#### **BLM1612 - Circuit Theory**

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Filters and Bode Plots

#### Filters

• Objective of Lecture - Describe the filter types and functions.



- Any combination of passive (*R*, *L*, and *C*) and/or active (transistors or operational amplifiers) elements designed to select or reject a band of frequencies is called a filter.
- In general, there are two classifications of filters:
  - Passive filters
    - series or parallel combinations of *R*, *L*, and *C* elements.
  - Active filters
    - transistors and operational amplifiers in combination with *R*, *L*, and *C* elements.









## **R-C LOW-PASS FILTER**



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Solving for  $\mathbf{V}_o$  and substituting  $\mathbf{V}_i = V_i \angle 0^\circ$  gives

$$\mathbf{V}_{o} = \left[\frac{X_{C}}{\sqrt{R^{2} + X_{C}^{2}}} \angle \theta\right] \mathbf{V}_{i} = \left[\frac{X_{C}}{\sqrt{R^{2} + X_{C}^{2}}} \angle \theta\right] V_{i} \angle 0^{\circ}$$
$$\mathbf{V}_{o} = \frac{X_{C} V_{i}}{\sqrt{R^{2} + X_{C}^{2}}} \angle \theta$$

and

The angle  $\theta$  is, therefore, the angle by which  $\mathbf{V}_o$  leads  $\mathbf{V}_i$ . Since  $\theta = -\tan^{-1} R/X_c$  is always negative (except at f = 0 Hz), it is clear that  $\mathbf{V}_o$  will always lag  $\mathbf{V}_i$ , leading to the label *lagging network* for the network in Fig. in Slt. 5



## **R-C LOW-PASS FILTER**

• In summary, for the low-pass *R*-*C* filter:







# **R-C HIGH-PASS FILTER**

At any intermediate frequency, the output voltage can be determined using the voltage divider rule:

$$\mathbf{V}_{o} = \frac{R \angle 0^{\circ} \mathbf{V}_{i}}{R - j X_{C}}$$
  
or  
$$\frac{\mathbf{V}_{o}}{\mathbf{V}_{i}} = \frac{R \angle 0^{\circ}}{R - j X_{C}} = \frac{R \angle 0^{\circ}}{\sqrt{R^{2} + X_{C}^{2}} \angle -\tan^{-1}(X_{C}/R)}$$
  
and  
$$\frac{\mathbf{V}_{o}}{\mathbf{V}_{i}} = \frac{R}{\sqrt{R^{2} + X_{C}^{2}}} \angle \tan^{-1}(X_{C}/R)$$



### **R-C HIGH-PASS FILTER**

• In summary, for the high-pass *R*-*C* filter:

$$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$$
For  $f < f_c$ ,  $V_o < 0.707V_i$   
whereas for  $f > f_c$ ,  $V_o > 0.707V_i$   
At  $f_c$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_o$  leads  $\mathbf{V}_i$  by 45°







#### **Bode Plots**

- The frequency range required in frequency response is often so wide that it is inconvenient to use a linear scale for the frequency axis.
- Standard practice to plot the transfer function on a pair of semilogarithmic plots:
  - The magnitude in decibels is plotted against the logarithm of the frequency;
  - The phase in degrees is plotted against the logarithm of the frequency.
- Bode plots are semilog plots of the magnitude (in decibels) and phase (in degrees) of a transfer function versus frequency.











































