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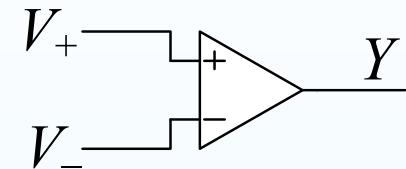
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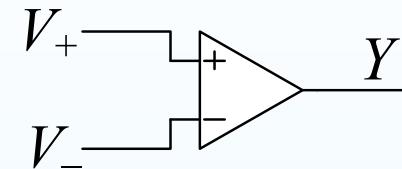
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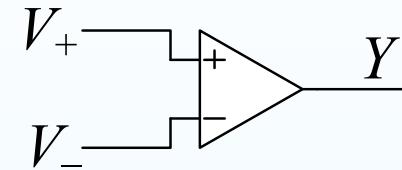
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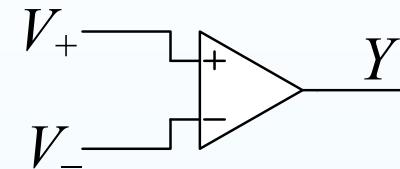
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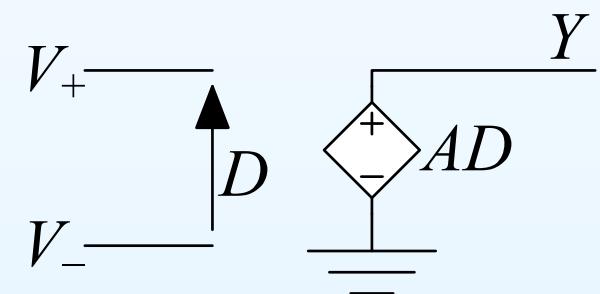
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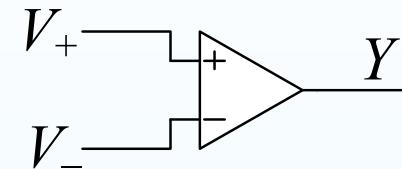
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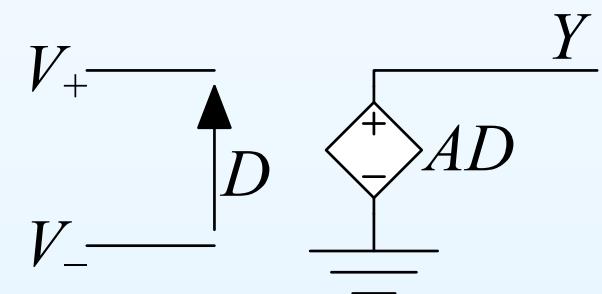
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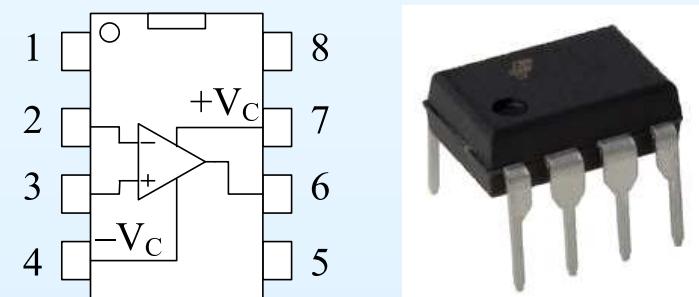
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Integrated circuit pins are numbered anti-clockwise from blob or notch (when looking from above).



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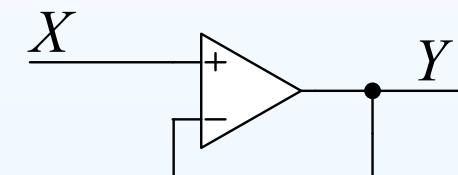
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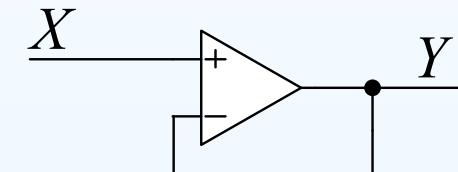
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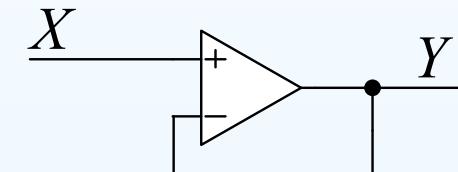
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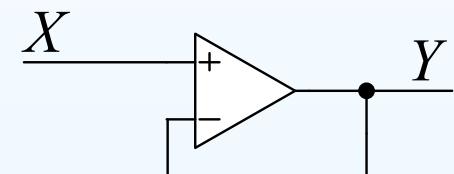
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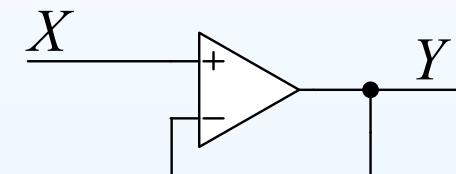
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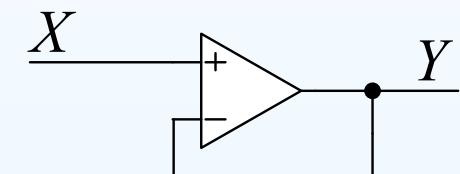
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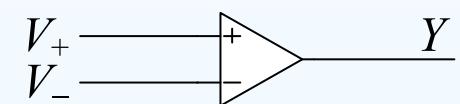


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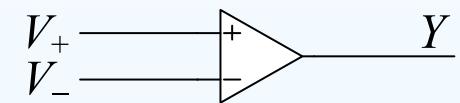


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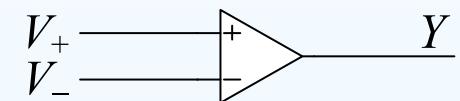
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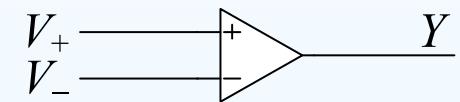
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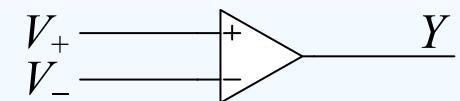
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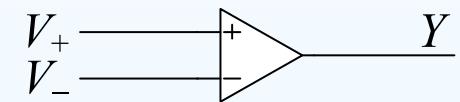
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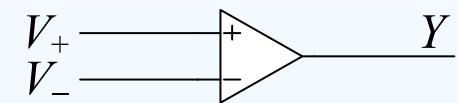
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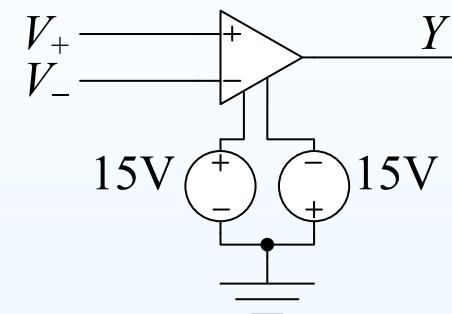
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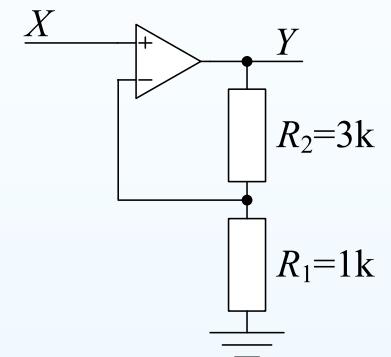


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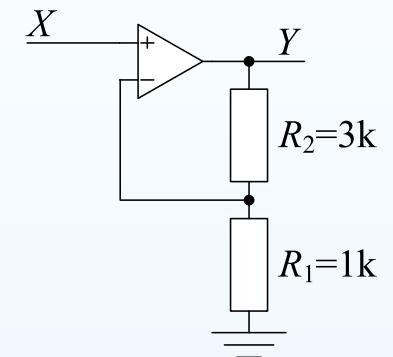
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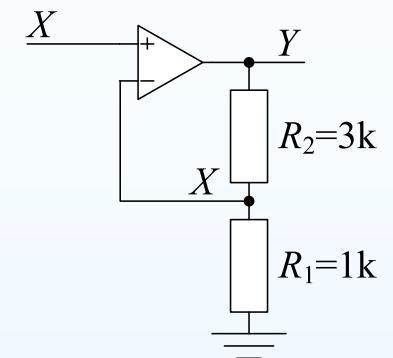
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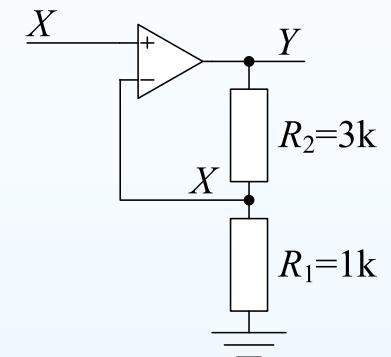
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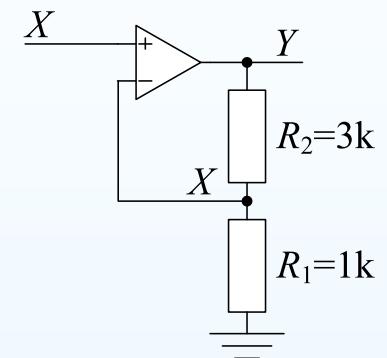
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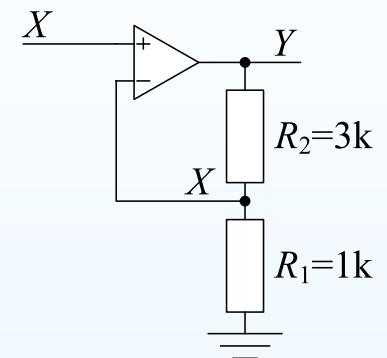
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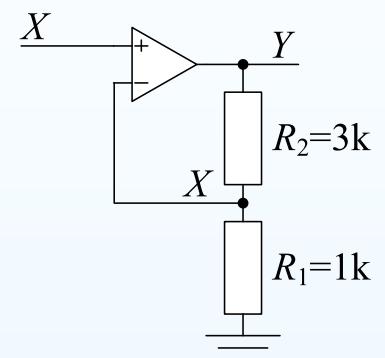
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Cause/effect reversal: Potential divider causes  $V_- = \frac{1}{4}Y$ .

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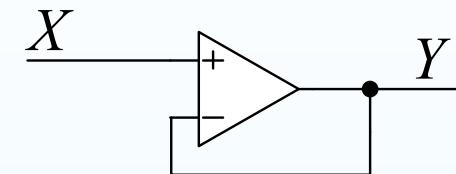


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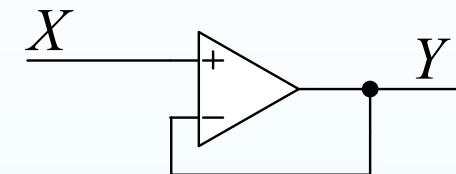
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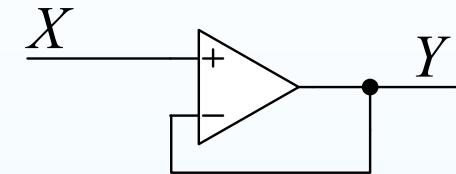
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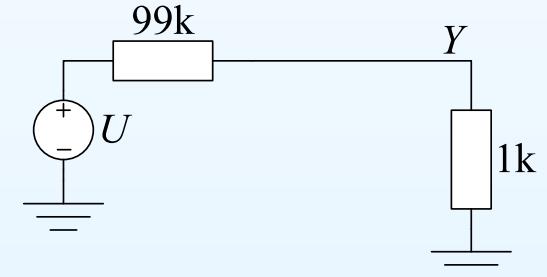
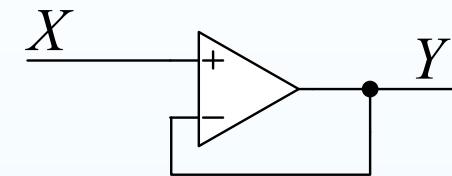
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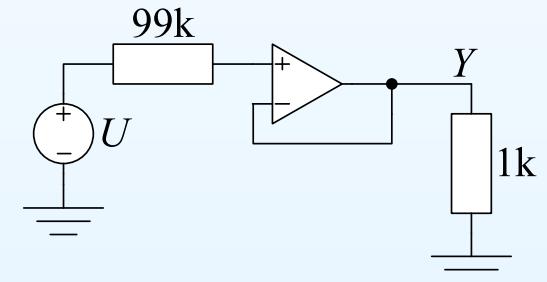
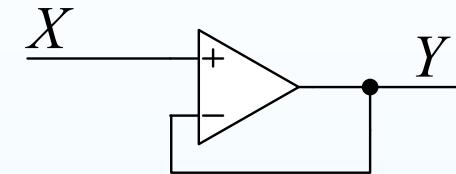
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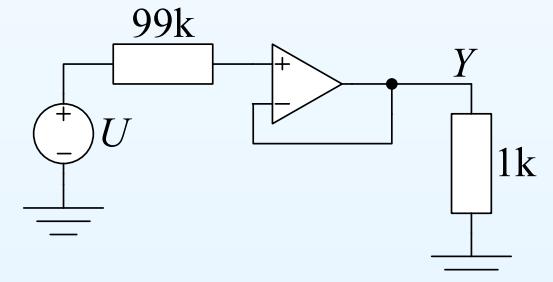
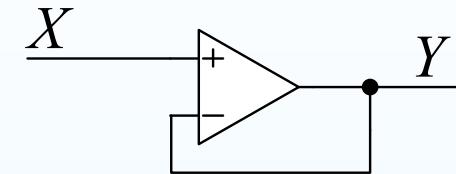
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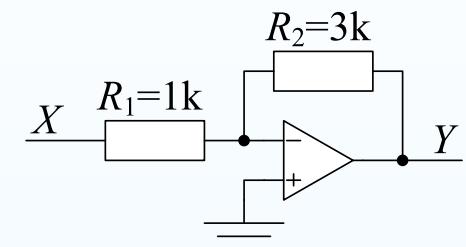
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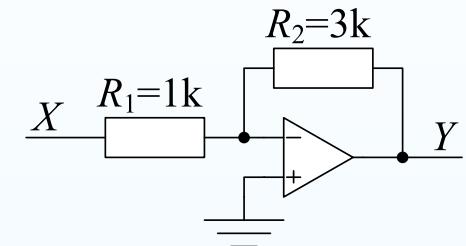
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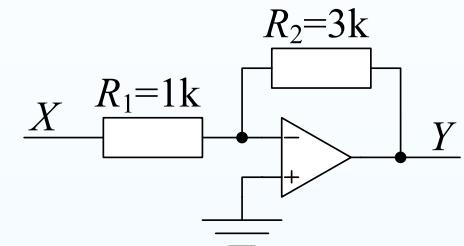
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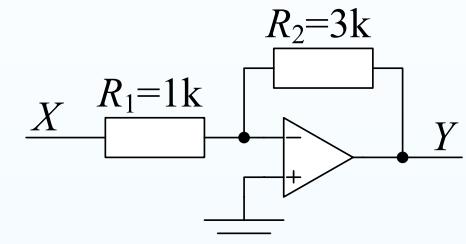
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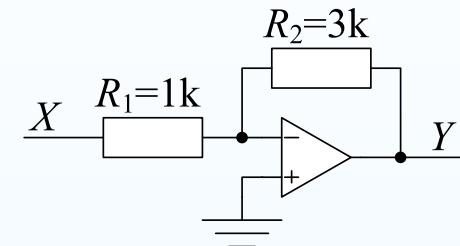
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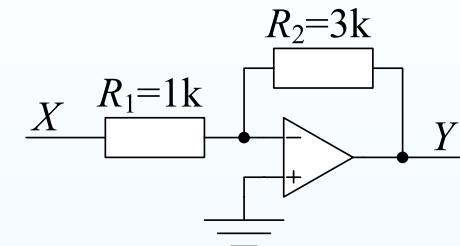
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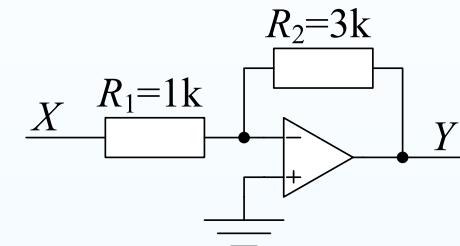
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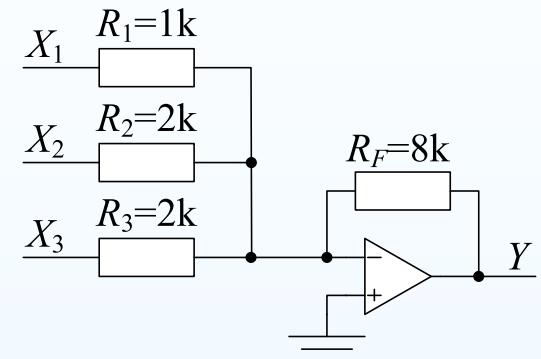
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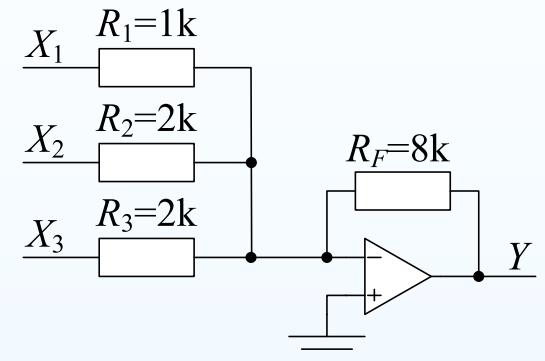
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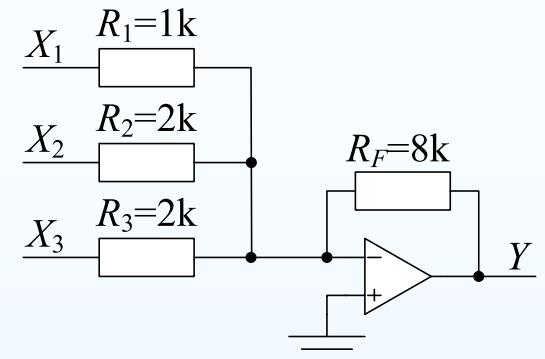
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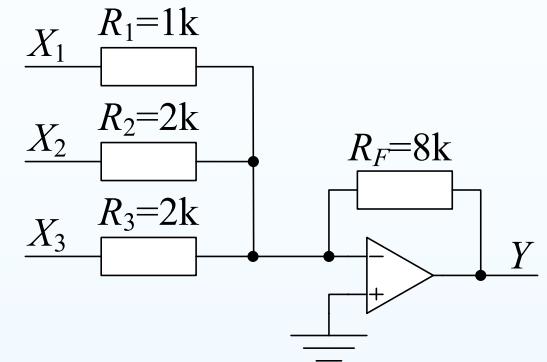
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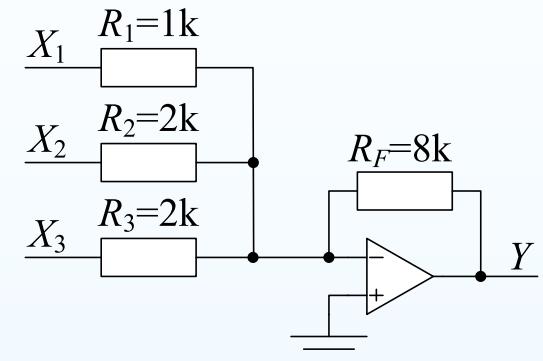
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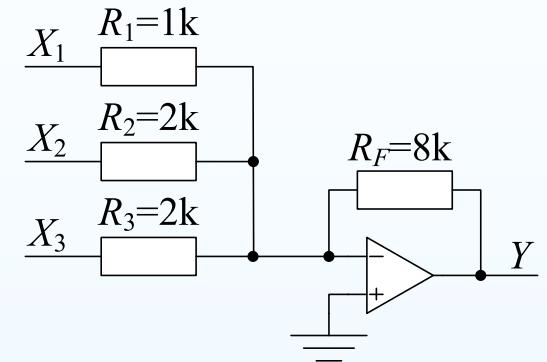
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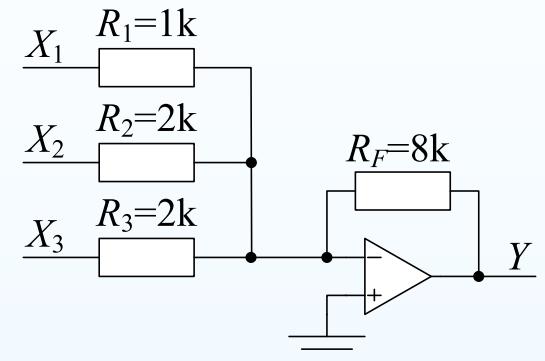
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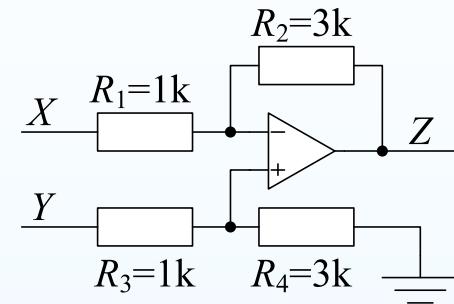
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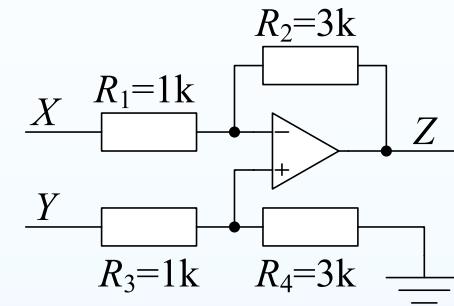
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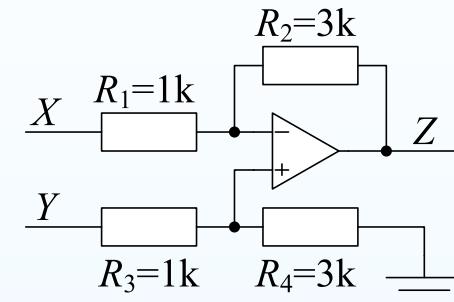
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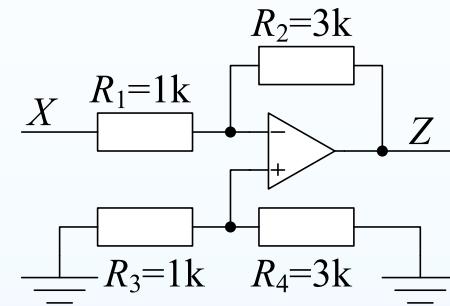
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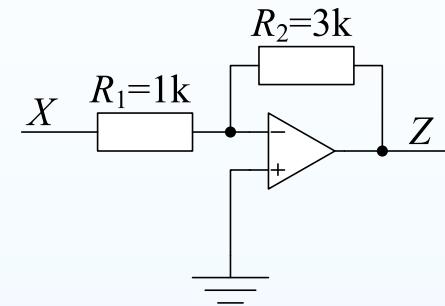
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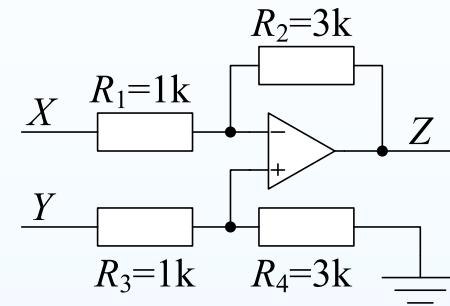
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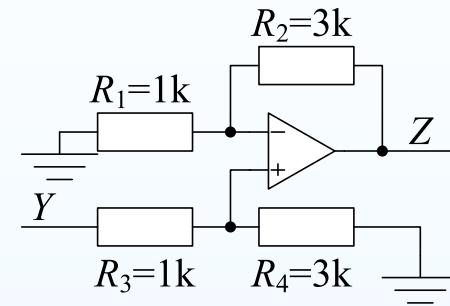
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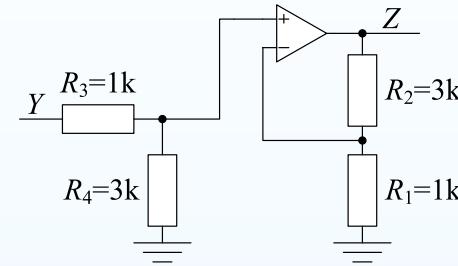
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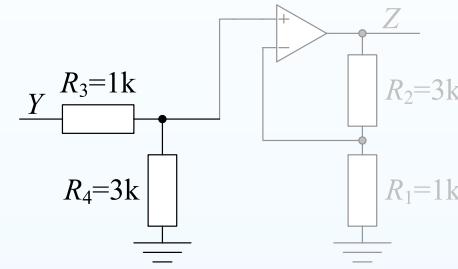
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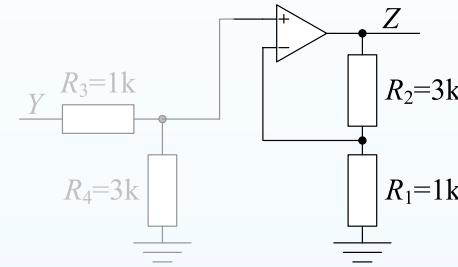
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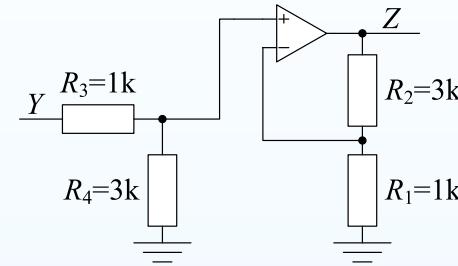
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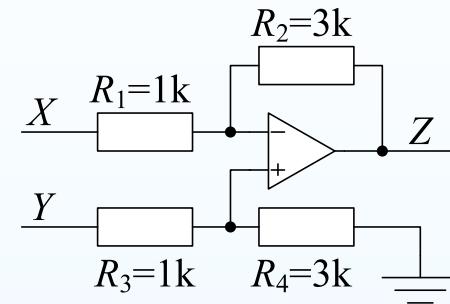
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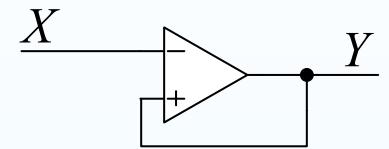


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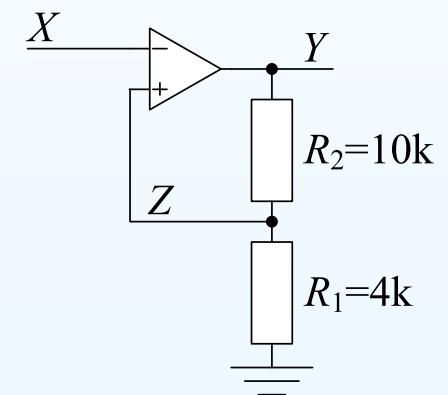
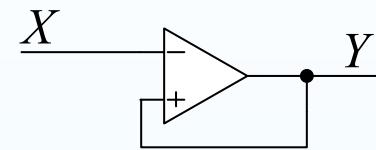
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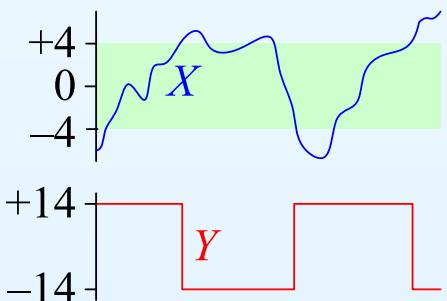
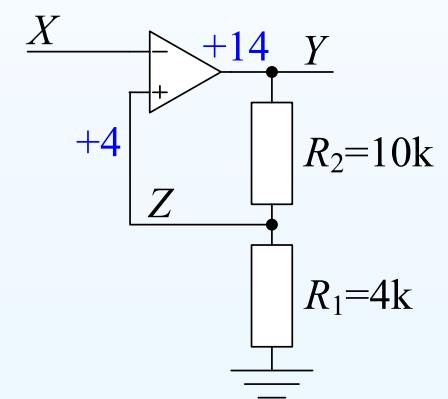
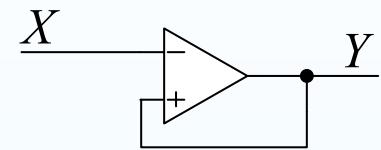
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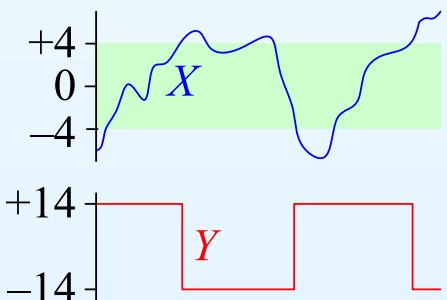
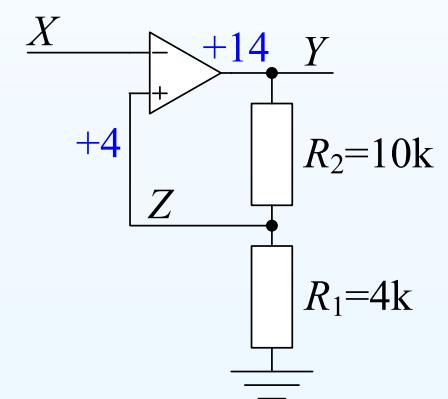
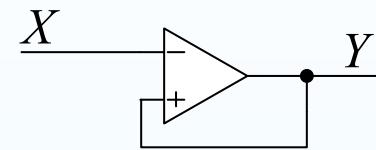
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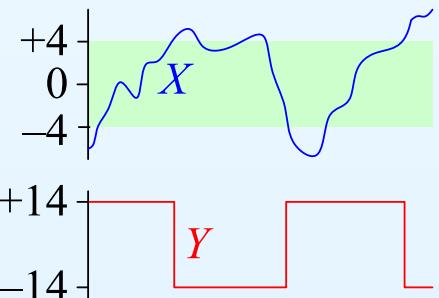
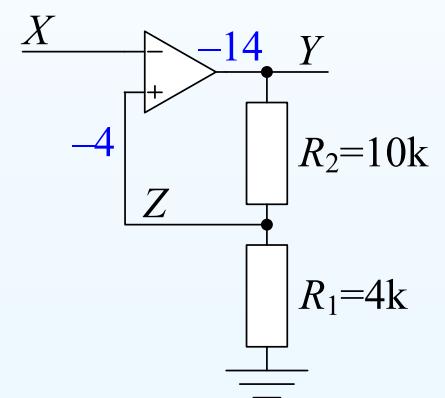
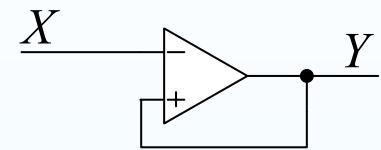
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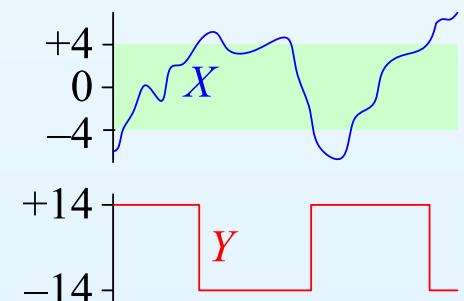
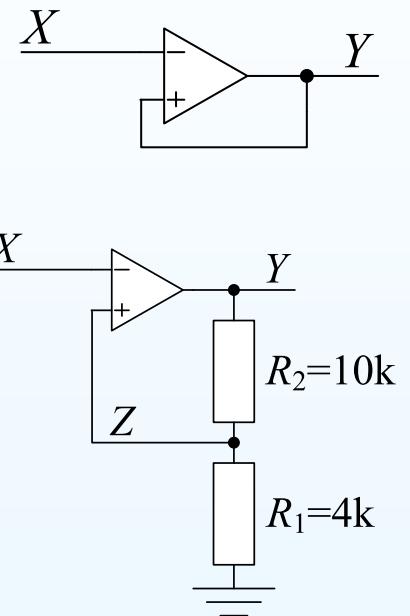
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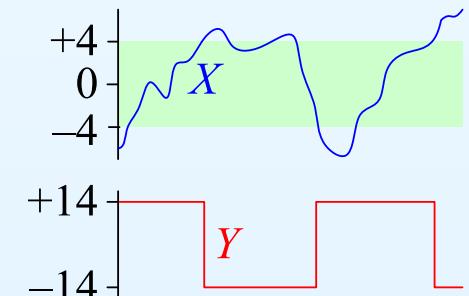
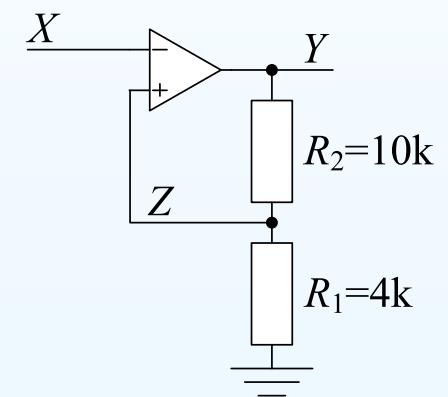
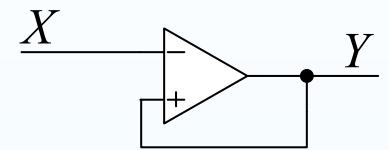
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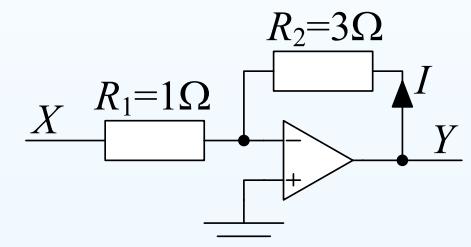


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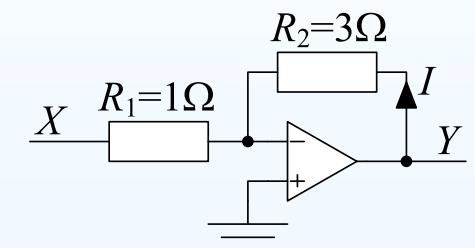
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However typical op-amps can only supply  
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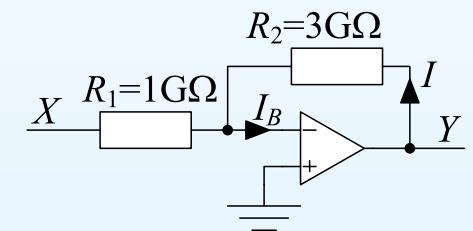
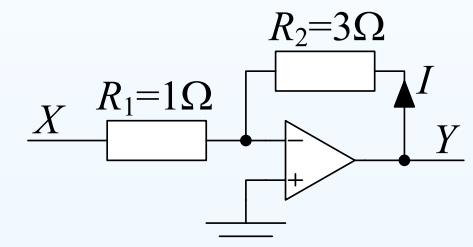
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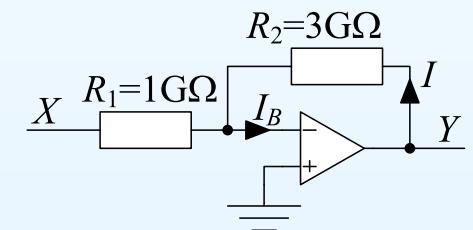
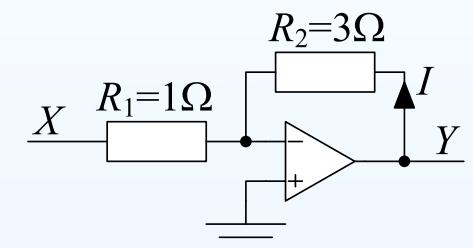
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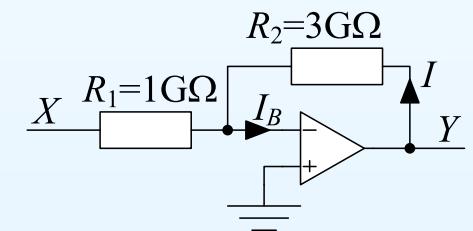
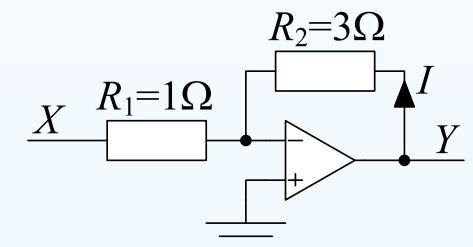
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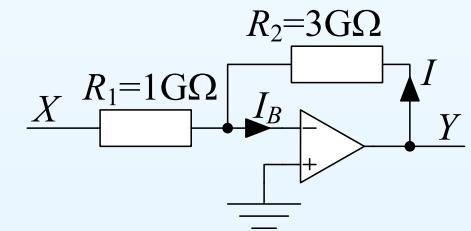
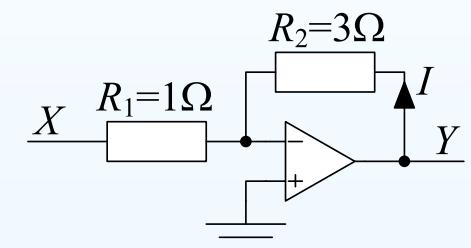
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