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Filters

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1 Theory

Filters in circuits allow ciruin frequincies to pass through while blocking undesired fre-
quencies. Filters are classified into two types: passive and active filters. Passive filters are
made of passive components such as resistors, capacitors, and inductors. Active filters are
made of active components such as transistors and op-amps. A filter order is the number of
reactive components in the filter. Furthermore, filters have four basic types: low pass, high
pass, band pass, and band stop.

1.1 Passive Filters

1.1.1 Low Pass Filter

As the name suggests, this type of filters allow low frequencies to pass through while
blocking high frequencies.

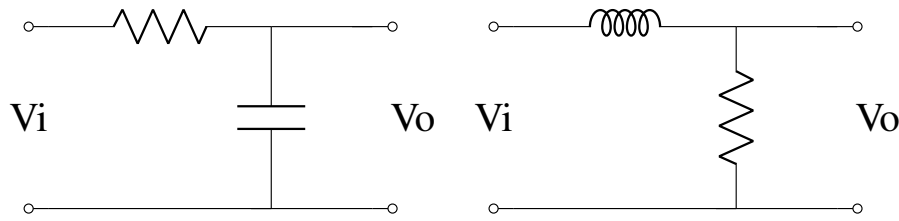


Figure 1: 1st Order Passive Low-Pass filters

$$\begin{aligned} V_o &= \frac{X_c}{X_c + X_r} \times V_i & V_o &= \frac{X_r}{X_r + X_l} \times V_i \\ X_c &= \frac{1}{j\omega c} & X_l &= j\omega l \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

The frequency is inversely proportinal to the impedance X_c , and X_c is directly proportinal
to V_o , and by the same logic the frequency is directly proportinal to X_l , and X_l is inversely
proportinal to V_o , which indicates that higher frequeuncies generate low voltage (reject), and
low frequeuncies generate high voltage (pass).

The cut-off frequency is the frequency at which point of inversion occurs, which indeicates
what a high and low frequeunces are, and its given by:

$$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC} \quad or \quad f_c = \frac{R}{2\pi L} \quad (2)$$

1.1.2 High Pass Filter

This type of filter is a complement of the low-pass filter, since it rejects low frequencies and passes high ones.

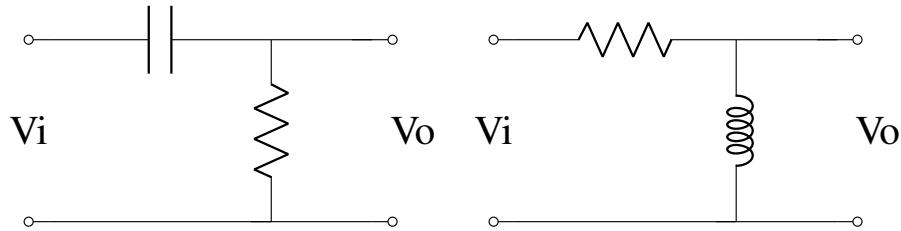


Figure 2: 1st Order Passive High-Pass filters

$$\begin{aligned} V_o &= \frac{X_r}{X_c + X_r} \times V_i & V_o &= \frac{X_l}{X_r + X_l} \times V_i \\ X_c &= \frac{1}{j\omega c} & X_l &= j\omega l \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

According to the above equations, the frequency is inversely proportional to the impedance X_c , and X_c is inversely proportional to V_o , and by the same logic the frequency is directly proportional to X_l , and X_l is directly proportional to V_o , which indicates that higher frequencies generate high voltage (pass), and low frequencies generate low voltage (reject).

The cut-off frequency is the frequency at which point of inversion occurs, which indicates what a high and low frequencies are, and its given by:

$$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC} \quad \text{or} \quad f_c = \frac{R}{2\pi L} \quad (4)$$

1.1.3 Band Pass Filter

1.1.4 Band Stop Filter

1.2 Active Filters

2 Procedure and Data Analysis

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