerably reduced when an active feedback with correct amplitude and phase is employed. Experimental measurements have been made on a one-stage bipolar transistor amplifier that confirm the theoretical analysis.

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