EE230: Homework-1 Familiarization with NGSPICE Circuit Simulator and Lab Equipment

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1 Overview of the experiment

1.1 Aim of the experiment

Ngspice is a mixed-signal circuit Simulator. This experiment aims to implement some basic circuits namely :

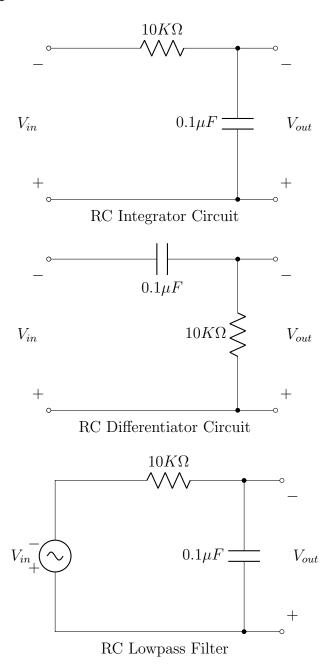
- RC Integrator
- RC Differentiator
- RC Lowpass Filter
- RC Highpass Filter
- RC Bandpass Filter
- RLC Bandpass Filter

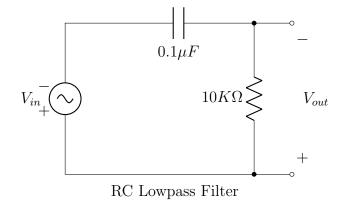
in Ngspice and plot their characteristics.

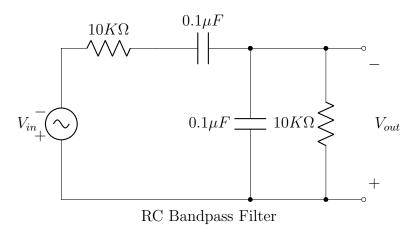
1.2 Methods

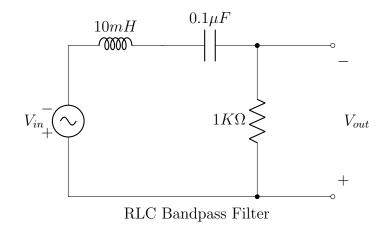
We start by creating a netlist for each circuit, simulating on Ngspice and exporting the values to a python script to plot them using Matplotlib.

2 Design









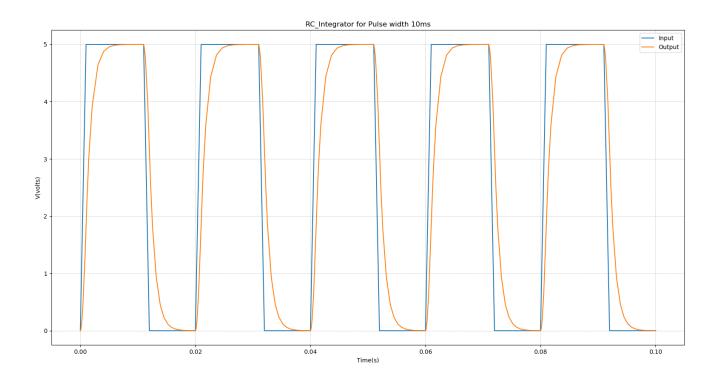
3 Simulation results

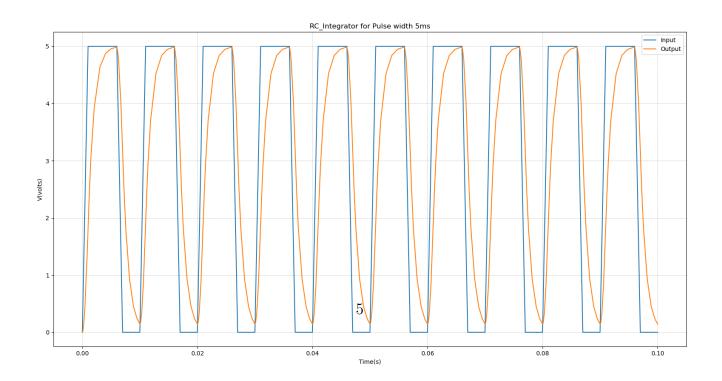
3.1 RC Integrator

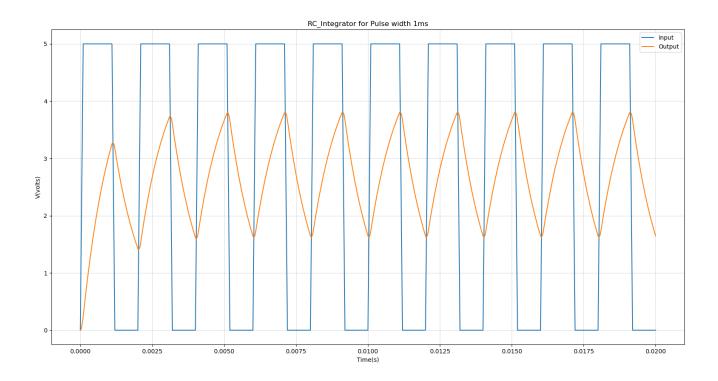
3.1.1 Code snippet

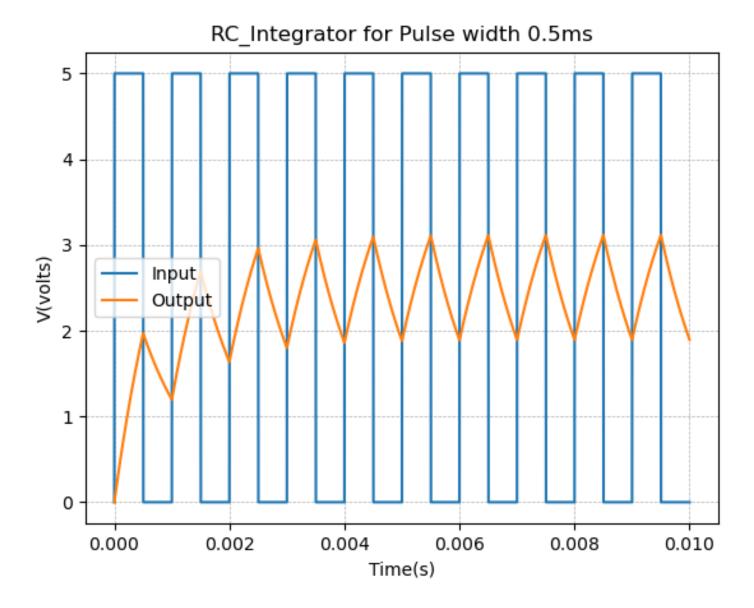
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1 RC Integrator circuit transient analysis
*tau =1m #Time Period
4 *describe circuit
* <element-name> <nodes> <value/nodel>
6 r 1 2 10k
7 c 2 0 0.1u
8 *v 1 0 pulse(0 5 0 0 0 10m 20m) $10*tau
9 *v 1 0 pulse(0 5 0 0 0 10m 20m) $5*tau
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*v 1 0 pulse(0 5 0 0 0 10m 20m) $0.1*tau
13 V 1 0 pulse(0 5 0 0 0 0.05m 0.1m) $0.05*tau
14 *analysis command
15 .tran 0.011m 10m
17 .control
18 run
20 *display cmd
21 plot v(1) v(2)
22 print v(1) v(2)
*end control mode
24 .endc
26 *end netlist
27 .end
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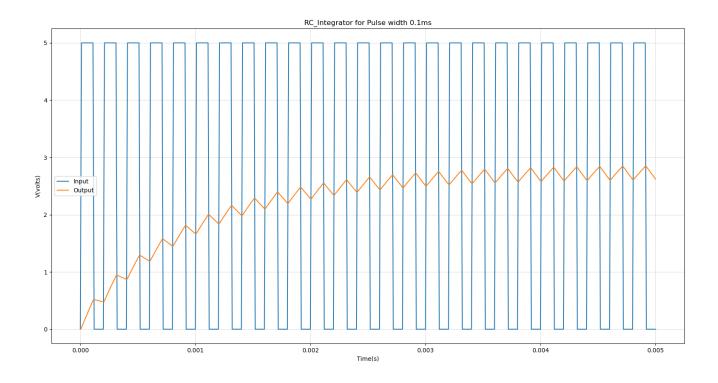
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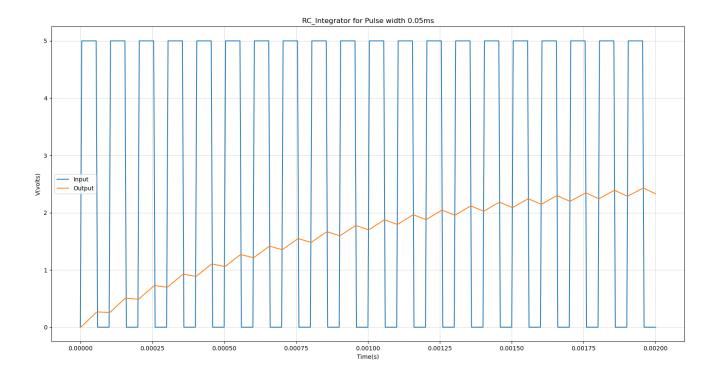












3.2 RC Differentiator

3.2.1 Code snippet

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RC DIfferentiator circuit transient analysis

*tau =1m #Time Period

*describe circuit

* <element-name > <nodes > <value/nodel >

r 2 0 10k

r 2 0 .1u

v 1 0 pulse(0 5 0 0 0 10m 20m) $10*tau

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vv 1 0 pulse(0 5 0 0 0 10m 20m) $1*tau

vv 1 0 pulse(0 5 0 0 0 10m 20m) $0.5*tau

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vv 1 0 pulse(0 5 0 0 0 10m 20m) $0.05*tau
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15 .tran 0.1m 100m

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17 .control

18 run

19

20 *display cmd

21 plot v(2) v(1)

22 print v(1) v(2)

23 *end control mode

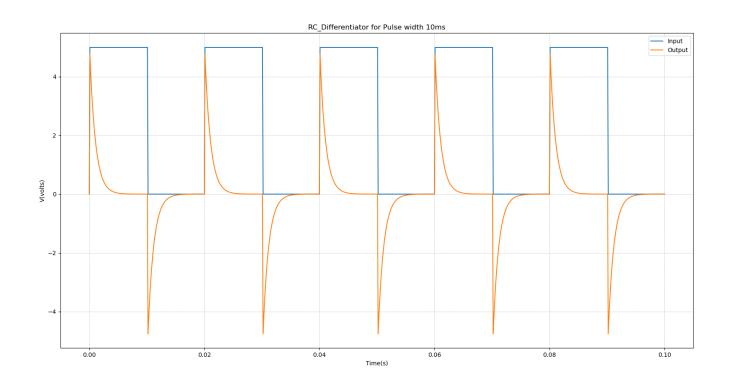
24 .endc

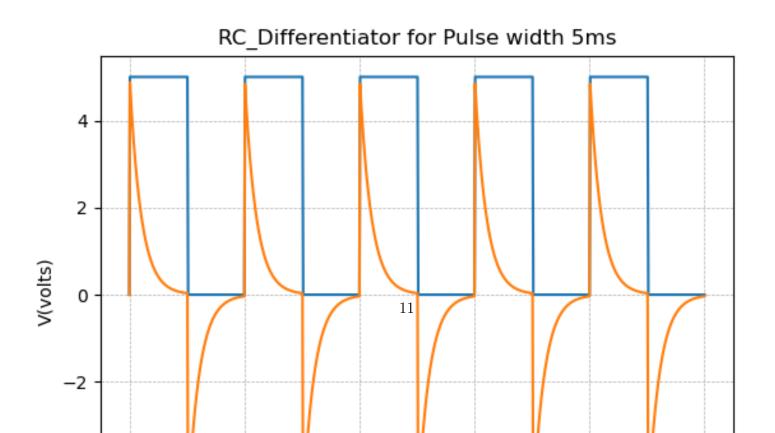
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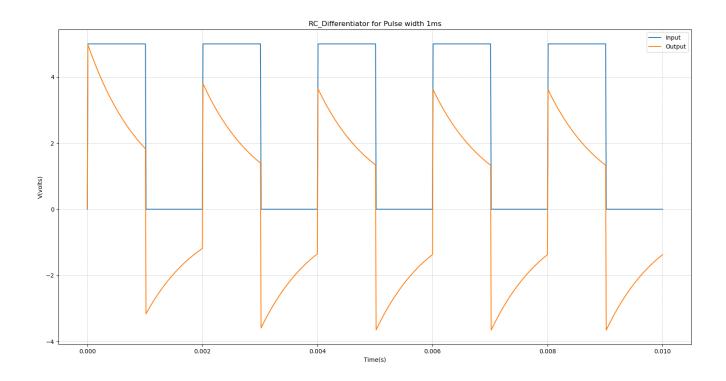
26 *end netlist

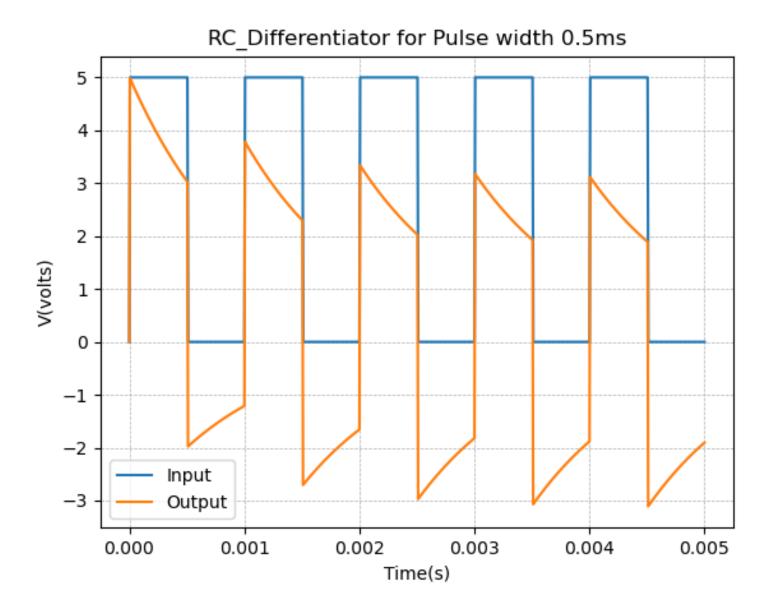
27 .end
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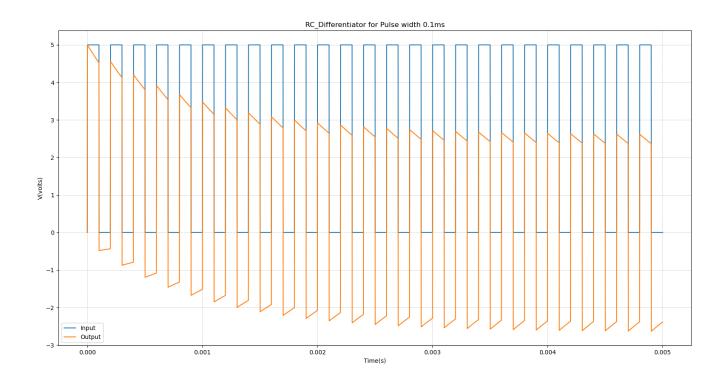
3.2.2 Simulation results

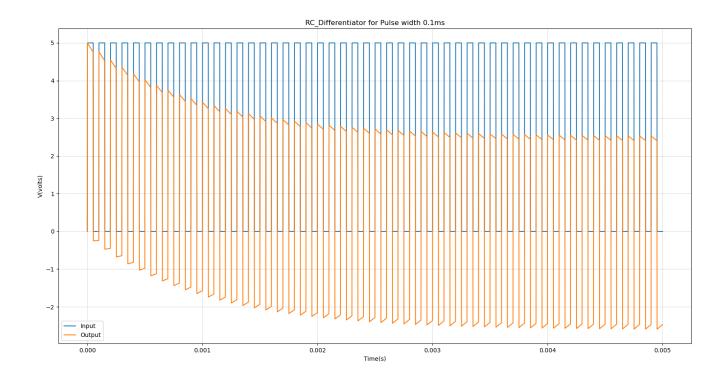












3.3 RC Lowpass Filter

3.3.1 Code snippet

```
RC Lowpass Filter

*describe circuit

* <element-name > <nodes > <value/nodel >

r 1 2 10k

c 2 0 0.1u

vin 1 0 dc 0 ac 1 $ac analysis

*analysis command

ac dec 10 1 10Meg

.control

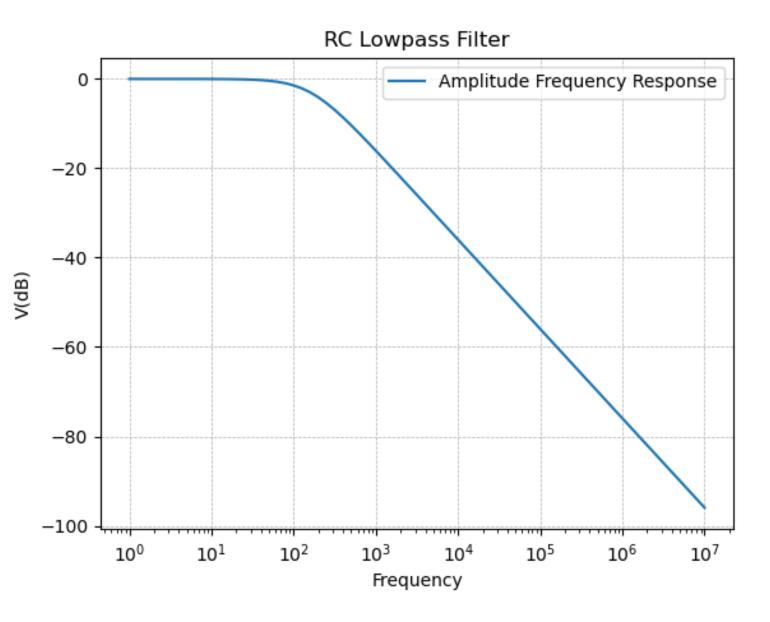
run

*display cmd
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plot vdb(2)
print vdb(2)
*end control mode
sendc

*end netlist
send
```

3.3.2 Simulation results

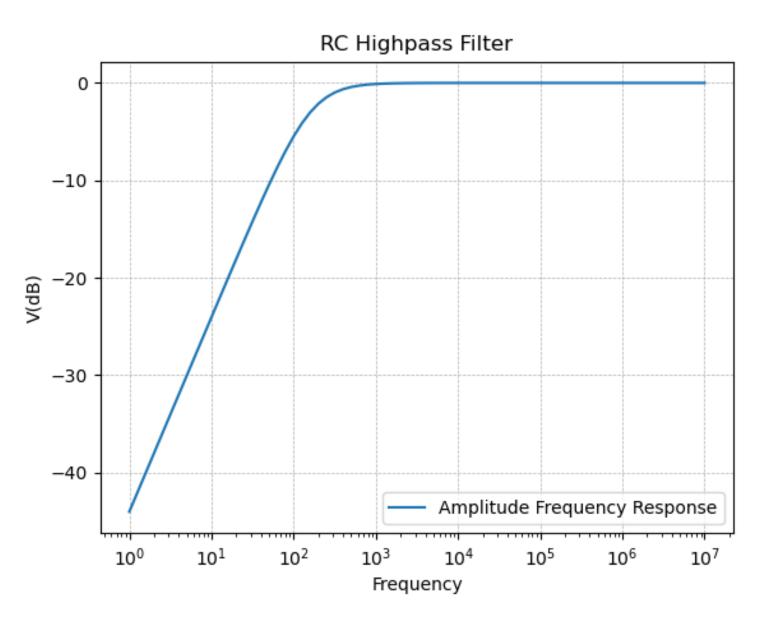


3.4 RC Highpass Filter

3.4.1 Code snippet

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1 RC Highpass Filter
2 *describe circuit
3 * <element-name> <nodes> <value/nodel>
4 c 1 2 0.1u
5 r 2 0 10k
_{6} v 1 0 dc 0 ac 1 $ac analysis
7 *analysis command
_{8} .ac dec 10 1 10Meg
10 .control
11 run
13 *display cmd
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print vdb(2)
16 *end control mode
17 .endc
19 *end netlist
20 .end
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3.4.2 Simulation results

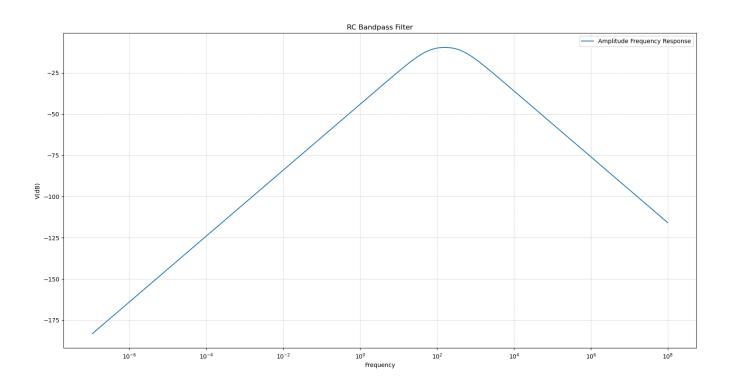


3.5 RC Bandpass Filter

3.5.1 Code snippet

```
1 RC Bandpass Filter
2 *describe circuit
3 * <element-name> <nodes> <value/nodel>
4 r1 1 2 10k
5 c1 2 3 0.1u
6 r2 3 0 10k
7 c2 3 0 0.1u
8 v 1 0 dc 0 ac 1 $ac analysis
9 *analysis command
10 .ac dec 20 0.1u 100Meg
12 .control
13 run
*display cmd
plot vdb(3)
*print vdb(3)
18 *end control mode
19 .endc
20
21 *end netlist
22 .end
```

3.5.2 Simulation results



3.6 RLC Bandpass Filter

3.6.1 Code snippet

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RLC Bandpass Filter

*describe circuit

* <element-name > <nodes > <value/nodel >

1 1 2 10m

c 2 3 0.1u

r 3 0 1k

v 1 0 dc 0 ac 1 $ac analysis

*analysis command

ac dec 20 0.1u 100 Meg

.control
```

```
run

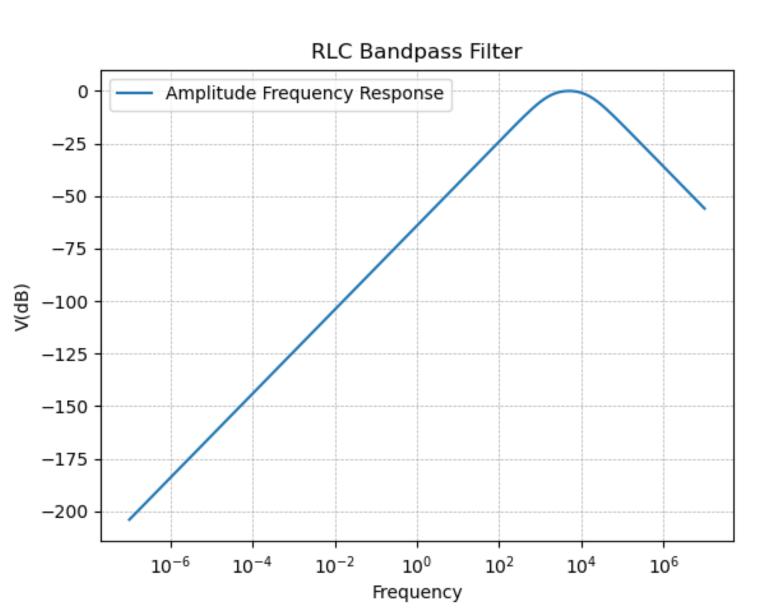
*display cmd
plot vdb(3)
print vdb(3)

*end control mode

-endc

*end netlist
-end
```

3.6.2 Simulation results



4 Experimental results

4.1 RC Integrator

 $\tau = RC = 10K\Omega \cdot 0.1\mu F = 1ms$ The circuit is simulated for pulsewidth T, where $T = \{10\tau, 5\tau, \tau, 0.5\tau, 0.1\tau, 0.01\tau\}$

4.2 RC Differentiator

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4.3 RC Lowpass Filter

The Transfer Function is

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{1 + sRC}$$

The 3db frequency is expected to be

$$f_{3db} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{RC} = 159.16Hz$$

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4.5 RC Bandpass Filter

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$$G(s) = \frac{1}{3 + sRC + \frac{1}{sRC}}$$

The peak frequency is expected to be

$$f_{peak} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{RC} = 159.16Hz$$

The lower and higher frequencies are expected to be

$$f_L = \frac{\sqrt{13} - 3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{RC} = 48.189 Hz$$

$$f_H = \frac{\sqrt{13} + 3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{RC} = 525.67Hz$$

The experimental values are

 $f_L = 49.33Hz, f_H = 532.9Hz$ with $f_{peak} = 162.1Hz$ and peak amplitude = -9.5 db

They follow theoretical values follows it quite closely.

4.6 RLC Bandpass Filter

The Transfer Function is

$$G(s) = \frac{R}{R + sC + \frac{1}{sL}}$$

The peak frequency is expected to be

$$f_{peak} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = 5.032KHz$$

The lower and higher frequencies are expected to be

$$f_L = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(RC)^2 + 4LC} - RC}{2LC} = 1.46KHz$$

$$f_H = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(RC)^2 + 4LC} + RC}{2LC} = 17.37KHz$$

The experimental values are

 $f_L = 1.448Hz, f_H = 17.339Hz$ with $f_{peak} = 5.035KHz$.

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5 Experiment completion status

All the sections were completed