

Control Systems

G V V Sharma*

CONTENTS

1 Op-Amp RC Oscillator Circuits 1

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

Download python codes using

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.

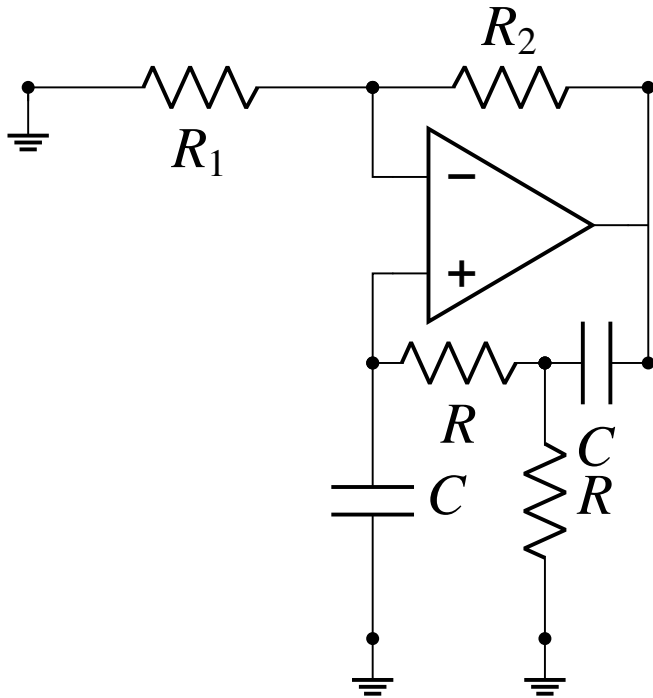


Fig. 1.1.1

*The author is with the Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad 502285 India e-mail: gadepall@iith.ac.in. All content in this manual is released under GNU GPL. Free and open source.

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

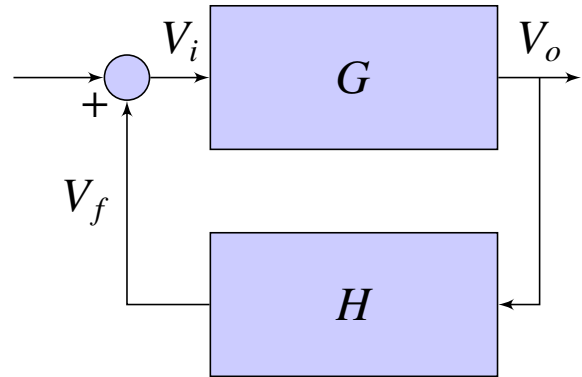


Fig. 1.1.2

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

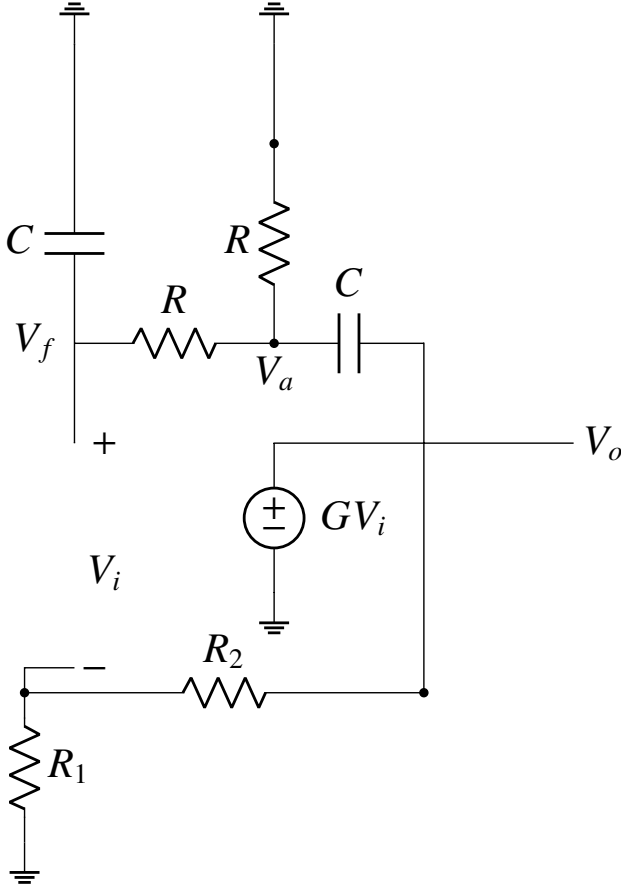


Fig. 1.3

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

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

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

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 made greater than unity.

From equation (1.5.2)

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

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

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