

Summary

Common Source, Common Emitter

- High gain
- CS has infinite R_i , CE has modest R_i (ignoring R_G, R_B)
- High output resistance r_o
- Limited high frequency response (will learn in 102)
- Main configuration for practical amplifier

Add source or emitter resistor

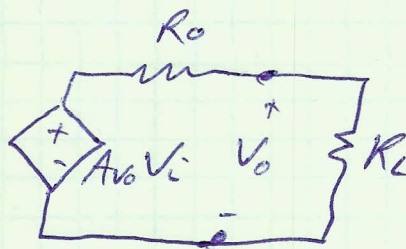
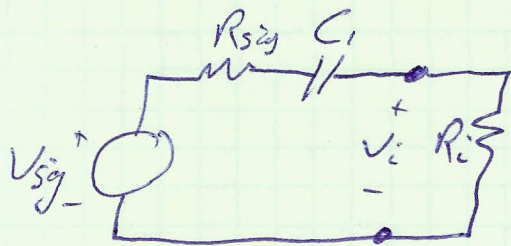
- gain less sensitive to temperature
- higher input resistance for CE $\rightarrow$ add $(1+\beta)R_E$
- lower gain

Common gate, common base

- high gain
- low input resistance $\rightarrow$ only for specialised applications
- typically used in combination with CS or CE (e.g. cascode amplifiers)

Source follower, emitter follower

- high input resistance
- low output resistance
- gain ≈ 1
- Used as buffer, or as output stage to increase current and power to load

Low-Frequency Response

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{R_L}{R_o + R_L} A_{v0}$$

capital V s are phasors

$$\frac{V_i}{V_{sig}} = \frac{R_i}{R_i + R_{sig} + \frac{1}{sC_i}} \quad \underline{s = j\omega}$$

• This will have the form of constant-frequency voltage divider $\times$ frequency response

$$\frac{V_i}{V_{sig}} = \underbrace{\frac{R_i}{R_i + R_{sig}}}_{\text{constant}} \times \frac{s}{s + \omega_{p1}}$$

↳ could set $C \rightarrow \infty$ to find this part, then use that to find ω_{p1}

$$\frac{V_i}{V_{sig}} = \frac{R_i}{R_i + R_{sig} + \frac{1}{sC_i}} \cdot \frac{R_i + R_{sig}}{R_i} \cdot \frac{R_i}{R_i + R_{sig}}$$

$$\hookrightarrow = \frac{R_i + R_{sig}}{R_i + R_{sig} + \frac{1}{sC_i}} = \frac{s}{s + \frac{1}{C_i(R_i + R_{sig})}} = \frac{s}{s + \omega_{p1}}$$

$$\omega_{p1} = 2\pi f_{p1} = \frac{1}{C_i(R_i + R_{sig})}$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_{sig}} = \frac{R_i}{R_i + R_{sig}} \times A_v \times \frac{s}{s + \omega_{p1}}$$

More general approach for finding poles:

(have the students taken a linear systems or control class yet?)

• For transfer function $\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{\text{polynomial in } s}{\text{other polynomial in } s}$

• we can find poles and zeros

zeros: let numerator = 0, solve for s

poles: let denominator = 0, solve for s

• Our circuits will not have any zeros, but have one pole for each capacitor

Pole from capacitor at output

example: common drain amplifier



$$\frac{V_o}{V_{sig}} = \frac{R_L}{R_i + R_{sig}} \times A_v \times \frac{s}{s + \omega_{p2}}$$

$$\omega_{p2} = 2\pi f_{p2} = \frac{1}{C_2 (R_L + R_o \parallel R_o)}$$

For unilateral amplifiers, this is the correct value of f_{p2} from C_2

However if not unilateral (R_i depends on R_L) then R_i will include C_2

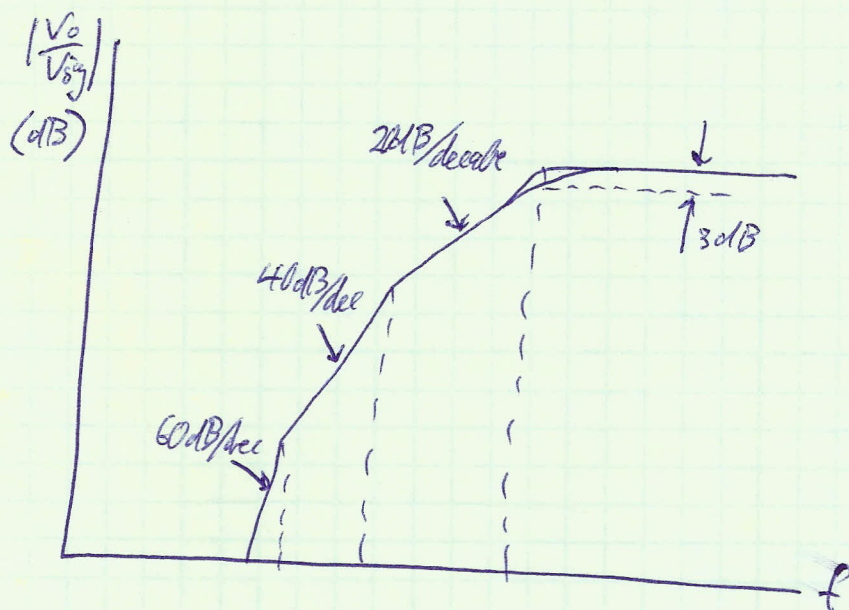
- note $R_L' = R_o \parallel (R_L + \frac{1}{sC_2})$

How to find poles by inspection:

1. Zero out V_{sig}
2. Consider each capacitor separately (others are shorts)
3. Compute the total effective resistance between capacitor terminals
the pole is given by $f_p = \frac{1}{2\pi CR}$

• the total response is:

$$\frac{V_o}{V_{sig}} = A_v \times \frac{s}{s + \omega p_1} \times \frac{s}{s + \omega p_2} \times \frac{s}{s + \omega p_3} \times \dots$$



- If the poles are very far apart, then low frequency cutoff is highest pole
- If they are nearby, $f_c \approx f_{p1} + f_{p2} + f_{p3} + \dots$

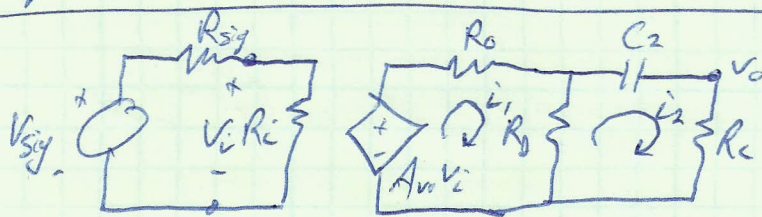
Note: Output resistance is R_o (output resistance with $V_i = 0$)

R_{out} is output resistance with $V_{sig} = 0$

pole for C_2 includes $\frac{R_c}{R_c + R_{sig}}$ term when not unilateral

same formulas can be used, but replace R_o with R_{out}

compare hard way and easy way to find f_p



$$A_v V_i - R_o i_1 - R_o (i_1 - i_2) = 0$$

$$+ R_o (i_2 - i_1) + \frac{1}{sC_2} i_2 + R_L i_2 = 0$$

$$A_v V_i - i_1 (R_o + R_o) + i_2 R_o = 0$$

$$i_2 (R_o + \frac{1}{sC_2} + R_L) = i_1 R_o$$

$$A_v V_i - i_2 \frac{(R_o + R_o)(R_o + \frac{1}{sC_2} + R_L)}{R_o} + i_2 R_o = 0$$

$$i_1 = i_2 \frac{R_o + \frac{1}{sC_2} + R_L}{R_o}$$

$$A_v V_i = i_2 \left[\frac{(R_o + R_o)(R_o + \frac{1}{sC_2} + R_L)}{R_o} - R_o \right]$$

$$\text{note } V_o = i_2 R_L \\ \rightarrow i_2 = \frac{V_o}{R_L}$$

$$A_v V_i = \frac{V_o}{R_L} []$$

$$A_v \frac{V_i}{V_o} = \frac{1}{R_L} [] \rightarrow 0 \text{ to find pole. Solve for } s$$

$$(R_o + R_o)(R_o + \frac{1}{sC_2} + R_L) = R_o^2$$

$$R_o R_o + R_o^2 + (R_o + R_o)(\frac{1}{sC_2} + R_L) = R_o^2$$

$$(R_o + R_o)(\frac{1}{sC_2} + R_L) = -R_o R_o$$

$$\frac{1}{sC_2} + R_L = \frac{-R_o R_o}{R_o + R_o}$$

$$\frac{1}{sC_2} = \frac{-R_o R_o}{R_o + R_o} - R_L$$

$$s = \frac{-1}{C_2 (R_L + R_o || R_o)}$$

$$f_{p2} = \frac{1}{2\pi C_2 (R_L + R_o || R_o)}$$

Now, by inspection =

Zero at $V_{sig} \rightarrow V_i = 0$ too

then $A_v V_i = 0$



$$f_{p2} = \frac{1}{2\pi C_2 (R_L + R_o || R_o)}$$

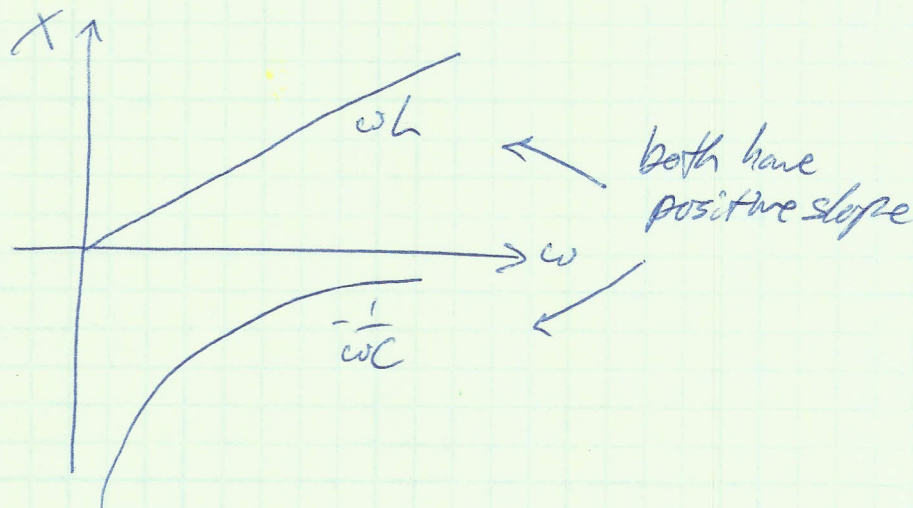
Special topics

Non-Foster circuits

Foster's theorem: reactance of any passive network is always increasing with frequency

Examples: capacitor or inductor

$$X_C = -\frac{1}{\omega C}, \quad X_L = \omega L$$



Why is this important?

1. Matching circuits.
2. Propagating faster than the speed of light.

Matching small antennas

Small antennas behave as a capacitor or inductor with a small radiation resistance



dipole
C



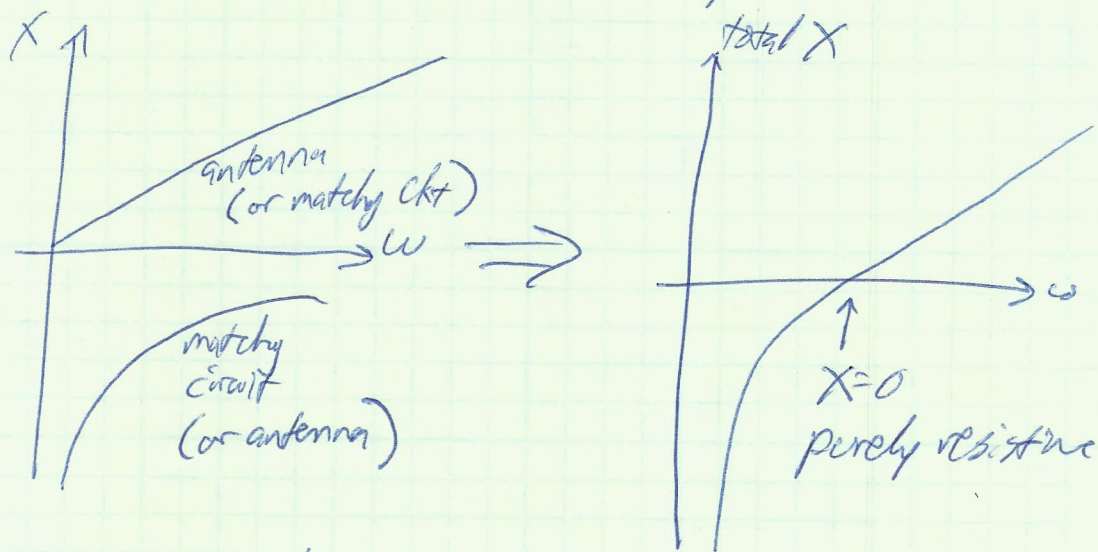
loop
L

oscillating currents cause radiation

$$P_{\text{rad}} = I^2 R_{\text{rad}}$$

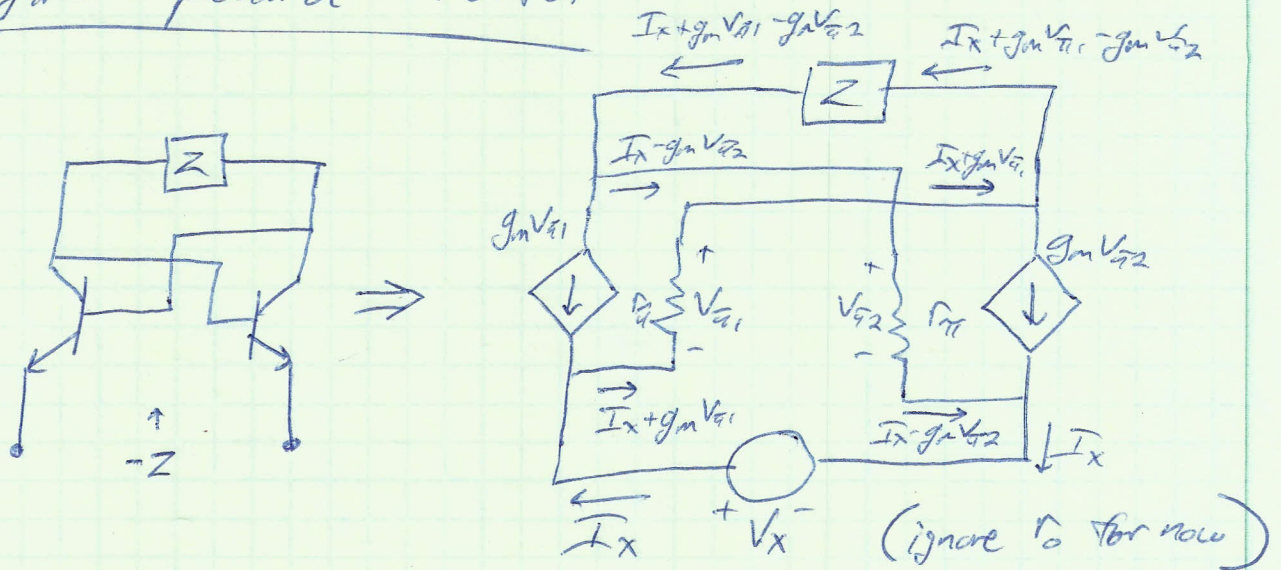
Can model as $\begin{array}{c} C \\ \hline R \end{array}$ or $\begin{array}{c} L \\ \hline R \end{array}$

Inductive antenna - match with capacitor



- Match only works at one frequency $\rightarrow$ narrow band
- Could match over broadband if we have negative capacitors, or negative inductors $\rightarrow$

Negative impedance converter



$$V_x - r_{pi}(I_x + g_m V_{x1}) - Z(I_x + g_m V_{x1} - g_m V_{x2}) - r_{po}(I_x - g_m V_{x2}) = 0$$

$$V_x - r_{pi}(2I_x + g_m V_{x1} - g_m V_{x2}) - Z(I_x + g_m V_{x1} - g_m V_{x2}) = 0$$

$$V_{x1} = -(I_x + g_m V_{x1}) r_{pi}$$

$$-\frac{V_{x1}}{r_{pi}} = I_x + g_m V_{x1}$$

$$V_{x1} \left(-\frac{1}{r_{pi}} - g_m \right) = I_x$$

$$V_{x1} = \frac{-I_x}{\frac{1}{r_{pi}} + g_m}$$

$$V_{x2} = (I_x - g_m V_{x2}) r_{po}$$

$$\frac{V_{x2}}{r_{po}} = I_x - g_m V_{x2}$$

$$V_{x2} \left(\frac{1}{r_{po}} + g_m \right) = I_x$$

$$V_{x2} = \frac{I_x}{\frac{1}{r_{po}} + g_m}$$

$$V_x - r_{pi}(2I_x + g_m(V_{x1} - V_{x2})) - Z(I_x + g_m(V_{x1} - V_{x2})) = 0$$

$$V_{x1} - V_{x2} = \frac{-2I_x}{\frac{1}{r_{pi}} + g_m}$$

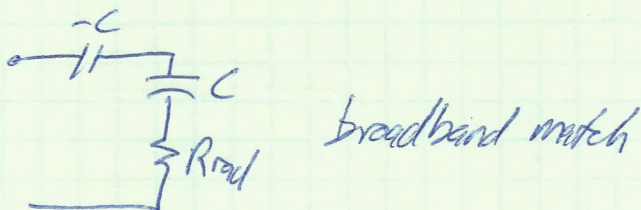
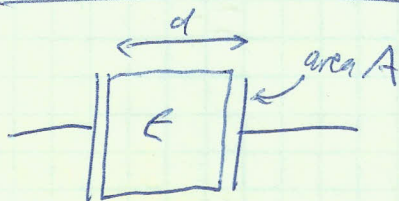
$$V_x - r_{pi} \left(2I_x - g_m \frac{2I_x}{\frac{1}{r_{pi}} + g_m} \right) - Z \left(I_x - g_m \frac{2I_x}{\frac{1}{r_{pi}} + g_m} \right) = 0$$

$$V_x - r_{pi} (2I_x - 2I_x) - Z(I_x - 2I_x) = 0$$

$$V_x + Z I_x = 0$$

$$V_x / I_x = -Z$$

$$\hookrightarrow = 2I_x \cdot \frac{g_m r_{pi}}{1 + g_m r_{pi}} = 2I_x \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1} \approx 2I_x$$

Antenna matched with non-Foster circuitSuperluminal propagation

measure capacitance

$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$$



insert negative capacitors

$$\text{overall } \epsilon < 1 \rightarrow n = \sqrt{\epsilon} < 1$$

waves (but not information) can go faster than c