

# Control Systems

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**Abstract**—This manual is an introduction to control systems in feedback circuits. Links to sample Python codes are available in the text.

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svn co <https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/control/feedback/codes>

#### 1 OP-AMP RC OSCILLATOR CIRCUITS

1.1. For the circuit shown in Fig. 1.1.1, find  $L(s)$ ,  $L(j\omega)$ , the frequency for zero loop phase, and  $R_2/R_1$  for oscillation.

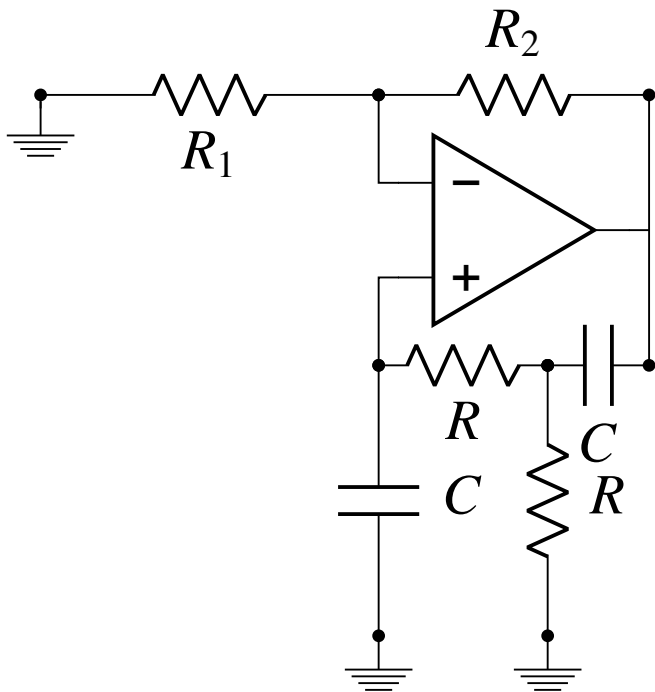


Fig. 1.1.1

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**Solution:** The equivalent control system representation is shown in Fig. 1.1.2. Oscillators do not include input signal.

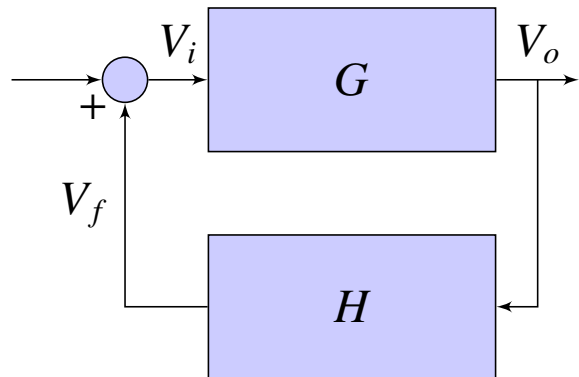


Fig. 1.1.2

1.2. Find the open loop gain  $G$ .

**Solution:** Let the closed loop gain, open-loop gain of op-amp connected in non-inverting configuration be  $T_1$  and  $G_1$  respectively. From Table ??

$$T_1 = \frac{G_1 (R_1 + R_2)}{(R_1 + R_2) + G_1 R_1} \quad (1.2.1)$$

$$T_1 = \frac{(R_1 + R_2)}{(R_1 + R_2)/G_1 + R_1} \quad (1.2.2)$$

Assuming  $G_1 \rightarrow \infty$

$$T_1 = 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \quad (1.2.3)$$

The open loop gain of the circuit shown in Fig. 1.1.1 is equal to the closed loop gain of an op-amp connected in non-inverting configuration.

$$G = T_1 \quad (1.2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow G = 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \quad (1.2.5)$$

1.3. Find the feedback factor  $H$ .

**Solution:** The small signal model is shown in Fig. 1.3 Applying KCL at node  $V_f$

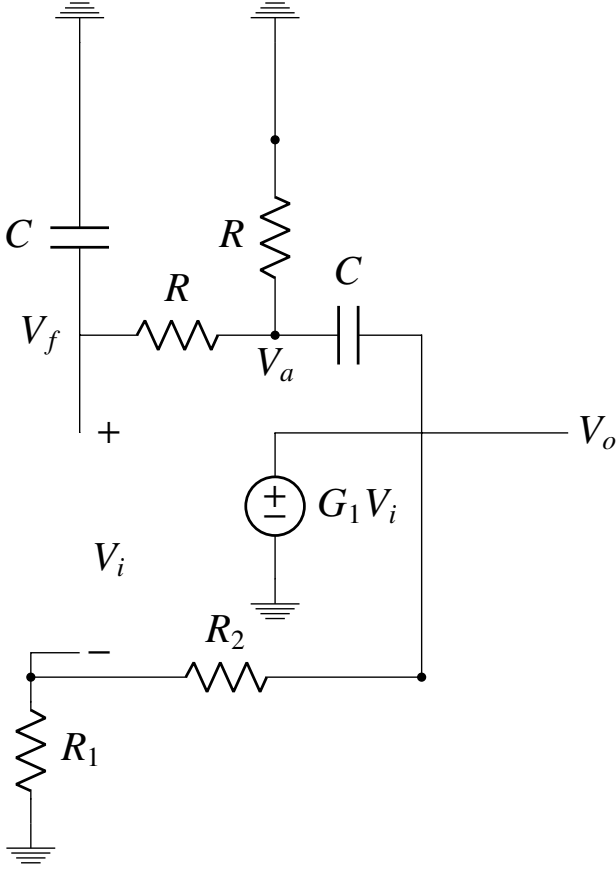


Fig. 1.3

$$\frac{V_f - 0}{\frac{1}{sC}} + \frac{V_f - V_a}{R} = 0 \quad (1.3.1)$$

$$V_f \left( sC + \frac{1}{R} \right) = \frac{V_a}{R} \quad (1.3.2)$$

$$V_a = V_f (sRC + 1) \quad (1.3.3)$$

Applying KCL at node  $V_a$

$$\frac{V_a - V_f}{R} + \frac{V_a - 0}{R} + \frac{V_a - V_o}{\frac{1}{sC}} = 0 \quad (1.3.4)$$

$$V_a \left( \frac{2}{R} + sC \right) = \frac{V_f}{R} + V_o sC \quad (1.3.5)$$

Substitute  $V_a$  value from equation(1.3.3)

$$V_f (sRC + 1) \left( \frac{2}{R} + sC \right) = \frac{V_f}{R} + V_o sC \quad (1.3.6)$$

$$V_f \left( 3 + sRC + \frac{1}{sRC} \right) = V_o \quad (1.3.7)$$

The feedback factor  $H$  is given by

$$H = \frac{V_f}{V_o} \quad (1.3.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{\left( 3 + sRC + \frac{1}{sRC} \right)} \quad (1.3.9)$$

1.4. Find the loop gain  $L(s)$ .

**Solution:** The transfer function of the equivalent positive feedback circuit in Fig. 1.1.2 is

$$T = \frac{G}{1 - GH} \quad (1.4.1)$$

Therefore, loop gain is given by

$$L = GH \quad (1.4.2)$$

From equations (1.2.5) and (1.3.9)

$$L(s) = \left( 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) \left( \frac{1}{3 + sRC + \frac{1}{sRC}} \right) \quad (1.4.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow L(s) = \left( \frac{1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}}{3 + sRC + \frac{1}{sRC}} \right) \quad (1.4.4)$$

1.5. Find the loop gain in terms of  $j\omega$ .

**Solution:** Substitute  $s = j\omega$  in equation (1.4.4)

$$L(j\omega) = \left( \frac{1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}}{3 + j\omega RC + \frac{1}{j\omega RC}} \right) \quad (1.5.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow L(j\omega) = \left( \frac{1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}}{3 + j \left( \omega RC - \frac{1}{\omega RC} \right)} \right) \quad (1.5.2)$$

1.6. Find the frequency for zero loop phase.

**Solution:** The frequency at which loop phase will be zero (i.e. loop gain will be a real number). To obtain the required frequency, equate the imaginary part of the loop gain  $L(j\omega)$  to zero.

$$j \left( \omega RC - \frac{1}{\omega RC} \right) = 0 \quad (1.6.1)$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{(RC)^2} \quad (1.6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \frac{1}{RC} \quad (1.6.3)$$

1.7. Find  $R_2/R_1$  for oscillation.

**Solution:** For oscillations to start,

- the imaginary part of the loop gain should become zero.
- the loop gain must be at least equal to unity.

From equation (1.5.2)

$$\left( \frac{1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}}{3 + j(0)} \right) \geq 1 \quad (1.7.1)$$

$$1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \geq 3 \quad (1.7.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R_2}{R_1} \geq 2 \quad (1.7.3)$$

1.8. Draw the block diagram and circuit diagram for  $H$ .

**Solution:** See figs 1.8.4 and 1.8.5 .From Fig.

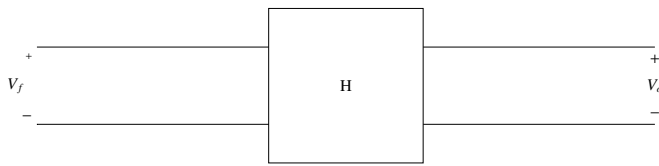


Fig. 1.8.4: Feedback block diagram

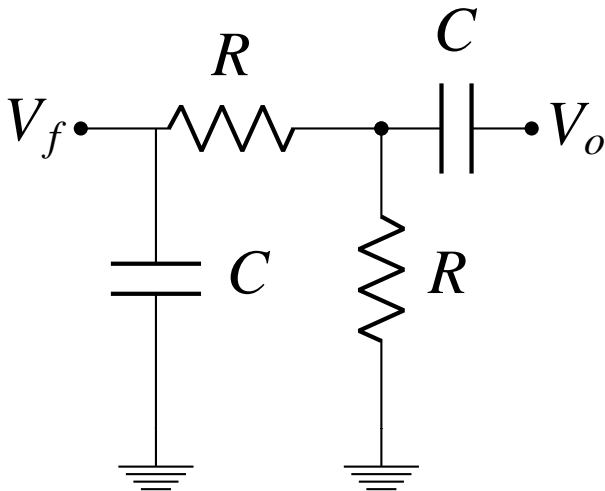


Fig. 1.8.5: Feedback circuit

1.8.5, the analysis is same as problem 1.3

$$\frac{V_f}{V_o} = \frac{1}{\left( 3 + sRC + \frac{1}{sRC} \right)} \quad (1.8.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{\left( 3 + sRC + \frac{1}{sRC} \right)} \quad (1.8.2)$$

1.9. Find the input and output resistances of the feedback network.

**Solution:** To find the input resistance  $R_{11}$  short the output node  $V_o$  to ground.

$$R_{11} = Z \parallel (R + (R \parallel Z)) \quad (1.9.1)$$

where  $Z = \frac{1}{sC}$  is the impedance of the capacitor.

$$\Rightarrow R_{11} = \left( \frac{1}{sC} \parallel \left( R + R \parallel \frac{1}{sC} \right) \right) \quad (1.9.2)$$

To find the output resistance  $R_{22}$  short the input node  $V_f$  to ground.

$$R_{22} = Z + (R \parallel R) \quad (1.9.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{22} = \frac{1}{sC} + \frac{R}{2} \quad (1.9.4)$$

1.10. Draw the block diagram and circuit diagram for  $G$ .

**Solution:** See figs 1.10.6 and 1.10.7. From

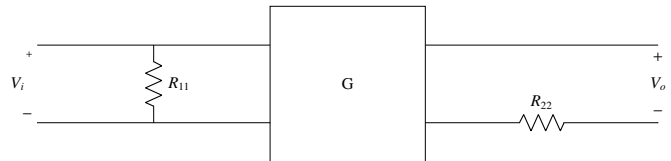


Fig. 1.10.6: Open loop block diagram

Fig. 1.10.7 using same analysis as problem 1.2

$$G = \frac{V_o}{V_i} \quad (1.10.1)$$

$$G = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1} \quad (1.10.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow G = 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \quad (1.10.3)$$

Hence verified with equation (1.2.5).

1.11. Find the amplitude and frequency for some arbitrary values given in Table 1.11.

**Solution:** From equation (1.2.5)

$$G = 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} = 3 \quad (1.11.1)$$

From equation (1.3.9)

$$H = \frac{1}{3 + 0.25s + \frac{1}{0.25s}} \quad (1.11.2)$$

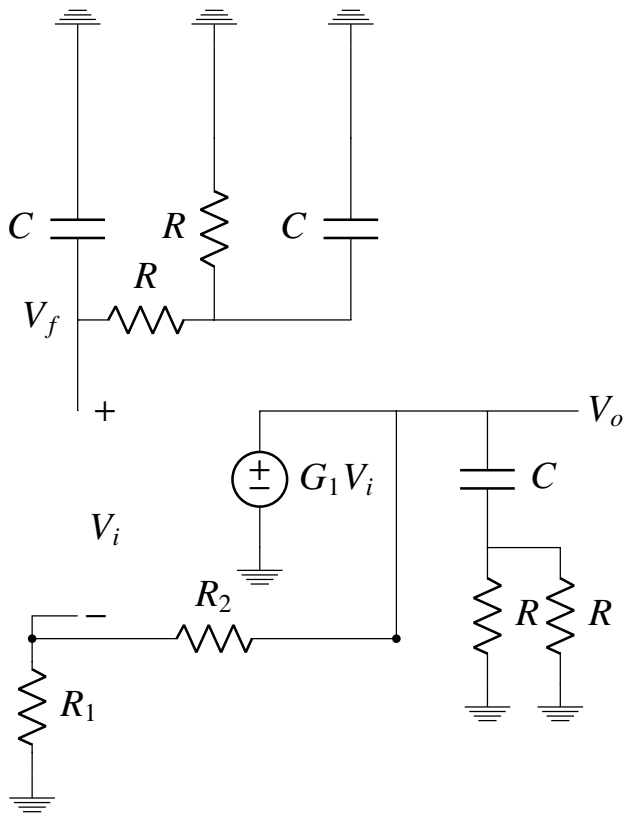


Fig. 1.10.7: Open loop circuit diagram

Parameter	Value
$R$	$250\Omega$
$C$	$1mF$
$R_2$	$2k\Omega$
$R_1$	$1k\Omega$

TABLE 1.11

From equation (1.4.1)

$$T = \frac{3(0.0625s^2 + 0.75s + 1)}{0.0625s^2 + 1} \quad (1.11.3)$$

The following code plots the oscillating response of the system.

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codes/ee18btech11047/ee18btech11047.py
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**Amplitude:** From Fig. 1.11  $V(\text{peak-peak})$  is

$$V_{p-p} = 18.12 \quad (1.11.4)$$

$$V_{max} = \frac{V_{p-p}}{2} = 9.06 \quad (1.11.5)$$

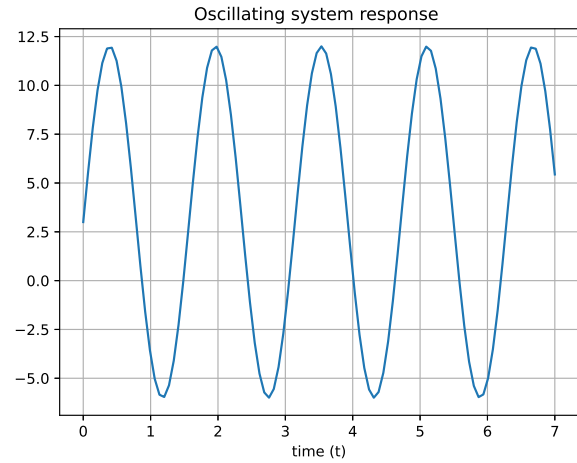


Fig. 1.11

**Frequency:** From equation (1.6.3)

$$\omega = \frac{1}{RC} = 4\text{rad/sec} \quad (1.11.6)$$

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = 0.636\text{Hz} \quad (1.11.7)$$