

SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example 1. An amplifier with negative feedback has an overall gain of 100. Variation of this gain of only ± 1 percent can be tolerated for some specific use. If the open loop gain variations of $\pm 10\%$ are expected owing to production spreads in device characteristics, determine the minimum value of the feedback fraction β and also the open-loop gain to satisfy the above condition.

We know that
$$\frac{dA_f}{A_f} = \frac{1}{1 + A\beta} \cdot \frac{dA}{A}$$

Given that
$$\frac{dA_f}{A_f} = \pm 1\% \text{ and } \frac{dA}{A} = \pm 10\%$$

$$\therefore 1 + A\beta = \frac{dA}{A} \times \frac{A_f}{dA_f} = 10 \times 1 = 10$$

Again
$$A_f = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta}$$

$$\therefore \text{Open-loop gain } A = A_f (1 + A\beta) = 100 \times 10 = 1000$$

Now
$$1 + A\beta = 10$$

$$\therefore 1 + 1000\beta = 10 \text{ or } \beta = 91000$$

$$\beta = 0.009$$

Example 2. An RC coupled amplifier has a voltage gain of 1000, $f_1 = 50$ Hz, $f_2 = 200$ kHz and a distortion of 5% without feedback. Find the amplifier voltage gain, $(f_1)_f$, $(f_2)_f$ and distortion when a negative feedback is applied with feedback ratio 0.01.

The voltage gain of the amplifier with feedback

$$A_f = \frac{A}{1 + \beta A} = \frac{1000}{1 + 0.01 \times 1000} = 90.9$$

The lower 3 dB frequency

$$(f_1)_f = \frac{f_1}{1 + \beta A} = \frac{50}{1 + (0.01 \times 1000)} = 4.5 \text{ Hz}$$

The upper 3 dB frequency

$$\begin{aligned} (f_2)_f &= f_2 (1 + \beta A) = 200 \text{ kHz} (1 + 0.01 \times 1000) \\ &= 2200 \text{ kHz} = 2.2 \text{ MHz} \end{aligned}$$

The distortion with feedback

$$D_f = \frac{D}{1 + \beta A} = \frac{5}{1 + (0.01 \times 1000)} = 0.45\%$$

Example 3. A negative feedback is used to reduce the noise from an amplifier by 80% (a) what must be the percentage of negative feedback to accomplish this, if the input voltage gain is 100? (b) What will be the voltage gain with feedback?

(a) We know that reduction of noise of an amplifier with feedback is given by

$$0.8 = 1 - \frac{1}{(1 + \beta A)} = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \beta \times (100)}$$

or
$$1 - 0.8 = \frac{1}{1 + 100\beta} \text{ or } 1 + 100\beta = (1/0.2) = 5$$

$$\therefore \beta = \frac{4}{100} = 0.04$$

(b) Voltage gain with feedback

$$A_f = \frac{A}{1 + \beta A} = \frac{100}{1 + (0.04 \times 100)} = 20$$

Example 4. An amplifier with $Z_i = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$ has a voltage gain $A = 2000$. If a negative feedback of $\beta = 0.01$ is applied to it, what shall be the input impedance of the feedback amplifier?

We know that $Z_{if} = Z_i (1 + A \beta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore Z_{if} &= 2 \times 10^3 [1 + 2000 \times 0.01] \\ &= 2 \times 10^3 (1 + 20) = 2 \times 10^3 \times 21 \\ &= 42 \times 10^3 = 42 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Example 5. An amplifier has a mid band gain of 125 and a band width of 250 kHz. (i) If 4% negative feedback is introduced, find the new bandwidth and gain. (ii) If the band-width is to be restricted to 1 MHz find the feedback ratio.

(i) We know that, $(BW)_f = (1 + A \beta) BW$

Substituting the given values, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (BW)_f &= (1 + 125 \times 0.04) \times 250 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz} \\ &= 1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz} = 1.5 \text{ MHz} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Gain with feedback, } A_f = \frac{A}{1 + A \beta} = \frac{125}{1 + 125 \times 0.04} = 20.83$$

$$(ii) (BW)_f = (1 + 125 \beta') \times 250 \times 10^3$$

$$\text{or } 1 \times 10^6 = (1 + 125 \beta') \times 250 \times 10^3$$

$$\text{or } (1 + 125 \beta') = (1 \times 10^6) / (250 \times 10^3)$$

$$\text{Solving for } \beta', \text{ we get } \beta' = 0.024 = 2.4\%$$

Example 6. An R-C coupled amplifier has a mid-frequency gain of 200 and a frequency response from 100 Hz to 20 kHz. A negative feedback network with $\beta = 0.02$ is incorporated into the amplifier circuit. Calculate the bandwidth.

$$\text{We know that } f_1' = \frac{f_1}{1 + (A_v)_m \beta}$$

$$\therefore f_1' = \frac{100}{1 + 200 \times 0.02} = 20 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\text{Further, } f_2' = f_2 (1 + (A_v)_m \beta)$$

$$\therefore f_2' = 20 \{1 + (200) 0.02\} = 100 \text{ kHz}$$

The bandwidth with feedback is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (BW)_f &= f_2' - f_1' \\ &= 100 \text{ kHz} - 20 \text{ Hz} \approx 100 \text{ kHz} \end{aligned}$$

Example 7. An amplifier has a mid-frequency of 800. Its upper and lower cut-off frequencies f_2 and f_1 are 16 kHz and 40 kHz respectively. Determine the band width of the amplifier. What will be the band width after 2% of the signal output is given as negative feedback?

We know that,

$$A_f = \frac{A}{1 + \beta A} = \frac{800}{1 + 0.02 \times 800}$$
$$= \frac{800}{17} = 47$$

Bandwidth without feedback = $f_2 - f_1$

\therefore BW = $16000 - 40 = 15.96 \text{ kHz}$

Cut-off frequencies after feedback

$$f_2' = f_2 (1 + A \beta) = 16000 \times 17$$
$$= 272000 = 272 \text{ kHz}$$

$$f_1' = \frac{f_1}{(1 + A \beta)} = \frac{40}{17} \approx 2 \text{ Hz}$$

\therefore Band width after feedback = $f_2' - f_1'$

$$= 272000 - 2 \approx 272 \text{ kHz}$$