

Electronic Circuits

Operational Amplifier

Lecture 8

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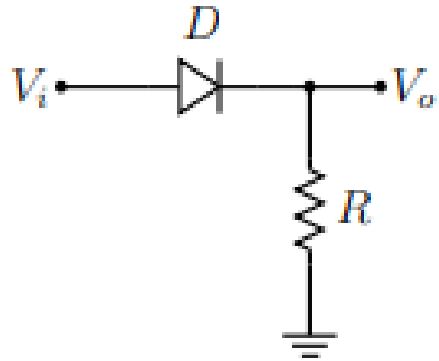
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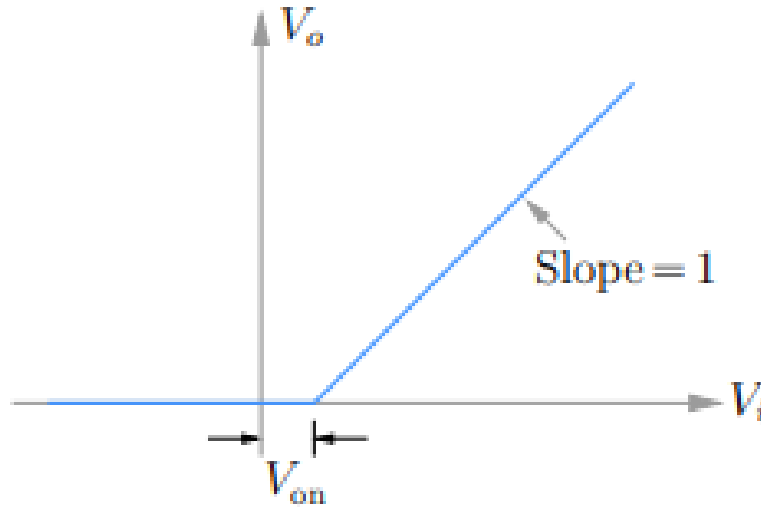
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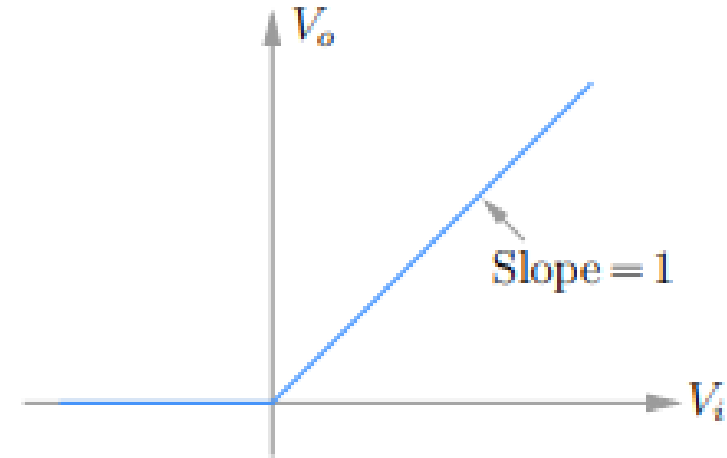
- Half wave rectifier



(a)



(b)



(c)

$V_i < V_{on} \rightarrow D$ is OFF (open circuit)

$V_o = 0$

$V_i > V_{on} \rightarrow D$ is ON (replace diode with V_{on})

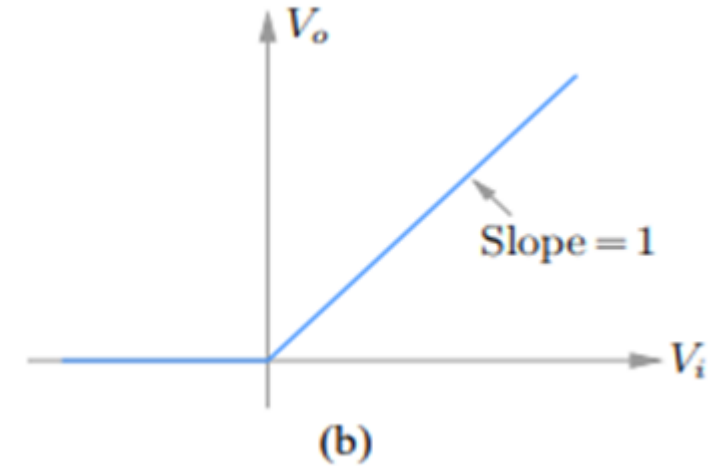
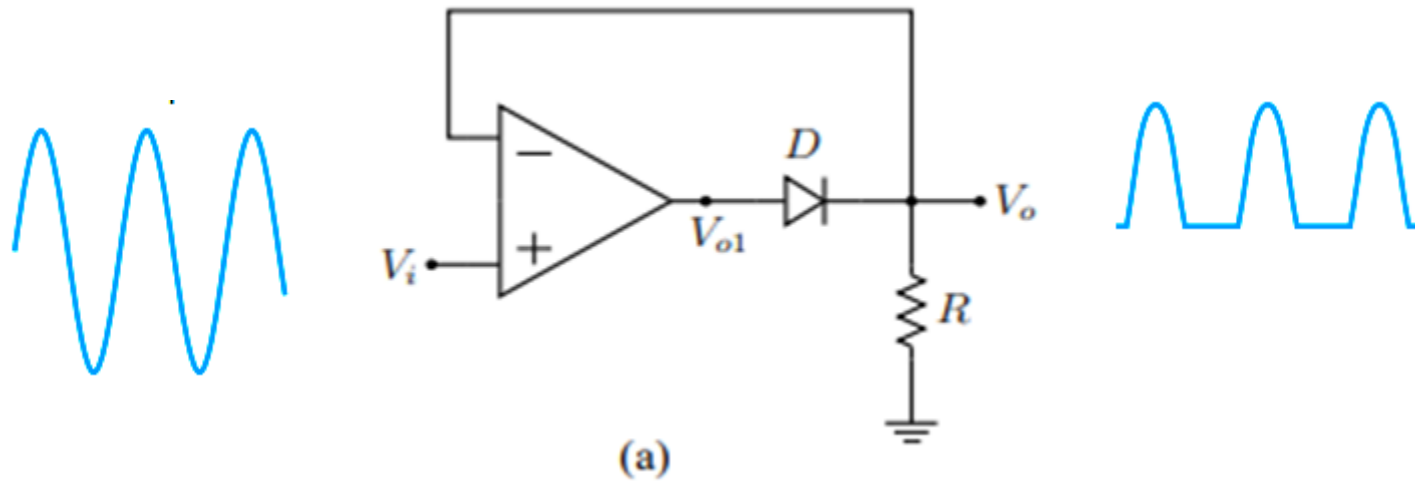
By KVL

$$-V_i + V_{on} + V_o = 0$$

$$V_o = V_i - V_{on}$$

17- Precision half-wave rectifier (Super Diode)

- An improved half-wave rectifier, also known as the “super diode” since it behaves like an ideal diode with $V_{on} = 0$ V.



$V_i > 0 \rightarrow D$ is ON (short circuit)

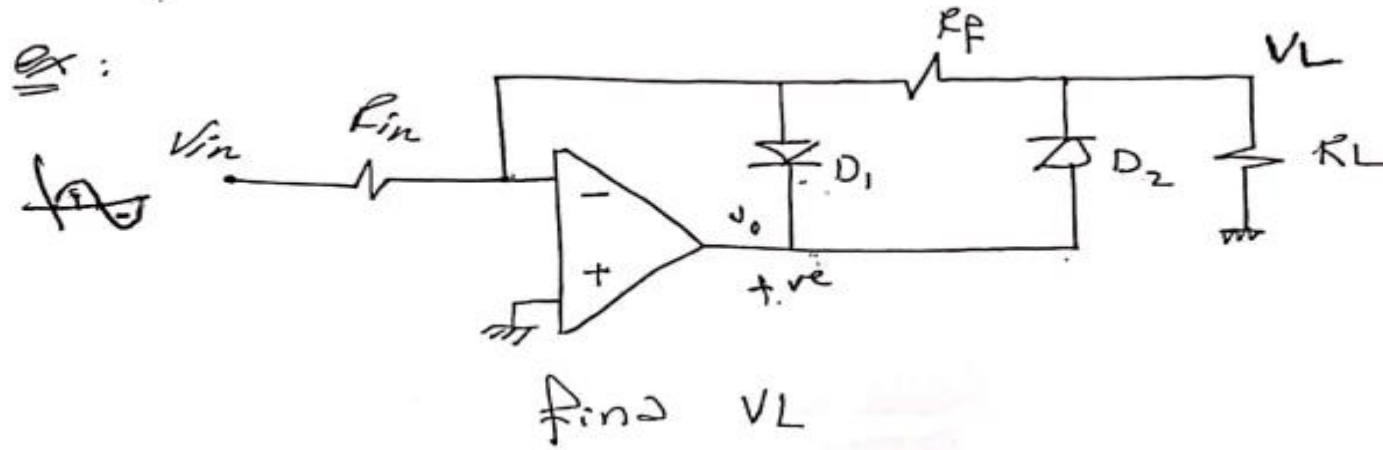
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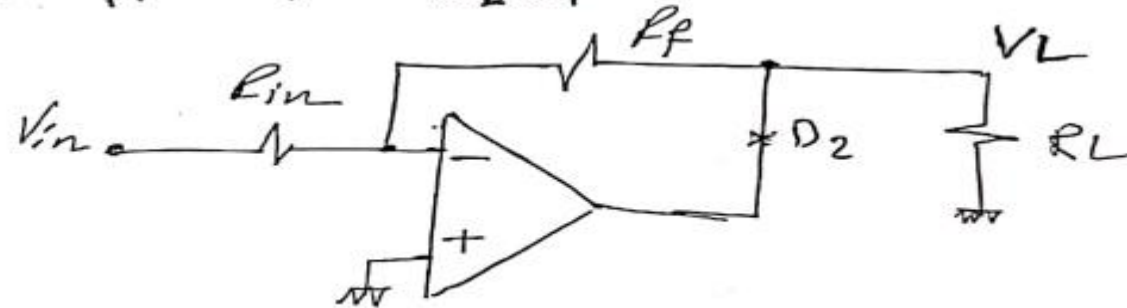
Example



Solution:

Sol : $V_i < 0$: $V_o = +ve$

D_1 off , D_2 on



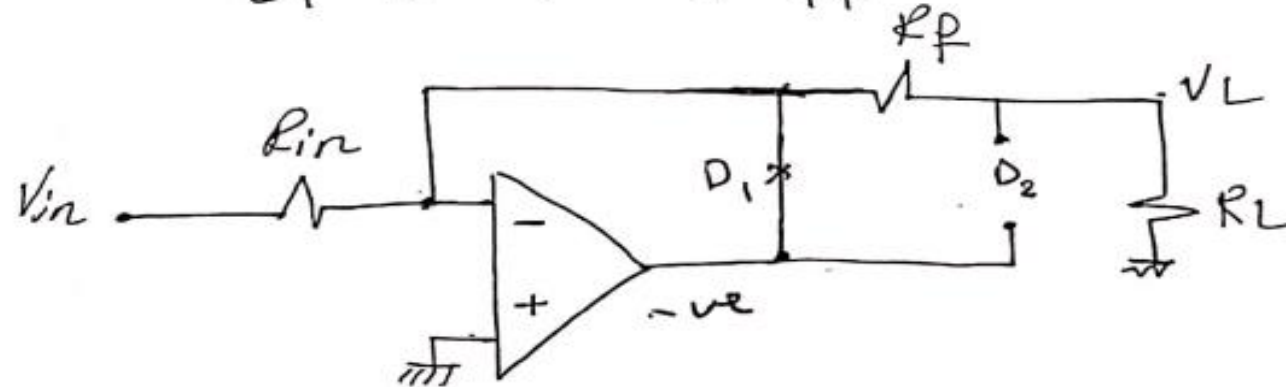
$$V_L = -\frac{R_F}{R_{in}} V_{in}$$

17- Precision half-wave rectifier (Super Diode)

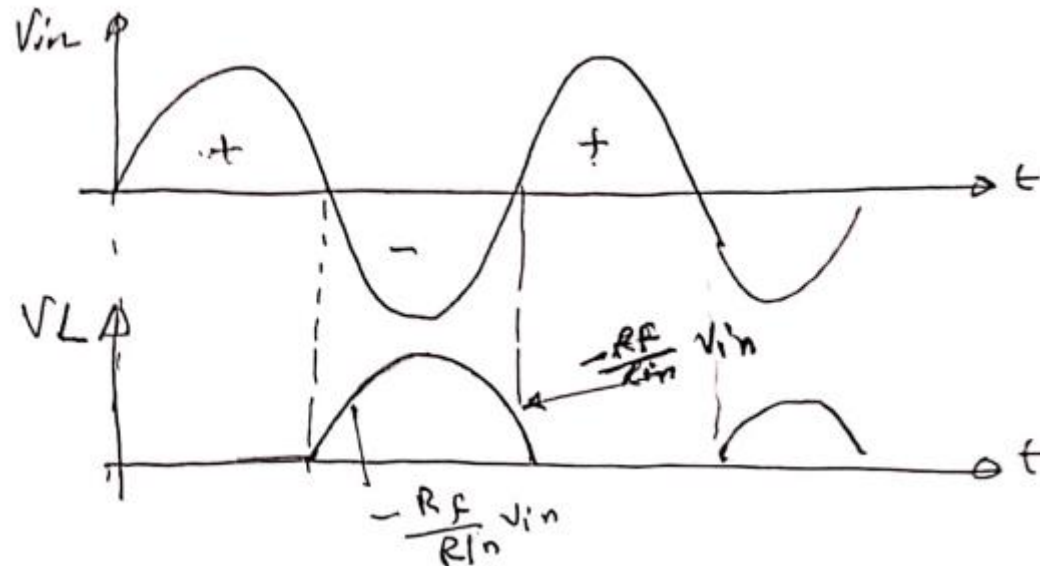
$$\underline{V_i > 0} :$$

$$V_o = -v_e$$

D_1 on, D_2 off

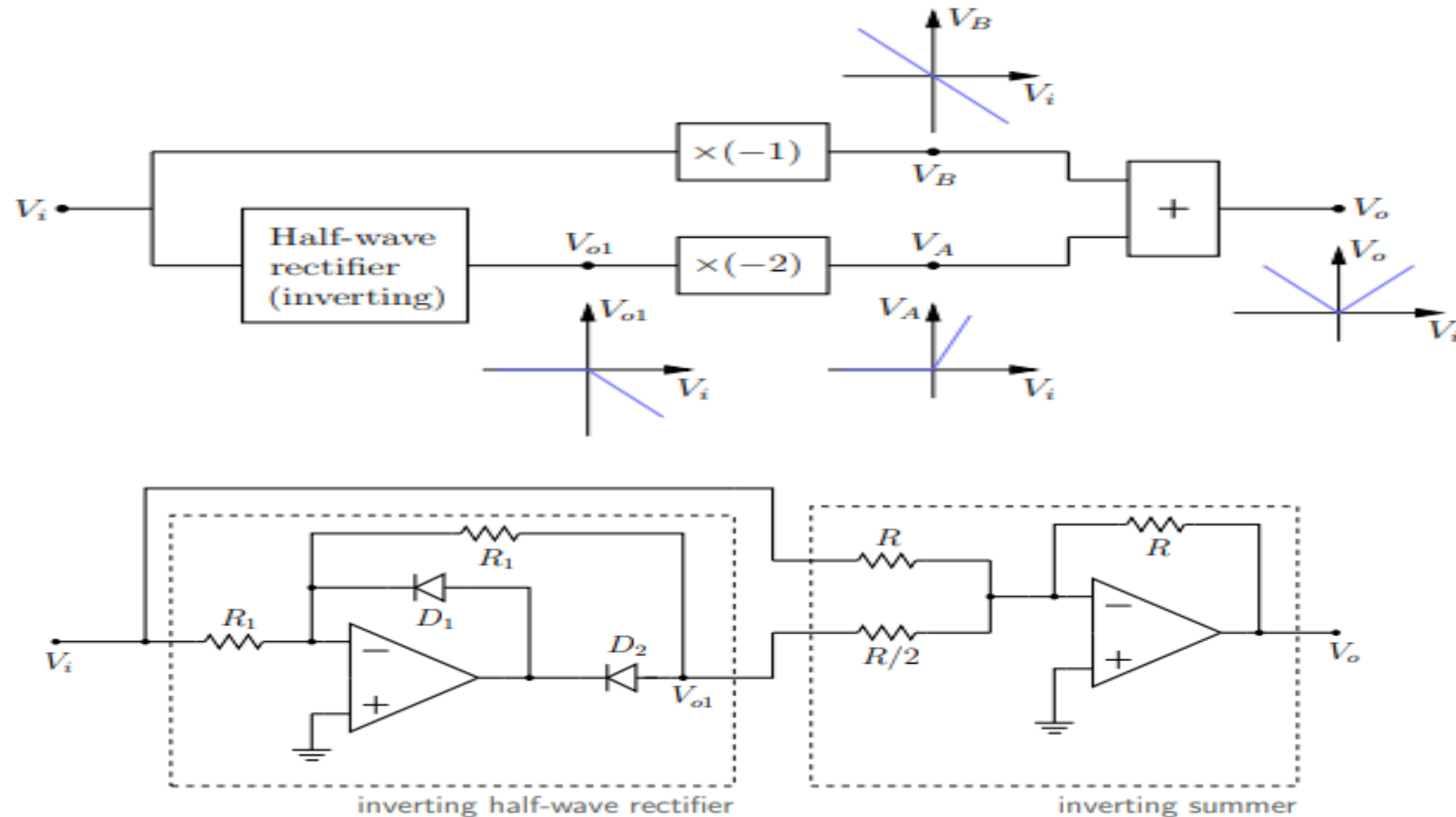


$$V_L = 0$$



18- Precision full-wave rectifier

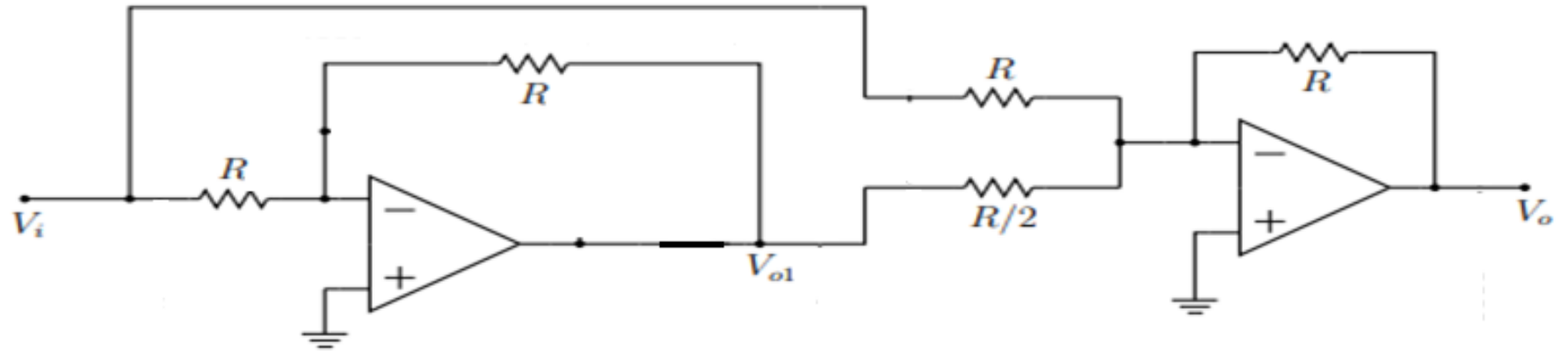
It is possible to implement a precision full-wave rectifier by suitably combining the previous circuits.



18- Precision full-wave rectifier

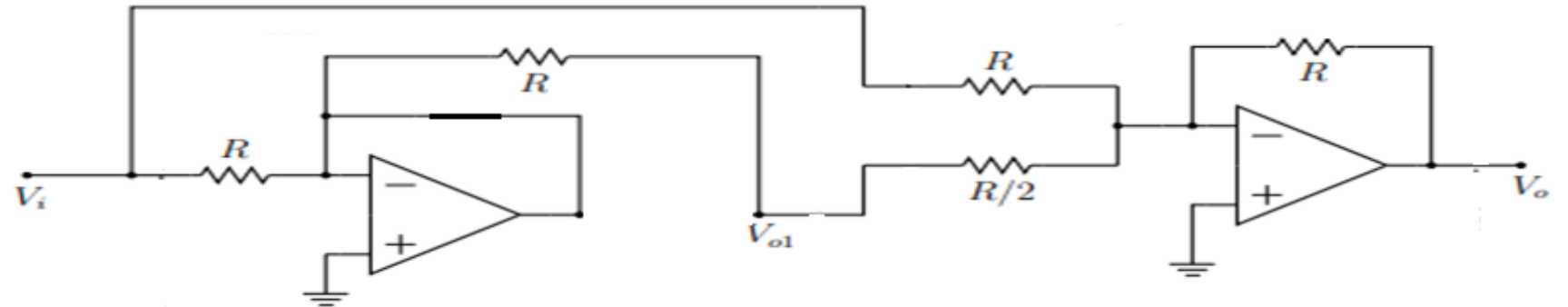
$V_i > 0 \rightarrow D1$ is Off & $D2$ is On

$$V_o = - \left[\frac{R}{R/2} (-V_i) + \frac{R}{R} V_i \right] = -[-2V_i + V_i] = V_i$$

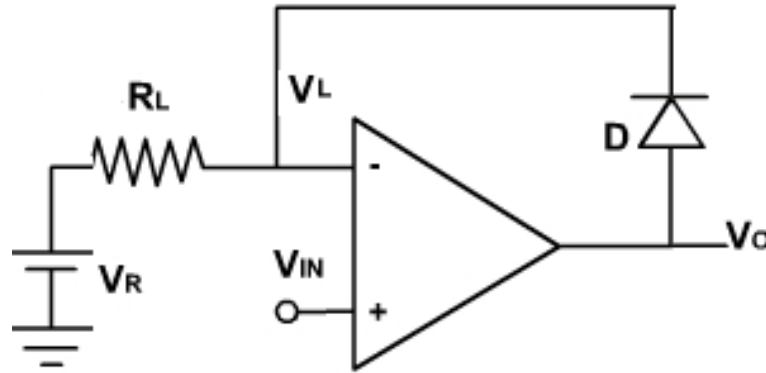


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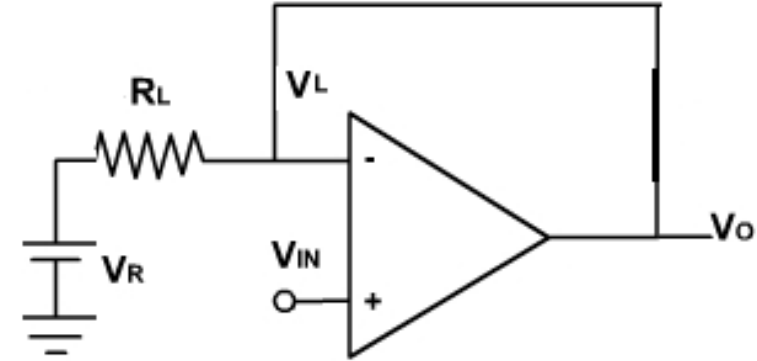
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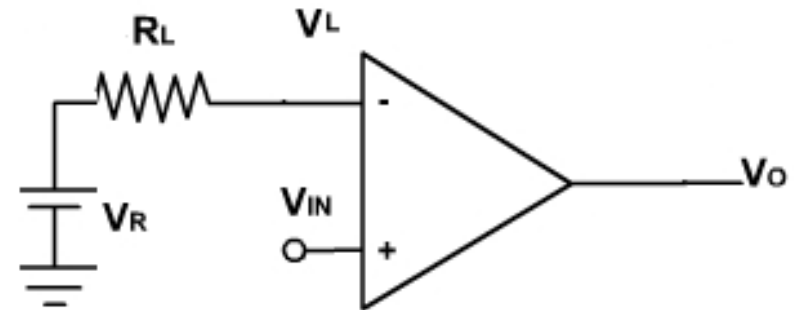
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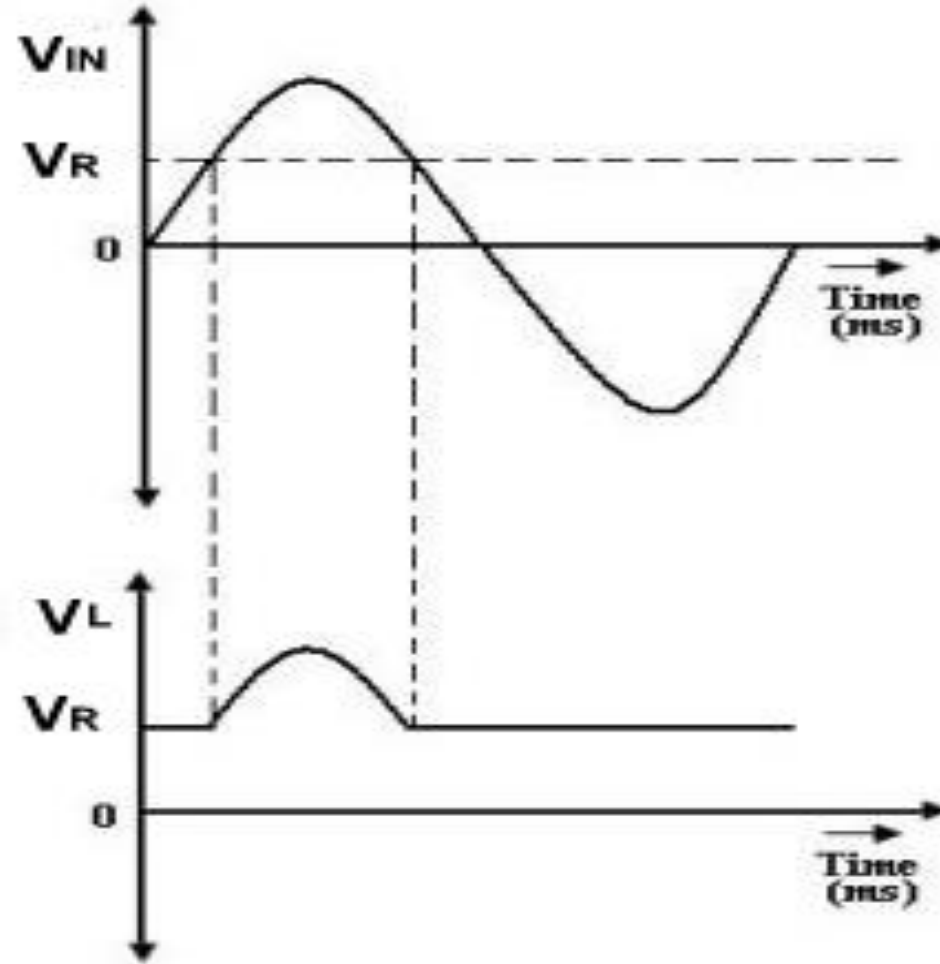
$V_i > V_R \rightarrow D$ is On , V_o +ve
 $V_l = V_o = V_{in}$



$V_i < V_R \rightarrow D$ is Off , V_o -ve
 $V_l = V_R$



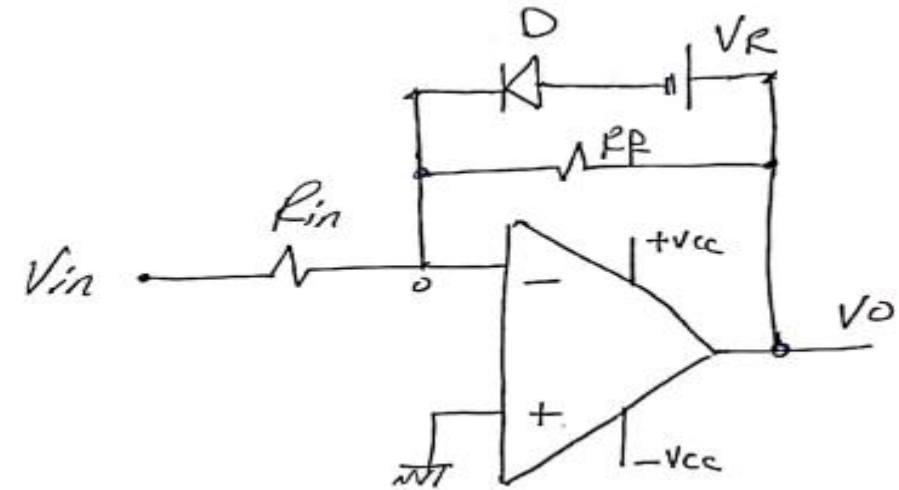
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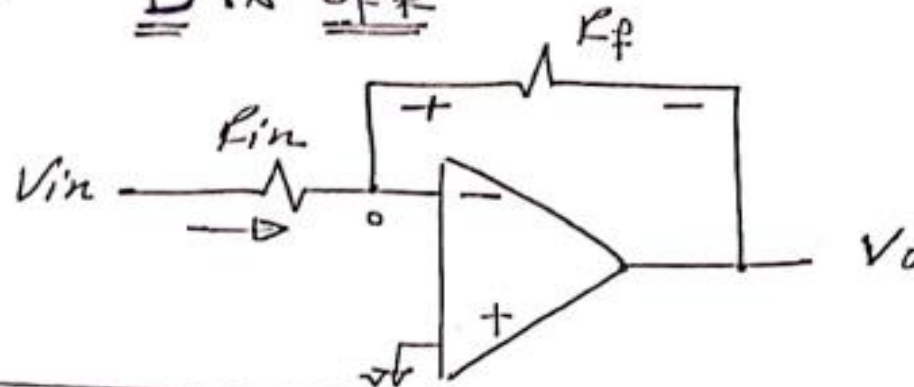
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Example1: Draw the output waveform

Solution

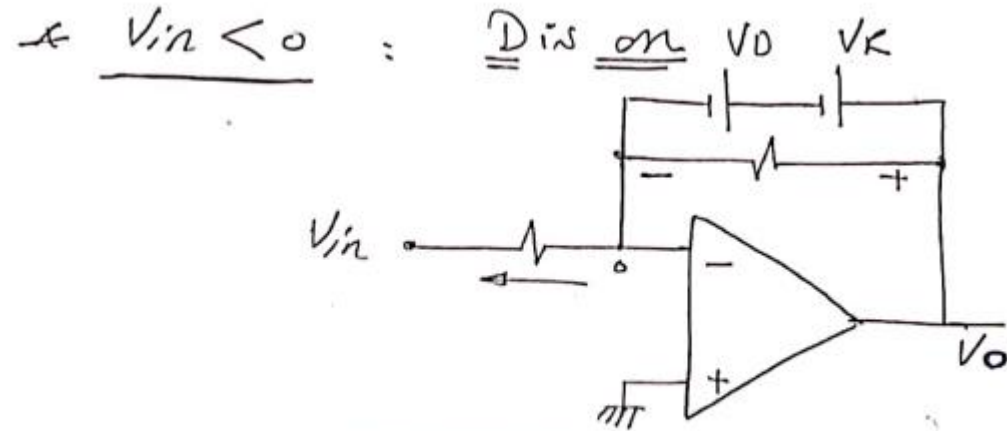


* $V_{in} > 0$: D is off



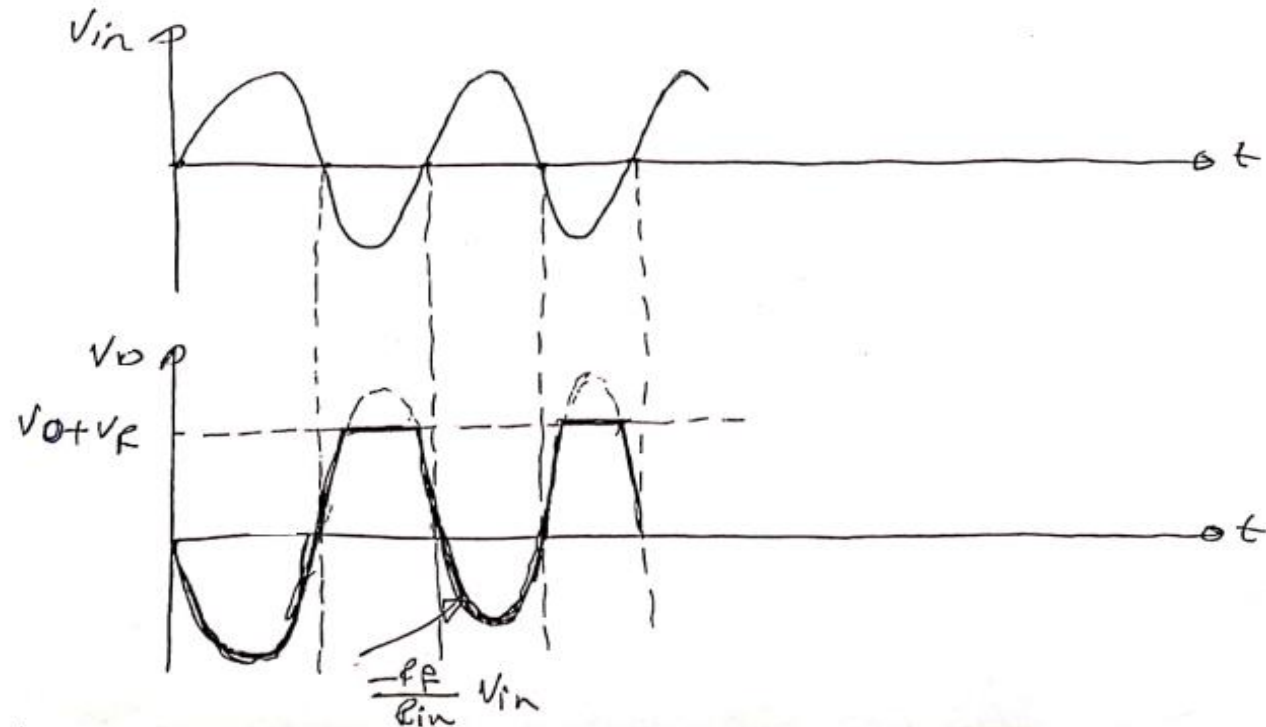
$$V_o = - \frac{R_f}{R_{in}} V_{in}$$

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Note : if $V_o < V_D + V_R$
 \Rightarrow Diode off, $V_o = -\frac{R_F}{R_{in}} V_{in}$
 - if $V_o > V_D + V_R$
 \Rightarrow Diode on, $V_o = V_D + V_R$

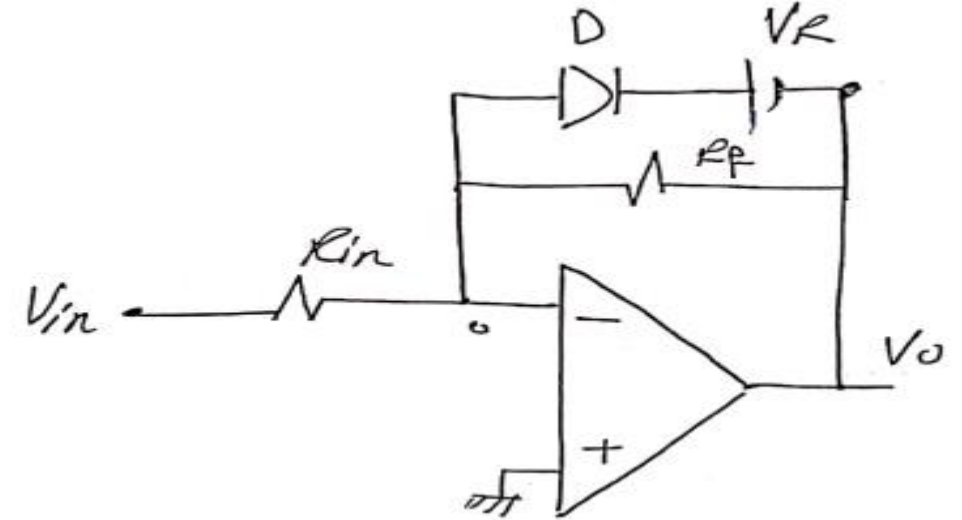
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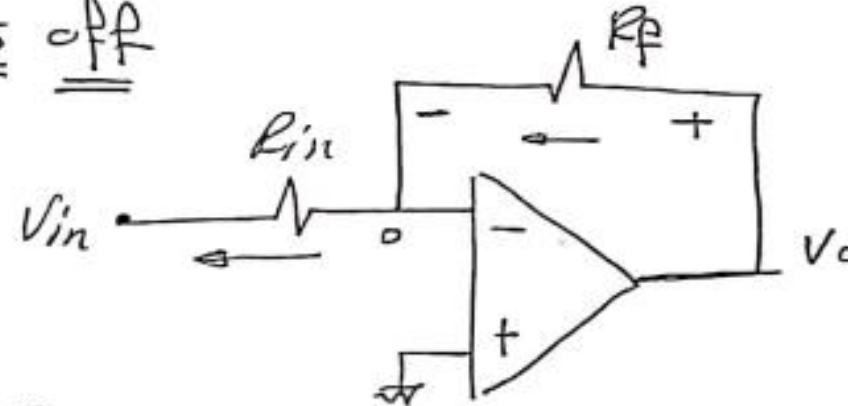
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Example 2: Draw the output waveform

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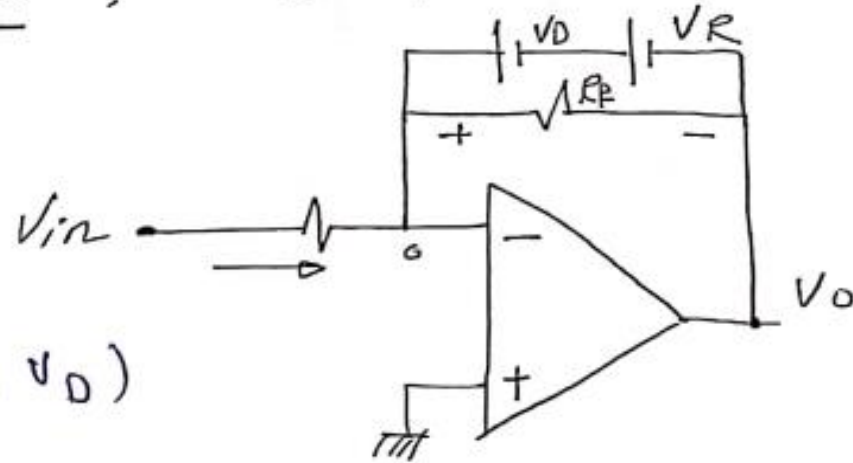
* $V_{in} < 0$: D is off



$$V_o = - \frac{R_F}{R_{in}} V_{in}$$

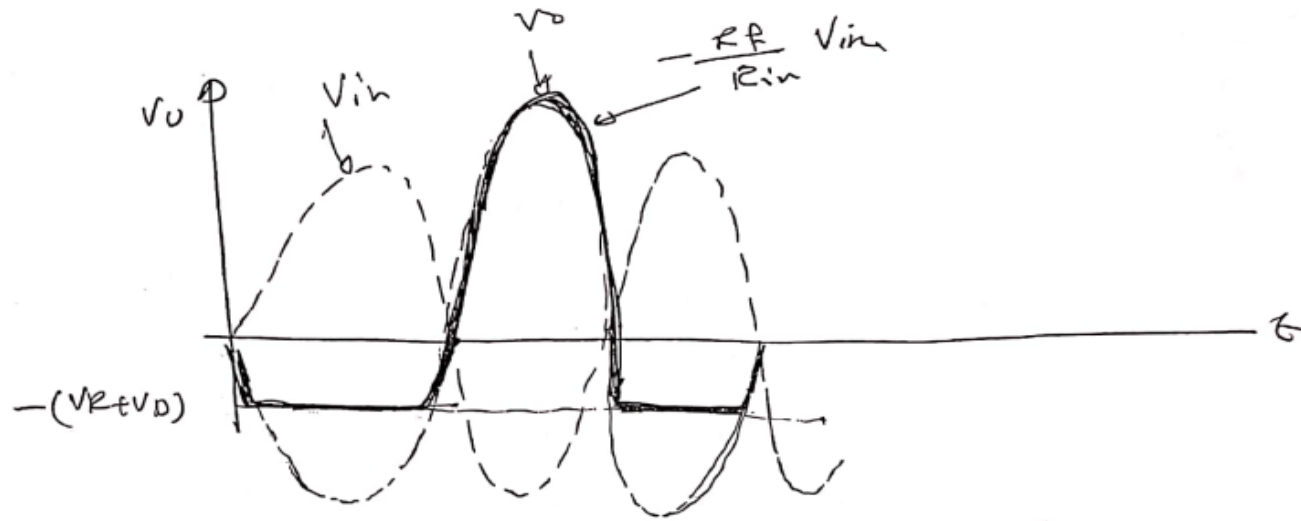
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* $V_{in} > 0$: D is on



$$V_o = -(V_R + V_D)$$

D is on when $V_o < -(V_R + V_D)$, $V_o = -(V_R + V_D)$
D is off ~ $V_o > -(V_R + V_D)$, $V_o = -\frac{R_f}{R_{in}} V_{in}$



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Example 3: Draw the output waveform

Solution

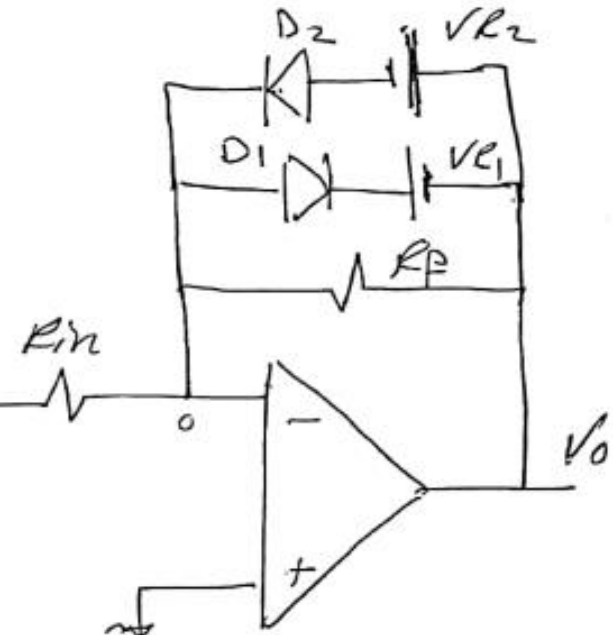
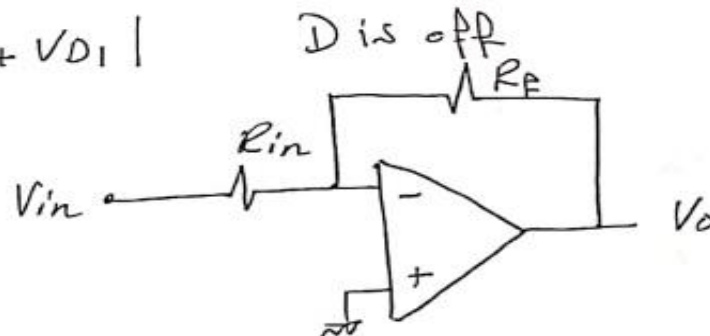
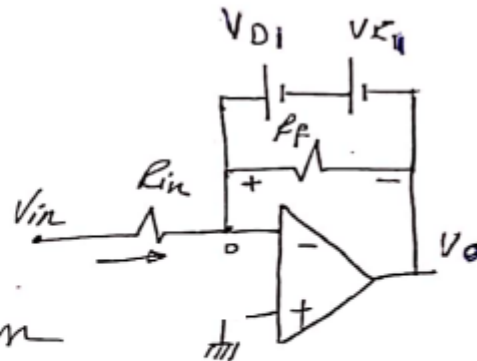
□ if $V_i > 0$: $V_o = -v_i$
then D_2 off

(a) $|V_o| > |V_{R_1} + V_{D_1}|$ D_1 is on

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V_o = - (V_{R_1} + V_{D_1})}$$

(b) $|V_o| \leq |V_{R_1} + V_{D_1}|$

$$\boxed{V_o = - \frac{R_F}{R_{in}} V_{in}}$$



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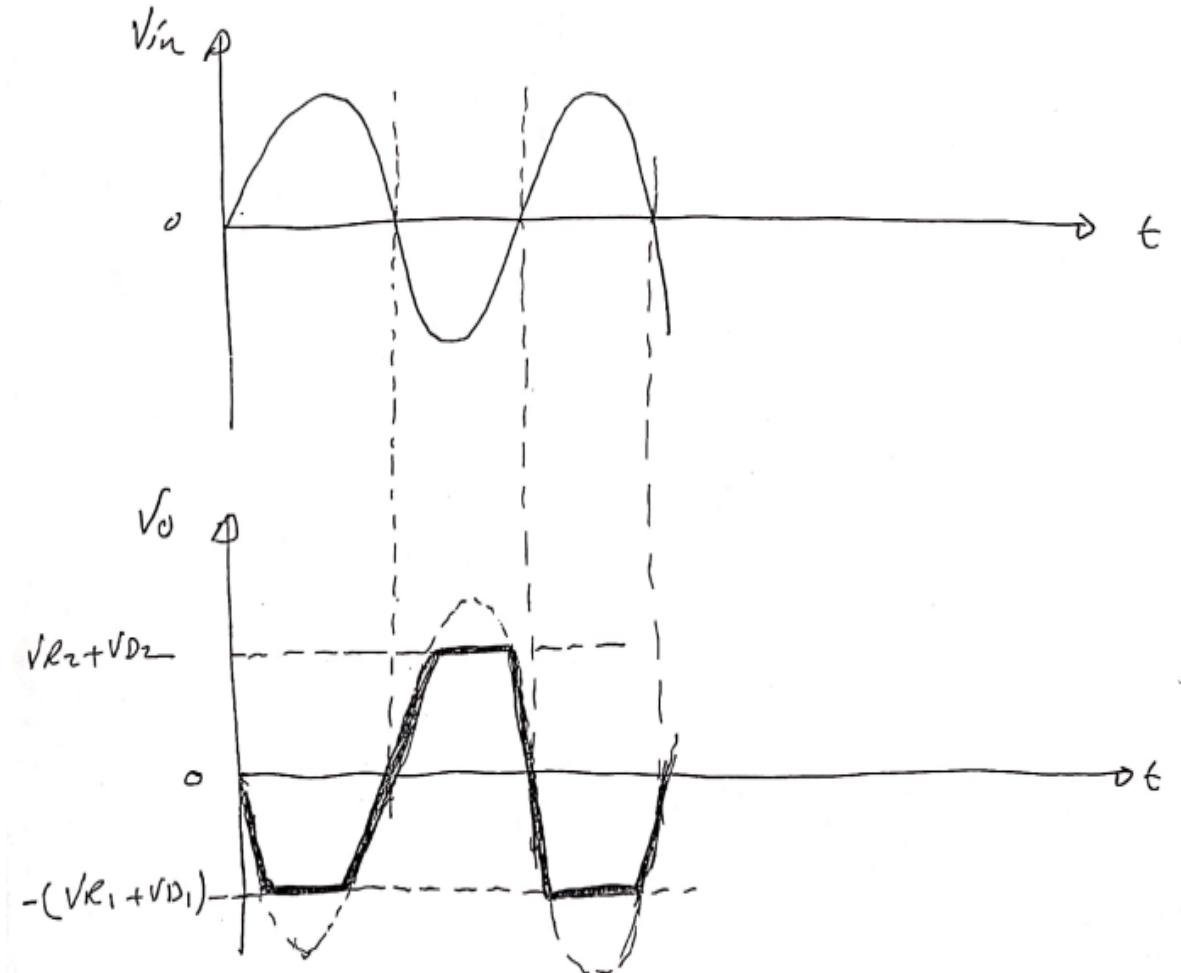
[2] $V_i < 0$: $V_o = +ve$
then D_1 off

(a) $|V_o| > |V_{R_2} + V_{D_2}|$ D_2 on

$$\& \boxed{V_o = V_{R_2} + V_{D_2}}$$

(b) $|V_o| < |V_{R_2} + V_{D_2}|$ D_2 off

$$\& \boxed{V_o = -\frac{R_F}{R_{in}} V_{in}}$$



19- Instrumentation Amplifier

- An instrumentation amplifier is an integrated circuit (IC) that is used to amplify a signal. This type of amplifier is in the differential amplifier family because it amplifies the difference between two inputs.
- The importance of an instrumentation amplifier is that it can reduce unwanted noise that is picked up by the circuit.
- The ability to reject noise or unwanted signals common to all IC pins is called the common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR). Instrumentation amplifiers are very useful due to their high CMRR. Other characteristics, such as high open loop gain, low DC offset and low drift, make this IC very important in circuit design.
- Instrumentation amplifiers are used in many different circuit applications. Their ability to reduce noise and have a high open loop gain make them important to circuit design.
- The objective of this application note is to instruct circuit designers how to design and build an instrumentation amplifier that will be suitable for any circuit design.

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- Designing an Instrumentation Amplifier

1. Select an Op Amp.

Selecting an appropriate op amp is an important part in designing an instrumentation amplifier. The instrumentation amplifier will require three op amps. Almost any op amp will work for this design. However, with circuit size in mind, this design will use the LM324. The LM324 IC has four op amps on the chip, which will reduce size and amount of wires needed to build the circuit.

2. Select Resistor Values

A typical instrumentation amplifier will have seven resistors. These resistors are oriented between the op amps. Instrumentation amplifiers are unique in the fact that resistor values can be selected so that only one resistor will dictate the overall gain. This can be done if all other resistor values are chosen properly.

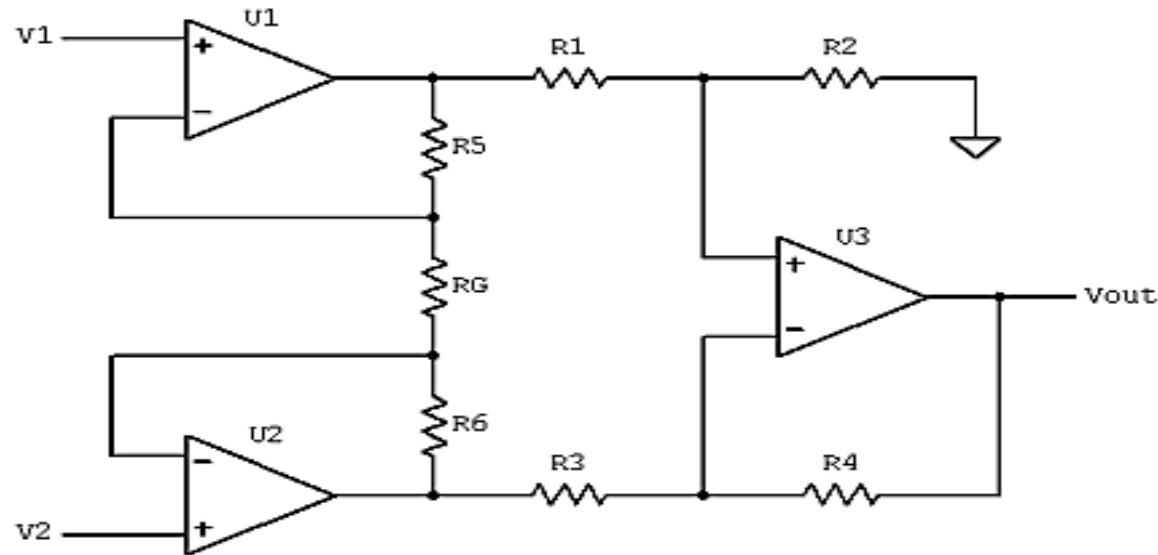
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- The transfer function of a typical instrumentation amplifier is:

$$V_{out} = (V_1 - V_2)(R_2/R_1)(1+2R_5/R_G)$$

- This is the case if $R_5 = R_6$, $R_2 = R_4$ and $R_1 = R_3$.
- If $R_2 = R_4 = R_1 = R_3 = R_5 = R_6 = R$. The transfer function would then become:

$$V_{out} = (V_1 - V_2)(1+2R/R_G)$$



This transfer function allows the gain to be decided by one resistor, R_G . Finally, in order to allow large gain, select R to be between 25 KOhm and 1 MOhm

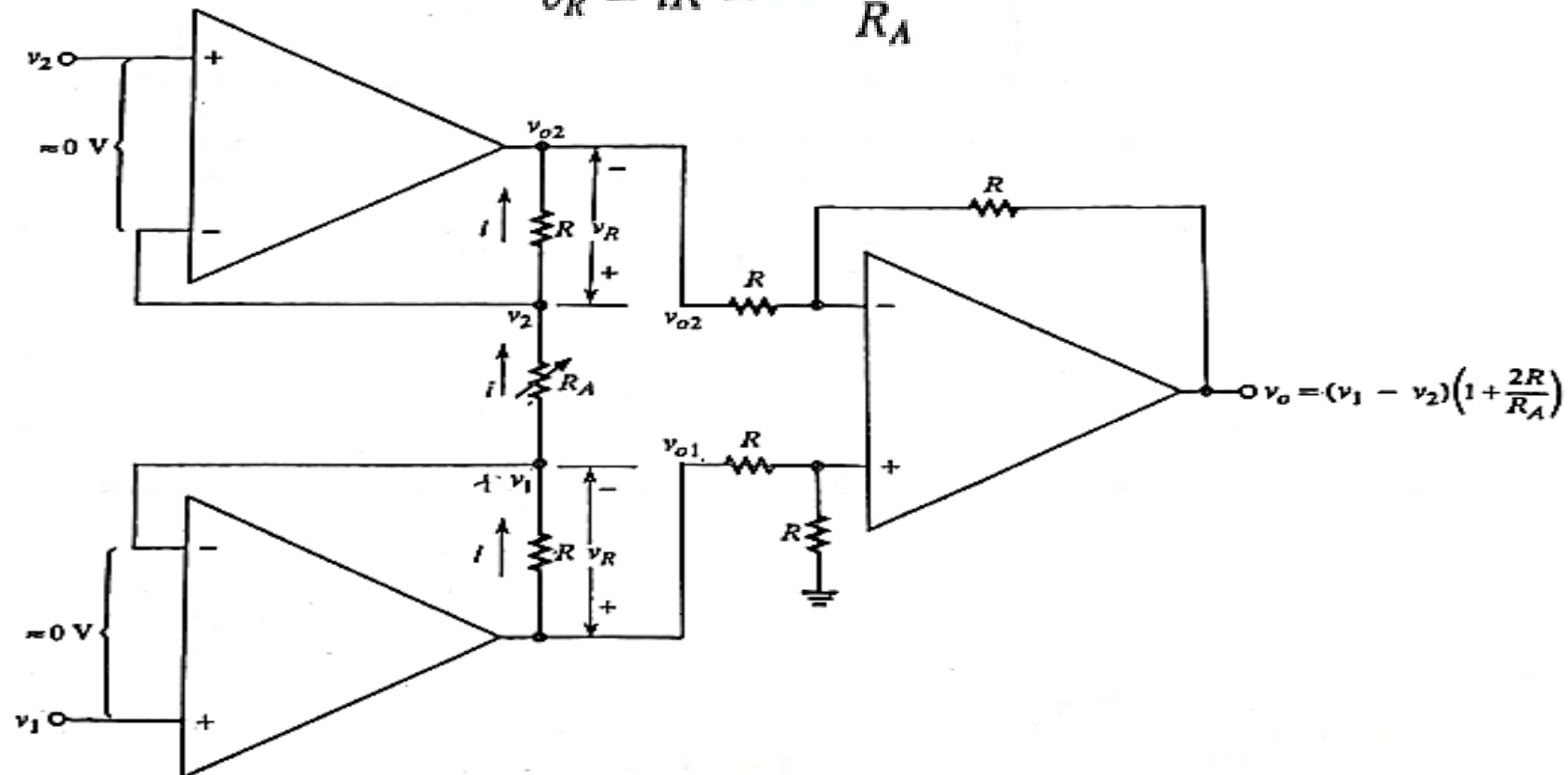
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Assume $v_1 > v_2$, the current I through R_A :

$$i = \frac{v_1 - v_2}{R_A}$$

Since no current flows into either amplifier input terminal, the current I must also flow in each resistor R connected on opposite sides of R_A , therefore, the voltage drop across each of those resistors is:

$$v_R = iR = \frac{(v_1 - v_2)R}{R_A}$$



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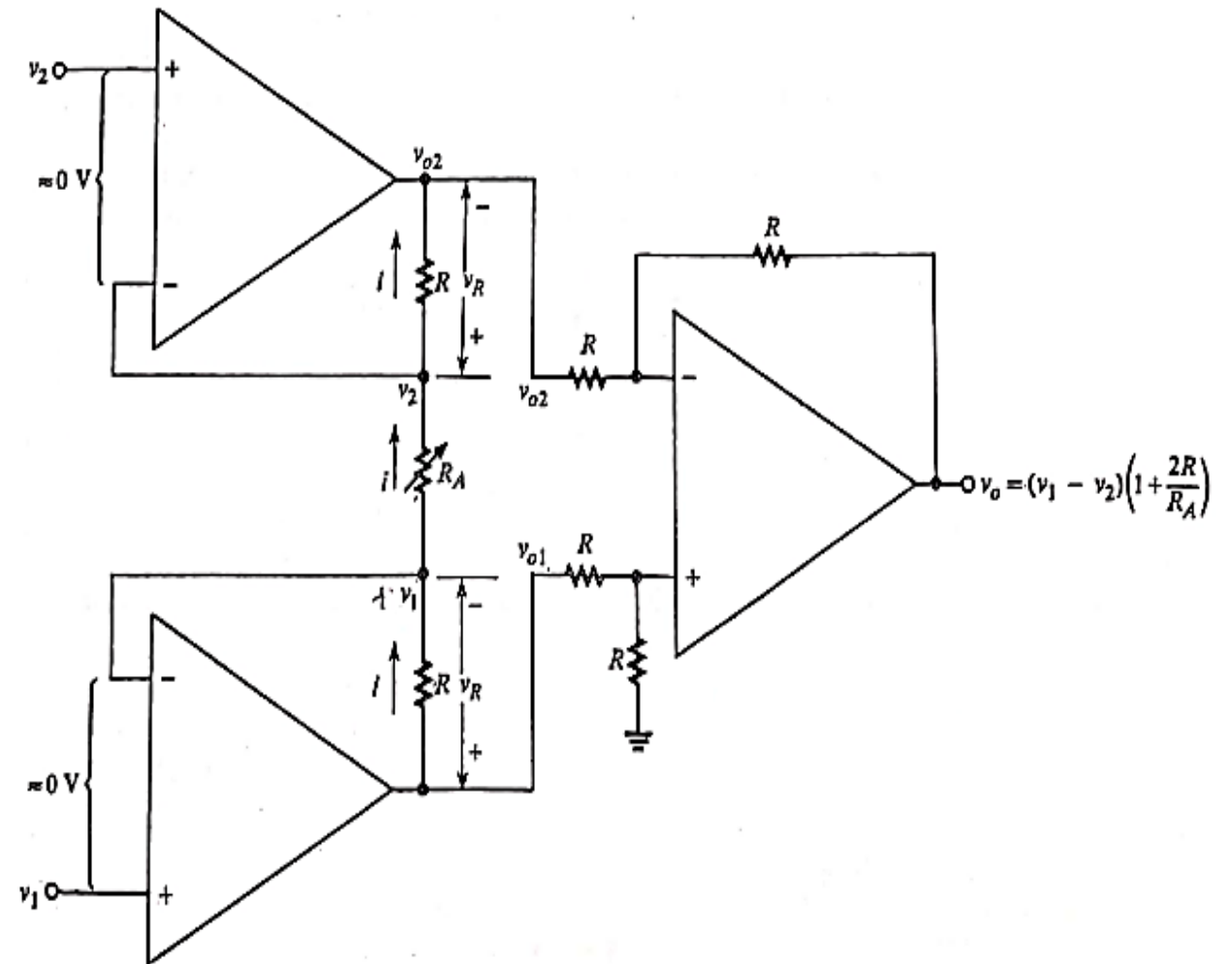
$$v_{o1} = v_1 + v_R$$

$$v_{o2} = v_2 - v_R$$

$$v_o = v_{o1} - v_{o2}$$

$$v_o = (v_1 + v_R) - (v_2 - v_R) = v_1 - v_2 + 2v_R$$

$$v_o = v_1 - v_2 + \frac{2(v_1 - v_2)R}{R_A} = (v_1 - v_2)\left(1 + \frac{2R}{R_A}\right)$$



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- 3. Calculating Gain

With R selected to be 25 KOhm the overall transfer function will be:

$$V_{out} = (V_1 - V_2)(1 + 50K/R_A)$$

This simplifies the transfer function and allows one resistor (R_A) to decide the overall gain. The smaller resistor selected for R_A will create a large gain, while a large resistor will create a small gain. The table gives examples of different gain values and their associated R_A value.

Desired Gain	R_A (Ohm)
1	None
2	50K
5	12.5K
10	5.556K
20	2.632K
50	1.02K
100	505.1
200	251.3
500	100.2
1000	50.05
2000	25.01
5000	10
10000	5.001

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- To ensure proper operation of the instrumentation amplifier, all three of the following inequalities must be satisfied at all times:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left(1 + \frac{R}{R_A} \right) v_1 - \frac{R}{R_A} v_2 \right| &< |V_{max(1)}| \\ \left| \left(1 + \frac{R}{R_A} \right) v_2 - \frac{R}{R_A} v_1 \right| &< |V_{max(1)}| \\ \left(1 + \frac{2R}{R_A} \right) |v_1 - v_2| &< |V_{max(2)}| \end{aligned}$$

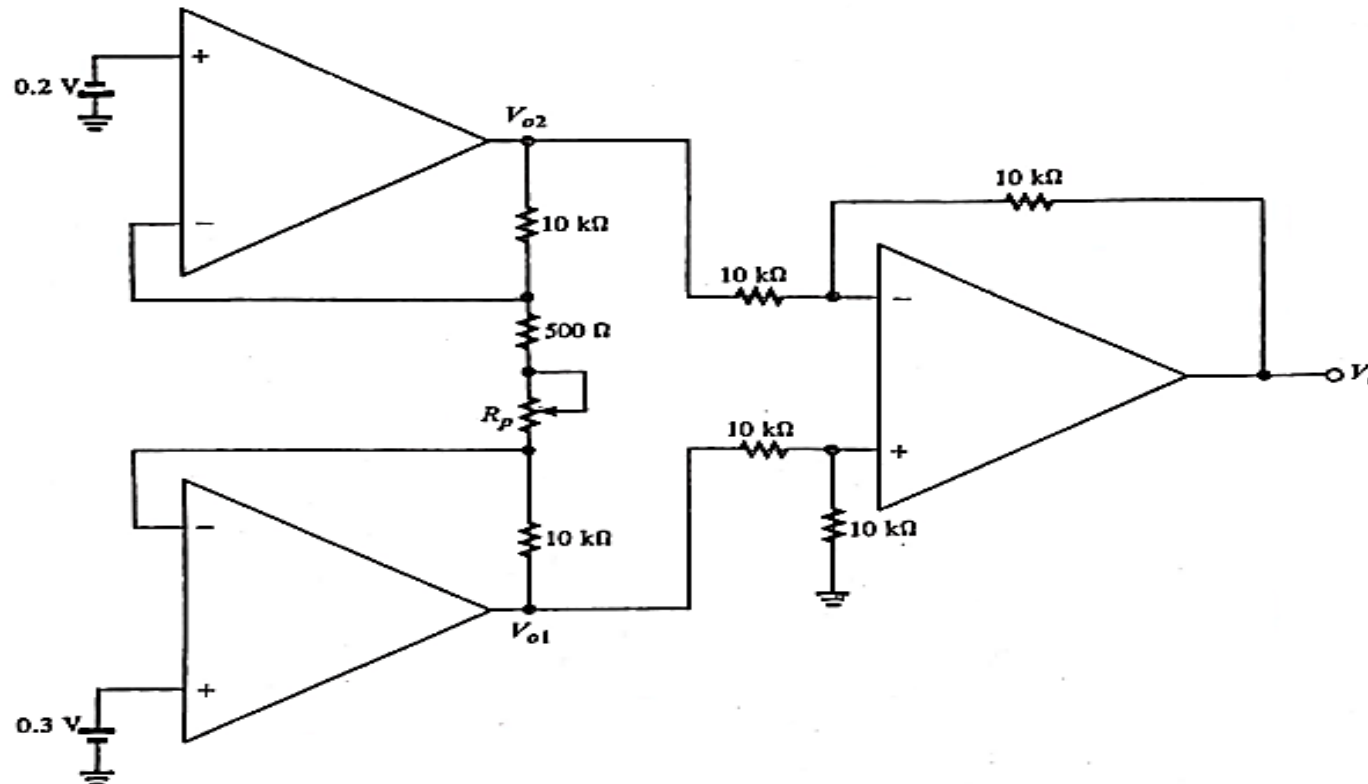
Where $V_{max(1)}$ is the maximum output voltage of each input stage and $V_{max(2)}$ is the maximum output voltage of the differential stage.

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Example

1-Assuming ideal amplifiers, find the minimum and maximum output voltage V_o of the instrumentation amplifier shown, when the $10\text{k}\Omega$ potentiometer R_p is adjusted through its entire range.

2-Find V_{o1} and V_{o2} when R_p is set in the middle of its resistance range.



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Solution

1- In this example R_A is the sum of R_p and fixed 500Ω resistor.

Assuming that R_p can be adjusted through a full range from 0 to $10\text{k}\Omega$,

$R_A(\text{min}) = 500\Omega$ and $R_A(\text{max}) = 500\Omega + 10\text{k}\Omega = 10.5\text{k}\Omega$

The minimum and maximum value of V_o are :

$$\begin{aligned} v_o(\text{min}) &= (V_1 - V_2) \left[1 + \frac{2R}{R_A(\text{max})} \right] = [0.3 \text{ V} - (-0.2 \text{ V})] \\ &\quad \times \left[1 + \frac{2(10 \text{ k}\Omega)}{10.5 \text{ k}\Omega} \right] = 1.45 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_o(\text{max}) &= (V_1 - V_2) \left[1 + \frac{2R}{R_A(\text{min})} \right] = [0.3 \text{ V} - (-0.2 \text{ V})] \\ &\quad \times \left[1 + \frac{2(10 \text{ k}\Omega)}{500 \Omega} \right] = 20.5 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

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2. When $R_A = 500\ \Omega + (1/2)(10 \times 10^3\ \Omega) = 5.5\ \text{k}\Omega$,

$$V_R = \frac{(V_1 - V_2)R}{R_A} = \frac{[0.3\ \text{V} - (-0.2\ \text{V})]10 \times 10^3\ \Omega}{5.5 \times 10^3\ \Omega} = 0.909\ \text{V}$$

$$V_{o1} = V_1 + V_R = 0.3\ \text{V} + 0.909\ \text{V} = 1.209\ \text{V}$$

$$V_{o2} = V_2 - V_R = -0.2\ \text{V} - 0.909\ \text{V} = -1.109\ \text{V}$$