

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, 3.16×10^5 Hz and 10^6 Hz. Find the value of β , and the corresponding closed-loop gain, for which a phase margin of 45° is obtained.

- 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 $f_3 = 10^6$

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

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

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

Solution:

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

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- 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° , 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.

- Verify your result using a Bode plot.

Solution: The following code is used to verify the value of f_c Fig. 4

codes/ee18btech11016/ee18btech11016_1.py

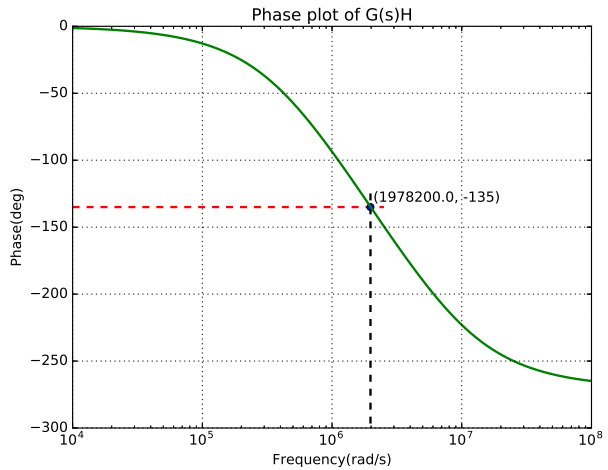


Fig. 4

- Find the value of H .

Solution: From (2.1), The magnitude of the

loop gain at this frequency f_c is given by $|G(f_c)H|$:

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

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 β (here β 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° 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:

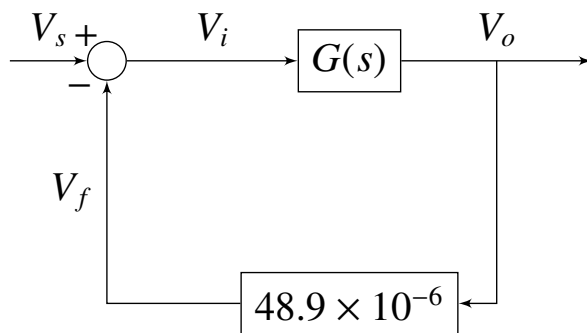


Fig. 7

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

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

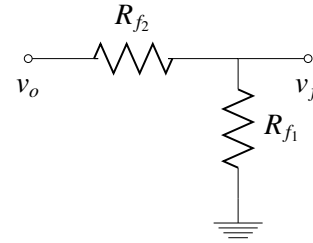


Fig. 8

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:

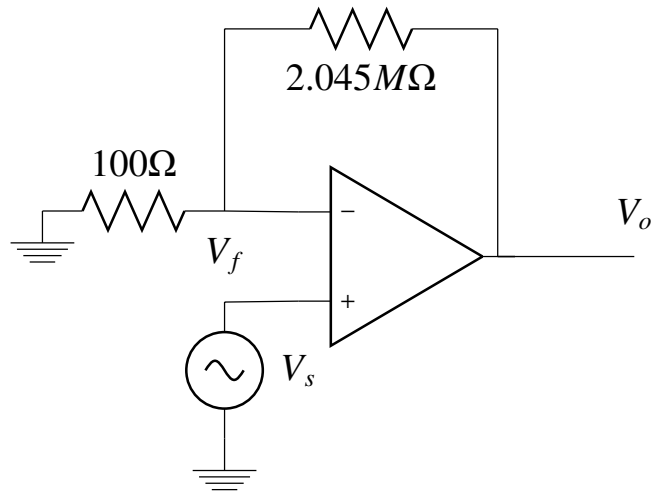


Fig. 9

10. Simulate the circuit in ngspice.

Solution: The following code provides instructions about the simulation.

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codes/ee18btech11016/spice/README.md
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The following netlist simulates the unity feedback system.

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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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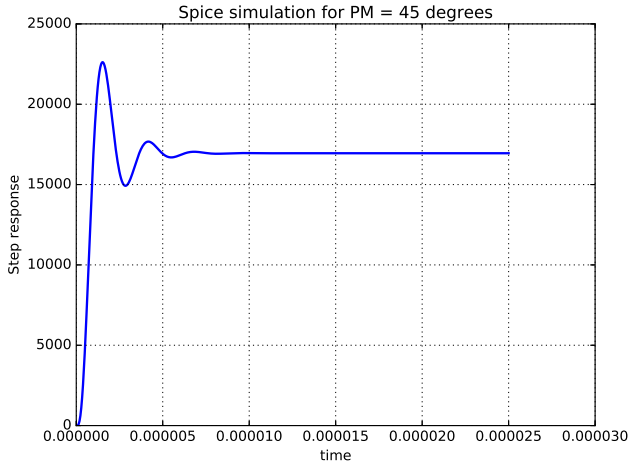


Fig. 10

11. Overview of implementation.

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

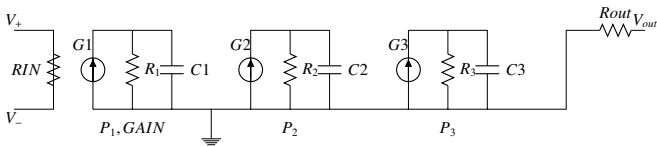


Fig. 11: Circuit resembling $G(s)$

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}	100Ω
R_{f1}	100Ω
R_{f2}	$2.045M\Omega$
R_s	$1M\Omega$

TABLE 11