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INSTRUCTIONS : Answer **FOUR** (4) questions only.  
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1. (a) Design a filter with the transfer function of

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{-3}{1 + j\omega/5000}$$

and a minimum input impedance of  $50 \text{ k}\Omega$

[7]

- (b) Consider the RLC bandpass filter shown in Figure 1.

i. Derive an expression for  $|H(j\omega)|$  of this filter.

[3]

ii. Derive the expression for the resonant frequency.

[2]

iii. Calculate the value of the resonant frequency?

[2]

iv. What is the Q-factor?

[2]

v. Find the cut-off frequencies,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ .

[8]

vi. Find the bandwidth.

[1]

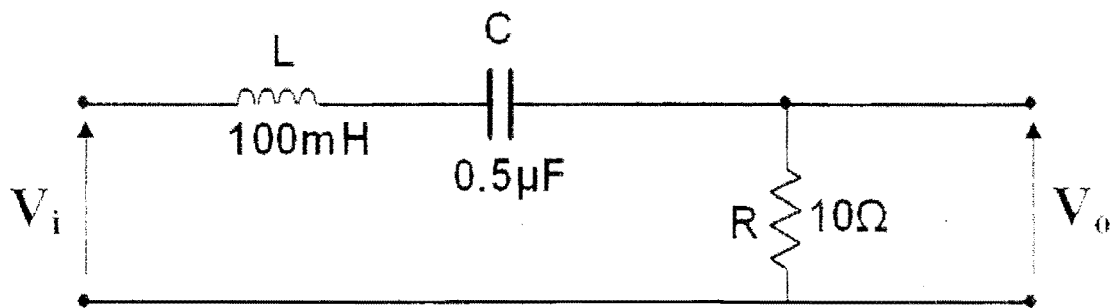


Figure 1: RLC band pass filter

2. (a) With the aid of a circuit diagram and appropriate equations, explain how you would measure the input resistance of an amplifier. [5]
- (b) Consider an  $RC$  low-pass filter with component values  $R = 10.61 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $C = 0.015 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$ .
- Find the cut-off frequency of the filter, in Hertz. [2]
  - Find  $v_o$  when  $v_i$  has a frequency 500 Hz, 1 kHz, and 2 kHz. [7]
  - Using the values of  $v_o$  calculated in (ii), sketch  $v_o$  versus frequency. [3]
- (c) i. Calculate  $V_{out}$  as a function of time for the circuit shown in Figure 2, given that  $V_{in} = A \sin \omega t$ .  $A = 500 \text{ mV}$  and  $\omega = 100 \text{ rad}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . [4]
- Sketch graphs of  $V_{out}$  and  $v_{in}$  against time. [4]

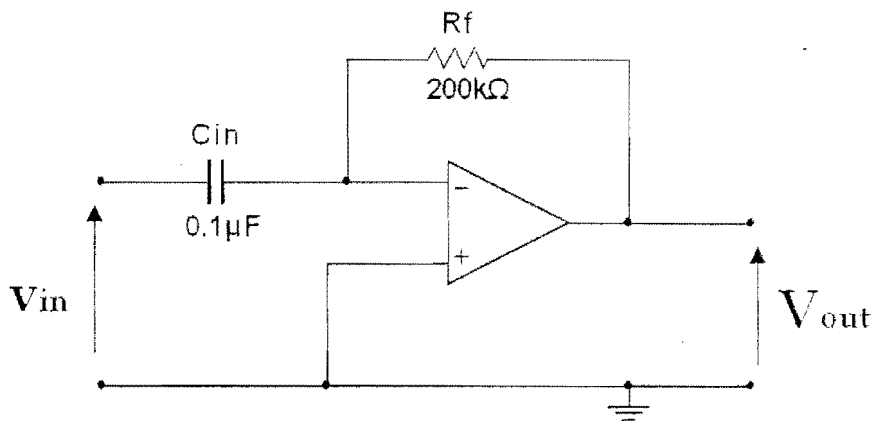


Figure 2: Differentiator Amplifier

3. (a) What is a multivibrator? [2]
- (b) Draw the circuit diagram of an astable Multivibrator. [2]
- (c) Explain how the astable multivibrator works and assume that when the d.c. power supply is switched on, current rises faster in transistor  $T_1$  in relation to transistor  $T_2$ . The d.c. supply voltage is 9 V. [11]
- (d) Sketch the waveforms observed at the base and collector of transistor  $T_1$  to show how the voltage varies with time. [2]
- (e) i. Write an expression for the frequency of oscillation of a phase shift oscillator that is designed using a BJT amplifier and a phase-shift ladder network. The ladder network is made up of equal resistors and equal capacitors. [2]
- ii. Consider each of the capacitors to have a fixed capacitance  $C = 0.01 \mu F$  whilst each of the resistances can be varied from  $2 \text{ k}\Omega$  to  $200 \text{ k}\Omega$ . Calculate the minimum and maximum frequencies which can be generated by the oscillator. [3]
- iii. Explain why the open-loop gain of the amplifier used in the phase shift oscillator must be of magnitude  $\geq 29$ . [3]

4. (a) i. What is meant by negative feedback? [2]
- ii. State the Barkhausen condition necessary for oscillation to occur. [2]
- (b) State the advantages of negative feedback for an amplifier. [5]
- (c) An amplifier has an open-loop gain of magnitude  $A_o$ . A fraction  $\beta$  of its output voltage signal is fed back to the input of the amplifier so as to subtract from the input. Using a suitable diagram, derive an expression for the overall voltage gain  $A_f$  with feedback. [6]
- (d) An amplifier has an open-loop gain of -500 and a feedback factor of 0.2.
- i. What is the loop gain? [1]
- ii. Find the voltage gain with feedback. [2]
- iii. Determine the percentage fall in the gain with feedback if the open-loop gain of the amplifier falls by 20%. [7]

5. (a) i. Sketch the circuit diagram of a an operational integrator. [3]

ii. Derive equation below which describes the relationship between the input and output voltages,  $V_{in}$  and  $V_{out}$  of the integrator. [6]

$$V_{out} = -\frac{1}{RC} \int V_{in} dt$$

(b) Use operational amplifiers and appropriate components to design a circuit which corresponds to the following ideal relationship between the output voltage,  $v_{out}$  and the input voltages,  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  (Assume same value of resistance in your design.  $R = 10k\Omega$ ): [16]

$$v_{out}(t) = 3 \times 10^{-4} \frac{dv_1}{dt} - \int (v_1 + v_2) dt$$

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