

- The first and second rows are added to the third row.
- The first and second columns are added to the third column.
- Exchange the third and fourth rows, and then the third and fourth columns.
- $-1/2$ multiple of the fourth column is added to the first, and $-1/(2G)$ multiple of the fourth column is added to the third.

After these operations, the matrix in (5) gets the form of Fig. 1:

$$s \begin{pmatrix} C & & & \\ & C & & \\ & & L & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} G/2 & -G/2 & -1/2 & G \\ -G/2 & G/2 & -1/2 & G \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/(2G) & -1 \\ & & & 2G \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

therefore, the QR algorithm will be applied to the matrix (4):

$$E'_{\text{poles}} = - \begin{pmatrix} 1/C & & \\ & 1/C & \\ & & 1/L \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} G/2 & -G/2 & -1/2 \\ -G/2 & G/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 1/(2G) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

Evaluating (7) ($G = 1 \text{ mS}$, $L = 106.1033 \text{ }\mu\text{H}$, $C = 53.05165 \text{ pF}$), and applying 25 iterations of the QR algorithm [8], we obtain

$$E'_{\text{poles}}(25) = \begin{pmatrix} -1.88496 \times 10^7 & -0.163957 & -89.0719 \\ -0.163957 & -4.33837 \times 10^7 & -1.33285 \times 10^{10} \\ \underbrace{0.000885722}_{\approx 0} & 132537 & 3.86713 \times 10^7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

with apparent two ≈ 0 blocks: 1×1 (the upper left one), that gives the first pole $p_1 = -1.88496 \times 10^7$, and 2×2 (the lower right one), that gives the second and third poles by the solution of

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} p_{2,3} + 4.33837 \times 10^7 & 1.33285 \times 10^{10} \\ -132537 & p_{2,3} - 3.86713 \times 10^7 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (9)$$

as $p_{2,3} = -2.3562 \times 10^6 \pm 9.12489 \times 10^6 j$. (If we divide the first pole by -2π , we obtain the anticipated frequency $3 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$.)

The second step is the calculation of the zeros. The matrix in (2b) is obtained by the Cramer's rule for $k = 1$ and $l = 2$:

$$sD(02) + E(12) = s \begin{pmatrix} C & -C \\ -C & 2C \\ & & L \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} G & VG \\ & & & 1 \\ & & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (10)$$

and the next sequence of the reducing operations will be done:

- The first column is added to the third column.
- The first row is added to the third row.
- The third row is added to the second row.
- The second and fourth rows are exchanged, and then the second and fourth columns are exchanged.
- Subtract the fourth row from the first and third rows.

After these operations, (10) gets an alternative form of Fig. 1:

$$s \begin{pmatrix} C & & & \\ & L & & \\ & & C & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ G & 1 & G & VG \end{pmatrix}, \quad (11)$$

and the final matrix

$$E'_{\text{zeros}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/C & & \\ & 1/L & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

clearly has a triple zero eigenvalue, i.e., $z_{1,2,3} = 0$ as expected.

C. Extraordinary Movement: a Row from the Right to the Left

The transformation itself seems nothing else than a modification of the Gauss elimination method. However, an exception arises when the matrix D_{11} contains a nondiagonal element, which is irreducible by any diagonal element of this matrix. In such case, a row from the lower part of the matrix is multiplied by the s operator, which is equivalent to moving a row of the E_{22} matrix to the left. That nondiagonal element of D_{11} can then be easily reduced by means of this transferred row.

D. Various Pivoting Methods for the Reduction Algorithms

As the reduction process very often has problems due to the numerical accuracy, a full pivoting is preferred. Therefore, the n^{th} key element is selected as (i.e., from the whole submatrix):

$$D_{nn} := \arg \max_{\substack{n \leq i \leq n_2 \\ n \leq j \leq n_2}} |D_{ij}|, \quad n = 1, \dots, n_2, \quad (13a)$$

$$\text{if } |D_{nn}| \leq \epsilon_{\text{full}} \max_{1 \leq i < n} |D_{in}|, \text{ then } D_{nn} := 0. \quad (13b)$$

For large scale circuits, the reduction algorithm has to be implemented with utilizing sparsity of the matrices. However, the application of the full pivoting is extremely difficult here from a programming point of view. Therefore, a partial pivoting is mostly used in this case, and the n^{th} key element is chosen from the rest of the n^{th} column of the reduced matrix:

$$D_{nn} := \arg \max_{n \leq i \leq n_2} |D_{in}|, \quad n = 1, \dots, n_2, \quad (14a)$$

$$\text{if } |D_{nn}| \leq \epsilon_{\text{sparse}} \max_{n < j \leq l} |D_{nj}|, \text{ then } D_{nn} := 0. \quad (14b)$$

Detailed definition of the pivoting strategy and recognizing zero elements other than (13b) and (14b) are defined in [3].

E. Using the 128-bit Arithmetics (of GNU GCC and Fortran)

Although the pivoting methods described in Subsec. II-D improve overall properties of the poles-zeros analysis considerably, their precision is still insufficient for a number of circuits. Therefore, we have changed the standard 64-bit arithmetics to the newly implemented 128-bit (`__float128`) one, and, clearly many (previously problematic) tasks now work well. Moreover, as the GNU compilers have complete libraries for the 128-bit computing, changing the source code was relatively easy.

III. TESTING EXAMPLES: DIFFERENT LEVELS OF COMPLEXITY

For a clear demonstration how the 128-bit arithmetic can improve the accuracy, we performed the poles-zeros analysis for three practical electronic and microwave circuits of different levels of complexity. Both poles and zeros analyses have been performed for each circuit with both algorithms (partial pivoting, sparse matrix and total pivoting, full matrix) with the original 64-bit arithmetic and with the new 128-bit arithmetic. The partial pivoting sparse matrix case was also run with an arithmetic of a reference accuracy of 2048-bit mantissa, to which all the previous results have been related and compared in tables, ordered with growing order of magnitude. (For an easier orientation in frequency, all poles and zeros presented in tables were divided by 2π , i.e., their physical unit is Hz.)

A. Low Noise Antenna Preamplifier (the simplest, microwave)

The first and simplest example is a radio-frequency circuit, a pHEMT LNA shown in Fig. 3. The analysis of the poles was unproblematic; however, in the zeros analysis, using the `__float128` precisions improved the accuracy considerably.

In the right column of Table I, the accurate zeros (the blue ones) are shown, which were computed with precise variable size arithmetic. (2048-bit was used – this one is extremely precise; however, it is unsuitable for large scale circuits because such computations may be extremely time-consuming.) For the DIFFERING zeros, two phenomena arose, see the 1st–4th column:

- For the partial pivoting, sparse matrix, double is completely wrong and `__float128` makes it completely right to all six displayed figures – i.e., `__float128` gave perfect results!
- For the total pivoting, full matrix, it wrongly identifies exact zero values in general, but `__float128` improves the wrong magnitudes by 3–4 orders. (All nonzero values were correct.)

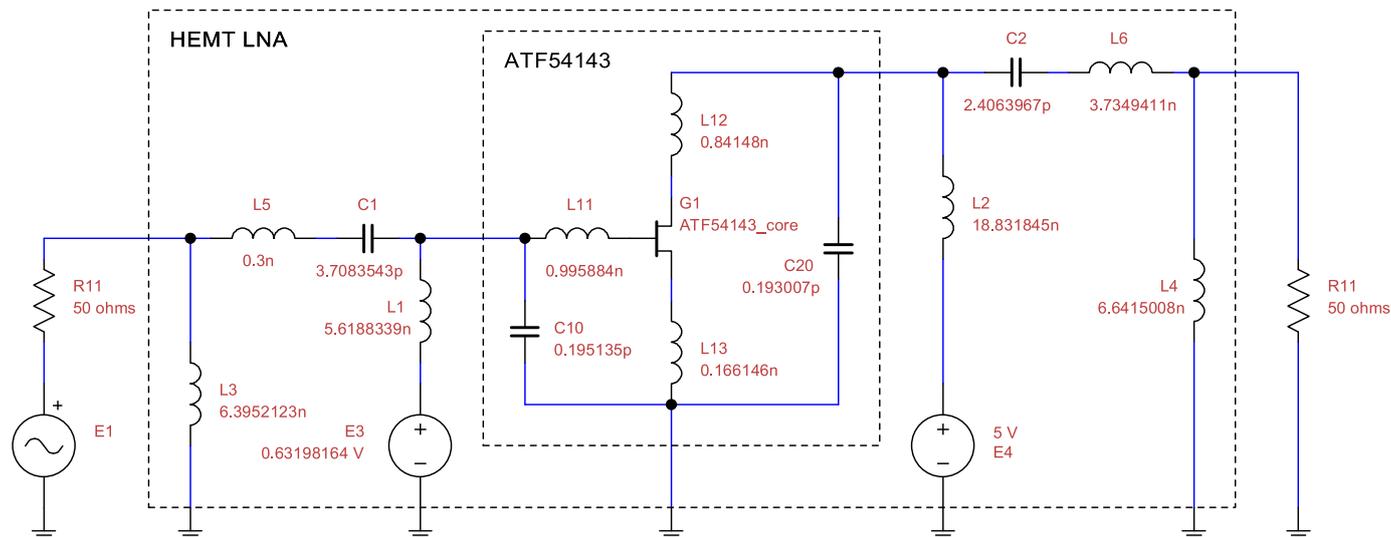


Fig. 3. Diagram of the low noise amplifier for a multiconstellation receiver of satellite navigation. The values were designed by the multiobjective optimization.

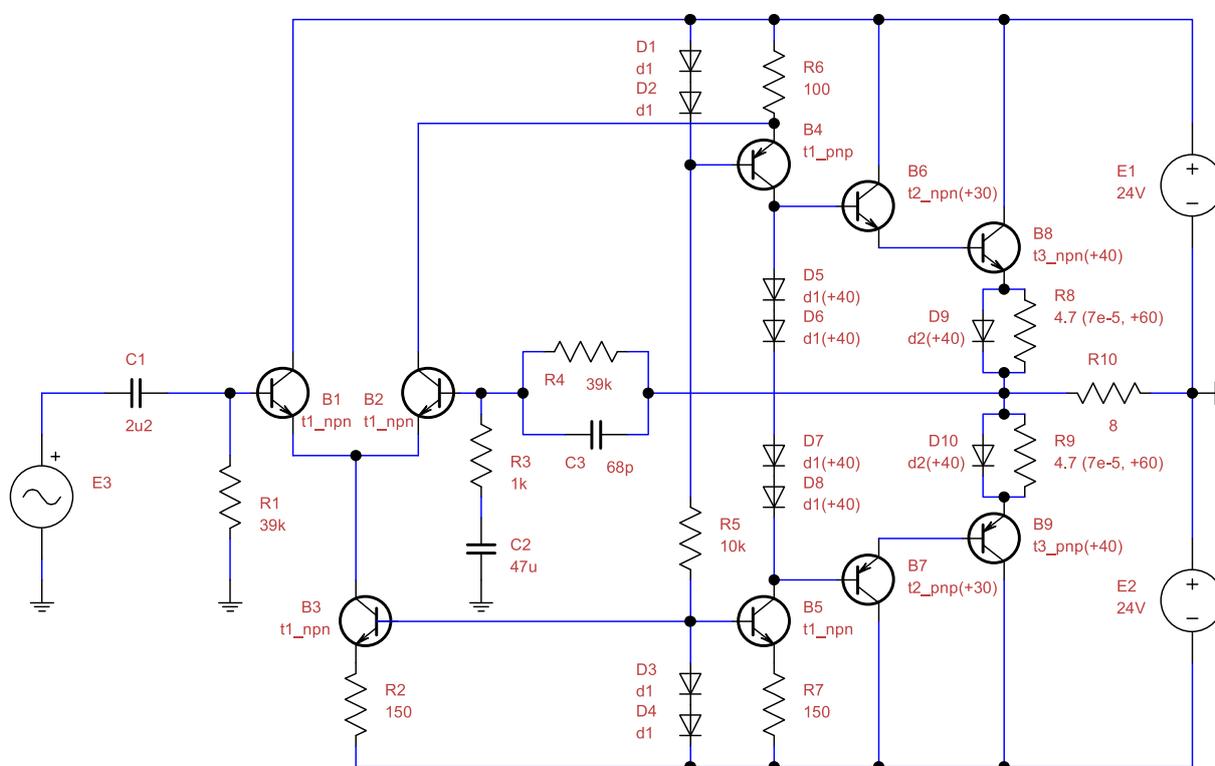


Fig. 4. Diagram of the AB-class power operational amplifier. This is the medium-complexity example of the tests of the accuracy with the results in Table II.

B. Discrete Power Operational Amplifier (medium complexity)

As a medium-complexity example, an AB-class discrete power operational example was analyzed, as shown in Fig. 4. Table II shows comparisons of poles and zeros in its 1st and 2nd parts, respectively. It is clear that the following observations can be made:

- Considering the case of partial pivoting and type double, poles that are different from the correct values differ only at the 6th significant place while some zeros differ at the 4th significant place.
- Using the `__float128` and using the full pivoting while keeping double have both improved the accuracy of results to a similar extent.
- The use of `__float128` arithmetic improved accuracy for both poles and zeros, partial pivoting and full pivoting.

C. A 272 Integrated Operational Amplifier (the most complex)

The most complex example tried is an integrated operational amplifier of the 272 type. For running the PZ analysis on circuit in Fig. 5, the testbench circuit in Fig. 6 was used. Comparison tables are Tables III and IV. This time the total numbers of poles and zeros are very high: 108 poles and 108 zeros, which makes the tabular comparisons very difficult. Obviously for the partial pivoting algorithm, the differences are very significant, for example:

- The total number of zeros, 105, does not match the correct number of zeros.
- 27 poles and more than 90 zeros differ within 6 significant places.
- Some complex conjugate pairs of zeros have collapsed to a single real-valued zero.

TABLE I
 DIFFERING ZEROS COMPARISON FOR THE LOW NOISE AMPLIFIER EXAMPLE (ALL THE POLES WERE IDENTICAL)

Partial pivoting, sparse matrix		Total pivoting, full matrix		Variable-size ref. (2048-bit used)
double	__float128	double	__float128	
$9.91769 \times 10^{-4} \pm$	✓	$1.29496 \times 10^5 \pm$	8.26655×10^1	0
$1.71786 \times 10^{-3} j$	✓	$3.98722 \times 10^5 j$	$-6.68778 \times 10^1 \pm$	0
-1.98364×10^{-3}	✓	$-3.39127 \times 10^5 \pm$	$4.86649 \times 10^1 j$	0
3.17828×10^3	✓	$2.46349 \times 10^5 j$	$2.55450 \times 10^1 \pm$	0
-1.03269×10^8	✓	4.19262×10^5	$7.87415 \times 10^1 j$	0
$3.23532 \times 10^8 \pm$	✓	✓	✓	7.76010×10^{10}
$3.74290 \times 10^7 j$	✓	✓	✓	$-7.19988 \times 10^{10} \pm$
-2.01247×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	$8.82644 \times 10^{10} j$

TABLE II
 DIFFERING POLES (1ST PART) AND ZEROS (2ND PART) COMPARISON FOR THE POWER AMPLIFIER EXAMPLE

Partial pivoting, sparse matrix		Total pivoting, full matrix		Variable-size ref. (2048-bit used)
double	__float128	double	__float128	
-6.96956×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-6.96958×10^{10}
-7.31332×10^{10}	-7.31331×10^{10}	-7.31331×10^{10}	-7.31331×10^{10}	-7.31330×10^{10}

Partial pivoting, sparse matrix		Total pivoting, full matrix		Variable-size ref. (2048-bit used)
double	__float128	double	__float128	
✓	✓	1.47784×10^{-6}	-7.89712×10^{-24}	0
✓	✓	-8.47840×10^{-2}	✓	-8.47825×10^{-2}
-2.39371×10^6	✓	✓	✓	-2.39372×10^6
-1.32897×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-1.32896×10^7
-2.51184×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-2.51193×10^7
-8.18258×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-8.18451×10^7
$-9.23576 \times 10^7 \pm$	✓	✓	✓	$-9.35970 \times 10^7 \pm$
$2.16513 \times 10^8 j$	✓	✓	✓	$2.16156 \times 10^8 j$
-3.47567×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-3.47473×10^8
-4.92109×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-4.91768×10^8
-5.15993×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-5.16593×10^8
-7.54237×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-7.53995×10^8
-2.37231×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-2.42508×10^9
-2.42701×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-2.42919×10^9
unidentified	✓	✓	✓	-9.29471×10^9
-1.11849×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-1.15561×10^{10}
-7.57337×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-6.99856×10^{10}

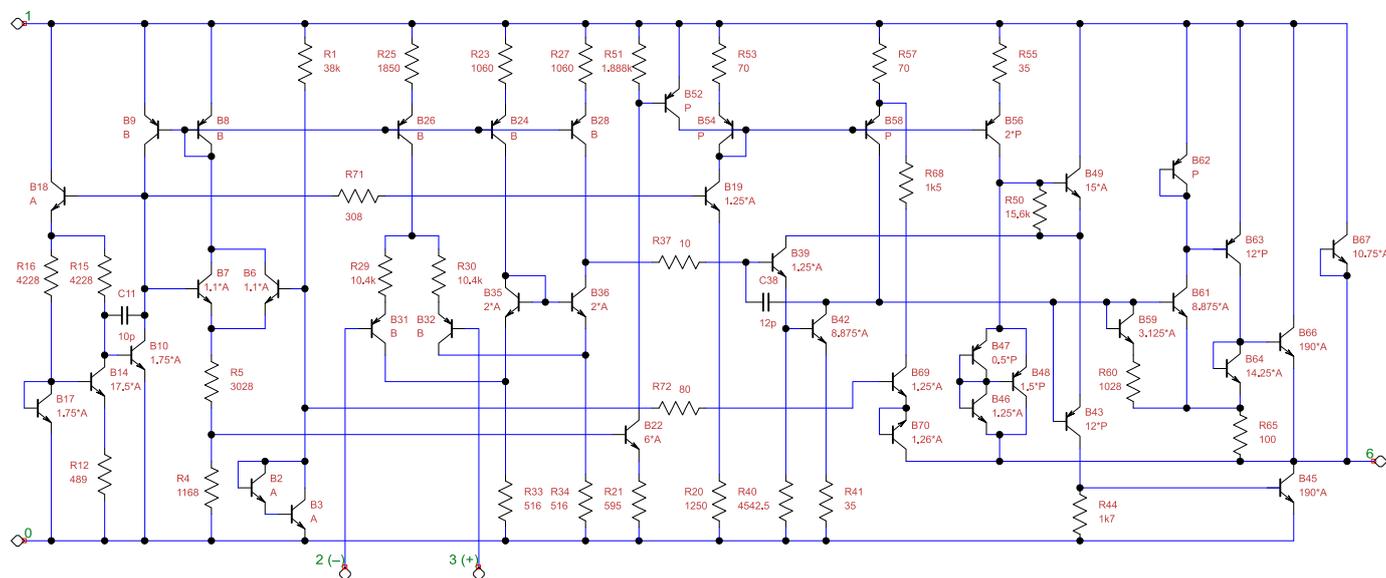


Fig. 5. Diagram of the 272 operational amplifier. This is the most complex example of testing PZ analysis; see also a diagram of a testbench circuit in Fig. 6.

TABLE III
DIFFERING POLES COMPARISON FOR THE 272 OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIER EXAMPLE

Partial pivoting, sparse matrix		Total pivoting, full matrix		Variable-size ref. (2048-bit used)
double	__float128	double	__float128	
-7.82721×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-7.82722×10^8
-2.56457×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-2.56458×10^9
-3.09278×10^9	-3.09278×10^9	-3.09278×10^9	-3.09278×10^9	-3.09279×10^9
-3.15330×10^9	-3.15330×10^9	-3.15330×10^9	-3.15330×10^9	-3.15329×10^9
-6.05804×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-6.05803×10^9
-6.85518×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-6.85529×10^9
-9.24995×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-9.24994×10^9
-1.00318×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-1.00319×10^{10}
-1.53799×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-1.53797×10^{10}
$-2.12536 \times 10^{10} \pm 4.03701 \times 10^8 j$	$-2.12537 \times 10^{10} \pm 4.03031 \times 10^8 j$	$-2.12537 \times 10^{10} \pm 4.03031 \times 10^8 j$	$-2.12537 \times 10^{10} \pm 4.03031 \times 10^8 j$	$-2.12537 \times 10^{10} \pm 4.03014 \times 10^8 j$
-2.65416×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-2.65438×10^{10}
-2.90609×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-2.90596×10^{10}
-3.60916×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-3.60908×10^{10}
-3.66061×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-3.66051×10^{10}
-3.75713×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-3.75711×10^{10}
-6.24794×10^{10}	-6.24829×10^{10}	-6.24829×10^{10}	-6.24829×10^{10}	-6.24830×10^{10}
-6.28767×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-6.28733×10^{10}
-1.04441×10^{11}	✓	✓	✓	-1.04457×10^{11}
-4.03487×10^{11}	✓	✓	✓	-4.03486×10^{11}
-4.39356×10^{11}	✓	✓	✓	-4.38947×10^{11}
-5.26636×10^{11}	✓	✓	✓	-5.26399×10^{11}
-5.66946×10^{11}	-5.66948×10^{11}	-5.66948×10^{11}	-5.66948×10^{11}	-5.66950×10^{11}
-7.12792×10^{11}	✓	✓	✓	-7.12244×10^{11}
-7.18657×10^{11}	-7.18724×10^{11}	-7.18724×10^{11}	-7.18724×10^{11}	-7.18723×10^{11}
-8.75764×10^{11}	-8.75776×10^{11}	-8.75771×10^{11}	-8.75771×10^{11}	-8.75775×10^{11}
-9.65601×10^{11}	✓	-9.65595×10^{11}	-9.65595×10^{11}	-9.65596×10^{11}

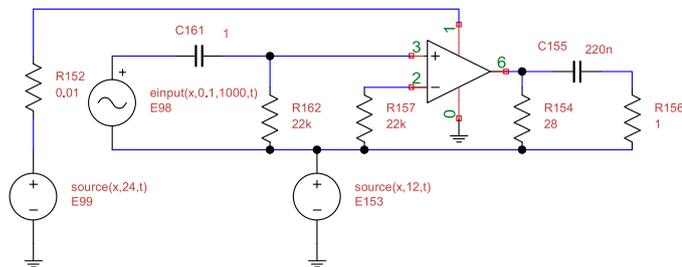


Fig. 6. Diagram of the testbench for the 272 operational amplifier.

- The correct highest-magnitude zero of 7.50920×10^{12} Hz is replaced with one of value -2.57273×10^{15} Hz (of opposite sign!).

We can still conclude that:

- The use of the `__float128` type reduces the numbers of differing poles and zeros to 8 poles and 8 zeros and the maximum differences are at the 6th significant figure (of the real part; with the absolute errors of imaginary parts being similar to those of real parts).
- For the full pivoting algorithm, the results are already correct to 5 significant places and the improvement by the use of `libquadmath` is less obvious: only one zero changed at the 6th significant place to its correct value.

IV. CONCLUSION

Even though the use of the `__float128` type arithmetic is not the ultimate solution to the PZ analysis accuracy issue, **the benefits of its use increase with the circuit complexity,**

especially when the partial pivoting scheme has to be used. Furthermore, the algorithm for full matrix and total pivoting is less capable of recognizing truly zero-valued poles and zeros (because the full-matrix algorithm by its nature does not detect 0 values). (And note that **for more extensive circuits**, memory demands may make **the full pivoting algorithms unusable**, which establishes the need for the alternative option of sparse-matrix algorithm.) In this case the `__float128` precision brings the magnitude of such poles/zeros significantly closer to zero.

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TABLE IV
DIFFERING ZEROS COMPARISON FOR THE 272 OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIER EXAMPLE

Partial pivoting, sparse matrix		Total pivoting, full matrix		Variable-size ref. (2048-bit used)
double	__float128	double	__float128	
✓	✓	-1.01548×10^0	✓	-1.01546×10^0
-4.28541×10^6	✓	✓	✓	-4.28569×10^6
-5.84862×10^6	✓	✓	✓	-5.84856×10^6
-6.89483×10^6	✓	✓	✓	-6.91173×10^6
-8.02368×10^6	✓	✓	✓	-8.01724×10^6
-8.19455×10^6	✓	✓	✓	-8.19448×10^6
-8.44644×10^6	✓	✓	✓	-8.44644×10^6
9.48634×10^6	✓	✓	✓	8.60377×10^6
-8.96951×10^6	✓	✓	✓	-8.96794×10^6
-1.14224×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-1.14237×10^7
-1.50964×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-1.52075×10^7
1.25189×10^7	✓	✓	✓	1.72813×10^7
$-1.34644 \times 10^7 \pm$ $1.02838 \times 10^7 j$	✓	✓	✓	$-1.82649 \times 10^7 \pm$ $9.54185 \times 10^6 j$
$-2.45418 \times 10^7 \pm$ $1.08143 \times 10^6 j$	✓	✓	✓	$-2.45418 \times 10^7 \pm$ $1.09254 \times 10^6 j$
$-2.48644 \times 10^7 \pm$ $1.55590 \times 10^7 j$	✓	✓	✓	$-2.48534 \times 10^7 \pm$ $1.55435 \times 10^6 j$
-2.69463×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-2.69387×10^7
-3.12548×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-3.12452×10^7
-4.28541×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-4.28569×10^7
-6.52561×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-6.56151×10^7
-7.06021×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-7.06593×10^7
-7.90403×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-7.93223×10^7
-8.27779×10^7	✓	✓	✓	-8.27776×10^7
-2.53163×10^8 unidentified	$-2.13529 \times 10^8 \pm$ $1.50255 \times 10^6 j$	$-2.13529 \times 10^8 \pm$ $1.50255 \times 10^6 j$	$-2.13529 \times 10^8 \pm$ $1.50255 \times 10^6 j$	$-2.13529 \times 10^8 \pm$ $1.50252 \times 10^6 j$
-2.94735×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-2.92620×10^8
-4.97600×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-4.97605×10^8
-6.79275×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-6.79855×10^8
-8.30500×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-8.31067×10^8
-8.86368×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-8.89485×10^8
-9.12112×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-9.12119×10^8
-9.53145×10^8	✓	✓	✓	-9.53142×10^8
-1.15311×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.15308×10^9
-1.37299×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.37873×10^9
-1.39374×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.39714×10^9
-1.44793×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.44926×10^9
-1.46521×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.46493×10^9
-1.54682×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.54393×10^9
-1.65363×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.65205×10^9
-1.65922×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.65948×10^9
-1.66728×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.66893×10^9
-1.73658×10^9 unidentified	$-1.75519 \times 10^9 \pm$ $8.05508 \times 10^6 j$	$-1.75519 \times 10^9 \pm$ $8.05508 \times 10^6 j$	$-1.75519 \times 10^9 \pm$ $8.05508 \times 10^6 j$	$-1.75519 \times 10^9 \pm$ $8.05507 \times 10^6 j$
-1.92274×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-1.92146×10^9
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-3.73781×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-3.75018×10^9
-7.26479×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-7.30493×10^9
-7.64332×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-7.57294×10^9
-9.25159×10^9	✓	✓	✓	-9.35115×10^9
-1.14896×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-1.15251×10^{10}
-2.33399×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-2.35203×10^{10}
-3.47477×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-3.47526×10^{10}
-3.60048×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-3.57007×10^{10}
-6.28620×10^{10}	✓	✓	✓	-6.29094×10^{10}
-1.17474×10^{11}	✓	✓	✓	-1.17482×10^{11}
-4.03486×10^{11}	✓	✓	✓	-4.03490×10^{11}
-5.67108×10^{11}	✓	✓	✓	-5.68858×10^{11}
-7.61927×10^{11}	✓	✓	✓	-7.59921×10^{11}
-8.75708×10^{11}	-8.75517×10^{11}	-8.75523×10^{11}	-8.75517×10^{11}	-8.75514×10^{11}
-9.65576×10^{11}	✓	-9.65929×10^{11}	✓	-9.65928×10^{11}
unidentified	$-1.10342 \times 10^{11} \pm$ $1.15153 \times 10^{12} j$	$-1.10342 \times 10^{11} \pm$ $1.15153 \times 10^{12} j$	$-1.10342 \times 10^{11} \pm$ $1.15153 \times 10^{12} j$	$-1.10343 \times 10^{11} \pm$ $1.15153 \times 10^{12} j$
-2.57273×10^{15}	7.50932×10^{12}	7.50932×10^{12}	7.50932×10^{12}	7.50920×10^{12}