

## Signal Conditioning Problems

### Conceptual

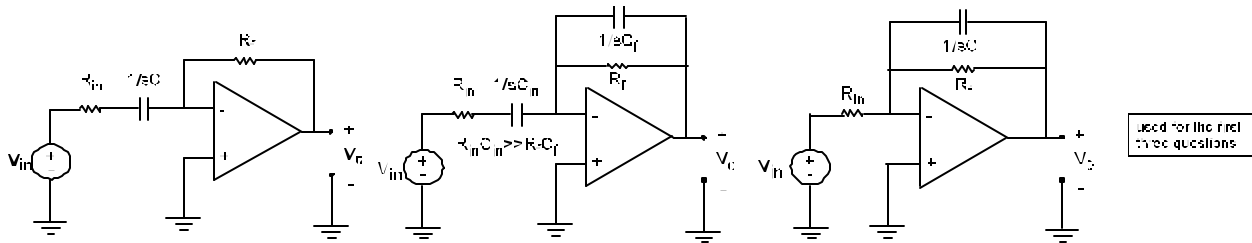


Fig. P9.1

- T/F** Circuit on **left**:  $R_f = 10\text{k}\Omega$ ,  $R_{in} = 5\text{k}\Omega$ ,  $C = 0.01\mu\text{F}$ . The circuit is a high-pass filter with a high-frequency gain of 2 and a break frequency of  $2(10^4)\text{Hz}$ .
- T/F** Circuit in **middle**:  $R_f = 20\text{k}\Omega$ ,  $R_{in} = 4\text{k}\Omega$ ,  $C_{in} = 0.1\mu\text{F}$ ,  $C_f = 10\text{pF}$ . For  $V_{in} = 20 \cos(10^5 t)$  mV,  $|V_o|$  is approximately 100 mV.
- T/F** Circuit on **right**:  $R_f = 10\text{k}\Omega$ ,  $R_{in} = 5\text{k}\Omega$ ,  $C = 0.1\mu\text{F}$ . The circuit is a low-pass filter with a lowpass gain of 2 and a break frequency of 1000 r/s.
- T/F** Time and frequency domain. Lowering the time constant of a 1<sup>st</sup>-order low-pass filter will result in a lower break frequency.
- T/F** Time and frequency domain. Lowering the break frequency of a low-pass filter will allow it, in its time-domain response to a step function input, to reach its steady-state value more quickly.
- T/F** A low-pass filter with  $\omega_b = 1000\text{ r/s}$  and a DC gain of 10 has a transfer function of  $10/(s+1000)$  and its time-domain response to an input of  $1u(t)$  V is  $10\left(1 - e^{-t/1000}\right)$  V.

*Why or why not?*

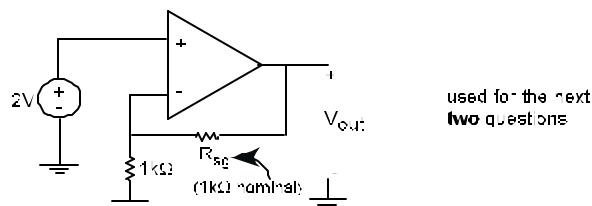
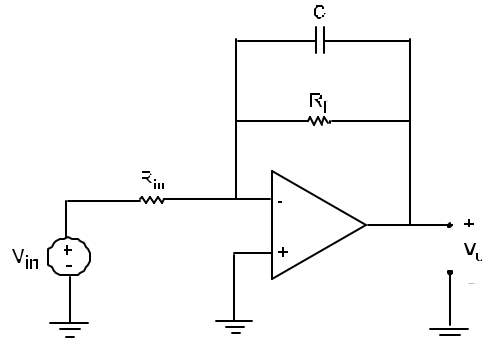


Fig. P9.2

- An ideal op-amp is used to measure strain as shown above. Given a nominal  $1\text{k}\Omega$  resistance for the strain gage, and a strain gage factor of 2,  $v_{out} = 4.004\text{V}$  if the strain,  $\epsilon = 0.001$ .
- Given the same strain gage,  $v_{out} = 4 \cos 10t$  mV if the strain,  $\epsilon = 0.001 \cos(10t)$ .



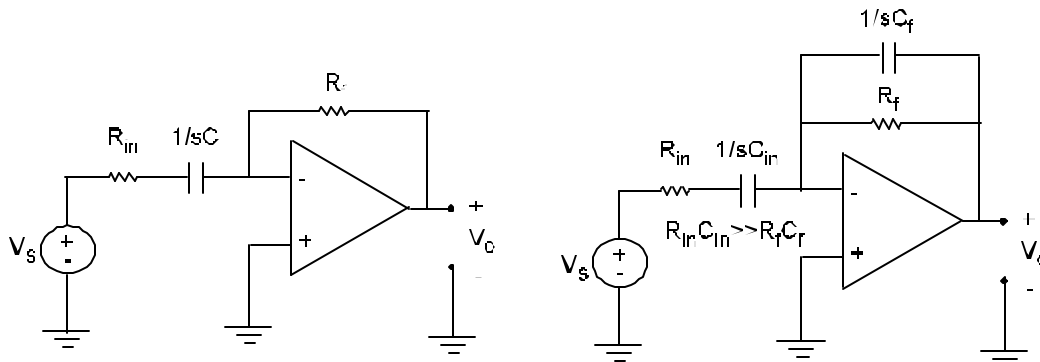
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Fig. P9.3

9. **T/F** Time-domain response. Increasing  $C$  will lower the magnitude of the static gain coefficient.
10. **T/F** Time-domain response. Increasing  $R_f$  will increase the time constant.
11. **T/F** Frequency-domain response. Lowering  $R_{in}$  will lower the break frequency.
12. **T/F** Frequency-domain response. Increasing  $R_f$  will increase magnitude of the DC gain.

$$\text{For the next two questions, } TF(s) = \frac{V_o(s)}{V_n(s)} = \frac{1000}{s + 20}$$

13. **T/F** If  $v_{in-1} = 5 \cos(10t)$  V and  $v_{in-2} = 50 \cos(100t)$  V, the steady-state amplitude of  $v_{out-1}$  will be greater than  $v_{out-2}$ . **Why or why not?**
14. **T/F** If  $v_{in-1} = 1000 \cos(10^4 t)$  V and  $v_{in-2} = 10 \cos(500t)$  V, the steady-state amplitude of  $v_{out-2}$  is greater than  $v_{out-1}$ . **Why or why not?**



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Fig. P9.4

15. **T/F** Increasing  $C$  in the *high-pass* filter will lower its break frequency.
16. **T/F** Increasing  $R_{in}$  in the *bandpass* filter has no effect on its lower break frequency.
17. **T/F** Increasing  $C$  in the *high-pass* filter has no effect on its high-frequency gain.
18. **T/F** Increasing  $C_{in}$  in the *bandpass* filter has no effect on its passband gain.
19. **T/F** The gain of an op-amp amplifier is independent of frequency.

20. **T/F** An amplifier have a gain of  $G$  is needed. Using identical op-amps, a two-stage amplifier (each stage having a gain of  $\sqrt{G}$ ) will maintain its gain at higher frequencies than a single-stage amplifier.
21. **T/F** A 1<sup>st</sup>-order low-pass filter has a high-frequency slope of  $-20$  dB/dec, and a 2<sup>nd</sup>-order filter would have a high-frequency slope of  $-40$  dB/dec.
22. **T/F** The voltage at which an op-amp circuit saturates increases as the power supply voltage,  $V_{cc}$ , increases.
23. **T/F** An op-amp buffer circuit is useful when a signal source has a very high Thevenin impedance. *Why or why not?*
24. **T/F** An instrumentation amplifier can be described as a differential amplifier with buffered inputs.

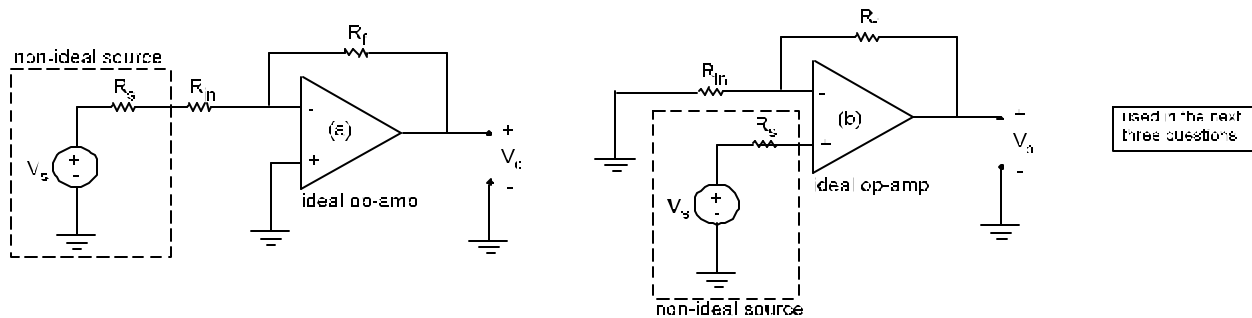


Fig. P9.5

25. **T/F** The gain,  $|V_o/V_s|$ , for the circuit on the left varies with  $R_s$ .
26. **T/F** The gain,  $|V_o/V_s|$ , for the circuit on the right is not a function of  $R_s$ .
27. **T/F** The gain,  $|V_o/V_s|$ , for the circuit on the left cannot be less than one, whereas the gain for the circuit on the right can be less than one.

### Workout

1. i) Classify the amplifier model shown below.
- ii) Express  $V_o$  as a function of  $V_s$ .
- iii) Given  $V_s$ , what is the maximum possible amplification?
- iv) To obtain the amplification given in iii), what how must  $R_i$  be related to  $R_s$ ? How must  $R_o$  be related to  $R_L$ ?

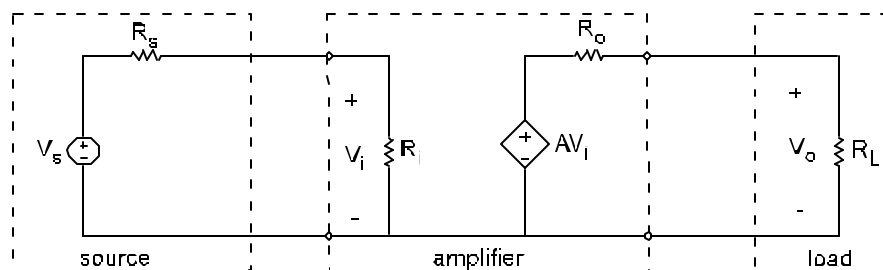


Fig. P9.6

2. i) Classify the amplifier model shown below.
- ii) Express  $V_o$  as a function of  $V_s$ .
- iii) Given  $V_s$ , what is the maximum possible amplification?
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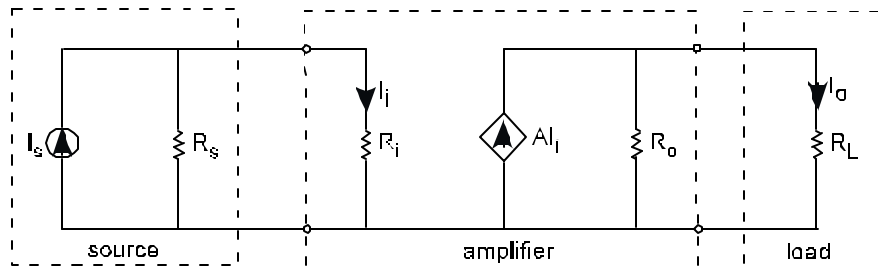


Fig. P9.7

3. i) Classify the amplifier model shown below.
- ii) Express  $V_o$  as a function of  $V_s$ .
- iii) Given  $V_s$ , what is the maximum possible amplification?
- iv) To obtain the amplification given in iii), what how must  $R_i$  be related to  $R_s$ ? How must  $R_o$  be related to  $R_L$ ?

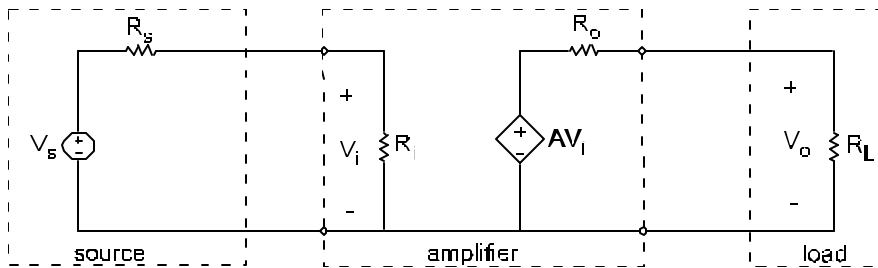


Fig. P9.8

4. i) Classify the amplifier model shown below.
- ii) Express  $V_o$  as a function of  $V_s$ .
- iii) Given  $V_s$ , what is the maximum possible amplification?
- iv) To obtain the amplification given in iii), what how must  $R_i$  be related to  $R_s$ ? How must  $R_o$  be related to  $R_L$ ?

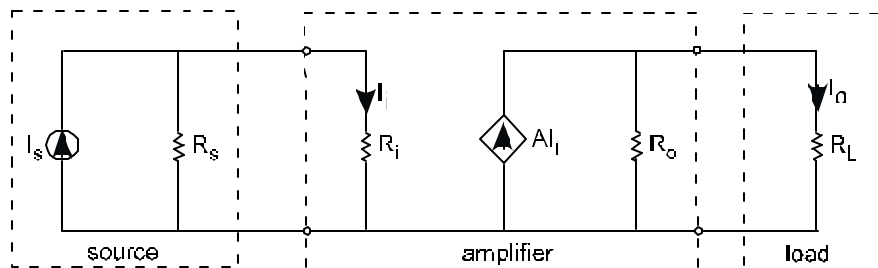


Fig. P9.9

5. The example below uses a photoconductor as part of an optical detector. Assume the photoconductor's resistance,  $R_{pc}$ , varies as shown. A current source is intended to convert changes of resistance into changes of voltage.

- Design an amplifier circuit which amplifies  $V_{pc}$  so that, when the light power is 100 mW, the output voltage is 10 V.
- Design the amplifier to have a very high input resistance ( $i_{in}$  very small). Explain why this is desirable.
- Give the overall sensitivity of the detector (photoconductor circuit + amplifier in V/mW).

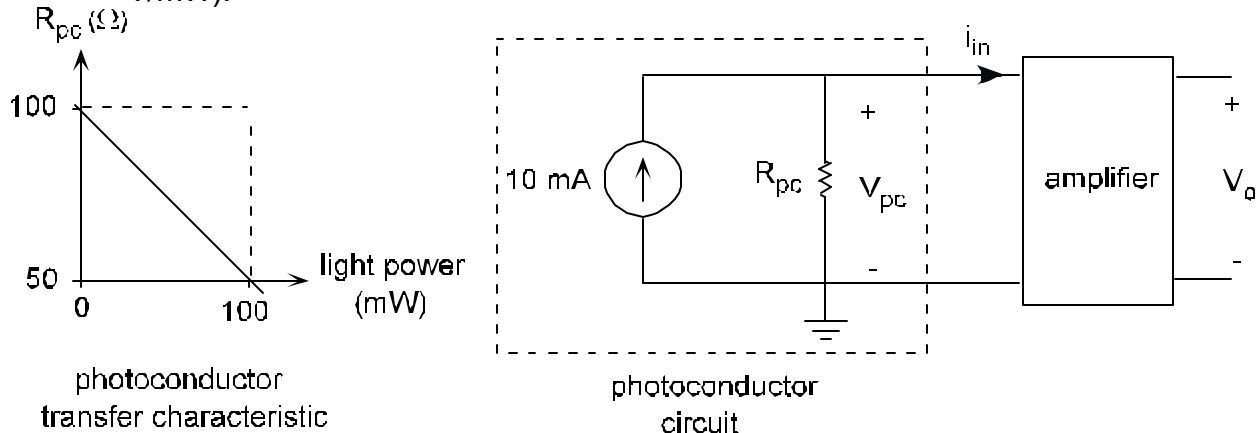


Fig. P9.10

6. Choose  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  so that:

- $V_{o-1st\ stage} = 0.4\ V$  when the temperature is 1250 °C.
- $V_{o-2nd\ stage} = -8\ V$  when the temperature is 1250 °C.
- Plot  $V_{o-2nd\ stage}$  as a function of temperature for 500 °C < temp < 1250 °C.

Use resistance value between 1 kΩ and 100 KΩ.

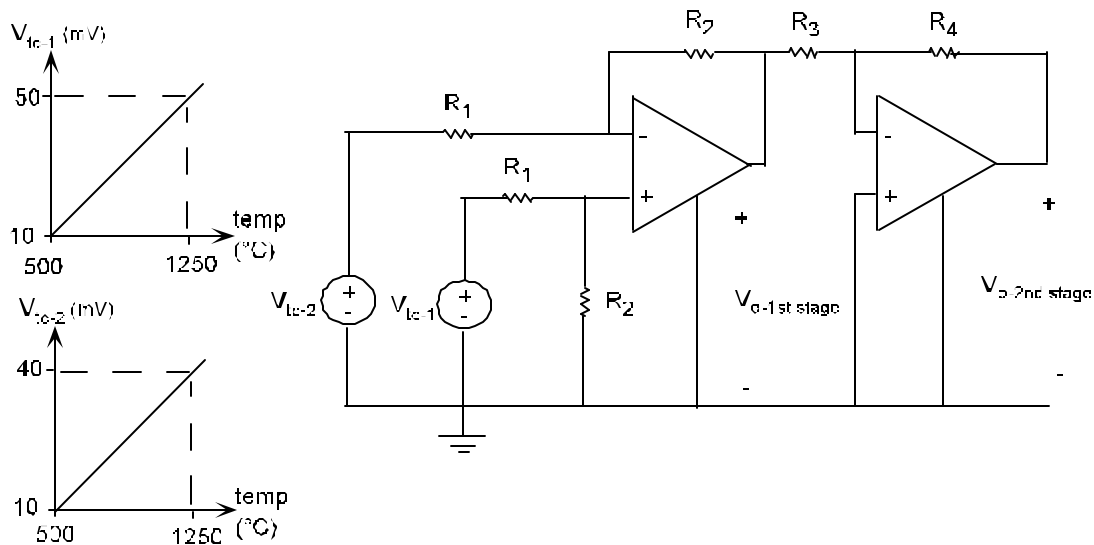


Fig. P9.11

7. A system for monitoring the effectiveness of a process in removing a compound from a product stream. Design for  $V_o$  to vary from -5 V to 5 V as the concentration difference  $C_1 - C_2$  varies between -200 and 200 ppm.

Find:

- The sensitivity of the sensor probes (in mV/ppm).
- The values for the resistances (choose between 2 k $\Omega$  and 200 k $\Omega$ ).
- The sensitivity of the resulting detector (in mV/ppm).

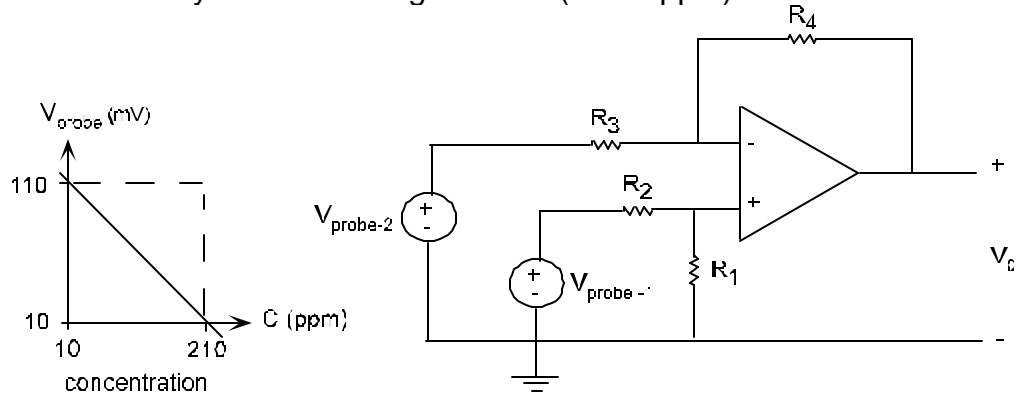


Fig. P9.12

8. In the circuit below,  $R = R_o + \Delta R$  is the resistance of a resistive sensor.

- Show that  $V_o$  may be expressed as  $V_s(-\Delta R)/(R_1 + R_o)$ .
- Find the sensitivity of  $V_o$  with respect to  $\Delta R$ . That is, find  $dV_o/d\Delta R$ .
- In a practical op-amp circuit, could  $R$  be a 120  $\Omega$  strain gage? *Why or why not?*

$$R_g = R_o + \Delta R$$

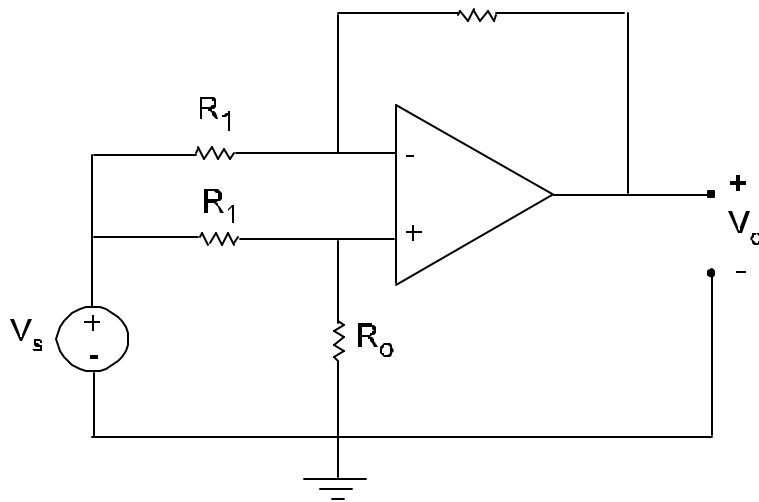


Fig. P9.13

9. Using the ideal op-amp model, find  $i_o$ .

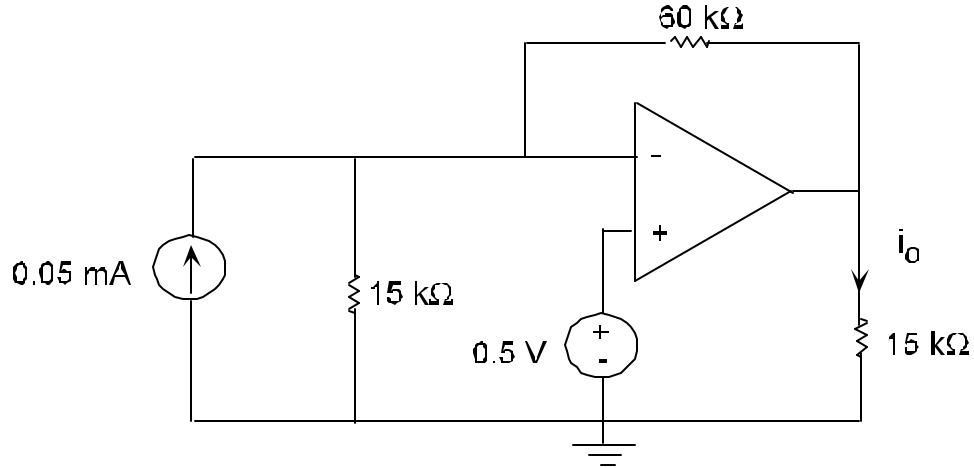


Fig. P9.14

10. Find  $V_o$ .

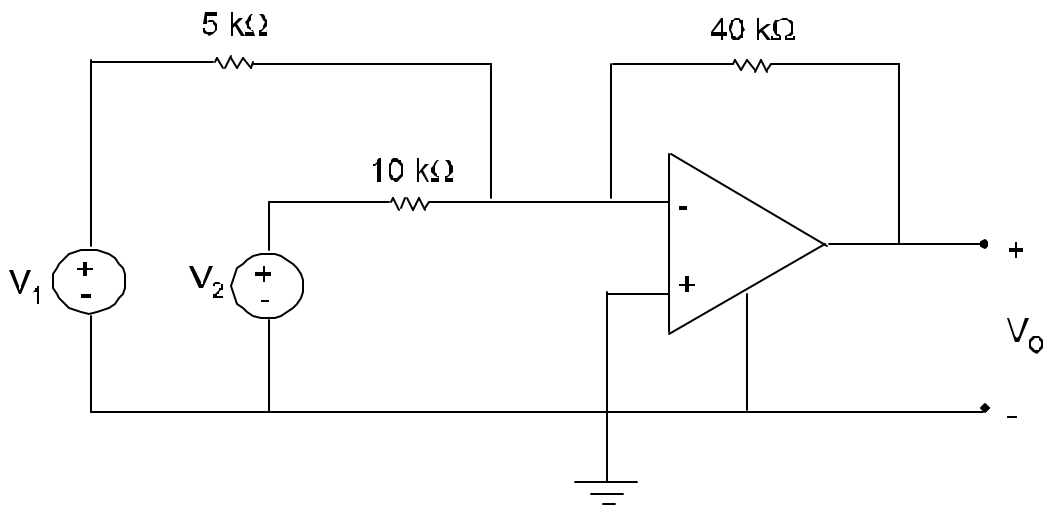


Fig. P9.15

11. Using an op-amp in the inverting configuration, design a low-pass filter with a break frequency of 1000 rad/sec and a low-pass gain magnitude of 10. Use  $R_{in} = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ .
  - i) Sketch the circuit showing the calculated values of  $R_f$  and  $C$ .
  - ii) Given the transfer function.
  - iii) Using semilog paper, give the straight-line Bode magnitude plot
12. When a given load is placed on a **four-active arm** cantilever load cell,  $\epsilon=0.0004$ .
  - i) What is  $V_b$ ?
  - ii) Specify  $R_b$  in the amplifier below to give an output of  $V_o=60 \text{ mV}$ . Use  $R_a=2 \text{ k}\Omega$  and

assume  $S=2$ ,  $V_s=15V$ , and  $R_1, R_2, R_3$ , and  $R_4$  to all be  $350\Omega$  strain gages.

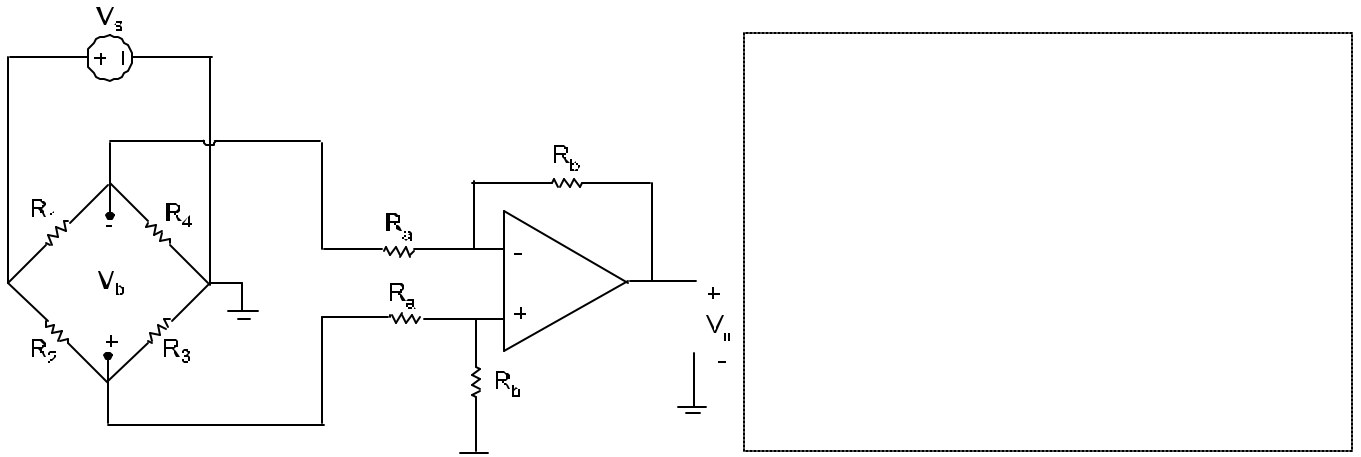


Fig. P9.16

- iii) A filtering stage is needed. Design an active **bandpass** filtering stage to filter  $V_o$  with  $\omega_L=100$  r/s,  $\omega_H=5000$  r/s and a gain at resonance of 10. Use  $R_{in} = 10k\Omega$ .  
Neatly add this stage to the above schematic.

- iii) Using semilog paper, neatly sketch the straight line Bode magnitude plot for  $|V_{out-bp\ filter}/V_b|$

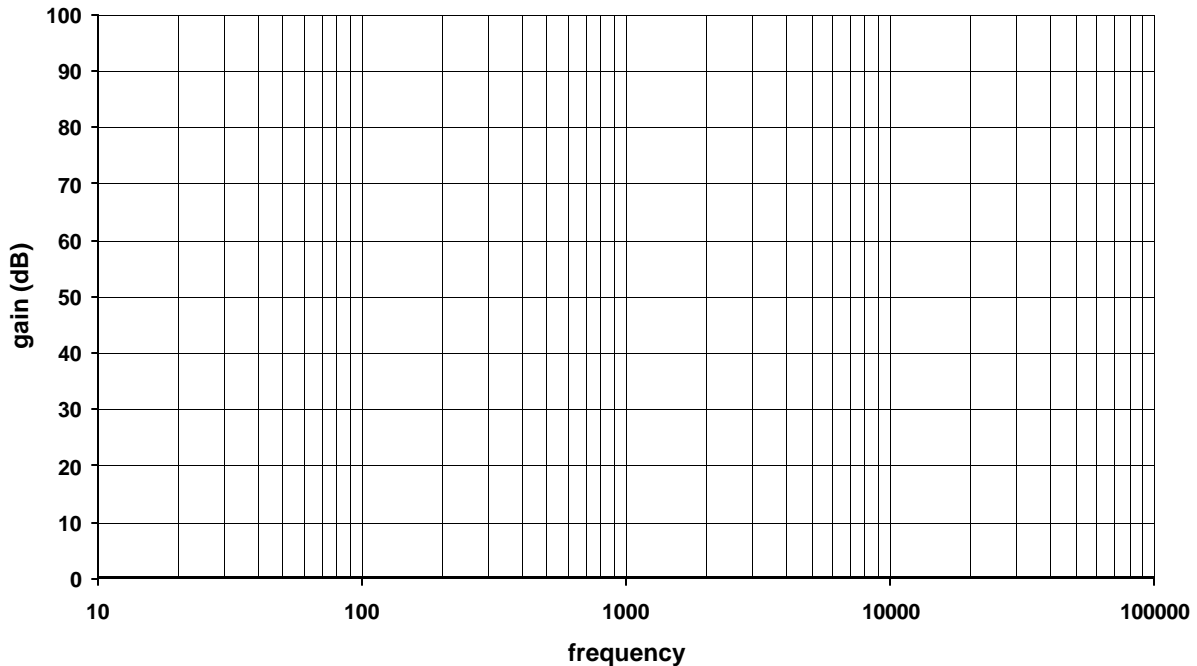


Fig. P9.17

13. i) Design a low-pass filtering stage to the amplifier below so that the **overall system** transfer function has a DC gain of 100 and a break frequency of 10000 r/s.  
ii) Neatly sketch the LP filtering stage in the space provided below. For the filter use  $R_f = 100 k\Omega$ .



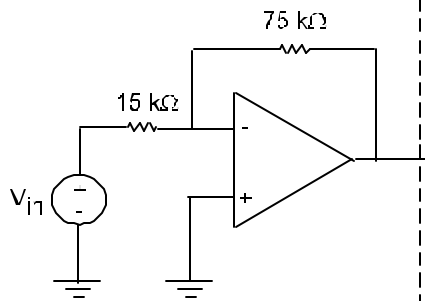


Fig. P9.18

- iii) Give the overall transfer function in Bode form.
- iv) Using semilog paper, plot the straight-line Bode magnitude plot for the overall system.

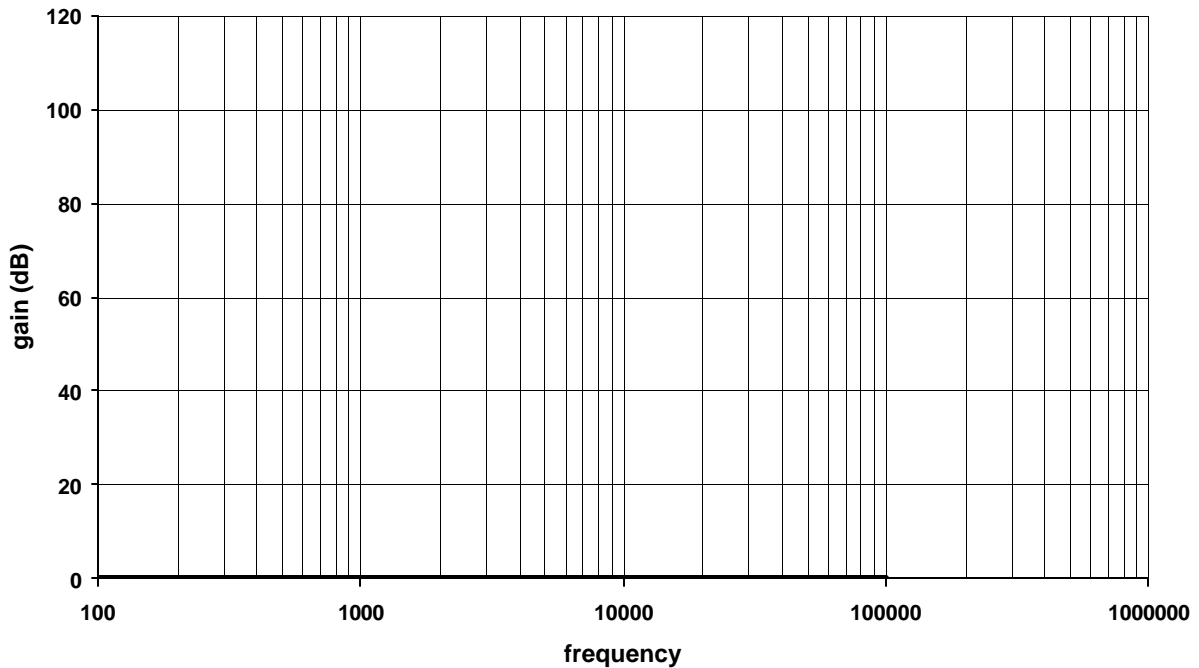


Fig. P9.19

14. A force measurement transducer has a voltage output and has an underdamped 2<sup>nd</sup>-order response ( $K_s = 4 \text{ mV/N}$ ,  $\zeta = 0.2$ ,  $\omega_n = 100 \text{ r/s}$ ).

$$\frac{1}{\omega_n^2} \frac{d^2v}{dt^2} + \frac{2\zeta}{\omega_n} \frac{dv}{dt} + v = K_s$$

Use phasor analysis to determine the actual steady-state force,  $f(t)$ , when the measured steady-state voltage is  $v(t) = [20 + 50 \cos(150t)] \text{ mV}$ .

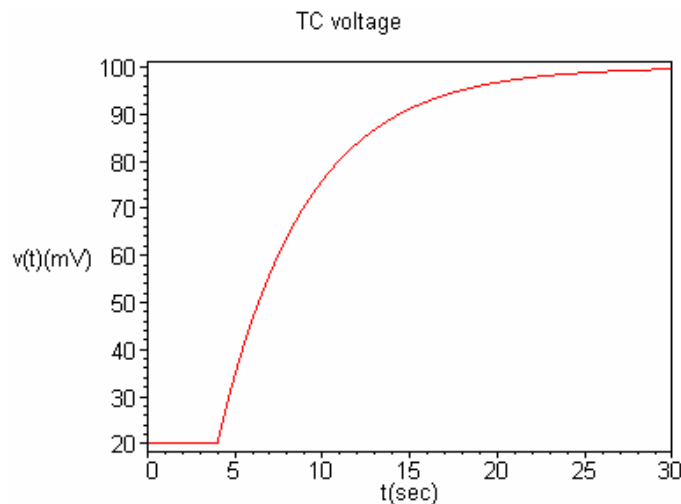
*Hint: Review system dynamics.*

15. The TC voltage plot below results when a thermocouple sensing junction, at  $t=4$  seconds, is transferred from a temperature of  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$ . (For a temperature of  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the steady-state voltage is  $0\text{V}$ )

Given that the TC behaves as a 1<sup>st</sup>-order system, extract the system parameters and give the differential equation that relates the input TC temperature and output TC voltage.

$$t \frac{dv}{dt} + v = K_s T$$

*Hint: Review system dynamics.*



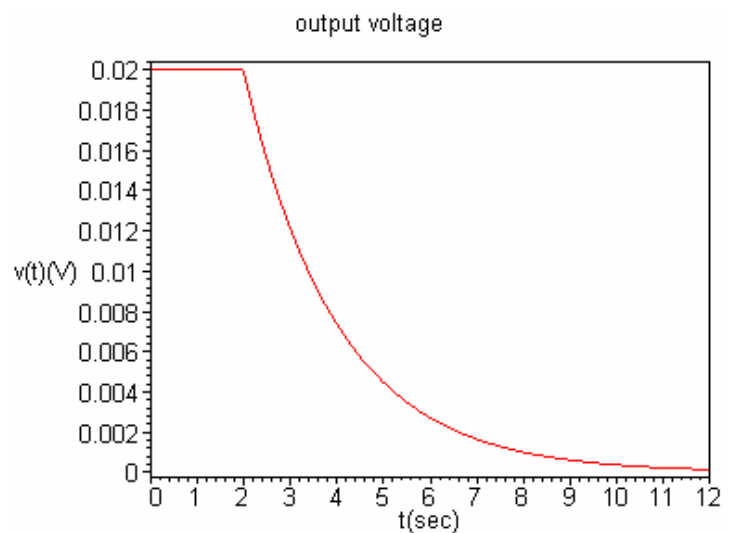
**Fig. P9.20**

16. A thermocouple is used to measure temperature. The output voltage for  $T=0^{\circ}\text{C}$  is  $0\text{V}$ . The plot below is taken as the thermocouple is taken from  $400^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  at  $t=2\text{s}$ . Assume the TC behaves as a 1<sup>st</sup>-order system.

$$t \frac{dv}{dt} + v = K_s T$$

- i) Find the approximate differential equation relating input temperature to thermocouple voltage. Identify the time constant,  $\tau$ , and the static gain coefficient,  $K$ .  
*Don't forget units.*

- ii) For the same thermocouple, give the thermocouple voltage, in steady-state, if its surrounding temperature, in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , is  $T = 400 + 20 \cos t$ .



**Fig. P9.21**

17. i) Find the transfer function,  $V_o/V_s$ , of the circuit shown below.
- ii) Sketch the Bode magnitude plot for the circuit shown below given  $R_1 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100 \Omega$ ,  $C = 0.1 \mu\text{F}$ , and  $L = 10 \mu\text{H}$ .
- iii) What is  $v_o(t)$ , in steady-state, given  $v_s(t) = 10 \cos 10^4 t \text{ V}$ .
- iv) What is  $v_o(t)$ , in steady-state, given  $v_s(t) = 10 \cos 10^6 t \text{ V}$ .
- v) What is  $v_o(t)$ , in steady-state, given  $v_s(t) = 10 \cos 10^8 t \text{ V}$ .

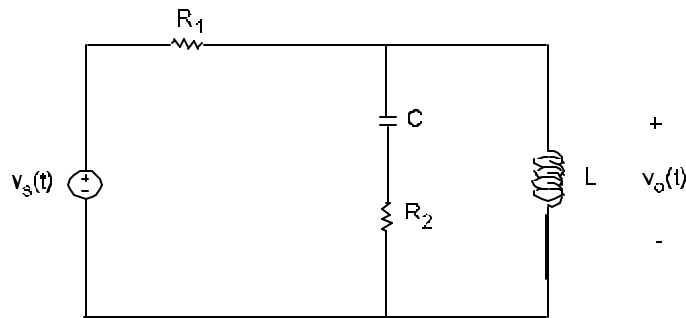


Fig. P9.22

17. Let  $V_s$  be a sinusoidal signal (2 V amplitude, with a frequency of 4000 r/s) corrupted by high frequency noise (1 V amplitude, frequency 32 kr/s).

- i) What is the signal-to-noise ratio of  $V_s$ .
- ii) Design an active first-order low-pass filter using an op-amp in the inverting configuration. Let the low-frequency gain be 1 and the break frequency be 8000 r/s. Use  $R_{in} = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ .
- iii) If  $V_s$  is input to the op-amp circuit design in ii), what is the signal-to-noise ratio at the output?
- iv) Design an active second-order Sallen-Key low-pass filter. Let the low-frequency gain be 1 and the break frequency be 8000 r/s. Choose  $\zeta = 0.7$ .
- v) If  $V_s$  is input to the op-amp circuit in iv), what is the signal-to-noise ratio at the output?
- vi) Compare the filtering effectiveness of the 1<sup>st</sup>-order filter to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-order filter.

18. Let  $V_s$  be a sinusoidal signal (2 V amplitude, with a frequency of 5 kHz) corrupted by low frequency noise (1 V amplitude, frequency 60 Hz) and by high frequency noise (5 V amplitude, frequency 40 kHz).

- i) Design an active Sallen-Key band-pass filter. Let the center frequency be 5 kHz and let the quality factor be 10. Choose  $R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ .
- ii) Let  $V_s$  be input to the circuit designed in i). Compare the signal-to-noise ratios at the input to those at the output.

19. Let  $V_s$  be a sinusoidal signal (2 V amplitude, with a frequency of 5 kHz) corrupted by low frequency noise (1 V amplitude, frequency 60 Hz) and by high frequency noise (5 V amplitude, frequency 40 kHz).
- Design an active Sallen-Key band-pass filter. Let the center frequency be 5 kHz and let the quality factor be 10. Choose  $R = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ .
  - Let  $V_s$  be input to the circuit designed in i). Compare the signal-to-noise ratios at the input to those at the output.
20. Let  $V_s$  be a sinusoidal signal (2 V amplitude, with a frequency of 6 kHz) corrupted by low frequency noise (1 V amplitude, frequency 60 Hz) and by high frequency noise (5 V amplitude, frequency 40 kHz).
- Design an active band-pass filter as described in Design Example 6.7.1. Let  $f_b = 1.5 \text{ kHz}$ ,  $f_u = 12 \text{ kHz}$ , and the passband gain = 2. Choose  $R_{in} = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$ .
  - Let  $V_s$  be input to the circuit designed in i). Compare the signal-to-noise ratios at the input to those at the output.
21. For each of the areas below, discuss the associated limitations of op-amps.
- Current limitations of op-amps. What limits does this place on the resistances connected at the output of op-amps?
  - Limits for op-amp output voltages.
  - Limits associated with finite op-amp gain-bandwidth products.
22. i) Design an inverting amplifier, shown in Fig. with a |gain| of 10. Use  $R_{in} = 7.5 \text{ k}\Omega$ .
- Given  $V_{cc} = 9 \text{ V}$ , sketch  $V_o$  given the input is a 1 kHz triangle wave with a peak-to-peak amplitude of  $\frac{1}{2} \text{ V}$ .
  - Given  $V_{cc} = 9 \text{ V}$ , sketch  $V_o$  given the input is a 1 kHz triangle wave with a peak-to-peak amplitude of 2 V.
  - Given  $V_{cc} = 15 \text{ V}$ , sketch  $V_o$  given the input is a 1 kHz sinusoid with an RMS voltage of 5 V.

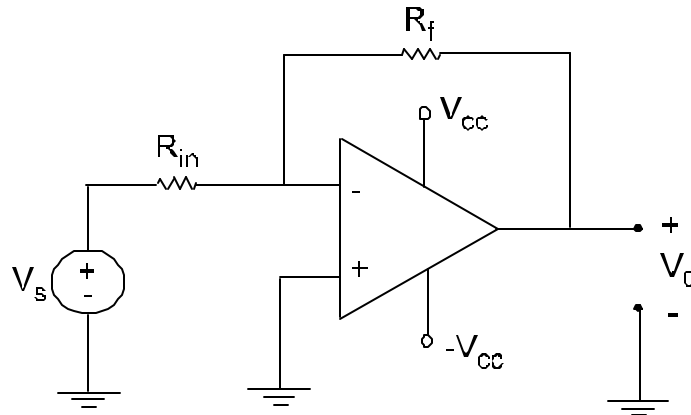


Fig. P9.23

23. Using the amplifier shown in Fig. , which shows the model accounting for finite gain-bandwidth product and non-ideal input-output op-amp resistances, determine  $v_o(t)$  and the  $|gain|$  for the following frequencies.

- i) DC ( $f = 0$ )
- ii)  $f = 1000$  Hz
- iii)  $f = 10$  kHz
- iv)  $f = 100$  kHz
- v)  $f = 1$  MHz

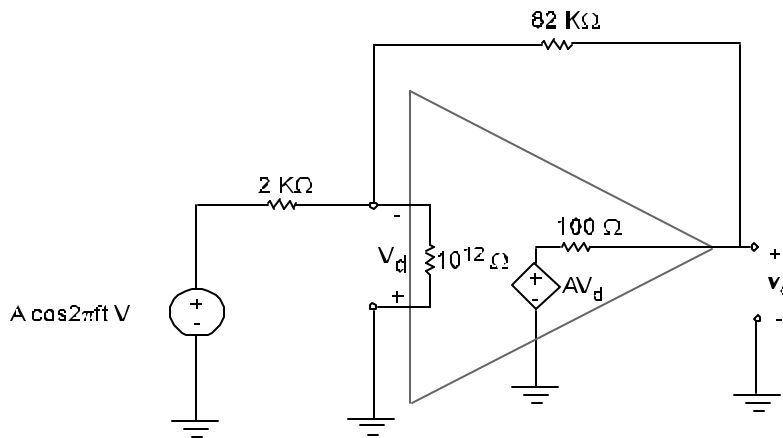


Fig. P9.24

24. Find  $v_o(t)$  and the signal-to-noise ratio (the noise is the high frequency component) at the output. Design a first-order low-pass filter having a DC gain of 25 and a break frequency of  $2\omega$ . Use the ideal op-amp model and choose  $R_{in} = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

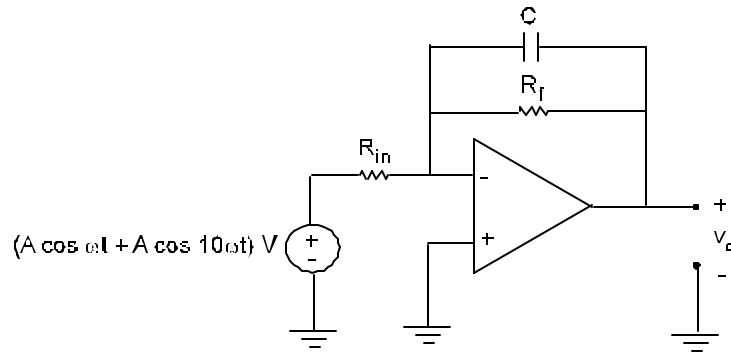


Fig. P9.25

- i) DC ( $\omega = 0$ )
- ii)  $\omega = 1000 \text{ r/s}$
- iii)  $\omega = 10 \text{ kr/s}$
- iv)  $\omega = 100 \text{ kr/s}$
- v)  $\omega = 1 \text{ Mr/s}$
- vi)  $\omega = 10 \text{ Mr/s}$

Now, using the component values determined in i) – iv), and using the amplifier model shown in Fig. , which accounts for finite gain-bandwidth product and non-ideal input-output op-amp resistances, determine  $v_o(t)$  and the signal-to-noise ratio at the output for the same values of  $\omega$ .

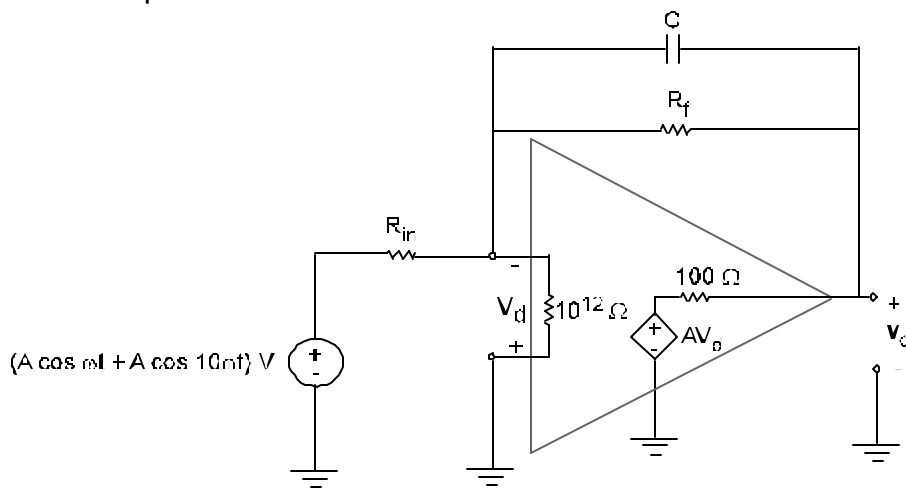


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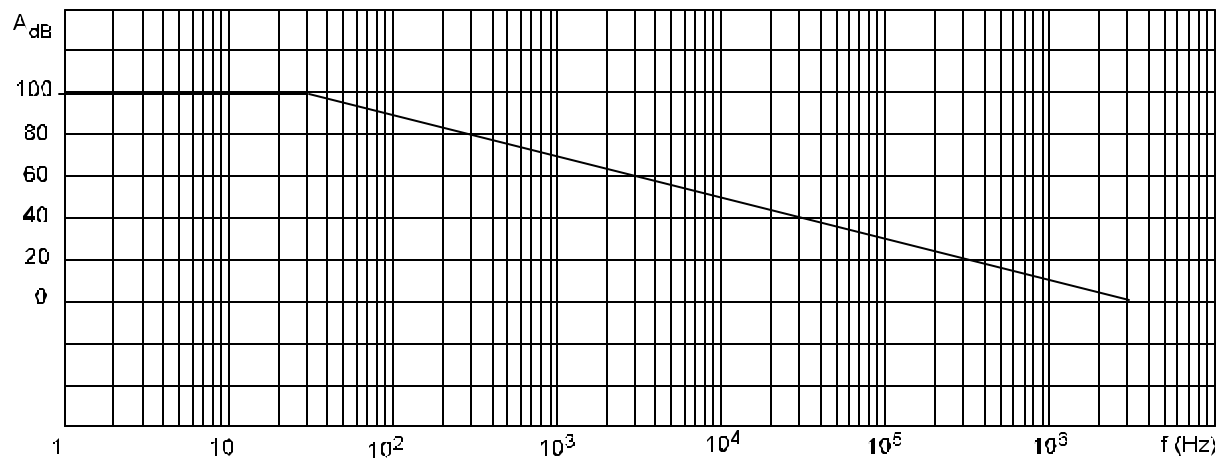


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