

#### <span id="page-0-0"></span>**FEATURES**

**Ultrafast symmetric multiplier Function:**  $V_W = \alpha \times (V_X \times V_Y)/1$   $V + V_Z$ **Unique design ensures absolute XY-symmetry Identical X and Y amplitude/timing responses Adjustable gain scaling, α DC-coupled throughout, 3 dB bandwidth of 2 GHz Fully differential inputs, may be used single ended Low noise, high linearity Accurate, temperature stable gain scaling Single-supply operation (4.5 V to 5.5 V at 130 mA) Low current power-down mode 16-lead LFCSP**

#### <span id="page-0-1"></span>**APPLICATIONS**

**Wideband multiplication and summing High frequency analog modulation Adaptive antennas (diversity/phased array) Square-law detectors and true rms detectors Accurate polynomial function synthesis DC capable VGA with very fast control**

#### <span id="page-0-3"></span>**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The ADL5391 draws on three decades of experience in advanced analog multiplier products. It provides the same general mathematical function that has been field proven to provide an exceptional degree of versatility in function synthesis.

 $V_W = \alpha \times (V_X \times V_Y)/1$  V +  $V_Z$ 

The most significant advance in the ADL5391 is the use of a new multiplier core architecture, which differs markedly from the conventional form that has been in use since 1970. The conventional structure that employs a current mode, translinear core is fundamentally asymmetric with respect to the X and Y inputs, leading to relative amplitude and timing misalignments that are problematic at high frequencies. The new multiplier core eliminates these misalignments by offering symmetric signal paths for both X and Y inputs. The Z input allows a signal to be added directly to the output. This can be used to cancel a carrier or to apply a static offset voltage.

The fully differential X, Y, and Z input interfaces are operational over a  $\pm 2$  V range, and they can be used in single-ended fashion. The user can apply a common mode at these inputs to vary from the internally set V<sub>POS</sub>/2 down to ground. If these inputs

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#### **FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM**

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are ac-coupled, their nominal voltage will be VPOS/2. These input interfaces each present a differential 500  $\Omega$  input impedance up to approximately 700 MHz, decreasing to 50  $\Omega$  at 2 GHz. The gain scaling input, GADJ, can be used for fine adjustment of the gain scaling constant  $(a)$  about unity.

The differential output can swing  $\pm 2$  V about the V<sub>POS</sub>/2 common-mode and can be taken in a single-ended fashion as well. The output common mode is designed to interface directly to the inputs of another ADL5391. Light dc loads can be ground referenced; however, ac-coupling of the outputs is recommended for heavy loads.

The ENBL pin allows the ADL5391 to be disabled quickly to a standby mode. It operates off supply voltages from 4.5 V to 5.5 V while consuming approximately 130 mA.

The ADL5391 is fabricated on Analog Devices, Inc. proprietary, high performance, 65 GHz, SOI complementary, SiGe bipolar IC process. It is available in a 16-lead, RoHS compliant, LFCSP and operates over a −40°C to +85°C temperature range. Evaluation boards are available.

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## <span id="page-3-0"></span>**SPECIFICATIONS**

 $V_{POS}$  = 5 V, T<sub>A</sub> = 25°C, Z<sub>L</sub> = 50  $\Omega$  differential, ZPLS = ZMNS = open, GADJ = open, unless otherwise noted. Transfer function: W = XY/ 1 V + Z, common mode internally set to 2.5 V nominal.





### <span id="page-5-0"></span>ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

#### **Table 2.**



Stresses at or above those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the product. This is a stress rating only; functional operation of the product at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational section of this specification is not implied. Operation beyond the maximum operating conditions for extended periods may affect product reliability.

### <span id="page-5-1"></span>**ESD CAUTION**



ESD (electrostatic discharge) sensitive device. Charged devices and circuit boards can discharge without detection. Although this product features patented or proprietary protection circuitry, damage may occur on devices subjected to high energy ESD. Therefore, proper ESD precautions should be taken to avoid performance degradation or loss of functionality.

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## <span id="page-6-0"></span>PIN CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION DESCRIPTIONS



#### **Table 3. Pin Function Descriptions**



## <span id="page-7-0"></span>TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

GADJ = open.



Figure 3. Full Range DC Cross Plots



Figure 4. Magnified DC Cross Plots

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<span id="page-7-3"></span>Figure 6. Gain and Phase vs. Frequency of X Swept and Y = 1 V, Z = 0 V,  $P_{IN} = 0$  dBm



<span id="page-7-4"></span>Figure 7. Gain and Phase vs. Frequency of Z Inputs,  $X = 0$  V,  $Y = 0$  V,  $P_{IN} = 0$  dBm



Figure 8. Large Signal Pulse Response













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### <span id="page-10-0"></span>THEORY OF OPERATION

### <span id="page-10-1"></span>**BASIC THEORY**

The multiplication of two analog variables is a fundamental signal processing function that has been around for decades. By convention, the desired transfer function is given by

 $W = \alpha XY/U + Z$  (1)

where:

X and Y are the multiplicands. U is the multiplier scaling factor.  $\alpha$  is the multiplier gain. W is the product output. Z is a summing input.

All the variables and the scaling factor have the dimension of volts.

In the past, analog multipliers, such as the [AD835,](http://www.analog.com/AD935) were implemented almost exclusively with a Gilbert Cell topology or a close derivative. The inherently asymmetric signal paths for X and Y inevitably create amplitude and delay imbalances between X and Y. In the ADL5391, the novel multiplier core provides absolute symmetry between X and Y, minimizing scaling and phasing differences inherent in the Gilbert Cell.

The simplified block diagram of the ADL5391 shows a main multiplier cell that receives inputs X and Y and a second multiplier cell in the feedback path around an integrating buffer. The inputs to this feedback multiplier are the difference of the output signal and the summing input, W − Z, and the internal scaling reference, U. At dc, the integrating buffer ensures that the output of both multipliers is exactly 0, therefore

$$
(W - Z)xU = XY, \text{ or } W = XY/U + Z \tag{2}
$$

By using a feedback multiplier that is identical to the main multiplier, the scaling is traced back solely to U, which is an accurate reference generated on-chip. As is apparent in Equation 2, noise, drift, or distortion that is common to both multipliers is rejected to first-order because the feedback multiplier essentially compensates the impairments generated in the main multiplier.

The scaling factor, U, is fixed by design to 1.12 V. However, the multiplier gain, α, can be adjusted by driving the GADJ pin with a voltage ranging from 0 V to 2 V. If left floating, then  $\alpha = 1$  or 0 dB, and the overall scaling is simply  $U = 1$  V. For VGADJ = 0 V, the gain is lowered by approximately 4 dB; for VGADJ = 2 V, the gain is raised by approximately 6 dB[. Figure 5 s](#page-7-1)hows the relationship between α(V/V) and VGADJ.

The small-signal bandwidth from the inputs X, Y, and Z to the output W is a single-pole response. The pole is inversely proportional to  $\alpha$ . For  $\alpha = 1$  (GADJ floating), the bandwidth is about 2 GHz; for  $\alpha > 1$ , the bandwidth is reduced; and for  $\alpha < 1$ , the bandwidth is increased.

All input ports, X, Y, and Z, are differential and internally biased to midsupply,  $V_{POS}/2$ . The differential input impedance is 500  $\Omega$  up to 100 MHz, rolling off to 50  $\Omega$  at 2 GHz. All inputs can be driven in single-ended fashion and can be ac-coupled. In dc-coupled operation, the inputs can be biased to a common mode that is lower than  $V_{\text{POS}}/2$ . The bias current flowing out of the input pins to accommodate the lower common mode is subtracted from the 50 mA total available from the internal reference V<sub>POS</sub>/2 at the VREF pin. Each input pin presents an equivalent 250  $\Omega$  dc resistance to V<sub>POS</sub>/2. If all six input pins sit 1 V below V<sub>POS</sub>/2, a total of  $6 \times 1$  V/250  $\Omega = 24$  mA must flow internally from VREF to the input pins.

#### **Calibration**

The dc offset of the ADL5391 is approximately 20 mV but changes over temperature and has variation from part to part (see [Figure 4\)](#page-7-2). It is generally not of concern unless the ADL5391 is operated down to dc (close to the point  $X = 0$  V or  $Y = 0$  V), where 0 V is expected on the output ( $W = 0$  V). For example, when the ADL5391 is used as a VGA and a large amount of attenuation is needed, the maximum attenuation is determined by the input dc offset.

Applying the proper voltage on the Z input removes the W offset. Calibration can be accomplished by making the appropriate cross plots and adjusting the Z input to remove the offset.

Additionally, gain scaling can be adjusted by applying a dc voltage to the GADJ pin, as shown in [Figure 5.](#page-7-1)

### <span id="page-10-2"></span>**BASIC CONNECTIONS Multiplier Connections**

The best ADL5391 performance is achieved when the X, Y, and Z inputs and W output are driven differentially; however, they can be driven single-ended. Single-ended-to-differential transformations (or differential-to-single-ended transformations) can be done using a balun or active components, such as the [AD8313,](http://www.analog.com/AD8313) th[e AD8132](http://www.analog.com/AD8132) (both with operation down to dc), or the [AD8352](http://www.analog.com/AD8352) (for higher drive capability). If using the ADL5391 single-ended without ac coupling capacitors, the reference voltage of 2.5 V needs to be taken into account. Voltages above 2.5 V are positive voltages and voltages below 2.5 V are negative voltages. Care needs to be taken not to load the ADL5391 too heavily, the maximum reference current available is 50 mA.

#### **Matching the Input/Output**

The input and output impedances of the ADL5391 change over frequency, making it difficult to match over a broad frequency range (see [Figure](#page-9-0) 15 and [Figure](#page-9-1) 16). The evaluation board is matched for lower frequency operation, and the impedance change at higher frequencies causes the change in gain seen in [Figure](#page-7-3) 6. If desired, the user of the ADL5391 can design a matching network to fit their application.

#### **Wideband Voltage-Controlled Amplifier/Amplitude Modulator**

Most of the data for the ADL5391 was collected by using it as a fast reacting analog VGA. Either X or Y inputs can be used for the RF input (and the other as the very fast analog control), because either input can be used from dc to 2 GHz. There is a linear relationship between the analog control and the output of the multiplier in the VGA mode. [Figure 6](#page-7-3) an[d Figure 7 s](#page-7-4)how the dynamic range available in VGA mode (without optimizing the dc offsets).

The speed of the ADL5391 in VGA mode allows it to be used as an amplitude modulator. Either or both inputs can have modulation or CW applied. AM modulation is achieved by feeding CW into X (or Y) and adding AM modulation to the Y (or X) input.

#### <span id="page-11-1"></span>**Squaring and Frequency Doubling**

Amplitude domain squaring of an input signal, E, is achieved simply by connecting the X and Y inputs in parallel to produce an output of  $E^2$ . The input can be single-ended, differential, or through a balun (frequency range and dynamic range can be limited if used single ended).

When the input is a sine wave  $E\sin(\omega t)$ , a signal squarer behaves as a frequency doubler, because

$$
[E\sin(\omega t)]^2 = \frac{E^2}{2}(1 - \cos(2\omega t))
$$
\n(3)

Ideally, when used for squaring and frequency doubling, there is no component of the original signals on the output. Because of internal offsets, this is not the case. If Equation 3 were rewritten to include theses offsets, it could separate into three output terms (Equation 4).

$$
[E\sin(\omega t) + OFST] \times [E\sin(\omega t) + OFST] =
$$
  

$$
\frac{E^2}{2} [\cos(2\omega t)] + 2E\sin(\omega t) OFST + \left( OFST^2 + \frac{E^2}{2} \right)
$$
 (4)

where:

The dc component is  $OFST^2 + E^2/2$ . The input signal bleedthrough is 2Esin(ωt)OFST. The input squared is  $E^2/2$ [cos(2 $\omega t$ )].

The dc component of the output is related to the square of both the offset (OFST) and the signal input amplitude (E). The offset can be found i[n Figure 4 a](#page-7-2)nd is approximately 20 mV. The

second harmonic output grows with the square of the input amplitude, and the signal bleedthrough grows proportionally with the input signal. For smaller signal amplitudes, the signal bleedthrough can be higher than the second harmonic component. As the input amplitude increases, the second harmonic component grows much faster than the signal bleedthrough and becomes the dominant signal at the output. If the X and Y inputs are driven too hard, third harmonic components will also increase.

For best performance creating harmonics, the ADL5391 should be driven differentially. [Figure 17](#page-11-0) shows the performance of the ADL5391 when used as a harmonic generator (the evaluation board was used with R9 and R10 removed and R2 = 56.2  $\Omega$ ). If dc operation is necessary, the ADL5391 can be driven single ended (without the dc blocks). The flatness of the response over a broad frequency range depends on the input/output match. The fundamental bleed through not only depends on the amount of power put into the device but also depends on matching the unused differential input/output to the same impedance as the used input/output[. Figure 18](#page-12-0) shows the performance of the ADL5391 when driven single ended (without ac coupling capacitors), and [Figure 19](#page-12-1) shows the schematic of the setup. A resistive input/output match were used to match the input from dc to 1 GHz and the output from dc to 2 GHz. Reactive matching can be used for more narrow frequency ranges. When matching the input/output of the ADL5391, care needs to be taken not to load the ADL5391 too heavily; the maximum reference current available is 50 mA.



<span id="page-11-0"></span>Figure 17. ADL5391 Used as a Harmonic Generator



<span id="page-12-0"></span>Figure 18. Single-Ended (DC) ADL5391 Used as a Harmonic Generator



Figure 19. Setup for Single-Ended Data

#### <span id="page-12-1"></span>**Use as a Detector**

The ADL5391 can be used as a square law detector. When amplitude squaring is performed, there are components of the multiplier output that correlate to the signal bleedthrough and second harmonic, as seen in Equation 4. However, as noted in the [Squaring and Frequency Doubling](#page-11-1) section, there is also a dc component that is directly related to the offset and the squared input magnitude. If a signal is split and feed into the X and Y inputs and a low-pass filter were place on the output, the resulting dc signal would be directly related to the square of the input magnitude. The intercept of the response will shift slightly from part to part (and over temperature) with the offset, but this can

be removed through calibration[. Figure 20](#page-12-2) shows the response of the ADL5391 as a square law detector[, Figure 21](#page-12-3) shows the error vs. the input power, and [Figure 22 s](#page-12-4)hows the configuration used.



<span id="page-12-2"></span>Figure 20. ADL5391 Used as Square Law Detector DC Output vs. Square of Input



<span id="page-12-3"></span>Figure 21. ADL5391Used as a Square Law Detector Error vs. Power Input

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Figure 22. Schematic for ADL5391 Used as Square Law Detector

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Figure 23. ADL5391-EVALZ Evaluation Board Schematic



Figure 24. Component Side Metal of Evaluation Board



Figure 25. Component Side Silkscreen of Evaluation Board

### **Table 4. Evaluation Board Configuration Options**



## <span id="page-15-0"></span>OUTLINE DIMENSIONS



#### <span id="page-15-1"></span>**ORDERING GUIDE**



 $1 Z =$  RoHS Compliant part.



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