

INTRODUCTION TO ACTIVE AND PASSIVE ANALOG FILTER DESIGN INCLUDING SOME INTERESTING AND UNIQUE CONFIGURATIONS

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# Introduction



**Generalized Passive Filter** 



Pole Zero Plot on j-Omega Axis

# Most Popular Filter Polynomial Types

Butterworth Chebyshev Linear Phase Elliptic Function

#### **Butterworth**

The Butterworth approximation based on the assumption that a flat response at zero frequency is more important than the response at other frequencies. Normalized transfer function is an all-pole type Roots all fall on a unit circle

The attenuation is 3 dB at 1 rad/s.





N=5 Butterworth LPF and its Dual

# Butterworth LC Element Values (Representative Table, Extensive tables in reference)





# **Butterworth Normalized Pole Locations**

Order n	Real Part —a	Imaginary Part ±jβ
2	0.7071	0.7071
3	0.5000 1.0000	0.8660
4	0.9239 0.3827	0.3827 0.9239
5	0.8090 0.3090 1.0000	0.5878 0.9511
6	0.9659 0.7071 0.2588	0.2588 0.7071 0.9659
7	0.9010 0.6235 0.2225 1.0000	0.4339 0.7818 0.9749

### Chebyshev

If the poles of a normalized Butterworth low-pass transfer function were moved to the right by multiplying the real parts of the pole position by a constant  $k_r$  and the imaginary parts by a constant  $k_j$  where both k's are <1, the poles would lie on an ellipse instead of a unit circle.

The frequency response would ripple evenly. The resulting response is called the Chebyshev or Equiripple function.

Chebyshev filters are categorized in terms of ripple (in dB) and order N.



# **Chebyshev Low-Pass Filter**



(c)

## **Linear Phase Low Pass Filters**

Butterworth filters - good amplitude and transient characteristics Chebyshev family of filters- increased selectivity but poor transient behavior <u>Bessel</u> transfer function - optimized to obtain a linear phase, i.e., a maximally flat delay

Frequency response- Much less selective than other filter types

The low-pass approximation to a constant delay can be expressed as the following general Bessel transfer function:

$$T(s) = \frac{1}{\sinh s + \cosh s}$$

## **Linear Phase Low-Pass Filters**

- Other Linear Phase Filter Families
  - Gaussian
  - Gaussian to 6dB
  - Gaussian to 12dB
  - Linear Phase with Equiripple Error (0.05° and 0.5°)
  - Maximally Flat Delay with Chebyshev Stop-Band

Extensive tables are available in the reference

## **Effects of Non-Linear Phase**



Amplitude and Phase Response of N=3 Butterworth Low-Pass Filter



**Square Wave containing Fourier Series** 



Group Delay of N=3 Butterworth Low-Pass Filter



a) Equally delayed components

b) Unequally delayed components

#### **Elliptic Function**

All filter types previously discussed are all-pole networks. Infinite rejection occurs only at the extremes of the stop-band. Elliptic-function filters have zeros as well as poles at <u>finite</u> frequencies. Introduction of transmission zeros allows the steepest rate of descent theoretically possible for a given number of poles. However the highly non-linear phase response results in poor transient performance.



## **Normalized Elliptic Function Low-Pass Filter**



# Frequency and Impedance Scaling from Normalized Circuit



Normalized N = 3 Butterworth low-pass filter normalized to 1 rad/sec : (*a*) *LC* filter; (*b*) active filter; (*c*) frequency response



Denormalized low-pass filter scaled to 1000Hz: (a) LC filter; (b) active filter; (c) frequency response.

All Ls and Cs of the normalized Low-Pass filter are divided by 2  $\pi$  F\_c where F\_c=1,000 Hz

**Note Impractical Values** 

## **Impedance Scaling**

#### <u>Rule</u>

A transfer function of a network remains unchanged if all impedances are multiplied (or divided) by the <u>same</u> factor.

This factor can be a fixed number or a variable, as long as <u>every</u> impedance element that appears in the transfer function is multiplied (or divided) by the same factor.

Impedance scaling can be mathematically expressed as

$$R' = ZxR$$
$$L' = ZxL$$
$$C' = \frac{C}{Z}$$

Frequency and impedance scaling are normally combined into one step rather than performed sequentially. The denormalized values are then given by

$$L' = ZxL/FSF$$

$$C' = \frac{C}{Z \times FSF}$$



Impedance-scaled filters using Z=1K : (*a*) *LC* filter; (*b*) active filter.

#### **Bartlett's Bisection Theorem**

A passive network designed to operate between two equal terminations can be modified to work between two unequal terminations and still have the same Transfer Function (except for a constant multiplier) if the network is symmetrical. It can then be bisected and either half scaled in impedance.



#### **Active Low-Pass Filters**



Unity gain Active Low-Pass N=2 and N=3

N=2 Section

**N=3 Section** 

$$T(s) = \frac{1}{C_1 C_2 s^2 + 2C_2 s + 1}$$

$$T(s) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} s^2 + \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} s + 1}$$
$$C_1 = \frac{1}{\alpha} \qquad C_2 = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}$$

$$T(S) = \frac{1}{s^3 A + s^2 B + sC + 1}$$

 $A = C_1 C_2 C_3$   $B = 2C_3 (C_1 + C_2)$  $C = C_2 + 3C_3$ 

Values can be frequency and Impedance scaled

**Design of D-Element Active Low-Pass Filters and a Bi-Directional Impedance Converter for Resistive Loads** 

**Generalized Impedance Converters (GIC)** 

$$Z_{11} = \frac{Z_1 Z_3 Z_5}{Z_2 Z_4}$$

By substituting RC combinations for  $Z_1$  through  $Z_5$  a variety of impedances can be realized.



If  $Z_4$  consists of a capacitor having an impedance 1/sC where s=j $\omega$  and all other elements are resistors, the driving point impedance becomes:

$$\mathbf{Z}_{11} = \frac{\mathbf{s}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{R}_3\mathbf{R}_5}{\mathbf{R}_2}$$

The impedance is proportional to frequency and is therefore identical to an inductor having an inductance of:



Note: If R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> and part of a digital potentiometer the value of L can be digitally programmable.

# **D** Element

If both  $Z_1$  and  $Z_3$  are capacitors C and  $Z_2, Z_4$  and  $Z_5$  are resistors, the resulting driving point impedance becomes:

$$Z_{11} = \frac{R_5}{s^2 C^2 R_2 R_4}$$
An impedance proportional  
to 1/s<sup>2</sup> is called a D Element  
$$Z_{11} = \frac{1}{s^2 D}$$
where:  $D = \frac{C^2 R_2 R_4}{R_5}$ If we let C=1F,R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>5</sub>=1  $\Omega$  and R<sub>4</sub>=R we get D=R so:  
$$Z_{11} = \frac{1}{s^2 R}$$

If we let  $s=j\omega$  the result is a Frequency Dependent Negative Resistor FDNR

$$\mathbf{Z}_{11} = \frac{1}{-\omega^2 \mathbf{R}}$$

# **D** Element Circuit



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The 1/S transformation involves multiplying all impedances in a network by 1/S.

# The 1/S Transformation

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Element	Impedance	Transformed Element	Transformed Impedance
}	SL :	₹L.	L
⊥ ⊤c	$\frac{1}{sC}$		$\frac{1}{s^2C}$
} R	R		R s

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# **Design of Active Low-Pass** filter with 3dB point at 400Hz using D Elements



**Frequency and Impedance Scaled Final Circuit** 

Filter is Linear Phase ±0.5° Type

# **Elliptic Function Low-Pass** filter using GICs

Requirements: 0.5dB Maximum at 260Hz 60dB Minimum at 270Hz Steepness factor=1.0385 Normalized Elliptic Function Filter C11 20  $\theta$ =75° N=11 R<sub>db</sub>=0.18dB  $\Omega$ s=1.0353 60.8dB





Note: 1 meg termination resistor is needed to provide DC return path.

## **Bi-Directional Impedance Converter for Matching D Element Filters Requiring Capacitive Loads to Resistive Terminations**



Value of R Arbitrary R<sub>s</sub> is source and load resistive terminations C<sub>GIC</sub> is D Element Circuit Capacitive Terminations

# **High–Pass Filters**



# Normalized Reciprocal Low-Pass High-Pass Relationship

## **Passive High-Pass Filters**

Low-Pass to High-Pass Transformation for Normalized Values



Replace Low-Pass Values by Reciprocal Components Then frequency and impedance scale to desired cut-off



To convert a normalized active low-pass filter into an active high-pass filter replace each resistor by a capacitor having the reciprocal value and vice versa. The filter can then be scaled to the desired cut-off and impedance level.

This conversion does not apply to feedback resistors that determine an amplifiers gain which applies to some active configurations.



This figure shows the relationship of a low-pass filter when transformed into a band-pass filter. The response at frequencies of the low-pass filter results in the same attenuation at corresponding <u>bandwidths</u> of the band-pass filter.

#### **Band-Pass Filters**

#### **Band-Pass Transformation Procedure for LC Filters**

- 1) Design a low-pass filter having the desired <u>Bandwidth</u> of the band-pass filter and impedance level.
- 2) Resonate each inductor with a <u>series</u> capacitor and resonate each capacitor with a <u>parallel</u> inductor. The resonant frequency should be the desired center frequency of the band-pass filter.





Normalized N=3 Butterworth Low-Pass Filter







Effect of Interaction for Less Than an Octave of Separation of Cut-Offs

To prevent impedance interaction between a passive low-pass filter and high-pass filter, a 3dB Attenuator between filters is helpful.

## **Band Reject Filters**



This figure shows the relationship of a high-pass filter when transformed into a band-reject filter. The response at frequencies of the high-pass filter results in the same attenuation at corresponding <u>bandwidths</u> of the band-reject filter.



## **Band-Reject Filters**





- a) N=3 Normalized 1dB Chebyshev LPF
- b) Transformed HPF
- c) Frequency and Impedance Scaled HPF (500Hz BW)
- d) Resonate inductors and capacitors
- e) Resulting Response

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# **High-Q Notch Filters**



This circuit is in the form of a bridge where a signal is applied across terminals' 1 and 2 the output is measured across terminals' 3 and 4. At  $\omega$ =1 all branches have equal impedances of 0.707  $\angle$ -45°so a null occurs across the output.



The circuit is redrawn in figure B in the form of a lattice. Circuit C is the Identical circuit shown as two lattices in parallel.



There is a theorem which states that any branch in series with both the  $Z_A$  and  $Z_B$  branches of a lattice can be extracted and placed outside the lattice. The branch is replaced by a short. This is shown in figure D above. The resulting circuit is known as a <u>Twin-T</u>. This circuit has a null at 1 radian for the normalized values shown.



To calculate values for this circuit pick a convenient value for C. Then  $R_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi f_o C}$ 

The Twin-T has a Q  $(f_0/BW_{3dB})$  of only  $\frac{1}{4}$  which is far from selective.

Note: R-source <<R1 R-load >>R1



Circuit A above illustrates bootstrapping a network  $\beta$  with a factor K. If  $\beta$  is a twin-T the resulting Q becomes:

$$Q = \frac{1}{4(1-K)}$$

If we select a positive K <1, and sufficiently close to 1, the circuit Q can be dramatically increased. The resulting circuit is shown in figure B.

#### **Bridged-T Null Network**



Impedance of a center-tapped parallel resonant circuit <u>at resonance</u> is  $\omega_r LQ$  total and  $\omega_r LQ/4$  from end to center tap (due to N<sup>2</sup> relationship). Hence a phantom negative resistor of  $-\omega_r LQ/4$  appears in the equivalent circuit which can be cancelled by a positive resistor of  $\omega_r LQ/4$  resulting in a very deep null at resonance (60dB or more).

# **Adjustable Q and Frequency Null Network**



T(s) can be any band-pass circuit having properties of unity gain at  $f_r$ , adjustable Q and adjustable  $f_r$ .

# **Q Multiplier Active Bandpass Filters**



The middle term of the denominator has been modified so the circuit Q is given by  $Q/(1-\beta)$  where  $0<\beta <1$ . The Q can then be increased by the factor  $1/(1-\beta)$ . Note that the circuit gain is increased by the same factor.

A simple implementation of this circuit is shown in figure B. The design equations are:

The design equations are. First calculate  $\beta$  from  $\beta = 1 - \frac{Q_r}{Q_{eff}}$ 

where  $\boldsymbol{Q}_{eff}$  is the overall circuit  $\boldsymbol{Q}$  and  $\boldsymbol{Q}_{r}$  is the design  $\boldsymbol{Q}$  of the bandpass section.

The component values can be computed from:



Where R and C can be conveniently chosen.



# **Some Useful Passive Filter** Transformations to Improve Realizability



Increases value of L

# **Narrow Band Approximations**



This transformation can be used to reduce the value of a terminating resistor and yet maintain the narrow-band response.

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where the restrictions  $R_2 < R_1$  and  $(R_1 - R_2)/(R_1^2 R_2) < \omega_0^2 C_T^2$  apply.



The following example illustrates how this approximation can reduce the source impedance of a filter.



# **Using the Tapped Inductor**



An inductor can be used as an auto-transformer by adding a tap



Resonant circuit capacitor values can be reduced



Leakage inductance can wreak havoc



Effect of leakage inductance can be minimized by splitting capacitors which adds additional poles



# **Attenuators**



# Symmetrical T and π Attenuators

K= 10<sup>dB/20</sup>

## For a Symmetrical T Attenuator

 $R_1 = Z \frac{K-1}{K+1}$   $R_3 = \frac{2 Z K}{K^2-1}$ 



Unbalanced

Balanced

# For a Symmetrical $\pi$ Attenuator

$$R_{f} = Z \frac{K+1}{K-1} \qquad \qquad R_{3} = Z \frac{K^{2}-1}{2K}$$



Unbalanced

Balanced

T and PI Attenuators at 500-ohms Impedance Level Values can be scaled to other impedances

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500 û 🗕	₹ R <sub>2</sub>	<b>&gt;</b> 500 Ω	500 Ω ← R.	R₀ ≹ → 500 Ω	
o		-0	0		
dB	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	R2	Ra	Rb	
1	28.8	4330	8700	57.7	
2	57.3	2152	4362	116	
3	85.5	1419	2924	176	
4	113	1048	2210	239	
5	140	822	1785	304	
6	166	669	1505	374	
7	191	558	1307	448	
8	215	473	1161	528	
9	238	406	1050	616	
10	260	351	963	712	

# **Bridged T Attenuator**

$$R_{1} = \frac{R_{0}}{K-1}$$
  $R_{2} = R_{0}(K-1)$ 







Only  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  change to vary attenuation and they change inversely

#### Return Loss

$$A_{\rho} = 20 \log \left| \frac{Z_s + Z_x}{Z_s - Z_x} \right|$$

$$Z_s = \text{standard or Ref Impedance}$$

$$Z_x = \text{Impedance being Measured}$$

If  $Z_s=R_s$ , then a symmetrical attenuator of X dB designed for an impedance of  $R_s$  preceding any network insures a minimum return loss of 2 X dB no matter what the impedance of the network, including zero or infinity (short or open).

For example a 3dB symmetrical attenuator insures a minimum Return Loss of 6dB even if terminated with a short or open.

# **Resistive Power Splitter**

N= total number of ports - 1 (N=K-1)

$$R = R_0 \frac{N-1}{N+1}$$

where  $R_{\rm 0}$  is the impedance at all ports.

Power Loss dB= 10 Log<sub>0</sub> $\frac{1}{N^2}$ 



# **Miscellaneous Circuits and Topics**

# **Constant Delay High Pass Filter**

Delay of N=3 Butterworth High-Pass Filter 3dB at 100Hz



Delay <u>peaks</u> near 3dB Cutoff and approaches zero at higher frequencies <u>Not acceptable if constant delay is desired in the Pass-Band</u>

# **Solution**



Low-Pass Filter has unity gain in stop-band

All-Pass Delay Line has unity gain

In pass-band of Low-Pass Filter signals are cancelled in summer by subtraction In stop-band of Low-Pass Filter the signal path is through the delay line

# **Simple Active Shunt Inductor**





## **All-Pass Delay Line Section**



Flat delay of 1.60 Sec within 1% to 1 Rad/S

$$N = \frac{2 \pi F T_{total}}{1.6}$$

Round off to nearest higher N Use N sections each scaled to delay of T<sub>total</sub>/N Impedance scale to practical values

Use high-Q Inductors to avoid dips at parallel resonant frequency

#### **Duality**

Any ladder network has a dual which has the same transfer function. In order to transform a network into its dual:

- Inductors are transformed into capacitors and vice versa having the same element values (henrys into farads and vice versa)
- •Resistors are transformed into conductances ( ohms into mhos)
- •Open circuit becomes a short circuit and vice versa
- •Voltage sources become current sources and vice versa
- •Series branches become shunt branches and vice versa
- •Elements in parallel become elements in series and vice versa

Note that the following table has schematics on both top and bottom which are <u>duals</u> of each other



# Out of Band Impedance of Low-Pass and High-Pass Filters to Allow Combining

•The input and/or output impedance of a low-pass and high-pass filter is determined to a great extent by the last element.

•For example a low-pass filter having a series inductor

at the load end has a rising impedance at that end in the stop band (for rising frequencies).

- •A high-pass filter having a series capacitor at the load end has a rising impedance In the stop band (for lower frequencies).
- •This property allows the paralleling of low-pass and high-pass filters with minimal interaction as long as the pass-bands don't overlap. By selecting odd or even order filters and/or by using a circuits' dual, the appropriate series terminating element can be forced.

# Simplified Low-Pass High-Pass Combining at Output



# **Practical Implementation in POTS Splitter**



# Wide Band Band-Reject Filter by Low-Pass High-Pass Filters in

Parallel The technique of connecting LC filters in parallel that have rising out-of-band impedance can be used to generate a wide-band band-reject filer. Wide-band is generally defined as at least one octave between cut-offs.





Example having sufficient separation of cut-offs



**Individual Responses** 

**Effect of Insufficient Separation** 



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