

**Lecture 6: Frequency Response Inspection Analysis**

- Announcements:
- Make-up lecture for next Tuesday
  - ↳ Friday: 6 p.m. in ???
- Lecture Topics:
  - ↳ Amplifier Bode plot
  - ↳ Open Circuit Time Constant (OCTC) Analysis
  - ↳ Frequency Response Inspection Analysis
  - ↳ Frequency Response Examples

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 • Last Time:

or well or tied to  $V_{DD}$

**MOS Inspection Formulas w/ Substrate Grounded**

$B \rightarrow \infty$   
 $r_{\pi} = \frac{\beta}{g_m} \rightarrow \infty$   
 $g_m \rightarrow g_m + g_{mb}$

only difference from "substrate tied to source" case is that  $g_m$  is replaced by  $g_m + g_{mb}$  in some of the formulas particularly over where the source is involved!

over

$R_G = \infty$   
 $R_S = \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}}$   
 $R_D = r_o [1 + (g_m + g_{mb})R_S]$

$$\frac{N_d}{N_s} = -G_m R_D, \quad G_m = \frac{g_m}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb})R_S}$$

$$\frac{N_d}{N_s} = -G_m R_D, \quad G_m = -(g_m + g_{mb})$$

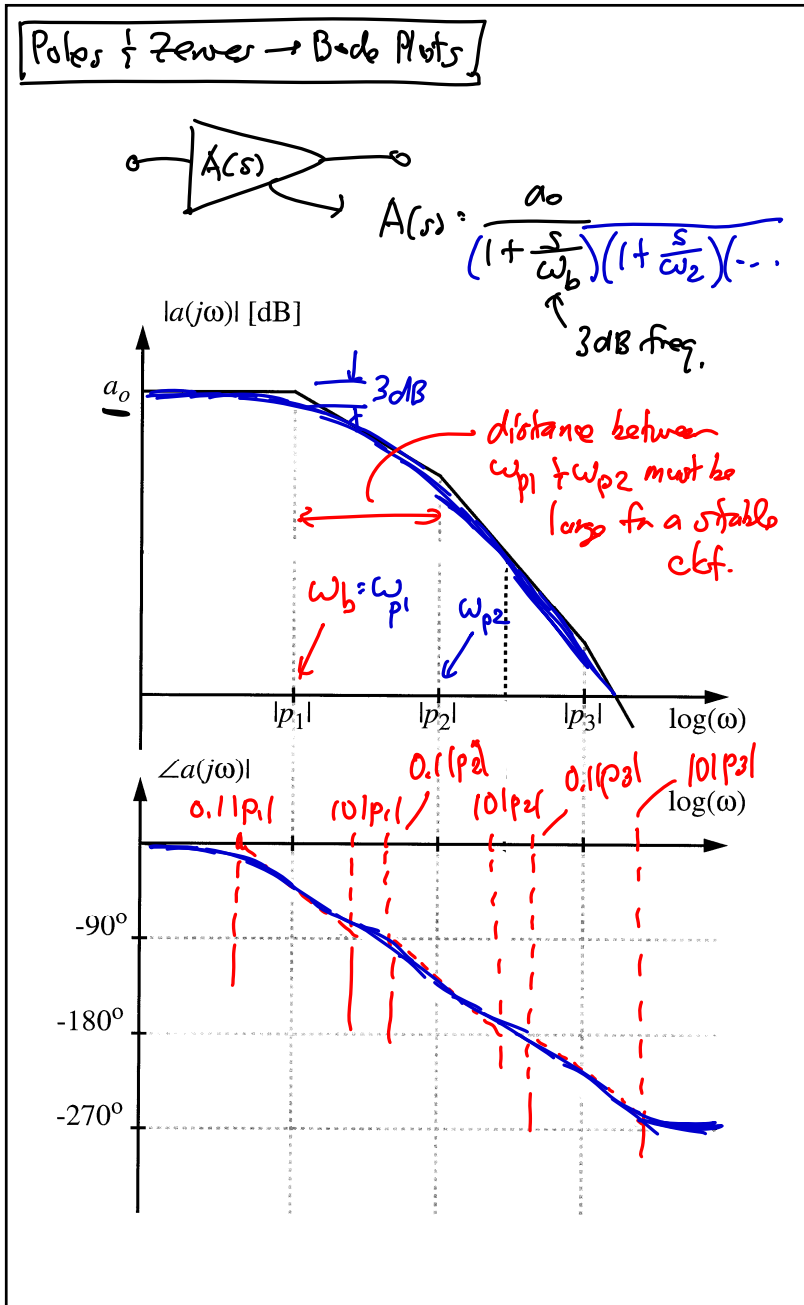
$$\frac{N_s}{N_0} = \frac{g_m R_S}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb})R_S}$$

Remark: When the substrate is tied to the source,  $g_{mb} = 0$ .

**Effect of  $g_{mb}$  (one more example)**

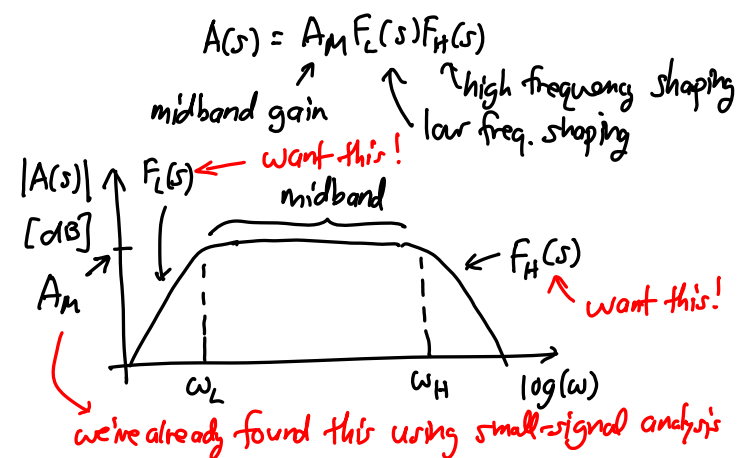
$N_{gs} = -N_x = N_{bs}$   
 $N_{ds} = -N_x$

$g_m + g_{mb} + g_{ds} + R_S = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} + \frac{1}{g_{mb}} + r_o}$   
 $R_S \approx \frac{1}{g_m} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb}} = \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}}$



**Freq. Response**

Recall that the transfer function of a general amplifier can be expressed as a function of frequency via:



**High Freq. Response Determination Using Open Ckt. Time Constant (OCTC) Analysis**

In general:

$$F_H(s) = \frac{1 + a_1 s + a_2 s^2 + \dots + a_{n_z} s^{n_z}}{1 + b_1 s + b_2 s^2 + \dots + b_{n_p} s^{n_p}}, \quad n_p > n_z$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n_z} (1 - \frac{s}{z_j})}{\prod_{i=1}^{n_p} (1 - \frac{s}{p_i})} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n_z} (1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{zj}})}{\prod_{i=1}^{n_p} (1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{pi}})}$$

A complex plane diagram shows poles  $p_i$  on the real axis and zeros  $z_j$  in the left half-plane.

from which:

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{\omega_{p1}} + \frac{1}{\omega_{p2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\omega_{pn_p}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} \frac{1}{\omega_{pi}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n_p} \tau_{pk}$$

$\uparrow$  coeff. of the 1<sup>st</sup> order term

Through network theory, one can prove that: (see Gray & Meyer, Chpt. 7)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{np} \tau_{pi} = \sum_j C_j R_{j0} = \sum_j \tau_{j0}$$

where  $C_j$  are capacitors in the H.F. ckt., i.e., small ones  
 $R_{j0} \hat{=}$  driving pt. resistance seen between the terminals of  $C_j$  determined with

- ① all small (< 1nF) capacitors open-circuited
- ② all independent sources eliminated (i.e., short voltage sources, open current sources)
- ③ short all large (coupling/bypass) capacitors (i.e., > 1μF or > 1nF)

In calculating the H.F. response, we use the dominant pole approximation:

(i)  $\omega_{p1} \ll \omega_{p2}, \dots, \omega_{pn}$

(ii)  $F_H(s) \cong \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_H}}$

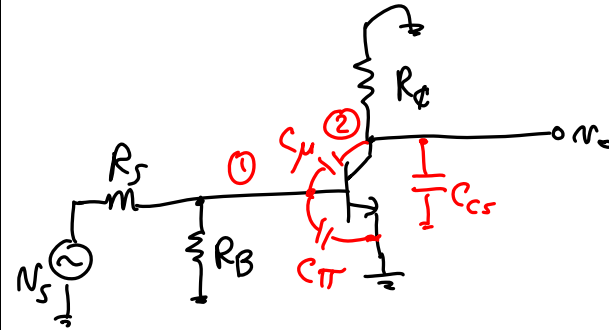
(iii)  $b_1 \cong \frac{1}{\omega_{p1}} \rightarrow \omega_H = \omega_{p1} \cong \frac{1}{b_1} = \frac{1}{\sum_j \tau_{j0}} = \frac{1}{\sum_j C_j R_{j0}}$

When there is no dominant pole, an approximate expression for  $\omega_H$  is:

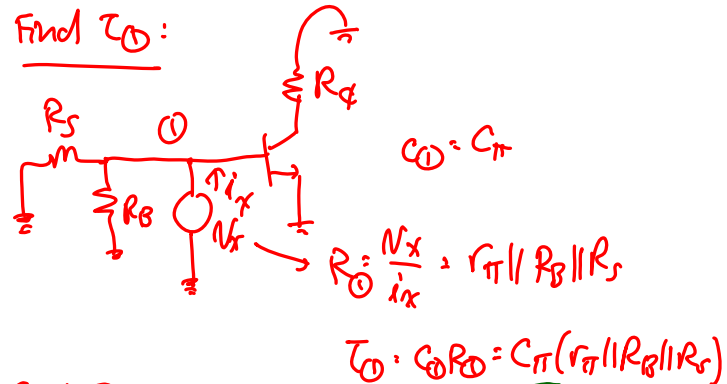
$$\omega_H \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\omega_{p1}^2} + \frac{1}{\omega_{p2}^2} + \dots - \frac{1}{\omega_{z1}^2} - \frac{1}{\omega_{z2}^2} - \dots}}$$

(just FYI)

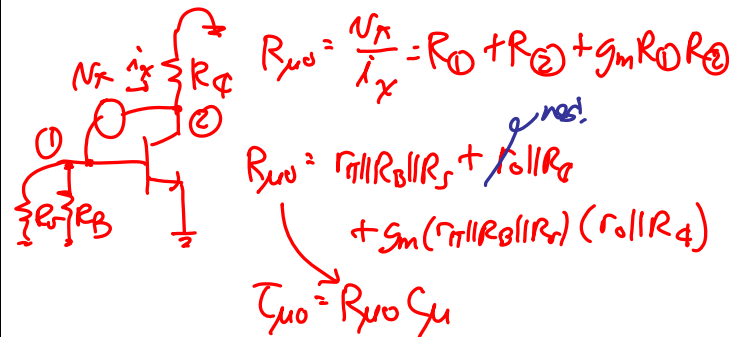
Example HF Analysis C.E. Ckt.



Find  $\tau_{C\mu}$ :



Find  $\tau_{Ccs}$ :



Find  $\tau_{(2)}$ :  $\tau_{(2)} = (R_{(2)} \parallel R_{(f)}) C_{(2)} \approx R_{(f)} C_{(2)}$

$\omega_H = \frac{1}{\tau_{(0)} + \tau_{(1)} + \tau_{(2)}}$

Now, use Miller's Theorem

$C_{\mu}(1 - a_v) \approx C_{\mu}$

Find  $\tau_{(0)}$ :  
 $\tau_{(0)} = (r_{\pi} \parallel R_B \parallel R_S) (C_{\pi} + C_{\mu}(1 + g_m R_C))$

Find  $\tau_{(1)}$ :  
 $\tau_{(1)} = R_C (C_{\mu} + C_{(2)})$

$\omega_H = \frac{1}{\tau_{(0)} + \tau_{(2)}}$

Ex. Multi-Stage Clf.

$\tau_{(0)} = C_{\mu 1} (2r_{\pi} \parallel R_S)$

$\tau_{\pi} = C_{\pi 1} \left[ r_{\pi} \parallel \frac{R_S + \frac{1}{g_{m2}} \parallel R_{EE}}{1 + g_{m1} (\frac{1}{g_{m2}} \parallel R_{EE})} \right]$

$\tau_{(2)} = C_{\pi 2} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{g_{m1}} + R_S \right) \parallel \frac{1}{\beta + 1} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2}} \parallel R_{EE} \right]$

$\tau_{(3)} = (C_{\mu 2} + C_{(2)}) (R_{(2)} \parallel (2C_{(2)}))$  *neg!*

$\omega_H = \frac{1}{\tau_{(0)} + \tau_{\pi} + \tau_{(2)} + \tau_{(3)}}$

$\frac{N_O}{V_I} = \frac{\frac{1}{g_{m1}}}{\frac{1}{g_{m1}} + \frac{1}{g_{m2}}} = \frac{1}{2}$

**MOS Two-Stage Amplifier**

**Step 1:** Eliminate caps.  
**Step 2:** Determine time constants.

$$\tau_{\textcircled{1}} = [C_{gs1} + C_{gd1}(1 + g_{m1}R_{D1})] R_S$$

$$\tau_{\textcircled{2}} = [C_{gd1} + C_{db1} + C_{gd2}] (r_{o1} || R_{D1})$$

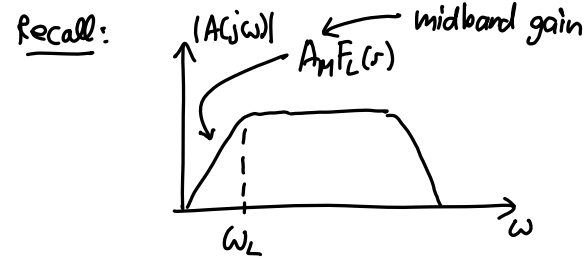
$$\tau_{\textcircled{3}} = C_{sb2} (R_{S2} || \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}}) \quad \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} + \frac{R_{D2}}{\beta + 1}$$

$$\tau_{gs2} = C_{gs2} \left( \frac{R_{D1} + R_{S2}}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb})R_{S2}} \right) \leftarrow \text{not quite right... (see G \& M)}$$

$$\omega_H = \frac{1}{\tau_{\textcircled{1}} + \tau_{\textcircled{2}} + \tau_{\textcircled{3}} + \tau_{gs2}}$$

$\rightarrow$  there's a zero, too!

**Low Freq. Amplifier Response Using Short Circuit Time Constant Analysis (SCTC)**



In general, for the low freq. response:

$$F_L(s) = \frac{s^{n_z} + d_1 s^{(n_z-1)} + \dots}{s^{n_p} + e_1 s^{(n_p-1)} + \dots}, \quad n_z = \# \text{ poles} = \# \text{ zeros}$$

We can express the coefficient  $e_1$  by:

$$e_1 = \omega_{p1} + \omega_{p2} + \dots + \omega_{pn}$$

For the case of a dominant pole:

$\hookrightarrow$  i.e., the highest freq. pole

$$F_L(s) \cong \frac{s}{s + \omega_L} = \frac{s}{s + e_1} \rightarrow e_1 \cong \omega_{p1} = \omega_L$$

$$\omega_L \cong e_1 = \sum_j \omega_{pj} = \sum_j \frac{1}{C_j R_{j_s}} = \sum_j \frac{1}{\tau_{j_s}}$$

where  $C_j \triangleq$  various large ( $> 10 \text{ nF}$ ) capacitors in the ckt. (e.g., the bypass caps.)

$R_{j_s} \triangleq$  driving point resistance seen between the terminals of  $C_j$  determined with:

For readability, can go to Sedra & Smith

① all large capacitors short-circuited, except  $C_j$ , which is replaced by the test voltage source for  $R$  determination

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- ② all independent sources eliminated  
(i.e., short voltage sources, open current sources)
- ③ open all H.F. capacitors (i.e., small caps  
in the pF range, or < 1 nF)

Again, for the case where there are no dominant poles,  
a reasonable approximation is:

$$\omega_L \cong \sqrt{\omega_{p1}^2 + \omega_{p2}^2 - 2\omega_{z1}^2 - 2\omega_{z2}^2}$$