

# Closed loop gain and Phase Margin

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An amplifier has a dc gain of  $10^5$  and poles at  $10^5$  Hz ,  $3.16 \times 10^5$  Hz and  $10^6$  Hz . Find the value of  $\beta$ , and the corresponding closed-loop gain , for which a phase margin of  $45^\circ$  is obtained.

1. Find the transfer function of the three pole OPAMP.

**Solution:** For a 3-pole amplifier open loop transfer function is

$$G(s) = \frac{G_0}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{P_1}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{P_2}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{P_3}\right)} \quad (1.1)$$

where the Gain and Poles are listed in Table 1.

| Parameters | Value                            |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| $P_1$      | $2\pi \times 10^5$ rad/sec       |
| $P_2$      | $2\pi(3.16 \times 10^5)$ rad/sec |
| $P_3$      | $2\pi \times 10^6$ rad/sec       |
| $G_0$      | $10^5$                           |

TABLE 1

Poles are at  $f_1 = 10^5$  and  $f_2 = 3.16 \times 10^5$  and  $f_3 = 10^6$

$$G(f) = \frac{G_0}{\left(1 + j\frac{f}{f_1}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{f_2}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{f_3}\right)} \quad (1.2)$$

$$= \frac{10^5}{\left(1 + j\frac{f}{10^5}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{3.16 \times 10^5}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{10^6}\right)} \quad (1.3)$$

2. Find the loop gain expression ( $G(s)H$ ) ( $H$  is constant in this question).

**Solution:**

$$GH = \frac{10^5}{\left(1 + j\frac{f}{10^5}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{3.16 \times 10^5}\right)\left(1 + j\frac{f}{10^6}\right)} \cdot H \quad (2.1)$$

3. Find the PM and the crossover frequency.

**Solution:** The phase margin =  $180^\circ - \phi(f_c)$  where  $f_c$  is the frequency where  $|G(f)H| = 1$ . It is required that the phase margin is  $45^\circ$  , so that :

$$45^\circ = 180^\circ - \phi(f_c) \quad (3.1)$$

$$\phi(f_c) = -135^\circ. \quad (3.2)$$

From (2.1)

$$-135^\circ = -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{f_c}{10^5}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{f_c}{3.16 \times 10^5}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{f_c}{10^6}\right) \quad (3.3)$$

After solving the above equation , we get  $f_c = 315$  KHz.

4. Verify your result using a Bode plot.

**Solution:** The following code id used to verify the value of  $f_c$  Fig. 4

codes/ee18btech11016/ee18btech11016\_1.py

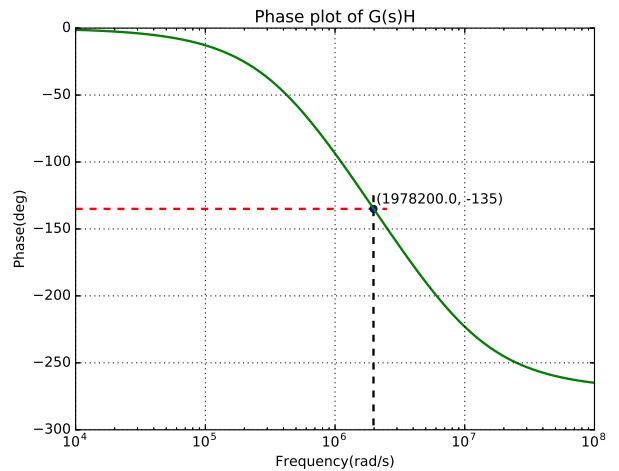


Fig. 4

5. Find the value of  $H$ .

**Solution:** From (2.1), The magnitude of the loop gain at this frequency  $f_c$  is given by  $|G(f_c)H|$  :

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$$H \left( \frac{10^5}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{315 \times 10^3}{10^5}\right)^2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{315 \times 10^3}{3.16 \times 10^6}\right)^2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{315 \times 10^3}{10^6}\right)^2}} \right) \quad (5.1)$$

which is equal to  $H \times (20.04 \times 10^3)$ . So,

$$|G(f_c)H| = H \times (20.04 \times 10^3) \quad (5.2)$$

Setting  $|G(f_c)H| = 1$ , Solving for  $\beta$  (here  $\beta$  is equal to  $H$ ) yields

$$\beta = 48.9 \times 10^{-6} \quad (5.3)$$

Or

$$H = 48.9 \times 10^{-6} \quad (5.4)$$

6. Find the corresponding closed-loop gain for which a phase margin of  $45^\circ$  is obtained.

**Solution:** The closed loop dc gain is given as

$$A_f = \frac{G_0}{1 + HG_0} = \frac{10^5}{1 + 48.9 \times 10^{-6}(10^5)} \quad (6.1)$$

$$A_f = 17 \times 10^3 \quad (6.2)$$

7. Realise the above system with  $PM = 45^\circ$  using a feedback circuit.

**Solution:**

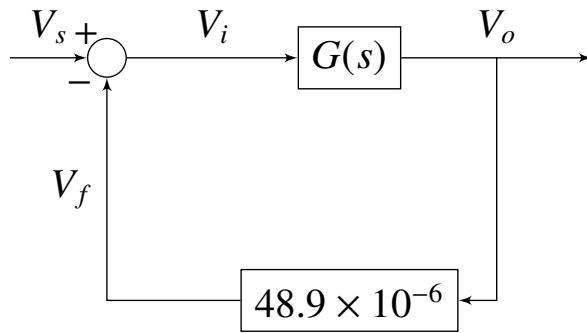


Fig. 7

The transfer function of OPAMP is

$$G(s) = \frac{10^5}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times 10^5}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times 3.16 \times 10^5}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{2\pi \times 10^6}\right)} \quad (7.1)$$

8. For the feedback gain  $H$

**Solution:**

Choose a resistance network such that

$$H = \frac{V_f}{V_o} = \frac{R_{f1}}{R_{f1} + R_{f2}} \approx 48.9 \times 10^{-6} \quad (8.1)$$

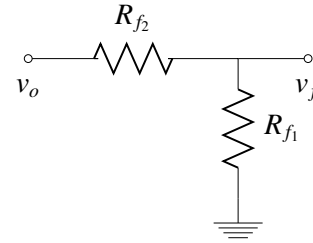


Fig. 8

Choose  $R_{f1}$  and  $R_{f2}$  as

$$R_{f1} = 100\Omega \quad (8.2)$$

$$R_{f2} = 2.045M\Omega \quad (8.3)$$

$$H = \frac{R_{f1}}{R_{f1} + R_{f2}} = \frac{100}{100 + 2.045 \times 10^6} \approx 48.9 \times 10^{-6} \quad (8.4)$$

9. Feedback Circuit for  $PM = 45^\circ$

**Solution:**

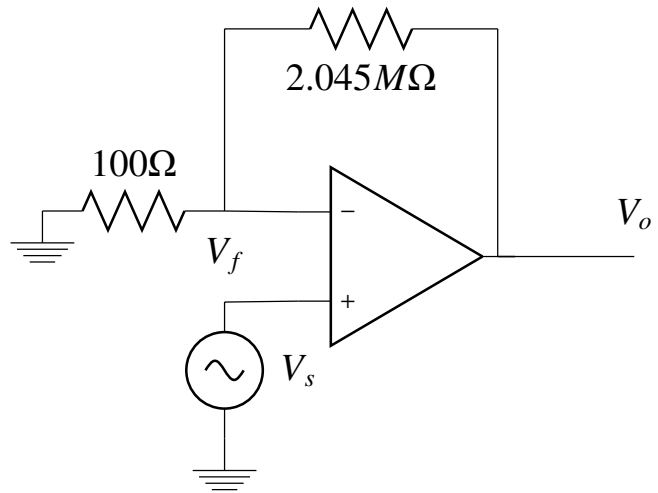


Fig. 9

10. Simulate the circuit in ngspice.

**Solution:** The following code provides instructions about the simulation.

codes/ee18btech11016/spice/README.md

The following netlist simulates the unity feedback system.

```
codes/ee18btech11016/spice/
ee18btech1016_sim.net
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The step response in spice is plotted using the following code in Fig. 10

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codes/ee18btech11016/spice/
ee18btech11016_simulation.py
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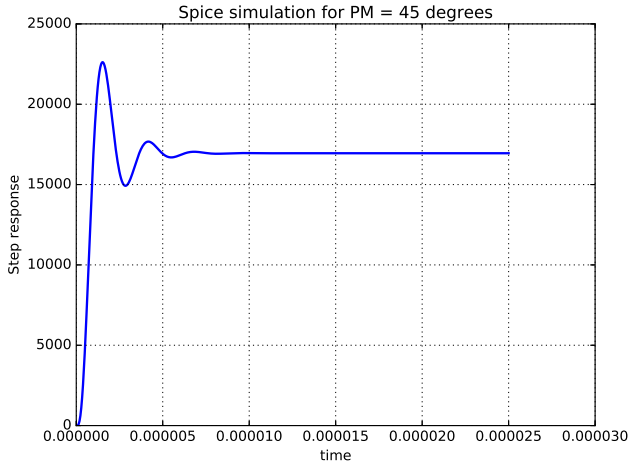


Fig. 10

#### 11. Overview of implementation.

**Solution:** Fig. 11 shows how the circuit is actually implemented in spice using the parameters in Table 11

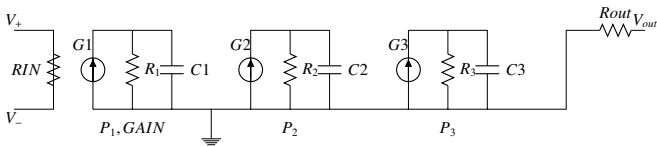


Fig. 11: Circuit resembling  $G(s)$

| Elements  | Value                   |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| $G_1$     | $10^{-1}(V_+ - V_-)A/V$ |
| $G_2$     | $10^{-6}A/V$            |
| $G_3$     | $10^{-6}A/V$            |
| $R_1$     | $1M\Omega$              |
| $R_2$     | $1M\Omega$              |
| $R_3$     | $1M\Omega$              |
| $C_1$     | $1.59pF$                |
| $C_2$     | $0.503pF$               |
| $C_3$     | $0.159pF$               |
| $R_{IN}$  | $1000M\Omega$           |
| $R_{OUT}$ | $100\Omega$             |
| $R_{f1}$  | $100\Omega$             |
| $R_{f2}$  | $2.045M\Omega$          |
| $R_s$     | $1M\Omega$              |

TABLE 11