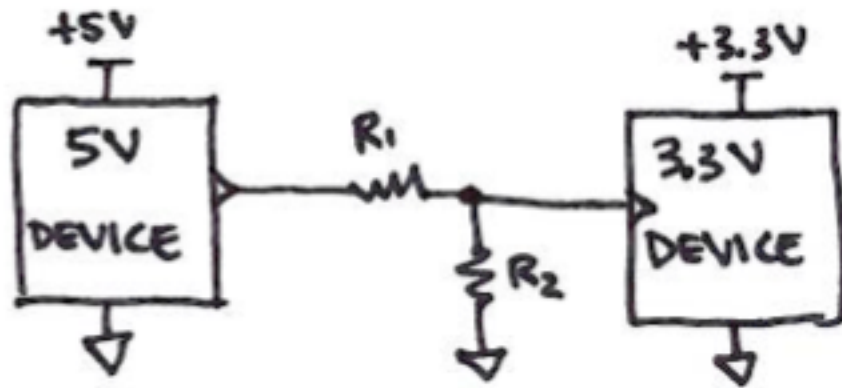


1. A Basic Level-translator

You're building a system that requires a 5 V digital output to be interfaced with a 3.3 V tolerant digital input. A coworker suggests using a simple resistor divider as the level-translating interface.



- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a resistor divider for this interface?

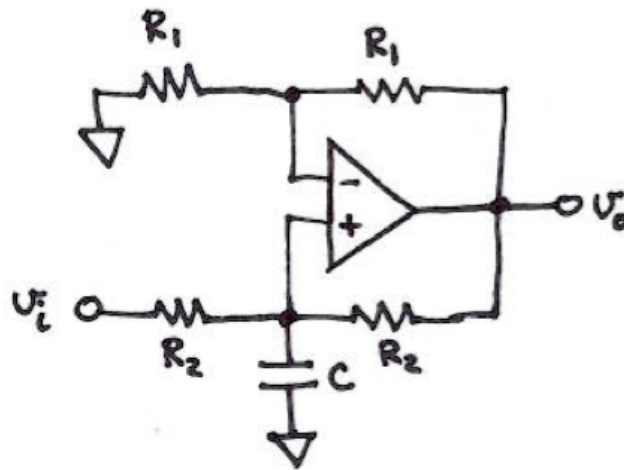
- What characteristics set the relative ratio of the divider resistances?

- What characteristics set the lower limit for the total divider resistance ($R_1 + R_2$)?

- What characteristics set the upper limit for the total divider resistance?

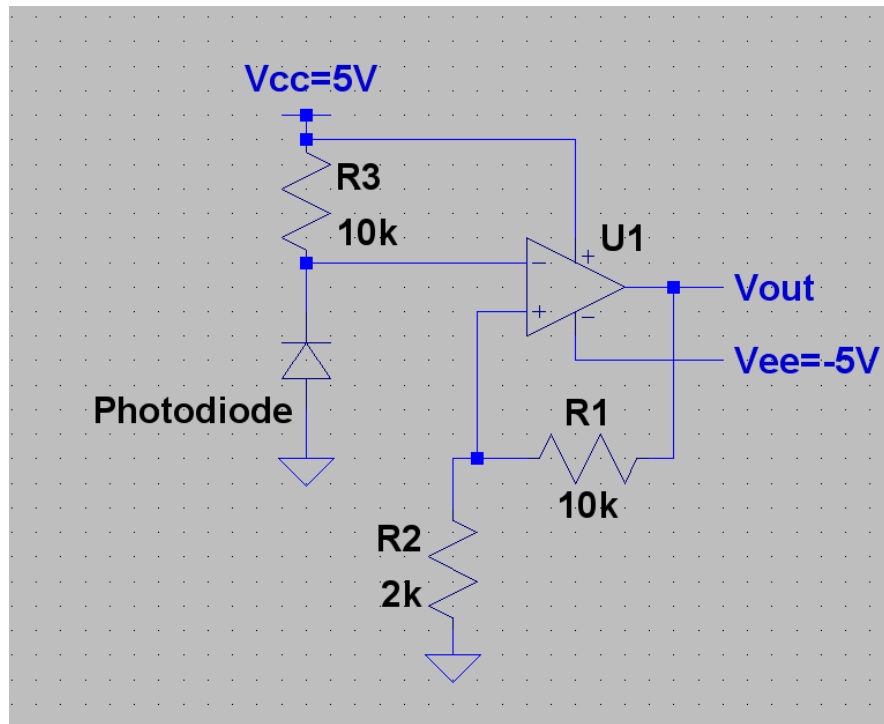
2. Mystery Analog Circuit

While studying a system schematic, you come across the analog sub-circuit shown below that connects a low-impedance source node V_i to a high-impedance input node V_o . What does it do?



3. Photo-OP

Study the circuit below and describe its operation:



4. Resistance is not futile



You've decided to get into the lucrative resistor manufacturing business with the help of an investment partner. You're looking at resistor manufacturing and test equipment from two competing companies: 1k-R-Us, and Vive la Resistance, Inc.

Each company has provided measurement data for a run of 1k-ohm nominal resistors manufactured by their respective equipment (see the attached data files).

The amortized cost of the equipment from either company, including resistor manufacturing, testing, and sorting, is 3 cents per resistor. You analyze the market and figure that you can sell 1% precision resistors for 10 cents each, and 10% precision resistors for 3 cents each.

Create a 1-slide summary for your investment partner that makes your case for which equipment is the better investment.