



Figure 1 Gary Galo's and D.M. Shields's bass correction network, see Gary Galo, "An archival phono preamplifier", *Linear Audio* vol. 5, pages 77...104

Assumptions: everything ideal, gain doesn't matter much, the zero and the pole realized by this circuit have to be very accurately put on certain desired locations by setting  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  (all other component values are fixed in Gary Galo's design).

$$I_{out} = \frac{V_{in}}{R_6} + V_{in} \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} \cdot \frac{1}{s \frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} C_1 + 1} \cdot A \cdot \frac{1}{R_5}$$

$$\frac{I_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{1}{R_6} + \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} \cdot \frac{1}{s \frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} C_1 + 1} \cdot A \cdot \frac{1}{R_5}$$

where  $A = 1 + R_1/R_2$ .

The pole lies at  $s = -\frac{1}{\frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} C_1}$ . The second term of the expression for  $I_{out}/V_{in}$  goes to infinity for

$s$  approaching this value, the first term stays finite, so the sum also goes to infinity. Hence, the first corner frequency is  $F_3 = \frac{1}{2\pi \frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} C_1}$  and the first time constant  $T_3 = \frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} C_1$ , exactly as

described by Gary Galo. Rearranging this last equation results in his equation  $R_4 = \frac{R_3 T_3}{R_3 C_1 - T_3}$ .

When the zero is called  $s_z$ , by definition, at  $s = s_z$ , the transfer is zero. Hence,

$$0 = \frac{1}{R_6} + \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} \cdot \frac{1}{s_z \frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} C_1 + 1} \cdot A \cdot \frac{1}{R_5}$$

Multiplying everything by  $R_5$  and putting one term on the other side of the equal sign:

$$\frac{R_5}{R_6} = -\frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} \cdot \frac{1}{s_z \frac{R_3 R_4}{R_3 + R_4} C_1 + 1} \cdot A$$

$$\frac{R_5}{R_6} = -\frac{R_4 A}{s_z R_3 R_4 C_1 + R_3 + R_4}$$

Substituting  $s_z = -2 \pi F_4$  to match Galo's notation:

$$R_5 = \frac{R_4 R_6 A}{2 \pi F_4 R_3 R_4 C_1 - R_3 - R_4}$$

Dividing numerator and denominator by  $R_4$  and writing  $R_3 C_1 = 1/(2 \pi F_{3\min})$  to make it look more like Galo's equation on page 91 of the article:

$$R_5 = \frac{R_6 A}{2 \pi F_4 R_3 C_1 - \frac{R_3}{R_4} - 1} = \frac{R_6 A}{\frac{F_4}{F_{3\min}} - \frac{R_3}{R_4} - 1}$$

The numerator equals the numerator of Galo's equation, the weird factor  $F_3 + 1$  in the first term of the denominator has changed into  $F_{3\min}$  and there is an extra term  $-R_3/R_4$ .

This extra term can be expressed as a function of  $F_3$  and  $F_{3\min}$ , if so desired. Using

$$R_4 = \frac{R_3 T_3}{R_3 C_1 - T_3}$$

$$\frac{R_3}{R_4} = \frac{R_3 C_1 - T_3}{T_3} = \frac{\frac{1}{2 \pi F_{3\min}} - \frac{1}{2 \pi F_3}}{\frac{1}{2 \pi F_3}} = F_3 \left( \frac{1}{F_{3\min}} - \frac{1}{F_3} \right) = \frac{F_3}{F_{3\min}} - 1$$

one finds

$$R_5 = \frac{R_6 A}{\frac{F_4}{F_{3\min}} - \frac{R_3}{R_4} - 1} = \frac{R_6 A}{\frac{F_4}{F_{3\min}} - \frac{F_3}{F_{3\min}}}$$

The term  $-1$  in the denominator of Galo's equation has changed into  $-F_3/F_{3\min}$ . As Galo never introduced a symbol for the "base frequency"  $F_{3\min}$  but used the same symbol as for  $F_3$ , it is quite possible that he mixed up  $F_3$  and  $F_{3\min}$  and thought their ratio was 1.