

From Q₁, we have $A_1 = \frac{-(g_m R_D)}{(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_p})^3}$

where $\omega_p = \frac{1}{R_D C}$.

With $K = 0.1$ the loop gain is

$$T = -KA_1 = \frac{0.1(g_m R_D)^3}{(1 + j\omega R_D C)^3}$$

To find the edge of stability set $T = -1$.

$$(1 + j\omega R_D C)^3 = -0.1(g_m R_D)^3$$

$$1 + 3j\omega R_D C - 3\omega^2 R_D^2 C^2 - j\omega^3 R_D^3 C^3 = -0.1 g_m^3 R_D^3 \quad (1)$$

From the imag. part of this equation

$$3\omega R_D C - \omega^3 R_D^3 C^3 = 0$$

$$\omega = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{R_D C} \quad (\text{same as the last question})$$

From the real part of Eq. (1)

$$1 - 3\omega^2 R_D^2 C^2 = -0.1 g_m^3 R_D^3$$

Subst $\omega = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{R_D C}$

$$1 - 3 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{R_D C} \right)^2 R_D^2 C^2 = -0.1 g_m^3 R_D^3$$

$$1 - 9 = -0.1 g_m^3 R_D^3$$

$$80 = g_m^3 R_D^3$$

$$g_m R_D = (80)^{1/3} = 4.3$$

∴ For stability need $g_m R_D < 4.3$.

Values near 4.3 would be right at the edge
so consider smaller values to obtain a less
oscillatory response.