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# **Butterworth, Elliptic, & Chebychev Filters**

**ECE 321: Electronics II**

**Lecture #9:**

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# Butterworth, Elliptic, Chebychev Filters

## Objective:

- Know what each filter tries to optimize
- Know how these filters compare

## Filter Types:

- RC
  - Butterworth
  - Chebychev (Type-1)
  - Elliptic (Type-2 Chebychev)
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## RC Filter

Closest approximation to an ideal low pass filter subject to

- There are  $N$  poles
- All poles are real
- There are no zeros
- The maximum gain is 1.000

An  $n$ -pole RC filter has all  $n$ -poles on the real axis.

- It's advantage is you can build it with a passive RC filter (good)
  - It's problem is it's a pretty poor filter.
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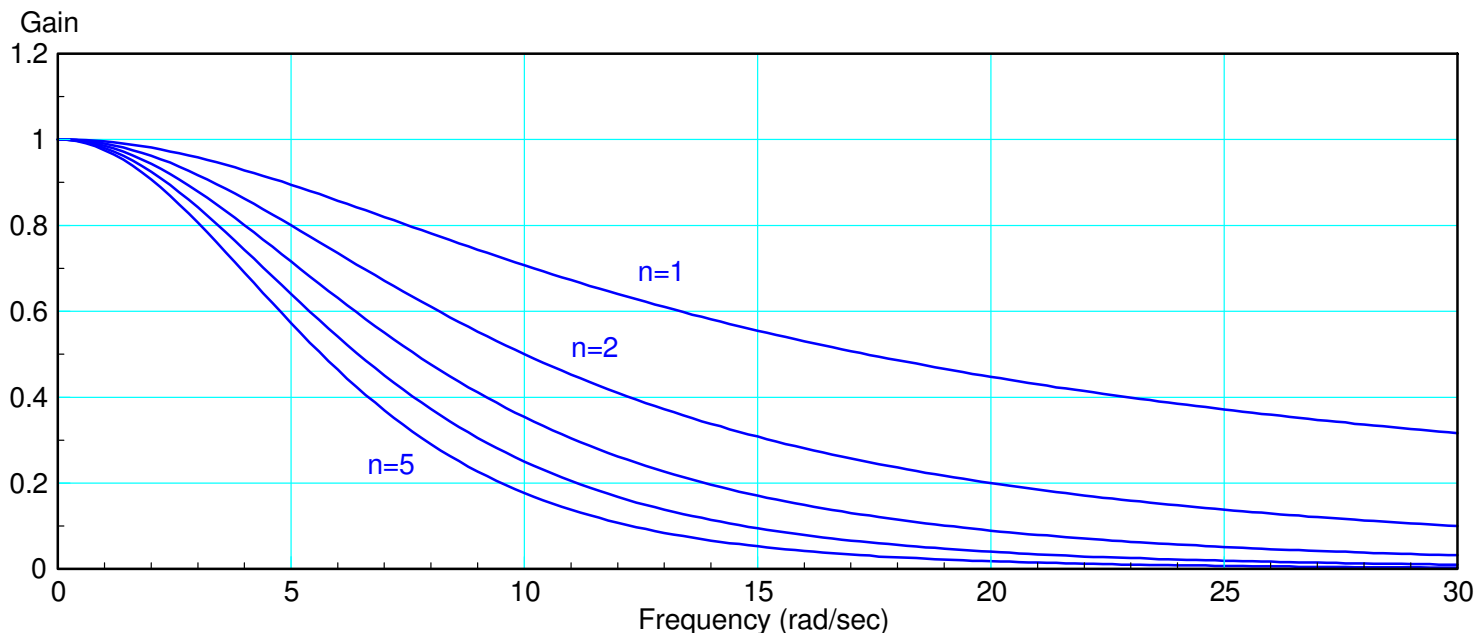
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## RC Filter Example:

$$G(s) = \left( \frac{10}{s+10} \right)^n$$

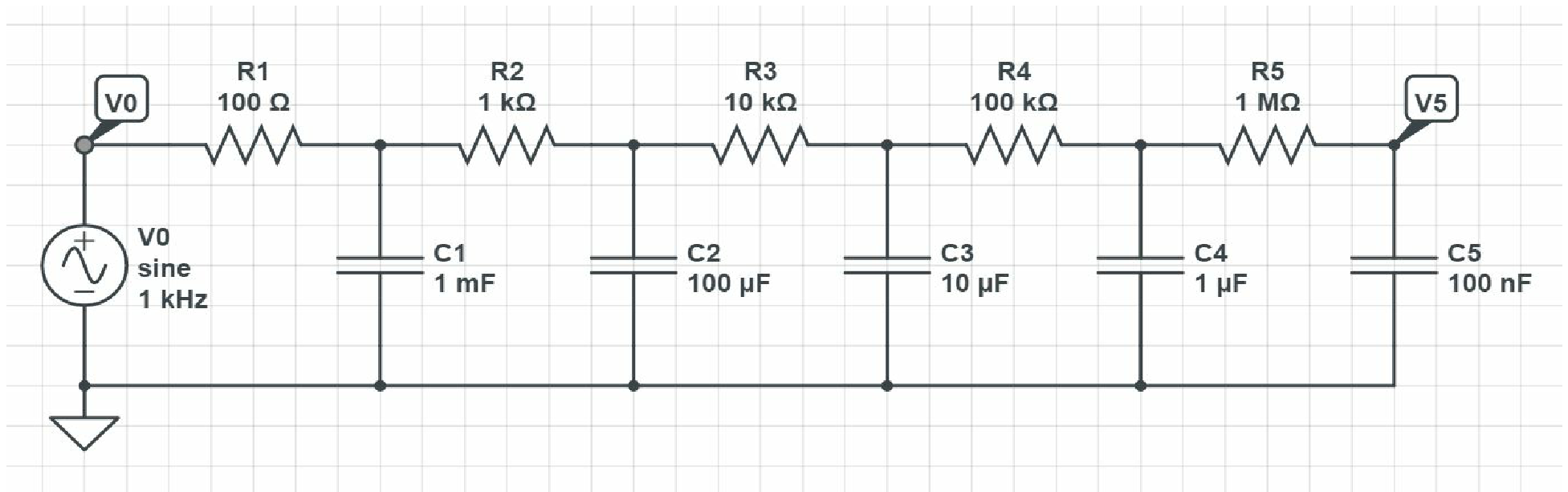
As  $n$  increases...

- The high-frequency gain gets smaller and smaller (good)
- The gain below 5 rad/sec starts to droop more and more (bad)



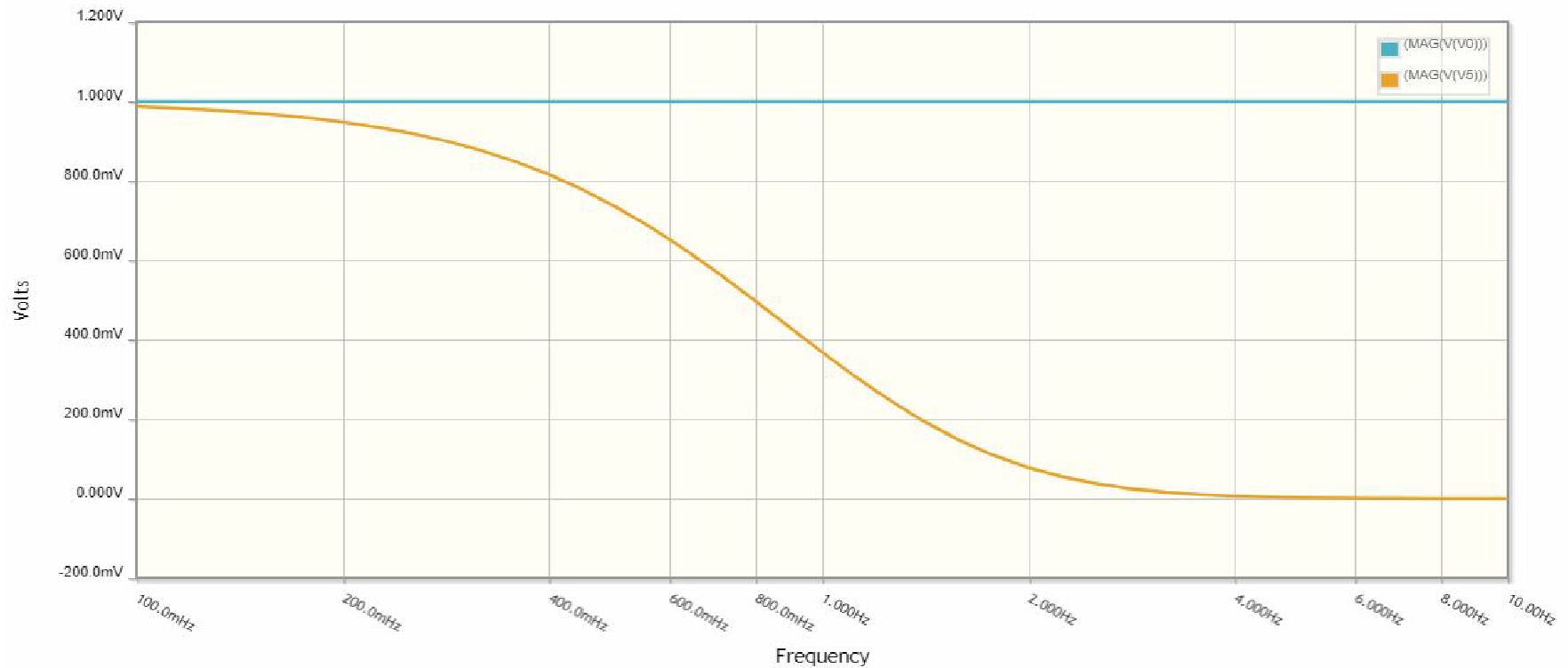
# 5th-Order RC Filter

- Hardware Design
- $1/RC = 10$
- R increases 10x each stage to reduce loading



# CircuitLab Simulation: 5th-Order RC Filter

- Frequency Sweep
- Not a very good filter



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## Butterworth Filter:

Closest approximation to an ideal low pass filter subject to

- There are N poles
- There are no zeros
- The maximum gain cannot exceed 1.0000

Solution:

- Magnitude of poles = corner frequency
- Angle between poles:  $\phi = \frac{180^\circ}{N}$

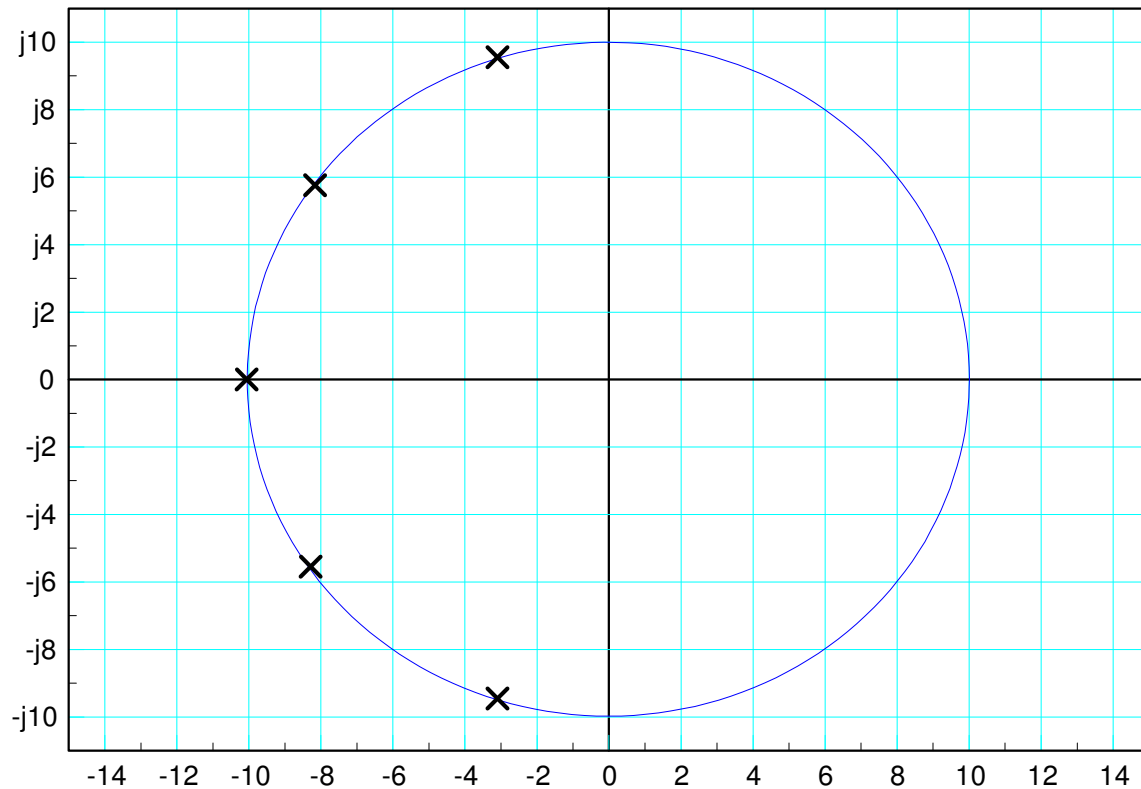
| Butterworth Pole Locations: Corner = 1 rad/sec |                            |                                      |  |  |  |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|  | N=2                        | N=3                                  | N=4  | N=5  | N=6  |
| zeros  | none                       | none                                 | none   | none   | none   |
| poles  | $-1.0 \angle \pm 45^\circ$ | $-1.0$<br>$-1.0 \angle \pm 60^\circ$ | $-1.0 \angle \pm 22.5^\circ$<br>$-1.0 \angle \pm 67.5^\circ$ | $-1.0$<br>$-1.0 \angle \pm 36^\circ$<br>$-1.0 \angle \pm 72^\circ$ | $-1.0 \angle \pm 15^\circ$<br>$-1.0 \angle \pm 45^\circ$<br>$-1.4 \angle \pm 75^\circ$ |

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Example: 5th-Order Butterworth filter, Corner = 10 rad/sec

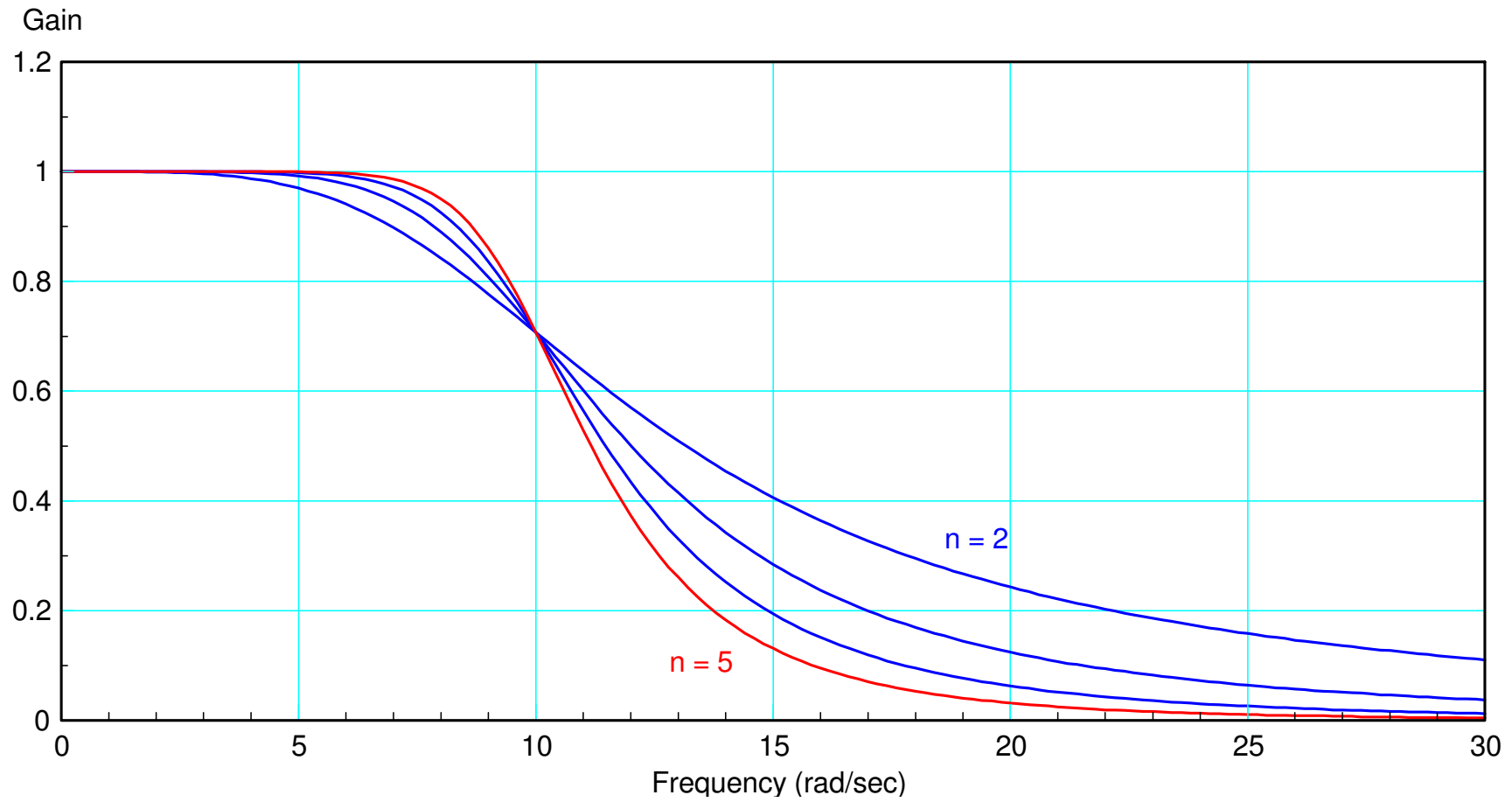
$$G(s) = \left( \frac{10^5}{(s+10)(s+10\angle 36^\circ)(s+10\angle -36^\circ)(s+10\angle 72^\circ)(s+10\angle -72^\circ)} \right)$$





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The resulting gain vs. frequency is then

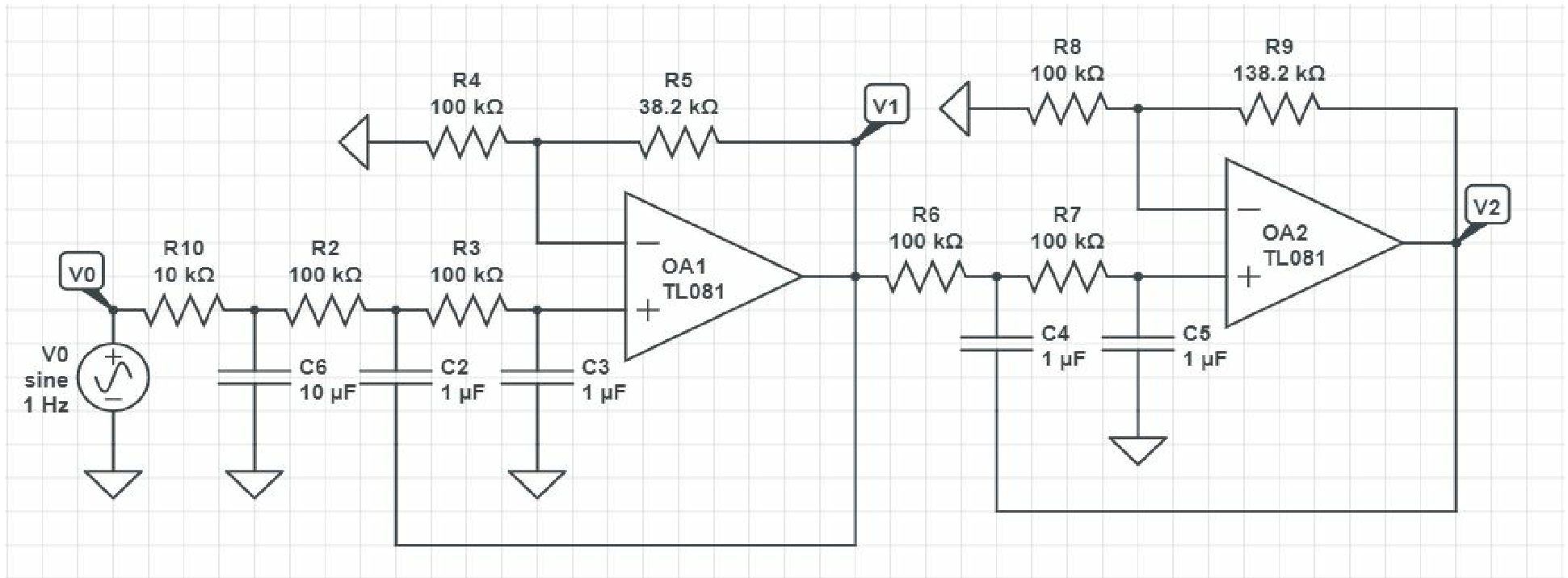


## Circuit Implementation

- $\left(\frac{1}{RC}\right) = 10$

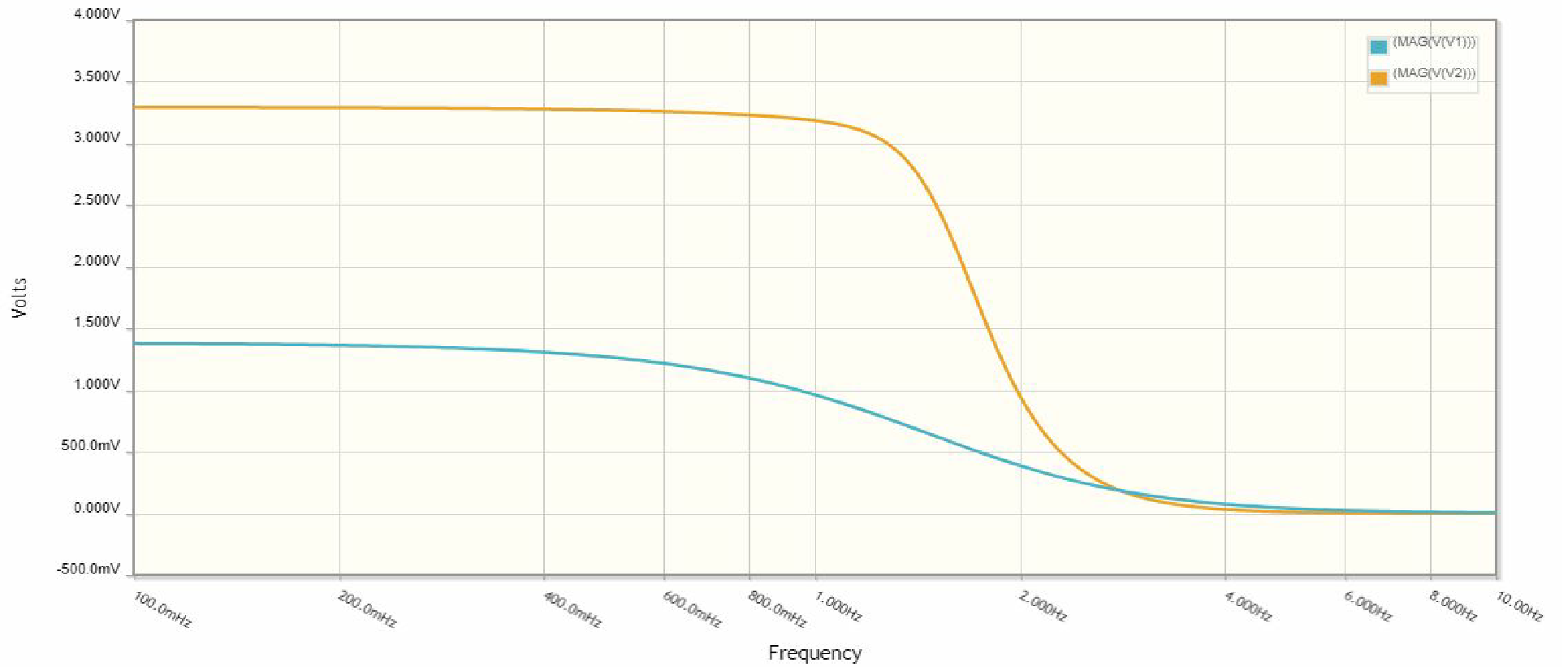
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- $3 - k = 2 \cos(\theta)$



# CircuitLab Results

- Corner = 10 rad/sec (1.59Hz)



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# Type-1 Chebychev Filter

Closest approximation to an ideal low pass filter subject to

- There are N poles
- There are no zeros
- The maximum gain is  $(1 + \epsilon)$ . (Some ripple is permitted).

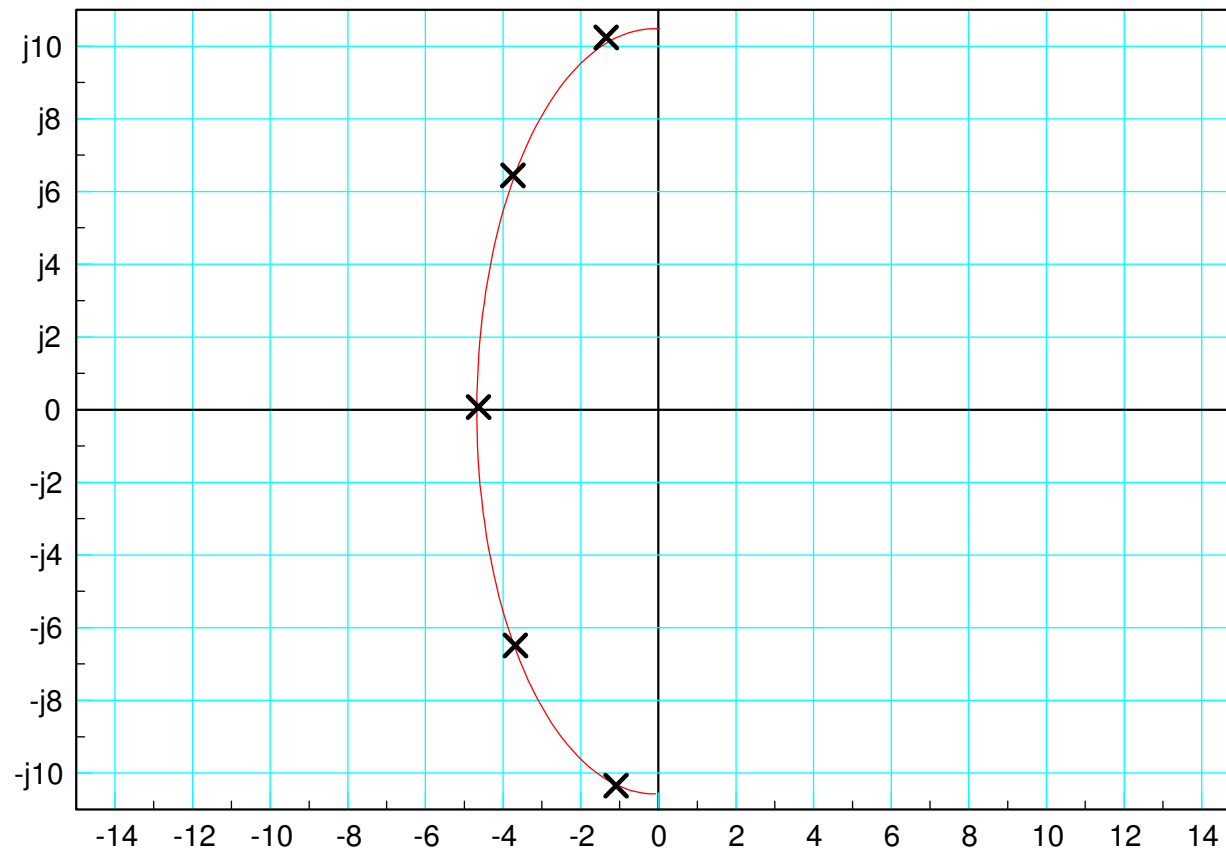
Type-1 Chebychev Filter Pole Locations: Corner = 1 rad/sec

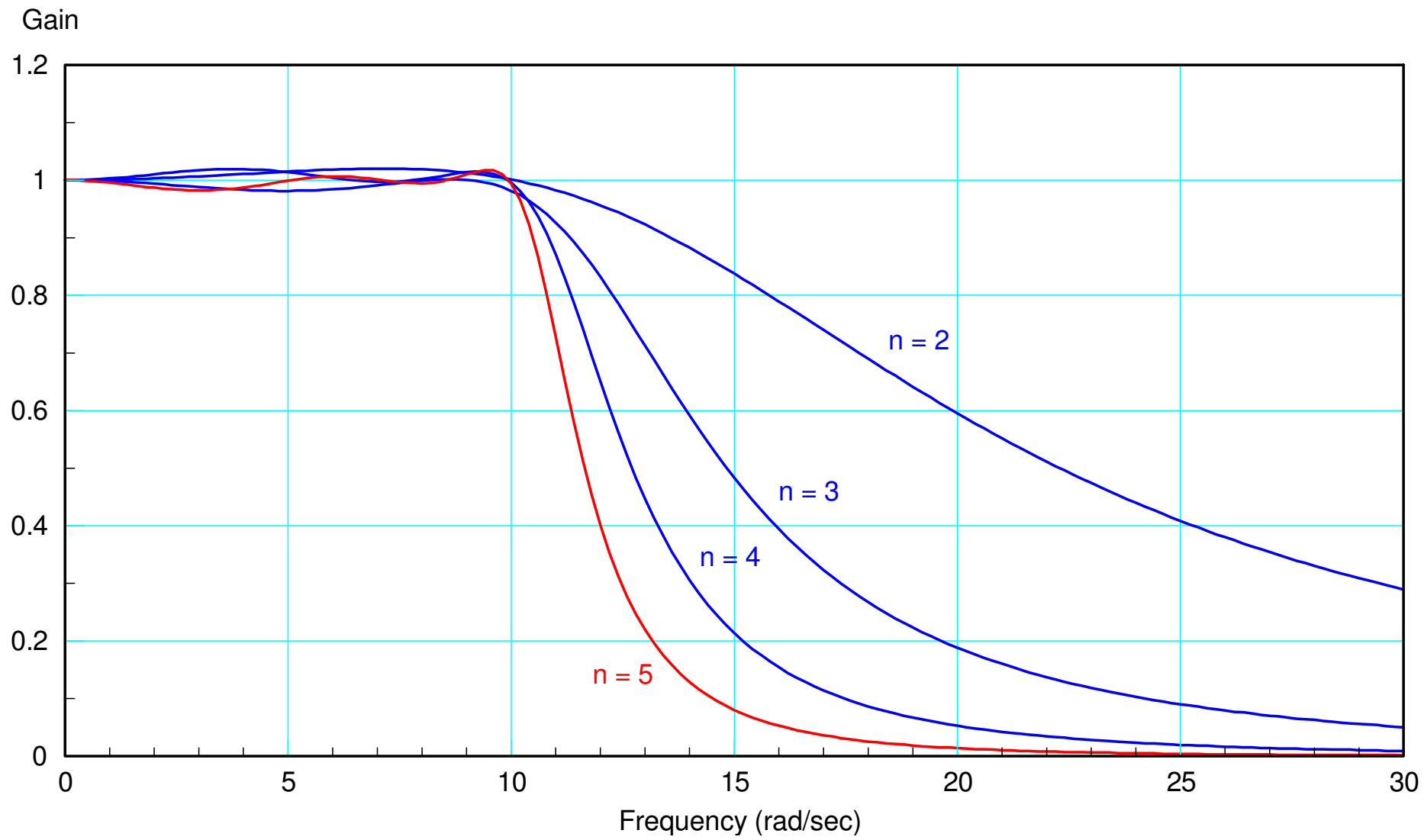
|       | N=2                           | N=3                                      | N=4  | N=5   | N=6   |
|-------|-------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| zeros | none                          | none                                     | none   | none  | none  |
| poles | $-1.60 \angle \pm 50.7^\circ$ | $-0.85$<br>$-1.21 \angle \pm 69.5^\circ$ | $-0.72 \angle \pm 38.5^\circ$<br>$-1.11 \angle \pm 77.8^\circ$ | $-0.48$<br>$-0.76 \angle \pm 59.3^\circ$<br>$-1.06 \angle \pm 82.0^\circ$ | $-0.47 \angle \pm 36.1^\circ$<br>$-0.81 \angle \pm 69.8^\circ$<br>$-1.04 \angle \pm 84.4^\circ$ |

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Example: Design a 5th-order Chebuche filter, Corner = 10 rad/sec

$$G(s) = \left( \frac{4.8 \cdot 7.6^2 \cdot 10.6^2}{(s+4.8)(s+7.6 \angle \pm 59.3^\circ)(s+10.6 \angle \pm 82^\circ)} \right)$$

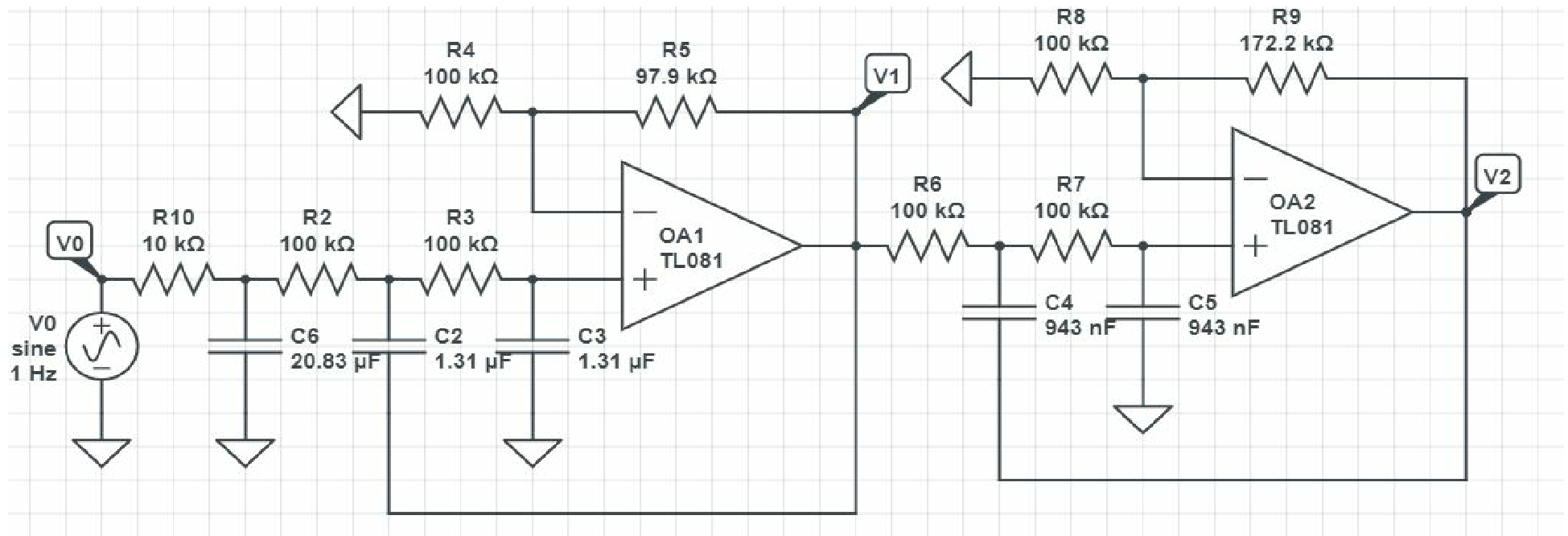




# CircuitLab Implementation

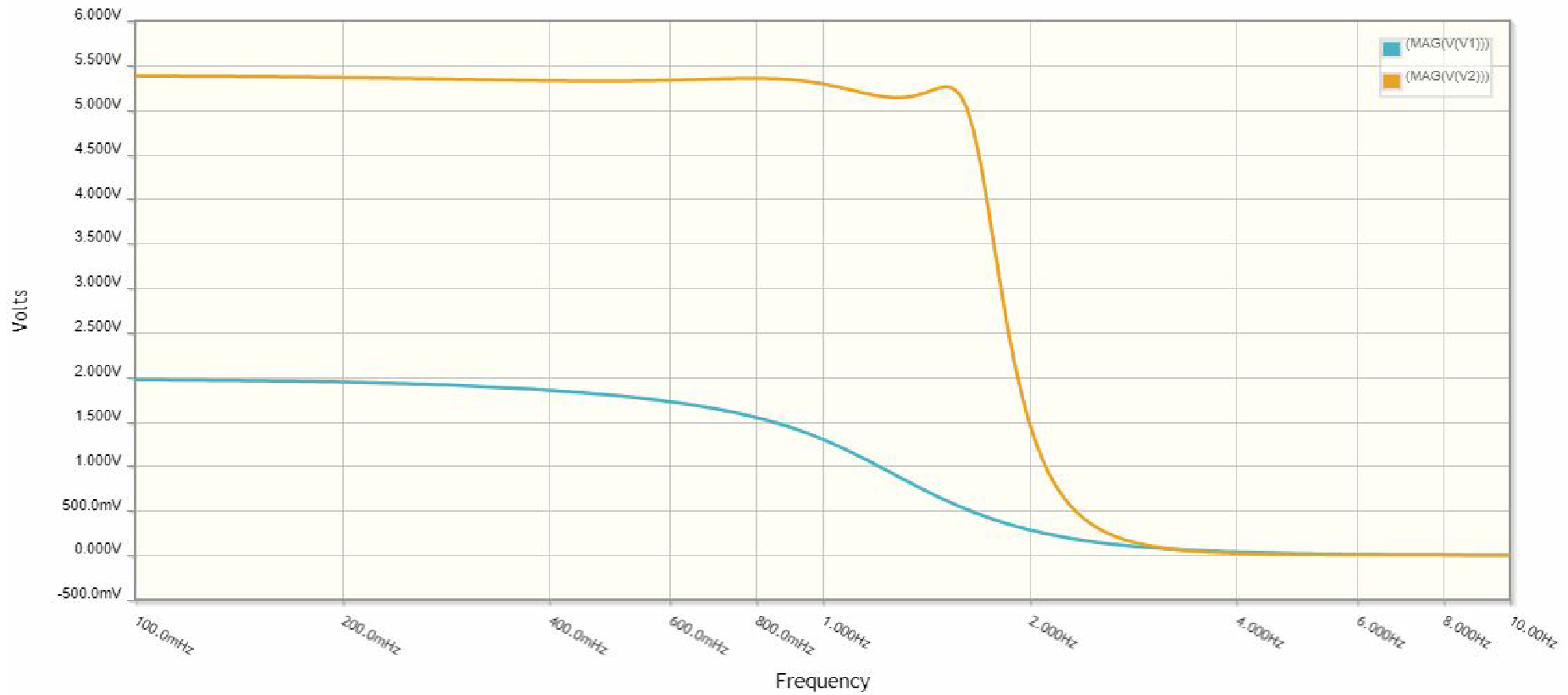
- $\left(\frac{1}{RC}\right) = pole$
- $3 - k = 2 \cos \theta$

$$G(s) = \left( \frac{4.8 \cdot 7.6^2 \cdot 10.6^2}{(s+4.8)(s+7.6 \angle \pm 59.3^\circ)(s+10.6 \angle \pm 82^\circ)} \right)$$



# CircuitLab: Frequency Sweep

- Gain is closer to 1.00 out to 1.59 rad/sec





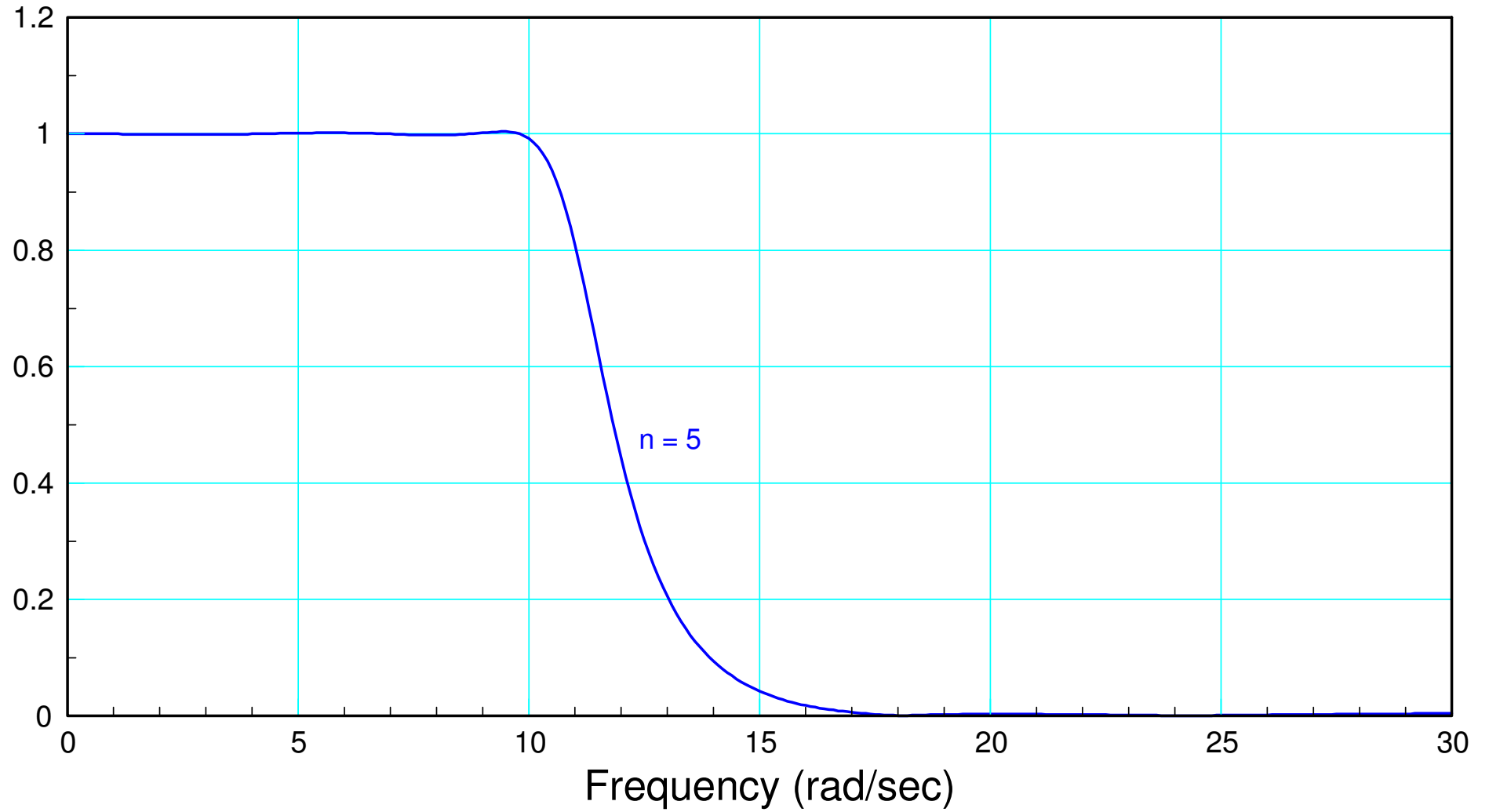
## Elliptic Filters: (Type-2 Chebychev)

Closest approximation to an ideal low pass filter subject to

- There are N poles
- There are N zeros
- The maximum gain cannot exceed  $(1 + \epsilon_1)$ . (Some ripple is permitted).
- The maximum gain the band reject region cannot exceed  $\epsilon_2$

|        |                           |                                    |  |   |
|--------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Pass   | W1 = 0 to 1               | W1 = 0 to 1                        | W1 = 0 to 1                                  | W1 = 0 to 1   |
| Reject | W2 = 9 to infinity        | W2 = 3 to infinity                 | W2 = 1.7 to infinity                         | W2 = 1.3 to infinity  |
| zeros  | j 9.919                   | j3.246<br>j7.705                   | j1.805<br>j2.423                             | j1.316<br>j1.524<br>j2.491                                      |
| poles  | -0.391 + j1.242<br>-0.942 | -0.572 + j0.467<br>-0.221 + j1.076 | -0.807<br>-0.529 + j0.784<br>-0.151 + j1.095 | -0.437<br>-0.331 + j0.583<br>-0.159 + j0.907<br>-0.040 + j1.024 |

Gain



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# CircuitLab Implementation

- Can't implement complex zeros with circuits given

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# Frequency Scaling

The previous circuits had a corner at 10 rad/sec

- Redesign so that the corner is 100Hz

Change the capacitors

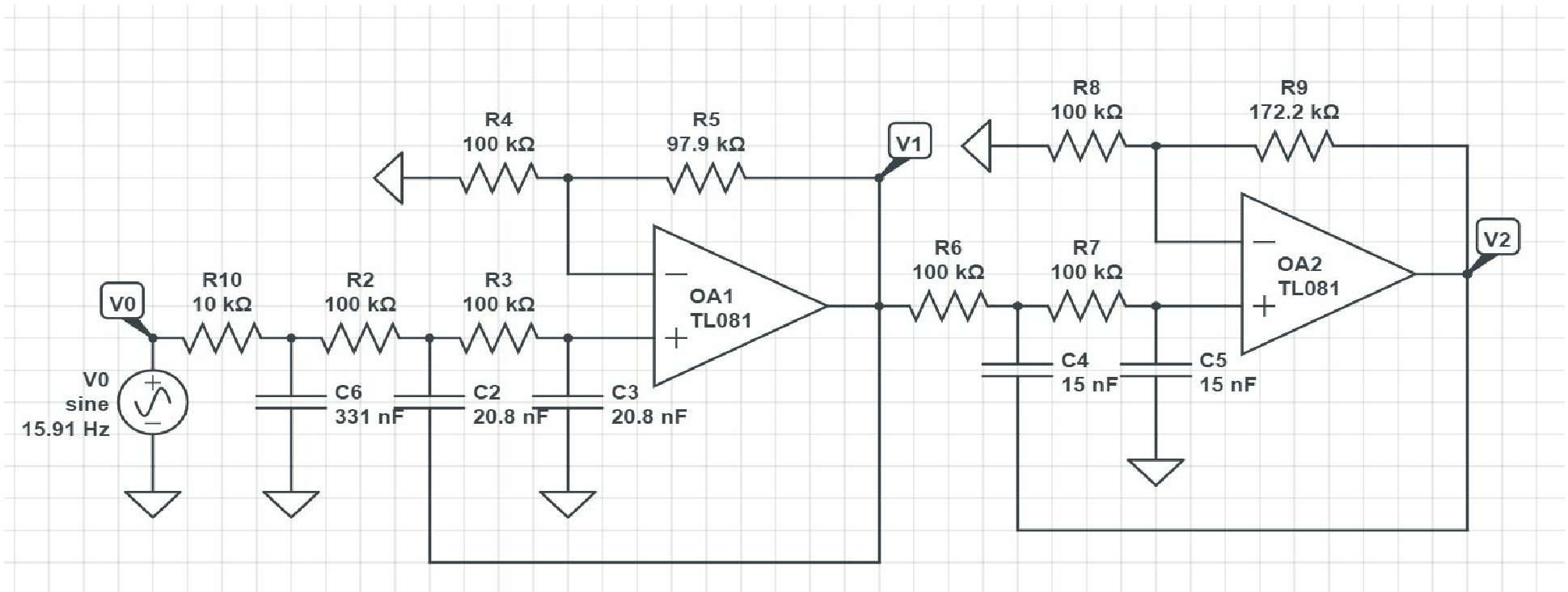
- Capacitors are integrators
- If you make the capacitor 10x smaller,
  - They integrate 10x faster
  - The corner frequency becomes 10x larger

To make the corner 100Hz

- Scale the capacitors by  $\times 10/628$
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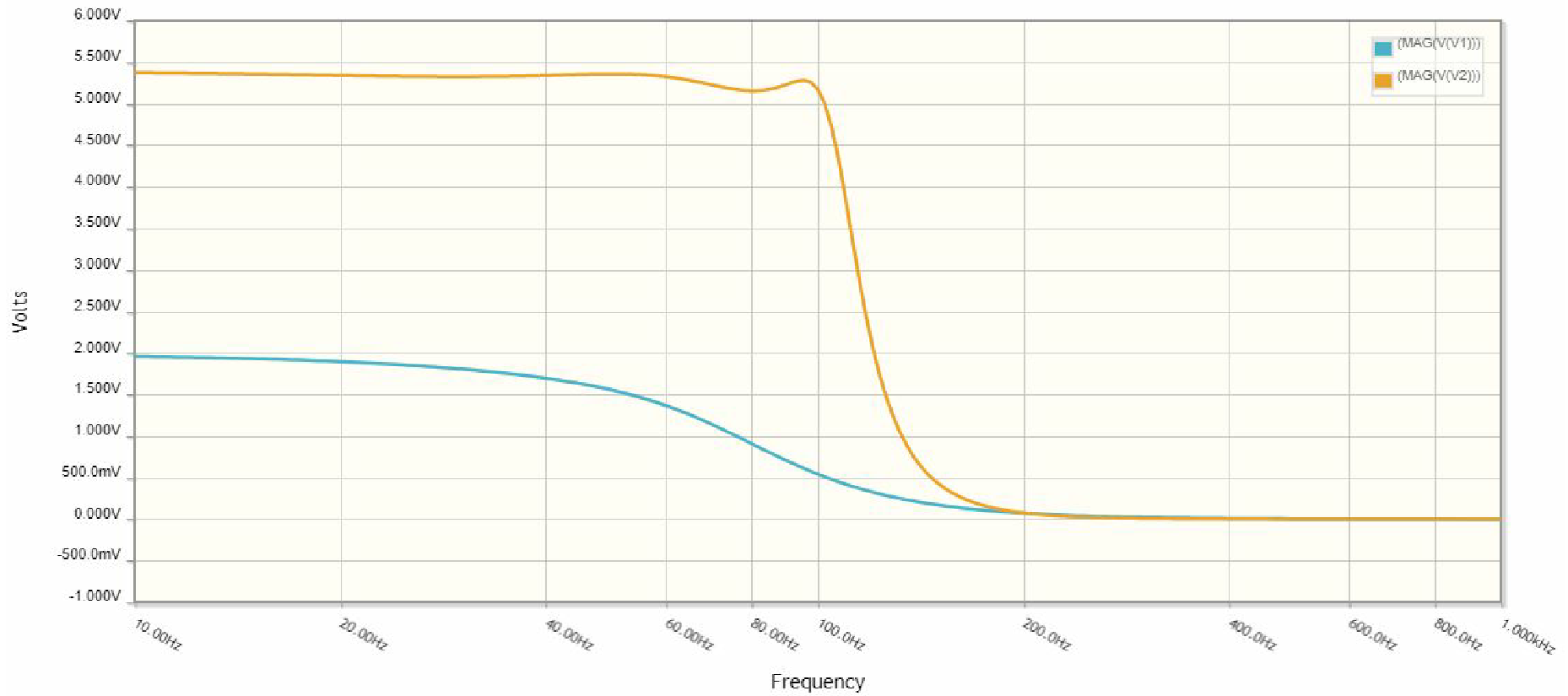
# 5th-Order Chebyshev filter with a corner at 100Hz

- Capacitors scaled by  $1 / 62.8$



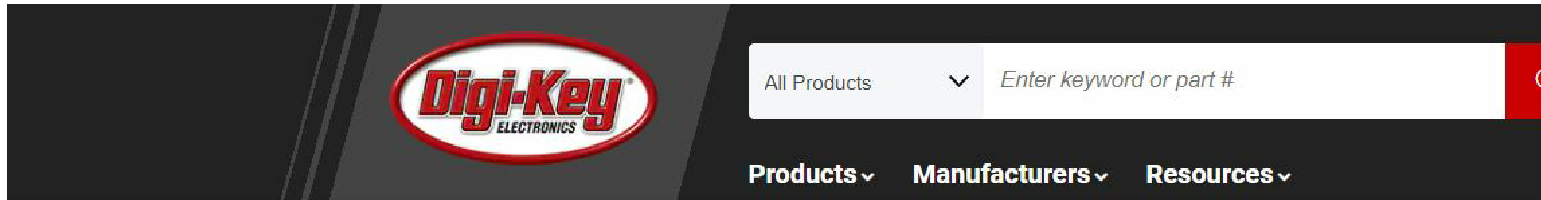
# 5th-Order Chebyshev Low-Pass Filter

- CircuitLab simulation



# Digikey

- Filters are really common and useful
- Digikey likewise sells 1001 filters on a chip



Product Index > Integrated Circuits (ICs) > Interface - Filters - Active

## Interface - Filters - Active

Results: 1,001

Search Within Results

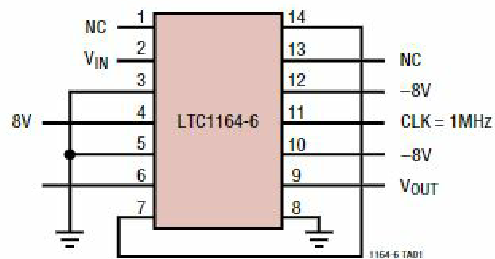
| Filter Type                              | Frequency - Cutoff or Center | Number of Filters | Filter Order |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| -  | 2kHz                         | 1                 | 2nd          |
| Antialiasing                             | 5kHz                         | 2                 | 2nd, 3rd     |
| Band Pass                                | 7kHz                         | 3                 | 4th          |
| Band Pass, Low Pass                      | 7.5kHz                       | 4                 | 5th          |
| Bessel, Low Pass Switched Capacitor      | 10kHz                        | 5                 | 6th          |
| Butterworth Low Pass                     | 12kHz                        | 6                 | 7th          |
| Butterworth or Bessel Low Pass           | 14kHz/20kHz                  | 7                 | 8th          |
| Butterworth                              | 15kHz                        |                   | 9th          |
| Butterworth, Low Pass Switched Capacitor | 20kHz                        |                   | 10th         |
| Cauer, Low Pass Switched Capacitor       | 25kHz                        |                   | -            |
| Continuously Variable Low Pass           | 20kHz                        |                   |              |

# Example: LTC 1164

- 8th-order Elliptic filter
- Corner frequency is set by a clock input
- Good for senior design (easy to implement)
- Not so good for Electronics II (doesn't demonstrate knowledge of electronics)

## TYPICAL APPLICATION

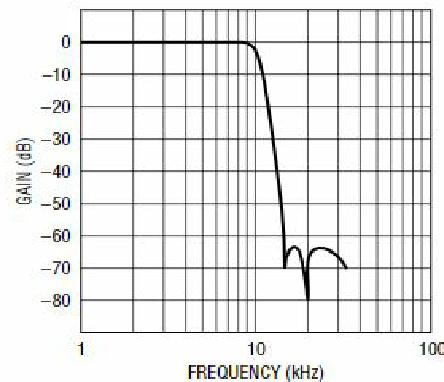
10kHz Anti-Aliasing Elliptic Filter



WIDEBAND NOISE =  $115\mu\text{VRMS}$

NOTE: THE CONNECTION FROM PIN 7 TO PIN 14 SHOULD BE MADE UNDER THE PACKAGE. THE POWER SUPPLIES SHOULD BE BYPASSED BY A  $0.1\mu\text{F}$  CAPACITOR AS CLOSE TO THE PACKAGE AS POSSIBLE.

Frequency Response



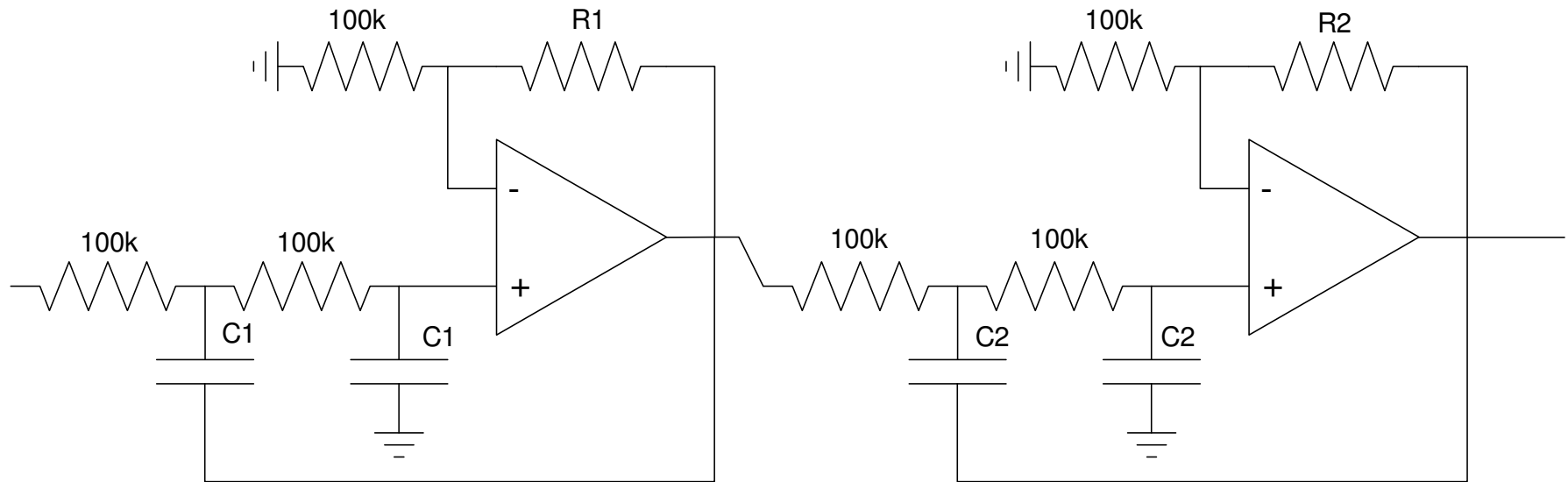
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# Handout:

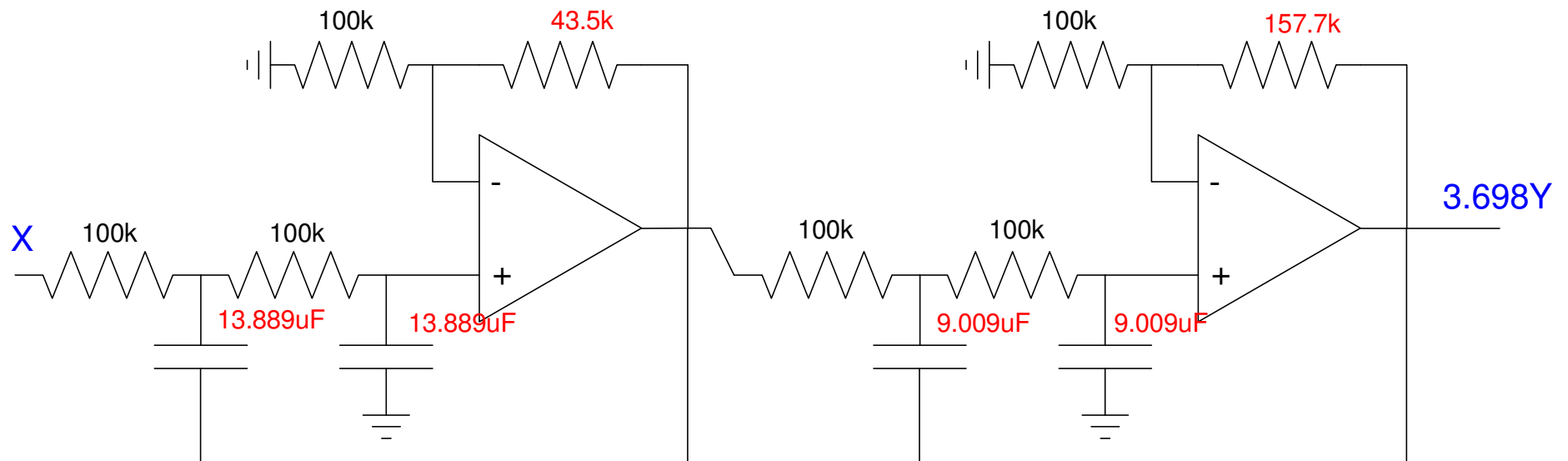
Find R and C to implement a Chebychev filter with a corner at 1 rad/sec

$$G(s) = \left( \frac{0.639}{(s+0.72\angle\pm 38.5^\circ)(s+1.11\angle\pm 77.8^\circ)} \right)$$



# Solution

- To make the corner 628 rad/sec (100Hz), scale each C by 1/628



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# Summary

- If you are willing to use complex poles, you can do much better than an RC filter
  - A Butterworth filter is one option:
    - Maximum gain at DC
    - Fairly straight forward design
  - A Chebychev filter is another option
    - Slight resonance
    - Much better gain vs. frequency (closer to ideal)
    - Need to use a table (or Wikipedia) to design
  - Changing the corner frequency is really easy
    - Scale the capacitors
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