

# EE 508

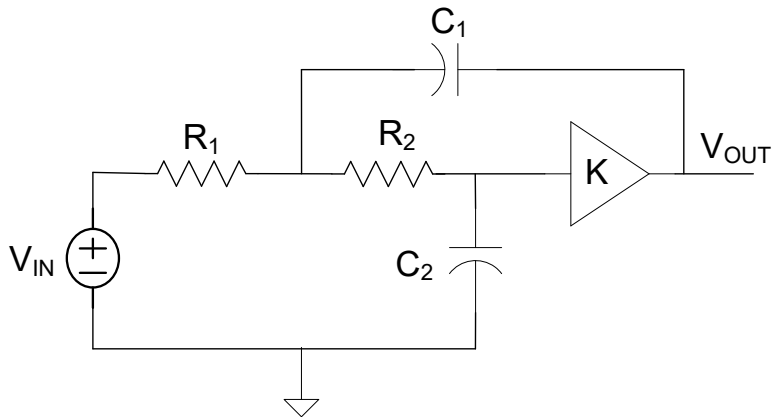
## Lecture 19

### Sensitivity Functions

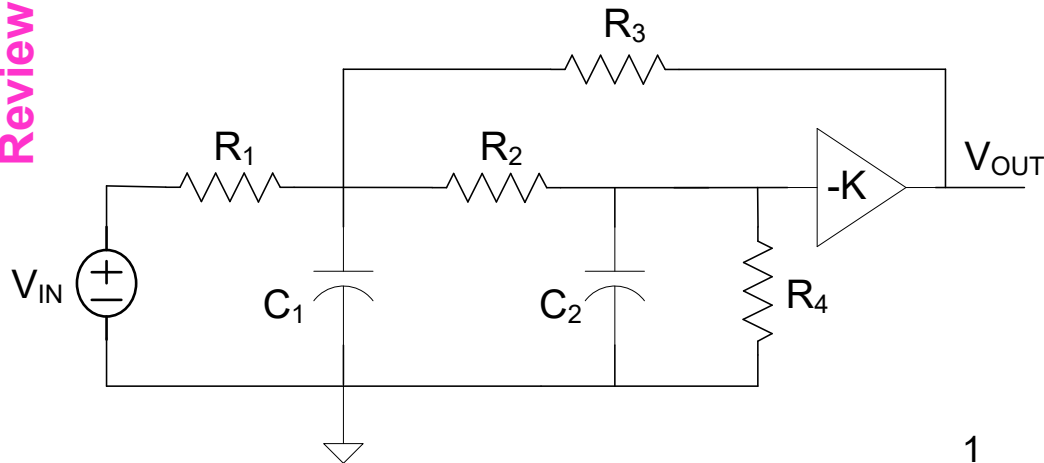
- Comparison of Filter Structures
- Performance Prediction

What causes the dramatic differences in performance between these two structures?  
 How can the performance of different structures be compared in general?

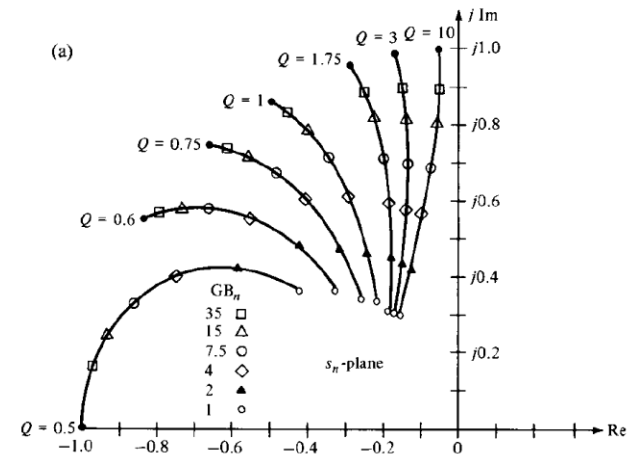
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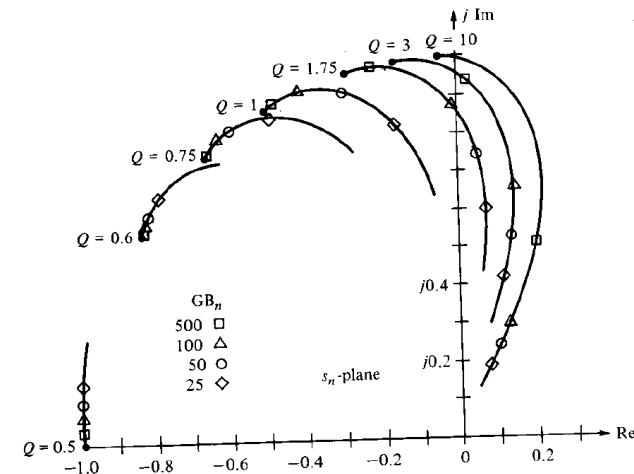
$$T(s) = K \frac{1}{s^2 + s \left[ \frac{1}{R_1 C_1} + \frac{1}{R_2 C_1} + \frac{1-K}{R_2 C_2} \right] + \frac{1}{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}$$



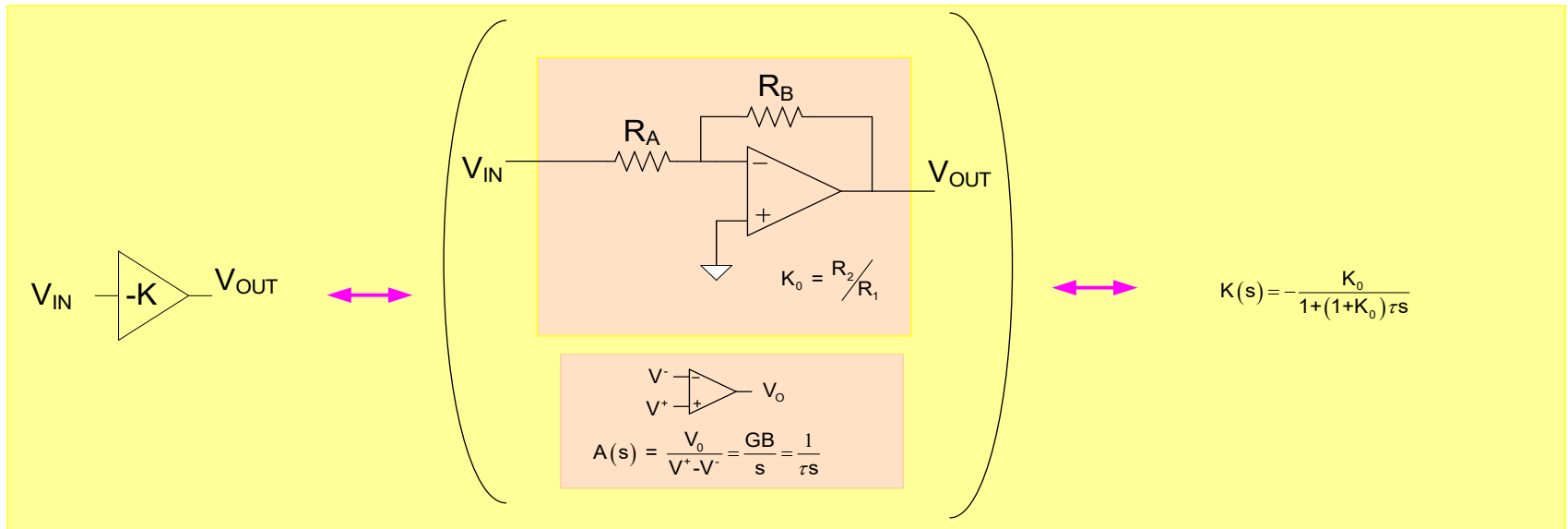
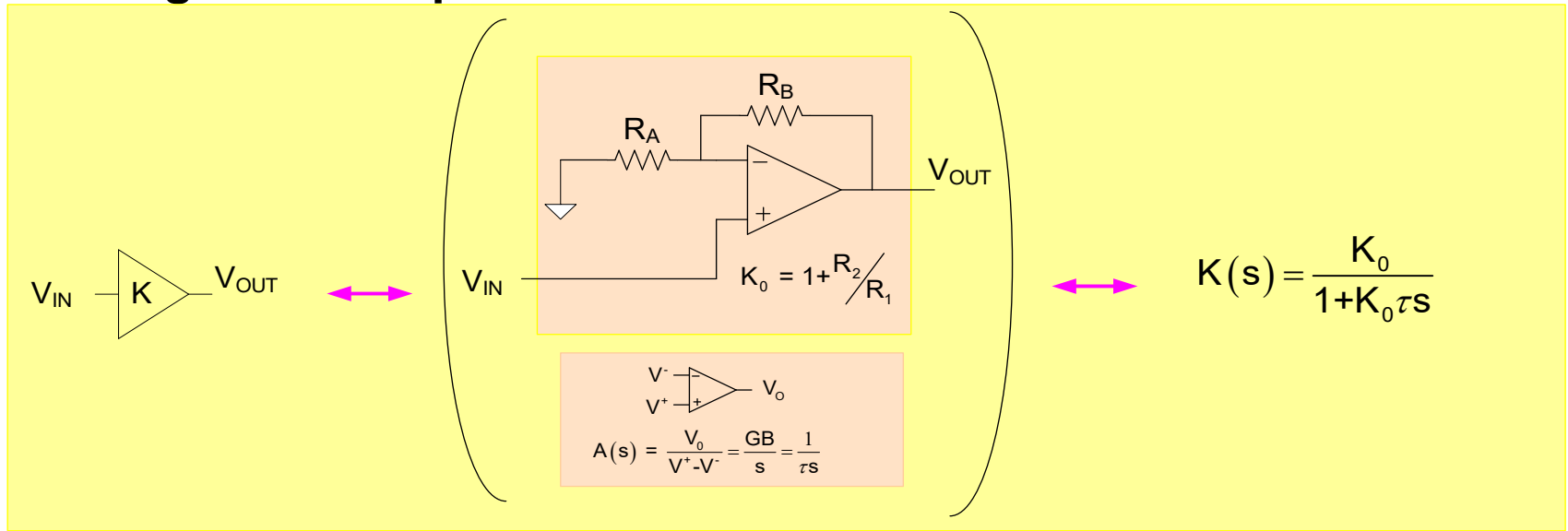
$$T(s) = -K \frac{1}{s^2 + s \left[ \frac{1}{R_1 C_1} \left( 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_3} \right) + \frac{1}{R_4 C_2} + \frac{1}{R_2 C_2} \left( 1 + \frac{C_2}{C_1} \right) \right] + \left[ \frac{1 + (R_1/R_3)(1+K) + (R_1/R_4)(1 + (R_2/R_3) + (R_2/R_1))}{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2} \right]}$$



Equal R, Equal C, Q=10 Pole Locus vs GB<sub>N</sub>



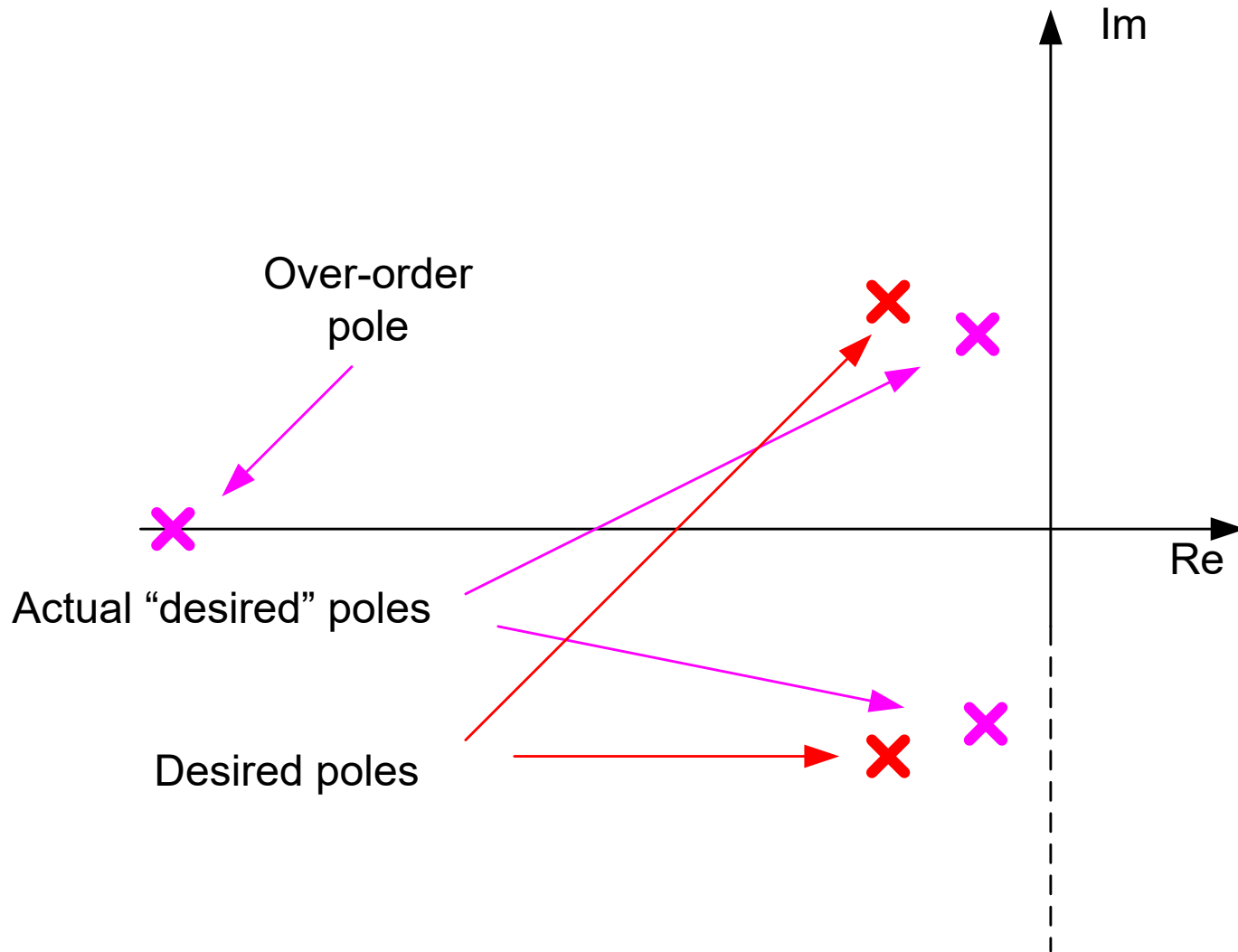
# Modeling of the Amplifiers



Different implementations of the amplifiers are possible  
 Have used the op amp time constant in these models  $\tau = GB^{-1}$

## Review from last time

### Effects of GB on poles of KRC and -KRC Lowpass Filters



## GB effects in KRC and -KRC Lowpass Filter

$$T(s) = \frac{K_0 \omega_0^2}{s^2 + s \left[ \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \right] + \omega_0^2 + K_0 \tau s \left( s^2 + s \left[ \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \left( 1 + K_0 Q \sqrt{\frac{R_1 C_1}{R_2 C_2}} \right) \right] + \omega_0^2 \right)}$$

$$T(s) = -K_0 \frac{1}{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2} \frac{1}{\left( s^2 + s \left[ \frac{1}{R_1 C_1} \left( 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_3} \right) + \frac{1}{R_4 C_2} + \frac{1}{R_2 C_2} \left( 1 + \frac{C_2}{C_1} \right) \right] + \left[ \frac{1 + (R_1/R_3)(1+K_0) + (R_1/R_4)(1 + (R_2/R_3) + (R_2/R_1))}{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2} \right] \right)}$$

$$+ \tau s (1 + K_0) \left( s^2 + s \left[ \frac{1}{R_1 C_1} \left( 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_3} \right) + \frac{1}{R_4 C_2} + \frac{1}{R_2 C_2} \left( 1 + \frac{C_2}{C_1} \right) \right] + \left[ \frac{1 + (R_1/R_3) + (R_1/R_4)(1 + (R_2/R_3) + (R_2/R_1))}{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2} \right] \right)$$

- Analytical expressions for  $\omega_0$ ,  $Q$ , poles, zeros, and other key parameters are unwieldy in these circuits and as bad or worse in many other circuits (require solution of 3<sup>rd</sup> order polynomial!!)
- Sensitivity metrics give considerable insight into how filters perform and are widely used to assess relative performance
- Need sensitivity characterization of real numbers as well as complex quantities such as poles and zeros
- If sensitivity expressions are obtained for a given structure, it can be catalogued rather than recalculated
- **Since analytical expressions for key parameters are unwieldy in even simple circuits, obtaining expressions for the purpose of calculating sensitivity appears to be a formidable task !**

# Sensitivity Characterization of Filter Structures

Let  $F$  be a filter characteristic of interest

$F$  might be  $\omega_0$  or  $Q$  of a pole or zero, a band edge, a peak frequency, a BW,  $T(s)$ ,  $|T(j\omega)|$ , a coefficient in  $T(s)$ , etc

Can express  $F$  in terms of all components and model parameters as

$$F=f(R_1, \dots, R_{k1}, C_1, \dots, C_{k2}, L_{11}, \dots, L_{lk3}, T_1, \dots, T_{k4}, W_1, \dots, W_{k5}, L_1, \dots, L_{k5}, \dots)$$

$$F=f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

The differential  $dF$  of the multivariate function  $F$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} dF &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial R_1} dR_1 + \frac{\partial F}{\partial R_2} dR_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial F}{\partial R_{k1}} dR_{k1} \\ &+ \frac{\partial F}{\partial C_1} dC_1 + \frac{\partial F}{\partial C_2} dC_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial F}{\partial C_{k2}} dC_{k2} \\ &+ \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$dF = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx_i$$

Define the standard sensitivity function as

$$S_x^f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \bullet \frac{x}{f}$$

$S_x^f$  Is widely used except when  $x$  or  $f$  assume extreme values of 0 or  $\infty$

Define the derivative sensitivity function as

$$D_x^f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

$D_x^f$  Is more useful when  $x$  or  $f$  ideally assume extreme values of 0 or  $\infty$

Consider the normalized differential  $\frac{dF}{F}$

$$\frac{dF}{F} \approx \frac{\Delta F}{F}$$

This approximates the relative (percent if multiply by 100) change in F due to changes in ALL components

$$\frac{dF}{F} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} dx_i}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{dx_i}{F} \stackrel{\text{All } x_i \neq 0, \infty}{=} \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{x_i}{F} \right) \cdot \frac{dx_i}{x_i}$$

This can be expressed in terms of the standard sensitivity function as

$$\frac{dF}{F} \stackrel{\text{All } x_i \neq 0, \infty}{=} \sum_{i=1}^k \left( S_{x_i}^f \cdot \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \right)$$

This relates the relative (percent if multiply by 100) change in F to the sensitivity function and the relative (percent if multiply by 100) change in each component



Consider the normalized differential

$$\frac{dF}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( S_{x_i}^f \bullet \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \right)$$

This can be expressed as

$$\frac{dF}{F} = \left( \sum_{\text{all resistors}} S_{R_i}^f \bullet \frac{dR_i}{R_i} \right) + \left( \sum_{\text{all capacitors}} S_{C_i}^f \bullet \frac{dC_i}{C_i} \right) + \left( \sum_{\text{all opamps}} S_{\tau_i}^f \bullet \frac{d\tau_i}{\tau_i} \right) + \dots$$

Often interested in  $\frac{dF}{F}$  evaluated at the ideal (or nominal value)

If the nominal values are all not extreme (0 or  $\infty$ ), then

$$\left. \frac{dF}{F} \right|_{\bar{X}_N} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \left. S_{x_i}^f \right|_{\bar{X}_N} \bullet \frac{dx_i}{x_{iN}} \right)$$

The normalized differential – a different perspective

$$\frac{dF}{F} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( S_{x_i}^f \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} \bullet \frac{dx_i}{x_{iN}} \right)$$

Consider the multivariate Taylor's series expansion of F

$$F(\bar{X}) = F(\bar{X}_N) + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} (x_i - x_{iN}) + \left[ \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i^2} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} (x_i - x_{iN})^2 + \sum_{\substack{i=1, \\ j=1, \\ i \neq j}}^{k,k} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} (x_i - x_{iN})(x_j - x_{jN}) \right] + \dots$$

$$F(\bar{X}) \cong F(\bar{X}_N) + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} (x_i - x_{iN})$$

$$F(\bar{X}) - F(\bar{X}_N) \cong \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} (x_i - x_{iN})$$

$$\Delta F(\bar{X}) \cong \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} \Delta x_i$$

The normalized differential – a different perspective

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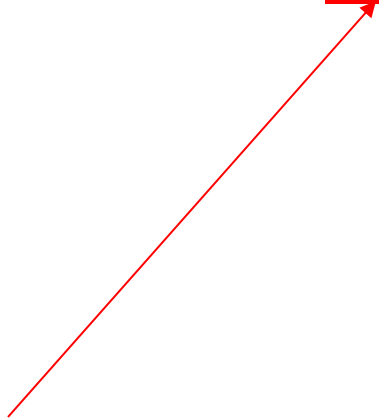
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$$\frac{\Delta F(\bar{X})}{F} \cong \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} \frac{\Delta x_i}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} \frac{x_i}{x_i} \frac{\Delta x_i}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} \frac{x_i}{F} \right) \frac{\Delta x_i}{x_i}$$

$$\frac{\Delta F}{F} \cong \sum_{i=1}^k \left( S_{x_i}^f \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} \right) \frac{\Delta x_i}{x_i}$$

**Note this is essentially the same expression that was arrived at from the sensitivity analysis approach**

$$\left. \frac{dF}{F} \right|_{\vec{X}_N} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( S_{x_i}^f \left|_{\vec{X}_N} \cdot \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \right. \right)$$



Dependent on circuit structure (for some circuits, also not dependent on components)

Dependent only on components (not circuit structure)

**The sensitivity functions are thus useful for comparing different circuit structures**

**The variability which is the product of the sensitivity function and the normalized component differential is more important for predicting circuit performance**

# Variability Formulation

$$v_{x_i}^f = S_{x_i}^f \Big|_{\vec{X}_N} \bullet \frac{dx_i}{x_{iN}}$$

$$\frac{dF}{F} \Big|_{\vec{X}_N} = \sum_{i=1}^k v_{x_i}^f \Big|_{\vec{X}_N}$$

Variability includes effects of both circuit structure and components on performance

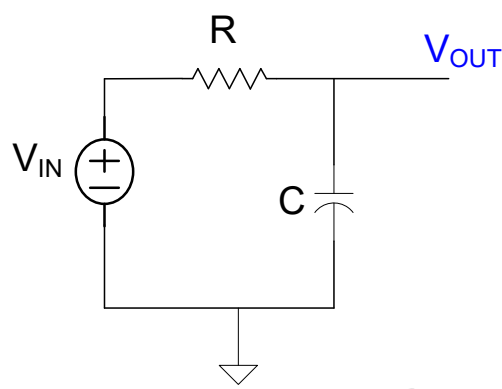
Often interested in circuits whose performance is not affected by changes in component values. In such cases:

If component variations are small, high sensitivities are acceptable

If component variations are large, low sensitivities are usually critical

But if interested in trimmable functions, low sensitivities not useful

Example



$$T(s) = \frac{1}{1+RCs} = \frac{\omega_0}{s+\omega_0}$$

If  $\omega_0 = 1/RC$ , determine  $S_R^{\omega_0}$  and  $S_C^{\omega_0}$

$$S_R^{\omega_0} = \frac{\partial \omega_0}{\partial R} \bullet \frac{R}{\omega_0}$$

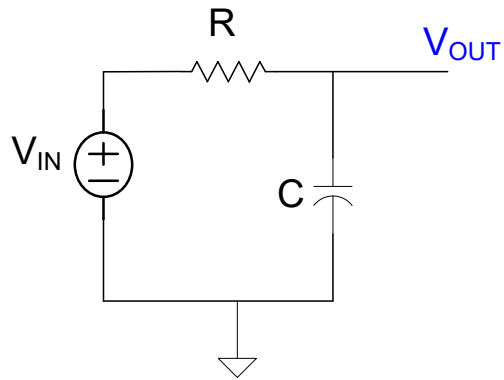
$$S_R^{\omega_0} = \left( \frac{-1}{R^2 C} \right) \bullet \frac{R}{\omega_0}$$

$$S_R^{\omega_0} = -\frac{1}{R} \left( \frac{1}{RC} \right) \bullet \frac{R}{\omega_0} = -\frac{1}{R} (\omega_0) \bullet \frac{R}{\omega_0} = -1$$

Likewise

$$S_C^{\omega_0} = -1$$

## Example



$$T(s) = \frac{1}{1+RCs} = \frac{\omega_0}{s+\omega_0}$$

$$\omega_0 = 1/RC$$

$$\frac{d\omega_0}{\omega_0} = \sum_{i=1}^k v_{x_i}^{\omega_0} \Big|_{\vec{X}_N}$$

$$v_{x_i}^f = s_{x_i}^f \Big|_{\vec{X}_N} \bullet \frac{dx_i}{x_{iN}}$$

$$S_R^{\omega_0} = -1$$

$$S_C^{\omega_0} = -1$$

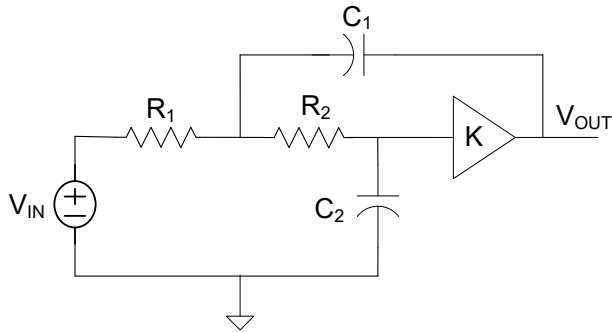
Thus a 1% increase in R will cause approximately a 1% decrease in  $\omega_0$

a 1% increase in C will cause approximately a 1% decrease in  $\omega_0$

a 1% increase in both C and R will cause approximately a 2% decrease in  $\omega_0$

# Example

$$T(s) = K \frac{\frac{1}{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}{s^2 + s \left[ \frac{1}{R_1 C_1} + \frac{1}{R_2 C_1} + \frac{1-K}{R_2 C_2} \right] + \frac{1}{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}$$



$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{R_2 C_2}{R_1 C_1} + \sqrt{\frac{R_1 C_2}{R_2 C_1} + (1-K) \frac{R_1 C_1}{R_2 C_2}}}}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}$$

Determine  $S_{C_1}^{\omega_0}$   $S_{C_2}^{\omega_0}$   $S_{R_1}^{\omega_0}$   $S_{R_2}^{\omega_0}$

$$S_{C_1}^{\omega_0} = \frac{\partial \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}} \right]}{\partial C_1} \frac{C_1}{\omega_0}$$

$$S_{C_1}^{\omega_0} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{C_1 C_1}} \right) \frac{C_1}{\omega_0}$$

$$S_{C_1}^{\omega_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_2}} \frac{\partial \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{C_1}} \right]}{\partial C_1} \frac{C_1}{\omega_0}$$

$$S_{C_1}^{\omega_0} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_2 C_1}} \left( \frac{1}{C_1} \right) \frac{C_1}{\omega_0}$$

$$S_{C_1}^{\omega_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_2}} \left( -\frac{1}{2} C_1^{-3/2} \right) \frac{C_1}{\omega_0}$$

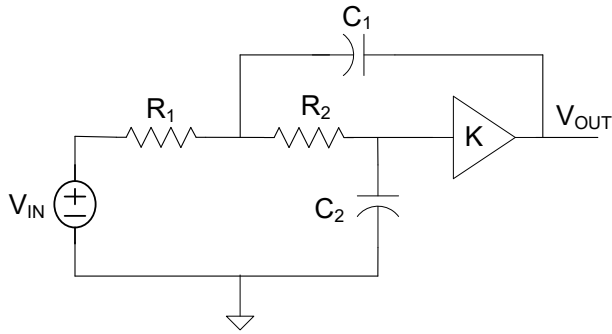
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$$S_{C_1}^{\omega_0} = -\frac{1}{2}$$



# Example

$$T(s) = K \frac{1}{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2} \frac{1}{s^2 + s \left[ \frac{1}{R_1 C_1} + \frac{1}{R_2 C_1} + \frac{1-K}{R_2 C_2} \right] + \frac{1}{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}$$



$$Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{R_2 C_2}{R_1 C_1}} + \sqrt{\frac{R_1 C_2}{R_2 C_1}} + (1-K) \sqrt{\frac{R_1 C_1}{R_2 C_2}}}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}$$

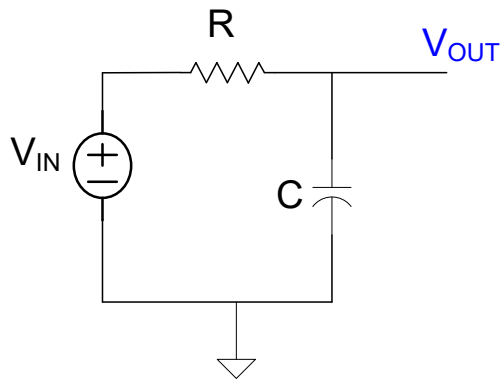
Determine  $S_{C_1}^{\omega_0}$   $S_{C_2}^{\omega_0}$   $S_{R_1}^{\omega_0}$   $S_{R_2}^{\omega_0}$

$$S_{C_1}^{\omega_0} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Likewise

$$S_{C_2}^{\omega_0} = S_{R_1}^{\omega_0} = S_{R_2}^{\omega_0} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

# Observation:



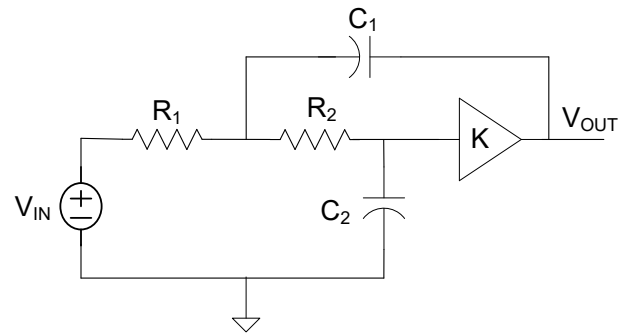
$$\omega_0 = 1/RC$$

$$S_R^{\omega_0} = -1$$

$$S_C^{\omega_0} = -1$$

$$\sum_{\text{All resistors}} S_{R_i}^{\omega_0} = -1$$

$$\sum_{\text{All capacitors}} S_{C_i}^{\omega_0} = -1$$



$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}$$

$$S_{R_1}^{\omega_0} = -1/2$$

$$S_{C_1}^{\omega_0} = -1/2$$

$$S_{R_2}^{\omega_0} = -1/2$$

$$S_{C_2}^{\omega_0} = -1/2$$

$$\sum_{\text{All resistors}} S_{R_i}^{\omega_0} = -1$$

$$\sum_{\text{All capacitors}} S_{C_i}^{\omega_0} = -1$$

At this stage, this is just an observation about summed sensitivities but later will establish some fundamental properties of summed sensitivities

Consider

$$\frac{dF}{F} = \left( \sum_{\text{all resistors}} S_{R_i}^f \cdot \frac{dR_i}{R_i} \right) + \left( \sum_{\text{all capacitors}} S_{C_i}^f \cdot \frac{dC_i}{C_i} \right) + \left( \sum_{\text{all opamps}} S_{\tau_i}^f \cdot \frac{d\tau_i}{\tau_i} \right) + \dots$$

The nominal value of the time constant of the op amps is 0 so this expression can not be evaluated at the ideal (nominal) value of  $GB = \infty$  (equivalently  $\tau = 0$ )

Let  $\{x_i\}$  be the components in a circuit whose nominal value is not 0

Let  $\{y_i\}$  be the components in a circuit whose nominal value is 0

$$\frac{dF}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{kx} \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{dx_i}{F} + \sum_{i=1}^{ky} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y_i} \cdot \frac{dy_i}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \cdot \frac{x_i}{F} \right) \cdot \frac{dx_i}{x_i} + \frac{1}{F} \sum_{i=1}^{ky} \frac{\partial F}{\partial y_i} dy_i$$

$$\frac{dF}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^{kx} \left( S_{x_i}^f \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} \cdot \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \right) + \frac{1}{F_N} \sum_{i=1}^{ky} \left( S_{y_i}^f \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} \cdot y_i \right)$$

This expression can be used for predicting the effects of all components in a circuit

**Can set  $Y_N=0$  before calculating  $S_{x_i}^f$  functions**

$$\frac{dF}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( S_{x_i}^f \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} \bullet \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \right) + \frac{1}{F_N} \sum_{i=1}^{ky} \left( S_{y_i}^f \Big|_{\bar{Y}_N=0} \bullet y_i \right)$$

Low sensitivities in a circuit are often preferred but in some applications, low sensitivities would be totally unacceptable

Examples where low sensitivities are unacceptable are circuits where a characteristics F must be tunable or adjustable!

# Some useful sensitivity theorems

$$S_x^{kf} = S_x^f$$

where k is a constant

$$S_x^{f^n} = n \bullet S_x^f$$

$$S_x^{1/f} = -S_x^f$$

$$S_x^{\sqrt{f}} = \frac{1}{2} S_x^f$$

$$S_x^{\prod_{i=1}^k f_i} = \sum_{i=1}^k S_x^{f_i}$$

# Some useful sensitivity theorems (cont)

$$S_x^{f/g} = S_x^f - S_x^g$$

$$S_x^{\sum_{i=1}^k f_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k f_i S_x^{f_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^k f_i}$$

$$S_{1/x}^f = -S_x^f$$

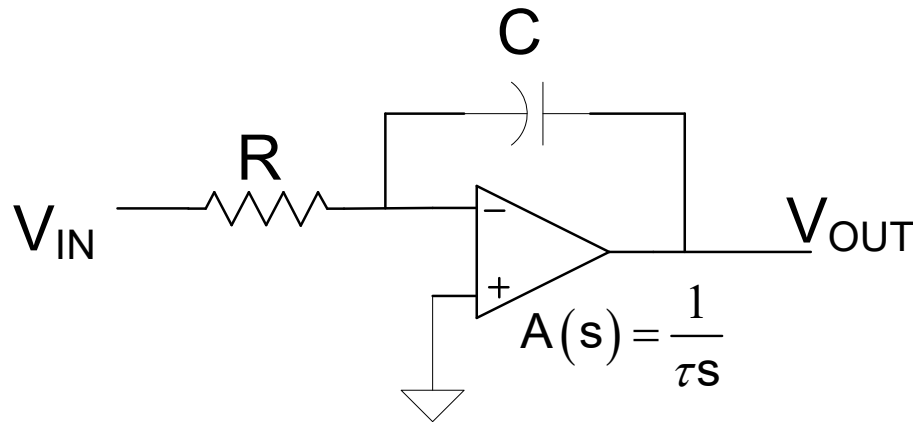


Stay Safe and Stay Healthy !

End of Lecture 19



Example:



Ideally 
$$I(s) = -\frac{1}{RCs} = -\frac{I_0}{s}$$

$I_0$  termed the unity gain freq of integrator

$$I_0 = \frac{1}{RC}$$

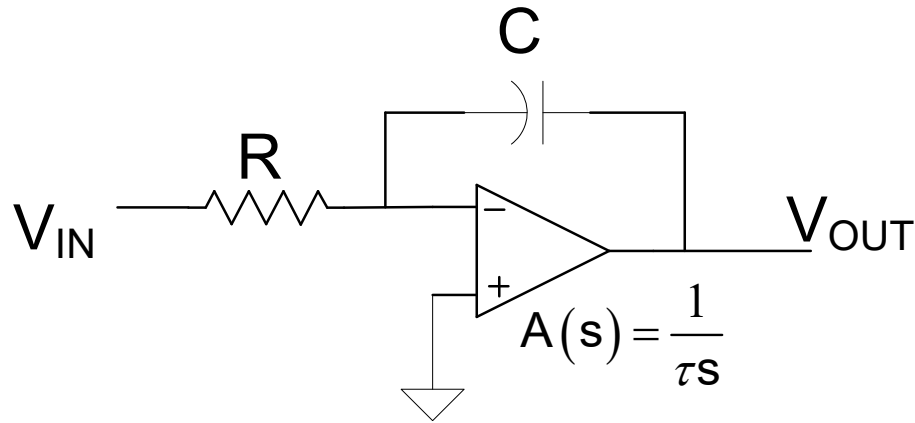
$I_0$  is one of the most important parameters of an integrator used in a filter

Assume ideally  $R=1K$ ,  $C=3.18nF$  so that  $I_0=50KHz$

Assume actually  $GB=600KHz$ ,  $R=1.05K$ , and  $C=3.3nF$

- Determine an approximation to the actual unity gain frequency using a sensitivity analysis
- Write an analytical expression for the actual unity gain frequency

Example:



Assume ideally  $R=1K$ ,  $C=3.18nF$  so that  $f_0=50KHz$

Actually  $GB=600KHz$ ,  $R=1.05K$ , and  $C=3.3nF$

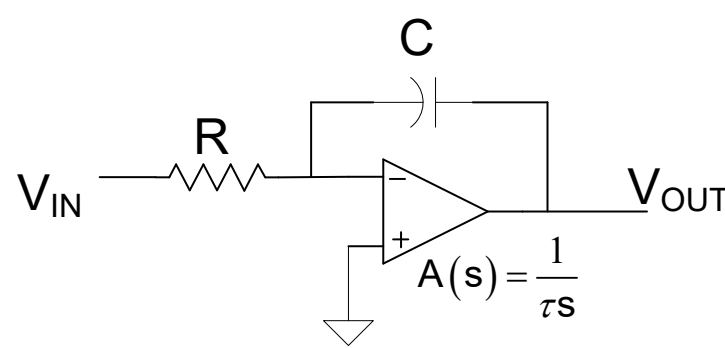
Observe

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{.05K}{1K} = .05$$

$$\frac{\Delta C}{C} = \frac{.12nF}{3.18nF} = .038$$

$$\frac{f_0}{GB} = \tau f_0 = \frac{50KHz}{600KHz} = .083$$

Example:



Ideally

$$I(s) = -\frac{1}{RCs} = -\frac{I_0}{s}$$

Solution:

Define  $I_{0A}$  to be the actual unity gain frequency

$$I_0 = \frac{1}{RC}$$

$$\frac{dF}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( S_{x_i}^f \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} \bullet \frac{dx_i}{x_i} \right) + \frac{1}{F_N} \sum_{i=1}^{k_y} \left( \delta_{y_i}^f \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} \bullet y_i \right)$$

$$\frac{dI_{0A}}{I_{0A}} = \left[ S_R^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{R_N, C_N, \tau=0} \right] \frac{dR}{R_N} + \left[ S_C^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{R_N, C_N, \tau=0} \right] \frac{dC}{C_N} + \frac{1}{I_{0N}} \left( \delta_{\tau}^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} \bullet \tau \right)$$

$$S_R^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{R_N, C_N, \tau=0} = S_R^I \Big|_{R_N, C_N}$$

$$S_C^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{R_N, C_N, \tau=0} = S_C^I \Big|_{R_N, C_N}$$

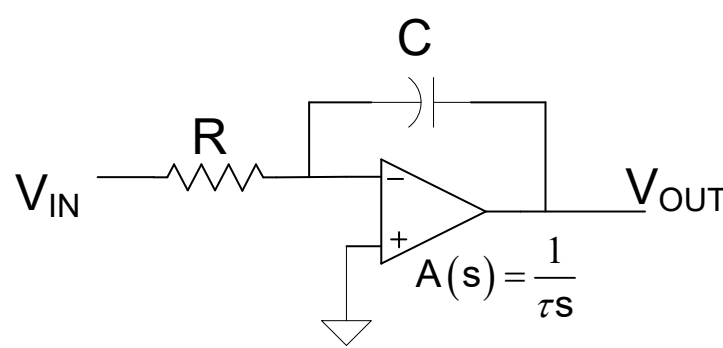
$$S_R^I \Big|_{R_N, C_N} = -1$$

$$S_C^I \Big|_{R_N, C_N} = -1$$

It remains to calculate

$$\delta_{\tau}^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0}$$

Example:



Ideally

$$I(s) = -\frac{1}{RCs} = -\frac{I_0}{s}$$

Solution:

Still need  $\left. \frac{I_{0A}}{\tau} \right|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0}$

Define  $I_{0A}$  to be the actual unity gain frequency

$$I_A(s) = -\frac{1}{RCs + \tau s(1 + RCs)}$$

$$(RC)^2 \tau^2 I_{0A}^4 + I_{0A}^2 (RC + \tau)^2 = 1$$

$$I_A(j\omega) = -\frac{1}{-\tau RC \omega^2 + j(\omega RC + \tau \omega)}$$

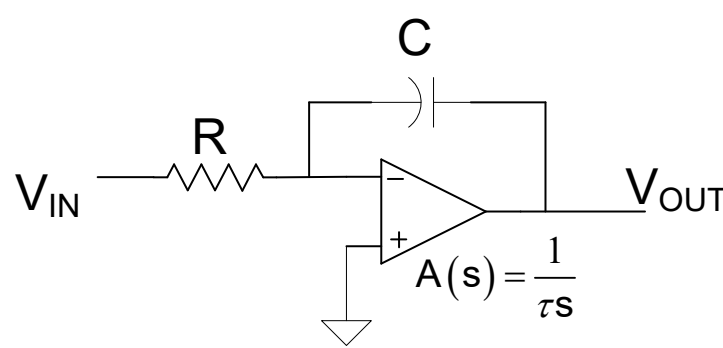
$$\left. \frac{I_{0A}}{\tau} \right|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} = ?$$

$$|I_A(j\omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{(RC)^2 \tau^2 \omega^4 + \omega^2 (RC + \tau)^2}$$

$$|I_A(j\omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{(RC)^2 \tau^2 \omega^4 + \omega^2 (RC + \tau)^2} \stackrel{\text{defn}}{=} 1$$

$$\frac{1}{(RC)^2 \tau^2 I_{0A}^4 + I_{0A}^2 (RC + \tau)^2} = 1$$

Example:



Ideally

$$I(s) = -\frac{1}{RCs} = -\frac{I_0}{s}$$

Solution:

Still need  $\left. \frac{\partial I_{0A}}{\partial \tau} \right|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0}$  Define  $I_{0A}$  to be the actual unity gain frequency

$$(RC)^2 \tau^2 I_{0A}^4 + I_{0A}^2 (RC + \tau)^2 = 1$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial I_{0A}}{\partial \tau} \right|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} = \left( \frac{\partial I_{0A}}{\partial \tau} \right) \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0}$$

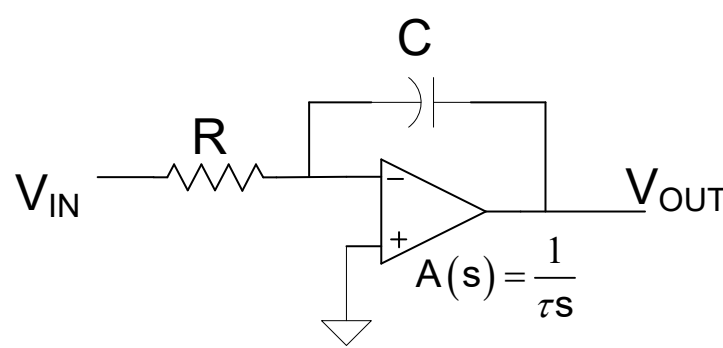
$$(RC)^2 \tau^2 4I_{0A}^3 \left( \frac{\partial I_{0A}}{\partial \tau} \right) + 2\tau (RC)^2 I_{0A}^4 + 2I_{0A} \left( \frac{\partial I_{0A}}{\partial \tau} \right) (RC + \tau)^2 + 2(RC + \tau) I_{0A}^2 = 0$$

Evaluating at  $\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N = 0$

$$2I_0^1 \left( \frac{\partial I_{0A}}{\partial \tau} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} \right) (RC)^2 + 2(RC) I_0^2 = 0$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial I_{0A}}{\partial \tau} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} \right) = \frac{-I_0}{RC} = \left. \frac{\partial I_{0A}}{\partial \tau} \right|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} = -I_0^2$$

Example:



Ideally

$$I(s) = -\frac{1}{RCs} = -\frac{I_{ON}}{s}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{dI_{0A}}{I_{0A}} = \left[ S_R^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{R_N, C_N, \tau=0} \right] \frac{dR}{R_N} + \left[ S_C^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{R_N, C_N, \tau=0} \right] \frac{dC}{C_N} + \frac{1}{I_{ON}} \left( S_\tau^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} \bullet \tau \right)$$

$$S_R^I \Big|_{R_N, C_N} = S_C^I \Big|_{R_N, C_N} = -1 \quad S_\tau^{I_{0A}} \Big|_{\bar{X}_N, \bar{Y}_N=0} = -I_{ON}^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = .05 \quad \frac{\Delta C}{C} = .038 \quad \tau I_0 = .083$$

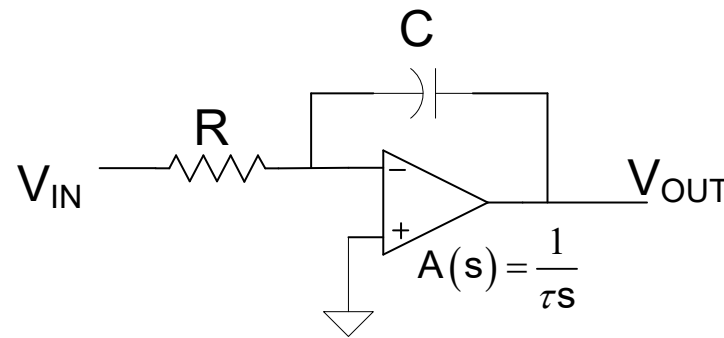
$$\frac{dI_{0A}}{I_{0A}} = [-1] \cdot .05 + [-1] \cdot .038 + \frac{1}{I_{ON}} (-I_{ON}^2 \bullet \tau)$$

$$\frac{dI_{0A}}{I_{0A}} = [-1] \cdot .05 + [-1] \cdot .038 + (-.083)$$

$$\frac{dI_{0A}}{I_{0A}} = -.088 - .083$$

← Due to passives
← Due to actives

Example:



Ideally

$$I(s) = -\frac{1}{RCs} = -\frac{I_{ON}}{s}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{dI_{0A}}{I_{0A}} = -.171$$

$$I_{ON} = 50\text{KHz}$$

$$I_{0A} \cong 0.829 I_{ON} = 41.45\text{KHz}$$

Note that with the sensitivity analysis, it was not necessary to ever determine  $I_{0A}$  !!

a) Determine an approximation to the actual unity gain frequency using a sensitivity analysis

**b) Write an analytical expression for the actual unity gain frequency**

$$(RC)^2 \tau^2 I_{0A}^4 + I_{0A}^2 (RC + \tau)^2 = 1$$

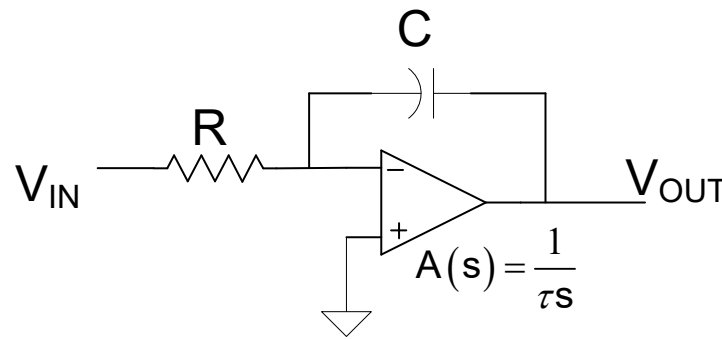
**Must solve this quadratic for  $I_{0A}$**

Solving, obtain  $I_{0A} = 42.6\text{KHz}$

Note this is close to the value obtained with the sensitivity analysis

Although in this simple numerical example, it may have been easier to go directly to this expression, in more complicated circuits sensitivity analysis is much easier

Example:



Ideally

$$I(s) = -\frac{1}{RCs} = -\frac{I_{0N}}{s}$$

$$(RC)^2 \tau^2 I_{0A}^4 + I_{0A}^2 (RC + \tau)^2 = 1$$

- Note that with the sensitivity analysis, it was not necessary to ever determine  $I_{0A}$  !!
- The sensitivity analysis was analytical, and only at the end was a numerical result obtained
- A parametric solution is usually necessary to compare different structures
- Though a closed-form analytical expression for  $I_{0A}$  could have been obtained for this simple circuit, closed-form solutions for parameters of interest often do not exist !
- Though the active sensitivity analysis was tedious, major simplifications for active sensitivity analysis will be discussed later.



# How can sensitivity analysis be used to compare the performance of different circuits?

Circuits have many sensitivity functions

**If two circuits have exactly the same number of sensitivity functions and all sensitivity functions in one circuit are lower than those in the other circuit, then the one with the lower sensitivities is a less sensitive circuit**

**But usually this does not happen !**

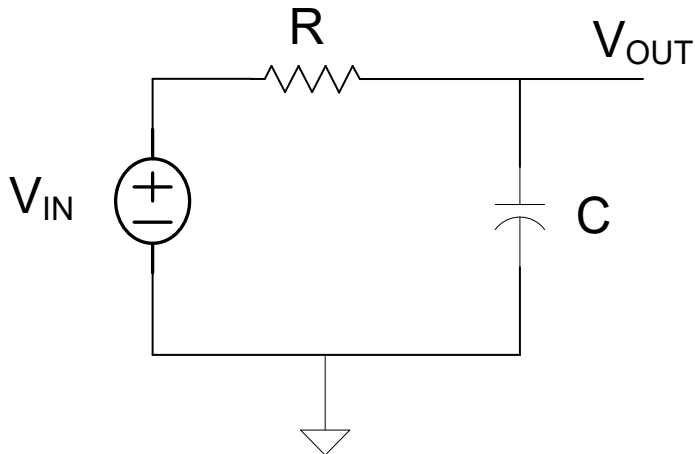
**Designers would like a single metric for comparing two circuits !**

$$\frac{dF}{F} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \boxed{S_{x_i}^f |_{\bar{X}_N}} \cdot \boxed{\frac{dx_i}{x_{iN}}} \right)$$

**Dependent on circuit structure**  
 (for some circuits, also not dependent  
 on components)

**Dependent only on components**  
 (not circuit structure)

Consider:

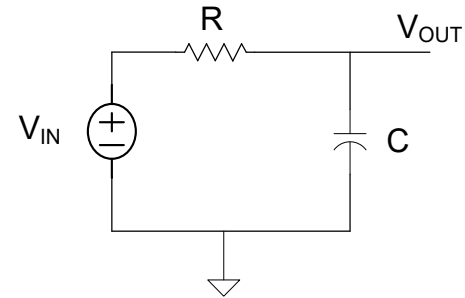


$$T(s) = \frac{1}{1+RCs}$$

$$T(s) = \frac{\omega_0}{s + \omega_0}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{RC}$$

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$$S_R^{\omega_0} = -1$$

$$S_C^{\omega_0} = -1$$

**Dependent only on components**  
(not circuit structure)

$$\frac{d\omega_0}{\omega_0} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \left( S_{x_i}^{\omega_0} \Big|_{\vec{X}_N} \bullet \frac{dx_i}{x_{iN}} \right)$$

$$\frac{d\omega_0}{\omega_0} = [-1] \bullet \frac{dR}{R_N} + [-1] \bullet \frac{dC}{C_N}$$

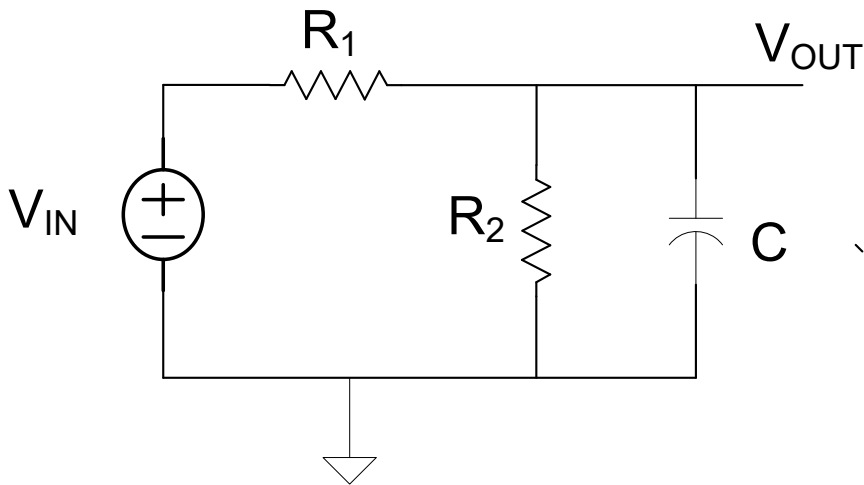
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Consider now:



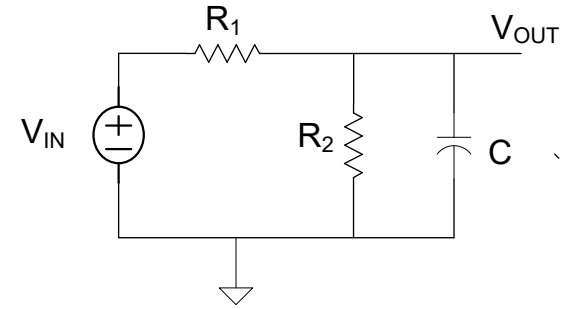
$$T(s) = \frac{\frac{R_2}{R_1+R_2}}{1 + \left( \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1+R_2} C \right) s}$$

$$T(s) = \frac{R_2}{R_1+R_2} \bullet \frac{\omega_0}{s + \omega_0}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{R_1+R_2}{R_1 R_2 C}$$

$$S_{R_1}^{\omega_0} = ?$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1 R_2 C}$$



$$\omega_0 = \frac{G_1 + G_2}{C}$$

$$S_{R_1}^{\omega_0} = -S_{G_1}^{\omega_0}$$

$$S_{G_1}^{\omega_0} = S_{G_1 + G_2}$$

$$S_{G_1 + G_2}^{G_1} = \left( \frac{\partial (G_1 + G_2)}{\partial G_1} \right) \frac{G_1}{G_1 + G_2} = \frac{G_1}{G_1 + G_2}$$

$$S_{R_1}^{\omega_0} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

**Note this is dependent upon the components as well !  
Actually dependent upon component ratio!**

Theorem: If  $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  can be expressed as  $f = x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} \dots x_m^{\alpha_m}$

where  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m\}$  are real numbers, then  $S_{x_i}^f$  is not dependent upon any of the variables in the set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$

Proof:

$$S_{x_i}^f = S_{x_i}^{x_i^{\alpha_i}}$$

$$S_{x_i}^f = \alpha_i$$

$$S_{x_i}^{x_i^{\alpha_i}} = \frac{\partial x_i^{\alpha_i}}{\partial x_i} \bullet \frac{x_i}{x_i^{\alpha_i}}$$

$$S_{x_i}^{x_i^{\alpha_i}} = \alpha_i x_i^{\alpha_i - 1} \bullet \frac{x_i}{x_i^{\alpha_i}}$$

It is often the case that functions of interest are of the form expressed in the hypothesis of the theorem, and in these cases the previous claim is correct

$$S_{x_i}^{x_i^{\alpha_i}} = \alpha_i$$

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where  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m\}$  are real numbers, then the sensitivity terms in

$$\frac{df}{f} = \sum_{i=1}^k \left( S_{x_i}^f \Big|_{\bar{X}_N} \bullet \frac{dx_i}{x_{iN}} \right)$$

are dependent only upon the circuit architecture and not dependent upon the components and the right terms are dependent only upon the components and not dependent upon the architecture

This observation is useful for comparing the performance of two or more circuits where the function  $f$  shares this property

# Metrics for Comparing Circuits

## Summed Sensitivity

$$\rho_S = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{S}_{x_i}^f$$

**Not very useful because sum can be small even when individual sensitivities are large**

## Schoeffler Sensitivity

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^m \left| \mathbf{S}_{x_i}^f \right|$$

Strictly heuristic but does differentiate circuits with low sensitivities from those with high sensitivities



## Metrics for Comparing Circuits

$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^m \left| \mathbf{S}_{x_i}^f \right|$$

Often will consider several distinct sensitivity functions to consider effects of different components

$$\rho_R = \sum_{\text{All resistors}} \left| \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^f \right|$$

$$\rho_C = \sum_{\text{All capacitors}} \left| \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^f \right|$$

$$\rho_{OA} = \sum_{\text{All op amps}} \left| \mathbf{S}_{\tau_i}^f \right|$$

Homogeneity (defn)

A function  $f$  is homogeneous of order  $m$  in the  $n$  variables  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  if

$$f(\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^m f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Note:  $f$  may be comprised of more than  $n$  variables

Theorem: If a function  $f$  is homogeneous of order  $m$  in the  $n$  variables  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n S_{x_i}^f = m$$

Proof:

$$f(\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^m f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Differentiate WRT  $\lambda$

$$\frac{\partial (f(\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2, \dots, \lambda x_n))}{\partial \lambda} = m \lambda^{m-1} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_1} x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_2} x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_n} x_n = m \lambda^{m-1} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_1} x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_2} x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_n} x_n = m \lambda^{m-1} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Simplify notation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_1} x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_2} x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_n} x_n = m \lambda^m f$$

Divide by f

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_1} \frac{x_1}{f} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_2} \frac{x_2}{f} + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda x_n} \frac{x_n}{f} = m \lambda^m$$

Since true for all  $\lambda$ , also true for  $\lambda=1$ , thus

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \frac{x_1}{f} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \frac{x_2}{f} + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \frac{x_n}{f} = m$$

This can be expressed as

$$\sum_{i=1}^n S_{x_i}^f = m$$

Theorem: If a function  $f$  is homogeneous of order  $m$  in the  $n$  variables  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n S_{x_i}^f = m$$

$$f(\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^m f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

The concept of homogeneity and this theorem were somewhat late to appear

Are there really any useful applications of this rather odd observation?

Let  $T(s)$  be a voltage or current transfer function  
(i.e. dimensionless)

Observation: Impedance scaling does not change  
any of the following, provided Op Amps are ideal:

$$T(s), T(j\omega), |T(j\omega)|, \omega_0, Q, p_k, z_k$$

So, consider impedance scaling by a parameter  $\lambda$

$$R \rightarrow \lambda R$$

$$L \rightarrow \lambda L$$

$$C \rightarrow C / \lambda$$

For these impedance invariant functions

$$f(\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^0 f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Thus, all of these functions are homogeneous of order  $m=0$   
in the impedances

# Let $T(s)$ be a Transresistance or Transconductance Transfer Function

Observation: Impedance scaling does not change any of the following, provided Op Amps are ideal:

$\omega_0$ ,  $Q$ ,  $p_k$ ,  $z_k$ , band edge

(these are impedance invariant functions)

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Theorem 1: If all op amps in a filter are ideal, then  $\omega_o$ ,  $Q$ , BW, all band edges, and all poles and zeros are homogeneous of order 0 in the impedances.

Theorem 2: If all op amps in a filter are ideal and if  $T(s)$  is a dimensionless transfer function,  $T(s)$ ,  $T(j\omega)$ ,  $|T(j\omega)|$ ,  $\angle T(j\omega)$ , are homogeneous of order 0 in the impedances



**Theorem 1:** If all op amps in a filter are ideal, then  $\omega_o$ ,  $Q$ , BW, all band edges, and all poles and zeros are homogeneous of order 0 in the impedances.

Proof of Theorem 1

These functions are all impedance invariant so it follows trivially that they are homogeneous of order 0 in all of the impedances

**Theorem 3:** If all op amps in a filter are ideal and if  $T(s)$  is an impedance transfer function,  $T(s)$  and  $T(j\omega)$  are homogeneous of order 1 in the impedances

**Theorem 4:** If all op amps in a filter are ideal and if  $T(s)$  is a conductance transfer function,  $T(s)$  and  $T(j\omega)$  are homogeneous of order -1 in the impedances

Corollary 1: If all op amps in an RC active filter are ideal and there are  $k_1$  resistors and  $k_2$  capacitors and if a function  $f$  is homogeneous of order 0 in the impedances, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^f = \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^f$$

Corollary 2: If all op amps in an RC active filter are ideal and there are  $k_1$  resistors and  $k_2$  capacitors then

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Proof:

Since  $f$  is homogenous of order zero in the impedances,  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{k_1+k_2}$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1+k_2} \mathbf{S}_{z_i}^f = 0$$

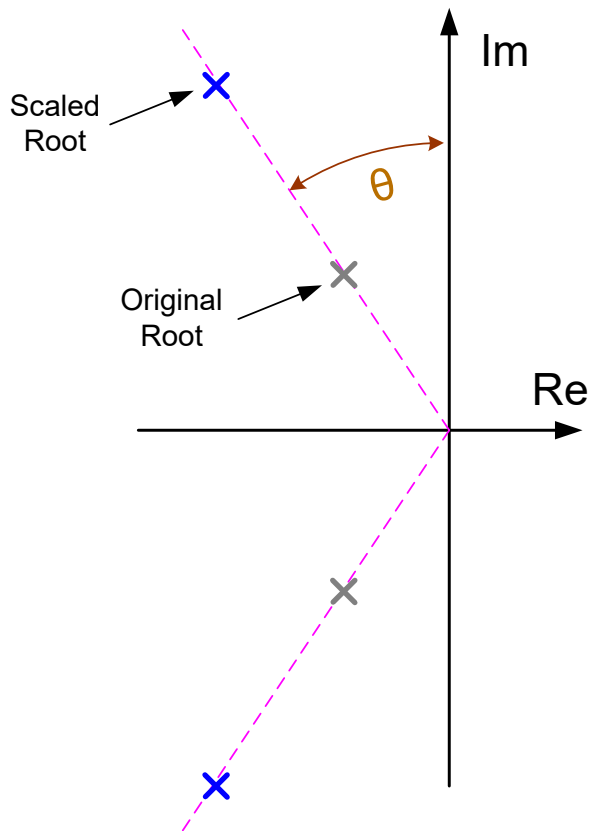
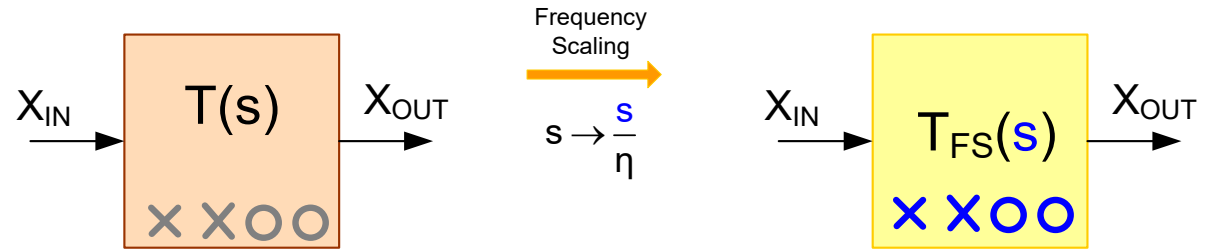
$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^f + \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{1/C_i}^f = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^f - \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^f = 0$$



## Proof of Corollary 2:

Recall:



Frequency Scaling: Scaling all frequency-dependent elements by a constant

$$L \rightarrow \eta L$$

$$C \rightarrow \eta C$$

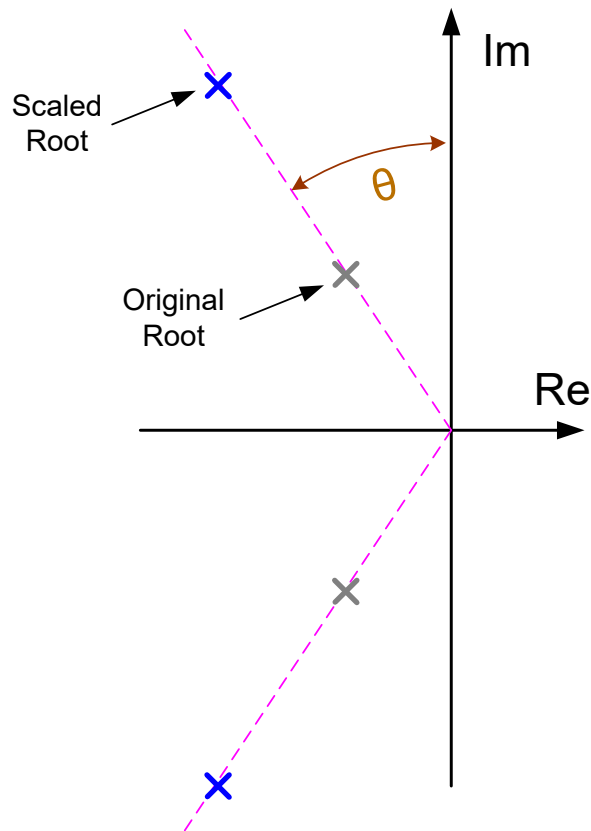
**Theorem:** If all components are frequency scaled, roots (poles and zeros) will move along a constant Q locus

**Proof of Theorem:**

$$T_{FS}(s) = T(s) \Big|_{s=\frac{s}{\eta}}$$

## Proof of Corollary 2:

Recall:



**Theorem:** If all components are frequency scaled, roots (poles and zeros) will move along a constant Q locus

**Proof:**  $T_{FS}(s) = T(s) \Big|_{s=\frac{s}{\eta}}$

Let  $p$  be a pole (or zero) of  $T(s)$

$$T(p) = 0 \quad \text{consider} \quad p = \frac{p}{\eta}$$

$$T_{FS}(s) = T\left(\frac{s}{\eta}\right) = T(s)$$

Since true for any variable, substitute in  $p$

$$T_{FS}(p) = T\left(\frac{p}{\eta}\right) = T(p) = 0$$

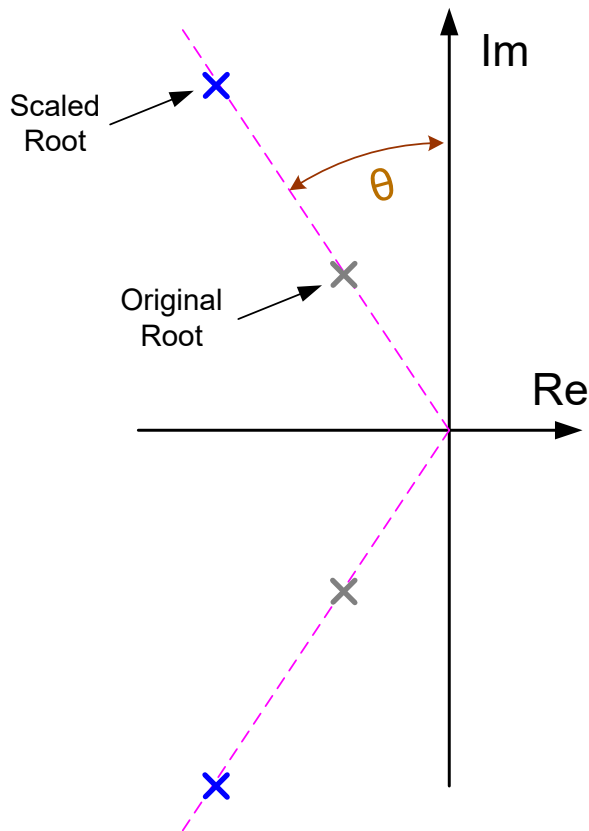
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**Proof:** Thus  $\mathbf{p}$  is a pole (or zero) of  $T_{FS}(s)$



$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{\mathbf{p}}{\eta}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}\eta$$

Express  $\mathbf{p}$  in polar form

$$\mathbf{p} = r e^{j\beta}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \eta \mathbf{p} = \eta r e^{j\beta}$$

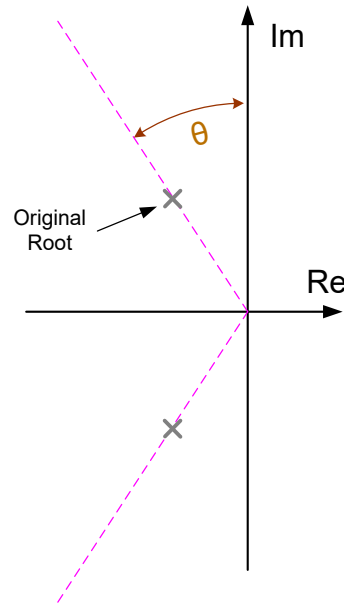
Thus  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{p}$  have the same angle

Thus the scaled root has the same root Q



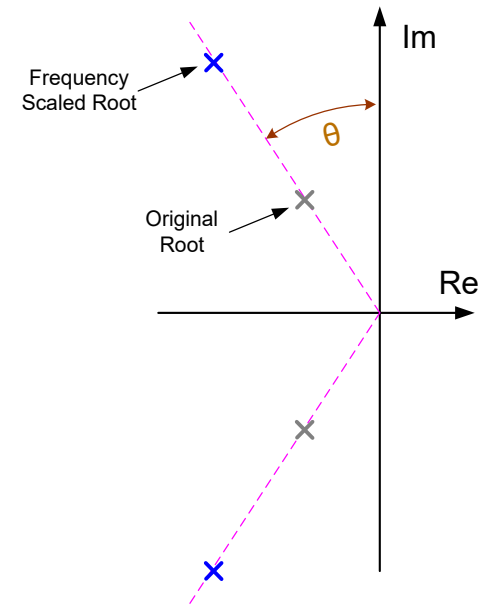
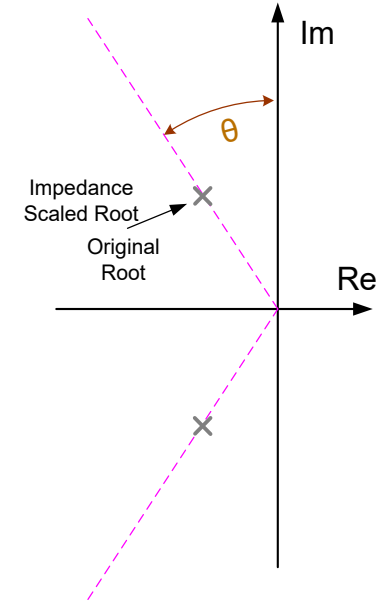
# Proof of Corollary 2: Impedance and Frequency Scaling

Recall:



Impedance Scaling

Frequency Scaling



## Proof of Corollary 2:

**Corollary 2:** If all op amps in an RC active filter are ideal and there are  $k_1$  resistors and  $k_2$  capacitors then  $\sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^Q = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^Q = \mathbf{0}$

Since impedance scaling does not change pole (or zero)  $Q$ , the pole (or zero)  $Q$  must be homogeneous of order 0 in the impedances

(For more generality, assume  $k_3$  inductors)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^Q + \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{1/C_i}^Q + \sum_{i=1}^{k_3} \mathbf{S}_{L_i}^Q = \mathbf{0} \quad (1)$$

Since frequency scaling does not change pole (or zero)  $Q$ , the pole (or zero)  $Q$  must be homogeneous of order 0 in the frequency scaling elements

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^Q + \sum_{i=1}^{k_3} \mathbf{S}_{L_i}^Q = \mathbf{0} \quad (2)$$

## Proof of Corollary 2:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^Q + \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{1/C_i}^Q + \sum_{i=1}^{k_3} \mathbf{S}_{L_i}^Q = \mathbf{0} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^Q + \sum_{i=1}^{k_3} \mathbf{S}_{L_i}^Q = \mathbf{0} \quad (2)$$

From theorem about sensitivity of reciprocals, can write (1) as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^Q - \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^Q + \sum_{i=1}^{k_3} \mathbf{S}_{L_i}^Q = \mathbf{0} \quad (3)$$

It follows from (2) and (3) that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^Q - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{k_3} \mathbf{S}_{L_i}^Q = \mathbf{0} \quad (4)$$

Since RC network, it follows from (4) and (2) that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^Q = \mathbf{0} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^Q = \mathbf{0}$$

