Recitation 22: CS Amplifier Frequency Response

Yesterday, we discussed the frequency response of a CE Amplifier, using the following methods.

- Full analysis (using model Analysis to derive $\frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{s}}}$)
- Miller approximation
- Open circuit time constant technique

Today we will look at the frequency response of CS Amplifier using 2-3.



Small signal equivalent circuit model



Low frequency voltage gain (ignoring the two capacitors)

$$A_{\rm v,LF} = \frac{V_{\rm out}}{V_{\rm s}} = -g_{\rm m}R_{\rm out} \text{ where } R_{\rm out} = \gamma_{\rm o}||\gamma_{\rm oc}||R_{\rm L}$$

$$(\because V_{\rm gs} = V_{\rm s}, V_{\rm out} = -g_{\rm m}R'_{\rm out}V_{\rm gs} \implies \frac{V_{\rm out}}{V_{\rm s}} = -g_{\rm m}R'_{\rm out})$$

Miller Approximation



$$C_{\rm M} = C_{\rm gd}(1 - A_{\rm v_{C_{\rm gd}}}) = C_{\rm gd}(1 + g_{\rm m}R'_{\rm out})$$

 $C_{\rm gd}$ is in the position between input and output

$$\begin{split} V_{\rm out} &= -g_{\rm m} V_{\rm gs} \cdot R_{\rm out}' \\ V_{\rm gs} &= \frac{Z_{\rm c}}{Z_{\rm c} + R_{\rm s}} \cdot V_{\rm s}, \, \text{where} \, Z_{\rm c} = \, \text{impedance of 2 capacitors} \, (C_{\rm gs} \, \& \, C_{\rm in}) \, \text{in parallel} \\ Z_{\rm c} &= \frac{1}{jw(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm M})} \\ V_{\rm gs} &= V_{\rm s} \frac{1/jw(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm M})}{1/jw(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm M}) + R_{\rm s}} = \frac{1}{1 + R_{\rm s}(jw(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm M}))} \cdot V_{\rm s} \\ \cdot \frac{V_{\rm out}}{V_{\rm s}} &= -\frac{g_{\rm m} R_{\rm out}' \cdot V_{\rm gs}}{V_{\rm s}} = -g_{\rm m} R_{\rm out}' \frac{1}{1 + jw R_{\rm s}(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm M})} \\ w_{\rm 3dB} &= \frac{1}{R_{\rm s}(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm M})} = \frac{1}{R_{\rm s}(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm gd}(1 + g_{\rm m} R_{\rm out}'))} \end{split}$$

To compare with CE Amplifier,

$$w_{\rm 3dB} = \frac{1}{R'_{\rm in}(C_{\pi} + C_{\mu}(1 + g_{\rm m}R'_{\rm out}))} \qquad R'_{\rm in} = R_{\rm s}||\gamma_{\pi}|$$

Open Circuit Time Constant Analysis

Assumptions

- 1. No zeros (or zeros can be ignored)
- 2. One dominant pole $(\frac{1}{\tau_1} \ll \frac{1}{\tau_2}, \frac{1}{\tau_3} \cdots)$

Procedures

1. Open circuit all capacitors

- 2. Turn off all independent sources, find Thevenin resistance for each capacitor
- 3. Sum up the $R_{\text{TH}} \cdot C_{\text{i}} \implies b_1 = \sum_i C_i R_{\text{TH}_{\text{i}}}, \ w_{\text{3dB}} \simeq \frac{1}{b_1}$

$$R_{\mathrm{TH}_1} = R_{\mathrm{s}}$$



$$\begin{split} i_{t} &= -\frac{V_{gs}}{R_{s}}, \ i_{t} = g_{m}V_{gs} + \frac{V_{t} + V_{gs}}{R'_{out}} \\ \Longrightarrow i_{t} &= g_{m}(-R_{s} \cdot i_{t}) + \frac{V_{t} + (-R_{s} \cdot i_{t})}{R'_{out}} \\ i_{t} \cdot R'_{out} &= (-g_{m}R'_{out} \cdot R_{s} - R_{s}) \cdot i_{t} + V_{t} \\ V_{t} &= i_{t}(R'_{out} + R_{s}(1 + g_{m}R'_{out})) \\ R_{TH_{2}} &= \frac{V_{t}}{i_{t}} = R'_{out} + R_{s}(1 + g_{m}R'_{out}) \\ \Longrightarrow b_{1} &= C_{gs} \cdot R_{TH_{1}} + C_{gd} \cdot R_{TH_{2}} \\ &= C_{gs} \cdot R_{s} + C_{gd} \cdot (R'_{out} + R_{s}(+g_{m}R'_{out})) \\ w_{3dB} &\simeq \frac{1}{b_{1}} = \frac{1}{R_{s}(C_{gs} + C_{gd}(1 + g_{m}R'_{out})) + R'_{out} \cdot C_{gd}} \end{split}$$

This is actually also the result if we do full analysis

Miller + OCT



$$\begin{aligned} R_{\rm TH} &= R_{\rm s} \\ \implies b_1 &= (C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm M}) \cdot R_{\rm TH} = R_{\rm s}(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm M}) = R_{\rm s}(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm gd}(1 + g_{\rm m}R_{\rm out}')) \\ w_{\rm 3dB} &= \frac{1}{R_{\rm s}(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm gd}(1 + g_{\rm m}R_{\rm out}'))} \text{ same as the Miller approximation analysis, but a lot easier } \end{aligned}$$

The comparison of $w_{\rm T}$ (or $f_{\rm T}$) & $w_{\rm 3dB}$

$$f_{\rm T} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{g_{\rm m}}{C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm gd}}$$

$$w_{\rm 3dB} = \frac{1}{R_{\rm s}(C_{\rm gs} + C_{\rm gd}(1 + g_{\rm m}R_{\rm out}')) + R_{\rm out}'C_{\rm gd}}$$

 $f_{\rm T}$ is intrinsic to the device, while with $w_{\rm 3dB}$ we have the effect of $R_{\rm s}, R'_{\rm out}, \& A_{\rm v,LF}$. Do not need more gain than really needed.

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