

# Phase Margin

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An amplifier has a dc gain of  $10^5$  and poles at  $10^5$  Hz,  $3.16 \times 10^5$  Hz and  $10^6$  Hz. Find the value of  $H$ , and the corresponding closed-loop gain, for which a phase margin of  $45^\circ$  is obtained.

1. Find  $G(s)$ .

**Solution:** For a 3-pole amplifier open loop transfer function is

$$G(s) = \frac{G_0}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{p_1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{p_2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{p_3}\right)} \quad (1.1)$$

where the Gain and Poles are listed in Table 1. Thus,

Parameters	Value
$p_1$	$2\pi \times 10^5$ rad/sec
$p_2$	$2\pi(3.16 \times 10^5)$ rad/sec
$p_3$	$2\pi \times 10^6$ rad/sec
$G_0$	$10^5$

TABLE 1

$$G(f) = \frac{G_0}{\left(1 + j\frac{f}{f_1}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{f_2}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{f_3}\right)} \quad (1.2)$$

$$= \frac{10^5}{\left(1 + j\frac{f}{10^5}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{3.16 \times 10^5}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{10^6}\right)} \quad (1.3)$$

2. Given that  $PM = 45^\circ$ , find the crossover frequency  $f_c$ .

Let  $L(s) = G(s)H$  be the loop gain. Then

$$PM = 180^\circ - \angle L(f_c) \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$|L(f_c)| = 1 \quad (2.2)$$

From (2.1),

$$\angle L(f_c) = -135^\circ \quad (2.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow -135^\circ &= -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{f_c}{10^5}\right) \\ &\quad - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{f_c}{3.16 \times 10^5}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{f_c}{10^6}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

$$\text{or, } f_c = 315 \text{ kHz.} \quad (2.5)$$

3. Verify your result using a Bode plot.

**Solution:** The following code is used to verify the value of  $f_c$  Fig. 3

codes/ee18btech11016/ee18btech11016\_1.py

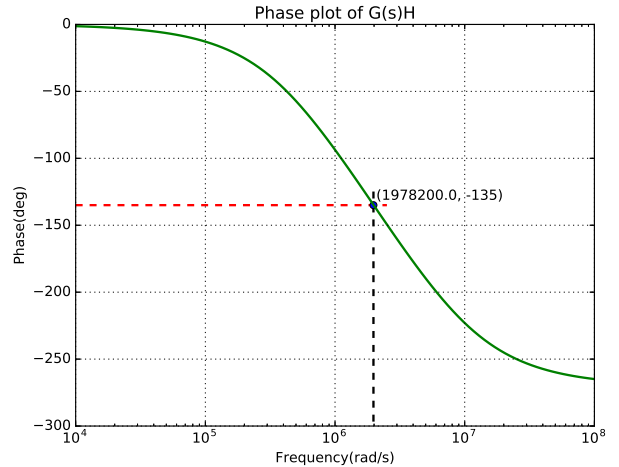


Fig. 3

4. Find the value of  $H$ .

**Solution:**

$$\therefore |L(f_c)| = |G(f_c)H| = 1, \quad (4.1)$$

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$$H \left( \frac{10^5}{\sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{315 \times 10^3}{10^5} \right)^2} \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{315 \times 10^3}{3.16 \times 10^6} \right)^2} \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{315 \times 10^3}{10^6} \right)^2}} \right) = 1 \quad (4.2)$$

upon substituting from (1.3) and (2.5)

$$\Rightarrow H = 34.651 \times 10^{-6} \quad (4.3)$$

The following code provides the method to calculate the unit step response and the values of  $H, G(fc)$ .

```
codes/ee18btech11016/
ee18btech11016_verifyingvalues.py
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5. Sketch the block diagram for the given closed loop system with  $PM = 45^\circ$ .

**Solution:** See Fig. 5.

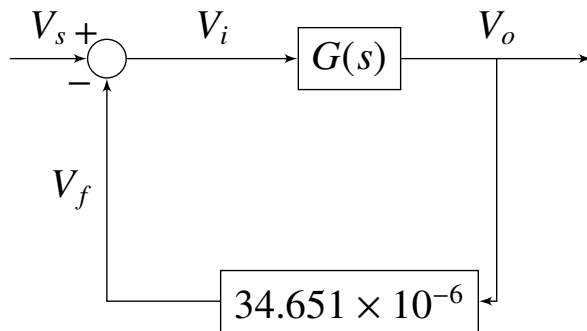


Fig. 5

6. Design the circuit for  $H$

**Solution:** In Fig. 6,

$$H = \frac{V_f}{V_o} = \frac{R_{f1}}{R_{f1} + R_{f2}} \approx 34.651 \times 10^{-6} \quad (6.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} R_{f1} &= 100\Omega \\ R_{f2} &= 4.057M\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

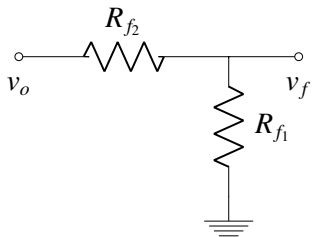


Fig. 6

7. Design the feedback circuit using an OPAMP.

**Solution:** See Fig. 7

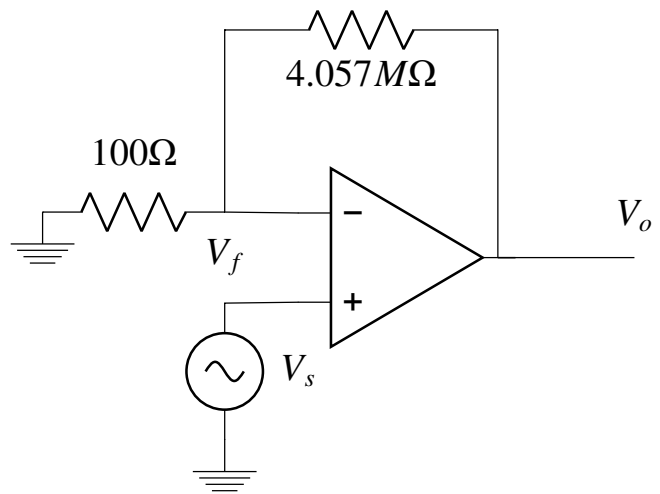


Fig. 7

8. Simulate the circuit in ngspice.

**Solution:** For  $H = 34.651 \times 10^{-6}$ , the closed loop response is

$$|T| \approx \frac{1}{H} = 28.8588 \times 10^3 \quad (8.1)$$

The following code provides instructions about the simulation.

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codes/ee18btech11016/spice/README.md
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The following netlist simulates the unity feedback system for a DC input

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codes/ee18btech11016/spice/
ee18btech1016_sim.net
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which is plotted using the following code in Fig. 8.1. Note that the DC gain in Fig. 8.1 is the same as (8.1)

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codes/ee18btech11016/spice/
ee18btech11016_simulation.py
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Fig. 8.2 shows how the OPAMP circuit is actually implemented in spice using the parameters in Table 8

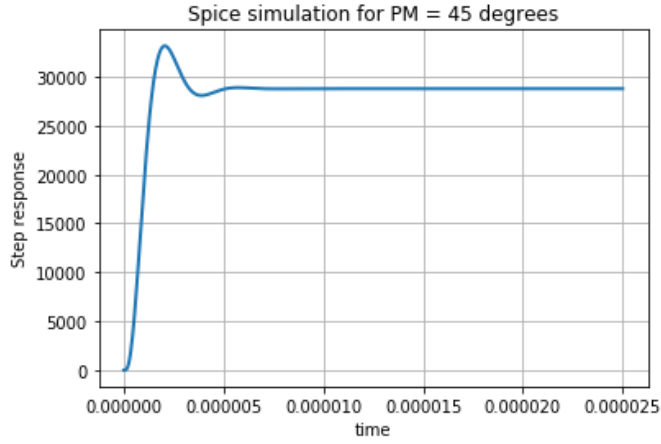
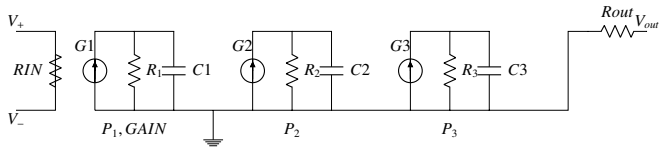


Fig. 8.1

Fig. 8.2: Circuit resembling  $G(s)$ 

Elements	Value
$G_1$	$10^{-1}(V_+ - V_-)A/V$
$G_2$	$10^{-6}A/V$
$G_3$	$10^{-6}A/V$
$R_1$	$1M\Omega$
$R_2$	$1M\Omega$
$R_3$	$1M\Omega$
$C_1$	$1.59pF$
$C_2$	$0.503pF$
$C_3$	$0.159pF$
$R_{IN}$	$1000M\Omega$
$R_{OUT}$	$100\Omega$
$R_{f1}$	$100\Omega$
$R_{f2}$	$4.057M\Omega$
$R_s$	$1M\Omega$

TABLE 8