

Lecture 12: Differential Amplifier (Part 1)

0. Review

1. Intro

2. Long-tail Pair

3. Input Impedance

4. Output Impedance

Textbook reading:

15-1 The differential amplifier

15-2 DC analysis

15-3 AC analysis

- HW 5 due Fri (Nov 01)

- PreLab 5 due today

- Team Project (2-3 people)

- Choose from 3 topics

- Determine responsibilities
(who does what circuit)

- Formulate design requirements
(e.g. servo pulse freq)

- "Rough" circuit schematics

- (no component values)

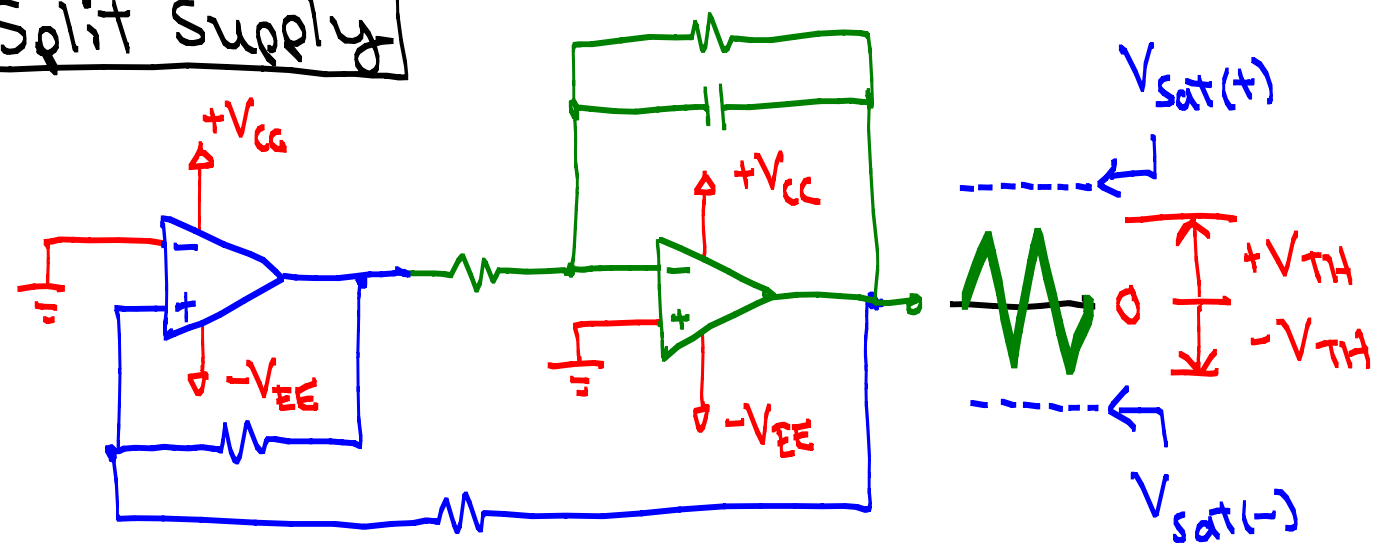
- Lab 3 report due Nov 4 (Mon)

- Exam # 2 (Nov 12) !

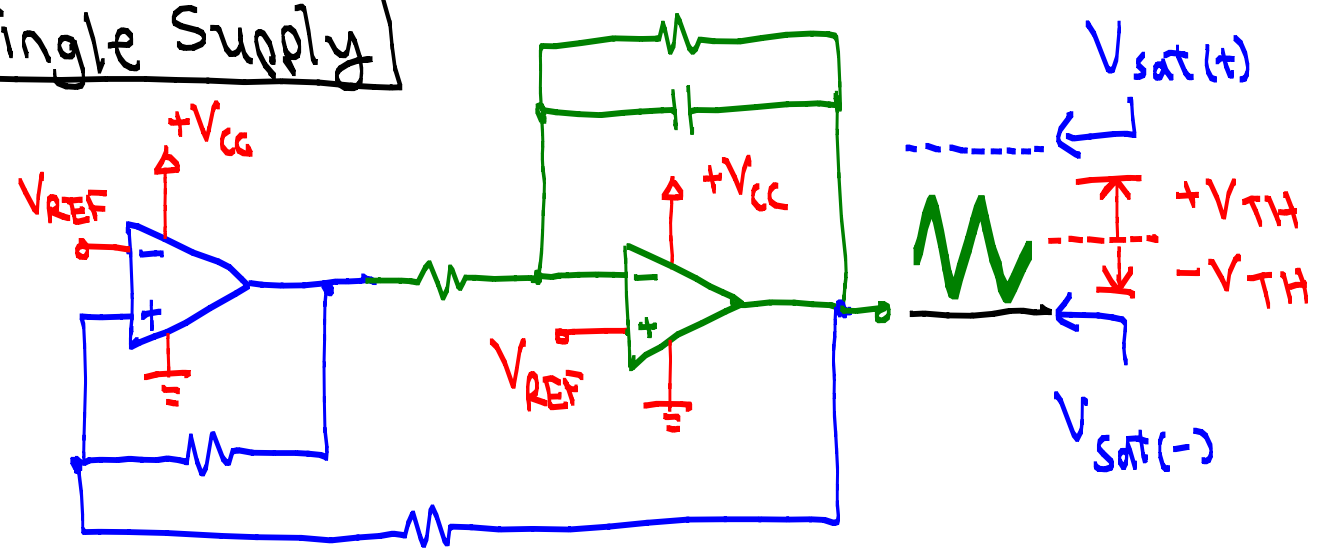
0. Review

- Triangle Wave Generator using op amps

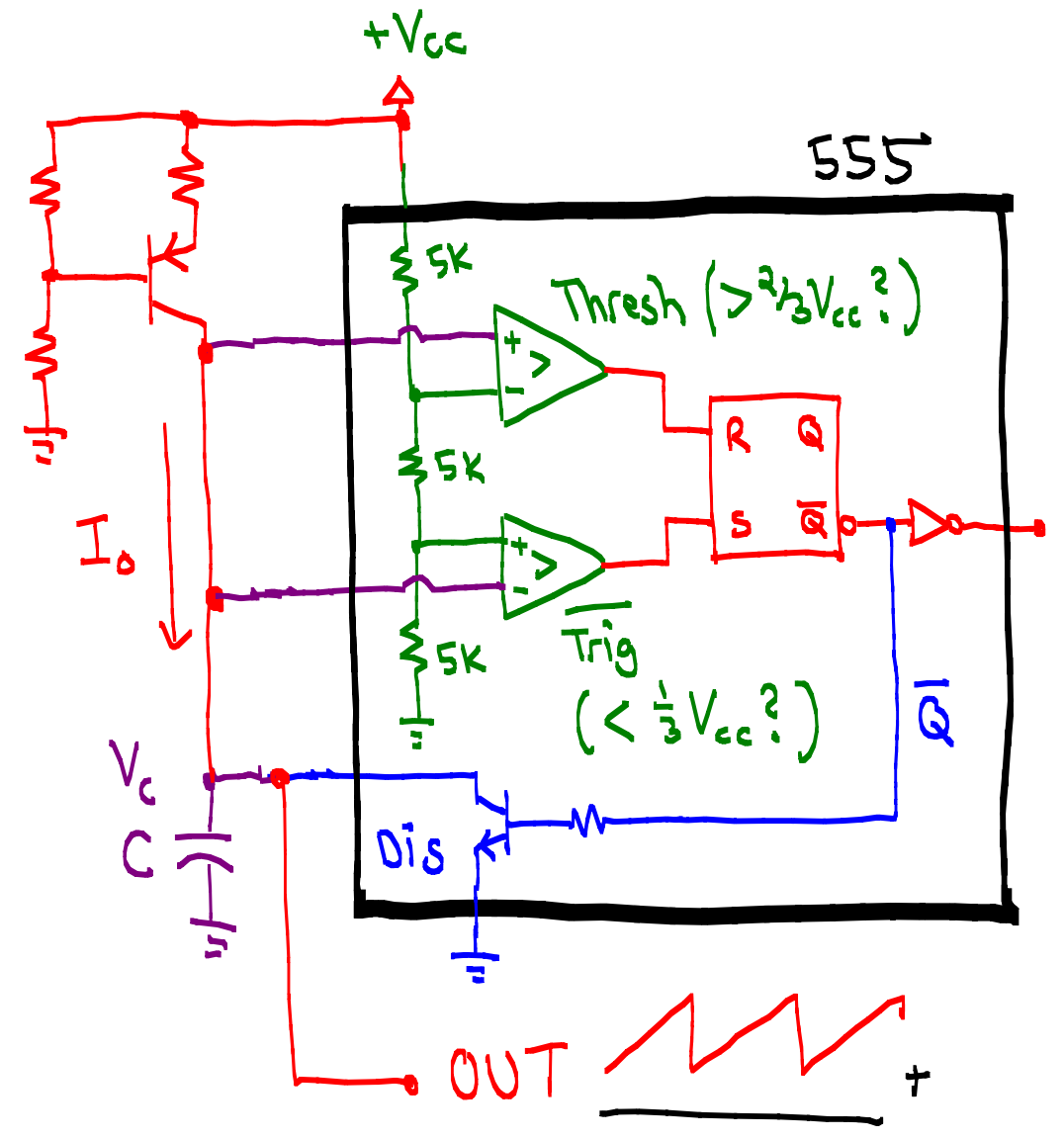
Split Supply



Single Supply



- Sawtooth Generator using 555 timer:



Design example

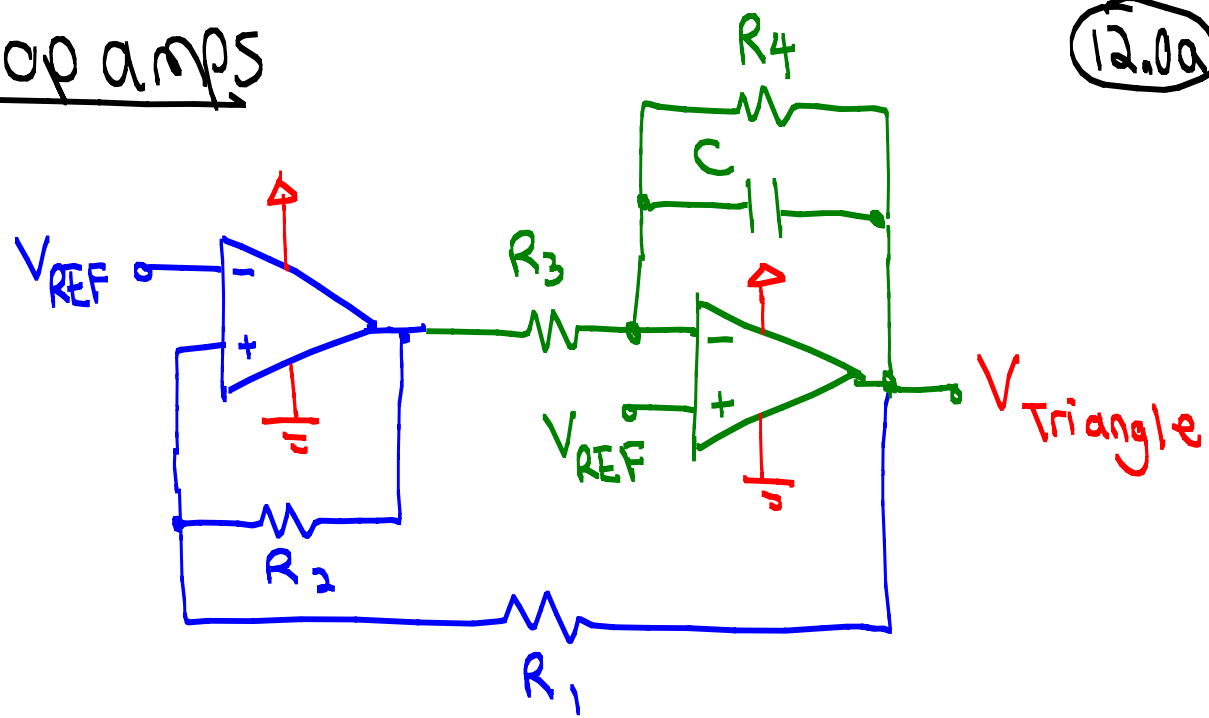
Triangle Wave w/ single-supply op amps

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$f = 1 \text{ KHz}, 6 \text{ V}_{pp}$

$V_{CC} = 9\text{V}$ $+V_{sat} = V_{CC} - 1$
 $-V_{EE} = 0\text{V}$ $-V_{sat} = 0$

single supply op amp (e.g. LM358)



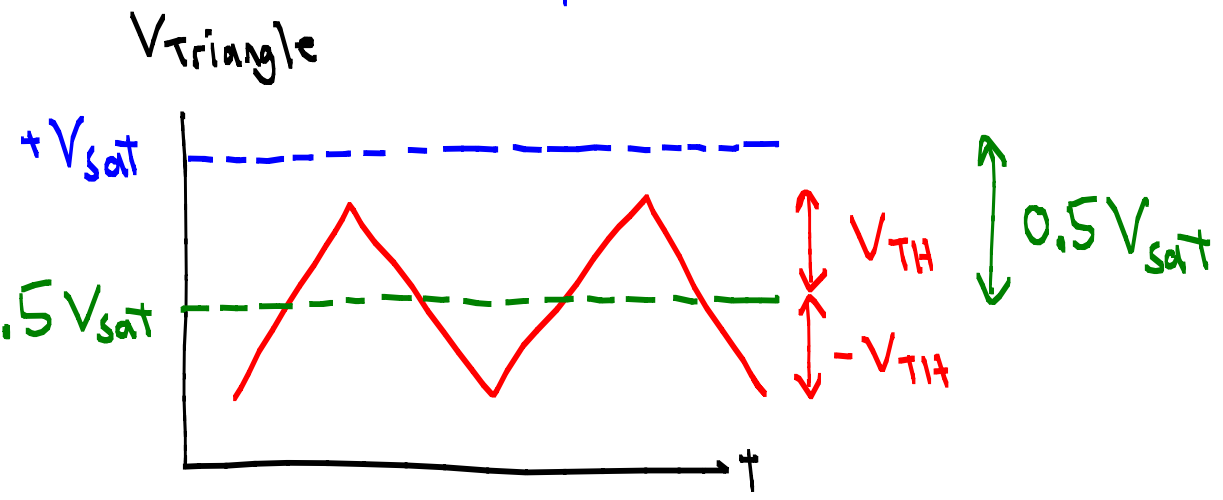
$$\textcircled{1} V_{TH} = \frac{R_1}{R_2} \times 0.5 V_{sat} = 3\text{V}$$

$$\frac{9-1}{2} = 4\text{V} \quad V_{REF} = 0.5 V_{sat}$$

$\rightarrow \frac{R_1}{R_2} = 0.75$

Typically, $R_2 \sim 100 \text{ k}$ range

Choose $R_1 = 75 \text{ K}$
 $R_2 = 100 \text{ K}$



② $f = \frac{R_2}{4R_1R_3C} = \frac{100K}{4 \times 75K \times R_3C} = 1000 \text{ Hz} \rightarrow R_3C = 3.333 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}$

12.0b

Typically $C < 0.1 \mu\text{F}$ and $R_3 \sim 100 \text{ K}$:

R_3	C	$C_{5\%}$	ΔC
100K	3333 pF	3300 pF	33 pF
110K	3030	3000	30 ←
120K	2778	2700	78
130K	2564	2400	164

$$\frac{100K}{4 \times 75K \times (110K)(3000 \text{ pF})} = 1010.1 \text{ Hz}$$

(within 1%)

③ Choose $R_4 > 10R_3$ (or higher)

→ $R_4 = 1.5 \text{ M}$ (limit to few $\text{M}\Omega$ or less)

$$\textcircled{4} \quad V_{REF} = 0.5 (V_{sat(+)} - V_{sat(-)})$$

$$= 0.5 (8 - 0) = \underline{\underline{4V}}$$

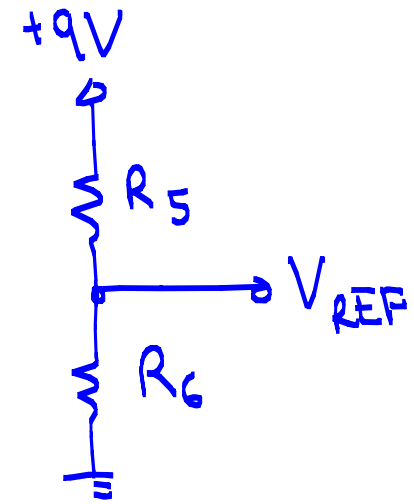
$$\rightarrow 9 \cdot \frac{R_6}{R_5 + R_6} = 4V$$

$$\frac{4}{9} R_6 = R_5 + R_6$$

$$\frac{4}{9} R_6 = 1.25 R_6 = R_5$$



Typically, $R_6 \sim 100K$:



R_6	R_5
100K	125K
110K	137.5K
120K	150K

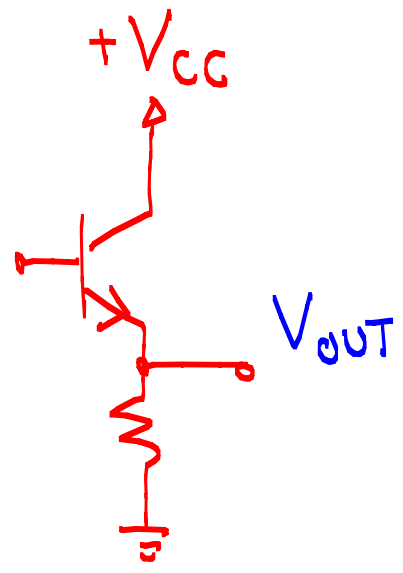


1. Intro

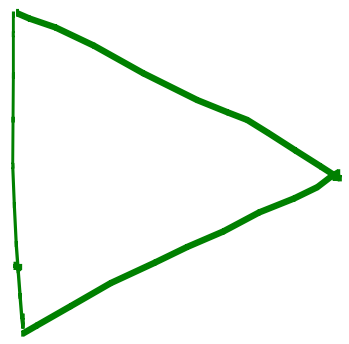
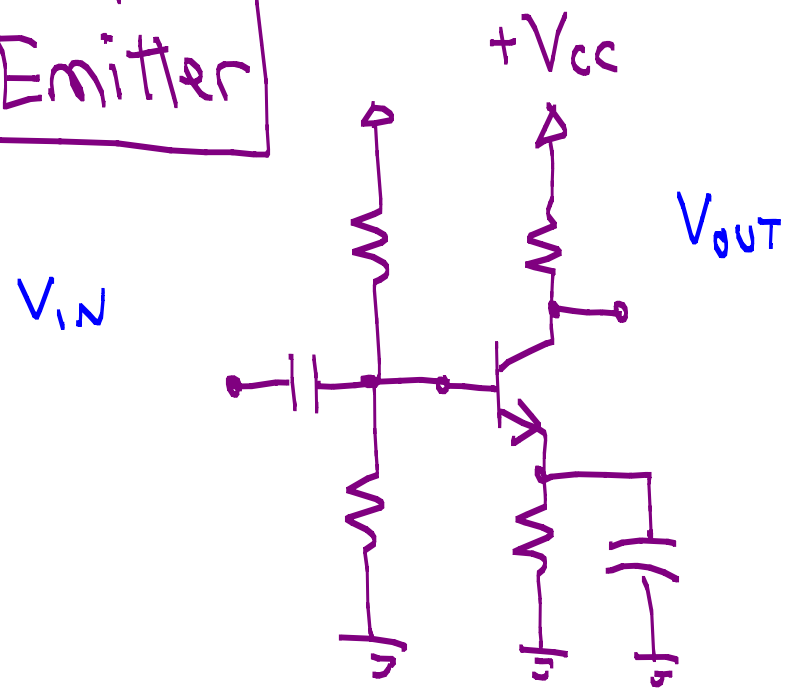
• Many amplifiers have a single input V_{IN}

• A differential amplifier has _____

Emitter Follower

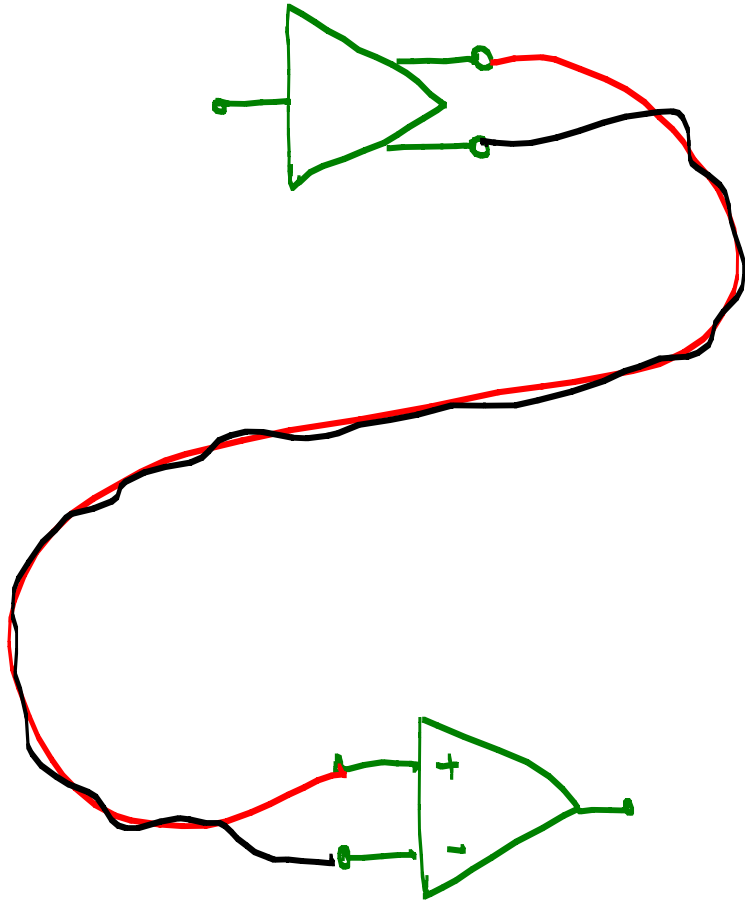


Common Emitter



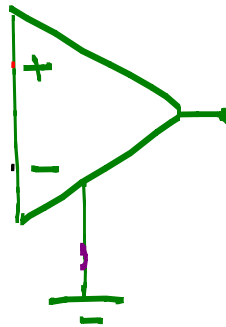
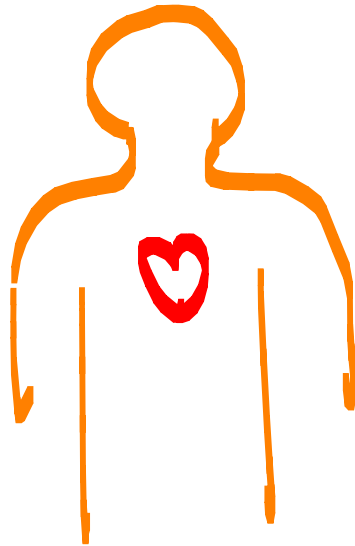
Application #1

★ Signal transmission over long cables



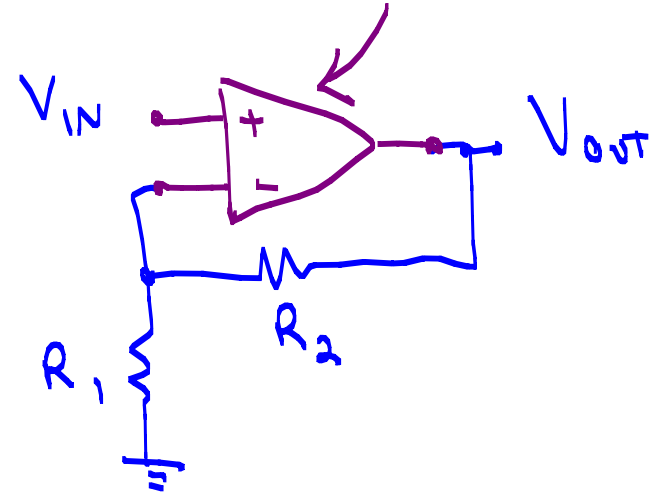
Application #2

Electrocardiogram (ECG) signals



Application #3

Input Stage for an op amp



2. BJT Long Tail Pair

- classic configuration for differential amplifier

① Two inputs

② Note the symmetry

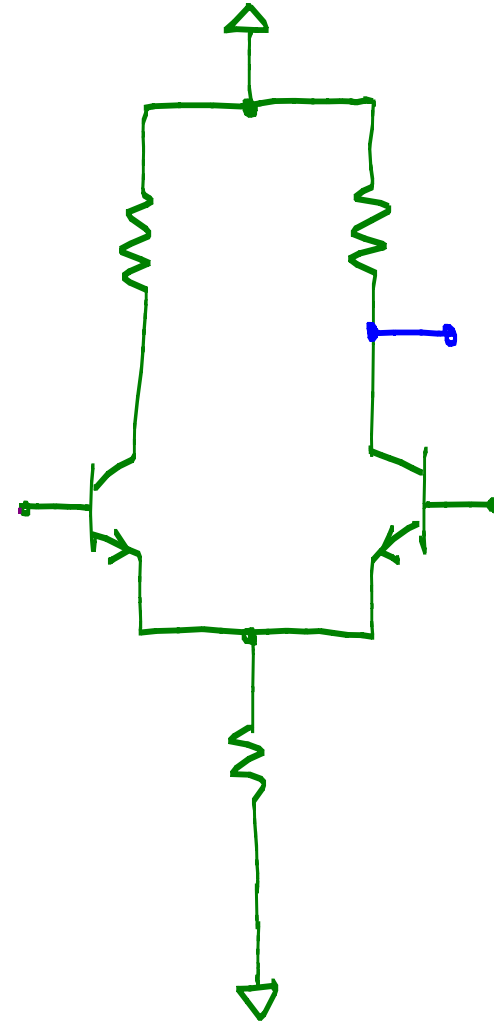
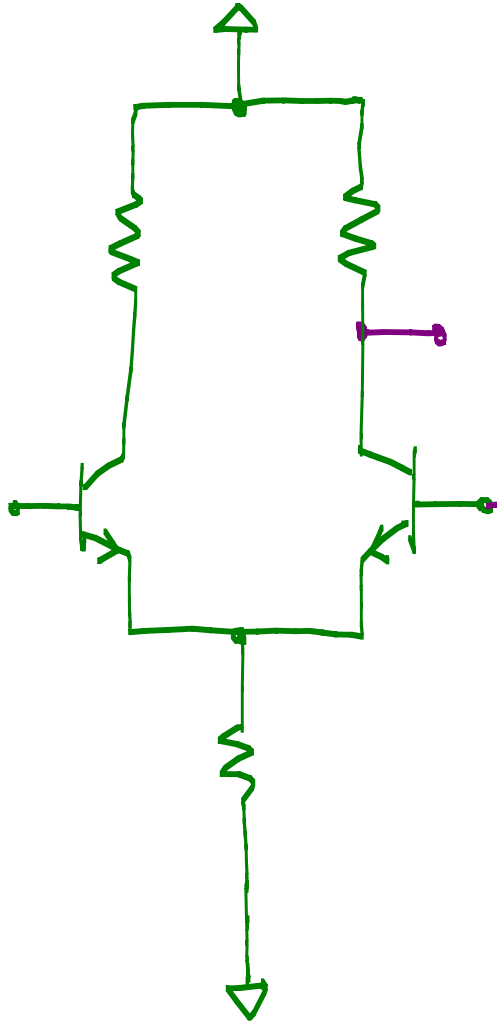
③ Output

④ R_E

• How does this work?

Quiescent

Differential Input



Quiescent ($V_{IN1} = V_{IN2} = 0$)

- Assuming $Q_1 + Q_2$ are ON
- Tail current is therefore
- Due to symmetry,
both Q_1 and Q_2 have
- Quiescent output voltage is

Differential Input

$$(V_{IN1} = +\frac{\Delta V_{in}}{2}, V_{IN2} = -\Delta V_{in}/2)$$

- Q_1 and Q_2 act like a "see saw"

$$V_{BE1} =$$

$$V_{BE2} =$$

$$i_{E1} =$$

$$i_{E2} =$$

$$i_{C1} =$$

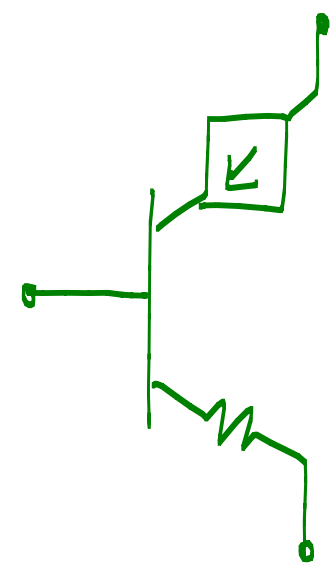
$$i_{C2} =$$

- Output voltage is therefore:

$$V_{out} =$$

- What is \bar{i}_e ?

Recall the T-Model
for BJT
small signal
behavior

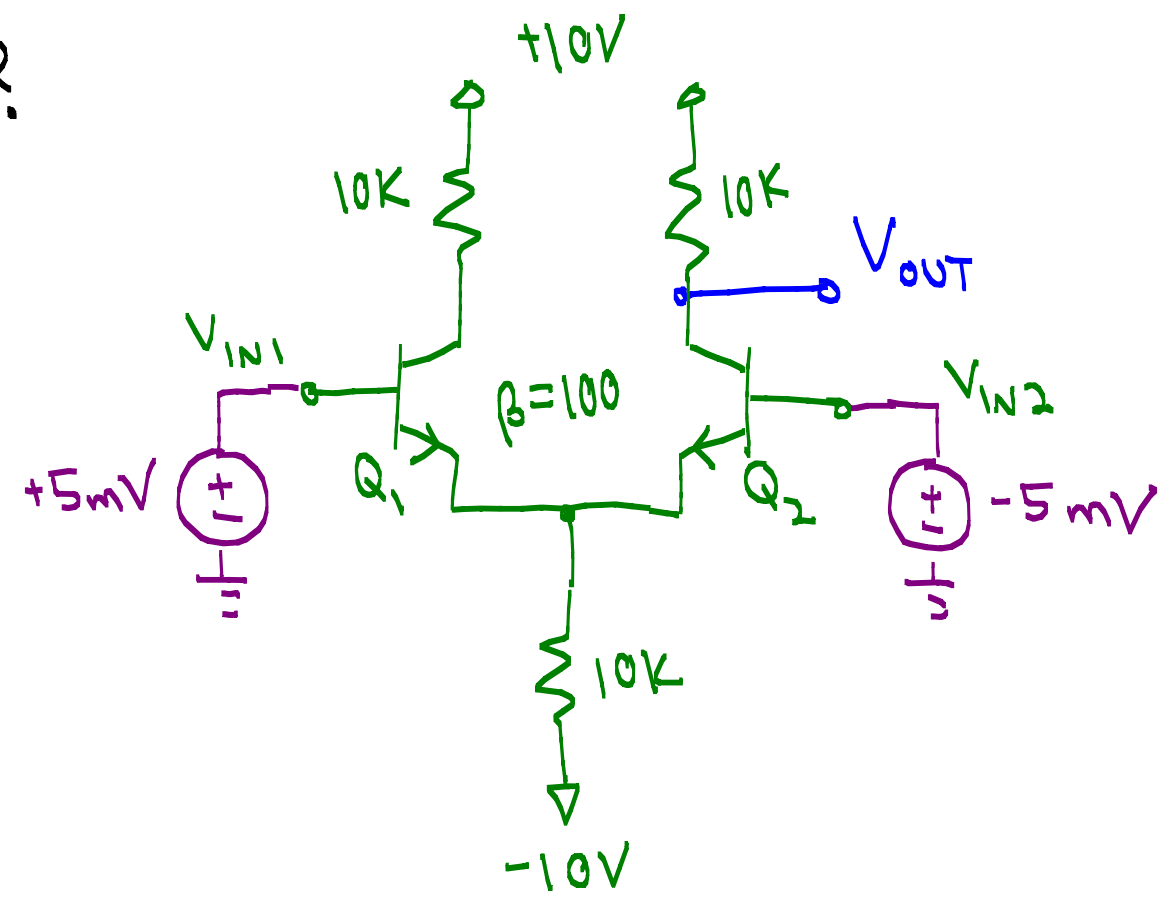


- Therefore, $A_d =$

D. Analysis Example: what is V_{out} ?

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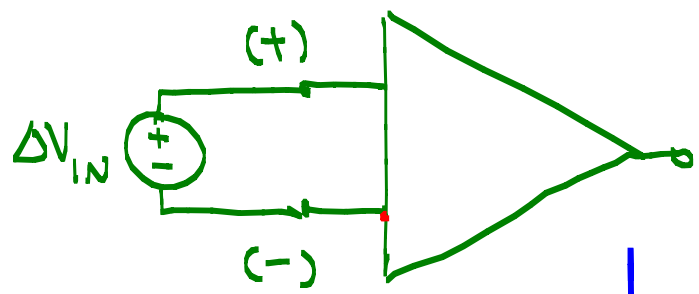
$V_{out} =$



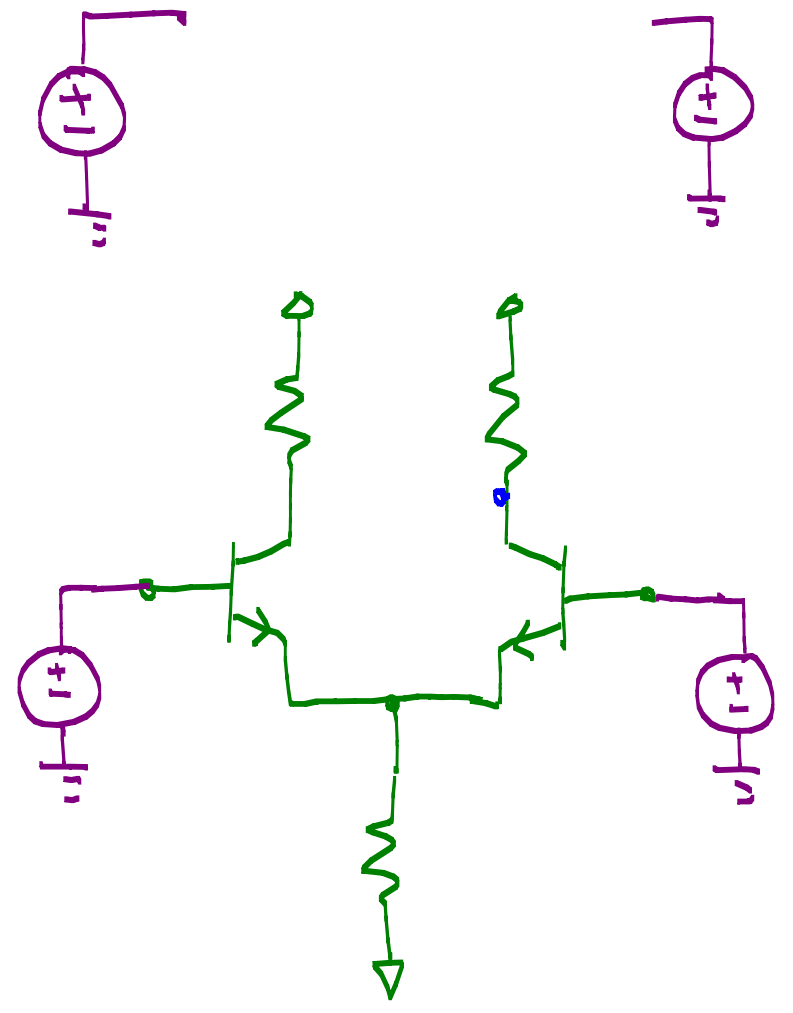
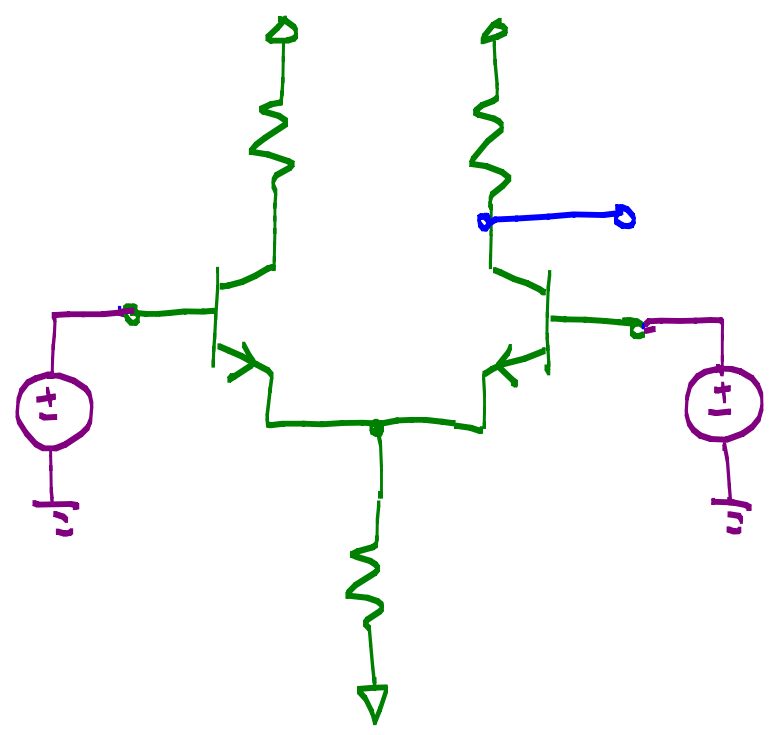
3. Input Impedance

Derivation 1

$R_{in} =$

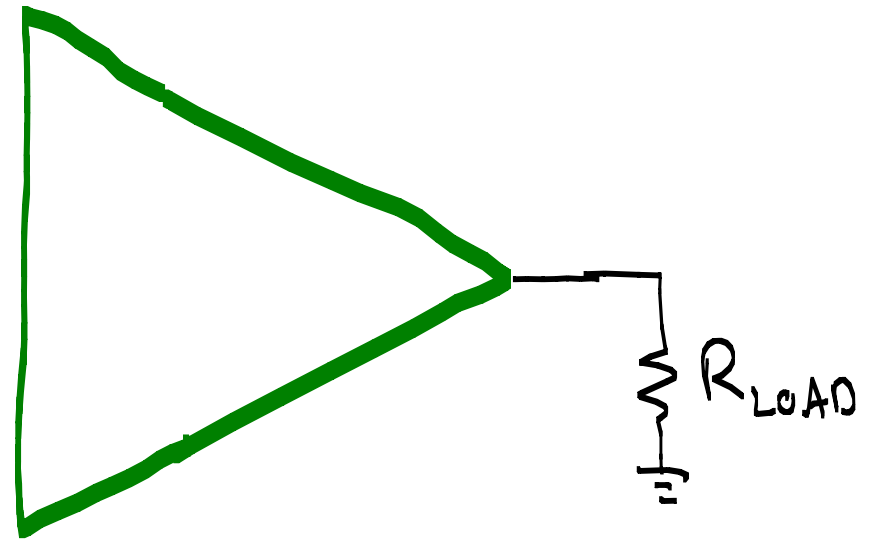


Derivation 2



4. Output Impedance

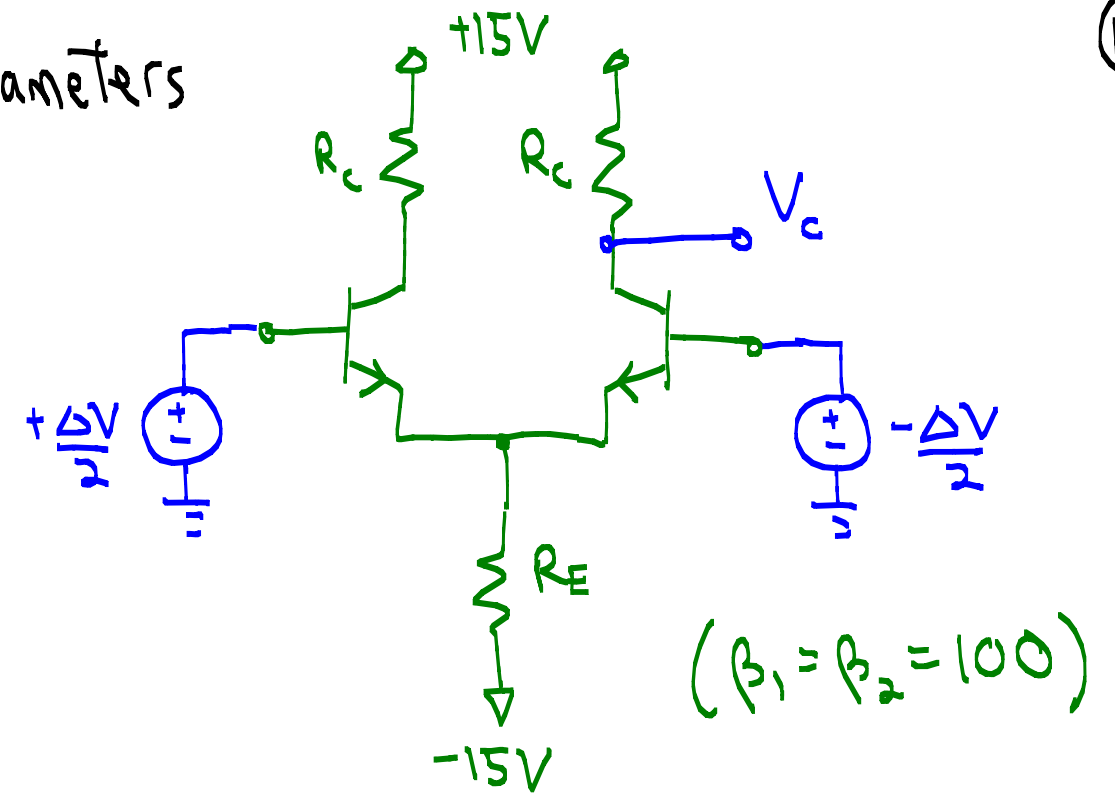
- A voltage amplifier ideally has $R_{out} \approx 0$



3. Design Example ← use "default" parameters

Gain ≥ 50 , $R_{in} \geq 10 \text{ k}\Omega$, $V_{CC} = V_{EE} = 15 \text{ V}$

Where to start?



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