

Solving second order analogue filter

Second order polynomial:

$$P(s) = s^2 + 1.414s + 1$$

Coefficients:

$$a_1 = 1.414, a_0 = 1$$

Substitutions:

$$s = j2\pi\omega, \quad \omega c = 2\pi f c, \quad a_1 = \frac{1}{Q}, \quad \sqrt{a_0} = FSF$$

Hence,

$$Q = 0.707, \quad FSF = 1$$

For filter with gain K=1, equations from Texas Instruments:

$$FSF \times f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC\sqrt{mn}}, \quad Q = \frac{\sqrt{mn}}{m+1} \quad \text{where} \quad R_1 = mR, R_2 = R, C_1 = C, C_2 = nC$$

Solving for ratio of m and n

$$0.707 = \frac{\sqrt{mn}}{m+1}$$

$$0.707^2 = \frac{mn}{m^2 + 2m + 1}$$

$$0.707^2 m^2 + (2 \times 0.707^2 - n)m + 0.707^2 = 0$$

$$m = \frac{n - 2 \times 0.707^2 + \sqrt{(2 \times 0.707^2 - n)^2 - 4 \times 0.707^4}}{2 \times 0.707^2}$$

The above gives us a graph for n to m ratio. Here we are free to pick any convenient ratio for the filter.

Choose $n = 2, m = 1$

Desired $f_c = 25\text{Hz}$

Substituting in the equations from Texas Instruments to obtain C and R near standard values:

$$25 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \times 2\pi RC}$$

As R is predetermined by internal resistance on each output of ADXL:

Choose $R = 32K$ (standard value)

$$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \times 25 \times 2\pi \times 32 \times 10^3} = 0.1407 \times 10^{-6} \approx 0.15\mu F \text{ (standard value as well)}$$

Results: $R_1 = 32K, R_2 = 32K, C_1 = 0.15\mu F, C_2 = 0.33\mu F$

Check the actual cutoff frequency f_c

$$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 32 \times 10^3 \times \sqrt{0.15 \times 0.33 \times 10^{-6}}} = 22.35 \text{ Hz} - \text{a bit lower than expected } f_c$$

Let's adjust value for R_2 as we can choose it freely as long as Q stays around 0.707

Try: $R_2 = 27K$

Check for Q

$$Q = \frac{\sqrt{32 \times 10^3 \times 27 \times 10^3 \times 0.15 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.33 \times 10^{-6}}}{(32+27) \times 10^3 \times 0.15 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.739 \quad (\text{expected } 0.707)$$

As Q is so far off, behaviour of filter might be altered. That calls for reworking coefficients m and n

Choose $m = 3.95, n = 3.1$, since it is easy to find capacitors for such ratio n

As it is predetermined by ADXL that $R_1 = 32K$

$$R_2 = \frac{R_1}{m} = \frac{32 \times 10^3}{3.95} = 8.10 \times 10^3 \approx 8.2K \text{ (table value)}$$

Compute actual m

$$m = \frac{32}{8.2} = 3.90$$

Now, calculate C for chosen f_c

$$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3.1 \times 3.90} \times 25 \times 2\pi \times 8.2 \times 10^3} = 2.23 \times 10^{-7} \approx 0.22\mu F \text{ (table value)}$$

$$C_2 = nC = 0.22 \times 10^{-6} \times 3.1 = 0.682 \times 10^{-6} \approx 0.68\mu F \text{ (table value)}$$

Results: $R_1 = 32K, R_2 = 8.2K, C_1 = 0.22\mu F, C_2 = 0.68\mu F$

Check for actual f_c

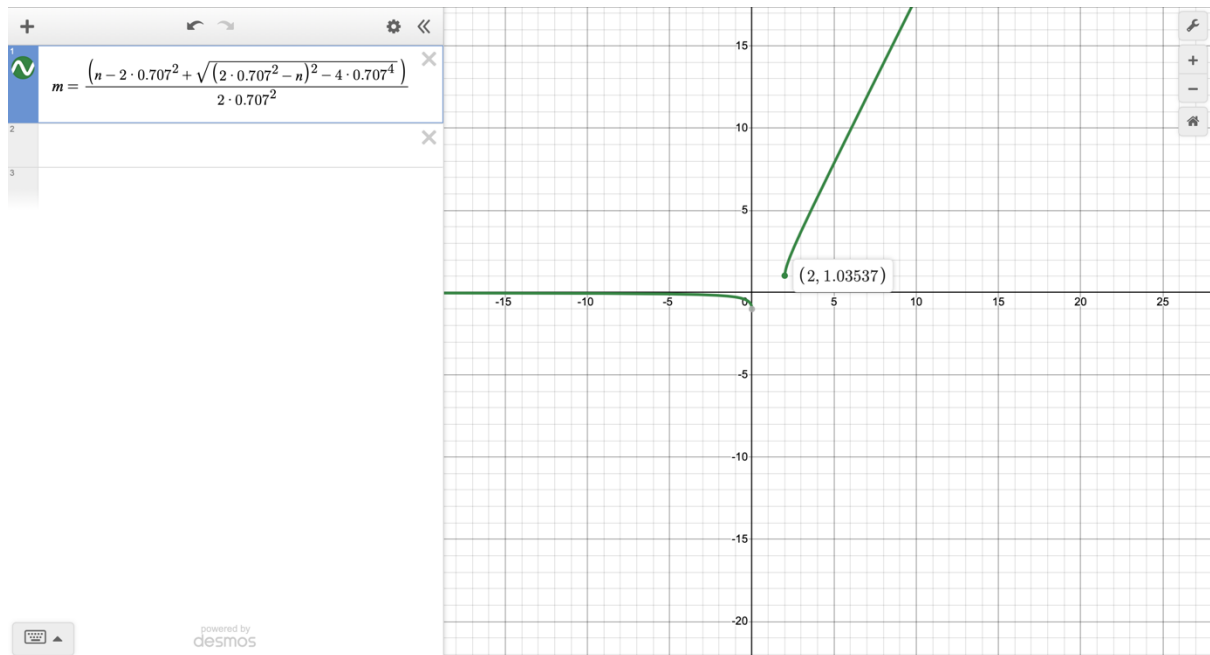
$$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi \times \sqrt{32 \times 8.2 \times 0.22 \times 0.68 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-6}}} = 25.4 \text{ Hz}$$

Finally, check for actual Q

$$Q = \frac{\sqrt{32 \times 10^3 \times 8.2 \times 10^3 \times 0.22 \times 10^{-6} \times 0.68 \times 10^{-6}}}{(32+8.2) \times 10^3 \times 0.22 \times 10^{-6}} = 0.708 - \text{very close to expected } 0.707$$

Appendix:

A. Graph for n and m



B. Another trial for m and n:

Choose $n=2.2$, $m = 1.87$

Hence $R1 = 32K$ (from datasheet)

$R2 = 17.65 \sim 18K$

Calculate C for cutoff frequency 25Hz

$C = 0.17$ microF – not table value. Try again

Can be used if f_c is changed to 29Hz or 18-19Hz