# Network Analysis and Synthesis Chapter 7: Filters Types and Specifications

# Chapter 7: Filters

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## 7. I. Introduction

- Filters are frequency selective electric networks.
- In other words, a filter is required to separate unwanted signal from a mixture of unwanted and wanted signals.
- Qualitatively, the tr. ch. of a filter is shaped so that the ratio of unwanted to wanted signal at the o/p of the filter is minimized.
- Filter tr. ch. are usually given in terms of filter specs.
- The filter spec. are then given in terms of cut-off, pass-band and stop-band frequency.

## 7.1. Introduction ...

- Pass-band: the frequency band of wanted signals.
- Stop-band: the frequency band of unwanted signals.
- Cut-off frequency: -
  - associated with the boundary b/n stop band and an adjacent pass-band.
  - Freq. at which the o/p is 0.707 times the max. value in the pass band.
- Electric filters are ubiquitous and modern electronic devices do employ and electric filter.
- Filters have many practical applications.
  - A simple, single-pole, LPF (the integrator) is often used to stabilize amplifiers by rolling off the gain at higher frequencies where excessive phase shift may cause oscillations.
  - A simple, single-pole, HPF can be used to block dc offset in high gain amplifiers or single supply circuits.

## 7.1. Introduction ...

- Filters can be used to separate signals, passing those of interest, and attenuating the unwanted frequencies.
  - An example of this is a radio receiver, where the signal you wish to process is passed through, typically with gain, while attenuating the rest of the signals.
  - In data conversion, filters are also used to eliminate the effects of aliases in A/D systems.
  - They are used in reconstruction of the signal at the output of a D/A as well, eliminating the higher frequency components, such as the sampling frequency and its harmonics, thus smoothing the waveform.

## 7.1. Introduction ....

- According to their pass-band and stop-band frequencies, filters are categorized as:
  - Low pass filters (LPF)
  - Band pass filters (BPF)
  - High pass filters (HPF)
  - Band reject filters (BRF)

## 7.1. Introduction ...

- An ideal filter
  - should pass wanted signals with no attenuation and
  - provide infinite attenuation for unwanted signals.
- The attenuation of a filter is determined by the i/p to o/p voltage ratio,  $\frac{V_2(s)}{V_1(s)}$ , called the filter gain, at pass-band and stop-band frequencies.
- This filter gain is usually given in terms of attenuation.

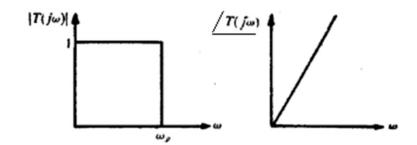
$$\alpha(w) = -20 \log \left| \frac{V_2(j\omega)}{V_1(j\omega)} \right|$$

• Two important attenuation values are the maximum passband attenuation,  $\alpha_p$ , and the minimum stop-band attenuation,  $\alpha_s$ .

#### 7.2.1. Low pass filters

- A LPF passes low frequency signals but attenuates signals with frequencies higher than the cutoff frequency.
- The magnitude and phase of an ideal low pass filter is

$$|T(j\omega)| = \begin{cases} 1 & |\omega| \le \omega_p \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

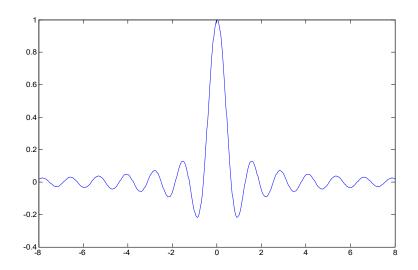


 $ullet \omega_p$  is the pass band frequency.

#### 7.2.1. Low pass filters ...

The impulse response of the ideal filter is

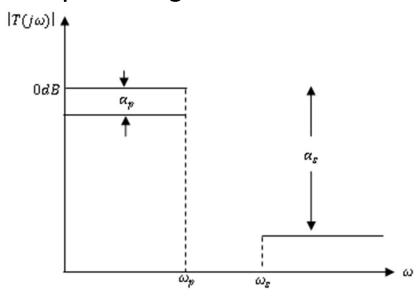
$$h(t) = \frac{\sin t}{t}$$



- We see this impulse response is not causal and unrealizable.
- According to the Paley-Wiener criterion, a band limited frequency response leads to non-causal impulse response.

#### 7.2.1. Low pass filters ...

To circumvent this limitation, filter specs are given as follows



- $\omega_p \to PB$  edge freq.
- $\omega_s \to SB \ edge$  freq.
- $\omega_p < \omega < \omega_s \rightarrow transtion band$
- $\alpha_p \rightarrow Maximum PB$  attenuation in dB
- $\alpha_s \rightarrow Minimum SB$  attenuation in dB

#### 7.2.1. Low pass filters ...

That is,

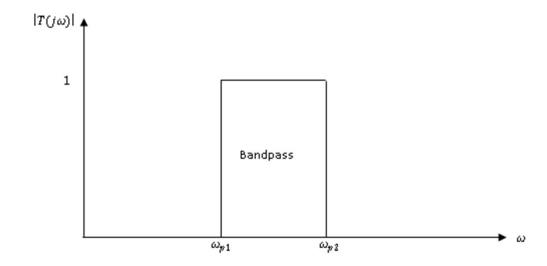
$$\alpha \leq \alpha_p, \qquad \omega \leq \omega_p$$
 $\alpha \geq \alpha_s, \qquad \omega \geq \omega_s$ 

where  $\alpha$  is attenuation of filter in dB

#### In words:

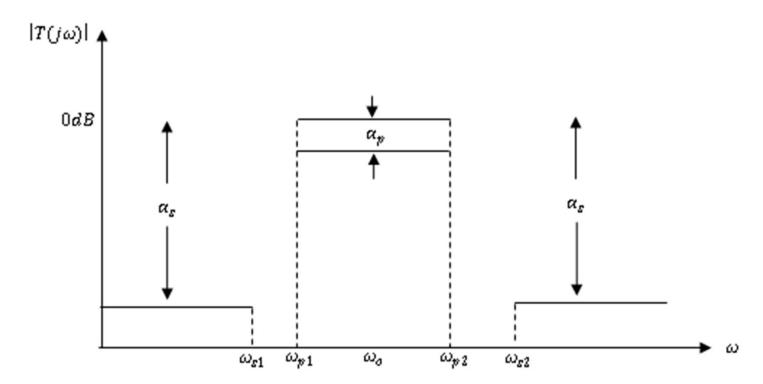
- The attenuation should be less than  $\alpha_p$  in the PB.
- The attenuation should be greater than  $\alpha_s$  in the SB.
- The attenuation can be anything in the transition band.

- 7.2.2. Band pass filters
- A **BPF** passes signals of frequencies within a certain range and rejects (attenuates) frequencies outside that range.
- It passes signals between two cutoff frequencies but attenuates (reduces the amplitude of) the rest.
- The ideal spec



#### 7.2.2. Band pass filters ...

- Again this ideal BPF is not realizable.
- A realizable BPF spec is:



#### 7.2.2. Band pass filters ...

where

 $\omega_{p1}, \omega_{p2}$  are the cutoff frequencies

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\omega_{p1}\omega_{p2}}$$
 is the center frequency

 $\omega_{s1}, \omega_{s2}$  are the lower and upper stop - band frequencies

$$\alpha \le \alpha_p$$
  $\omega_{p1} \le \omega \le \omega_{p2}$ 

$$\alpha \ge \alpha_s$$
  $\omega \le \omega_{s1}$  or  $\omega \ge \omega_{s2}$ 

$$BW = \omega_{p2} - \omega_{p1}$$

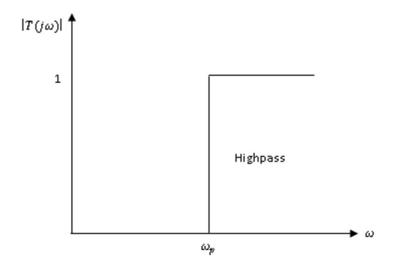
• For a geometrically symmetric BPF, the following eqn is satisfied.

$$\frac{\omega_{s1}}{\omega_{p1}} = \frac{\omega_{p2}}{\omega_{s2}}$$

Hence

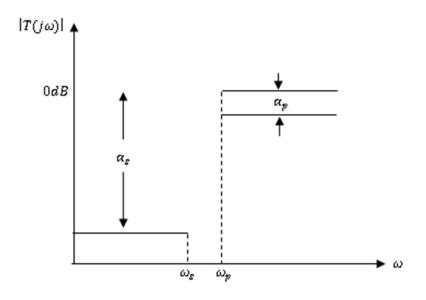
$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\omega_{p1}\omega_{p2}} = \sqrt{\omega_{s1}\omega_{s2}}$$

- 7.2.3. High pass filters
- A HPF that passes HF signals but attenuates signals with frequencies lower than the cutoff frequency.
- An ideal HPF has the following ch.



This is not realizable frequency response however.

- 7.2.3. High pass filters ...
- A realizable HPF spec is given as follows:



where

 $\omega_s$  is the SB frequency

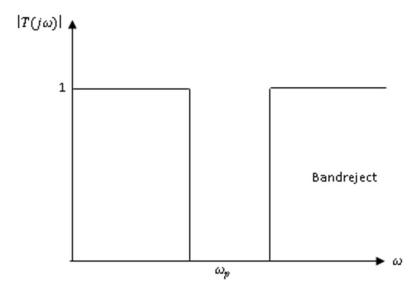
 $\omega_{\mathrm{p}}$  is the cutoff frequency

$$\alpha \le \alpha_p \qquad \omega \ge \omega_p$$

$$\alpha \geq \alpha_s \qquad \omega \leq \omega_s$$

#### 7.2.4. Band reject filters

- BRFs are the exact opposite of BPF.
- They attenuate signals b/n two freq. ranges but pass the rest.



They can be obtained by the following equation

$$T_{BR}(s) = 1 - T_{BP}(s)$$

 $T_{BR}(s)$  is the transfer function of band reject

 $T_{BP}(s)$  is the transfer function of band pass

# 7.3. Frequency transformation

- Most of the widely used passive filter design and synthesis techniques (discussed in next ch) are applicable for LPFs only.
- Frequency transformation is used to synthesize BP, HP and BR filters.

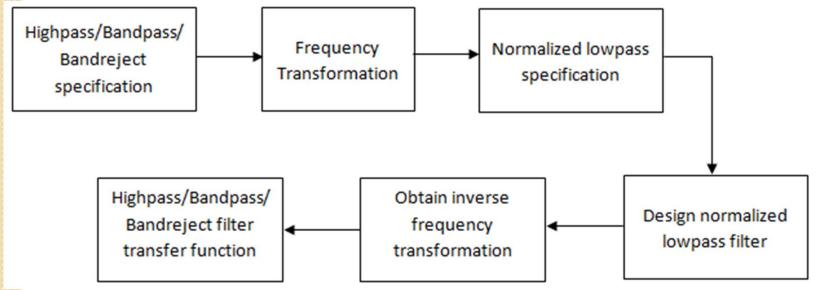


Figure: Frequency transformation

## 7.3. Frequency transformation ...

#### By FT we mean:

- I. Transform the given filter spec. to normalized LPF spec.
- 2. Obtain the normalized LPF tr. function using modern filter synthesis methods.
- 3. Transform the LPF tr. fn back to the required type of filter.
- 4. Synthesize the filter.

Note: Steps 3 and 4 can be exchanged by synthesizing the normalized LPF and then transforming the synthesized network back to the desired filter

## 7.3.1. Highpass to lowpass

- The HPF tr. fn. is converted to LPF by scaling the tr. fn. by 1/s.
- In practice, this amounts to C's becoming L's with value I/C and L's becoming C's with a value of I/L.
- To convert it to normalized LPF, the cutoff frequency is introduced.
- This leads to the following transformation equation.

$$S_n = \frac{\omega_0}{S}$$

 $s_n$  is the normalize low - pass filter variable

s is the high pass filter

 $\omega_0$  is the cutoff frequency of the high pass filter

## 7.3.1. Highpass to lowpass ...

Note that in this transformation:

$$\lim_{s\to 0} s_n = \infty$$

$$\lim_{s\to \infty} s_n = 0$$

$$\lim_{s\to \pm j\omega_0} s_n = \mp 1$$

That is, the frequency range [ω<sub>p</sub>,∞] is transformed to [0,1].
 Therefore, in this frequency range the filter is a LPF.

#### Procedure for designing HPF

- $\circ$  Transform the given spec. to normalized LPF spec. with  $\omega_n = \frac{\omega_0}{\omega}$
- Design the normalized LPF with the appropriate method
- Transform the obtained normalized LPF tr. fn back to HPF with

$$s_n = \frac{\omega_0}{s}$$

## 7.3.2. BP to LP Frequency Transformation

- The FT from BP to LP tr.fn is a little more complicated.
- The FT from BP to LP is given by the following formula.

$$s_n = \frac{\omega_0}{BW} \left( \frac{s}{\omega_0} + \frac{\omega_0}{s} \right)$$

 $s_n$  is the normalized LPF freq. variable

s is the BPF freq. variable

 $\omega_0$  is the center frequency of the BPF

BW is the band width of the BPF

$$BW = \omega_{p2} - \omega_{p1}$$

Note that in this transformation,

$$\lim_{s\to 0} s_n = \infty$$

$$\lim_{s\to \infty} s_n = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{s\to \omega_0} s_n = 0$$

$$\lim_{s\to \omega_{p_1}} s_n = -1$$

$$\lim_{s\to \omega_{p_2}} s_n = 1$$

### 7.3.2. BP to LP Freq. Transformation ...

- This means the frequency range  $[\omega_{pl}, \omega_{p2}]$  in the BP is transformed to [-1, 1] in the normalized LP.
- That is the frequency range  $[\omega_o, \omega_{p2}]$  is transformed to [0, 1], which is a LPF spec.

#### Procedure for designing BPF

Transform the given spec. to normalized LPF spec. with

$$\omega_n = -\frac{1}{BW} \frac{{\omega_0}^2 - \omega^2}{\omega}$$

- Design the normalized LPF with the appropriate method.
- Transform the obtained normalized LPF tr. fn back to BPF with

$$S_n = \frac{1}{BW} \frac{S^2 + \omega_0^2}{S}$$

## 7.3.3. Band reject to low pass FT

The FT from BRF to normalized LPF is given by the formula:

$$S_n = \frac{S}{\omega_0^2 + S^2}$$

 $s_n$  is the normalized LPF freq. variable

s is the BRF freq variable

 $\omega_0$  is the center frequency of the BRF

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\omega_1 \omega_2}$$

#### Procedure for designing BPF

Transform the given spec. to normalized LPF spec. with

$$\omega_n = \frac{\omega}{{\omega_0}^2 - \omega^2}$$

- Design the normalized LPF with the appropriate method
- Transform the obtained normalized LPF tr. fn back to BPF with

$$S_n = \frac{S}{\omega_0^2 + S^2}$$

## 7.3.3. Band reject to low pass FT ...

#### Add Example

If steps 3 and 4 were interchanged, the following element substitutions can be used to transform the synthesized normalized LP network to the required type of filter.

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Lowpass	Highpass	Bandreject	Bandpass
Ln	1/(w <sub>o</sub> *BW)	Ln*BW/w <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> 1/(Ln*BW)	L=Ln/BW BW/(Ln*w <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> )
 Cn	1/w <sub>o</sub> C <sub>n</sub>	C <sub>n</sub> BW Cn/(BW*w <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> )	BW/(Cn*w <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> )  Cn/BW

Exercise: Derive the above element substitution formulas.