

Preparing for Integrated Circuit (IC) Design Technical Interviews

50 Questions to Sharpen Your Circuit Intuition

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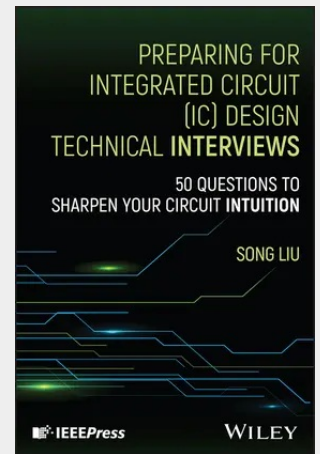
- Four appendices covering device equations, circuit theorems, s-domain analysis for readers without a control system background, and circuit analysis examples to sharpen fundamental skills
- Comprehensive coverage spanning analog, mixed-signal, and digital domains representing the major portion of IC design interview content
- Detailed treatment of switched-capacitor circuits, comparators, and switched inductor-circuits in the context of discrete-time analog applications such as data converters and power ICs
- Analysis of phase lock loops and digital phase frequency detectors from the analog designer's perspective for mixed-signal positions
- Practical circuit layout guidance addressing a critical but frequently overlooked component of technical interview preparation

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