

## ON RIAA EQUALIZATION NETWORKS

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### ABSTRACT

Most current disc preamplifiers have audibly inaccurate RIAA equalization. This severely limits any conclusions which can be drawn from A/B testing of such preamplifiers. These errors are due in part to the perpetuation in print of incorrect formulae for the design of the RIAA equalization networks commonly employed. Other factors include the existence of an uncorrected HF zero too close to the top of the audio band in many non-inverting designs, and failure to take adequate account of the limited available loop gain. The situation is surveyed and tables, taking in account the above problems, are given for the design of both inverting and non-inverting RIAA de-emphasis and pre-emphasis circuits. Examples are furnished to illustrate the various configurations.

## INTRODUCTION:

This paper has been stimulated by the writer's experiences with disc preamplifiers over the past few years. As readers will be aware, many hypothetical causes have been put forward for the subjectively perceived differences between such preamplifiers when A/B tested against each other, and much mystique currently surrounds their design and evaluation. One fact, however, is indisputable, and that is that frequency response differences which exceed a few tenths of a decibel in magnitude between disc preamplifiers are audible. Such deviations tend to be broad-band in extent, since they arise from gain and component errors within the RIAA de-emphasis circuit. After examining many disc preamplifiers, it has become apparent to the writer that this is a problem of significant, if not major, proportions. It is, moreover, not confined only to lower-priced components. Some of the most expensive and highly regarded disc preamplifiers on the market deviate audibly from correct RIAA equalization.

There seem to be three major causes for these errors:

- (a) What the writer, after examining numerous books and schematic diagrams, can only put down to the use of incorrect design equations for the calculation of the resistor and capacitor values used in the equalization networks;
- (b) Failure to take into account the fact that there is an additional high frequency corner in the response of an equalized non-inverting amplifier stage (the almost universally used configuration), which causes its response to deviate at high frequencies from that required by the RIAA curve. If this corner is placed too close to the top of the audio band, and no corrective action taken, audible deviations will occur at high audio frequencies;
- (c) Failure to correctly take into account the limited loop gain available from the amplifier circuit. Many discrete disc preamplifiers have loop gain at low frequencies which is inadequate to cause them to adhere to the LF portion of the RIAA curve, while many integrated

operational amplifiers display insufficient HF loop gain due to their low gain-bandwidth products.

We shall comment further on all these points in the sequel. Point (a) is perhaps the most surprising, for there is nothing extraordinarily difficult about analyzing the standard RIAA equalization configurations.

In case the reader feels that the writer is grossly exaggerating the widespread nature of the problem, we would like to refer him for example to references [1] - [18], drawn from many diverse sources, in support of our contention<sup>1)</sup>. As will shortly become apparent, these circuits all suffer from one or more of maladies (a) - (c) without showing signs of any adequate corrective action having been taken. All is, however, not bleak, for we have come across a few circuits which do correct for some or all of these sources of error; without wanting to play favorites, we list some of these circuits in references [19] - [29], but they are few and far between.

This paper is intended to answer points (a) - (c) above by providing design formulae for RIAA networks used both passively and actively around inverting or non-inverting amplifier stages, and will also give some guidelines for those cases when the loop gain is insufficient for this factor to be ignored. A search of the literature has failed to turn up much in the way of correct formulae; the only sources found which correctly treat a few particular aspects of the problem are references [30] - [33]. It would therefore appear that the time is ripe for a discussion of this topic in some detail. It is hoped that this paper will help fill the gap.

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## The Circuits and their Characteristics

As is well known, the RIAA disc recording/reproduction standard specifies equalization time constants of  $T_3 = 3180 \mu\text{s}$ ,  $T_4 = 318 \mu\text{s}$  and  $T_5 = 75 \mu\text{s}$ , corresponding respectively to turnover frequencies of  $f_3 = 50.05 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $f_4 = 500.5 \text{ Hz}$  and  $f_5 = 2122 \text{ Hz}$ <sup>2)</sup>. The recent I.E.C. amendment [34] to this standard, not yet adopted by the RIAA, adds a further rolloff of time constant  $T_2 = 7950 \mu\text{s}$ , corresponding to a frequency of  $f_2 = 20.02 \text{ Hz}$ , which is applied only on replay. (The reason for this apparently strange nomenclature will shortly become apparent.) Such equalization is commonly achieved by means of frequency-dependent negative feedback around the disc preamplifier stages. The feedback network generally incorporates one of the four electrically equivalent R/C networks N, shown in Fig. 1, for this purpose. The four networks N are listed in order of popularity, that of Fig. 1 (a) being the most popular configuration, while that of Fig. 1(d) is the least frequently used. Also given are their complex impedance formulae, which are easily calculated (see for example [35]). We shall throughout the paper assume that the components are labelled such that  $R_1 > R_2$  and  $C_1 > C_2$ . (This results in the apparently "reversed" labelling of network (c).) Thus  $R_1 C_1 > R_2 C_2$ , and so  $R_1$  and  $C_1$  principally determine  $T_3$  while  $R_2$  and  $C_2$  principally determine  $T_5$ .

The networks N can be used actively or passively to perform RIAA pre- or de-emphasis functions. Of the possible configurations, those which appear to be of the most practical utility are listed in

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2) We shall consistently use the symbol  $f_i$  to refer to the frequency, and  $\omega_i$  to the angular frequency, of a pole/zero of time constant  $T_i$ . These quantities are related by:  $\omega_i = 2\pi f_i$ ,  $\omega_i = 1/T_i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, 7$ .

Figs. 2-5. They are<sup>3)</sup>

Fig. 2: Active inverting de-emphasis circuits with and without  $C_0$

Fig. 3: Active non-inverting de-emphasis circuits with and without  $C_0$

Fig. 4: Active inverting pre-emphasis circuit

Fig. 5: Passive pre-emphasis circuit

Also shown in Figs. 2-5 is the stylized frequency response of each configuration,  $G(\omega)$  representing the magnitude of the gain at angular frequency  $\omega$ . At this stage it is assumed that the amplifier shown has infinite open-loop gain, and can be treated as an ideal operational amplifier. We shall comment later on the very real restrictions and modifications which are necessitated by practical circuits which do not meet these ideal requirements. Two points are at once apparent: 1) Firstly, there is an additional unavoidable HF turnover with time constant  $T_6$  (corresponding to a frequency  $f_6$  say) which appears in Fig. 3 even when  $R_3 = 0$ . This departure from the ideal RIAA de-emphasis curve does not arise in the inverting case (Fig. 2) unless we deliberately set  $R_3 \neq 0$ . As mentioned in the Introduction, the appearance of  $f_6$  has almost universally been ignored in practice. While this is not serious if  $f_6$  is at least two octaves above the audio band, this is frequently not the case, as an examination of the circuits cited in the Introduction will show. We shall see, however, that  $f_6$  can be exactly compensated for by adding a passive single-pole R/C low-pass filter at the output of the equalized preamplifier, and thus need not concern us unduly. Another reason for wishing to continue the 6dB/octave RIAA de-emphasis beyond  $f_6$  is to prevent ultrasonic signals (from either tracing distortion or RF pickup) from reaching

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3) The two remaining possibilities which have been omitted for practical reasons are:

Active non-inverting pre-emphasis circuit -- this is not feasible due to the enormous HF open-loop gain requirement necessitated by the fact that the minimum signal gain is unity.

Passive de-emphasis circuit -- its wide variation in output impedance renders the circuit of Fig. 2 (a) preferable, especially since gain is required in any case.

subsequent possibly slew-rate-limited stages in the chain<sup>4)</sup>. It should also be pointed out that the inclusion of  $R_3$  in any of the active circuits under consideration may be necessary to enable them to be stabilized.

2) Secondly, the addition of capacitor  $C_0$  introduces a further pole/zero pair, namely  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ , which provides a LF rolloff in the circuits of Figs. 2 and 3 and thus enables a degree of infrasonic filtering of warp and rumble signals to be achieved. If  $T_2$  is chosen equal to 7950  $\mu$ s, the inclusion of  $C_0$  will provide equalization as required by the IEC amendment [34]. The reasons behind our labelling of the RIAA time constants  $T_3 - T_5$  is now clear. We shall always assume that  $T_1 > T_2 > T_3 > T_4 > T_5 > T_6$ .

The notes appended to the circuits of Figs. 2-5 will be seen to follow from our calculations in the next section. They also refer to the appropriate design table to be used for each configuration, and it is our purpose in the next section to derive the appropriate formulae upon which these tables are based.

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4) For the same reason, the presence of the  $T_6$  corner in the pre-emphasis circuits of Figs. 4 and 5 is desirable, provided that it lies at least two octaves above the audio band. One cannot continue pre-emphasizing at 6dB/octave much beyond this point. Hence  $R_3$  should be used in the circuit of Fig. 4, with  $T_6$  carefully chosen.

## Calculating the Poles and Zeros for Fig. 2

In this section, we analyze the inverting de-emphasis configurations of Fig. 2<sup>5)</sup>. The case  $R_3 = 0$  will be referred to as the "ideal case", since it is the only one which avoids the undesirable HF zero at  $\omega_6$ . We thus write down the signal gain equation for the (complex) signal gain  $G(s)$  of this circuit (assuming infinite open-loop gain), and find

$$G(s) = - \frac{Z(s) + R_3}{R_0 + 1/(C_0 s)} = - \frac{\{Z(s) + R_3\}C_0 s}{1 + R_0 C_0 s}, \quad (1)$$

where  $Z(s)$  refers to the impedance formulae for the networks  $N$ , given in Fig. 1. [The case in which  $C_0$  is not present may be obtained by letting  $C_0 \rightarrow \infty$  in Eq. (1).] Alternatively, we may express  $G(s)$  in terms of the time constants  $T_2 - T_6$  as

$$G(s) = - \frac{R_A + R_3}{R_0} \cdot \frac{T_2 s(1+T_4 s)(1+T_6 s)}{(1+T_2 s)(1+T_3 s)(1+T_5 s)}, \quad (2)$$

where the resistance  $R_A$ , introduced in Fig. 1, represents the resistance of the network  $N$  at 0 Hz (its DC resistance).

Equating the right-hand sides of Eqs. (1) and (2), we can, for each of the four networks of Fig. 1, solve for  $T_2 - T_6$  in terms of  $R_0, R_1, R_2, R_3, C_0, C_1, C_2$ , thus obtaining formulae for the actually realized time constants of this configuration, and more usefully, we can solve for the resistor and capacitor values of the network components in terms of  $T_2 - T_6$ <sup>6)</sup>. These latter formulae can

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5) The reader is asked to bear with us through this analysis, for the more common non-inverting configurations of Fig. 3 will turn out to be reducible to those of Fig. 2, and the latter are easier to analyze ab initio.

6) Note that the zeros and poles all lie on the negative real axis in the complex frequency plane.

be used in the design of the networks to fulfil the required RIAA function. A different set of formulae results in the case of each of the four networks of Fig. 1. An example of the rather elaborate calculations involved is given in Appendix 1 for the case of the network of Fig. 1 (a). The other cases are somewhat more complicated. The results are summarized in Table 1 (a) - (d), referring respectively to the networks of Fig. 1 (a) - (d). The first column in the table gives the design formulae for the ideal case  $R_3 = 0$ , and the second column lists the corresponding formulae when  $R_3 \neq 0$ . For simplicity, some of these formulae are given in an approximate form only in the second column. These approximations are to first order in  $R_3$ , and are valid to a very high degree of accuracy provided  $R_3 \ll R_2$ , a situation which obtains in practice. Table 2 gives the formulae for the magnitude  $G(\omega)$  of the complex gain  $G(s)$  at angular frequency  $\omega$ , and is to be used in conjunction with Table 1 in the design process. The design notes appended to Fig. 2 now become relevant. In solving for the formulae given, it is found that both  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  (if non-zero) can be chosen independently. For this reason, the formulae in the middle third of Table 1 are "normalized" to give each of the unknown quantities  $R_1, R_2, C_0, C_1, C_2$  in terms of  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  only, assuming that the T's have been chosen in any particular case. Practical design is thus simplified. We shall have more to say about this aspect later. Of considerable significance are the formulae in the first column of Table 1, for they represent the ideal RIAA case, and are modified only slightly in numerical value when  $R_3 \neq 0$ . It should be noted that, not unexpectedly in this simple case ( $R_3 = 0$ ), the formulae for  $T_3 - T_5$  are just precisely those for the time constants corresponding to the negative real zero and poles of the impedance expressions  $Z(s)$  given in Fig. 1. They also point up what appears to be a very common error committed to print in some of the references cited in the Introduction, and clearly demonstrated by many of the circuits referred to there. For example, the following two situations are not uncommon, and will be found to be represented in the references cited:



(a) Use of the network of Fig. 1 (a) with the false design equations

$$R_1 C_1 = T_3, R_2 C_2 = T_5, R_2 C_1 = T_4 = 318 \mu s. \quad (3)$$

As we see from Table 1 (a), in actual fact the network RC products should be (ignoring  $R_3$ )

$$R_1 C_1 = T_3, R_2 C_2 = T_5, R_2 C_1 = \frac{T_3(T_4 - T_5)}{T_3 - T_4} = 270 \mu s,$$

so that the last of formulae (3) is in error by a substantial 18%. This is a very common mistake! The correct formula for  $T_4$ , namely

$$T_4 = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (C_1 + C_2),$$

is not difficult to remember, for it represents the time constant of the parallel combination of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  with the parallel combination of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

(b) Use of the network of Fig. 1 (b) with  $R_2 C_2 = T_5 = 75 \mu s$  instead of the correct value (ignoring  $R_3$ ):

$$R_2 C_2 = \frac{T_3 T_5}{T_3 - T_4 + T_5} = 81.21 \mu s,$$

this representing an error of -8%, which is not negligible.

It must thus be realized that the R/C subsections of the networks N interact in determining its overall poles and zeros, and hence the individual RC products for each subsection do not give the time constants of the overall network.

We have placed considerable emphasis on Tables 1 and 2, and for a good reason: with only a few substitutions they will provide design formulae also for the circuits of Figs. 3 (a), 4 and 5. Only the circuit of Fig. 3 (b) will require a different design table. In

fact, since in general  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  should be very much less than  $R_2$  in value, the first column of Table 1 serves as a fairly accurate prototype of the values which will apply in most practical situations. The symbol  $[\cdot]$  is used in some of the formulae in Table 1 (and will also be used subsequently) to denote a repetition of the square-bracketed expression which precedes it within the same formula.

As a final note, it should be remarked that  $T_2$  is uncoupled from the other time constants  $T_3 - T_6$  in the sense that changing or removing  $C_0$  affects only  $T_2$ , leaving  $T_3 - T_6$  unaltered. (This is not true for the circuit of Fig. 3(b).)

Extending the Results to Figs. 3(a), 4 and 5

The extension of the above results to the active inverting RIAA pre-emphasis circuit of Fig. 4 is immediate and obvious, for the simple replacement of  $G(s)$  by  $1/G(s)$  in our previous analysis converts it to this case (that is, the poles and zeros are interchanged). Thus, as mentioned in the design notes in Fig. 4, Tables 1 and 2 are easily applied.

The active non-inverting RIAA de-emphasis circuit of Fig. 3(a) is not much more difficult to handle. For, in this case (cf. Eq. (1))

$$G(s) = \frac{Z(s) + R_3}{R_0} + 1 = \frac{Z(s) + (R_0 + R_3)}{R_0}, \quad (4)$$

which is just precisely the limiting form of Eq. (1) when  $C_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , if we replace  $R_3$  in Eq. (1) by  $(R_0 + R_3)$  and delete the minus sign on the right-hand side. Eq. (2) also now applies with the same changes, and so it follows at once that the design Tables 1 and 2 without  $C_0$  apply directly also to the circuit of Fig. 3(a) under the simple substitutions

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_0 + R_3 \quad \text{and} \quad G(\omega) \rightarrow -G(\omega). \quad (5)$$

We see that the poles  $T_3, T_5$  are exactly the same as those of Fig. 2(a); the zeros  $T_4, T_6$  are, however, shifted by the change of  $R_3$  to  $(R_0 + R_3)$ .

Similarly, the passive pre-emphasis circuit of Fig. 5 now follows easily from the case of Fig. 3(a), since its gain formula is just the reciprocal of formula (4) above. Thus its design equations also follow from Tables 1 and 2 without  $C_0$  by making the substitutions

$$R_3 \rightarrow (R_0 + R_3) \quad \text{and} \quad G(\omega) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{G(\omega)}. \quad (6)$$

Again, the design notes appended to Figs. 3(a), 4 and 5 should now begin to fall into place. In particular, note that both  $R_0$  and

$R_3$  (if non-zero) can be chosen independently in the design process. In view of the manner in which the time constants are affected by changing  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  in the case of the circuits of Figs. 3(a) and 5, it is preferable to think of the combinations  $(R_0+R_3)$  and  $R_3/R_0$  [or  $(R_0+R_3)/R_0$ ] as being the independent quantities in these cases. This is so because of the appearance of  $(R_0+R_3)$  in the formulae of Tables 1 and 2 as a result of the substitutions (5) and (6).

### The Case of Fig. 3(b)

Fig. 3(b) requires a separate treatment. The signal gain formula now reads

$$G(s) = \frac{Z(s) + R_3}{R_0 + 1/(C_0 s)} + 1 = \frac{1 + (Z(s) + (R_0 + R_3))C_0 s}{1 + R_0 C_0 s}, \quad (7)$$

where  $Z(s)$  is given in Fig. 1. In terms of the circuit time constants  $T_1 - T_6$ ,  $G(s)$  can alternatively be expressed as

$$G(s) = \frac{(1+T_1s)(1+T_4s)(1+T_6s)}{(1+T_2s)(1+T_3s)(1+T_5s)}. \quad (8)$$

As  $C_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , Eq. (7) reduces to Eq. (4) as expected. Once again, the poles  $T_2, T_3, T_5$  are exactly the same as those of Fig. 2(b), and moreover,  $T_3$  and  $T_5$  remain unchanged whether or not  $C_0$  is present, but the location of the zeros  $T_4, T_6$  is different from that of both Figs. 2(b) and 3(a) as a result of the presence of  $C_0$  in the non-inverting configuration. This is in contradistinction to the inverting case, where only  $T_2$  was affected by the presence or absence of  $C_0$ , and  $T_3 - T_6$  remained unchanged.

The analysis proceeds by equating the right-hand sides of Eqs. (7) and (8), obtaining a system of six equations which can be solved for  $T_1 - T_6$  in terms of  $R_0, R_1, R_2, R_3, C_0, C_1, C_2$ , and also for the resistor and capacitor values of the network components in terms of  $T_1 - T_6$ . An example of the calculations involved in the case of the network of Fig. 1(a) is presented in Appendix 2, while the results are collected in Table 3(a) - (d) for the networks of Fig. 1(a) - (d) respectively<sup>7)</sup>. The points made

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<sup>7)</sup> Again, the symbol  $[\cdot]$  used in some of the formulae denotes a repetition of the square-bracketed expression which precedes it within the same formula.

in the preceding paragraph are apparent from the formulae in the upper third of the table. In Table 4 we give the formulae for  $G(\omega)$  for the circuit of Fig. 3(b). Reference should also be made to the design notes in Fig. 3(b). For this configuration, only one of the network components can be chosen independently, and then all the others are fixed by the values of  $T_1 - T_6$ . In view of the similarities with Fig. 3(a) and the appearance of  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  in the combination  $(R_0+R_3)$  in Eq. (7), the most logical and convenient choice for independent variable is  $(R_0+R_3)$ . The formulae in the middle third of Table 3 are therefore expressed in terms of  $(R_0+R_3)$  and  $T_1 - T_6$ . Since  $T_1$  is an artifact of this circuit configuration, and not of primary importance to us from the RIAA point of view, and alternative and more useful way of considering these equations is by choosing both  $(R_0+R_3)$  and  $(R_0+R_3)/R_0$  independently, and looking upon  $T_1$  as a dependent quantity, related to the others by the formula (from Table 3)

$$\frac{R_0+R_3}{R_0} = \frac{T_1 T_4 T_6}{T_2 T_3 T_5} \geq 1 \quad . \quad (9)$$

This formula is seen to provide a constraint on the allowable values of  $T_1 - T_6$ , for we must always have the inequality satisfied. If  $R_3 = 0$ , it reduces to the constraint

$$T_1 T_4 T_6 = T_2 T_3 T_5 \quad , \quad (10)$$

and  $R_0$  remains as the only independent variable in this case. We see that a small value for  $T_6$ , which is desirable for HF RIAA equalization accuracy, then necessitates a large value for  $T_1$ , which results in a long DC stabiliation time for the circuit — an undesirable artifact. The time constants thus must be played off one against the other in a practical circuit.

In the next section we shall discuss design procedures using all the formulae so far developed.

## How to Design RIAA Circuits

By this stage the reader should already have a fairly good idea of the correct design procedure, making use of Tables 1-4 as appropriate. We can, however, usefully make a number of additional remarks. We shall assume that  $T_3 - T_5$  are given their RIAA values and that  $T_2$ , if present, is given either its IEC value of 7950  $\mu\text{s}$ , or else is suitably chosen to determine the circuit's LF rolloff point. In any event, it is assumed that the values of  $T_2 - T_5$  are known and fixed ab initio.

Clearly, once the circuit configuration (Figs. 2-5) has been selected, the next decision is between the four electrically equivalent networks of Fig. 1, and here a choice must be based on practical factors. Please bear in mind that we are still assuming adequate loop gain at all relevant frequencies to ensure adherence to the frequency response curve dictated by the feedback network. We shall show in the next section how to deal with cases in which this assumption is not valid. As is evident from the first column of Table 1, the  $R_1/R_2$  and  $C_1/C_2$  ratios are different for each of the four networks. Since, in practice, the range of available capacitor values is more restricted than that of resistor values, a reasonable first question to ask is which networks have a capacitor ratio which is available from say the standard E24 series of capacitors. Now, as the formulae in the second column of Table 1 show, the capacitor and resistor ratios change from their "ideal" values, given in the first column, as  $R_3$  [or  $(R_0+R_3)$  in the case of Figs. 3 and 5] increases in value from zero. So our question must be in two parts:

- (a) In the ideal case  $R_3 = 0$ , which networks realize available E24 capacitor ratios?
- (b) In the case  $R_3 \neq 0$  (or  $R_0+R_3 \neq 0$  for Figs. 3,5), which networks realize available E24 capacitor ratios and give  $T_6$  sufficiently small that their HF zero lies well above the audio band?

A bit of calculating using a table of E24 values and Table 1, leads to Table 5 and an answer to our questions:

(a) In the ideal case, only the networks of Fig. 1(a) and (d) are achievable using standard E24 capacitor values. The only three possible "ideal" designs calculated from the first column of Table 1 are given in Table 5(a), with closest E96 resistor values in parentheses. Of course, if one is willing to parallel capacitors to form  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , an infinity of designs is possible.

(b) As  $R_3$  (or  $R_0+R_3$ ) increases from zero, the  $C_1/C_2$  ratio decreases from its value given in the first column of Table 1, and simultaneously  $T_6$  increases in value from zero. In seeking the best designs possible in this case, which represents the most frequent situation, it is best to proceed backwards. Starting with the formula for  $C_1/C_2$  from the second column of Table 1, we solve it for  $T_6$  in terms of  $T_3 - T_5$  and  $C_1/C_2$ . Then from the E24 series we choose capacitor values yielding a  $C_1/C_2$  ratio just less than that given in the first column, and calculate the corresponding value of  $T_6$  from our formula. This value of  $T_6$  is then used in the second column to calculate all other component values. In this way we construct the designs given in Table 5(b), listed in order of decreasing  $f_6$ . These are believed to represent the best such designs possible. Again, many more are possible if we are willing to parallel capacitors. Note that all four networks N are represented in Table 5(b). This table can be used to construct very accurate and cheap designs, using few components, for the circuits of Figs. 2, 3(a), 4 and 5, and to a high degree of accuracy, also Fig. 3(b).

Overall, it would appear that the network of Fig. 1(a) is perhaps not undeservedly the most popular of the four. An interesting question which springs to mind is whether any one of the networks offers an advantage over the others as regards the ease with which it can be "trimmed" for accuracy. To begin with, trimming is a difficult procedure, for each component affects at least two of the



finally realized time constants of the network. Furthermore, to be able to trim accurately one must have either a precision RIAA circuit for reference or else be able to measure over a dynamic range of >40dB and over a frequency range of > 3 decades to an accuracy of tenths of a decibel. This is not an easy task! In fact, it is sufficiently difficult that the writer would suggest that a much better and easier procedure in practice is to produce an accurate design in the first place, and not rely on trimming to adjust the circuit for accuracy. This is, in fact, the whole thesis of this paper. This said, it is interesting to examine Table 6, a table of relative sensitivities of the main network RIAA time constants ( $T_3 - T_5$ ) to changes in the values of the components  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . They are calculated from the formula

$$S_x^T_i = \frac{x}{T_i} \cdot \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial x}, \quad i = 3,4,5,$$

where  $x$  is one of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $C_1$  or  $C_2$ , and represent the percentage change in  $T_i$  caused by a 1% change in the component  $x$  from its ideal value given in the first column of Table 1. Table 6 must be interpreted with care, but it does show that the network of Fig. 1(a) is the best, and that of Fig. 1(d) the worst, from the interaction (and hence also from the trimming) point of view. A suitable trimming procedure for the Fig. 1(a) network would be to fix  $R_1$ , say, and first adjust  $C_1$  at 100 Hz to trim  $T_3$ ; then adjust  $R_2$  at 1 kHz to trim  $T_4$ ; and finally adjust  $C_2$  at 10 kHz to trim  $T_5$ . Of course, the procedure must be iterated, and is made more complicated by the effect each component change has on the overall gain, as is evident from Tables 2,4.

The next point to make is that, for all de-emphasis circuits with  $T_6 \neq 0$  (that is, Fig. 2 with  $R_3 \neq 0$  and all cases of Fig.3), the HF zero thus introduced can be exactly cancelled by adding an identical HF pole at the output of the circuit. A passive R/C low-pass filter of time constant  $T_6$  will do this, and if  $T_6$  is

small enough, will not significantly degrade output impedance. For example, the second and third designs given in Table 5(b), with  $T_6 = 0.4 \mu\text{s}$ , can be corrected with a filter having  $R = 1.1 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $C = 360 \text{ pF}$ . Such a filter should be incorporated, especially in those designs where  $f_6$  is rather close to the audio band. Failure to do so will then lead to a rising response (relative to RIAA) in the top octave of the audio band.

This brings us to the next point. In a practical circuit  $T_6$  usually cannot be made arbitrarily small, for decreasing  $T_6$  is equivalent to decreasing  $R_3$  for the circuits of Figs. 2, 4, or  $(R_0 + R_3)$  for the circuits of Figs. 3, 5. Practical questions of amplifier loading and stabilization will generally prevent us from decreasing these components too far, although noise considerations per se would dictate using the smallest possible values. In particular,  $R_3$  may be required in order to ensure amplifier closed-loop stability without excessive reduction in gain-bandwidth product and slewing rate. Also,  $T_1$  should be made as small as possible in Fig. 3(b), for it determines the length of time the circuit will take to stabilize its DC operating levels. However,  $T_1$  and  $T_6$  are inter-related according to Eqs. (9), (10) and the gain formula, and so decreasing  $T_1$  results in an increase in  $T_6$  and a change in gain. As an example, if  $T_2$  is chosen to be  $7950 \mu\text{s}$  for an IEC design, we find from Eq. (9) that

$$T_1 T_6 \geq 5.96 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-2},$$

and so for  $T_6 = 0.4 \mu\text{s}$  we would have  $T_1 \geq 14.9 \text{ s}$ . For a non-IEC design using Fig. 3(b),  $T_2$  would be larger and so  $T_1$  would be even greater for the same gain! In general, although  $T_2 - T_5$  are specified by the RIAA/IEC,  $T_1$  and  $T_6$  and the gain are at our disposal. Since the error caused by  $T_6$  can be exactly compensated for, in a practical circuit we may have to increase  $T_6$  in order to obtain an acceptably small value for  $T_1$  and a suitable gain.

Reference to the frequency response curve of Fig. 3(b) shows that  $T_1$  is affected by both the circuit's gain and the location of  $T_2$ . If  $T_2$  is specified a priori, changing  $T_1$  necessitates a change in gain.

A final important practical consideration is the circuit's 1 kHz gain. This can be calculated using Tables 2 or 4 as appropriate. In fact, it may be useful in the course of design to work backwards from these tables, starting with a given desired 1 kHz gain together with Eqs. (9), (10), and calculating the corresponding values of  $T_1$  and/or  $T_6$  to realize this gain, before proceeding to use these values in Tables 1 and 3. Speaking about gain, the design notes in Figs. 2-5 give important information concerning gain adjustment in these circuits. Referring to the upper third of Tables 1 and 3 it is seen that, when changing gain in the circuits of Figs. 2,4,  $R_3$  should be held fixed and only  $R_0$  varied, while for the circuits of Figs. 3, 5, ( $R_0+R_3$ ) should be held fixed as  $R_3/R_0$  is varied (that is, the tapping point along  $R_0+R_3$  is varied). This procedure will ensure that the only frequency response casualty will be  $T_2$ . Any other procedure will affect the important RIAA time constant  $T_4$ . This point is of considerable significance, and it appears to be generally ignored in practice.

The only major design problem which can yet affect our considerations above, is the lack of suitable loop gain to guarantee adherence to these formulae. We address this problem in the next section but one.

## An Example

For the purposes of illustration, let us consider the most difficult design case, namely the circuit of Fig. 3(b), which also represents a sizeable proportion of higher-priced commercial circuits. Let us set as our criteria a 1 kHz gain of around 35 dB and a frequency response as dictated by RIAA/IEC, that is

$$T_2 = 7950 \mu\text{s} , T_3 = 3180 \mu\text{s} , T_4 = 318 \mu\text{s} , T_5 = 75 \mu\text{s} .$$

Reference to a straight-line approximation to the RIAA/IEC frequency response curve defined in [34], shows us that its idealized gain at 20 Hz (corresponding to  $T_2$ ) is +19.9 dB relative to that at 1 kHz. Hence the desired idealized signal gain at 20 Hz is 54.9 dB, and with reference to Fig. 3(b) we conclude that  $f_1 = 0.0360$  Hz, giving  $T_1 = 4.419$  s. Then Eq. (9) shows that  $T_6 \geq 1.349 \mu\text{s}$ , with equality if and only if  $R_3 = 0$ . The case  $R_3 = 0$  corresponds to a HF zero at 118.0 kHz, which is reasonably placed two octaves above the audio band. Let us choose the network of Fig. 1(a) and set  $R_0 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ . Then the following component values are easily calculated from the middle third of Table 3(a) for each of two possible designs (assuming sufficient loop gain):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } \underline{R_3 = 0} : \quad & f_6 = 118.0 \text{ kHz} \quad , \quad R_0 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega \quad , \quad \text{Fig. 1(a)} \\ \text{and} \quad & R_1 = 511.813 \text{ k}\Omega \quad , \quad R_2 = 42.722 \text{ k}\Omega \\ & C_1 = 6.213 \text{ nF} \quad , \quad C_2 = 1.756 \text{ nF} \\ & C_0 = 7.950 \mu\text{F} \end{aligned}$$

with HF zero correction filter of 1 k $\Omega$  and 1.349 nF. The 1 kHz gain follows from Table 4 as 35.0 dB, as desired.

(b)  $R_3 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$  , say, to help stabilize the amplifier by increasing the

HF noise gain to 3 :

$$f_6 = 59.0 \text{ kHz} \quad , \quad R_0 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega \quad , \quad \text{Fig. 1(a)}$$

$$\text{and } R_1 = 511.596 \text{ k}\Omega \quad , \quad R_2 = 41.940 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$C_1 = 6.216 \text{ nF} \quad , \quad C_2 = 1.788 \text{ nF}$$

$$C_0 = 7.950 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$$

with HF zero correction filter of  $2 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $1.349 \text{ nF}$ . Again, Table 4 confirms the  $1 \text{ kHz}$  gain as  $35.0 \text{ dB}$ .

It is of interest to note the small changes in the values of  $R_1$  ,  $R_2$  ,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  between these two designs. If it is desired to experiment in order to bring some of the component values closer to standard available values, one can try changing  $(R_0+R_3)$  ,  $T_6$  , the  $1 \text{ kHz}$  gain and/or the network to Fig. 1(b) - (d). In this way the design can be optimized.

## Taking Inadequate Loop Gain into Account

In this last section we shall consider what can be done if the amplifier in one of our circuits does not have enough loop gain at some frequencies to ensure adequate (say 0.2 dB) adherence of the signal gain to that dictated by the feedback network<sup>8)</sup>. This will be the case if the loop gain is less than 30-40 dB at any frequency at which the open loop and noise gain curves are parallel (no relative phase shift), or less than 15-20 dB at any frequency at which the open loop and noise gain curves have a relative slope of 6 dB/octave (90° relative phase shift). This occurs frequently in practice in disc preamplifiers, and two particular situations are common:

- (a) The discrete amplifier with large open-loop bandwidth but inadequate LF open-loop gain. Here the main RIAA errors are in the region of the  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_3$  poles.
- (b) The integrated operational amplifier with large LF open-loop gain but small open-loop bandwidth, resulting in inadequate HF loop gain. Here the main errors are around the pole at  $\omega_5$ .

These errors take the form of deviations in both gain and pole position. These two situations are illustrated diagrammatically for the circuit of Fig. 3(b) in Fig. 6(a) and (b) respectively. The solid line represents the originally intended RIAA response, and the dashed line shows the response actually realized. One solution is, of course, to reduce the desired 1 kHz signal gain in order to increase the available loop gain. If this is not practicable, other solutions must be sought, and these are the topic of the present discussion. Since our aim is mainly to illustrate a design procedure by means of which these errors can be avoided, we shall restrict the discussion to the

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<sup>8)</sup> The writer would like to thank John Vanderkooy for bringing home to him the importance of a discussion of this topic, and for suggesting a possible analytical approach.

circuit of Fig. 3(b). It can, however, be applied to the other circuits but with somewhat greater difficulty.

In the diagrams of Fig. 6, the unprimed quantities are the ones used in the formulae developed earlier for the case of infinite open-loop gain, realizing closed-loop gain  $G$ , while the primed quantities are those actually realized due to the finite open-loop gain. Our aim is to force the primed  $\omega$ 's to take on the desired RIAA values by deliberately choosing the unprimed  $\omega$ 's differently. Then the shape of the achieved (dashed) curve will be correct, although its gain will be somewhat below that predicted by Table 4. This is indeed possible.

Let

$$G(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} \quad \text{and} \quad G'(s) = k \frac{N'(s)}{D'(s)} \quad (11)$$

where  $k$  is a constant and  $N(s)$ ,  $N'(s)$  and  $D(s)$ ,  $D'(s)$  are the polynomials in  $s$  in the numerators and denominators of the gain formulae  $G(s)$  and  $G'(s)$  respectively from Eq. (8). If  $A_V(s)$  denotes the open-loop gain, the familiar gain formula

$$G'(s) = \frac{A_V(s)}{1 + A_V(s)/G(s)} = \frac{G(s)}{1 + G(s)/A_V(s)}$$

for a non-inverting amplifier yields

$$k \frac{N'(s)}{D'(s)} = \frac{N(s)}{D(s) + N(s)/A_V(s)} \quad (12)$$

as the relation between the  $N$ 's and the  $D$ 's. We now specialize Eq. (12) to the two cases of Figs. 6(a) and (b).

(a) Constant open-loop gain:  $A_V = A_{V0}$

This is a good approximation to a wide open-loop bandwidth amplifier. Then we deduce from Eq. (12) that

$$k = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{A_{vo}}} \quad , \quad N(s) = N'(s) \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{A_{vo}}}} \right\} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{and} \quad D(s) = D'(s) - \frac{N'(s) - D'(s)}{A_{vo}} \quad .$$

The first important point to note is the formula for  $k$ , relating the 0 Hz gains  $G(0)$  and  $G'(0)$ ; clearly, as  $A_{vo} \rightarrow \infty$ , these become equal as expected. The second point is the somewhat surprising fact that the zeros  $\omega_1'$ ,  $\omega_4'$  and  $\omega_6'$  are not shifted in frequency by the finite loop gain error. It is only the poles  $\omega_2'$ ,  $\omega_3'$  and  $\omega_5'$  which are shifted according to the last of Eq. (13). Again, as  $A_{vo} \rightarrow \infty$ , they tend to their expected values. Our next step is to substitute the forms of  $N$  and  $D$  from Eq. (8) into the last of Eq. (13) and equate coefficients of like powers of  $s$  on both sides. If we introduce the notation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} N_1' &= T_1' + T_4' + T_6' \quad , \quad N_2' = T_1' T_4' + T_1' T_6' + T_4' T_6' \quad , \quad N_3' = T_1' T_4' T_6' \\ D_1' &= T_2' + T_3' + T_5' \quad , \quad D_2' = T_2' T_3' + T_2' T_5' + T_3' T_5' \quad , \quad D_3' = T_2' T_3' T_5' \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (14)$$

we deduce that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_2' + T_3' + T_5' &= D_1' - \frac{N_1' - D_1'}{A_{vo}} \\ T_2' T_3' + T_2' T_5' + T_3' T_5' &= D_2' - \frac{N_2' - D_2'}{A_{vo}} \\ T_2' T_3' T_5' &= D_3' - \frac{N_3' - D_3'}{A_{vo}} \quad , \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (15)$$

and so  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ ,  $T_5$  with  $T_2 > T_3 > T_5$ , are the roots of the cubic in  $T$ :



$$T^3 - \left[ D_1' - \frac{N_1' - D_1'}{A_{VO}} \right] T^2 + \left[ D_2' - \frac{N_2' - D_2'}{A_{VO}} \right] T - \left[ D_3' - \frac{N_3' - D_3'}{A_{VO}} \right] = 0. \quad (16)$$

This equation is exact, and when we insert into its coefficients the desired (that is, primed) RIAA time constants, its solutions  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ ,  $T_5$  give us the time constants, which, together with

$$T_1 = T_1' , \quad T_4 = T_4' , \quad T_6 = T_6' , \quad (17)$$

are the ones which must be used in the design tables and formulae of earlier sections in order that the circuit realize the desired frequency response with gain error  $k$  given by Eq. (13).

A reasonable approximation in this case is  $T_5 = T_5'$ , in view of the 20 dB greater loop gain available at  $\omega_5$ . If this simplification is made in the system (15) it follows that, as a good approximation,  $T_2$  and  $T_3$ , with  $T_2 > T_3$ , can be obtained more simply as the roots of the quadratic in  $T$ :

$$T^2 - \left[ T_2' + T_3' - \frac{N_1' - D_1'}{A_{VO}} \right] T + \left[ D_3' - \frac{N_3' - D_3'}{A_{VO}} \right] \frac{1}{T_5'} = 0 , \quad T_5 = T_5' . \quad (18)$$

(b) Integrating open-loop gain:  $A_V = \omega_0/s$

Here  $\omega_0$  denotes the unity-gain angular frequency of the amplifier. This is a good middle to high-frequency approximation of an integrating operational amplifier (the common type) with small open-loop bandwidth. Then the denominator on the right-hand side of Eq. (12) is quartic in  $s$ , and hence the left-hand side must also have a fourth pole at  $\omega_0'$  say, as illustrated in Fig. 6(b). Thus Eq. (12) becomes

$$k \frac{N'(s)}{(1+T_1's) D'(s)} = \frac{N(s)}{D(s) + sN(s)/\omega_0} ,$$

and we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & k = 1 \quad , \quad N(s) = N'(s) \\
 \text{and} \quad & D(s) = (1+T_7^1 s)D'(s) - \frac{sN'(s)}{\omega_0} .
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} k = 1 \\ D(s) = \dots \end{aligned}} \right\} \quad (19)$$

As in case (a),  $G(s)$  and  $G'(s)$  have the same zeros as expressed by Eq. (17). Now, however,  $G(0)$  equals  $G'(0)$ , while the poles  $\omega_2^1$ ,  $\omega_3^1$ ,  $\omega_5^1$  are shifted according to the last of Eq.(19), and a further pole  $\omega_7^1$  added. As  $\omega_0 \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\omega_7^1 \rightarrow \infty$  and the other poles tend to their expected values.

Substituting into the last of Eq. (19) from Eq. (8), and equating coefficients of like powers of  $s$ , we find, in the notation of Eq. (14), that  $T_2, T_3, T_5$  with  $T_2 > T_3 > T_5$  are the roots of the cubic in  $T$ :

$$T^3 - \left[ D_1^1 + T_7^1 - \frac{1}{\omega_0} \right] T^2 + \left[ D_2^1 + T_7^1 D_1^1 - \frac{N_1^1}{\omega_0} \right] T - \left[ D_3^1 + T_7^1 D_2^1 - \frac{N_2^1}{\omega_0} \right] = 0 \quad (20)$$

where

$$T_7^1 = \frac{N_3^1}{D_3^1 \omega_0} = \frac{T_1^1 T_4^1 T_6^1}{T_2^1 T_3^1 T_5^1 \omega_0} . \quad (21)$$

Note that, by the first formula in the middle third of Table 3,  $\omega_7^1 \leq \omega_0$  with equality if and only if  $R_3 = 0$ . This is also evident from Fig. 6(b).

Again, an approximating assumption can be used to simplify Eq. (20) under suitable conditions.

Whichever case we are dealing with, once the modified values  $T_1 - T_6$  have been calculated, the appropriate resistor and capacitor

values can be obtained from Table 3<sup>9)</sup>. One final comment is warranted. In practice it would appear that a procedure frequently adopted, when it transpires that a design is not following the required RIAA curve due to inadequate loop gain, is to adjust a single component's value, for example,  $R_1$  or  $C_1$  in case(a) and  $R_2$  or  $C_2$  in case (b) above. This is incorrect, for such a change will, according to the formulae in the upper third of Table 3, modify not only the requisite pole  $T'_3$  or  $T'_5$  but also the zeros  $T'_1$ ,  $T'_4$ ,  $T'_6$  which our analysis shows should be left unchanged. Our whole thesis is that, by appropriate calculation, an extremely accurate design is achievable without the need for any trimming which, as indicated earlier, is extremely difficult to carry out successfully.

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9) Of course, we assume that the shifts involved are not so large that the roots of the equations (16), (18) and (20) become complex, for then the configurations under consideration cannot be made to follow the RIAA curve, and the amplifier's open-loop gain must be considered to be totally inadequate.

Appendix 1 An Example of the Calculations Leading to Tables 1 and 2

As an illustration of the procedure used, we shall consider Fig. 2 with the network of Fig. 1(a). Substituting into Eq. (1) for  $Z(s)$ , given in Fig. 1(a), and equating the right-hand sides of Eqs. (1) and (2), we obtain, after some simplification:

$$\frac{(R_A+R_3)}{R_0} \cdot \frac{R_0 C_0 s \left\{ 1 + \frac{R_1 R_2 (C_1 + C_2) + (R_1 C_1 + R_2 C_2) R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} s + \frac{R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2 R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} s^2 \right\}}{(1 + R_0 C_0 s) \{ 1 + (R_1 C_1 + R_2 C_2) s + R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2 s^2 \}}$$

$$= \frac{R_A + R_3}{R_0} \cdot \frac{T_2 s \{ 1 + (T_4 + T_6) s + T_4 T_6 s^2 \}}{(1 + T_2 s) \{ 1 + (T_3 + T_5) s + T_3 T_5 s^2 \}}$$

We now equate the coefficients of corresponding powers of  $s$  in the numerators and denominators on both sides of this equation, and so reduce it to the following system of five equations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_2 &= R_0 C_0 \\ T_3 + T_5 &= R_1 C_1 + R_2 C_2 \\ T_3 T_5 &= R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2 \\ T_4 + T_6 &= \frac{R_1 R_2 (C_1 + C_2) + (R_1 C_1 + R_2 C_2) R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \\ T_4 T_6 &= \frac{R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2 R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (A1.1)$$

for the five unknowns  $T_2 - T_6$ , for which it is easily solved:

$$T_2 = R_0 C_0$$

$$T_3 = R_1 C_1$$

$$T_5 = R_2 C_2$$

$$\text{and } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_4 = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (C_1 + C_2) \\ T_6 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{if } R_3 = 0$$

$$\text{while } T_{4,6} = \frac{[R_1 R_2 (C_1 + C_2) + (R_1 C_1 + R_2 C_2) R_3] \pm \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4 R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2 R_3 (R_1 + R_2 + R_3)}}{2(R_1 + R_2 + R_3)} \quad \text{if } R_3 \neq 0.$$

This latter expression for  $T_4$  and  $T_6$  can now be approximated, by standard expansion techniques, to derive expressions for  $T_4$  and  $T_6$  which are accurate to first order in  $R_3$ , provided  $R_3 \ll R_2$ . In this way we obtain the formulae in the upper third of Table 1(a).

From the design point of view, it is, however, more useful to have expressions for the values of the resistors and capacitors  $R_0$ ,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $C_0$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  in terms of the desired network time constants  $T_2 - T_6$ . To this end, one returns to the system (A1.1), which viewed from this point of view, is a system of five equations in seven unknowns, two of which can thus be chosen arbitrarily. We choose to specify  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  a priori, for they will usually have their values circumscribed by noise and stability considerations. We thus solve system (A1.1) for  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $C_0$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  in terms of  $R_0$  and  $R_3$ , and, after rather laborious calculations, come up with the formulae which constitute the middle third of Table 1(a). Finally, these formulae are combined, eliminating  $R_0$  and  $R_3$ , to derive the formulae given in the lower third of the table. These are useful, for they tell us the correct values to expect for the individual RC products and resistor and capacitor ratios in terms solely of  $T_2 - T_6$ .

It should be remarked that, in the case of the first column of Table 1(a),  $R_3 = 0$ , and so  $T_6 = 0$  and system (A1.1) reduces to a system of only four equations in the six unknowns  $R_0$ ,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,

$C_0, C_1, C_2$ . Now,  $R_0$  together with any one of the remaining components may be chosen arbitrarily a priori. The formulae in the second column of Table 1(a) reduce to the "ideal" formulae in the first column as  $R_3 \rightarrow 0$  (that is,  $T_6 \rightarrow 0$ ), and so remain useful as good approximations if  $R_3$  is small. Note that these formulae all remain valid also for the case of Fig. 2(a); that is, as  $C_0 \rightarrow \infty$ . Changing  $C_0$  affects only  $T_2$ , leaving  $T_3 - T_6$  unchanged. An interesting point is that  $T_3$  and  $T_5$ , corresponding to the poles of  $G(s)$ , occur at precisely the poles of  $Z(s)$  itself, even when  $R_3 \neq 0$ , whereas the middle RIAA time constant  $T_4$  is increased in value from the zero of  $Z(s)$  when  $R_3 \neq 0$ . This is true for all four networks of Fig. 1, and also for the circuits of Figs. 3, 4 and 5.

Table 2 is derived by putting  $s = j\omega$  in Eq. (2) and calculating the magnitude  $G(\omega)$  of  $G(j\omega)$ . The cases with and without  $C_0$  must both be considered, the latter case being obtained from the former by letting  $C_0 \rightarrow \infty$  (that is,  $T_2 \rightarrow \infty$ ). The alternative expressions given in certain cases follow by the use of Table 1. Also given are the limiting values of the LF gain,  $G(0)$ , and of the HF gain,  $G(\infty)$ .

Appendix 2 An Example of the Calculations Leading to Tables 3 and 4

We substitute into Eq. (7) for  $Z(s)$  from Fig. 1(a) and equate the right-hand side with that of Eq. (8) to obtain

$$\frac{1 + [(R_0+R_3)C_0 + (R_1+R_2)C_0 + R_1C_1 + R_2C_2]s + [(R_0+R_3)C_0(R_1C_1+R_2C_2) + R_1R_2\{C_0(C_1+C_2) + C_1C_2\}]s^2 + [(R_0+R_3)C_0R_1C_1R_2C_2]s^3}{(1 + R_0C_0s)\{1 + (R_1C_1+R_2C_2)s + R_1C_1R_2C_2s^2\}} = \frac{1 + (T_1+T_4+T_6)s + (T_1T_4+T_1T_6+T_4T_6)s^2 + T_1T_4T_6s^3}{(1 + T_2s)\{1 + (T_3+T_5)s + T_3T_5s^2\}} \quad (A2.1)$$

Comparison of the numerators and denominators on each side of this equation leads at once to the formulae in the upper third of Table 3(a). Note again that the poles  $T_3$ ,  $T_5$  are exactly the same as those of  $Z(s)$ . Unfortunately it is impractical to provide approximate formulae for the zeros  $T_1$ ,  $T_4$  and  $T_6$ , but they can be evaluated from the given cubic equation by standard techniques in any particular case.

To derive the remaining formulae in Table 3(a), one first equates the coefficients of corresponding powers of  $s$  in the numerators and denominators of Eq. (A2.1), to obtain the following system of six equations

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_2 &= R_0C_0 \\ T_3+T_5 &= R_1C_1 + R_2C_2 \\ T_3T_5 &= R_1C_1R_2C_2 \\ T_1+T_4+T_6 &= (R_0+R_3)C_0 + (R_1+R_2)C_0 + R_1C_1 + R_2C_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (A2.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 T_4 + T_1 T_6 + T_4 T_6 &= (R_0 + R_3) C_0 (R_1 C_1 + R_2 C_2) + R_1 R_2 \{C_0 (C_1 + C_2) + C_1 C_2\} \\ T_1 T_4 T_6 &= (R_0 + R_3) C_0 R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2 \end{aligned}$$

in the seven unknowns  $R_0$ ,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $C_0$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ . Any one of these quantities can thus be chosen arbitrarily, and the obvious choice would appear to be  $R_0$ . But in view of the fact that  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  occur in the combination  $(R_0 + R_3)$  everywhere in the system (A2.2) except its first equation, it turns out that  $(R_0 + R_3)$  is a better choice as independent variable. This choice also shows the parallels with the circuit of Fig. 3(a) more clearly. So we choose to solve the system (A2.2) for  $R_0$ ,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  in terms of  $(R_0 + R_3)$ , and after much algebra obtain the formulae in the middle third of Table 3(a). Finally, by combining these results to eliminate  $(R_0 + R_3)$  we deduce the lower third of the table. In the particular case  $R_3 = 0$  the system (A2.2) contains a redundant equation, for then the T's are constrained to satisfy

$$T_1 T_4 T_6 = T_2 T_3 T_5,$$

and so reduces to a system of five equations in six unknowns. Table 3(a) still correctly gives the results in this case, in terms of  $R_0$  now.

Table 4 follows as before by setting  $s = j\omega$  in Eq. (8).



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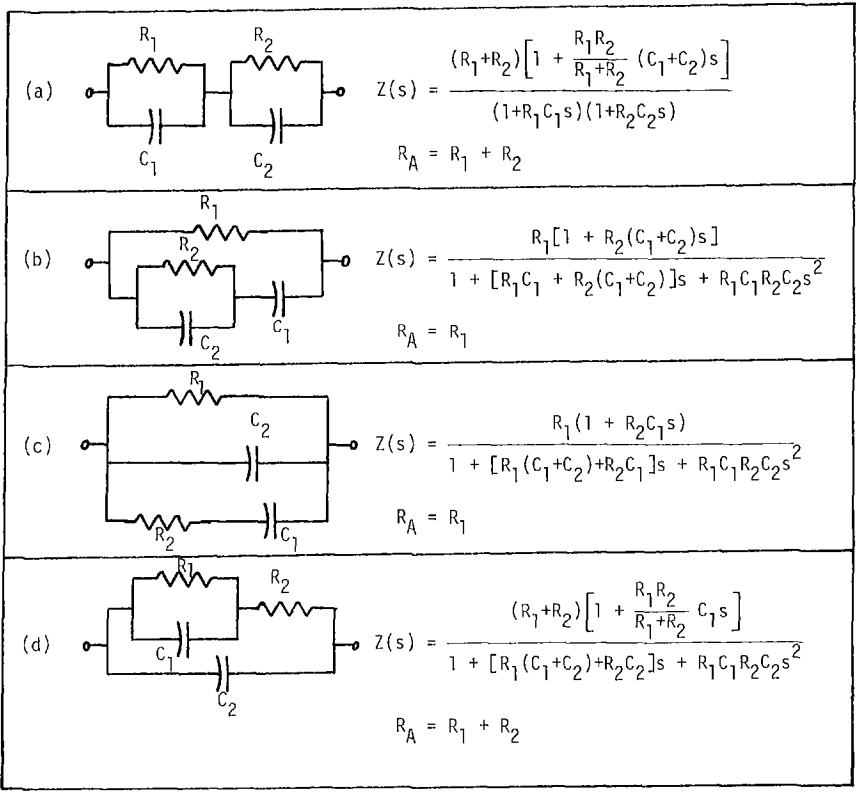
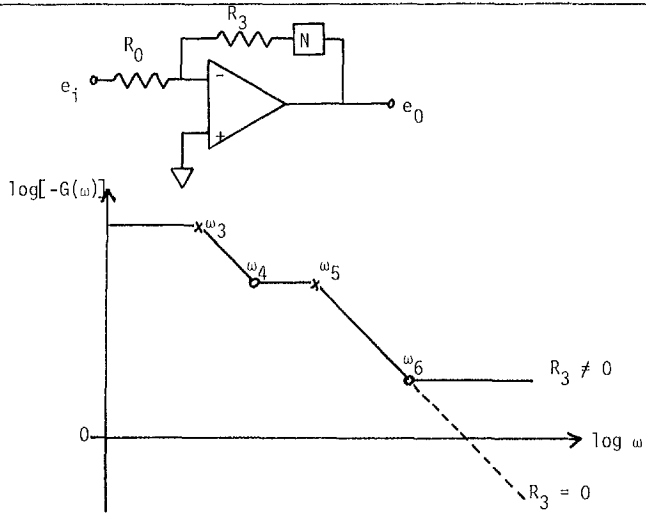


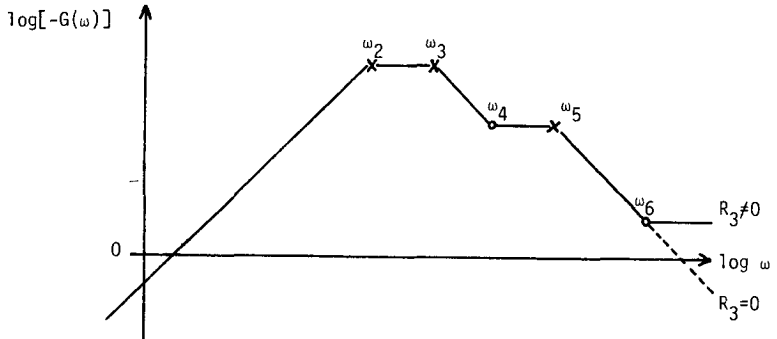
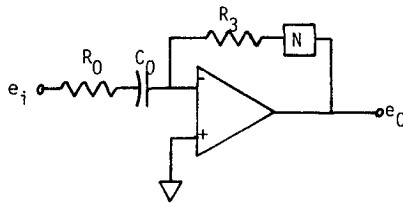
Fig. 1 The four commonly-used equalization networks N.



Notes:

- (i)  $R_0$  includes source resistance.
- (ii) If  $R_3 \neq 0$ : Both  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  can be chosen independently.  $R_0$  alone enables gain adjustment without affecting frequency response;  $R_3$  alone determines  $\omega_4$ ,  $\omega_6$ ;  $\omega_3$ ,  $\omega_5$  are not affected by changing  $R_3$ . The  $\omega_6$  corner is passively correctable.
- (iii) If  $R_3 = 0$ :  $R_0$  and one of the components of  $N$  can be chosen independently.  $R_0$  alone enables gain adjustment without affecting frequency response.
- (iv) USE TABLES 1,2.

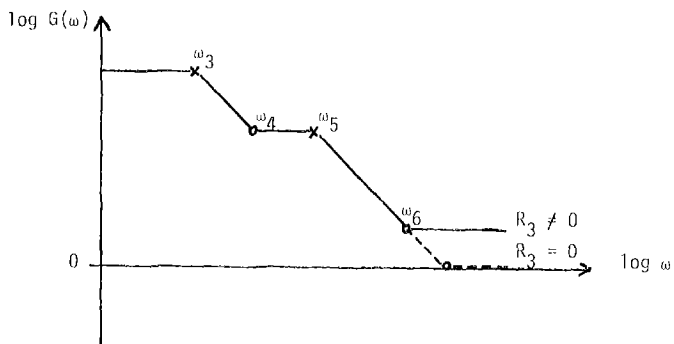
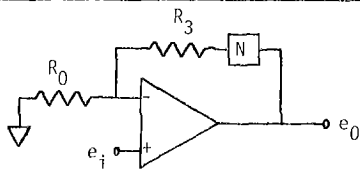
Fig. 2(a) Active inverting de-emphasis circuit without  $C_0$ .



Notes:

- (i)  $R_0$  includes source resistance.
- (ii) If  $R_3 \neq 0$ : Both  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  can be chosen independently.  $R_0$  alone affects both gain and  $\omega_2$ ;  $R_3$  alone affects  $\omega_4$ ,  $\omega_6$ ;  $\omega_3$ ,  $\omega_5$  are not affected by changing  $R_3$ . The  $\omega_6$  corner is passively correctable.
- (iii) If  $R_3 = 0$ :  $R_0$  and one of the components of  $N$  can be chosen independently.  $R_0$  alone affects both gain and  $\omega_2$ , but none of the other  $\omega$ 's.
- (iv) USE TABLES 1,2.

Fig. 2(b) Active inverting de-emphasis circuit with  $C_0$ .

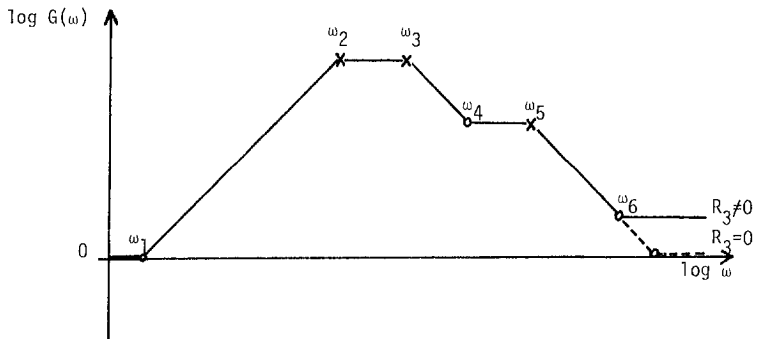
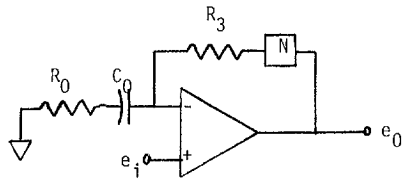


Notes:

- (i) If  $R_3 \neq 0$  : Both  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  can be chosen independently. To adjust gain without affecting frequency response, change  $R_3/R_0$  while keeping  $(R_0+R_3)$  fixed;  $(R_0+R_3)$  alone determines  $\omega_4$ ,  $\omega_6$ ;  $\omega_3$ ,  $\omega_5$  are not affected by changing  $R_0$ ,  $R_3$ .
- (ii) If  $R_3 = 0$  : Only  $R_0$  can be chosen independently. Changing  $R_0$  affects both gain and  $\omega_4$ ,  $\omega_6$ ;  $\omega_3$ ,  $\omega_5$  are not affected by changing  $R_0$ .
- (iii) The  $\omega_6$  corner is passively correctable.
- (iv) USE TABLES 1,2 with  $R_3$  replaced by  $(R_0+R_3)$  wherever it occurs, and  $G(\omega)$  replaced by  $-G(\omega)$ .

Fig. 3(a) Active non-inverting de-emphasis circuit without  $C_0$ .





Notes:

- (i) If  $R_3 \neq 0$  : Both  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  can be chosen independently if, say,  $\omega_1$  is considered to be dependent. To adjust gain, change  $R_3/R_0$  while keeping  $(R_0+R_3)$  fixed; this also affects  $\omega_2$ .  $(R_0+R_3)$  alone determines  $\omega_1, \omega_4, \omega_6$ ;  $\omega_3, \omega_5$  are not affected by changing  $R_0, R_3$ .
- (ii) If  $R_3 = 0$  : Only  $R_0$  can be chosen independently. Changing  $R_0$  affects both gain and  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_4, \omega_6$ ;  $\omega_3, \omega_5$  are not affected by changing  $R_0$ .
- (iii) The  $\omega_6$  corner is passively correctable.
- (iv) USE TABLES 3,4.

Fig. 3(b) Active non-inverting de-emphasis circuit with  $C_0$ .

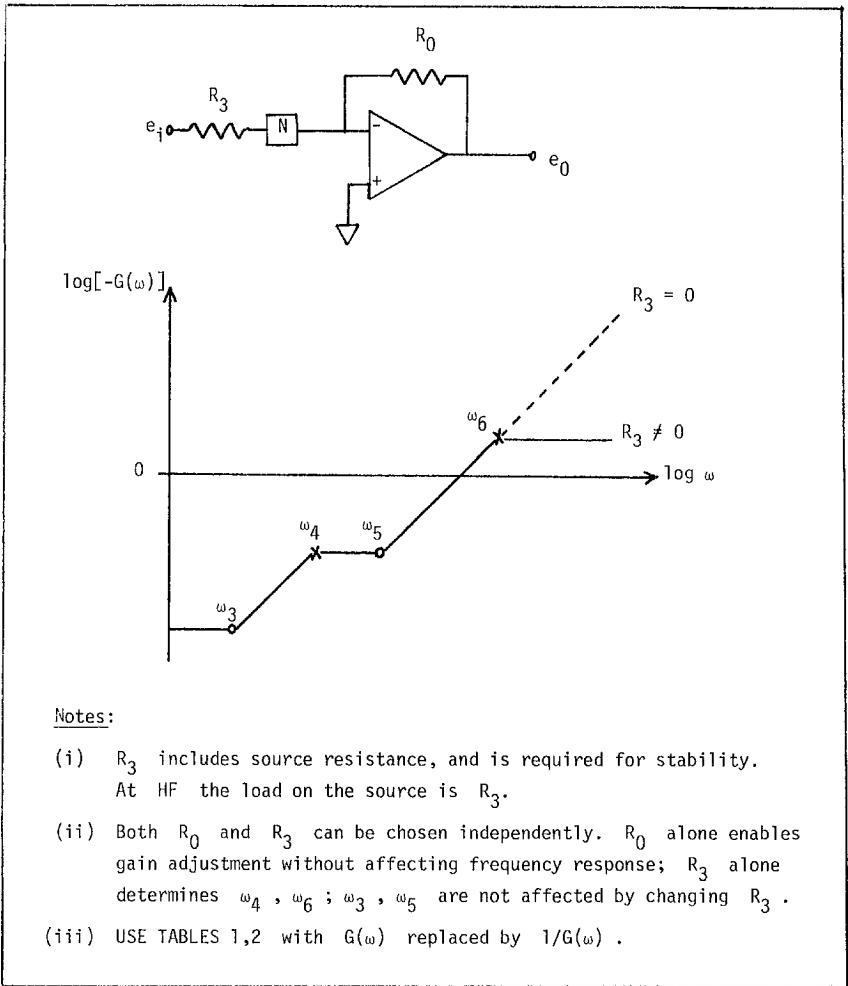
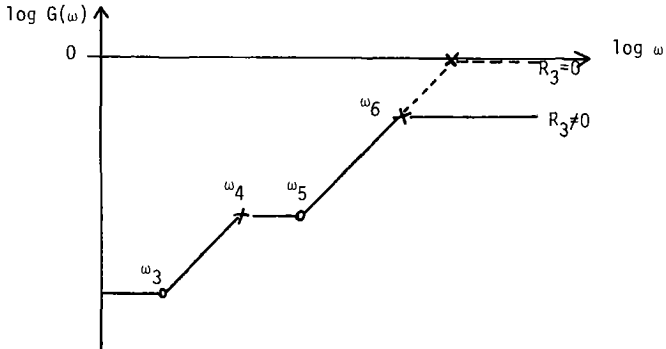
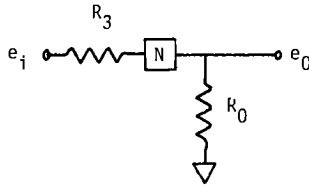


Fig. 4 Active inverting pre-emphasis circuit.



Notes:

- (i)  $R_0$  includes shunting effect of load resistance;  $R_3$  includes source resistance. At HF the load on the source is  $(R_0+R_3)$ .
- (ii) If  $R_3 \neq 0$  : Both  $R_0$  and  $R_3$  can be chosen independently. To adjust gain without affecting frequency response, change  $R_3/R_0$  while keeping  $(R_0+R_3)$  fixed;  $(R_0+R_3)$  alone determines  $\omega_4$ ,  $\omega_6$ ;  $\omega_3$ ,  $\omega_5$  are not affected by changing  $R_0$ ,  $R_3$ .
- (iii) If  $R_3 = 0$  : Only  $R_0$  can be chosen independently. Changing  $R_0$  affects both gain and  $\omega_4$ ,  $\omega_6$ ;  $\omega_3$ ,  $\omega_5$  are not affected by changing  $R_0$ .
- (iv) USE TABLES 1,2 with  $R_3$  replaced by  $(R_0+R_3)$  wherever it occurs, and  $G(\omega)$  replaced in  $-1/G(\omega)$ .

Fig. 5 Passive pre-emphasis circuit.

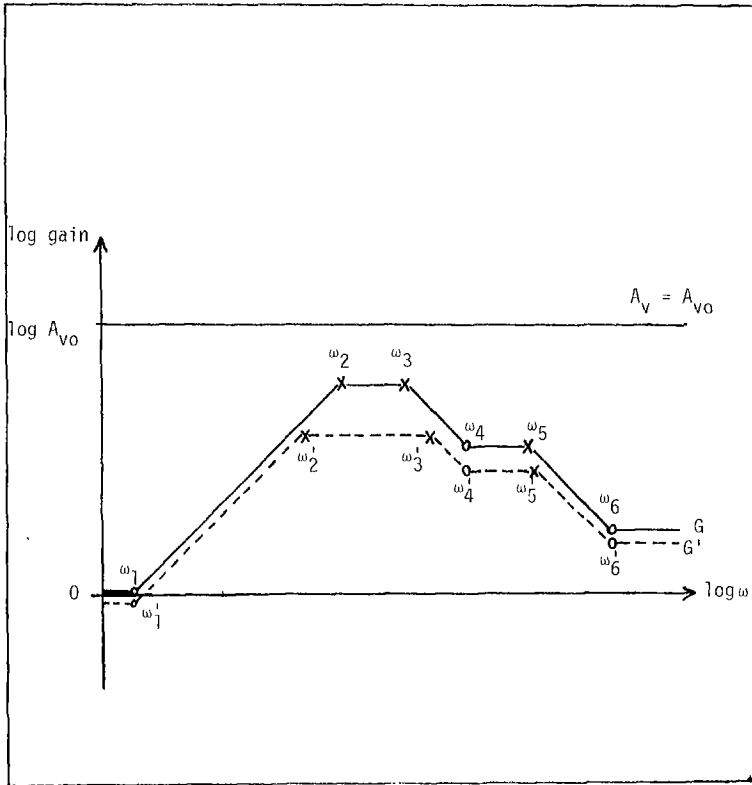


Fig. 6 The effects of inadequate loop gain:

(a) Constant open-loop gain:  $A_V = A_{V0}$

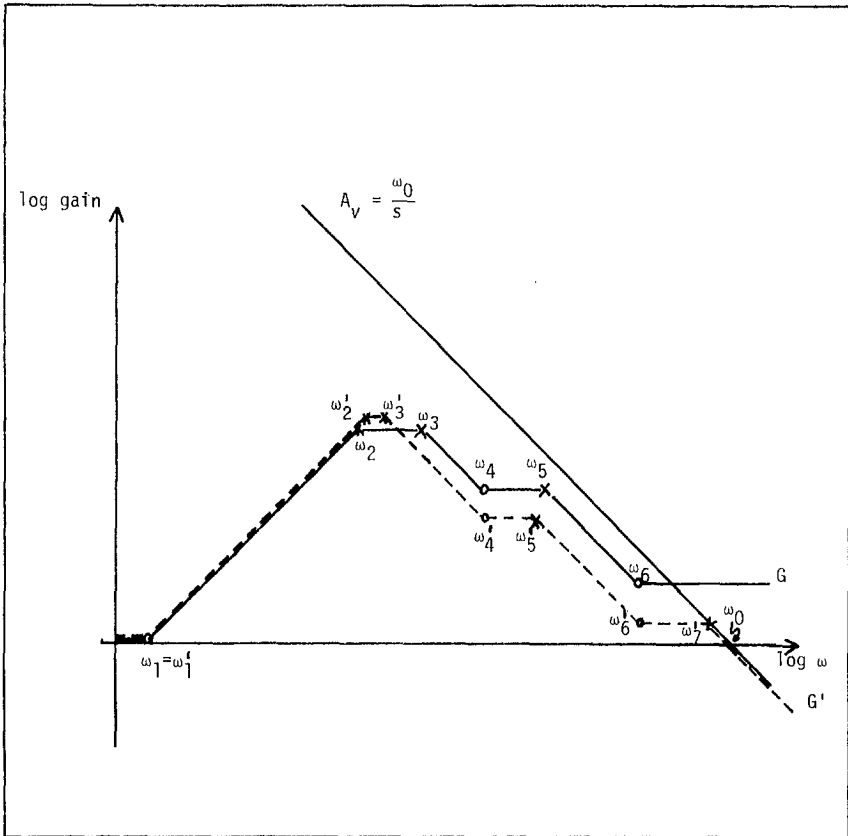


Fig. 6 The effects of inadequate loop gain:

(b) Integrating open-loop gain:  $A_V = \omega_0/s$

Quantity	$R_3 = 0$		$R_3 \neq 0$
	Formula	RIAA/IEC	Formula
$T_2$	$R_0 C_0$	7950.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$R_0 C_0$
$T_3$	$R_1 C_1$	3180.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$R_1 C_1$
$T_4$	$\frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (C_1 + C_2)$	318.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$\approx \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (C_1 + C_2) + \frac{(R_1 C_1 - R_2 C_2)^2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2 (C_1 + C_2)} R_3$
$T_5$	$R_2 C_2$	75.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$R_2 C_2$
$T_6$	0		$\approx \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} R_3$
$R_1/R_3$			$\frac{T_5(T_3 - T_4)(T_3 - T_6)}{T_4 T_6 (T_3 - T_5)}$
$R_2/R_3$			$\frac{T_3(T_4 - T_5)(T_5 - T_6)}{T_4 T_6 (T_3 - T_5)}$
$R_0 C_0$	$T_2$	7950.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$T_2$
$R_3 C_1$			$\frac{T_3 T_4 T_6 (T_3 - T_5)}{T_5 (T_3 - T_4) (T_3 - T_6)}$
$R_3 C_2$			$\frac{T_4 T_5 T_6 (T_3 - T_5)}{T_3 (T_4 - T_5) (T_5 - T_6)}$
$R_1 C_1$	$T_3$	3180.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$T_3$
$R_2 C_2$	$T_5$	75.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$T_5$
$R_1 C_2$	$\frac{T_5(T_3 - T_4)}{T_4 - T_5}$	883.33 $\mu\text{s}$	$\frac{T_5^2 (T_3 - T_4) (T_3 - T_6)}{T_3 (T_4 - T_5) (T_5 - T_6)}$
$R_2 C_1$	$\frac{T_3(T_4 - T_5)}{T_3 - T_4}$	270.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$\frac{T_3^2 (T_4 - T_5) (T_5 - T_6)}{T_5 (T_3 - T_4) (T_3 - T_6)}$
$R_1/R_2$	$\frac{T_3 - T_4}{T_4 - T_5}$	11.778	$\frac{T_5 (T_3 - T_4) (T_3 - T_6)}{T_3 (T_4 - T_5) (T_5 - T_6)}$
$C_1/C_2$	$\frac{T_3(T_4 - T_5)}{T_5(T_3 - T_4)}$	3.600	$\frac{T_3^2 (T_4 - T_5) (T_5 - T_6)}{T_5^2 (T_3 - T_4) (T_3 - T_6)}$

Table 1(a) Design formulae for active inverting de-emphasis circuits of Figs. 2(a),(b), using network of Fig. 1(a).

Quantity	$R_3 = 0$		$R_3 \neq 0$	
	Formula	RIAA/IEC	Formula	
$T_2$	$R_0 C_0$	7950.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$R_0 C_0$	
$T_3$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1 C_1 + R_2 (C_1 + C_2)] + \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2} \}$	3180.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1 C_1 + R_2 (C_1 + C_2)] + \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2} \}$	
$T_4$	$R_2 (C_1 + C_2)$	318.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$\approx R_2 (C_1 + C_2) + \frac{C_1^2}{C_1 + C_2} R_3$	
$T_5$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1 C_1 + R_2 (C_1 + C_2)] - \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2} \}$	75.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1 C_1 + R_2 (C_1 + C_2)] - \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2} \}$	
$T_6$	0		$\approx \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2} R_3$	
$R_1/R_3$			$\frac{T_3 T_5}{T_4 T_6} - 1$	
$R_2/R_3$			$\frac{R_2}{R_1} \cdot \frac{R_1}{R_3}$	
$R_0 C_0$	$T_2$	7950.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$T_2$	
$R_3 C_1$			$R_1 C_1 \cdot \frac{R_3}{R_1}$	
$R_3 C_2$			$R_1 C_2 \cdot \frac{R_3}{R_1}$	
$R_1 C_1$	$T_3 - T_4 + T_5$	2937.00 $\mu\text{s}$	$\frac{T_3 T_5}{R_2 C_2}$	
$R_2 C_2$	$\frac{T_3 T_5}{T_3 - T_4 + T_5}$	81.21 $\mu\text{s}$	$\frac{T_3 T_5 - T_4 T_6}{T_3 - T_4 + T_5 - T_6}$	
$R_1 C_2$	$\frac{T_3 T_5 (T_3 - T_4 + T_5)}{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}$	1007.20 $\mu\text{s}$	$\frac{T_3 T_5}{R_2 C_1}$	
$R_2 C_1$	$\frac{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}{T_3 - T_4 + T_5}$	236.79 $\mu\text{s}$	$T_3 + T_5 - R_1 C_1 - R_2 C_2$	
$R_1/R_2$	$\frac{(T_3 - T_4 + T_5)^2}{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}$	12.403	$\frac{R_1 C_2}{R_2 C_2}$	
$C_1/C_2$	$\frac{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}{T_3 T_5}$	2.916	$\frac{R_2 C_1}{R_2 C_2}$	

Table 1(b) Design formulae for active inverting de-emphasis circuits of Figs. 2(a), (b), using network of Fig. 1(b).

Quantity	$R_3 = 0$		$R_3 \neq 0$	
	Formula	RIAA/IEC	Formula	
$T_2$	$R_0 C_0$	7950.00 $\mu s$	$R_0 C_0$	
$T_3$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1 (C_1 + C_2) + R_2 C_1] + \sqrt{[ \cdot ]^2 - 4R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2} \}$	3180.00 $\mu s$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1 (C_1 + C_2) + R_2 C_1] + \sqrt{[ \cdot ]^2 - 4R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2} \}$	
$T_4$	$R_2 C_1$	318.00 $\mu s$	$\approx R_2 C_1 + C_1 R_3$	
$T_5$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1 (C_1 + C_2) + R_2 C_1] - \sqrt{[ \cdot ]^2 - 4R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2} \}$	75.00 $\mu s$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1 (C_1 + C_2) + R_2 C_1] - \sqrt{[ \cdot ]^2 - 4R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2} \}$	
$T_6$	0		$\approx C_2 R_3$	
$R_1/R_3$			$\frac{T_3 T_5}{T_4 T_6} - 1$	
$R_2/R_3$			$\frac{R_2}{R_1} \cdot \frac{R_1}{R_3}$	
$R_0 C_0$	$T_2$	7950.00 $\mu s$	$T_2$	
$R_3 C_1$			$R_2 C_1 \cdot \frac{R_3}{R_2}$	
$R_3 C_2$			$R_1 C_2 \cdot \frac{R_3}{R_1}$	
$R_1 C_1$	$\frac{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}{T_4}$	2187.00 $\mu s$	$T_3 + T_5 - R_1 C_2 - R_2 C_1$	
$R_2 C_2$	$\frac{T_3 T_4 T_5}{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}$	109.05 $\mu s$	$\frac{T_3 T_5}{R_1 C_1}$	
$R_1 C_2$	$\frac{T_3 T_5}{T_4}$	750.00 $\mu s$	$\frac{T_3 T_5}{R_2 C_1}$	
$R_2 C_1$	$T_4$	318.00 $\mu s$	$\frac{T_3 T_4 (T_5 - T_6) + T_5 T_6 (T_3 - T_4)}{T_3 T_5 - T_4 T_6}$	
$R_1/R_2$	$\frac{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}{T_4^2}$	6.877	$\frac{R_1 C_1}{R_2 C_1}$	
$C_1/C_2$	$\frac{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}{T_3 T_5}$	2.916	$\frac{R_2 C_1}{R_2 C_2}$	

Table 1(c) Design formulae for active inverting de-emphasis circuits of Figs. 2(a),(b), using network of Fig. 1(c).



Quantity	$R_3 = 0$		$R_3 \neq 0$
	Formula	RIAA/IEC	Formula
$T_2$	$R_0 C_0$	7950.00 $\mu$ s	$R_0 C_0$
$T_3$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1(C_1+C_2)+R_2C_2] + \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2} \}$	3180.00 $\mu$ s	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1(C_1+C_2)+R_2C_2] + \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2} \}$
$T_4$	$\frac{R_1R_2}{R_1+R_2} C_1$	318.00 $\mu$ s	$\approx \frac{R_1R_2}{R_1+R_2} C_1 + \frac{R_1^2 C_1}{(R_1+R_2)^2} R_3$
$T_5$	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1(C_1+C_2)+R_2C_2] - \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2} \}$	75.00 $\mu$ s	$\frac{1}{2} \{ [R_1(C_1+C_2)+R_2C_2] - \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2} \}$
$T_6$	0		$C_2 R_3$
$R_1/R_3$			$\frac{R_1}{R_2} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_3}$
$R_2/R_3$			$\frac{R_2 C_2}{R_3 C_2}$
$R_0 C_0$	$T_2$	7950.00 $\mu$ s	$T_2$
$R_3 C_1$			$R_2 C_1 \cdot \frac{R_3}{R_2}$
$R_3 C_2$			$\frac{T_3 T_4 T_5 T_6}{T_3 T_4 (T_5 - T_6) + T_5 T_6 (T_3 - T_4)}$
$R_1 C_1$	$\frac{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5) + T_4^2}{T_4}$	2505.00 $\mu$ s	$T_3 + T_5 - \frac{(T_3 T_5 - T_4 T_6)}{T_4 T_6} R_3 C_2$
$R_2 C_2$	$\frac{T_3 T_4 T_5}{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5) + T_4^2}$	95.21 $\mu$ s	$\frac{T_3 T_5}{R_1 C_1}$
$R_1 C_2$	$\frac{T_3 T_5 (T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}{T_4 [(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5) + T_4^2]}$	654.79 $\mu$ s	$T_3 + T_5 - R_1 C_1 - R_2 C_2$
$R_2 C_1$	$\frac{T_4 [(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5) + T_4^2]}{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}$	364.24 $\mu$ s	$\frac{T_3 T_5}{R_1 C_2}$
$R_1/R_2$	$\frac{(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}{T_4^2}$	6.877	$\frac{R_1 C_1}{R_2 C_1}$
$C_1/C_2$	$\frac{[(T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5) + T_4^2]^2}{T_3 T_5 (T_3 - T_4)(T_4 - T_5)}$	3.826	$\frac{R_1 C_1}{R_1 C_2}$

Table 1(d) Design formulae for active inverting de-emphasis circuits of Figs. 2(a), (b), using network of Fig. 1(d).

Quantity	$G(0)$	$G(\infty)$	$G(\omega)$
$R_3 = 0$ w/o $C_0$	$-\frac{R_A}{R_0}$	0	$-\frac{R_A}{R_0} \sqrt{\frac{1 + T_4^2 \omega^2}{(1+T_3^2 \omega^2)(1+T_5^2 \omega^2)}}$
$R_3 = 0$ with $C_0$	0	0	$-\frac{R_A}{R_0} \sqrt{\frac{T_2^2 \omega^2 (1+T_4^2 \omega^2)}{(1+T_2^2 \omega^2)(1+T_3^2 \omega^2)(1+T_5^2 \omega^2)}}$
$R_3 \neq 0$ w/o $C_0$	$-\frac{R_A+R_3}{R_0}$ $\equiv -\frac{R_3}{R_0} \cdot \frac{T_3 T_5}{T_4 T_6}$	$-\frac{R_3}{R_0}$	$-\frac{R_A+R_3}{R_0} \sqrt{\frac{(1+T_4^2 \omega^2)(1+T_6^2 \omega^2)}{(1+T_3^2 \omega^2)(1+T_5^2 \omega^2)}}$ $\equiv -\frac{R_3}{R_0} \frac{T_3 T_5}{T_4 T_6} \sqrt{\frac{(1+T_4^2 \omega^2)(1+T_6^2 \omega^2)}{(1+T_3^2 \omega^2)(1+T_5^2 \omega^2)}}$
$R_3 \neq 0$ with $C_0$	0	$-\frac{R_3}{R_0}$	$-\frac{R_A+R_3}{R_0} \sqrt{\frac{T_2^2 \omega^2 (1+T_4^2 \omega^2)(1+T_6^2 \omega^2)}{(1+T_2^2 \omega^2)(1+T_3^2 \omega^2)(1+T_5^2 \omega^2)}}$ $\equiv -\frac{R_3}{R_0} \frac{T_3 T_5}{T_4 T_6} \sqrt{\frac{T_2^2 \omega^2 (1+T_4^2 \omega^2)(1+T_6^2 \omega^2)}{(1+T_2^2 \omega^2)(1+T_3^2 \omega^2)(1+T_5^2 \omega^2)}}$

**Table 2** Gain formulae for active inverting de-emphasis circuits of Figs. 2(a), (b).

Quantity	Formula
$T_1, T_4, T_6$	with $T_1 > T_4 > T_6$ , they are - ( $\frac{1}{\text{roots}}$ ) of the cubic in $s$ : $0 = 1 + [(R_0+R_3)C_0 + (R_1+R_2)C_0 + R_1C_1 + R_2C_2]s$ $+ [(R_0+R_3)C_0(R_1C_1+R_2C_2) + R_1R_2\{C_0(C_1+C_2) + C_1C_2\}]s^2$ $+ [(R_0+R_3)C_0R_1C_1R_2C_2]s^3$
$T_2$	$R_0C_0$
$T_3$	$R_1C_1$
$T_5$	$R_2C_2$
$R_0/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{T_2T_3T_5}{T_1T_4T_6} \rightarrow \text{constraint } T_1T_4T_6 = T_2T_3T_5 \text{ if } R_3 = 0$
$R_1/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{T_5(T_1-T_3)(T_3-T_4)(T_3-T_6)}{T_1T_4T_6(T_3-T_5)}$
$R_2/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{T_3(T_1-T_5)(T_4-T_5)(T_5-T_6)}{T_1T_4T_6(T_3-T_5)}$
$R_0C_0$	$T_2$
$(R_0+R_3)C_1$	$\frac{T_1T_3T_4T_6(T_3-T_5)}{T_5(T_1-T_3)(T_3-T_4)(T_3-T_6)}$
$(R_0+R_3)C_2$	$\frac{T_1T_4T_5T_6(T_3-T_5)}{T_3(T_1-T_5)(T_4-T_5)(T_5-T_6)}$
$R_1C_1$	$T_3$
$R_2C_2$	$T_5$
$R_1C_2$	$\frac{T_5^2(T_1-T_3)(T_3-T_4)(T_3-T_6)}{T_3(T_1-T_5)(T_4-T_5)(T_5-T_6)}$
$R_2C_1$	$\frac{T_3^2(T_1-T_5)(T_4-T_5)(T_5-T_6)}{T_5(T_1-T_3)(T_3-T_4)(T_3-T_6)}$
$R_1/R_2$	$\frac{T_5(T_1-T_3)(T_3-T_4)(T_3-T_6)}{T_3(T_1-T_5)(T_4-T_5)(T_5-T_6)}$
$C_1/C_2$	$\frac{T_3^2(T_1-T_5)(T_4-T_5)(T_5-T_6)}{T_5^2(T_1-T_3)(T_3-T_4)(T_3-T_6)}$

Table 3 (a) Design formulae for active non-inverting de-emphasis circuit of Fig. 3(b), using network of Fig. 1(a).

Quantity	Formula
$T_1, T_4, T_6$	with $T_1 > T_4 > T_6$ , they are $-\left(\frac{1}{\text{roots}}\right)$ of the cubic in $s$ : $0 = 1 + [(R_0+R_3)C_0 + R_1C_0 + R_1C_1 + R_2(C_1+C_2)]s$ $+ [(R_0+R_3)C_0(R_1C_1 + R_2(C_1+C_2)) + R_1R_2(C_0(C_1+C_2) + C_1C_2)]s^2$ $+ [(R_0+R_3)C_0R_1R_2C_2]s^3$
$T_2$	$R_0C_0$
$T_3$	$\frac{1}{2} [R_1C_1 + R_2(C_1+C_2)] + \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2}$
$T_5$	$\frac{1}{2} [R_1C_1 + R_2(C_1+C_2)] - \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2}$
$R_0/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{T_2T_3T_5}{T_1T_4T_6} \rightarrow \text{constraint } T_1T_4T_6 = T_2T_3T_5 \text{ if } R_3 = 0$
$R_1/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{T_3T_5(T_1-T_3+T_4-T_5+T_6)}{T_1T_4T_6} - 1$
$R_2/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{R_2}{R_1} \cdot \frac{R_1}{R_0+R_3}$
$R_0C_0$	$T_2$
$(R_0+R_3)C_1$	$R_1C_1 \cdot \frac{R_0+R_3}{R_1}$
$(R_0+R_3)C_2$	$R_1C_2 \cdot \frac{R_0+R_3}{R_1}$
$R_1C_1$	$\frac{T_3T_5}{R_2C_2}$
$R_2C_2$	$\frac{T_3T_5(T_1-T_3+T_4-T_5+T_6) - T_1T_4T_6}{(T_3+T_5)(T_1-T_3+T_4-T_5+T_6) - (T_1T_4+T_1T_6+T_4T_6-T_3T_5)}$
$R_1C_2$	$\frac{T_3T_5}{R_2C_1}$
$R_2C_1$	$T_3+T_5-R_1C_1-R_2C_2$
$R_1/R_2$	$\frac{R_1C_2}{R_2C_2}$
$C_1/C_2$	$\frac{R_2C_1}{R_2C_2}$

Table 3 (b). Design formulae for active non-inverting de-emphasis circuit of Fig. 3(b), using network of Fig. 1(b).

Quantity	Formula
$T_1, T_4, T_6$	with $T_1 > T_4 > T_6$ , they are $-\left(\frac{1}{\text{roots}}\right)$ of the cubic in $s$ : $0 = 1 + [(R_0+R_3)C_0 + R_1C_0 + R_1(C_1+C_2) + R_2C_1]s$ $+ [(R_0+R_3)C_0\{R_1(C_1+C_2)+R_2C_1\} + R_1C_1R_2(C_0+C_2)]s^2$ $+ [(R_0+R_3)C_0R_1C_1R_2C_2]s^3$
$T_2$	$R_0C_0$
$T_3$	$\frac{1}{2}\{[R_1(C_1+C_2) + R_2C_1] + \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2}\}$
$T_5$	$\frac{1}{2}\{[R_1(C_1+C_2)+R_2C_1] - \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2}\}$
$R_0/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{T_2T_3T_5}{T_1T_4T_6} \rightarrow \text{constraint } T_1T_4T_6 = T_2T_3T_5 \text{ if } R_3 = 0$
$R_1/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{T_3T_5(T_1-T_3+T_4-T_5+T_6)}{T_1T_4T_6} - 1$
$R_2/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{R_2}{R_1} \cdot \frac{R_1}{R_0+R_3}$
$R_0C_0$	$T_2$
$(R_0+R_3)C_1$	$R_1C_1 \cdot \frac{R_0+R_3}{R_1}$
$(R_0+R_3)C_2$	$R_1C_2 \cdot \frac{R_0+R_3}{R_1}$
$R_1C_1$	$T_3+T_5-R_1C_2-R_2C_1$
$R_2C_2$	$\frac{T_3T_5}{R_1C_1}$
$R_1C_2$	$\frac{T_3T_5}{R_2C_1}$
$R_2C_1$	$\frac{T_3T_5(T_1T_4+T_1T_6+T_4T_6-T_3T_5)-(T_3+T_5)T_1T_4T_6}{T_3T_5(T_1-T_3+T_4-T_5+T_6)-T_1T_4T_6}$
$R_1/R_2$	$\frac{R_1C_1}{R_2C_1}$
$C_1/C_2$	$\frac{R_2C_1}{R_2C_2}$

Table 3(c) Design formulae for active non-inverting de-emphasis circuit of Fig. 3(b), using network of Fig. 1(c).

Quantity	Formula
$T_1, T_4, T_6$	with $T_1 > T_4 > T_6$ , they are $-\left(\frac{1}{\text{roots}}\right)$ of the cubic in $s$ : $0 = 1 + [(R_0+R_3)C_0 + (R_1+R_2)C_0 + R_1(C_1+C_2) + R_2C_2]s$ $+ [(R_0+R_3)C_0(R_1(C_1+C_2) + R_2C_2) + R_1C_1R_2(C_0+C_2)]s^2$ $+ [(R_0+R_3)C_0R_1C_1R_2C_2]s^3$
$T_2$	$R_0C_0$
$T_3$	$\frac{1}{2}[(R_1(C_1+C_2) + R_2C_2) + \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2}]$
$T_5$	$\frac{1}{2}[(R_1(C_1+C_2) + R_2C_2) - \sqrt{[\cdot]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2}]$
$R_0/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{T_2T_3T_5}{T_1T_4T_6} \rightarrow \text{constraint } T_1T_4T_6 = T_2T_3T_5 \text{ if } R_3 = 0$
$R_1/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{R_1}{R_2} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_0+R_3}$
$R_2/(R_0+R_3)$	$\frac{R_2C_2}{(R_0+R_3)C_2}$
$R_0C_0$	$T_2$
$(R_0+R_3)C_1$	$R_2C_1 \cdot \frac{R_0+R_3}{R_2}$
$(R_0+R_3)C_2$	$\frac{T_1T_3T_4T_5T_6}{T_3T_5(T_1T_4+T_1T_6+T_4T_6-T_3T_5) - (T_3+T_5)T_1T_4T_6}$
$R_1C_1$	$T_3 + T_5 - \frac{T_3T_5(T_1-T_3+T_4-T_5+T_6)-T_1T_4T_6}{T_1T_4T_6} \cdot (R_0+R_3)C_2$
$R_2C_2$	$\frac{T_3T_5}{R_1C_1}$
$R_1C_2$	$T_3+T_5-R_1C_1-R_2C_2$
$R_2C_1$	$\frac{T_3T_5}{R_1C_2}$
$R_1/R_2$	$\frac{R_1C_1}{R_2C_1}$
$C_1/C_2$	$\frac{R_1C_1}{R_1C_2}$

Table 3(d) Design formulae for active non-inverting de-emphasis circuit of Fig. 3(b), using network of Fig. 1(d).

Quantity	Formula
G(0)	1
G( $\infty$ )	$\frac{T_1 T_4 T_6}{T_2 T_3 T_5}$ , which becomes 1 if $R_3 = 0$
G( $\omega$ )	$\sqrt{\frac{(1+T_1^2 \omega^2)(1+T_4^2 \omega^2)(1+T_6^2 \omega^2)}{(1+T_2^2 \omega^2)(1+T_3^2 \omega^2)(1+T_5^2 \omega^2)}}$

Table 4 Gain formulae for active non-inverting de-emphasis circuit of Fig. 3(b).

(a) Ideal case:  $T_6 = 0$  — Circuits of Figs. 2,4 with  $R_3 = 0$

Network of Fig. 1	$C_1$	$C_2$	$\frac{C_1}{C_2}$	$R_1$	$R_2$
(a)	2.7 nF	750 pF	3.600	1.178M $\Omega$ (1.18 M $\Omega$ )	100.000 k $\Omega$ (100 k $\Omega$ )
(a)	3.6 nF	1.0 nF	3.600	883.333 k $\Omega$ (887 k $\Omega$ )	75.000 k $\Omega$ (75.0 k $\Omega$ )
(d)	1.8 nF	470 pF	3.830	1.392 M $\Omega$ (1.40 M $\Omega$ )	202.574 k $\Omega$ (205 k $\Omega$ )

(b) General case:  $T_6 \neq 0$  — Circuits of Figs. 2,4 with  $R_3 \neq 0$ , or of Figs. 3(a), 5 with  $R_3$  replaced by  $(R_0+R_3)$  below.

Network of Fig. 1	$C_1$	$C_2$	$\frac{C_1}{C_2}$	$f_6$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$ or $(R_0+R_3)$
(a)	4.3 nF	1.2 nF	3.583	448 kHz	739.535 k $\Omega$ (732 k $\Omega$ )	62.500 k $\Omega$ (61.9 k $\Omega$ )	380.4 $\Omega$ (383 $\Omega$ )
(b)	1.8 nF	620 pF	2.903	398 kHz	1.632 M $\Omega$ (1.62 M $\Omega$ )	130.924 k $\Omega$ (130 k $\Omega$ )	871.0 $\Omega$ (866 $\Omega$ )
(c)	1.8 nF	620 pF	2.903	398 kHz	1.214 M $\Omega$ (1.21 M $\Omega$ )	176.018 k $\Omega$ (174 k $\Omega$ )	647.9 $\Omega$ (649 $\Omega$ )
(a)	2.0 nF	560 pF	3.571	261 kHz	1.590 M $\Omega$ (1.58 M $\Omega$ )	133.929 k $\Omega$ (133 k $\Omega$ )	1.402 k $\Omega$ (1.40 k $\Omega$ )
(d)	9.1 nF	2.4 nF	3.792	227 kHz	274.742 k $\Omega$ (274 k $\Omega$ )	39.748 k $\Omega$ (39.2 k $\Omega$ )	293.8 $\Omega$ (294 $\Omega$ )

Table 5 Best possible RIAA network designs using E 24 series capacitors (closest E96 series resistors given in parentheses).



Sensitivity	Fig. 1(a)	Fig. 1(b)	Fig. 1(c)	Fig. 1(d)
$S_{R_1}^{T_3}$	1.000	0.922	0.922	0.993
$S_{C_1}^{T_3}$	1.000	0.998	0.783	0.217
$S_{R_2}^{T_3}$	0.000	0.078	0.078	0.007
$S_{C_2}^{T_3}$	0.000	0.002	0.217	0.783
$S_{R_1}^{T_4}$	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.127
$S_{C_1}^{T_4}$	0.783	0.745	1.000	1.000
$S_{R_2}^{T_4}$	0.922	1.000	1.000	0.873
$S_{C_2}^{T_4}$	0.217	0.255	0.000	0.000
$S_{R_1}^{T_5}$	0.000	0.078	0.078	0.007
$S_{C_1}^{T_5}$	0.000	0.002	0.217	0.783
$S_{R_2}^{T_5}$	1.000	0.922	0.922	0.993
$S_{C_2}^{T_5}$	1.000	0.998	0.783	0.217

Table 6 T-sensitivities to component variations for the ideal case.