

Control Systems

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Abstract—This manual is an introduction to control systems based on GATE problems. Links to sample Python codes are available in the text.

Download python codes using

svn co <https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/control/codes>

1 FEEDBACK CIRCUITS

1.0.1. Three identical inverting amplifier stages each characterized by a low frequency gain K and a single pole response with

$$f_{3dB} = 100kHz \quad (1.0.1.1)$$

are connected in a feedback loop with $H = 1$. What is the minimum value of K at which the circuit oscillates? What would the frequency of oscillation be?

Solution: The given data is shown in the table.1.0.1

Parameter	Value
pole frequency	100kHz
feedback factor	1

TABLE 1.0.1: INPUT TABLE

The open loop gain of amplifier stages is given by...

$$G_1(s) = G_2(s) = G_3(s) = \frac{-K}{1 + \frac{s}{2\pi 10^5}} \quad (1.0.1.2)$$

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The three gains are cascaded. The net open loop gain is given by.,

$$G(s) = G_1(s)G_2(s)G_3(s) \quad (1.0.1.3)$$

$$G(s) = \left[\frac{-K}{1 + \frac{s}{2\pi 10^5}} \right]^3 \quad (1.0.1.4)$$

$$G(s) = - \left[\frac{K}{1 + \frac{s}{2\pi 10^5}} \right]^3 \quad (1.0.1.5)$$

1.0.2. Draw the control block diagram of above question.

Solution: The control system block is shown in the figure.1.0.2

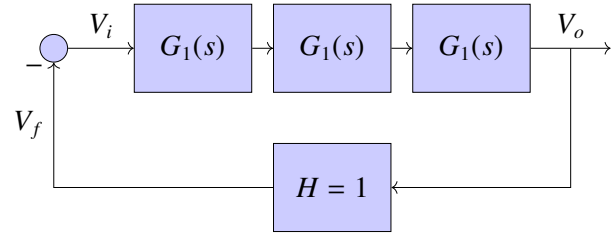


Fig. 1.0.2: CONTROL SYSTEM BLOCK

1.0.3. Find the loop gain of the system.

Solution: The loop gain is given by

$$LG(s) = G(s)H \quad (1.0.3.1)$$

$$LG(s) = - \left[\frac{K}{1 + \frac{s}{2\pi 10^5}} \right]^3 \quad (1.0.3.2)$$

$$\text{Substitute } s = j\omega \quad (1.0.3.3)$$

$$LG(j\omega) = - \left[\frac{K}{1 + \frac{j\omega}{2\pi 10^5}} \right]^3 \quad (1.0.3.4)$$

1.0.4. Find the frequency of oscillation of above circuit.

Solution: According to Barkhausen's criteria.,

- The magnitude of loop gain of the system at the oscillating frequency should be greater than or equal to 1.
- The phase angle of loop gain at the oscillating frequency must be equal to -180 degrees.

Let the frequency of oscillation is fs.,

$$\angle LG(j\omega) = -180^\circ \quad (1.0.4.1)$$

$$-180^\circ - 3\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\omega_s}{2\pi 10^5}\right] = -180^\circ \quad (1.0.4.2)$$

$$-3\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\omega_s}{2\pi 10^5}\right] = -360^\circ \quad (1.0.4.3)$$

$$\frac{\omega_s}{2\pi 10^5} = \tan(120^\circ) \quad (1.0.4.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_s = 1.088 \times 10^6 \text{ rad/sec} \quad (1.0.4.5)$$

Thus, the frequency of oscillation is 1.088M rad/sec.

1.0.5. Find the minimum value of K.

Solution: We know the magnitude of loop gain is greater than or equal to 1. The range of K can be found as follows,

$$|LG(j\omega_s)| \geq 1 \quad (1.0.5.1)$$

$$\frac{K^3}{\left|1 + \frac{j\omega_s}{2\pi 10^5}\right|^3} \geq 1 \quad (1.0.5.2)$$

$$K^3 \geq \left|1 + \frac{j1.088 \times 10^6}{2\pi 10^5}\right|^3 \quad (1.0.5.3)$$

$$K^3 \geq |1 + j1.73|^3 \quad (1.0.5.4)$$

$$K^3 \geq 8 \quad (1.0.5.5)$$

$$K \geq 2 \quad (1.0.5.6)$$

Therefore, The minimum value of K is 2.

1.0.6. Design the three stage oscillator for the above given question.

Solution: Consider the circuit shown in the figure.1.0.6.

Considering the first stage.,

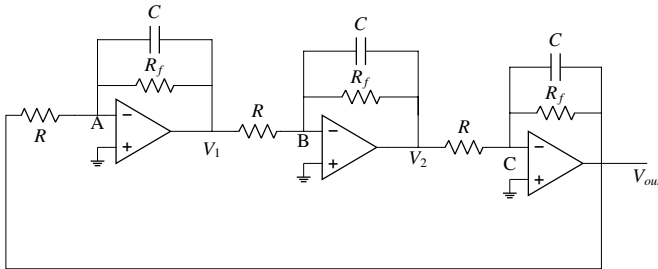


Fig. 1.0.6: 1

$$\frac{V_1}{V_{out}} = -\frac{R_f \parallel \frac{1}{sC}}{R} \quad (1.0.6.1)$$

$$\frac{V_1}{V_{out}} = -\frac{\frac{R_f}{R}}{1 + sCR_f} \quad (1.0.6.2)$$

Similarly for second stage.,

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = -\frac{\frac{R_f}{R}}{1 + sCR_f} \quad (1.0.6.3)$$

Similarly For third stage.,

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_2} = -\frac{\frac{R_f}{R}}{1 + sCR_f} \quad (1.0.6.4)$$

Loop gain of the oscillator is computed as follows.,

$$LG(s) = \frac{V_1}{V_{out}} \times \frac{V_2}{V_1} \times \frac{V_{out}}{V_2} \quad (1.0.6.5)$$

$$LG(s) = \left[-\frac{\frac{R_f}{R}}{1 + sCR_f}\right]^3 \quad (1.0.6.6)$$

Comparing with the equation.1.0.3.4

$$\frac{R_f}{R} = K \quad (1.0.6.7)$$

$$CR_f = \frac{1}{2\pi 10^5} \quad (1.0.6.8)$$

For the circuit to oscillate,

$$K \geq 2 \quad (1.0.6.9)$$

$$R_f \geq 2R \quad (1.0.6.10)$$

Choose

$$R = 1000\Omega \quad (1.0.6.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_f = 2000\Omega \quad (1.0.6.12)$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 7.9577 \times 10^{-10} F \quad (1.0.6.13)$$

Parameter	Value
R	1000Ω
R_f	2000Ω
C	7.9577×10^{-10}

TABLE 1.0.6