




Operational Amplifiers


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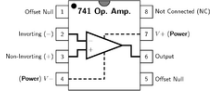


What is an Op-Amp? – The Surface


- An Operational Amplifier (Op-Amp) is an integrated circuit that uses external voltage to amplify the input through a very high gain.
- We recognize an Op-Amp as a mass-produced component found in countless electronics.




What an Op-Amp looks like to a lay-person



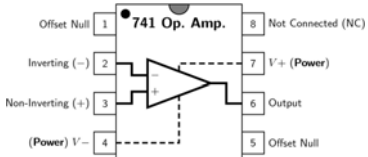
What an Op-Amp looks like to an engineer






What is an Op-Amp? – The Layout

- There are 8 pins in a common Op-Amp, like the 741 which is used in many instructional courses.





What is an Op-Amp? – The Inside

- The actual count varies, but an Op-Amp contains several Transistors, Resistors, and a few Capacitors and Diodes.
- For simplicity, an Op-Amp is often depicted as this:

Positive Power Supply


Negative Power Supply

Inverting Input

Non-Inverting Input

Output

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History of the Op-Amp – The Dawn

- Before the Op-Amp: Harold S. Black develops the feedback amplifier for the Western Electric Company (1920-1930)


Input

Forward Gain A

Output

Feedback β


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History of the Op-Amp – The Dawn

- **The Vacuum Tube Age**
- The First Op-Amp: (1930 – 1940) Designed by Karl Swartzel for the Bell Labs M9 gun director
- Uses 3 vacuum tubes, only one input, and ± 350 V to attain a gain of 90 dB
- Loebe Julie then develops an Op-Amp with two inputs: Inverting and Non-inverting

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History of the Op-Amp – The Shift

- The end of Vacuum Tubes was built up during the 1950's-1960's to the advent of solid-state electronics




1. The Transistor
2. The Integrated Circuit
3. The Planar Process






History of the Op-Amp – The Shift


- 1960s: beginning of the Solid State Op-Amp
- Example: GAP/R P45 (1961 – 1971)
 - Runs on ± 15 V, but costs \$118 for 1 – 4
- The GAP/R PP65 (1962) makes the Op-Amp into a circuit component as a potted module





History of the Op-Amp – The Evolution

- The solid-state decade saw a proliferation of Op-Amps
 - Model 121, High Speed FET family, etc.
- Robert J. Widlar develops the μ A702 Monolithic IC Op-Amp (1963) and shortly after the μ A709
- Fairchild Semiconductor vs. National Semiconductor
 - National: The LM101 (1967) and then the LM101A (1968) (both by Widlar)
 - Fairchild: The "famous" μ A741 (by Dave Fullager 1968) and then the μ A748 (1969)




Mathematics of the Op-Amp

- The gain of the Op-Amp itself is calculated as:

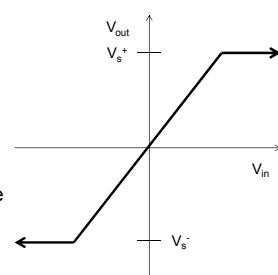

$$G = V_{out} / (V_+ - V_-)$$
- The maximum output is the power supply voltage
- When used in a circuit, the gain of the circuit (as opposed to the op-amp component) is:

$$A_v = V_{out} / V_{in}$$

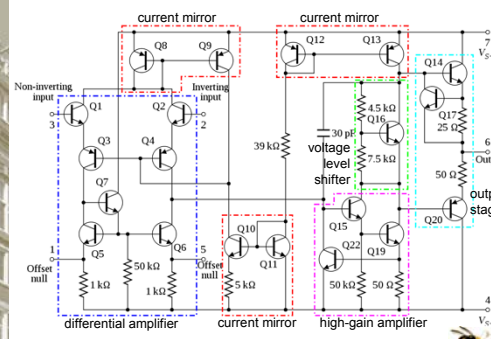
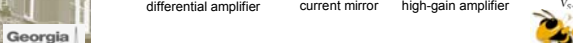


Op-Amp Saturation

- As mentioned earlier, the maximum output value is the **supply voltage**, positive and negative.
- The gain (G) is the slope between saturation points.

741 Op-Amp Schematic

Op-Amp Characteristics

- Open-loop gain G is typically over 9000
 - But closed-loop gain is much smaller
- R_{in} is very large (M Ω or larger)
- R_{out} is small (75 Ω or smaller)
 - Effective output impedance in closed loop is very small

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Ideal Op-Amp Characteristics

- Open-loop gain G is infinite
- R_{in} is infinite
 - Zero input current
- R_{out} is zero

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Ideal Op-Amp Analysis

To analyze an op-amp feedback circuit:

- Assume no current flows into either input terminal
- Assume no current flows out of the output terminal
- Constrain: $V_+ = V_-$

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Inverting Amplifier Analysis

$$V_{out} = -\frac{R_f}{R_{in}} V_{in}$$

Non-Inverting Amplifier Analysis

$$V_{out} = V_{in} \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)$$

Op-Amp Buffer

V_{out} = V_{in}
Isolates loading effects

A
High output impedance

B
Low input impedance

Op-Amp Differentiator

$$V_{out} = -RC \frac{dV_{in}}{dt}$$

Op-Amp Integrator

$$V_{out} = - \int_0^t \frac{V_{in}}{RC} dt + V_{initial}$$



Op-Amp Summing Amplifier

$$V_{out} = -R_f \left(\frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{V_n}{R_n} \right)$$

Op-Amp Differential Amplifier

$$V_{out} = \frac{(R_f + R_1) R_g}{(R_g + R_2) R_1} V_2 - \frac{R_f}{R_1} V_1$$

If $R_1 = R_2$ and $R_f = R_g$: $V_{out} = \frac{R_f}{R_1} (V_2 - V_1)$

Applications of Op-Amps

Filters

Types:



- Low pass filter
- High pass filter
- Band pass filter
- Cascading (2 or more filters connected together)

Low pass filter

Low pass filter transfer function →



$$H(s) = \frac{-R_2 \omega_c}{sR_1 + R_1 \omega_c}$$

Low pass filter Cutoff frequency →

$$\omega_c = \frac{1}{R_2 C}$$



Applications of Op-Amps

- Electrocardiogram (EKG) Amplification
 - Need to measure difference in voltage from lead 1 and lead 2
 - 60 Hz interference from electrical equipment

Applications of Op-Amps

- Simple EKG circuit
 - Uses differential amplifier to cancel common mode signal and amplify differential mode signal
- Realistic EKG circuit
 - Uses two non-inverting amplifiers to first amplify voltage from each lead, followed by differential amplifier
 - Forms an "instrumentation amplifier"

Strain Gauge

Use a Wheatstone bridge to determine the strain of an element by measuring the change in resistance of a strain gauge

(No strain) Balanced Bridge $R \#1 = R \#2$

(Strain) Unbalanced Bridge $R \#1 \neq R \#2$

Strain Gauge

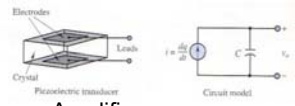
Half-Bridge Arrangement

Op amp used to amplify output from strain gauge

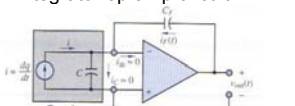
Using KCL at the inverting and non-inverting terminals of the op amp we find that $\epsilon - V_o = 2\Delta R(R_1/R_2)$

Applications of Op-Amps

- Piezoelectric Transducer
 - Used to measure force, pressure, acceleration
 - Piezoelectric crystal generates an electric charge in response to deformation

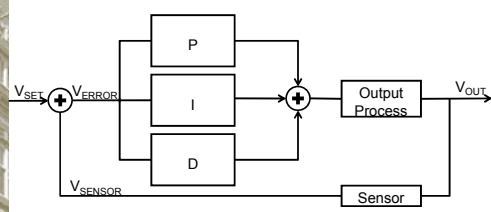


- Use Charge Amplifier
 - Just an integrator op-amp circuit



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PID Controller – System Block Diagram

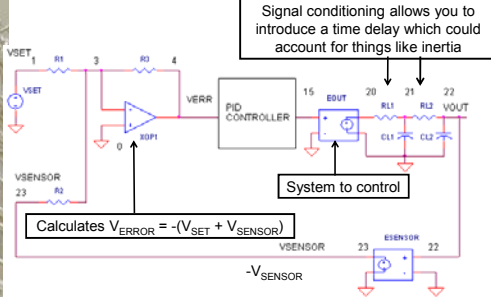


- Goal is to have $V_{SET} = V_{OUT}$
- Remember that $V_{ERROR} = V_{SET} - V_{SENSOR}$
- Output Process uses V_{ERROR} from the PID controller to adjust V_{out} such that it is $\sim V_{SET}$

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Applications

PID Controller – System Circuit Diagram



Signal conditioning allows you to introduce a time delay which could account for things like inertia

Calculates $V_{ERROR} = -(V_{SET} + V_{SENSOR})$

Source: http://www.ecircuitcenter.com/Circuits/op_pid/op_pid.htm

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PID Controller – PID Controller Circuit Diagram

Adjust	Change
K_p	RP1, RP2
K_i	RI, CI
K_d	RD, CD

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Applications of Op-Amps

- Example of PI Control: Temperature Control

- Thermal System we wish to automatically control the temperature of:

- Block Diagram of Control System:

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Applications of Op-Amps

- Example of PI Control: Temperature Control

- Voltage Error Circuit:



- Proportional-Integral Control Circuit:

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MORE OP AMP CIRCUITS

Peak Detector


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Clipper (non-inverting)


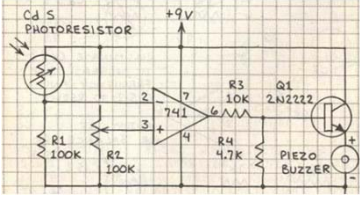
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Comparators


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Automatic Light




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INSTRUMENTATION AMPLIFIER




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Instrumentation Amp

- a type of differential amplifier
- input buffer amplifiers (no need to do impedance matching)
- Very low DC offset, low drift, low noise, very high open-loop gain, very high common-mode rejection ratio, and very high input impedances.





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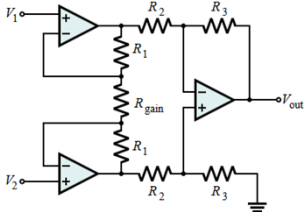
Instrumentation Amp

- Great accuracy and stability of the circuit both short and long-term are required.
- instrumentation amplifier are shown schematically identical to a standard op-amp, but internally composed of 3 op-amps.





Instrumentation Amp



$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_2 - V_1} = \left(1 + \frac{2R_1}{R_{gain}} \right) \frac{R_3}{R_2}$$
