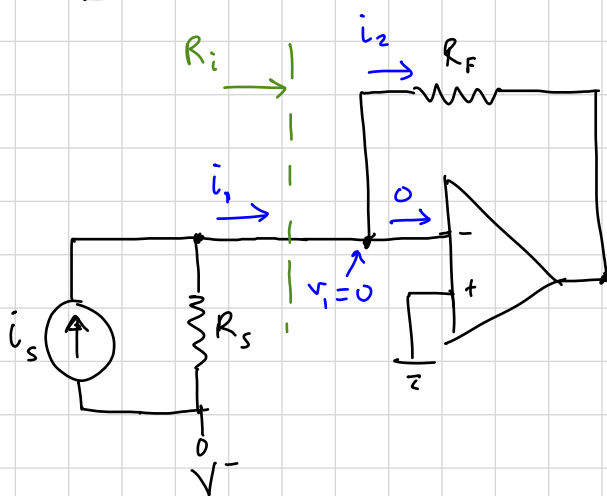


Lecture #23

Op-Amp Applications

Current-to-voltage converter

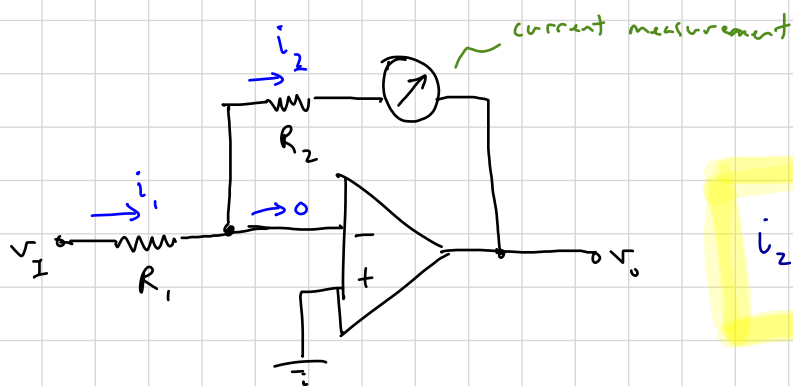


Since $R_i = \frac{v_i}{i_i} \approx 0 \rightarrow R_s \gg R_i, i_1 = i_s = i_2$

$$v_o = -i_2 R_F = -i_s R_F$$

conversion based linearly on R_F

Voltage-to-current converter



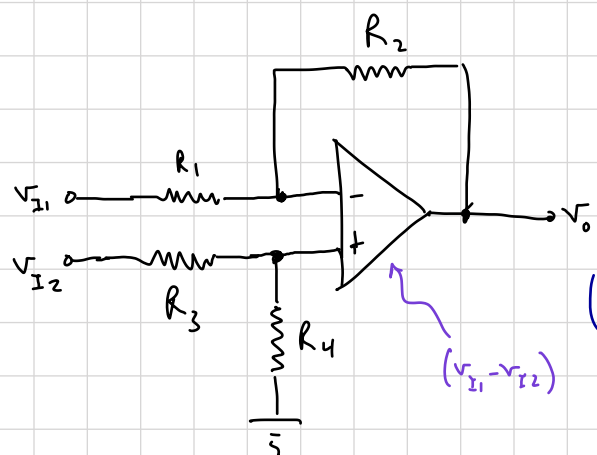
$$i_2 = i_1 = \frac{v_I}{R_1}$$

There are more complex versions but the same principle applies:

$$i = \frac{v_I}{R}$$

Difference Amplifier

→ an inverting or noninverting type amplifier for difference (gain depends on ratio of resistors)



Analyze using superposition and concept of "virtual short"

→ set $v_{I2} = 0$, solve for v_o
→ set $v_{I1} = 0$, solve for v_o → add

$$v_o = \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) \left(\frac{R_4/R_3}{1 + R_4/R_3}\right) v_{I2} - \frac{R_2}{R_1} v_{I1}$$

However, must have $v_o = 0$ if $v_{I1} = v_{I2}$ (no difference) to eliminate unwanted feedback.

$$\therefore \frac{R_4}{R_3} = \frac{R_2}{R_1} \quad \text{and} \quad v_o = \frac{R_2}{R_1} (v_{I2} - v_{I1})$$

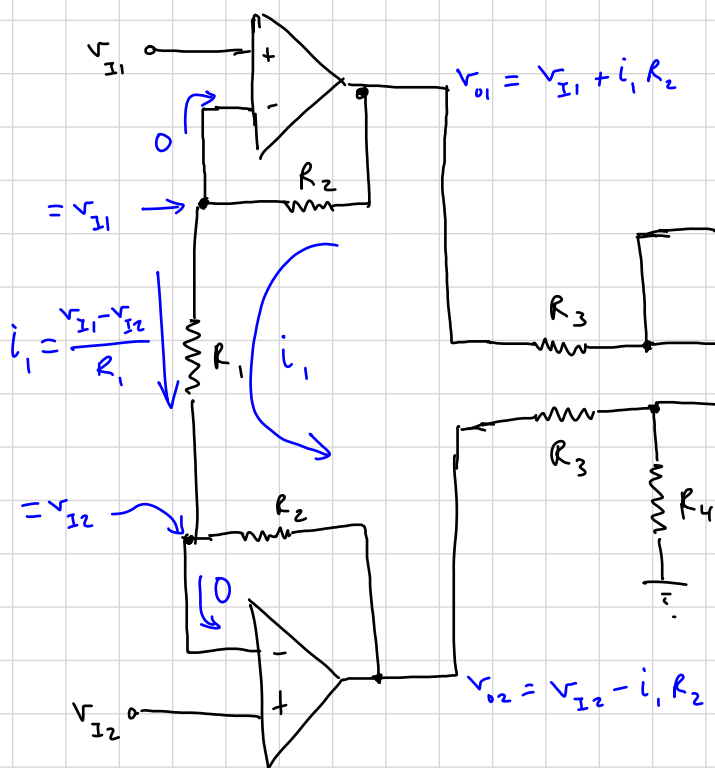
NOTE: Input resistance is $R_i = 2R_1$ if $R_1 = R_3$ and $R_2 = R_4$

Instrumentation Amplifier

→ Need high input impedance and high gain difference amplifier

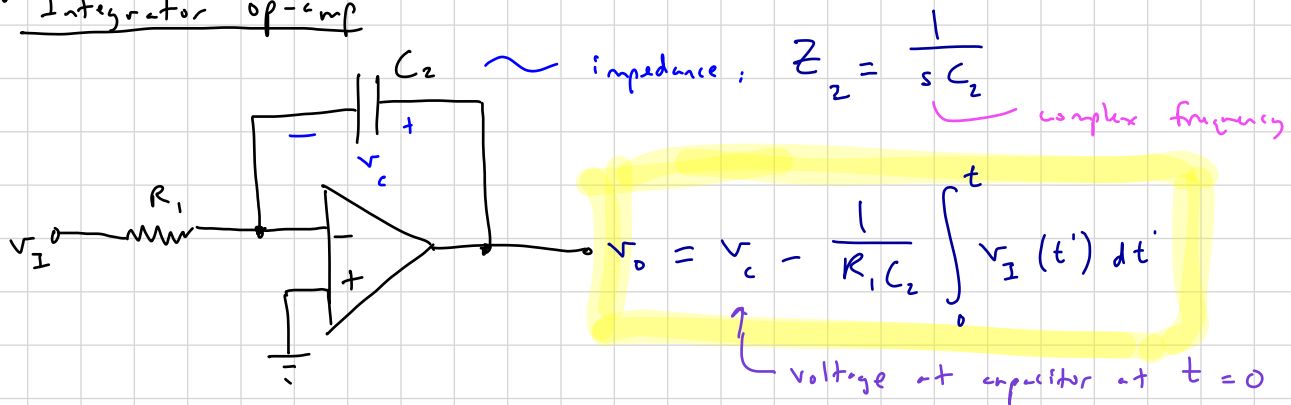
→ achieve by using voltage-follower op-amp on each input

→ Also, want to control gain by a single resistor



→ near ∞ R_1 because V_{I1} and V_{I2} go directly into op-amp terminal
 → gain is direct function of R_1 , which can be varied

• Integrator op-amp



⇒ useful in filter circuits
 to trim certain types of
 time varying signals.

• Differentiator Op-Amp

