Operational Amplifiers

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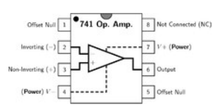
What is an Op-Amp? – The Surface

- 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

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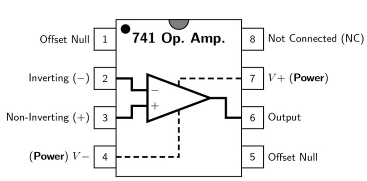
What is an Op-Amp? – The Layout

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



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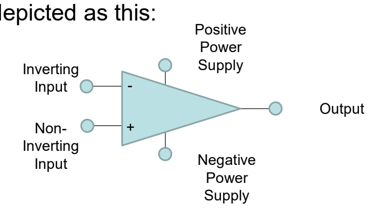
What is an Op-Amp? – The Inside

- 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:



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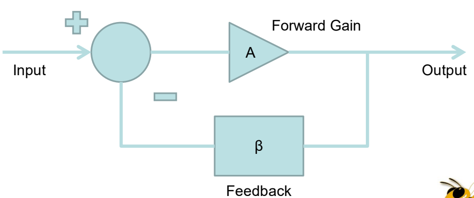
History of the Op-Amp – The Dawn

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



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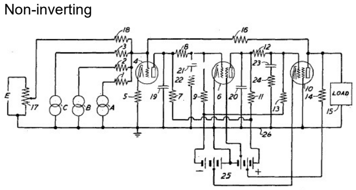
History of the Op-Amp – The Dawn

- **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

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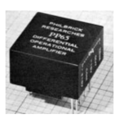
History of the Op-Amp – The Shift

- 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



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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 μA702 Monolithic IC Op-Amp (1963) and shortly after the μA709
- Fairchild Semiconductor vs. National Semiconductor
  - National: The LM101 (1967) and then the LM101A (1968) (both by Widlar)
  - Fairchild: The "famous" μA741 (by Dave Fullager 1968) and then the μA748 (1969)

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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:

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

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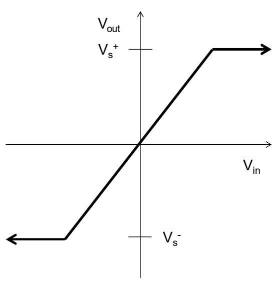
Op-Amp Saturation

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



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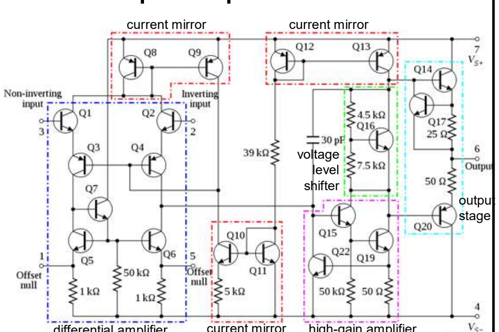
741 Op-Amp Schematic



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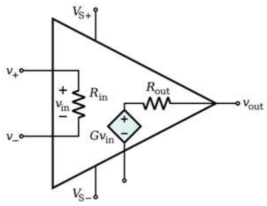
Op-Amp Characteristics



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

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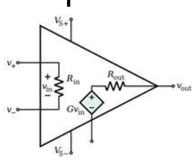
Ideal Op-Amp Characteristics



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

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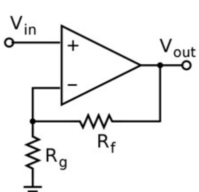
Ideal Op-Amp Analysis



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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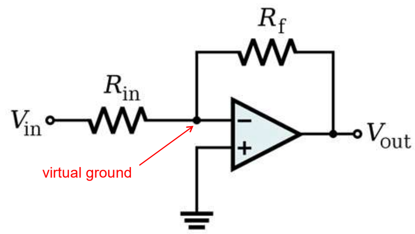
Inverting Amplifier Analysis



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

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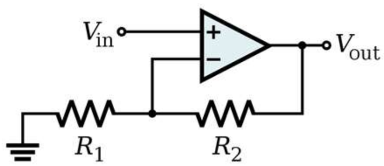
Non-Inverting Amplifier Analysis



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

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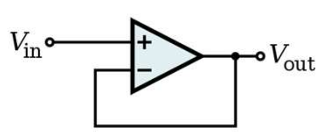
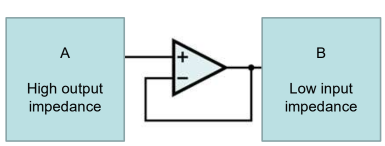
Op-Amp Buffer



Vout = Vin
Isolates loading effects



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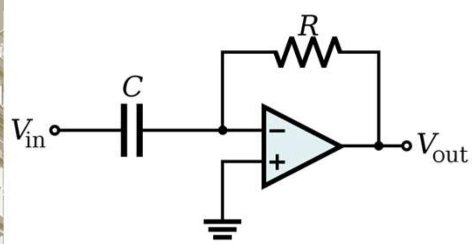
Op-Amp Differentiator



$$V_{\text{out}} = -RC\,\frac{\mathrm{d}V_{\text{in}}}{\mathrm{d}t}$$

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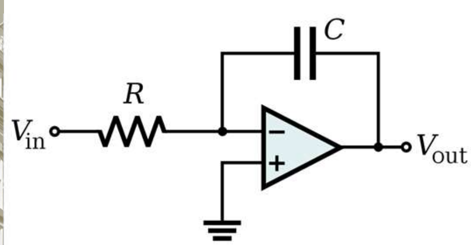
Op-Amp Integrator



$$V_{\text{out}} = -\int_0^t \frac{V_{\text{in}}}{RC}\,\mathrm{d}t + V_{\text{initial}}$$

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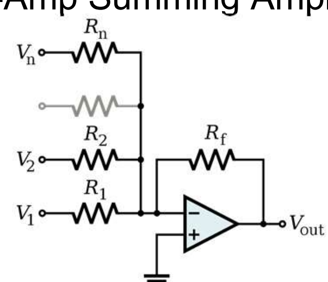
Op-Amp Summing Amplifier



$$V_{\text{out}} = -R_{\text{f}}\left(\frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2} + \cdots + \frac{V_n}{R_n}\right)$$

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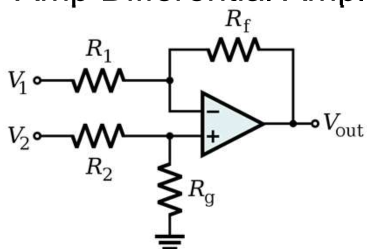
Op-Amp Differential Amplifier



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

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

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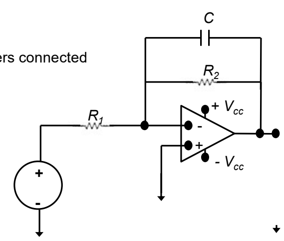
Applications of Op-Amps

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 →

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

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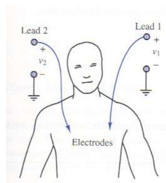
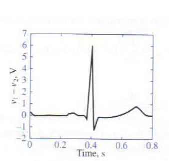
Applications of Op-Amps

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





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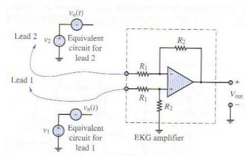
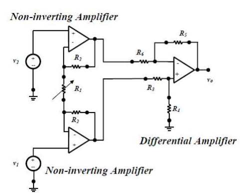
Applications of Op-Amps

- 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"



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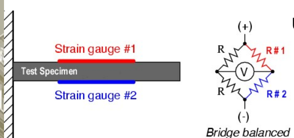
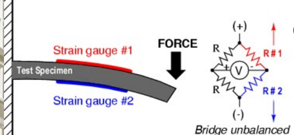
Strain Gauge



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 ≠ R #2

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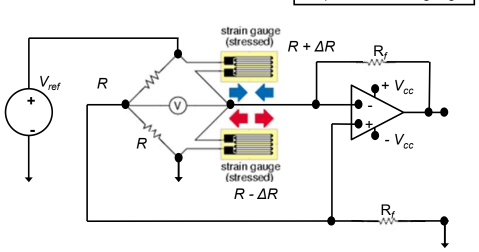
Strain Gauge

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 → $\varepsilon \sim V_o = 2\Delta R(R_f/R^2)$

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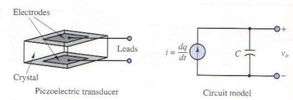
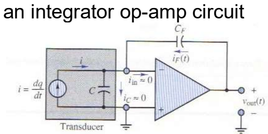
Applications of Op-Amps

- 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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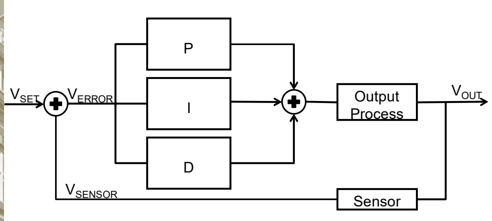
PID Controller – System Block Diagram



- 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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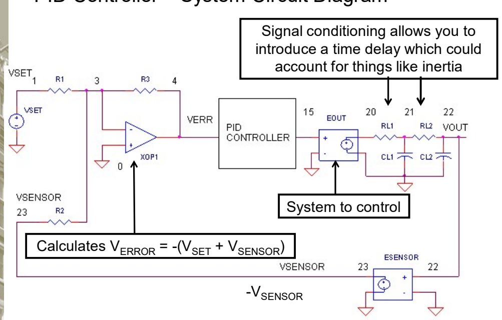

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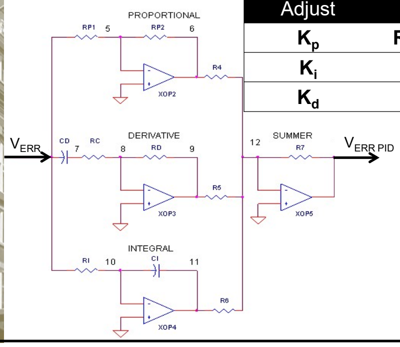
PID Controller – PID Controller Circuit Diagram

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



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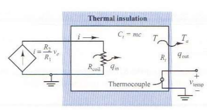
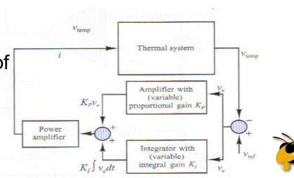
- Example of PI Control: Temperature Control
- Thermal System we wish to automatically control the temperature of:



- Block Diagram of Control System:



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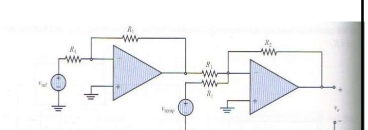
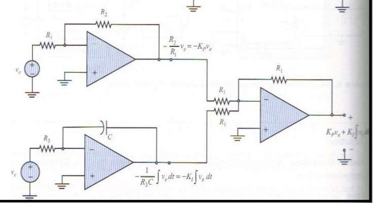
- Example of PI Control: Temperature Control
- Voltage Error Circuit:



- Proportional-Integral Control Circuit:



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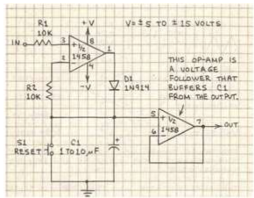
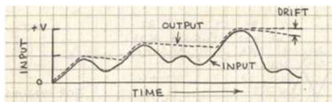
Peak Detector





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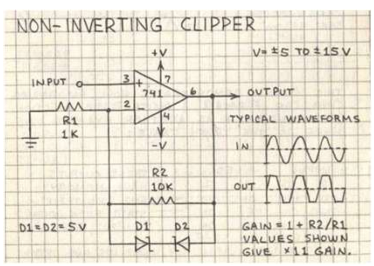
Cliper (non-inverting)



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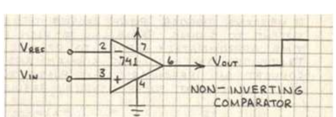
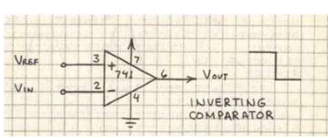
Comparators





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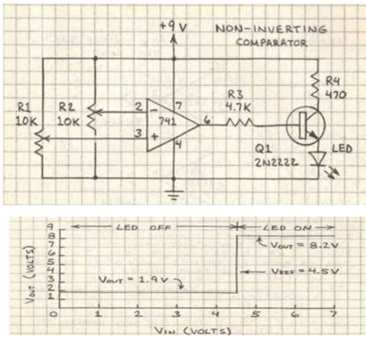
Comparator (example)



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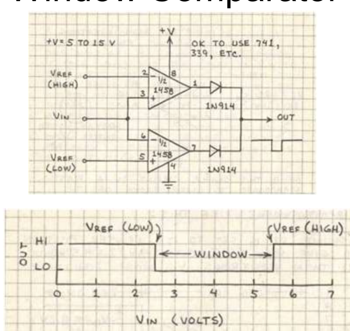
Window Comparator



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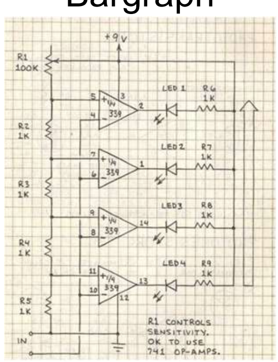

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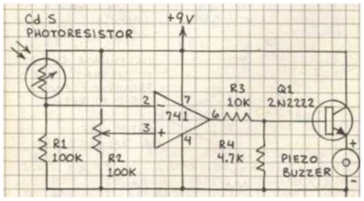

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Instrumentation Amp

- 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.

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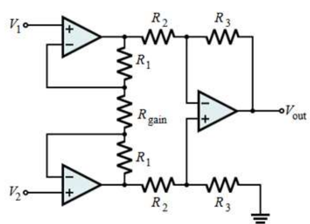

$$\frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_2 - V_1} = \left(1 + \frac{2R_1}{R_{\text{gain}}}\right)\frac{R_3}{R_2}$$

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