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Chapter 5. Operational Amplifiers

- Op amp

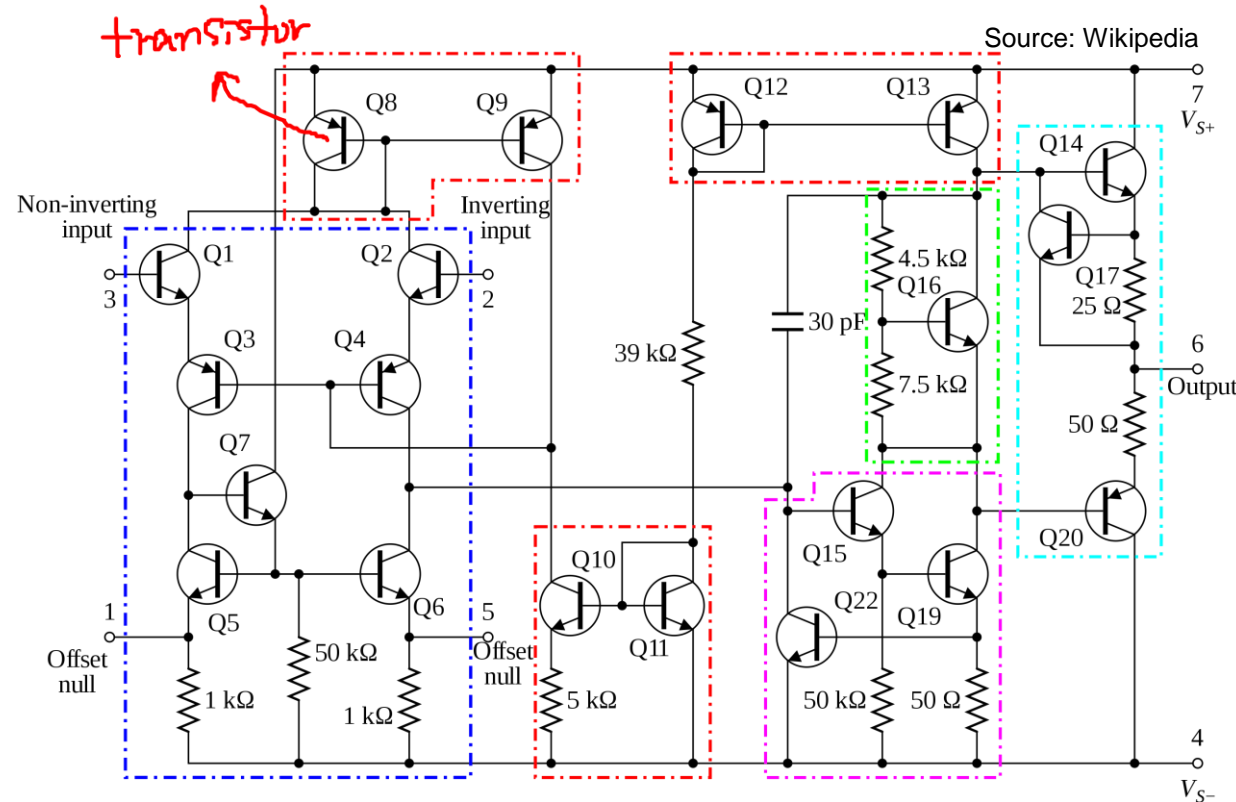
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5.1 Introduction

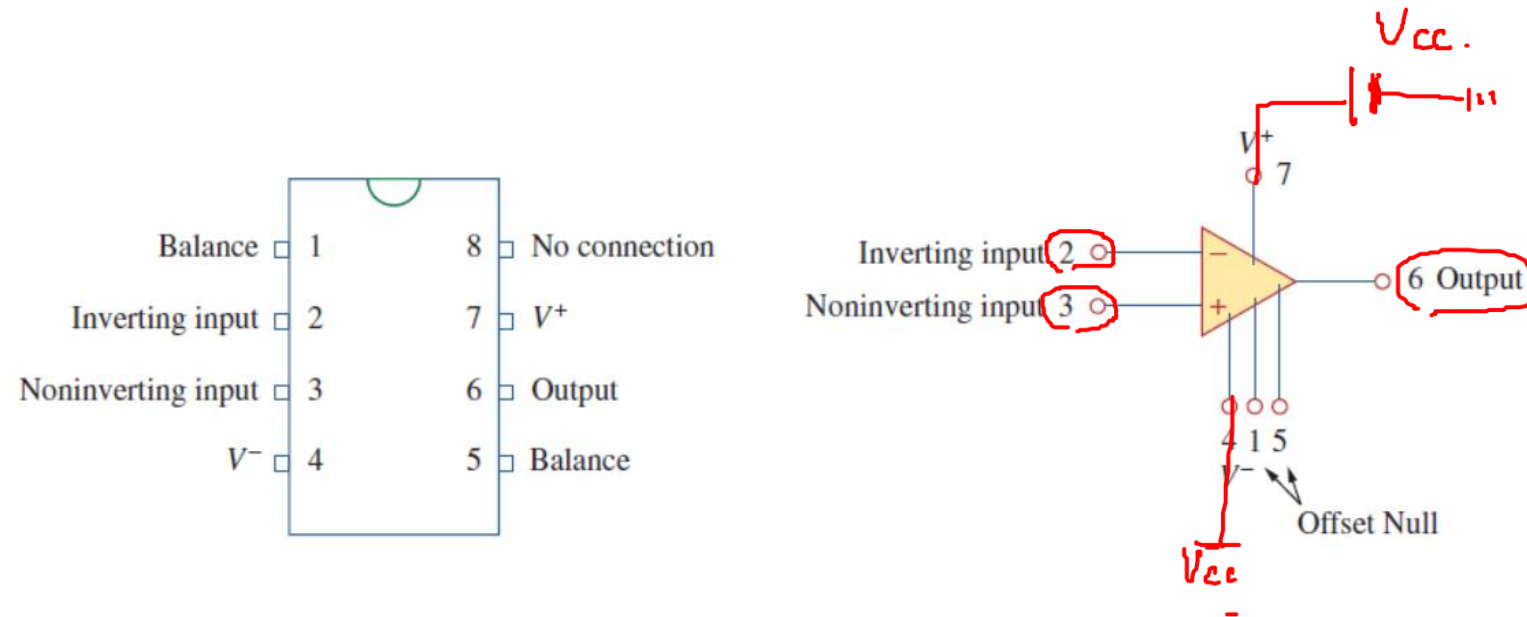
The **operational amplifier**, or **op amp**, is an electronic device that behaves like a **voltage-controlled voltage source**. An op amp circuit can perform mathematical operations of *addition*, *subtraction*, *multiplication*, *division*, *differentiation*, and *integration*.

The op amp is an electronic device consisting of a **complex arrangement** of resistors, transistors, capacitors, and diodes



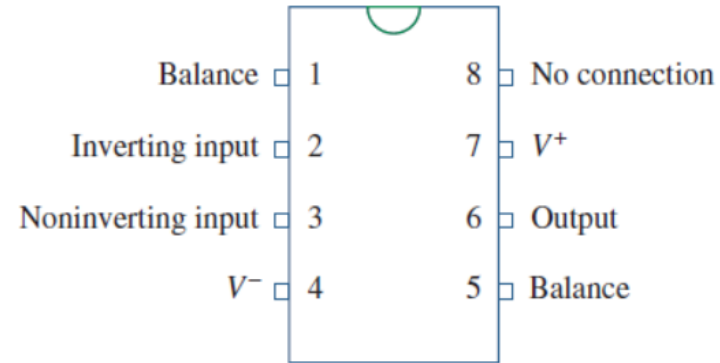
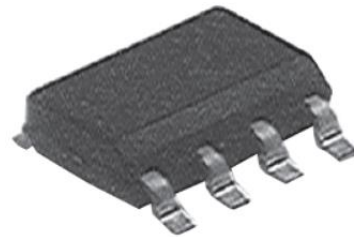
A component-level diagram of the common 741 op amp

What we would see in this textbook is this.



So don't be afraid of op amp

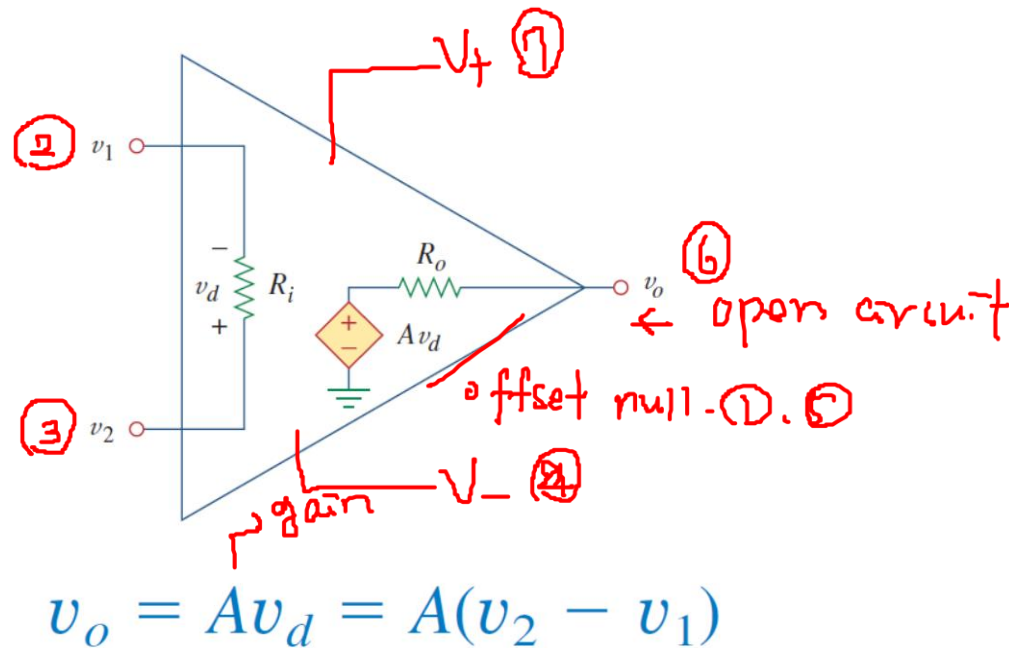
5.2 Operational Amplifiers

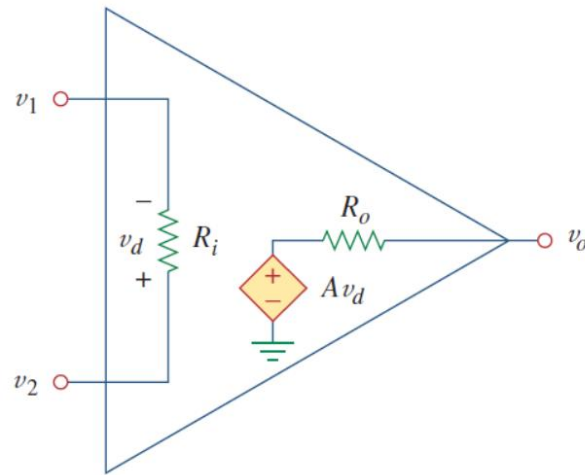


We treat the op amp as a circuit building block and **simply study what takes place at its terminals.**

What is Op Amp?

Op amp basically amplifies input voltage by the amount of a gain.





$$v_o = Av_d = A(v_2 - v_1)$$

R_i is R_{Th} seen at the input.

R_o is R_{Th} seen at the output.

The output $v_o = Av_d = A(v_2 - v_1)$ where v_d is called the differential input voltage and A is called the open-loop voltage gain. It is the gain of the op amp without any external feedback from output to input.

$$1V, R = 10^{13}, \tau \approx 0$$

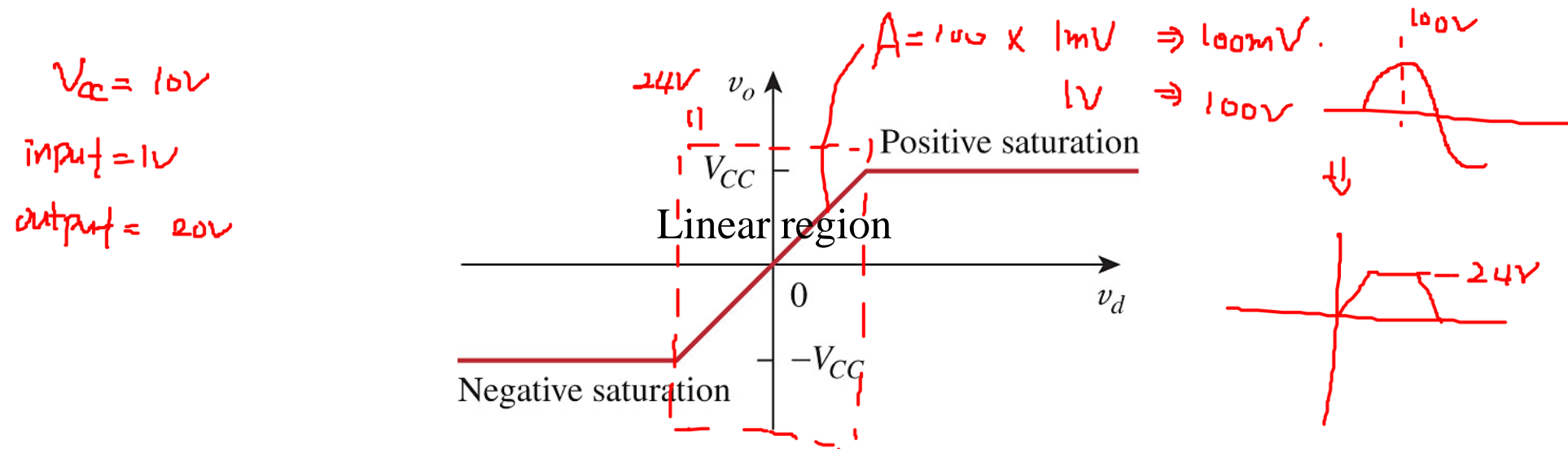
$$\infty \times 0 \rightarrow 0$$

TABLE 5.1 Typical ranges for op amp parameters

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Typical range</i> real op amp	<i>Ideal values</i> op amp is ideal
Open-loop gain, A	10^5 to 10^8	∞
Input resistance, R_i	10^5 to $10^{13} \Omega$ $\sim 10^{10}$	∞
Output resistance, R_o	10 to 100 Ω	0
Supply voltage, V_{CC}	5 to 24 V	NA

Practical Limitation of Op Amp

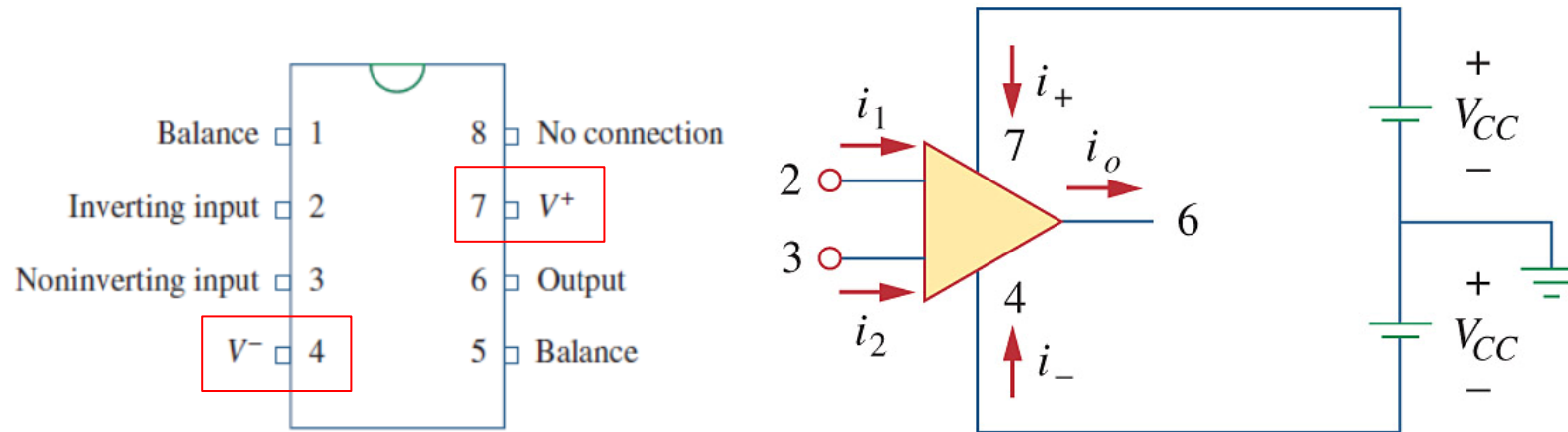
The magnitude of its output voltage cannot exceed $|V_{CC}|$. In other words, the output voltage is dependent on and is limited by the **power supply** voltage.



We will assume that our op amps operate in the **linear mode**.

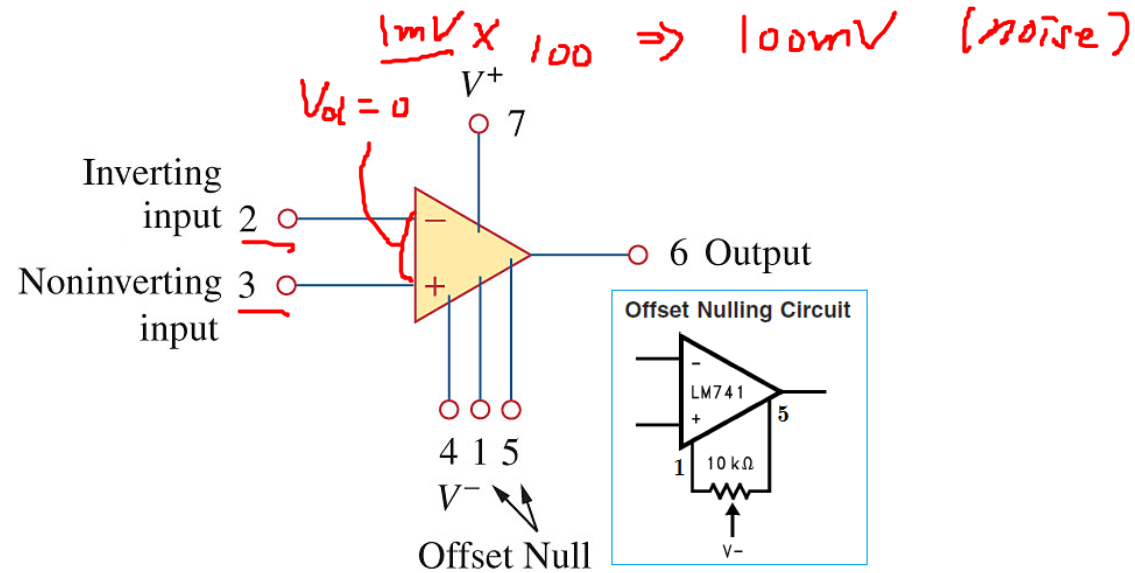
Powering Op Amp (Lab)

As an active element, the op amp must be powered by one or two voltage.



Although the power supplies are often ignored in op amp circuit diagrams for the sake of simplicity, the power supply currents must not be overlooked. By KCL, $i_o = i_1 + i_2 + i_+ + i_-$

Offset Null (For Lab)



The offset null pin is mainly used to remove the voltage difference between the inverting and non inverting pins.

If there exists some difference in the voltages between two inputs (ideally 0), it will be amplified by the op amp, which will distort output results.

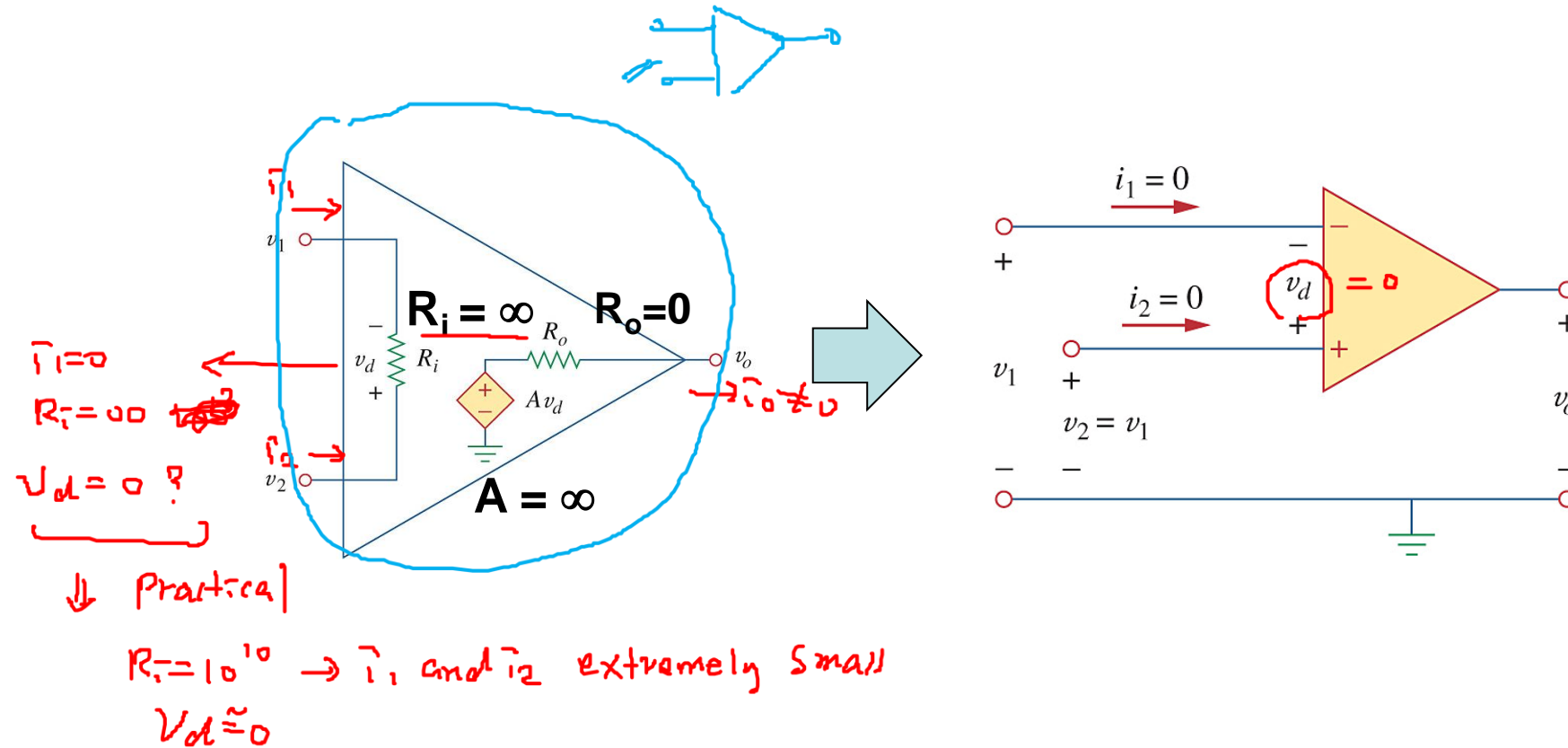
5.3 Ideal Op Amp

Op amp basically amplifies input voltage by the amount of a gain. From now on we will assume that Op amp is an ideal op amp.

Ideal op amp has the following characteristics:

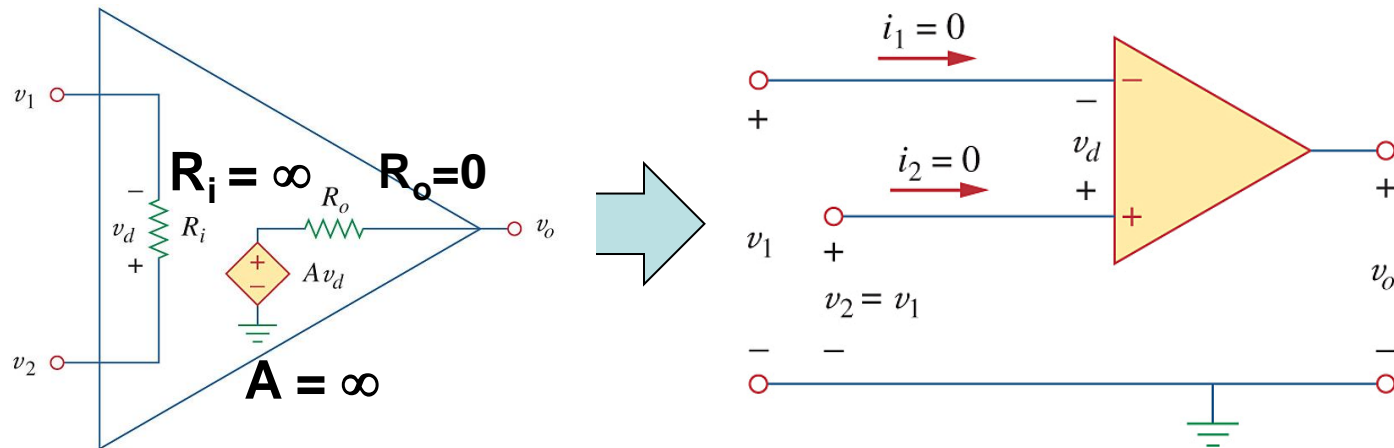
1. Infinite open-loop gain, $A = \infty$.
2. Infinite input resistance, $R_i = \infty$.
3. Zero output resistance, $R_o = 0$.

Important characteristics of ideal op amp



1. $i_1 = i_2 = 0$ due to infinite $R_i \rightarrow$ this does **not** mean $i_o = 0$.
2. $v_1 = v_2$ since $v_d = 0 \rightarrow$ this does **not** mean $v_2 = v_1 = 0$.

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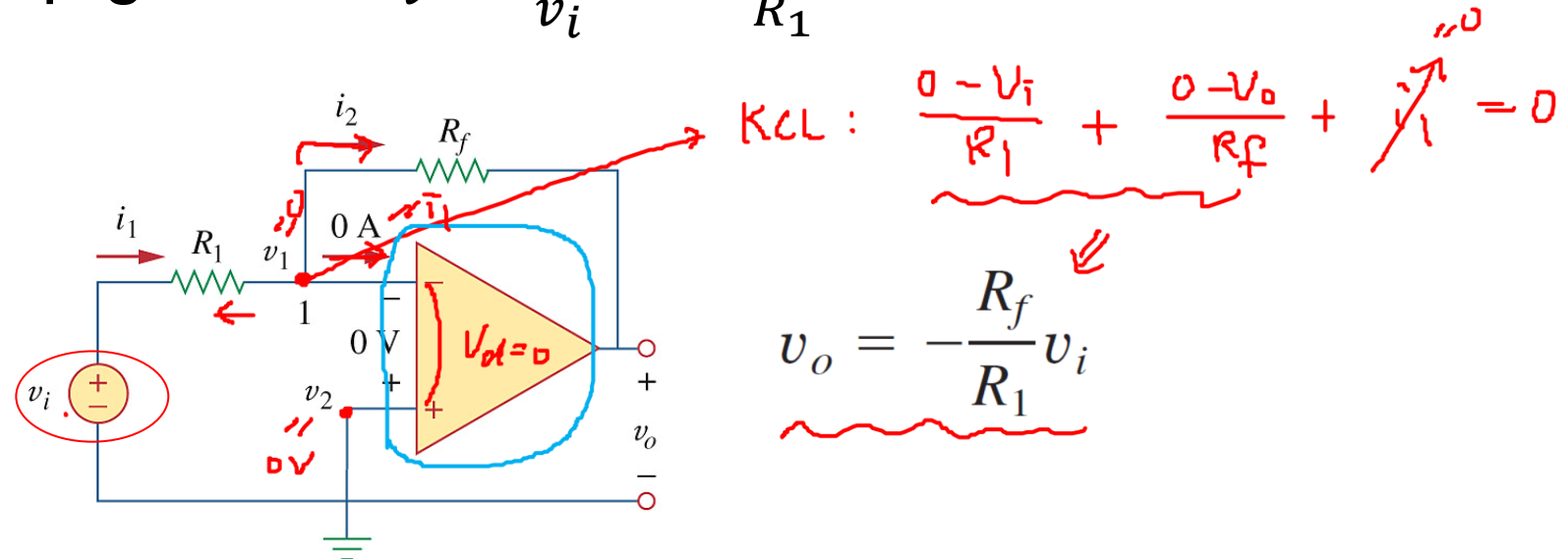
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5.4 Inverting Amplifier (Inverter)

An inverting amplifier reverses the polarity of the input signal while amplifying it.

The closed-loop gain is $A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_i} = -\frac{R_f}{R_1}$



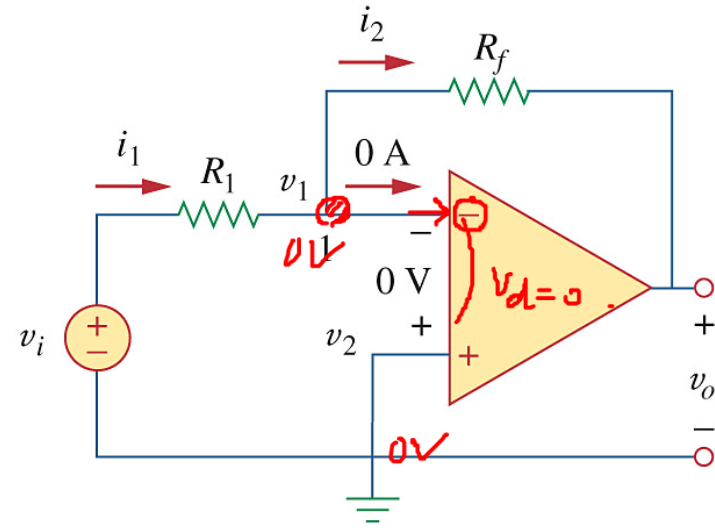
Input at the inverting terminal

Proof :

$$i_1 = i_2 \Rightarrow \frac{v_i - v_1}{R_1} = \frac{v_1 - v_o}{R_f}$$

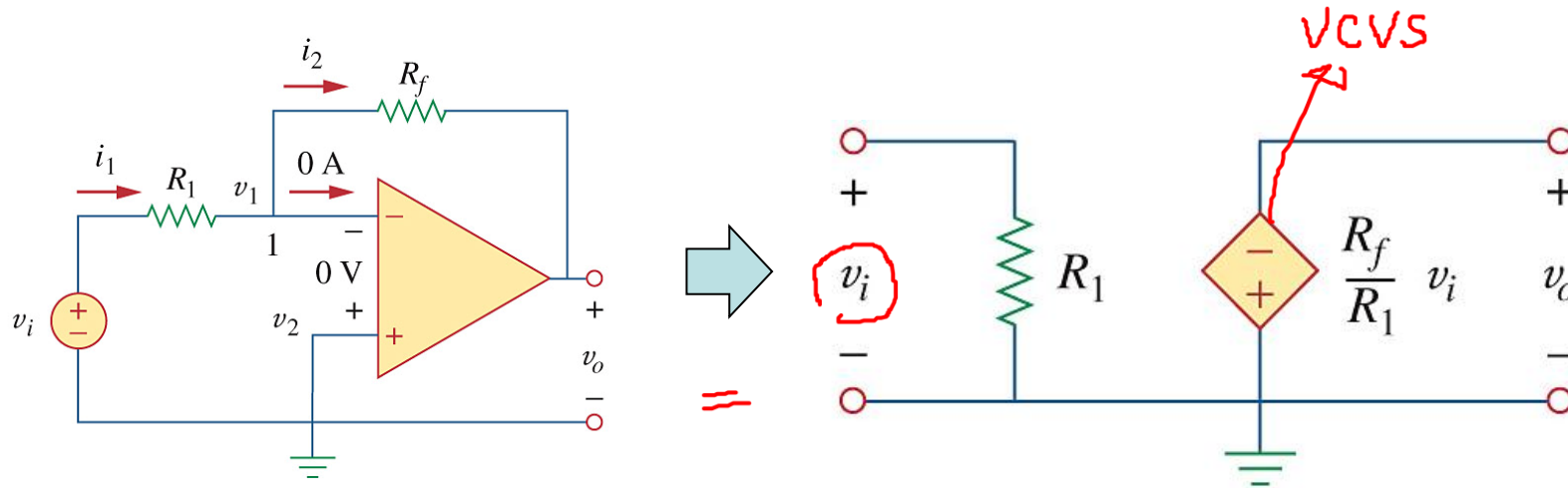
$$v_1 = v_2 = 0$$

$$\frac{v_i}{R_1} = -\frac{v_o}{R_f} \Rightarrow v_o = -\frac{R_f}{R_1} v_i \Rightarrow A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_i} = -\frac{R_f}{R_1}$$



The gain is the feedback resistance divided by the input resistance \rightarrow the gain depends only on the external elements connected to the op amp.

Inverting amplifier equivalent circuit



$$v_o = -\frac{R_f}{R_1} v_i$$

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Two circuits are equivalent

Example 5.3 Refer to the circuit in Fig.

5.12. If $v_i = 0.5$ V, calculate (a) the output voltage v_o , and (b) the current in the 10-k Ω resistor.

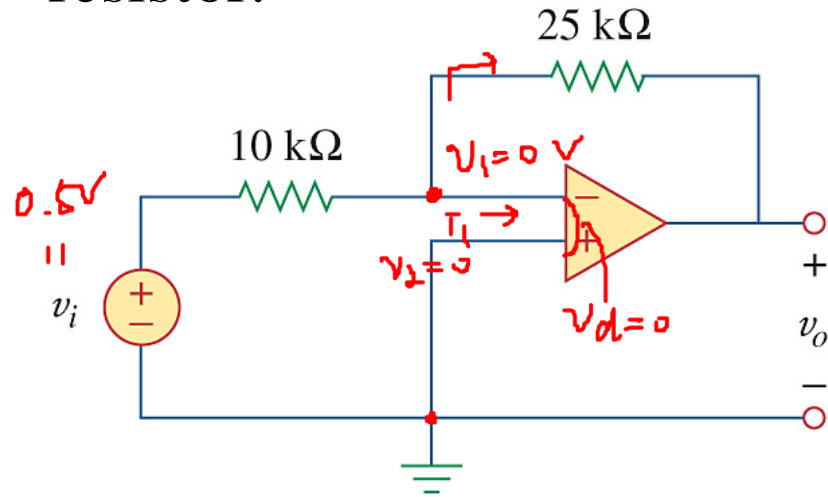


Figure 5.12

$$V_o = -\frac{R_f}{R_1} v_i = -1.25 \text{ V}$$

by KCL:

$$\frac{0 - 0.5}{10\text{k}} + \frac{0 - v_o}{25\text{k}} + i = 0$$

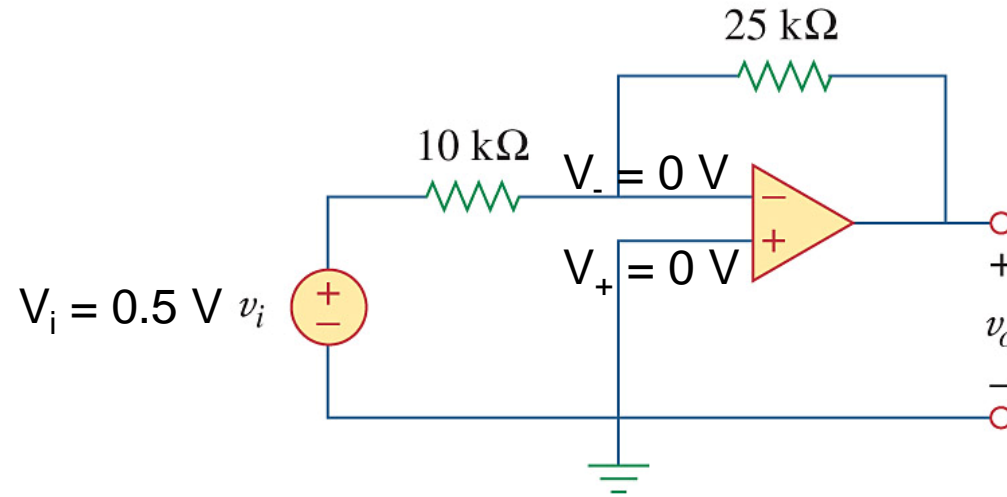
$\Rightarrow v_o = -1.25 \text{ V}$

Using the equation

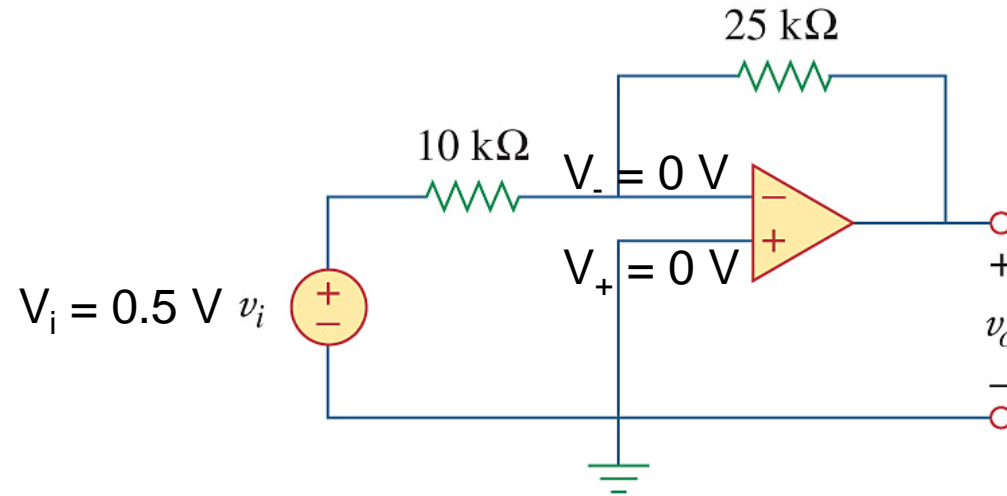
$$v_o = -\frac{R_f}{R_1} v_i = -\frac{25}{10} \times 0.5 = -1.25 \text{ (V)}$$

$$i = \frac{v_i}{R_1} = \frac{0.5}{10 \times 10^3} = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ (A)} = 50 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

What if you do not remember the equation?



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$$\frac{0 - 0.5}{10k} + i_- + \frac{0 - v_o}{25k} = 0 \rightarrow -4v_o = 5$$

Therefore $v_o = -1.25\text{ [V]}$

Current in the $10\text{ k}\Omega = 0.5/10\text{ k} = 0.5\text{ }\mu\text{A}$

Note: Do not apply KCL at output node (output current is unknown)

Practical Problem 5.4

Two kinds of current-to-voltage converters (also known as transresistance amplifier) are shown in Fig. 5.15.

(a) Show that for the converter in Fig. 5.15(a),

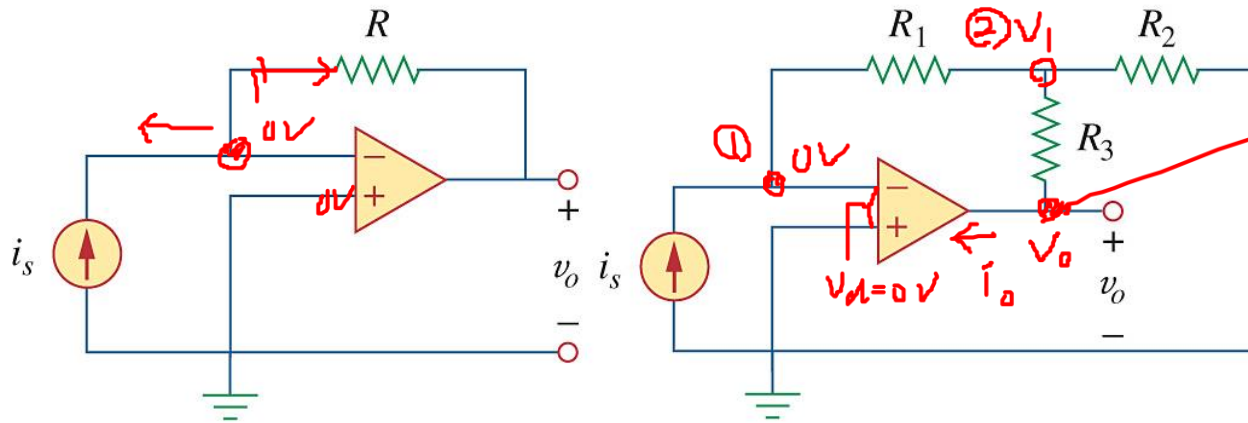
$$v_o / i_s = -R$$

(b) Show that for the converter in Fig. 5.15(b),

$$v_o / i_s = -R_1(1 + R_3 / R_2 + R_3 / R_1)$$

$$(a) -i_s + \frac{0 - v_o}{R} = 0$$

(b)

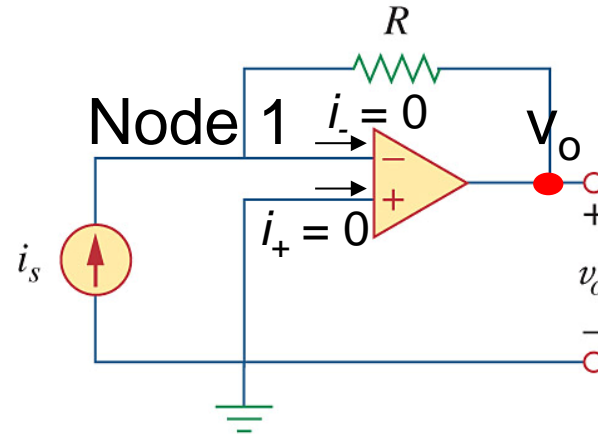


(a)

(b)

Figure 5.15

(a)



(i) $V_+ = 0$ because it is grounded

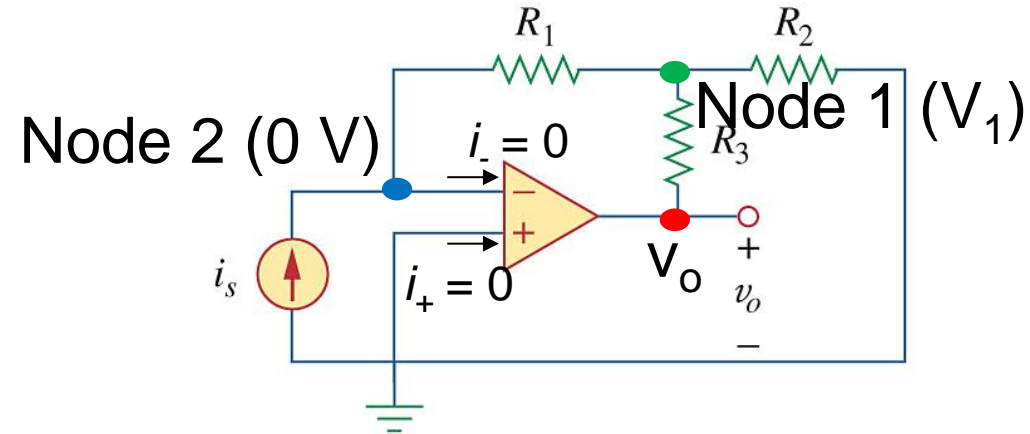
(ii) Therefore, $V_- = 0$

Nodal analysis from the Node 1 ($V = 0$)

$$-i_s + i_- + \frac{0 - v_o}{R} = 0 \text{ where } i_- = 0$$

$$i_s = \frac{-v_o}{R} \rightarrow \frac{v_o}{i_s} = -R$$

(b)



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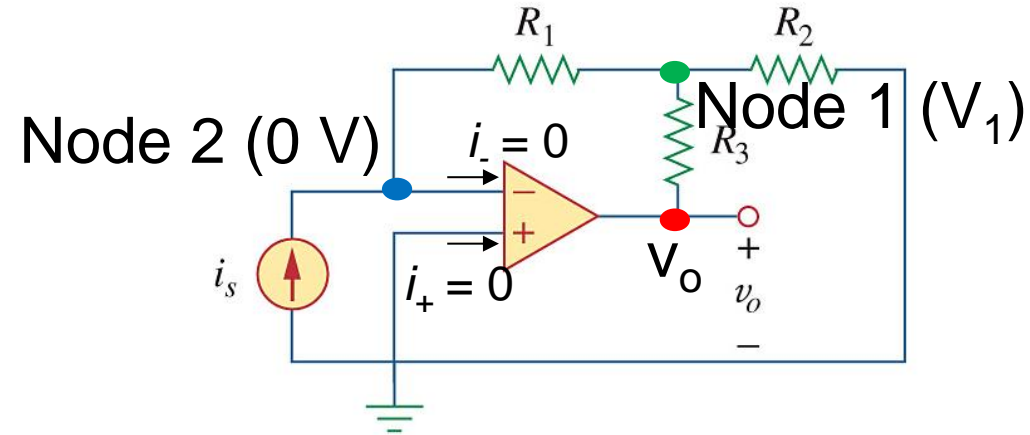
(ii) Therefore, $V_- = 0$

Nodal analysis from the Node 1 (V_1) and Node 2 (0 V)

$$\frac{V_1 - 0}{R_1} + \frac{V_1 - v_o}{R_3} + \frac{V_1 - 0}{R_2} = 0$$

$$-i_s + i_- + \frac{0 - V_1}{R_1} = 0 \rightarrow -i_s R_1 = V_1 \text{ (put into the first eq.)}$$

(b)



$$\frac{-i_s R_1 - 0}{R_1} + \frac{-i_s R_1 - v_o}{R_3} + \frac{-i_s R_1 - 0}{R_2} = 0$$
$$-i_s (R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3) = R_2 v_o$$

$$\frac{v_o}{i_s} = - \frac{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3}{R_2}$$

$$= -R_1 \left(1 + \frac{R_3}{R_2} + \frac{R_3}{R_1} \right)$$

5.5 Noninverting Amplifier

Noninverting amplifier circuit: the input v_i is applied directly at the noninverting input terminal. This provides **positive voltage gain**.

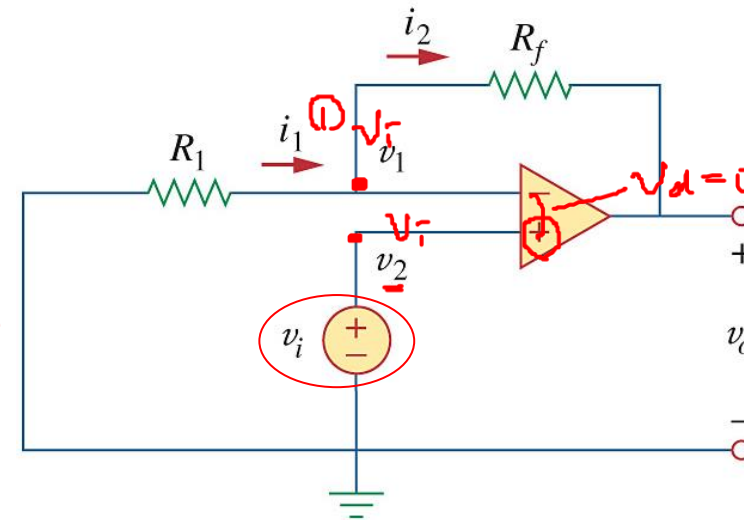
The closed-loop gain is

$$A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_i} = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1}$$

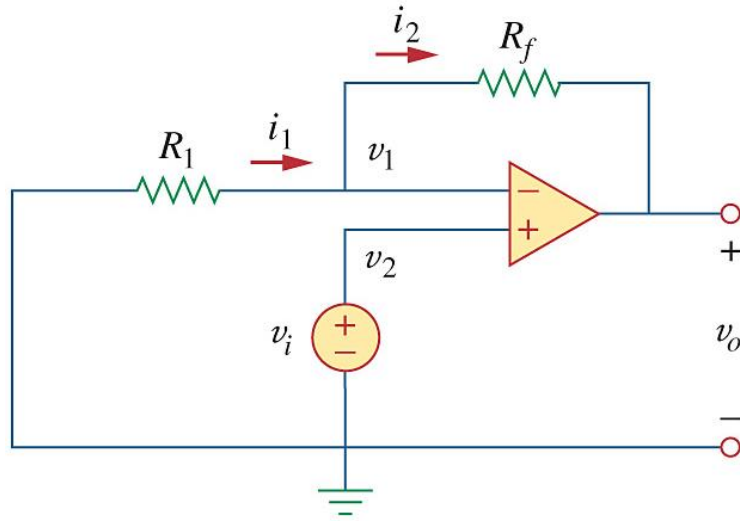
$$v_o = \left(1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1} \right) v_i$$

Handwritten notes: 100mV (under v_i), 10k (under R_1), 11k (under R_f), $\rightarrow \times 11 \rightarrow 1.1\text{V}$ (pointing to the gain term).

$$\frac{v_i - 0}{R_1} + \frac{v_1 - v_o}{R_f} = 0$$



Input at the noninverting terminal



Proof :

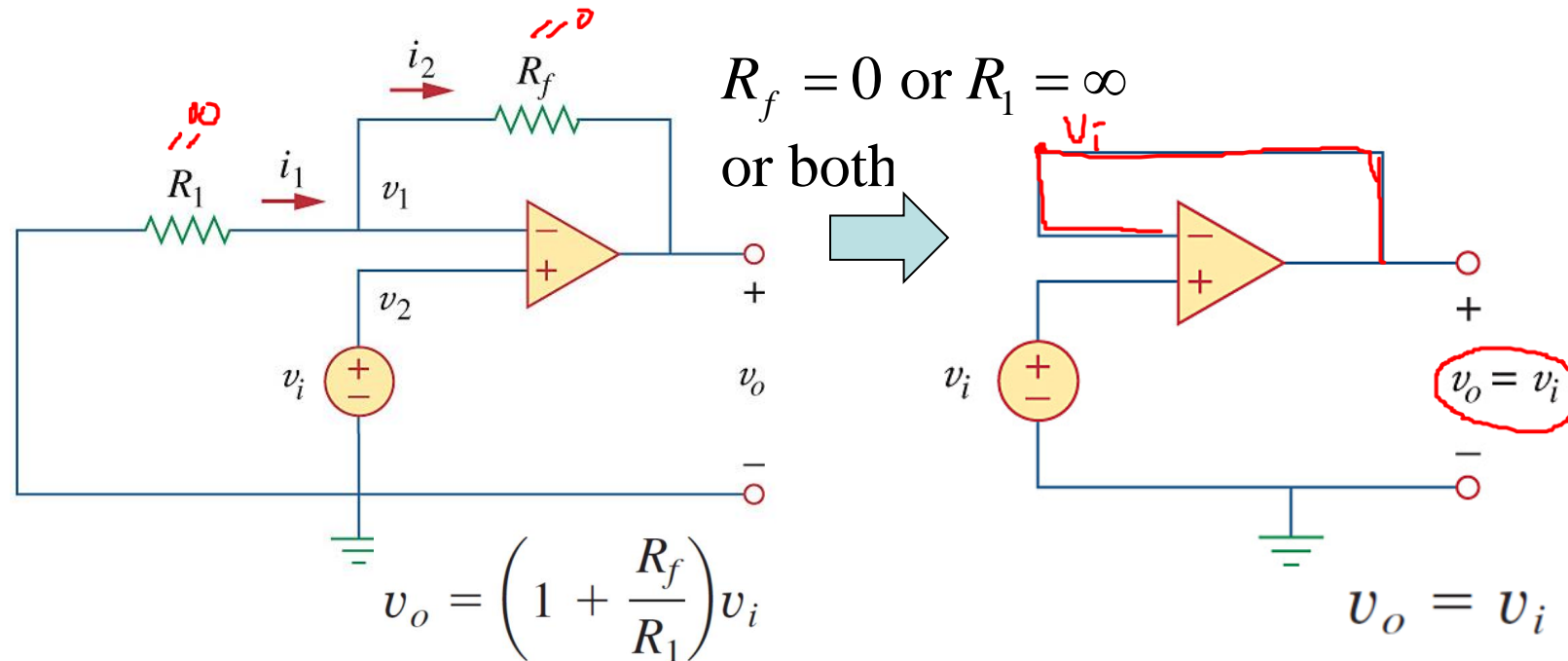
$$i_1 = i_2 \Rightarrow \frac{0 - v_1}{R_1} = \frac{v_1 - v_o}{R_f} \Rightarrow \frac{v_o}{v_1} = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1}$$

$$v_1 = v_2 = v_i$$

$$A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_i} = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1}$$

Again, the gain depends only on the external resistors

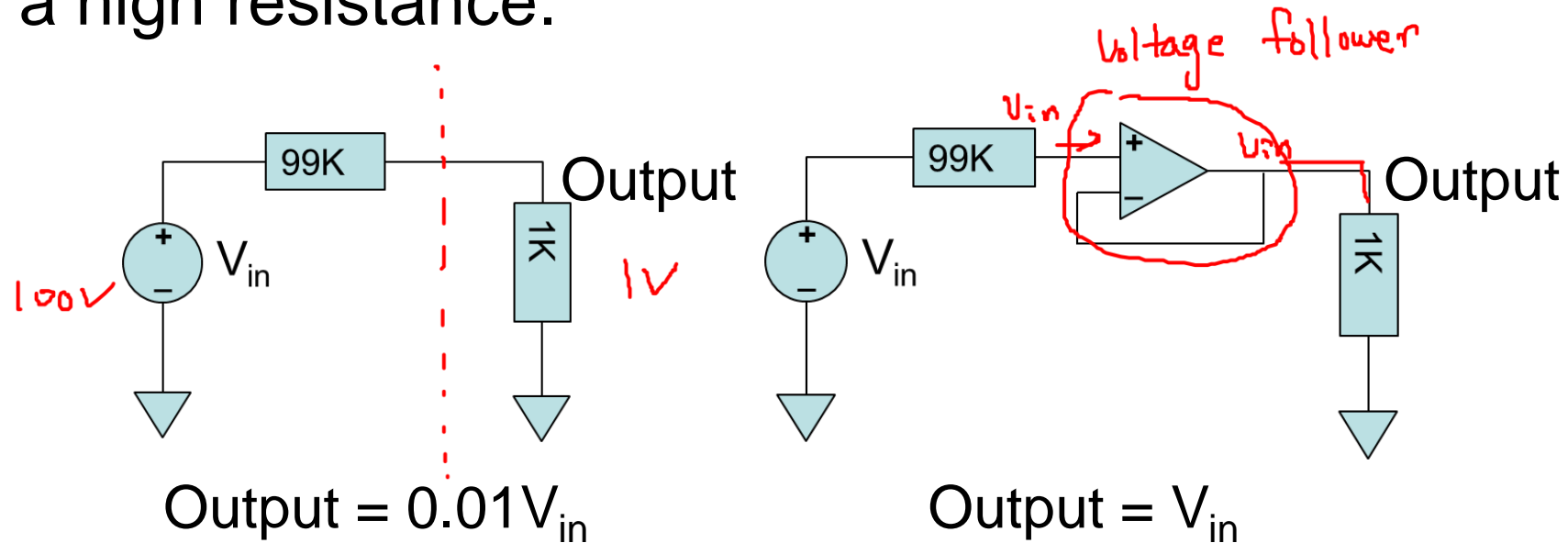
Voltage follower circuit



When $R_f = 0$ or $R_1 = \infty$ or both, then the gain is 1, which means $v_i = v_o \rightarrow$ **voltage follower**

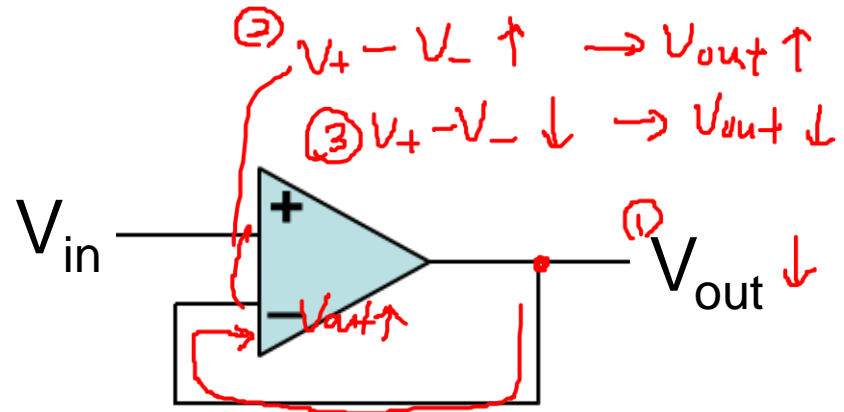
Voltage follower circuit

Advantage: It can supply a large current at the output while drawing almost no current from the input when the source has a high resistance.



Although the voltage gain is only 1, the power gain is much larger.

Negative Feedback

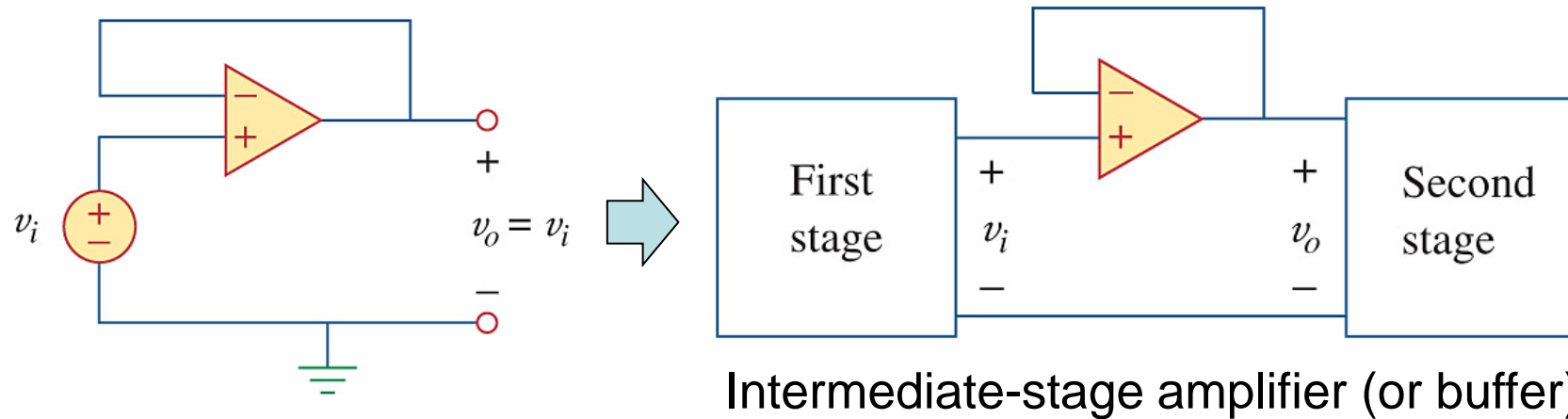


Negative feedback is when the occurrence of an event causes something to happen that counteracts the original event.

If op amp output V_{out} falls then V_- will fall by the same amount, and thus, $(V_+ - V_-)$ will increase. **Negative feedback adjusts the output to make $V_+ \cong V_-$**

$$V_{out} = AV_d = A(V_+ - V_-) = A(V_{in} - V_{out})$$

Voltage follower circuit as a buffer



Due to **very high input impedance**, the voltage follower circuit is useful as an intermediate-stage (or **buffer**) amplifier to isolate one circuit from another.

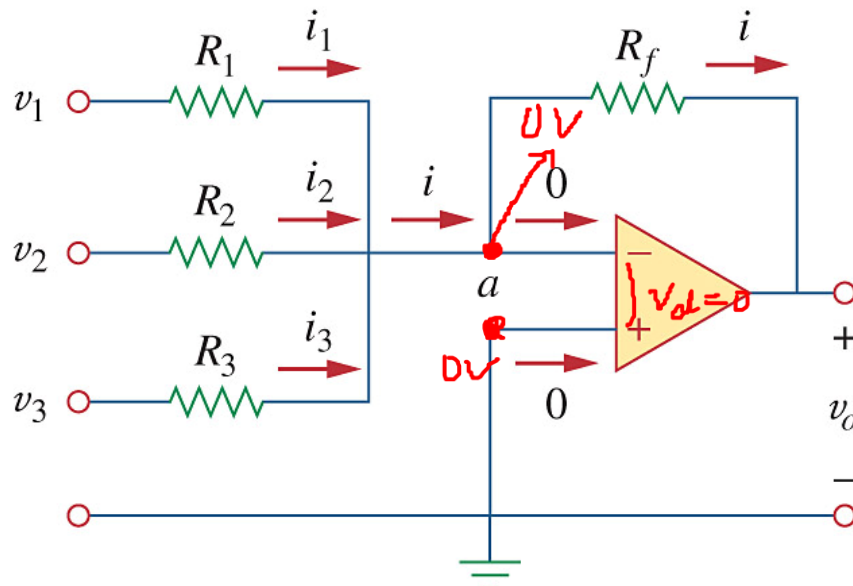
→ minimizes interaction between the two stages and eliminates interstage loading.

5.6 Summing Amplifier (Adder)

The op amp also can perform addition and subtraction.

A summing amplifier is an op amp circuit that combines several inputs and produces **an output that is the weighted sum of the inputs.**

by KCL: $\frac{0 - v_1}{R_1} + \frac{0 - v_2}{R_2} + \frac{0 - v_3}{R_3} + \frac{0 - v_o}{R_f} = 0$



$$v_o = - \left(\frac{R_f}{R_1} v_1 + \frac{R_f}{R_2} v_2 + \frac{R_f}{R_3} v_3 \right)$$

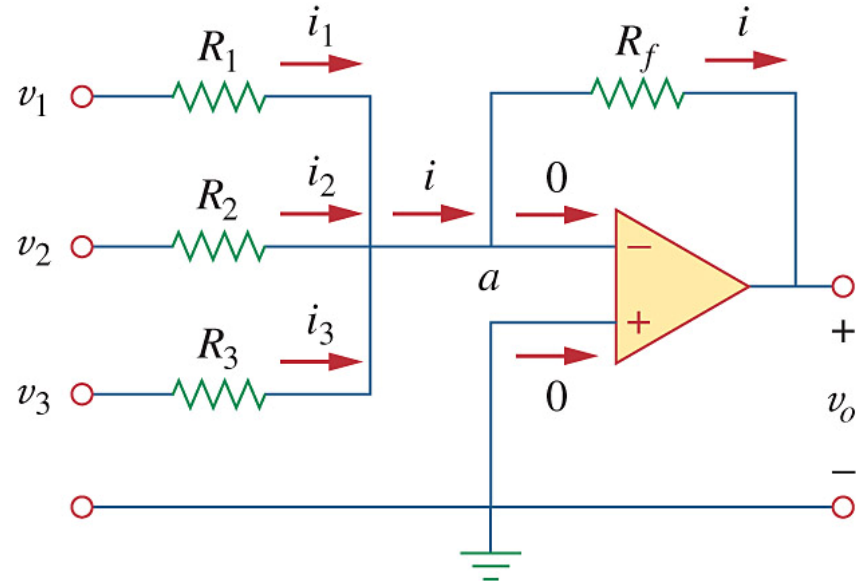
All inputs at the inverting terminal

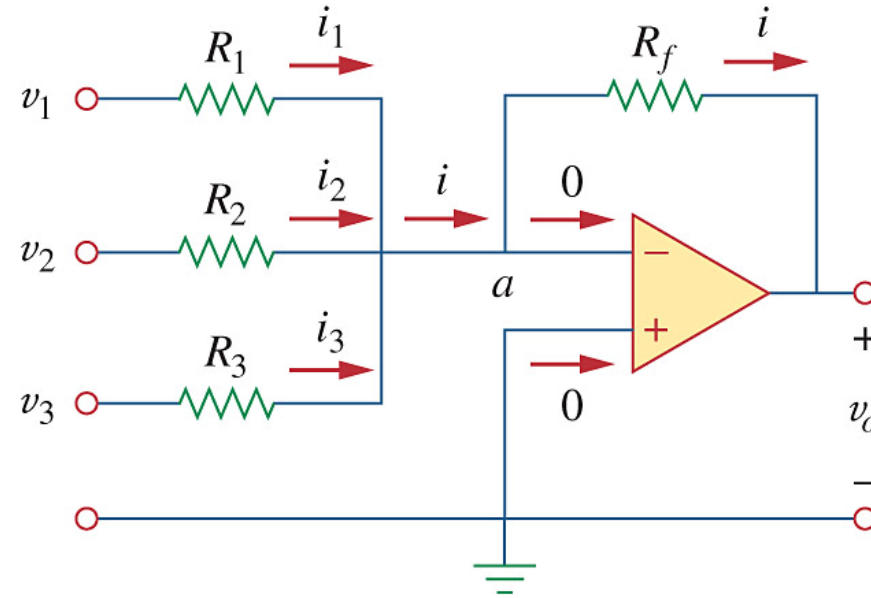
Proof :

$$i = i_1 + i_2 + i_3 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{0 - v_o}{R_f} = \frac{v_1 - 0}{R_1} + \frac{v_2 - 0}{R_2} + \frac{v_3 - 0}{R_3}$$

$$v_o = - \left(\frac{R_f}{R_1} v_1 + \frac{R_f}{R_2} v_2 + \frac{R_f}{R_3} v_3 \right)$$





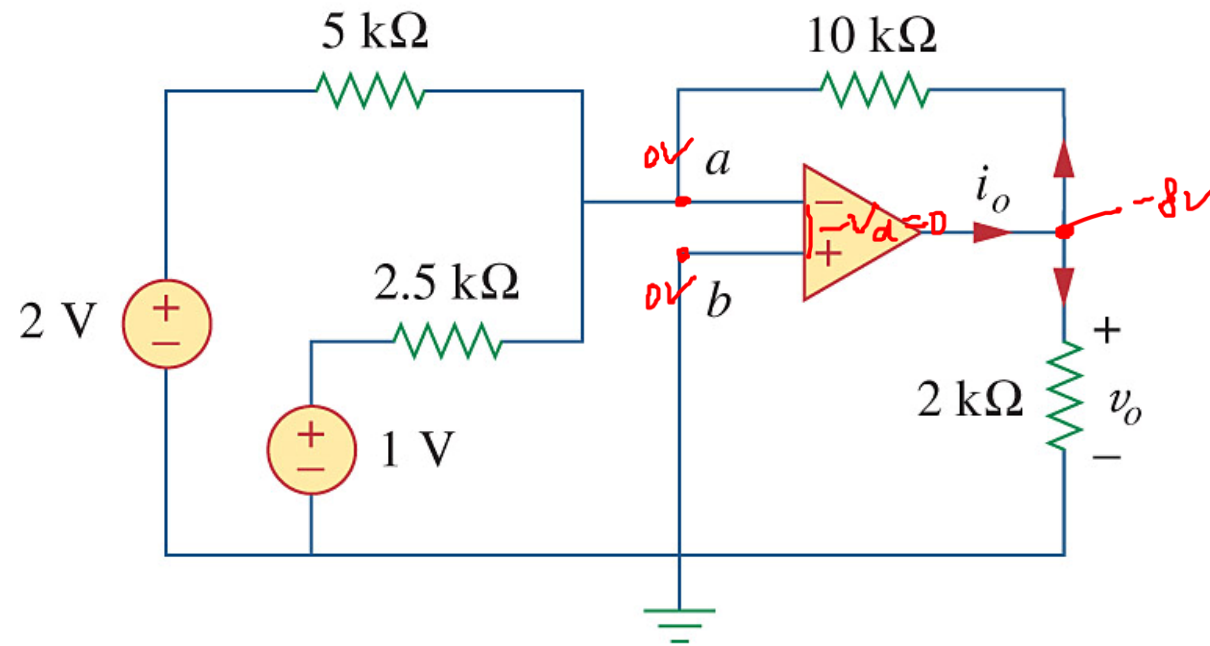
If $R_3 = R_2 = R_1$, then

$$v_o = -\frac{R_f}{R_1} (v_1 + v_2 + v_3)$$

If $R_3 = R_2 = R_1 = R_f$, then

$$v_o = -(v_1 + v_2 + v_3)$$

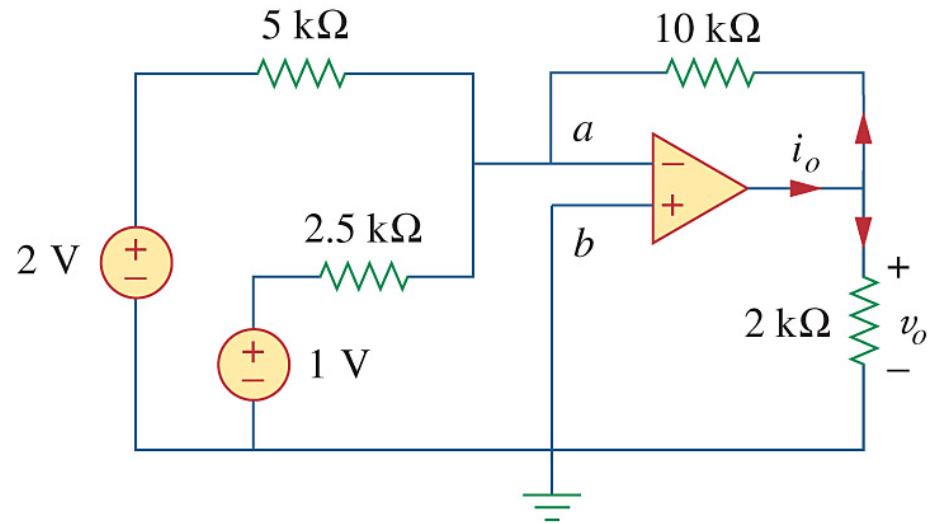
Example 5.6 Calculate v_o and i_o in the op amp circuit in Fig. 5.22.



$$\frac{0-2}{5k} + \frac{0-1}{2.5k} + \frac{0-v_o}{10k} = 0 \quad \times 10k.$$

$$v_o = -8V$$

$$i_o = \frac{-8-0}{10k} + \frac{-8-0}{2k}$$

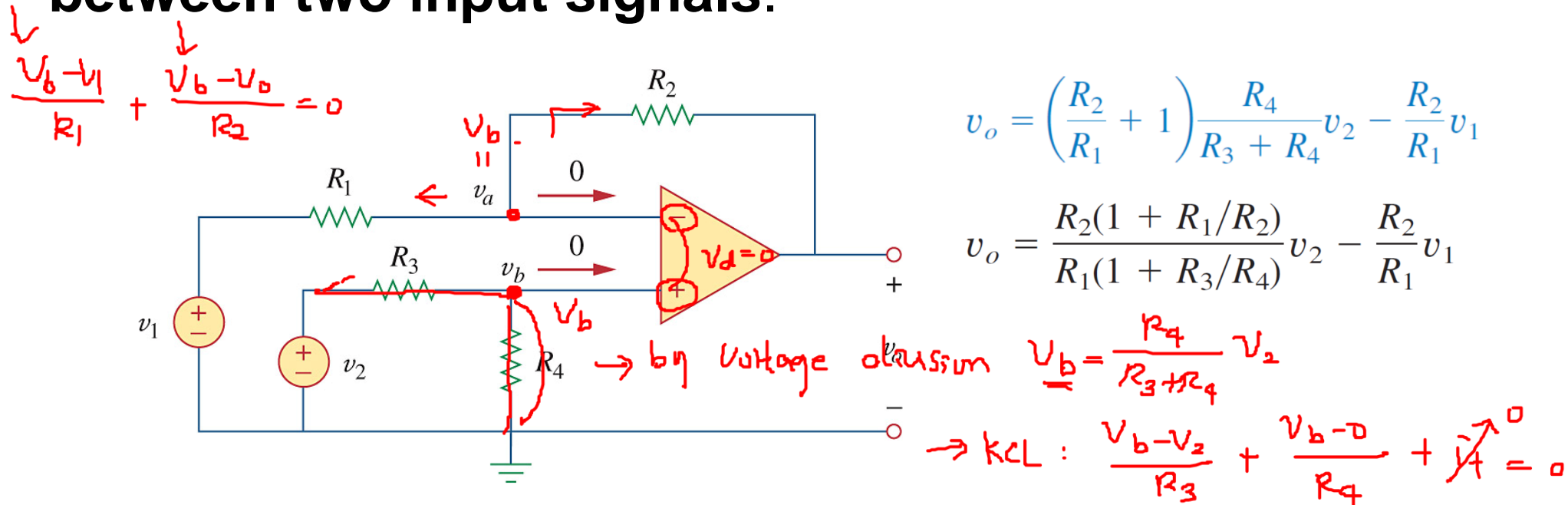


$$v_o = -\left(\frac{R_f}{R_1}v_1 + \frac{R_f}{R_2}v_2\right) = -\frac{10k}{5k}2 - \frac{10k}{2.5k}1 = -8\text{ V}$$

$$i_o = \frac{v_o}{2k} + \frac{v_o - 0}{10k} = \frac{-8}{2k} + \frac{-8}{10k} = -0.0048\text{ A} = -4.8\text{ mA}$$

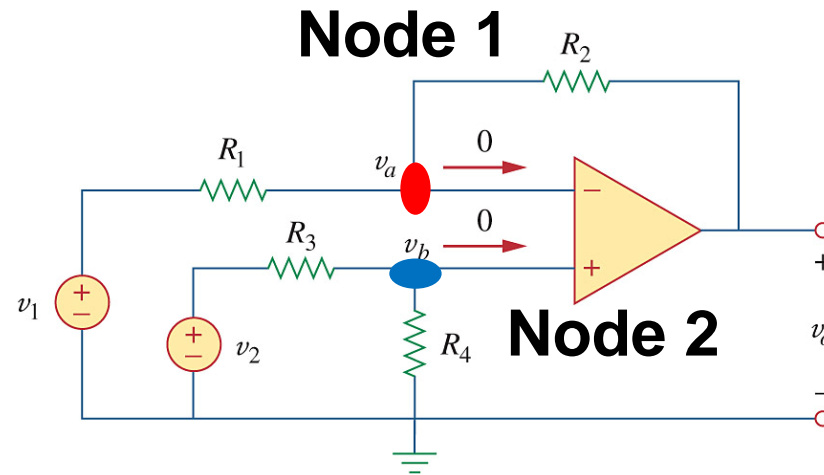
5.7 Difference Amplifier (Subtractor)

Difference (or differential) amplifiers are used in various applications where there is a need to **amplify the difference between two input signals**.



Inputs at both inverting and noninverting terminal

Proof



Node 1:

$$\frac{v_a - v_1}{R_1} + \frac{v_a - v_o}{R_2} = 0 \rightarrow R_2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) v_a - \frac{R_2}{R_1} v_1 = v_o$$

Node 2:

$$\frac{v_b - v_2}{R_3} + \frac{v_b - 0}{R_4} = 0, \text{ because } v_a = v_b$$
$$v_a = v_b = \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} v_2$$

Put into the equation

$$R_2 \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) \textcircled{v_a} - \frac{R_2}{R_1} v_1 = v_o \quad \textcircled{v_a} = v_b = \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} v_2$$

$$\rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) \left(\frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} \right) v_2 - \frac{R_2}{R_1} v_1 = v_o$$

$$v_o = \frac{R_2(1 + R_1/R_2)}{R_1(1 + R_3/R_4)} v_2 - \frac{R_2}{R_1} v_1$$

Because a difference amplifier must reject a signal common to the two inputs, the amplifier must have the property that $v_o = 0$ when $v_1 = v_2$.

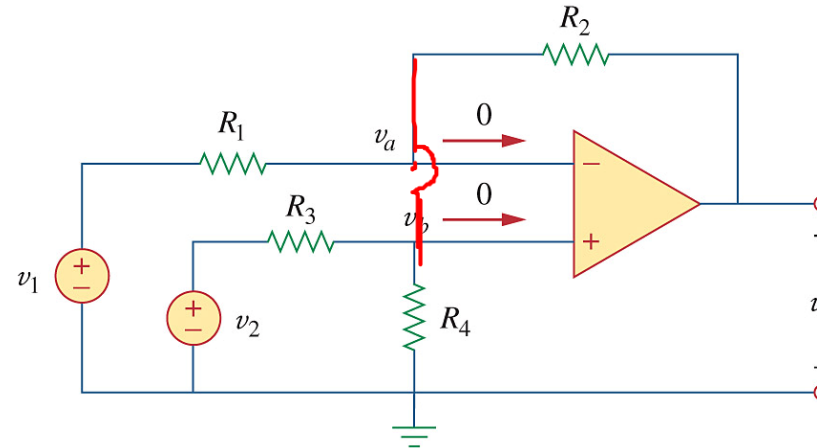
$$v_o = \frac{R_2(1 + R_1/R_2)}{R_1(1 + R_3/R_4)}v_2 - \frac{R_2}{R_1}v_1$$

If $R_4 / R_3 = R_2 / R_1$, then

$$v_o = \frac{R_2}{R_1}(v_2 - v_1)$$

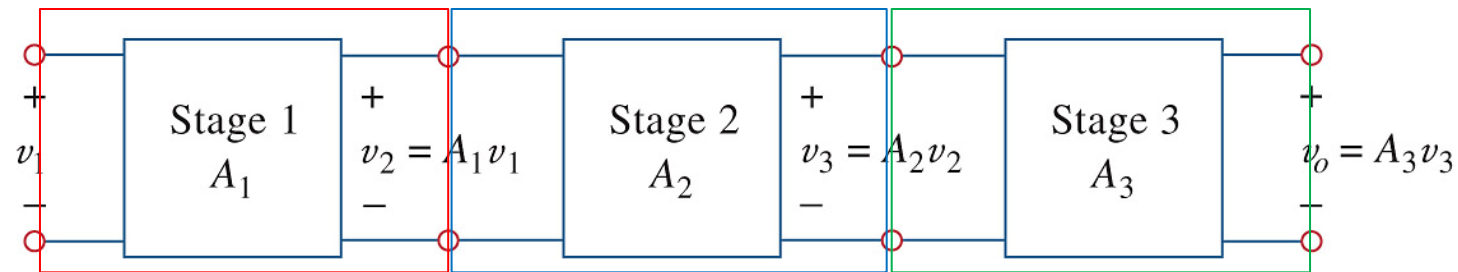
If $R_2 = R_1$ and $R_3 = R_4$ then

$$v_o = v_2 - v_1$$



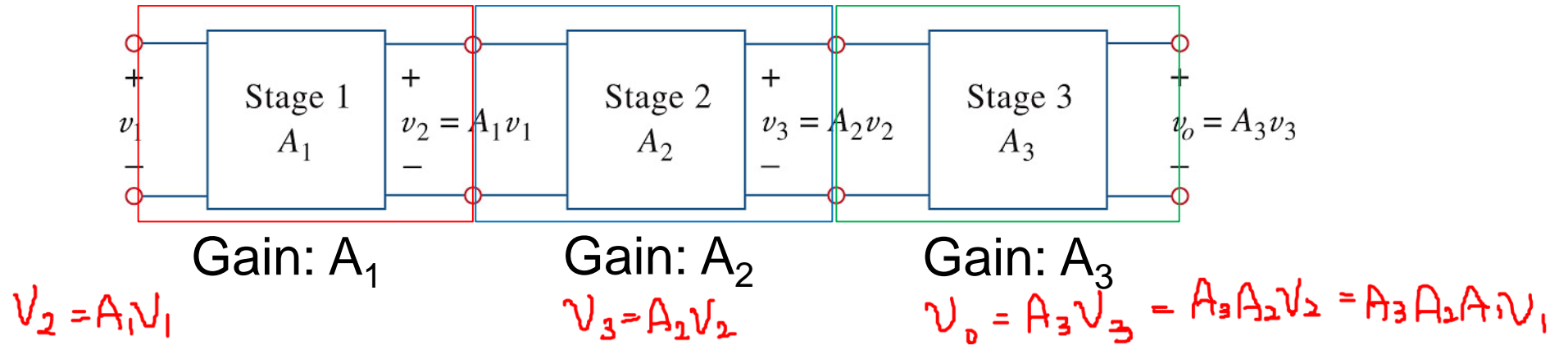
5.8 Cascaded Op Amp Circuits

A cascade connection is a head-to-tail arrangement of several op amp circuits such that **the output of one is the input of the next.**



Each circuit is called Stage

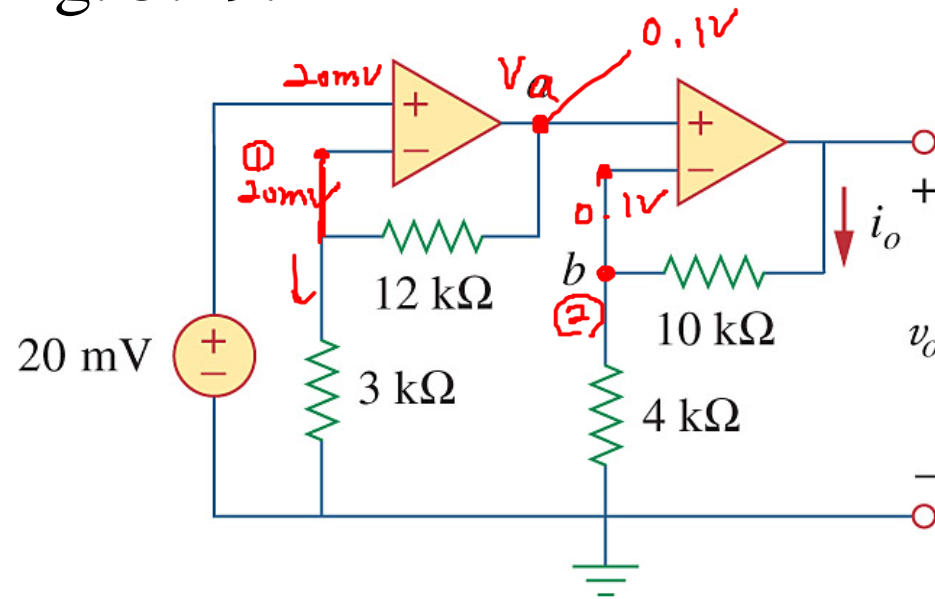
Gain of Cascaded Op Amp



Original input signal is increased by the **gain of the individual stage**, and the final gain is **the product of all gains at each stage**.

$$A = \frac{v_o}{v_1} = \frac{v_2}{v_1} \cdot \frac{v_3}{v_2} \cdot \frac{v_o}{v_3} = A_1 A_2 A_3$$

Example 5.9 Find v_o and i_o in the circuit in Fig. 5.29.



$$\frac{20\text{mV}}{3\text{k}} + \frac{20\text{mV} - v_a}{12\text{k}} = 0$$

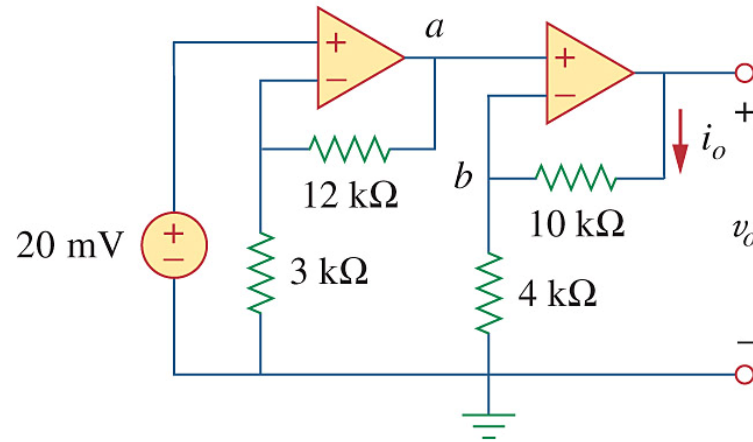
$$v_a = 0.1$$

~~v_o~~

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{0.1 - 0}{4\text{k}} + \frac{0.1 - v_o}{10\text{k}} = 0$$

$$\underline{v_o = 0.35\text{V}}$$

$$i_o = \frac{0.35 - 0.1}{10\text{k}}$$

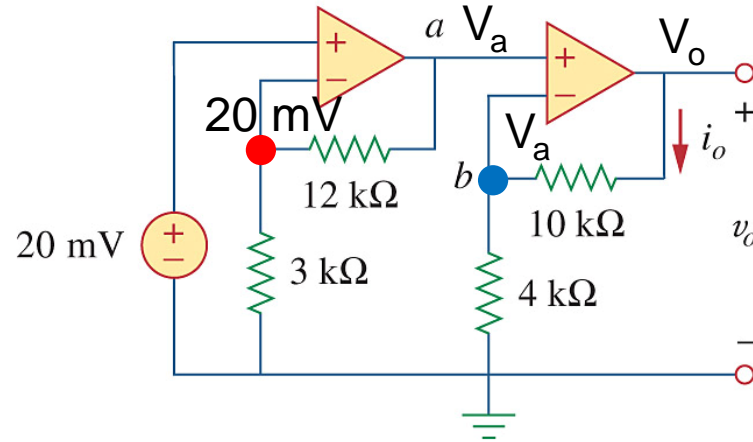


Input is to $V_+ \rightarrow$ noninverting amplifier $A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_i} = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1}$

$$v_a = \left(1 + \frac{12}{3}\right) \times 20 \times 10^{-3} = 0.1 \text{ (V)}$$

$$v_o = \left(1 + \frac{10}{4}\right) v_a = \left(1 + \frac{10}{4}\right) \times 0.1 = 0.35 \text{ (V)}$$

$$i_o = \frac{v_o}{10 + 4} = \frac{0.35}{14} = 0.025 \text{ (mA)} = 25 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$



I don't remember any equation.. then,

(1) First op amp

$$\text{By KCL: } \frac{20\text{mV} - V_a}{12k} + \frac{20\text{mV}}{3k} = 0 \rightarrow V_a = 0.1 \text{ V}$$

(2) Second op amp

$$\text{By KCL: } \frac{0.1 - V_o}{10k} + \frac{0.1}{4k} = 0 \rightarrow V_o = 0.35 \text{ V}$$

$$i_o = V_o/14k = 0.025 \text{ mA} = 25 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

Example 5.10 If $v_1 = 1$ V and $v_2 = 2$ V, find v_o in the op amp circuit of Fig. 5.31.

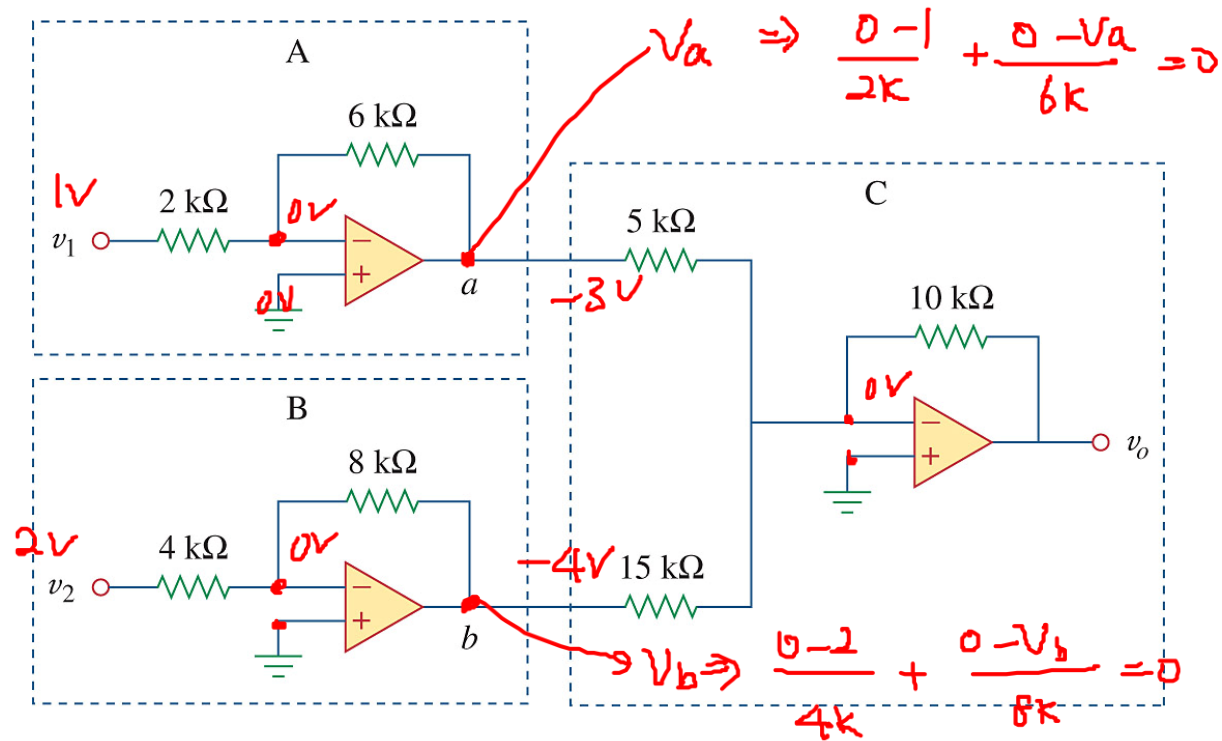
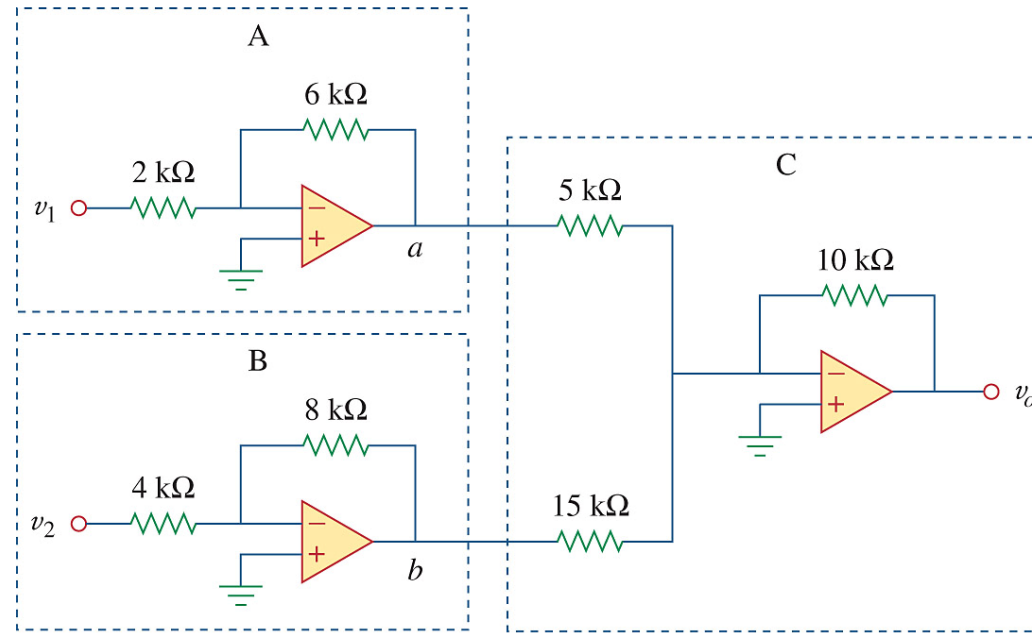


Figure 5.31

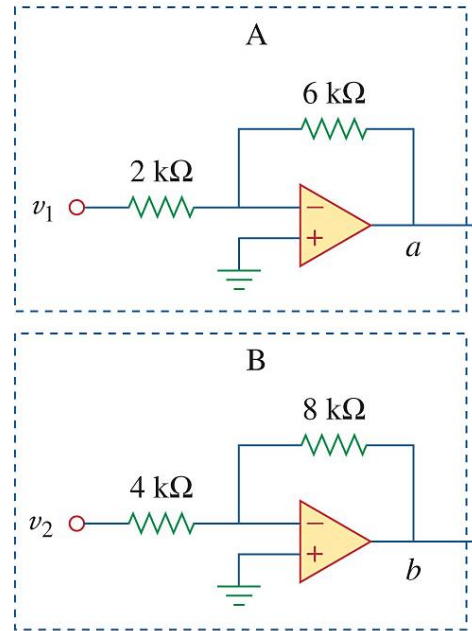
Node c KCL equation:
$$V_o \Rightarrow \frac{0-(-3)}{5k} + \frac{0-(-4)}{15k} + \frac{0-V_o}{10k} = 0$$

Solving for V_o :
$$V_o = 8.67 \text{ V}$$



We have this scary circuit.. Take a look at **each stage**

- A and B are noninverting amplifiers.
- C is a summing amplifier.
- Solve it stage by stage.

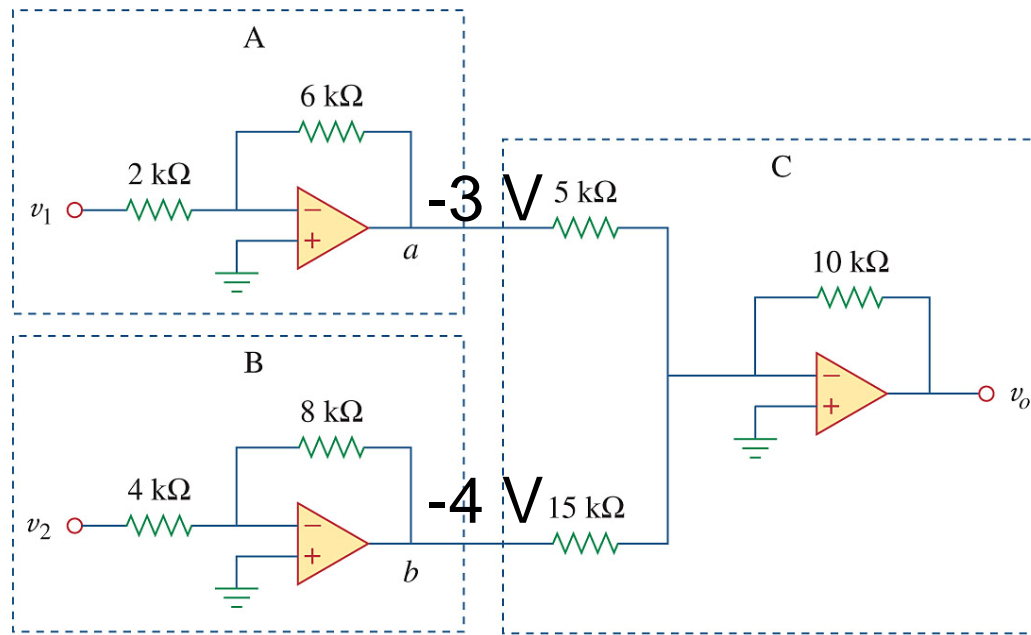


$$v_o = -\frac{R_f}{R_1} v_i$$

A and B are **inverting amplifiers**

$$v_a = -\frac{6}{2} v_1 = -\frac{6}{2} \times 1 = -3 \text{ (V)}$$

$$v_b = -\frac{8}{4} v_2 = -\frac{8}{4} \times 2 = -4 \text{ (V)}$$



C is a summing amplifier

$$v_o = -\left(\frac{R_f}{R_1}v_1 + \frac{R_f}{R_2}v_2 + \frac{R_f}{R_3}v_3\right)$$

$$v_o = -\left(\frac{10}{5}v_a + \frac{10}{15}v_b\right)$$

$$= -\left(\frac{10}{5} \times (-3) + \frac{10}{15} \times (-4)\right) = \frac{26}{3} \approx 8.67 \text{ (V)}$$

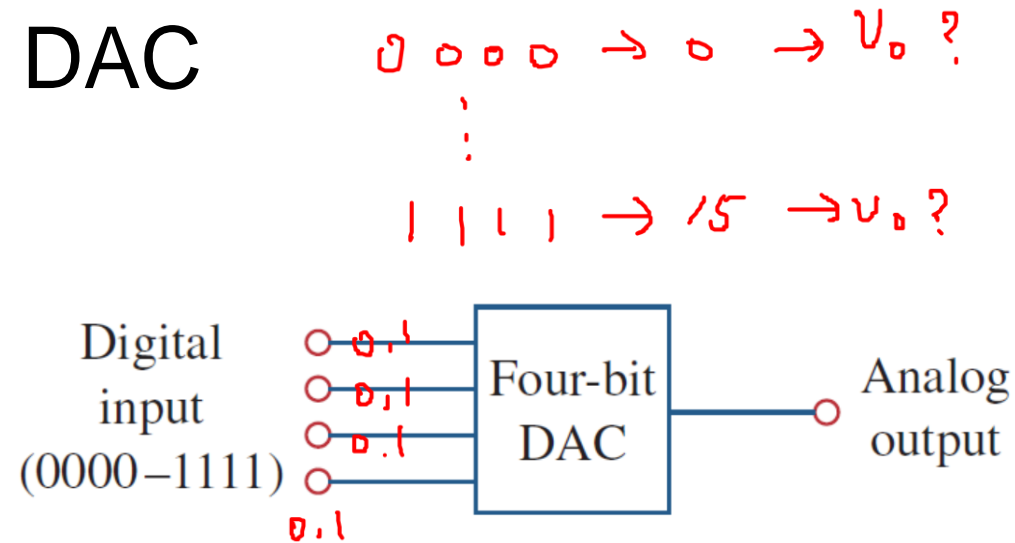
Again, you can solve it by using KCL without using equations

5.10. Applications

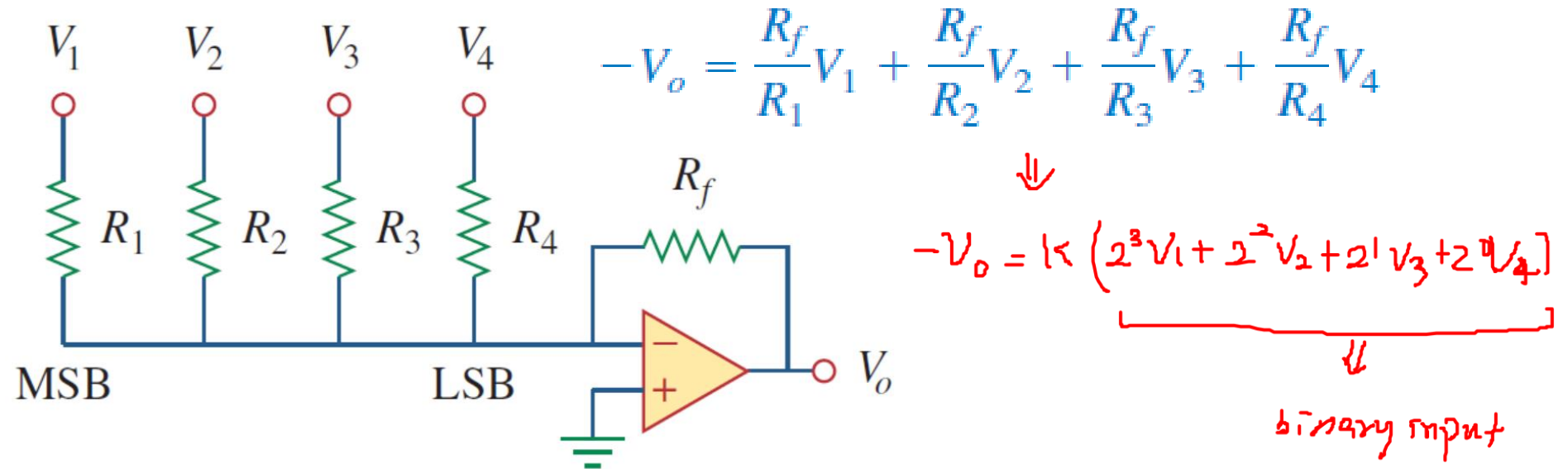
- The op amp is a fundamental building block in modern electronic instrumentation.
- e.g. digital-to-analog converters, analog computers, etc.

Digital-to-Analog Converter

- The digital-to-analog converter (DAC) transforms digital signals into analog form.
- Example: a four-bit DAC

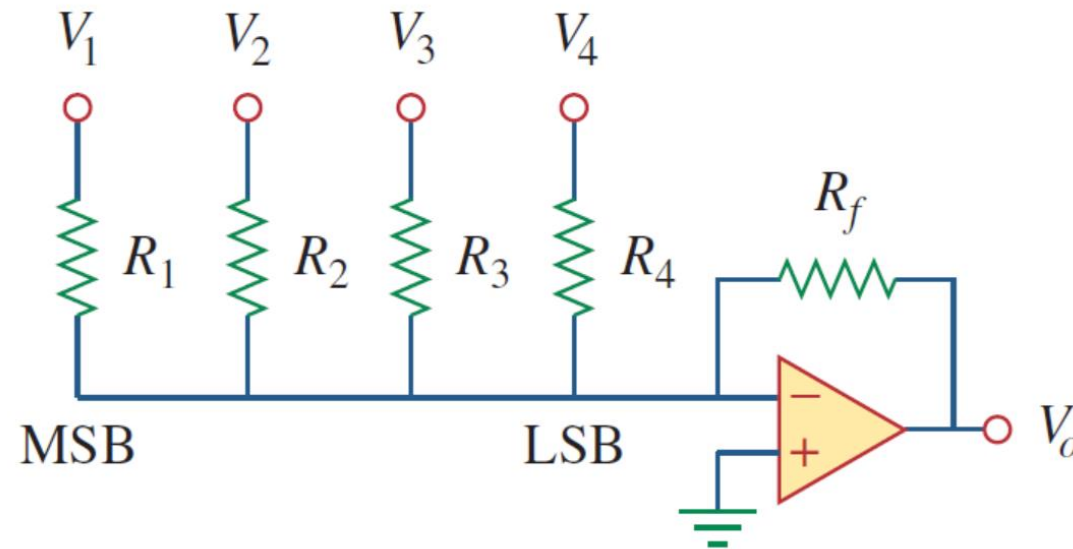


DAC: binary weighted ladder



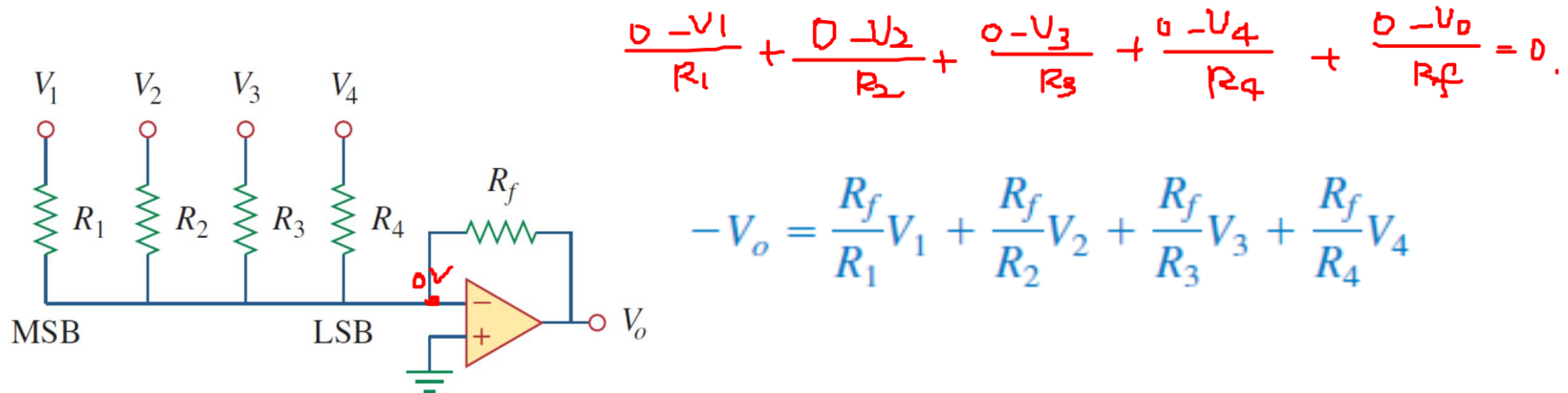
- An inverting summing amplifier
- Bits are weighted by descending value of R_f/R_n to produce 2 times difference for adjacent bits

DAC: binary weighted ladder



- Digital inputs: $V_1 - V_4$ is 0 or 1V
- Input = $[V_1 V_2 V_3 V_4]$
- V_1 : most significant bit (MSB)
- V_4 : least significant bit (LSB)

DAC: binary weighted ladder

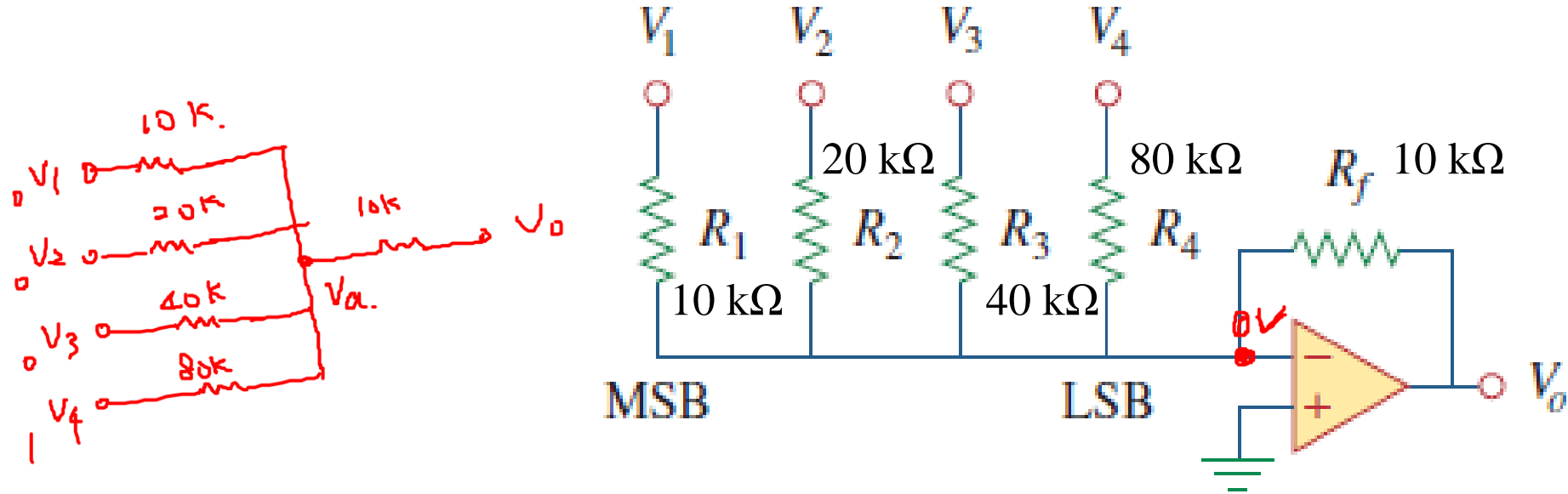


- Bits are weighted by descending value of R_f/R_n to produce 2 times difference for adjacent bits

➡ $-V_o = k(2^3V_1 + 2^2V_2 + 2^1V_3 + 2^0V_4)$

Example 5.12

In the op amp circuit of Fig. 5.36(b), let $R_f = 10\text{ k}\Omega$, $R_1 = 10\text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 20\text{ k}\Omega$, $R_3 = 40\text{ k}\Omega$, and $R_4 = 80\text{ k}\Omega$. Obtain the analog output for binary inputs [0000], [0001], [0010], ..., [1111].



1. Output voltage

$$\begin{aligned}
 -V_o &= \frac{R_f}{R_1}V_1 + \frac{R_f}{R_2}V_2 + \frac{R_f}{R_3}V_3 + \frac{R_f}{R_4}V_4 \\
 &= V_1 + 0.5V_2 + 0.25V_3 + 0.125V_4
 \end{aligned}$$

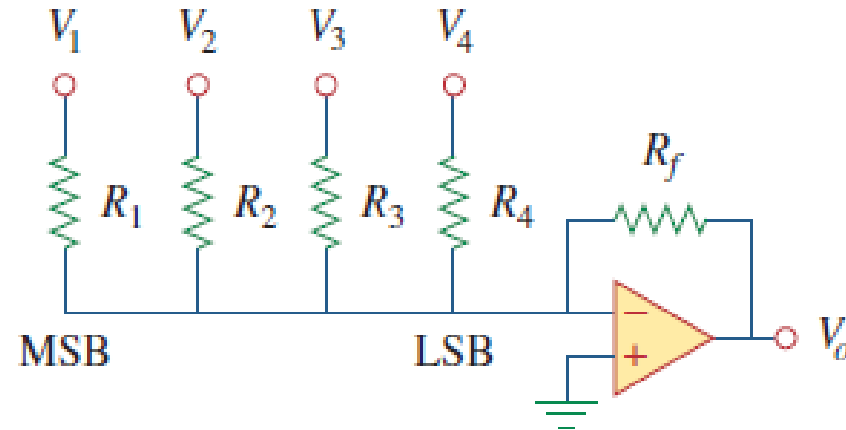
$\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$

$$-V_o = 0$$

$$-V_o = 0.125$$

$$-V_o = 1 + 0.5 + 0.25 + 0.125$$

$$V_o = 0 \sim 1.875\text{ [V]}$$



1. Output voltage

$$-V_o = \frac{R_f}{R_1} V_1 + \frac{R_f}{R_2} V_2 + \frac{R_f}{R_3} V_3 + \frac{R_f}{R_4} V_4$$

$$= V_1 + 0.5V_2 + 0.25V_3 + 0.125V_4$$

2. Digital input $[V_1 V_2 V_3 V_4] = [0000]$ produces analog output $-V_o = 0 \text{ V}$

$$[0001] \rightarrow -V_o = 0.125 \text{ V}$$

$$[0010] \rightarrow -V_o = 0.250 \text{ V}$$

$$[0011] \rightarrow -V_o = 0.375 \text{ V}$$

TABLE 5.2

Input and output values of the four-bit DAC.

Binary input [$V_1V_2V_3V_4$]	Decimal value	Output $-V_o$
0000	0	0
0001	1	0.125
0010	2	0.25
0011	3	0.375
0100	4	0.5
0101	5	0.625
0110	6	0.75
0111	7	0.875
1000	8	1.0
1001	9	1.125
1010	10	1.25
1011	11	1.375
1100	12	1.5
1101	13	1.625
1110	14	1.75
1111	15	1.875

Step = 0.125

 $\div 0.125$  $\times 0.125$ 

- Resolution (the smallest resolvable analog output) = $0.125\text{ V} = V_{\text{LSB}}$

$0 \sim 1V = V_o$
Question: In practice, for 1 V range, if you want to produce a resolution of 1mV, roughly how many bits do you need?

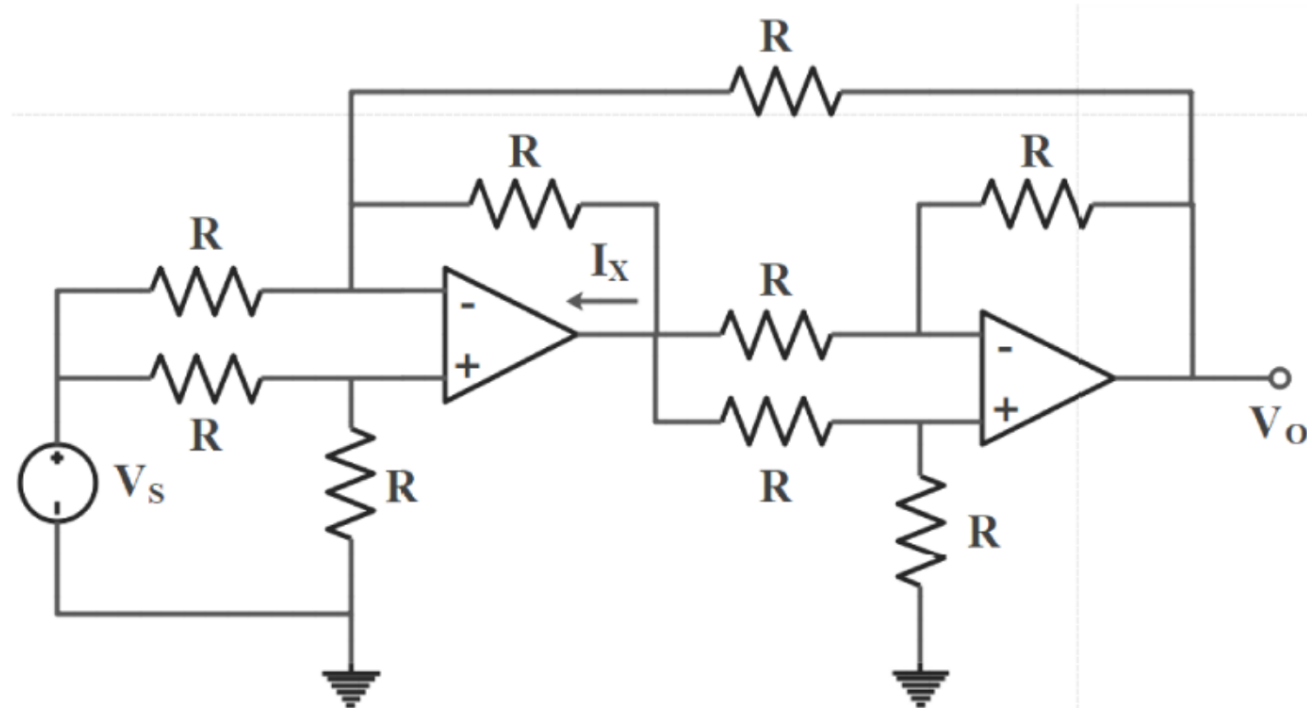
1000mV.

$$-V_o = 2^k v_1 + 2^{k-1} v_2 + \dots + 2^0 v_k \approx 1000mV.$$

$2^{10} \Rightarrow 1024$

For an n-bit DAC it can be given as

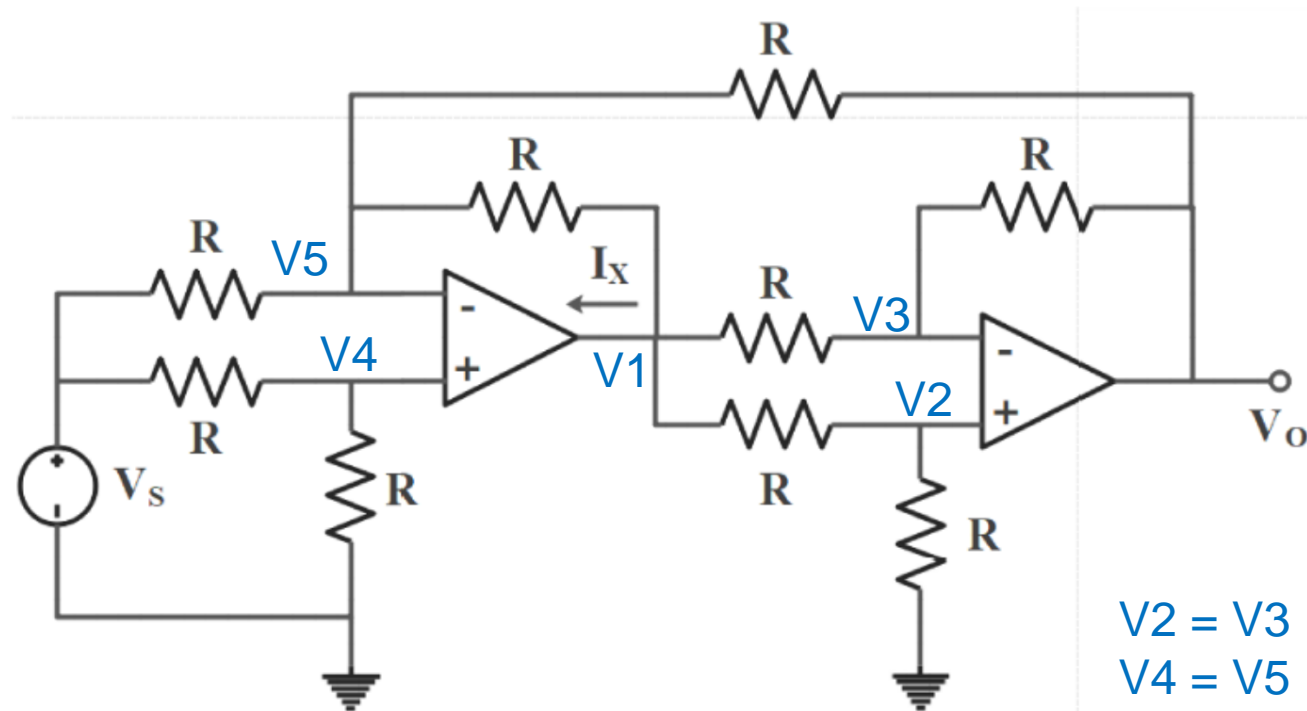
Resolution = $\frac{V_{oFS}}{2^n - 1}$ where V_{oFS} = full scale output voltage.



Suppose the source voltage is V_S and the resistance of all resistors is R .

Please derive

- (1) The output voltage V_O .
- (2) The current I_X flows into the Op-Amp on the left.



Suppose the source voltage is V_S and the resistance of all resistors is R .

Please derive

(1) The output voltage V_O .
$$\frac{V_S - V_5}{R} = \frac{V_5 - V_1}{R} + \frac{V_5 - V_O}{R}$$

(2) The current I_X flows into the Op-Amp on the left.
$$I_X = \frac{-V_S}{2R}$$