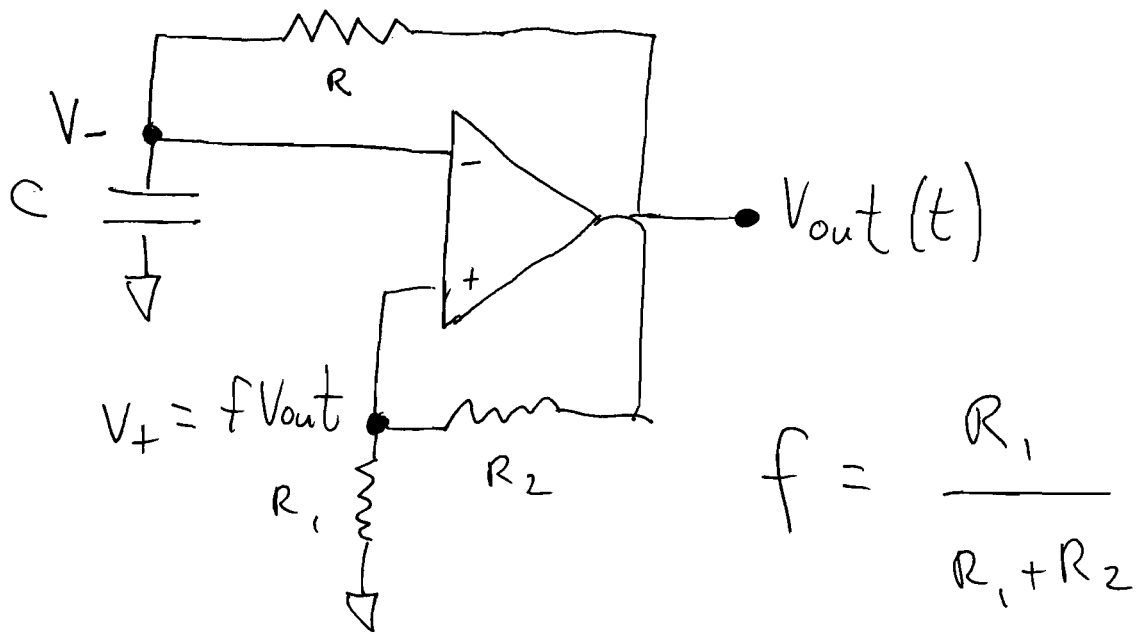


# Op-Amp Oscillators :

## Astable Multivibrator :



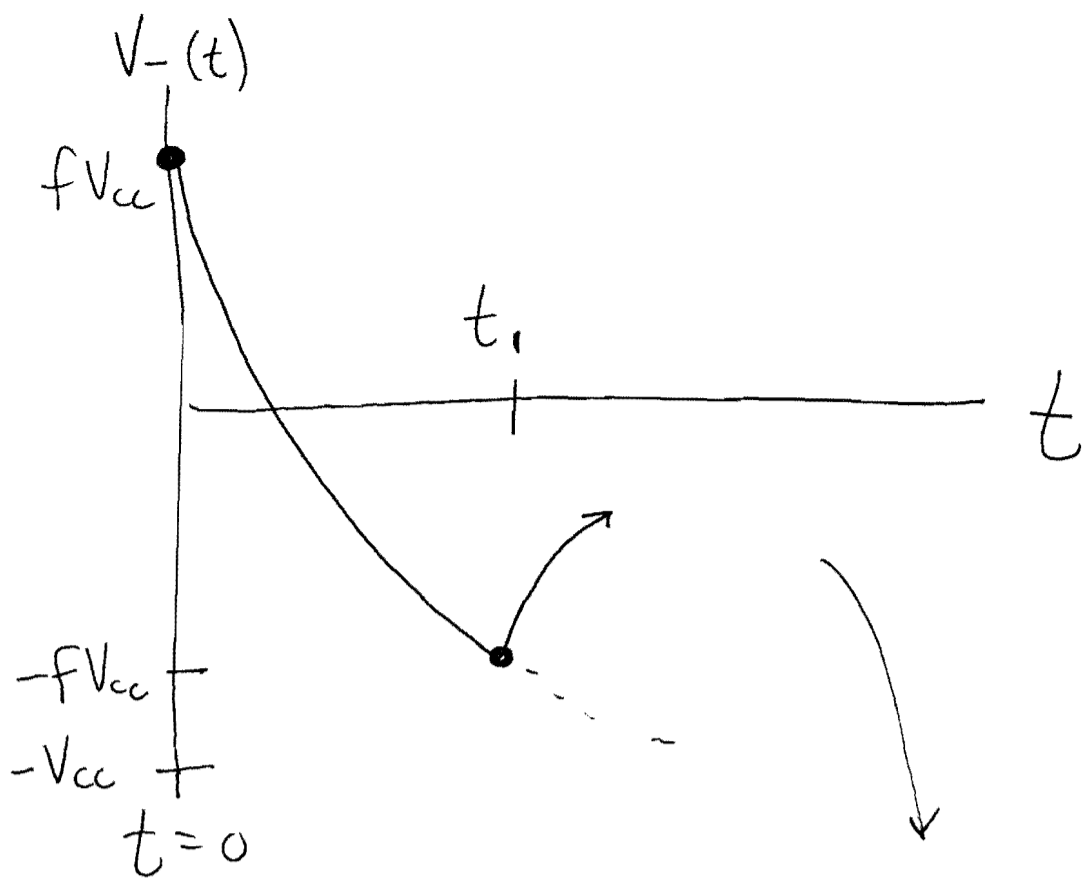
## Boundary Conditions :

Choose  $t=0$  to be when  $V_{out}(t)$  has just switched from  $+V_{cc}$  to  $-V_{cc}$ .

$$V_-(0) = fV_{cc} \text{ (Decaying)} \quad V_+(0) = -fV_{cc}$$

$$V_{out}(0) = -V_{cc}$$

(1)



Now write down  $V_-(t)$  function.

$$V_-(t) = V_{cc}(1+f)e^{-t/RC} - V_{cc}$$

check  $V_-(0) = fV_{cc}$  ✓

$V_-(\infty) = -V_{cc}$  (asymptotic limit)

derivation :

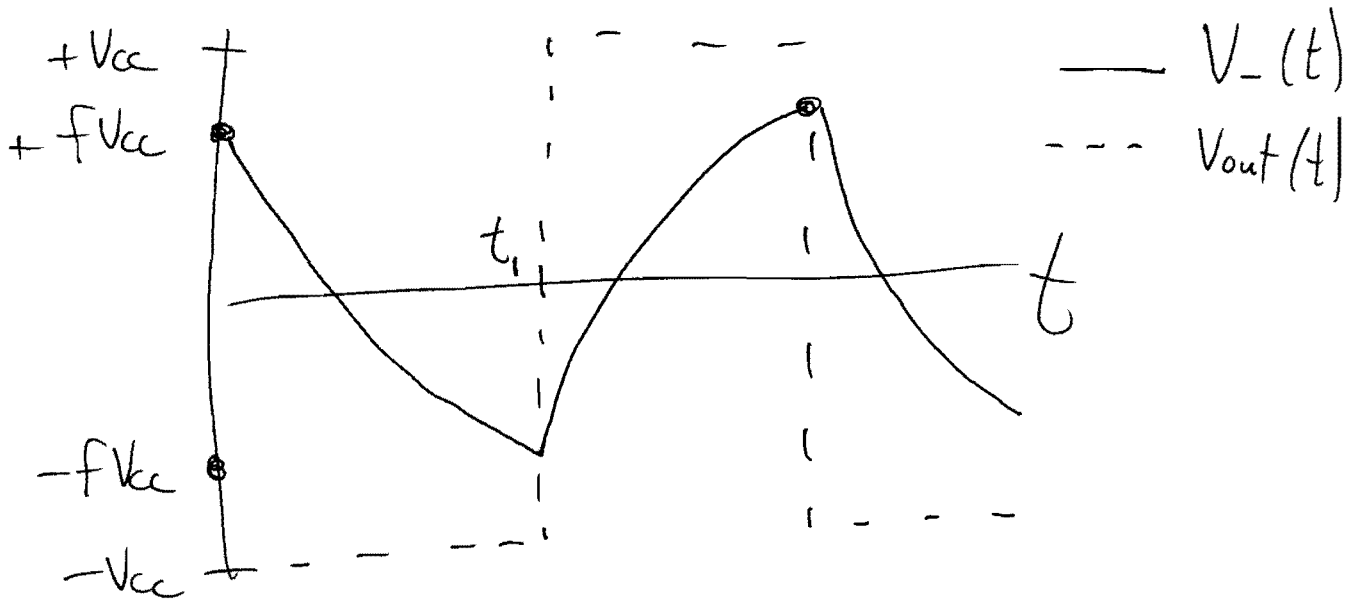
$$V_-(t_1) = -fV_{cc} = V_{cc}(1+f)e^{-t_1/RC} - V_{cc}$$

or  $-f = (1+f)e^{-t_1/RC} - 1$  (2)

therefore,  $\frac{1-f}{1+f} = e^{-t_1/RC}$

or equivalently  $t_1 = RC \ln\left(\frac{1+f}{1-f}\right)$

Recall the output waveforms ...



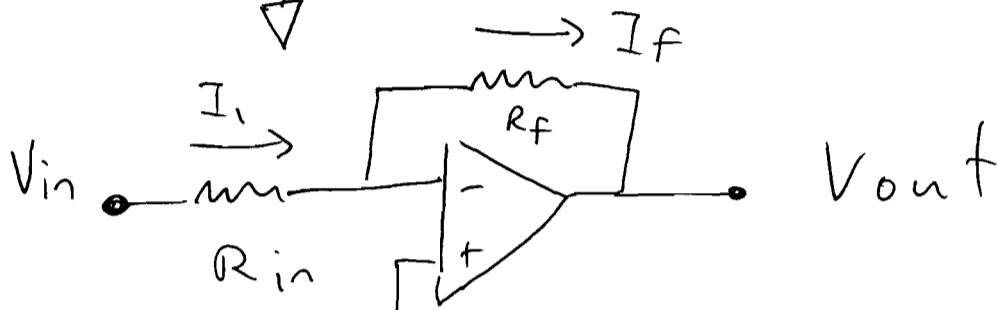
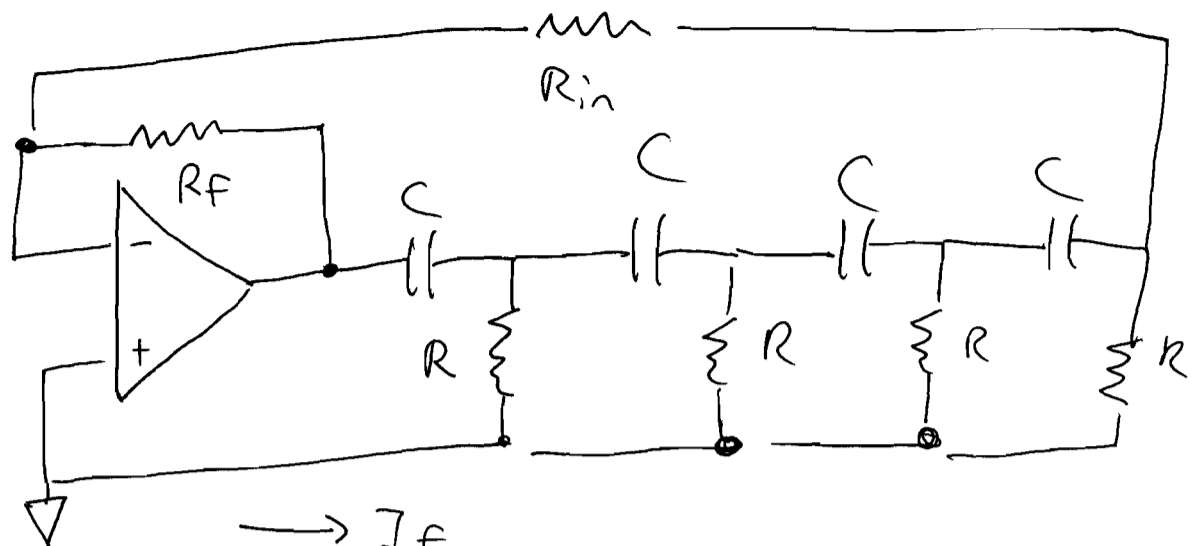
$2t_1 = T$  (period of  $V_{out}$ )

$\Rightarrow T = 2RC \ln\left(\frac{1+f}{1-f}\right)$

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# Phase shift oscillator :

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$$V_+ = V_- \approx 0$$

Assuming

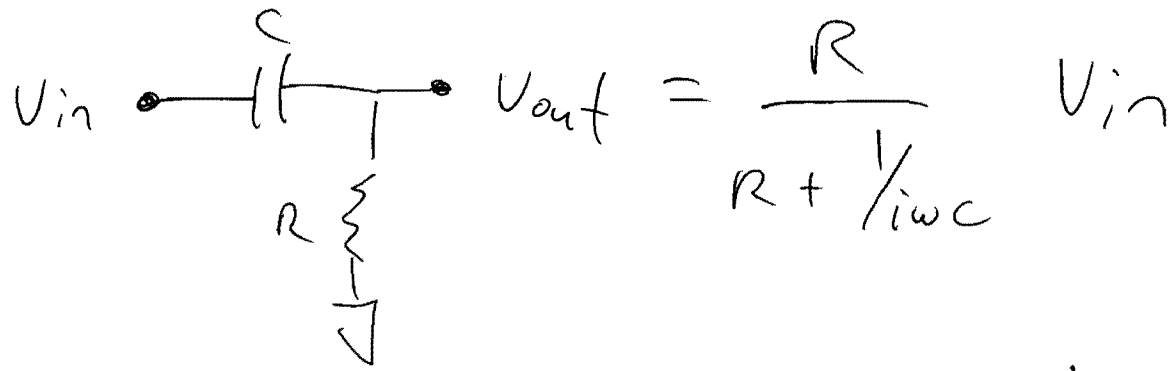
$$I_B = 0$$

$$I_i = I_f, \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{V_{in} - V_-}{R_{in}} = \frac{V_- - V_{out}}{R_f} \Rightarrow V_{out} = -\frac{R_f}{R_{in}} V_{in}$$

It's very important to note that  $G = G(\omega) \approx \frac{G_0}{1 + i\omega/\omega_0}$ , so the output op-amp signal phase is not always  $\pi$ .

CR Filters : (Remember approximations when constructing  $A_{TOT}$ )



$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \approx A(\omega) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{i\omega RC}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{i}{\omega RC}}$$

$$A(\omega) \approx \frac{e^{i \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\omega RC}\right)}}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{1}{\omega RC}\right)^2}}$$

Phase  $\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\omega RC}\right)$

(5)

Oscillation occurs in these circuits when  $\Delta\phi_{\text{TOTAL}}$  round trip is  $2\pi$ . If  $\phi_{\text{op-amp}} = \pi$ , then the CR filters need to pick up the other  $\pi$ .

Ex: 4 CR filters make  $\phi = \pi$  each must have  $\phi_i = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\phi_{\text{(per stage)}} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\omega RC}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

leads to  $\left( \omega = \frac{1}{RC} \text{ produces } \phi_i = \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

Ex: 2 CR filters

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\omega RC}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

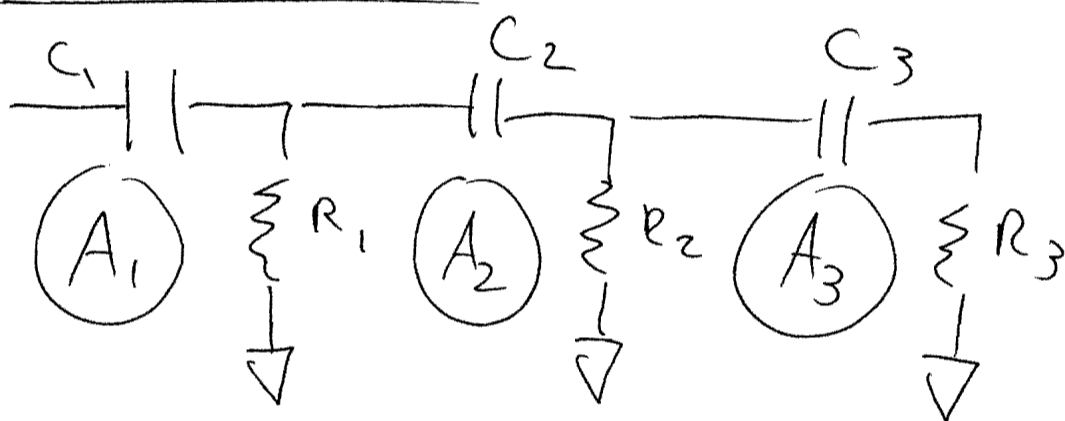
but  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \infty$  ?

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## Exact Transmission Functions :

Due to the interaction between circuit elements multiplication of <sup>individual</sup> transmission functions is only an approximation for the exact transmission function.

## Exact Method :



$$A_1 = \frac{z_1}{z_1 + z_{C_1}} = \frac{z_1}{z_1 + \frac{1}{i\omega C_1}}$$

$$z_1 = R_1 \parallel \left( z_{C_2} + R_2 \parallel (z_{C_3} + R_3) \right)$$

(7)

The previous  $Z_1$  impedance is the circuit acting back on  $R_1$ .

$$A_2 = \frac{Z_2}{Z_2 + Z_{C_2}} = \frac{Z_2}{Z_2 + \frac{1}{i\omega C_2}}$$

$$Z_2 = R_2 \parallel (Z_{C_3} + R_3)$$

$$A_3 = \frac{R_3}{R_3 + Z_{C_3}} = \frac{R_3}{R_3 + \frac{1}{i\omega C_3}}$$

Useful to picture every object to ~~the~~ the right "acting back" on previous stages to effect the transmission function. (8)



$A_{TOT} = A_1 A_2 A_3$ , where

$A_{1,2,3}$  include the modified

$z_1, z_2, z_3$  values which

encode all interaction.

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