

Feedback current amplifier

Sanskar Nanegaonkar*

The feedback current amplifier in Fig. 1.1 utilizes an op amp with an input differential resistance R_{id} , an open-loop gain μ , and an output resistance r_o . The output current I_o that is delivered to the load resistance R_L is sensed by the feedback network composed of the two resistances R_M and R_F and a fraction I_f , is fed back to the amplifier input node.

Find expressions for $G = \frac{I_o}{I_i}$, $H = \frac{I_f}{I_o}$ and $T = \frac{I_o}{I_s}$, assuming that the feedback causes the voltage at the input node to be near ground. If the loop gain is large, what does the closed-loop current gain become? State precisely the condition under which this is obtained. For $\mu = 10^4$, $R_{id} = 1 \text{ M}\Omega$, $r_o = 100 \text{ }\Omega$, $R_L = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_M = 100 \text{ }\Omega$, and $R_F = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$, find G , H , and T .

- Fig. 1.1 shows a feedback current amplifier. Draw the equivalent control system.

Solution: See fig 1.2

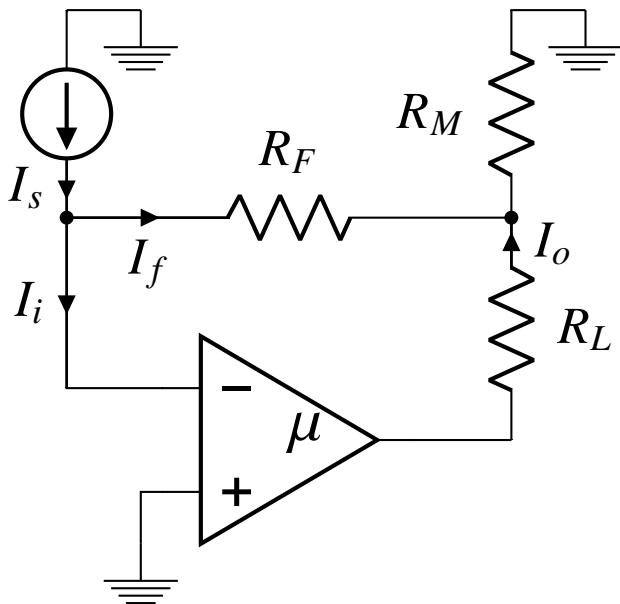


Fig. 1.1

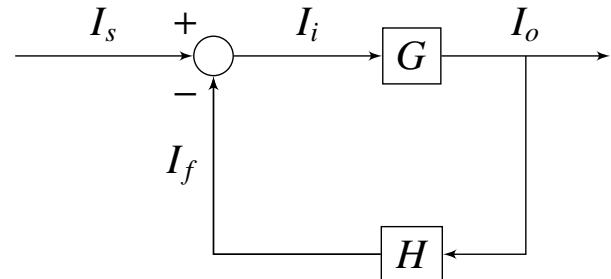


Fig. 1.2

- Refer table 2 for the parameters and draw the small signal equivalent model of the fig 1.1

Solution: See fig 2

Component	Description
R_{id}	Input Resistance of Op Amp
R_{out}	Output Resistance of Op Amp
I_s	Input Current
I_o	Output Current
R_M, R_F	Feedback Resistances
R_L	Load Resistance

TABLE 2

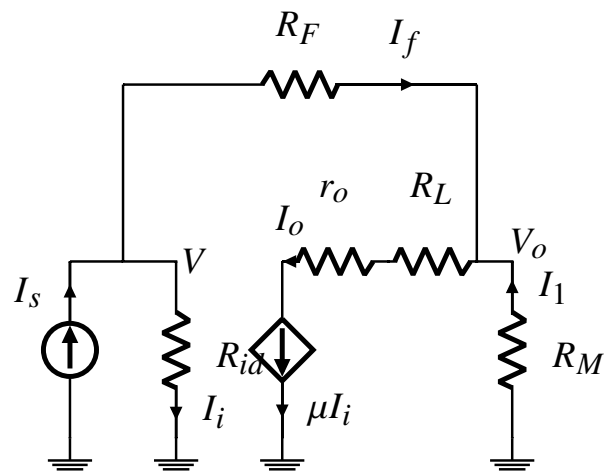


Fig. 2

*The author is with the Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad 502285 India. All content in this manual is released under GNU GPL. Free and open source.

3. Given G (open-loop gain) as

$$G = \frac{I_o}{I_i} \quad (3.1)$$

Find G by considering the general open loop block diagram as shown in fig. 3 and fig. 2

Solution: Clearly from fig. 2, we can see that,

$$G = \frac{I_o}{I_i} = \mu \quad (3.2)$$

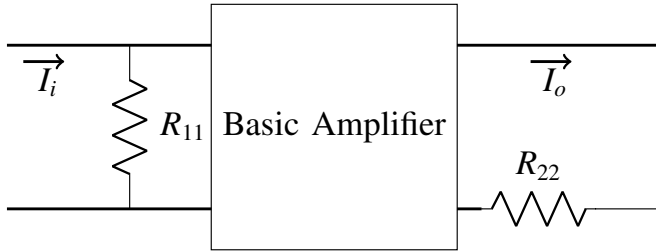


Fig. 3

4. Draw the block diagram and equivalent circuit for H (feedback factor).

Solution: Refer fig. 4.5 and 4.6

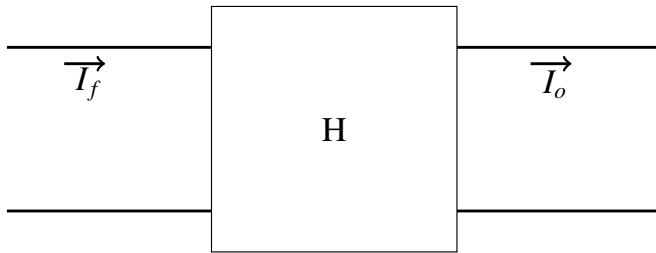


Fig. 4.5

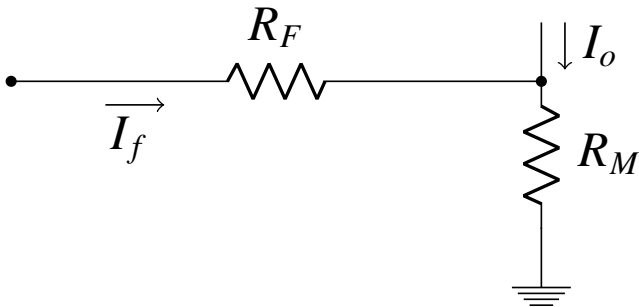


Fig. 4.6

5. Considering the feedback circuit as shown in fig. 4.6. Find R_{11} and R_{22} .

Solution: The value of R_{11} is obtained by looking from port 1 (left) while it's port 2 is

open-circuited and the value of R_{22} is obtained by looking into port 2 (right) while it's port 1 is short-circuited.

$$R_{11} = R_F + R_M \quad (5.1)$$

$$R_{22} = R_F \parallel R_M \quad (5.2)$$

6. Given H as

$$H = \frac{I_f}{I_o} \quad (6.1)$$

Find H from fig. 4.6.

Solution: Using current division,

$$\frac{I_f}{I_o} = -\frac{R_M}{R_F + R_M} \quad (6.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{R_F}{R_M}} \quad (6.3)$$

7. Given T (closed-loop gain) as

$$T = \frac{I_o}{I_s} \quad (7.1)$$

Find T .

Solution: We know,

$$T = \frac{G}{1 + GH} \quad (7.2)$$

Therefore, from eq. 3.2 and 6.3, we get,

$$T = \frac{\mu}{1 + \frac{\mu}{1 + \frac{R_F}{R_M}}} \quad (7.3)$$

8. What will be closed-loop gain(T) if $\mu \rightarrow \infty$

Solution: From eq. 7.3 we get,

$$T = \frac{\mu}{1 + \frac{\mu}{1 + \frac{R_F}{R_M}}} \quad (8.1)$$

$$T = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{R_F}{R_M}}} \quad (8.2)$$

Applying the limit, we get,

$$\Rightarrow T = 1 + \frac{R_F}{R_M} \quad (8.3)$$

9. Refer table 9 and find G, H and T

Solution: Using eqs. 3.2, 6.3 and 7.3

We get,

$$G = \mu = 10^4 \quad (9.1)$$

$$H = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{R_F}{R_M}} = 9.9 \times 10^{-3} \quad (9.2)$$

$$T = \frac{\mu}{1 + \frac{\mu}{1 + \frac{R_F}{R_M}}} = 100 \quad (9.3)$$

Component	Value
μ	10^4
R_{id}	$1 \text{ M}\Omega$
r_o	$100 \text{ }\Omega$
R_L	$10 \text{ k}\Omega$
R_M	$100 \text{ }\Omega$
R_F	$10 \text{ k}\Omega$

TABLE 9

10. Tabulate your results.

Solution: Refer table 10,

Gain	Value
G	10^4
H	9.9×10^{-3}
T	100

TABLE 10

11. Simulate the circuit 1.1 using spice simulators and plot the generated output of the gains using python script

Solution: Refer fig. 11.7 and 11.8 for the plots.
Find the netlist of the simulated circuit here:

codes/ep18btech11016/spice/
ep18btech11016.net

Python code used for generating the output:

codes/ep18btech11016/spice/
ep18btech11016.py

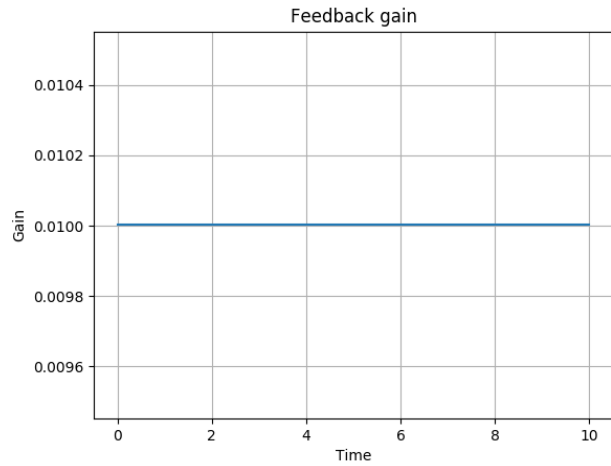


Fig. 11.7

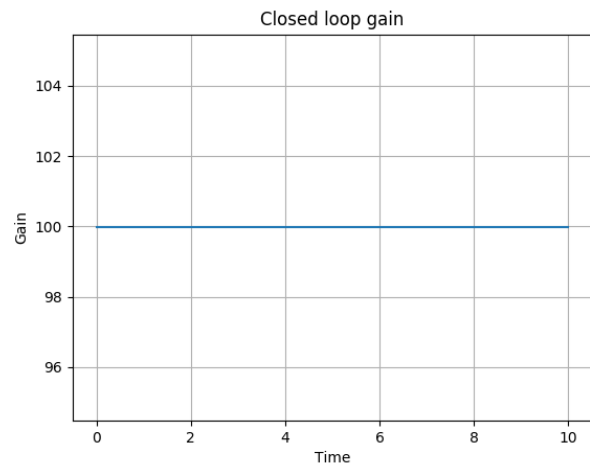


Fig. 11.8