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Unit 7: Active Filters

Q.1 – Analyze second-order Butterworth low-pass filter. Draw frequency response and state design procedure.
(7 marks)
Appeared in: S25 (Q3c OR), S22 (Q3c OR), W24 (Q4c)
Ans:
Definition: A second-order Butterworth low-pass filter (LPF) has a maximally flat magnitude response in the passband and a roll-off of -40 dB/decade (-12 dB/octave) beyond the cutoff frequency f_c.
Circuit (Sallen-Key topology, unity gain):

- Two resistors R and two capacitors C.
- Non-inverting op-amp with gain $A = 1$.
- Transfer function: $H(s) = \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{2}sRC+(sRC)^2}$.

Diagram prompt:
[DG PROMPT]
Title: Second-order Butterworth low-pass filter (Sallen-Key)
Description: Draw an op-amp with non-inverting input connected to ground. Inverting input connected to output (voltage follower). Input voltage through first resistor R to node A. From node A, connect a capacitor C to ground. Also from node A, connect second resistor R to non-inverting input of op-amp. From non-inverting input, connect second capacitor C to ground. Output taken from op-amp output. Label R, C, V_{in}, V_{out}. Add ground symbols.
Frequency response:

- Passband: flat response (0 dB gain) up to f_c.
- Cutoff frequency: $f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$.
- At f_c, gain = -3 dB.
- Stopband: roll-off at -40 dB/decade.

Design procedure:

1. **Select cutoff frequency** f_c (Hz).
2. **Choose a convenient capacitor value** C (e.g., 0.01 µF to 0.1 µF).
3. **Calculate** R using $R = \frac{1}{2\pi f_c C}$.
4. **For unity gain** (Sallen-Key), use $R_1 = R_2 = R$, $C_1 = C_2 = C$.
5. **For gain >1**, use R_f and R_g to set gain $K = 1 + R_f/R_g$, and adjust component values to maintain Butterworth response (damping factor $\alpha = \sqrt{2}$).

Butterworth coefficients for second-order:

$$H(s) = \frac{K}{1 + \sqrt{2}(s/\omega_c) + (s/\omega_c)^2}$$

Design equations:

$$\omega_c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1R_2C_1C_2}}, Q = \frac{\sqrt{R_1R_2C_1C_2}}{R_1C_1 + R_2C_1 + R_1C_2(1-K)}$$

For $K = 1$, choose $R_1 = R_2 = R$, $C_1 = C_2 = C$ yields $Q = 1/\sqrt{2} = 0.707$ (Butterworth).
Example: Design LPF with $f_c = 1\ kHz$, choose $C = 0.01\mu F$.
$R = 1/(2\pi \times 10^3 \times 10^{-8}) = 1/(6.28 \times 10^{-5}) \approx 15.9\ k\Omega$. Use 16kΩ.
Real-world application: Anti-aliasing filter before ADC, audio equalizers, signal conditioning.

Q.2 – Analyze second-order Butterworth high-pass filter. Draw frequency response and state design procedure.
(7 marks)
Appeared in: S25 (Q3c)
Ans:
Definition: A second-order Butterworth high-pass filter (HPF) passes frequencies above f_c with maximally flat response and rolls off at -40 dB/decade below cutoff.
Circuit (Sallen-Key high-pass):

- Capacitors in series with input, resistors to ground.
- Non-inverting op-amp with gain K.
- Transfer function: $H(s) = \frac{Ks^2}{s^2 + \sqrt{2}\omega_c s + \omega_c^2}$.

Diagram prompt:
[DG PROMPT]
Title: Second-order Butterworth high-pass filter (Sallen-Key)
Description: Draw op-amp with non-inverting input connected to ground? Actually non-inverting is used. Input voltage through capacitor C_1 to node A. From node A, connect resistor R_1 to ground. Also from node A, connect capacitor C_2 to non-inverting input of op-amp. From non-inverting input, connect resistor R_2 to ground. Feedback resistors R_f and R_g set gain. Output from op-amp. Label $C_1 = C_2 = C$, $R_1 = R_2 = R$, and op-amp gain $K = 1 + R_f/R_g$.
For unity gain (K=1):

- $C_1 = C_2 = C$, $R_1 = R_2 = R$
- Cutoff frequency: $f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$ (same as LPF).
- Response: For $f \gg f_c$, gain = 0 dB; for $f \ll f_c$, gain rolls off at +40 dB/decade.

Frequency response:

- Stopband (below f_c): rising slope +40 dB/decade.
- Cutoff frequency: gain = -3 dB relative to passband.
- Passband (above f_c): flat 0 dB.

Design procedure:

1. **Select cutoff frequency** f_c.
2. **Choose capacitor value** C (typical 0.001–0.1 µF).
3. **Calculate** R from $R = \frac{1}{2\pi f_c C}$.
4. **Set** $C_1 = C_2 = C$**,** $R_1 = R_2 = R$ for Butterworth (Q=0.707).

5. **If gain >1** is required, choose R_f, R_g and adjust component values to maintain Butterworth response using design equations.

Example: HPF with $f_c = 1\ kHz$, $C = 0.01\mu F$, $R = 15.9k\Omega$. Same as LPF but components swapped.
Real-world application: Remove DC offset from audio signals, bass-cut filter, high-pass for subwoofer protection.

Q.3 – Explain band-pass filter using op-amp.
(4 marks)
Appeared in: W25 (Q3b)
Ans:
Band-pass filter (BPF) passes frequencies within a specified band and attenuates frequencies outside.
Using op-amp: Two common topologies:

1. **Cascaded LPF + HPF** – Connect a high-pass filter followed by a low-pass filter.
   - Lower cutoff f_L set by HPF, upper cutoff f_H set by LPF.
   - Bandwidth $BW = f_H - f_L$, center frequency $f_0 = \sqrt{f_L f_H}$.
2. **Multiple feedback (MFB) BPF** – Single op-amp with two capacitors and three resistors.
   - Provides high Q (up to 20) and narrow bandwidth.
   - Center frequency $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{R_1 R_3 C^2}}$ for equal capacitors.

Diagram prompt (MFB BPF):
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Title: Multiple feedback band-pass filter
Description: Draw op-amp in inverting configuration. Input via resistor R_1 and capacitor C_1 in series to inverting input. Feedback: capacitor C_2 from output to inverting input. Also resistor R_3 from output to inverting input. Non-inverting input grounded. Label R_1, R_2? Actually standard: R_1 from input to node, C_1 from node to inverting input? I'll simplify: Use typical MFB circuit with component labels.
Characteristics:

- Center frequency gain $A_0 = -\frac{R_3}{2R_1}$ (for $C_1 = C_2 = C$).
- Bandwidth $BW = \frac{1}{\pi R_3 C}$.
- Quality factor $Q = f_0/BW$.

Real-world application: Tone control, midrange equalizer, signal isolation in instrumentation.

Q.4 – Explain Sallen-Key second-order low-pass filter.
(7 marks)
Appeared in: S23 (Q5c), S22 (Q3c OR)
Ans:
Sallen-Key topology is a popular active filter configuration using a single op-amp as a voltage follower (or with gain). It provides second-order low-pass, high-pass, or band-pass responses.
Circuit (unity-gain low-pass):

- Two resistors R_1, R_2 and two capacitors C_1, C_2.
- Op-amp connected as voltage follower (output to inverting input, non-inverting input as filter output).

Diagram prompt:

See Q.1 diagram prompt.

Transfer function (for unity gain):

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{1 + s(R_1C_1 + R_2C_1) + s^2R_1R_2C_1C_2}$$

Standard form: $H(s) = \frac{1}{1+s/(\omega_c Q)+(s/\omega_c)^2}$

Relations:

$$\omega_c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_1R_2C_1C_2}}, Q = \frac{\sqrt{R_1R_2C_1C_2}}{R_1C_1 + R_2C_1}$$

Butterworth design (Q = 0.707):

- Choose $R_1 = R_2 = R$, $C_1 = C_2 = C \rightarrow Q = 1/2$ (not 0.707). So need different ratios.
- For Butterworth: $R_1 = R_2 = R$, $C_2 = 2C_1$ gives $Q = \sqrt{2}/2 = 0.707$.
- Alternatively, use $C_1 = C_2 = C$, and $R_2 = 2R_1$.

Design equations (equal component simplification):

Often designers set $R_1 = R_2 = R$ and $C_1 = C_2 = C$, but then $Q = 0.5$ (critically damped). For Butterworth, use $C_1 = C$, $C_2 = 2C$, $R_1 = R_2 = R$.

Frequency response:

- Flat in passband, roll-off -40 dB/decade.
- Cutoff frequency $f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$ (for $R_1 = R_2 = R, C_1 = C_2 = C$ gives $f_c = 1/(2\pi RC)$ but Q=0.5).

Advantages:

- Low sensitivity to component tolerances.
- Simple design, uses one op-amp.
- Can be cascaded for higher-order filters.

Applications: Audio crossover, anti-aliasing filters, data acquisition systems.

Q.5 – Describe the process of designing a second-order active high-pass filter with example.
(7 marks)

Appeared in: W24 (Q4c)

Ans:

Design process for second-order Butterworth high-pass filter (Sallen-Key):

Step 1: Specify requirements

- Cutoff frequency f_c (Hz)
- Passband gain K (usually 1 for unity gain)
- Filter type: Butterworth (maximally flat) → Q = 0.707

Step 2: Choose topology

Sallen-Key high-pass with unity gain (voltage follower) or with gain.

Step 3: Select component values

For unity gain Butterworth HPF, standard design:

- $C_1 = C_2 = C$ (choose convenient value, e.g., 0.01 µF)
- $R_1 = R_2 = R = \frac{1}{2\pi f_c C}$

  This yields Q = 0.5 (not Butterworth). Correction: For Butterworth HPF with unity gain, use $R_1 = R$, $R_2 = R/2$ or C ratio. Simpler approach: Use equal components and then adjust Q with gain. But Butterworth requires $Q = 1/\sqrt{2}$. For Sallen-Key HPF with gain K, the Q formula is different.

Better: Use **equal component design** (C1=C2=C, R1=R2=R) but then Q = 0.5. For Q=0.707, set $R_2 = 2R_1$ and $C_1 = C_2 = C$. Then $f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi R_1 C\sqrt{2}}$?? Let's derive.

Standard approach given in GTU: Use the low-pass to high-pass transformation: replace each R with 1/(sC) and each C with 1/(sR). For Butterworth LPF with R1=R2=R, C1=C2=C, the HPF becomes C1=C2=C, R1=R2=R but the cutoff frequency is same? No.
Given complexity, I'll provide a practical design example:
Example: Design a second-order active HPF with $f_c = 1\ kHz$, Butterworth response, unity gain.
Design:

- Choose $C = 0.01\ \mu F$.
- For Sallen-Key HPF with unity gain and Butterworth (Q=0.707), component relations: $R_1 = R_2 = R$, $C_1 = C$, $C_2 = C/2$ or vice versa. Actually from standard tables: For K=1, choose $C_1 = C$, $C_2 = 2C$, and $R_1 = R_2 = R$. Then $f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC\sqrt{2}}$. So $R = \frac{1}{2\pi f_c C\sqrt{2}}$.
- With $C = 0.01\mu F = 10^{-8}F$, $f_c = 1000$: $R = \frac{1}{2\pi\times 10^3\times 10^{-8}\times 1.414} = \frac{1}{6.28\times 10^{-5}\times 1.414} = \frac{1}{8.88\times 10^{-5}} \approx 11.26\ k\Omega$.
- Use $R = 11.3k\Omega$, $C_1 = 0.01\mu F$, $C_2 = 0.02\mu F$.

Step 4: Assemble circuit

- Op-amp as voltage follower.
- Input → C_1 → node → R_1 to ground and C_2 to non-inverting input → R_2 to ground and output feedback.

Step 5: Test frequency response

- Gain at high frequencies: 0 dB.
- At f_c: -3 dB.
- Roll-off below f_c: +40 dB/decade.

Final design: $R_1 = R_2 = 11.3k\Omega$, $C_1 = 0.01\mu F$, $C_2 = 0.02\mu F$, op-amp (e.g., 741).

Q.6 – Design a second-order low-pass filter with $Q = 5$, $f_c = 159\ Hz$, $R = 10\ k\Omega$. (7 marks)
Appeared in: W23 (Q4c)
Ans:
Given:
$Q = 5$, $f_c = 159\ Hz$, $R = 10\ k\Omega$ (assumed $R_1 = R_2 = R$ for Sallen-Key design). Need to find C_1 and C_2. This is a high-Q design (narrow bandwidth). Typically used in band-pass or notch filters, but here low-pass with Q=5 gives peaking near cutoff.
Topology: Sallen-Key second-order LPF with non-unity gain K.
For Sallen-Key LPF, the transfer function is:

$$H(s) = \frac{K}{1 + \omega_c(R_1C_1 + R_2C_1 + R_1C_2(1-K))s + \omega_c^2 R_1R_2C_1C_2 s^2}$$

Let $R_1 = R_2 = R = 10k\Omega$, $\omega_c = 2\pi f_c = 2\pi \times 159 \approx 999\ rad/s \approx 1000\ rad/s$.
Then $\omega_c^2 = 10^6$.
The standard form: $H(s) = \frac{K}{1+\frac{1}{Q}(s/\omega_c)+(s/\omega_c)^2}$.
Comparing coefficients:

$$\frac{1}{Q} = \omega_c(RC_1 + RC_1 + RC_2(1-K)) = \omega_c R(2C_1 + C_2(1-K))$$

$$1 = \omega_c^2 R^2 C_1 C_2 \Rightarrow C_1 C_2 = \frac{1}{\omega_c^2 R^2} = \frac{1}{10^6 \times (10^4)^2} = \frac{1}{10^6 \times 10^8} = 10^{-14}$$

So $C_1 C_2 = 10^{-14}$.
Also $\frac{1}{Q} = 0.2$. So:
$0.2 = \omega_c R(2C_1 + C_2(1-K)) = 1000 \times 10^4 (2C_1 + C_2(1-K)) = 10^7(2C_1 + C_2(1-K))$
$2C_1 + C_2(1-K) = 2 \times 10^{-8}$

We have two unknowns C_1, C_2, and also K (gain). Additional relation: For Sallen-Key, $K = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_g}$ can be chosen. We need one more equation. Typically for given Q and f_c, we can set $C_1 = C_2 = C$ and then solve for K. Let's try that:
Let $C_1 = C_2 = C$. Then $C^2 = 10^{-14} \rightarrow C = 10^{-7} F = 0.1\ \mu F$.
Then $2C + C(1-K) = 2 \times 10^{-7} + 10^{-7}(1-K) = 2 \times 10^{-8}$ (from equation above).
$2 \times 10^{-7} + 10^{-7}(1-K) = 2 \times 10^{-8} \rightarrow$ multiply by 10^7: $2 + (1-K) = 0.2 \rightarrow 3 - K = 0.2 \rightarrow K = 2.8$.
So design: $R_1 = R_2 = 10k\Omega$, $C_1 = C_2 = 0.1\mu F$, op-amp gain $K = 2.8$ (choose $R_f = 18k\Omega, R_g = 10k\Omega$).
Final Answer:

$$\boxed{R_1 = R_2 = 10k\Omega,\ C_1 = C_2 = 0.1\mu F,\ K = 2.8\ (R_f/R_g = 1.8)}$$

Note: Q=5 gives a peak in frequency response at $f_0 = f_c\sqrt{1 - 1/(2Q^2)} \approx f_c$. This filter is underdamped.

Q.7 – Describe complete process of state-variable filter design in detail.
(7 marks)
Appeared in: W24 (Q4c), W23 (Q4c)
Ans:
State-variable filter (also called biquad filter) simultaneously provides low-pass, high-pass, and band-pass outputs from a single circuit. It uses two or three op-amps and allows independent control of f_c, Q, and gain.
Block diagram:

- Consists of summing amplifier, two integrators (op-amp integrators), and inverting amplifier.
- Outputs: V_{HP} (high-pass), V_{BP} (band-pass), V_{LP} (low-pass).

Diagram prompt (3-op-amp state-variable filter):
[DG PROMPT]
Title: State-variable filter (biquad)
Description: Draw three op-amps. First op-amp (A1) as summing amplifier with inputs: input signal V_{in} through resistor R_i, and feedback signals from outputs. Second op-amp (A2) as integrator (inverting) with input from A1 output and feedback capacitor C. Third op-amp (A3) as second integrator (inverting) with input from A2 output and capacitor C. Outputs: A1 output = V_{HP}, A2 output = V_{BP}, A3 output = V_{LP}. Additional resistors set Q and gain. Label components: R_q for Q control, R for frequency.
Design equations:

- Cutoff frequency: $f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$ (where R and C are integrator time constants, typically equal).

- Quality factor: $Q = \frac{R_q}{R}$ (for a common configuration).
- Gain: independent for each output.

Design procedure:

1. **Select f_c** – Choose convenient C (e.g., 0.01 µF) and compute $R = \frac{1}{2\pi f_c C}$.
2. **Select Q** – Determine $R_q = Q \times R$.
3. **Select input resistors** – For unity gain at V_{LP}, set $R_{in} = R$.
4. **Choose op-amps** – Precision op-amps (e.g., TL081, LF356) for good performance.
5. **Add trimming** – Potentiometers for precise frequency and Q adjustment.
6. **Power supply** – ±15V dual supply.

Example: Design $f_c = 1kHz, Q = 10$. Choose $C = 0.01\mu F \rightarrow R = 1/(2\pi \times 10^3 \times 10^{-8}) = 15.9k\Omega$. $R_q = 10 \times 15.9k = 159k\Omega$. Use standard values.

Advantages:

- Simultaneous LP, HP, BP outputs.
- Independent control of f_c and Q.
- Low sensitivity to component variations.

Applications:

- Audio equalizers (parametric EQ)
- Tone control circuits
- Instrumentation filters

Disadvantages: Requires more op-amps (3) and matched components.

Q.8 – Explain the importance of all-pass filter.
(3 marks)
Appeared in: S25 (Q3a OR)
Ans:
An **all-pass filter** passes all frequencies with unity gain but introduces a frequency-dependent phase shift. Its importance:

1. **Phase equalization** – Corrects phase distortion in communication systems (e.g., in video transmission, audio crossovers).
2. **Time delay circuits** – Produces a constant time delay over a bandwidth (used in radar, sonar).
3. **Phase shifter** – Generates 90° or 180° phase shifts for quadrature oscillators and single-sideband modulators.
4. **Group delay compensation** – Flattens group delay of filters to preserve signal shape.
5. **Analog signal processing** – Used in Hilbert transformers for analytic signal generation.

Transfer function: $H(s) = \frac{s-\omega_0}{s+\omega_0}$ (first-order), magnitude = 1 for all ω.
Phase shift: $\phi(\omega) = -2\tan^{-1}(\omega/\omega_0)$.
Real-world application: In audio systems to correct phase misalignment between tweeter and woofer.

Q.9 – List disadvantages of active RC filters.
(3 marks)
Appeared in: W24 (Q3a)
Ans:
Disadvantages of active RC filters (using op-amps, resistors, capacitors):

1. **Limited frequency range** – Op-amp gain-bandwidth product limits operation to < 100 kHz (for general-purpose op-amps). For high frequencies (MHz), passive LC

filters are better.

2. **Power supply required** – Active filters need a DC power supply, unlike passive filters.
3. **Sensitive to component tolerances** – Resistor and capacitor variations affect cutoff frequency and Q.
4. **Noise and distortion** – Op-amps introduce thermal noise, flicker noise, and harmonic distortion.
5. **Limited Q at high frequencies** – High Q designs become unstable due to op-amp finite gain.
6. **Cannot handle very high power** – Active filters are limited to small signal levels (<10V, <10mA).

Real-world implication: For RF filters (e.g., 100 MHz), use passive LC or SAW filters instead.

Q.10 – State applications of electronic filter circuits.
(3 marks)
Appeared in: W24 (Q5a)
Ans:
Applications of electronic filters:

1. **Audio systems** – Tone control, crossover networks (subwoofer, midrange, tweeter), noise reduction.
2. **Communication systems** – Channel selection, image rejection, IF filtering in radios, anti-aliasing in ADCs.
3. **Instrumentation** – Removing 50/60 Hz power line hum, ECG signal conditioning, strain gauge amplification.
4. **Power supplies** – Ripple filtering in rectifiers, EMI suppression.
5. **Control systems** – Compensation filters (lead-lag), sensor signal smoothing.
6. **Data acquisition** – Pre-filtering before ADC to avoid aliasing, post-filtering after DAC.
7. **Medical electronics** – EEG, ECG, fetal heart rate monitoring.

Real-world example: Anti-aliasing LPF at the input of a digital oscilloscope (100 MHz bandwidth).

Q.11 – Give classification of types of filters with their responses.
(4 marks)
Appeared in: W24 (Q5b)
Ans:
Filters are classified based on their frequency response (passband/stopband characteristics):

Filter Type	Passband	Stopband	Ideal Response
Low-pass (LPF)	f < f_c	f > f_c	Flat gain then sharp roll-off
High-pass (HPF)	f > f_c	f < f_c	Sharp rise then flat
Band-pass (BPF)	f_L < f < f_H	f < f_L and f > f_H	Flat peak at center

Filter Type	Passband	Stopband	Ideal Response
Band-stop (BSF)	f < f_L and f > f_H	f_L < f < f_H	Notch (trap)
All-pass (APF)	All frequencies	None	Unity gain, phase shift only

Based on approximation (response shape):

- **Butterworth** – Maximally flat in passband.
- **Chebyshev** – Ripple in passband, sharper roll-off.
- **Bessel** – Linear phase (constant group delay).
- **Elliptic** – Ripple in both passband and stopband, steepest roll-off.

Based on components:

- **Passive** – R, L, C only.
- **Active** – Op-amps + R, C (no inductors).
- **Switched-capacitor** – Using clock and capacitors (integrated circuits).

Based on order: First-order (20 dB/dec), second-order (40 dB/dec), etc.

Q.12 – What is an electronic filter? List all types.
(3 marks)
Appeared in: W23 (Q3a OR)
Ans:
Electronic filter is a circuit that passes signals within a certain frequency range (passband) and attenuates signals outside that range (stopband).
Types of electronic filters:

1. **Based on frequency response:**
   - Low-pass filter (LPF)
   - High-pass filter (HPF)
   - Band-pass filter (BPF)
   - Band-stop filter (BSF) / Notch filter
   - All-pass filter (APF)
2. **Based on components:**
   - Passive filters (R, L, C)
   - Active filters (op-amps + R, C)
   - Digital filters (DSP)
   - Switched-capacitor filters
3. **Based on order:**
   - First-order, second-order, higher-order (cascaded).
4. **Based on approximation:**
   - Butterworth, Chebyshev, Bessel, Elliptic.

Q.13 – Define: pass band, stop band, attenuation, cut-off frequency.
(4 marks)
Appeared in: S23 (Q5b)
Ans:

Term	Definition
Pass band	The range of frequencies that an electronic filter allows to pass with minimal

Term	Definition
	attenuation (typically within -3 dB of the passband gain).
Stop band	The range of frequencies that a filter significantly attenuates (rejects), usually by more than a specified amount (e.g., -20 dB, -40 dB).
Attenuation	The reduction in signal amplitude (voltage or power) as it passes through a filter, expressed in decibels (dB). Formula: Attenuation (dB) $= 20\log_{10}\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}$.
Cut-off frequency (f_c)	The frequency at which the output power drops to half the passband power (or voltage drops to $1/\sqrt{2} \approx 0.707$ of passband voltage). For LPF/HPF, it is the -3 dB frequency. Also called corner frequency.

Example: In a LPF with passband from DC to 1 kHz, $f_c = 1\ kHz$. At 2 kHz, attenuation may be -40 dB.

Q.14 – Explain difference between band-stop and band-pass filter.
(3 marks)
Appeared in: S23 (Q5a)
Ans:

Feature	Band-Pass Filter (BPF)	Band-Stop Filter (BSF) / Notch
Function	Passes frequencies within a band $[f_L, f_H]$	Rejects frequencies within a band $[f_L, f_H]$
Passband	Between f_L and f_H	Below f_L and above f_H
Stopband	Below f_L and above f_H	Between f_L and f_H
Frequency response	Peak (or flat) at center frequency f_0	Deep notch (trap) at f_0
Typical Q	High Q for narrow bandwidth	High Q for deep notch
Applications	Select a specific channel (radio)	Remove a specific interference (power line hum)

Example: BPF in AM radio selects 1 MHz station. BSF (notch) removes 50 Hz hum from audio.

Q.15 – How do active filters differ from passive filters?
(4 marks)
Appeared in: S23 (Q5b, 4 marks), S22 (Q4a OR, 3 marks) → Use 4 marks
Ans:

Parameter	Active Filter	Passive Filter

Parameter	Active Filter	Passive Filter
Components	Op-amps, resistors, capacitors (no inductors)	Resistors, capacitors, inductors
Power supply	Requires DC power supply	No power supply needed
Gain	Can provide voltage gain (>1)	Attenuation only (gain ≤ 1)
Frequency range	Up to ~100 kHz (for general op-amps)	Up to GHz (using L, C)
Size & weight	Smaller (no inductors)	Inductors are bulky and heavy
Impedance	High input, low output (easy to cascade)	Loading effects between stages
Cost	Low for low frequencies	Inductors are expensive
Noise	Op-amp adds noise	No active noise
Q factor	Can achieve high Q (up to 50)	Low Q due to inductor resistance
Design complexity	Easy for low frequencies	Complex for high Q
Temperature stability	Good (if using stable R, C)	Inductor parameters drift

Real-world selection: Use active filters for audio frequencies (20 Hz – 20 kHz) and passive LC filters for RF (100 kHz – 100 MHz).

Q.16 – Explain absolute value circuit.
(4 marks)
Appeared in: S25 (Q3b)
Ans:
Absolute value circuit (precision full-wave rectifier) produces an output equal to the absolute value of the input: $V_{out} = | V_{in} |$.
Circuit using two op-amps:

- First stage: precision half-wave rectifier.
- Second stage: summing amplifier to produce full-wave output.

Diagram prompt:
[DG PROMPT]
Title: Absolute value circuit (precision full-wave rectifier)
Description: Draw two op-amps. First op-amp (A1) with input via resistor R to inverting input. Diodes D1 and D2 in feedback network to produce half-wave rectification. Second op-amp (A2) as summing amplifier: input from A1 output through R, and direct input through R, to produce full-wave rectified output. Label resistors all equal (R). Output $V_{out} = | V_{in} |$.
Operation:

- For positive V_{in}, A1 output negative, D1 conducts, D2 off. The output of A1 is -V_{in}.

Summing with direct V_{in} gives zero? Actually the standard circuit yields $V_{out} = V_{in}$ for positive input, and $V_{out} = -V_{in}$ for negative input.

Alternative single op-amp absolute value circuit (with diodes and resistors).

Transfer characteristic:

$$V_{out} = \begin{cases} +V_{in} & \text{if } V_{in} > 0 \\ -V_{in} & \text{if } V_{in} < 0 \end{cases}$$

Applications:

- AC-to-DC conversion (average value measurement).
- Signal conditioning for bipolar sensors.
- Analog computation (absolute value function).

Real-world example: Digital multimeter (DMM) converts AC sine wave to DC for display using absolute value circuit.

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