Comparative Study of Simulated Floating Inductances Using Ota in Low Pass Filter

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Abstract: - Several methods of realization of floating inductance with current conveyors, current feedback amplifier has been reported. The methods for the realization of inductance simulation with electronically tunable properties using current controlled conveyors required well matching of transistors. These devices have limited performance due to component matching. Simulation of inductance is also obtained from second generation current conveyors with excessive number of components. The simulated inductance is varied through passive elements and the approach is based on the use of current differencing buffer amplifier realized with CMOS technology and is unavailable in integrated form. Operational transconductance amplifier has an attractive feature of transconductance gain which is linearly controlled over more than 4 decades from the bias current. The OTA is a commercial low cost device and also easy to implement in monolithic integrated form. The realization of floating inductance simulation is more attractive. A commercial OTA with least number of active and passive elements exhibit an attractive method to simulate a floating inductance. A review on floating inductance using number of OTAs with resistor and single capacitor is reported in terms of searching for the best method of simulating the floating inductance in the design of low pass filter.

Key words: Floating inductance, LPF-low pass filter, OTA- Operational Transconductance Amplifier.

I.

INTRODUCTION

Floating inductance simulation is one of the important components in active filter design, oscillators and system response compensation. Several methods for realization of the floating inductance simulation have been reported [1-16]. An approach is based on second generation of current conveyors (CCCIIs), current differing buffer amplifiers (CDBAs), current feedback amplifiers (CFAs)[1,5,6,15]. The CCCII conveyors required component matching condition which is not in the view of commercial and in tunability aspect requires excessive number of active elements. Using the dual output current conveyor, the simulated inductance is varied with passive component. The approach with CDBA and CFA realization with CMOS technology is unavailable in commercial integrated form. The economic advantage in circuit design with operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) has one of the attractive features, i.e. transconductance gain which is linearly controlled over four decades. Therefore the realization technique of the floating inductance simulation using 5-OTA, 4-OTA, 3-OTA and 2-OTA are reported and verified through software Protuse Professional 7 [8-13]. The validity of their values is tested in low pass filter structure explaining the agreement in values of inductance implemented in the circuit.

2. Circuit description

Ideally the OTA is the voltage controlled current source, which is described mathematically as: $I_0 = g_m(V_1 - V_2)$ (1) Where I_0 is output current, $g_m = \frac{I_B}{2V_T}$, is transconductance gain in which V_T is thermal voltage and V₁ and V₂

denote non inverting and inverting input voltage respectively. The circuit symbol of OTA is shown in Fig. 1.

 $V_1 \circ \cdots \to V_{2} \circ \cdots \to I_{out}$







The Table 1 gives simulation circuits using 5-OTA, 4-OTA and 3-OTA with its simulated inductances. Now the simulation is possible with still minimum number of OTAs i.e. with only 2-OTAs and single grounded capacitor, is shown in Fig. 2 for both positive and negative inductances.





b) Negative inductance

Using the property of operational transconductance amplifier, the positive floating inductance simulation is shown in Fig. 2a, the output currents of OTA_1 and OTA_2 are:

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= g_{m_1}(V_1 - V_2) \\
I_2 &= g_{m_2}(V_Y)
\end{aligned}$$
(2)
(3)

where
$$V_{1} = \frac{I_{1}}{I_{1}} = \frac{g_{m_{1}}(V_{1} - V_{2})}{I_{1}}$$
 (4)

Substitute Eqn. (4) in Eqn. (3) we get,

$$I_2 = \frac{g_{m_1}g_{m_2}(v_1 - v_2)}{cc}$$
(5)

This gives the input impedance as:

$$Z_{in} = \frac{(V_1 - V_2)}{I_2} = \frac{SC}{g_{m_1}g_{m_2}} = Z_L = SL$$
(6)

So it is evident that the input impedance contains the inductance property as:

$$L = \frac{c}{g_{m_1}g_{m_2}} \tag{7}$$

Thus the resulting positive inductance can be electronically varied by tuning the external bias current I_{B1} or I_{B2} . This positive inductance simulation (+L) can also occur if input terminal and output feedback is connected to negative terminal of OTA's.

In the same circuit the negative floating inductance can be simulated with the circuit shown in Fig. 2b. The input terminal and output feedback terminals are connected with apposite polarities to obtain negative inductance. **3. Experimental results**

The experimental arrangement of passive low pass filter shown in Fig 3. Using all types of simulated floating inductances LPF is studied by replacing passive inductor with active inductors, which is verified by Proteus Professional 7 Software. The limitation of simulation is discussed in search of best simulation circuit for floating inductance.



Fig.3

The simulated floating inductance is verified in low pass filter with filter capacitor $C_A = 1nF$ for all bias currents from 1µA to 2000µA of LM13600 OTA. The corresponding inductances are getting from 2.712 H to 0.678µH respectively at C1 = 1nf, which is verified in second order low pass filter, at cutoff frequency, $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$. The cutoff frequency response curves for all types of simulated inductance circuits are studied and are given in Table 2.

In 5-OTA low pass filter simulation circuit it has good response for positive floating inductance at K<1. The cut off frequencies matches with theoretical values with 20% error. If K>1 for negative floating inductance the gain reduces to -200dB and fails to pass the frequency below the cut off frequency.

In 4-OTA with a resistor and single capacitor simulation circuit of low pass response the cut off frequencies does not matches with theoretical values and the low pass response is observed only above 500 μ A of biasing current with ripples. In another 4-OTA with only single grounded capacitor for both positive and negative inductor low pass filter, the positive floating inductor shows an exact matching of -3dB frequencies for biasing currents 1 μ A to 1000 μ A with ±6% error. The negative floating inductance low pass filter has frequency response without ripples, which does not match in cut off frequencies. This shows the 4-OTA simulator is unable to simulate negative inductance. The Gyrator 4-OTA low pass filter shows a good response for positive inductance for all bias currents of 1 μ A to 2000 μ A with an error of ±6%. In negative simulation inductance low pass responses have without ripples and shows its cut off frequencies matches with -6dB frequencies.

In 3-OTA simulated inductance circuits, the first two circuits shows the simulation occurred with $\pm 30\%$ and $\pm 7\%$ error respectively, which are observed through low pass filter. The ripple of the first circuit is less compared to second circuit. The third, gyrator 3-OTA circuit shows for all biasing currents form 1µA to 2000µA the cut off frequencies matches with -6dB frequencies instead of -3dB without ripples, which is similar with responses of negative inductance simulator of 4-OTA Gyrator low pass circuit.

The proposed 2-OTA floating simulated inductance circuit of low pass response shows the simulation is carried with $\pm 5\%$ error with ripples at cutoff frequencies in positive inductance. The 2-OTA negative floating inductance also shows the same responses as 4-OTA and 3-OTA negative gyrator circuit, i.e. cut off frequencies that are matching with -6dB frequencies. This shows the Bessel's filter parameter structure.

Table 2.	
Simulation circuit in second order LPF	Low pass freq. Response



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II. CONCLUSION

The simulation of floating inductance with less number of commercially available active devices with single grounded capacitor is one of important aspect of design in filter application. The tunable property of transconductance gain of OTA, the simulation of floating inductance with 2-OTA gives exactly matching frequencies with less error compared with 5-OTA, 4-OTA and 3-OTA low pass responses. The negative inductance simulation cut off frequencies matches with -6dB frequencies, which shows Bessel's filter characters. It is concluded that 2-OTA floating inductance simulation of positive and negative inductance is considered to be more suitable in LC ladder filter structures.

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