EE 508 Lecture 21

Sensitivity Functions

- Comparison of Filter Structures
- Performance Prediction



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Dependent on circuit structure

(for some circuits, also not dependent on components)

Consider:



Dependent only on components

(not circuit structure)

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

Metrics for Comparing Circuits

Summed Sensitivity

$$\rho_{S} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{x}_{i}}^{\mathsf{f}}$$

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

Schoeffler Sensitivity

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

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

Review from last time

Metrics for Comparing Circuits

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

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

$$\rho_{R} = \sum_{All \ resistors} \left| \mathbf{S}_{\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{i}}}^{\mathsf{f}} \right|$$
$$\rho_{C} = \sum_{All \ capacitors} \left| \mathbf{S}_{\mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{i}}}^{\mathsf{f}} \right|$$
$$\rho_{OA} = \sum_{All \ capacitors} \left| \mathbf{s}_{\tau_{\mathsf{i}}}^{\mathsf{f}} \right|$$

All op amps

Homogeniety (defn)

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

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

$$\mathbf{f}(\lambda \mathbf{x}_1, \lambda \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \lambda \mathbf{x}_n) = \lambda^m \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$$

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 ω), |T(j ω)|, ω_0 , Q, p_k, z_k

So, consider impedance scaling by a parameter $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$

$$R \rightarrow \lambda R$$
$$L \rightarrow \lambda L$$
$$C \rightarrow C / \lambda$$

For these impedance invariant functions

$$\mathbf{f}(\lambda \mathbf{x}_1, \lambda \mathbf{x}_2, \dots \lambda \mathbf{x}_n) = \lambda^0 \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots \mathbf{x}_n)$$

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:

 ω_0 , Q, p_k, z_k, band edge

(these are impedance invariant functions)

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

Theorem 1: If all op amps in a filter are ideal, then ω_0 , 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 ω), |T(j ω)|, \angle T(j ω), are homogeneous of order 0 in the impedances

Theorem 1: If all op amps in a filter are ideal, then ω_0 , 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 if 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 $\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} S_{R_i}^Q = 0$ $\sum_{i=1}^{k_2} S_{C_i}^Q = 0$ 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

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Corollary 2: If all op amps in an RC active filter are ideal and there are k_1 resistors and k_2 capacitors then for any pole or zero Q factor

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} S_{R_i}^{Q} = 0 \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} S_{C_i}^{Q} = 0$$

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 $k_1 = k_2$

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

Proof:

Since f is homogenous of order zero in the impedances, $z_1, z_2, \dots z_{k1+k2}$,

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

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

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





Frequency Scaling: Scaling all frequencydependent 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:

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

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

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

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



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





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\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}\mathbf{\eta}
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Express **p** in polar form

$$p = re^{j\beta}$$

 $p = \eta p = \eta re^{j\beta}$

Thus **p** and **p** have the same angle

Thus the scaled root has the same root Q

Impedance and Frequency Scaling

Recall:



 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Corollary 2:} & \mbox{If all op amps in an RC active} \\ \mbox{filter are ideal and there are } k_1 \mbox{ resistors and } k_2 \\ \mbox{capacitors then } & \sum\limits_{i=1}^{k_2} S^Q_{C_i} = 0 & \mbox{and } & \sum\limits_{i=1}^{k_1} S^Q_{R_i} = 0 \\ & \sum\limits_{i=1}^{k_1} S^Q_{R_i} = 0 & \mbox{and } & \sum\limits_{i=1}^{k_1} S^Q_{R_i} = 0 \end{array}$

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 k₃ inductors)

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_2} S_{C_i}^{Q} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_3} S_{L_i}^{Q} = 0$$
⁽²⁾

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

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

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

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

It follows from (2) and (3) that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} S_{R_i}^Q = 0 \tag{4}$$
Since RC network, it follows from (4) and (2) that
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} S_{R_i}^Q = 0 \qquad \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} S_{C_i}^Q = 0$$





Following some tedious manipulations, this simplifies to

$$S_{R_{1}}^{Q} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{R_{1}(C_{1}+C_{2})}{R_{1}C_{1}+R_{1}C_{2}+R_{2}C_{2}}$$



Following the same type of calculations, can obtain

$$S_{R_{1}}^{Q} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{R_{1}(C_{1}+C_{2})}{R_{1}C_{1}+R_{1}C_{2}+R_{2}C_{2}} \qquad S_{R_{2}}^{Q} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{R_{2}C_{2}}{R_{1}C_{1}+R_{1}C_{2}+R_{2}C_{2}}$$

$$S_{C_{1}}^{Q} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{R_{1}C_{1}}{R_{1}C_{1}+R_{1}C_{2}+R_{2}C_{2}} \qquad S_{C_{2}}^{Q} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{C_{2}(R_{1}+R_{2})}{R_{1}C_{1}+R_{1}C_{2}+R_{2}C_{2}}$$
Verify
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_{2}} S_{C_{i}}^{Q} = 0 \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{k_{1}} S_{R_{i}}^{Q} = 0$$

Could have saved considerable effort in calculations by using these theorems after $S^{\rm Q}_{\rm R_1}$ and $S^{\rm Q}_{\rm C_1}$ were calculated

Corollary 3: If all op amps in an RC active filter are ideal and there are k_1 resistors and k_2 capacitors and if p_k is any pole and z_h is any zero, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^{p_k} = -1 \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^{p_k} = -1$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^{z_h} = -1 \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^{z_h} = -1$$

and

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and

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

Proof:

It was shown that scaling the frequency dependent elements by a factor η divides the pole (or zero) by η

Thus roots (poles and zeros) are homogeneous of order -1 in the frequency scaling elements

Proof:

Thus roots (poles and zeros) are homogeneous of order -1 in the frequency scaling elements

(For more generality, assume k₃ inductors)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{C_i}^{p} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_3} \mathbf{S}_{L_i}^{p} = -1$$
⁽¹⁾

Since impedance scaling does not affects the poles, they are homogenous of order 0 in the impedances

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^{p} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{1/C_i}^{p} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_3} \mathbf{S}_{L_i}^{p} = \mathbf{0}$$
(2)

Since there are no inductors in an active RC network, is follows from (1) that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_2} \mathbf{S}_{c_i}^{p} = -1$$

And then from (2) and the theorem about sensitivity to reciprocals that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \mathbf{S}_{R_i}^{p} = -1$$

Corollary 4: If all op amps in an RC active filter are ideal and there are k_1 resistors and k_2 capacitors and if Z_{IN} is any input impedance of the network, then

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

Claim: If op amps in the filters considered previously are not ideal but are modeled by a gain A(s)=1/(τ s), then all previous summed sensitivities developed for ideal op amps hold provided they are evaluated at the nominal value of τ =0

Sensitivity Analysis

If a closed-form expression for a function f is obtained, a straightforward but tedious analysis can be used to obtain the sensitivity of the function to any

components

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

Consider:

Closed-form expressions for T(s), T(j\omega), |T(j\omega)|, $\angle T(j\omega)$, a_i , b_i , can be readily obtained

 $T(s) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{m} a_{i} s^{i}}{\sum_{i=0}^{n} b_{i} s^{i}} = K \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{m} (s-z_{i})}{\prod_{i=1}^{n} (s-p_{i})}$

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Consider:

$$\mathsf{T}(s) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{m} a_{i} s^{i}}{\sum_{i=0}^{n} b_{i} s^{i}} = \mathsf{K} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{m} (s-z_{i})}{\prod_{i=1}^{n} (s-p_{i})}$$

Closed-form expressions for p_i , z_i , pole or zero Q, pole or zero ω_0 , peak gain, ω_{3dB} , BW, ... (generally the most critical and useful circuit characteristics) are difficult or impossible to obtain !

Bilinear Property of Electrical Networks

Theorem: Let x be any component or Op Amp time constant (1st order Op Amp model) of any linear active network employing a finite number of amplifiers and lumped passive components. Any transfer function of the network can be expressed in the form

 $T(s) = \frac{N_{0}(s) + xN_{1}(s)}{D_{0}(s) + xD_{1}(s)}$

where N_0 , N_1 , D_0 , and D_1 are polynomials in s that are not dependent upon x

A function that can be expressed as given above is said to be a bilinear function in the variable x and this is termed a bilateral property of electrical networks.

The bilinear relationship is useful for

- 1. Checking for possible errors in an analysis
- 2. Pole sensitivity analysis

Example of Bilinear Property : +KRC Lowpass Filter



Consider R₁



Example of Bilinear Property



$$V_{1}(G_{1}+G_{2}+sC) = V_{IN}G_{1}+V_{OUT}(sC+G_{2})$$
$$V_{OUT} = -V_{1}\left(\frac{1}{\tau s}\right)$$
$$T(s) = \frac{-R_{2}}{R_{1}+R_{1}R_{2}Cs+\tau s(sCR_{1}R_{2}+R_{1}+R_{2})}$$

Consider R₁

$$\mathsf{T}(\mathsf{s}) = \frac{-\mathsf{R}_2 + 0 \bullet \mathsf{R}_1}{[\tau \mathsf{s} \mathsf{R}_2] + \mathsf{R}_1 [1 + \mathsf{R}_2 \mathsf{C} \mathsf{s} + \tau \mathsf{s} (\mathsf{s} \mathsf{C} \mathsf{R}_2 + 1)]}$$

Consider T

$$\mathsf{T}(\mathsf{s}) = \frac{-\mathsf{R}_2 + 0 \bullet \tau}{\left[\mathsf{R}_1(\mathsf{1}+\mathsf{R}_2\mathsf{C}\mathsf{s})\right] + \tau\left[\mathsf{s}\mathsf{R}_2 + \mathsf{s}\mathsf{R}_1(\mathsf{s}\mathsf{C}\mathsf{R}_2+\mathsf{1})\right]}$$

Example of Bilinear Property : +KRC Lowpass Filter



Can not eliminate the R² term

- Bilinear property only applies to individual components
- Bilinear property was established only for T(s)



Stay Safe and Stay Healthy !

End of Lecture 21