

Lecture 15: Negative Feedback

0. Review

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2. Improved Amplifier Properties

Textbook Reading:

17-2 VCVS Voltage Gain

17-3 Other VCVS Equations

• Exam #2 re-do due next Tue
(Nov 19)

• HW7 due next Thu (Nov 21)
(box outside my office)

• NEXT Tue: Course Eval!

• Lab 5 report due Nov 26 (Tue)
(1 per team)

0. Review

Use op amps without inductors

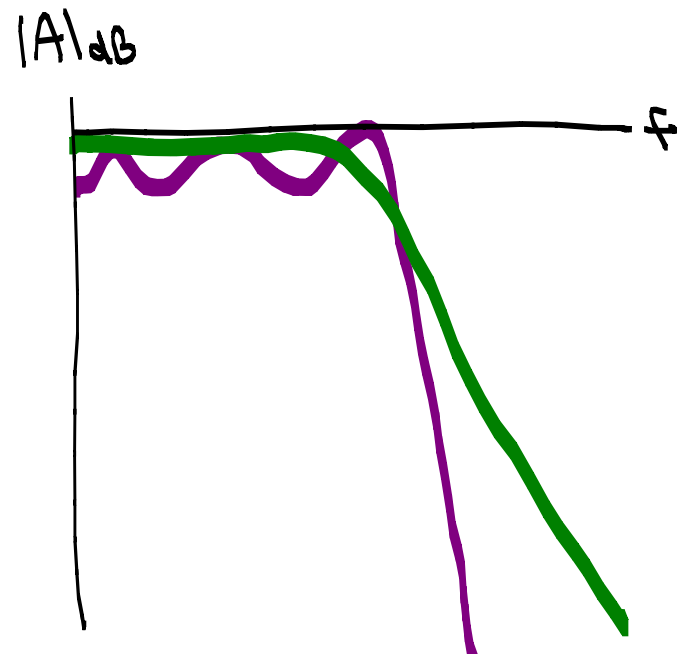
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① Butterworth:

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{C_2}{C_1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

(Low Pass)

$$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi R \sqrt{C_1 C_2}}$$



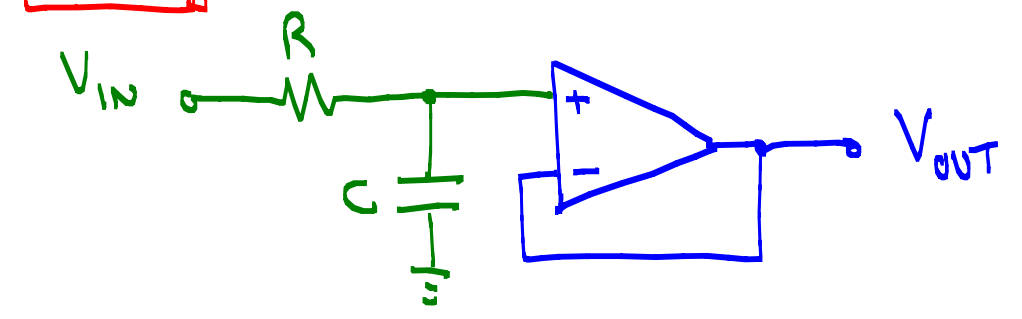
② Chebyshev:

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{C_2}{C_1}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

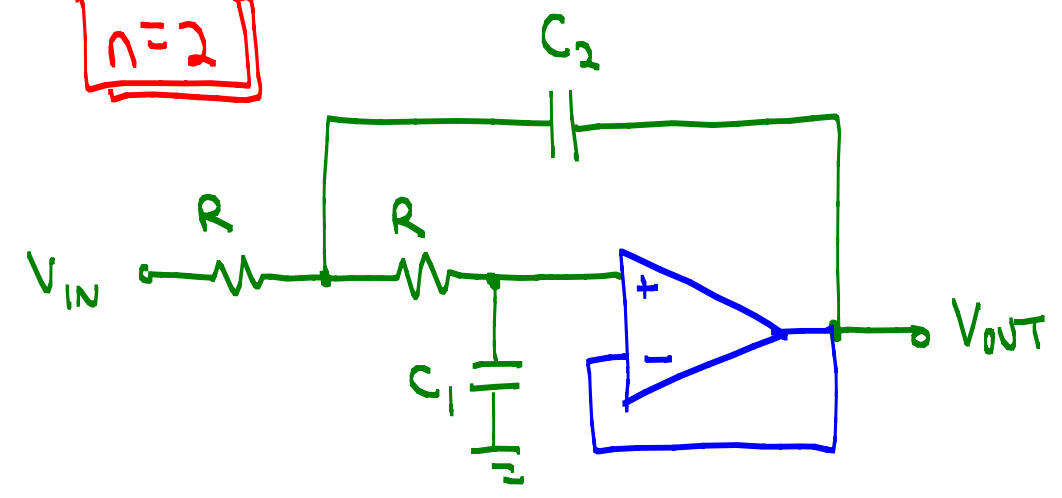
$$f_p = \frac{1}{2\pi R \sqrt{C_1 C_2}}$$

$$f_c = K_c f_p$$

n=1



n=2



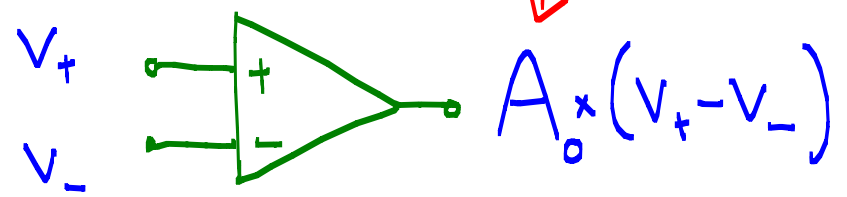
1. Intro

Recall an op amp's Golden Rules:

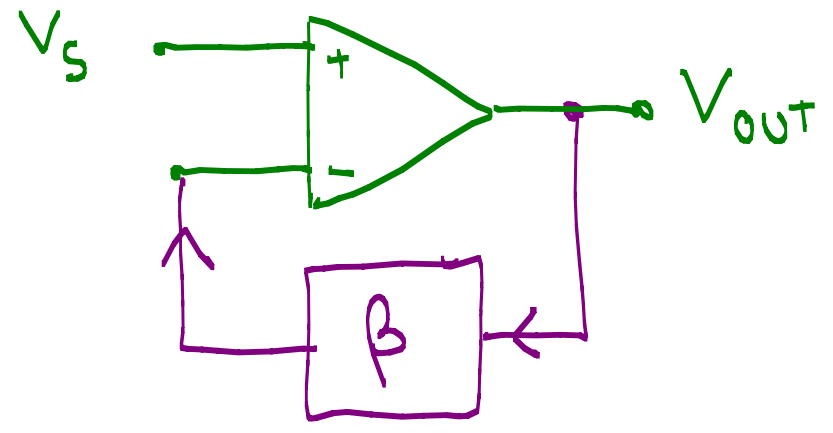
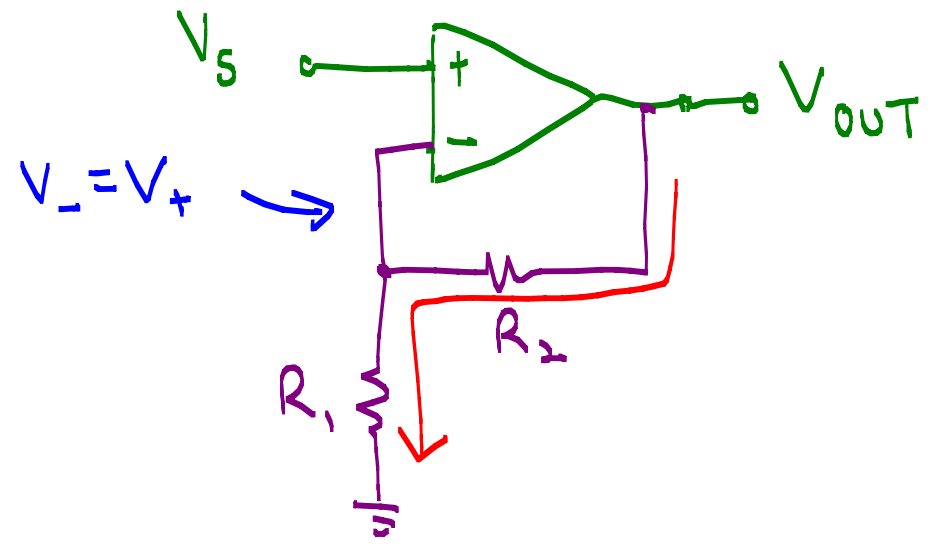
- ① $V_- = V_+$
- ② Inputs draw zero current

Q: How is Rule #1 ($V_+ = V_-$) possible?

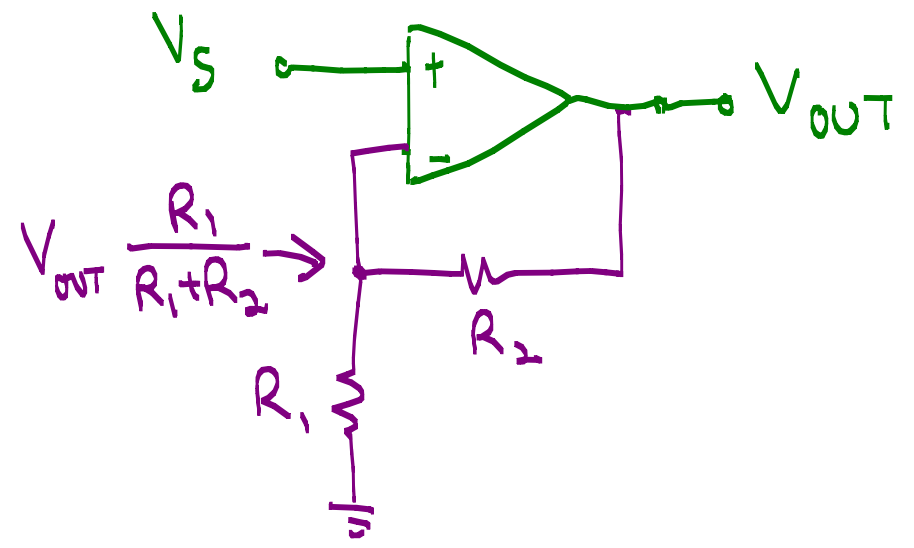
A: Negative feedback
+
High open-loop gain



$\sim 10^6 \nabla$
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• Let's analyze the non-inverting amplifier WITHOUT Golden Rule #1!



$$V_{OUT} = A_o(V_+ - V_-) = A_o\left(V_s - V_{OUT} \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}\right)$$

$$V_{OUT} \left(1 + A_o \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}\right) = A_o V_s$$

When A_o is huge

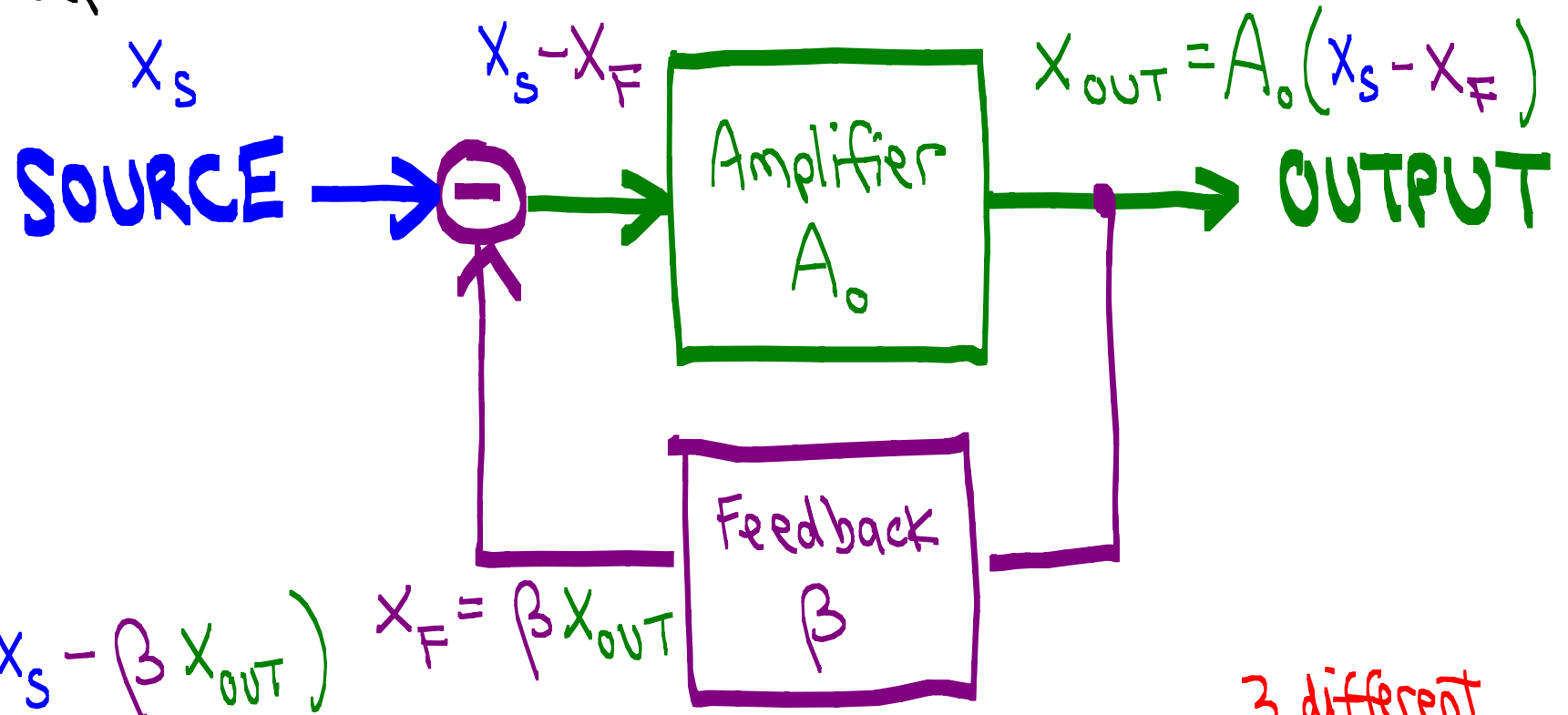
$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_s} = \frac{A_o}{1 + A_o \left(\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}\right)} \Rightarrow \frac{V_{OUT}}{V_s} \approx \frac{A_o}{A_o \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1} = \boxed{1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}} \checkmark$$

$$\text{Also, } \boxed{V_-} = V_{OUT} \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} = \left[V_s \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) \right] \cdot \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} = V_s = \boxed{V_+}$$

$V_- = V_+$ requires neg feedback and huge A_o

• We can generalize this concept of negative feedback.

- ① Sample a portion of the output
- ② Subtract it from the source input



$$X_{OUT} = A_o (X_s - X_F) = A_o (X_s - \beta X_{OUT}) \quad X_F = \beta X_{OUT}$$

$$\rightarrow (1 + A_o \beta) X_{OUT} = A_o X_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{X_{OUT}}{X_s} = G = \frac{A_o}{1 + A_o \beta}}$$

When $A_o \beta \gg 1$,
 $G \approx \frac{A_o}{A_o \beta} = \frac{1}{\beta}$ ←
 No longer depends on A_o !

3 different gains:

A_o = OPEN loop gain

G = CLOSED loop gain

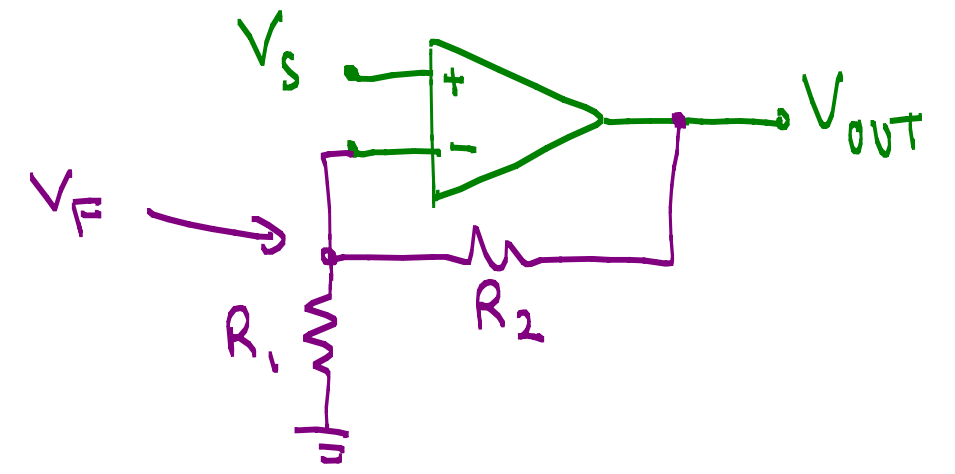
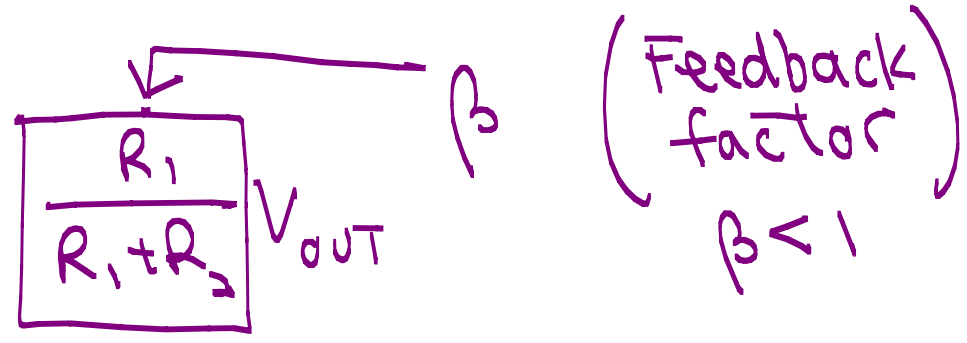
$A_o \beta$ = Loop gain

• Example: Non-inverting amplifier

$X_s = V_s$

$X_F = V_F$

$X_{OUT} = V_{OUT}$



$\Rightarrow G = \frac{A_o}{1 + A_o \beta} = \frac{A_o}{1 + A_o \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}}$

When $A_o \beta \gg 1$ \Rightarrow

Loop gain

$G \approx \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_1} = 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \checkmark$

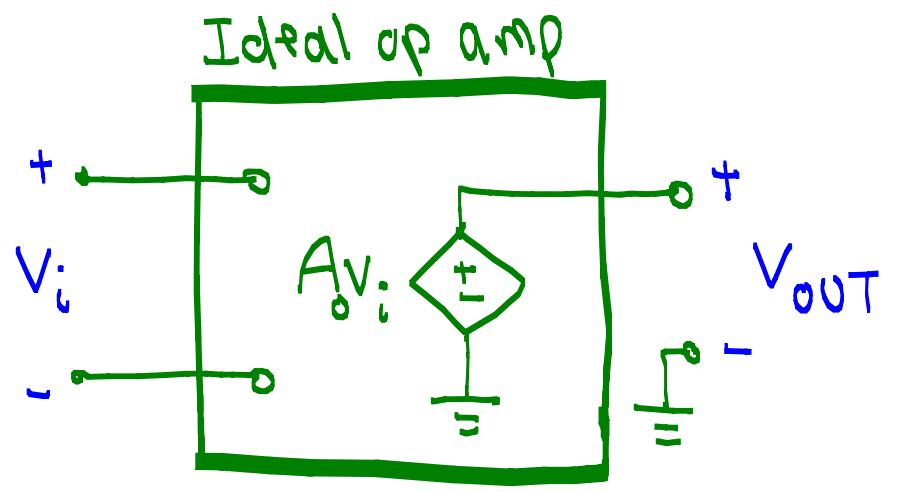
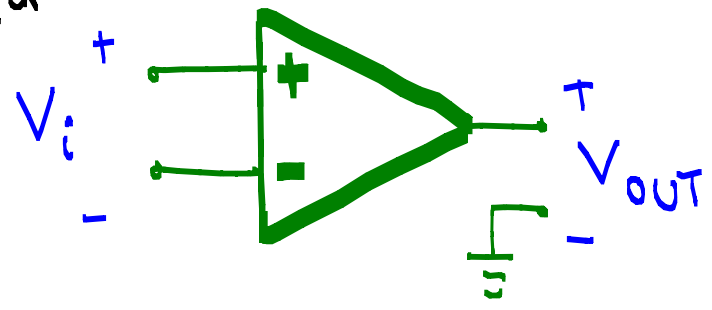
★ Closed loop gain only depends on feedback network

2. Improved amplifier properties

- So far, we have assumed an ideal op amp

$R_i = \infty$

$R_o = 0$



Typically ~ few MΩ

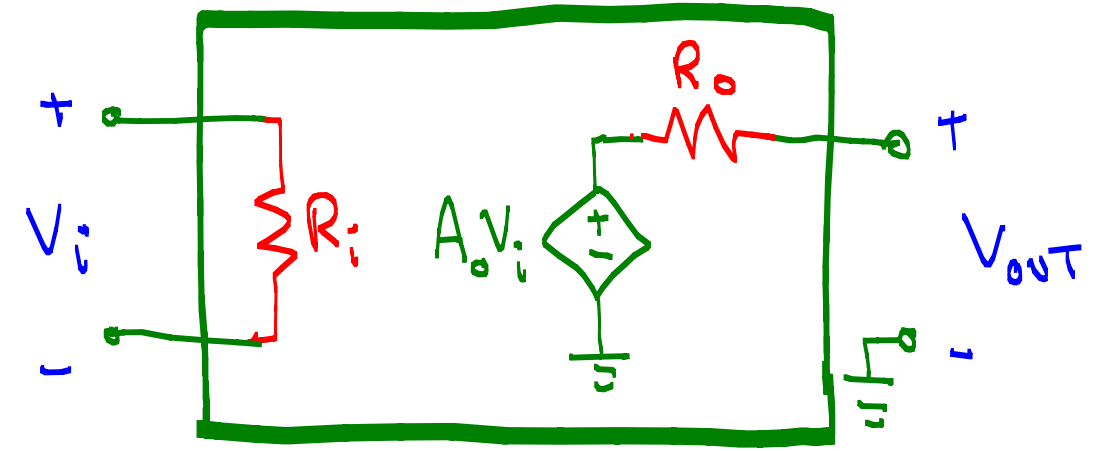


- A real op amp has finite R_i

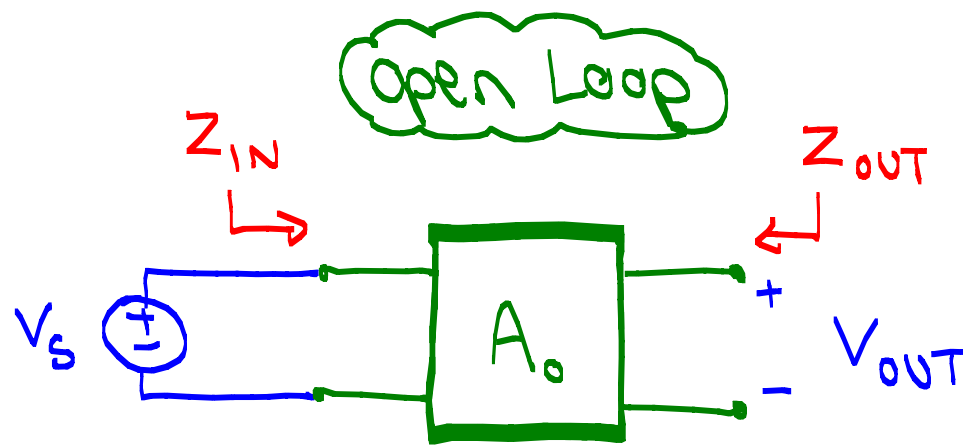
and non-zero R_o

Typically ~ 100Ω

Real op Amp



• Negative feedback is a good thing!



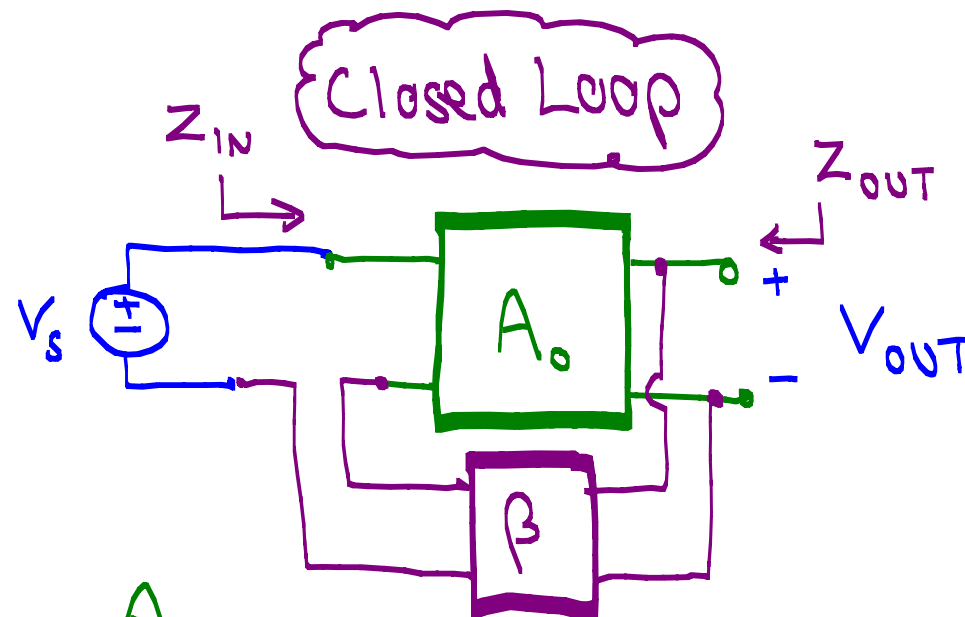
GAIN: A_o

Z_{IN} : R_i

Z_{OUT} : R_o

BANDWIDTH: Δf_o

• Open-loop amplifier may not have best properties



$\frac{A_o}{1 + A_o \beta}$

$(1 + A_o \beta) R_i$

$\frac{R_o}{1 + A_o \beta}$

$(1 + A_o \beta) \Delta f_o$

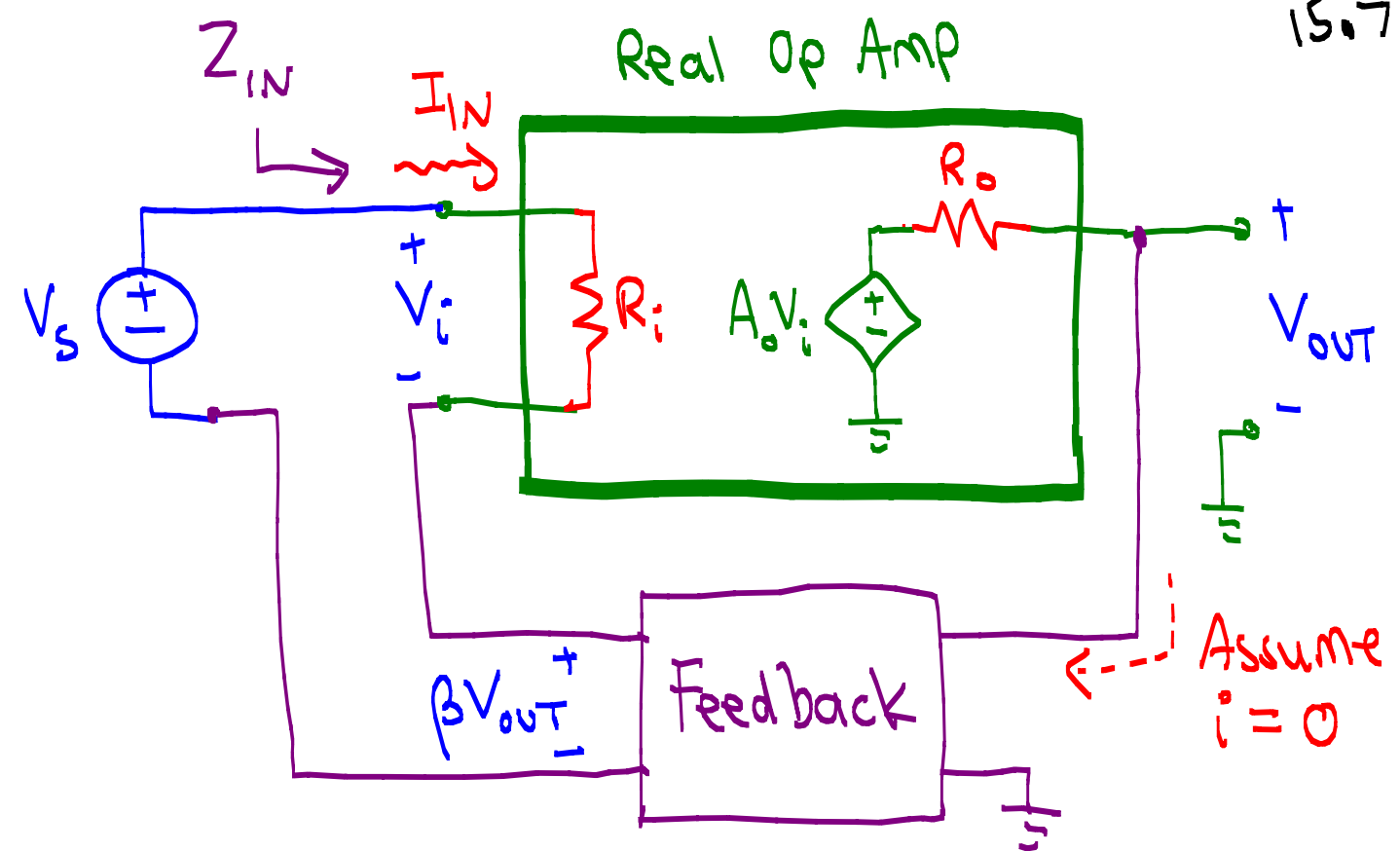
★ Negative feedback improves properties by $1 + A_o \beta$

• Input impedance: $Z_{IN} = \frac{V_s}{I_{IN}}$

$$I_{IN} = \frac{V_i}{R_i} = \frac{V_s - \beta V_{OUT}}{R_i}$$

using $V_{OUT} = \frac{A_o}{1+A_o\beta} V_s$

$$\begin{aligned} V_s - \beta V_{OUT} &= V_s - \frac{A_o\beta}{1+A_o\beta} V_s \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{A_o\beta}{1+A_o\beta}\right) V_s \\ &= \frac{1}{1+A_o\beta} V_s \end{aligned}$$



$\rightarrow I_{IN} = \frac{V_s}{(1+A_o\beta) R_i}$ R_i is magnified by $1+A_o\beta$!

$\Rightarrow Z_{IN} = \frac{V_s}{I_{IN}} = (1+A_o\beta) R_i$ \leftarrow Typically > 1000

● Output Impedance $R_{out} = \frac{V_x}{I_x}$

Theoretical method:

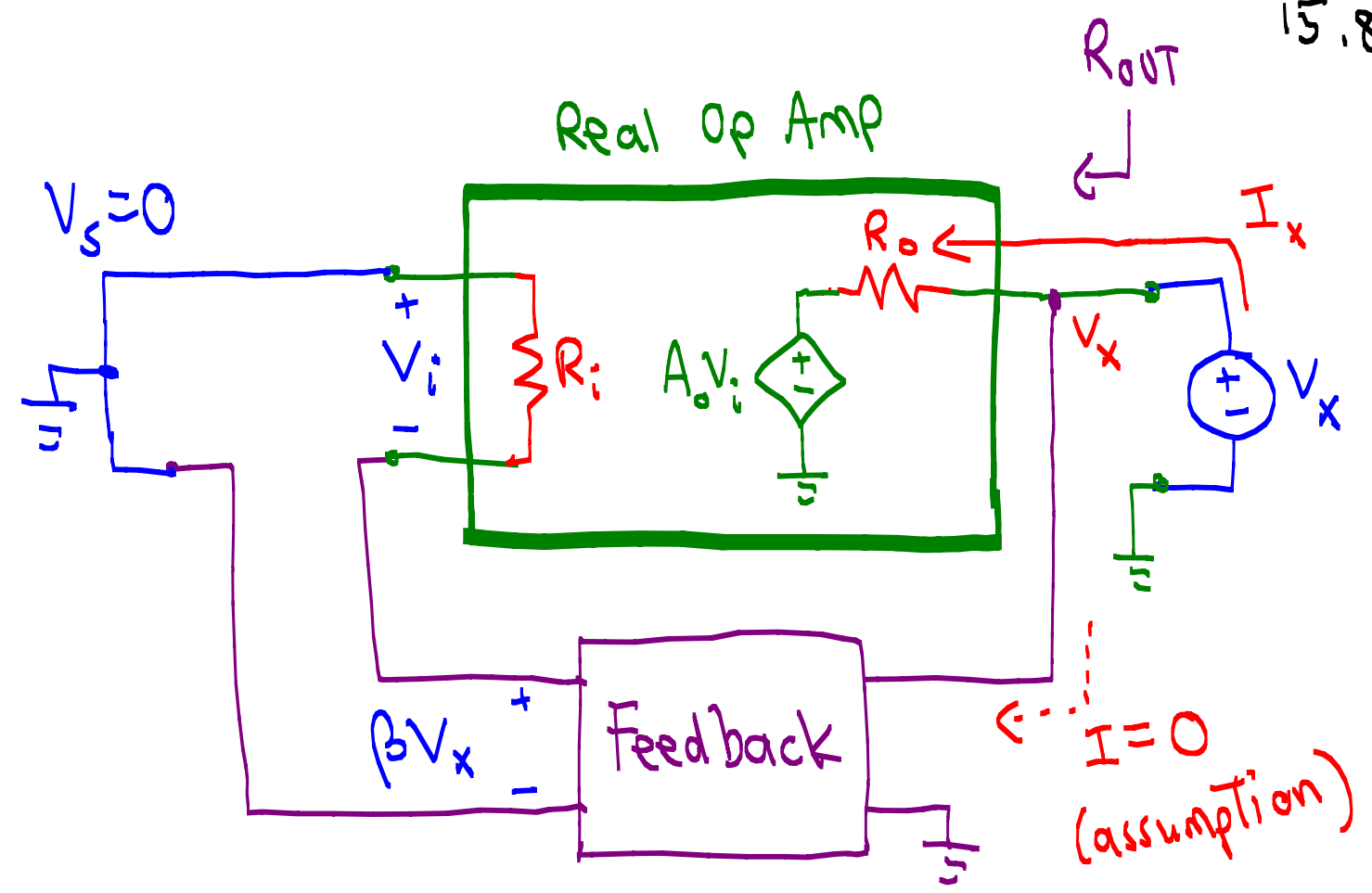
- ① Ground the input
- ② Attach test source to output

Assuming feedback network draws negligible current

$$\rightarrow I_x = \frac{V_x - A_o V_i}{R_o}$$

$$\text{using } V_i + \beta V_x = 0 \rightarrow V_i = -\beta V_x$$

$$\rightarrow I_x = \frac{V_x + A_o \beta V_x}{R_o} = V_x \frac{(1 + A_o \beta)}{R_o}$$



$$\Rightarrow R_{out} = \frac{V_x}{I_x} = \frac{R_o}{1 + A_o \beta}$$

R_o is reduced by $1 + A_o \beta$!

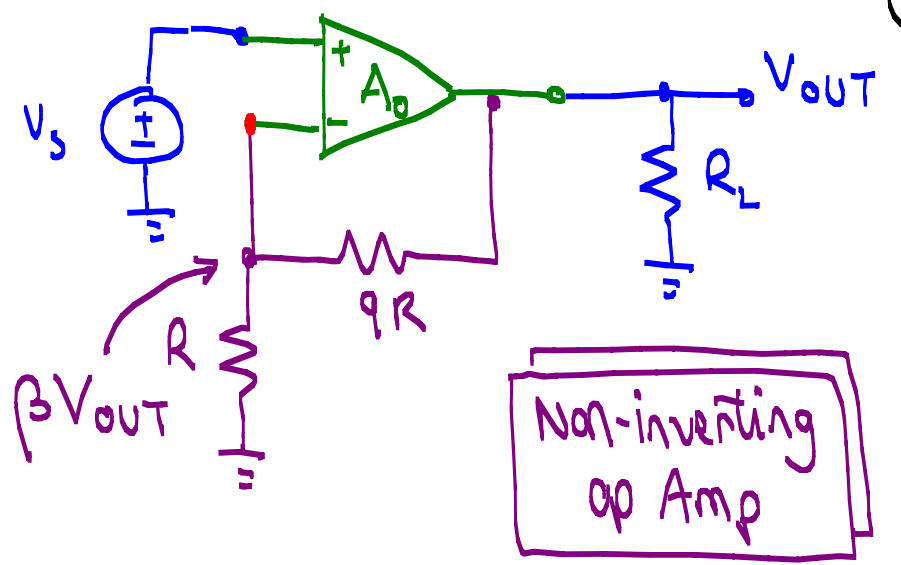
Example

Suppose $A_o = 10^4$ varies by $\pm 50\%$.
What is the variation in G ?

STEP 1: Find β

$$\beta V_{out} = \frac{R}{R+9R} V_{out} \rightarrow \beta = \frac{R}{10R} = \underline{\underline{0.1}}$$

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Textbook
uses A_f



Non-inverting
op Amp

STEP 2: Find G

↑
"nominal"
gain

$$G_o = \frac{A_o}{1+A_o\beta} = \frac{10^4}{1+10^4 \times 0.1} = \underline{\underline{9.990}}$$

STEP 3: Let A_o vary

$$A_{max} = 1.5 \times 10^4 \rightarrow G_{max} = \frac{1.5 \times 10^4}{1 + 1.5 \times 10^3} = \underline{\underline{9.993}}$$

$$A_{min} = 0.5 \times 10^4 \rightarrow G_{min} = \frac{0.5 \times 10^4}{1 + 0.5 \times 10^3} = \underline{\underline{9.980}}$$

STEP 4: Compute $\Delta G/G$

$$\frac{\Delta G}{G} = \frac{G_{MAX} - G_{MIN}}{G_0} = \frac{9.993 - 9.980}{9.990} = .0013$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{0.13\%}$$

Very stable! 😊

Tiny change in
closed-loop gain

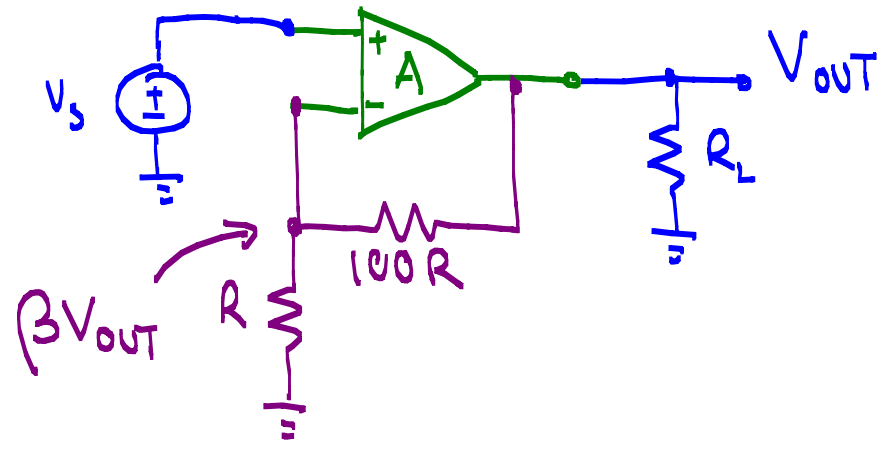
VS.

$$\frac{\Delta A_0}{A_0} = \frac{1.5A_0 - .5A_0}{A_0} = 1 = 100\%!$$

Huge change in
open-loop gain

★ (-) feedback improves
gain stability!

Example Suppose $A_o = 10^4$ varies by $\pm 50\%$.
 We want an amplifier with gain ~ 100 .
 Single or double stage more stable?



① Single Stage:

$$\beta V_{OUT} = \frac{R}{R + 100R} V_{OUT} \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{R}{101R} = \underline{\underline{.0099}}$$

$$G = \frac{A_o}{1 + A_o \beta} \quad ; \quad A_o = 10^4 \rightarrow G_o = \frac{10^4}{1 + 99} = \underline{\underline{100}}$$

$A_{max} = 1.5 \times 10^4$	\rightarrow	$G_{MAX} = 100.33$	} $\frac{\Delta G}{G} = \underline{\underline{1.3\%}}$
$A_{min} = .5 \times 10^4$	\rightarrow	$G_{MIN} = 99.01$	

② Two stage: $\beta = \frac{R}{R+9R} = 0.1$

$$G_{Total} = G_1 \times G_2$$

$$= \left(\frac{A}{1+A\beta} \right)^2$$

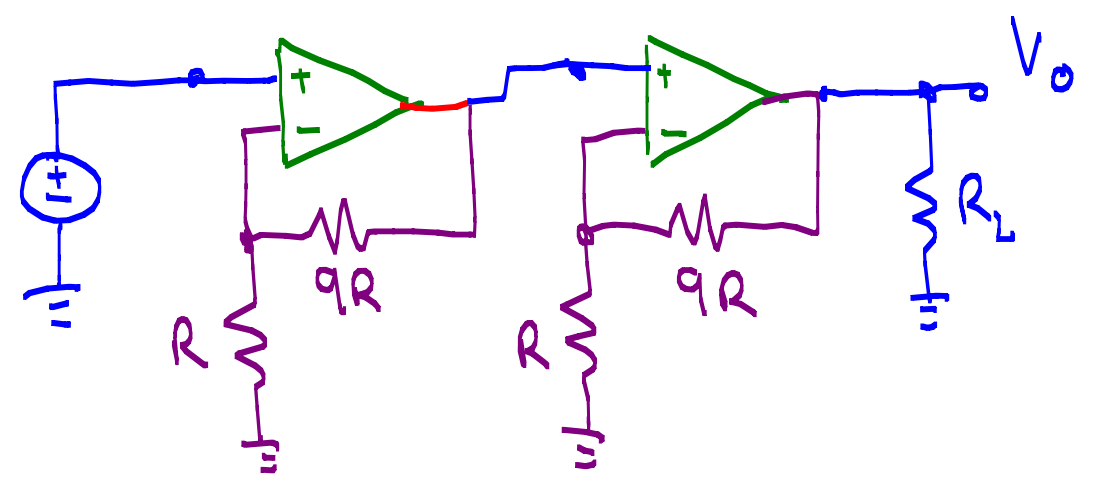
$A_0 = 10^4 \rightarrow G_{Total} = (9.99)^2 = 99.8$

Worst-case variation:

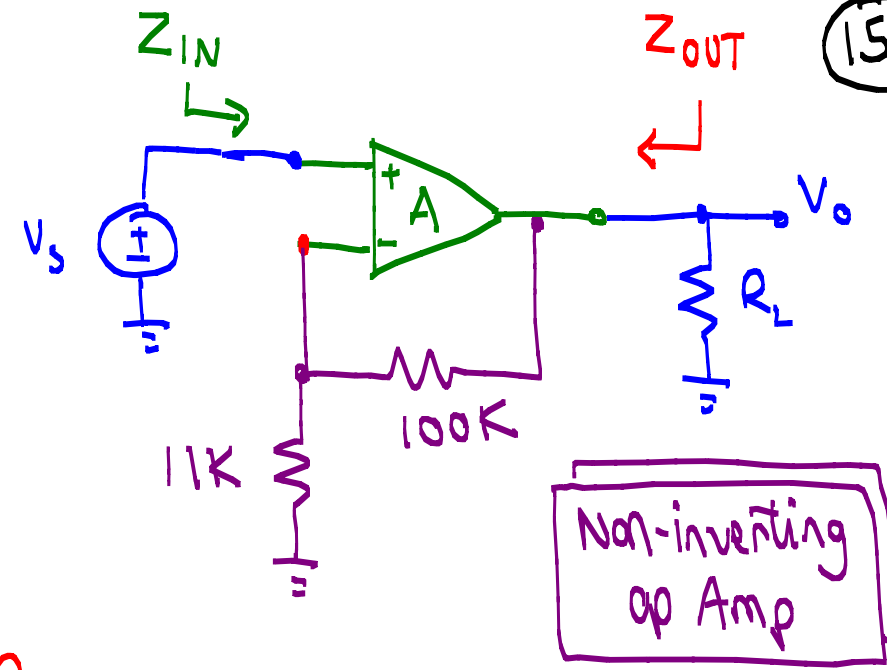
$$A_{max} = 1.5 \times 10^4 \rightarrow G_{Total} = \left[\frac{1.5 \times 10^4}{1 + .15 \times 10^4} \right]^2 = [9.993]^2 = 99.87$$

$$A_{min} = .5 \times 10^4 \rightarrow G_{Total} = \left[\frac{5000}{1 + 500} \right]^2 = [9.98]^2 = 99.60$$

$\frac{\Delta G}{G} = \underline{0.27\%}$
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WINNER!



Example Suppose $A=10^5$, $R_{id}=100K$, $R_o=100\Omega$
 Compute Z_{in} and Z_{out}
 of closed-loop circuit.



$$\beta = \frac{11K}{11K+100K} = .099$$

$$A_o\beta = 9910$$

- $Z_{in} = R_{id} (1 + A\beta)$
 $= (100K)(1 + 9910)$
 $= \boxed{991 \text{ M}\Omega} \text{ HUGE! } \text{😊}$

- $Z_{out} = \frac{R_o}{1 + A_o\beta}$
 $= \frac{100\Omega}{1 + 9910} = \boxed{0.01\Omega} \text{ tiny! } \text{😊}$