



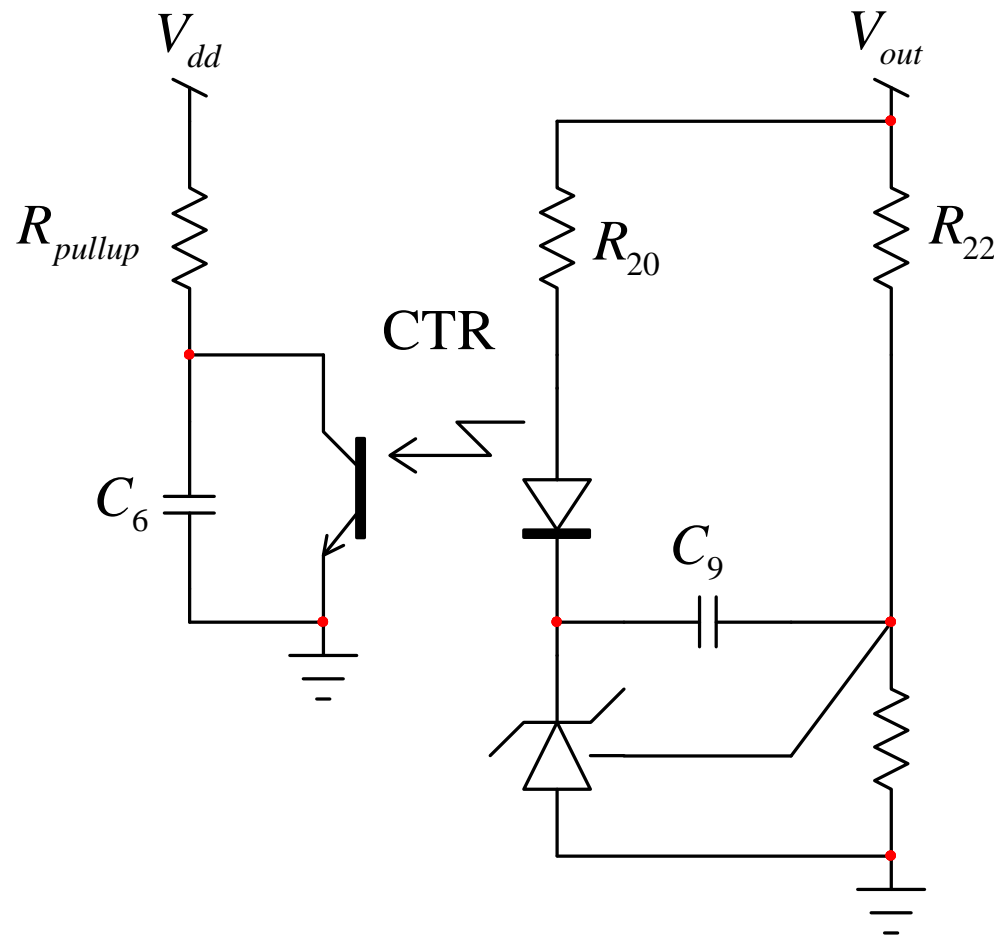
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The TL431 in a Modified Type 2 Configuration

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The Type 2 Configuration

- The below drawing shows a TL431 in a type 2 configuration



$$G(s) = -G_0 \frac{1 + \frac{\omega_{z_1}}{s}}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p_1}}}$$

$$G_0 = \frac{R_{pullup}}{R_{20}} \text{CTR}$$

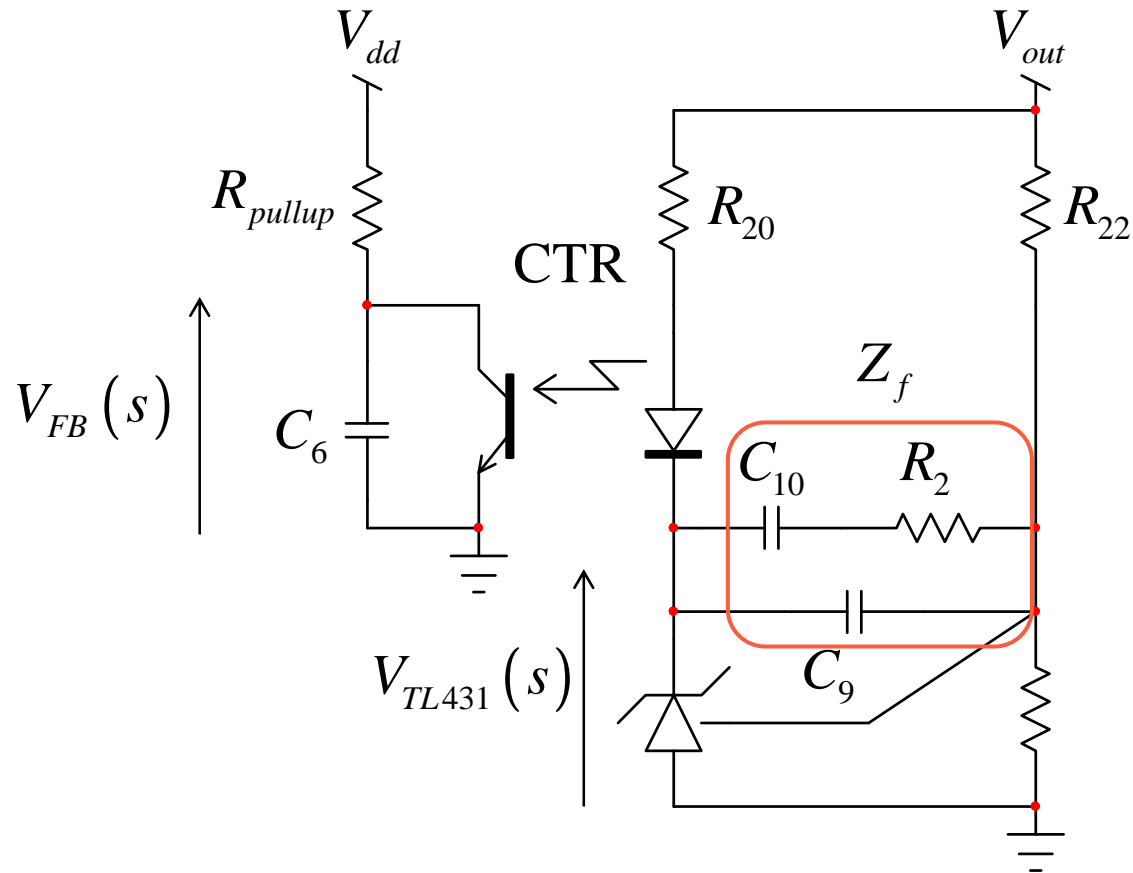
$$\omega_{z_1} = \frac{1}{R_{22} C_9}$$

$$\omega_{p_1} = \frac{1}{R_{pullup} C_2}$$

$$C_2 = C_6 \parallel C_{opto}$$

A Modified Version

- Some designers add an RC network as with an op amp



- What is the new transfer function?

Transfer Function Derivation

$$Z_f(s) = \frac{\left(R_2 + \frac{1}{sC_{10}}\right) \frac{1}{sC_9}}{\left(R_2 + \frac{1}{sC_{10}}\right) + \frac{1}{sC_9}} \quad I_{LED}(s) = \frac{V_{out}(s) - V_{TL431}(s)}{R_{20}} = \frac{V_{out}(s)}{R_{20}} \left(1 + \frac{Z_f(s)}{R_{22}}\right)$$

$$1 + \frac{Z_f(s)}{R_{22}} = \frac{C_{10}R_2s + C_9R_{22}s + C_{10}R_{22}s + C_9C_{10}R_2R_{22}s^2 + 1}{s(C_9R_{22} + C_{10}R_{22}) \left(1 + s \frac{R_2R_{22}C_{10}C_9}{R_{22}(C_9 + C_{10})}\right)}$$

$$1 + \frac{Z_f(s)}{R_{22}} = \frac{1 + s(C_{10}R_2 + C_9R_{22} + C_{10}R_{22}) + s^2C_9C_{10}R_2R_{22}}{sR_{22}(C_9 + C_{10}) \left(1 + s \frac{R_2R_{22}C_{10}C_9}{R_{22}(C_9 + C_{10})}\right)} = \frac{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0 Q} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2}{\frac{s}{\omega_{po}} \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}}\right)}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C_9C_{10}R_{22}R_2}} \quad Q = \frac{\sqrt{C_9C_{10}R_2R_{22}}}{R_{22}(C_9 + C_{10}) + C_{10}R_2} \quad \omega_{po} = \frac{1}{R_{22}(C_9 + C_{10})} \quad \omega_{p1} = \frac{C_9 + C_{10}}{R_2C_{10}C_9}$$



Transfer Function Derivation

- The feedback voltage is defined by

$$V_{FB}(s) = -I_{LED}(s) \text{CTR} \frac{R_{pullup}}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p2}}}$$

- The complete transfer function becomes

$$\frac{V_{FB}(s)}{V_{out}(s)} = -G_0 \frac{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0 Q} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2}{\frac{s}{\omega_{po}} \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}}\right)} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p2}}} \quad G_0 = \frac{R_{pullup}}{R_{20}} \text{CTR}$$

- If Q is weak

$$\frac{V_{FB}(s)}{V_{out}(s)} \approx -G_0 \frac{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{z1}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{z2}}\right)}{\frac{s}{\omega_{po}} \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}}\right)} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p2}}}$$

2 zeros
2 poles
1 origin pole



Transfer Function Derivation

- The circuit creates an additional pole/zero pair
- However, usually, C_9 is smaller than C_{10}

$$\omega_{po} = \frac{1}{R_{22}(C_9 + C_{10})} \approx \frac{1}{R_{22}C_{10}} \quad \omega_{p1} = \frac{R_{22}(C_9 + C_{10})}{R_2 R_{22} C_{10} C_9} \approx \frac{1}{R_2 C_9} \leftarrow C_9 \text{ is small hi freq. pole}$$

- The double zero splits into a lo and hi-frequency zeros
- You find them by solving:

$$1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0 Q} + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)^2 = 0 \longrightarrow s_1, s_2 = \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4Q^2}}{2} \longrightarrow (1+x)^n \approx 1+nx$$

$$s_1 = \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4Q^2}}{2} \approx -\frac{\omega_0}{Q} (Q^2 - 1) \approx \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \quad s_2 = \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4Q^2}}{2} \approx \frac{\omega_0}{Q} \frac{1 - (1 - 2Q^2)}{2} \approx Q\omega_0$$

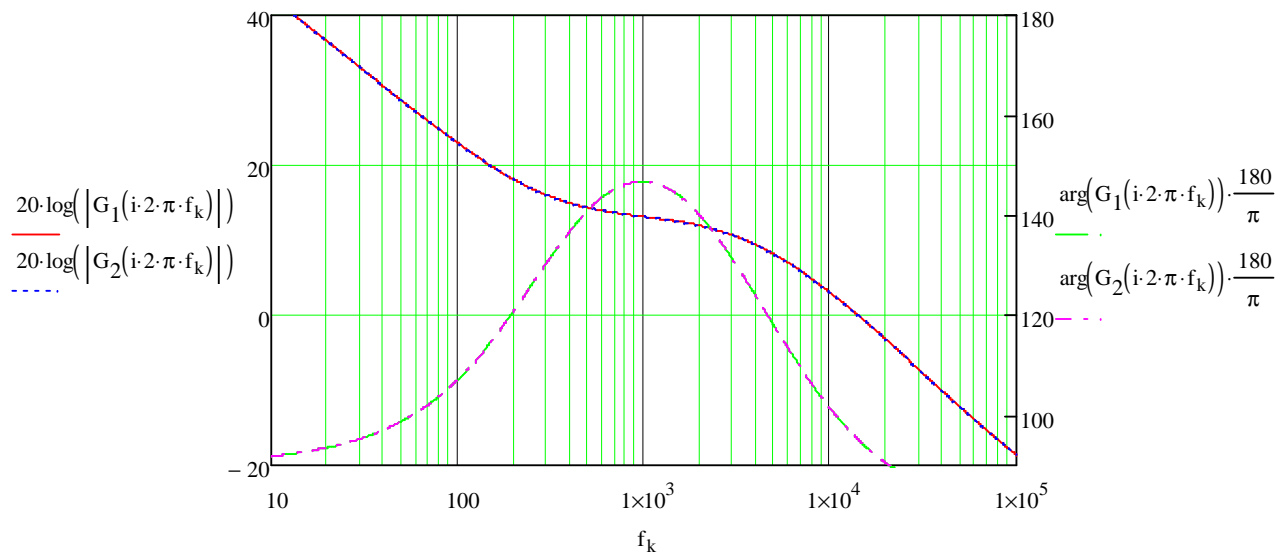
$$\omega_{z1} \approx \frac{1}{C_{10}R_2} + \frac{R_2 + R_{22}}{C_9 R_2 R_{22}} \quad \text{Hi freq. zero} \quad \text{Lo freq. zero} \quad \omega_{z2} \approx \frac{1}{R_{22}(C_9 + C_{10}) + C_{10}R_2}$$



Transfer Function Derivation

- The high-frequency pole and zero are close to each other
- They cancel and the whole network can be rewritten as:

$$\frac{V_{FB}(s)}{V_{out}(s)} \approx -G_0 \frac{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{z1}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{z2}}\right)}{\frac{s}{\omega_{po}} \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p2}}\right)} \approx -G_0 \frac{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{z2}}\right)}{\frac{s}{\omega_{po}} \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p2}}\right)}$$

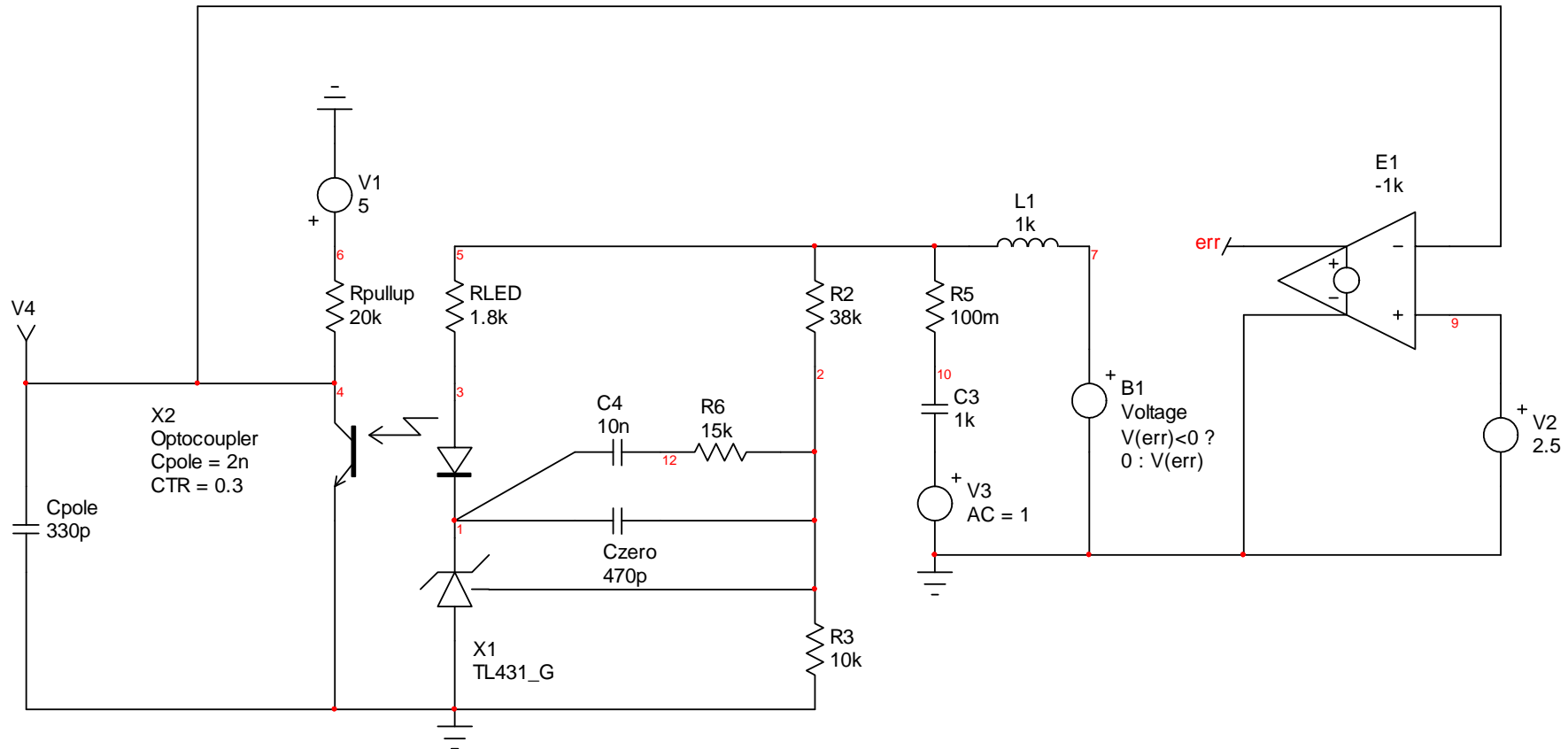


Classical
Type 2
response!



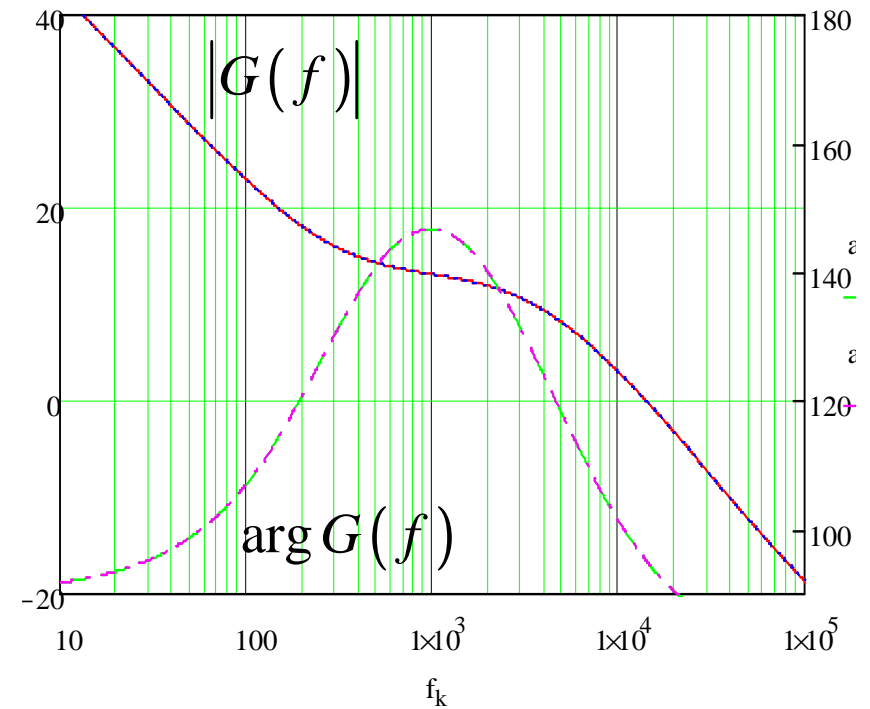
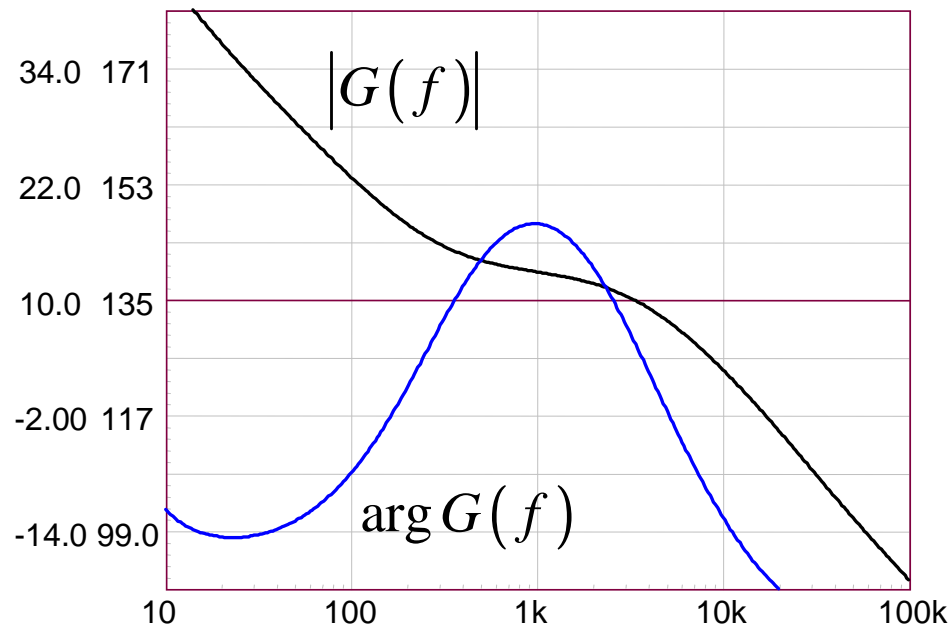
SPICE Check

- A self-biased circuit can help verify the derivations



SPICE Check

- The curves are similar in amplitude and phase



- The derivation is correct

Conclusion

- ❑ The TL431 type 2 requires a single capacitor in the return path
- ❑ When an RC network is inserted instead, it complicates the equations
- ❑ However, results show that the response is still that of a type 2
- ❑ As a recommendation, keep the capacitor alone!

