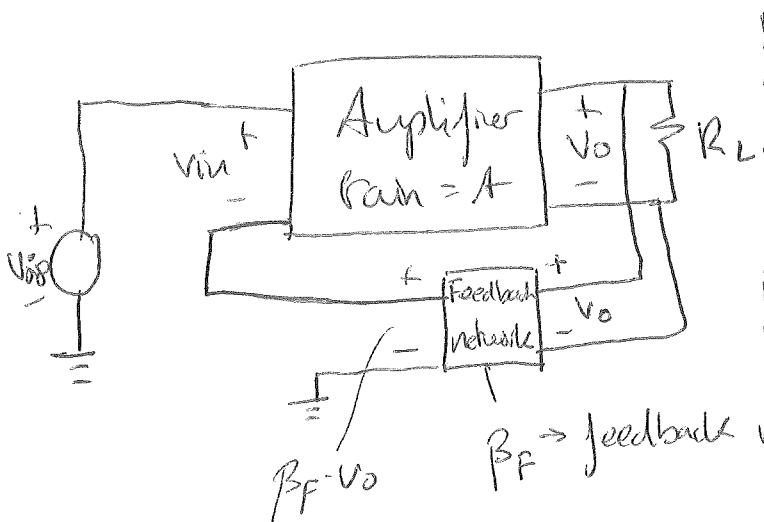


# Stability of amplifiers

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→ Feedback to avoid oscillations.

→ opamps are ~~also~~ are type of feedback amplifiers.



$$\frac{V_o}{V_{in}} = A$$

KVL:  $V_{in} + \beta_F V_o = V_{sig}$

Gain w/ feedback  $A_F = \frac{V_o}{V_{sig}}$

$$\frac{V_o}{A} + \beta_F V_o = V_{sig}$$

$$V_o \left( \frac{1}{A} + \beta_F \right) = V_{sig}$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_{sig}} = A_F = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta_F}$$

→ If  $A\beta_F \gg 1$

$$A_F \approx \frac{1}{\beta_F}$$

→ Gain depends only in  $\beta_F$ , gain is independent of amplifiers and depends only on feedback network.

→ Avoids variation between amplifiers and between mosfets and changes in  $V_{th}$ ,  $V_{gs}$ , ...

→ Also avoid oscillations.

→ Oscillator has a finite output voltage and no input voltage with an infinite gain (DC supplies on with an ac. output)

↙ oscillations due to small variations) noise.

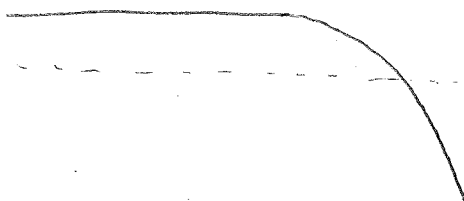
→ Oscillation occurs if  $AF \rightarrow \infty$   
or  $(1 + A\beta_f) = 0$

→ Condition for oscillation  $A\beta_f = -1$  or

$$A\beta_f = 1 \angle \pm 180^\circ$$

↙ proposed by Barkhausen  
∴ Barkhausen criterion.

Gain  
mid-band



Gain when phase angle is  $\pm 180^\circ$

→ if this gain is still large

→ possible stability problem.

→ Condition for stability.

→ Therefore gain should be lower than

0 dB at a frequency when the phase angle =  $-180^\circ$

→ Now we need to look at phase of Bode plots.  
Bode phase plots

# Bode phase plots:

## ① Single pole function:

$$A(s) = \frac{1}{s + \alpha} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha + j\omega} \begin{matrix} \nearrow \text{numerator} \\ \searrow \text{denominator} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Phase } \theta = 0^\circ - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$\theta = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{\alpha}\right)$$

→ what this looks like using asymptotic approach:

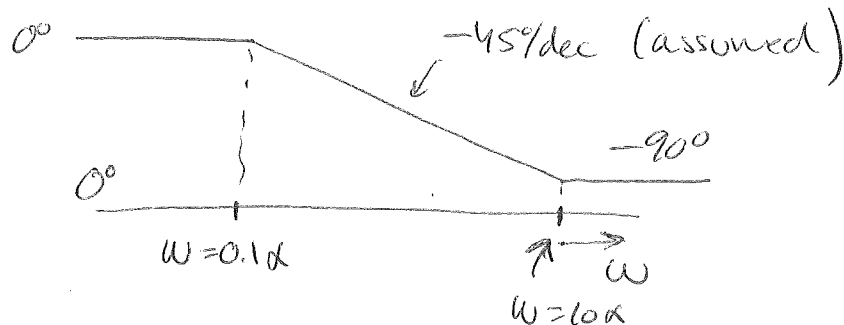
## Asymptotic plot:

$$\omega \ll \alpha : \tan^{-1}(\text{small angle in radians}) = \text{angle in radians.}$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{\alpha}\right) = \frac{\omega}{\alpha}$$

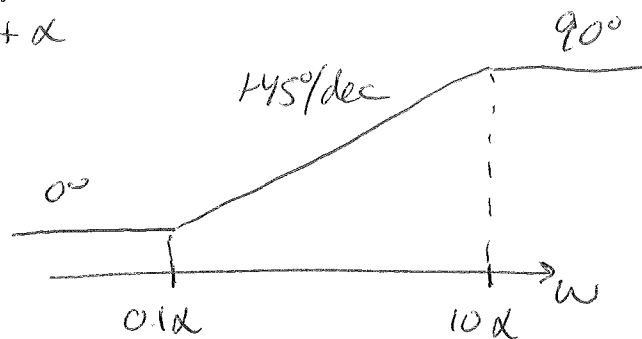
$$\omega \gg \alpha : \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{\alpha}\right) \approx \tan^{-1}(\infty) = 90^\circ$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{s + \alpha}\right) \rightarrow$$



## ② Single zero function:

$$A(s) = s + \alpha$$



## Phase plots (how to draw them)

1 → List of poles and zeros in ascending order.

2 → List when  $\omega = 0.1x$  and  $\omega = 10x$  for each pole and zero.

3 → Combine information.

→ ex  $\frac{s+100}{s+2000}$       zero  $s=-100$   
pole  $s=-2000$

zero at  $\omega=100$

$\omega=(0,10): 0^\circ \text{ level}$

$\omega=(10,1000): +45^\circ/\text{dec}$

$\omega=(1000, \infty): 90^\circ \text{ level}$

pole at  $\omega=2000$

$\omega(0,200): 0^\circ \text{ level}$

$\omega(200 \rightarrow 20000): -45^\circ/\text{dec}$

$\omega(20000 \rightarrow \infty): -90^\circ \text{ level}$

→ overall plot:

$(0 \rightarrow 10): 0^\circ \text{ level}$

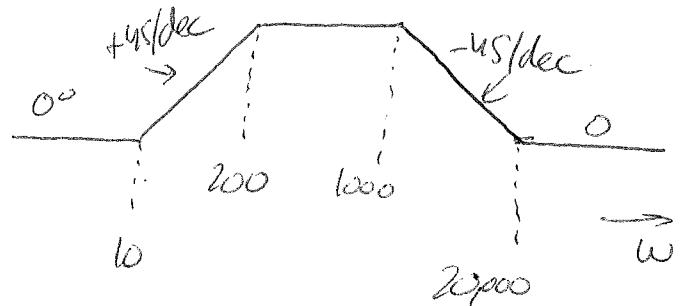
$(10 \rightarrow 200): +45^\circ/\text{dec}$

$(200 \rightarrow 1000): \text{ level}$

$(1000 \rightarrow 20000): -45^\circ/\text{dec}$

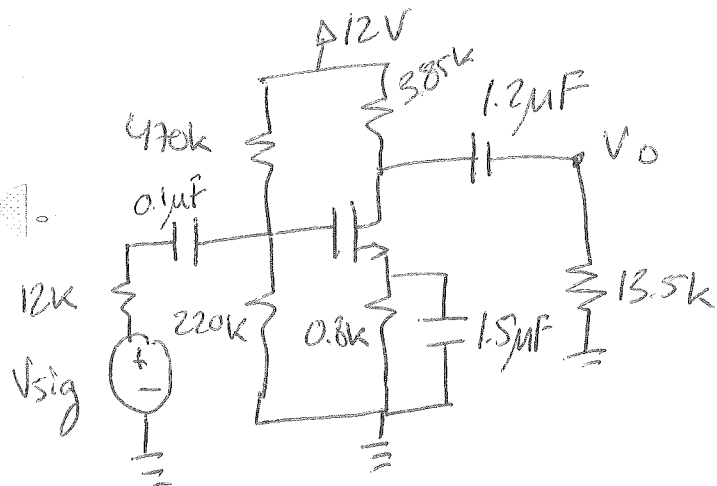
$(20000 \rightarrow \infty): 0^\circ \text{ level}$

$\Delta\phi = ?$



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$$k = 1.5 \text{ mA/V}^2$$

$$V_T = 0.75 \text{ V}$$

$$C_{gs} = 5 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_{gd} = 3 \text{ pF}$$

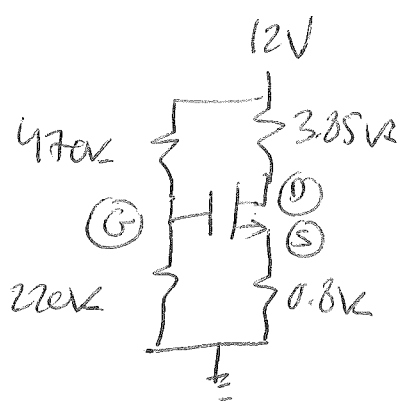
$$C_{ds} = 25 \text{ pF}$$

- DC  
- small-signal  
- mid-band gain

-  $\omega_{LO}$

-  $\omega_{Hi}$

### DC Analysis



$$\rightarrow V_G = 12 \text{ V} \cdot \frac{220 \text{ k}}{220 \text{ k} + 470 \text{ k}} = 3.826 \text{ V}$$

$$\rightarrow V_G - 0.8 I_D = V_{GS}$$

$$\rightarrow V_{GS} = 3.826 \text{ V} - 0.8 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1.5 \text{ mA/V}^2 \cdot (V_{GS} - 0.75)^2$$

$$3.826 - 0.6 V_{GS}^2 + 0.9 V_{GS} - 0.3375 = V_{GS}$$

$$V_{GS} = 2.329 \text{ V}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{and } I_D = 1.87 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Also } V_D = 12 - (1.87 \text{ } \mu\text{A}) (3.85 \text{ k}\Omega) = 4.801 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_T$$

$$V_{DS} = 4.801 - 0.75 < V_T$$

$\therefore$  Sat. ac.

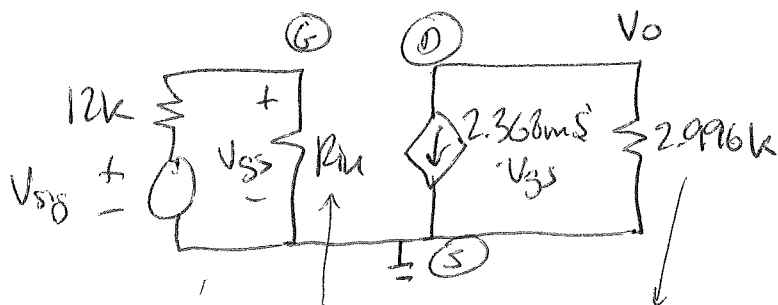
~~small-signal~~

$$\rightarrow g_m = 1.5 \text{ mA/V}^2 (2.329 - 0.75) = 2.368 \text{ mS}$$

## Mid-band gain

Small capacitances are open. Large caps are shorts.

Small-signal eq. circuit:



$$R_{in} = (470 // 220) = 149.8k$$

$$R_{eq} = R_D // R_L = 13.5k // 385k = 2.996k$$

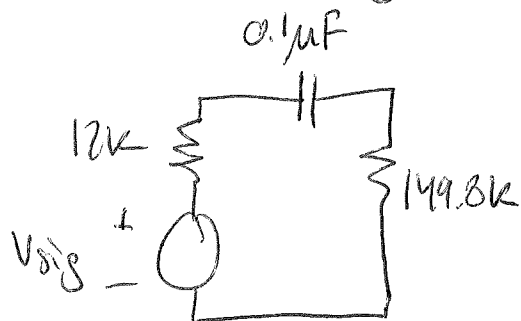
$$\rightarrow \frac{V_o}{V_{gs}} = -g_m \cdot R_{eq} = (-2.368mS)(2.996k) = -7.094 V/V$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{V_{gs}}{V_{sig}} = \frac{R_{in}}{R_{in} + 12k} = \frac{149.8k}{149.8 + 12k} = \frac{149.8}{161.8} = 0.9258$$

$$\rightarrow A_{mid} = \frac{V_o}{V_{sig}} = \frac{V_{gs}}{V_{sig}} \cdot \frac{V_o}{V_{gs}} = (0.9258)(-7.094 V/V) = -6.568 V/V$$

## Low-freq. response.

①  $C_1$  acting alone.



$$\omega_{C1} = \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{(0.1\mu F)(12k + 149.8k)} = 61.81/s$$

$\tau = R_{TH} \cdot C$

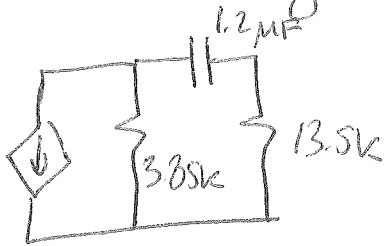
$0.1\mu F \rightarrow 10^{-6} F$        $12k + 149.8k \rightarrow 10^3$

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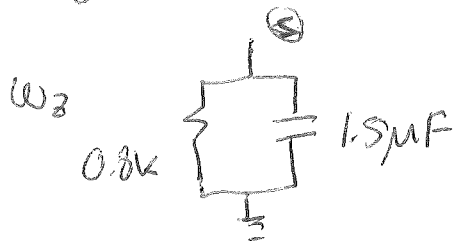
②  $C_2$  acting alone:



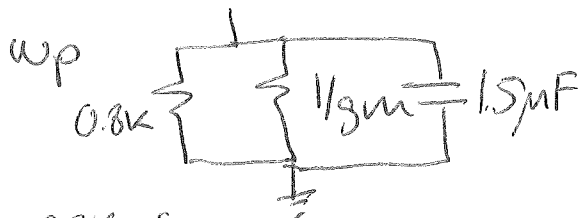
$$\omega_{C2} = \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{(1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(385\text{k} + 13.5\text{k})}$$

$$\omega_{C2} = 48.03 \text{ r/s}$$

③ Bypass  $C_s$  acting alone:



$$\omega_2 = \frac{1}{(1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(0.8 \times 10^3 \Omega)} = 833.3 \text{ r/s}$$



$$\omega_p = \frac{1}{(1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(276.4 \Omega)} = 2412 \text{ r/s}$$

$$g_m = 2.368 \text{ mS}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{g_m} = 0.4223 \text{ k}$$

$$\rightarrow (0.8\text{k} \parallel 0.4223\text{k}) = 0.2764 \text{ k}\Omega$$

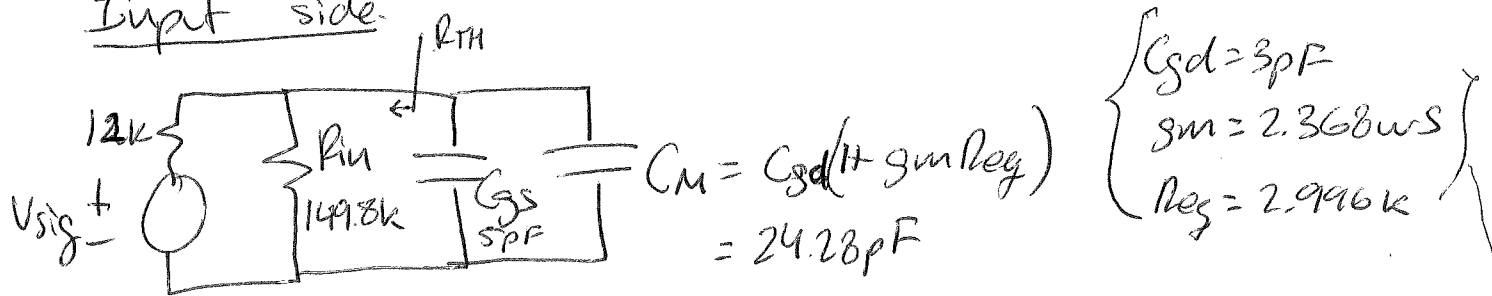
→ Take 2412 r/s as dominant frequency  $\omega_{\text{low}}$

↑ completes low frequency analysis.

# High frequency analysis

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Input side:

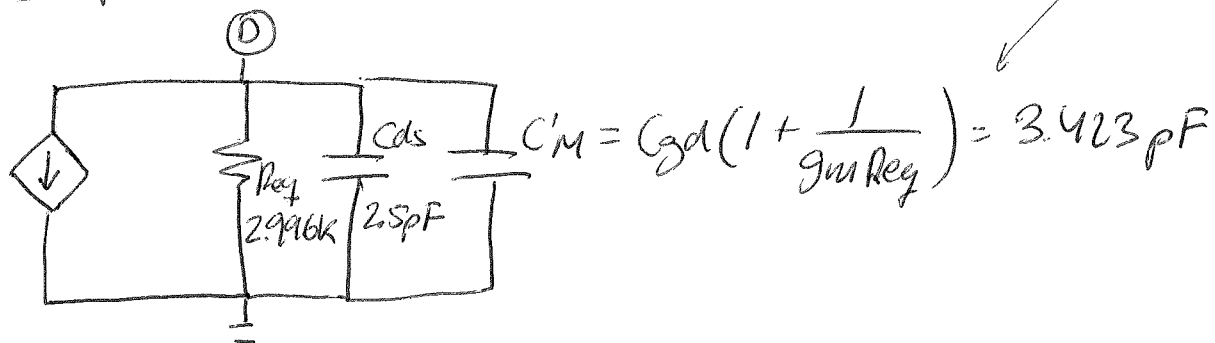


$$\omega_{hi(in)} = \frac{1}{RC} = \frac{1}{(11.11k\Omega)(29.28 \times 10^{-12}F)} = 3.074 \times 10^6 \text{ r/s}$$

$$R_{TH} = [(149.8k) \parallel (12k)] = 11.11k\Omega$$

$$C = 29.28pF$$

Output side:



$$\omega_{hi(out)} = \frac{1}{RC} = \frac{1}{(2.996k\Omega)(5.923 \times 10^{-12}F)} = 5.635 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}$$

$$R = 2.996k$$

$$C = 5.923pF$$

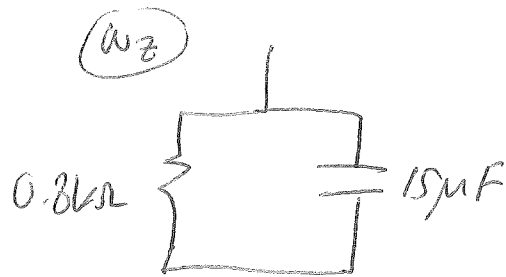
$$\therefore \omega_{hi} = 3.074 \times 10^6 \text{ r/s}$$

↑ completes analysis.

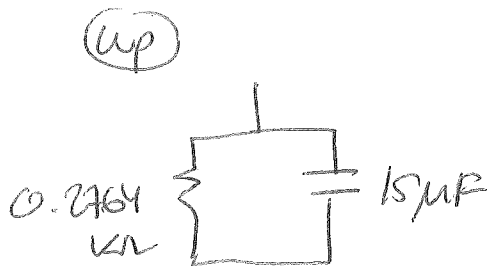


Is now changing bypass capacitor.  
to  $15 \mu F$ .

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$$\omega_z = \frac{1}{(15 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})(0.8 \text{ k}\Omega)} = 83.33 \text{ r/s}$$



$$\omega_p = \frac{1}{(0.2764 \text{ k}\Omega)(15 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F})} = 241.2 \text{ r/s}$$

7) Take ~~this~~ this as a non-dominant situation.

→ Then find  $\omega = ?$  when gain is 0.707-Amid  
by making Amid = 1 (normalized)

$$\therefore \text{Gain} = \frac{s^2 (s + \omega_z)}{(s + \omega_{c1})(s + \omega_{c2})(s + \omega_p)}$$

$$s = j\omega$$

$$\left| \frac{-\omega^2 (83.33 + j\omega)}{(61.8 + j\omega)(460 + j\omega)(241.2 + j\omega)} \right| = 0.707$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\omega_{\text{low}} = 238.6 \text{ r/s}}$$

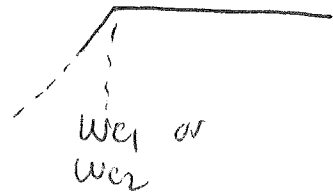
⇒ New lecture:

No dominant pole situations

→ low-freq. cutoff.

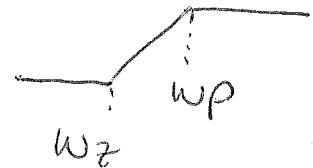
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_1 \text{ acting alone: DC gain} \neq 0, \text{ pole at } \omega_{c1} \\ C_2 \text{ acting alone: DC gain} \neq 0, \text{ pole at } \omega_{c2} \end{array} \right\}$

$$\frac{s}{s + \omega_{c1}} \quad \frac{s}{s + \omega_{c2}}$$



$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_s \text{ (bypass cap): DC gain} \neq 0 \\ \text{zero at } \omega_z \\ \text{pole at } \omega_p \end{array} \right\}$

$$\frac{s + \omega_z}{s + \omega_p}$$



$$\therefore \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{low freq} \\ \text{gain} \end{array} \right\} = \frac{s^2 (s + \omega_z)}{(s + \omega_{c1})(s + \omega_{c2})(s + \omega_p)} = 1 \text{ (normalized)}$$

$$s \rightarrow j\omega$$

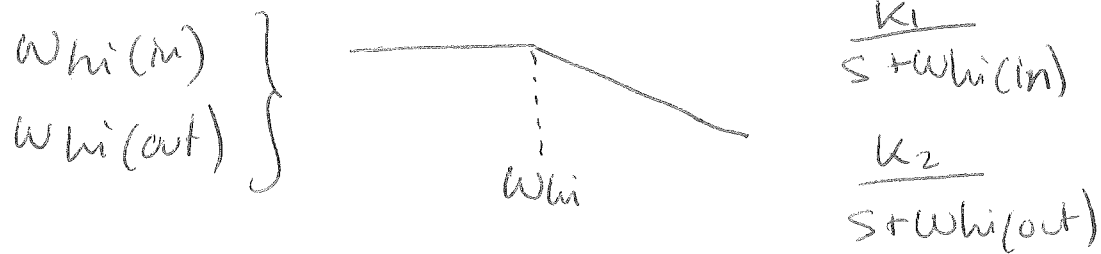
$$\left| \frac{-\omega^2 (j\omega + \omega_z)}{(j\omega + \omega_{c1})(j\omega + \omega_{c2})(j\omega + \omega_p)} \right|$$

$$= 0.707 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3\text{dB drop} \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{ power} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{array} \right.$$

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No dominant pole in  
→ High frequency cutoff.



Overall gain =  $\frac{K_1 K_2}{(s + \omega_{hi}(in))(s + \omega_{hi}(out))} \Rightarrow$

$\omega_{hi}(in)$   
 $\omega_{hi}(out)$

Make mid-band gain 0dB or 1.

$\therefore$  by making  $K_1 K_2 = \omega_{hi}(in) \cdot \omega_{hi}(out)$

$\hookrightarrow \frac{\omega_{hi}(in) \omega_{hi}(out)}{(s + \omega_{hi}(in))(s + \omega_{hi}(out))} = \text{normalized gain.}$

With no dominant pole: find magnitude = 0.707

$$\left| \frac{\omega_{hi}(in) + \omega_{hi}(out)}{(j\omega + \omega_{hi}(in))(j\omega + \omega_{hi}(out))} \right| = 0.707 = \sqrt{1/2}$$

Amplifier example (from before).

Change  $C_{gs}$  to  $2.5 \text{ pF}$

Change  $C_{gd}$  to  $2 \text{ pF}$

Change  $C_{ds}$  to  $10 \text{ pF}$

Input side

$$C_M = 16.19 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_{in} = 18.68 \text{ pF}$$

$$\omega_{hi(in)} = \frac{1}{(18.68 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F})(11.11 \times 10^3)} = 4.816 \times 10^6 \text{ r/s}$$

Output side

$$C'_M = 2.282 \text{ pF}$$

$$C_{out} = 12.282 \text{ pF}$$

$$\omega_{hi(out)} = \frac{1}{(12.282 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F})(2996)} = 2.718 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}$$

↑ Take this as a non-dominant pole situation.  
(only  $\sim 4\times$  between them).

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{High freq.} \\ \text{gain} \end{array} \right\} \left| \frac{(2.718 \times 10^7)(4.816 \times 10^6)}{(j\omega + 2.718 \times 10^7)(j\omega + 4.816 \times 10^6)} \right| = 0.707 = \sqrt{1/2}$$

$$\text{ad } \omega_{hi} = 4.677 \times 10^6 \text{ r/s}$$

## Back to stability of amplifiers.

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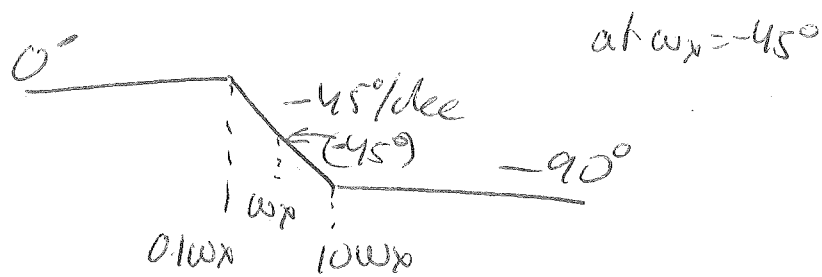
If gain magnitude  $> 0$  dB <sup>when</sup> ~~Here~~ <sup>the</sup> gain has a phase angle of  $-180^\circ$ , then amplifier is potentially unstable.

→ Need Phase plots to analyze this situation:

→ For any Pole frequency  $\omega_p$

~~$\omega = 0.1\omega_p \rightarrow \omega = 10\omega_p : \theta = 0^\circ$~~

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega = 0 \rightarrow \omega = 0.1\omega_p : \theta = 0^\circ \text{ (level)} \\ \omega = 0.1\omega_p \rightarrow \omega = 10\omega_p : \text{slope of } -45^\circ/\text{dec} \\ \omega > 10\omega_p : \theta = -90^\circ \text{ (level)} \end{array} \right.$$



Finding  $\theta$  at  $\omega_y$  (any  $\omega_y$ ) that falls between  $0.1\omega_p$  and  $10\omega_p$ .

$$\theta_{\omega_y} = -45 \log \left( \frac{\omega_y}{0.1\omega_p} \right)$$

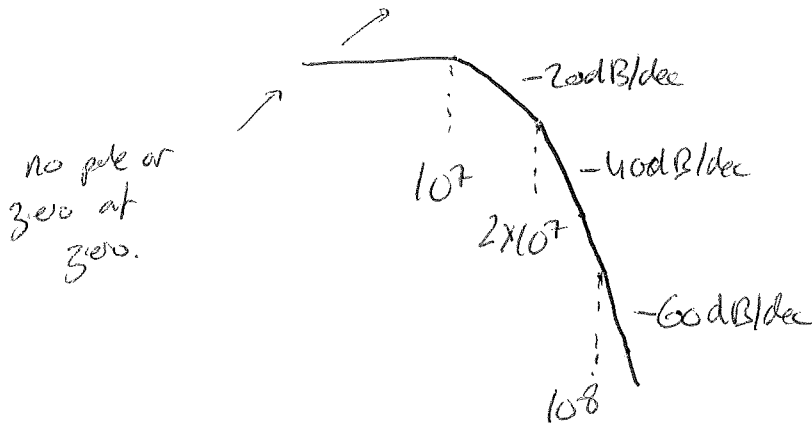
Example:

$$A(s) = 10^{26} \frac{1}{(s+10^7)(s+2 \times 10^7)(s+10^8)}$$

Mag. plot

$$20 \log(5000) = 73.95 \text{ dB}$$

$$A(s \rightarrow 0) = \frac{10^6}{10^7 + 2 \times 10^7 + 10^8} = 5000$$



Phase plot

Pole at  $10^7$ :  $(0, 10^6)$  level at  $0^\circ$   
 $(10^6 \rightarrow 10^8)$   $-45^\circ/\text{dec}$  slope  
 $(10^8 \rightarrow \infty)$  level at  $-90^\circ$

Pole at  $2 \times 10^7$ :  $(0, 2 \times 10^6)$  level at  $0^\circ$   
 $(2 \times 10^6 \rightarrow 2 \times 10^8)$   $-45^\circ/\text{dec}$  slope  
 $(2 \times 10^8 \rightarrow \infty)$  level at  $-90^\circ$

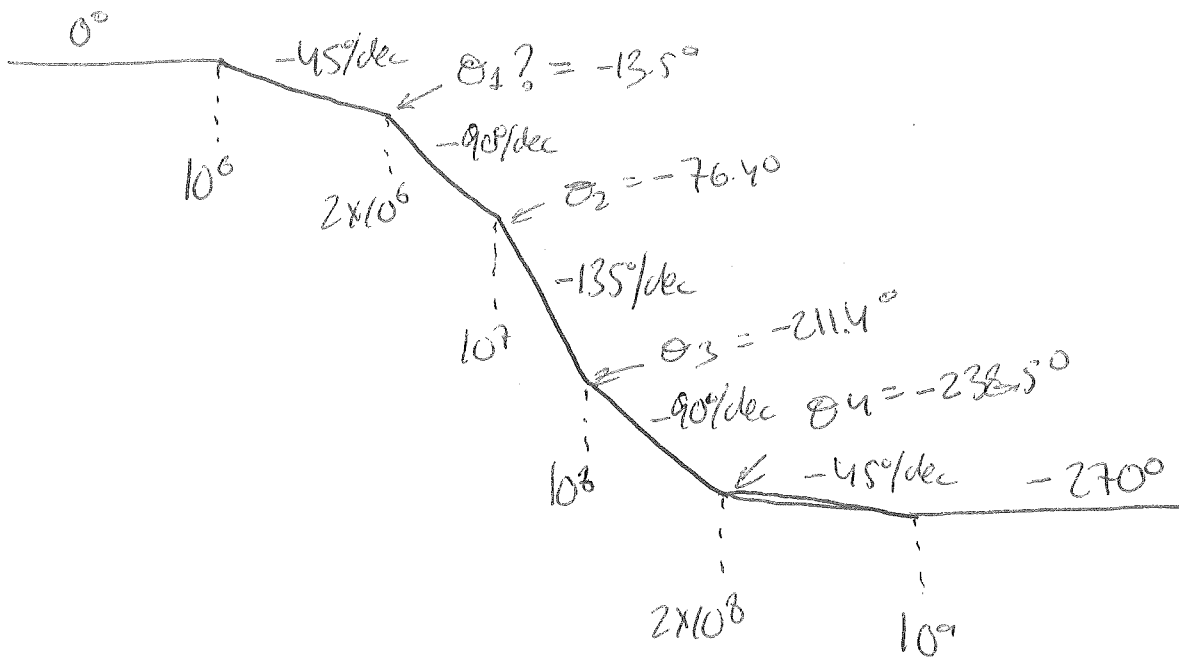
Pole at  $10^8$ :  $(0 \rightarrow 10^7)$  level at  $0^\circ$   
 $(10^7 \rightarrow 10^9)$   $-45^\circ/\text{dec}$  slope  
 $(10^9 \rightarrow \infty)$  level at  $-90^\circ$

Overall plot:  $(0 \rightarrow 10^6)$  level at  $0^\circ$   
 $(10^6 \rightarrow 2 \times 10^6)$   $-45^\circ/\text{dec}$   
 $(2 \times 10^6 \rightarrow 10^7)$   $-90^\circ/\text{dec}$   
 $(10^7 \rightarrow 10^8)$   $-135^\circ/\text{dec}$   
 $(10^8 \rightarrow 2 \times 10^8)$   $-90^\circ/\text{dec}$   
 $(2 \times 10^8 \rightarrow 10^9)$   $-45^\circ/\text{dec}$   
 $(10^9 \rightarrow \infty)$  level at  $-270^\circ$

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Control  
Drawing phase plot

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→ What is  $\omega$  when  $\theta = 180^\circ$ ?

$$\theta_1 = -45 \log \left( \frac{2 \times 10^6}{0.7 \times 10^6} \right) = -13.5^\circ$$

$$\theta_2 = -90 \log \left( \frac{10^7}{2 \times 10^6} \right) = -76.4^\circ$$

$$\theta_3 = -135 \log \left( \frac{10^8}{10^7} \right) = -211.4^\circ$$

$$\theta_4 = -90 \log \left( \frac{2 \times 10^8}{10^8} \right) = -238.5^\circ$$

$$\theta_5 = -45 \log \left( \frac{2 \times 10^9}{2 \times 10^8} \right) = -270^\circ$$

$$\Delta\theta = (-76.4) - (-180) = -135 \log \left( \frac{\omega_{180}}{10^7} \right) = -103.6$$

$$\left( \frac{-135}{-103.6} \right) = \left( \log \left( \frac{\omega_{180}}{10^7} \right) \right)$$

$$\omega_{180} = 5.853 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}$$

→ Check what gain is at this  $\omega$ !  
It  $> 0 \text{ dB} \rightarrow$  unstable.

$$\frac{\omega_{180}}{10^7} = \frac{(-103.6)}{135}$$

$$\omega_{180} = 10^7 (5.85)$$

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→ Check for stability:

Gain<sub>dB</sub> at  $\omega$  where  $\theta = -180^\circ$

→ From previous.  $\omega = 5.853 \times 10^7$  r/s at  $\theta = -180^\circ$

→ Gain at  $\omega = 5.853 \times 10^7$  r/s:

$$67.96 - 40 \log \left( \frac{5.853 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}}{2 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}} \right) = 49.31 \text{ dB}$$

∴ Amplifier is potentially unstable.

- ① → Fix by reducing gain (to what level?)
- ② → Fix by controlling phase angle.

① Gain margin:

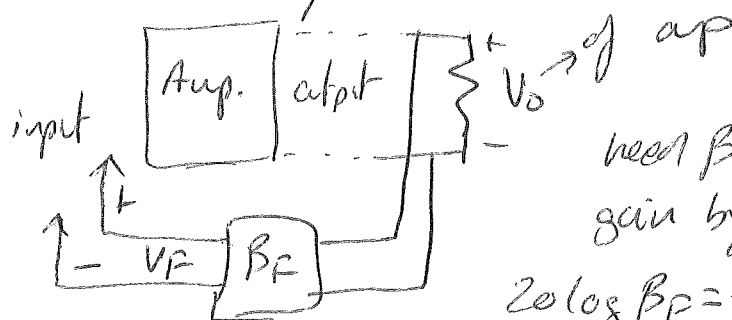
No. of dB below 0 dB  
at  $\omega$  where  $\theta = -180^\circ$  } 15 to 30 dB.

⊗ Suppose we choose 15 dB as the gain margin.  
Then need to go down reduce the gain to  
-15 dB at  $\omega_{180}$ .

∴ Reduction of gain by 64.31 dB in previous example.

How do we do this?

→ Introduce negative feedback:

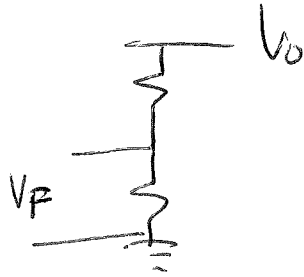


need  $B_f$  to reduce  
gain by 64.31 dB.

$$20 \log B_f = -64.31$$



$\beta_F$  is typically a voltage divider:



$$20 \log \beta_F = -64.31$$

$$\beta_F = 6.088 \times 10^{-4}$$

(not a very good way to fix it because it reduces overall gain significantly).

② Another way: stability  $\omega_{180}$

→ Phase angle at  $\omega$  where  $\text{gain} = 0\text{dB}$

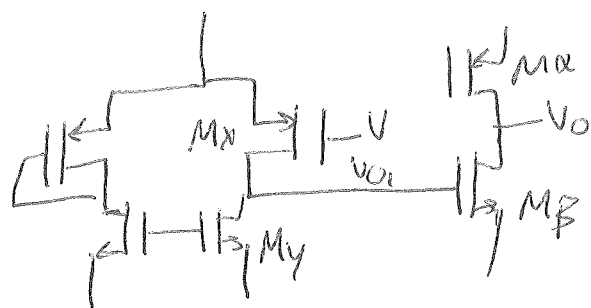
→ should be above  $-180^\circ$  line. (by how much?)

→ Phase margin:

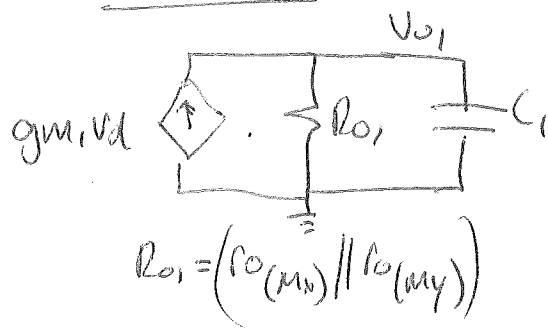
No. of degrees above  $-180^\circ$  line at  $\omega$  where  $\theta = -180^\circ \rightarrow$  typically  $30^\circ$  to  $45^\circ$ .

→ Example: 2-stage CMOS diff. amp: generally

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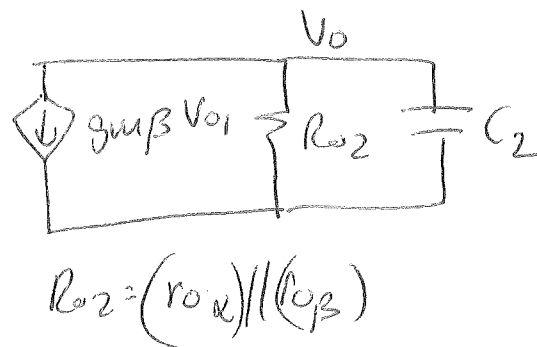
1st-stage.



→ Has two poles:  
one from 1st stage and  
another in 2nd stage.

→  $C_1, C_2$  → from MOSFET capacitances

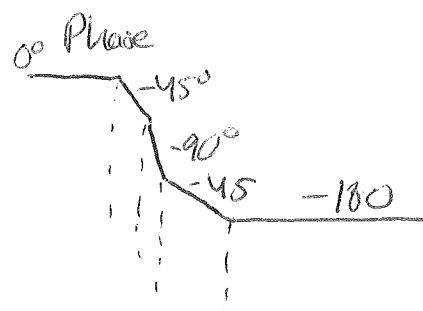
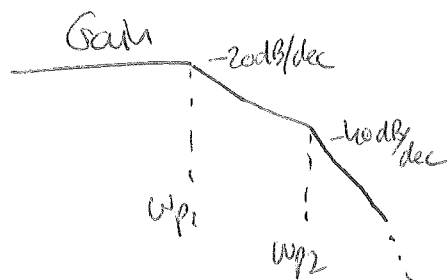
2nd stage



Two poles:

$$\omega_{p1} = \frac{1}{R_{o1} C_1}$$

$$\omega_{p2} = \frac{1}{R_{o2} C_2}$$



→ For 2-stage CMOS ap:

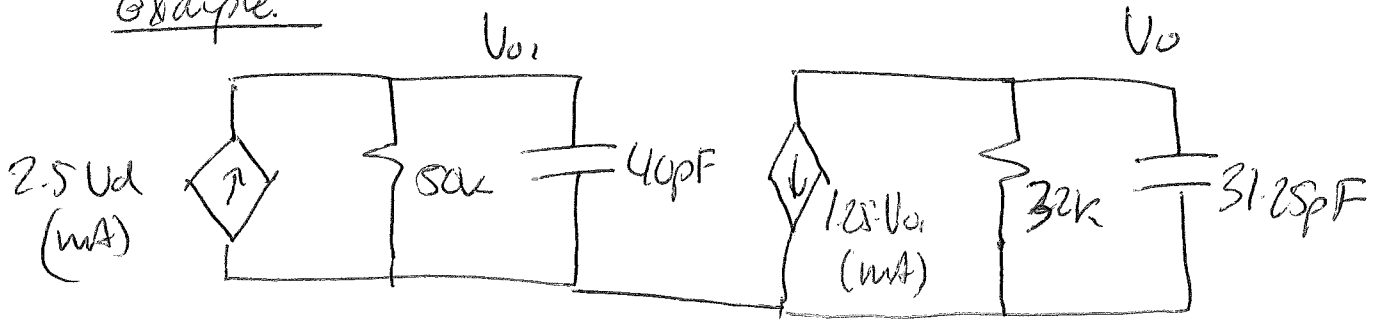
Determine  $\omega$  at 0dB and

Then look at phase plot to  
see how far away from  $-180^\circ$  we are.

→ Phase margin.

→ From gain bode plot

Example.



→ Midband gain =  $(2.5)(50) \times (1.25)(32) = 5000$   
 → 73.98dB

→ Poles:  $\frac{1}{(40 \times 10^{-12})(50 \times 10^3)} = 5 \times 10^5 \text{ r/s}$

$\frac{1}{(31.25 \times 10^{-12})(32 \times 10^3)} = 10^6 \text{ r/s}$

→  $A(s) = \frac{K}{(s + 5 \times 10^5)(s + 10^6)}$

→ find K for DC gain of 5000

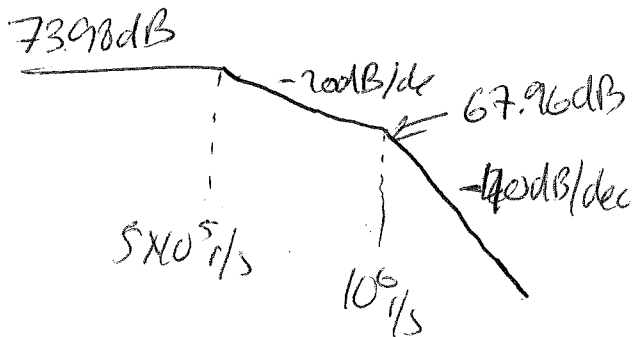
$\therefore \frac{K}{(5 \times 10^5)(10^6)} = 5000$

$K = (5000)(5 \times 10^5)(10^6)$

$K = 2.5 \times 10^{15}$

$A(s) = \frac{2.5 \times 10^{15}}{(s + 5 \times 10^5)(s + 10^6)}$

→ Bode plot



→ Phase plot (next page)

Gain at  $5 \times 10^5 \text{ r/s}$

$= 73.98\text{dB} - 20 \cdot \log\left(\frac{1 \times 10^6}{5 \times 10^5}\right) = 67.96\text{dB}$

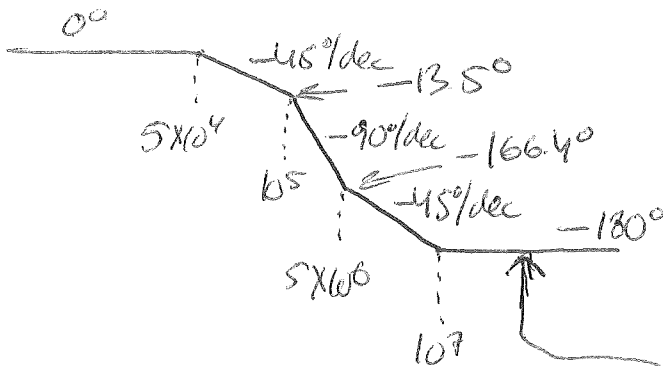
→ 0dB gain at  $5 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}$

need to amp 67.96dB  
 at -40dB/dec stage.

$-67.96\text{dB} = -40 \cdot \log\left(\frac{W_{\text{dB}}}{10^6}\right)$

$\left(\frac{67.96}{40}\right) = \left(\log \frac{W_{\text{dB}}}{10^6}\right) \rightarrow W_{\text{dB}} = 50 \times 10^6$

→ Phase plot:

Pole at  $5 \times 10^5$ : $(0 \rightarrow 5 \times 10^4)$  level at  $0^\circ$  $(5 \times 10^4 \rightarrow 5 \times 10^6)$   $-45^\circ/\text{dec}$  $(5 \times 10^6 \rightarrow \infty)$  level at  $-90^\circ$ Pole at  $10^6$ : $(0 \rightarrow 10^5)$  level at  $0^\circ$  $(10^5 \rightarrow 10^7)$   $-45^\circ/\text{dec}$  $(10^7 \rightarrow \infty)$  level at  $-90^\circ$ Overall

$$\theta_1 = 0 - 45 \cdot \log\left(\frac{10^5}{5 \times 10^4}\right) = -13.5^\circ$$

$$\theta_2 = \theta_1 - 90 \cdot \log\left(\frac{5 \times 10^6}{10^6}\right) = -166.4^\circ$$

$$\theta_3 = \theta_2 - 45 \cdot \log\left(\frac{10^7}{5 \times 10^6}\right) = -180^\circ$$

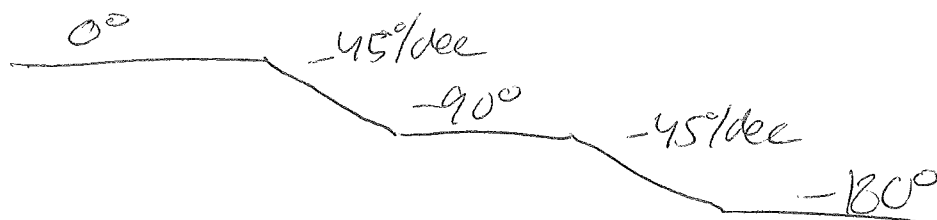
→ Now, find 0 dB gain at  $\omega = 5 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}$  (from previous page).

$\theta$  at  
 $\therefore \theta = -180^\circ$  at  $\omega$  of 0 dB.  
 → unstable.

→ ~~Fix by shifting phase plot to higher frequencies~~

→ Fix by shaping phase plot by pulling poles away from each other. → Pole-splitting.

→ introduce a low freq. pole  $\ll$  high freq. pole.

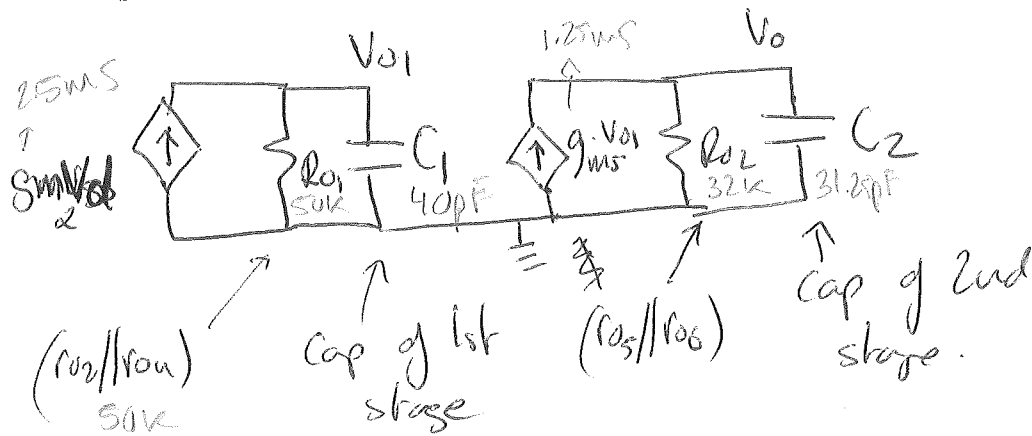


→ stability

→ 2-stage CMOS diff Amp - example

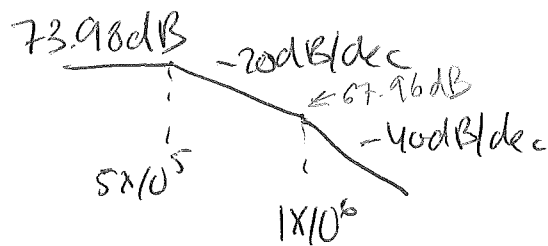
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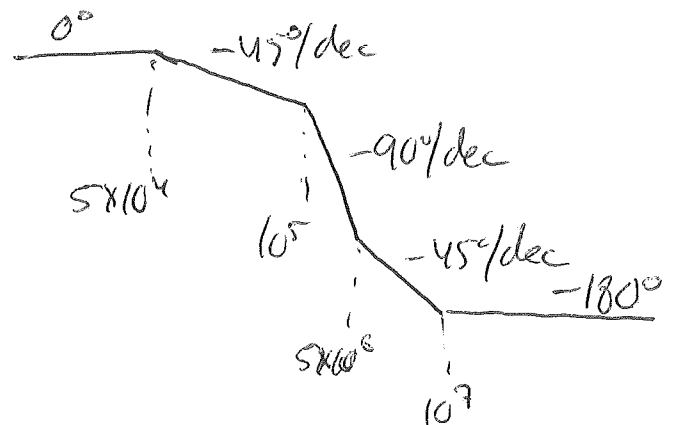


$$A(s) = \frac{2.5 \times 10^{15}}{(s + 5 \times 10^5)(s + 10^6)}$$

Mag bode plot



Phase plot



→ Use phase margin instead of ~~pt~~ magnitude margin.

→ Phase margin

$$W_{o dB} =$$

$$40 \log \left( \frac{W_{o dB}}{10^6} \right) = 67.9$$

$$W_{o dB} = 5 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}$$

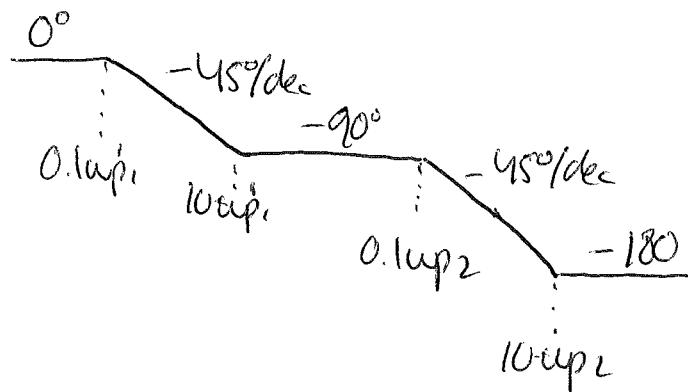
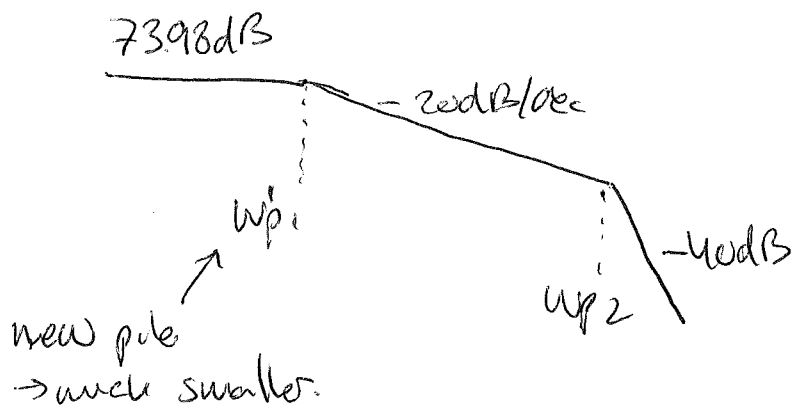
$$\theta = -180^\circ$$

Phase margin = 0 → unstable

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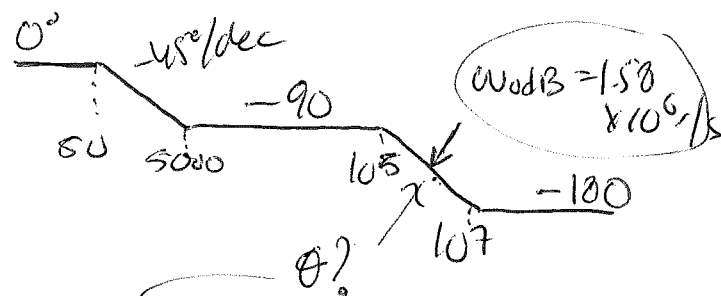
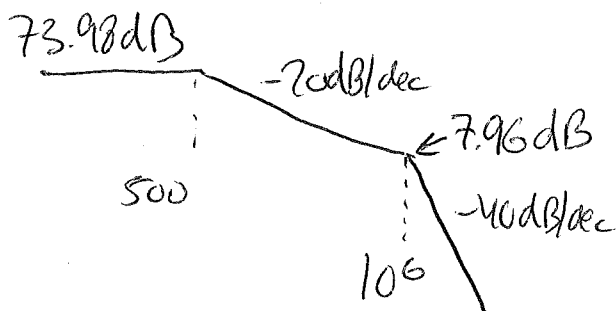
→ Pole splitting:

→ Fix by moving lower pole to a much smaller value.



As example:

→ Suppose we picked new pole  $\omega_{p1} = 500$  r/s (arbitrary choice)



$$7.96 \text{ dB} = 40 \log \left( \frac{\omega_{0\text{dB}}}{10^6} \right)$$

$$\omega_{0\text{dB}} = 1.58 \times 10^6 \text{ r/s}$$

$$\omega_{0\text{dB}} = 10^6 \times 10^{\left(\frac{7.96}{40}\right)} = 1.58 \times 10^6 \text{ r/s}$$

$\theta$  at  $1.58 \times 10^6$  r/s

$$= -90 - 45 \log \left( \frac{1.58 \times 10^6}{10^5} \right)$$

$$\theta = -144^\circ$$

→  $\neq -180^\circ$  (no oscillation)

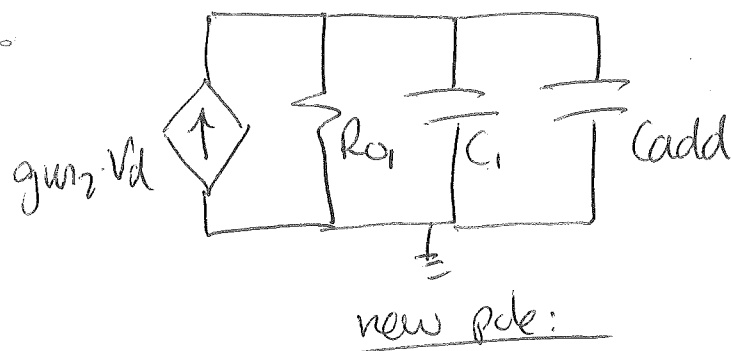
Also  $36^\circ$  above  $180^\circ$  line.

Phase margin is  $36^\circ$  (amplifier is stable).

→ DC gain stays the same (wish), but low cut freq.

Back to amplifier:

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Add capacitance  
to make new pole = 500 r/s.

→ Before it was  $5 \times 10^5$  r/s  
 $R_{o1} = 50k$   $C_1 = 40pF$

$$500 = \frac{1}{R_{o1}(C_1 + C_{add})}$$

$$C_{add} = \frac{1}{(500 \cdot 50k)} - C_1 = 40nF - 40pF = 39.96nF$$

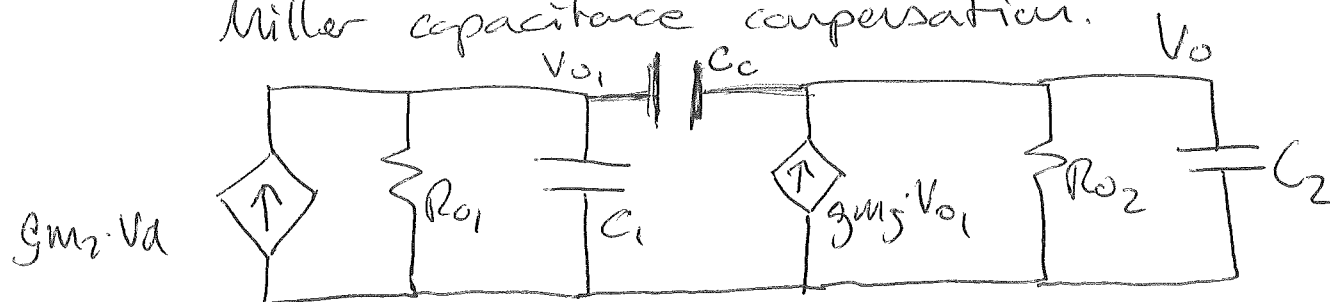
→ Too large.

→ Not a good solution

→ Good approach.

→ How it's actually done:

Miller capacitance compensation.



→ Add a capacitor between two stages.

→  $C_c$  will appear as large parallel capacitance  
to  $C_1$ .

→  $C_c$  - willer capacitance compensation.

→ It will result in two-poles.

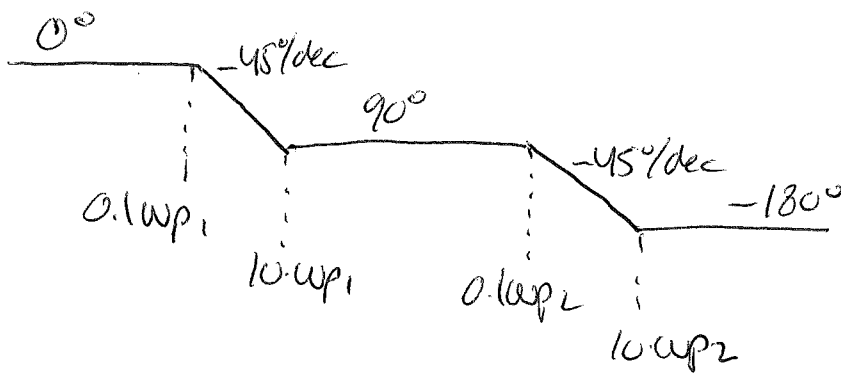
$$\omega_{p1} = \frac{1}{g_{m5} R_{O1} R_{O2} C_c} \quad \leftarrow \text{dominant pole.}$$

$$\omega_{p2} = \frac{g_{m5}}{C_1 + C_2}$$

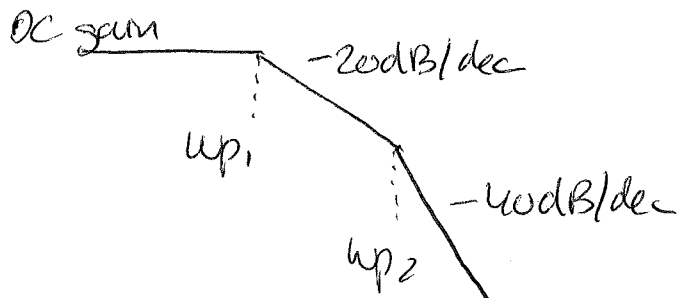
→ We know  $g_{m5}$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  → find  $\omega_{p2}$

→ Phase plot:

→ Need to find  $\omega_{p1}$



→ Mag. plot:

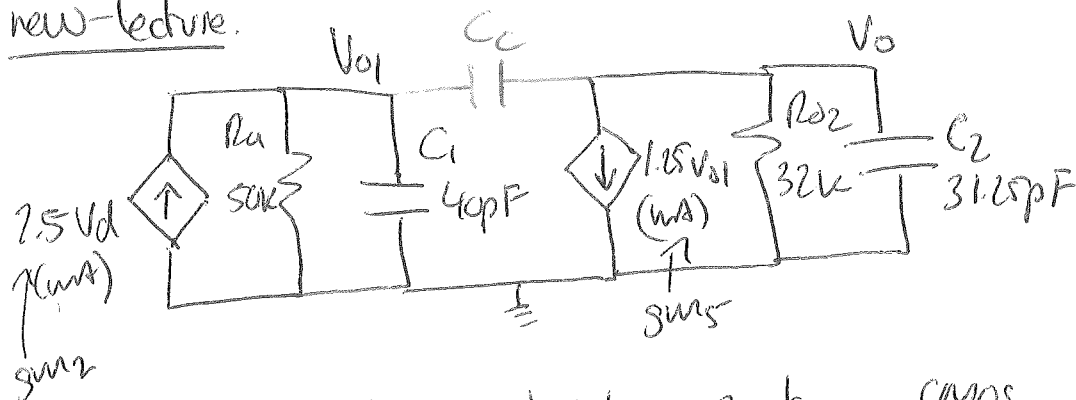


→ To find  $\omega_{p1}$  → pick a first margin.  
typically  $(-30 \rightarrow -45 \text{ dB})$ .

Procedure:

- ① Find  $\omega_{p2}$
- ② Choose phase margin  $\theta_{pm}$
- ③ Find  $\omega$  at which  $\text{angle} = (-180^\circ + \theta_{pm})$
- ④ Go to magnitude plot and make  $\text{gain} = 0\text{ dB}$  at freq of ③
- ⑤ Find  $\omega_{p1}$
- ⑥ Calculate  $C_c$ .





→ Potentially unstable 2-stage CMOS amplifier.

→ Move poles apart from each other → stability.

→ Adding a capacitor to  $C_1$  results in too large of capacitor.

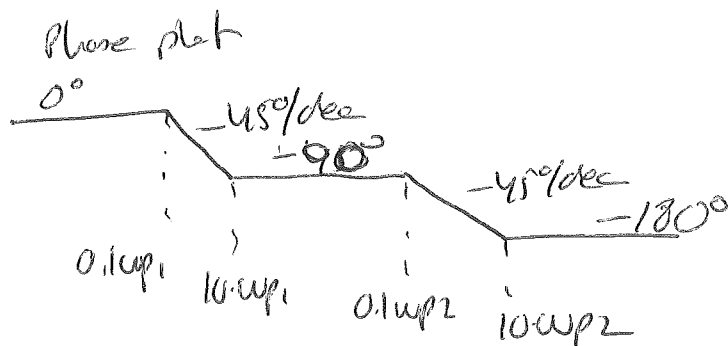
→ Add a compensation capacitor → Miller capacitor



★ Adding  $C_c$ :  
2-poles

$$\omega_{p1} = \frac{1}{500 \mu A R_{o1} R_{o2} C_c}$$

$$\omega_{p2} = \frac{500 \mu A}{C_1 + C_2}$$



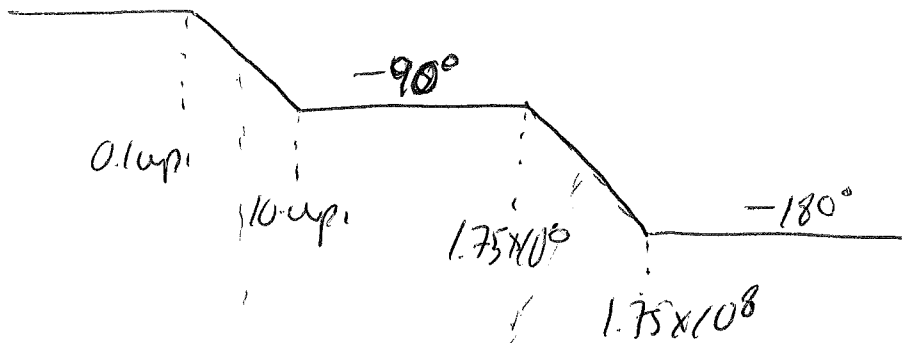
Procedure:

- ① Find  $\omega_{p2}$
- ② Pick phase margin ( $30^\circ \rightarrow 45^\circ$ )
- ③ Find  $\omega_{p1}$  value.
- ④ Find  $C_c$  value

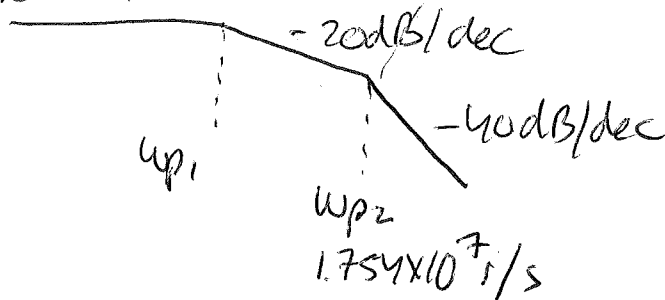
For this example:

$$\Phi \rightarrow \omega_{p2} = \frac{1.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}}{(40 + 31.25) \times 10^{-2} \text{ F}} = 1.754 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}$$

$\Phi \rightarrow$  Picking phase margin:  
 $\rightarrow$  Phase plot.



$\rightarrow$  Magnitude plot:  
 73.98 dB



$\rightarrow$  Choose  $30^\circ$  phase margin:

$\therefore$   $\omega$  for 0 dB gain is where  $\theta = -180 + 30 = -150^\circ$

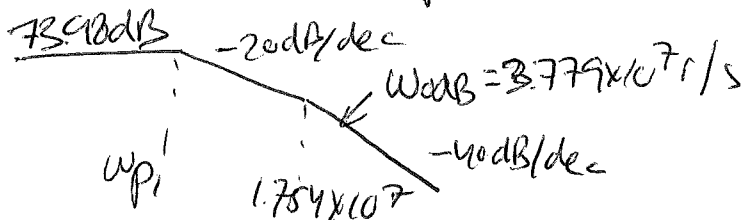
$\rightarrow$  From phase plot:

$\rightarrow$  lose  $-60^\circ$  starting at  $1.754 \times 10^6$  at  $-45^\circ/\text{dec}$ .

$$-60 = -45^\circ/\text{dec} \cdot \log \left( \frac{\omega_{0dB}}{1.754 \times 10^6} \right)$$

$$\omega_{0dB} = \left( 10^{\frac{60}{45}} \right) (1.754 \times 10^6) = 3.779 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s}$$

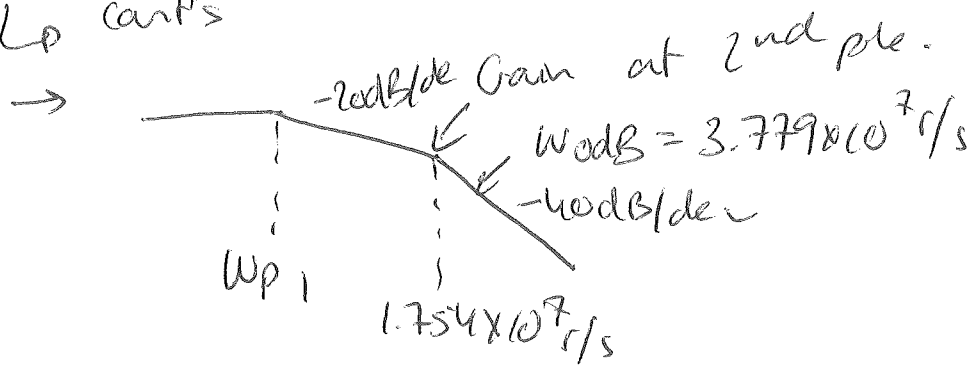
$\rightarrow$  From magnitude plot:



$\rightarrow$  control

$L_p$  cont's

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→ Gain at 2nd pole =  $40 \log \left( \frac{3.779 \times 10^7}{1.754 \times 10^7} \right) = 13.33 \text{ dB}$ .

→ Finding  $\omega_{p1}$  need to go from 73.98 dB to 13.33 dB at a slope of -20 dB/dec from  $\omega_{p1}$  to  $\omega_{p2}$ .

$$73.98 - 13.33 = 20 \log \left( \frac{1.754 \times 10^7}{\omega_{p1}} \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{73.98 - 13.33}{20} \right) = \log \left( \frac{1.754 \times 10^7}{\omega_{p1}} \right)$$

~~$\omega_{p1} = \frac{1.754 \times 10^7}{10^{\left( \frac{73.98 - 13.33}{20} \right)}} =$~~

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$$\omega_{p1} = \frac{1.754 \times 10^7}{10^{\left( \frac{73.98 - 13.33}{20} \right)}} = 1.627 \times 10^4 \text{ r/s}$$

→ Find  $C_c$  from  $\omega_{p1}$

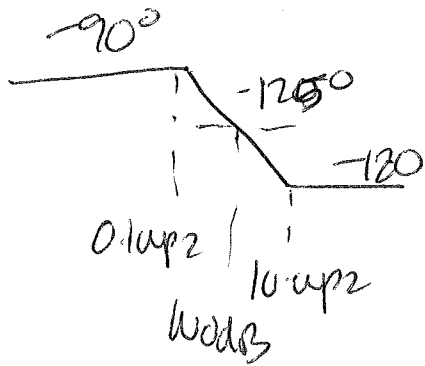
$$C_c = \frac{1}{g_{m5} \cdot R_{o1} \cdot R_{o2} \cdot \omega_{p1}} = \frac{1}{(1.25 \text{ mS})(50 \text{ k}\Omega)(32 \text{ k}\Omega)(1.627 \times 10^4 \text{ r/s})}$$

$$C_c = 30.73 \text{ pF}$$

→ Now choose a phase margin of  $55^\circ$ .  
 $55^\circ - 125^\circ$   
 $\omega$  for 0 dB gain is where  $\phi = -180^\circ$

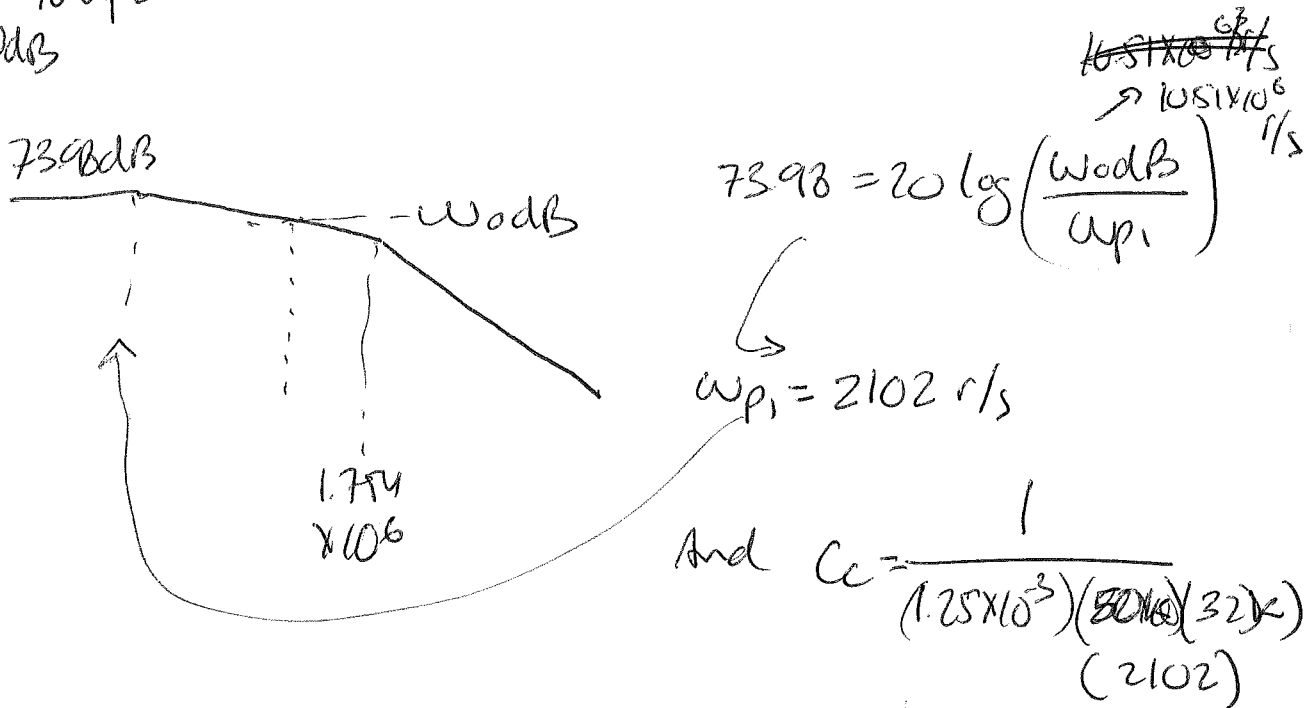
→ loose  $35^\circ$  staying at  $1.754 \times 10^6$  at  $-45^\circ/\text{dec}$ .

~~$\therefore$  one decade  $1.754 \times 10^7 \text{ r/s} = \omega_{0dB}$~~



$$35^\circ = 45 - \log\left(\frac{\omega_{0dB}}{1.754 \times 10^6}\right)$$

$$\omega_{0dB} = 10.51 \times 10^6 \text{ r/s}$$



$$73.98 = 20 \log\left(\frac{\omega_{0dB}}{\omega_{p1}}\right)$$

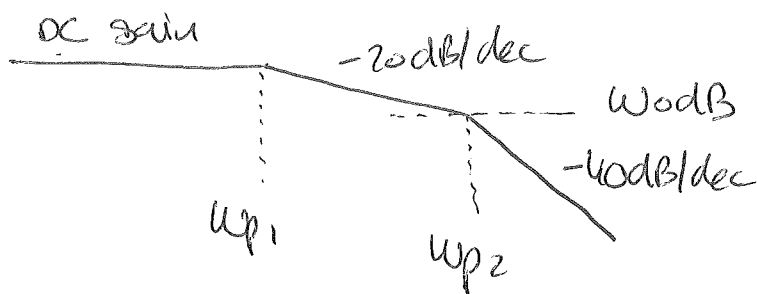
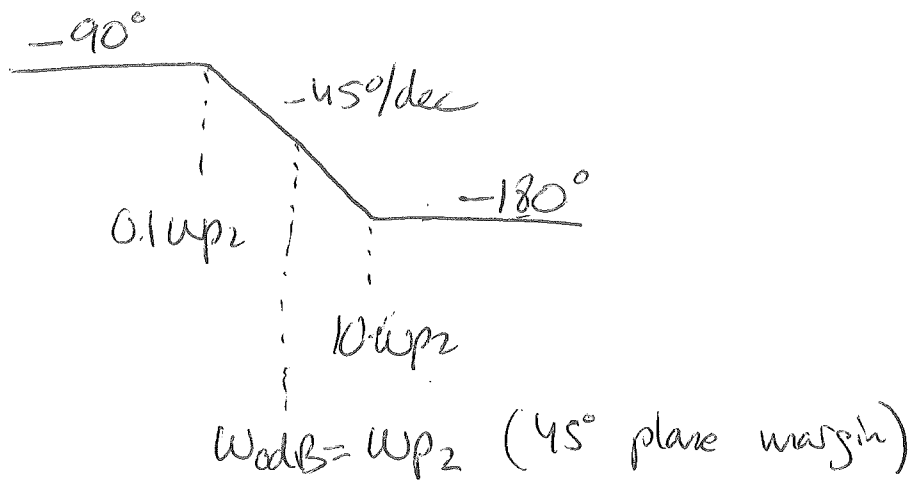
$$\omega_{p1} = 2102 \text{ r/s}$$

$$\text{And } C_c = \frac{1}{(1.25 \times 10^3)(32 \times 10^3)(2102)}$$

$$C_c = 237.9 \text{ pF}$$

→ special case when phase margin =  $45^\circ$

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$$\therefore \text{DC gain} = 20 \log \left( \frac{\omega_{p2}}{\omega_{p1}} \right)$$

$$\text{and } \omega_{p1} = \frac{\omega_{p2}}{10^{\frac{20}{20}}}$$