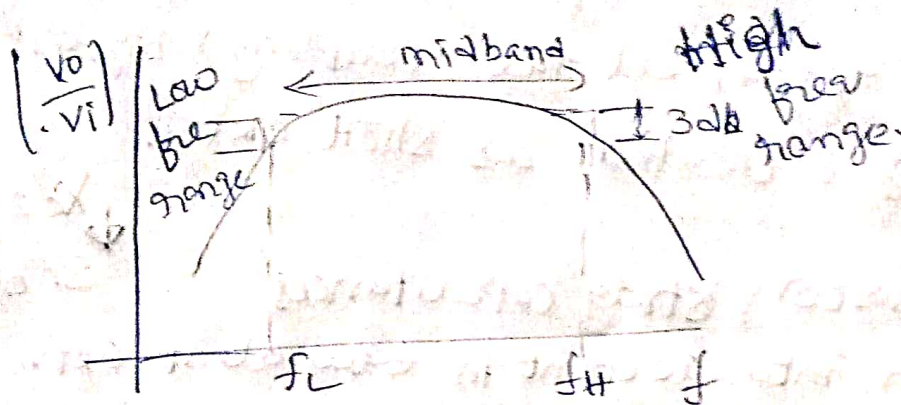


unit - II

Frequency response

All Amplifier gain factors are functions of signal frequency.
→ These include voltage, current, transconductance and trans resistance.



The curve drawn between frequency & gain factor is called frequency response curve.

The frequency ranges are divided as:

- low frequency $f < f_L$
- high frequency $f > f_H$
- medium frequency.

$$20\text{Hz} < f < 20\text{kHz}$$

$$f_H > 20\text{kHz}$$

$$f_H$$

Frequency ranges

low frequency range

→ In this region, coupling and bypass capacitors must be included in the equivalent ckt and in the amplification factor calculations.

→ The stray and transition capacitances are treated as open ckt.

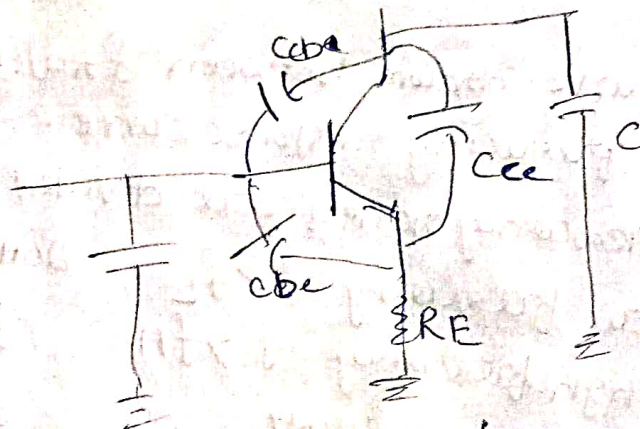
→ In low frequencies range, $f < f_L$, the gain ↓ as f ↓ because of coupling & bypass capacitor effects.

High frequency range

- In this range all the stray & parasitic capacitances are present.
- due to these capacitances the gain decreases as frequency increase.
- In this range we use high frequency equivalent ckt.
- In this region all the coupling & bypass capacitors are going to be treated as short ckt.

$\downarrow X_{C2} \uparrow$
 $\downarrow X_{C1} \uparrow$
Short ckt.

- The transistor & stray capacitances are taken into account in equivalent ckt.

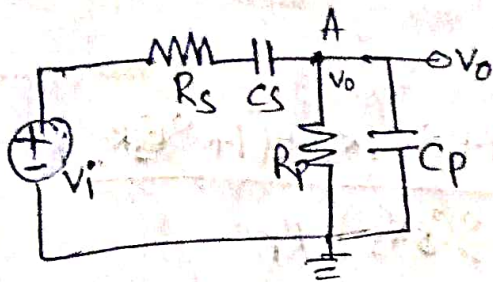


- due to p-n junction (between collector, base and emitter)
- C_M & C_T

Midband Range :-

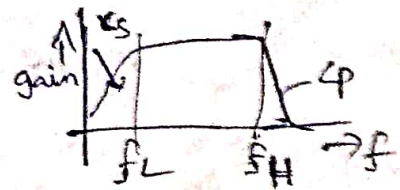
- coupling & bypass capacitors are treated as short ckt
- stray and transistor capacitances are treated as open ckt.
- so in this range no capacitors in the equivalent ckt.

short ckt and open ckt time constant



- C_s is the coupling capacitor
- C_p is the load capacitor and is in parallel with the output ant. ground.

- Applying KCL at output node



→ due to C_s at low frequencies the gain is going to be reduced

→ due to C_p at high frequencies the gain is going to be reduced. at mid freq the stray parasitic capacitances are appear so, gain maintains constant.

→ Applying

KCL at node A (ie) output node

$$\frac{V_o - V_i}{R_s + 1/sC_s} + \frac{V_o}{R_p} + \frac{V_o}{1/sC_p} = 0$$

$$\frac{(V_o - V_i) s C_s}{1 + s C_s R_s} + \frac{V_o}{R_p} + V_o \cdot s C_p = 0$$

separate V_o & V_i terms, to get the transfer function

$\frac{V_o}{V_i}$. so, the equation becomes

$$V_o \left[\frac{s C_s}{1 + s C_s R_s} + \frac{1}{R_p} + s C_p \right] = \frac{V_i s C_s}{1 + s C_s R_s}$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{s C_s}{1 + s C_s R_s \left[\frac{s C_s}{1 + s C_s R_s} + \frac{1}{R_p} + s C_p \right]}$$

take LCM

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{S C_s}{1 + S C_s R_s \left[\frac{S C_s R_p + 1 + S C_s R_s + (1 + S C_s R_s) R_p S C_p}{(1 + S C_s R_s) R_p} \right]}$$

$$\times = \frac{S C_s \cdot R_p}{1 + S C_s R_s \left[\frac{1 + S C_s R_s}{R_p} \cdot \frac{C_p}{C_s} + R_p + R_s + \right]}$$

$$= \frac{S C_s R_p}{S C_s \left[\frac{1}{S C_s} + R_s + R_p + (1 + S C_s R_s) R_p \frac{C_p}{C_s} \right]}$$

$$= \frac{R_p}{\left[R_s + R_p + \frac{1}{S C_s} + (R_p + S C_s R_p R_s) \cdot \frac{C_p}{C_s} \right]}$$

$$= \left[\frac{R_p}{R_s + R_p} \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{S C_s (R_p + R_s)} + \left(\frac{R_p}{R_s + R_p} \right) \frac{C_p}{C_s} + \left(\frac{R_p R_s}{R_s + R_p} \right) \cdot S C_p} \right]$$

Series combination
STs

parallel combination
STp

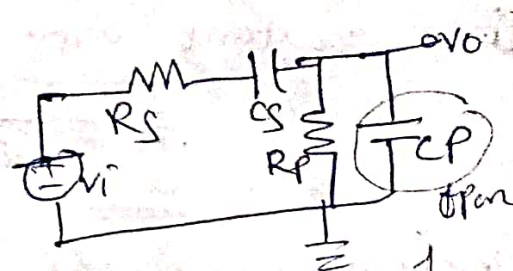
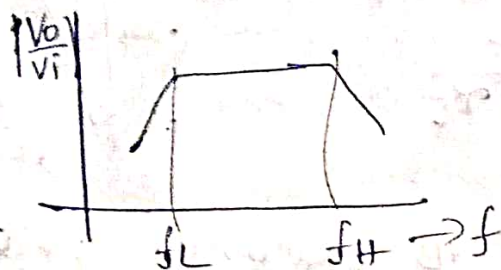
$$\frac{V_{OC(S)}}{V_i(CS)} = \left[\frac{R_p}{R_s + R_p} \right] \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{R_p}{R_s + R_p} \right) \frac{C_p}{C_s} + \frac{1}{S T_s} + S T_p} \right]$$

where

$$\tau_s = (R_s + R_p) C_s$$

$$\tau_p = \left(\frac{R_s R_p}{R_s + R_p} \right) C_p \quad \text{time constants}$$

→



C_s - affects the low frequency response

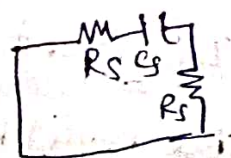
C_p - affects the high frequency response

at low frequencies C_p as an open ckt
if $C_p \ll C_s$

To find the equivalent resistance seen by a capacitor, set all independent sources equal to zero.

∴ The effective resistance seen by C_s is the series combination of R_s & R_p .

The time constant of ckt is



$$\tau_s = (R_s + R_p) C_s$$

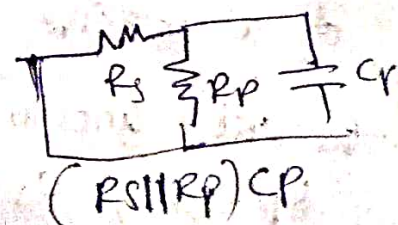
Since C_p was made an open ckt, τ_s is called an "open ckt" time constant.

⇒ At high frequencies, C_s coupling capacitor acts as a short ckt.



The effective resistance seen by C_p is the parallel combination of R_s and R_p and the associated time constant is

$$\tau_p = \left(\frac{R_s R_p}{R_s + R_p} \right) C_p$$



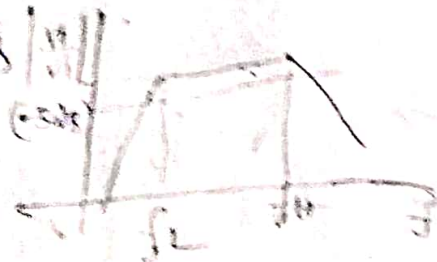
∴ τ_p is called the "short ckt" time constant.

Let consider

Side plot of the voltage transfer function magnitude

The lower corner (or) 3dB frequency, which is at the low end of the frequency scale, is a function of the circuit time constant and is defined as

$$f_L = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau_s}$$



→ The upper corner (or) 3dB frequency which is at the high end of the frequency scale, is a function of the short circuit time constant and is defined as

$$f_H = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau_p}$$

→ The amplifier gain is constant over a wide frequency range, called the "mid band".

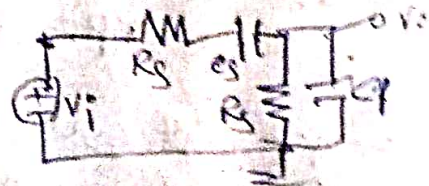
→ In "mid band" frequency range all capacitance effects are negligible (stray and parasitic capacitances)

→ The mid band range (or) bandwidth is defined by the corner frequencies f_L and f_H as

$$BW = f_H - f_L$$

is: $f_H \gg f_L$ then $f_{BW} \approx f_H$

Determine the corner frequencies and bandwidth of a passive ckt containing two capacitors, consider the ckt shown in figure, with parameters $R_s = 1k\Omega$, $R_p = 0k\Omega$, $C_s = 1\mu F$ and $C_p = 3pF$.



sol:

$$\tau_s = (R_s + R_p) C_s = (10^3 + 10 \times 10^3)(10^{-6}) = 1.1 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}$$

$$\tau_p = \left(\frac{R_s R_p}{R_s + R_p} \right) C_p = \frac{10^3 \times 10 \times 10^3}{10^3 + 10 \times 10^3} (3 \times 10^{-12}) = 2.73 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}$$

$$f_L = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau_s} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 1.1 \times 10^{-2}} = 14.5 \text{ Hz}$$

$$f_H = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau_p} = \frac{1}{2\pi (2.73 \times 10^{-9})} = 58.3 \text{ MHz}$$

$$f_{BW} = f_H - f_L = 58.3 \times 10^6 - 14.5 \text{ Hz} \approx 58.3 \text{ MHz} \quad \left[\begin{matrix} f_H \gg f_L \\ BW \approx f_H \end{matrix} \right]$$

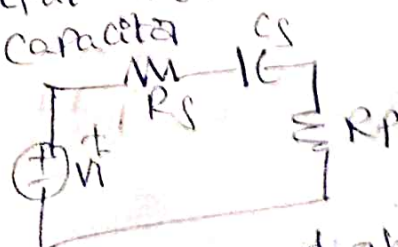
Time Response :-

→ upto now, we observed steady state sinusoidal frequency response, we do for sinusoidal inputs.

→ In some cases, we may need to amplify other than sinusoidal signal also, i.e. pulse, square wave, triangular signals, i.e. digital signals.

→ In these cases, we need to consider the time response of output signals.

Consider ckt



The voltage transfer function of above ckt

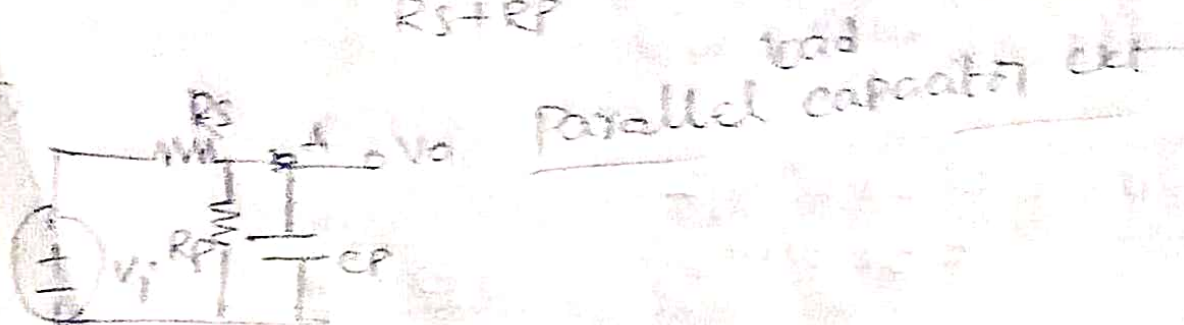
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V_o(s)}{V_i(s)} &= \frac{R_p}{R_s + R_p + \frac{1}{sC_s}} \\ &= \frac{sC_s R_p}{1 + s(R_s + R_p)C_s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{V_O(s)}{V_I(s)} = \left(\frac{R_P}{R_S + R_P} \right) \frac{S C R_S + R_P}{1 + S (R_S + R_P) C S}$$

$$\left(\frac{V_O}{V_I} \right) = K_2 \frac{S C}{1 + S \tau_2}$$

$$\tau_2 = (R_S + R_P) C S$$

$$K_2 = \frac{R_P}{R_S + R_P}$$



KCL at output node A

$$\frac{V_O - V_i}{R_S} + \frac{V_O}{R_P} + \frac{V_O}{1/s C P} = 0$$

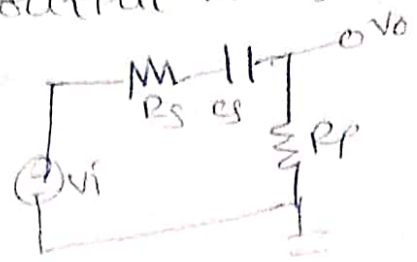
$$\frac{V_O - V_i}{R_S} + \frac{V_O}{R_P} + \frac{V_O}{1/s C P} = \frac{V_i}{R_S}$$

$$\frac{V_O}{V_i} = \left(\frac{R_P}{R_S + R_P} \right) \frac{1}{1 + S \left(\frac{R_S R_P}{R_S + R_P} \right) C P}$$

$$= \left(\frac{R_P}{R_S + R_P} \right) \left(\frac{1}{S \tau_P + 1} \right)$$

$$\tau_P = (R_S \parallel R_P) C_P$$

In the input voltage is a step function $V_i(s) = 1/s$. ^{(9) bc}
 series coupling capacitor ckt. Then output voltage ^{can}
 $V_o(s) =$



$$V_o(s) = K_2 \left[\frac{s\tau_2}{1 + s\tau_2} \right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{RP}{RS + RP} \right) \left[\frac{s(RS + RP) CS}{1 + s(RS + RP) CS} \right]$$

$$\frac{V_o(s)}{V_i(s)} = K_2 \left[\frac{s\tau_2}{1 + s\tau_2} \right] \quad \text{if } V_i(s) = 1/s$$

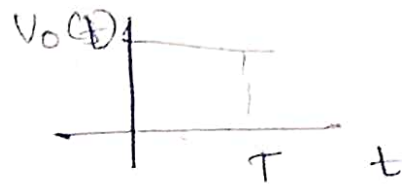
$$= K_2 \left[\frac{1}{s + 1/\tau_2} \right] \quad \frac{V_o(s)}{s} = K_2 \left[\frac{\tau_2}{1 + s\tau_2} \right] \times \frac{1}{s}$$

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Taking inverse Laplace transformation, then

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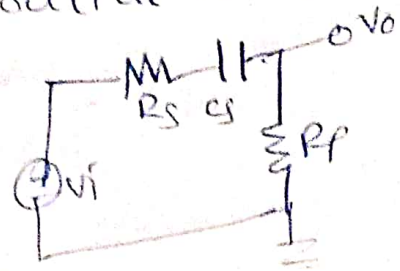


If we apply pulse input voltage, to above ckt the voltage applied to load ckt is slowly decreases.



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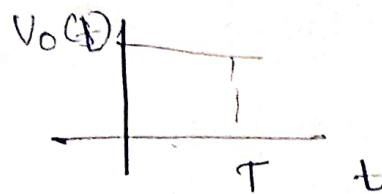
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