

It has been observed that the integrator is a key building block for many filter structures. As such, the performance of the integrator plays a key role in the performance of filters employing the integrator. There have been numerous integrator architectures proposed and some are better than others. A metric for characterizing the performance of the integrators is useful for predicting how a given integrator structure will perform. One of the most important characteristics of an integrator is that it has precisely a  $-90^\circ$  phase shift at the nominal unity gain frequency. Since the gain of a nonideal integrator is frequency dependent, it can be expressed as

$$I(s) = \frac{1}{R(s) + jX(s)}$$

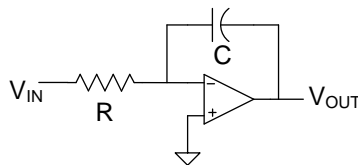
Since the phase shift of an ideal integrator is ideally  $-90^\circ$ , a figure of merit for the performance of an integrator, defined as the integrator Q-factor, is often used. This is defined as

$$Q_{\text{INT}} = \frac{X(j\omega)}{R(j\omega)}$$

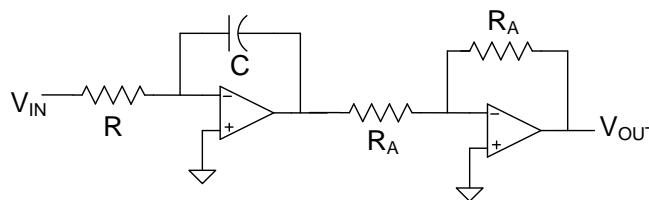
Ideally  $Q_{\text{INT}} = \infty$  for all  $\omega$ .

For this lab,

- Compute  $Q_{\text{INT}}$  due to nonideal effects of the operational amplifiers ( $A(s) = GB/s$ ) for the basic Miller inverting and noninverting integrators shown below.
- Develop a method and use it to experimentally measure  $Q_{\text{INT}}$  at the ideal unity gain frequency for the Miller Inverting Integrator for unity gain frequencies of 10KHz, 50KHz, and 100KHz using an operational amplifier of your choice.



Inverting Miller Integrator



## Noninverting Miller Integrator