

NOISE IN SC CIRCUITS

FIRST NEED TO LOOK AT
SETTLING TIME-CONSTANTS

2 TYPES OF OPAMP ARCH.

CASE A) SINGLE STAGE WHERE OUTPUT
CAPACITANCE SETS $\omega_{3dB} = \frac{1}{\tau_c}$

CASE B) 2 STAGE WHERE INTERNAL
COMPENSATION CAPACITOR C_c
SETS $\omega_{3dB} = \frac{1}{\tau_c}$

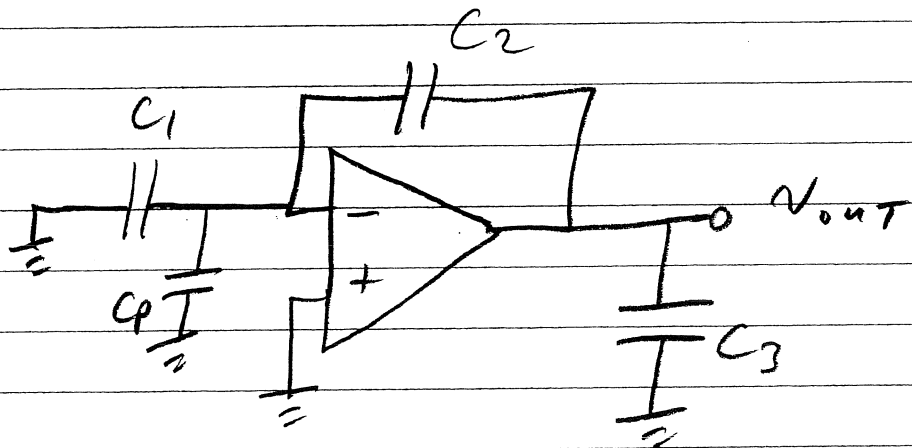
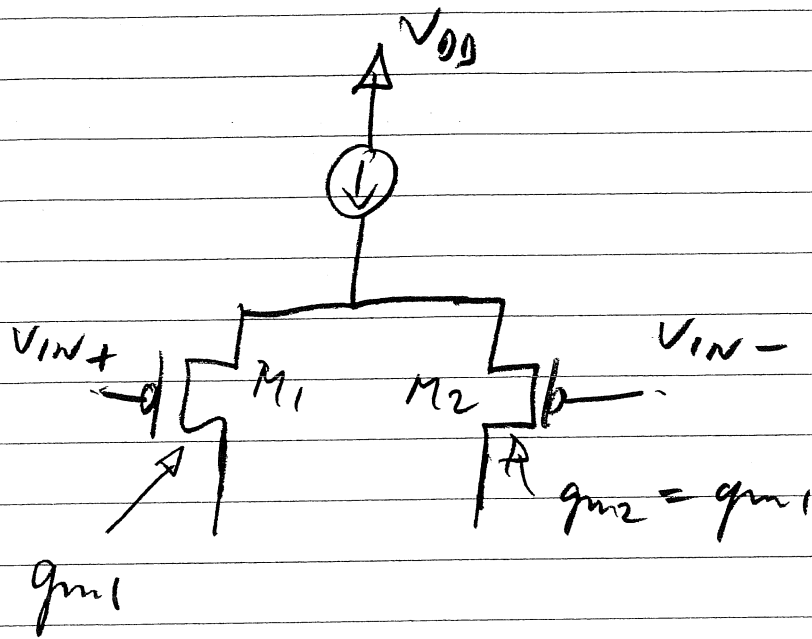


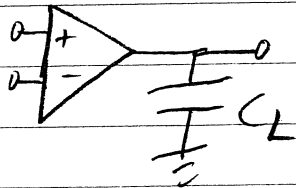
FIG (1)

IN BOTH CASES, ASSUME INPUT
STAGE OF OPAMP IS DIFFERENTIAL
STAGE WITH TRANSCONDUCTANCE OF 1 TRANSISTOR
BEING g_{m1}



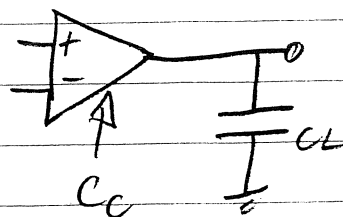
ALSO TRANSFER FUNCTION OF OPAMP MODELLED AS 1ST ORDER SYSTEM WHERE

CASE A)
A)



$$A(s) = \frac{g_{m1}}{s C_L}$$

CASE B)



$$A(s) = \frac{g_{m1}}{s C_C}$$

(INTERNAL COMPENSATION CAP)

N3

SD MODEL IS $A(s) = \frac{g_{m1}}{s C_0}$

WHERE $C_0 = C_L$ CASE A)
 $C_0 = C_C$ CASE B)

SO FOR FIG ①, LOOP GAIN, $L(s)$, IS

$$L(s) = \beta(s) A(s)$$

WHERE $\beta(s) = \frac{C_2}{C_1 + C_2 + C_P} \equiv \beta$

↑ NOT A FUNCTION OF "s"

AND $A(s) = \frac{g_{m1}}{s C_0}$

WHERE

CASE A) $C_0 = C_3 + \frac{(C_1 + C_P) C_2}{(C_1 + C_2 + C_P)}$

CASE B) $C_0 = C_C$

CLOSED-LOOP
POLE OF A SYSTEM FOUND BY

(NA)

$$1 + L(s) = 0$$

$$1 + \frac{\beta g_{mi}}{s C_0} = 0 \Rightarrow s = -\frac{\beta g_{mi}}{C_0}$$

POLE ON NEGATIVE REAL AXIS AT $-\frac{\beta g_{mi}}{C_0}$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{3dB} = \frac{\beta g_{mi}}{C_0} \equiv \frac{1}{\tau}$$

CLOSED-LOOP SYSTEM IS 1ST ORDER
WITH TIME-CONSTANT

$$\tau = \frac{C_0}{\beta g_{mi}}$$

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IF SC CIRCUIT, USUALLY HAVE

$\frac{1}{2}$ CLOCK CYCLE TO SETTLE

DEFINE SAMPLE-RATE, $f_s = \frac{1}{T}$

CLOCK PERIOD, T

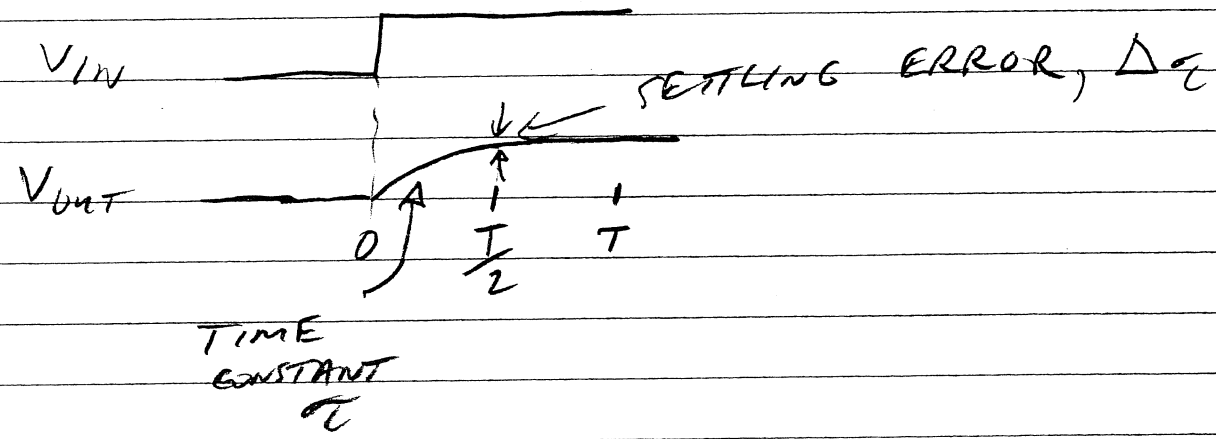
(2 PHASE SC CIRCUIT)

IF N_{EFF} IS NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE BITS OF RESOLUTION
 WANT ERROR TO BE LESS THAN $2^{-(N_{EFF}+1)}$

$$e^{-\frac{T/2}{\tau}} < 2^{-(N_{EFF}+1)} \equiv \Delta_{SE}$$

$$\left(\frac{T/2}{\tau}\right) > (N_{EFF}+1) \ln(2) \quad (2)$$

DEFINE $N_{SE} \equiv \left(\frac{T/2}{\tau}\right)$ # OF τ OF SETTLING



$\Delta_{SE} = \frac{\text{SETTLING ERROR}}{\text{ERROR}}$	$N_{SE} = \left(\frac{T/2}{\tau}\right)$	$N_{EFF} \text{ (BITS)}$
1%	4.6	5.6
0.1%	6.9	9.0
0.01%	9.2	12.3
0.001%	11.5	15.6

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IF $T/2$ GIVEN & ACCURACY GIVEN

THEN $\epsilon < \frac{(T/2)}{(N_{eff}+1) \ln(2)}$

SO IF C_0 DETERMINED (FROM NOISE ANALYSIS)

THEN FROM ① $g_{m1} = \frac{C_0}{\beta \epsilon}$

g_{m1} IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO β

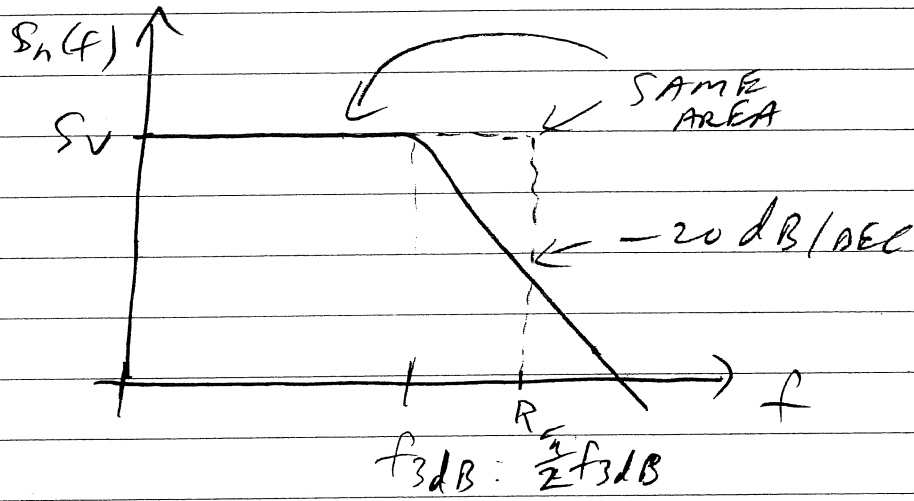
[GOOD TO KEEP β HIGH THOUGH $\beta \leq 1$]

AND POWER IS PROPORTIONAL TO g_{m1}

NOISE

RECALL NOISE EQUIVALENT BANDWIDTH

GIVEN NOISE ROOT SPECTRAL DENSITY, $S_n(f)$



TOTAL NOISE, $\overline{V_o^2}$

$$\overline{V_o^2} = \int_0^{\infty} S_n^2(f) df$$

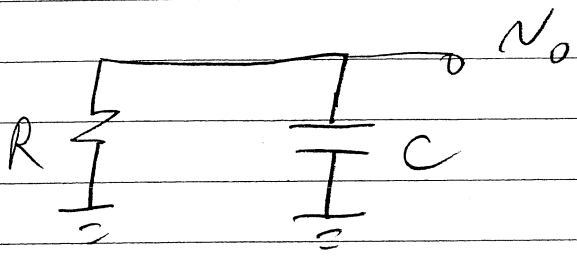
$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) f_{3dB} S_v^2$$

AND SINCE $f_{3dB} = \frac{\omega_{3dB}}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau}$

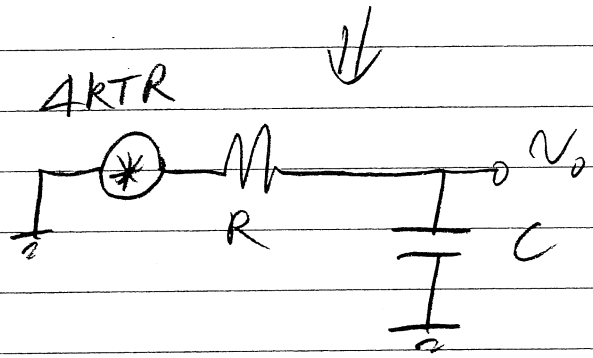
$$\overline{V_o^2} = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi^2}\right) (S_v^2)$$

SO TOTAL NOISE IS dc SPECTRAL DENSITY TIMES $\frac{1}{4\pi^2}$

IF RC CIRCUIT



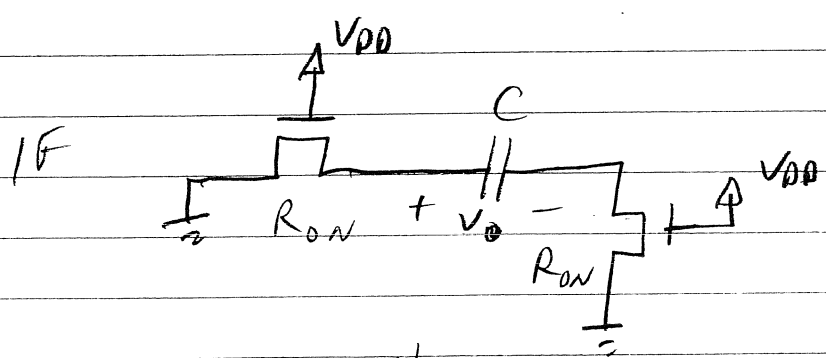
$\tau = RC$



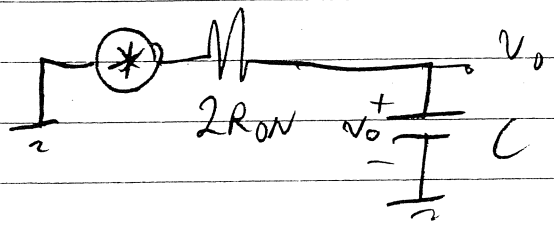
$S_V^2 = 4kTR$

TOTAL NOISE

$$\overline{V_o^2} = \frac{1}{4(RC)} (4kTR) = \frac{KT}{C}$$



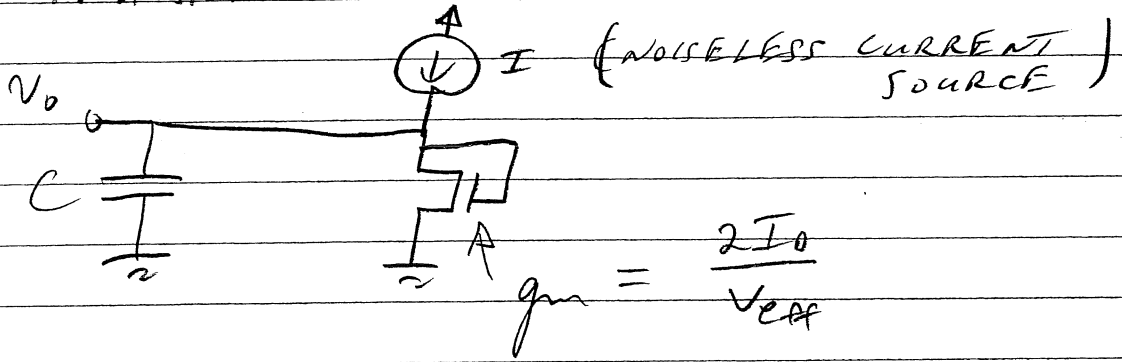
$4RT(2R_{on})$ ⇓ EQ CIRCUIT



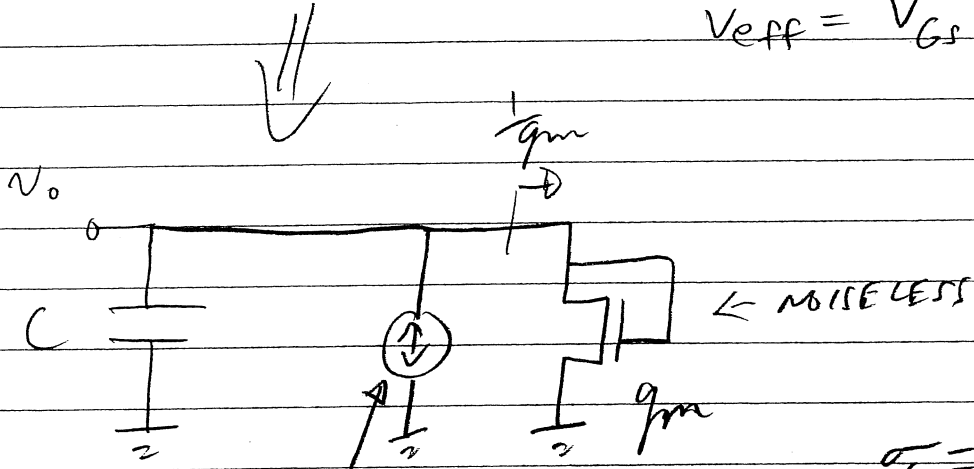
$$\overline{V_o^2} = \frac{KT}{C}$$

(N7B)

IF TRANSISTOR CIRCUIT



$$V_{eff} = V_{GS} - V_{th}$$



$$\sigma_c^2 = \frac{C}{g_m}$$

$$I_d^2(f) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) 4kTg_m$$

TOTAL NOISE

$$V_o^2 = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) (4kTg_m) \left(\frac{1}{g_m^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{4\pi}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \frac{kT}{C}$$

SLIGHTLY LESS NOISE THAN A RC

BUT ...

SHOULD INCLUDE NOISE OF CURRENT SOURCE

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IF CURRENT SOURCE I
HAI SAME V_{eff} THEN ITS
NOISE CURRENT IS ALSO $(\frac{2}{3}) 4kT gm$

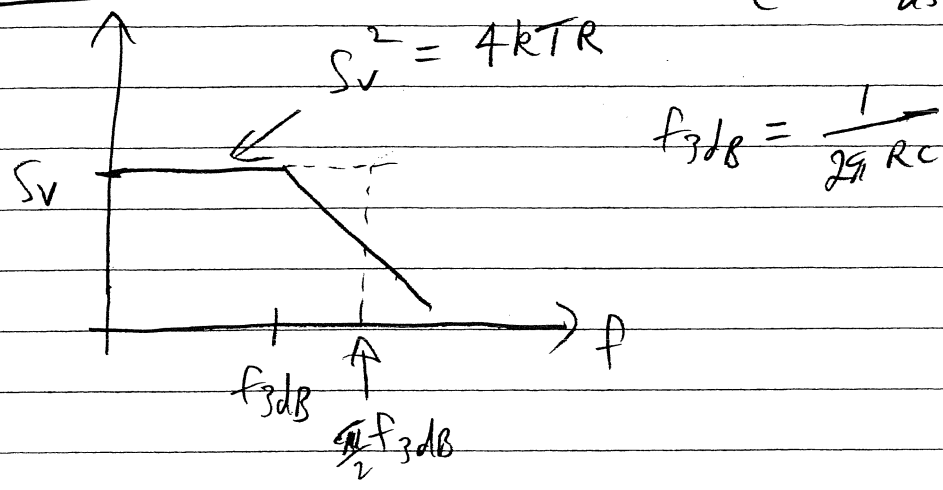
SO

$$\overline{V_o^2} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \frac{RT}{C}$$

SLIGHTLY MORE
NOISE THAN RC

SINGLE-SIDED SPECTRUM DEFINITION

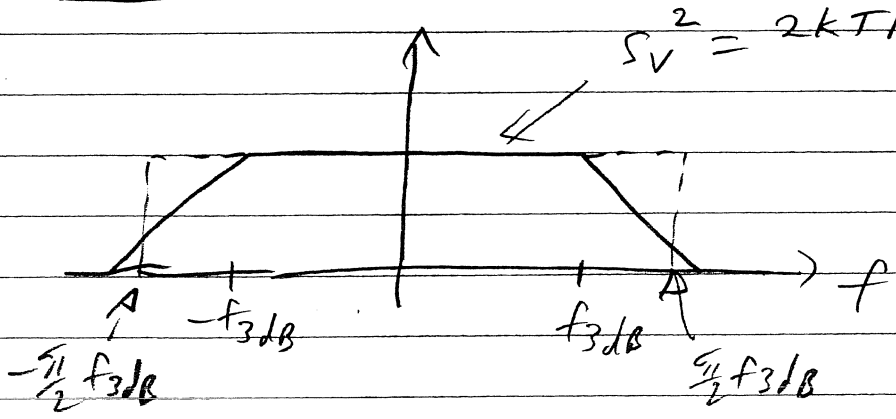
(COMMONLY USED)



$$\overline{V_o^2} = (4kTR) \left(\frac{1}{4RC} \right) = \frac{RT}{C}$$

DOUBLE-SIDE SPECTRUM DEFINITION

(NOT COMMONLY USED)



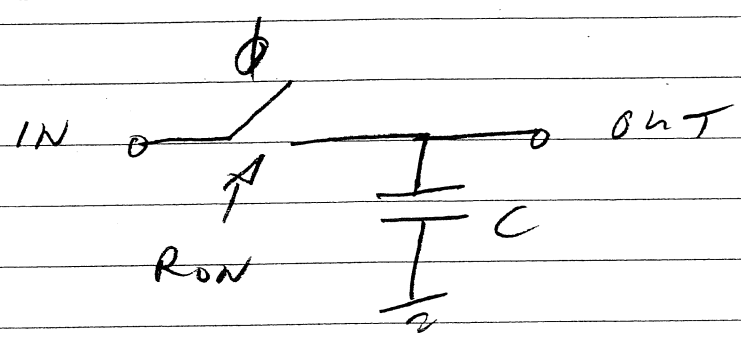
SPECTRAL DENSITY IS HALVED SINCE SPREAD OVER TWICE FREQ.

$$\overline{V_o^2} = (2kTR) \left(\frac{2}{4RC} \right) = \frac{RT}{C}$$

ONLY

WILL USE DOUBLE-SIDE SPECTRUM FOR LOOKING AT ALIASING OF SAMPLED NOISE, OTHERWISE ALWAYS SINGLE-SIDE SPECTRUM USED.

SAMPLED - NOISE



$$\sigma = R_{oh} C$$

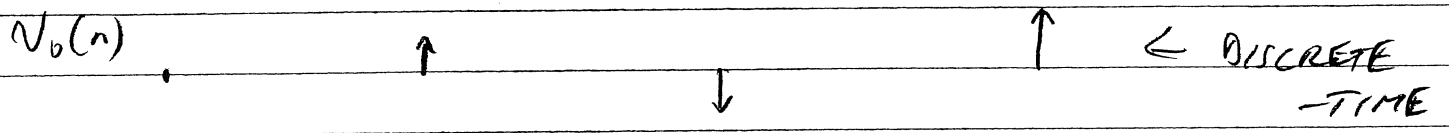
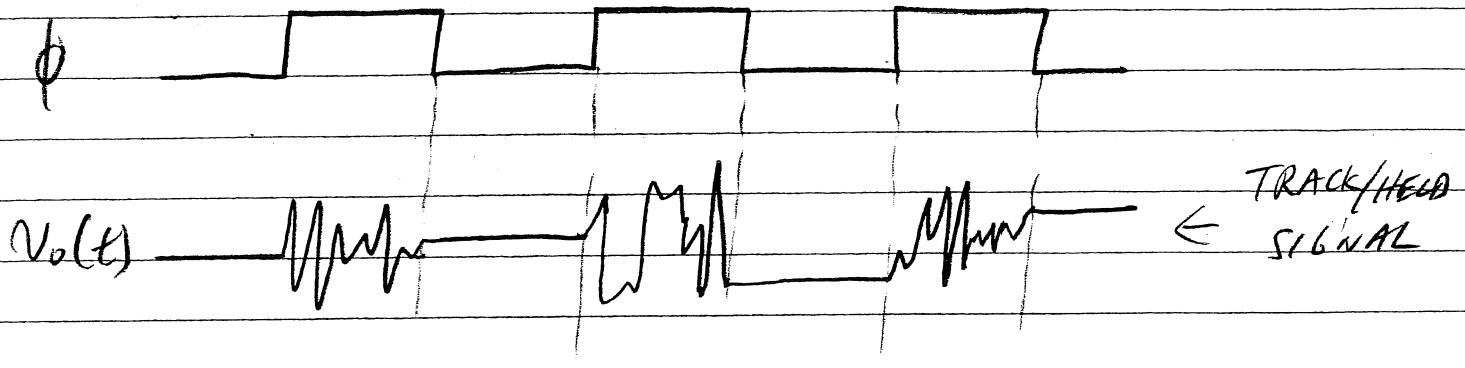
RECALL $N_{eq} \equiv \frac{(F/2)}{\sigma}$ N_{eq} NORMALLY $5 \rightarrow 10$

WHICH IMPLIES

$$N_{eq} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2f_s}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{2\pi f_{3dB}}\right)} = \frac{\pi f_{3dB}}{f_s}$$

$$\frac{f_s}{f_{3dB}} = \frac{\pi}{N_{eq}} < 1$$

SIGNIFICANT ALIASING OF NOISE OCCURS.



CORRELATION BETWEEN SAMPLES DEPENDS

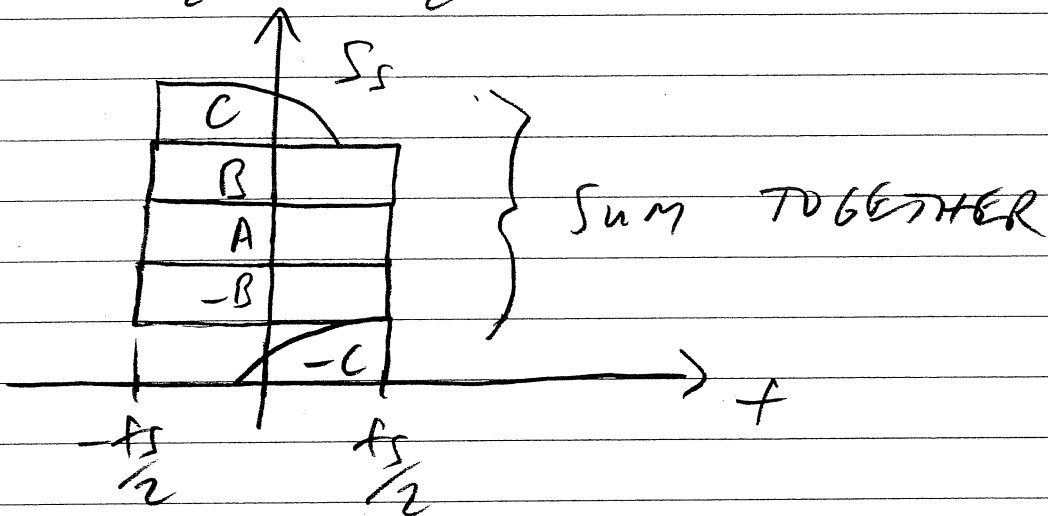
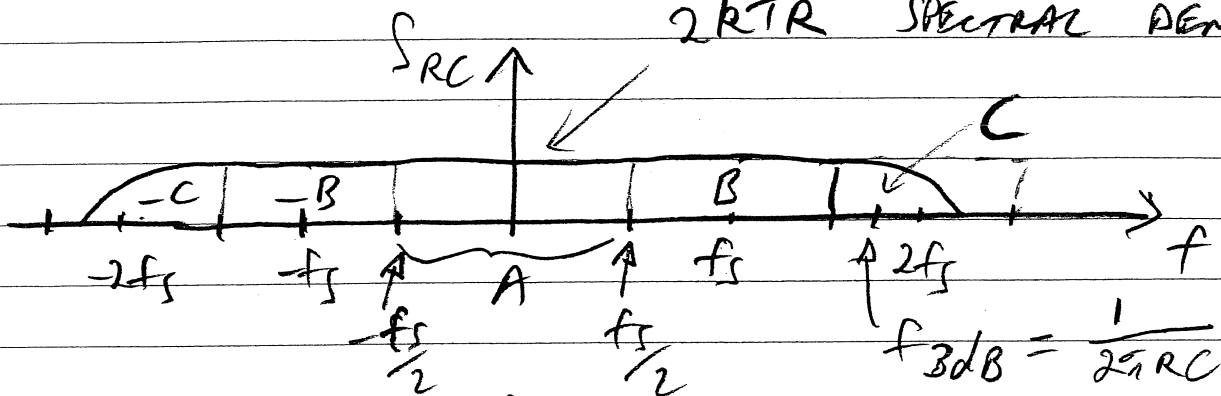
ON N_c

MORE ALIASING \Rightarrow LESS CORRELATION

GENERALLY IF $N_c > 3$
 THERE IS LITTLE CORRELATION BETWEEN
 SAMPLES FOR $v_0(n)$

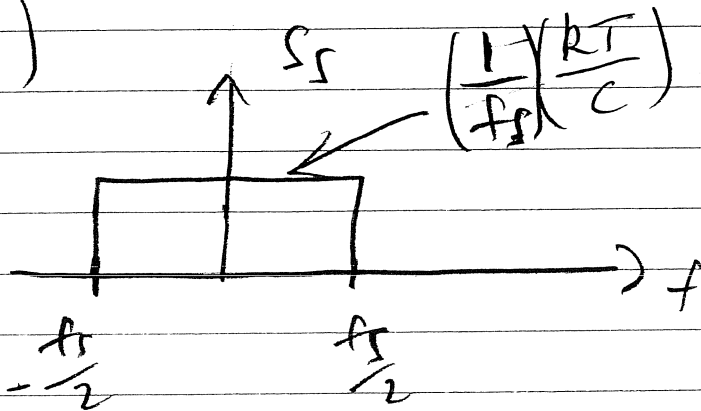
(DOUBLE-SIDED)

2kTR SPECTRAL DENSITY



(DOUBLE SIDED)

SPECTRAL DENSITY



IF ALL SINGLE-SIDE SPECTRUMS

THEN ORIGINAL SPECTRAL DENSITY

$$IS \quad \sigma_{RC}^2 = 4kTR$$

AND SAMPLED SPECTRAL DENSITY

$$IS \quad \sigma_s^2 = \left(\frac{2}{f_s}\right) \left(\frac{kT}{C}\right)$$

INCREASE IN SPECTRAL DENSITY OF

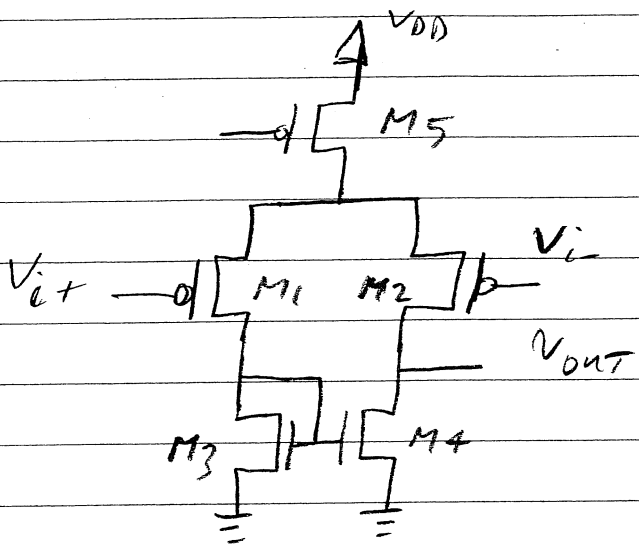
$$\frac{\sigma_s^2}{\sigma_{RC}^2} = \frac{\frac{2}{f_s} \left(\frac{kT}{C}\right)}{4kTR} = \frac{1}{2\epsilon f_s} = \frac{\sigma_n f_{3dB}}{f_s}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_s^2}{\sigma_{RC}^2} = N_{eq}$$

DOES THIS MATTER? NOT REALLY

- CHOOSE CAPACITOR SIZE TO MEET NOISE PERFORMANCE
- CAN NOT IMPROVE PERFORMANCE BY REDUCING N_{eq} SINCE NOISE IS $\frac{kT}{C}$

OPAMP NOISE (SINGLE-ENDED EXAMPLE)

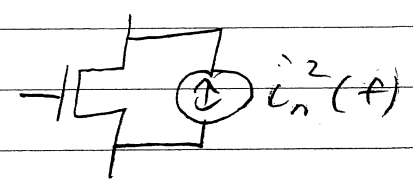


FIRST-STAGE
OF 2-STAGE
OPAMP

$M_1 = M_2$ (SIZES)
 $M_3 = M_4$

EACH TRANSISTOR HAS CURRENT NOISE
OF

$$i_n^2(f) = \gamma 4kT g_m$$



USUALLY ASSUME $\gamma = \frac{2}{3}$

NOISE CURRENT FOR M5 IS COMMON MODE
SO DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE MUCH OUTPUT
NOISE

ASSUME OUTPUT RESISTANCE R_{out} AT V_{out}

OUTPUT NOISE

$$V_{on}^2 = \left(\frac{8}{3} kT g_{m1} + \frac{8}{3} kT g_{m2} + \frac{8}{3} kT g_{m3} + \frac{8}{3} kT g_{m4} \right) R_o^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{16}{3} kT g_{m1} + \frac{16}{3} kT g_{m3} \right) R_o^2$$

EQUIVALENT INPUT NOISE V_{in}^2

$$V_n^2 = \frac{V_{0n}^2}{g_{m1}^2 R_o^2}$$

$$= \frac{16kT}{3g_{m1}} \left(1 + \frac{g_{m3}}{g_{m1}} \right)$$

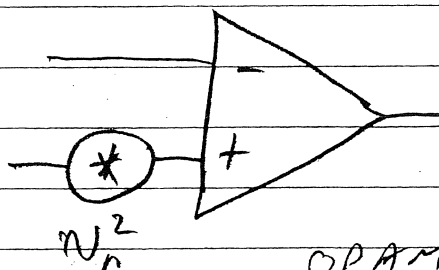
DEFINE NOISE GAIN, n_f , TO BE
INCREASE IN NOISE DUE TO OTHER
 TRANSISTORS IN OPAMP

IN THIS CASE $n_f = 1 + \frac{g_{m3}}{g_{m1}}$

$$V_n^2 = \frac{16kT}{3g_{m1}} n_f$$

IF $n_f = 1 \Rightarrow$ NOISE ONLY DUE TO INPUT
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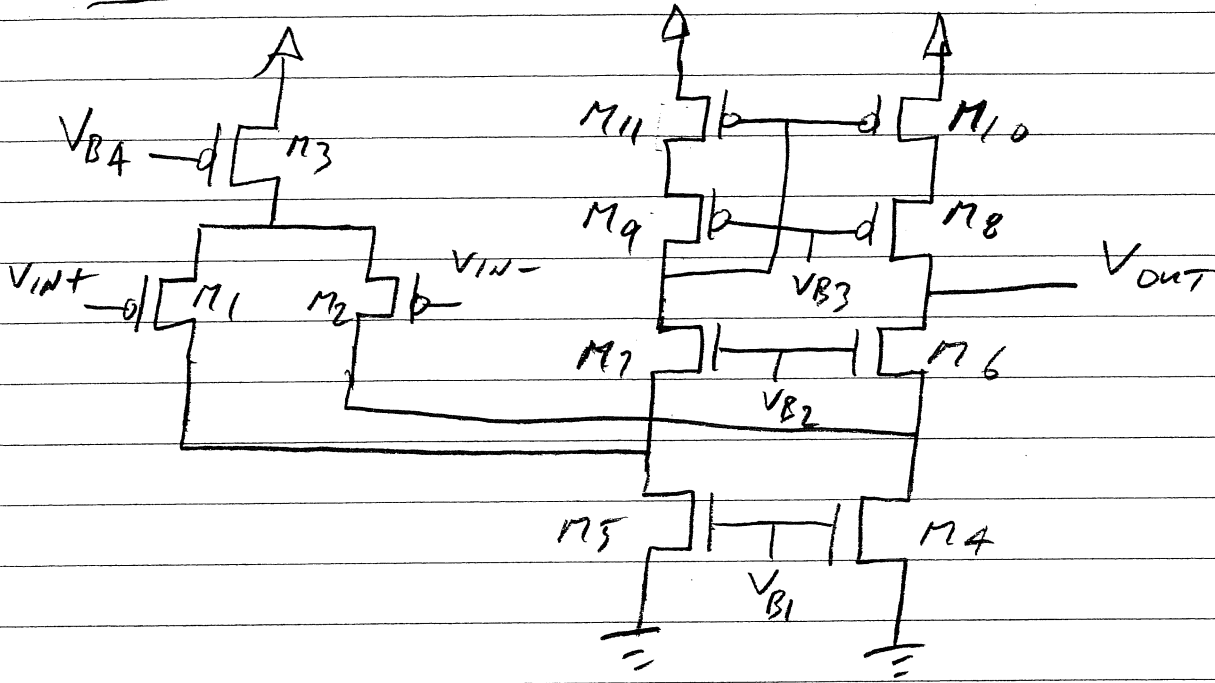
- MINIMUM NOISE CASE



OPAMP
 MODEL

N/A

n_f FOR FOLDED CASCODE



IGNORING CASCODE TRANSISTORS $M_6 - M_9$ NOISE

IF $V_{eff,1} = V_{eff,5} = V_{eff,11} \Rightarrow g_{m1} = g_{m5} = g_{m11} = \frac{g_{m5}}{2}$

$$n_f = 1 + \frac{g_{m5}}{g_{m1}} + \frac{g_{m11}}{g_{m1}} = 1 + 2 + 1 = 4$$

$n_f = 4 \Rightarrow$ 6 dB INCREASE IN NOISE
WHEN OPAMP NOISE DOMINATES

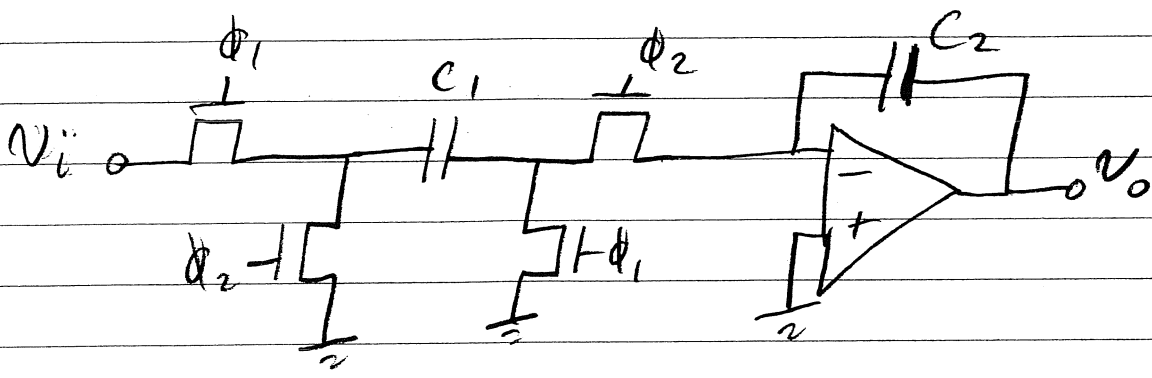
MAY NEED MUCH LARGER CAPACITORS
(UP TO 4 TIMES) WHICH IS MORE
POWER (UP TO 4 TIMES)

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IF POSSIBLE, KEEP n_f CLOSE
TO ONE

FORTUNATELY, THIS EXTRA NOISE ONLY
OCCURS IN CLOCK PHASE WHERE
GRAMP NOISE IS IMPORTANT.

NOISE IN SC INTEGRATOR



ϕ_1 HIGH \Rightarrow SAMPLING PHASE

ϕ_2 HIGH \Rightarrow INTEGRATING PHASE

WANT TO FIND INPUT REFERRED NOISE, $\overline{V_{ni}^2}$

BY FINDING OUTPUT NOISE, V_{no}^2 AND DIVIDING

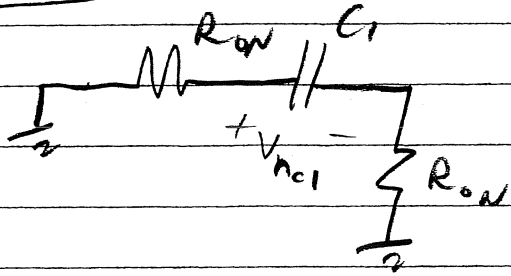
BY $\frac{V_o(f)}{V_i(f)}$ GAIN.

DEFINE $H_I(f) = \frac{V_o(f)}{V_i(f)}$

FIND OUTPUT NOISE AT END OF ϕ_2 DUE TO:

- ϕ_1 RESISTOR NOISE
- ϕ_1 OPAMP NOISE
- ϕ_2 RESISTOR NOISE
- ϕ_2 OPAMP NOISE

Φ₁ RESISTOR NOISE



$$S_{nc1}^2 = \left(\frac{2}{f_s}\right) \left(\frac{kT}{C_1}\right)$$

(SPECTRAL DENSITY)

$$S_{no}^2 = \left(\frac{2}{f_s}\right) \left(\frac{kT}{C_1}\right) H_I^2(f)$$

$$S_{nc}^2 = \frac{S_{no}^2}{H_I^2(f)} = \left(\frac{2}{f_s}\right) \left(\frac{kT}{C_1}\right)$$

$$\overline{v_{nc}^2} = \frac{kT}{C_1} \quad \leftarrow \quad \overline{v_{nc}^2} = \int_0^{\frac{f_s}{2}} S_{nc}^2(f) df$$

SWITCH Φ_1 NOISE

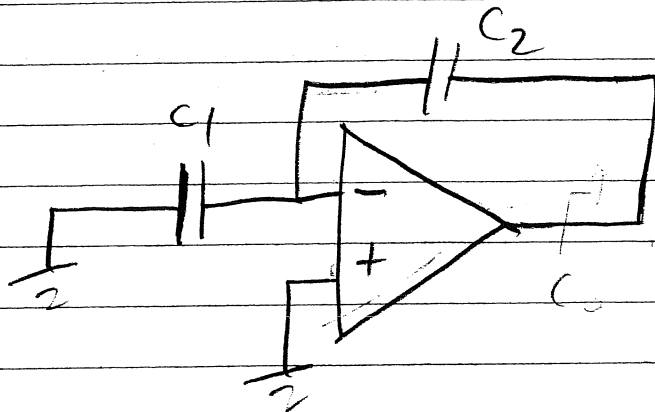
Φ₁ OPAMP NOISE

$$\overline{v_{no}^2} = 0 \quad \text{SINCE } v_o \text{ HELD DURING } \Phi_1$$

$$\overline{v_{nc}^2} = 0$$

Φ₂

SETTLING TIME-CONSTANT



ASSUME
OP AMP
DOMINATES
(OTHERWISE TOO
MUCH POWER
WASTED)

$$\tau_c = \frac{C_o}{\beta g_{m1}} \quad A) \quad C_o = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} = C_2 (1 - \beta)$$

$$B) \quad C_o = C_c$$

$$\beta = \frac{C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

RESISTOR

$$\overline{V_{ni}^2} = 4kT(2R_{on}) \left(\frac{\beta g_{m1}}{4 C_o} \right)$$

$$= \frac{kT}{C_o} \beta (2R_{on} g_{m1}) \quad \beta \leq 1$$

IF $\frac{1}{g_{m1}} \gg 2R_{on}$ THEN ABOVE NOISE

$$\ll \frac{kT}{C_o}$$

2 PHASE
OPAMP

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$\frac{1}{4C}$



$$\overline{V_{ni}}^2 = \frac{16}{3} \frac{KT}{q_{mi}} n_f \left(\frac{\beta q_{mi}}{4 C_0} \right)$$

$$= \frac{KT}{C_0} \frac{4}{3} n_f \beta$$

NOTE IN CASE $\beta = \frac{C_2}{C_1 + C_2} \downarrow C_0 = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$

$$\frac{\beta}{C_0} = \frac{1}{C_1}$$

$$\overline{V_{ni}}^2 = \left(\frac{KT}{C_1} \right) \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) n_f$$

KT

→

$$\frac{KT}{C_1} \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) n_f$$

TOTAL INPUT NOISE

$$\overline{V_{ni}^2} = \left(\frac{KT}{C_1} \right) \left(1 + \frac{4n_f}{3} \right)$$

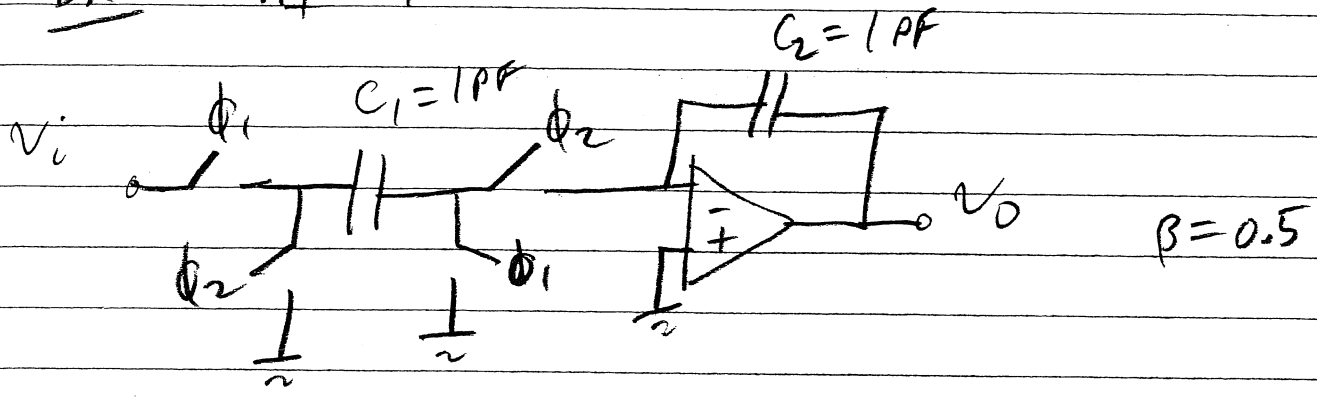
IF $n_f = 1$ (BEST CASE)

$$\overline{V_{ni}^2} = 2.33 \frac{KT}{C_1}$$

IF $n_f = 4$ (OTHER ^{OPAMP} TRANSISTORS CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFANT NOISE)

$$\overline{V_{ni}^2} = 6.33 \frac{KT}{C_1} \left(\begin{array}{l} 4.3dB \\ \text{THAN ABOVE} \\ \text{WORSE} \end{array} \right)$$

Ex $n_f = 1$



$$\overline{v_{ni}^2} = 2.33 \frac{kT}{C_1}$$

$$k = 1.38 e^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$$

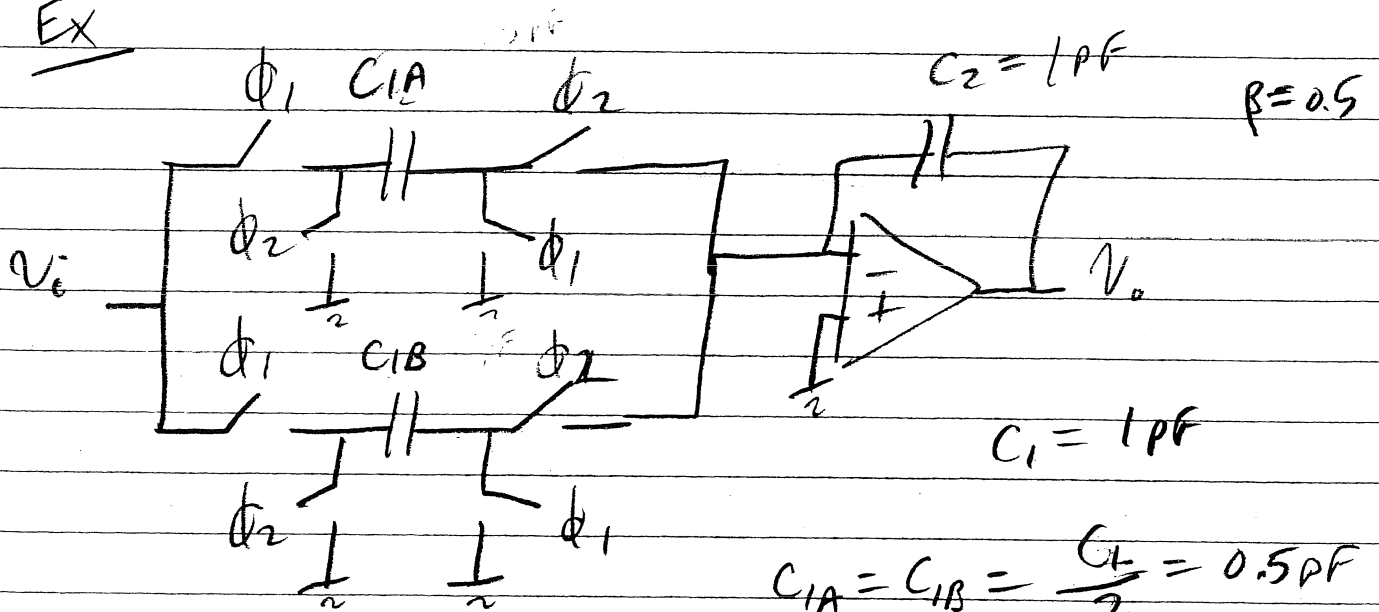
$$T = 300 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$$

$$H_I(z) = \frac{1}{z-1}$$

$$= 9.65 e^{-9} \text{ } \mu\text{V}^2$$

$$v_{ni(\text{RMS})} = 98 \text{ } \mu\text{V}$$

Ex



$$C_{1A} = C_{1B} = \frac{C_L}{2} = 0.5 \text{ pF}$$

$$H_I(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} \quad \underline{\text{AS ABOVE}}$$

$$S_{nIA}^2 = \left(\frac{2}{f_s}\right) \left(\frac{2kT}{C_1} + \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{2kT}{C_1}\right)\right)$$

$$S_{nIB}^2 = S_{nIA}^2$$

$$S_{no}^2 = \left(\frac{2}{f_s}\right) \left(\frac{4kT}{C_1} + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \left(\frac{4kT}{C_1}\right)\right) \left[\frac{1}{2} H_I(f)\right]^2$$

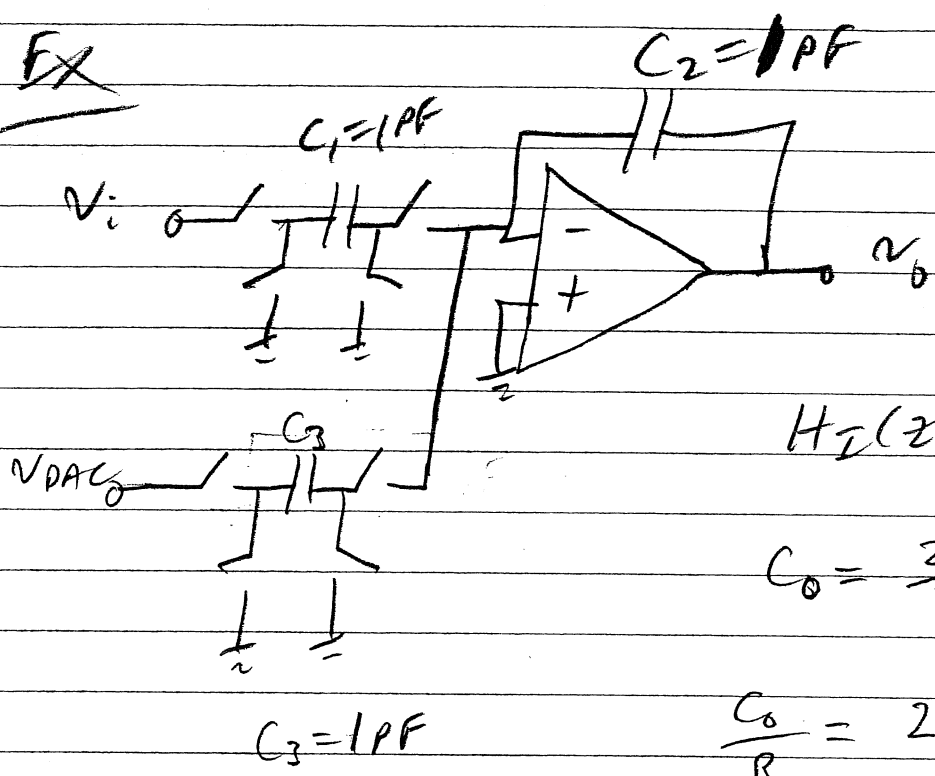
$$S_{ni}^2 = \frac{S_{no}^2}{[H_I(f)]^2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{f_s}\right) \left(\frac{kT}{C_1} + \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \left(\frac{kT}{C_1}\right)\right)$$

$$\overline{v_{ni}^2} = 2.33 \frac{kT}{C_1} \text{ AS BEFORE}$$

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EX



$$H_i(z) = \frac{1}{z-1}$$

$$C_0 = \frac{2}{3} \text{ pF}$$

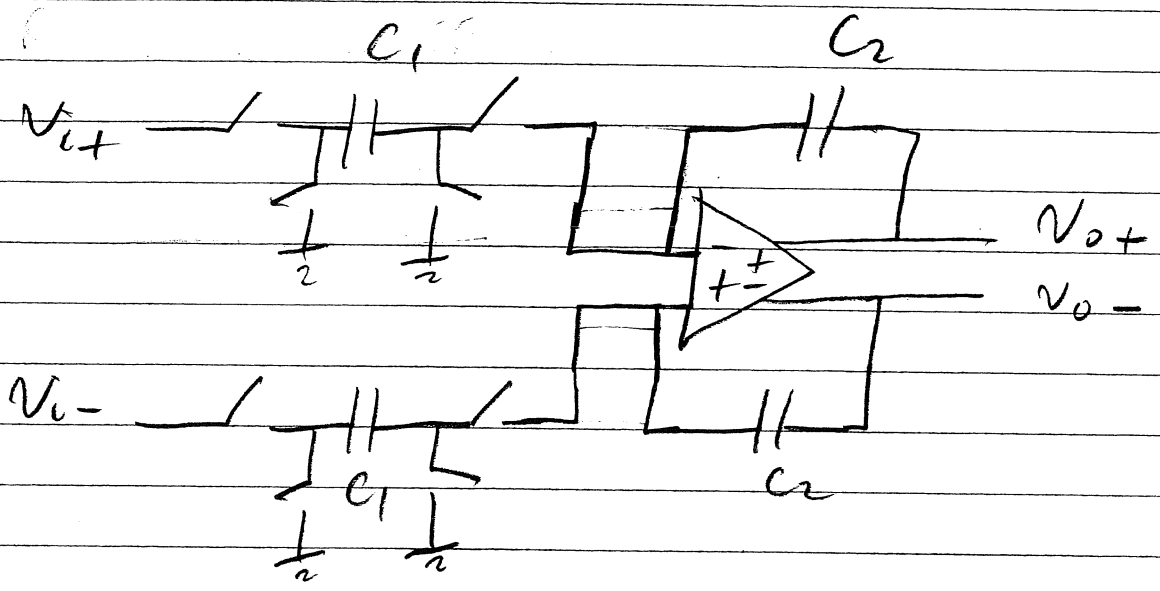
$$\frac{C_0}{\beta} = 2 = 2C_1$$

$$\overline{V_{ni}^2} = \frac{kT}{C_1} + \frac{4}{3} \frac{kT}{\left(\frac{C_0}{\beta}\right)} + \frac{kT}{C_3} + \frac{4}{3} \frac{kT}{\left(\frac{C_0}{\beta}\right)}$$

$$= 3.33 \frac{kT}{C_1}$$

$$V_{ni(RMS)} = 117 \mu\text{V} \quad \left(1.6 \text{ dB HIGHER NOISE} \right)$$

SINGLE-ENDED VS DIFFERENTIAL



RESISTOR NOISE

EACH SIDE SAME NOISE AS SINGLE-ENDED

BUT 2 SIDES SO NOISE IS 3dB

HIGHER, HOWEVER SIGNAL SWINGS ARE

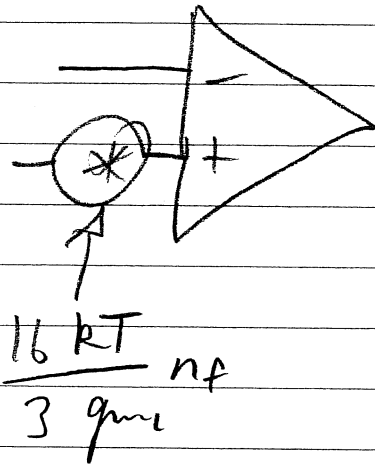
6 dB HIGHER SO SNR IS 3dB

HIGHER IF CAPS SAME SIZE AS

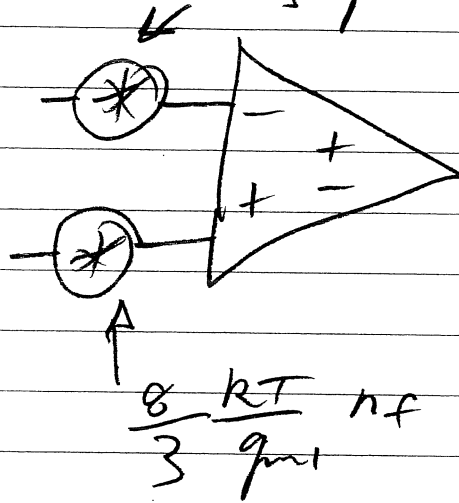
SINGLE-SIDED. $\frac{1}{2}$ CAP SIZE & SNR SAME.

OPAMP NOISE

SINGLE-SIDED



DIFF
 $\frac{8 kT}{3 g_{mi}} n f$



NOISE IS $\frac{1}{2}$ THAT OF SINGLE-SIDED.

LESS NOISE FOR DIFFERENTIAL