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- Make sure you write your name on all pages.
- Detailed descriptions of how you solved the problem will get you maximum partial credit if your final answer is wrong.
- You must provide the correct unit along with your answer in the answer areas. An answer without its unit will be considered incorrect.
- You may only use FE exam approved, so called dumb calculators.
- A table of commonly used constants, parameters and equations is at the end of the exam.
- Unless noted otherwise, assume room temperature conditions, i.e. $T = 300\text{K}$

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1. (20 points) Each correct answer is worth +2 points. Indicate if the following statements are True or False:

- ✓T When designing an active filter, the designer aims to set the 3 dB frequency (or frequencies) using passive components. *(resistors and capacitors)*
- ✓F A difference amplifier should amplify the common mode signal while rejecting the difference mode signal. *Amplify the difference reject common*
- ✓T The slew rate of an op-amp limits the rate of change of the output for large output voltages.
- ✓T The output voltage magnitude of a voltage follower (i.e. unity gain amplifier) implemented with a practical finite-gain op-amp will be smaller than its input voltage magnitude.
- F T A gain of -46 dB means the gain magnitude is 200 V/V and the phase shift between the input and output is 180°.
- ✓F An op-amp's output voltage can exceed the supply voltages *RC circuits can*
- ✓T The non-inverting input of an op-amp used in an inverting amplifier circuit must always be connected to DC ground. *AC ground*
- ✓T An instrumentation amplifier is preferred over a difference amplifier because it has better input resistance.
- ✓T A simple op-amp circuit which uses only resistors will still have a low pass response.
- ✓T An op-amp will have a finite but large input impedance

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2. Quick calculations (20 points). Each of the questions below are quick calculations, usually requiring a single equation.

- a) The DC open-loop voltage gain of the MCP6001 operational amplifier is approximately 200,000 V/V. The voltage difference between its two input terminals is 10 μ V. What is its output voltage?

$$G_v = A_v (V_{i2} - V_{i1})$$

$$G_v = 200,000 \cdot 10 \mu\text{V}$$

$$G_v = 2 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{\text{out}} = \underline{2 \text{ V}}$$

- b) An inverting amplifier is implemented using an op-amp with a finite gain of $A_{vo} = 1,000$ V/V at DC. The resistors are $R_1 = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$ and $R_2 = 18 \text{ k}\Omega$. What is the closed loop voltage gain, in V/V?

$$G_v = \frac{-\frac{R_2}{R_1}}{1 + \frac{1 + R_2/R_1}{1000}}$$

$$G_v [\text{V/V}] = \underline{-8.91 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{V}}}$$

$$G_v = -8.91 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{V}}$$

- c) The MCP6021 op-amp has an open loop voltage gain of $A_{vo} = 116 \text{ dB}$ at DC, and a unity gain frequency of $f_T = 10 \text{ MHz}$. What is the upper 3 dB frequency limit of a single stage non-inverting amplifier built using the MCP6021 with a gain of $G_v = 500 \text{ V/V}$?

$$f_{3\text{dB}, \text{max}} = \underline{20 \text{ kHz}}$$

$$f_T = f_{3\text{dB}, \text{max}} \cdot G_v$$

$$f_{3\text{dB}, \text{max}} = \frac{10 \text{ MHz}}{500} = 20 \text{ kHz}$$

- d) The input voltages to a difference amplifier are 0 V and +2.4 V. What is the common mode voltage, V_{ICM} ?

$$V_{\text{ICM}} = \frac{1}{2} (V_{i1} + V_{i2})$$

$$V_{\text{ICM}} = \underline{1.2 \text{ V}}$$

$$V_{\text{ICM}} = \frac{1}{2} (0 + 2.4 \text{ V})$$

$$V_{\text{ICM}} = 1.2 \text{ V}$$

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- e) A difference amplifier has a differential gain of $A_d = 20 \text{ V/V}$ and a common mode gain of $A_{cm} = +1 \text{ mV/V}$. What is its output voltage if the differential input voltage is $v_{id} = 200 \text{ mV}$ and the common mode voltage is $V_{ICM} = -100 \text{ V}$.

$$V_{OUT} = \underline{3.9 \text{ V}}$$

$$V_{out} = A_d v_{id} + A_{cm} V_{ICM}$$

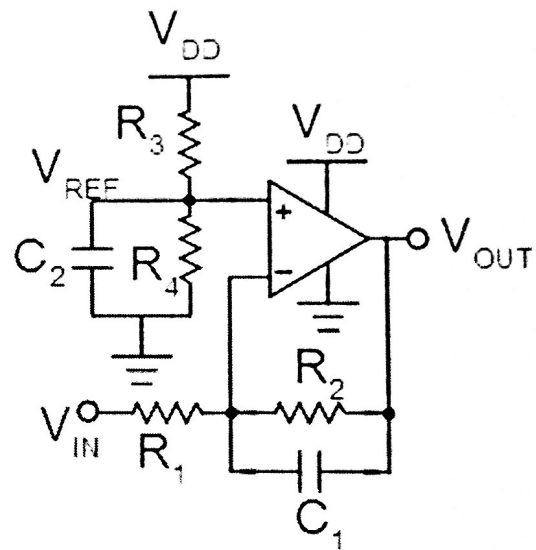
$$V_{out} = 20 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{V}} \cdot 200 \text{ mV} + 1 \text{ mV/V} \cdot -100 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{out} = 4 \text{ V} + -0.1 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{out} = 3.9 \text{ V}$$

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3. (24 points) The single-supply amplifier circuit in the figure below is constructed with the MCP6001 rail-to-rail output op-amp, which has a unity gain frequency of 1 MHz. The supply voltage is $V_{DD} = +3.3$ V. The resistor values are $R_1 = 10$ k Ω , $R_2 = 100$ k Ω , and $R_3 = R_4 = 200$ k Ω . The capacitor values are $C_1 = 100$ pF, and $C_2 = 1$ μ F.
- Derive an expression for V_{OUT} as a function of V_{IN} , V_{REF} and the resistors (note that these are DC values). Plug in the component values to obtain a numerical expression.
 - Determine the range of input voltages for which the amplifier will operate linearly, i.e. it will not saturate ($0 < V_{OUT} < +3.3$ V).
 - What is the upper 3 dB frequency of the amplifier?

a. Superposition $V_{REF} = 0$

$$V_{OUT} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1} V_{IN}$$

$$V_{IN} = 0$$

$$V_{OUT} = V_{REF} \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)$$

$$V_{OUT} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1} (V_{IN} - V_{REF}) + V_{REF}$$

$$V_{OUT} = -\frac{100k}{10k} (V_{IN} - 1.65) + 1.65$$

$$V_{OUT} = -10V_{IN} + 18.15$$

$$3.3V = -\frac{100k}{10k} (V_{IN} - 1.65V) + 1.65V$$

$$1.65V = -10 (V_{IN} - 1.65V)$$

$$-0.165V = V_{IN} - 1.65V$$

$$V_{IN} = 1.485V$$

$$0V = -\frac{100k}{10k} (V_{IN} - 1.65V) + 1.65V$$

$$-1.65V = -10 (V_{IN} - 1.65V)$$

$$0.165V = V_{IN} - 1.65V$$

$$V_{IN} = 1.815V$$

$$f_{3dBmax} = \frac{1 \text{ MHz}}{11} = 90.9 \text{ kHz}$$

$$(a) V_{OUT} = -10V_{IN} + 18.15 \text{ Volts}$$

$$(b) V_{IN,min} = 1.485V$$

$$V_{IN,max} = 1.815V$$

$$(c) f_{3dB} = 15.9 \text{ kHz}$$

$$f_{3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi R_2 C_1}$$

$$f_{3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi (100k) \cdot 100p}$$

$$f_{3dB} = 15.9 \text{ kHz}$$

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4. (20 points) A non-inverting single-supply amplifier meant for use with audio frequencies is shown in the figure below. The supply voltage is $V_{DD} = +3.3V$, and the reference voltage is $V_{REF} = +1.65V$, as provided by the REF2033 voltage reference IC. The resistor values are $R_1 = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ and $R_2 = R_3 = 100\text{ k}\Omega$. The capacitor values are $C_1 = 10\text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $C_2 = 82\text{ pF}$ and $C_3 = 1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$. The MCP6001 op-amp has a DC open loop voltage gain of 106 dB and a gain-bandwidth product of $f_T = 1\text{ MHz}$.

- a) What is the nominal output voltage if the input is grounded?
 b) What is the lower 3 dB cut-off frequency of the amplifier? Consider C_2 to be an open.
 c) Did the circuit designer meet the upper cut-off frequency specification of $f_{HI} = 20\text{ kHz} \pm 1\text{ kHz}$? Explain your reasoning.

a. since no current going through R_3 and R_2 ,
 $V_{out} = V_{REF}$
 $V_{out} = 1.65\text{ V}$

b. $f_{3dBmax} = \frac{1\text{ MHz}}{1 + \frac{100\text{ k}\Omega}{1\text{ k}\Omega}}$ upper limit, not lower limit
 $f_{3dBmax} = 9.9\text{ kHz}$

C_1 and R_1 : $f_{3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi C_1 R_1}$

$f_{3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 10\text{ }\mu\text{F} \cdot 1\text{ k}\Omega}$ f_{HI}

$f_{3dB} = 15.9\text{ Hz}$

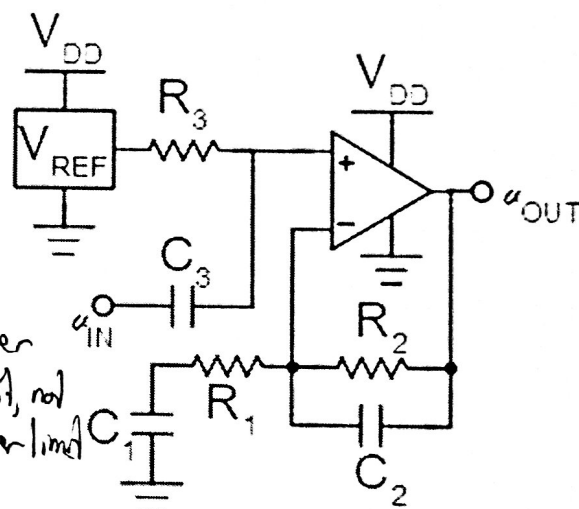
C_3 and R_3 : $f_{3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 1\text{ }\mu\text{F} \cdot 100\text{ k}\Omega} = 1.59\text{ Hz}$

c. The upper cut-off frequency is

$f_{3dB} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 100\text{ k}\Omega \cdot 82\text{ pF}} = 19.41\text{ kHz}$

but since the f_{3dBmax} is 9.9 kHz , that makes the upper f_{3dB} cutoff 9.9 kHz , which is very far from meeting the spec.

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calculated both, chose wrong answer
 either 15.9 Hz or 1.59 Hz

(a) $V_{out} = 1.65\text{ V}$ $4/4$

(b) $f_{3dB} = 1.59\text{ Hz}$ $6/8$

(c) YES or NO $8/8$

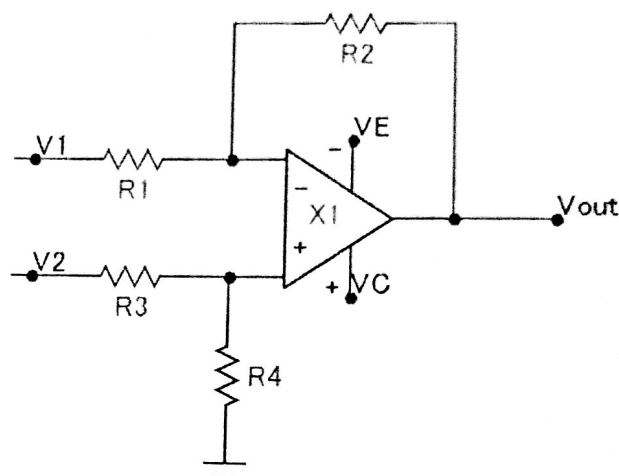
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5. (16 points) A difference amplifier circuit is shown in the figure below is to have a differential gain of $A_d = 10$ V/V. The nominal resistor values for the input resistors are $R_1 = R_3 = 100$ k Ω . $R_2 = R_4$.

- a) Calculate the input differential resistance, R_{id} .
 b) Calculate the required values of R_2 and R_4 .
 c) What is the common mode gain if $CMRR = 80$ dB, in units of mV/V?

a. $R_{id} = R_1 + R_3$
 $R_{id} = 100 \text{ k}\Omega + 100 \text{ k}\Omega$
 $R_{id} = 200 \text{ k}\Omega$

b. $A_d = \frac{R_2}{R_1}$
 $10 = \frac{R_2}{100 \text{ k}}$
 $1 \text{ M}\Omega = R_2$



c. $CMRR = 20 \log_{10} \left(\left| \frac{A_d}{A_{cm}} \right| \right)$
 $\frac{80}{20} = \left| \frac{A_d}{A_{cm}} \right|$
 $10,000 \frac{\text{V}}{\text{V}} = \left| \frac{10}{A_{cm}} \right|$
 $A_{cm} = \pm \frac{10}{10,000} \frac{\text{V}}{\text{V}}$
 $A_{cm} = \pm 1 \text{ mV/V}$

- (a) R_{id} $200 \text{ k}\Omega$
 (b) R_2 $1 \text{ M}\Omega$
 (c) A_{cm} [mV/V] ± 1