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## DETECTION OF ERRONEOUS OPERATION IN TTL INTEGRATED CIRCUITS USING MODULUS FUNCTIONS OF NOISE MARGINS

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**Abstract:** This paper presents a procedure for detection of erroneous operation in present-day TTL integrated circuits, that is based on using of the modulus functions of noise margins. There are illustrated the values of the modulus functions of noise margins that allow to detect the erroneous operation in TTL integrated circuits.

*Keywords:* logic integrated circuit, TTL, logic level, noise voltage, noise margin, modulus function, erroneous operation detection

## 1. Introduction

The TTL integrated circuits have evolved rapidly towards high performances and increased complexity, becoming the logic integrated circuits with the largest utilization [1] - [4].

There is a diversity of functional parameters which must be considered for their using in apparatus and equipment destined to various applications. The noise margins have a distinct importance for the appreciation of functioning in the presence of electromagnetic disturbances [5] - [37].

The paper is organized as follows. The theoretic considerations regarding the definition of noise margins are presented in Section 2. The noise margins functions are developed in Section 3. Finally, conclusions are provided in Section 4.

## 2. Definition of noise margins

Considering the NAND Gates connected as shown in Fig. 1, the input voltage  $V_I$  of the NAND Gate Load is equal with the output voltage  $V_0$  from the NAND Gate Driver, so that

$$V_I = V_0 \tag{1}$$

If an unwanted voltage called as "noise voltage  $V_N$ " is induced into conductors between the NAND Gate Driver and the NAND Gate Load, from adjacent current-carrying conductors, as seen in Fig. 2, the input

voltage V<sub>I</sub> becomes



Fig.2

Corresponding to the logic levels low (L) and high (H), we have the input voltages :

$$V_{IL} = V_{OL} \pm V_{NL} \tag{3}$$

and

and

and

$$V_{IH} = V_{OH} \pm V_{NH} \tag{4}$$

respectively.

The worst case values are:

$$V_{IL} = V_{OL} + V_{NL} \tag{5}$$

$$V_{IH} = V_{OH} - V_{NH} \tag{6}$$

From (5) and (6), we obtain:

$$V_{NL} = V_{IL} - V_{OL} \tag{7}$$

$$V_{NH} = V_{OH} - V_{IH}$$

respectively.

The noise voltages  $V_{NL}$  and  $V_{NH}$  are known as "direct current noise margins", they represent the low and high noise margins, being denoted by  $NM_L$  and  $NM_H$ , respectively.

With (7) and (8), the noise margins  $\,NM_L$  and  $NM_H$  can be expressed as

$$NM_L = V_{IL} - V_{OL} \tag{9}$$

and

$$NM_{H} = V_{OH} - V_{IH} \tag{10}$$

respectively.

When

$NM_L = NM_H$	(11)
the noise margins are symmetric.	
If	

$$NM_L \neq NM_H$$
 (12)

the noise margins are asymmetric.

Depending on the values of input and output voltages for TTL NAND 7400/5400 series shown in Table 1, we obtain the values of noise margins illustrated in Table 2.

The voltages  $V_{IL\ max}$  and  $V_{IH\ min}$  represent the maximum input voltage recognized by a NAND Gate Load as a logic "0" and the minimum input voltage for a logic "1", respectively. As regards the voltage  $V_{OL\ max}$  and  $V_{OH\ min}$ , they represent the maximum output voltage of a NAND Gate Driver for a logic "0" and the minimum output voltage for a logic "1", respectively.

The noise margins  $NM_L$  and  $NM_H$  represent the maximum values of the noise voltages that assure the functioning of the TTL integrated circuits without destroying them and without degradation of L and H voltage levels.

The maximum noise margins are limited by the device characteristics and / or by considerations of symmetry between the low and high noise margins.

# 3. Detection of erroneous operations using modulus functions of noise margins

In a previous paper [37] we have defined the modulus functions of the noise margins  $NM_L$  and  $NM_H$  in the forms

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$$\begin{array}{c}
f(V_{IL}, V_{OL}) = |V_{IL} - V_{OL}| = \begin{cases}
V_{IL} - V_{OL} & \text{if } V_{IL} > V_{OL} \ge 0 \\
0 & V_{IL} = V_{OL} \\
V_{IH} - V_{OH} & \text{if } V_{IH} > V_{OH} \ge 0
\end{array}$$

and

(8)

$$\begin{array}{c}
0\\
f(V_{OH}, V_{IH}) = |V_{OH} - V_{IH}| = \begin{cases}
V_{OH} - V_{IH} & \text{if } V_{OH} > V_{IH} \geq \\
0 & V_{IL} = V_{OL} \\
V_{OL} - V_{IL} & \text{if } V_{OL} > V_{IL} \geq 0
\end{array}$$

respectively.

		Family /Year of appearance								
Voltage	Measure	(TTL)	Ĺ	H	S	LS	F	ALS	AS	
		1964	1967	1967	1969	1971	1979	1980	1982	
VIL max	V	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	
VIH min	V	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
VOL max	V	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
VOH min	V	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	

TABLE 1 VALUES OF INPUT AND OUTPUT VOLTAGES FOR TTL NAND 7400/5400

Noise margins		Measure	Family /Year of appearance							
			(TTL)	L	Н	S	LS	F	ALS	AS
			1964	1967	196 <del>7</del> 06	1969	1971	1979	1980	1982
NM	NML	V	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
	NMH	V	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7

TABLE 2 VALUES OF NOISE MARGINS



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The cases in which the modulus function are

 $f(V_{IL}, V_{OL}) = |V_{IL} - V_{OL}| = 0$  if  $V_{IL} = V_{OL}$ (15)

 $f(V_{IL}, V_{OL}) = |V_{IL} - V_{OL}| = V_{OL} - V_{IL} \text{ if } V_{OL} > V_{IL} \ge 0$ (16)

 $f(V_{OH}, V_{IH}) = |V_{OH}, V_{IH}| = 0$  if  $V_{OH} = V_{IH}$ (17)

and

$$f(V_{OH}, V_{IH}) = |V_{OH} - V_{IH}| = V_{IH} - V_{OH} \text{ if } V_{OL} > V_{IL} \ge 0$$
(18)

correspond to a malfunction of the drive and / or load NAND Gate shown in fig. 1 We can detect thus the erroneous operation in TTL integrated circuits, using the modulus function of noise margins.

### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

The noise margins have a distinct importance for logic integrated circuits with the propose of appreciation the functioning in the presence of electromagnetic disturbances. Their values must be considered both in the choosing as in the using of TTL integrated circuits in apparatus and equipment destined for various applications.

The paper has presented the procedure of detection of erroneous operation in TTL integrated circuit by using the modulus functions of noise margins.

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