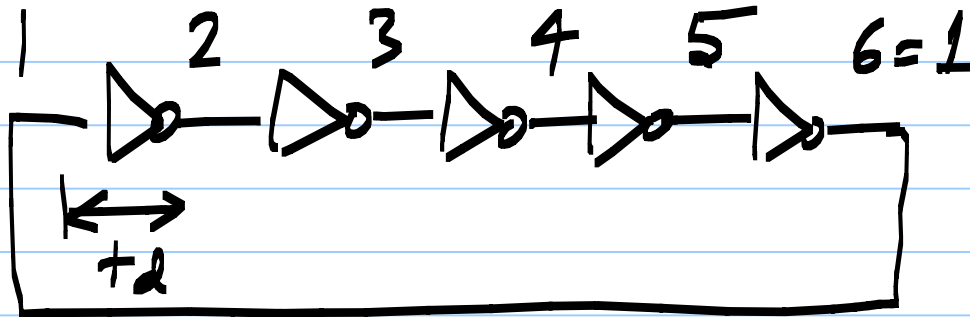


Phase noise of a VCO: Thermal noise of the components

- LC VCO
- Ring VCO

# Ring oscillator:

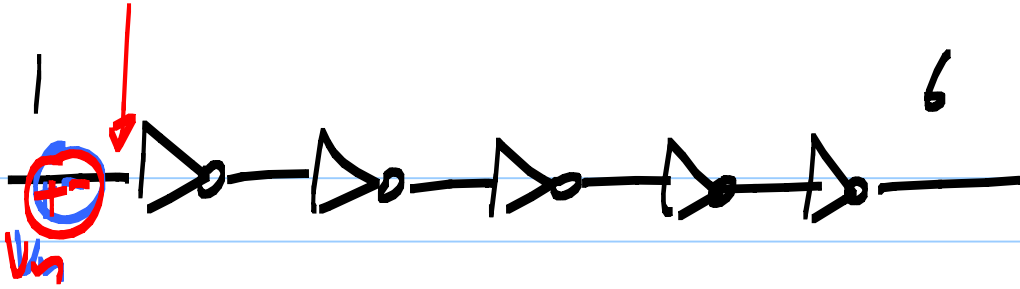


$N$  inverters

$$\text{Period} = 2N \cdot t_d$$

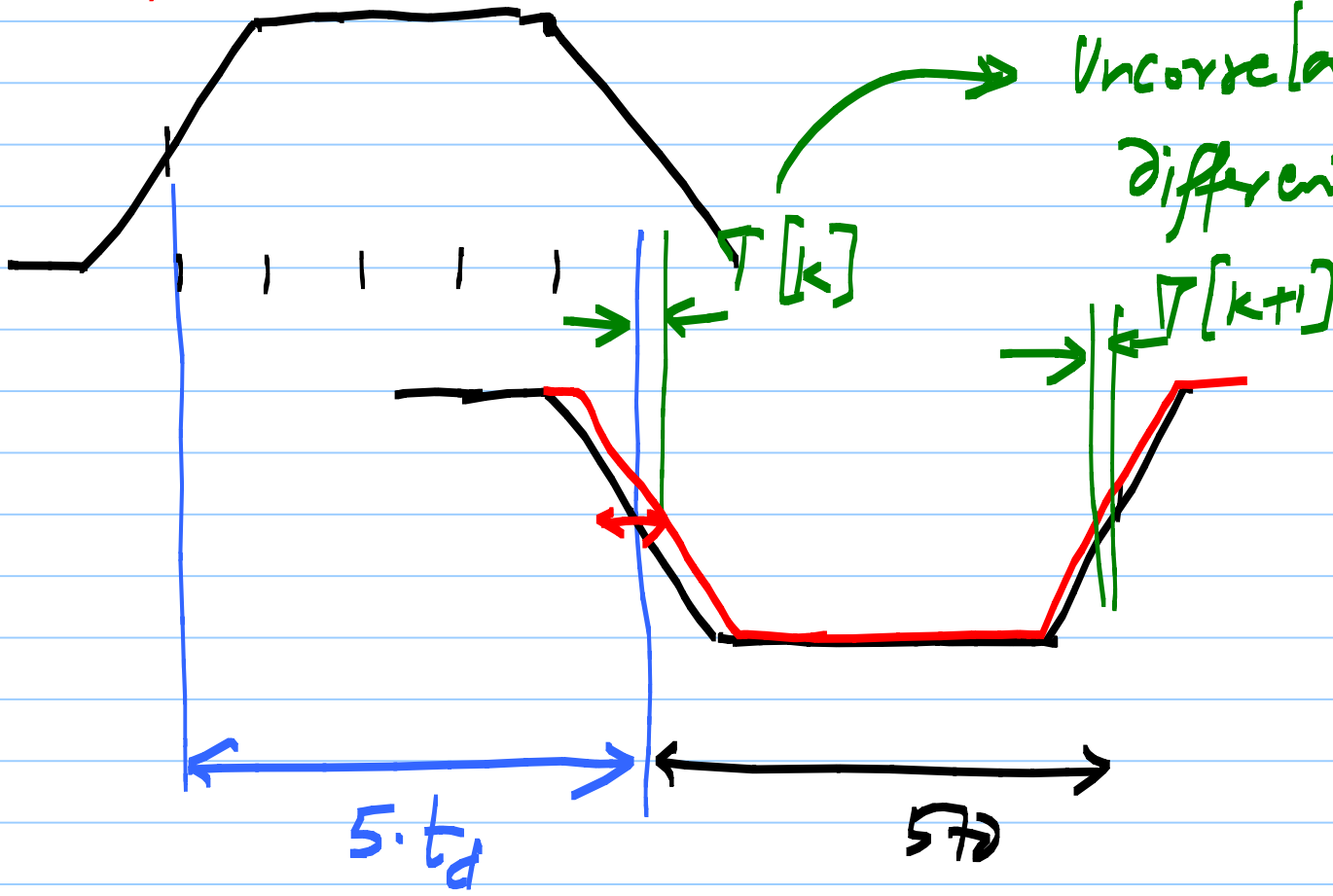
$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2N \cdot t_d}$$

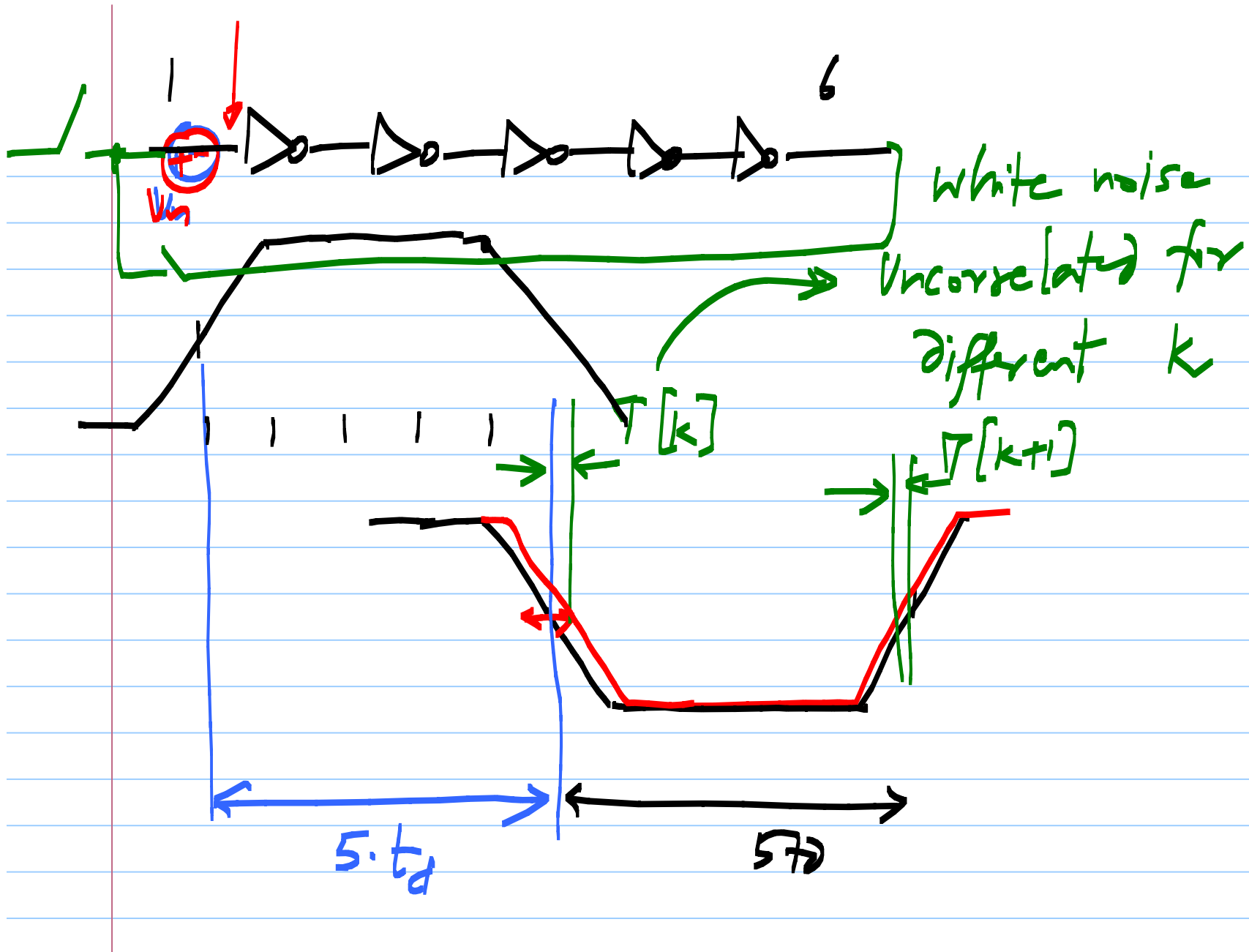




White noise

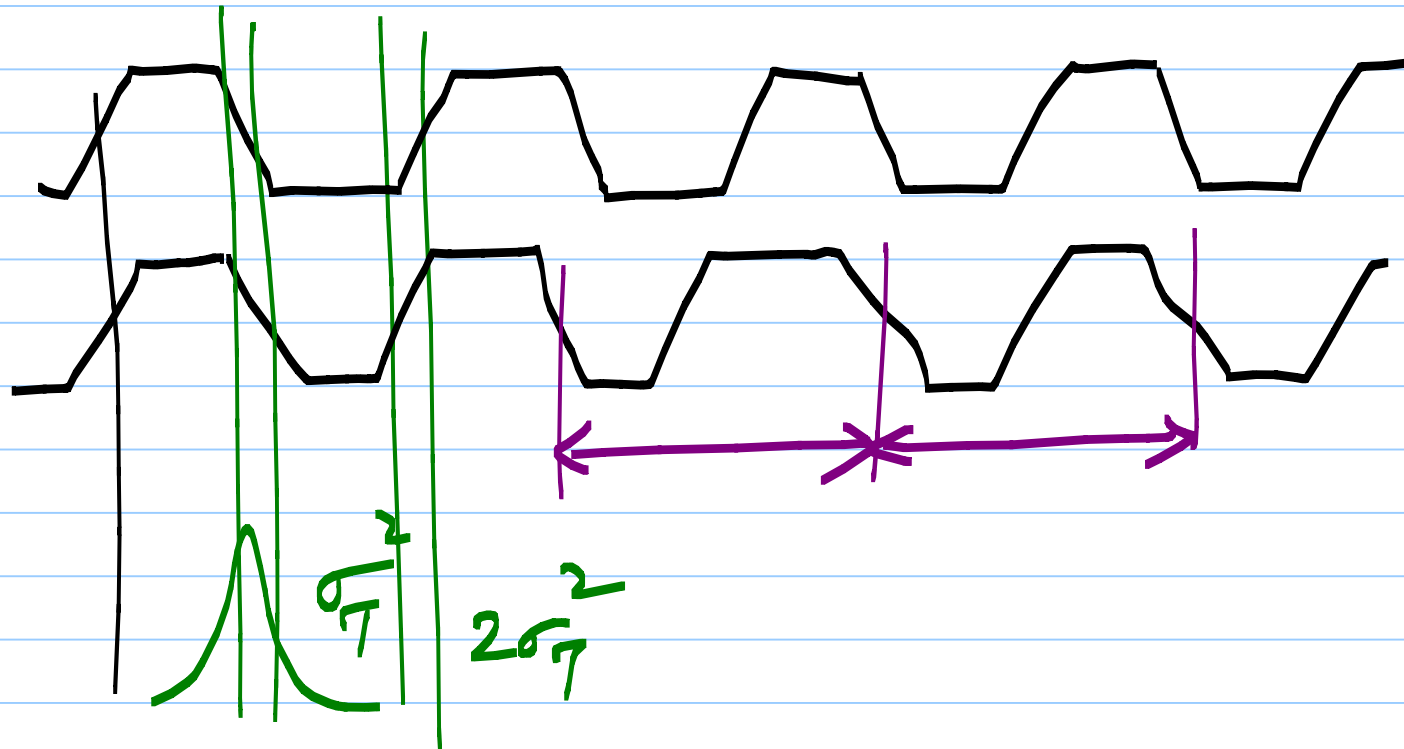
Uncorrelated for different  $k$

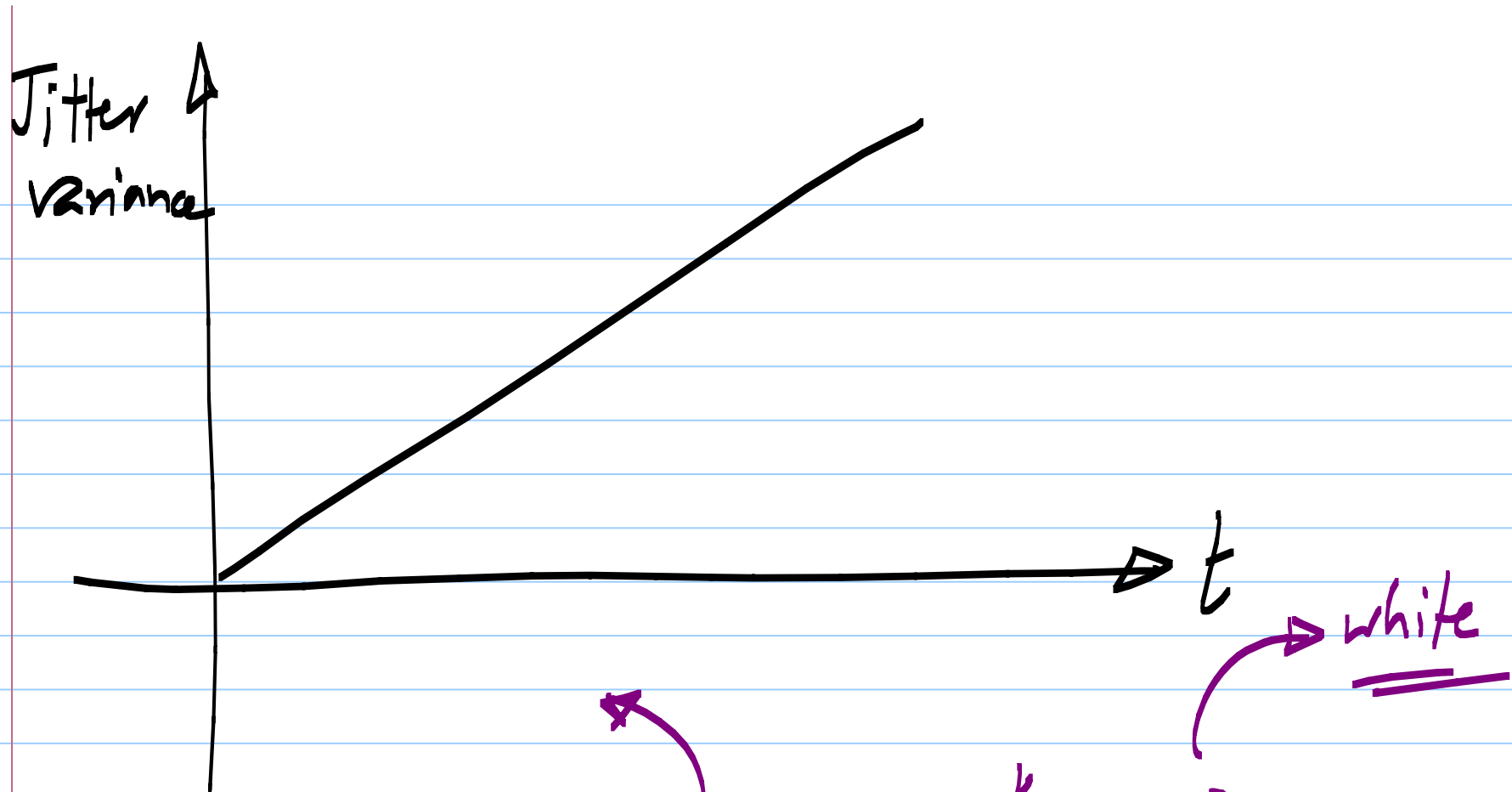




Oscillator: Autonomous system:

\* Assume that the first edge is at the ideal location





Absolute jitter  $T_{abs}[k] = \sum_1^k T_d[k]$   
 $\sigma_{abs}^2[k] = k \cdot \sigma_{T_d}^2$

$$T_{abs}[k] - T_{abs}[k-1] = T_d[k]$$

half period

$$T_{abs}(z) = T_d(z) \cdot \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}}$$

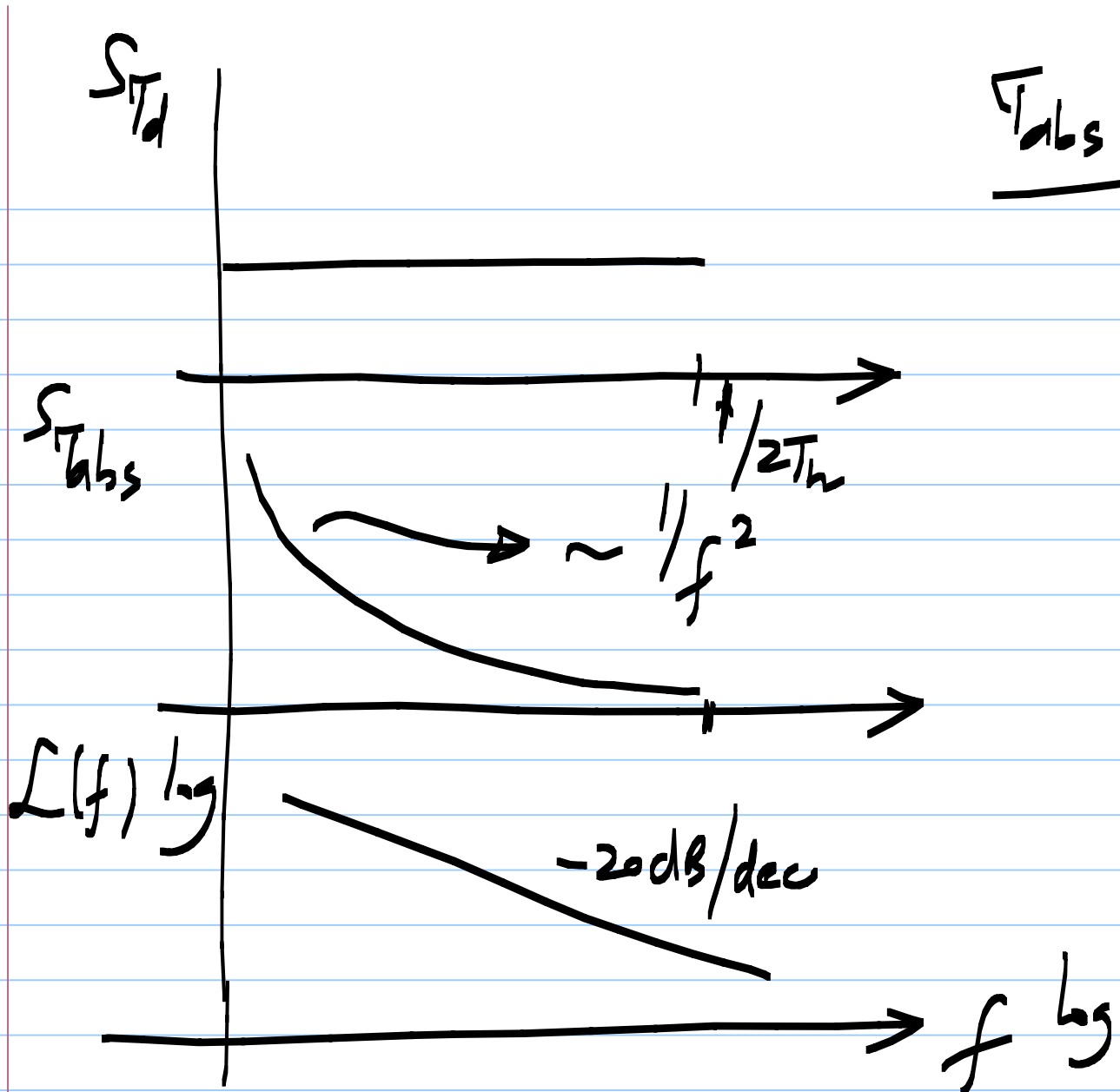
$$S_{T_{abs}}(f) = \underbrace{S_{T_d}(f)}_{\text{white}} \cdot \left| \frac{1}{1 - \exp(-j2\pi f T_h)} \right|^2$$

$$4 \sin^2 \pi f T_h$$

spectrum

$$4 \sin^2 \pi f T_h$$

$$\left| \exp(-j\pi f T_h) \right|^2 \cdot \left| \exp(j\pi f T_h) - \exp(-j\pi f T_h) \right|^2$$



$$\underline{\tau_{abs} \cdot 2\pi f_0 = \phi_{abs}}$$

$$\frac{1}{4 \sin^2 \pi f T_h}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{4 \pi^2 f^2 \cdot T_h^2}$$



Phase noise of an oscillator.  $\sim \frac{1}{f^2}$

$L(f)$

-30dB/dec.

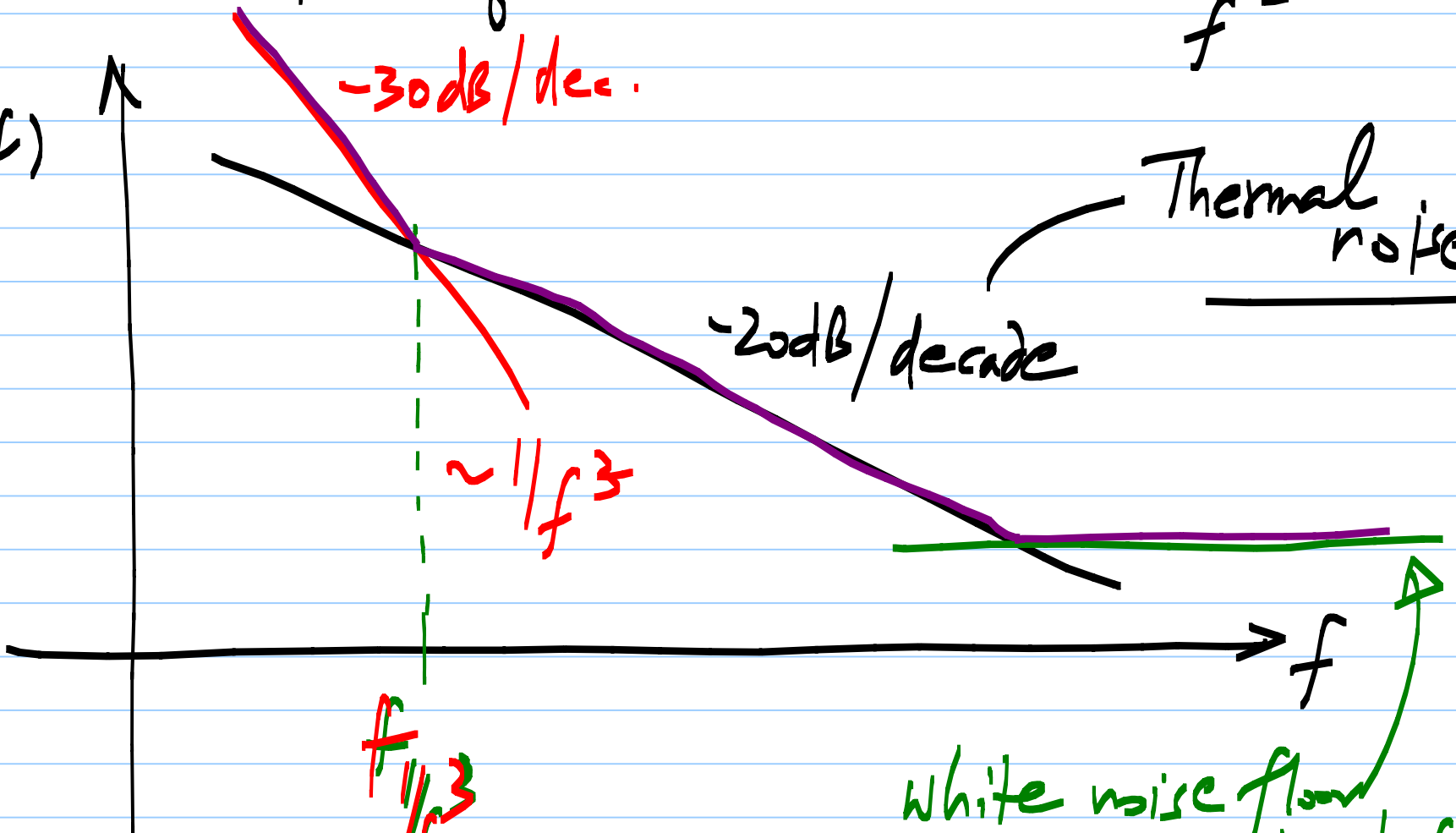
Thermal noise

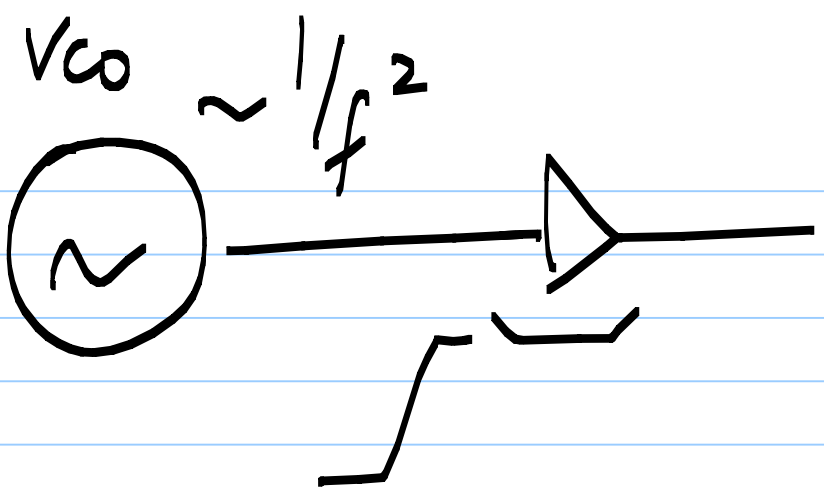
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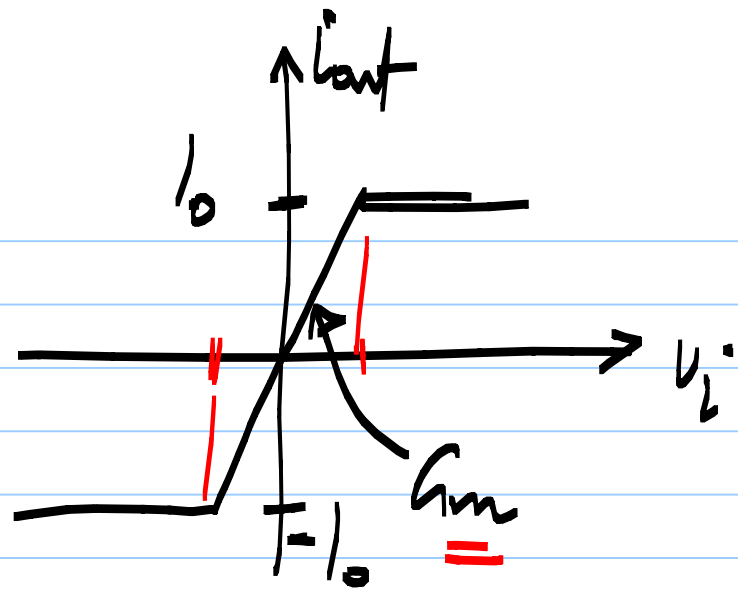
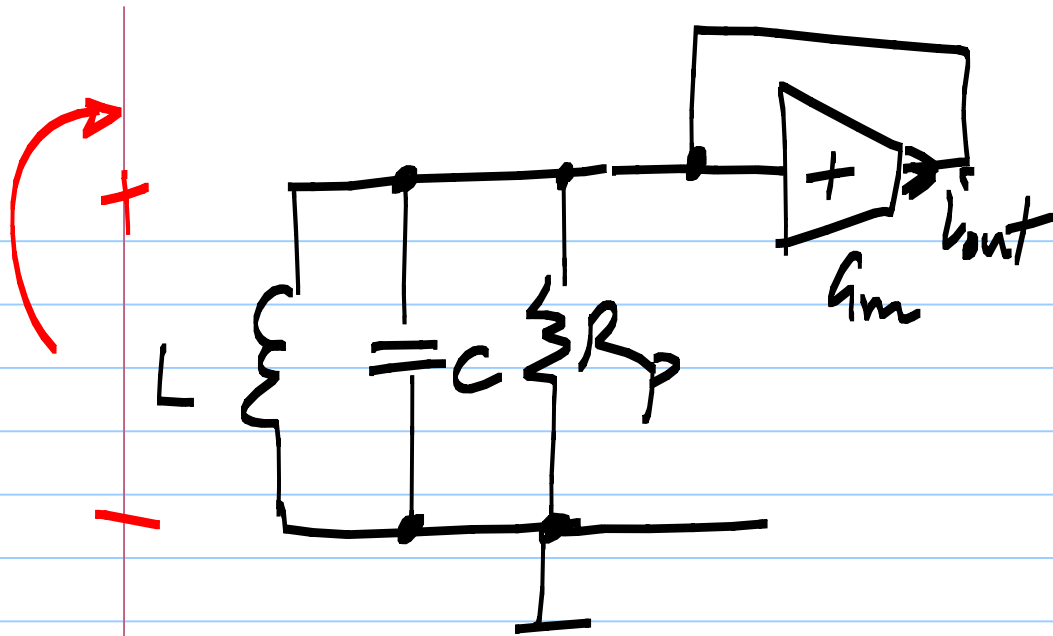
$\sim 1/f^3$

$f_{1/f^3}$

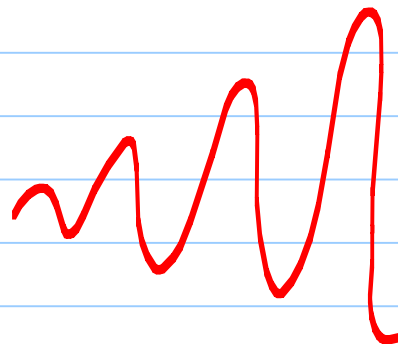
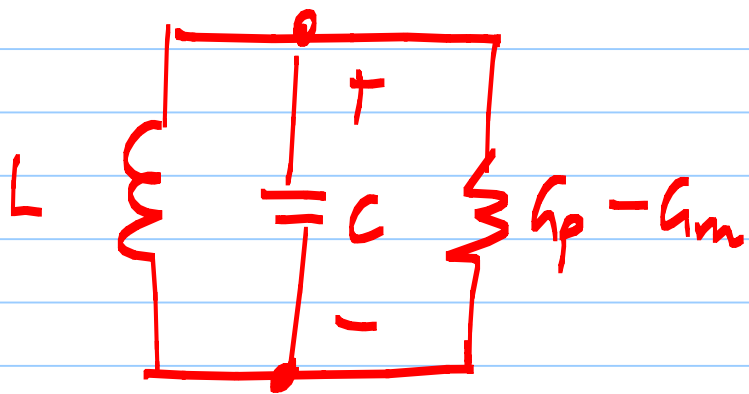
White noise floor  
due to the buffer

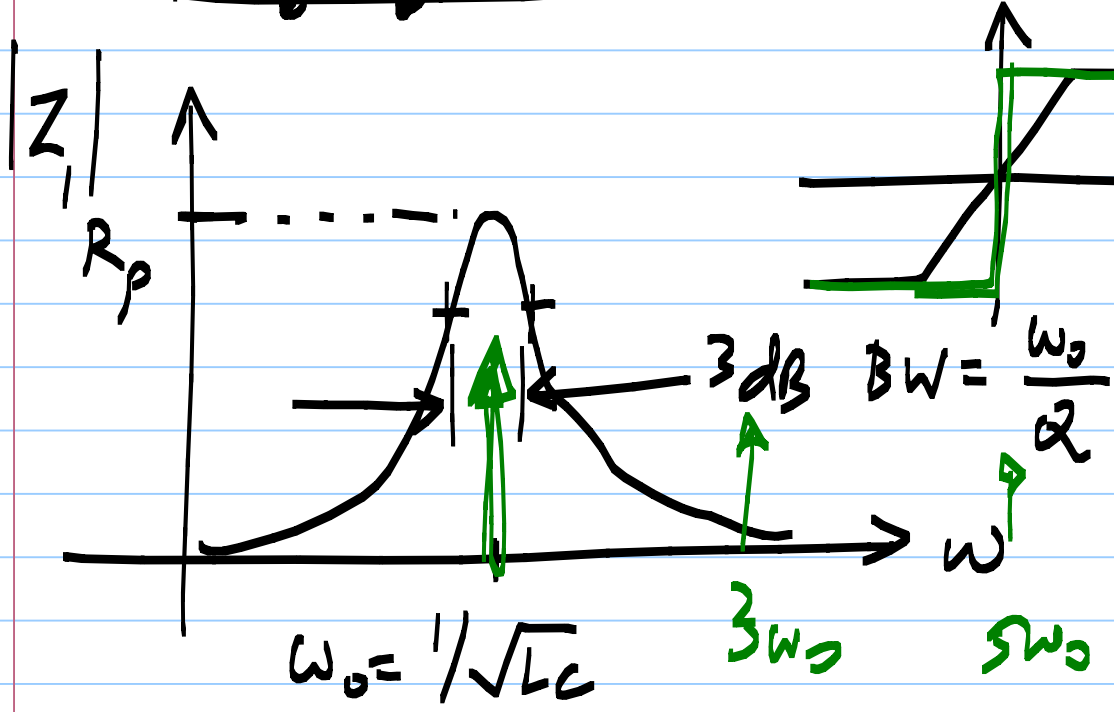
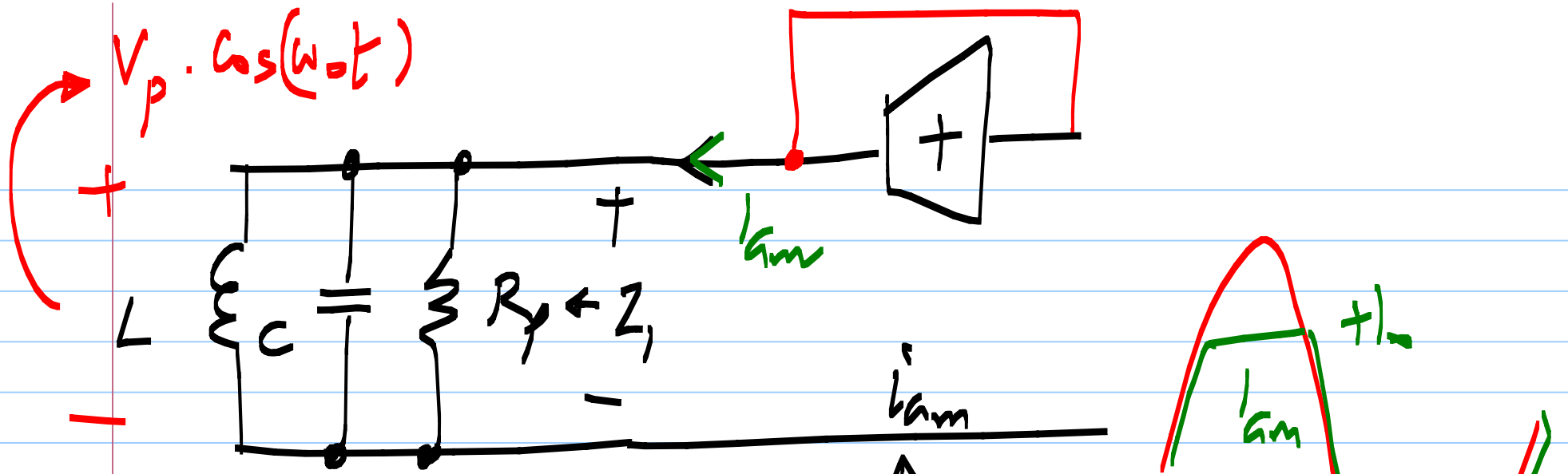




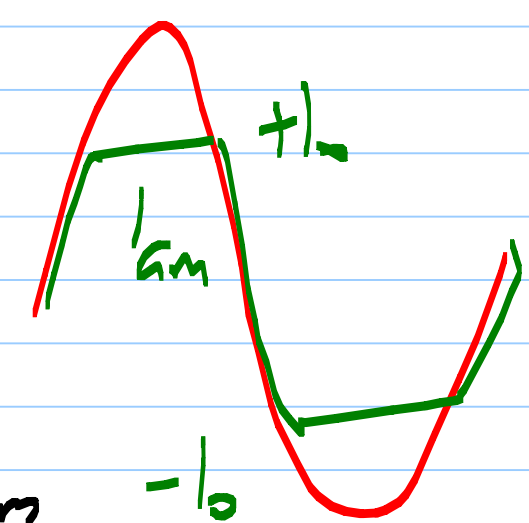


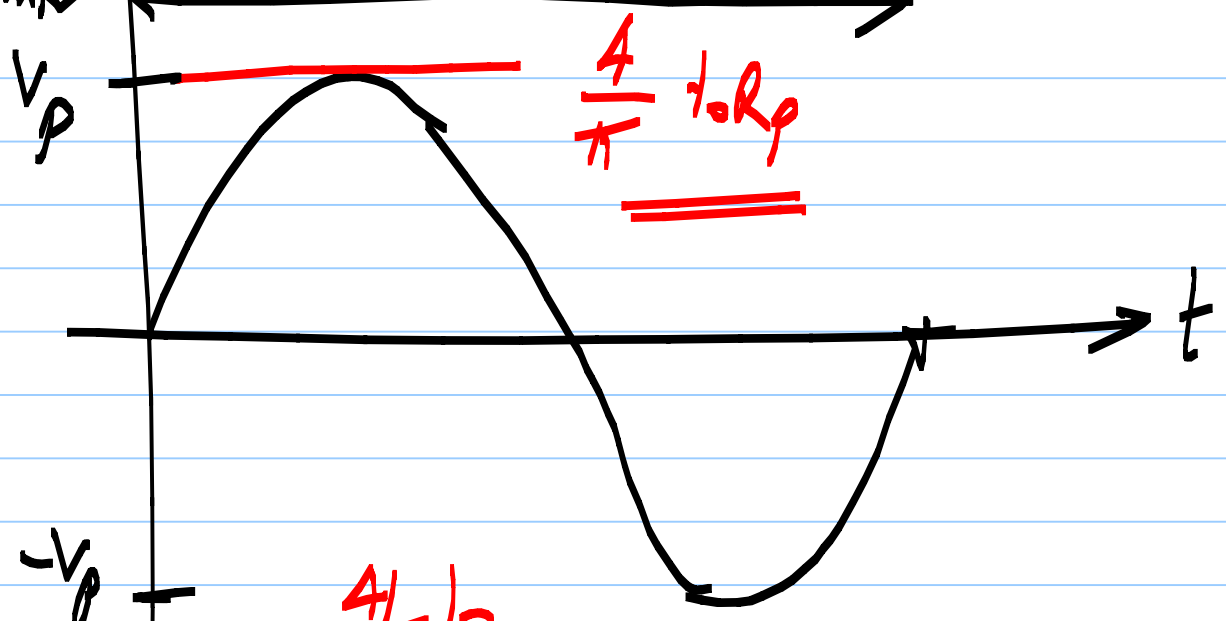
$$G_m > \frac{1}{R_p}$$

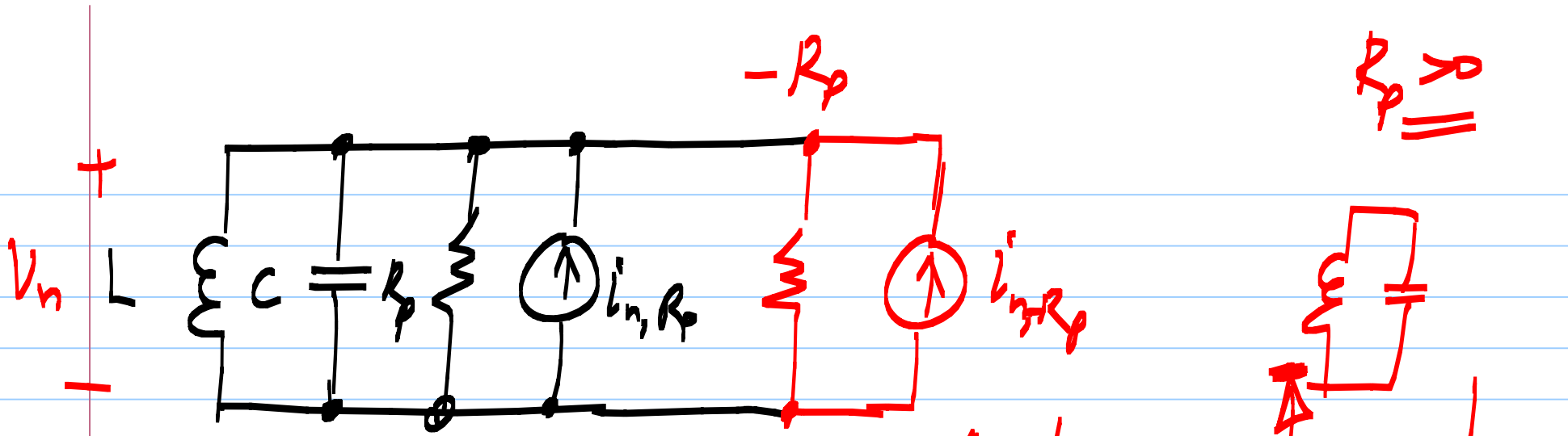




$$j\omega C = \frac{1}{j\omega L}$$







$4kT/R_p$

$4kT/R_p$   
 A Noise PSD

$\frac{8kT}{R_p}$   
 $j\omega C + \frac{1}{j\omega L}$   
 $\sim \frac{1}{\Delta\omega^2}$

