CHAPTER 13 FILTERS AND TUNED AMPLIFIERS

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13.1 Filter Transmission, Types and Specifications

Filter Transfer Function

□ A filter is a **linear** two-port network represented by the ratio of the output to input voltage

Transfer function $T(s) \equiv V_{o}(s)/V_{i}(s)$

□ Transmission : evaluating T(s) for physical frequency $s = j\omega \rightarrow T(j\omega) = |T(j\omega)| \cdot e^{j\phi(\omega)}$

- Gain: 20 $\log |T(j\omega)|$ (dB)
- Attenuation: $-20 \log |T(j\omega)|$ (dB)

DOutput frequency spectrum : $|V_o(s)| = |T(s)| |V_i(s)|$

Types of Filters



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Filter Specification

- **D** Passband edge : ω_p
- \Box Maximum allowed variation in passband transmission : A_{max}
- **G** Stopband edge : ω_s
- **D** Minimum required stopband attenuation : A_{\min}



- □ The first step of filter design is to determine the filter specifications
- □ Then find a transfer function T(s) whose magnitude $|T(j\omega)|$ meets the specifications
- □ The process of obtaining a transfer function that meets given specifications is called **filter approximation**

13.2 Filter Transfer Function

Transfer Function

□ The filter transfer function is written as the ratio of two polynomials:

$$T(s) = \frac{a_{M}s^{M} + a_{M-1}s^{M-1} + \dots + a_{0}}{s^{N} + b_{N-1}s^{N-1} + \dots + b_{0}}$$

- \Box The degree of the denominator \rightarrow filter order
- \Box To ensure the stability of the filter $\rightarrow N \ge M$
- **D** The coefficients a_i and b_j are real numbers
- □ The transfer function can be factored and expressed as:

$$T(s) = \frac{a_M(s - z_1)(s - z_2)...(s - z_M)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2)...(s - p_N)}$$

- \Box Zeros: z_1 , z_2 , ..., z_M and (*N*–*M*) zeros at infinity
- $\Box \text{ Poles: } p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N$
- **□** Zeros and poles can be either a real or a complex number
- □ Complex zeros and poles must occur in conjugate pairs
- □ The poles have to be on the LHP of s-plane

13.3 Butterworth and Chebyshev Filters

The Butterworth Filter

- □ Butterworth filters exhibit monotonically decreasing transmission with all zeros at $\omega = \infty$
- \Box Maximally flat response \rightarrow degree of passband flatness increases as the order *N* is increased
- □ Higher order filter has a sharp cutoff in the transition band
- □ The magnitude function of the Butterworth filter is:

$$|T(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \varepsilon^2 (\omega/\omega_p)^{2N}}}$$

 \Box Required transfer functions can be defined based on filter specifications ($A_{\text{max}}, A_{\text{min}}, \omega_{\text{p}}$, ω_{s})



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Design Procedure of the Butterworth Filters



13.4 First-Order and Second-Order Filter Functions

Cascade Filter Design

- □ First-order and second-order filters can be cascaded to realize high-order filters
- □ Cascade design is one of the most popular methods for the design of active filters
- □ Cascading does not change the transfer functions of individual blocks if the output resistance is low

First-Order Filters

D Bilinear transfer function $T(s) = \frac{a_1 s + a_0}{s + b_0} = \frac{a_1 s + a_0}{s + \omega_0}$

Filter Type and $T(s)$	s-Plane Singularities	Bode Plot for $ T $	Passive Realization	Op Amp-RC Realization
(a) Low-Pass (LP) $T(s) = \frac{a_0}{s + \omega_0}$	$ \begin{array}{c} & j\omega \\ O \text{ at } \infty \\ \hline \\ & & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\$	$20 \log \left \frac{a_0}{\omega_0} \right - \frac{20 \frac{dB}{decade}}{\omega_0 \frac{dB}{\omega_0}}$	$CR = \frac{1}{\omega_0}$	R_{2} R_{1} C R_{1} C
(b) High-Pass (HP) $T(s) = \frac{a_1 s}{s + \omega_0}$	$\qquad \qquad $	$20 \log \frac{ T }{a_1 } + 20 \frac{dB}{decade}$	C C C C C C R C R C C C R C	R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{2} C R_{2} C R_{2} C R_{2} C R_{2} C R_{2} C R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2} R_{2} R_{1} R_{2} R_{2



First-Order Filters (Cont'd)

Second-Order Filters

□ Biquadratic transfer function



Second-Order Filters (Cont'd)



Second-Order Filters (Cont'd)



The Resonator Natural Modes



- □ The *LCR* resonator can be excited by either current or voltage source
- □ The excitation should be applied without change the natural structure of the circuit
- □ The natural modes of the circuits are identical (will not be changed by the excitation methods)
- □ The similar characteristics also applies to series *LCR* resonator





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 V_o



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13.6 Second-Order Active Filters (Inductor Replacement)

Second-Order Active Filters by Op Amp-RC Circuits

- □ Inductors are not suitable for IC implementation
- **Use op amp-RC circuits to replace the inductors**
- □ Second-order filter functions based on RLC resonator

The Antoniou Inductance-Simulation Circuit

- □ Inductors are realized by op amp-RC circuits with negative feedbacks
- □ The equivalent inductance is given by



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The Op Amp-RC Resonator

- □ The inductor is replaced by the Antoniou circuit
- □ The pole frequency and the quality factor are given by

$$\omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{C_4 C_6 R_1 R_3 R_5 / R_2} \qquad Q = \omega_0 C_6 R_6 = R_6 \sqrt{\frac{C_6}{C_4} \frac{R_2}{R_1 R_3 R_5}}$$

 $\square A simplified case where R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_5 = R and C_4 = C_6 = C$



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Filter Realization



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All-Pass Filter



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 $V_{\rm hp}$

Derivation of the Two-Integrator-Loop Biquad

□ High-pass implementation:

$$V_{hp} = KV_{i} - \frac{1}{Q} \frac{\omega_{0}}{s} V_{hp} - \frac{\omega_{0}^{2}}{s^{2}} V_{hp}$$
$$T_{hp}(s) = \frac{Ks^{2}}{s^{2} + (\omega_{0}/Q)s + \omega_{0}^{2}}$$

□ Band-pass implementation:

$$T_{bp}(s) = \left(-\frac{\omega_0}{s}\right) V_{hp}(s) = \frac{-K\omega_0 s}{s^2 + (\omega_0/Q)s + \omega_0^2}$$

□ Low-pass implementation:



 $\frac{\omega_0}{s} V_{\rm hp}$

 $\frac{\omega_0}{s}$

 $\frac{\omega_0^2}{s^2}V_{\rm hp}$



 $\frac{\omega_0}{s}$



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Circuit Implementation (I)

$$V_{hp} = \frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} \left(1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1} \right) V_i + \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_3} \left(1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1} \right) \left(-\frac{\omega_0}{s} V_{hp} \right) - \frac{R_f}{R_1} \left(\frac{\omega_0^2}{s^2} V_{hp} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{R_f}{R_1} = 1$$
 $\frac{R_3}{R_2} = 2Q - 1$ $K = 2 - \frac{1}{Q}$

□ High-pass transfer function:

$$T_{hp}(s) = \frac{V_{hp}}{V_i} = \frac{s^2 [2R_3 / (R_2 + R_3)]}{s^2 + s [2R_2 / (R_2 + R_3)]\omega_0 + \omega_0^2}$$

- □ Band-pass transfer function: $T_{bp}(s) = \frac{V_{bp}}{V_i} = \frac{s[2R_3/(R_2 + R_3)]\omega_0}{s^2 + s[2R_2/(R_2 + R_3)]\omega_0 + \omega_0^2}$
- □ Low-pass transfer function:

$$T_{bp}(s) = \frac{V_{bp}}{V_i} = \frac{[2R_3/(R_2 + R_3)]\omega_0^2}{s^2 + s[2R_2/(R_2 + R_3)]\omega_0 + \omega_0^2}$$

□ Notch and all-pass transfer function:

$$T(s) = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = -\frac{2R_3}{R_2 + R_3} \frac{(R_F / R_H)s^2 + (R_F / R_B)\omega_0 s + (R_F / R_L)\omega_0^2}{s^2 + s[2R_2 / (R_2 + R_3)]\omega_0 + \omega_0^2}$$





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Circuit Implementation (II) – Tow-Thomas Biquad



- □ Use an additional inverter to make all the coefficients of the summer the same sign
- □ All op amps are in single-ended mode
- □ The high-pass function is no longer available
- □ It is known as the Tow-Thomas biquad
- □ An economical feedforward scheme can be employed with the Tow-Thomas circuit



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13.8 Single-Amplifier Biquadratic Active Filters

Characteristics of the SAB Circuits

- □ Only one op amp is required to implement biquad circuit
- Exhibit greater dependence on the limited gain and bandwidth of the op amp
- □ More sensitive to the unavoidable tolerances in the values of resistors and capacitors
- □ Limited to less stringent filter specifications with pole *Q* factors less than 10

Synthesis of the SAB Circuits

- □ Use feedback to move the poles of an RC circuit from the negative real axis to the complex conjugate locations to provide selective filter response
- □ Steps of SAB synthesis:
 - Synthesis of a feedback loop that realizes a pair of complex conjugate poles characterized by ω_0 and Q

RC network n

■ Injecting the input signal in a way that realizes the desired transmission zeros

□ Natural modes of the filter:

$$t(s) = N(s) / D(s)$$

$$L(s) = At(s) = AN(s) / D(s)$$

The closed-loop characteristics equation:

 $1 + L(s) = 0 \rightarrow t(s_p) = -1/A \approx 0$

 \Rightarrow The poles of the closed-loop system are identical to the zeros of the *RC* network

RC Networks with complex transmission zeros



Characteristics Equation of the Filter

$$s^{2} + s \frac{\omega_{0}}{Q} + \omega_{0}^{2} = s^{2} + s \left(\frac{1}{C_{1}} + \frac{1}{C_{2}}\right) \frac{1}{R_{3}} + \frac{1}{C_{1}C_{2}R_{3}R_{4}}$$

$$\rightarrow \omega_{0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C_{1}C_{2}R_{3}R_{4}}}$$

$$\rightarrow Q = \left[\frac{\sqrt{C_{1}C_{2}R_{3}R_{4}}}{R_{3}} \left(\frac{1}{C_{1}} + \frac{1}{C_{2}}\right)\right]^{-1}$$

Let $C_{1} = C_{2} = C$, $R_{3} = R$, $R_{4} = R/m \rightarrow m = 4Q^{2}$
 $\rightarrow CR = 2Q/\omega_{0}$





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Injection the Input Signal

- □ The method of injection the input signal into the feedback loop through the grounded nodes
- □ A component with a ground node can be connected to the input source
- □ The filter transmission zeros depends on where the input signal is injected



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Generation of Equivalent Feedback Loops



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Generation of Equivalent Feedback Loops (Cont'd)



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13.9 Sensitivity

Filter Sensitivity

- **D** Deviation in filter response due to the tolerances in component values
- □ Especially for RC component values and amplifier gain

Classical Sensitivity Function

Definition:

$$S_x^y \equiv \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\Delta y / y}{\Delta x / x}$$
$$S_x^y = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \frac{x}{y}$$

□ For small changes:

$$S_x^y \approx \frac{\Delta y / y}{\Delta x / x}$$

13.10 Transconductance-C Filters

Limitations of Op Amp-RC Circuits

- □ Suitable for audio-frequency filters using discrete op amps, resistors and capacitors
- □ High-frequency applications limited by the relatively low bandwidth of general-purpose op amps
- □ Impractical for IC implementations due to:
 - □ The need for large capacitors and resistors increases the IC cost
 - □ The need for very precise values of RC time constant requires expensive trimming/tuning
 - □ The need for op amps that can drive resistive and large capacitive loads

Methods for IC Filter Implementations

- □ Transconductance-C filters:
 - Utilize transconductance amplifiers or transconductors together with capacitors for filters
 - □ High-quality and high-frequency transconductors can be easily realized in CMOS technology
 - □ Has been widely used for medium/high-frequency applications (up to hundreds of MHz)

□ MOSFET-C filters:

- □ Replace resistors with MOSFETs in linear region
- □ Techniques have been evolved to obtain linear operation with large input signals

□ Switched-capacitor filters:

- □ Replace the required resistor by switching a capacitor at a relatively high frequency
- □ The resulting filters are discrete-time circuits as opposed to the continuous-time ones
- □ Is ideally suited for implementation low-frequency filters in IC form using CMOS technology

Transconductors

- □ An ideal transconductor has infinite input resistance and infinite output resistance
- □ The output can be positive or negative depending the current direction
- □ Transconductor can be single-ended or fully differential



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Basic Building Blocks

- □ Negative transconductor used to realize a resistance
- □ Transconductor loaded with a capacitor as an integrator



First-Order Gm-C Low-Pass Filter





 $G_{m2}V_o$

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Second-Order Gm-C Low-Pass Filter



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Fully Differential Circuit



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13.11 Switched-Capacitor Filters

Basic Principle

- □ A capacitor switched between two nodes at a sufficiently high rate is equivalent to a resistor
- □ The resistor in the active-*RC* integrator can be replaced by the capacitor and the switches
- **□** Equivalent resistor:

$$i_{av} = \frac{C_1 v_i}{T_c} \rightarrow R_{eq} \equiv \frac{v_i}{i_{av}} = \frac{T_c}{C_1}$$

□ Equivalent time constant for the integrator = $T_c(C_2/C_1)$



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Practical Circuits

- **C**an realize both inverting and non-inverting integrator
- □ Insensitive to stray capacitances
- □ Noninverting switched-capacitor (SC) integrator



□ Inverting switched-capacitor (SC) integrator



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Filter Implementation

□ Circuit parameters for the two integrators with the same time constant



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