EE 230 Lecture 23

Nonlinear Op Amp Applications – Waveform Generators

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Solution: The peak value of the V_{OUT1} waveform is determined by the boundaries of the Hysteresis window

$$V_{OUT1MAX} = V_{SATH} \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} = 12V \frac{2K}{12K} = 2V$$

Correction from Last Lecture

Modifications of Comparator with Hysteresis



Note this is the basic inverting amplifier with op amp terminals interchanged



Many other ways to control position and size of hysteresis window

Review from Last Lecture Comparison of basic noninverting amplifier structures



- Serves as an amplifier directly
- Stable
- No hysteresis loop

- Not useful as an amplifier directly
- Unstable
- Serves as comparator with hysteresis

Review from Last Lecture Waveform Generator





this process repeats itself

the rise time and the fall times are identical

the period of the nearly triangular waveform is thus 2t₁

$$T = 2t_{1} = -2RC \ln\left(\frac{V_{SATL}(\theta-1)}{\theta V_{SATH} - V_{SATL}}\right)$$
If $V_{SATL} = -V_{SATH}$, this simplifies to
$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{2RC} \frac{1}{\ln\left(\frac{\theta V_{SATH} - V_{SATL}}{V_{SATL}(\theta-1)}\right)}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2RC} \frac{1}{\ln\left(\frac{1+\theta}{1-\theta}\right)}$$

Review from Last Lecture



Square and distorted triangular output waveforms Slope of square wave is determined by SR of Op Amp



Goal: Determine how this circuit operates, the output waveforms, and the frequency of the output



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What is the linear model of this comparator?





Linear region is area where slope is negative

Recall, in this region,

$$V_{OUT} = -K_0 V_{IN}$$



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(Recall do not need to provide excitation to find poles but details will be discussed later)



. The system is unstable !



Since the comparator will be in one of two states, the current in the resistor will be constant when $V_{OUT2}=V_{SATH}$ and will be constant when $V_{OUT2}=V_{SATL}$ Analysis strategy: Guess state of the V_{OUT2} , solve circuit, and show where valid when $V_{OUT2}=V_{SATH}$, I_R will be positive and V_{OUT1} will be decreasing linearly when $V_{OUT2}=V_{SATH}$, I_R will be positive and V_{OUT1} will be increasing linearly



Observe T = $t_3 - t_1 = (t_2 - t_1) + (t_3 - t_2)$







Guess $V_{OUT2} = V_{SATH}$ will obtain $t_2 - t_1$ V $V_{OUT1} = -\frac{1}{RC} \int_{t_1}^{t} V_{SATH} dT + V_{OUT1}(t_1)$ V $V_{OUT1}(t_1) = V_{HYH}$ Vs

V_{SATH} V_{HYH} V_{HYL} V_{SATL} T t₁ t₃

valid for $t_1 < t < t_2$



at t=t₂, V_{OUT1} will become V_{SATL}

Substituting into integral expression for V_{OUT1} we obtain

$$V_{HYL} = -\frac{1}{RC} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} V_{SATH} dT + V_{HYH}$$



$$V_{sath} \cong V_{dd}$$
 $V_{sath} \cong V_{ss}$





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V_{SATL}

Following the same approach observe (valid for $t_2 < t < t_3$)

$$V_{\text{OUT1}} = -\frac{1}{RC} \int_{t_2}^{t} V_{\text{SATL}} d\tau + V_{\text{OUT1}} (t_2)$$
$$V_{\text{OUT1}} (t_2) = V_{\text{HYL}}$$

It thus follows that

$$V_{HYH} = -\frac{1}{RC} V_{SATL} (t_3 - t_2) + V_{HYL} \qquad t_3 - t_2 = RC \frac{(V_{HYL} - V_{HYH})}{V_{SATL}}$$





$$f = \frac{1}{RC} \frac{V_{satl} V_{sath}}{(V_{hyh} - V_{hyl})(V_{satl} - V_{sath})}$$

If we use the noninverting comparator with hysteresis circuit developed previously and if R_1

" If $V_{SATH} = V_{DD}$, $V_{STAL} = V_{SS} = -V_{DD}$ $\theta = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$ then $V_{HYH} = \frac{\theta}{1 - \theta} V_{DD}$ $V_{HYL} = \frac{-\theta}{1 - \theta} V_{DD}$ $f = \frac{1}{2RC} \frac{1 - \theta}{\theta}$

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V_{SATH}

 $V_{\rm HYL}$

 $V_{\rm w}$

1

V₂ 4

V_{SATL}

 V_{HYH}

VIN



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Poles of a Network



$$\Gamma(s) = \frac{X_{out}(s)}{X_{in}(s)}$$

T(s) can be expressed as

$$T(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$$

where N(s) and D(s) are polynomials in s

- D(s) is termed the characteristic equation or the characteristic polynomial of the network
- Roots of D(s) are the poles of the network



Theorem: The poles of any transfer function of a linear system are independent of where the excitation is applied and where the response is taken provided the dead networks are the same

Equivalently, the characteristic equation, D(s), is characteristic of a network (or the corresponding dead network) and is independent of where the excitation is applied and where the response is taken.

Poles are inherent and unique characteristics of any linear network.

Poles of a Network







Poles of Networks – some examples



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Strategies for determining polos of networks with no excitations:

- 1) . Apply any excitation that does not alter the dead network
 - Obtain transfer function $T(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)}$
 - . Poles are roots of D(s)
 - . By theorem, they are unique Cindependent of where excitation is applied or response is taken
- 2) Develop new strategy that does not require assigning excitation and reduces calculation requirements



This method for obtaining D(s) is not just a coincidence applicable to this example but rather can be applied to an arbitrary linear network as stated in the following Theorem.

Theorem: The characteristic polynomial D(s) of a system can be obtained by assigning an output variable to the "dead network" and using circuit analysis techniques to obtain an expression that involves only the output variable expressed in the form $X_0 F(s) = 0$. When expressed in this form, F(s) when written in polynomial form is the characteristic polynomial of the system. i.e. D(s) = F(s). Example. Determine the characteristic polynomial for the following circuit



Solution. Assign Vo to one of the nodes



 $B_{3} \ KCL$ $V_{0} (G_{2}+G_{1}+SC_{2}) = V_{1}G_{1}$ $V_{1} (G_{1}+SC_{1}) = V_{0}G_{1}$

$$V_{o} (G_{1}+G_{2}+S(_{2}) = G_{1} V_{o} \frac{G_{1}}{G_{1}+SC_{1}}$$

$$\int_{0}^{0} \left(G_{1}^{2} + G_{1}G_{2} + SC_{2}G_{1} + SC_{1}G_{2} + SC_{1}G_{1} + S^{2}C_{1}C_{2} - G_{1}^{2} \right) = 0$$

or

$$V_0$$
 ($S^2C_1C_1 + S(C_1[G_1+G_2]+C_2G_1) + G_1G_2) = 0$

Vo
$$(S^2 + S(\underline{CG_1+G_2}) + \underline{G_1}) + \underline{G_1G_2}) = 0$$

The characteristic polynomial for this circuit is
 $D(S) = S^2 + S(\underline{CG_1+G_2}) + \underline{G_1} + \underline{G_1G_2}$

Consider again the waveform generator. A resistor R_x has been added but if $R_x = \infty$ this becomes the waveform generator considered earlier



Obtain the poles of this circuit. Assume OA is ideal $V_1 = \Theta V_O$ $V_1 = \Theta V_O$ $V_1 = (\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{R_K} + sc) = \frac{V_O}{R}$ $V_2 = (\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{R_K} + sc) = \frac{V_O}{R}$

$$D(s) = S + \frac{1}{Rc} \left(\frac{\Theta - 1}{\Theta}\right) + \frac{1}{R_{x}C}$$

If $R_{x} = \infty$, this circuit has a single pole
at $P = \frac{1}{Rc} \left(\frac{1 - \Theta}{\Theta}\right)$

Since
$$O \subset \Theta < 1$$
, this circuit has a single
pole on the positive real axis and is unstable
 A^{Tm}
 P
 Re

Determine the minimum value of Rx that will maintain instability in the previous circuit.

$$D(s) = S + \frac{1}{Rc} \left(\frac{\Theta - 1}{\Theta} \right) + \frac{1}{R_{x}C}$$

$$P = \frac{1 - \Theta}{\Theta} \left(\frac{1}{Rc} \right) - \frac{1}{R_{x}C}$$

Setting this equal to 0 (when it leaves RHP)
obtain

$$\frac{1}{CR_{xmin}} = \frac{1 - \Theta}{\Theta} \left(\frac{1}{Rc} \right)$$

or

$$R_{xmin} = R \left(\frac{\Theta}{1 - \Theta} \right)$$



Must use linear mode of operation to find poles of the circuit

$$V_{0} = -\frac{R_{2}}{R_{1}} V_{1}$$

$$V_{1} = -\frac{1}{R_{CS}} V_{0}$$

$$V_{0} \left(S - \frac{R_{2}}{R_{1}} \frac{1}{R_{C}} \right) = 0$$

$$\therefore$$
 single pole at $p = \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) \frac{1}{RC}$

Stability and Waveform Generation

- Waveform generators provide an output with no excitation
- Waveform circuits are circuits that, when operated in quiescent linear condition, have one or more poles in the right half-plane
- Will now investigate the pole locations of waveform generators
 - Conditions for oscillation
 - Triangle/Square/Sinusoidal Oscillations

End of Lecture 23