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COMPUTER GENERATION OF
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so that $y_p(x + \Delta x) = y_p(x)$ and equivalence is maintained. Eq. (3) then becomes

$$\begin{aligned} [B] V_{in} &= \left\{ s [M(x + \Delta x)] + [A(x + \Delta x)] \right\} \left\{ Y(x + \Delta x) \right\} \\ &= \frac{\left\{ s [M(x + \Delta x)] + [A(x + \Delta x)] \right\} \left\{ [U] + \Delta x [a] \right\} [Y(x)]}{1 + \Delta x a_{pp}} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Taking note that

- 1) $[B(x)]$ has only one nonzero entry
- 2) $V_{in}(x + \Delta x) = V_{in}(x)$ since V_{in} is a source.

then

$$[B(x + \Delta x)] V_{in}(x + \Delta x) = \frac{\left\{ [U] + \Delta x [b] \right\} [B(x)] V_{in}(x)}{1 + \Delta x b_{11}} \quad (9)$$

if

$$[b] = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \cdots b_{1p} \\ 0 & b_{22} \cdots b_{2p} \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \vdots & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & b_{p2} \cdots b_{pp} \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Multiplying both sides of Eq. (8) by $\left\{ [U] + \Delta x [b] \right\} / (1 + \Delta x b_{11})$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} [B] V_{in} &= \frac{\left\{ [U] + \Delta x [b] \right\} \left\{ s [M(x + \Delta x)] + [A(x + \Delta x)] \right\}}{(1 + \Delta x a_{pp}) (1 + \Delta x b_{11})} \cdot \\ &\quad \left\{ [U] + \Delta x [a] \right\} [Y(x)] \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$= \left\{ s [M(x)] + [A(x)] \right\} [Y(x)] \quad (12)$$

Thus

$$\left\{ s [M(x)] + [A(x)] \right\} =$$

$$\frac{\left\{ [U] + \Delta x [b] \right\} \left\{ s [M(x + \Delta x)] + [A(x + \Delta x)] \right\} \left\{ [U] + \Delta x [a] \right\}}{(1 + \Delta x a_{pp}) (1 + \Delta x b_{11})} \quad (13)$$

Separating powers of s yields

$$\frac{[M(x + \Delta x)] - [M(x)]}{\Delta x} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} [b] [M(x + \Delta x)] + [M(x + \Delta x)] [a] - (b_{11} + a_{pp}) [M(x + \Delta x)] \\ + 0(\Delta x), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{[A(x + \Delta x)] - [A(x)]}{\Delta x} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} [b] [A(x + \Delta x)] + [A(x + \Delta x)] [a] - (b_{11} + a_{pp}) [A(x + \Delta x)] \\ + 0(\Delta x) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

which in the limit become

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d [M]}{d x} &= [b] [M] + [M] [a] \\ &\quad - (b_{11} + a_{pp}) [M] \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d [A]}{d x} &= [b] [A] + [A] [a] \\ &\quad - (b_{11} + a_{pp}) [A] \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The form of this equation is somewhat more general than Schoeffler's.¹

If the right-hand side of Eq. (9) is not divided by $1 + \Delta x b_{11}$, then Eqs. (16) and (17) become

$$\frac{d [M]}{d x} = [b] [M] + [M] [a] - a_{pp} [M] \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{d [A]}{d x} = [b] [A] + [A] [a] - a_{pp} [A] \quad (19)$$

Further, Eq. (9) may be solved in part to yield

$$V_{in}(x + \Delta x) = (1 + \Delta x b_{11}) V_{in}(x) \quad (20)$$

so that taking the limit as before gives

$$V_{in}(x) = V_{in}(0) \exp\{b_{11}x\} \quad (21)$$

Hence eliminating the term $1 + \Delta x b_{11}$ results in a scaling of the voltage transfer function by an amount $\exp\{-b_{11}x\}$.^{*} The scaling option will be found useful in the following examples:

Application 1: Nonuniformly Lossy Ladders

The object of the following examples will be to use the previous theory to generate lossy resistively terminated networks from lossless ones. Thus, the state equations are a natural approach to the problem since the lossless elements are contained in $[M]$, whereas the loss components are contained in $[A]$.

Example 1: Singly-terminated Ladders: Geffe⁴ has given exact formulae for design of singly-terminated ladders with lossy inductors. A simple example is the network of Fig. 1. As an exercise to test the mettle of this equivalence viewpoint, one could attempt to obtain similar design formulae for the simple case. The matrices of interest are

$$[M] = \begin{bmatrix} C_1/G_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & L_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad [A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & R_1 & 0 \\ -1 & R_2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & G_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (22)$$

$$[b] = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ 0 & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ 0 & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad [a] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

where $G_3 = 0$. Inserting the above in Eqs. (18) and (19) results (in part) in trivial constraints which require $[b]$ and $[a]$ to be of the form

^{*}A similar statement applies if $1 + \Delta x a_{pp}$ is eliminated in Eq. (5).

$$[b] = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & -a_{12}(C_1/L_2G_1) & -a_{13}(C_1/C_2G_1) \\ 0 & -a_{11} & -a_{23}(L_2/C_2) \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

$$[a] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Further, since the voltage transfer function cannot be scaled by growing a resistor in series with L_1 , $b_{11} = 0$.

The remaining constraints generate the differential equations

$$\left(\frac{C_1}{G_1}\right)' = a_{11} C_1/G_1 \quad (25)$$

$$L_1' = (a_{22} - a_{11}) L_1 \quad (26)$$

$$C_2' = (-a_{22} C_2) \quad (27)$$

$$R_1' = a_{11} R_2 + a_{12} + a_{13} (C_1/C_2 G_1) + a_{22} R_1 \quad (28)$$

$$R_2' = (a_{11} - a_{22}) R_2 - a_{12} \quad (29)$$

$$\text{where } a_{12} = -a_{11} L_1(G_1/C_1) \quad a_{13} = -a_{11} \quad (30)$$

These equations are readily solved to yield

$$C_1/G_1 = C_1^0/G_1^0 e^{a_{11}x} \quad (31)$$

$$L_1 = L_1^0 e^{(a_{22} - a_{11})x} \quad (32)$$

$$C_2 = C_2^0 e^{-a_{22}x} \quad (33)$$

$$R_2 = (L_1^0 G_1^0/C_1^0) \exp(a_{22} - a_{11})x [1 - \exp(-a_{11})x]$$

$$+ R_2^0 \exp(a_{22} - a_{11}) \quad (34)$$

$$R_1 = -R_2 + [R_1^o + R_2^o + (C_1^o/G_1^o C_2^o)(1 - \exp a_{11} x)] \exp\{a_{22} x\} \quad (35)$$

thus achieving exact design formulae for any choice of a_{11} and a_{22} .*

It has not been found possible to extend the above analysis to include Geffe's general case; however, the correct matrix manipulation may yield a closed form result.

Example 2: Doubly-terminated Ladder:

An attempt has been made to find a closed form solution for the simplest doubly-terminated ladders (Fig. 2a and 2b). The matrices for the network of Fig. 2a are identical to those of Example 1, except that now $G_3 \neq 0$, $b_{11} \neq 0$, $C_1 = 0$, and $G_3 = 0$. If there is a closed-form solution, it is not apparent from the differential equations and so a computer solution was necessary. It may readily be shown that there are four remaining linear constraints on the five unknowns of Eq. (24), leaving one unknown to be selected arbitrarily. Selecting b_{11} to be this constant and letting $b_{11} = 1$,** then the voltage transfer function will be scaled down, as indeed it must if resistance is to be inserted in series with the inductors. Further, the flat loss introduced is readily shown to be $(20x/2.3)$ db. The flow chart is shown in Fig. 3.

In transforming the network of Fig. 2b, seven equations in eight unknowns are generated, so again selection of $b_{11} = 1$ generates a unique set of constraints. It should be noted that, to keep identical dissipation factors in each inductor, a constraint of the form

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{R_1}{L_1} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{R_2}{L_2} \right) \quad (36)$$

must be imposed as the integration proceeds.

Element values for the fourth order Butterworth filter are given in Table 1.† For $r = 1$ (equal termination), it was found impossible to generate any equivalent nonuniformly lossy networks. For $0 < r < 1$, either of two lossless realizations may be used as initial networks in the transformation process; the first is found in Ref. 5, the second is the dual and impedance scaled version of the first. The dual network was found to allow for significantly

*The network could be normalized to unit source resistance by using the expression for R_1 as an impedance scaling factor.

**Note that the a's and b's may be scaled arbitrarily, since this is equivalent to scaling x .

†Typical computing time was two minutes on an IBM 7090.

more loss, except for $r = 0$ when no dual exists. The maximum inductor loss was found in every case to strongly depend on the termination ratio, and the largest d is approximately twice that allowable for uniformly-lossy networks.

The nonuniformly lossy band-pass ladder (Fig. 4) may, of course, also be approached from the equivalence viewpoint. In this case, true equivalence cannot be maintained since any inductor loss will shift a transmission zero from the origin to the negative real axis. However, if one considers the output to be the inductor current of L_2 rather than the capacitor (output) voltage C_2 , then

$$I_L(s) = \frac{V_C(s)}{R_2 + s L_2}$$

the bothersome transmission zero disappears, and only a small error is made in keeping the actual frequency response of the filter invariant (if $d = R_2/L_2$ is small).* It now happens that the dual network allows less inductor loss (Table 2). Further the maximum value of d allowed for any value of Q was approximately twice the normalized real part of the pole closest to the imaginary axis and so is again twice that expected from uniform predistortion arguments. Finally, calculation shows the filters with the largest inductor loss are overall somewhat less sensitive than the lossless variety. The price paid is the larger element value spread in the former.

Application 2: Active-RC Networks

One of the difficulties in the design of active-RC filters is the sensitivity problem. Classically, this has been approached from an a priori viewpoint, i. e., how to minimize the effects of changes in the active element on the network response. Viewing a posteriori, the problem changes to that of alignment or "how to restore the original transfer function" or, formally, the equivalent network problem. We may therefore consider the application of the computer in establishing an alignment procedure for such networks.

Example 1: Consider the low-pass filter of Fig. 5,† but normalized to a source resistance of 1Ω . The matrices of interest are

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} Y_A + Y_B + 1 & -Y_B \\ Y_M - Y_B & Y_B + Y_C \end{bmatrix} \quad (38)$$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + a_{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & -a_{12}(C_1/C_2) \\ 0 & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (39)$$

*The flat loss is now $(20x/2.3) - 20 \log_{10} L_2(x)/L_2(0)$; for the dual band-pass network, it happens b_{11} must now be normalized to -1 to grow positive resistors.

There are six elements and five a's and b's to be chosen. In solving for the elemental derivatives as in Eqs. (25)-(29), it happens that a_{11} and a_{22} appear only as the difference $a_{11} - a_{22}$, so that only four a's and b's are distinct. Thus, constraining three elements to remain unchanged (Y_c , C_1 , and C_2 being the most different to change in lumped circuits), b_{11} can be chosen to be the only arbitrary constant. Interpreting Y_A , Y_B , etc. in terms of transistor parameters, $R_e(x)$ and $R_f(x)$ may be obtained to maintain equivalence for a given change in β ($\beta(x)$ Fig. 6). It is noteworthy that

1. a minimum value of β exists below which the transfer function cannot be maintained (without a change in Y_c , C_1 , or C_2).

2. a region ($3 < x < 7$) exists over which $\beta(x)$ is relatively constant. If the circuit should operate in the region then, a small change in β would have to be compensated by a large change in both R_f and R_e —this in spite of the low sensitivity in this region. There does exist a simple relationship between the sensitivity functions and the curves of Fig. 7: Taking the derivative of the transfer function $T(s)$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{dx} &= 0 \\ &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial \beta} \frac{d\beta}{dx} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial R_e} \frac{dR_e}{dx} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial R_f} \frac{dR_f}{dx} \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

so that the sensitivities ($\partial T/\partial \beta$, $\partial T/\partial R_e$, $\partial T/\partial R_f$) and the slopes of the curves of Fig. 7 ($d\beta/dx$, dR_e/dx , dR_f/dx) are orthogonal. Eq. (40), however, gives no hint to the relative magnitude of each set.

Conclusions

There are several means of extending the results given for nonuniformly lossy filters:

1. Generate tables of element values for all low-order Butterworth, Tchebycheff and maximally-flat time delay networks.

2. Explore the possibility of using the degrees of freedom available in the interaction process to obtain selected element values. For example, if the constraint of Eq. (36) is not imposed, one of the a's may be selected arbitrarily and the problem of using this freedom properly is posed.

3. Search for exact formulae for each element value, either using the classical approach of Takahasi⁷ or, using Takahasi's results as initial conditions, generate, by means of matrix manipulation in Eqs. (18)-(19), elemental values as functions of x as in Eqs. (31)-(35).

Concerning active filter design, it would be of interest to

1. Develop design graphs for active filters (particularly band-pass) which permits a choice in the characteristics of the active element (similar to Fig. 7).

2. Investigate more thoroughly the possible degeneracies which arise in the constraint equations, so that one could predict if possible, the number of "alignment" elements he must be prepared to vary to accommodate for an uncontrolled variation in some other element. With the advent of integrated circuits, which can be designed with resistive elements that vary in a controlled fashion, such graphs could also be used to determine the variation required to maintain a response characteristic over wide environmental changes.

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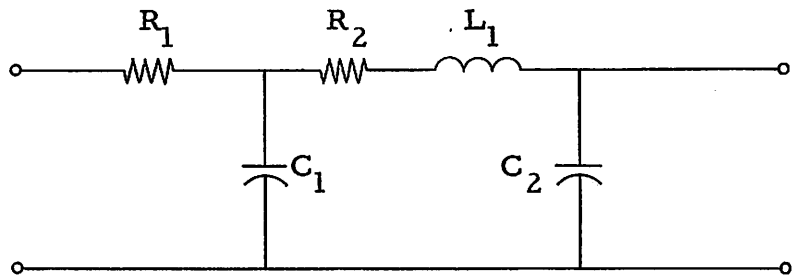
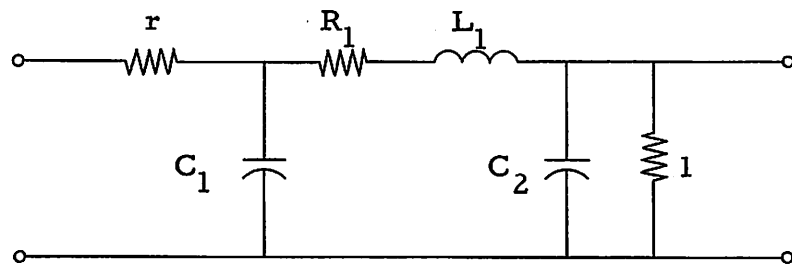
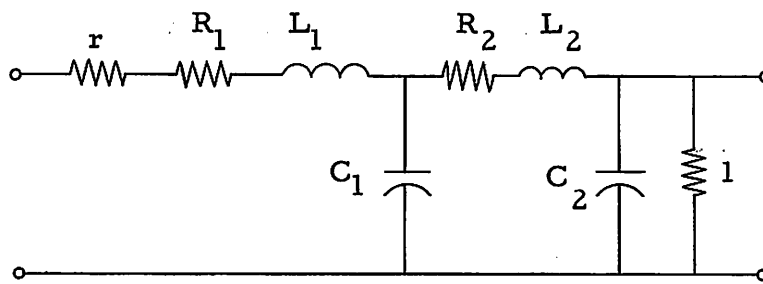


Fig. 1. Singly-terminated ladder.

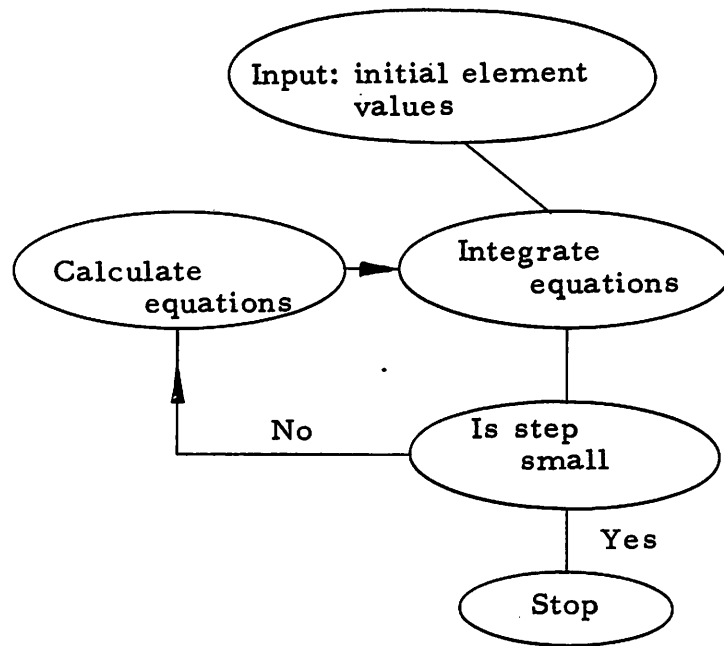


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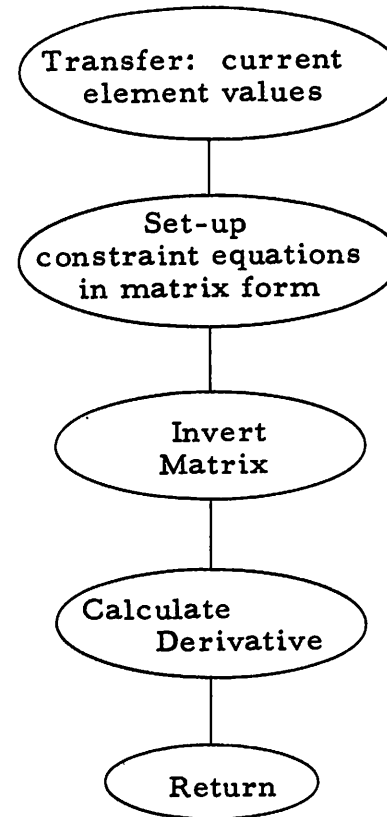


(b)

Fig. 2. Doubly-terminated ladder.



(a) main program.



(b) derivative subroutine

Fig. 3. Flow chart.

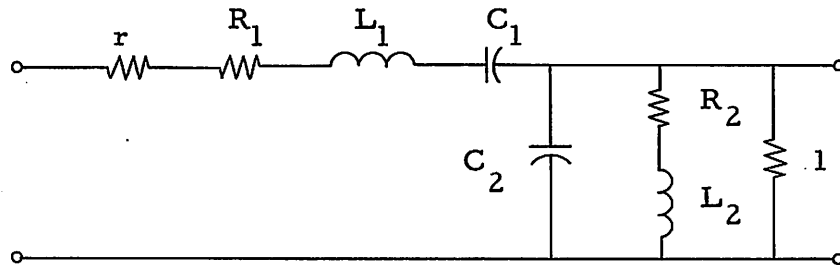


Fig. 4. Band-pass filter.

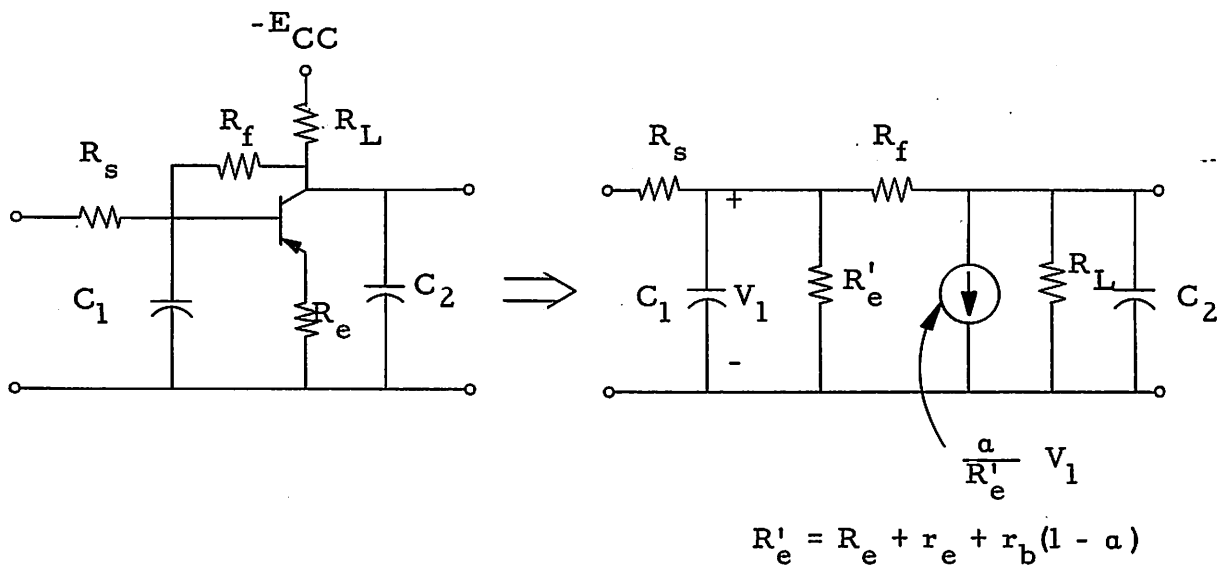


Fig. 5. Active RC low pass filter.

Element Values for Nonuniformly Lossy Four-Pole Butterworth Bandpass Filters (Figure 4)
 $(Q = \omega_0/BW, \omega_0 = 1, d = R_i/L_i)$

| $r = 1/4, Q = 5, (\text{not dual})$ | | | | | | $r = 1/2, Q = 5, (\text{dual})$ | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|---------|-------|----------------|
| d | L_1 | C_1 | L_2 | C_2 | Flat loss (db) | d | L_1 | C_1 | L_2 | C_2 | Flat loss (db) |
| 0.00 | 0.9960 | 1.004 | 0.03188 | 31.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8.365 | 0.1195 | 0.2231 | 4.483 | 0.00 |
| 0.01 | 1.084 | 0.9208 | 0.03240 | 30.92 | 0.580 | 0.005 | 8.243 | 6.1214 | 0.2122 | 4.713 | 0.320 |
| 0.02 | 1.192 | 0.8364 | 0.03325 | 30.19 | 1.25 | 0.01 | 8.092 | 0.1238 | 0.2011 | 4.974 | 0.634 |
| 0.03 | 1.326 | 0.7502 | 0.03458 | 29.10 | 1.87 | 0.015 | 7.905 | 0.1269 | 0.1860 | 5.275 | 1.08 |
| 0.04 | 1.501 | 0.6613 | 0.03663 | 27.55 | 2.42 | 0.02 | 7.675 | 0.1308 | 0.1776 | 5.628 | 1.25 |
| 0.05 | 1.742 | 0.5678 | 0.03988 | 25.41 | 3.03 | 0.025 | 7.392 | 0.1361 | 0.1649 | 6.054 | 1.53 |
| 0.06 | 2.111 | 0.4654 | 0.04537 | 22.50 | 3.67 | 0.03 | 7.039 | 0.1432 | 0.1513 | 6.588 | 1.85 |
| 0.07 | 2.742 | 0.3507 | 0.05397 | 19.34 | 4.62 | 0.035 | 6.589 | 0.1536 | 0.1359 | 7.302 | 2.16 |
| 0.08 | 3.357 | 0.2761 | 0.05245 | 20.65 | 7.00 | 0.04 | 6.067 | 0.1686 | 0.1183 | 8.304 | 2.57 |
| 0.09 | 3.963 | 0.2282 | 0.04418 | 25.12 | 10.1 | 0.044 | 5.933 | 0.1753 | 0.1068 | 9.042 | 3.13 |
| 0.10 | 4.764 | 0.1867 | 0.03430 | 32.89 | 14.1 | | | | | | |
| 0.105 | 5.290 | 0.1671 | 0.02908 | 39.03 | 16.4 | | | | | | |
| 0.11 | 5.943 | 0.1479 | 0.02374 | 48.04 | 19.2 | | | | | | |
| 0.115 | 6.776 | 0.1292 | 0.01830 | 62.56 | 22.6 | | | | | | |
| 0.12 | 7.876 | 0.1108 | 0.01279 | 89.78 | 27.1 | | | | | | |
| 0.125 | 9.395 | 0.09261 | 0.00721 | 159.5 | 33.6 | | | | | | |
| 0.13 | 11.63 | 0.07468 | 0.00159 | 725.5 | 48.6 | | | | | | |
| $r = 1/2, Q = 5, (\text{not dual})$ | | | | | | $r = 1/2, Q = 10, (\text{not dual})$ | | | | | |
| 0.00 | 2.2415 | 0.4461 | 0.05977 | 16.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.483 | 0.2231 | 0.02989 | 33.96 | 0.00 |
| 0.01 | 2.487 | 0.4014 | 0.06194 | 16.18 | 0.621 | 0.005 | 4.974 | 0.2009 | 0.03092 | 32.36 | 0.639 |
| 0.02 | 2.814 | 0.3539 | 0.06550 | 15.35 | 1.19 | 0.01 | 5.630 | 0.1775 | 0.03264 | 30.68 | 1.22 |
| 0.03 | 3.294 | 0.3012 | 0.07176 | 14.08 | 1.86 | 0.015 | 6.597 | 0.1513 | 0.03571 | 28.07 | 1.87 |
| 0.04 | 4.151 | 0.2355 | 0.08457 | 12.14 | 2.62 | 0.02 | 8.540 | 0.1163 | 0.04318 | 23.33 | 2.51 |
| 0.05 | 4.879 | 0.1929 | 0.08574 | 12.44 | 4.24 | 0.025 | 10.31 | 0.09421 | 0.04424 | 23.29 | 4.10 |
| 0.06 | 5.436 | 0.1691 | 0.07743 | 14.11 | 6.22 | 0.03 | 11.53 | 0.08318 | 0.03973 | 26.26 | 6.11 |
| 0.07 | 6.100 | 0.1482 | 0.06762 | 16.43 | 8.49 | 0.035 | 13.04 | 0.07296 | 0.03481 | 30.23 | 8.43 |
| 0.08 | 6.495 | 0.1383 | 0.06247 | 17.90 | 11.2 | 0.04 | 15.00 | 0.06315 | 0.02973 | 35.61 | 11.0 |
| 0.09 | 8.076 | 0.1095 | 0.04645 | 24.44 | 14.5 | 0.045 | 17.65 | 0.05331 | 0.02457 | 43.30 | 14.2 |
| 0.10 | 9.651 | 0.09100 | 0.03546 | 32.23 | 18.4 | 0.05 | 21.46 | 0.04369 | 0.01934 | 55.21 | 18.0 |
| 0.105 | 10.70 | 0.08186 | 0.02989 | 38.33 | 20.8 | 0.055 | 27.37 | 0.03416 | 0.01408 | 76.04 | 23.1 |
| 0.110 | 12.00 | 0.07280 | 0.02430 | 47.26 | 23.6 | 0.06 | 37.78 | 0.02470 | 0.00878 | 122.2 | 29.7 |
| 0.115 | 13.66 | 0.06380 | 0.01867 | 61.61 | 27.2 | 0.065 | 60.93 | 0.01530 | 0.00345 | 311.3 | 42.1 |
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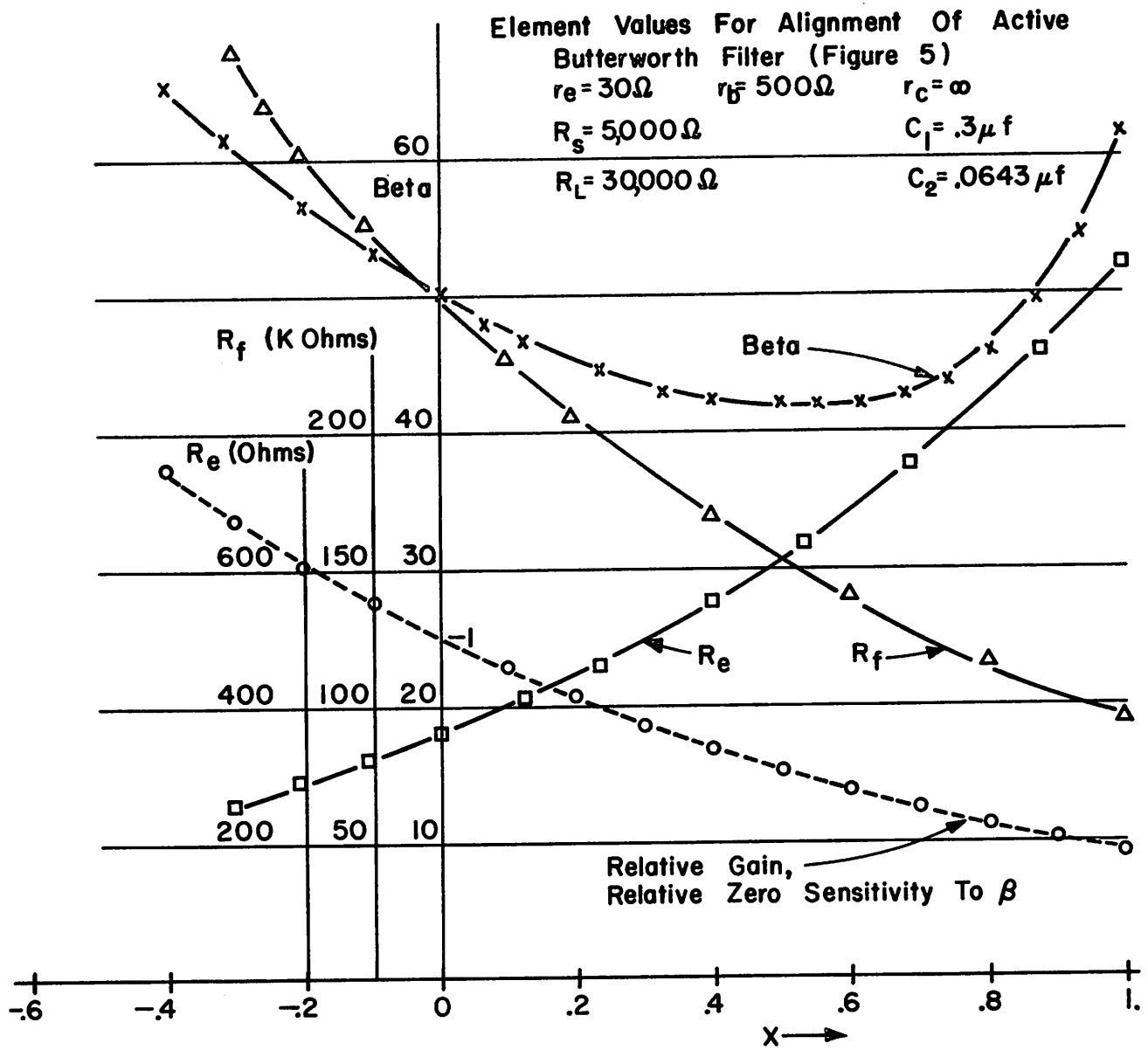


Fig. 6. Element Values For Alignment of Active Butterworth Filter