

## Active Filter Circuits

### Higher Order Op Amp Filter

Z. Aliyazicioglu

Electrical and Computer Engineering Department  
Cal Poly Pomona

### Higher Order Op Amp Filter

#### Cascading Identical Filter

To obtain a sharper transition between the pass-band and stop-band, we can add more identical filter in cascade.

One filter gives us 20dB/dec slope, two identical cascade filters give us 40 dB/dec slope transition.

$n$  identical cascade low-pass filters give us from the corner frequency  $n20\text{dB/dec}$  slope



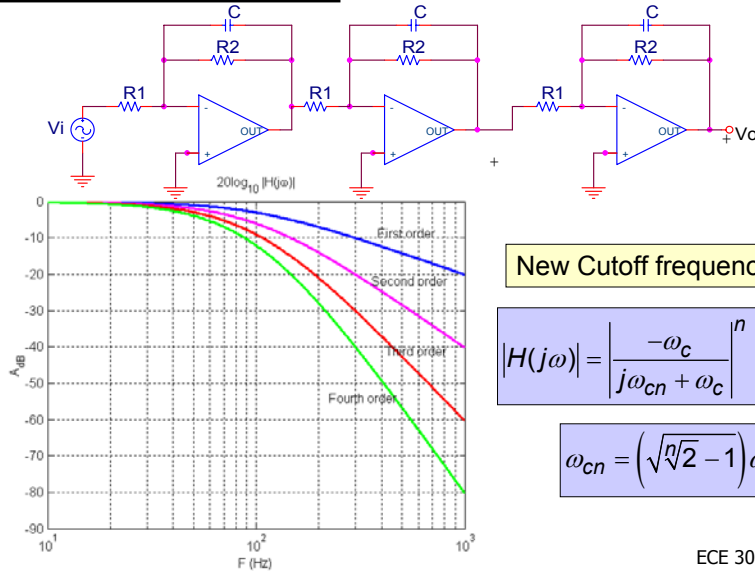
Transfer function

$$H(s) = \left( \frac{-\omega_c}{s + \omega_c} \right) \left( \frac{-\omega_c}{s + \omega_c} \right) \dots \left( \frac{-\omega_c}{s + \omega_c} \right)$$

$$H(s) = \left( \frac{-\omega_c}{s + \omega_c} \right)^n$$

## Higher Order Op Amp Filter

### Cascading Identical Filter



New Cutoff frequency

$$|H(j\omega)| = \left| \frac{-\omega_c}{j\omega_{cn} + \omega_c} \right|^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

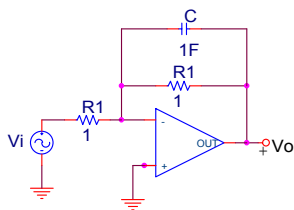
$$\omega_{cn} = \left( \sqrt[n]{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) \omega_c$$

ECE 307-11 3

## Higher Order Op Amp Filter

### Example

- Design 4 order low-pass filter with cut-off frequency is 500Hz and a pass-band gain is 10. Use capacitor 1μF capacitors



From the cutoff frequency

$$\omega_{cn} = \left( \sqrt[n]{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) \omega_c$$

$$\omega_c = \frac{\omega_{cn}}{\left( \sqrt[n]{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right)} = \frac{2\pi 500}{0.435} = 7222.39 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\omega_c = \frac{1}{RC} \quad R = \frac{1}{\omega_c C} = \frac{1}{7222.39(10^{-6})} = 138.45 \Omega$$

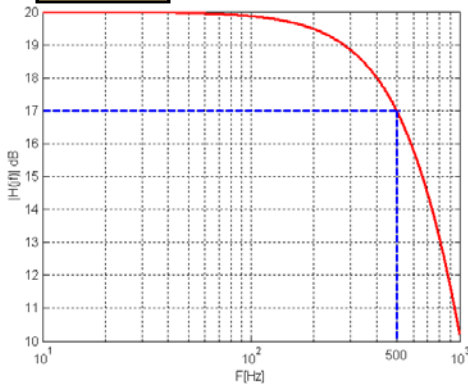
For gain specification, we need to change Rf

$$R_f = GR_2 = 10(138.45) = 1383.5 \Omega$$

ECE 307-11 4

## Higher Order Op Amp Filter

### Example



```
>> f=10:1:1000;
>> w=2*pi*f;
>> wc=7222.39;
>> h=20*log10(10)-
80*log10(abs(1+j*w/wc));
>> semilogx(f,h)
>> grid on
>> xlabel('F[Hz]')
>> ylabel('|H(jf)| dB')
>>
```

$$A_{dB} = 20\log_{10}(10) + 20\log_{10} \left| 1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_c} \right|$$

Each filter Cutoff frequency

$$\omega_c = 7222.39 \text{ rad/s}$$

Final Cutoff frequency

$$\omega_{cN} = 2\pi 500 \text{ rad/s}$$

ECE 307-11 5

$$H(j\omega) = (-10) \left( \frac{-\omega_c}{j\omega + \omega_c} \right)^4 = (-10) \left( \frac{-1}{1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_c}} \right)^4$$

## Butterworth Filters

### Butterworth Filters

A unity gain Butterworth Filter Transfer function

$$|H(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^{2n}}}$$

N is integer and denotes the order of the filter

The cutoff frequency is  $\omega_c$  for all values of n  
 If n is large enough, the denominator is always close to unity  
 when  $\omega < \omega_c$   
 The exponent of  $\omega / \omega_c$  is always even

We can set  $\omega_c$  equal to 1 rad/s in the transfer function, then we use scaling transform

ECE 307-11 6

## Butterworth Filters

### Butterworth Filters

• We know that  $|H(j\omega)|^2 = H(j\omega)H(-j\omega)$   $|H(j\omega)|^2 \Big|_{j\omega=s} = H(s)H(-s)$

So we observe that  $s^2 = -\omega^2$

Then  $|H(j\omega)|^2 = \frac{1}{1+(\omega)^{2n}} = \frac{1}{1+(\omega^2)^n} = \frac{1}{1+(-s^2)^n} = \frac{1}{1+(-1^n)s^{2n}}$

$$H(s)H(-s) = \frac{1}{1+(-1^n)s^{2n}}$$

Given value of a

- Find the roots of the polynomial  $1+(-1^n)s^{2n} = 0$
- Assign the left-half plane roots to H(s) and the right-half plane roots to H(-s)
- Combine terms in the denominator of H(s) to form first and second order factors.

ECE 307-11 7

## Butterworth Filters

### Example

Find Butterworth filter transfer function for n=2 and n=3

For n=2  $1+(-1^2)s^4 = 0$   $s^4 = -1$   $s^4 = 1 \angle 180^\circ$

Therefore the four roots

$$s_1 = 1 \angle 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}} \quad s_2 = 1 \angle 135^\circ = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$s_3 = 1 \angle 225^\circ = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}} \quad s_4 = 1 \angle 315^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Roots  $s_2$  and  $s_3$  in the left-half plane

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{(s + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}})(s + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{j}{\sqrt{2}})}$$

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{(s^2 + \sqrt{2}s + 1)}$$

ECE 307-11 8

## Butterworth Filters

For  $n=3$   $1+(-1^3)s^6 = 0$      $s^6 = 1$      $s^6 = 1\angle 360^\circ$

Therefore the four roots

$s_1 = 1\angle 0^\circ = 1$      $s_2 = 1\angle 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$      $s_3 = 1\angle 120^\circ = -\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$s_4 = 1\angle 180^\circ = -1$      $s_5 = 1\angle 240^\circ = -\frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$      $s_6 = 1\angle 300^\circ = \frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Roots  $s_3, s_4$  and  $s_5$  in the left-half plane

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s + \frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})(s + \frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})}$$

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s^2 + s + 1)}$$

## Butterworth Filters

### Butterworth Polynomials ( $\omega_c = 1 \text{ rad/s}$ )

n	Nth order Butterworth polynomials
1	$(s + 1)$
2	$(s^2 + \sqrt{2}s + 1)$
3	$(s + 1)(s^2 + s + 1)$
4	$(s^2 + 0.765s + 1)(s^2 + 1.848s + 1)$
5	$(s + 1)(s^2 + 0.618s + 1)(s^2 + 1.618s + 1)$
6	$(s^2 + 0.518s + 1)(s^2 + \sqrt{2}s + 1)(s^2 + 1.932s + 1)$

- A circuit can be scaled in both magnitude and frequency in simultaneously

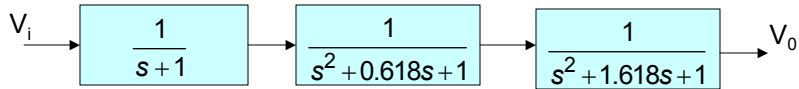
$$R' = k_m R$$

$$C' = \frac{C}{k_m k_f}$$

## Butterworth Filters

### Butterworth Filter Circuit

- Fifth order Butterworth filter block diagram is shown in the following figure.



Each block indicates the transfer function. Butterworth filter cutoff frequency is  $\omega_c = 1 \text{ rad/s}$

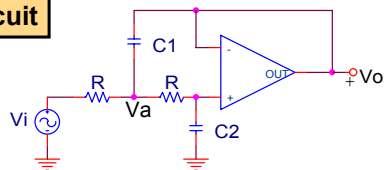
We have designed first order active filter in the previous classes. Now, we need to design second order active filter, which is

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + bs + 1}$$

ECE 307-11 11

## Butterworth Filters

### Butterworth Low-Pass Filter Circuit



- Node equations

$$\frac{V_a - V_i}{R} + (V_a - V_0)sC_1 + \frac{(V_a - V_0)}{R} = 0$$

$$2 + RC_1V_a - (1 + RC_1s)V_0 = V_i$$

$$V_0sC_2 + \frac{(V_0 - V_a)}{R} = 0$$

$$-V_a + (1 + RC_2s)V_0 = 0$$

$$V_0 = \frac{V_i}{R^2C_1C_2s^2 + 2RC_2s + 1}$$

$$H(s) = \frac{V_0}{V_i} = \frac{1}{s^2 + \frac{2}{RC_1}s + \frac{1}{R^2C_1C_2}}$$

ECE 307-11 12

## Butterworth Filters

### Butterworth Filter Circuit

- Set  $R=1\Omega$ , then

$$H(s) = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{1}{s^2 + \frac{2}{C_1}s + \frac{1}{C_1C_2}}$$

- Second order circuit in Butterworth filter

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + bs + 1}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{2}{C_1}$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{C_1C_2}$$

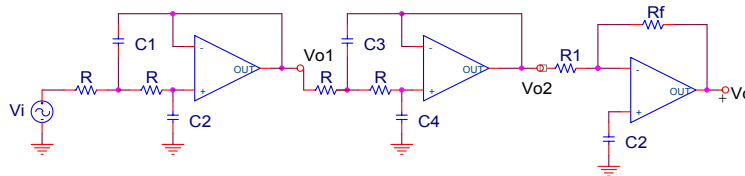
- Second order Butterworth filter with cutoff frequency of  $\omega_c = 1$  rad/s and gain is 1.
- Use frequency scaling to calculate revised capacitor values for the wanted cutoff frequency
- Use magnitude scaling to provide more realistic component value

ECE 307-11 13

## Butterworth Filters

### Example

- Design a fourth order Butterworth low-pass filter with a cutoff frequency 500Hz and passband gain of 10.



- From the Butterworth polynomial table

$$(s^2 + 0.765s + 1)(s^2 + 1.848s + 1)$$

- Thus we need two cascade of two second order filters and inverting amplifier circuit for gain 10

- First stage of cascade

$$0.765 = \frac{2}{C_1}$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{C_1C_2}$$

$$C_1 = 2.61 F$$

$$C_2 = 0.38 F$$

ECE 307-11 14

## Butterworth Filters

**Example**

Second stage of cascade

$$(s^2 + 1.848s + 1)$$

$$1.848 = \frac{2}{C_3}$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{C_3 C_4}$$

$$C_3 = 1.08 \text{ F}$$

$$C_4 = 0.924 \text{ F}$$

Frequency scaling factor  $f_c = 500 \text{ Hz}$

$$k_f = \frac{\omega_c}{1 \text{ rad/s}} = 2\pi 500 = 3141.6$$

To have  $R = 1 \text{ K}\Omega$ , magnitude scaling factor

$$k_m = 1000$$

$$R' = k_m R = 1 \text{ K}\Omega$$

$$C' = \frac{C}{k_m k_f}$$

$$C_1 = 831 \text{ nF}$$

$$C_3 = 344 \text{ nF}$$

$$C_2 = 121 \text{ nF}$$

$$C_4 = 294 \text{ nF}$$

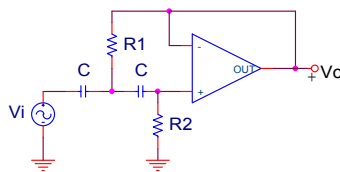
For inverting amplifier stage, let  $R_i = 1 \text{ K}\Omega$

$$R_f = 10R_i = 10 \text{ K}\Omega$$

ECE 307-11 15

## Butterworth Filters

### Butterworth High-Pass Filter



Second order High-pass filter form

$$H(s) = \frac{s^2}{s^2 + b_1 s + 1}$$

The transfer function of the circuit

$$H(s) = \frac{V_0}{V_i} = \frac{s^2}{s^2 + \frac{2}{R_2 C} s + \frac{1}{R_1 R_2 C^2}}$$

Setting  $C = 1 \text{ F}$

$$H(s) = \frac{V_0}{V_i} = \frac{s^2}{s^2 + \frac{2}{R_2} s + \frac{1}{R_1 R_2}}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{2}{R_2}$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{R_1 R_2}$$

Example : Second order Butterworth filter

$$(s^2 + \sqrt{2}s + 1)$$

$$R_2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = 1.41 \Omega$$

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{R_2} = 0.707 \Omega$$

ECE 307-11 16



## Butterworth Filters

**Example**

Second order Butterworth High-pass filter with cutoff frequency 1KHz gain 10. Use 0.1uF capacitor

From the Butterworth polynomial table

$$(s^2 + \sqrt{2}s + 1)$$

We need a second order filters and an inverting amplifier circuit for gain 10

$$b_1 = \frac{2}{R_2}$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{R_1 R_2}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = 1.41 \Omega$$

$$R_1 = \frac{1}{R_2} = 0.707 \Omega$$

Frequency scaling factor  $f_c = 1000$  Hz

$$k_f = \frac{\omega_c}{1 \text{ rad/s}} = 2\pi 1000 = 6283.2$$

To have  $C = 0.1 \mu\text{F}$ , magnitude scaling factor

**New R Values**

$$k_m = \frac{C}{C \cdot k_f} = \frac{1}{0.1(10^{-6})6283.2} = 1591.5$$

$$R_{1n} = k_m R_1 = 1591.5 (0.707) = 1125 \Omega$$

$$R_{2n} = k_m R_2 = 1591.5 (1.41) = 2244 \Omega$$

ECE 307-11 17

## Butterworth Filters

**Example (Cont)**

For inverting amplifier stage, let  $R_i = 1 \text{K} \Omega$

$$R_f = 10 R_i = 10 \text{K} \Omega$$

Finally, we have

$$H(s) = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{s^2}{s^2 + \frac{2}{R_2 C} s + \frac{1}{R_1 R_2 C^2}} \left( -\frac{R_f}{R_i} \right)$$

$$R_1 = 1125 \Omega$$

$$R_i = 1 \text{K} \Omega$$

$$R_2 = 2244 \Omega$$

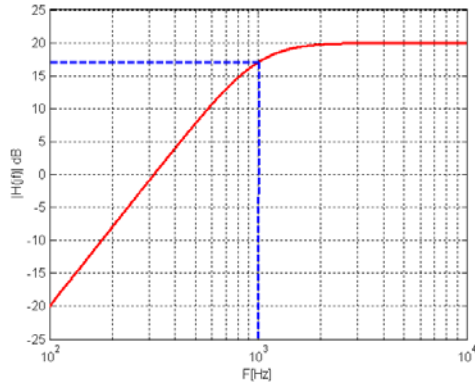
$$R_f = 10 \text{K} \Omega$$

$$C = 0.1 \mu\text{F}$$

ECE 307-11 18

## Butterworth Filters

Example (Cont) :



MatLab

```

>> R1=1125;
>> R2=2244;
>> C=0.1e-6;
>> Rf=10000;
>> Ri=1000;
>> f=100:1:10000;
>> w=2*pi*f;
>>
H=(j*w).^2./((j*w).^2+2./(R2
*C).*j*w+1./(R1*R2*C^2))*(-
Rf/Ri);
>> A=20*log10(abs(H));
>> semilogx(f,A);
>> grid on;
>> xlabel('F[Hz]');
>> ylabel('|H(jf)| dB');
    
```

## Butterworth Filters

Orcad :

