

Electronic Circuits I

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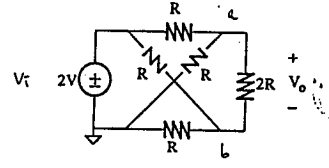
- Directions:
- (1) This is a closed book examination. No additional sheet is allowed.
  - (2) Calculators are allowed.
  - (3) Answer all questions in the space provided. Request for additional sheets from proctors only if necessary.
  - (4) Show all your calculations. No marks will be given for unjustified answers.
  - (5) Do your own work. Any form of cheating is a violation of academic integrity, and will be dealt with accordingly.

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The following equations are provided for your reference. Use them if needed.

Diode:		$I_d = I_s(e^{V_d/V_T} - 1)$	$I_s = 2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ A}, V_T = 25 \text{ mV}$
NMOS:	cutoff	$V_{gs} < V_t$	
	linear	$V_{gs} - V_t \lesssim V_{ds}$	$I_d = k_n[(V_{gs} - V_t)V_{ds} - \frac{1}{2}V_{ds}^2]$
	saturation	$V_{gs} - V_t \gtrsim V_{ds}$	$I_d = \frac{1}{2}k_n(V_{gs} - V_t)^2$
PMOS:	cutoff	$ V_{gs}  <  V_{tp} $	
	linear	$ V_{gs}  -  V_{tp}  \lesssim  V_{ds} $	$ I_d  = k_p[ ( V_{gs}  -  V_{tp} ) V_{ds}  - \frac{1}{2} V_{ds} ^2 ]$
	saturation	$ V_{gs}  -  V_{tp}  \gtrsim  V_{ds} $	$ I_d  = \frac{1}{2}k_p( V_{gs}  -  V_{tp} )^2$

- b) Calculate the output voltage of the following lattice network. 6 marks  
(Hint: Use nodal analysis. Do not use  $\Delta \leftrightarrow Y$  transformation. The "cross" is not connected.)



a) 
$$\frac{V_i - V_a}{R} = \frac{V_a - V_b}{2R} + \frac{V_a}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2V_i - 2V_a = V_a - V_b + 2V_a$$

$$\Rightarrow 5V_a - V_b = 2V_i \quad (1)$$

b) 
$$\frac{V_i - V_b}{R} + \frac{V_a - V_b}{2R} = \frac{V_b}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2V_i - 2V_b + V_a - V_b = 2V_b$$

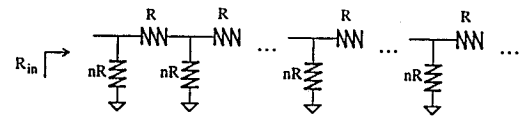
$$\Rightarrow -V_a + 5V_b = 2V_i \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 5V_a - V_b &= 2V_i \\ -5V_a + 5V_b &= 10V_i \\ \hline 24V_b &= 12V_i \\ \Rightarrow V_b &= \frac{1}{2}V_i \end{aligned}$$

$$V_a = 5V_b - 2V_i = \frac{5}{2}V_i - 2V_i = \frac{1}{2}V_i$$

$$V_o = V_a - V_b = 0 \neq$$

- 1a) Given an infinite resistive ladder network as shown below. Calculate the input resistance  $R_{in}$  if  $n = 6$  and  $R = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ . (Hint: Any interesting observation when the array is infinite?) 6 marks



$$R_{in} = nR // (R + R_{in}) = \frac{nR(R + R_{in})}{nR + R + R_{in}}$$

$$\Rightarrow nR R_{in} + R R_{in} + R^2 = nR^2 + nR R_{in}$$

$$\Rightarrow R^2 + R R_{in} - nR^2 = 0$$

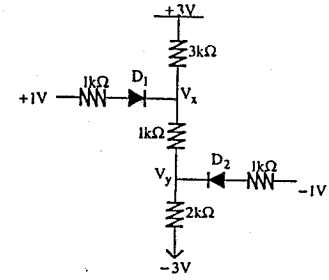
$$\Rightarrow R_{in} = \frac{-R \pm \sqrt{R^2 + 4nR^2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{4n+1} - 1}{2} R$$

$$= \frac{5-1}{2} 1 \text{ k}$$

$$= 2 \text{ k} \Omega \neq$$

- 2a) Calculate  $V_x$  and  $V_y$  of the following diode circuit. Assume all diodes are ideal. 6 marks



If  $+1\text{V}$  and  $-1\text{V}$  are not added, then

$$V_x' = 3 - 3 = 0 \text{ V}$$

$$V_y' = 2 - 3 = -1 \text{ V}$$

By adding  $+1\text{V}$ ,  $D_1$  will turn on. The added current increases  $V_y'$ , thus reverse biasing  $D_2 \Rightarrow D_2$  off.

$$\therefore \frac{1 - V_x}{1 \text{ k}} + \frac{3 - V_x}{3 \text{ k}} = \frac{V_x - 3}{3 \text{ k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - 3V_x + 3 - V_x = V_x + 3$$

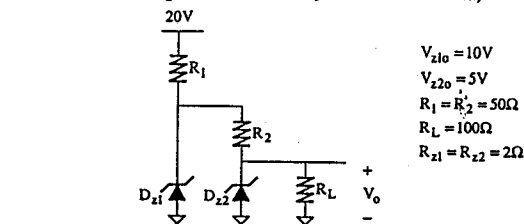
$$\Rightarrow 5V_x = 3 \Rightarrow V_x = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6 \text{ V}$$

$$V_y = \frac{2 \text{ k}}{1 \text{ k} + 2 \text{ k}} (V_x + 3) - 3 = \frac{2}{3} (\frac{3}{5} + 3) - 3$$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 14}{3 \cdot 5} - 3 = 2.4 - 3 = -0.6 \text{ V} \neq$$

- 2b) With the zener diode models as shown, compute  $V_o$ .  
(That is, each diode  $D_2$  is modeled as a battery in series with a resistor.)

8 marks



$$\frac{20 - V_x}{50} = \frac{V_x - 10}{2} + \frac{V_x - V_o}{50} \Rightarrow 20 - V_x = 25V_x - 250 + V_x - V_o$$

$$\Rightarrow 270 = 27V_x - V_o \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{V_x - V_o}{50} = \frac{V_o - 5}{2} + \frac{V_o}{100} \Rightarrow 2V_x - 2V_o = 50V_o - 250 + V_o$$

$$\Rightarrow 2V_x = 53V_o - 250 \quad (2)$$

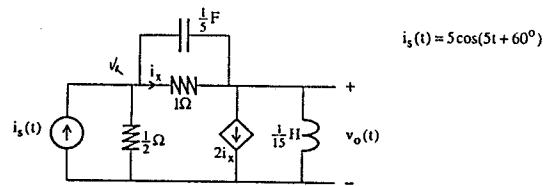
in (1)  $\Rightarrow 270 = 27(\frac{53V_o - 250}{2}) - V_o$

$$\Rightarrow 714.5V_o = 3645$$

$$V_o = 5.1 \text{ V}$$

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- 3) Compute the output voltage of the circuit below that operates in the sinusoidal steady state. 8 marks



$$V_A = \bar{I}_s = \frac{V_A}{Z} + \frac{V_A - V_o}{\frac{1}{j\omega C}} + \frac{V_A - V_o}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{I}_s = 2V_A + j(V_A - V_o) + V_A - V_o$$

$$= V_A(3 + j) - V_o(1 - j) \quad (1)$$

$$V_o = \frac{V_A - V_o}{\frac{1}{j\omega C}} + \frac{V_A - V_o}{1} = 2 \frac{V_A - V_o}{1} + \frac{V_o}{j\omega L}$$

$$\Rightarrow jV_A - jV_o + V_A - V_o = 2V_A - 2V_o - j^3 V_o$$

$$\Rightarrow V_A(2 - j) = V_o(2 + j^3 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow V_A(1 - j) = V_o(1 + j^2) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{in (1)} \Rightarrow \bar{I}_s = \frac{1 + j^2}{1 - j} V_o(1 + j) - V_o(1 - j)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \angle 60^\circ = \frac{(1 + j)(3 + j) - (1 - j)(1 - j)}{1 - j} V_o$$

$$= \frac{3 + j + 3j + j^2 - (1 - 2j + 1)}{1 - j} V_o$$

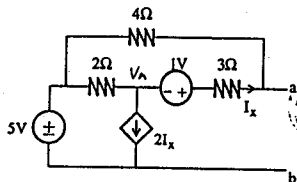
$$= \frac{3 + j + 3j - 1 - 1 + 2j - 1}{1 - j} V_o$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2} \angle -45^\circ + \sqrt{2} \angle -45^\circ}{\sqrt{2} \angle 45^\circ} V_o$$

$$= 0.78 \angle -68.66^\circ \Rightarrow V_o(t) = 0.78 \cos(5t - 68.66^\circ)$$

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- 4) Find the Norton equivalent of the following circuit looking into the terminals a and b. 6 marks



$$V_{oc}: \frac{5 - V_A}{2} = 2I_x + I_x = 3I_x \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{V_A + 1 - V_{oc}}{3} = I_x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5 - V_A}{2} = V_A + 1 - V_{oc} \Rightarrow 5 - V_A = 2V_A + 2 - 2V_{oc}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2V_{oc} = 3V_A - 3 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{5 - V_{oc}}{4} = -I_x = -\frac{1}{3}(V_A + 1 - V_{oc})$$

$$15 - 3V_{oc} = -4V_A - 4 + 4V_{oc}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7V_{oc} = 19 + 4V_A \quad (3)$$

$$7V_{oc} = 19 + 4(\frac{3}{2}V_{oc} + 1) = \frac{9}{2}V_{oc} + 23$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{13}{2}V_{oc} = 23$$

$$V_{oc} = \frac{3 \times 23}{13} = \frac{69}{13} = 5.3 \text{ V}$$

$$R_{th} = \frac{V_A + 3(\frac{V_A - V_o}{3}) = 0}{\frac{V_A}{2} + V_A - V_o = 0} \Rightarrow V_o = \frac{2}{3}V_A$$

$$1 = \frac{V_o}{4} + \frac{V_A - V_o}{3} = \frac{V_o}{4} + \frac{V_o}{3} - \frac{2}{3}V_o$$

$$\Rightarrow V_o = 2.77 \Rightarrow R_{th} = 2.77 \Omega$$

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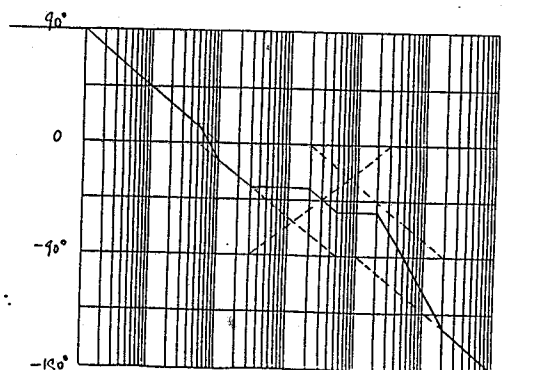
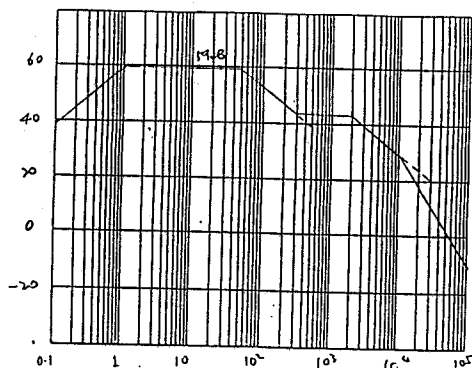
$$1.92 \text{ A} \quad 2.77 \Omega \quad I_{sc} = \frac{5.3}{2.77} = 1.92 \text{ A}$$

- 5) Sketch the Bode plots of the following transfer function. 8 marks

$$H(s) = \frac{3 \times 10^9 s(s + 300)}{(s + 1)(s + 50)(s + 2000)(s + 10000)} = \frac{3 \times 10^9 s(1 + \frac{s}{300})}{(1 + s)(1 + \frac{s}{50})(1 + \frac{s}{2000})(1 + \frac{s}{10000})}$$

$$= \frac{900s(1 + \frac{s}{300})}{(1 + s)(1 + \frac{s}{50})(1 + \frac{s}{2000})(1 + \frac{s}{10000})}$$

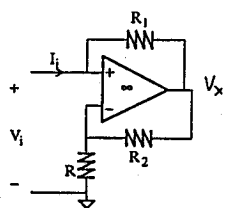
$$900 \Rightarrow 59 \text{ dB}$$



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- a) Negative resistance can be obtained by using active devices. For the circuit shown below, compute the negative resistance  $R_{in} = V_i/I_i$ .

4 marks



$$R_1 = R_2 = R = 10k\Omega$$

$$V_- = \frac{R}{R+R_2} V_x = V_i$$

$$I_i = \frac{V_i - V_x}{R_1} = \frac{V_i - \frac{R+R_2}{R} V_i}{R_1}$$

$$I_i = -\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{1}{R} V_i$$

$$R_{in} = \frac{V_i}{I_i} = -\frac{R_1}{R_2} R \neq$$

$$= -10k\Omega \neq$$

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- 6b) The op-amp is not ideal, and  $A(s) = \frac{A_0}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0}}$ , with  $A_0 = 500$ , and  $\omega_0 = 2000$ .

8 marks

Compute the pole and zero of the negative impedance.

$$V_- = \frac{R}{R+R_2} V_x$$

$$I_i = \frac{V_i - V_x}{R_1}$$

$$V_x = A(V_i - V_-) \Rightarrow V_x = A V_i - \frac{A R}{R+R_2} V_x$$

$$V_x (1 + A \frac{R}{R+R_2}) = A V_i$$

$$\therefore I_i = \frac{V_i - \frac{A}{1 + A \frac{R}{R+R_2}} V_i}{R_1} = \frac{1}{R_1} (1 - \frac{A}{1 + A \frac{R}{R+R_2}}) V_i$$

$$\frac{V_i}{I_i} = R_{in} = \frac{R_1}{1 - \frac{A}{1 + A \frac{R}{R+R_2}}} = \frac{R_1 (1 + A \frac{R}{R+R_2})}{1 + A \frac{R}{R+R_2} - A}$$

$$= \frac{R_1 A \frac{R}{R+R_2} (1 + \frac{1}{A} \frac{R+R_2}{R})}{1 - \frac{R_2}{R+R_2} A} = \frac{R R_1 A (1 + \frac{1}{A} (1 + \frac{R_2}{R}))}{R+R_2 - \frac{R_2}{R+R_2} A (1 - \frac{1}{A} (1 + \frac{R_2}{R}))}$$

$$= -\frac{R_1}{R_2} R \frac{1 + \frac{1 + \frac{R_2}{R}}{A} (1 + \frac{R_2}{R})}{1 - \frac{1 + \frac{R_2}{R}}{A} (1 + \frac{R_2}{R})}$$

$$\approx -\frac{R_1}{R_2} R \frac{1 + (1 + \frac{R_2}{R}) \frac{s}{\omega_0}}{1 - (1 + \frac{R_2}{R}) \frac{s}{\omega_0}}$$

$$\omega_0 = 2000 \text{ rad/s} = 10^3 \text{ Hz}$$

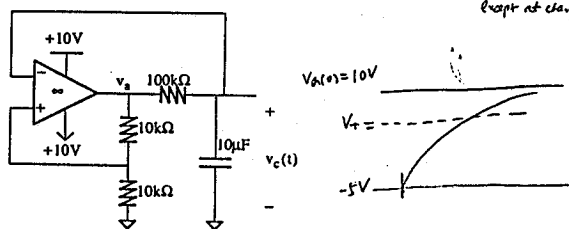
$$\text{pole } s_p = -\frac{\omega_0}{1 + \frac{R_2}{R}} = -\frac{10^3}{2} = -5 \times 10^2 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\text{zero } s_z = +\frac{\omega_0}{1 + \frac{R_2}{R}} = +5 \times 10^2 \text{ rad/s}$$

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- 7a) Let the output of the op-amp  $v_o(0)$  be at 10V initially, and  $v_c(0) = -5V$ . Assume ideal op-amp with power supply of +10V and -10V. Calculate the time needed for  $v_o$  to change state. Hint: Perform transient analysis (with solution in the form of  $k_1 + k_2 e^{-t/\tau}$ ). Note that  $v_o \neq v_-$ , except at change of state.

8 marks



$$v_o(0) = 10V \Rightarrow V_+ = 5V$$

Now, capacitor charges towards 10V. i.e.

$$v_c(t) = k_1 + k_2 e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\tau = RC = 100k \times 10\mu = 1 \text{ sec.}$$

$$v_c(0) = -5 \Rightarrow k_1 + k_2 = -5$$

$$v_c(\infty) = 10 \Rightarrow k_1 = 10 \Rightarrow k_2 = -15$$

$$\therefore v_c(t) = 10 - 15 e^{-t}$$

$$\text{Op amp change state when } v_c(t) = 5V \Rightarrow 5 = 10 - 15 e^{-t} \Rightarrow e^{-t} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow t_1 = 1.0995$$

- b) Let  $t_1$  be the time the op-amp changes its state. What are  $v_o(t_1)$  and  $v_c(t_1)$ ?

4 marks

at  $t_1$ , op-amp changes state,

$$\therefore v_o(t_1) = -10V$$

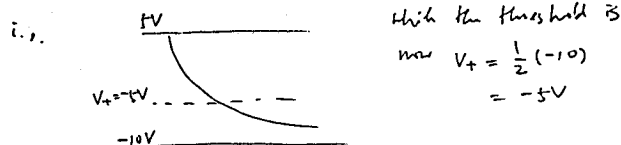
$$\text{and } v_c(t_1) = 5V$$

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- 7c) Calculate the time elapsed for the op-amp to change to its initial state.

4 marks

now, the capacitor starts to discharge towards -10V.



$$v_c(t) = k_1 + k_2 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \tau = 1$$

$$v_c(0) = 5V \Rightarrow k_1 + k_2 = 5$$

$$v_c(\infty) = -10 \Rightarrow k_1 = -10 \Rightarrow k_2 = 15$$

$$\therefore v_c(t) = -10 + 15 e^{-t}$$

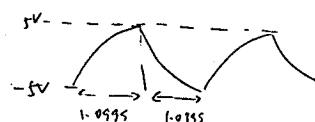
$$v_c(t_1) = -5 = -10 + 15 e^{-t_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} e^{-t_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_1 = 1.0995$$

- 7d) The circuit of (7) is an oscillator. From (7a) and (7c), calculate the oscillation frequency.

4 marks

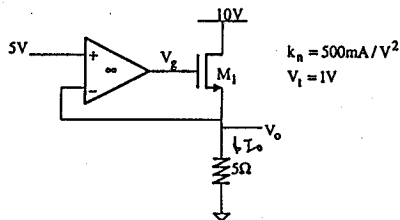


$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{2.199 + 1.099} = 0.455 \text{ Hz}$$

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- a) An NMOS transistor is used to construct a voltage regulator. With an ideal op-amp, calculate the voltage at the gate  $V_g$ .

6 marks



Ideal op-amp  $\Rightarrow V_o = V_- = V_+ = 5V$ .

$$I_o = \frac{5V}{5\Omega} = 1A \Rightarrow I_d = 1A.$$

Assume  $M_1$  in saturation,  $I_d = 1A = \frac{1}{2}(0.5)(V_{gs} - V_t)^2$

$$\Rightarrow (V_{gs} - V_t)^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{gs} - V_t = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow V_g - V_o - 1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow V_g = 2 + 5 + 1 = 8V$$

check:  $V_{gs} - V_t = 2$ ,  $V_{ds} = 10 - 5 = 5V$

$\therefore V_{gs} - V_t < V_{ds} \Rightarrow$  saturation.

- b) Is the NMOS transistor operating in the saturation or linear region?

2 marks

Saturation

- 8c) Now, the op-amp is not ideal, but with a DC gain of  $A_o = 500$ . Assume  $V_o$  is approximately 5V, recalculate  $V_g$ , and thus obtain a more accurate  $V_o$ .

4 marks

$$\text{For } A_o = 500,$$

$$V_g = (5 - V_-)500 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 - V_- = \frac{8}{500} = 16m$$

$$\Rightarrow V_- = 5 - 16m$$

$$= 4.984V$$

$$V_o = V_- = 4.984V$$

- 8d) Next, with the above non-ideal op-amp, the load resistor is changed to  $2.5\Omega$ . Calculate the new  $V_o$ .

6 marks

$$\text{Assume } V_o = 5V, I_d = 2A = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(V_{gs} - V_t)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{gs} - V_t = 2\sqrt{2} = 2.828$$

$$\Rightarrow V_g - 5 - 1 = 2.828$$

$$\Rightarrow V_g \approx 8.828$$

$$= (5 - V_-)500$$

$$\Rightarrow V_- = 5 - \frac{8.828}{500} = 5 - 0.0177 = 4.9813V$$

- 8e) With the result obtained in (8c) and (8d), calculate the load regulation  $\Delta V_o / \Delta I_o$ .

2 marks

$$\frac{\Delta V_o}{\Delta I_o} = \frac{4.984V - 4.9813V}{1A - 2A} = -2.7mV/A$$