

# Introducing Electronics

Ch 10

Operational Amplifiers,

# What are Amplifiers?



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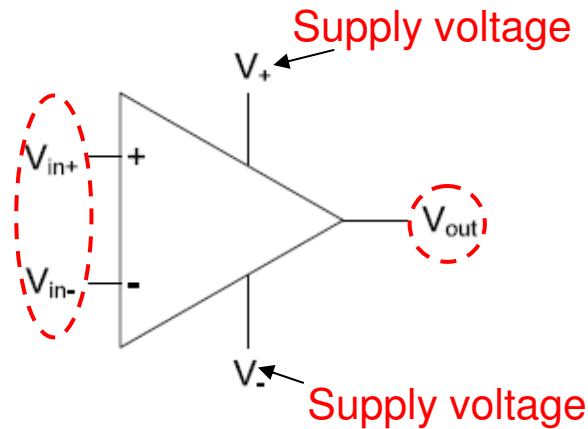
# What are Amplifiers?

- An **amplifier** is any device that use a small amount of energy to generate a larger amount of energy.  
(e.g. amplification of a signal that your mobile phone received on its antenna, ECG measurement, ect.)
- **Gain** is a measure of amplification.  
 $G = V_{\text{out}} / V_{\text{in}}$  In specs,  $G = 10 \cdot \log_{10} (P_{\text{out}}/P_{\text{in}})$ , with a unit of dB.

## Types of amplifiers:

- Electronic amplifiers
  - Transistor amplifiers
  - Operational amplifiers
  - ...
- Optical amplifiers
- ...

# What are Operational Amplifiers?

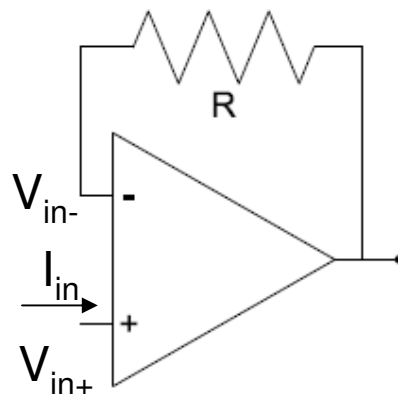


**Figure 10.1:** Schematic symbol for an operational amplifier.

$$V_{out} = G \cdot (V_{in+} - V_{in-}) \quad (10.1)$$

- G is the gain.
- When no other components are connected, G is in the order of  $10^5$  to  $10^7$ ! (open-loop voltage gain)
- The output voltage is limited by the +/- supply voltages. (clipping)

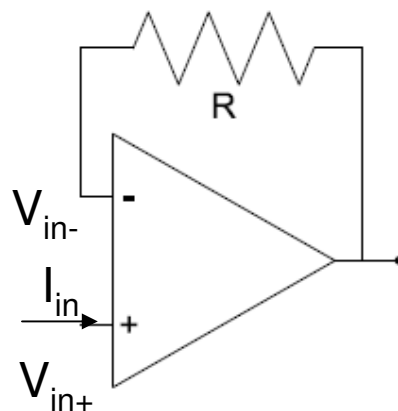
# Closed-loop Model of Opamp



**Figure 10.2:** Operational amplifier with in a negative feedback configuration using a resistor.

- $I_{in} = 0$  (high input impedance)
- $V_{in+} = V_{in-}$

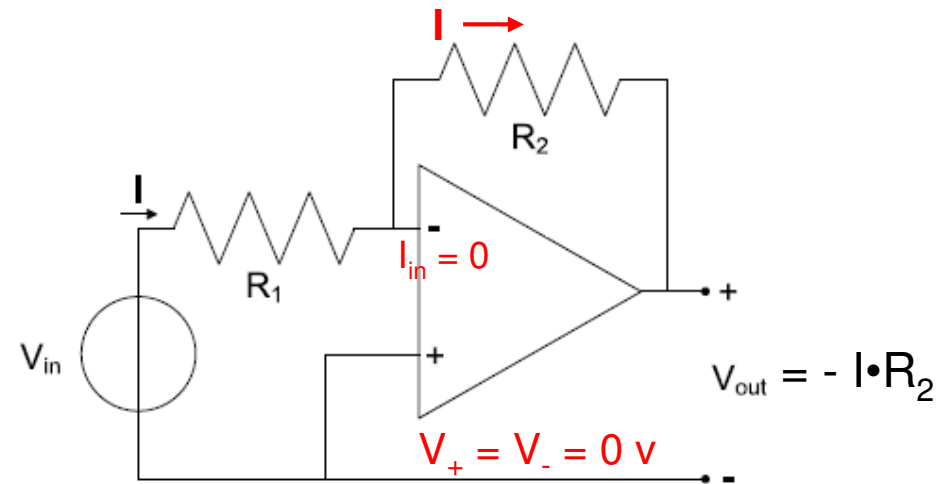
# Closed-loop Model of Opamp



**Figure 10.2:** Operational amplifier with in a negative feedback configuration using a resistor.

- $V_{in+} > V_{in-}$  : the output voltage increase  $V_{in-}$
- $V_{in+} < V_{in-}$  : the output voltage decrease  $V_{in-}$
- $I_{in} = 0$
- $V_{in+} = V_{in-}$

# Op amps and Inverting Amplifiers



**Figure 10.3:** Operational amplifier used in an inverting amplifier circuit.

$$I = V_{in} / R_1$$

$$V_{out} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1} V_{in} \quad (10.2)$$

# Op amps and Inverting Amplifiers

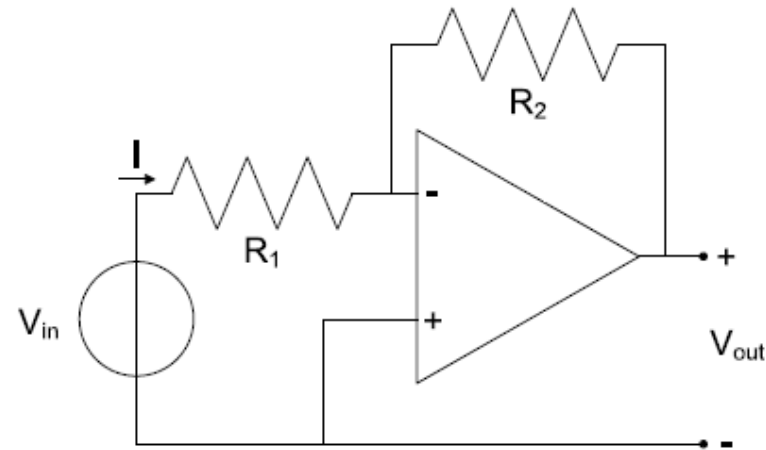


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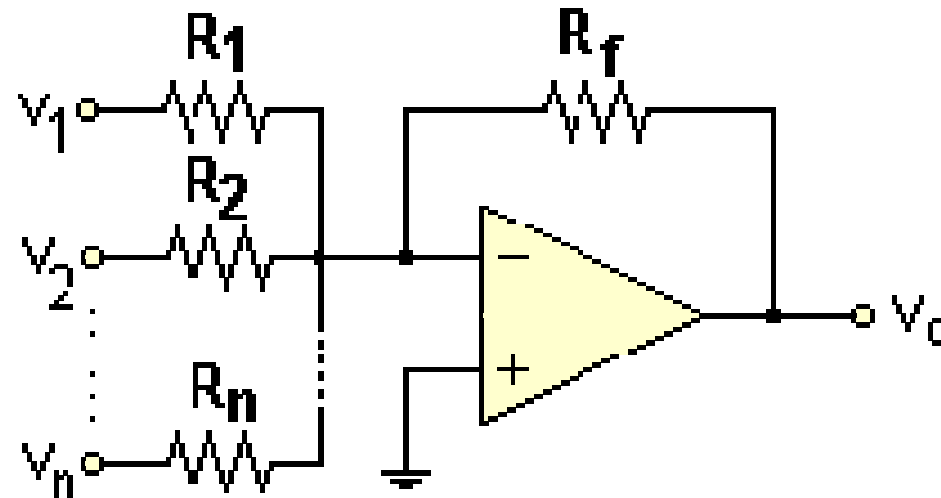
$$V_{out} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1}V_{in} \quad (10.2)$$

$$G = -R_2 / R_1$$

- $R_2 > R_1$ , Inverting amplifier
- $R_2 < R_1$ , Inverting attenuator
- $R_2 = R_1$ , Inverter



# Op amps and Summing Amplifiers



$$V_o = - (V_1/R_1 + V_2/R_2 + \dots + V_n/R_n) \cdot R_f$$

# Op amps and Non-inverting Amplifiers

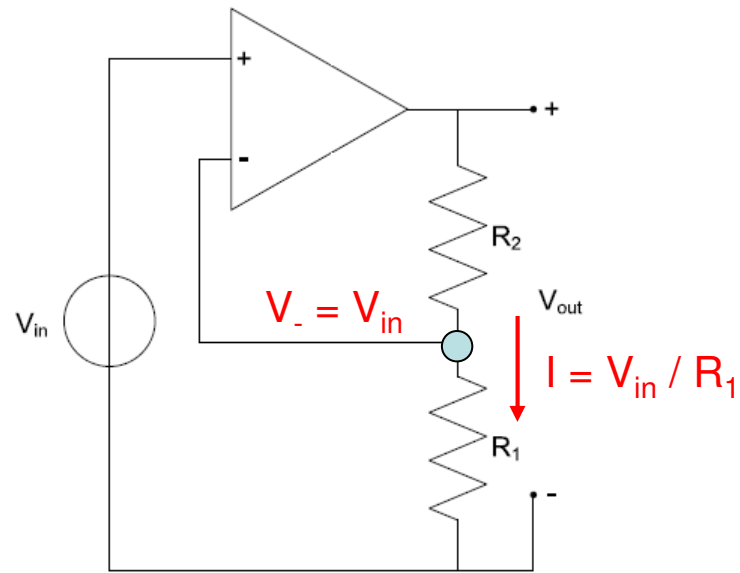
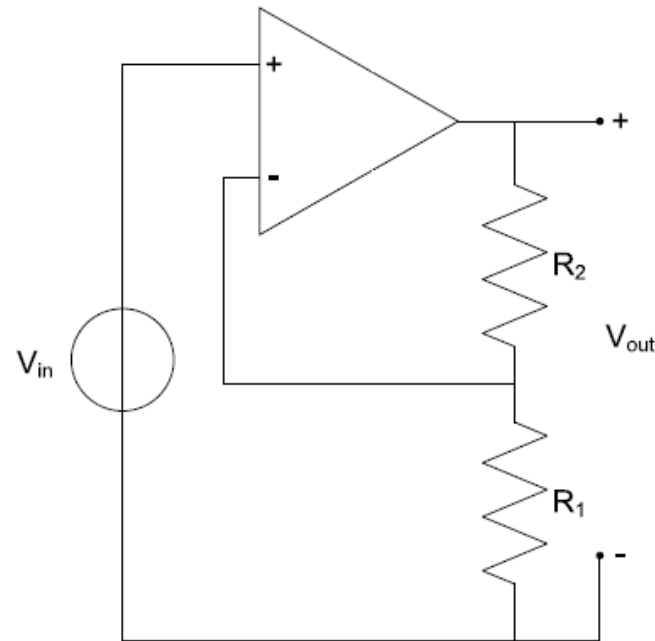


Figure 10.4: Operational amplifier used in a non-inverting amplifier circuit.

$$V_{out} = I (R_1 + R_2)$$

$$V_{out} = \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) V_{in} \quad (10.3)$$

# Op amps and Non-inverting Amplifiers



**Figure 10.4:** Operational amplifier used in a non-inverting amplifier circuit.

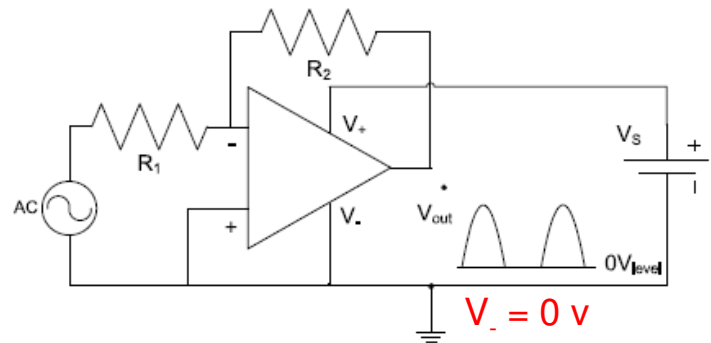
$$V_{out} = \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)V_{in} \quad (10.3)$$

$$G = 1 + R_2 / R_1$$

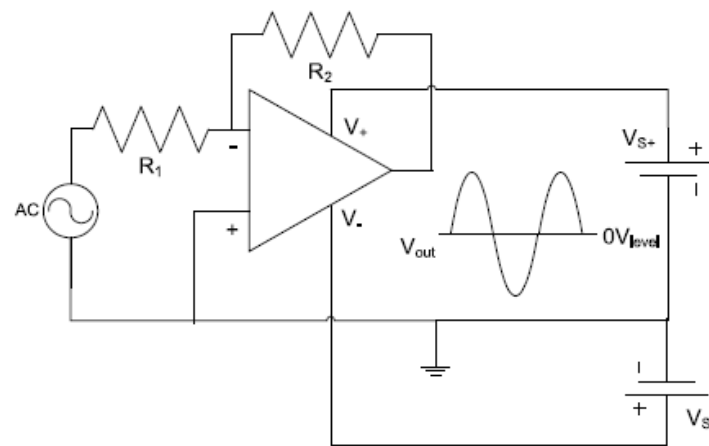
# Operational Amplifiers

**Datasheet will provide you with the parameters needed to make a good choice of which opamp to use.**

# Amplifying AC Signal



Inverting AC amplifier – single power supply applied



Inverting AC amplifier – symmetrical ( $V_{S+} = V_{S-}$ ) power supply applied

Figure 10.5: Operational amplifier used as AC amplifier.

# Op amps and Comparators

- Circuits performing comparison are called comparators.
- Clipping amplifiers (open-loop) can be used for comparators.

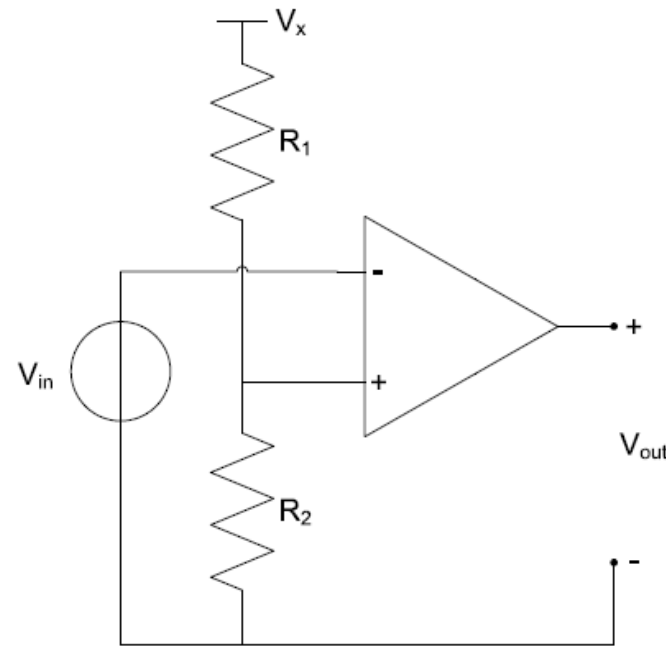


Figure 10.6: Operational amplifier used in a comparator circuit with static comparison.

# Op amps and Comparators

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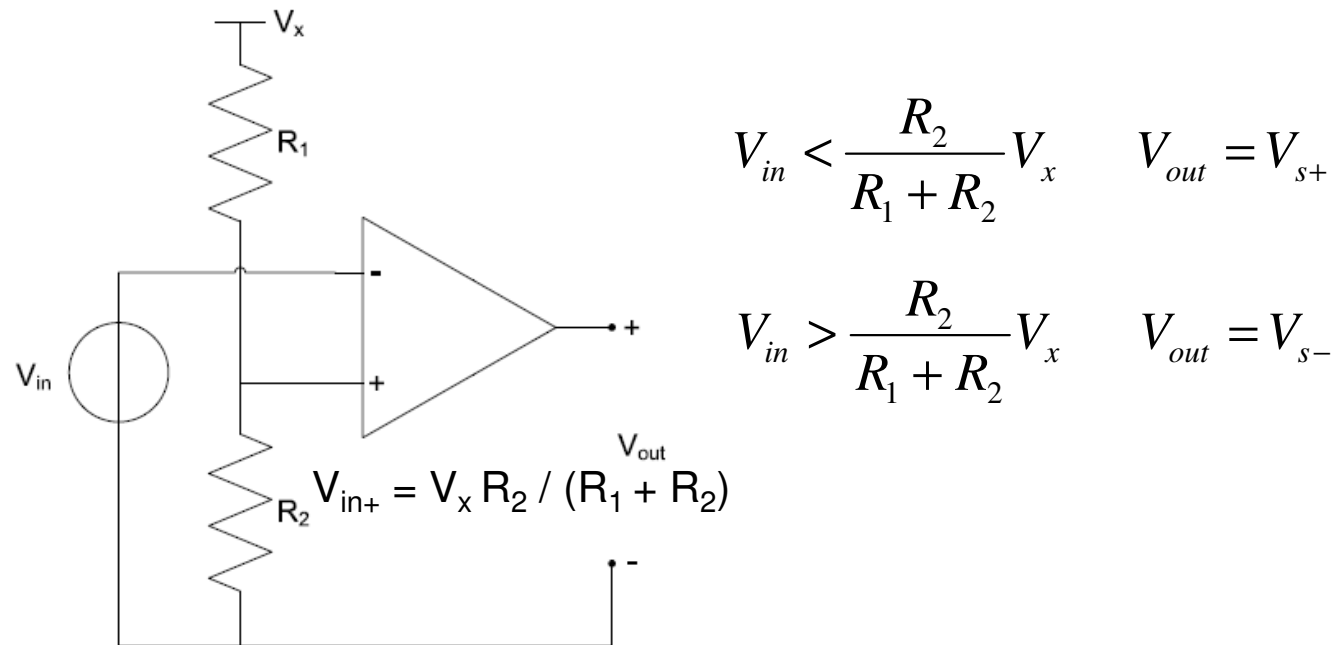
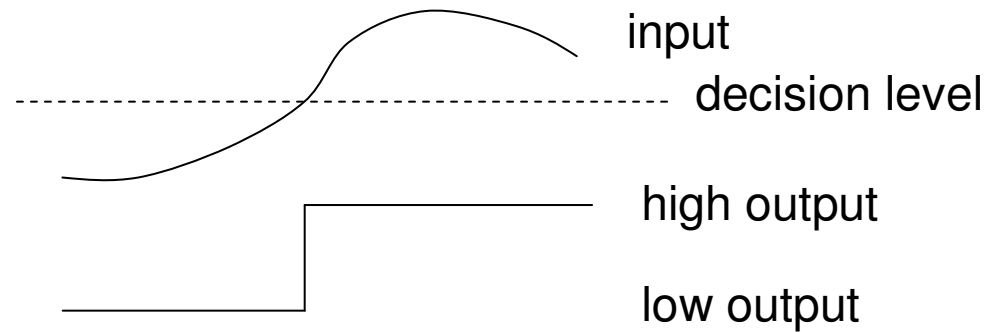


Figure 10.6: Operational amplifier used in a comparator circuit with static comparison.

# Op amps and Comparators



Output of a comparator when the input is clean.

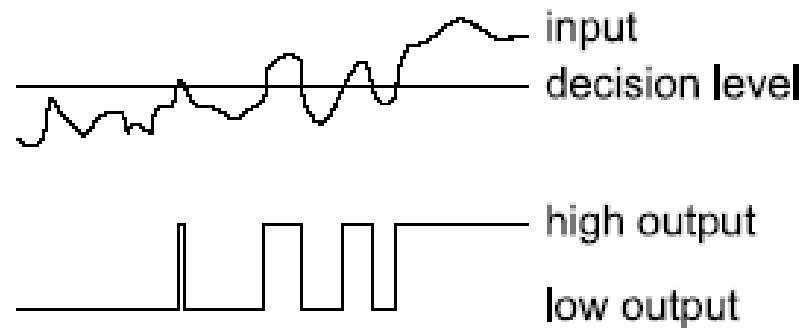
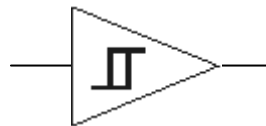


Figure 10.7: *The output of a comparator toggles when the input is noisy.*

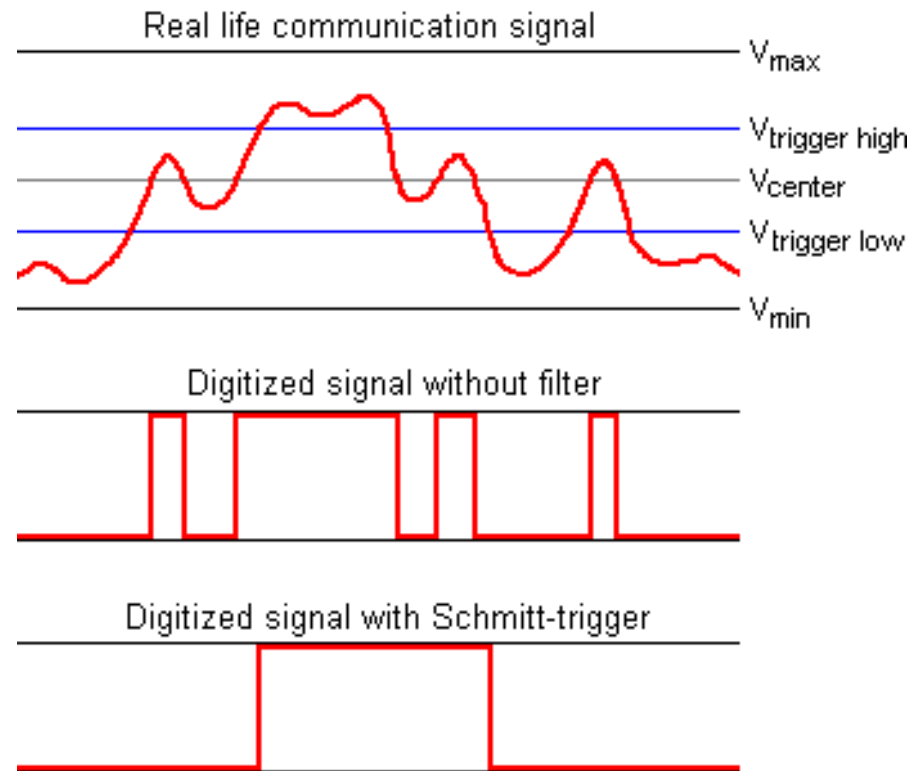


# Op amps and Comparators

A Schmitt trigger is a comparator circuit that incorporates positive feedback.



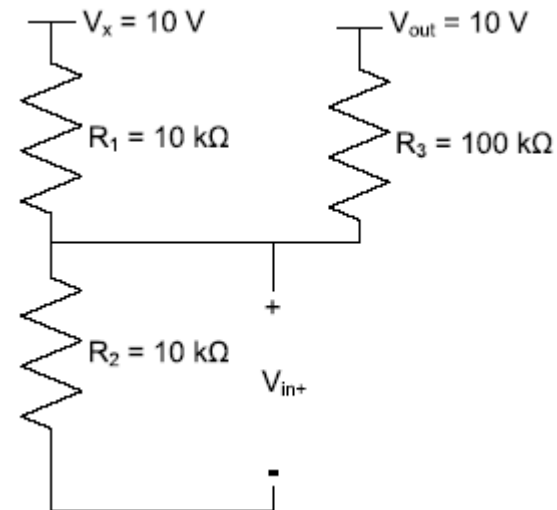
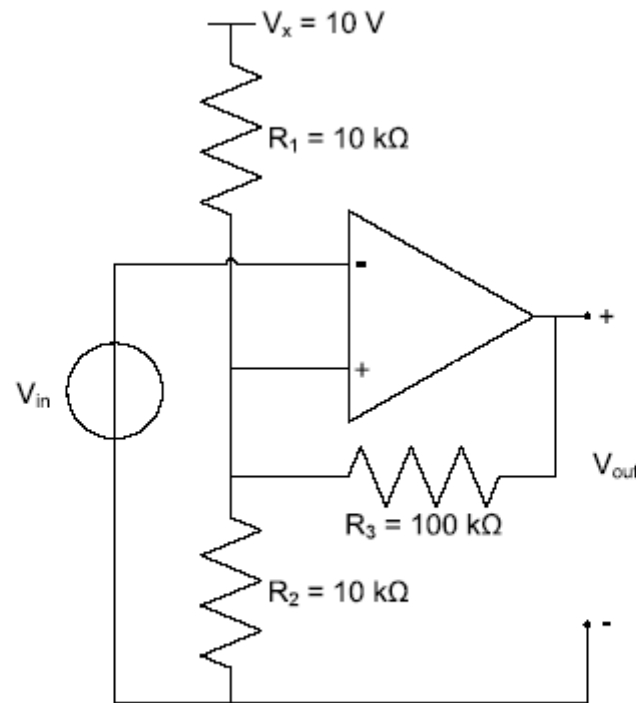
Schmitt trigger symbol



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# Op amps and Comparators

$$V_{\text{out, high}} = 10 \text{ V}$$



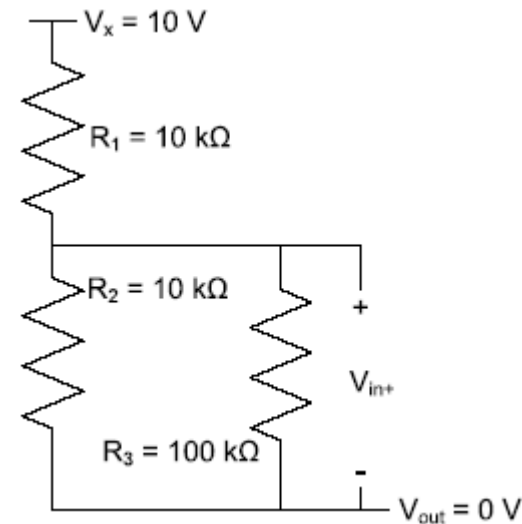
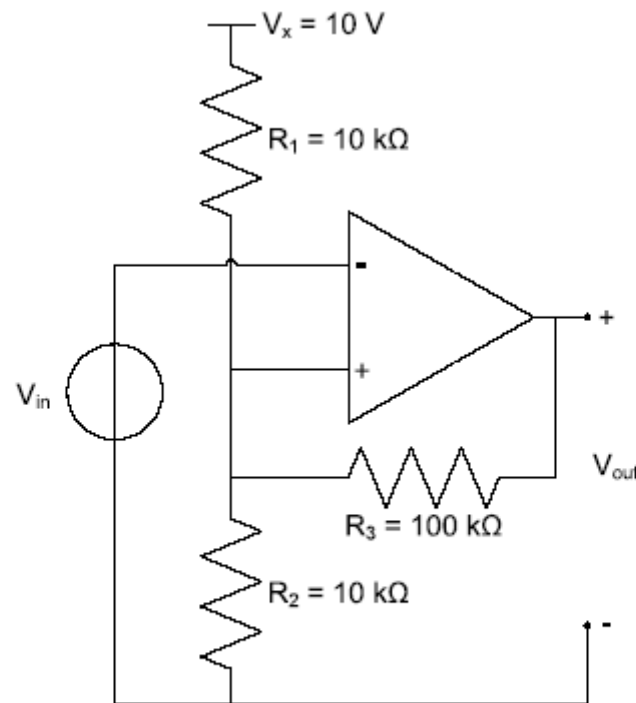
$$V_{\text{in}+} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 + \frac{R_1 \cdot R_3}{R_1 + R_3}} \cdot V_x = 5.24 \text{ V}$$

Output changes from high to low, when  $V_{\text{in}} > V_{\text{in}+}$  (5.24 V).

Figure 10.9: An opamp with feedforward in a static comparator circuit.

# Op amps and Comparators

$$V_{\text{out, low}} = 0 \text{ V}$$



$$V_{\text{in}+} = \frac{\frac{R_2 \cdot R_3}{R_2 + R_3}}{R_1 + \frac{R_2 \cdot R_3}{R_2 + R_3}} \cdot V_x = 4.76 \text{ V}$$

Output changes from low to high, when  $V_{\text{in}} < V_{\text{in}+}$  (4.76 V).

Figure 10.9: An opamp with feedforward in a static comparator circuit.

# Op amps and Comparators

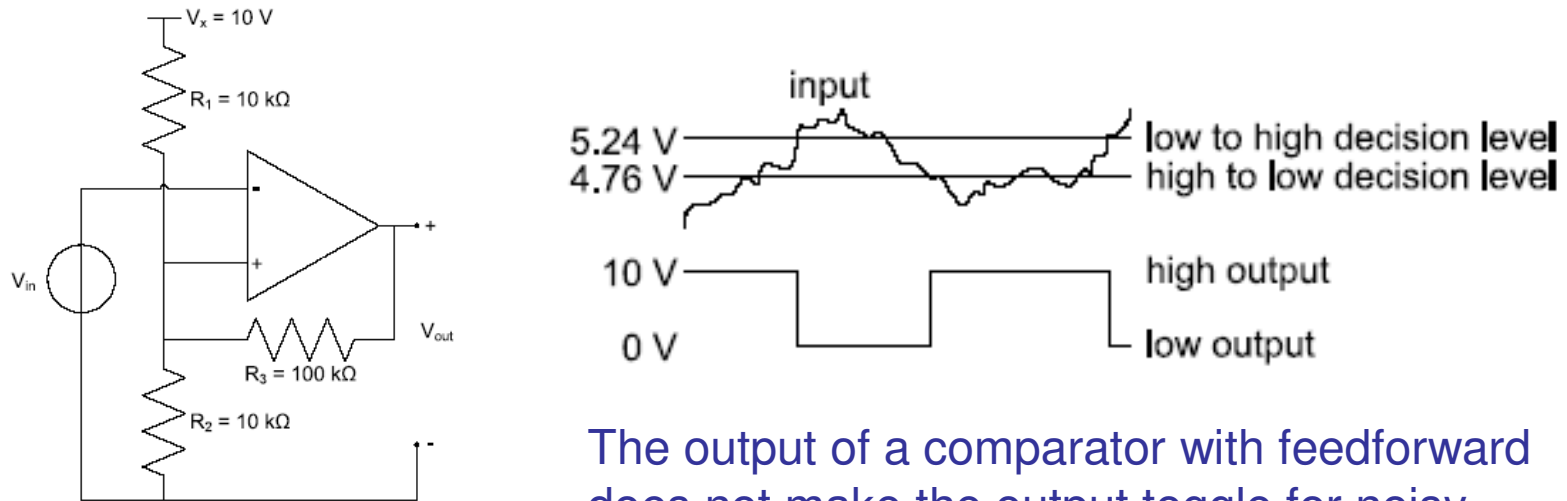


Figure 10.9: An opamp with feedforward in a static comparator circuit.

The output of a comparator with feedforward does not make the output toggle for noisy input signals.