

Photodiode as current source

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Fig. 1: Inverting Op-Amp: Photo Diode BPW 34 S

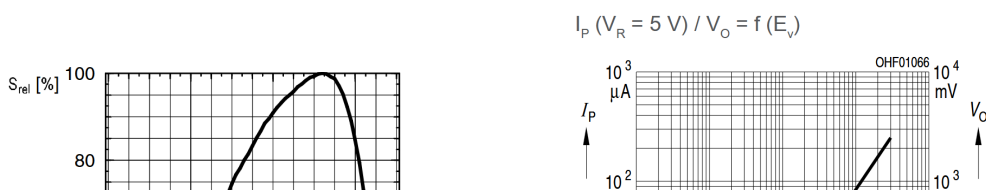


Fig. 2: Inverting Op-Amp: Diagramms of BPW 34 S



Fig. 3: Inverting Op-Amp: Photo Diode as current source

$$U_{DD} \approx 10\text{ V}, U_{SS} \approx -10\text{ V}$$

We assume a good illuminated room of 300 lx, illuminated by a white LED. White light is a mixture of many wavelengths across the visible spectrum, roughly 380 to 780 nm. For a typical white LED, the spectrum usually comes from a blue LED chip with a peak around 450 nm, plus a broader phosphor emission that spreads across green, yellow, and red wavelengths. For an easier calculation, we take a mean value of 500 nm which is close to the peak value of the blue LED (in reality a greenish light) and 300 lx for the illumination. In the diagram in figure 2 we see that the sensitivity of the photo diode at 500 nm ist only 30%. The maximim current (100%) at 300 lx is 30 μA . Now we can calculate the current we expect from the diode at 300 lx:

$$I_1 = 30\ \mu\text{A} * 0.3$$

$$I_1 \approx 10\ \mu\text{A}$$

30% of 30 μA is roughly 10 μA .

Complete the arrows in the scematic of the circuit. Calculate R_2 so that $U_{OUT} = 5\text{ V}$ at 300 lx. Take a resistor from the E6 series that is as close as possible to the calculated value.

$$I_D =$$

I_{R2}

U_{OUT}

U_{R2}

R_{R2}

What are your results?

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What will happen if you short-circuit R_{R2} ?
Try it and explain your results.

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