

Reconfigurable of current-mode differentiator and integrator based-on current conveyor transconductance amplifiers

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ABSTRACT

The reconfigurable of the differentiator and integrator based on current conveyor transconductance amplifiers (CCTAs) have been presented in this paper. The proposed configurations are provided with two CCTAs and grounded elements. The configurations can be operated in the differentiator and integrator by selecting external passive elements. The input and output currents have low and high impedances, respectively; therefore, the configurations can be cascaded without additional current buffer. The proposed configurations can be electronically tuned by external direct current (DC) bias currents, and it also has slight fluctuation with temperature. An application of universal filter is demonstrated to confirm the ability of the proposed configurations. The results of simulation with Pspice program are accordance with the theoretical analysis.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Analog signal processing circuits such as sinusoidal oscillator [1]-[5], and second-order filter [6]-[10] have been numerously researched and published. Fundamentally, the background of these is synthesized or designed with the differentiator or integrator [11]-[40]. They are designed or synthesized with the high-performance active building block such as operational amplifier (OPAMP) [11], [12], [15], [36], current conveyor second generation (CCII) [16], [17], [33], current feedback amplifier (CFA) [13], [18]-[20], [23], [24], [27], [30]-[32], current controlled current feedback amplifier (CC-CFA) [21], current controlled current differencing buffered amplifier (CCDCBA) [22], operational transconductance amplifier (OTA) [26], [35], [39], current follower transconductance amplifier (CFTA) [28], and current conveyor transconductance amplifier (CCTA) [40]. The remark details of them can be explained as follows.

The differentiators and integrators in [11], [12], [15], [36] are configured with OPAMP; however, they have the uses of excessive external passive elements. The next circuits in [16], [17], [33], [34], [37] have higher bandwidth than some researches as [11], [12], [15], but their time constant has not been tuned by electronic method. Next, the CFA of [18], [19], [24], [27] implements the differentiator and integrator circuits by using a lot of external passive elements. The proposed circuits in [13], [20], [23], [25], [30], [32]

are designed for electronic tuning by using a multiplier circuit, but two types of the different active elements have been used. The differentiators and integrators of [14], [21], [22], [28], [40] can be electronically tuned the time constant although they are still sensitive to the temperature. Furthermore, some proposed circuits in [11], [12], [15], [17]-[19], [22], [25], [30], [31], [37] use the floating capacitor that is not suitable for the integrated circuit fabrication. The configurations in [13], [14], [23], [28], [34], [40] are operated in the integrator while those in [15], [27] [31], [38], [39] are served to operated in the differentiator. The comparison of the differentiator and integrator circuits can be shown in Table 1.

This paper presents two configurations of the current-mode differentiator and integrator with temperature-insensitive. They have the same features and the uses of grounded passive elements which are the ideal for the fabrication in IC. Furthermore, the configurations can be electronically controlled by direct current (DC) bias currents of the current conveyor transconductance amplifier (CCTA). The input and output currents have low and high impedances, respectively, so they are appropriate for the configurations to be cascaded without additional current buffers. An application of the configurations for filter is demonstrated. The details of the proposed configurations can be explained in the following topics.

Table 1. The comparison of the differentiator and integrator and recent researches

Ref.	Active elements	No. of Active elements	No. of R+C	Floating C	Matching Condition	Electronic tuned	Temperature -insensitive
[11]	OPAMP	2	7+3	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
[12]	OPAMP	2	6+1	Yes	No	No	Yes
[13]	CFA + Multiplier	2	1+1	No	No	Yes	Yes
[14]	CDDITA	1	0+1	No	No	Yes	No
[15]	OPAMP	1	7+2	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
[16]	CCII	1	Figure 2(a) 1+1	Yes	No	No	Yes
		1	Figure 3(a) 2+1	No	Yes	No	Yes
[17]	CCII	2	3+1	Yes	No	No	Yes
[18]	CFA	2	5+1	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
[19]	CFA	1	Figure 1 5+1	No	No	No	Yes
		1	Figure 2 5+1	Yes	No	No	Yes
[20]	CFA + Multiplier	2	Figure 1(a) 1+2	Yes	No	No	Yes
		2	Figure 1(b) 2+1	Yes	No	No	Yes
[21]	CC-CFA	1	Figure 3 0+1	No	No	Yes	No
		1	Figure 4 0+1	Yes	No	Yes	No
[22]	CCCDDBA	1	Figure 1 0+1	Yes	No	Yes	No
		1	Figure 2 0+1	No	No	Yes	No
[23]	CFA + Multiplier	2	Figure 2(a) 1+1	No	No	Yes	Yes
		2	Figure 2(b) 1+1	No	No	Yes	Yes
[24]	CFA	1	Figure 1(a) 3+2	No	No	No	Yes
		1	Figure 1(b) 3+2	No	No	No	Yes
[25]	CDBA + Multiplier	2	4+1	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
[26]	OTA	1	Figure 3(a) 0+1	No	No	Yes	No
		1	Figure 3(b) 0+1	No	No	Yes	No
[27]	CFA	1	5+1	No	Yes	No	Yes
[28]	CFTA	1	0+1	No	No	Yes	No
[29]	DVCC	1	Figure 1 1+2	No	Figure 1	No	Yes
		1	Figure 2 2+1	No	Yes	No	Yes
					Figure 2 No		
[30]	CFA + Multiplier	2	Figure 1(a) 1+1	No	No	Yes	Yes
		2	Figure 1(b) 1+1	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
[31]	OTRA	1	Figure 7(a) 1+1	Yes	No	No	Yes
		1	Figure 7(b) 1+1	Yes	No	No	Yes
[32]	CFA + Multiplier	2	Figure 2(a) 1+1	Figure 1	No	Yes	Yes
		2	Figure 2(b) 1+1	No	No	Yes	Yes
				Figure 2			
				Yes			
[33]	EXCCII	1	2+2	No	No	No	Yes
[34]	DDCC	1	Figure 3(a) 2+1	No	No	No	Yes
		1	Figure 3(b) 1+1	No	No	No	Yes
[35]	OPAMP+OTA	3	-	No	No	Yes	No
[36]	OPAMP	1	6+1	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
[37]	CF	2	Figure 4 1+1	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
[38]	CCCI	2	0+1	No	No	Yes	No
[39]	OTA	2	0+1	No	No	Yes	No
[40]	CCTA	1	0+1	No	No	Yes	No
Proposed configurations	CCTA	2	Figure 3(a) 1+1	No	No	Yes	Yes
		2	Figure 3(b) 1+1	No	No	Yes	Yes

2. RESEARCH METHOD

The explanation of the research chronology, including the current conveyor transconductance amplifier (CCTA), proposed configurations, computer simulation, and conclusion can be detailed as follows.

2.1. The CCTA details

The synthesis of analog circuit using active building block has constantly become interesting and understood [41]-[43]. CCTA is an active building block used for realization. Thus, this section describes the CCTA properties since the CCTA is the main active building block in our proposed circuit. The CCTA was researched and published by Prokop and Jesda [44]. It was versatile in analog signal processing and also extremely used in the current-mode and voltage-mode circuits. The ideal characteristic of the CCTA can be described by (1):

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_y \\ V_x \\ I_z \\ I_o \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \pm g_m & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \\ V_o \end{bmatrix}, \tag{1}$$

where g_m is the transconductance gain of the CCTA. The electrical symbol and equivalent circuit of the CCTA is presented in Figure 1 (a) and 1 (b), respectively. The BJT implementation of the CCTA is shown in Figure 2. The g_m of CCTA is presented as in (2):

$$g_m = \frac{I_B}{2V_T}, \tag{2}$$

where V_T is the thermal voltage and about 26 mV. It is evident that I_B is the external DC bias current for adjusting g_m ; this is called electronic tune.

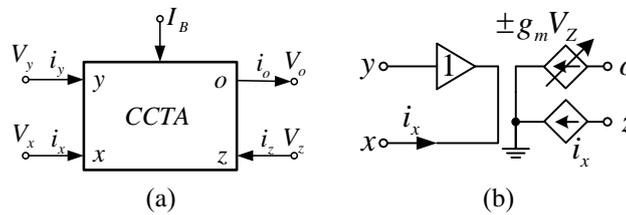


Figure 1. CCTA (a) electrical symbol, and (b) equivalent circuit

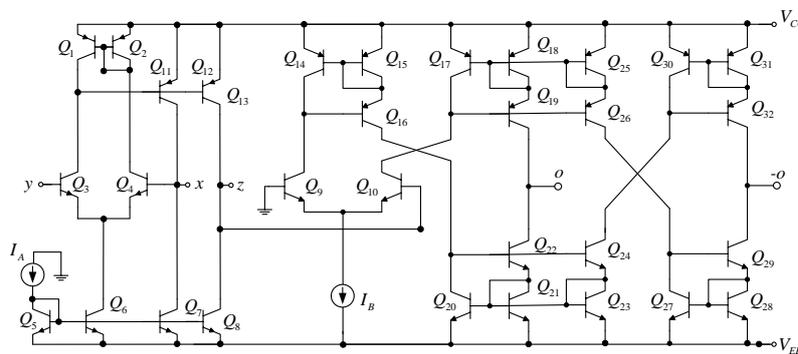


Figure 2. The internal construction of the CCTA

2.2. The proposed configurations

The proposed configurations based on CCTAs and grounded elements can be simply realized and illustrated in Figure 3. It is interesting that both configurations show the same efficiency. They are provided

with two CCTAs and grounded elements which are suitable for the integrated circuit architecture [2]. Especially, the input and output impedances of the configurations are low and high, respectively, that is idealization for the current-mode configuration [9]. To realize the corresponding transfer functions of the proposed configurations in Figure 3, the ideal characteristic of CCTA can be used. They are found that the current transfer functions of the proposed configurations are the same as the (3).

$$\frac{I_{out}(s)}{I_{in}(s)} = \frac{g_{m1}Z_1}{g_{m2}Z_2} \tag{3}$$

To accomplish the current transfer functions, g_{m1} and g_{m2} in (3) can be substituted, the transfer function of the proposed configurations can be represented as (4).

$$\frac{I_{out}(s)}{I_{in}(s)} = \frac{I_{B1}Z_1}{I_{B2}Z_2} \tag{4}$$

From the (4), it is noticeable that the gain of proposed circuits can be electronically controlled/tuned with external DC bias currents I_{B1} and I_{B2} or both. Furthermore, the transfer function without terms of V_T in our proposed circuits are free from the temperature of an environment.

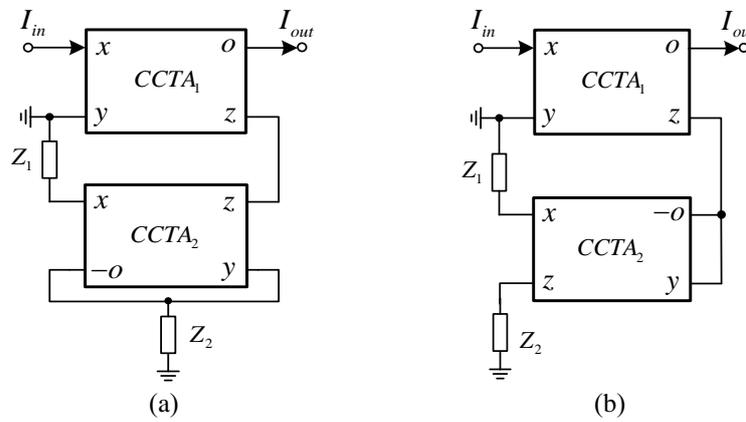


Figure 3. Proposed configurations

2.3. The operation of differentiator

The proposed configurations in Figure 3 can be operated to the differentiator by setting $Z_1 = R_1$ and $Z_2 = 1/C_1s$. It is seen that the capacitor C_1 is connected to the ground at high-impedance port of CCTA, which is beneficial to elimination/compensation of the internal capacity of CCTA and parasitic capacity at circuit node. Furthermore, the grounded resistor R_1 is connected at low-impedance port, which is the suitable support of internal resistance of the CCTA. The current transfer function of (4) then turns into the following (5).

$$\frac{I_{out}(s)}{I_{in}(s)} = \frac{I_{B1}}{I_{B2}} R_1 C_1 s = \tau s \tag{5}$$

Where τ is time constant and it will be equal to:

$$\tau = \frac{I_{B1}}{I_{B2}} R_1 C_1 \tag{6}$$

The magnitude of current transfer function is proportionally dependent on the frequency that is (7).

$$\left| \frac{I_{out}(j\omega)}{I_{in}(j\omega)} \right| = \frac{I_{B1}}{I_{B2}} R_1 C_1 \omega \tag{7}$$

Moreover, the magnitude can be tuned by external DC bias currents I_{B1} and I_{B2} or both. The phase response is exhibited in (8).

$$\frac{I_{out}(j\omega)}{I_{in}(j\omega)} = \frac{I_{B1}}{I_{B2}} R_1 C_1 \omega e^{j90^\circ} \quad (8)$$

The phase response of the output signal I_{out} and input signal I_{in} is 90° shift for all frequencies.

2.4. The operation of integrator

The operation of integrator can be operated by configuring $Z_1 = 1/C_1s$ and $Z_2 = R_1$ as Figure 3. Then the current transfer function is modified as (9).

$$\frac{I_{out}(s)}{I_{in}(s)} = \frac{I_{B1}}{I_{B2}R_1C_1s} = \frac{1}{\tau s}, \quad (9)$$

Where τ is defined as (10).

$$\tau = \frac{I_{B2}R_1C_1}{I_{B1}} \quad (10)$$

From (9), the magnitude can be analyzed by (11).

$$\left| \frac{I_{out}(j\omega)}{I_{in}(j\omega)} \right| = \frac{I_{B1}}{I_{B2}R_1C_1\omega}. \quad (11)$$

The magnitude can be easily operated by adjusting both of the external bias currents I_{B1} and I_{B2} . For realization of the phase response, it can be depicted as (12).

$$\frac{I_{out}(j\omega)}{I_{in}(j\omega)} = \frac{I_{B1}}{I_{B2}R_1C_1\omega} e^{-j90^\circ} \quad (12)$$

It is sure that the phase of output signal I_{out} is lagging of input signal I_{in} which is 90° .

2.5. Non-ideal analysis

For non-ideal analysis, we examine the transfer errors of CCTA due to the mismatch of the internal construction and parasitic elements of the CCTA. The characteristic of the CCTA with the tracking errors can be shown in (13).

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_y \\ V_x \\ I_z \\ I_o \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \pm \beta g_m & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \\ V_o \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

Where γ is the voltage transfer error gain between x port and y port, α is the current transfer error gain between x port and z port, and β is the transconductance error between z port to o port. These errors are deviated from the ideal unity that are called tracking errors. The current transfer function of the proposed configurations can be re-analyzed as in (14):

$$\frac{I_{out}(s)}{I_{in}(s)} = \frac{g_{m1}\beta_1\alpha_1Z_1}{g_{m2}\beta_2\alpha_2\gamma_2Z_2}. \quad (14)$$

However, these errors can be easily compensated/eliminated by slightly adjusting the DC bias currents of CCTA.

2.6. The sensitivity analysis

The sensitivities of active and passive elements must be analyzed since the performances of proposed configurations are deviated by the tolerances of the elements. The sensitivities of proposed differentiator are calculated as in (15).

$$S_{I_{B1}}^\tau = S_{R_1}^\tau = S_{C_1}^\tau = 1, S_{I_{B2}}^\tau = -1, S_{V_T}^\tau = 0 \tag{15}$$

Then the sensitivities of integrator can be declared by (16).

$$S_{I_{B1}}^\tau = -1, S_{I_{B2}}^\tau = S_{R_1}^\tau = S_{C_1}^\tau = 1, S_{V_T}^\tau = 0 \tag{16}$$

It can be seen that the sensitivities of active and passive elements are low, which are equal unity in magnitude. In addition, the sensitivities of temperature are equal to zero, which are the proposed configuration insensitivities of temperature.

2.7. An application for filters

An application for filters is designed by cascading differentiators as the topology shown in Figure 4. The time constants are defined as $\tau_1 = \frac{I_{B1}}{I_{B2}} R_1 C_1$ and $\tau_2 = \frac{I_{B3}}{4} R_2 C_2$. The output responses are composed of low-pass, band-pass, and high-pass. The transfer function of them can be depicted in (17)-(19).

$$\frac{I_{LP}(s)}{I_{in}(s)} = \frac{\frac{I_{B2} I_{B4}}{I_{B1} I_{B3} R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}{s^2 + \frac{I_{B4}}{I_{B3} R_2 C_2} s + \frac{I_{B2} I_{B4}}{I_{B1} I_{B3} R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}} \tag{17}$$

$$\frac{I_{BP}(s)}{I_{in}(s)} = \frac{\frac{I_{B4}}{I_{B3} R_2 C_2} s}{s^2 + \frac{I_{B4}}{I_{B3} R_2 C_2} s + \frac{I_{B2} I_{B4}}{I_{B1} I_{B3} R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}, \tag{18}$$

and

$$\frac{I_{HP}(s)}{I_{in}(s)} = \frac{s^2}{s^2 + \frac{I_{B4}}{I_{B3} R_2 C_2} s + \frac{I_{B2} I_{B4}}{I_{B1} I_{B3} R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}. \tag{19}$$

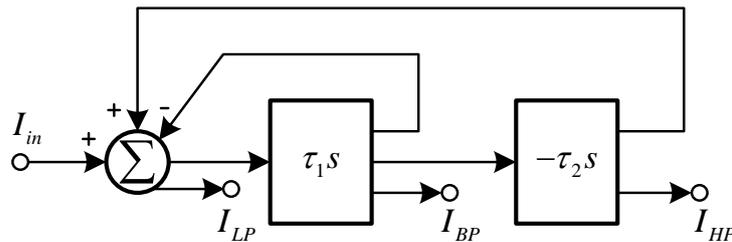


Figure 4. Topology of filter

The pole frequency (ω_p) and the quality factor (Q_p) can be expressed as:

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{I_{B2} I_{B4}}{I_{B1} I_{B3} R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}} \tag{20}$$

and

$$Q_{Pp} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{B2} I_{B3} R_2 C_2}{I_{B1} I_{B4} R_1 C_1}} \tag{21}$$

The pole frequency and the quality factor are electronically tunable by adjusting the bias currents I_{B1}, I_{B2}, I_{B3} and I_{B4} . In addition, the pole frequency can be freely tuned without affecting the quality of factor by simultaneously adjusting $I_{B2} = I_{B4} = I_F$.

3. COMPUTER SIMULATION AND DISCUSSION

The theoretical analysis will be confirmed by using the computer simulation. The Pspice program and the internal construction of the CCTA in Figure 2 are used for the simulation. The positive-negative-positive (PNP) and negative-positive-negative (NPN) transistors uses the parameters of the PR200N and NR200N bipolar transistors of ALA400 transistor array. The proposed configuration in Figure 3(a) is chosen as an example for confirmation of theoretical analysis. The active elements are bias with ± 1.5 V supply voltages and DC bias currents are $I_A = I_{B1} = I_{B2} = 100 \mu A$.

The proposed configuration was demonstrated for the differentiator by setting $Z_1 = R_1 = 2.4 k\Omega$ and $Z_2 = C_1 = 0.5$ nF. The first result is shown in Figure 5; it is the gain and phase response of the proposed differentiator against frequencies. It is found that the simulation result agrees with the theory. The gain responses can be demonstrated with adjusting the DC bias current of CCTA, when they are defined as $I_{B2} = 100 \mu A$ and varied as $I_{B1} = 50 \mu A, 100 \mu A, 200 \mu A$ and $400 \mu A$, respectively. It is evident that the theoretical and simulation results of gain responses in Figure 6 are very compatible. The confirmation of our proposed differentiator for the temperature-insensitive is verified by sweeping temperature of 0, 25, 75 and 100 degree Celsius. The simulation result in Figure 7 is very satisfying because the curves of gain and phase responses of our proposed differentiator are slightly dependent on temperature.

The time domain responses can be investigated by feeding a sinusoidal signal of 130.6 kHz frequency with $80 \mu A$ $p-p$ amplitude into the input of proposed circuit. When the proposed circuit is kept constant, then the external passive elements and the bias of active elements as above are mentioned. The current input (I_{in}) and output (I_{out}) waveforms are displayed in Figure 8. The obtained results show that the phase shift between (I_{out}) and (I_{in}) is about 90° as the Lissajous shown in Figure 9.

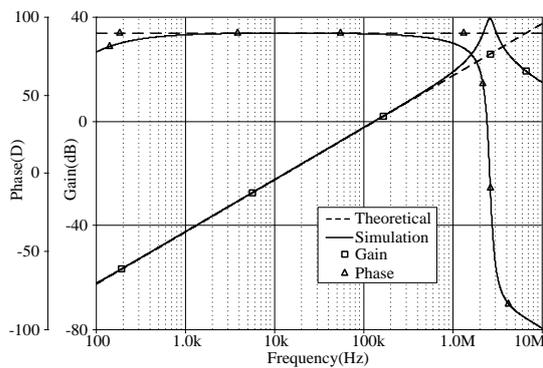


Figure 5. Gain and phase response

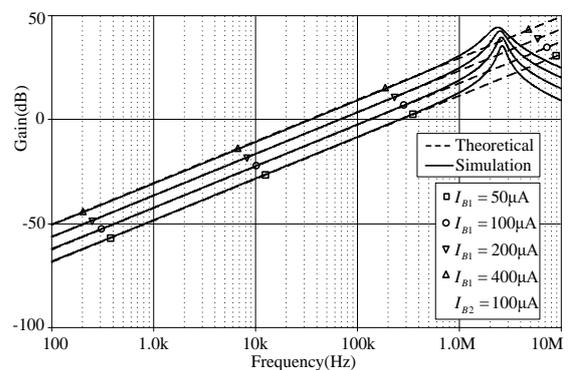


Figure 6. Adjustment of gain response with I_{B1}

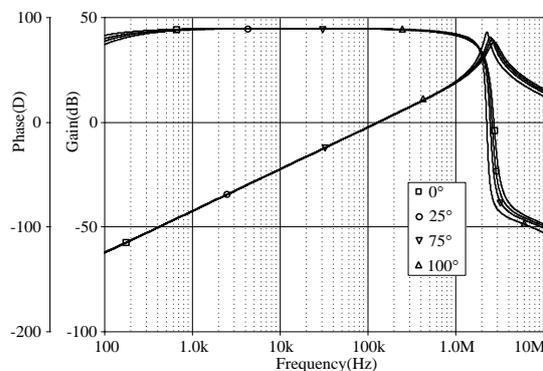


Figure 7. Gain and phase response due to difference temperatures

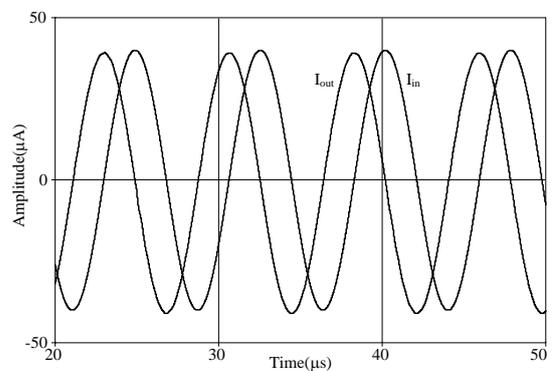


Figure 8. The time domain response of our proposed circuit

The adjustment of the current gain of our proposed circuit can be demonstrated with tuning the DC bias current, I_{B1} , which are $I_{B1} = 50 \mu A, 100 \mu A, \text{ and } 150 \mu A$, respectively. The simulation result is shown in Figure 10 and also the current gain is given as 0.5, 1.0 and 1.5, respectively. Figure 11 depicts the temperature effect of the proposed differentiator when the temperature is varied as 0, 25, 50, 75 and 100 degree Celsius. It can be seen that the current output waveforms are constant by different temperature, which is in accordance with theoretical analysis in (4).

One of the differentiator properties is the transformation of the triangle wave to square wave. In this case, we feed the signal of the triangular wave with 200 kHz frequency and $200 \mu A$ into the input of proposed differentiator. The results can be shown in Figure 12 which are the input and output waveforms of proposed circuit. The temperature is varied as 0, 25, 75 and 100 degree Celsius as the results of simulations shown in Figure 13. It is found that the output waveforms slightly affect the temperature.

The simulation of universal filter is set as $R_1 = R_2 = 2.4 k\Omega$ and $C_1 = C_2 = 0.5 nF$. The bias currents are configured with $I_{B2} = I_{B4} = I_f = I_{B4} = 100 \mu A$. The gain responses of filters are plotted in Figure 14. There are low-pass, band-pass, and high-pass responses. The pole frequency and the quality factor are about 127.05 kHz and 1, respectively. The confirmation of temperature insensitive of filters can be shown by varying the temperature as 0, 25 50 75 and 100 degree Celsius. It can be clearly seen that the simulation results in Figure 15 are slightly dependent on temperature. The tuning of the pole frequency can be simulated in Figure 16 by tuning the bias currents as $I_{B2} = I_{B4} = I_f = 50 \mu A, 100 \mu A$ and $200 \mu A$, respectively. The pole frequencies are varied to 63.97 kHz, 127.05 kHz and 251.18 kHz, respectively. Therefore, the configurations are ideally offered for using in communication systems and other applications.

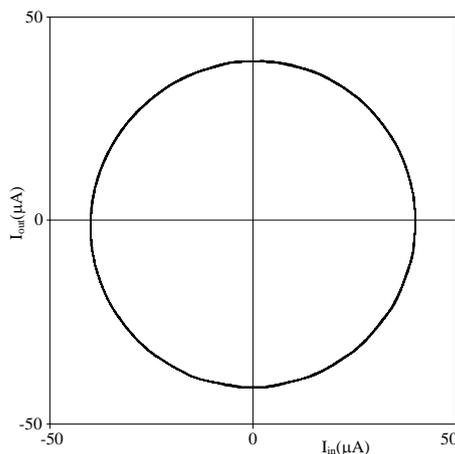


Figure 9. Lissajous figure of input and output waveforms

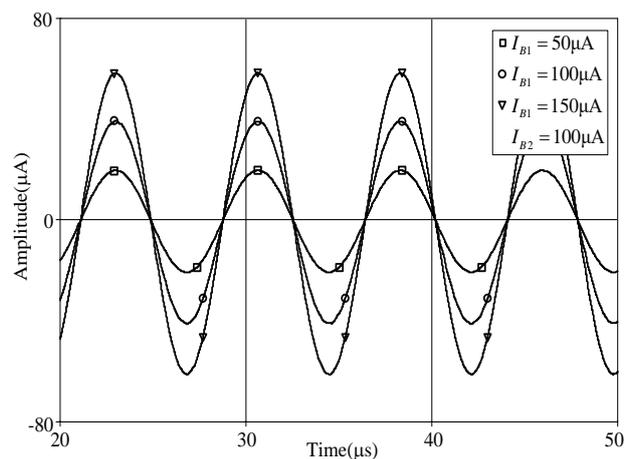


Figure 10. Amplitude of output signal with I_{B1} variations

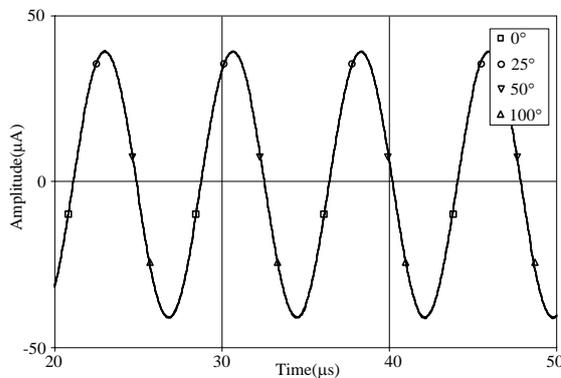


Figure 11. Output waveforms with different temperatures

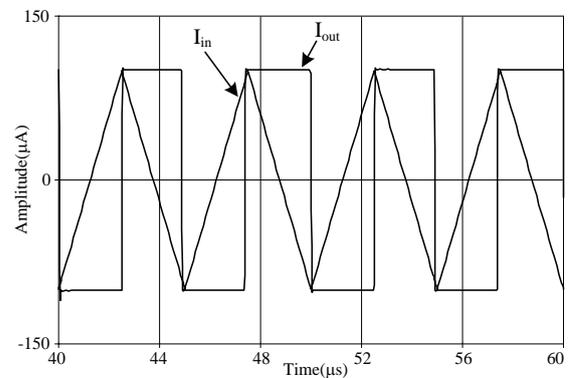


Figure 12. Input and output waveforms

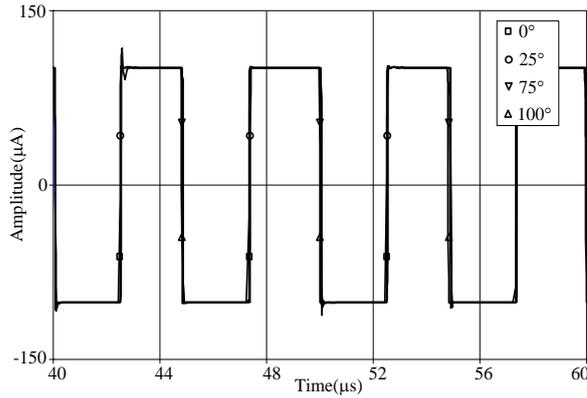


Figure 13. Output waveforms due to different temperatures

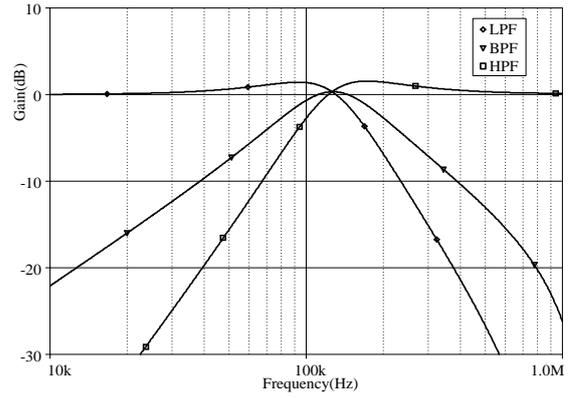


Figure 14. Gain responses of filters

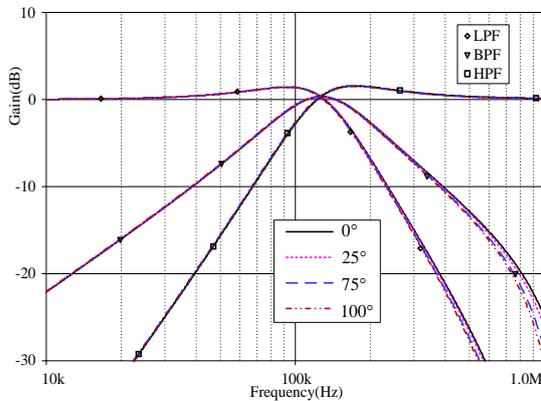


Figure 15. Gain responses of filters due to difference of the temperatures

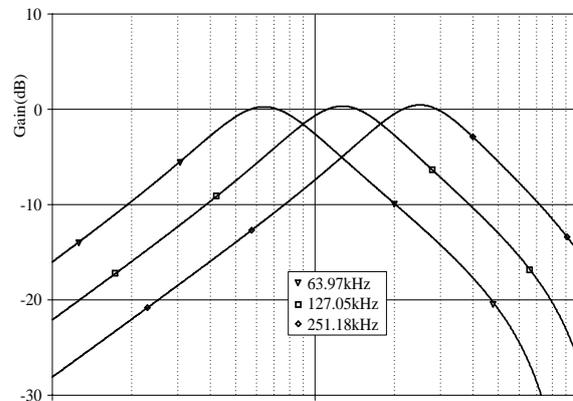


Figure 16. Gain responses of band-pass due to difference of the pole frequency

4. CONCLUSION

The two configurations of differentiator and integrator were presented. They are similarly configured and featured. The proposed configurations are configured of 2 CCTAs and grounded elements. The input and output impedance of configurations are low and high, respectively. They are operated to differentiator and integrator by the selection of external passive elements. Furthermore, the proposed configuration can be electronically tuned that is suitable for using in communication or control systems. Moreover, they are not sensitive to the temperature. An application of the configuration for filter shows the usability. The performances of our proposed configurations are verified by Pspice program. The simulation results are in line with the theoretical analysis.

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