

Optocoupler Amplifier Wiring Method



Article Overview

An optocoupler amplifier is wired by connecting the input LED through a current-limiting resistor, using a photodiode or phototransistor on the output side with feedback for linearity, and ensuring separate power supplies for input and output to maintain galvanic isolation.

Basic Wiring Principles

- Input Side (LED)
 - Connect the input signal to the LED through a current-limiting resistor to set the proper forward current (I_F) for the LED. This ensures the LED emits light proportional to the input voltage or current without exceeding its ratings .
 - The input circuit is electrically isolated from the output, so it can have a separate power supply.
- Output Side (Photodetector)
 - Use a phototransistor or photodiode to detect the LED light. The phototransistor is typically connected in a common-emitter configuration with a load resistor to convert the photocurrent into a voltage signal .
 - For linear analog applications, a photodiode in photoconductive mode is preferred, often paired with an operational amplifier to maintain linearity and gain stability .
- Feedback for Linear Amplification
 - High-precision optocouplers like IL300 or HCNR201 include a servo photodiode that monitors LED output and feeds back to the input op-amp. This feedback loop linearizes the LED-photodiode response and compensates for temperature or LED efficiency variations

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The circuit of Arduino and optocoupler interfacing is shown in figure 2. It is built around Arduino NANO, MCT2E

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Optocoupler Tutorial Optocouplers, also known as opto-isolators, uses infrared light to transfer electrical signals

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