

CMOS Current-Mode Companding Multiplier/Divider and Its Nth-Root

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Abstract

A CMOS current-mode companding multiplier/divider composed of three compact logarithm circuits and one compact exponential circuit is proposed. Approaches for constructing the logarithm circuits and the exponential circuit are based on second-order Taylor series approximations. By gathering the three logarithm results and passing through the exponential circuit, we can obtain the result of $z^p(x^q/y^r)$. The circuitry complexity is very low with only 12 transistors. The simulation results indicate that the relative errors of the proposed circuit are small for small $(p+q+r)$.

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