



Sheet 5: Frequency Response

- 1) The high-frequency response of an amplifier is characterized by two poles at ω_{p1} and ω_{p2} . For $\omega_{p1} = k\omega_{p2}$ find the value of k that results in the exact value of ω_H being $0.99\omega_{p1}$.
- 2) A common source amplifier is designed to have a midband voltage gain of -29 , the transistor has $C_{gs} = 0.5pF$ and $C_{gd} = 0.1pF$.
 - i. Calculate the latched capacitance at the input and output terminals
 - ii. If the pole at the input terminal is the dominant pole, for what range of source resistances (R_s) can f_H exceed $10MHz$
- 3) A common source amplifier has $C_{gs} = 2pF$, $C_{gd} = 0.1pF$, $C_{db} = 0.2pF$, $C_L = 1.8pF$, $R_D = 5k\Omega$ and $g_m = 4mA/V$,
 - i. Find A_M , f_H , and the gain bandwidth product
 - ii. State whether the unity gain frequency is equal to the gain bandwidth product.
 - iii. If R_D is changed to be $20k\Omega$, repeat parts (a) and (b).
- 4) A common gate amplifier is specified to have $C_{gs} = 2pF$, $C_{gd} = 0.1pF$, $C_{db} = 0.2pF$, $C_L = 1.8pF$, $R_D = 5k\Omega$ and $g_m = 4mA/V$, $R_s = 1k\Omega$, and $R_D = 20k\Omega$.
 - i. Find the low-frequency gain (A_M)
 - ii. Find the frequencies of the poles f_{P1} and f_{P2} , and hence an estimation for f_H .
- 5) Find the midband gain and an estimation of the 3dB frequency of a MOSFET cascode amplifier operated at $g_m = 1mA/V$ and $r_o = 50k\Omega$. The MOSFETs have $C_{gs} = 30fF$, $C_{gd} = 10fF$, and $C_{db} = C_{sb} = 10fF$. The amplifier is fed from a signal source with $R_s = 100k\Omega$ and is connected to a load resistance $R_L = 2M\Omega$. There is also a load capacitance $C_L = 40fF$.

- 6) A passive loaded differential amplifier is biased with a current source $I = 200 \mu A$. The transistors have $W/L = 25$, $k'_n = 200 \mu A/V^2$, $V_A = 200 V$, $C_{gs} = 40 fF$, $C_{gd} = 5 fF$, and $C_{db} = 5 fF$. The drain resistors are $20 k\Omega$ each. Also, there is a $100 fF$ capacitive load between each drain and ground.
- Find V_{ov} and g_m for each transistor.
 - Find the differential gain A_d .
 - If the frequency response is determined primarily by the output pole, estimate the $3dB$ frequency.
 - If the current source has $R_{SS} = 80 k\Omega$ and $C_{SS} = 0.1 pF$. Find the $3dB$ frequency of the $CMRR$.
- 7) An active loaded differential amplifier is biased with a current source $I = 0.2 mA$. All the transistors are operating at $|V_{OV}| = 0.2 V$. The Early voltage for all the transistors is $|V_A| = 10 V$. The total capacitance at the input node of the mirror is $0.1 pF$ and that at the output node of the amplifier is $0.2 pF$.
- Find the Midband differential gain A_M
 - Find the frequencies of the poles and the zero of $A_d(s)$.