LT5575

DESCRIPTION 800MHz to 2.7GHz High Linearity Direct Conversion Quadrature Demodulator

FEATURES

- **Input Frequency Range: 0.8GHz to 2.7GHz***
- **50**Ω **Single-Ended RF and LO Ports**
- **High IIP3: 28dBm at 900MHz, 22.6dBm at 1.9GHz**
- **High IIP2: 54.1dBm at 900MHz, 60dBm at 1.9GHz**
- **Input P1dB: 13.2dBm at 900MHz**
- **I/Q Gain Mismatch: 0.04dB Typical**
- **I/Q Phase Mismatch: 0.4° Typical**
- **Low Output DC Offsets**
- Noise Figure: 12.8dB at 900MHz, 12.7dB at 1.9GHz
- Conversion Gain: 3dB at 900MHz, 4.2dB at 1.9GHz
- Very Few External Components
- Shutdown Mode
- 16-Lead QFN 4mm \times 4mm Package with Exposed Pad

APPLICATIONS

- Cellular/PCS/UMTS Infrastructure
- RFID Reader
- High Linearity Direct Conversion I/Q Receiver

The LT®5575 is an 800MHz to 2.7GHz direct conversion quadrature demodulator optimized for high linearity receiver applications. It is suitable for communications receivers where an RF signal is directly converted into I and Q baseband signals with bandwidth up to 490MHz. The LT5575 incorporates balanced I and Q mixers, LO buffer amplifiers and a precision, high frequency quadrature phase shifter. The integrated on-chip broadband transformers provide 50Ω single-ended interfaces at the RF and LO inputs. Only a few external capacitors are needed for its application in an RF receiver system.

The high linearity of the LT5575 provides excellent spurfree dynamic range for the receiver. This direct conversion demodulator can eliminate the need for intermediate frequency (IF) signal processing, as well as the corresponding requirements for image filtering and IF filtering. Channel filtering can be performed directly at the outputs of the I and Q channels. These outputs can interface directly to channel-select filters (LPFs) or to baseband amplifiers.

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TYPICAL APPLICATION

Conversion Gain, NF, IIP3 and IIP2 vs LO Input Power at 1900MHz

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

(Note 1)

CAUTION: This part is sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). It is very important that proper ESD precautions be observed when handling the LT5575.

ORDER INFORMATION

Consult LTC Marketing for parts specified with wider operating temperature ranges. Consult LTC Marketing for information on nonstandard lead based finish parts.

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DC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS $V_{CC} = +5V$, $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, unless otherwise noted. (Note 3)

PIN CONFIGURATION

AC **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** Test circuit shown in Figure 1. (Notes 2, 3)

AC ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS V_{CC} = +5V, EN = High, T_A = 25°C, P_{RF} = -10dBm (-10dBm/tone for 2-tone IIP2 and IIP3 tests), Baseband Frequency = 1MHz (0.9MHz and 1.1MHz for 2-tone tests), P_{LO} = 0dBm, unless otherwise noted. **(Notes 2, 3, 6)**

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Note 1: Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to any Absolute Maximum Rating condition for extended periods may affect device reliability and lifetime.

Note 2: Tests are performed as shown in the configuration of Figure 1. Note 3: Specifications over the -40°C to 85°C temperature range are

assured by design, characterization and correlation with statistical process control.

Note 4: DSB Noise Figure is measured with a small-signal noise source at the baseband frequency of 15MHz without any filtering on the RF input and no other RF signal applied.

Note 5: 900MHz performance is measured with external RF and LO matching. The optional output capacitors C1-C4 (10pF) are also used for best IIP2 performance.

Note 6: For these measurements, the complementary outputs (e.g., I_{OUT} ⁺, I_{OUT}) were combined using a 180 $^{\circ}$ phase shift combiner.

Note 7: Large-signal noise figure is measured at an output frequency of 198.7MHz with RF input signal at f_{L0} –1MHz. Both RF and LO input signals are appropriately bandpass filtered, as well as baseband output.

TYPICAL AC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS $V_{CC} = 5V$, EN = High, TA = 25°C, P_{RF} = -10dBm

(–10dBm/tone for 2-tone IIP2 and IIP3 tests), f_{BB} = 1MHz (0.9MHz and 1.1MHz for 2-tone tests), P_{LO} = 0dBm, unless otherwise noted. **Test Circuit Shown in Figure 1 (Note 6).**

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Noise Figure Distribution at 1900MHz

I/Q Amplitude Mismatch Distribution at 1900MHz vs Temperature

I-Output DC Offset Voltage Distribution vs Temperature

I/Q Phase Mismatch Distribution at 1900MHz vs Temperature

Q-Output DC Offset Voltage Distribution vs Temperature

PIN FUNCTIONS

GND (Pins 1, 3, 4, 9, 11): Ground pin.

RF (Pin 2): RF Input Pin. This is a single-ended 50Ω terminated input. No external matching network is required for the high frequency band. An external series capacitor (and/or shunt capacitor) may be required for impedance transformation to 50 Ω in the low frequency band from 800MHz to 1.5GHz (see Figure 4). If the RF source is not DC blocked, a series blocking capacitor should be used. Otherwise, damage to the IC may result.

V_{CC} (Pins 6, 7, 8, 12): Power Supply Pins. These pins should be decoupled using 1000pF and 0.1µF capacitors.

EN (Pin 5): Enable Pin. When the input voltage is higher than 2.0V, the circuit is completely turned on. When the enable pin voltage is less than 1.0V, the circuit is turned off. Under no conditions should the voltage at the EN pin exceed V_{CC} + 0.3V. Otherwise, damage to the IC may result. If the Enable function is not needed, then the EN pin should be tied to V_{CC} .

LO (Pin 10): Local Oscillator Input Pin. This is a singleended 50Ω terminated input. No external matching network is required in the high frequency band. An external shunt capacitor (and/or series capacitor) may be required for impedance transformation to 50Ω for the low frequency band from 800MHz to 1.5GHz (see Figure 6). If the LO source is not DC blocked, a series blocking capacitor must be used. Otherwise, damage to the IC may result.

QOUT– , QOUT+ (Pins 13, 14): Differential Baseband Output Pins of the Q Channel. The internal DC bias voltage is V_{CC} – 1.1V for each pin.

I_{OUT}, **I_{OUT}** (Pins 15, 16): Differential Baseband Output Pins of the I Channel. The internal DC bias voltage is V_{CC} – 1.1V for each pin.

Exposed Pad (Pin 17): Ground Return for the Entire IC. This pin must be soldered to the printed circuit board ground plane.

BLOCK DIAGRAM

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TEST CIRCUIT

FREQUENCY RANGE	RF MATCH	LO MATCH	BASEBAND
	C10	C12	$C1-C4$
LOW BAND: 800 TO 1000MHz	4.7 _{pF}	3.9 _{pF}	10 _{pF}
MID BAND: 1000 TO 1500MHz	2pF	2pF	2.2pF
HIGH BAND: 1500 TO 2700MHz			

Figure 1. Evaluation Circuit Schematic

Figure 2. Top Side of Evaluation Board

Figure 3. Bottom Side of Evaluation Board

The LT5575 is a direct I/Q demodulator targeting high linearity receiver applications, such as RFID readers and wireless infrastructure. It consists of RF transconductance amplifiers, I/Q mixers, a quadrature LO phase shifter, and bias circuitry.

The RF signal is applied to the inputs of the RF transconductance amplifiers and is then demodulated into I/Q baseband signals using quadrature LO signals which are internally generated from an external LO source by precision 90° phase-shifters. The demodulated I/Q signals are single-pole low-pass filtered on-chip with a –3dB bandwidth of 490MHz. The differential outputs of the I-channel and Q-channel are well matched in amplitude; their phases are 90° apart.

Broadband transformers are integrated on-chip at both the RF and LO inputs to enable single-ended RF and LO interfaces. In the high frequency band (1.5GHz to 2.7GHz), both RF and LO ports are internally matched to 50Ω. No external matching components are needed. For the lower frequency bands (800MHz to 1.5GHz), a simple network with series and/or shunt capacitors can be used as the impedance matching network.

RF Input Port

Figure 4 shows the demodulator's RF input which consists of an integrated transformer and high linearity transconductance amplifiers. The primary side of the transformer is connected to the RF input pin. The secondary side of the transformer is connected to the differential inputs of the transconductance amplifiers. Under no circumstances should an external DC voltage be applied to the RF input pin. DC current flowing into the primary side of the transformer may cause damage to the integrated transformer. A series blocking capacitor should be used to AC-couple the RF input port to the RF signal source.

The RF input port is internally matched over a wide frequency range from 1.5GHz to 2.7GHz with input return loss typically better than 10dB. No external matching network is needed for this frequency range. When the part is operated at lower frequencies, however, the input return loss can be improved with the matching network shown in Figure 4. Shunt capacitor C10 and series capacitor C11 can be selected for optimum input impedance matching at the

desired frequency as illustrated in Figure 5. For lower frequency band operation, the external matching component C11 can serve as a series DC blocking capacitor.

Figure 4. RF Input Interface

Figure 5. RF Input Return Loss with External Matching

The RF input impedance and S11 parameters (without external matching components) are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. RF Input Impedance

LO Input Port

The demodulator's LO input interface is shown in Figure 6. The input consists of an integrated transformer and a precision quadrature phase shifter which generates 0° and 90° phase-shifted LO signals for the LO buffer amplifiers driving the I/Q mixers. The primary side of the transformer is connected to the LO input pin. The secondary side of the transformer is connected to the differential inputs of the LO quadrature generator. Under no circumstances should an external DC voltage be applied to the input pin. DC current flowing into the primary side of the transformer may damage the transformer. A series blocking capacitor should be used to AC-couple the LO input port to the LO signal source.

The LO input port is internally matched over a wide frequency range from 1.5GHz to 2.7GHz with input return loss typically better than 10dB. No external matching network is needed for this frequency range. When the part is operated at a lower frequency, the input return loss can be improved with the matching network shown in Figure 6. Shunt capacitor C12 and series capacitor C13 can be selected for optimum input impedance matching at the desired frequency as illustrated in Figure 7. For lower frequency operation, external matching component C13 can serve as the series DC blocking capacitor.

Figure 6. LO Input Interface

Figure 7. LO Input Return Loss with External Matching

The LO input impedance and S11 parameters (without external matching components) are listed in Table 2.

I-Channel and Q-Channel Outputs

Each of the I-channel and Q-channel outputs is internally connected to V_{CC} through a 65 Ω resistor. The output DC bias voltage is V_{CC} – 1.1V. The outputs can be DC-coupled or AC-coupled to the external loads. Each single-ended output has an impedance of 65 Ω in parallel with a 5pF internal capacitor, forming a low-pass filter with a $-3dB$ corner frequency at 490MHz. The loading resistance on each output, R_{LOM} (single-ended), should be larger than 300 Ω to assure full gain. The gain is reduced by $20 \cdot \log_{10}(1 + 65\Omega/R_{LOAD})$ in dB when the output port is terminated by R_{LOAD} . For instance, the gain is reduced by 7.23dB when each output pin is connected to a 50Ω load (or 100Ω differentially). The output should be taken differentially (or by using differential-to-singleended conversion) for best RF performance, including NF and IM2.

The phase relationship between the I-channel output signal and the Q-channel output signal is fixed. When the LO input frequency is larger (or smaller) than the RF input frequency, the Q-channel outputs $(Q_{\text{OUT}}^+, Q_{\text{OUT}}^-)$ lead (or lag) the I-channel outputs $(I_{\text{OUT}}^+, I_{\text{OUT}}^-)$ by 90°.

When AC output coupling is used, the resulting highpass filter's -3 dB roll-off frequency is defined by the RC constant of the blocking capacitor and R_{LOM} , assuming $R_{\text{LOAD}} >> 65\Omega$.

Figure 8. I/Q Output Equivalent Circuit

Care should be taken when the demodulator's outputs are DC-coupled to the external load to make sure that the I/Q mixers are biased properly. If the current drain from the outputs exceeds 6mA, there can be significant degradation of the linearity performance. Each output can sink no more than 16.8mA when the outputs are connected to an external load with a DC voltage higher than V_{CC} – 1.1V. The I/Q output equivalent circuit is shown in Figure 8.

In order to achieve best IIP2 performance, it is important to minimize high frequency coupling among the baseband outputs, RF port and LO port. For a multilayer PCB layout design, the metal lines of the baseband outputs should be placed on the backside of the PCB as shown in Figures 2 and 3. Typically, output shunt capacitors C1-C4 are not required for the application near 1900MHz. However, for other frequency bands, these capacitors can be optimized for best IIP2 performance. For example, when the operating frequency is 900MHz, the IIP2 can be improved to 54dBm or better when 10pF shunt capacitors are placed at each output.

Enable Interface

A simplified schematic of the EN pin is shown in Figure 9. The enable voltage necessary to turn on the LT5575 is 2V. To disable or turn off the chip, this voltage should be below 1V. If the EN pin is not connected, the chip is disabled. However, it is not recommended that the pin be left floating for normal operation.

It is important that the voltage applied to the EN pin should never exceed V_{CC} by more than 0.3V. Otherwise, the supply current may be sourced through the upper ESD protection diode connected at the EN pin. Under no circumstances should voltage be applied to the EN pin before the supply voltage is applied to the V_{CC} pin. If this occurs, damage to the IC may result.

Figure 9. Enable Pin Simplified Circuit

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

RECOMMENDED SOLDER PAD PITCH AND DIMENSIONS

UF Package 16-Lead Plastic QFN (4mm × 4mm) (Reference LTC DWG # 05-08-1692)

NOTE:

1. DRAWING CONFORMS TO JEDEC PACKAGE OUTLINE MO-220 VARIATION (WGGC)

2. DRAWING NOT TO SCALE

3. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS

4. DIMENSIONS OF EXPOSED PAD ON BOTTOM OF PACKAGE DO NOT INCLUDE

 MOLD FLASH. MOLD FLASH, IF PRESENT, SHALL NOT EXCEED 0.15mm ON ANY SIDE 5. EXPOSED PAD SHALL BE SOLDER PLATED

6. SHADED AREA IS ONLY A REFERENCE FOR PIN 1 LOCATION

ON THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF PACKAGE

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