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Study of Multiphase Networks, Noise Reduction for DC-DC Converters, and Stability Test for Electronic Systems

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1. Research Background

- Motivation, objectives and achievements

2. Investigation of Multi-Phase Networks

- Polyphase filters, complex filters, and quadrature signal generation networks

3. Noise Reduction for DC-DC Converters

- Ringing and ripple reduction techniques

4. Stability Test for Electronic Systems

- Ringing test for passive and active networks

5. Conclusions

1. Research Background

Motivation of Study

Performance of a system

Signal to
Noise Ratio:

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{\text{Signal power}}{\text{Noise power}}$$

Common types of noise:

- Electronic noise
- Thermal noise,
- Intermodulation noise,
- Cross-talk,
- Impulse noise,
- Shot noise, and
- Transit-time noise.



Performance of a device

Figure of
Merit:

$$F = \frac{\text{Output SNR}}{\text{Input SNR}}$$

Device noise:

- Flicker noise,
- Thermal noise,
- White noise.

System noise:

- Image noise,
- Ripple noise,
- Ringing noise.

1. Research Background

Objectives of Study

- **Derivation of transfer function** in electronic systems using **superposition theorem**
- **High image rejection ratio** and **flat pass-band gain** for polyphase filters and complex filters
- **Low ringing** and **small ripple** for DC-DC Buck converters using **linear swept frequency modulation** and **LC notch harmonic filter methods**
- **Stability test** for electronic networks **with and without feedback loops**

1. Research Background

Achievements of Study

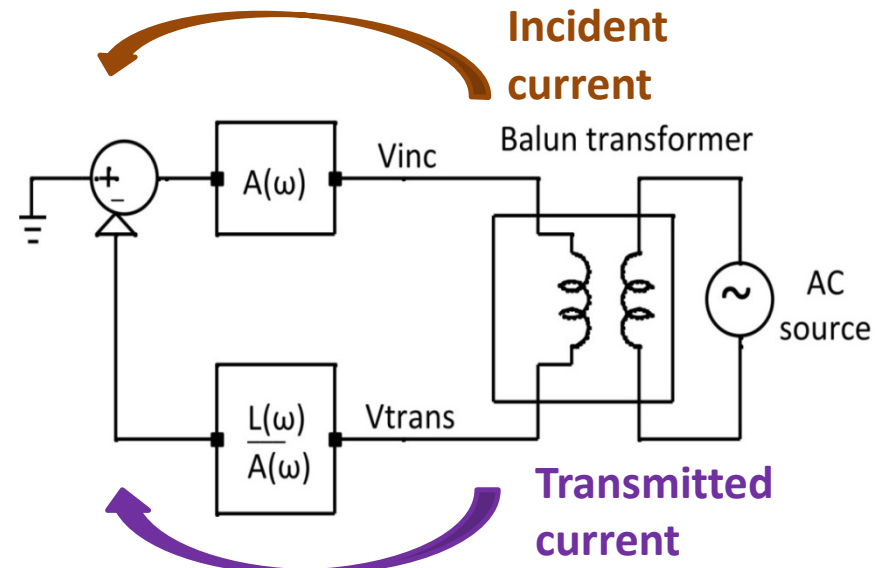
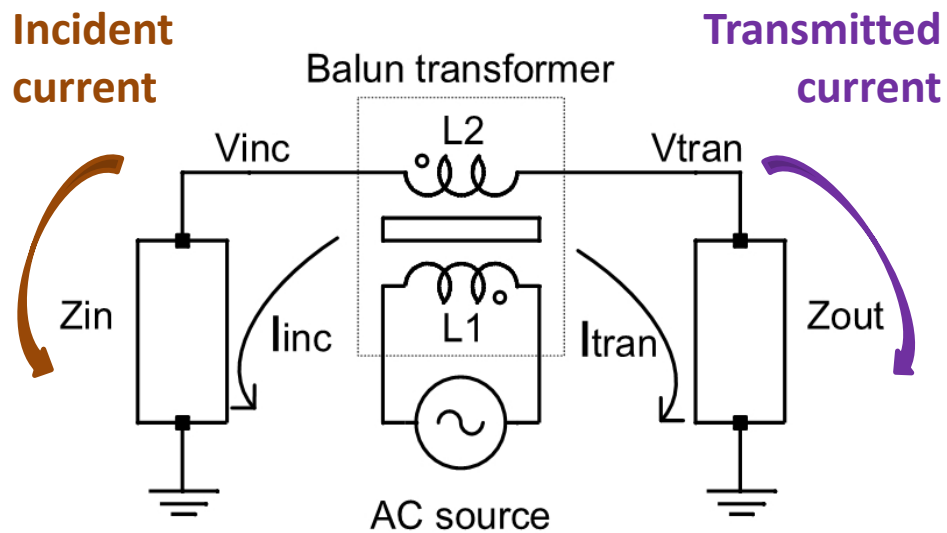
Superposition formula for multi-source networks

$$V_o(t) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{I}{Z_i} + V_o(t) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{Z_{si}} + \frac{I}{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{Z_{pik}}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{V_i(t)}{Z_i} + I_{ai}(t) - I_{gi}(t) \right)$$

Self-loop function

$$L(\omega) = - \frac{V_{inc}}{V_{trans}}$$

Alternating current conservation for stability test of linear networks



1. Research Background

Limitations of Conventional Methods

- **Conventional Superposition**

 - Solving for every source (**several times**).

- **Conventional Middlebrook's measurement**

 - Applying only in feedback systems (**DC-DC converters**).

- **Conventional replica measurement of loop gain**

 - Using two identical networks (**not real measurement**).

- **Conventional Nyquist's stability condition**

 - Theoretical analysis for feedback systems (**Lab tool**)

2. Investigation of Multi-Phase Networks

Superposition Theorem for Multi-Source Systems

Superposition formula:

$$V_o(t) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{Z_i} + V_o(t) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{Z_{si}} + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{Z_{pik}}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{V_i(t)}{Z_i} + I_{ai}(t) - I_{gi}(t) \right)$$

$V_o(t)$: Voltage at one node

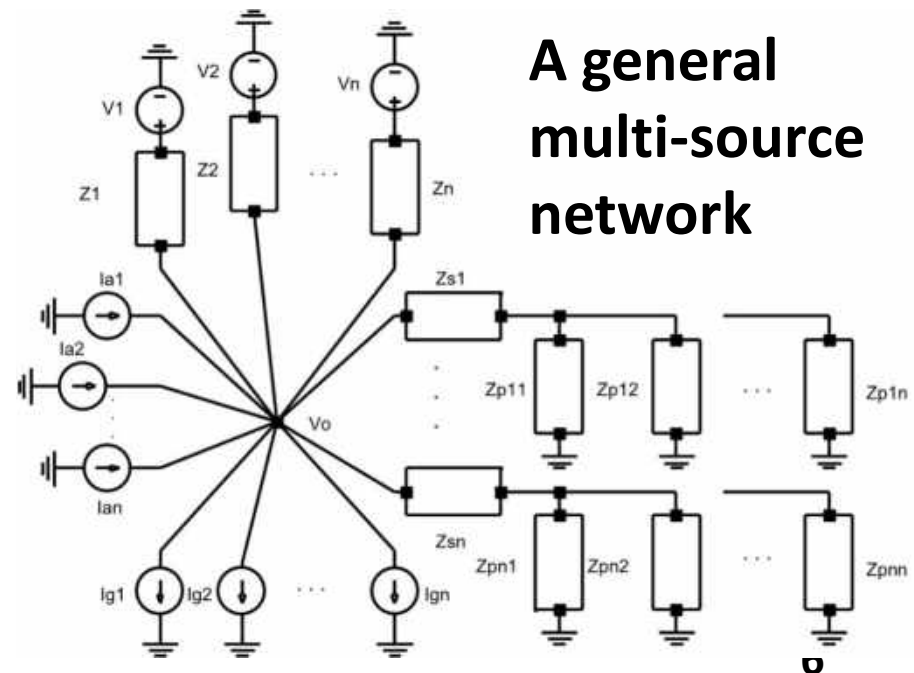
$V_i(t)$: Input voltage sources

$I_{ai}(t)$: Ahead-toward current sources

$I_{gi}(t)$: Ground-toward current sources

$Z_i, s_i, p_i, (t)$: Impedances at each branch

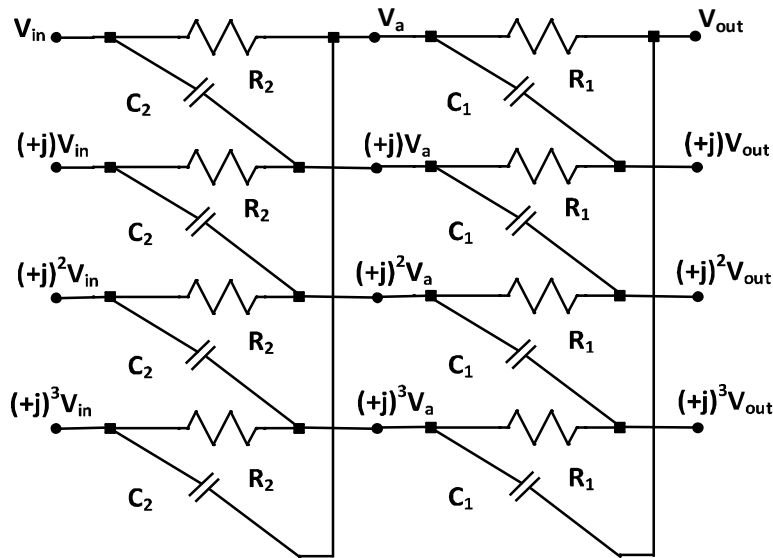
- Multi-source systems, feedback networks (op amps, amplifiers), polyphase filters, complex filters...



2. Investigation of Multi-Phase Networks

Analysis of 2nd-Order Polyphase Filter

Second-order RC polyphase filter



Apply **superposition** at each node

$$V_{out} \left(\frac{1}{Z_{C1}} + \frac{1}{R1} \right) = \frac{V_a}{R1} + \frac{(+j)^3 V_a}{Z_{C1}};$$

$$V_a \left(\frac{1}{Z_{C2}} + \frac{1}{R2} + \frac{2}{R1 + Z_{C1}} \right) = \frac{V_{in}}{R2} + \frac{(+j)^3 V_{in}}{Z_{C2}};$$

Transfer function for **positive** polyphase signal

$$H_P(\omega) = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{\left[1 + (+j)^3 b_1 j\omega \right] \left[1 + (+j)^3 b_2 j\omega \right]}{a_0 (j\omega)^2 + a_1 j\omega + 1};$$

Transfer function for **negative** polyphase signal

$$H_N(\omega) = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{\left[1 + (-j)^3 b_1 j\omega \right] \left[1 + (-j)^3 b_2 j\omega \right]}{a_0 (j\omega)^2 + a_1 j\omega + 1};$$

Here: $b_0 = R_1 C_1; b_1 = R_2 C_2; a_0 = b_0 b_1; a_1 = b_0 + b_1 + 2 R_2 C_1;$

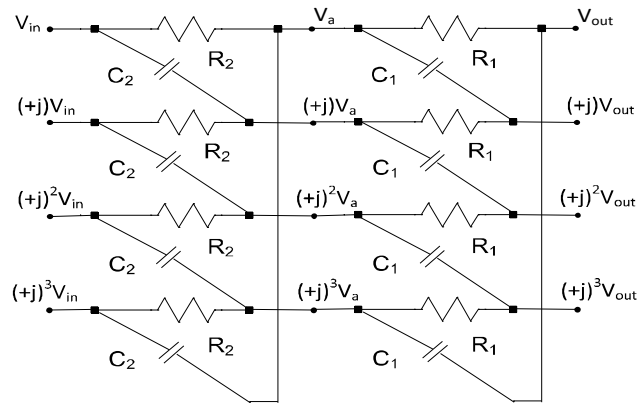
Image rejection ratio (IRR)

$$IRR(\omega) = \frac{|H_P(\omega)|}{|H_N(\omega)|} = \frac{|(1 + b_1 \omega)(1 + b_2 \omega)|}{|(1 - b_1 \omega)(1 - b_2 \omega)|};$$

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Behaviors of 2nd-Order Polyphase Filter

2-order RC polyphase filter

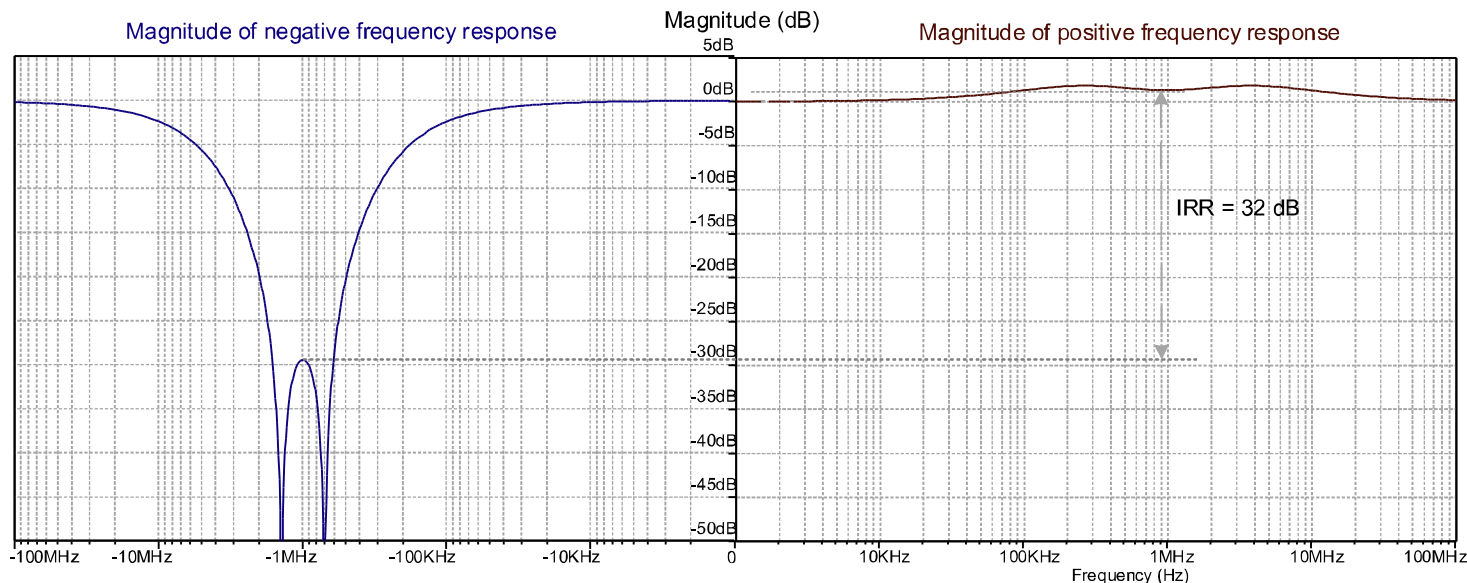


Transfer function in all frequency domain

$$|H(\omega)| = \frac{(1 + b_1\omega)(1 + b_2\omega)}{\sqrt{(1 - a_0\omega^2)^2 + (a_1\omega)^2}}; \omega \in R$$

Here, $R1 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C1 = 227 \text{ pF}$, $R2 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C2 = 114 \text{ pF}$, at $f_1 = 700 \text{ kHz}$, $f_2 = 1.4 \text{ MHz}$,

Bode plot of transfer function in all frequency domain



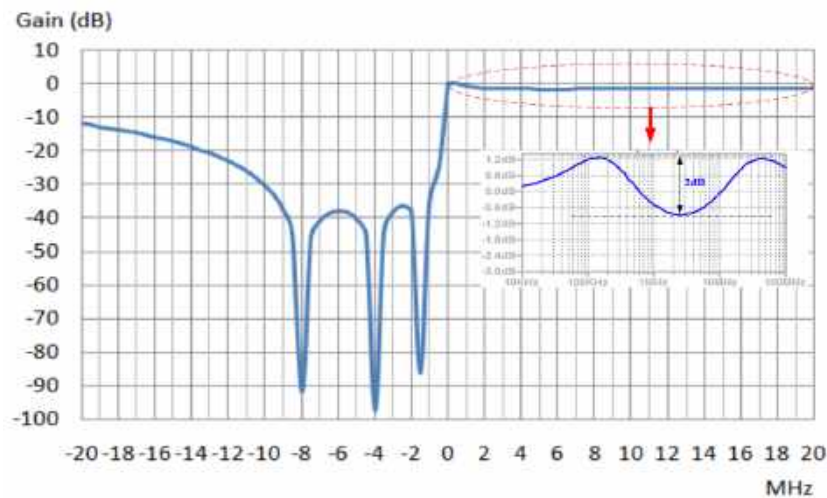
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Behavior of 4th-Order Polyphase Filter

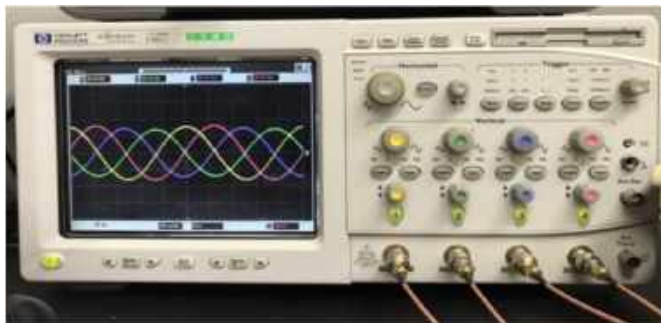
Transfer function

$$H(\omega) = \frac{(1 + b_1\omega)(1 + b_2\omega)(1 + b_3\omega)(1 + b_4\omega)}{a_0(j\omega)^4 + a_1(j\omega)^3 + a_2(j\omega)^2 + a_3j\omega + 1};$$

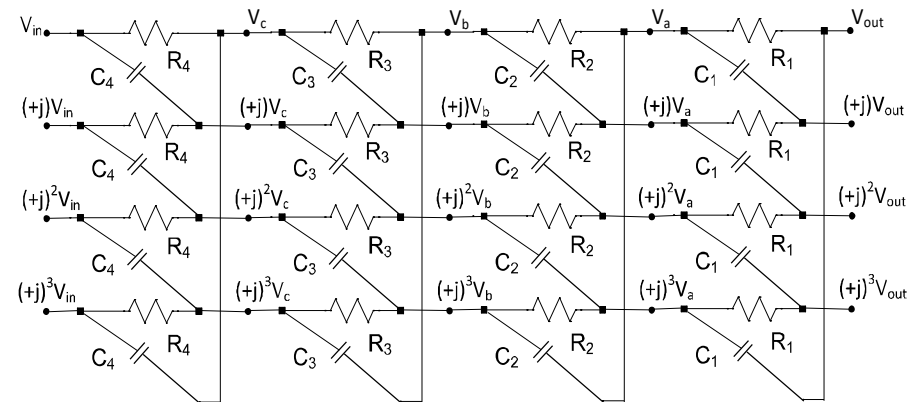
Bode plot of transfer function



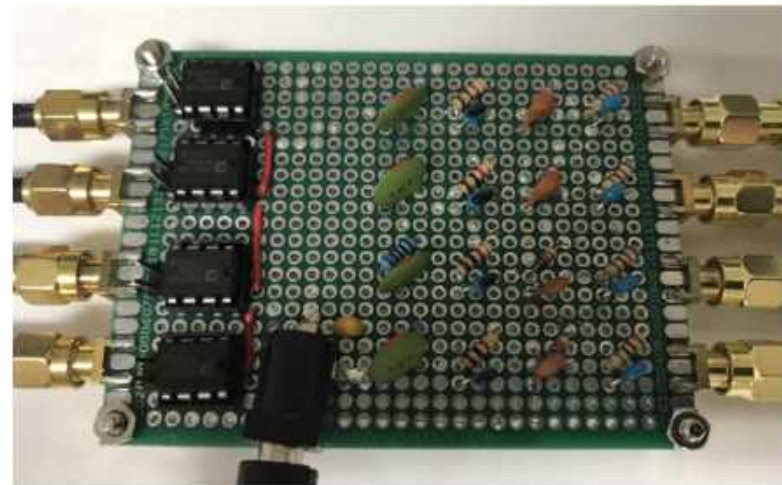
Transient response



Fourth-order RC polyphase filter

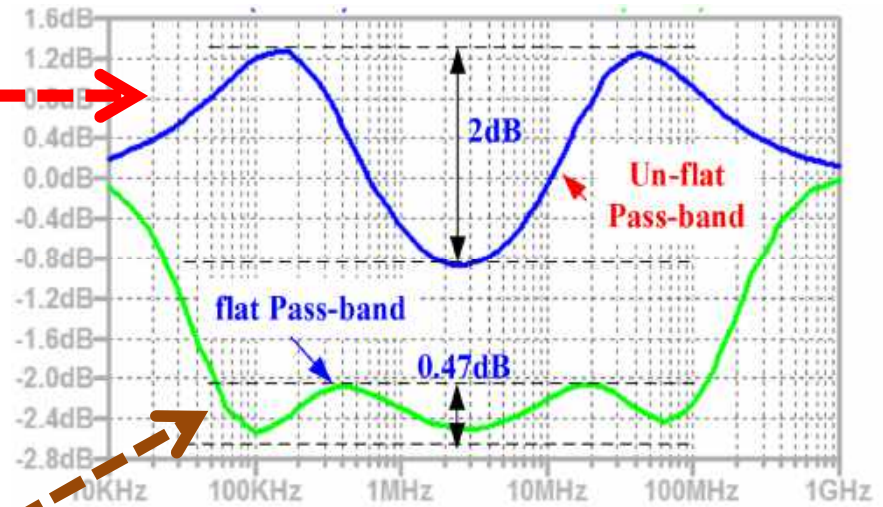
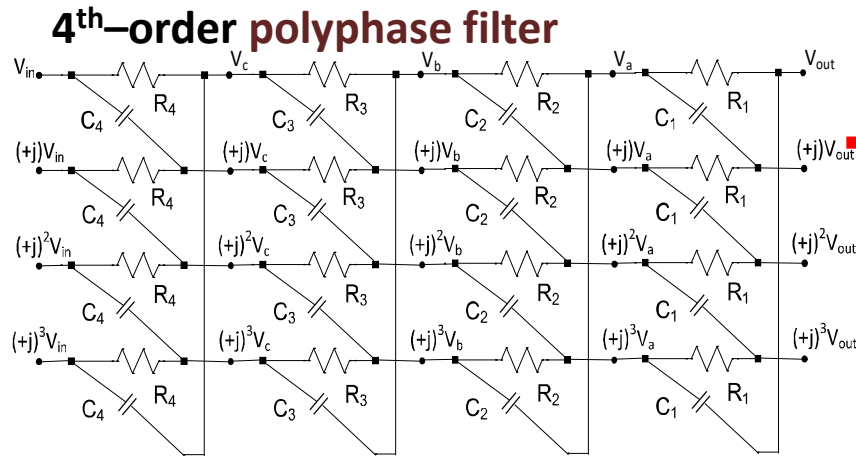


Implemented circuit

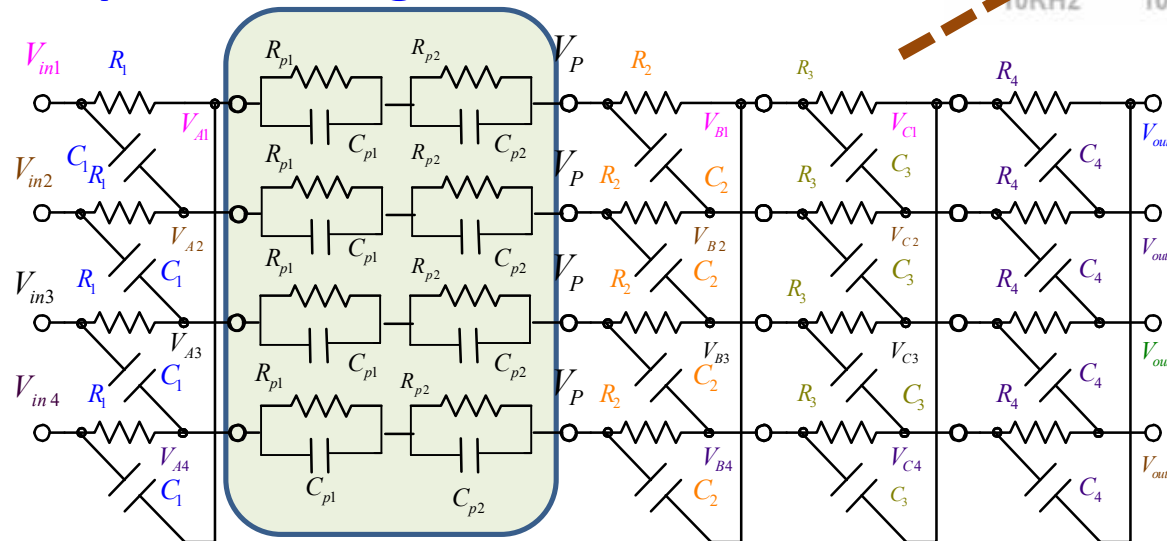


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Flat Pass-Band Gain for 4th-Order Polyphase Filter



Proposed Design



Two RC band-stop filters

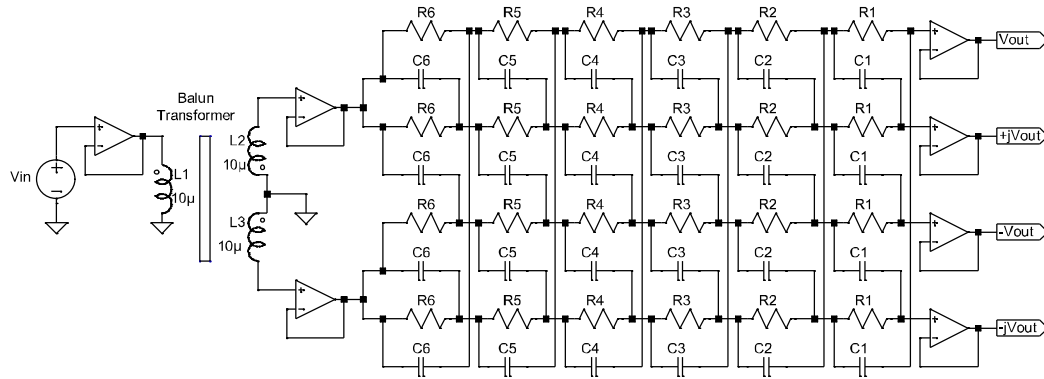
Pass-band Gain
Ripple Reduction

from **2dB**
→ **0.47dB**

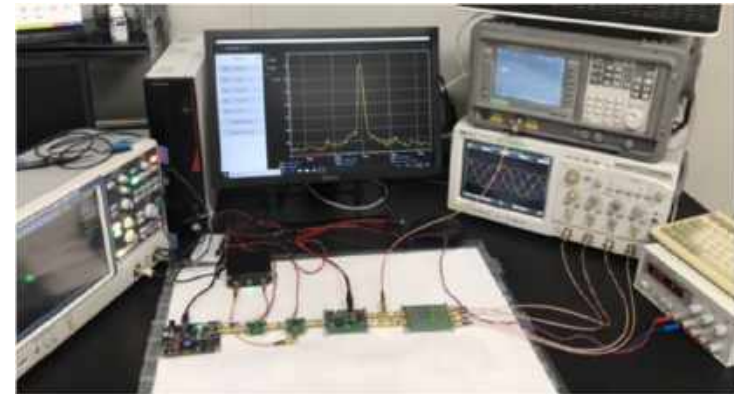
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Behavior of 6th-order Quadrature Signal Generation

6th-order polyphase signal generation



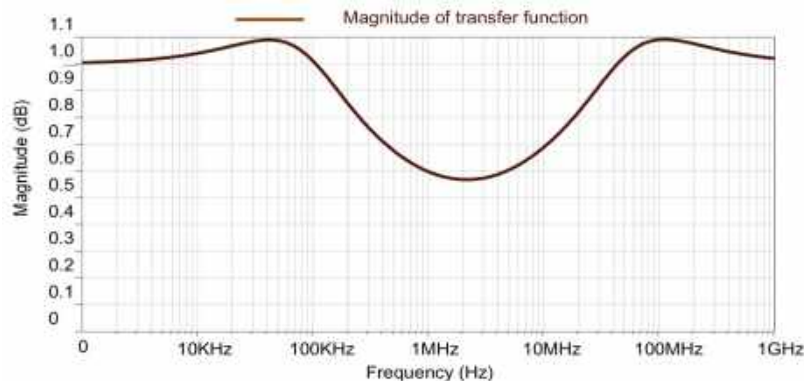
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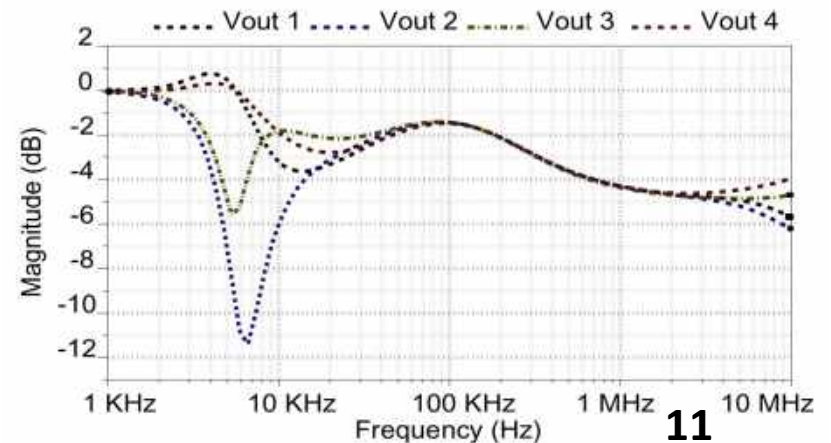
Transfer function

$$H(\omega) = \frac{[1 + b_1\omega][1 + b_2\omega][1 + b_3\omega][1 + b_4\omega][1 + b_5\omega][1 + b_6\omega]}{a_0(j\omega)^6 + a_1(j\omega)^5 + a_2(j\omega)^4 + a_3(j\omega)^3 + a_4(j\omega)^2 + a_5j\omega + 1};$$

Simulated transfer function



Measured transfer function



2. Investigation of Multi-Phase Networks

Behavior of 4th-order Complex Filter

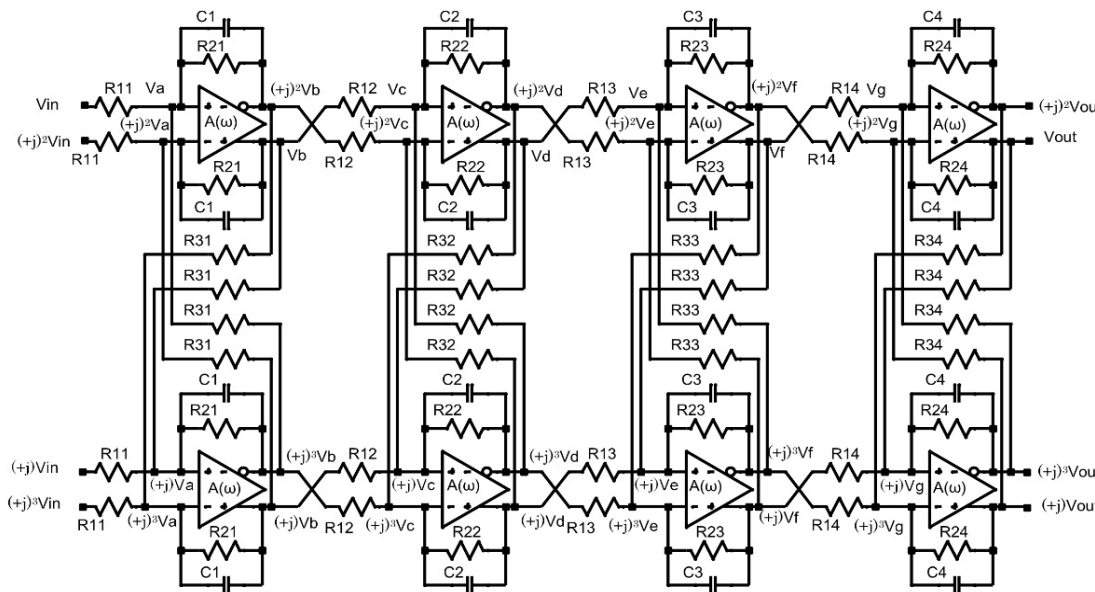
Transfer function
for **positive**
polyphase signals

$$H_P(\omega) = \frac{\frac{R_{21}}{R_{11}} \frac{R_{22}}{R_{12}} \frac{R_{23}}{R_{13}} \frac{R_{24}}{R_{14}}}{\left[1 + j\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{cut1}} + \frac{R_{21}}{R_{31}}\right)\right] \left[1 + j\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{cut2}} + \frac{R_{22}}{R_{32}}\right)\right] \left[1 + j\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{cut3}} + \frac{R_{23}}{R_{33}}\right)\right] \left[1 + j\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{cut4}} + \frac{R_{24}}{R_{34}}\right)\right]}$$

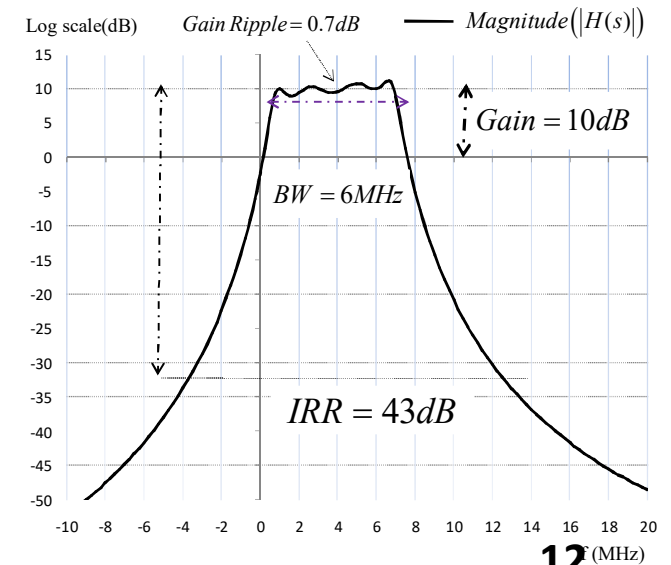
Transfer function
for **negative**
polyphase signals

$$H_N(\omega) = \frac{\frac{R_{21}}{R_{11}} \frac{R_{22}}{R_{12}} \frac{R_{23}}{R_{13}} \frac{R_{24}}{R_{14}}}{\left[1 + j\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{cut1}} - \frac{R_{21}}{R_{31}}\right)\right] \left[1 + j\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{cut2}} - \frac{R_{22}}{R_{32}}\right)\right] \left[1 + j\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{cut3}} - \frac{R_{23}}{R_{33}}\right)\right] \left[1 + j\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_{cut4}} - \frac{R_{24}}{R_{34}}\right)\right]}$$

4th-order complex filter



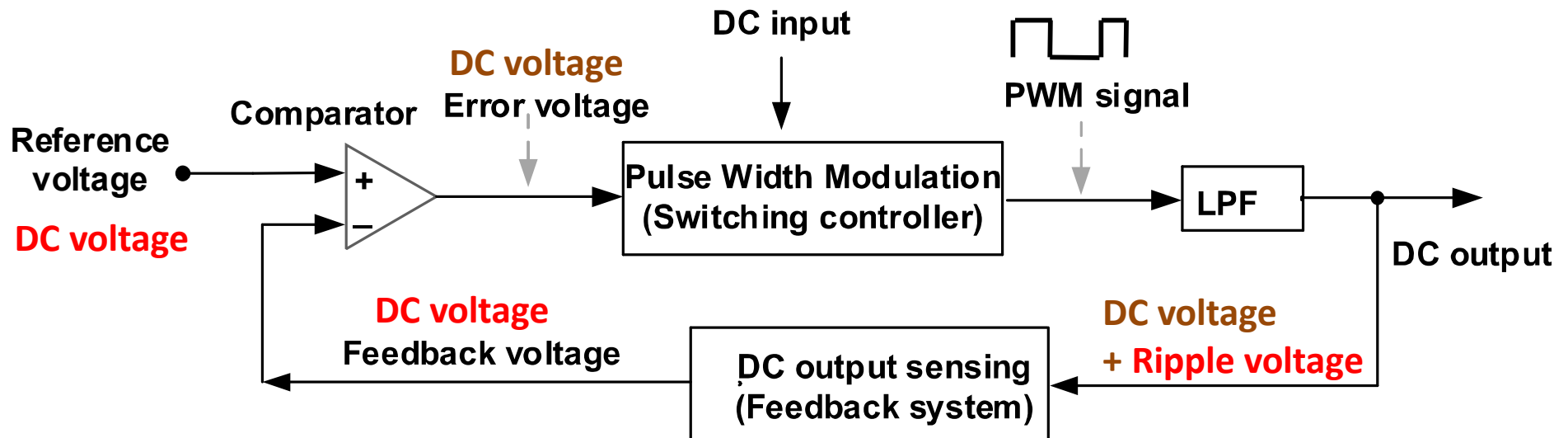
Bode plot of transfer function



3. Noise Reduction for DC-DC Converters

Characteristics of Adaptive Feedback Network

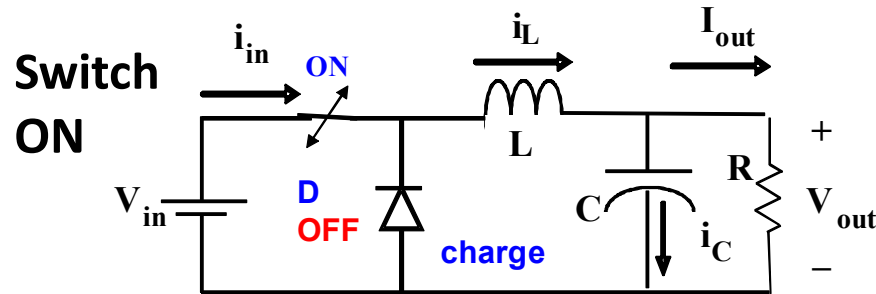
Block diagram of a typical **adaptive feedback system**



Adaptive feedback is used to control the output source along with the decision source (**DC-DC Buck converter**). The transfer function of an **adaptive feedback network** is **significantly different from** the transfer function of a **linear negative feedback network**.

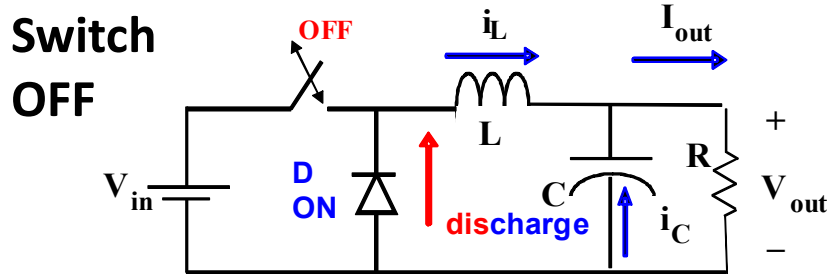
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Review of Step-down DC-DC Buck Converter



Charging voltage

$$V_{charge}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{ch1} e^{(-\omega_{2RC} + \sqrt{(\omega_{2RC})^2 - \omega_{LC}^2})t} \\ + A_{ch2} e^{(-\omega_{2RC} - \sqrt{(\omega_{2RC})^2 - \omega_{LC}^2})t} \end{pmatrix}$$



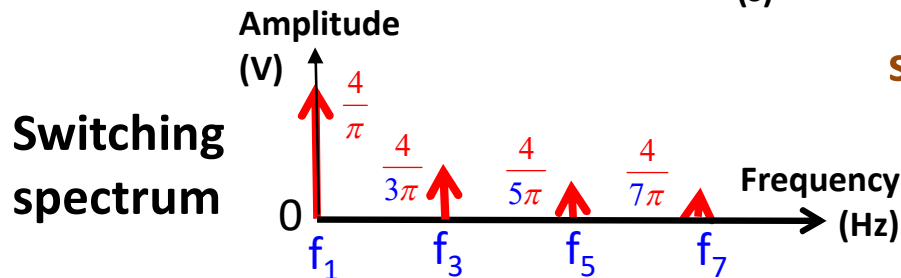
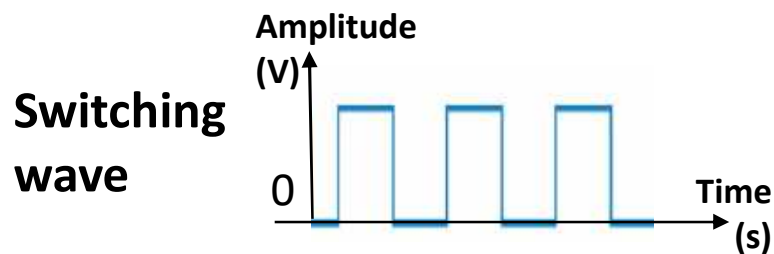
Discharging voltage

$$V_{discharge}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{dis1} e^{(\omega_{2RC} + \sqrt{(\omega_{2RC})^2 - \omega_{LC}^2})t} \\ + A_{dis2} e^{(\omega_{2RC} - \sqrt{(\omega_{2RC})^2 - \omega_{LC}^2})t} \end{pmatrix}$$

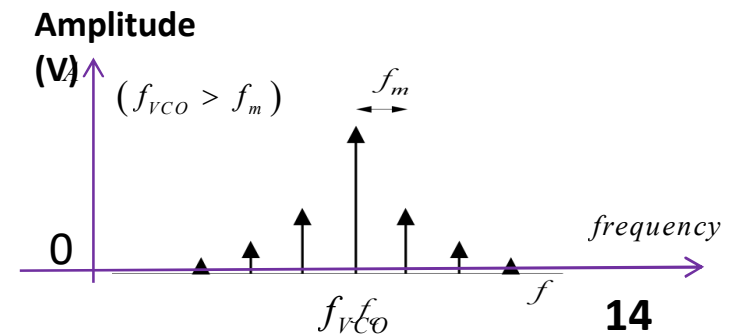
Balanced charge-discharge time condition

$$|Z_L| = |Z_C| = 2R$$

→ **Max power propagation**



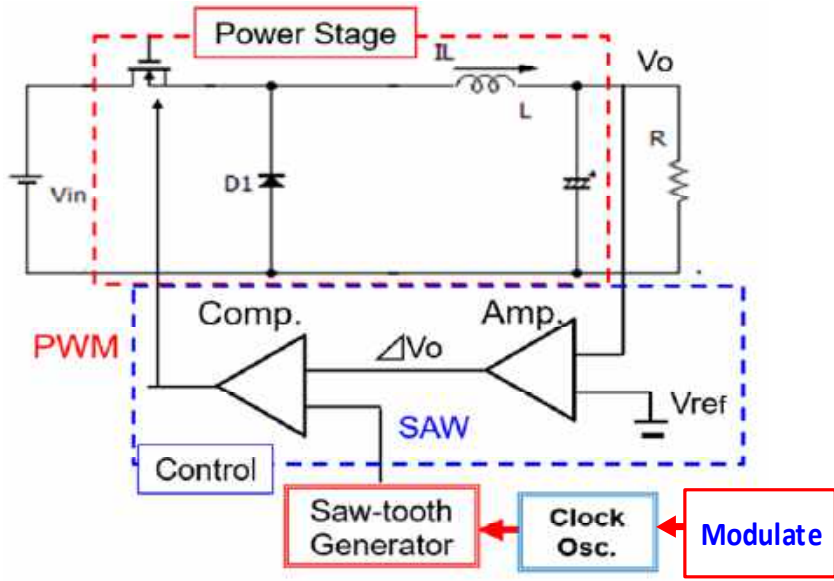
Spread spectrum



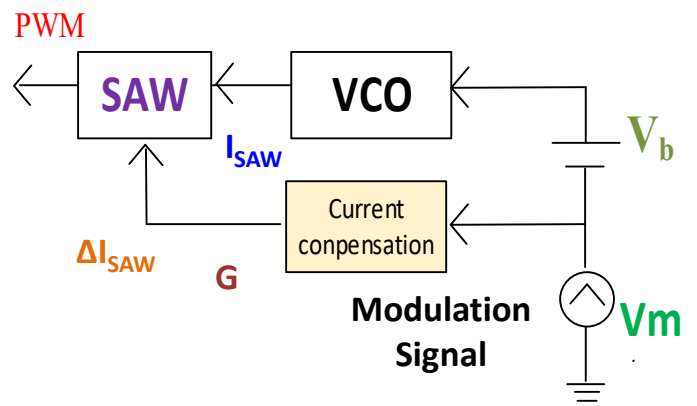
3. Noise Reduction for DC-DC Converters

Ripple Reduction using Linear Swept Frequency Modulation

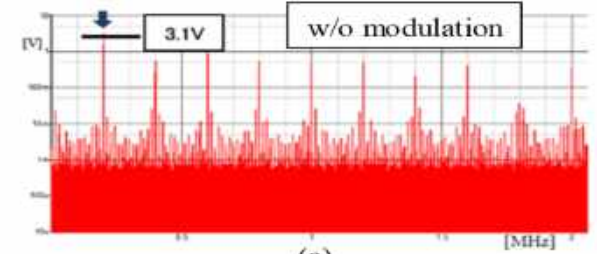
Block diagram of DC-DC Buck converter



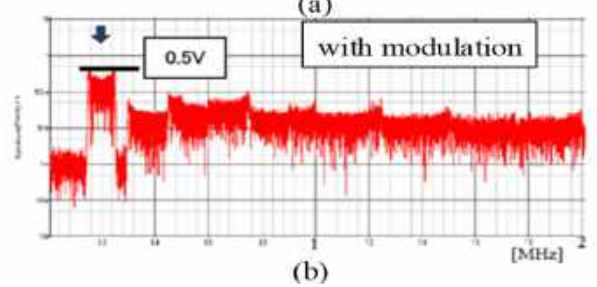
Linear swept frequency modulation



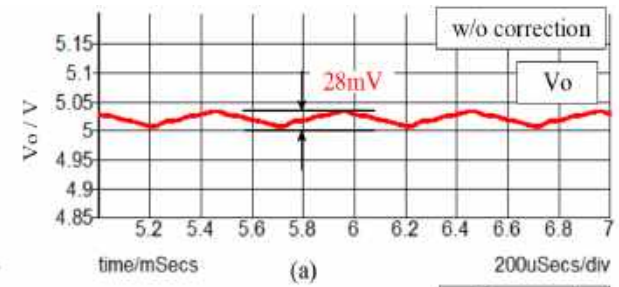
Without frequency modulation



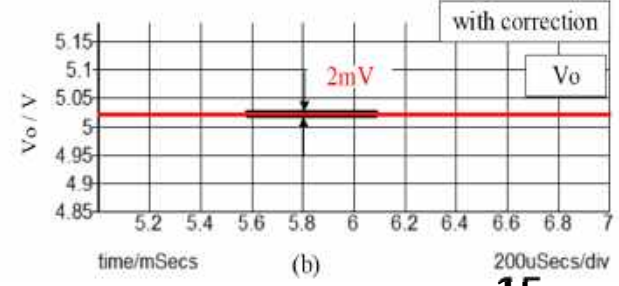
With frequency modulation



Without frequency modulation



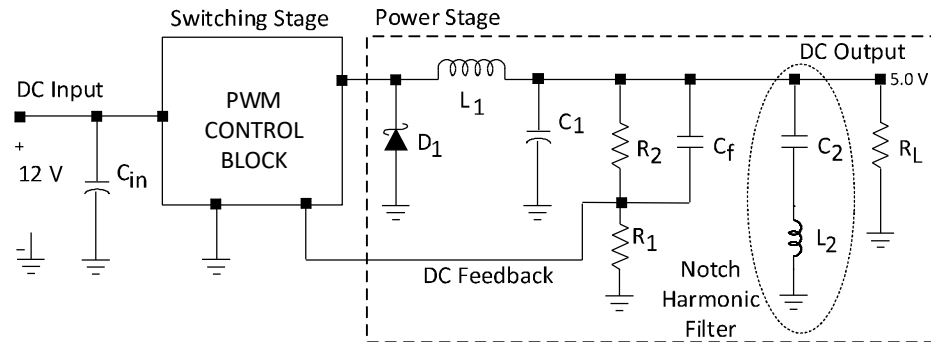
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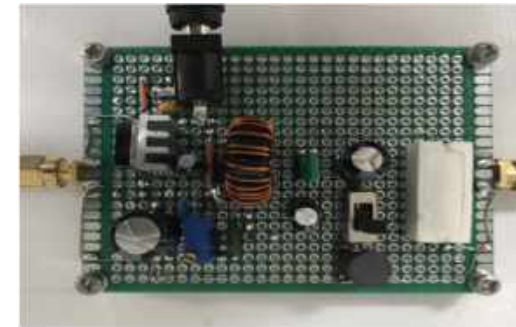
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Ripple Reduction using LC Notch Harmonic Filter

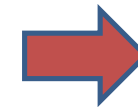
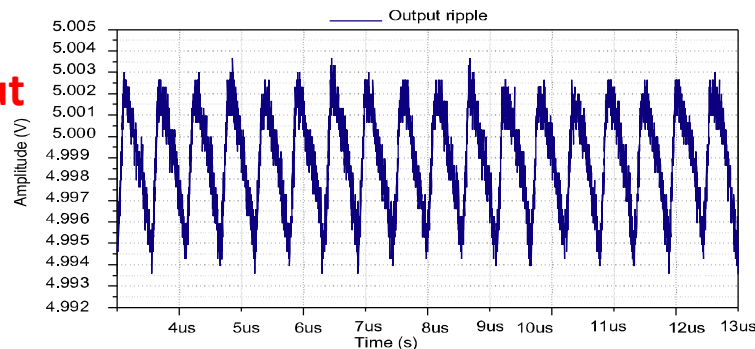
Schematic diagram of DC-DC Buck converter



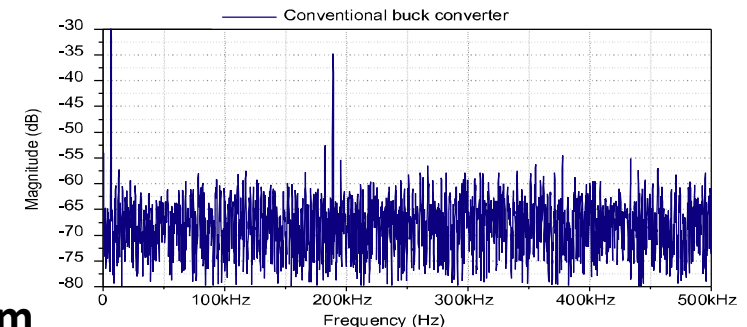
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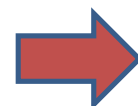
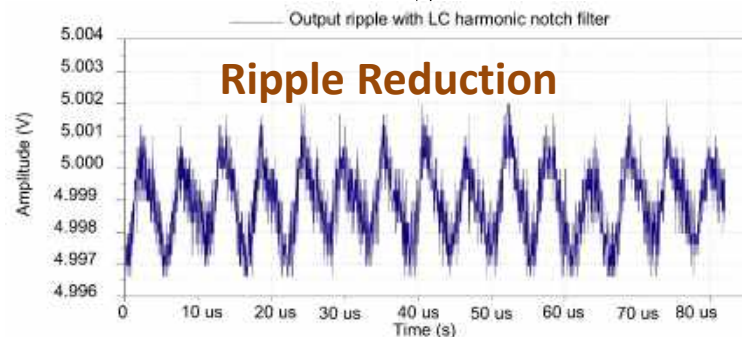
Without notch filter



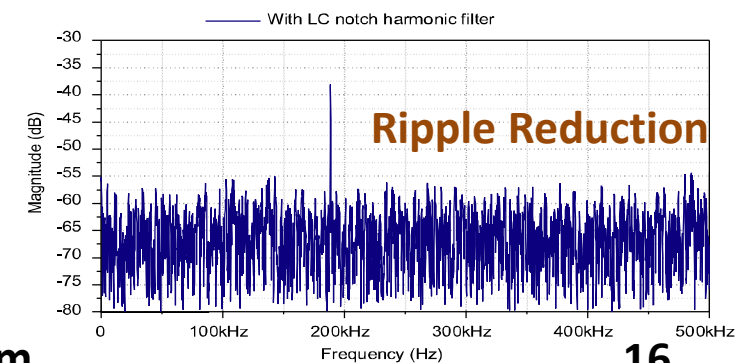
Output spectrum



With notch filter



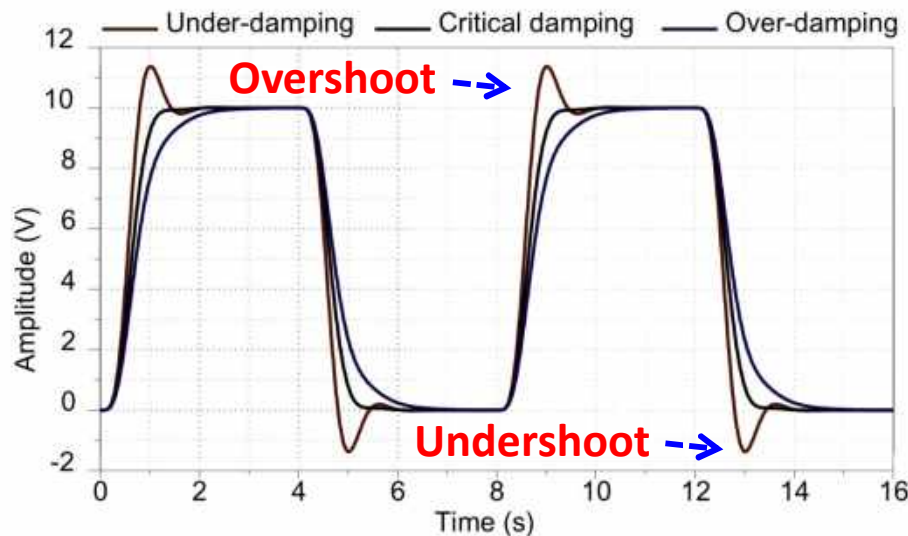
Output spectrum



4. Stability Test for Electronic Systems

Damped Oscillation Noise

Large overshoots + ringing + unwanted voltage transients
→ **Damped oscillation noise** → **Unstable system**



- Ringing occurs in both **with** and **without** feedback systems.
- Ringing affects both **input** and **output** signals.

To meet the specified requirements

- High stability
- Fast transient response, and
- Good steady-state performance.

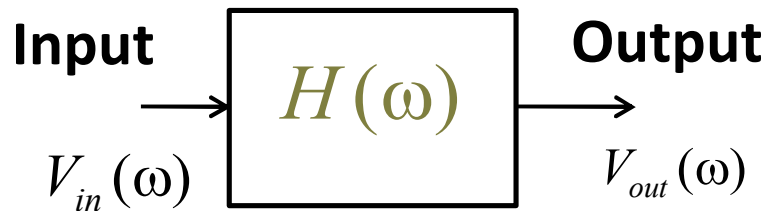


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4. Stability Test for Electronic Systems

Self-loop Function in A Transfer Function

Linear system



Model of a linear system

$$H(\omega) = \frac{b_0(j\omega)^n + \dots + b_{n-1}(j\omega) + b_n}{a_0(j\omega)^n + \dots + a_{n-1}(j\omega) + a_n}$$

Transfer function

$$H(\omega) = \frac{V_{out}(\omega)}{V_{in}(\omega)} = \frac{A(\omega)}{1 + L(\omega)}$$

$A(\omega)$: Open loop function

$H(\omega)$: Transfer function

$L(\omega)$: Self-loop function

Variable: angular frequency (ω)

○ Polar chart → Nyquist chart

○ Magnitude-frequency plot

○ Angular-frequency plot

○ Magnitude-angular diagram → Nichols diagram

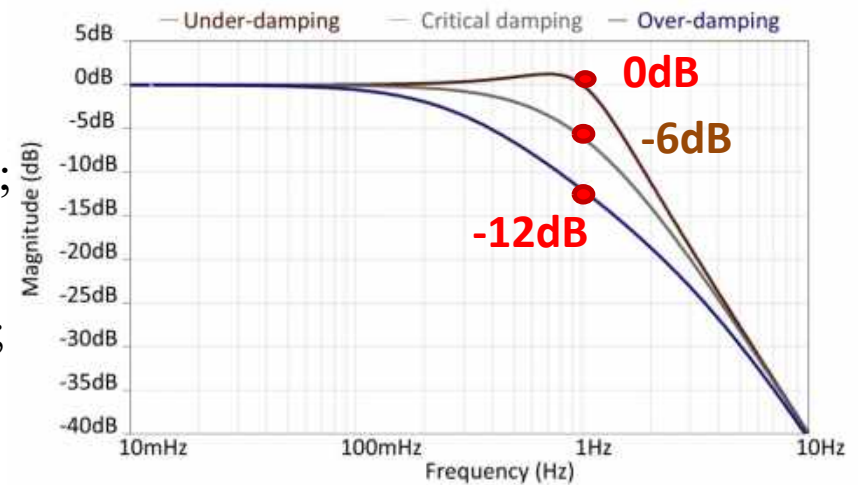
Bode plots

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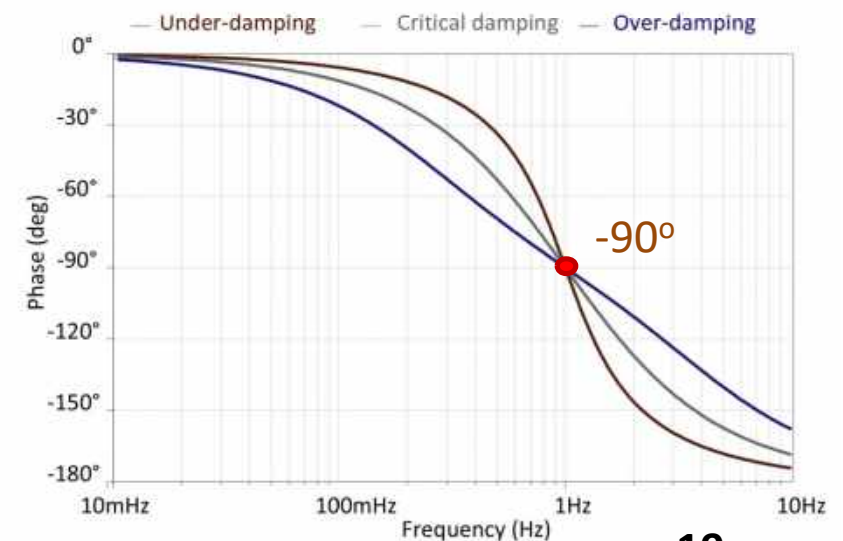
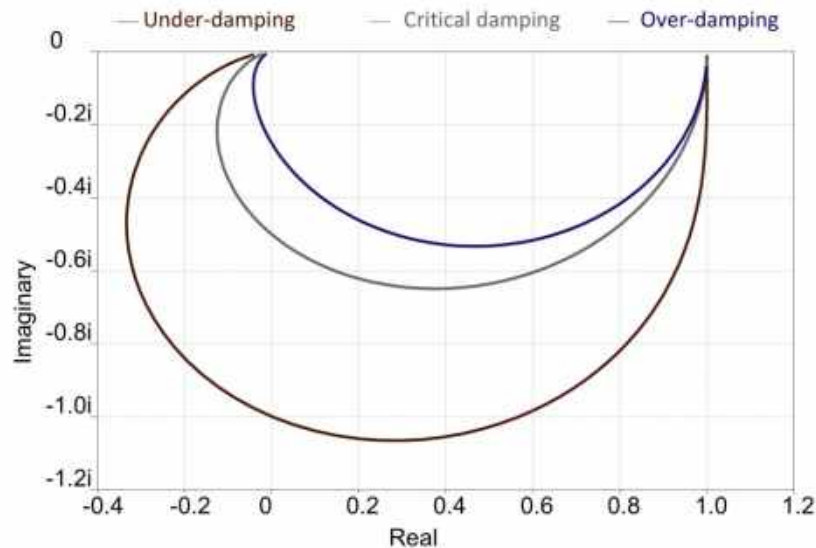
Behaviors of 2nd-Order Transfer Function

- **Under-damping:** $H_1(\omega) = \frac{1}{(j\omega)^2 + j\omega + 1}$;
- **Critical damping:** $H_2(\omega) = \frac{1}{(j\omega)^2 + 2j\omega + 1}$;
- **Over-damping:** $H_3(\omega) = \frac{1}{(j\omega)^2 + 3j\omega + 1}$;

Bode plot of transfer function



Nyquist chart of transfer function

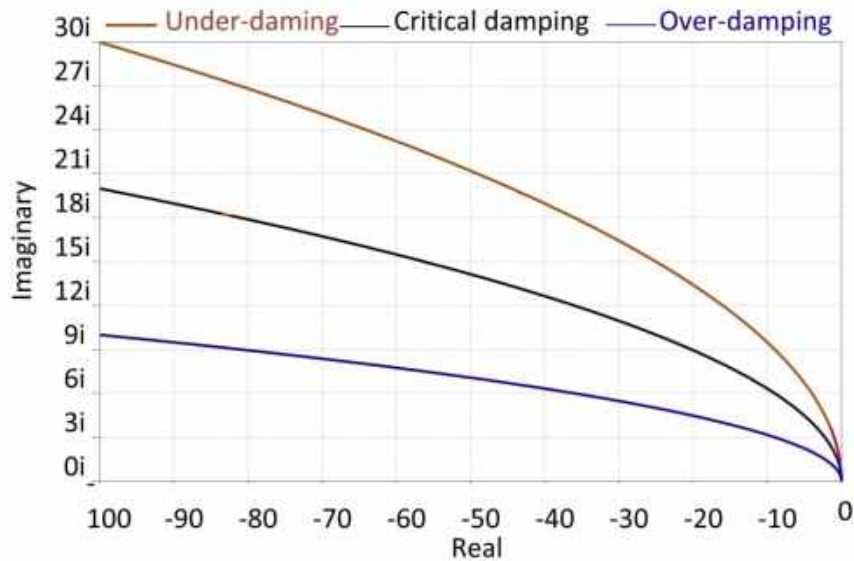


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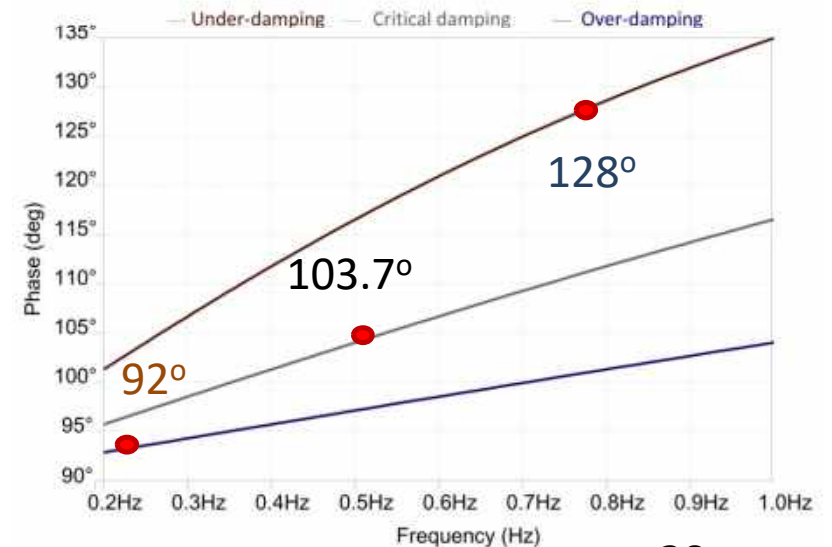
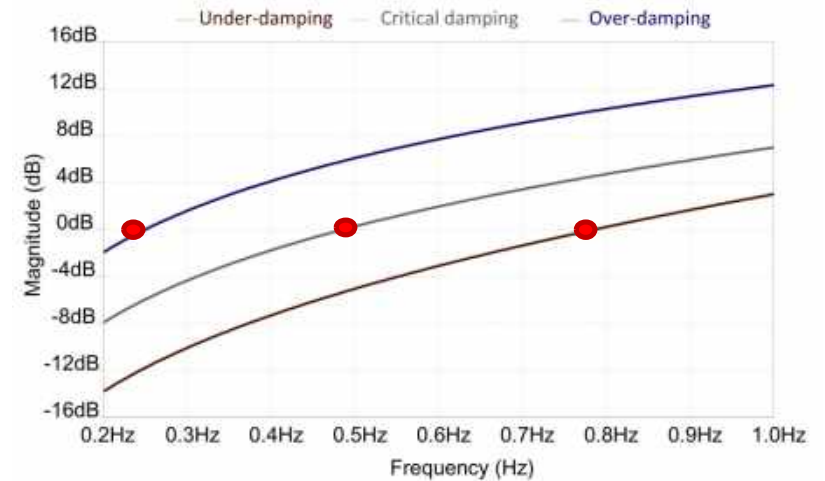
Behaviors of 2nd-Order Self-loop Function

- **Under-damping:** $L_1(\omega) = (j\omega)^2 + j\omega$;
- **Critical damping:** $L_2(\omega) = (j\omega)^2 + 2j\omega$;
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Nyquist chart of self-loop function



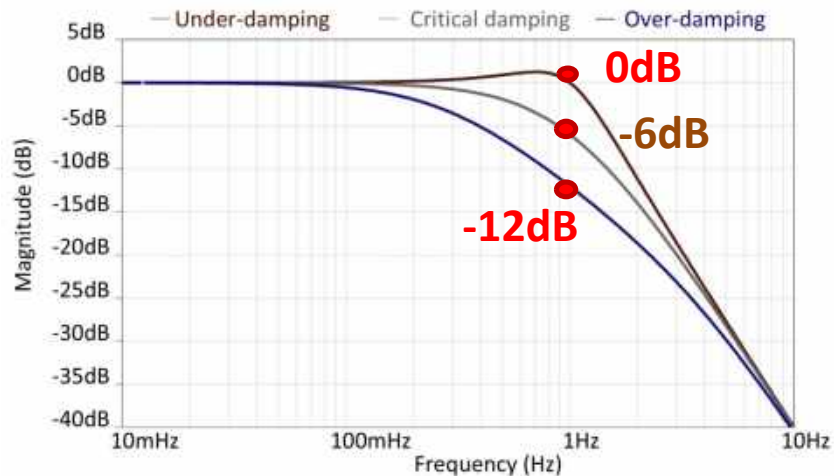
Bode plot of self-loop function



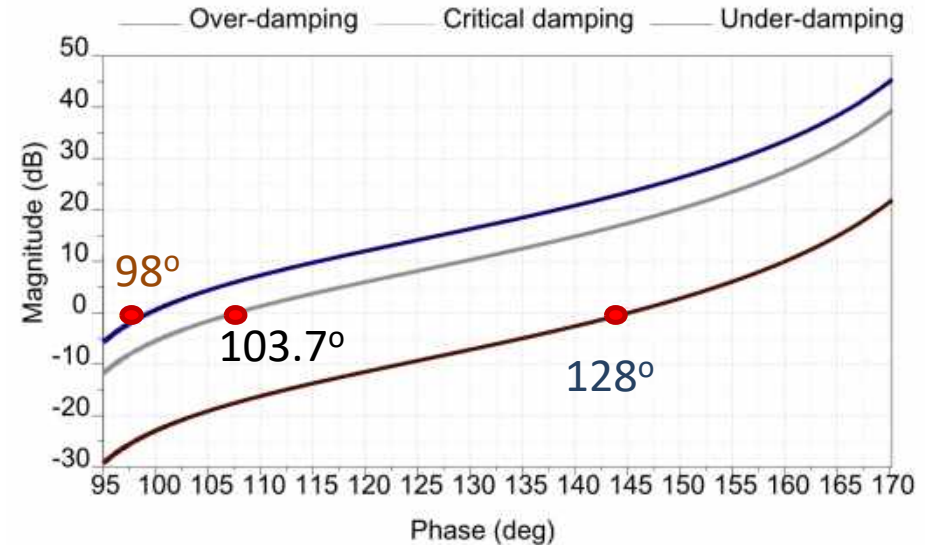
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Operating Regions of 2nd-Order System

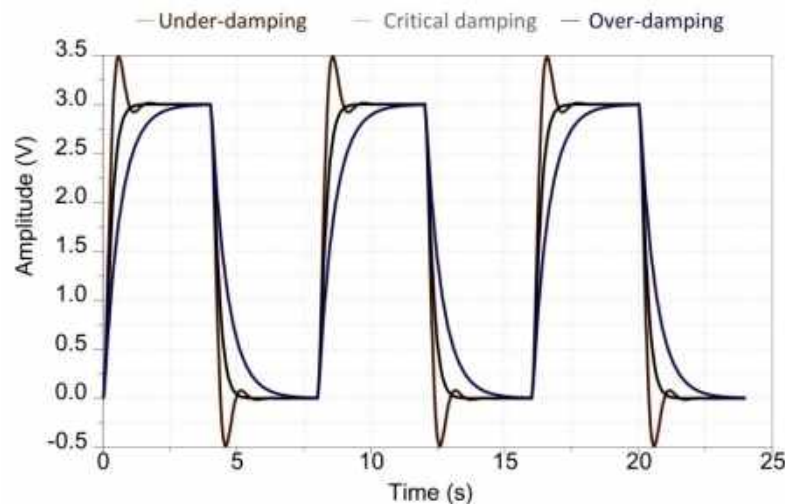
Magnitude response of transfer function



Magnitude-angular response of self-loop function



Transient response



Over-damping:

→ Phase margin is 88 degrees.

Critical damping:

→ Phase margin is 76.3 degrees.

Under-damping:

→ Phase margin is 52 degrees.

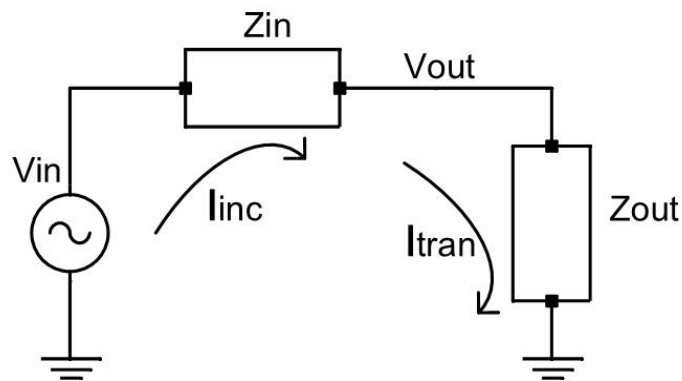
4. Stability Test for Electronic Systems

Alternating Current Conservation for Passive Networks

Transfer function

$$H(\omega) = \frac{V_{out}(\omega)}{V_{in}(\omega)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Z_{in}}{Z_{out}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow L(\omega) = \frac{Z_{in}}{Z_{out}};$$



Simplified linear system

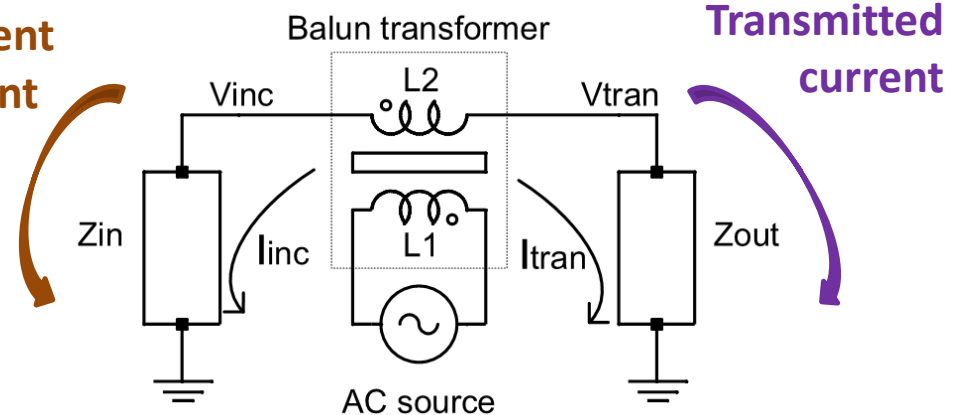
Self-loop function

$$\frac{V_{inc}}{Z_{in}} = -\frac{V_{trans}}{Z_{out}} \Rightarrow L(\omega) = -\frac{V_{inc}}{V_{trans}} = \frac{Z_{in}}{Z_{out}}$$



10 mH
inductance

Incident
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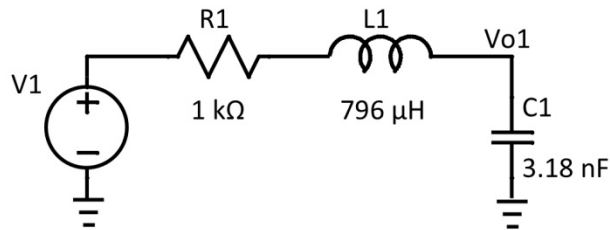


Derivation of self-loop function

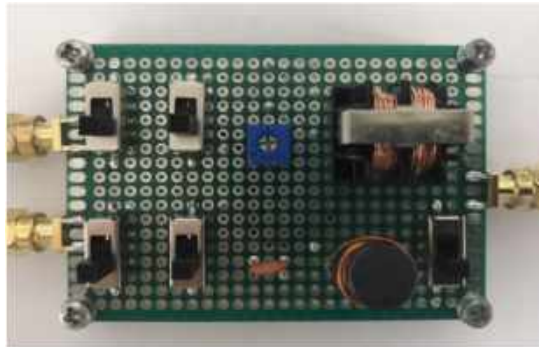
4. Stability Test for Electronic Systems

Stability Test for 2rd-Order Passive RLC LPF

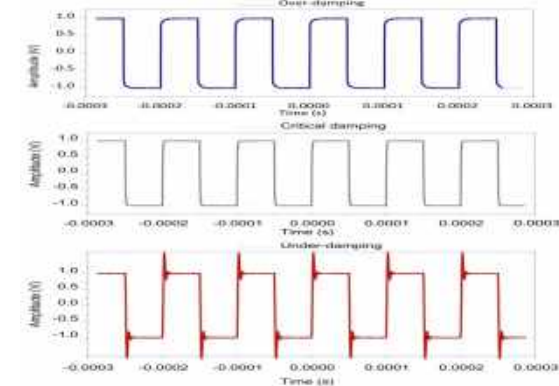
Passive RLC Low-pass Filter



Implemented circuit

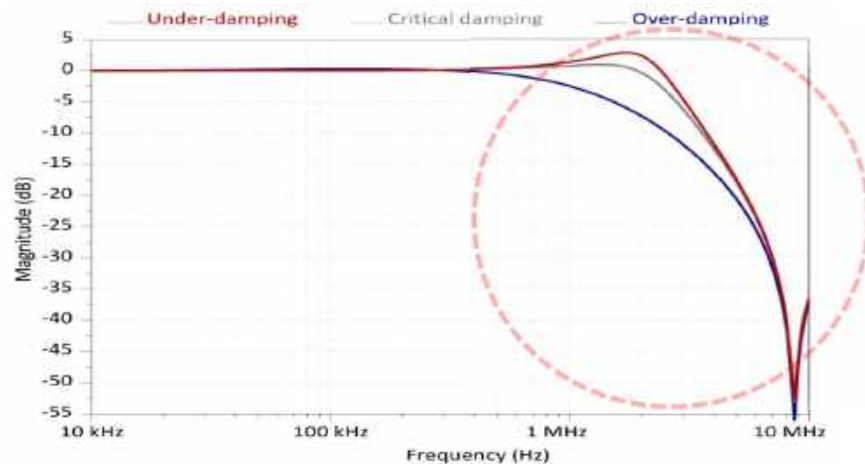


Transient responses



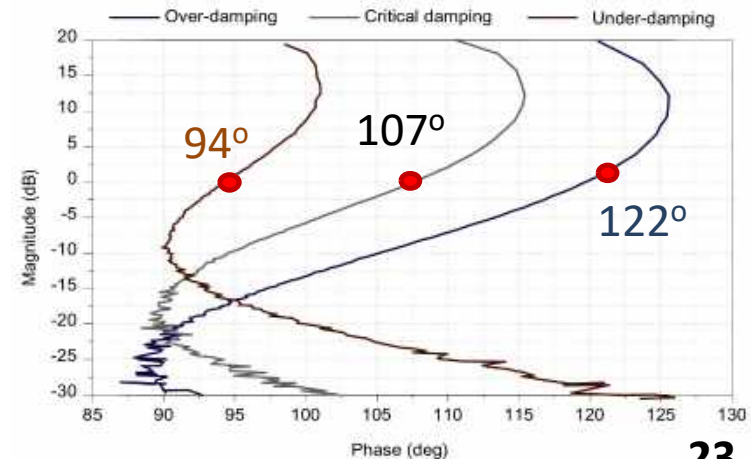
Transfer function

$$H(\omega) = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{1}{a_0 (j\omega)^2 + a_1 j\omega + 1};$$



Self-loop function

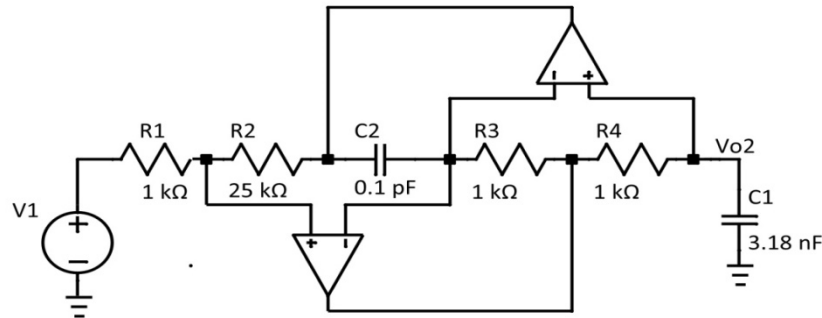
$$L(\omega) = a_0 (j\omega)^2 + a_1 j\omega;$$



4. Stability Test for Electronic Systems

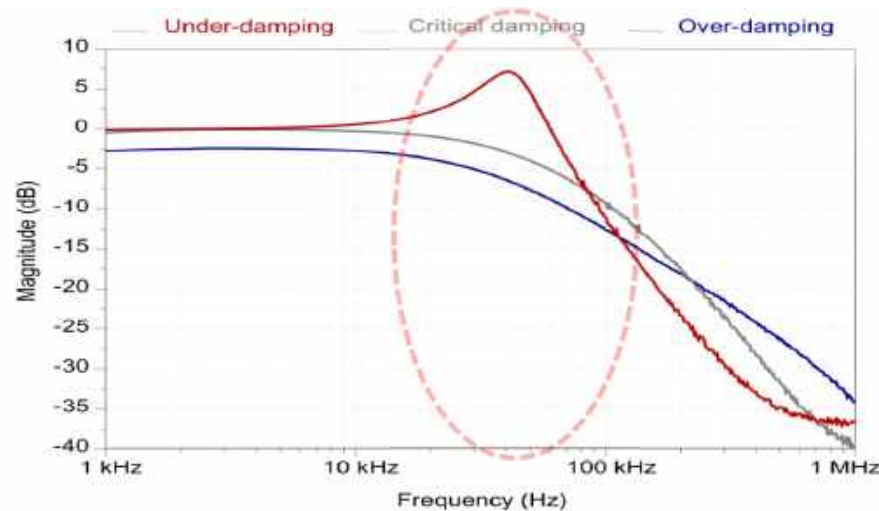
Stability Test for 2rd-Order Active Ladder LPF

Active ladder low-pass filter



Transfer function

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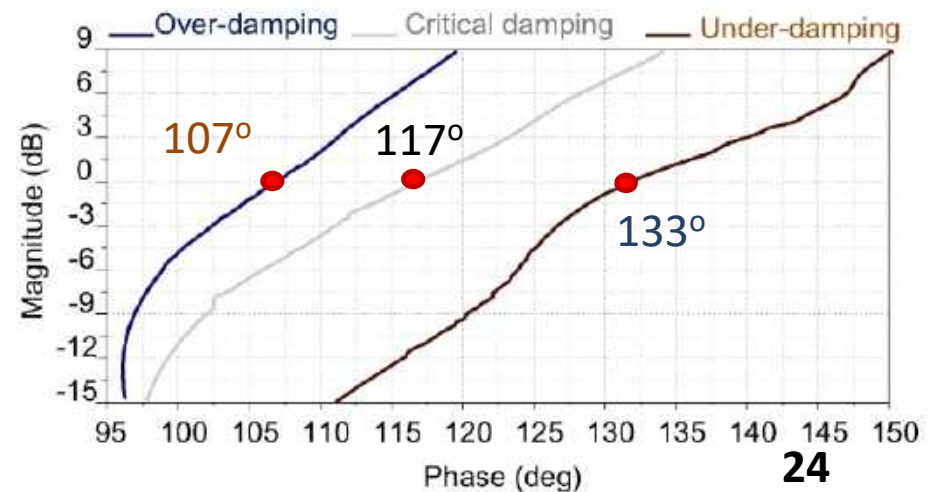


Implemented circuit



Self-loop function

$$L(\omega) = a_0 (j\omega)^2 + a_1 j\omega;$$



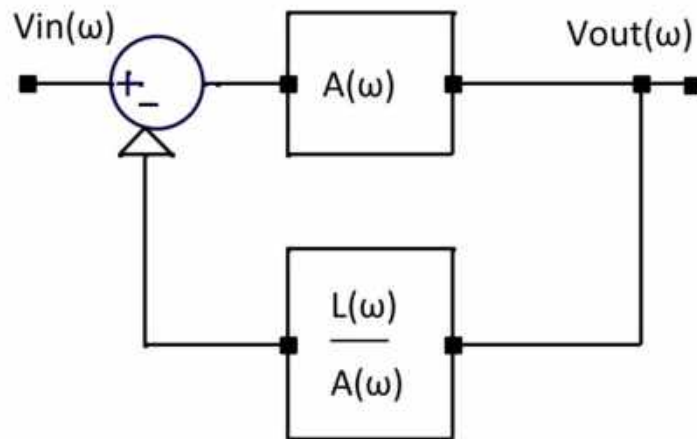
4. Stability Test for Electronic Systems

Alternating Current Conservation for Active Networks

Transfer function

$$H(\omega) = \frac{V_{out}(\omega)}{V_{in}(\omega)} = \frac{A(\omega)}{1 + L(\omega)}$$

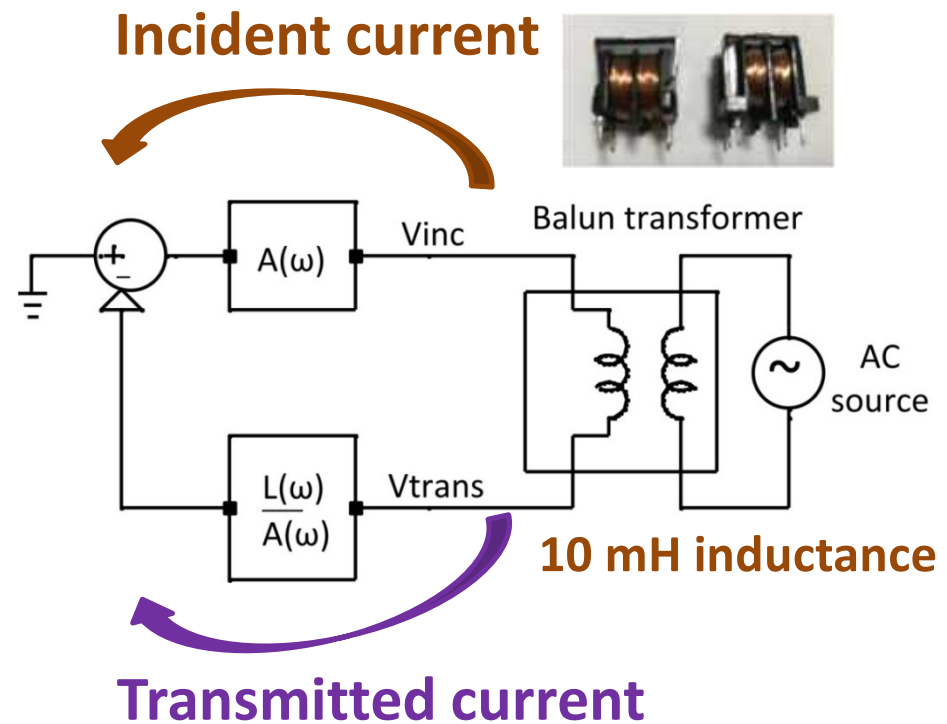
$$\Rightarrow V_{out}(\omega) = A(\omega) \left[V_{in}(\omega) - \frac{L(\omega)}{A(\omega)} V_{out}(\omega) \right]$$



Signal flow graph

Self-loop function

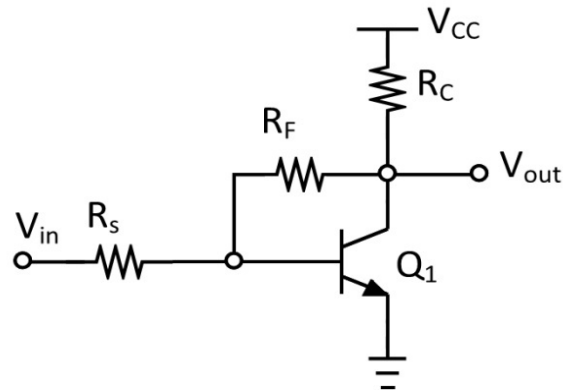
$$\frac{V_{inc}}{A(\omega)} = -\frac{L(\omega)}{A(\omega)} V_{trans} \Rightarrow L(\omega) = -\frac{V_{inc}}{V_{trans}}$$



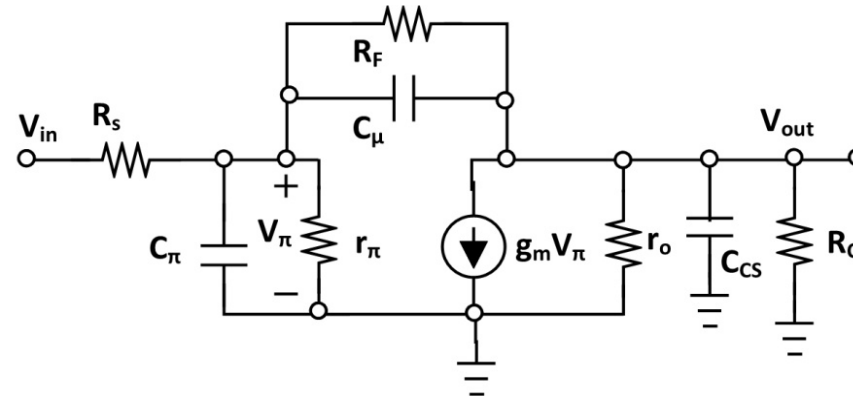
4. Stability Test for Electronic Systems

Analysis of Shunt-Shunt Feedback Amplifier

BJT shunt-shunt feedback amplifier



Small signal model



Apply **superposition** at the nodes V_π and V_{out} , we have

$$V_\pi \left(\frac{1}{R_s} + \frac{1}{r_\pi} + \frac{1}{Z_{C\pi}} + \frac{1}{R_F} + \frac{1}{Z_{C\mu}} \right) = \frac{V_{in}}{R_s} + \frac{V_{out}}{Z_{C\mu}}; \quad V_{out} \left(\frac{1}{Z_{C\mu}} + \frac{1}{Z_{CCS}} + \frac{1}{R_C} + \frac{1}{r_o} \right) = V_\pi \left(\frac{1}{Z_{C\mu}} + \frac{1}{R_F} - g_m \right);$$

Transfer function $H(\omega)$ and self-loop function $L(\omega)$

$$H(\omega) = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{b_0 j\omega + b_1}{a_0 (j\omega)^2 + a_1 j\omega + 1}; \quad L(\omega) = j\omega [a_0 j\omega + a_1]$$

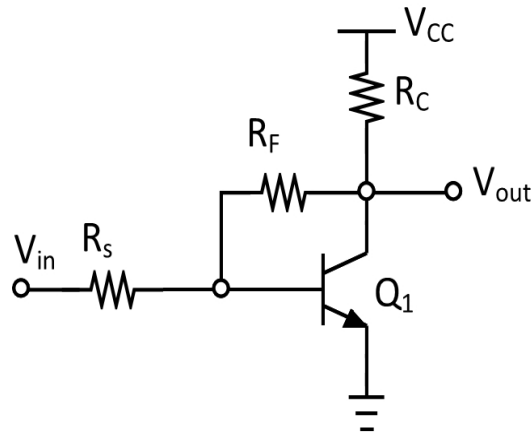
Where, $b_0 = R_L C_{GD1}$; $b_1 = -R_L g_{m1}$; $a_0 = R_S R_L (C_{GD1} C_{GS1} + C_{GD1} C_{DB1} + C_{DB1} C_{GS1})$;

$$a_1 = R_L (C_{GD1} + C_{DB1}) + R_S (C_{GS1} + C_{GD1}) + R_S R_L g_{m1} C_{GD1};$$

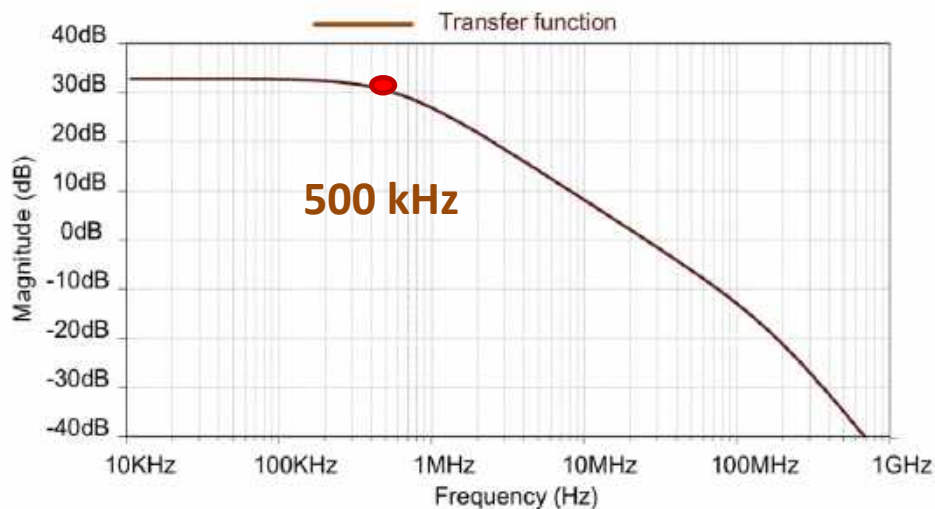
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Stability Test of Shunt-Shunt Feedback Amplifier

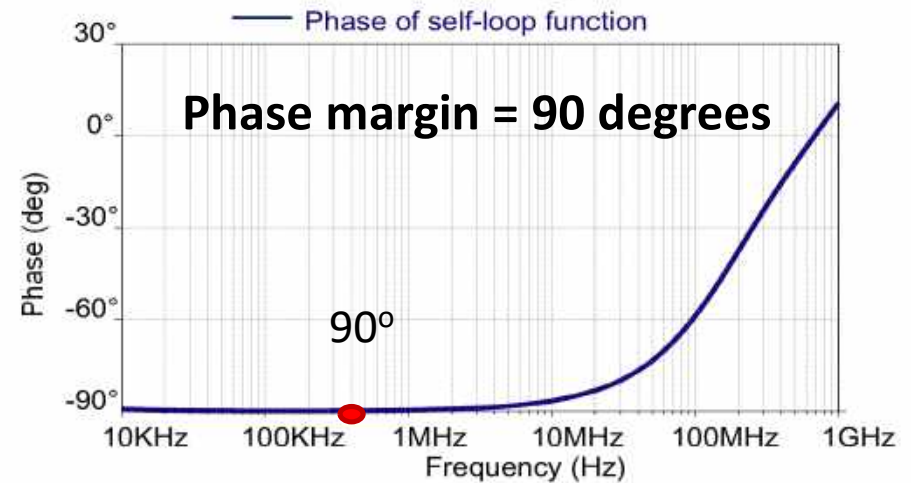
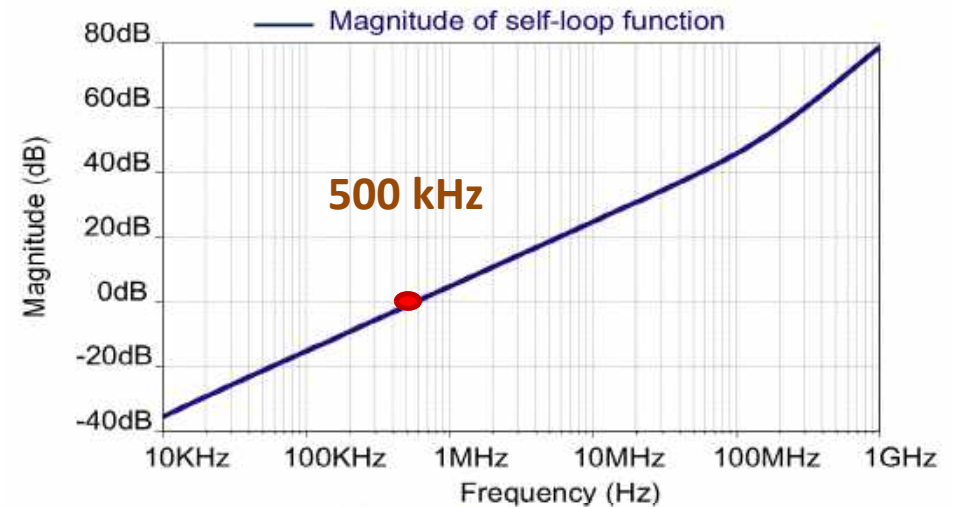
BJT shunt-shunt feedback amplifier



Bode plot of transfer function $H(\omega)$



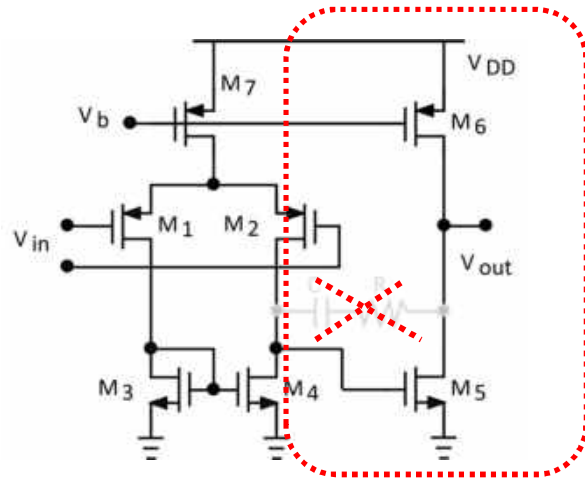
Bode plot of self-loop function $L(\omega)$



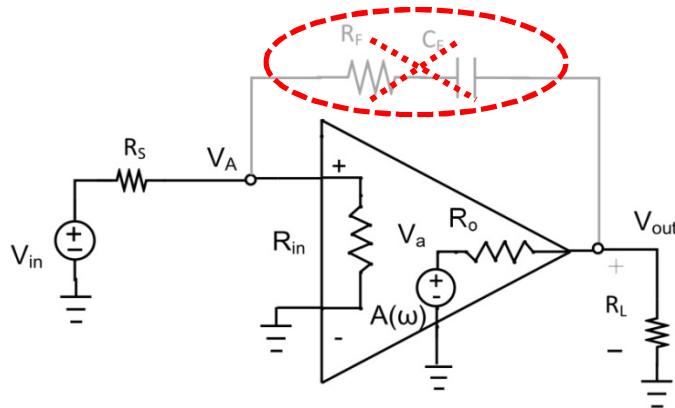
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Analysis of Op Amp without Miller's Capacitor

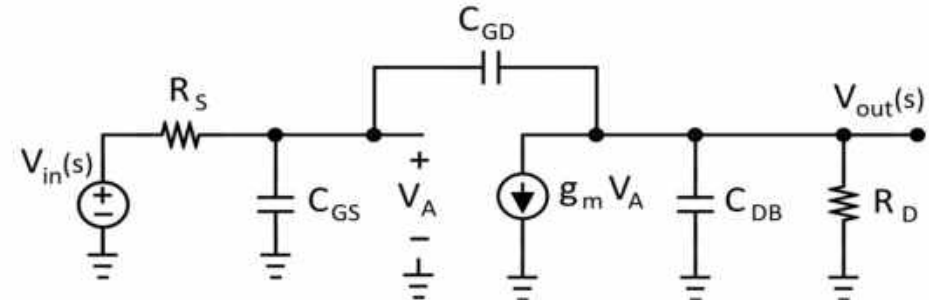
Without frequency compensation



Simplified model



Small signal model



Transfer function $H(\omega)$ and self-loop function $L(\omega)$

$$H(\omega) = \frac{b_0 j\omega + b_1}{a_0 (j\omega)^2 + a_1 j\omega + 1};$$

$$L(\omega) = a_0 (j\omega)^2 + a_1 j\omega$$

Where,

$$b_0 = R_D R_S [(C_{GD} + C_{DB})(C_{GS} + C_{GD}) - C_{GD}^2]$$

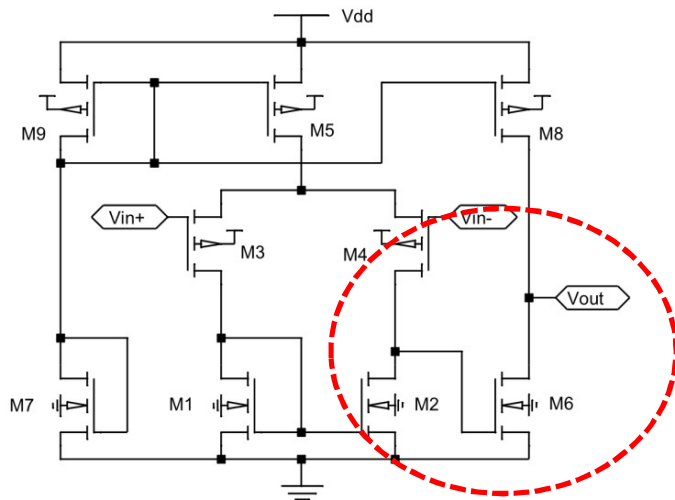
$$b_1 = [R_D (C_{GD} + C_{DB}) + R_S (C_{GS} + C_{GD}) + R_D R_S g_m C_{GD}]$$

$$a_0 = R_D C_{GD}; \quad a_1 = -R_D g_m;$$

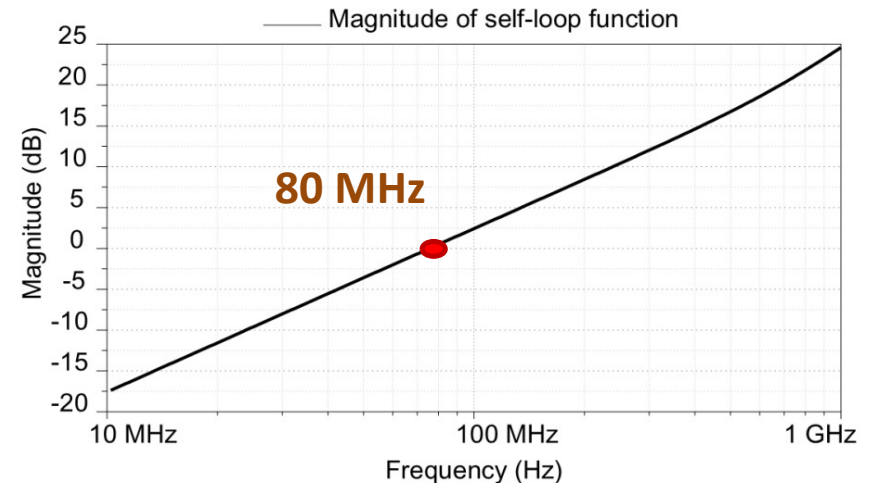
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Stability Test of Op Amp without Miller's Capacitor

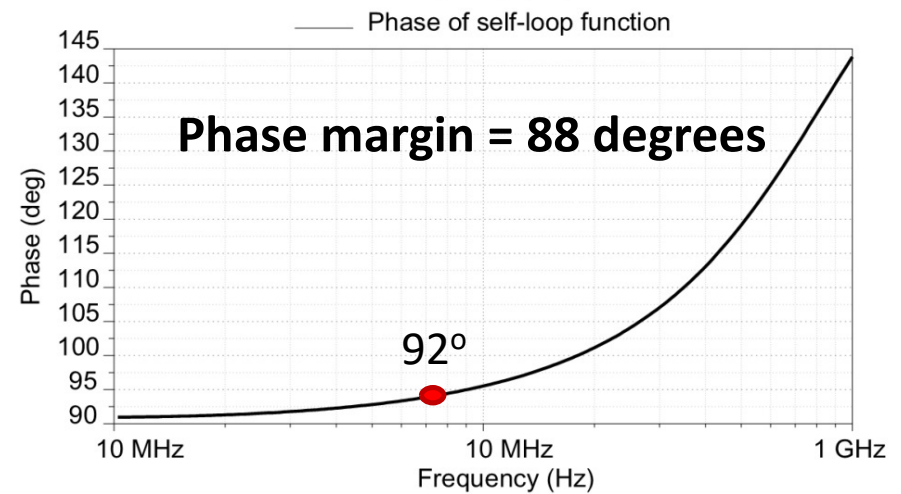
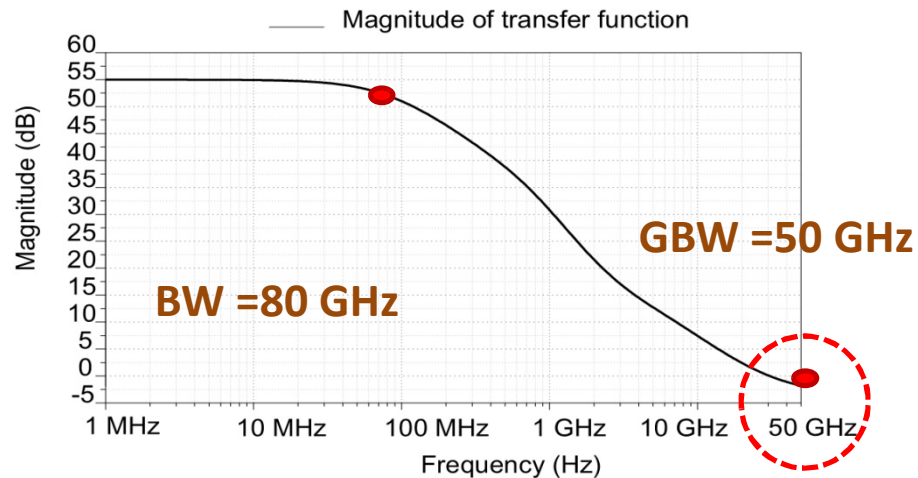
Op amp without frequency compensation



Bode plot of self-loop function $L(\omega)$



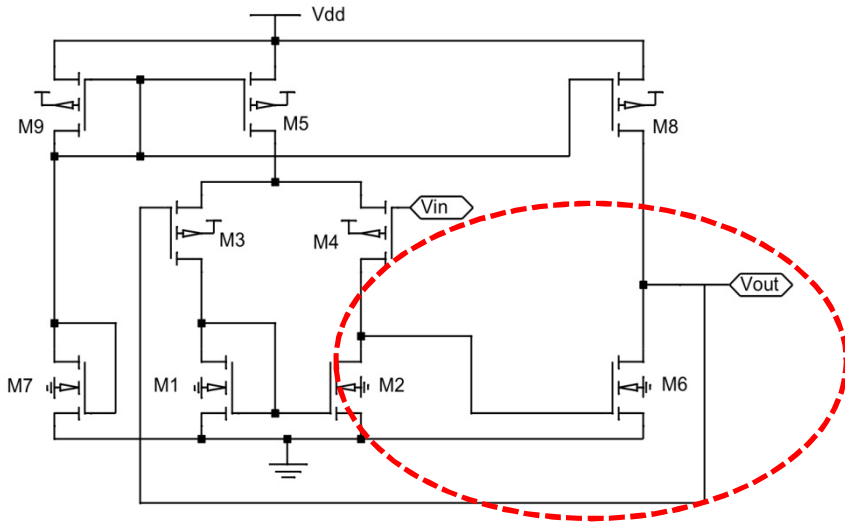
Bode plot of transfer function $H(\omega)$



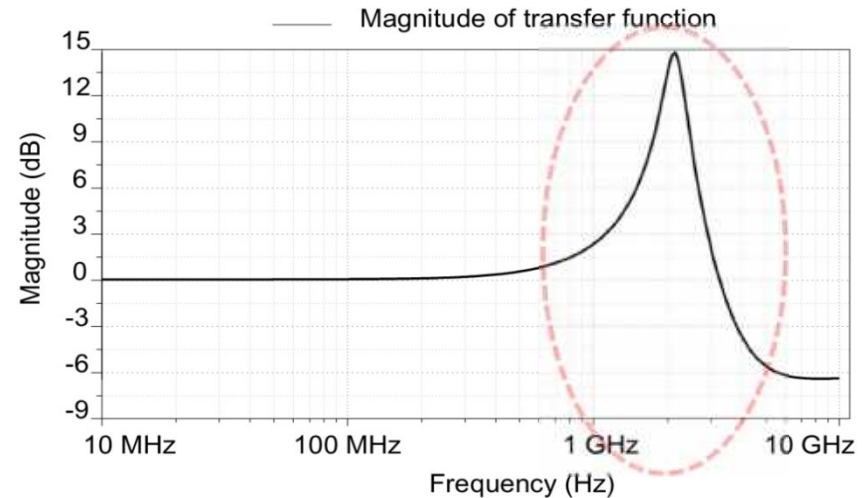
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Unity-Gain Amplifier without Miller's Capacitor

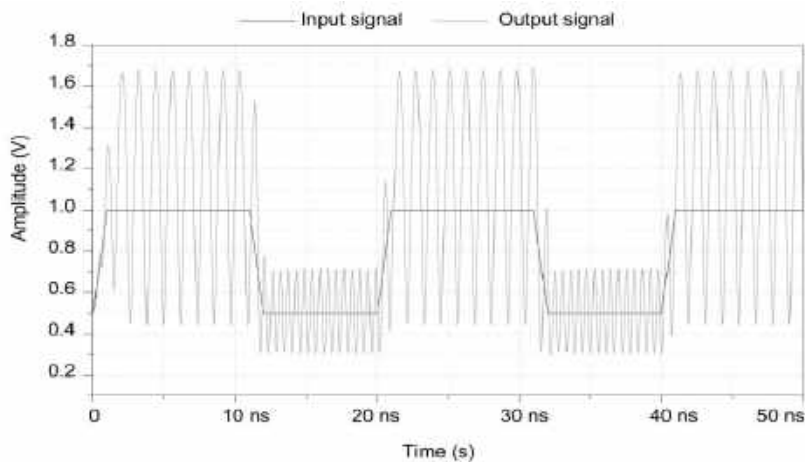
Unity-Gain Amplifier



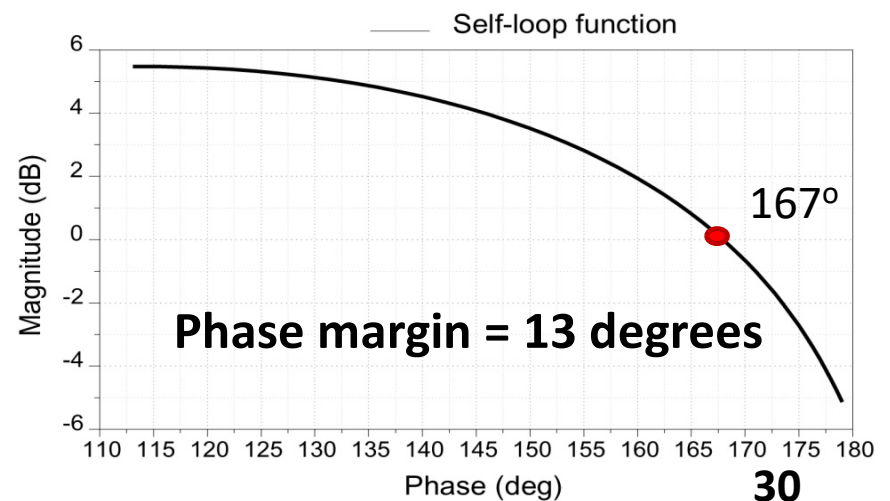
Bode plot of transfer function $H(\omega)$



Transient response



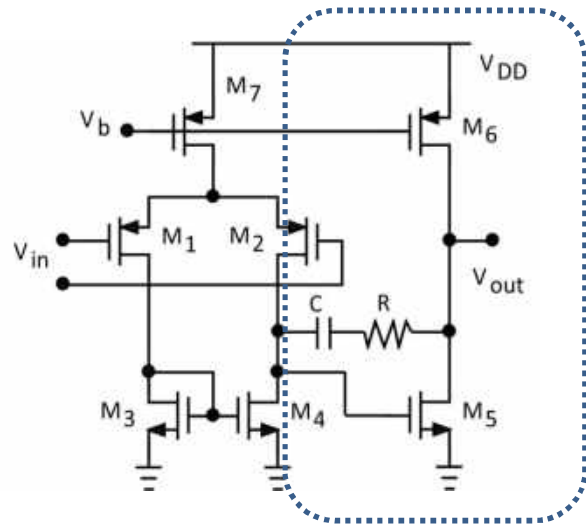
Nichols plot of self-loop function $L(\omega)$



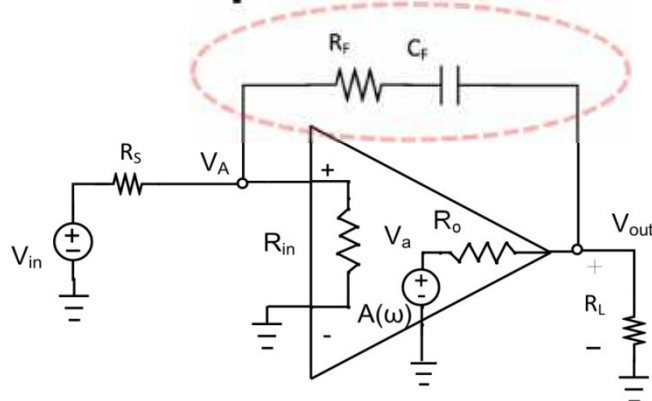
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Two-stage Op Amp with Frequency Compensation

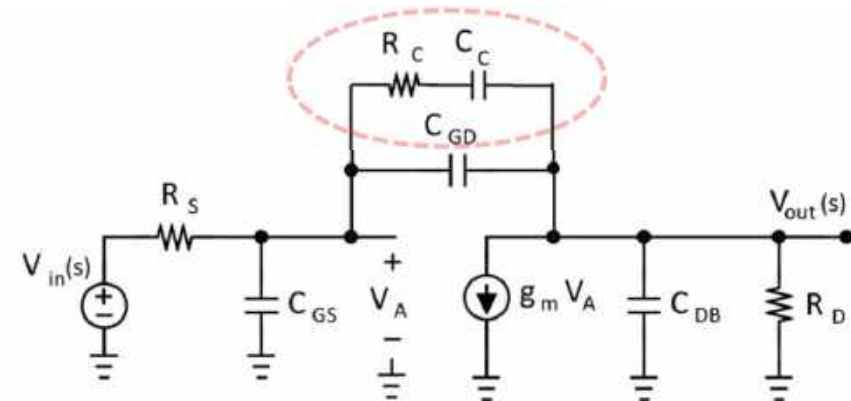
With Miller's capacitor and resistor



Simplified model



Small signal model



Transfer function $H(\omega)$

$$H(\omega) = \frac{b_0 (j\omega)^3 + b_1 (j\omega)^2 + b_2 j\omega + b_3}{a_0 (j\omega)^4 + a_1 (j\omega)^3 + a_2 (j\omega)^2 + a_3 j\omega + 1};$$

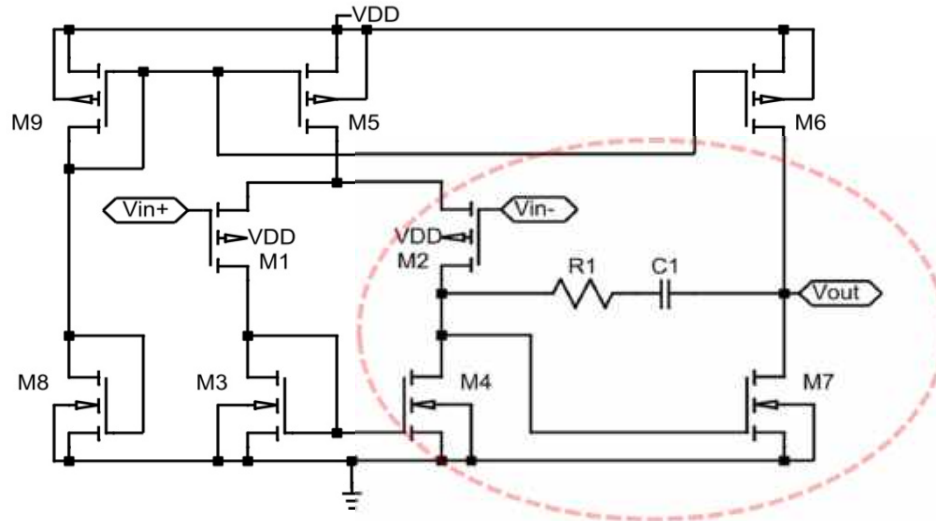
Self-loop function $L(\omega)$

$$L(\omega) = a_0 (j\omega)^4 + a_1 (j\omega)^3 + a_2 (j\omega)^2 + a_3 j\omega$$

4. Stability Test for Electronic Systems

Behaviors of Op Amp with Frequency Compensation

Model of two-stage op amp



Under-damping:

R1 = 2 kΩ, C1 = 1 pF

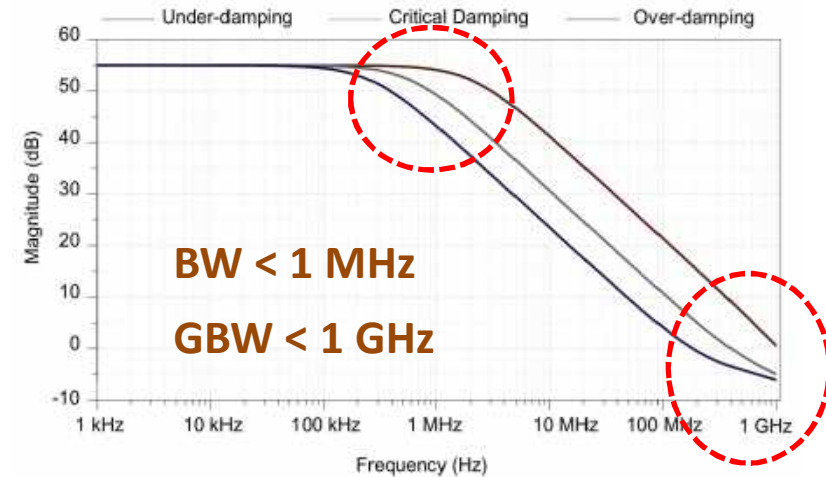
Critical damping:

R1 = 3.5 kΩ, C1 = 0.2 pF

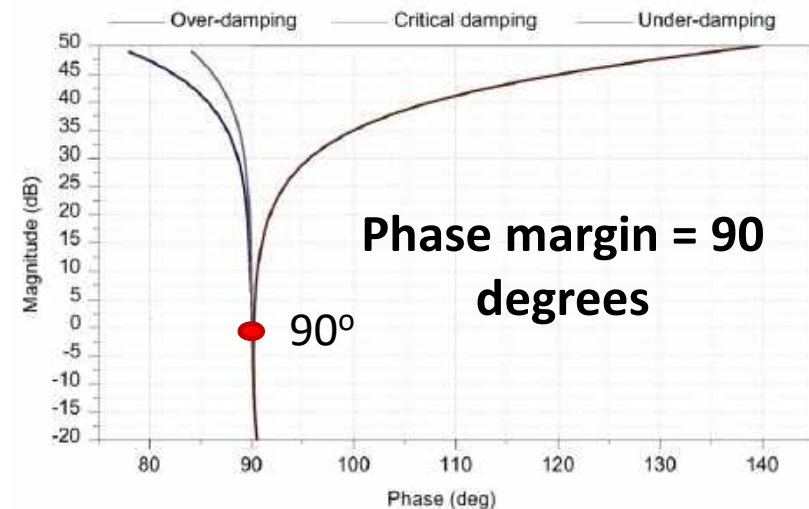
Over-damping:

R1 = 3.5 kΩ, C1 = 0.8 pF

Bode plot of transfer function $H(\omega)$



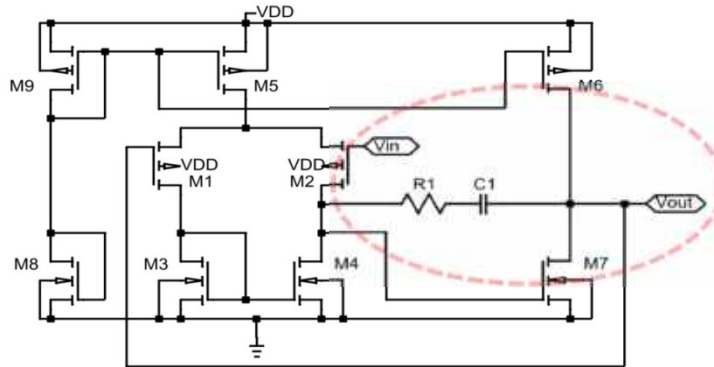
Nichols plot of self-loop function $L(\omega)$



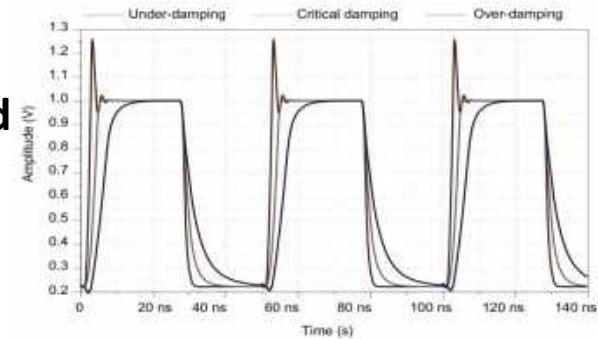
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Stability Test for Op Amp with Miller's Capacitor

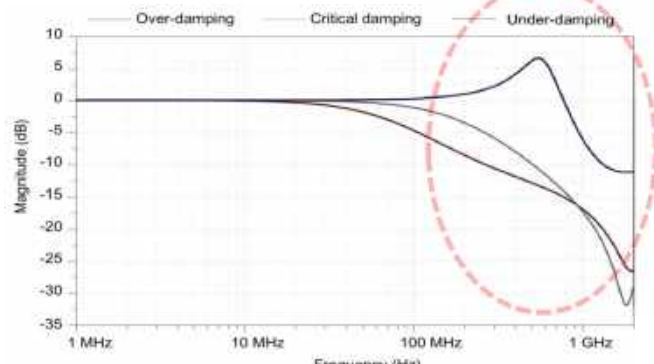
Unity-gain amplifier with Miller's capacitor



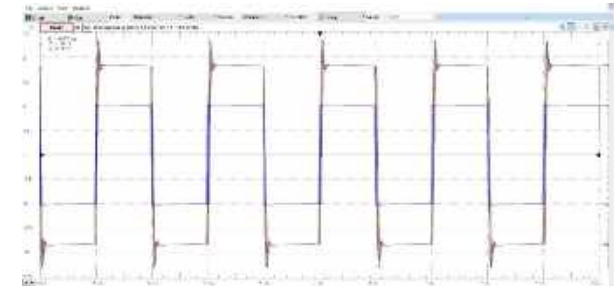
Simulated transient response



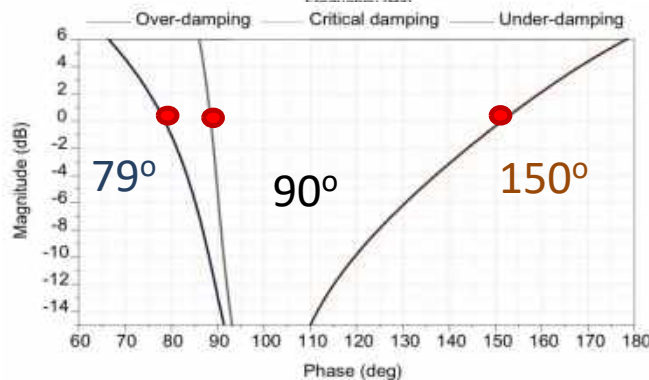
Bode plot of transfer function



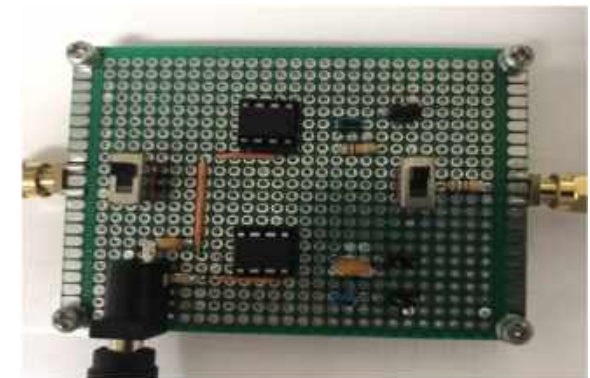
Measured transient response



Nichols plot of self-loop function



Implemented circuit



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Stability Test for 3rd-Order Sallen-Key LPF

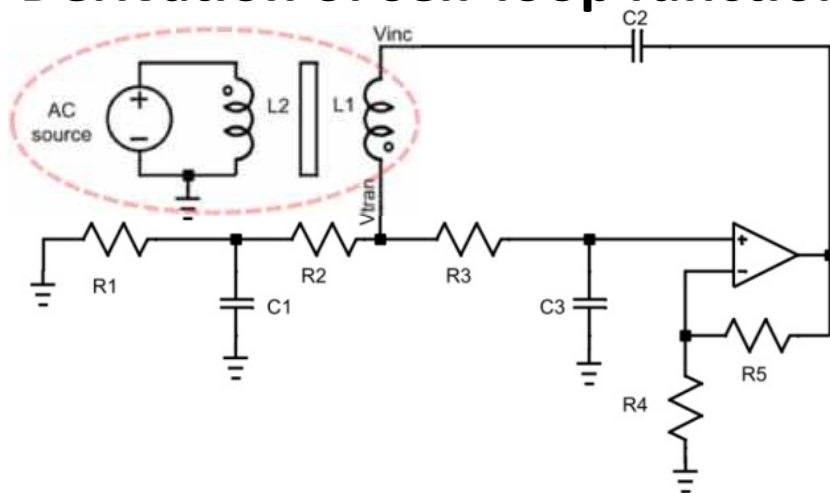
Transfer function

$$H(\omega) = \frac{b_0}{a_0(j\omega)^3 + a_1(j\omega)^2 + a_2j\omega + 1};$$

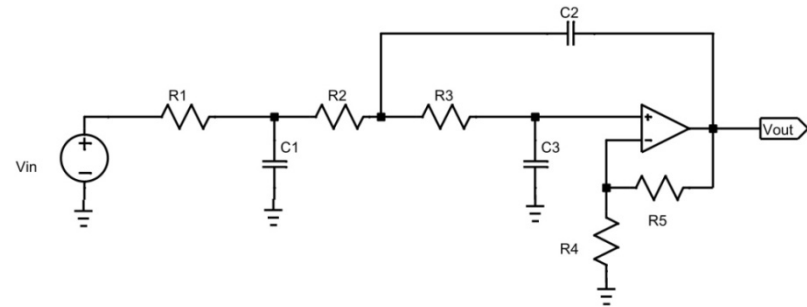
Self-loop function

$$L(\omega) = a_0(j\omega)^3 + a_1(j\omega)^2 + a_2j\omega;$$

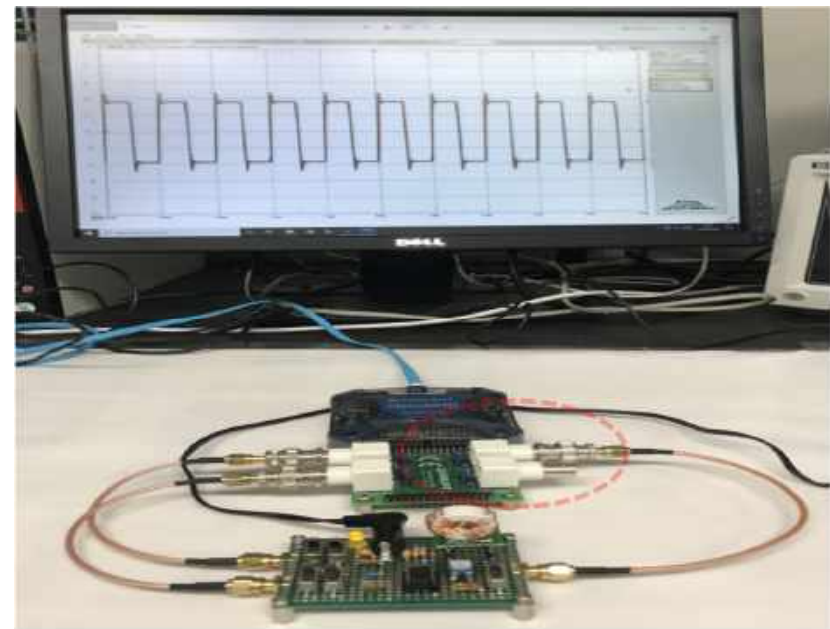
Derivation of self-loop function



Single ended 3rd -order Sallen-Key LPF



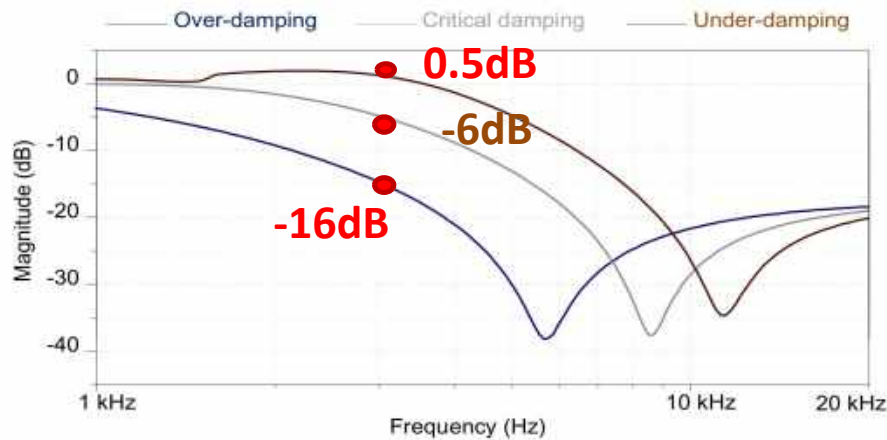
Implemented circuit



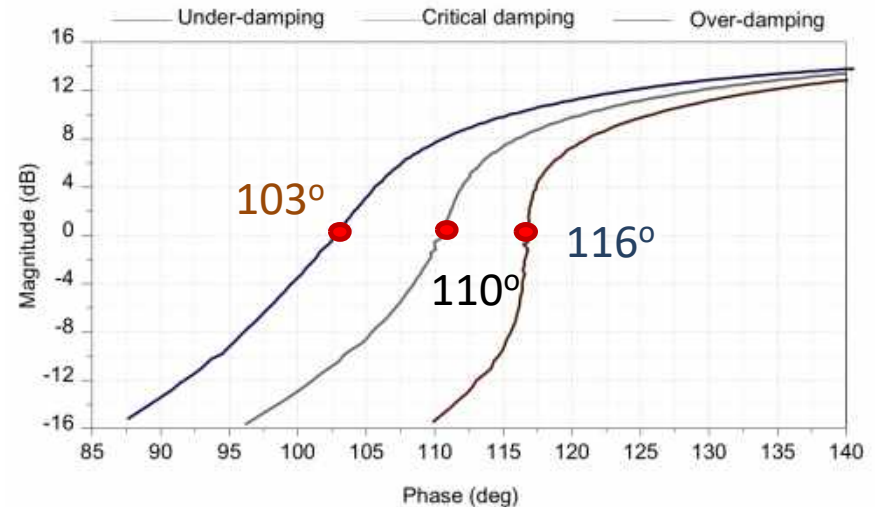
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Measurement Results of 3rd-order Sallen-Key LPF

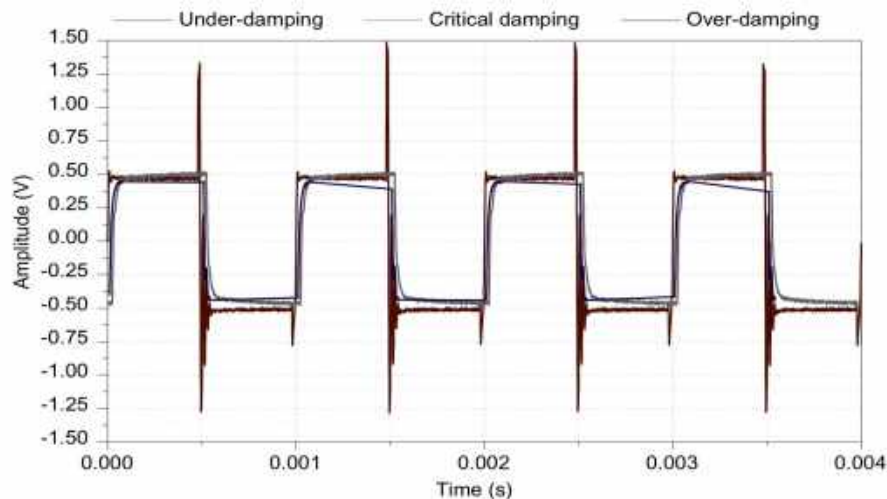
Bode plot of transfer function



Nichols plot of self-loop function



Transient response



Over-damping:

→ Phase margin is 77 degrees.

Critical damping:

→ Phase margin is 70 degrees.

Under-damping:

→ Phase margin is 64 degrees.

5. Conclusions

This work:

- **Investigation** of system noise: image noise, ripple noise, and ringing noise
- **Proposal** of superposition formula for deriving transfer function in multi-source networks
- **Derivation** of transfer function and image rejection ratio for high-order polyphase filters and complex filters in all frequency domain
- **Flat pass-band gain** for 4th-order polyphase filter using two RC band-stop filters
- **Implementations** of 4th-order polyphase filter and 6th-order quadrature signal generation network.
- **Ripple reduction** for DC-DC buck converter using linear swept frequency modulation, and LC notch harmonic filter

5. Conclusions

- **Implementation** of a DC-DC buck converter with LC notch harmonic filter
- **Proposal** of an alternating current conservation for deriving self-loop function in feedback networks
- **Stability test** for feedback amplifier networks: shunt-shunt feedback amplifier, two-stage op amp with and without frequency compensation
- **Stability test** for filter networks: RLC low-pass filter, active ladder low-pass filter, 3-order Sallen-Key low-pass filter

Future of work:

- **Stability test** for **parasitic components** in transmission lines, printed circuit boards, physical layout layers
- **Investigation** of **I/Q mismatches** and **DC offsets** in multi-phase networks

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