

Zero Discussion

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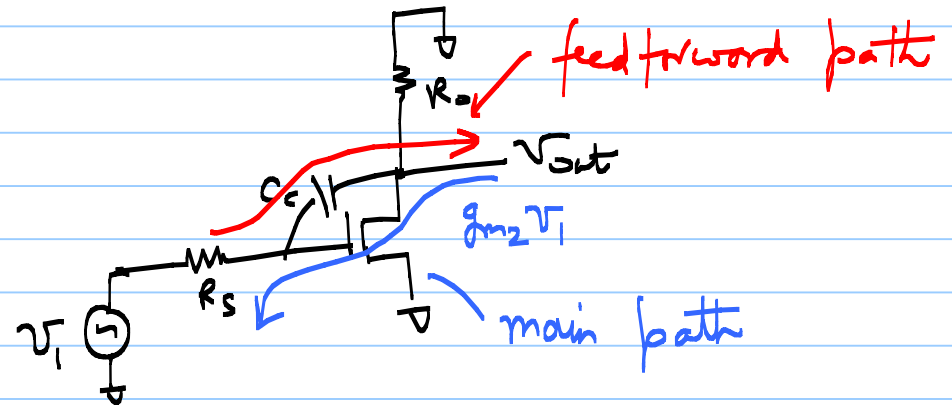
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$$\omega_z = + \frac{g_{m2}}{C_c}$$

→ RHP zero

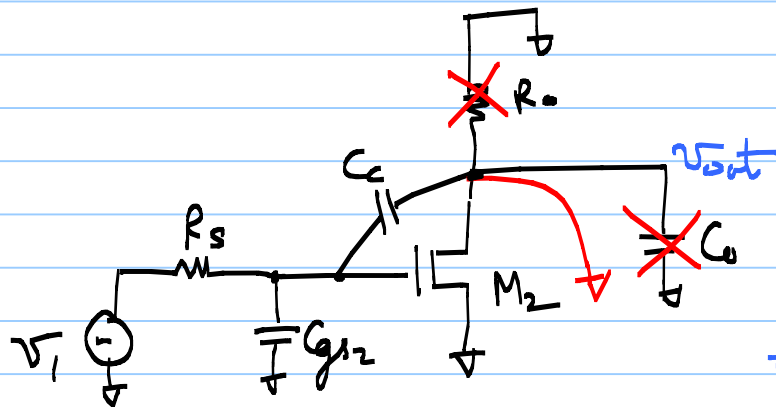
→ arises due to the direct coupling of the input to the output through C_c .

→ C_c provides a feedforward path that conducts the input signal to the output, at very high frequencies
⇒ +20 dB/dec roll-up



↳ RHP zero reduces phase at high frequencies as the signal through C_c adds to the main path output in the opposite phase.

* Quick Calculation of zero :



$s_z + j\omega_z$
corresponds to $j\omega_z$

at $s = s_z \Rightarrow \frac{V_{out}(s)}{V_{in}(s)} = 0$

for a finite v_{in}
 $\Rightarrow V_{out}(s_z) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$ the output can be shorted to ground at this value of $s = s_z$, with no current flowing through the short

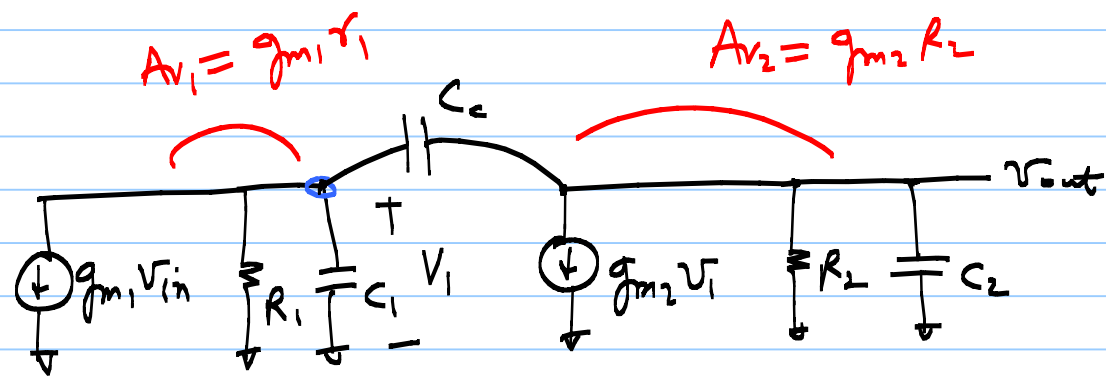
$\Rightarrow$ current through C_c & M_2 are equal and opposite

$$\Rightarrow v_1 C_c S_z = g_{m2} v_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{S_z = + \frac{g_{m1}}{C_{gd1}}} \quad \text{RHP zero.}$$

$\Rightarrow$ if the polarity of the current through C_c is inverted then it could lead to an LHP zero.

* Quick Calculation of f_{un} (or ω_{un}) from the circuit.

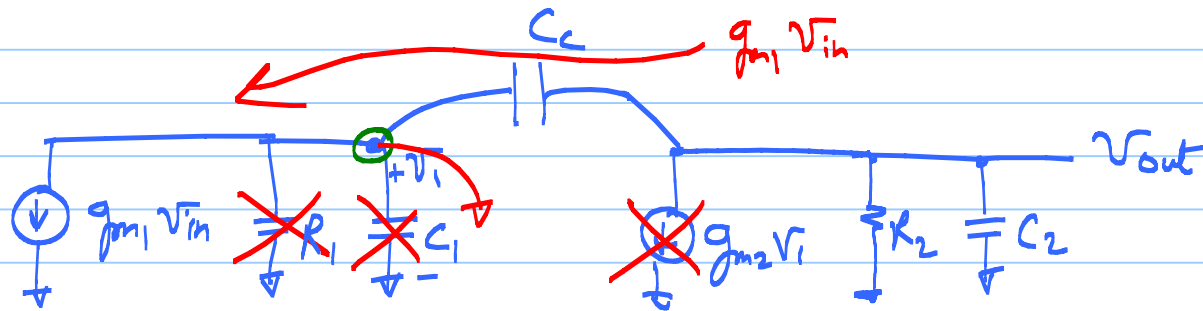


* When the amplifier is operated in feedback, the output of the first stage is given by $V_1 = \frac{V_{out}}{A_{v2}}$ ← gain of the second stage

* if A_{v2} is large then $V_1 \approx 0$

$\Rightarrow$ all the current $g_{m1}v_{in}$ flows to the output through C_c .

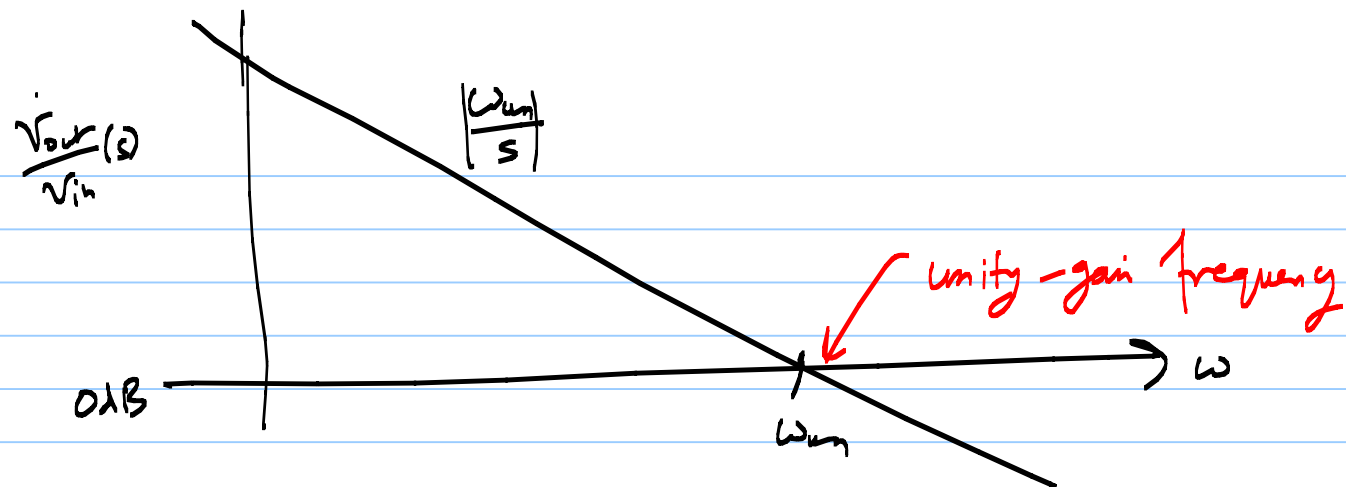
Equivalent circuit $\Rightarrow$



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KCL @ $\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow$

$$g_{m1}v_{in} = sC_c v_{out}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} \approx \frac{g_{m1}}{sC_c} = \frac{\omega_{un}}{s} \quad \text{where } \omega_{un} = \frac{g_{m1}}{C_c}$$



$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f_{un} = \frac{\omega_{un}}{2\pi} = \frac{g_m}{2\pi C_c}}$$

* Alternatively we can also derive f_{un} as follows :

* Dominant pole response

$$H(s) \approx \frac{A_{v0}}{1 + s/\omega_{p1}}$$

$$\approx \frac{A_{v0} \cdot \omega_{p1}}{s} \quad \text{for } \left| \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}} \right| \gg 1$$

$$= \frac{\omega_{un}}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_{un} = A_{v0} \cdot \omega_{p1}$$

$$= g_{m1} R_1 \cdot g_{m2} R_2 \cdot \frac{1}{g_{m2} R_2 R_1 C_c} = \boxed{\frac{g_{m1}}{C_c}}$$