## ELEN 325 – Fall 2007 RC Filter Simulation

- 1. Open PSPICE/Schematics
- 2. Place components for your circuit
  - a. Go to "Draw" menu
  - b. Get new part...
  - c. Click on Libraries if you can't see the component you are looking for
  - d. Search within the libraries listed on right column
  - e. Place components on schematic window
- 3. Connect components
  - a. Go to "Draw" menu
  - b. Wire
  - c. Connect nodes by clicking on them and wiring as desired
- 4. Edit component values
- 5. Label nodes by double-clicking on wire and entering name (ex: vin, vout, v1, etc)



- 6. Setup analysis
  - a. Go to "Analysis" menu
  - b. Setup
  - c. AC Sweep
  - d. AC Sweep Type = Decade
- 7. Save Schematic
- 8. Run simulation
  - a. Go to "Analysis" menu
  - b. Simulate
  - c. Plotting window will open automatically (**remaining steps 9-12 should be done in this window**)
- 9. Add plot to window so that you can plot the magnitude and phase separate
  - a. Go to "Plot" menu
  - b. Add plot to window
- 10. Plot Magnitude in dB (use top window)

- a. Go to "Trace" menu
- b. Add Trace
- c. Deselect "Currents" and "Alias Names" boxes
- d. Click on "DB()" in functions and macros column on the right
- e. Click on node name you want to plot on simulation output variables list
- f. OK
- g. Adjust Y-axis if desired by double-clicking on it and setting the range for min and max values you want to display

## 11. Plot Phase in degrees (in bottom window)

- a. Go to "Trace" menu
  - b. Add Trace
  - c. Click on "P()" in functions and macros column on the right
  - d. Click on node name you want to plot on simulation output variables list
  - e. OK
  - f. Adjust Y-axis if desired by double-clicking on it and setting the range for min and max values you want to display
- 12. Measure corner (-3 dB) frequency
  - a. Go to "Trace" menu
  - b. Cursor
  - c. Display
  - d. Click on magnitude plot
  - e. Drag cursor with your mouse until you get to -3dB
  - f. Click on "Mark Label" button to mark the -3 dB point on the plot

