

Question 1

For a two-stage Miller OTA, assume all transistors are biased in WI and $V_{star} = 2'n^*VT$. If bias currents are halved (i.e., multiplied by 0.5) without changing the transistor sizing, the PM is multiplied by

Hint: The PM is determined by the relation between ω_u and ω_{p2} .

$$\begin{aligned} \because PM &\propto \frac{\omega_{p2}}{\omega_u} \rightarrow PM \propto \frac{g_{m6}}{g_{m1}} \\ \text{For WI, } \frac{g_m}{I_D} &\text{ saturates} \rightarrow I_D \times \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow g_m \times \frac{1}{2} \\ \therefore \frac{\omega_{p2}}{\omega_u} \times 1 &\rightarrow PM \times 1 \end{aligned}$$

Question 2

For a two-stage Miller OTA, assume $C_c = C_L$ and all transistors are biased at the same V^* . If critical damped response is desired and the tail current source of the first stage is 100 μA , then the bias current of the second stage should be around μA .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For critical damped response, } \omega_{p2} &= 4\omega_u \rightarrow \frac{g_{m6}}{C_c} = 4 \frac{g_{m1}}{C_L} \\ \text{If } C_c = C_L \text{ and } V^* \text{ are the same, } \frac{g_{m6}}{I_D} &= \frac{g_{m1}}{I_D} \rightarrow \frac{g_{m1}}{50\mu} = 4 \frac{g_{m1}}{I_{D2}} \\ \therefore I_{D2} &= 4 \times 50\mu = 200\mu A \end{aligned}$$

Question 3

For a two-stage Miller OTA, assume all transistors are biased in SI and the long-channel model (square-law) is valid. If bias currents are halved (i.e., multiplied by 0.5) without changing the transistor sizing, the PM is multiplied by

Hint: The PM is determined by the relation between ω_u and ω_{p2} .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If square law is valid, } I_D \times \frac{1}{2} &\rightarrow g_m \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \therefore \frac{g_{m6}}{g_{m1}} \times 1 &\rightarrow PM \times 1 \end{aligned}$$

Question 4

For a two-stage Miller OTA, increasing _____ always improves the PM.

$$\begin{aligned} \because PM &\propto \frac{\omega_{p2}}{\omega_u} \rightarrow PM \propto \frac{g_{m6}}{g_{m1}} \\ \therefore g_{m6} \uparrow &\rightarrow PM \uparrow \end{aligned}$$

g_{m1} of second stage

Question 5

For a two-stage Miller OTA, assume all transistors are biased in SI and the long-channel model (square-law) is valid. If bias currents are halved (i.e., multiplied by 0.5) without changing the transistor sizing, the GBW is multiplied by

Note: Write a numerical answer with three significant digits.

$$\begin{aligned} GBW &= \frac{g_{m1}}{C_c} \\ \text{If square law is valid, } I_D \times \frac{1}{2} &\rightarrow g_m \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \therefore GBW \times 0.707 \end{aligned}$$

Question 6

For a two-stage Miller OTA, a good design practice is to place the feedforward zero at a frequency

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Question 7

For a two-stage Miller OTA, assume all transistors are biased in WI and $V_{star} = 2 \cdot n \cdot V_T$. If bias currents are halved (i.e., multiplied by 0.5) without changing the transistor sizing, the DC gain is multiplied by

$$A_v = G_m R_{out} = A_{v1} \cdot A_{v2}$$

for WI: $\frac{g_m}{I_D}$ Saturate: $I_D \propto \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow g_m \propto \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow R_{out} \propto 2$
 $\therefore A_v \propto 1$

Question 8

For a two-stage Miller OTA, assume all transistors are biased in WI and $V_{star} = 2 \cdot n \cdot V_T$. If bias currents are halved (i.e., multiplied by 0.5) without changing the transistor sizing, the GBW is multiplied by

$$GBW = \frac{g_{m1}}{2\pi C_c} \rightarrow \text{for WI: } I_D \propto \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow g_m \propto \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore GBW \propto \frac{1}{2}$$

Question 9

For a two-stage Miller OTA, assume all transistors are biased in SI and the long-channel model (square-law) is valid. If bias currents are halved (i.e., multiplied by 0.5) without changing the transistor sizing, the DC gain is multiplied by

$$A_v = G_m R_{out} \rightarrow \text{if Square Law Valid: } I_D \propto \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore g_m \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow R_{out} \propto 2$$

$$\therefore A_v \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow A_v \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow A_v \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Question 10

For a two-stage Miller OTA, if $C_L = 2 \text{ pF}$, then a reasonable value for C_c can be

3 pF