

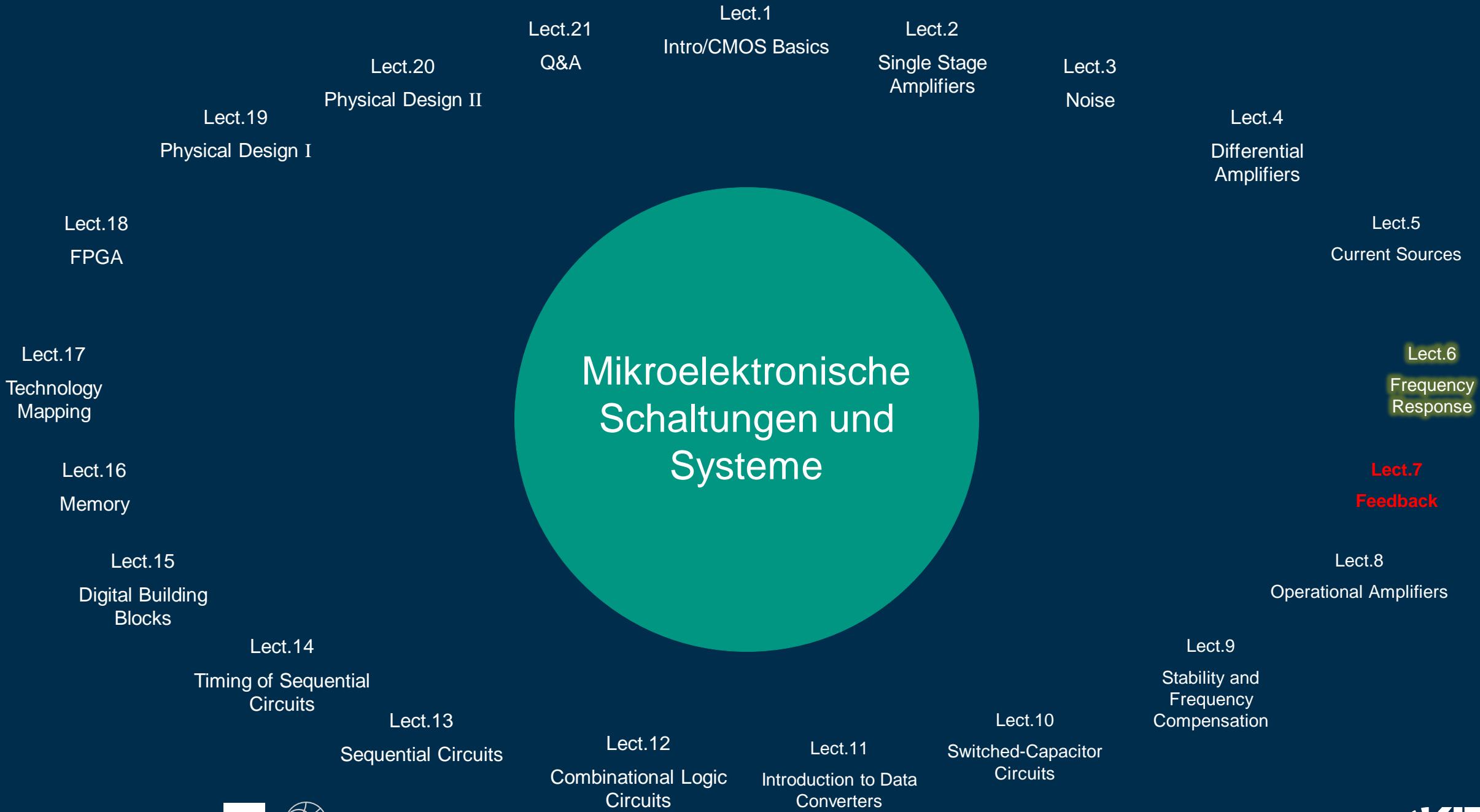
# Mikroelektronische Schaltungen und Systeme

Lect.7  
Feedback

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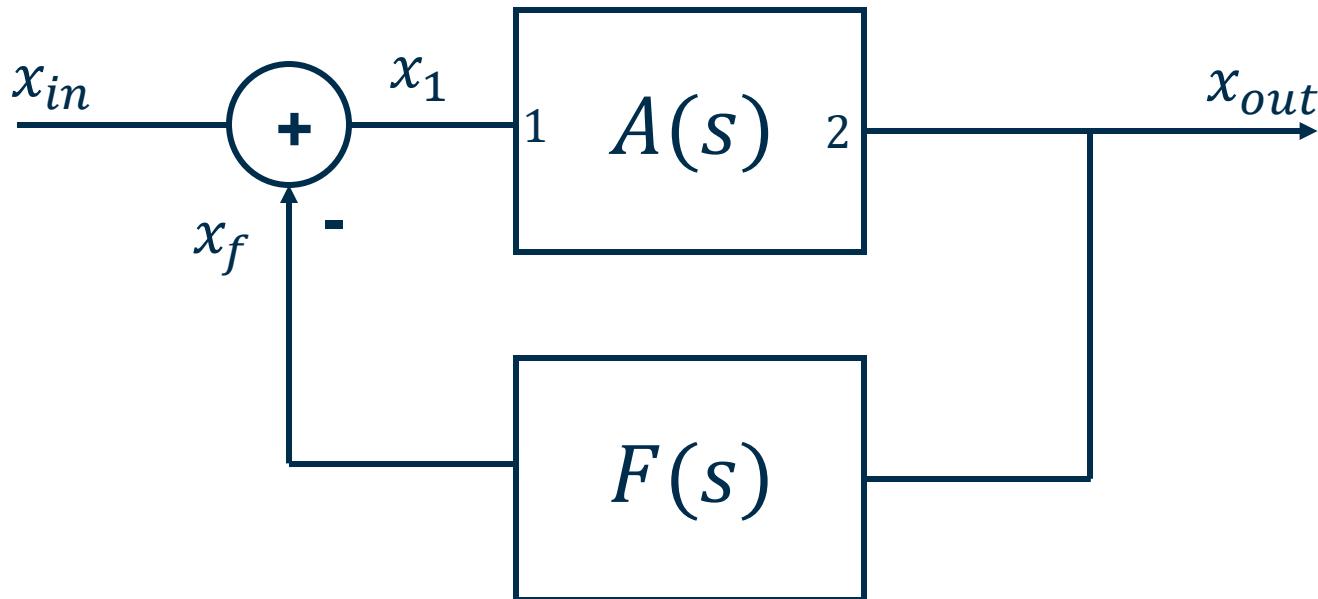


# Introduction

- Microelectronic circuits are rarely used in „open loop“, they typically contain some kind of feedback mechanism to:
  - Adjust the gain
  - Adjust input/output impedances to desired values
  - Linearize/stabilize the circuit
  - Robustness against PVT
- All circuits also include unintentional feedback (e.g., Miller capacitance)
- In classic text book approach, feedback is analyzed from a system theoretical perspective
- We will start with this, but we will introduce a more intuitive approach to feedback analysis

# Feedback System

- A general representation of a feedback system looks as following:



- Here,  $x_{in}, x_{out}$  could be voltages, currents or a mix of voltage and current

# Feedback System

- This representation leads to classic feedback expression (in steady state for voltage signals):

$$v_2 = v_{out} = v_1 A(j\omega)$$

$$v_1 = v_{in} - v_f = v_{in} - v_{out} F(j\omega)$$

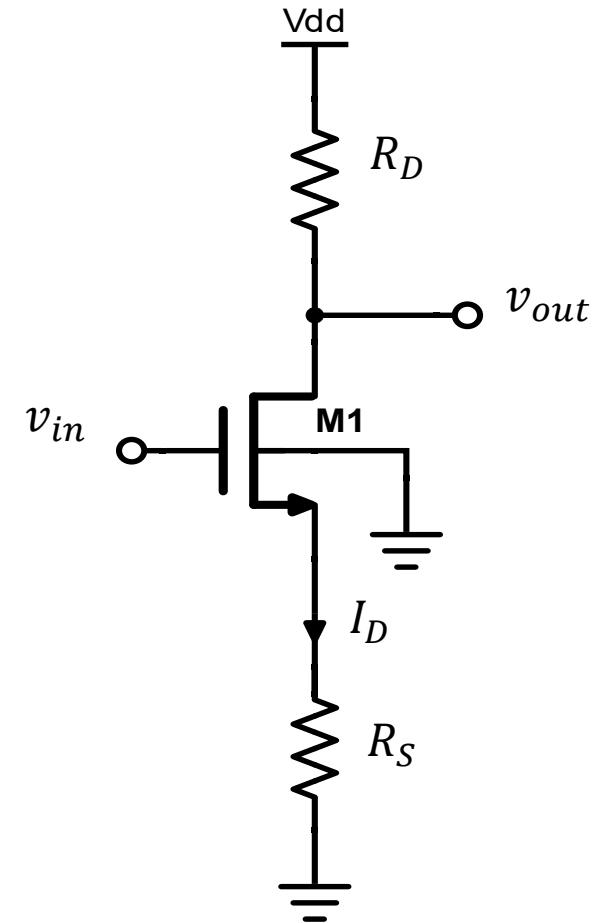
$$\frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = \frac{A(j\omega)}{1 + A(j\omega)F(j\omega)}$$

# Feedback System

- The challenge in circuit design with feedback is to properly draw the boundaries between  $A$  and  $F$  circuits in a way that the general expressions from previous slide hold, and any loading affect between the two circuits are taken into account
- For this purpose, we try to identify the feedback mechanism, and try to fit parts of the circuit to appropriate boxes
- These „boxes“ are two-port representations of portions of the circuits

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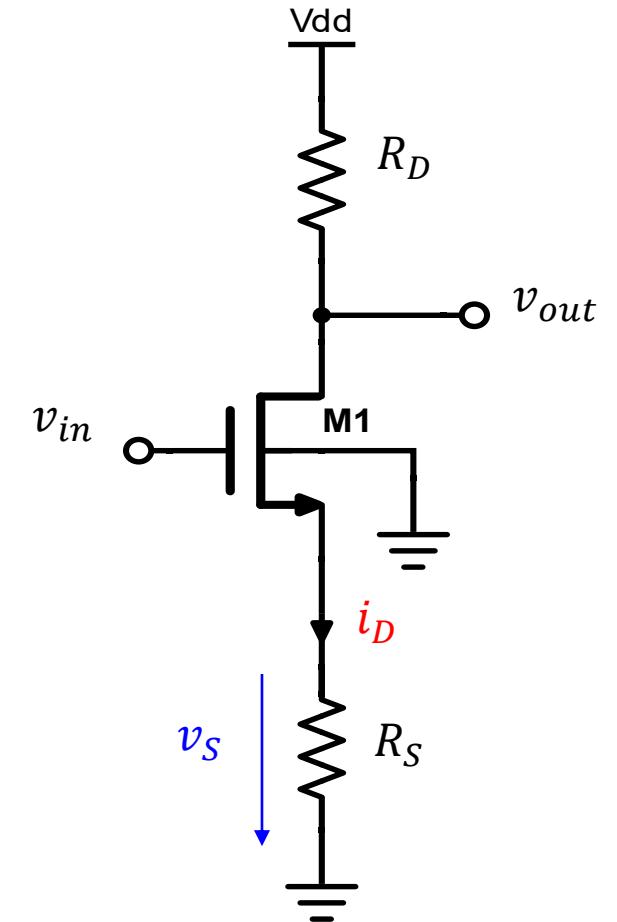
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- The current at the output  $i_D$  generates a voltage across  $R_S$ , which generates a feedback voltage that is subtracted from  $v_{in}$
- It is a negative feedback
- It samples **current** at the **output** and feeds back **voltage** to the **input**

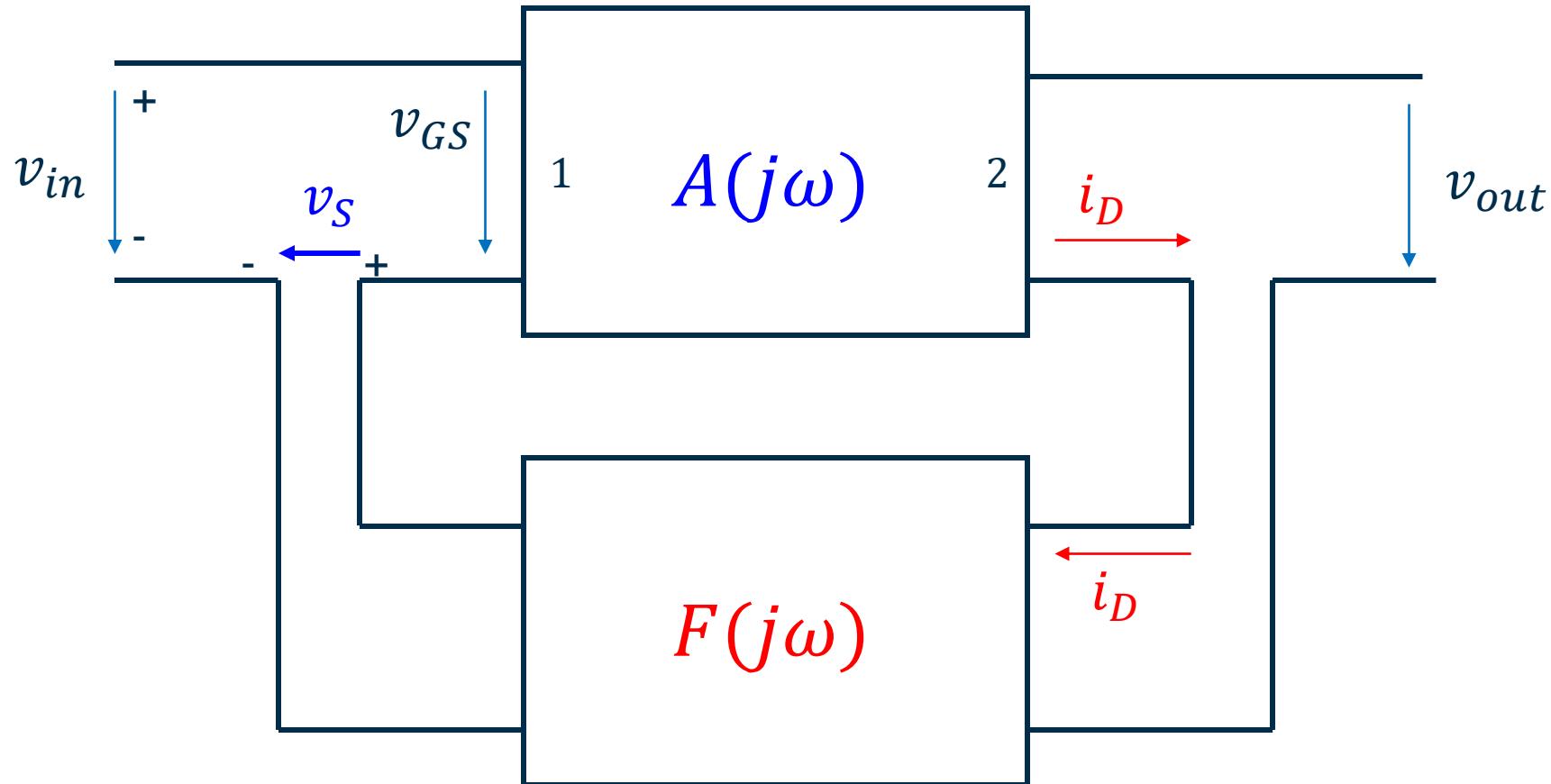
$$v_{GS} = v_{in} - v_S = v_{in} - i_D R_S$$



# Common-Source Amplifier with Source Degeneration

- Here, the *A-circuit* is a common source amplifier, with voltage as input signal and current as output signal, ideally modelled with its **y-parameters**
- The *F-circuit* is the feedback resistor, that takes current as input, and voltage as output, ideally modelled with its **z-parameters**

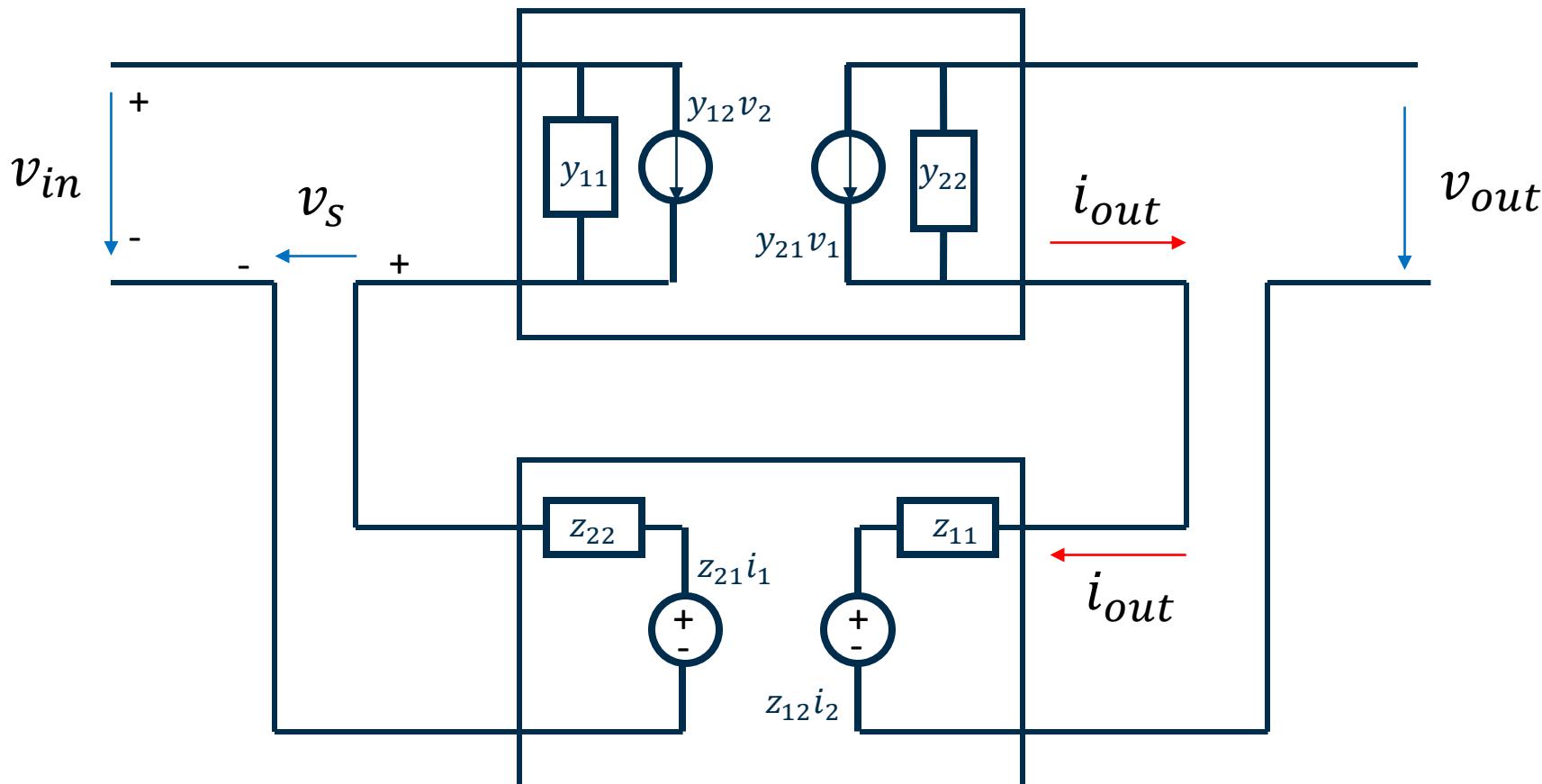
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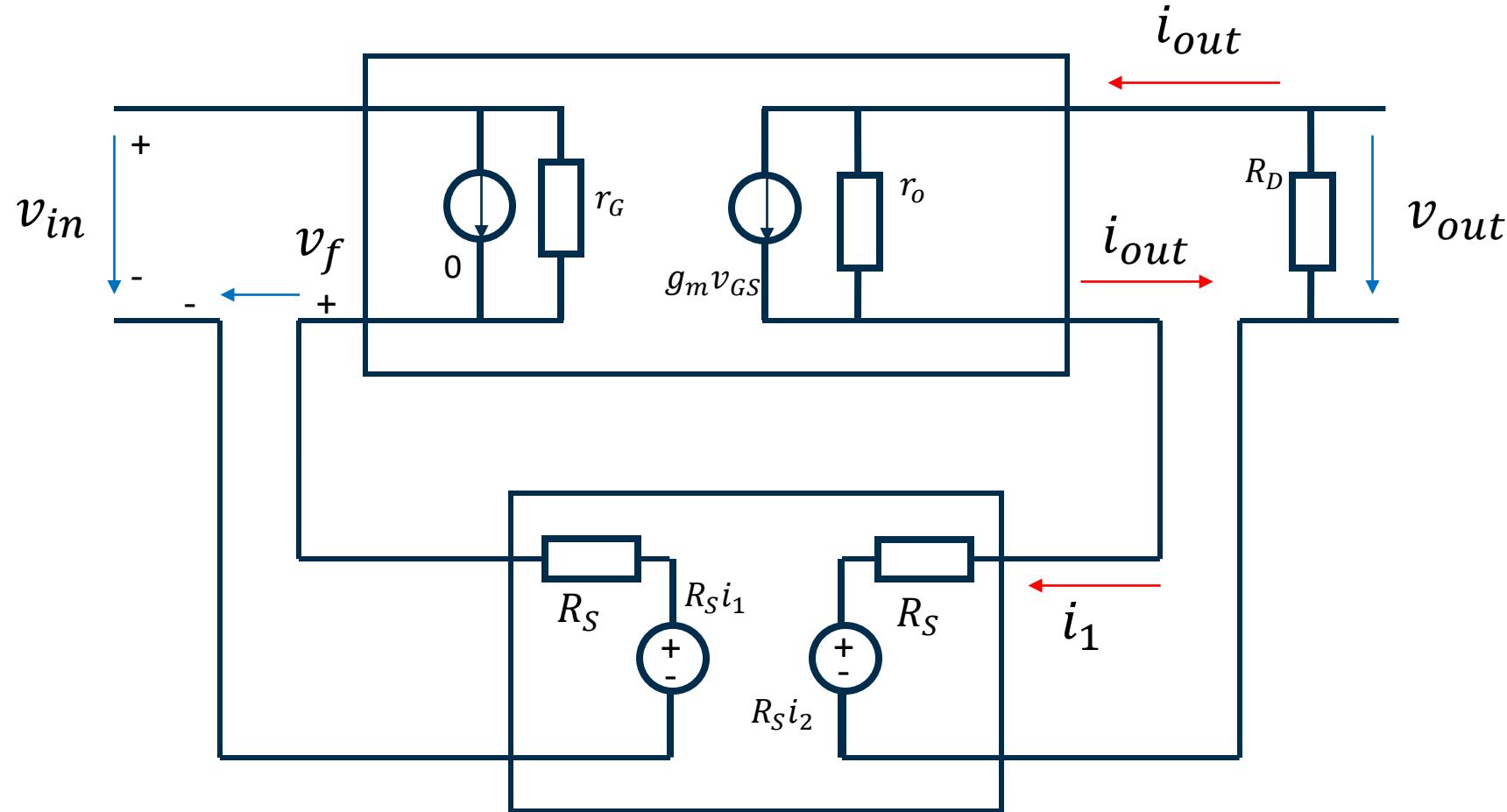
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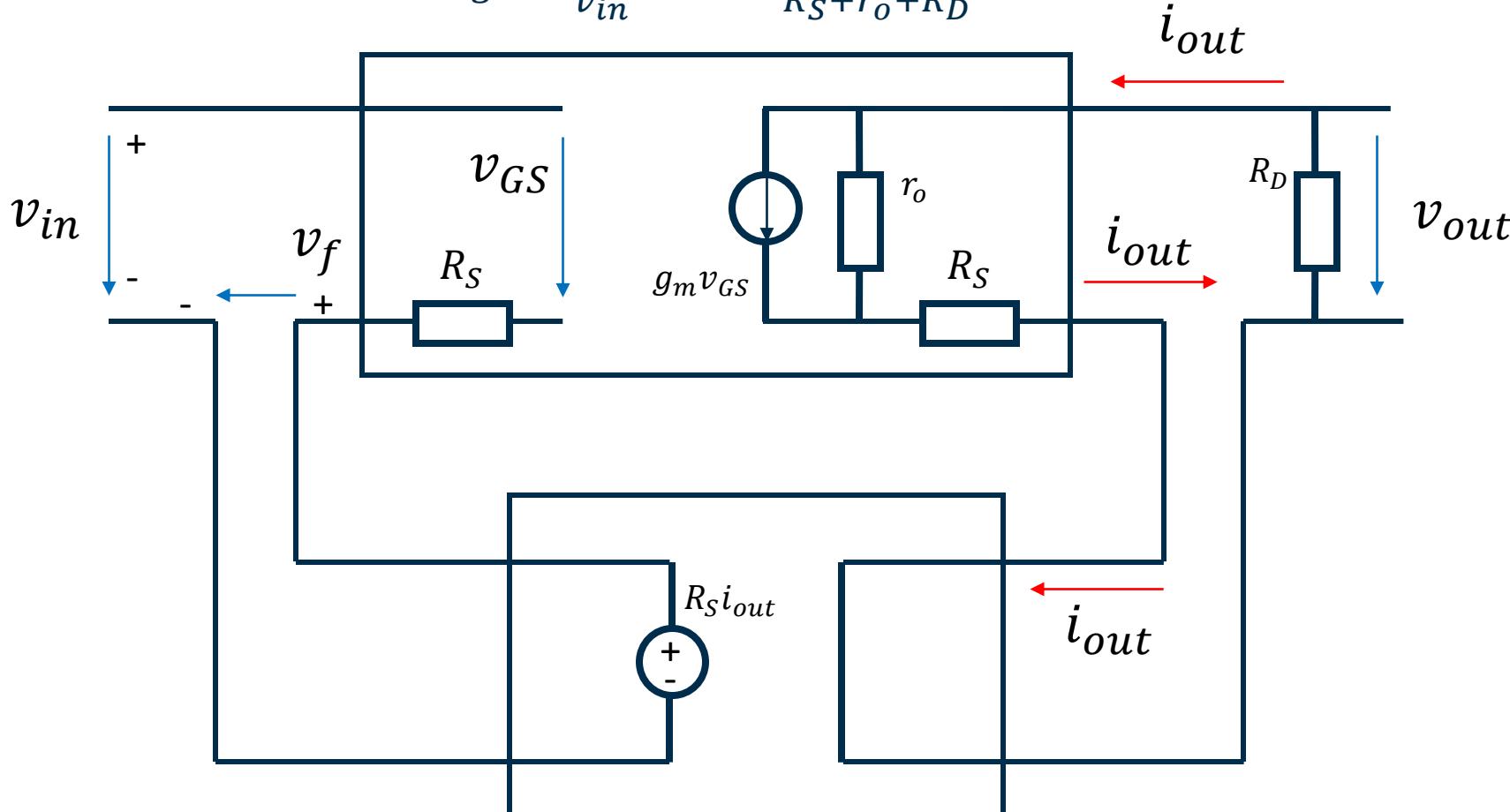
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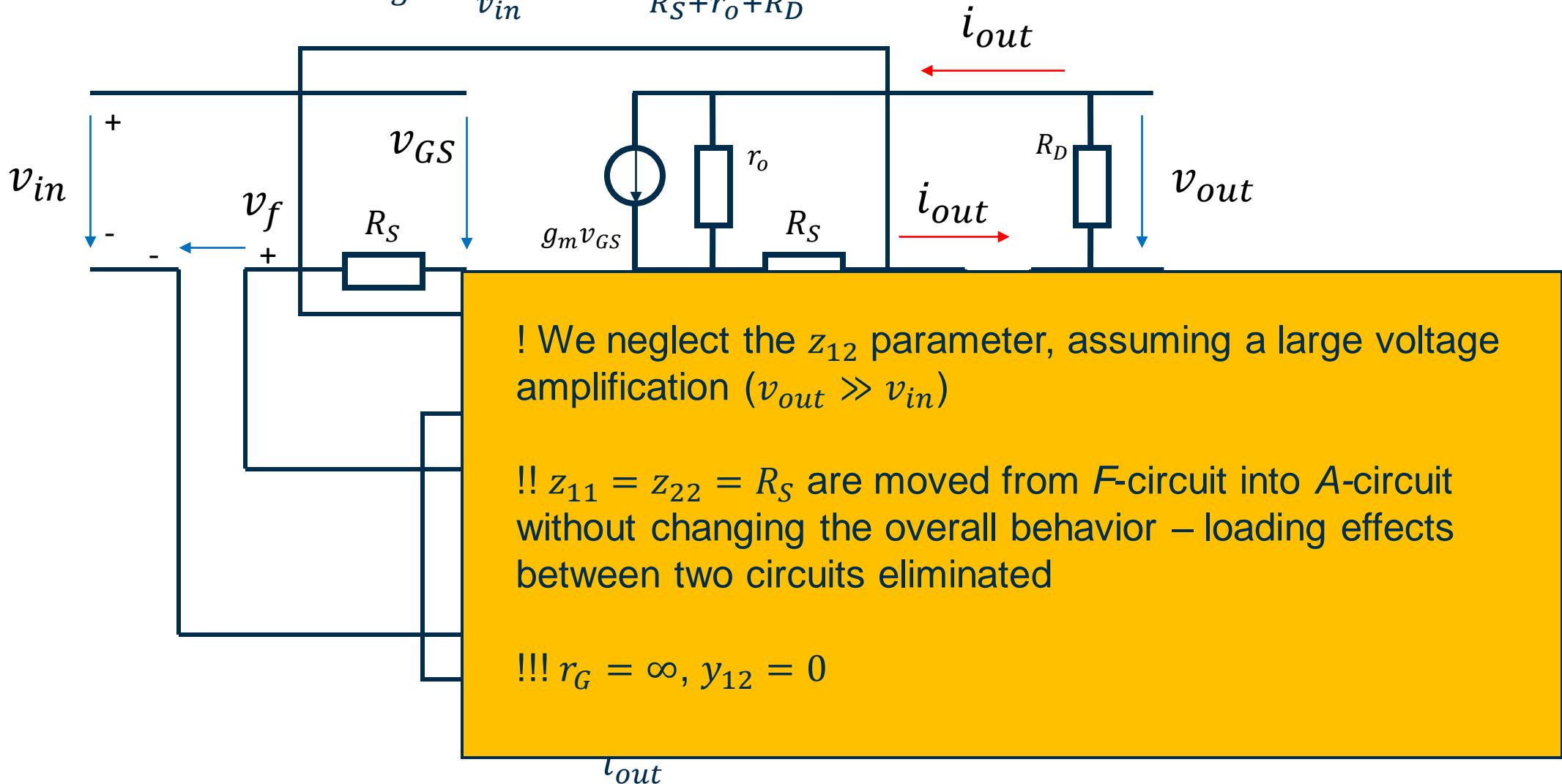
$$A_g = \frac{i_{out}}{v_{in}} = g_m \frac{r_o}{R_S + r_o + R_D}$$



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- Closed Loop Voltage Gain:

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for  $r_o \gg R_S, R_D$

# Feedback Types

	A-input	A-output	$Z_{in}$	$Z_{out}$
<b>series-series</b>	voltage	current	$Z_i(1 + AF)$	$Z_o(1 + AF)$
<b>series-shunt</b>	voltage	voltage	$Z_i(1 + AF)$	$Z_o/(1 + AF)$
<b>shunt-series</b>	current	current	$Z_i/(1 + AF)$	$Z_o(1 + AF)$
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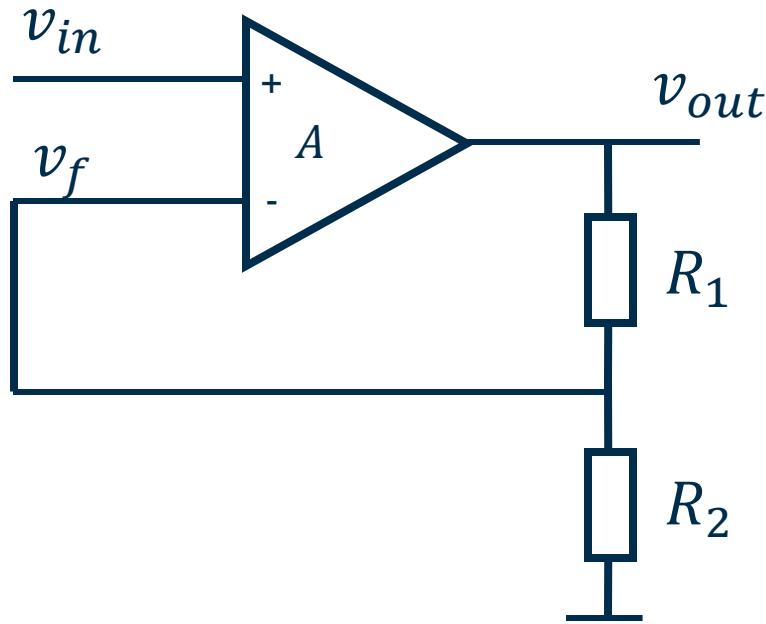
# Feedback Analysis using Asymptotic Gain Function

- Instead of such a formal analysis, we would like to use a more intuitive approach, namely, the asymptotic gain
- In this case we consider the extreme case for the feedback analysis, asking ourselves what happens if our feedback circuit is „ideal“, having an *A-circuit* with an infinitely high amplification

$$\frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = \frac{A}{1 + AF} \Big|_{A \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{1}{F}$$

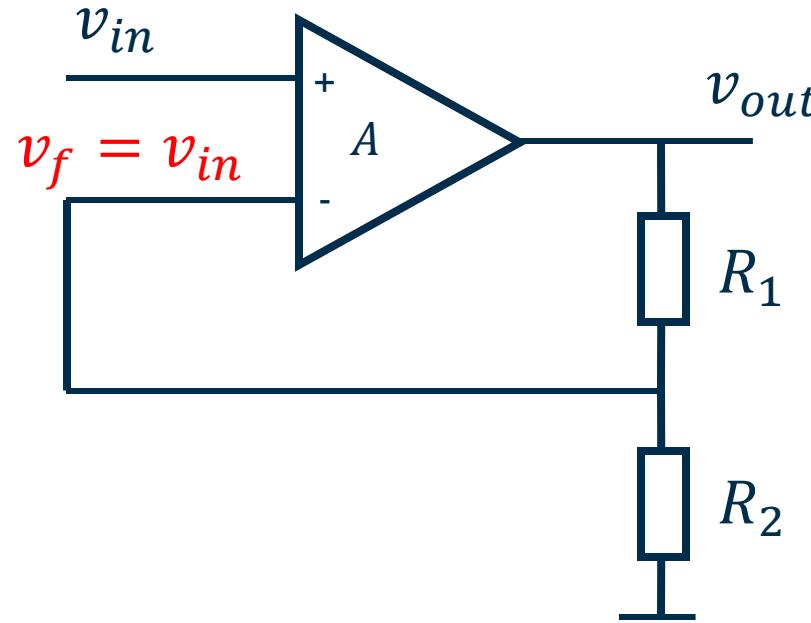
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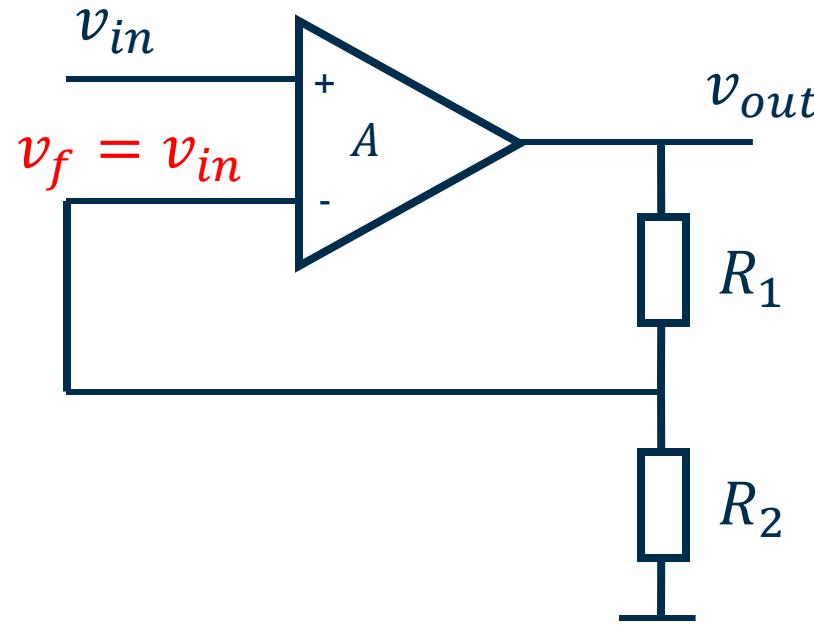
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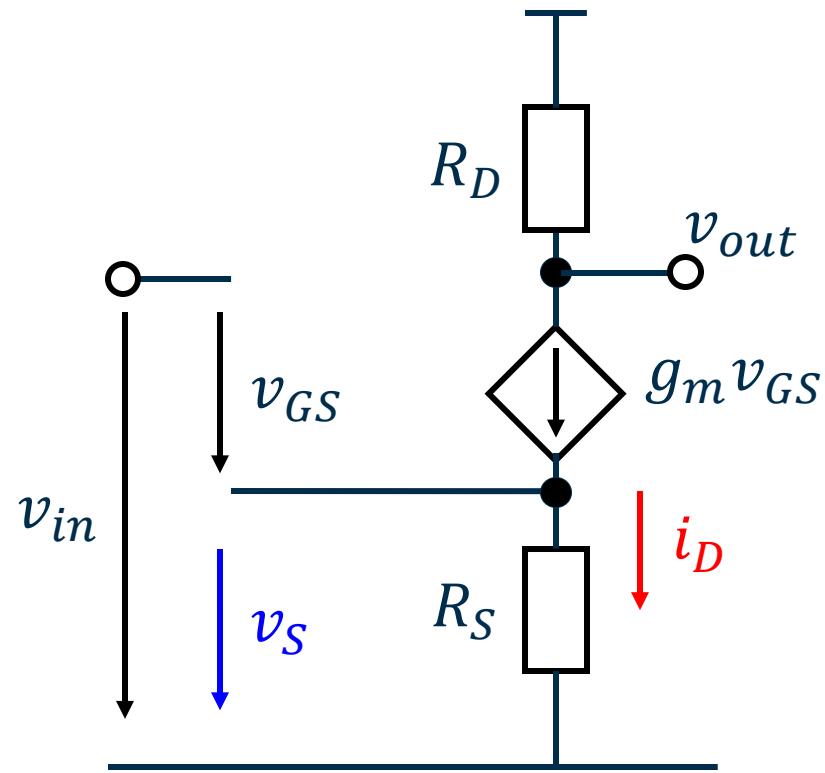
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- If we want an amplifier with a gain of 10, chose  $R_1 = 9 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $R_2 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$

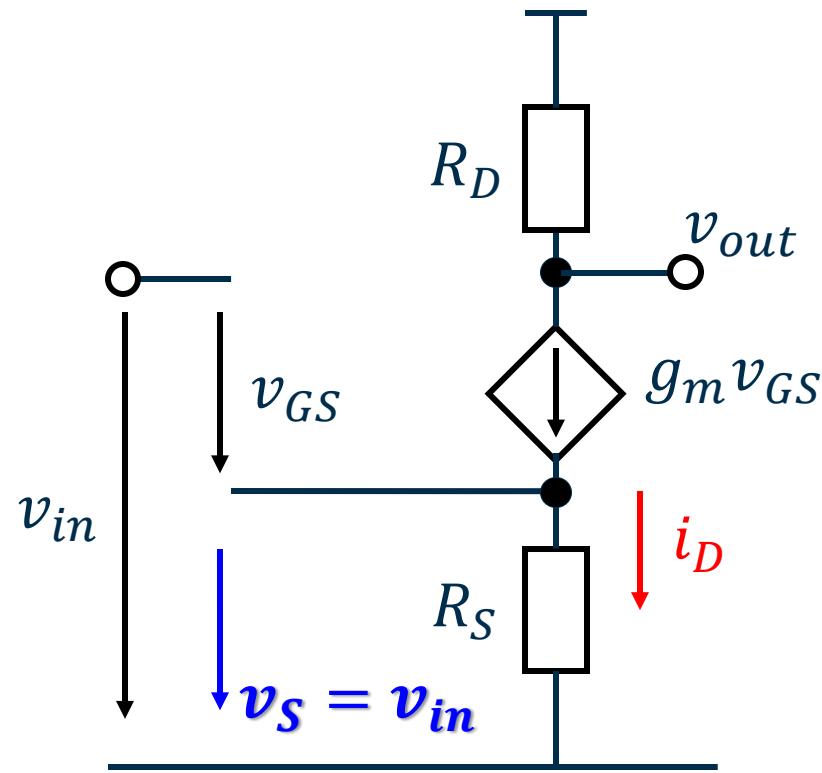
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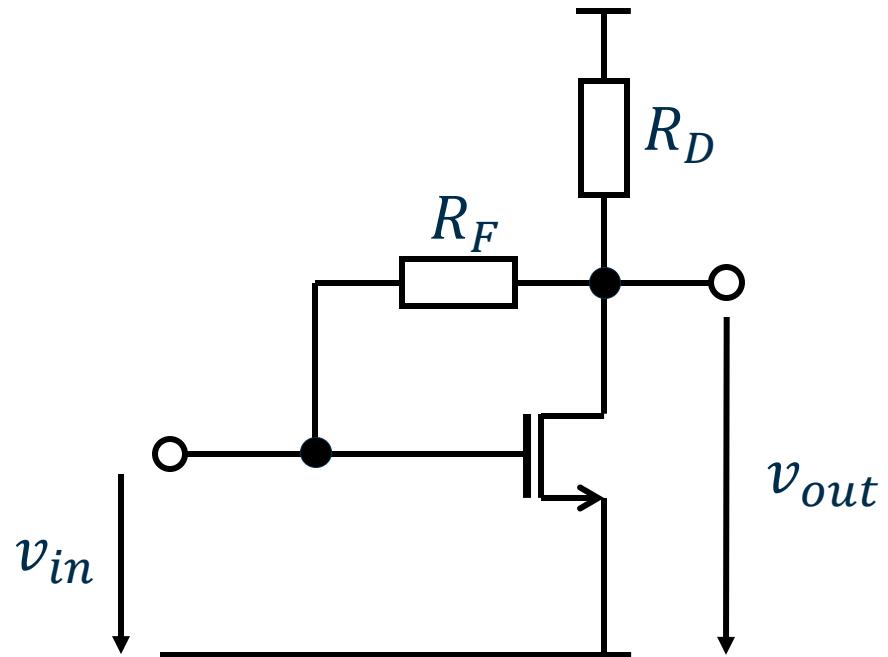
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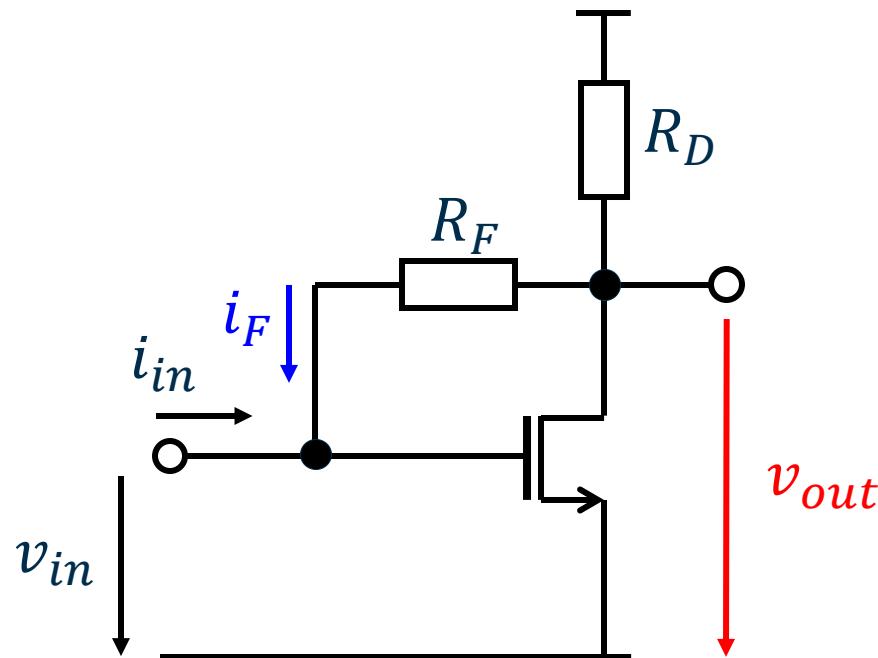
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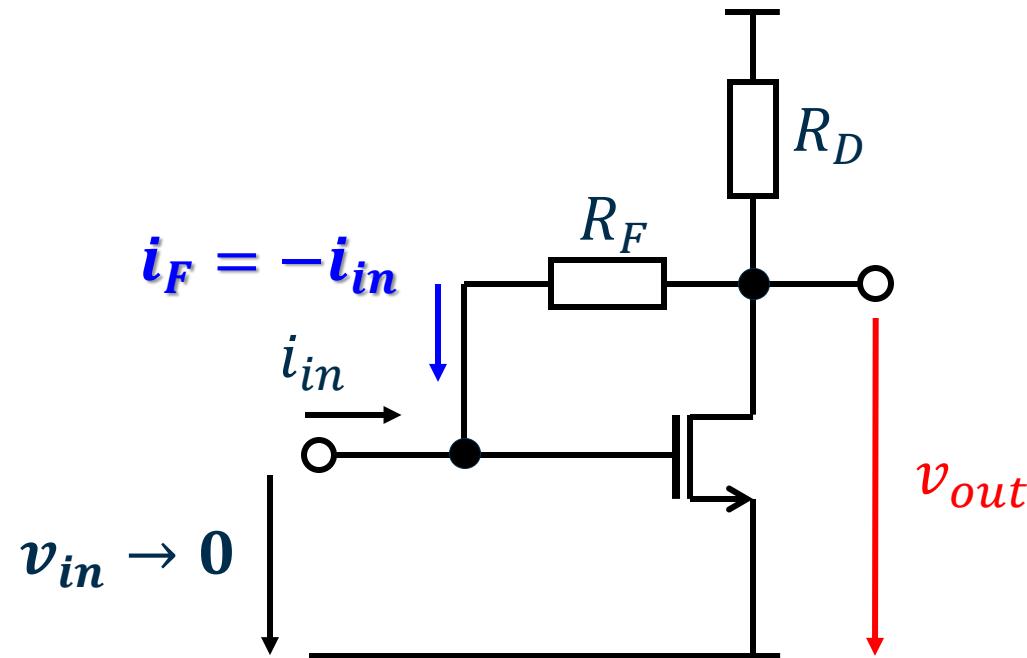
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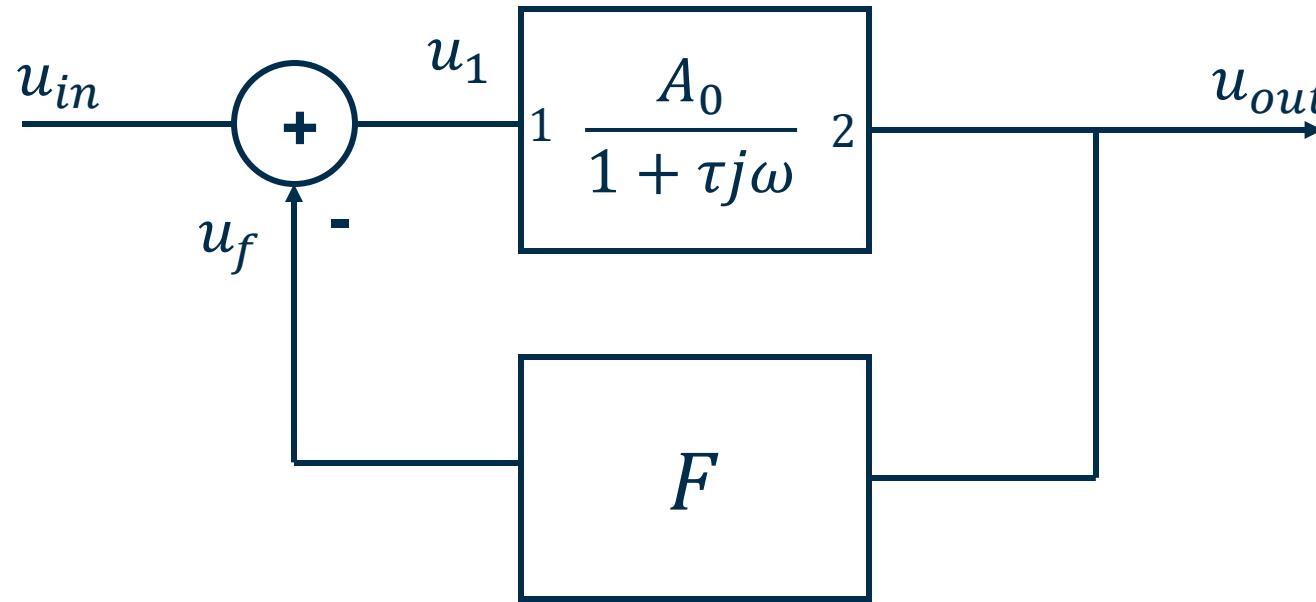
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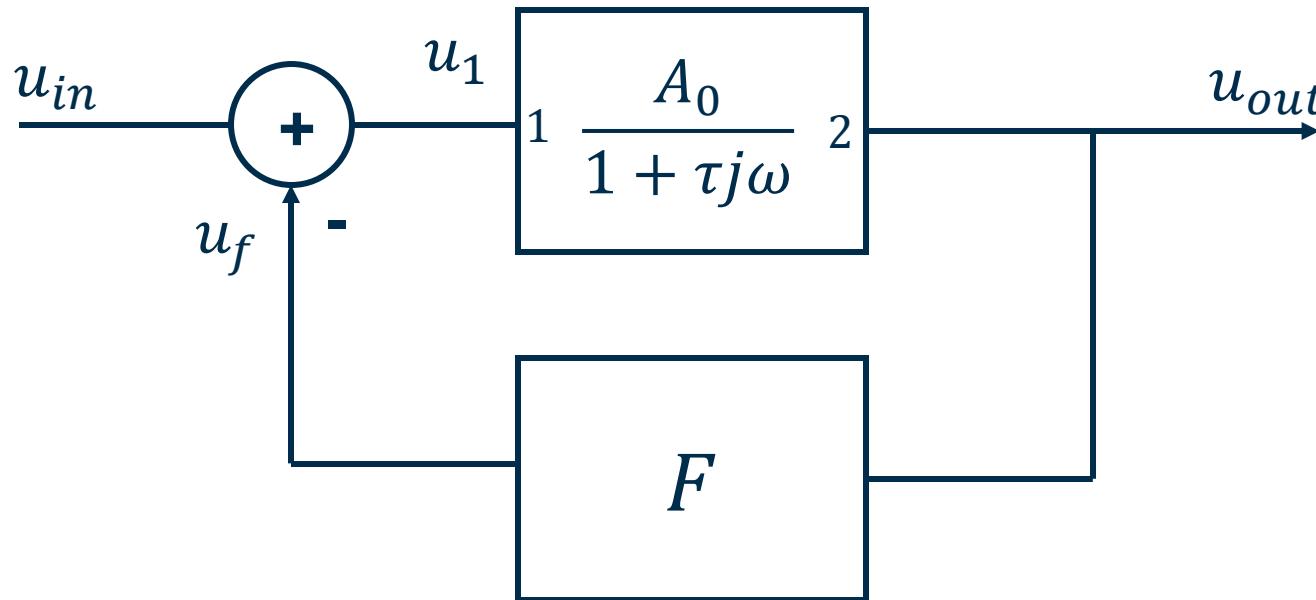
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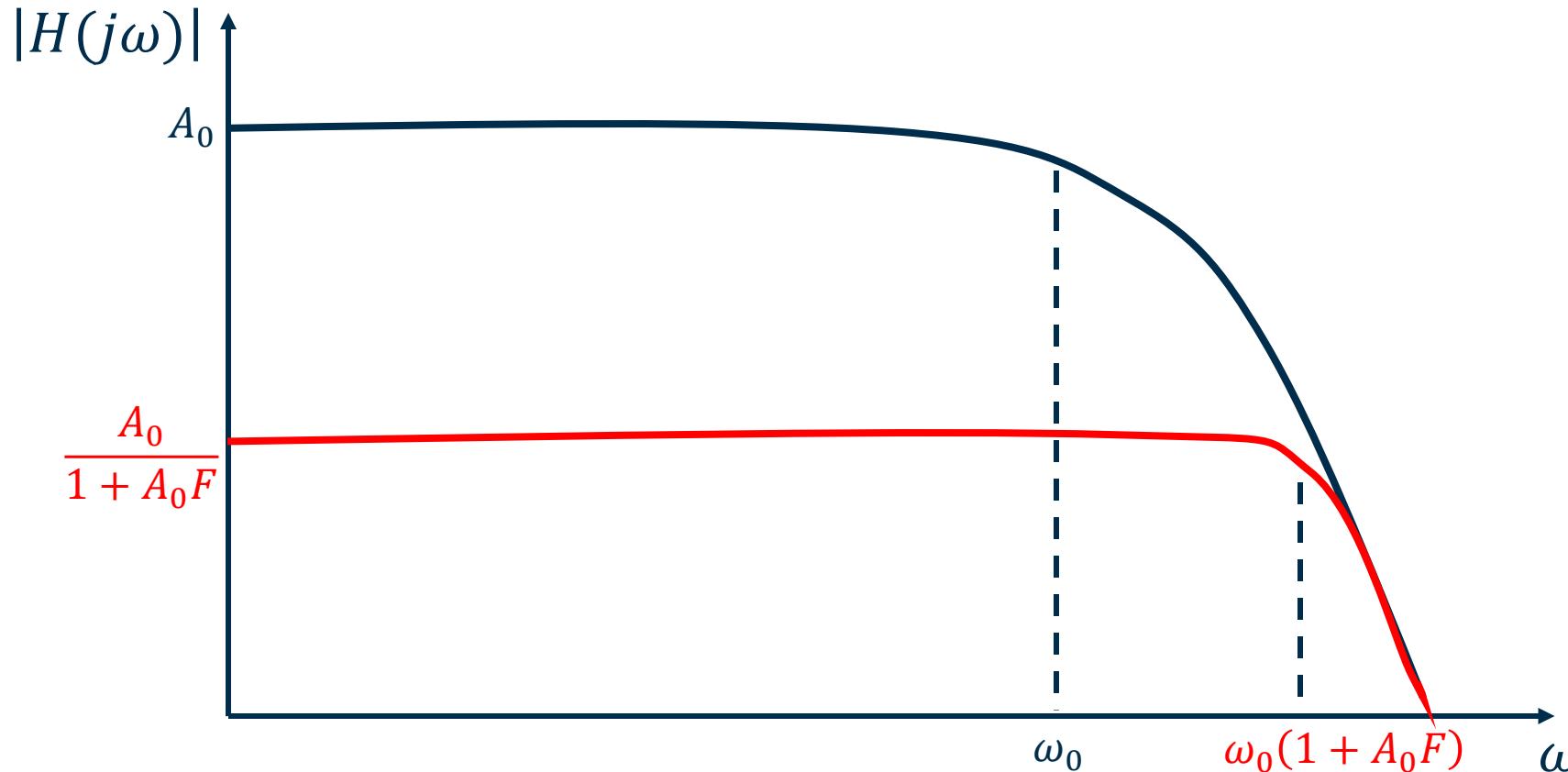
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$$H(j\omega) = \frac{A(j\omega)}{1 + A(j\omega)F} = \frac{A_0}{1 + A_0F + \tau j\omega} = \frac{A_0}{1 + A_0F} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\tau}{1 + A_0F}j\omega}$$

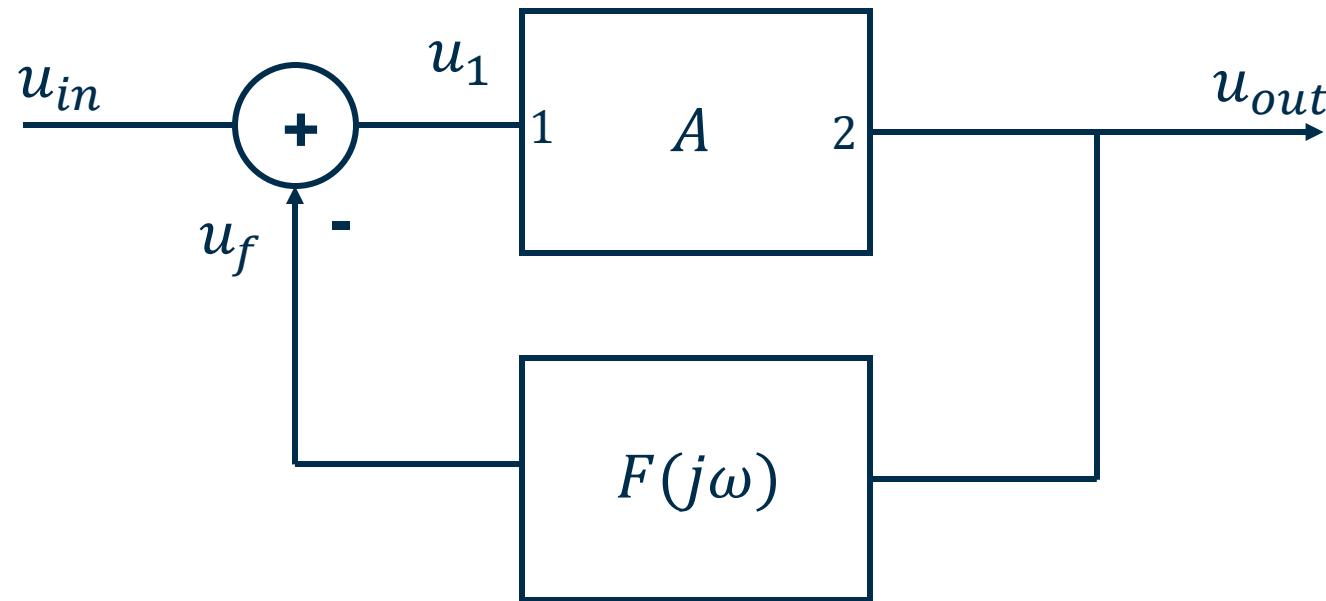
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- Frequency response with negative feedback:



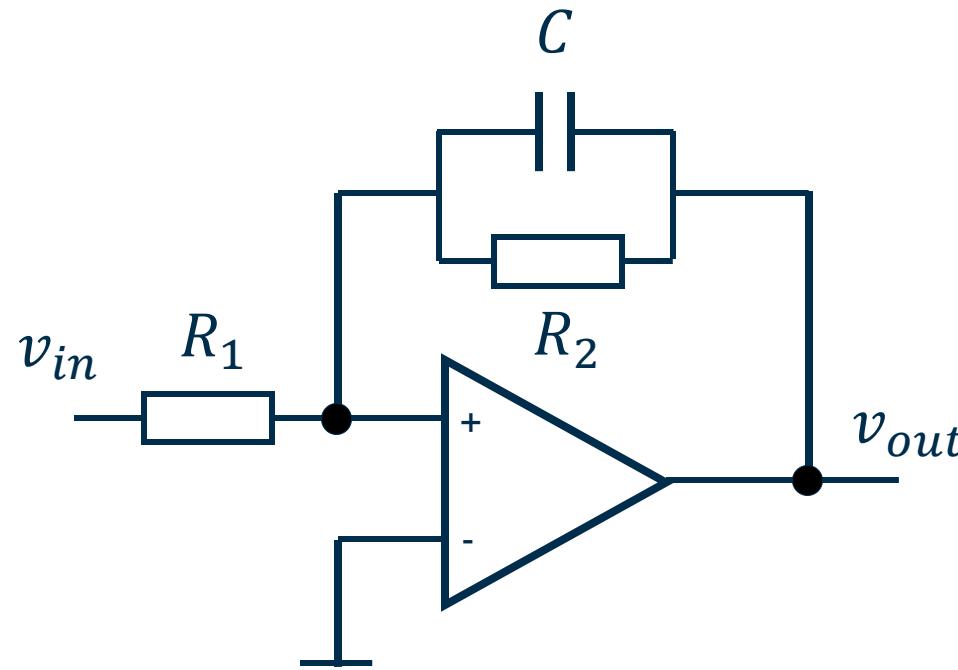
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- Frequency response can be modified, but the situation is different when the frequency dependency in the feedback circuit:



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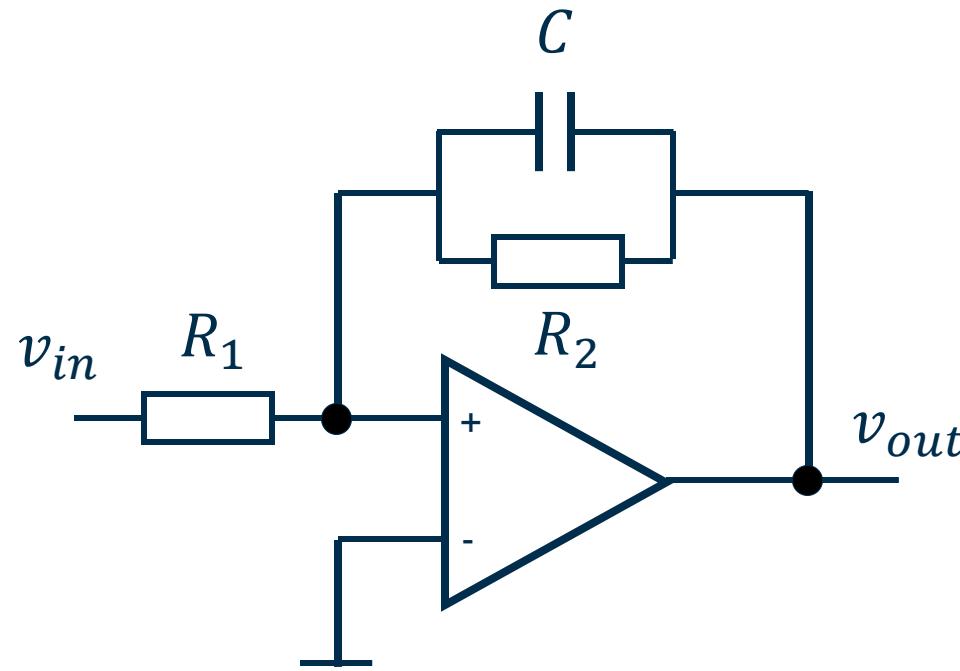


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$$H_\infty = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} \Big|_{A=\infty} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{1}{1 + j\omega R_2 C}$$

- Which is a lowpass function!

# Asymptotic Transfer Function

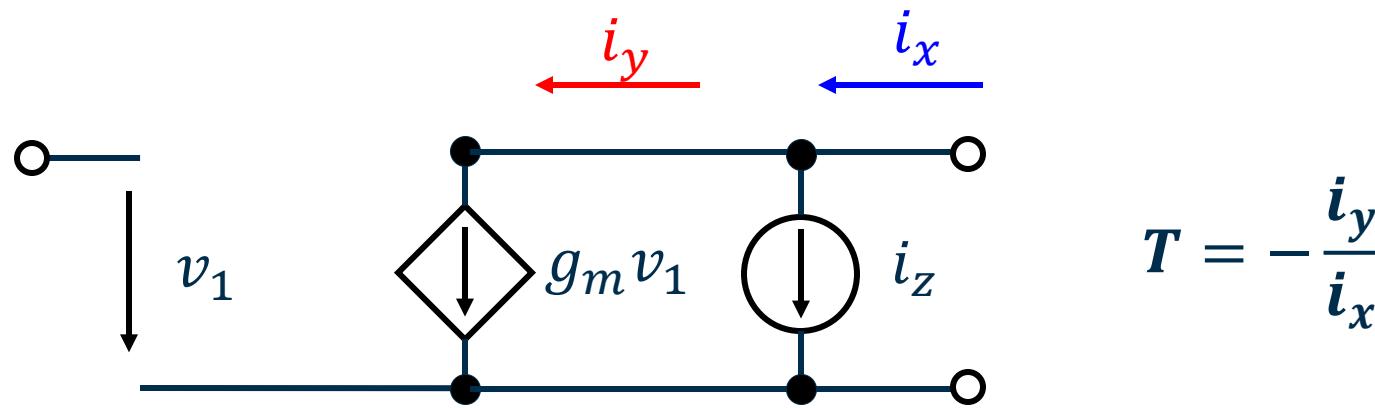
- Now we would like to move towards acquiring the complete transfer function starting from the idealized case:

$$H = H_\infty \frac{T}{1+T} + H_0 \frac{1}{1+T}$$

$$H_\infty = H \Big|_{A \rightarrow \infty} \quad H_0 = H \Big|_{A \rightarrow 0} \quad T: \text{return ratio}$$

# Return Ratio

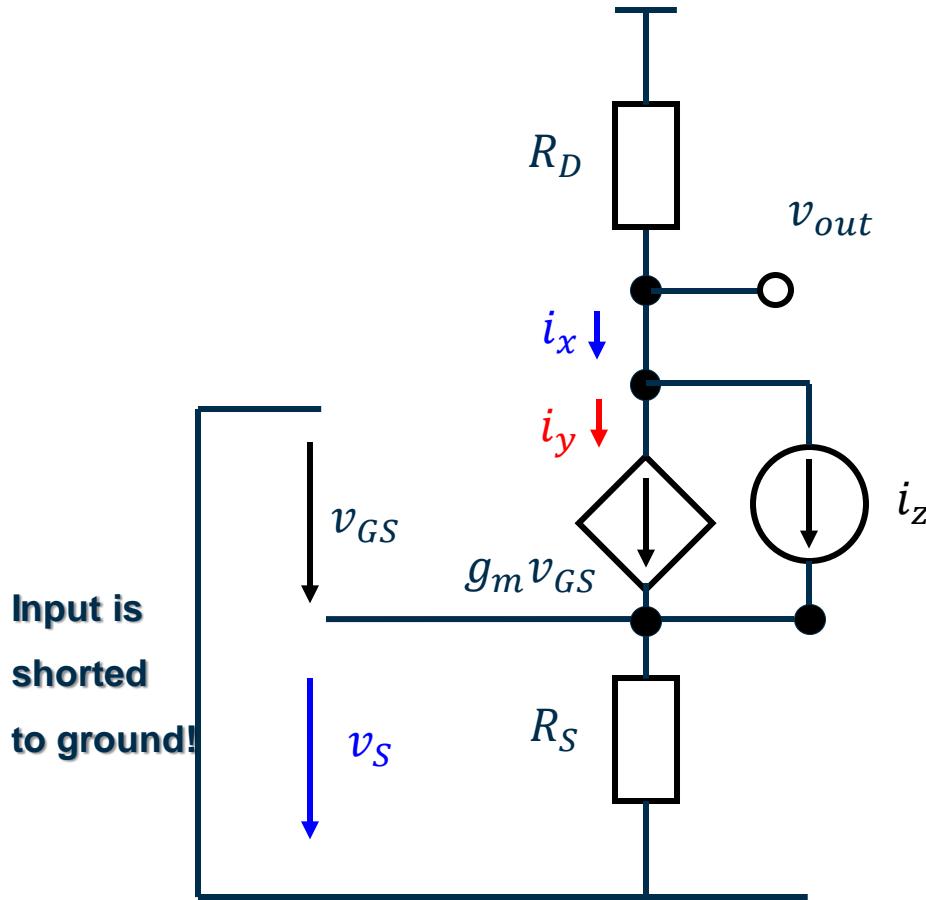
- The return ratio  $T$  is part of the controlled source signal that returns upon itself through the feedback, and corrects for the factor  $A \neq \infty$



- Other sources are eliminated from the circuit, the quantities could be voltages or currents (they need to be of the same type)
- In this example  $i_z$  is only included so that  $i_x \neq i_y$ , and does not influence the calculation of  $T$

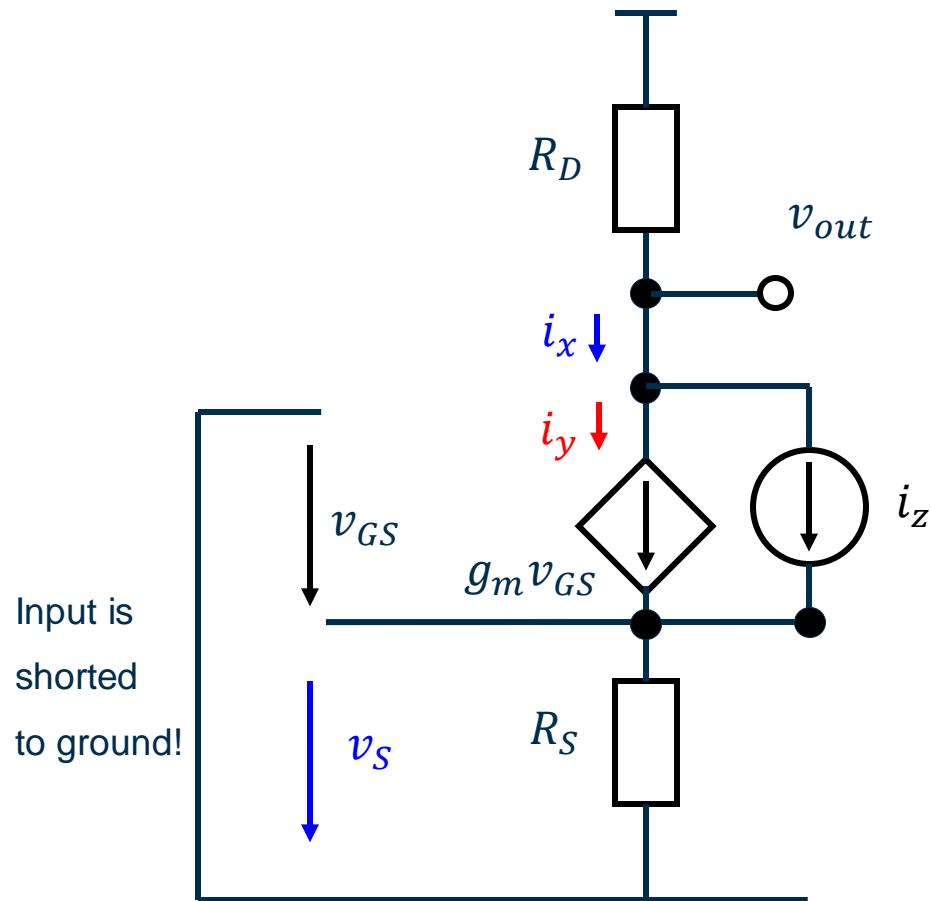
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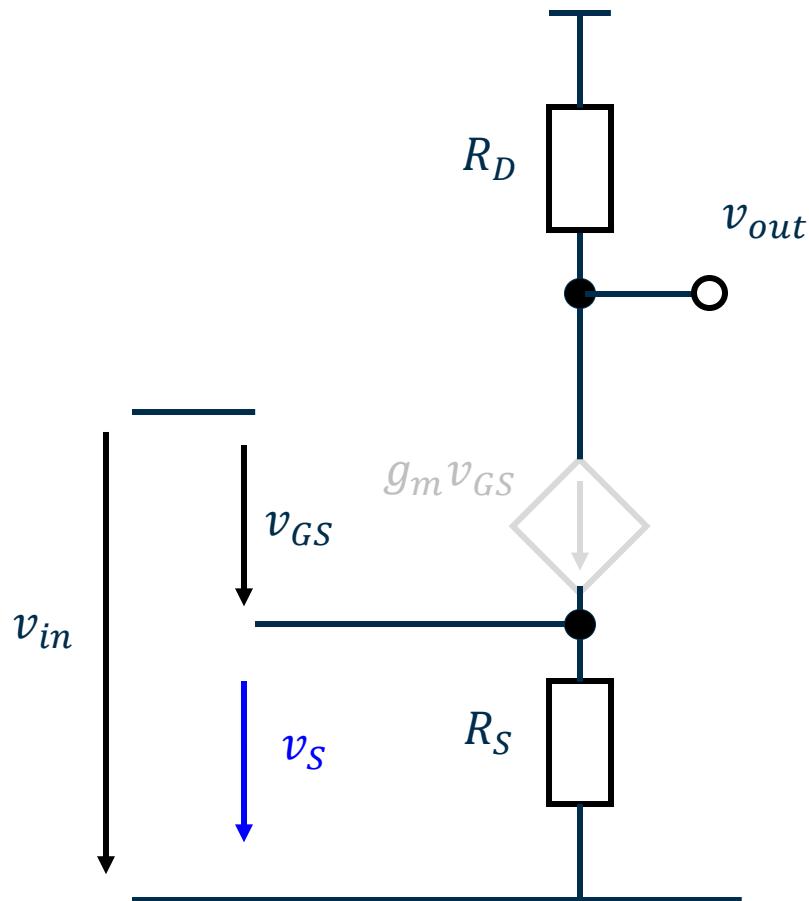
$$i_x R_S = -v_{GS}$$

$$i_y = -i_x g_m R_S$$

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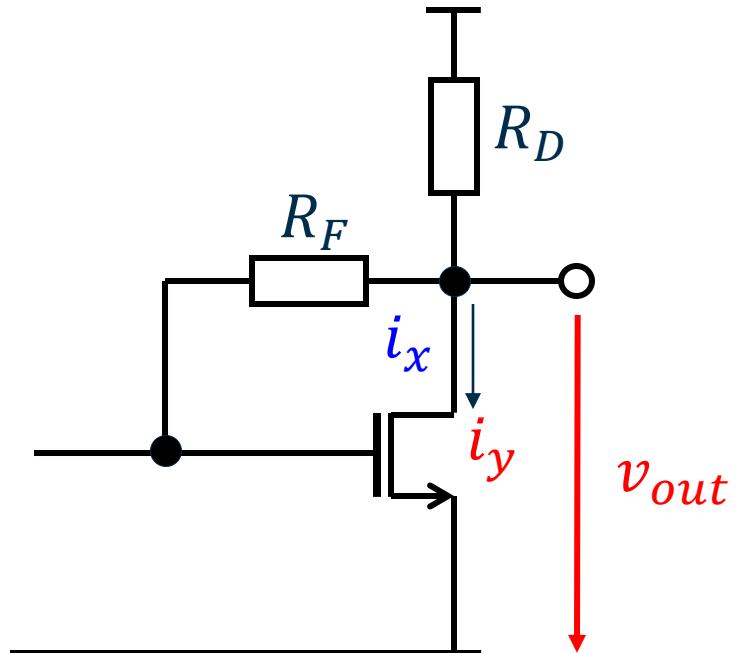
$$H_0 = H \Big|_{A \rightarrow 0} = 0$$

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$$H = H_\infty \frac{T}{1+T} + H_0 \frac{1}{1+T}$$

$$H = -\frac{R_D}{R_S} \frac{g_m R_S}{1 + g_m R_S} = -\frac{g_m R_D}{1 + g_m R_S}$$

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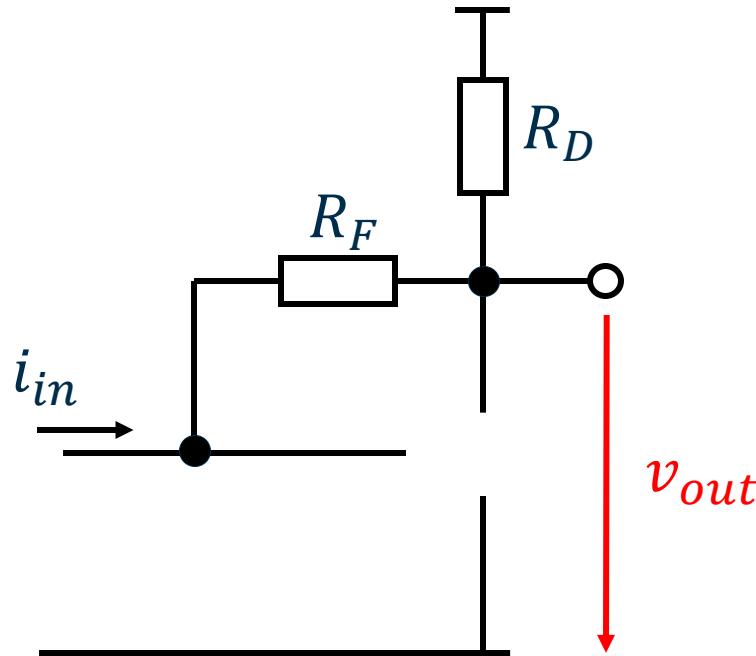


$$v_{out} = v_{in}$$
$$\frac{v_{in} - v_{out}}{R_F} - \frac{v_{out}}{R_D} = i_x$$

$$g_m v_{in} = i_y$$

$$T = -\frac{i_y}{i_x} = g_m R_D$$

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$$H = -\frac{g_m R_D R_F + R_D}{1 + g_m R_D}$$

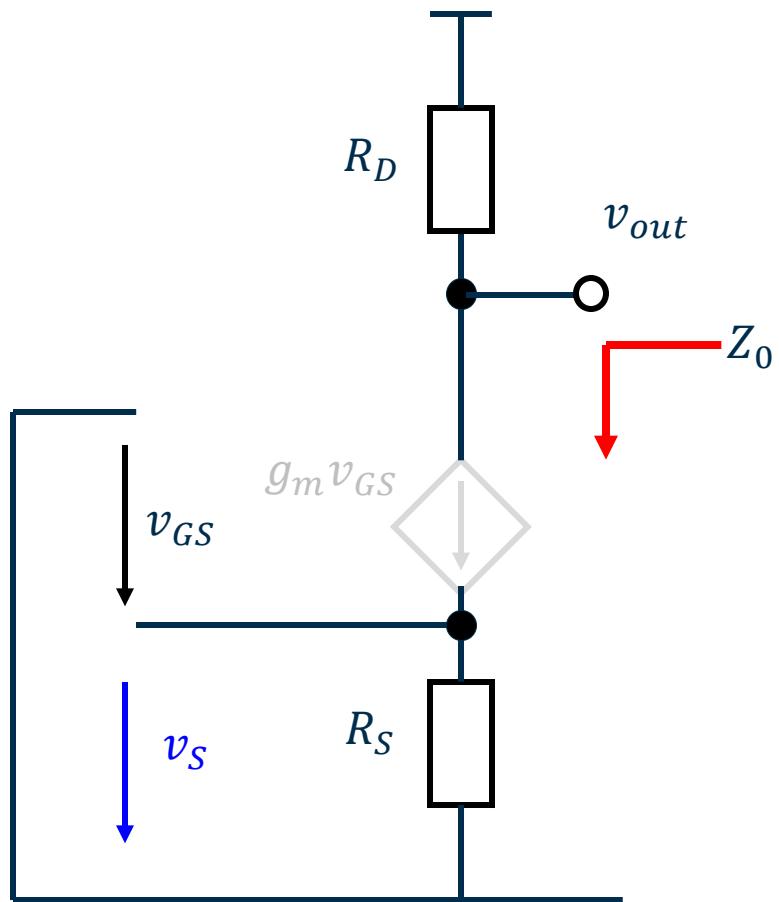
# Input/Output Impedances, Blackman's Formula

- The input and output impedances can be calculated using return ratio under open/short terminations at the port of interest

$$Z = Z_0 \frac{1 + T_{short}}{1 + T_{open}}$$

- $Z_0$  corresponds to the port impedance for  $H_0$  case

# Source Degenerated Amplifier



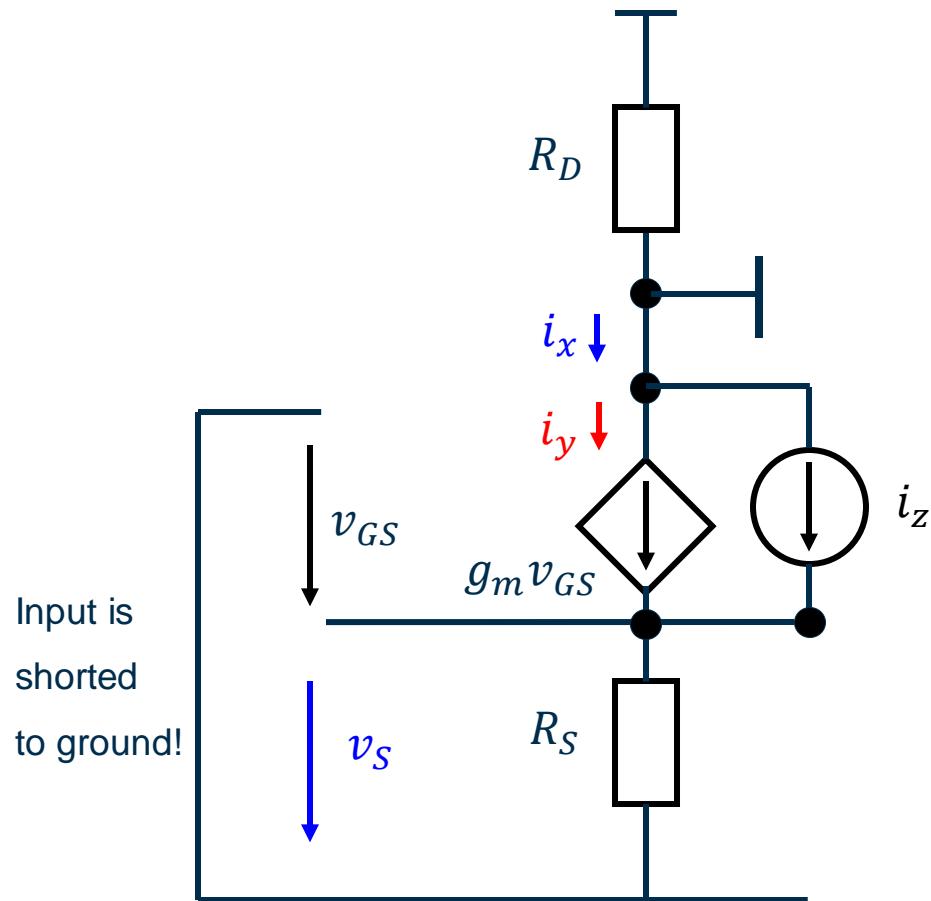
$$Z_0 = r_o$$

! Without channel length modulation  $z_{out} = \infty$

!! We are also not considering  $R_D$  in the circuit, because it will be just in parallel to whatever we find looking into the amplifier

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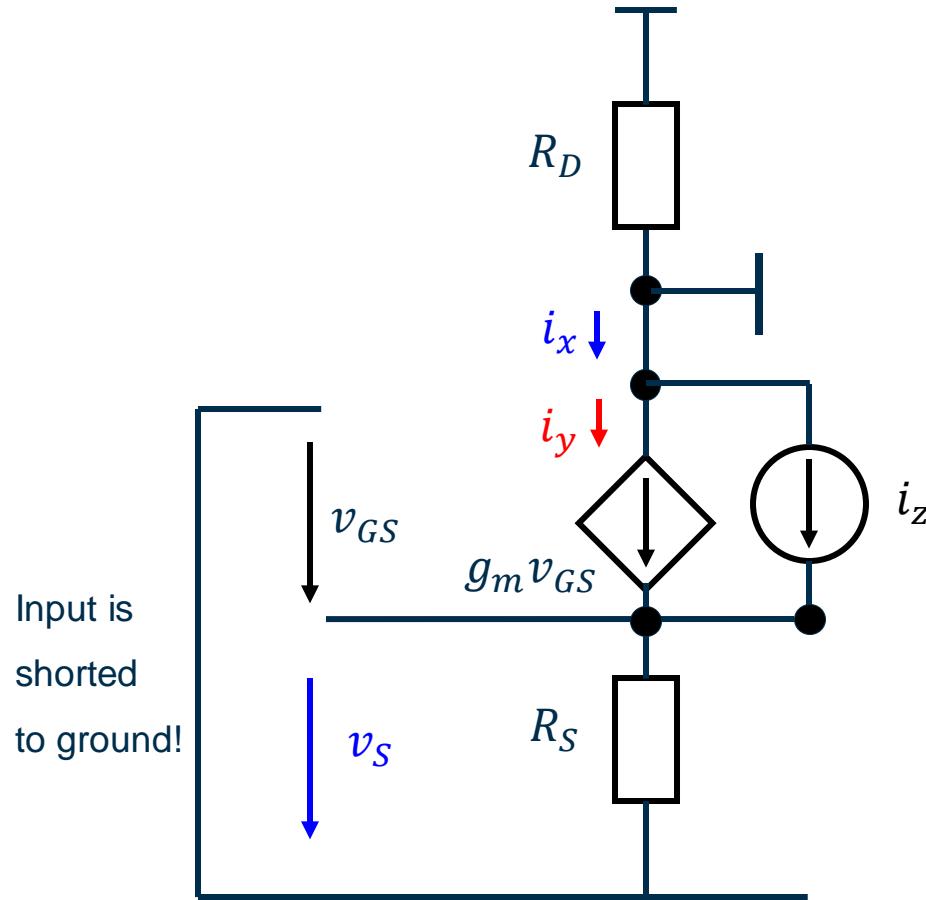
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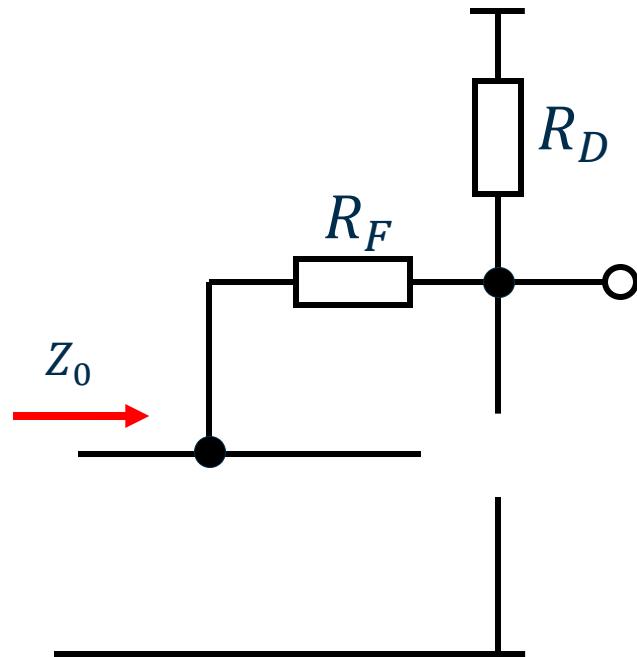
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$$Z = Z_0 \frac{1 + T_{short}}{1 + T_{open}}$$

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! cascode expression that we been seeing very often

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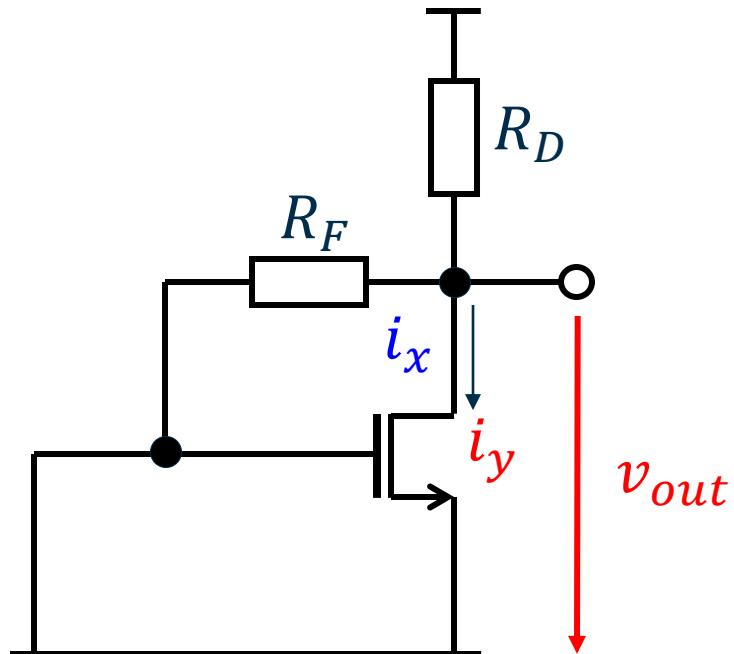


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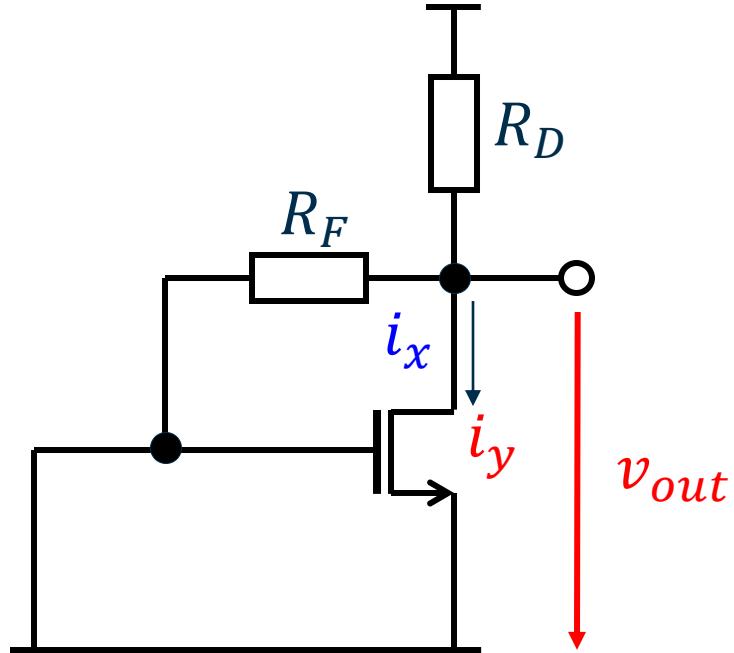
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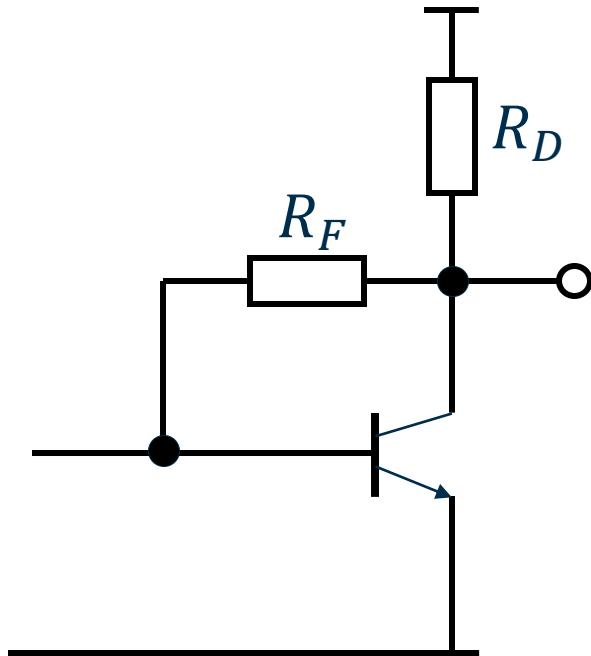
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Dominant expression

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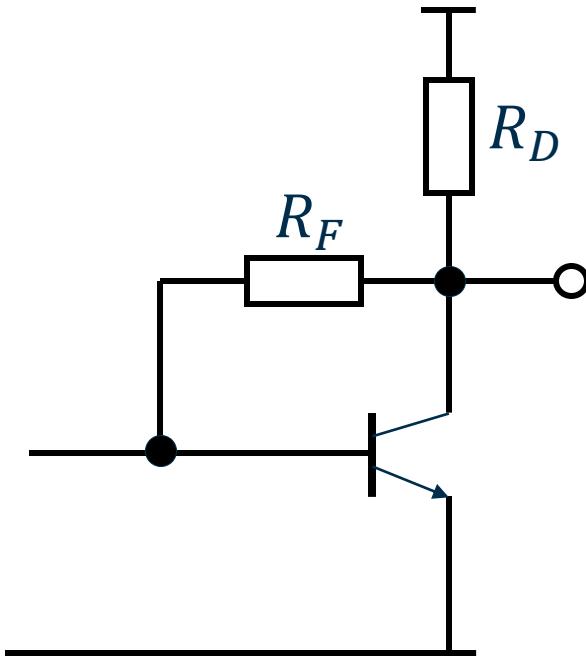
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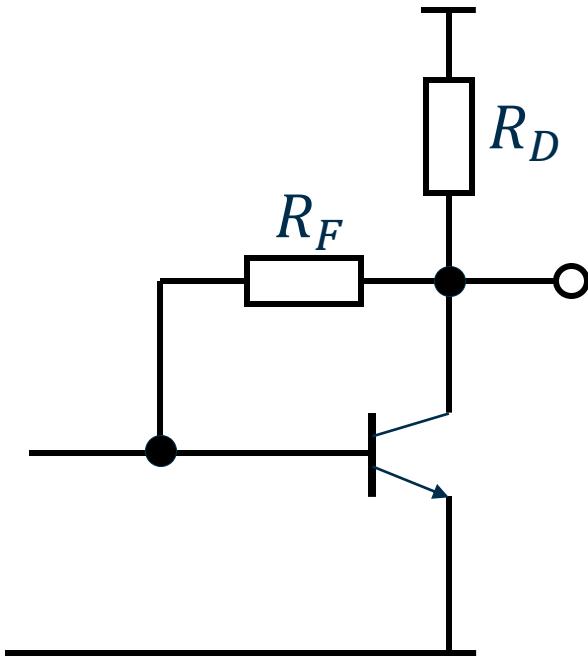
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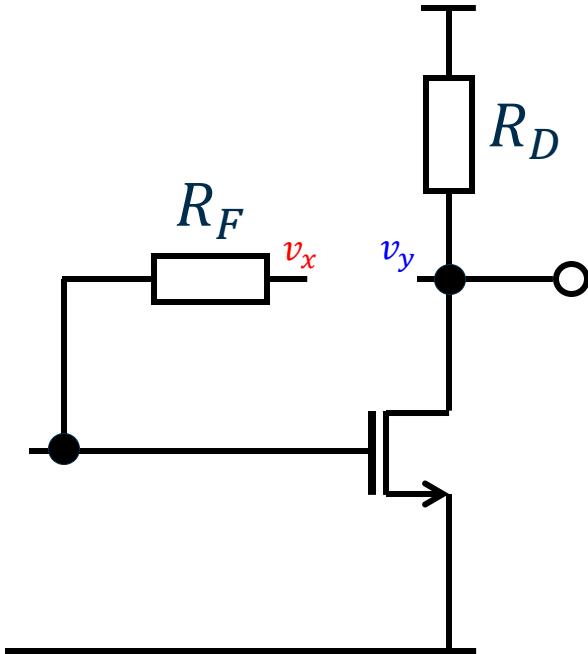
# Loop Gain

- We can see that the loop gain  $AF$  has significant importance in the feedback circuit – there is also a practical way to calculate this important parameter!
- To calculate the loop gain, we can break the feedback loop at any point, and calculate corresponding voltage and current gains; the loop gain will be:

$$\frac{1}{AF} = \frac{1}{A_{vop}} + \frac{1}{H_{os}}$$

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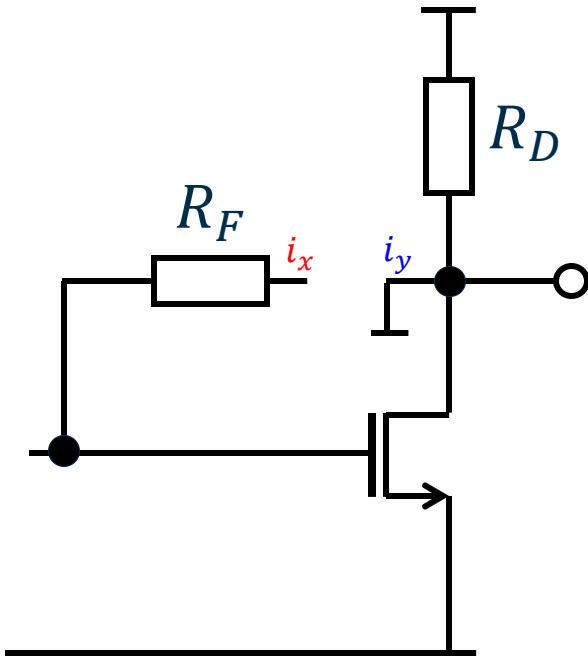
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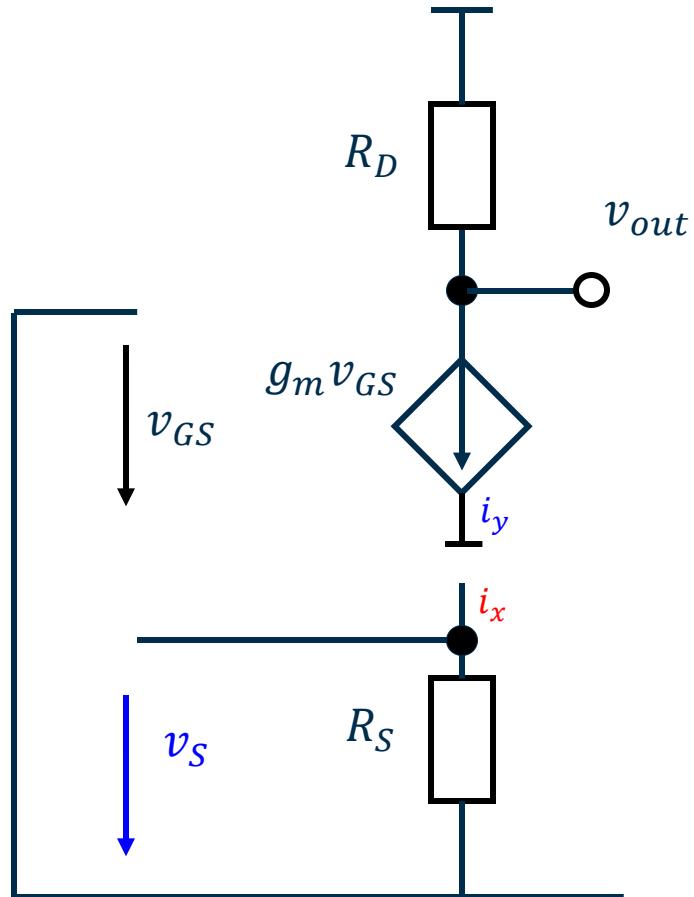


$$H_{os} = -\frac{i_y}{i_x} \Big|_{v_y=0} = \infty$$

$$AF = g_m R_D$$

# Common-Source Amplifier with Source Degeneration

- Loop gain calculation

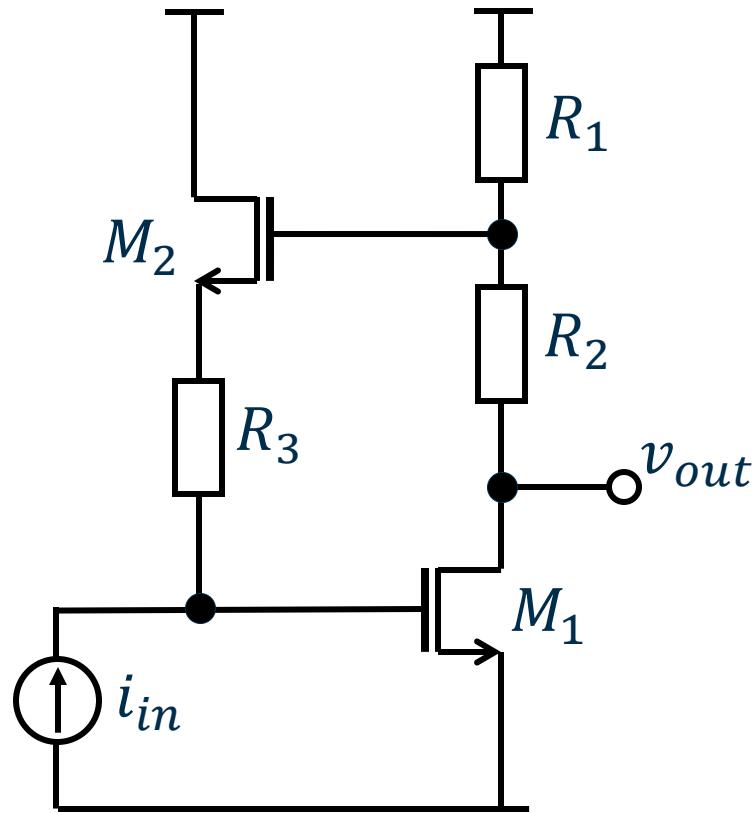


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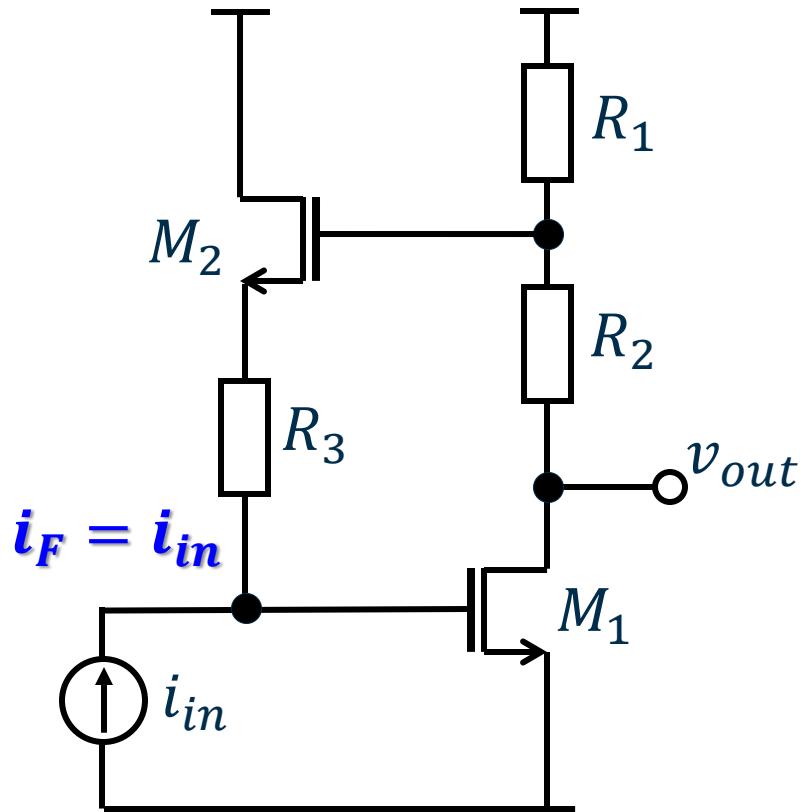
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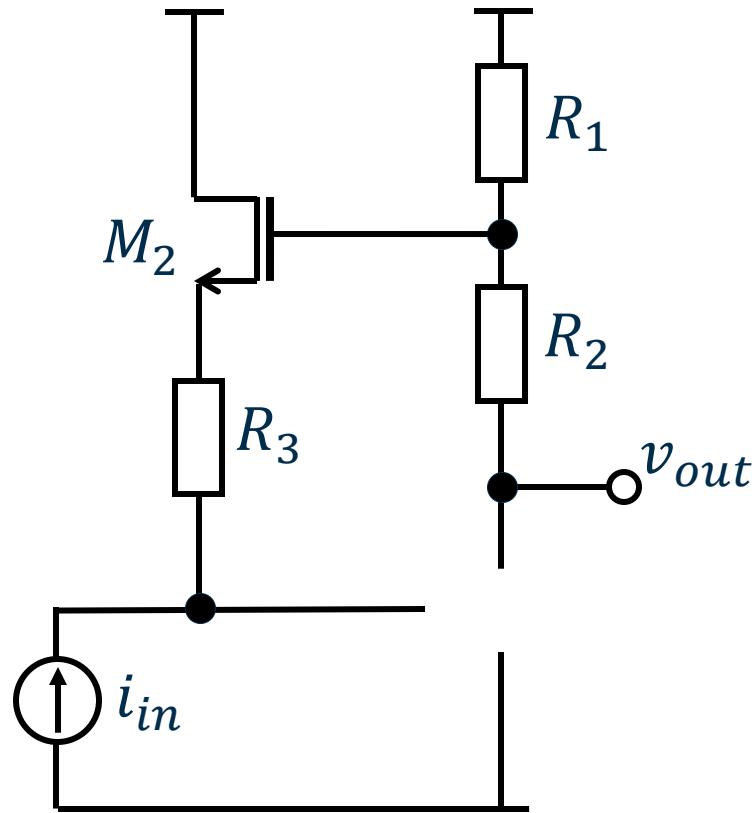


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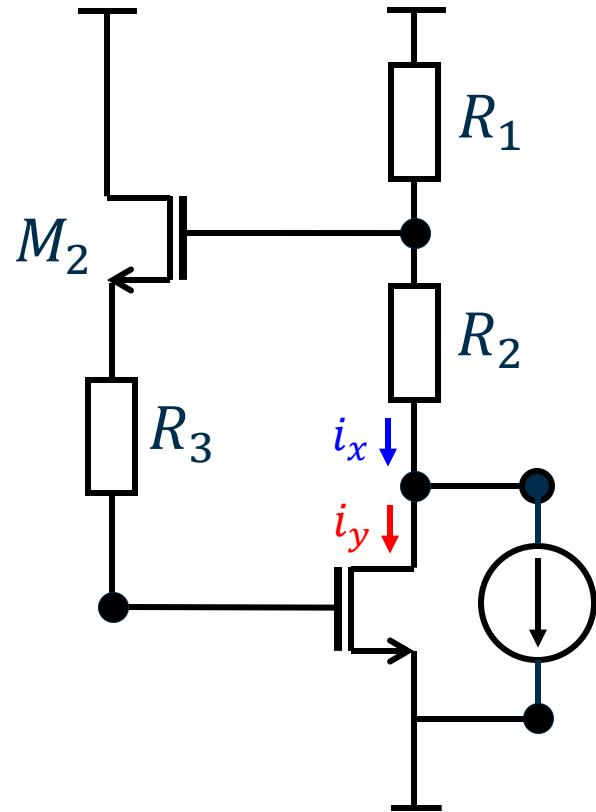
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$$H_0 = \frac{v_{out}}{i_{in}} \Big|_{g_{m1}=0} = 0$$

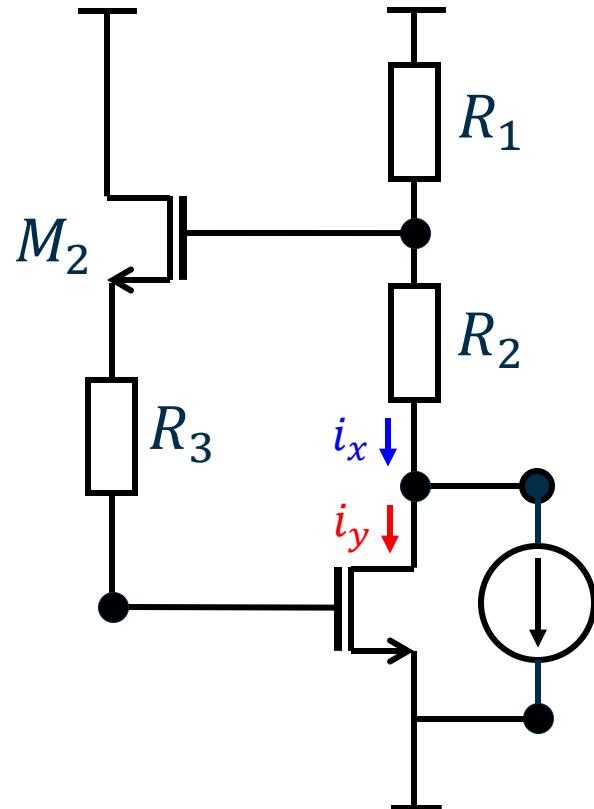
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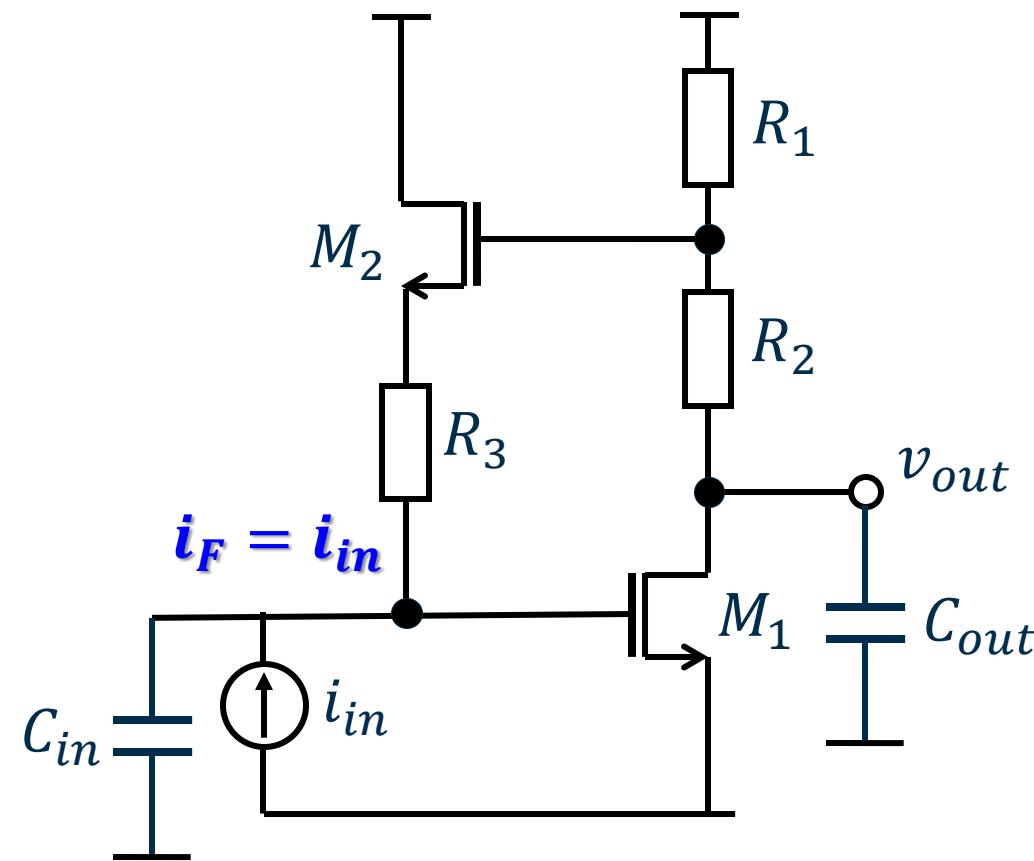
$$H = H_\infty \frac{T}{1+T} + H_0 \frac{1}{1+T}$$

$$H = -\left(R_3 + \frac{1}{g_{m2}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) \frac{g_{m1} R_1}{1 + g_{m1} R_1}$$

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

## Advanced Example: Cherry-Hooper Amplifier

- With input and output capacitors

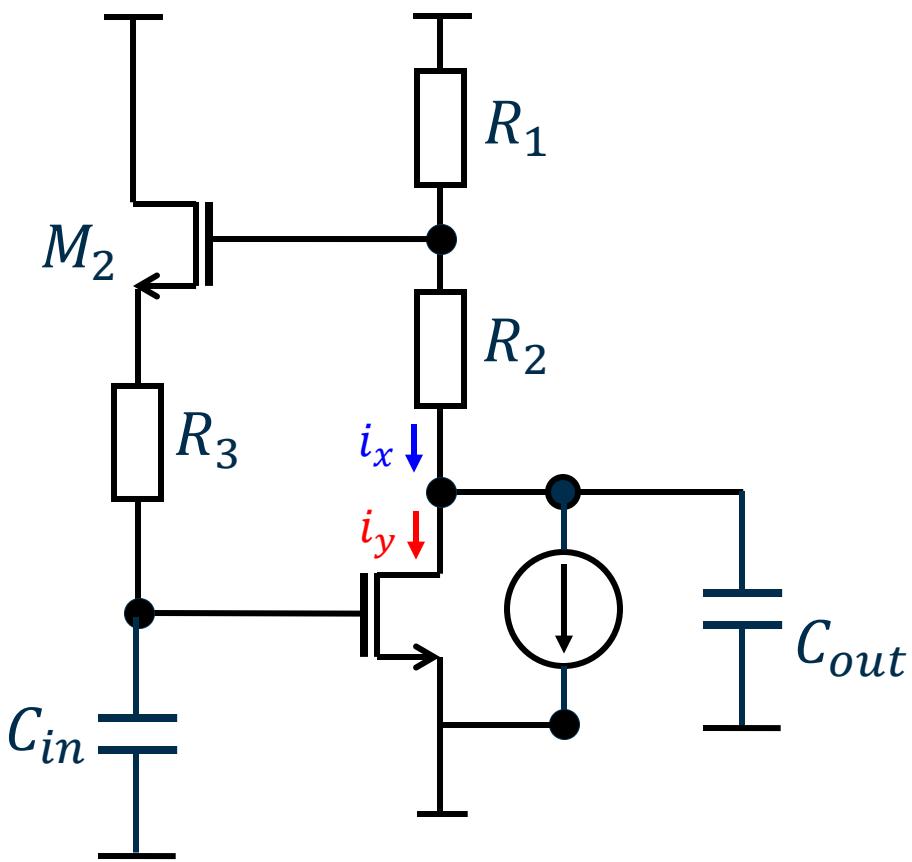


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- ! Asymptotic gain expressions do not change, because  $H_\infty$  forces  $v_{in}$  to 0, and  $C_{out}$  has no influence in the  $v_{out}$  expression

# Advanced Example: Cherry-Hooper Amplifier



$$T = -\frac{i_y}{i_x}$$

- The capacitors will impact return ratio with two independant time constants:

$$T = -\frac{i_y}{i_x} = T_0 \frac{1}{(1 + \tau_1 j\omega)(1 + \tau_2 j\omega)}$$

$$\tau_1 = \left( R_3 + \frac{1}{g_{m2}} \right) C_1$$

$$\tau_2 = (R_1 + R_2) C_2$$

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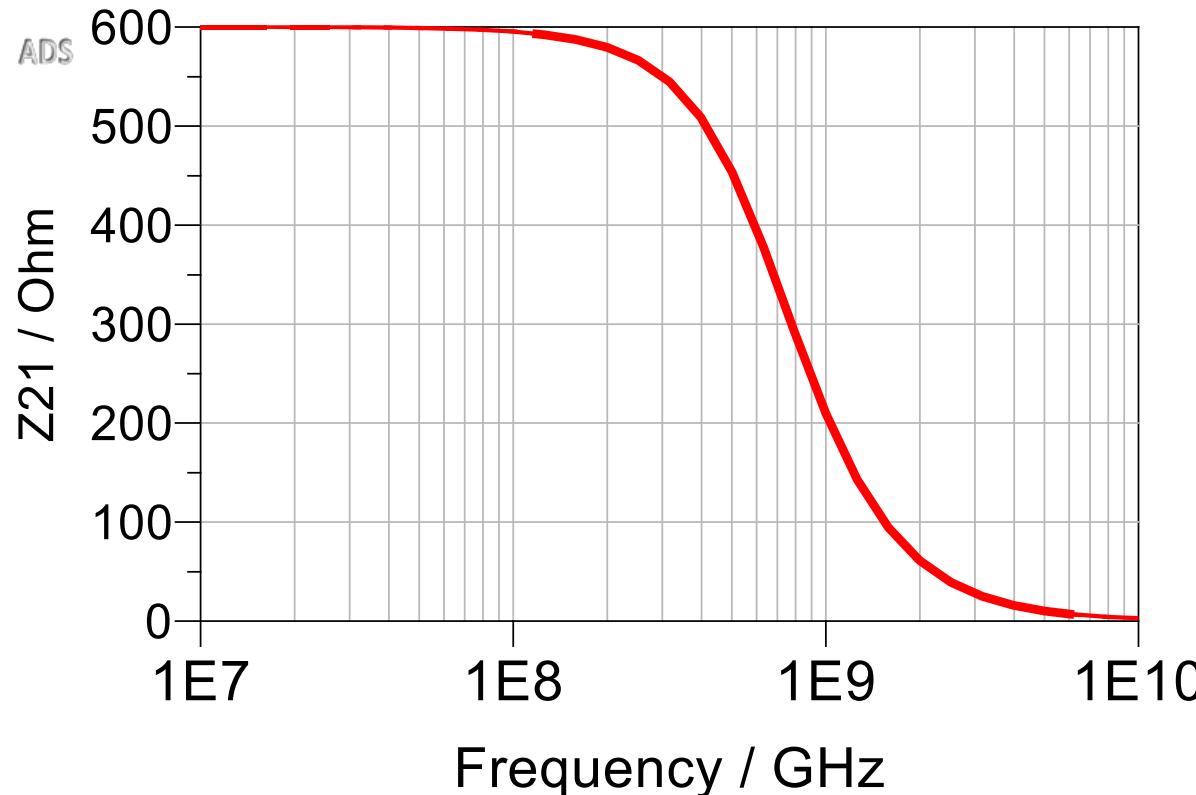
$$\frac{T}{1+T} = \frac{T_0}{1+T_0} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\tau_1 + \tau_2}{1+T_0} s + \frac{\tau_1 \tau_2}{1+T_0} s^2}$$

- We have a second-order response, where we can control the damping factor as desired!

# Advanced Example: Cherry-Hooper Amplifier

- Simulations with

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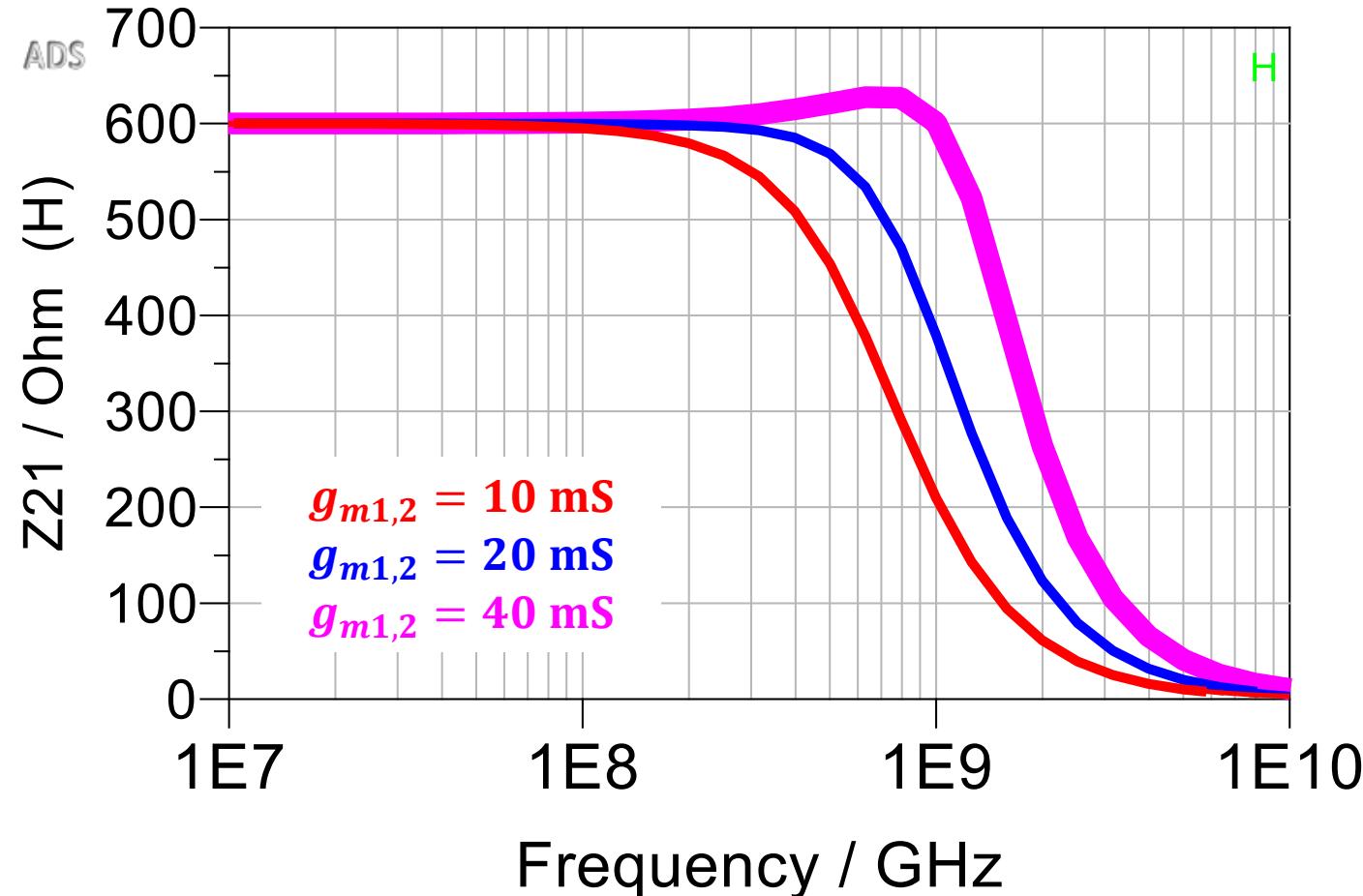
$$\tau_1 = 0.2 \text{ nsec}$$

$$\tau_2 = 0.6 \text{ nsec}$$

- !3-dB bandwidth should be 200 MHz
- Simulated bandwidth is 700 MHz !!

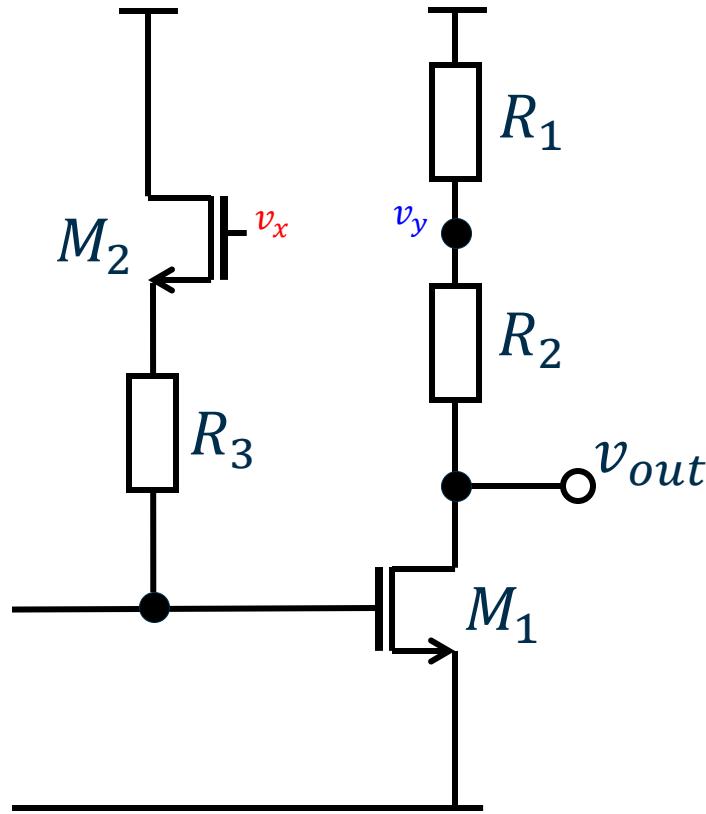
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- Loop gain



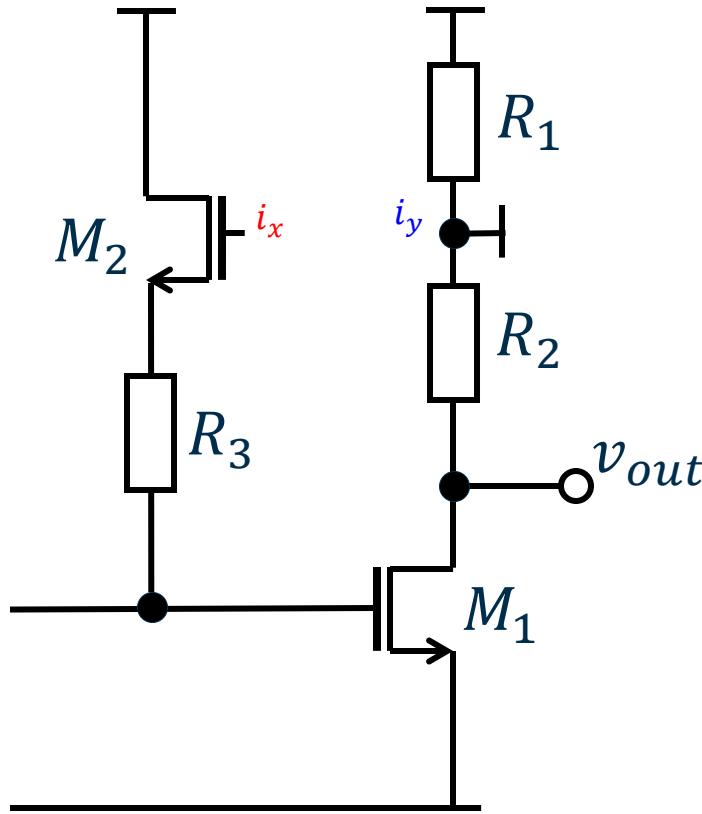
$$v_{out} = g_{m1} v_x$$

$$v_y = \frac{v_{out}}{R_1 + R_2} R_1$$

$$A_{vop} = -\left. \frac{v_y}{v_x} \right|_{i_y=0} = \frac{g_{m1} R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

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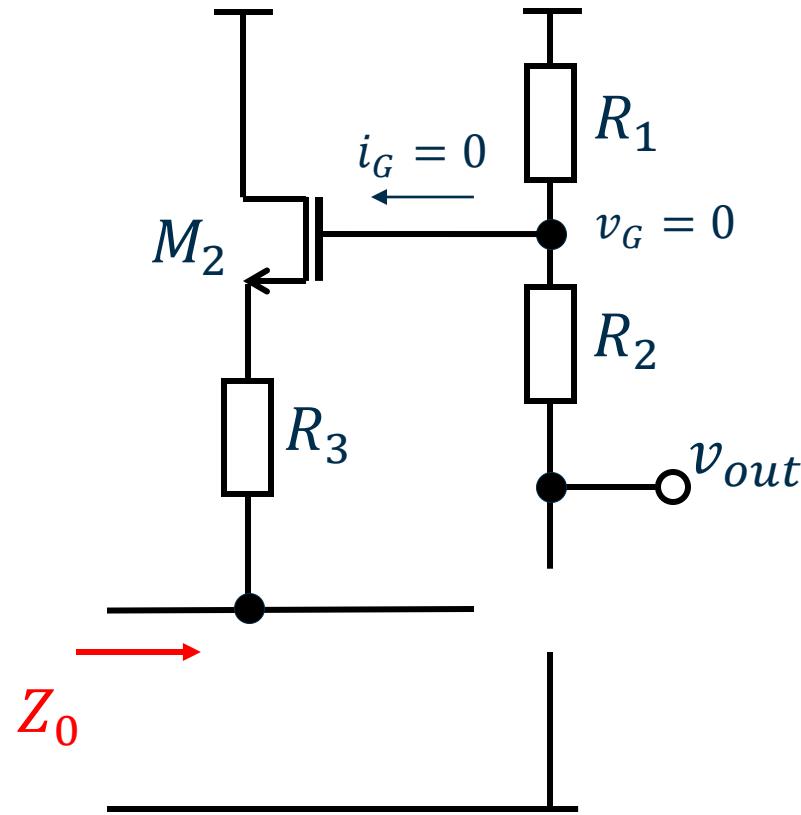


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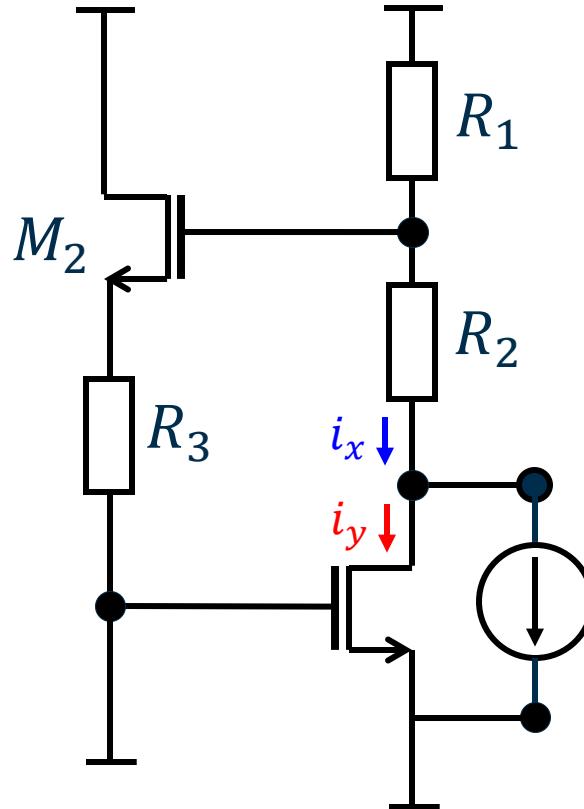
- Input Impedance



$$Z_0 = R_3 + \frac{1}{g_{m2}}$$

# Advanced Example: Cherry-Hooper Amplifier

- $T_{short}$



$$T_{short} = -\frac{i_y}{i_x} = 0$$

$$T_{open} = T = -\frac{i_y}{i_x} = g_{m1}R_1$$

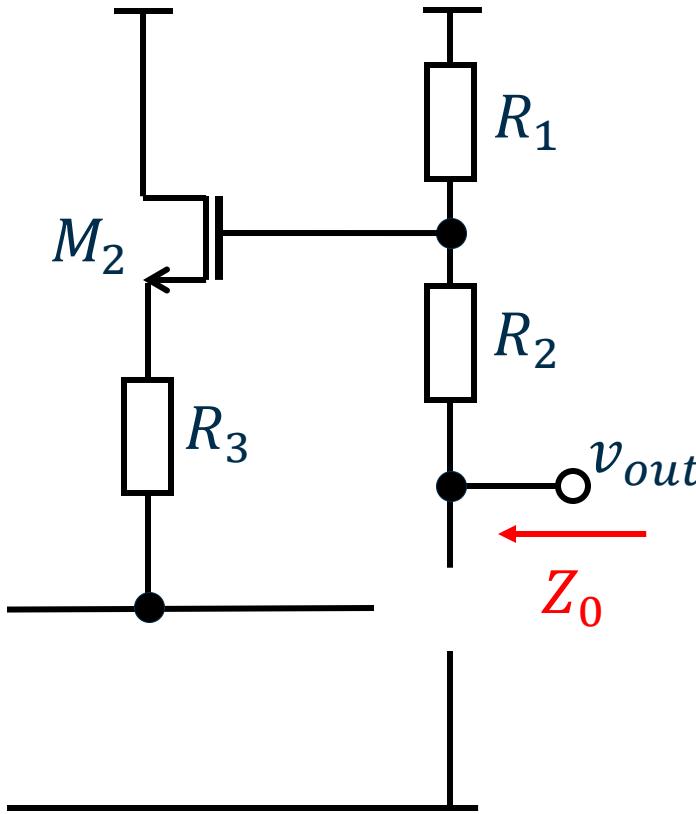
$$Z = Z_0 \frac{1 + T_{short}}{1 + T_{open}}$$

$$Z = \left( R_3 + \frac{1}{g_{m2}} \right) \frac{1}{1 + g_{m1}R_1}$$

$$Z_{in} \approx \frac{1}{g_m} \left( \frac{R_3}{R_1} \right)$$

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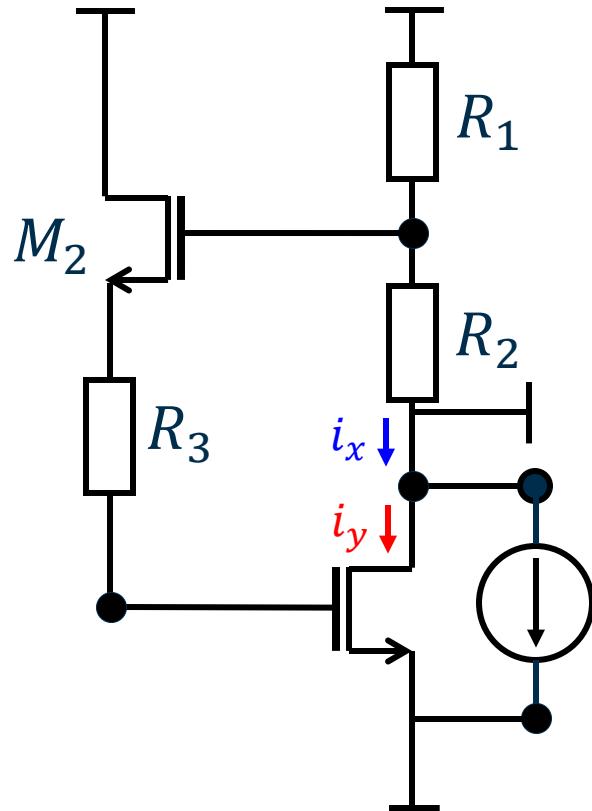
- Output Impedance



$$Z_0 = R_2 + R_1$$

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- $T_{short}$



$$T_{short} = 0$$

$$T_{open} = T = -\frac{i_y}{i_x} = g_m R_1$$

$$Z = Z_0 \frac{1 + T_{short}}{1 + T_{open}}$$

$$Z_{out} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{1 + g_m R_1}$$