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Feedback in Electronic Circuits

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In this analysis, A is defined as the gain of the amplifier without feedback, known as the open loop gain, B is the gain of the feedback network, T=-AB is known as the loop gain, and Af is the gain of the amplifier with feedback, known as the closed loop gain.

INTRODUCTION

NEGATIVE FEEDBACK: If the loop gain is negative for any circuit then that circuit has negative feedback. For negative feedback the closed loop gain is:

$$Af = \frac{A}{1 + AB}$$

POSITIVE FEEDBACK: If the loop gain is positive for any circuit then that circuit has positive feedback. Af = A / (1 - AB). Note that if AB = 1 the gain Af = infinity and the circuit will oscillate. That is no input is needed. Which is useful if you want an oscillator.

We will continue by discussing only negative feedback.

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Feedback **NEGATIVE FEEDBACK DECREASES SENSITIVITY** Decrease in Sensitivity – Suppose A changes by x%. How much would Af change? To answer this question lets compute the sensitivity of Af with respect to A: $\int_{A}^{Af} = \frac{\text{Incremental change in Af}}{\text{Incremental change in A}} = \frac{\Delta Af / Af}{\Delta A / A}$ Sensitivity symbol (not integral) $\Delta Af = \frac{\delta Af}{\delta A} \Delta A = \frac{\delta \left(\frac{A}{1+AB}\right)}{\delta A} \Delta A = \frac{1}{(1+AB)^2} \Delta A$ $\frac{\Delta A f}{\Delta f} = \frac{\frac{1}{(1+AB)^2} \Delta A}{A f} = \frac{\frac{1}{(1+AB)^2} \Delta A}{\underline{A}} = \frac{1}{(1+AB)} \frac{\Delta A}{A}$ $\int_{A}^{Af} = \frac{1}{(1+AB)}$

So we see that the sensitivity of the gain Af to changes in gain A is less than 1 which is an improvement over an amplifier without feedback.

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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK DECREASES SENSITIVITY

Decrease in Sensitivity -



The gain without feedback, A, is large but not precise (may change from one op amp to the next).

The gain with feedback, A_f, is -R2/R1 = -10 which is precise (and lower than A) Rochester Institute of Technology Microelectronic Engineering © February 11, 2013 Dr. Lynn Fuller, Professor
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK DECREASES DISTORTION

Reduction in Distortion: Suppose and amplifier consists of two stages, A1 and A2 such that A = A1 A2 and that distortion is modeled as the addition of an unwanted signal XS' as shown in the figure below.



NEGATIVE FEEDBACK DECREASES DISTORTION

$$XL = A2 XE' = A2 (XI + XS')$$
$$XL = A2(A1XE + XS') = A2 (A1(XS-XF) + XS')$$
$$XL = A2(A1(XS-BXL) + XS')$$

XL = A2A1XS - A2A1BXL + A2XS'

$$XL = \frac{A1A2}{(1+A1A2B)} \left(XS + \frac{XS'}{A1} \right)$$

If Xs' were some unwanted signal, say distortion, we could decrease the effect of Xs' by introducing it as close as possible to the output of the amplifier. In other words make A, as large as possible, use feedback to achieve the desired gain and also reduce distortion introduced after A1. In many amplifiers distortion is introduced in the output stage, (crossover, etc.)

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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK INCREASES BANDWITDTH

Bandwidth is the frequency range where the amplifier gain is flat.

SUMMARY OF ADVANTAGES OF NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

Negative feedback reduces the gain of an amplifier compared to the gain without feedback:

However, an amplifier with negative feedback has the following improvements

1. The gain with feedback is less sensitive to the amplifier gain value itself

- 2. Feedback can reduce unwanted distortion.
- 3. Feedback increases the bandwidth

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REVIEW OF TWO PORT EQUIVALENT CIRCUITS

+ V2

> + V2

$$II = y_{11} VI + y_{12} V2$$

$$I2 = y_{21} VI + y_{22} V2$$

$$VI = h_{11} II + h_{12} V2$$

$$I2 = h_{21} II + h_{22} V2$$

$$II = g_{11} VI + g_{12} V2$$

$$II = g_{11} VI + g_{12} V2$$

$$II = g_{21} VI + g_{22} V2$$

$$VI = h_{11} II + h_{12} V2$$

$$II = h_{11} II$$

GENERALIZED APPROACH

A Generalized Approach for the Analysis of Feedback Amplifiers:

The components of a feedback amplifier are:

- 1. An Amplifier (y,g,h,z parameter two-port model)
- 2. A Feedback Network (y,g,h,z parameter two-port model)
- 3. A Sampling Network (series or parallel connections)
- 4. A Mixing or Comparing Network (connections)
- 5. A Load (a resistor)
- 6. A Source (Thevenin or Norton equivalent)

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AMPLIFIER MODELS

SAMPLING, MIXING, LOAD, SOURCE

3. The sampling network consists of the wires used to connect the feedback network to the amplifier. Sampling can be done in parallel (voltage sampling) or in series (current sampling) with the load.

4. The mixing network consists of the wires used to connect the feedback network to the amplifier. Mixing can be in parallel (shunt) or series with the source.

5. The load is a resistor connected to the output of the amplifier.

6. The source is represented by its Thevinin or Norton equivalent circuit.

FEEDBACK AMPLIFIER CONFIGURATIONS

Since A and B are being considered as two-port networks there are four ways in which these two-port networks can be connected to provide feedback as shown below:

VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

Since **voltage** – **shunt** feedback implies parallel connections for the sampling and mixing networks. We will select, y-parameter two port models and a Norton model for the source. The resulting equivalent circuit can be greatly simplified by combining parallel current sources and parallel conductances.

VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

Select y-parameters and Norton equivalent circuits for voltage-shunt feedback:

SIMPLIFIED VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

From the previous page we combine current sources in parallel and conductances in parallel. (the equivalent circuit is simplified)

ANALYSIS OF VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

 $A_{Rf} = VL/IS$ is the gain with feedback : Notice that the gain with feedback, Af, for voltage-shunt feedback has units of ohms (Ω). Af is not a voltage gain, it is not a current gain, it is a transresistance.

Suppose we wanted a voltage gain instead of transresistance. Recall that IS came from the Norton equivalent of the source. Thus VS = IS RS $A_{Rf} = VL/IS$

> $A_{Vf} = VL/VS = (VL/IS) (1/RS) = A_{Rf} (1/RS)$ $A_{If} = IL/VS = (VL/IS) (1/RL) = A_{Rf} (1/RL)$

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disabled. A_R is not the gain of the feedback with the feedback disconnected.

$$A_{Rf} = \frac{\frac{-y_{21}}{y_{11}y_{22}}}{1 + \frac{-y_{12}y_{21}}{y_{11}y_{22}}} = \frac{-y_{21}}{y_{11}y_{22}}$$

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ANALYSIS OF VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

 $B = y_{12}$: this quantity is very important for estimating the gain of the amplifier with feedback

$$A_{Rf} \sim \frac{1}{B} = \frac{1}{y_{12}}$$

This approximation is good as y_{21} goes to infinity

Exact gain

 $\mathbf{T} = -\mathbf{B}\mathbf{A} = \frac{\mathbf{y}_{12}\mathbf{y}_{21}}{\mathbf{y}_{11}\mathbf{y}_{22}}$

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ANALYSIS OF VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

Input Admittance, $Y_{If} = IS/Ve$

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EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

3. Find the combined parameters

$y_{11} = y_{11}^{A} + y_{11}^{B} + 1/RS$	= 1e-3 + 1e-4 + 1e-3	= 2.1e-3
$y_{12} = y_{12}^{A} + y_{12}^{B}$	= 0 + -1e-4	= -1e-4
$y_{21} = y_{21}^{A} + y_{21}^{B}$	= 0.1 - 1e - 4	= 0.0999 = 0.1
$y_{22} = y_{22}^{A} + y_{22}^{B} + 1/RL$	=1e-3 + 1e-4 + 1e-3	= 2.1e-3

4. Compute quantities of interest

4.1 Gain with feedback (transresistance)

$$A_{Rf} = \frac{\frac{-y_{21}}{y_{11}y_{22}}}{1 + \frac{-y_{12}y_{21}}{y_{11}y_{22}}} = \frac{\frac{-0.1}{(2.1e-3)(2.1e-3)}}{1 + \frac{-0.1(-1e-4)}{(2.1e-3)(2.1e-3)}} = -6940 \text{ ohms}$$

4.2 Voltage gain with feedback

 $A_{Vf} = A_{Rf} (1/RS) = -6940 (1/1000) = -6.94$

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EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

4.3 Current Gain with Feedback

$$A_{If} = A_{Rf} (1/RL) = -6940 (1/1000) = -6.94$$

4.4 Approximate Gain

$$A_{Rf} \sim = 1/y_{12} = -1/1e-4 = -10000 \text{ ohms}$$

 $A_{Vf} \sim = -10000 (1/RS) = -10$
 $A_{If} \sim = -10000 (1/RL) = -10$

4.5 Loop gain = T =
$$\frac{y_{12}y_{21}}{y_{11}y_{22}}$$
 = (-1e-4)(0.1)/(2.1e-3)(2.1e-3) = -2.27

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EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

4.6 Input admittance $\text{YIf} = \text{y}_{11} (1 - \text{T}) = \text{y}_{11} (1 - \frac{\text{y}_{12} \text{y}_{21}}{\text{y}_{11} \text{y}_{22}})$ YIf = (2.1e-3)(1 - 2.27) = 6.86 mS

Input impedance ZIf = 1/YIf = 146 ohms

Note: this ZIf = 146 ohms is equal to the 1Kohm RS in parallel with Zin' the amplifier input impedance.

So 1000//Zin' = 146 therefore we can find Zin' = 171 ohms

EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SHUNT FEEDBACK

4.7 Output Impedance Zof = 1/Yof

Yof =
$$y_{22}$$
 (1-T) = y_{22} (1- -2.27) = 6.86 mS

Zof = 1 / Yof = 146 ohms

Note: this 146 includes the 1000 ohm RL so Zo' (without RL) is = 171 ohms

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VOLTAGE SERIES FEEDBACK

Since **voltage** – **series** feedback implies parallel connection at the load and series connection at the source, we will select, h-parameter two port models and a Thevenin model for the source. The resulting equivalent circuit can be greatly simplified by combining appropriate components

VOLTAGE SERIES FEEDBACK

SIMPLIFIED VOLTAGE-SERIES FEEDBACK

From the previous page we combine appropriate components to get the equivalent circuit shown ie

$$h_{11} = h_{11}^{A} + h_{11}^{B} + Rs$$

$$h_{22} = h_{22}^{A} + h_{22}^{B} + 1/RL$$

$$h_{12} = h_{12}^{A} + h_{12}^{B}$$

$$h_{21} = h_{21}^{A} + h_{21}^{B}$$

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ANALYSIS OF VOLTAGE-SERIES FEEDBACK

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{KVL gives} & \text{VS} = h_{11} \, \text{ie} + h_{12} \, \text{VL} \\ \text{KCL gives} & 0 &= h_{21} \, \text{ie} + h_{22} \, \text{VL} \ \text{this eqn gives ie} = -h_{22} \text{VL} \, / \, h_{21} \\ \text{VS} = h_{11}(-h_{22} \text{VL}/h_{21}) + h_{12} \, \text{VL} = [-h_{11}h_{22}/h_{21} + h_{12}] \text{VL} \\ \end{array}$

VOLTAGE SERIES FEEDBACK





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EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SERIES FEEDBACK

2. Find two port parameters for A block and B block.



EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SERIES FEEDBACK

3. Find the combined parameters

$h_{11} = h_{11}^{A} + h_{11}^{B} + RS//RI$	B = 1000 + 0 + 1000	= 2000
$h_{12} = h_{12}^{A} + h_{12}^{B}$	= 0 + 1	= 1
$h_{21} = h_{21}^{A} + h_{21}^{B}$	= -100 -1	= -101
$h_{22} = h_{22}^{A} + h_{22}^{B} + 1/RL$	= 0 + 1e-3 + 1e-3	= 2e-3

4. Compute quantities of interest

4.1 Gain with feedback (Voltage Gain)



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EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SERIES FEEDBACK

4.2 Approximate Voltage Gain

$$A_{Vf} \sim = 1/h_{12} = 1$$

4.3 Loop gain = T =
$$\frac{h_{12}h_{21}}{h_{11}h_{22}}$$
 = (-101)(1)/(2000)(2e-3) = -25.3

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EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SERIES FEEDBACK

4.4 Input impedance
$$ZIf = h_{11} (1 - T) = h_{11} (1 - \frac{h_{12}h_{21}}{h_{11}h_{22}})$$

 $ZIf = (2000)(1 - 25.3) = 52.6 Kohm$

Note: this ZIf = 52.6K ohms is equal to the 1Kohm RS//RB in series with Zin' the amplifier input impedance.



EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SERIES FEEDBACK

4.5 Output Impedance Zof = 1/Yof

$$Yof = h_{22} (1-T) = 2E-3 (1--25.3) = 50.6 mS$$

Zof = 1 / Yof = 19.8 ohms

Note: this 19.8 includes the 1000 ohm RL so Zo' (without RL) is = 20.1 ohms

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EXAMPLE RIT OP AMP

Lets use feedback to get the exact voltage gain, approximate voltage gain, input impedance and output impedance for the circuit below. The Op Amp is the one you built in lab with a differential amplifier, level shift stage and output stage. The overall voltage gain was 600 V/V and the differential input resistance was ~2K ohms. The output resistance was ~200 ohms.





Identify the feedback and make sure it is negative feedback.

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EXAMPLE RIT OP AMP

The small signal ac equivalent circuit of the feedback amplifier on the previous page is:





EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SERIES FEEDBACK

Find the combined parameters

$h_{11} = h_{11}^{A} + h_{11}^{B} + RS$	=2000+909+2000	= 4909
$h_{12} = h_{12}^{A} + h_{12}^{B}$	= 0 + 0.0909	= 0.0909
$h_{21} = h_{21}^{A} + h_{21}^{B}$	= -6000	= -6000
$h_{22} = h_{22}^{A} + h_{22}^{B} + 1/RL$	= 1/200 + 1/11K + 1/1K	= 6.091 E-3

Compute quantities of interest

1. Exact Gain with feedback (Voltage Gain)



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EXAMPLE VOLTAGE-SERIES FEEDBACK

2. Approximate Voltage Gain

$$A_{\rm Vf} \sim = 1/h_{12} = 1/0.0909 = 11$$

which agrees with ideal op amp theory

3. Loop gain = T =
$$\frac{h_{12}h_{21}}{h_{11}h_{22}}$$
 = -18.2

4. Input Impedance

$$\mathbf{Z}_{\mathrm{If}} = \mathbf{h}_{11} \left(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{T} \right)$$

5. Output Impedance
$$Y_{Of} = h_{22} (1 - T)$$

Rochester Institute of Technology Microelectronic Engineering = 6.09E-3 (1 - -18.2) = 0.117S but includes RL Zout = 1/0.117 = 8.53 ohms but includes RL Zout=Z'out//RL=8.53 ohms Z'out = 8.61 ohm without RL

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Voltage-Shunt



SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK AMPLIFIERS

Current-Shunt





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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 1

1. Find all 16 two port parameters for each of the following circuits.



HOMEWORK SOLUTION FOR PROBLEM 1

1a)	1b)	1c)
y11 = 1/(R1 // R2)	y11 = 1/R	y11 = 1/(RB // rπ)
y12 = -1/R1	y12 = -1/R	y12 = 0
y21 = -1/R1	y21 = -1/R	y21 = gm
y22 = 1/R1	y22 = 1/R	y22 = 1/RC
z11 = R2	z11 = infinity	$z11 = RB // r\pi$
z12 = R2	z12 = infinity	z12 = 0
z21 = R2	z21 = infinity	$z21 = -\beta RC$
z22 = R1 + R2	z22 = infinity	z22 = RC
h11 = R1 // R2	h11 = R	$h11 = (RB // r\pi)$
h12 = R2 / (R1+R2)	h12 = 1	h12 = 0
h21 = -R2 / (R1+R2)	h21 = -1	$h21 = \beta$
h22 = 1/ (R1+R2)	h22 = 0	h22 = 1/RC
g11 = 1/R2	g11 = 0	$g11 = 1/(RB // r\pi)$
g12 = -1	g12 = -1	g12 = 0
g21 = 1	g21 = 1	g21 = -gm RC
g22 = R1	g22 = R	g22 = RC

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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 2 AND SOLUTION

2 a) Find S_A^{Af} If A changes by 20% how much does Af change. b) Redesign the feedback amplifier in a) so that S_A^{Af} is reduced by a factor of 100.

Solution:

2 a)
$$\int_{A}^{Af} = \frac{1}{1 + AB} = \frac{1}{1 + AB}$$
 = 1/101 = .0099

If A changes by 20% then Af changes by 20% x $0.0099 = 0.198\% \sim 0.2\%$

b) If we want the sensitivity to be 1/10001 instead of 1/101 then we increase the gain of the amplifier A to 10,000 giving Af = A/(1+AB) = 1 (same as before) and sensitivity = 1/(1+AB) = 0.0001 thus a 20% change in A is 0.002% change in gain with feedback

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A = 100

 $\mathbf{B} = 1$

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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 4

4) Refer to the feedback amplifiers shown below. For each identify the type of feedback and determine if the feedback is negative or positive.



HOMEWORK PROBLEM 4 (CONTINUED)





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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 4 SOLUTION

4. All are negative feedback

- a. Voltage Shunt
- b. Voltage Shunt
- c. Voltage Series
- d. Voltage Shunt
- e. Voltage Series

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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 5

5) For each of the circuits shown in problems 7, 8, and 9, estimate the gain with feedback. Axf $\sim = 1/B$ and B = X12, where X12 is the appropriate combined two port parameters.

Identify the type of gain, transconductance, transresistance, current or voltage.

Convert Axf to voltage gain with feedback, Avf.



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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 5 SOLUTION

5a) for the amplifier in problem 6 we have voltage shunt feedback which uses y parameter two port equivalent circuits for the analysis.

$$y_{12} = y_{12}^{A} + y_{12}^{B} = 0 - 1/10K$$

 $A_{Rf} \sim = 1/y_{12} = -10K$ ohms
 $A_{Vf} = A_{Rf} 1/RS = -10K/600 = -16.7$

5b) for the amplifier in problem 7 we have current shunt feedback which uses g parameter two port equivalent circuits for the analysis.

$$g_{12} = g_{12}^{A} + g_{12}^{B} = 0 -200/(200+10k) = -0.0196$$

$$A_{If} \sim = 1/g_{12} = -1/0.0196 = -51$$

$$A_{Vf} = A_{If} (-RL)/RS = -51 (-2K/1K) = 102$$

5c) for the amplifier in problem 8 we have voltage series feedback which uses h parameter two port equivalent circuits for the analysis.

$$h_{12} = h_{12}^{A} + h_{12}^{B} = 0 + 100/(100+10k) = 0.0099$$

 $A_{Vf} \sim = 1/h_{12} = 1/0.0099 = -101$

HOMEWORK PROBLEM 6

6) Find the exact gain with feedback for each of the circuit shown below.





HOMEWORK PROBLEM 6 SOLUTION



rf =
$$\frac{250/(.00277)(.0016)}{1+(-0.0001)(250)/(.00277)(.0016)}$$
 = -99980hms

Note: Arf ~ 1/y12 = -10000 ohms

 $Avf = Arf \ 1/RS = -9998/600 = -16.7$

 $y_{11} = y_{11}A + y_{11}B + 1/RS = 0.001 + 0.0001 + 0.00167 = 0.00277$ $y_{12} = y_{12}A + y_{12}B = -0.0001 - 0 = -0.0001$ $y_{21} = y_{21}A + y_{21}B = -0.0001 - 250 = -250$

y22 = y22A + y22B + 1/RL = 0.0001 + 0.001 + 0.0005 = 0.0016

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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 7

7) Find the exact gain with feedback for the circuit shown below.



HOMEWORK PROBLEM 7 SOLUTION

7 cont.) Find the exact gain with feedback for the circuit shown below. The ac equivalent circuit below is useful in separating the B block of the feedback amplifier.



HOMEWORK PROBLEM 7 SOLUTION

7 cont.)

g11A=0.5e-3 g12A=0 g21A=13.7E-3(30K)=3020 g22A=30K g11B=0.098e-3 g12B=-0.0196 g21B=0.0196 g22B=193

1/RS = 1E-3 RL=2K

$$g11=g11A+g11B+1/RS = 1.598E-3$$

 $g12 = g12A + g12B = -0.0196$
 $g21 = g21A + g21B = 3120$
 $g22 = g22A + g22B + RL = 32.19K$

Exact Gain (current gain) -g₂₁

 $A_{\rm If} = \frac{\frac{g_{21}}{g_{11}g_{22}}}{1 + \frac{g_{12}g_{21}}{g_{11}g_{22}}} = -27.3$

Note: Aif ~ 1/g12 = -51

Avf = Aif (-RL)/RS = -27.3 (-2K/1K) = 54.6

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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 8

8) Find the exact gain with feedback for the circuit shown below.





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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 8 SOLUTION

In the emitter of the first transistor put the left hand part of the "B" block 2 port equivalent circuit



Note: the right h12Vo is in series with a current source and can be eliminated. Note: left h12Vo is in a series loop to left of the two X's (next page) and can be moved anywhere in that loop.

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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 8 SOLUTION



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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 8 SOLUTION

Finally we have an ac equivalent circuit where the "A" block and "B" block are separate and proper mixing and sampling networks exist.

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h11A=r\pi + (B+1)10K//100=12K
h12A=0
h22A=1/(2K//(r\pi+4K)/(B+1))=0.0173
h21A = 268000
                                          h21A=I2/I1 with V2=0
                                    I2 = -(B+1)Ib3 so I2/Ib3 = -(B+1) = -101
                                  Ib3 = -BIb2 (4K/(4K+rp)) so Ib3/Ib2 = -66.7
                        Ib2 = BIb1 (8K/(8K+(rp+(B+1)100)) \text{ so } Ib2/Ib1=-39.8
                h12A = I2/I1 = I2/Ib3 \times Ib3/Ib2 \times Ib2/Ib1 = 268000
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HOMEWORK PROBLEM 8 SOLUTION



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Find Exact Gain With Feedback, Approximate Gain with Feedback, Voltage Gain, Current Gain, Input Resistance

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For the circuit in problem 2 use a single resistor to provide voltage shunt feedback to stabilize the gain with feedback at ~40 V/V. What value of feedback resistor should be used and show how you would connect it by adding it to the schematic of problem 2.

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