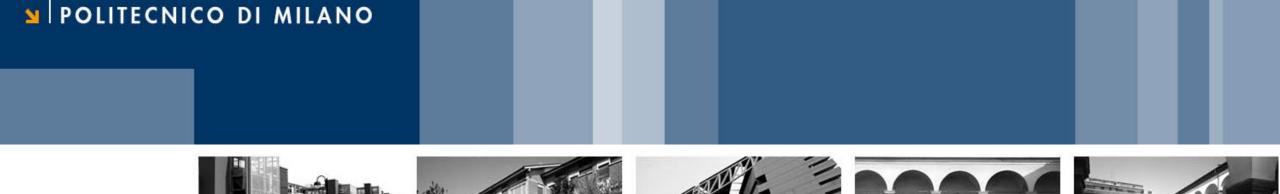


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Instrumentation Amps and OA Parameters

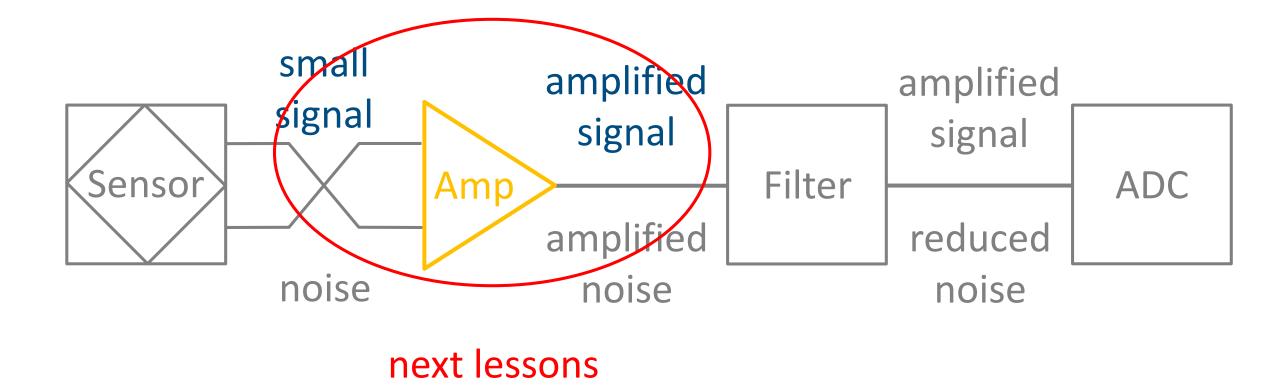
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Acquisition chain



Purpose of the lesson

- We begin our study with the analysis and design of simple amplifiers
- Next lessons will deal with
 - Basic amplifier principles and the feedback amplifier concept
 - Linear applications of OpAmps
 - Feedback amplifier properties
 - Stability of feedback amplifiers
 - Instrumentation amplifiers and OpAmp parameters (this lesson)

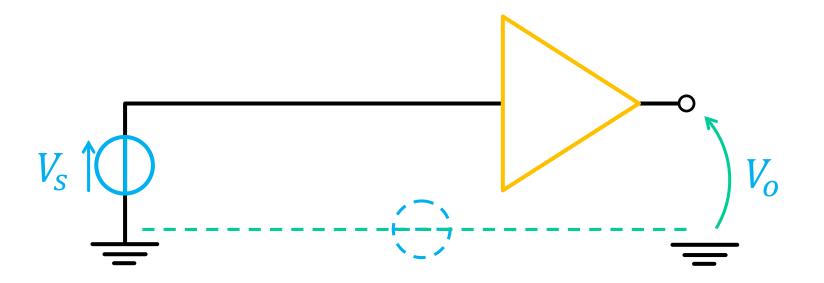


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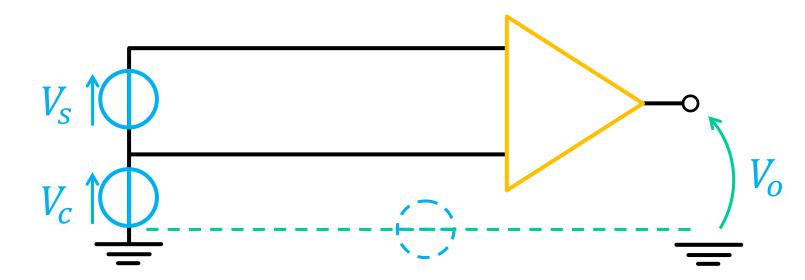
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Single-ended signals



- Simple setup
- Sensitive to noise/interferences
- Sensitive to differences in ground potentials

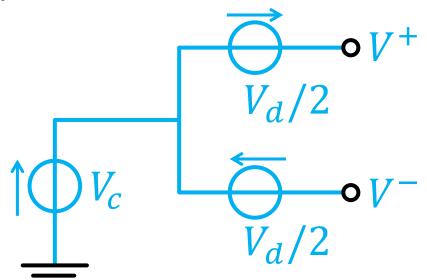
Differential signals



- Higher immunity to noise and disturbs
- Amplifier needs to reject common-mode signal/noise (incl. ground potential fluctuations)
- Can be more expensive

Common and differential modes

- Given the input voltages V^+ and V^- , we define
 - Common-mode voltage $V_c = \frac{V^+ + V^-}{2}$
 - Differential-mode voltage $V_d = V^+ V^-$



Common mode rejection ratio

• A generic amplifier output can be written as

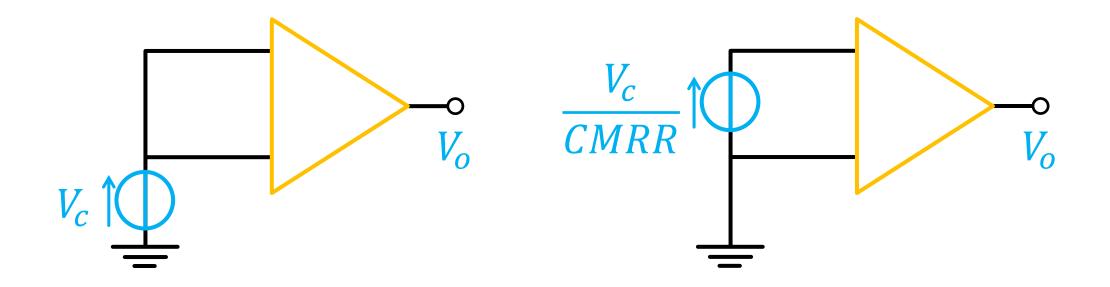
$$V_o = A_d V_d + A_c V_c = A_d \left(V_d + \frac{V_c}{CMRR} \right)$$

$$CMRR = \frac{A_d}{A_c}$$

• To have small error

$$\frac{V_c}{CMRR} \ll V_d \Rightarrow CMRR \gg \frac{V_c}{V_d}$$

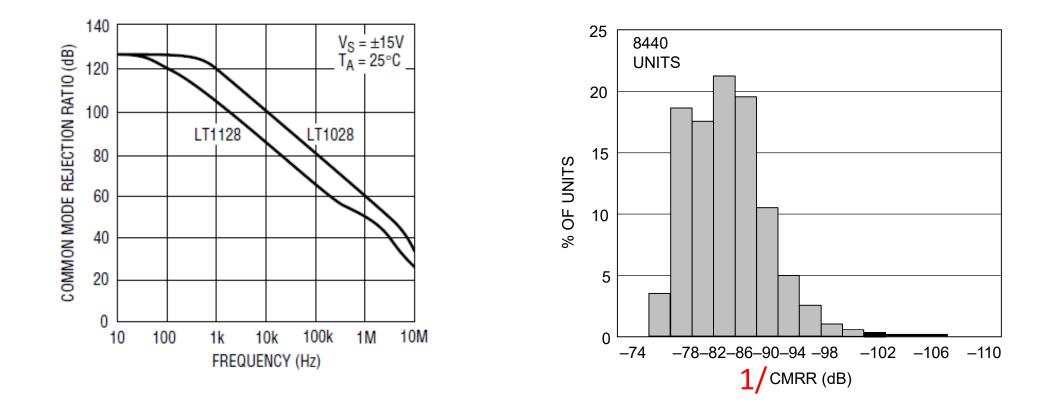




- CMRR converts the common-mode signal into an equivalent differential signal
- Typical values for OAs are 70 120 dB

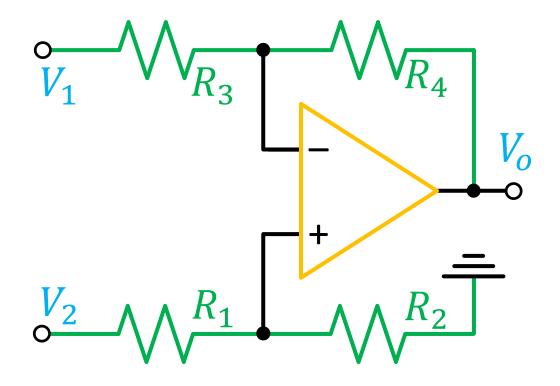
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Actual values from datasheets



CMRR decreases with frequency

Subtractor circuit



- Easy to design
- Low and asymmetric Z_{in}
- Actual *CMRR* is limited by resistor matching

• The common-mode gain can be expressed as

$$A_{cm} = -\frac{R_4}{R_3} + \frac{R_3 + R_4}{R_3} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2} \frac{R_4}{R_3}}{1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2} \frac{R_4}{R_3}}$$

• Due to tolerances, $R \rightarrow R \pm \Delta R = R(1 \pm x)$

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} \to \frac{R_1(1 \pm x)}{R_2(1 \mp x)} \approx \frac{R_1}{R_2} (1 \pm x)^2 \approx \frac{R_1}{R_2} (1 \pm 2x)$$
$$\frac{R_3}{R_4} \to \frac{R_3}{R_4} (1 \pm 2x)$$

• Worst-case A_{cm} and CMRR become

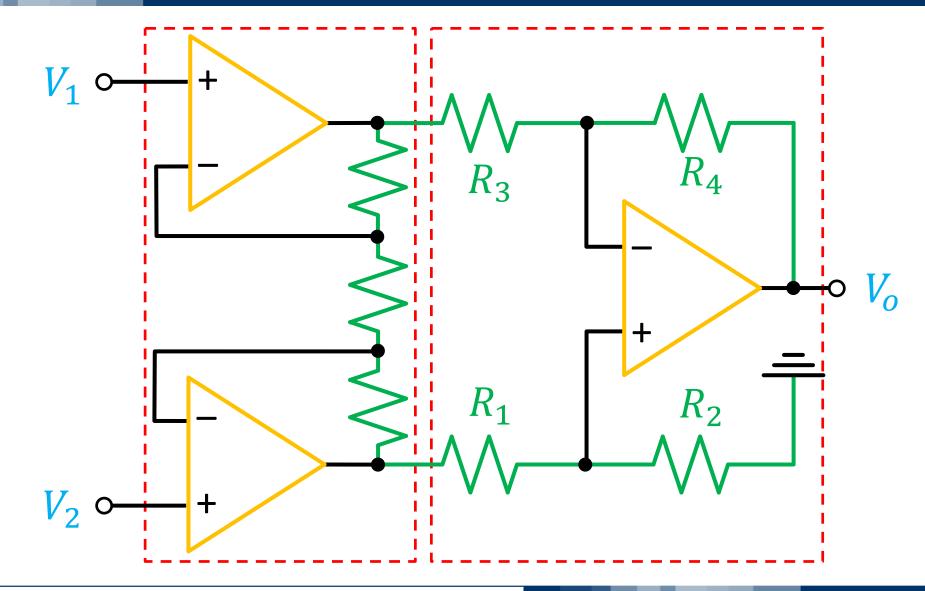
$$A_{cm} = \frac{1 - \frac{R_1}{R_2} \frac{R_4}{R_3}}{1 + R_1/R_2} = \frac{1 - \frac{1 \pm 2x}{1 + 2x}}{1 + R_1/R_2} \approx \frac{4x}{1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}}$$
$$CMRR = \frac{A_{dm} + 1}{4x} \longrightarrow \frac{1/A_{dm}}{1/A_{dm}}$$

- For discrete R, x = 10% (silver), 5% (gold), down to 1‰ (violet)
- For a subtractor with $A_{dm} = 1$ and x = 0.1%, CMRR = 54 dB



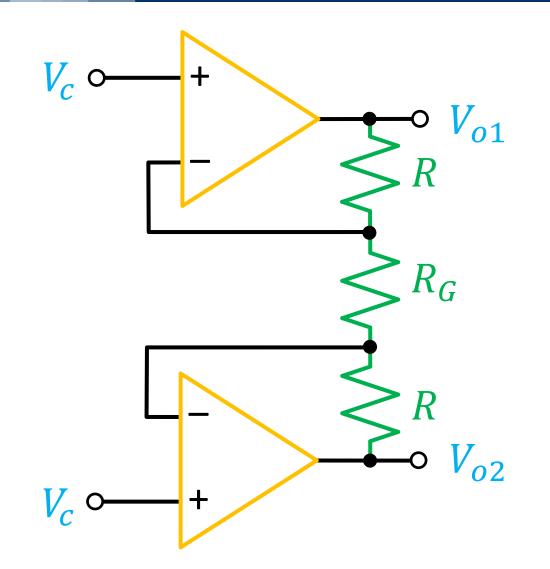
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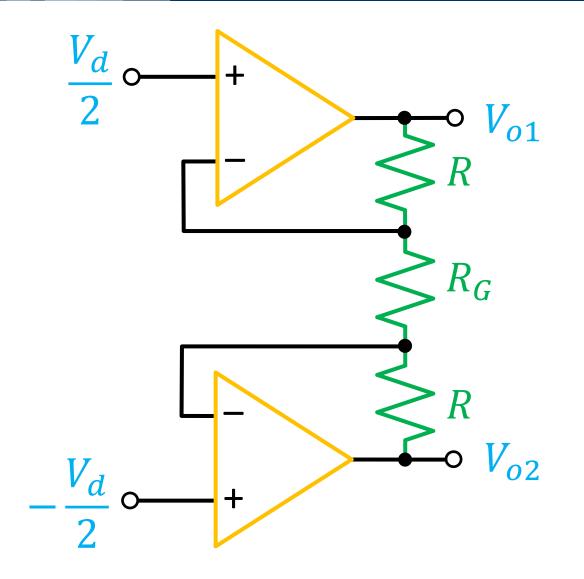
First stage – CM





Independent of resistor matching!

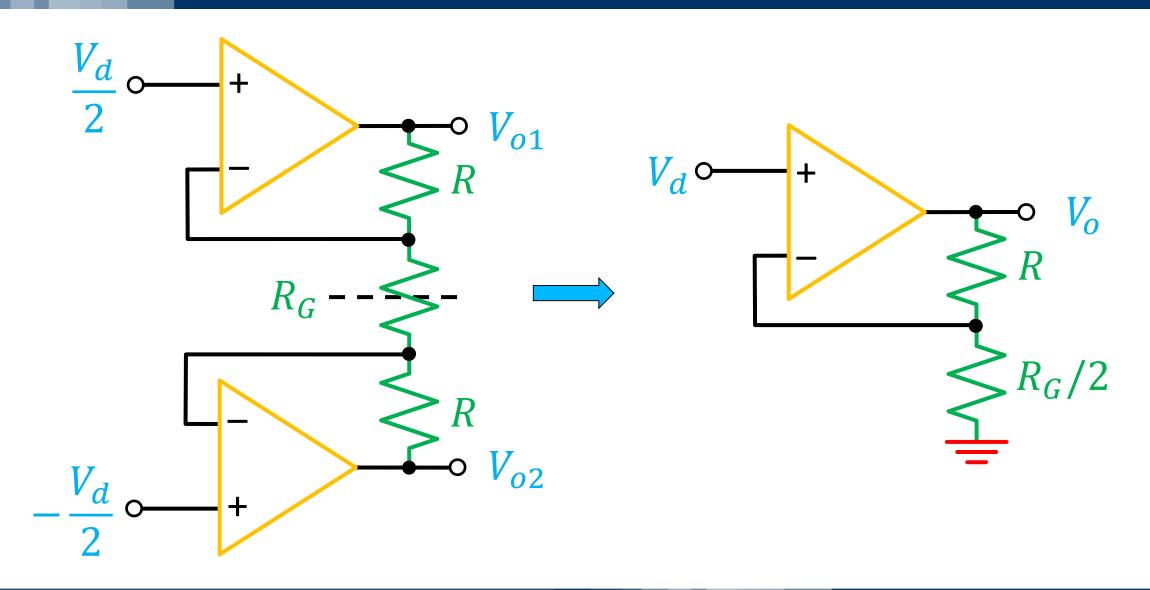
First stage – DM



 $= \frac{V_{o1} - V_{o2}}{V_d} = 1 + \frac{2R}{R_G}$ A_{dm1}

Set by the external resistor R_G

Half-circuit approach





$$CMRR = \frac{A_{dm}}{A_{cm}} = \frac{A_{dm1}A_{dm2}}{A_{cm1}A_{cm2}} = A_{dm1}CMRR_2$$

- CMRR is actually limited by the OAs
- To a first appproximation, CM errors will be cancelled by the second stage \Rightarrow it is the difference in OA *CMRR*s that counts!
- Can achieve *CMRR* of 90 140 dB



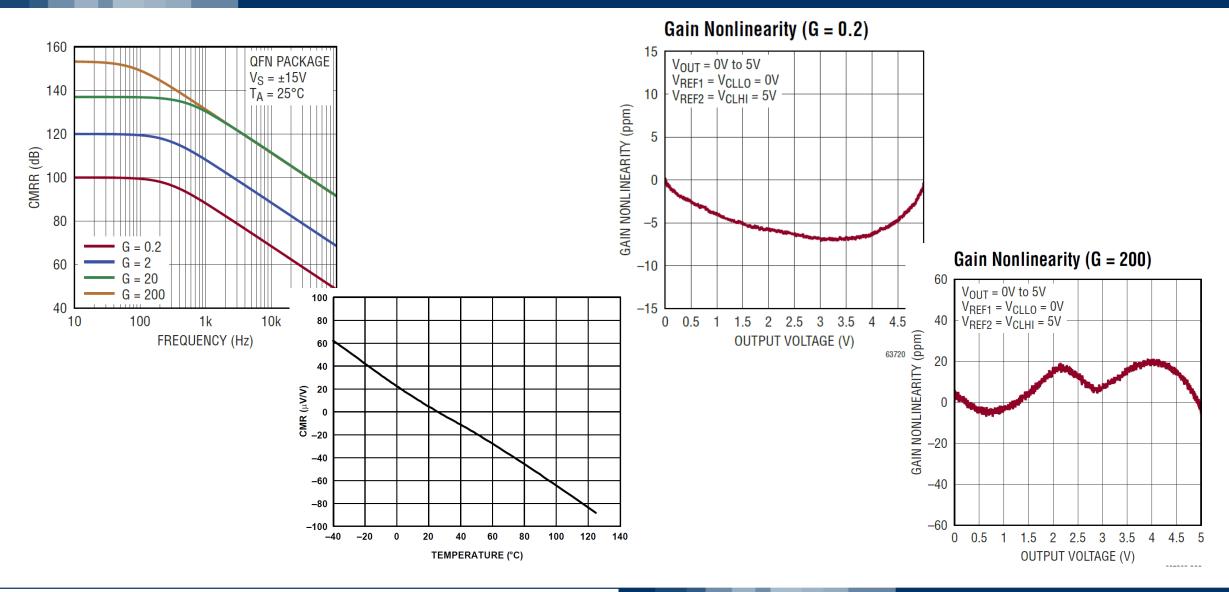
- Gain range (e.g., 1 1000): the range in which device is guaranteed to work as specified
- Gain (or equation) error (e.g., 0.5%): maximum deviation from the gain equation (tolerances in *R*, serie resistances,...)
- Nonlinearity (e.g., 100ppm): maximum deviation from interpolating line

• Offset voltage:
$$V_{OS} = V_{OS1} + \frac{V_{OS2}}{G}$$

Typical parameters

- $GBWP \approx 100 \text{ kHz}$
- $V_{OS} < 500 \,\mu\text{V}$, drift $< 0.5 \,\mu\text{V}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $I_B < 2 \text{ nA}$
- Usually made with bipolar technology

Datasheet parameters

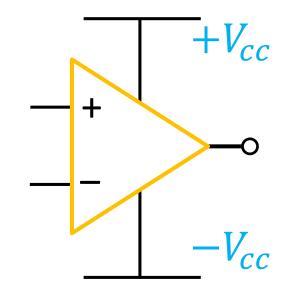




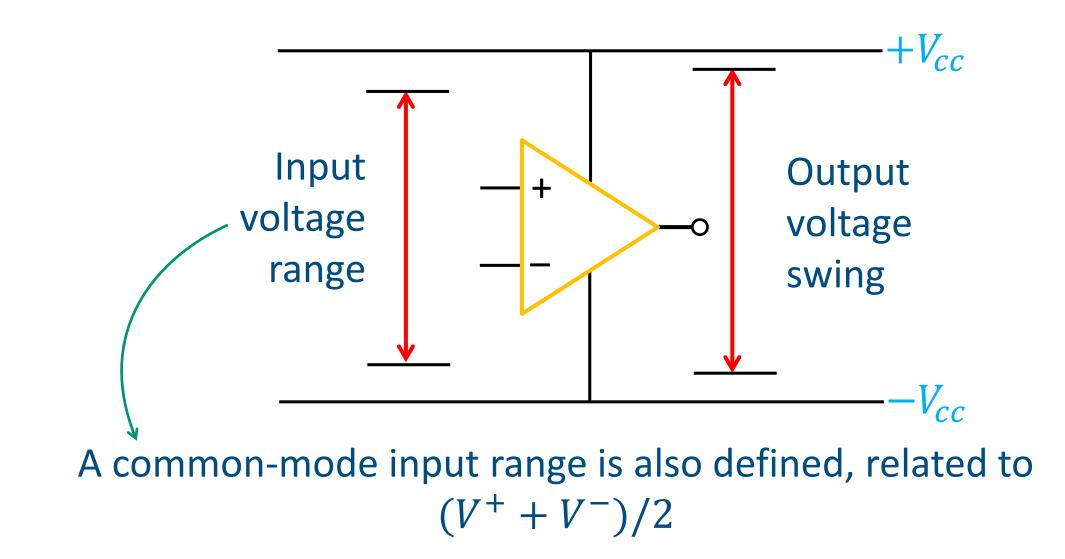
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Supply voltage

- Dual symmetrical power supply is almost always used
- V_{cc} must be kept within a specified range (see Appendix 2)

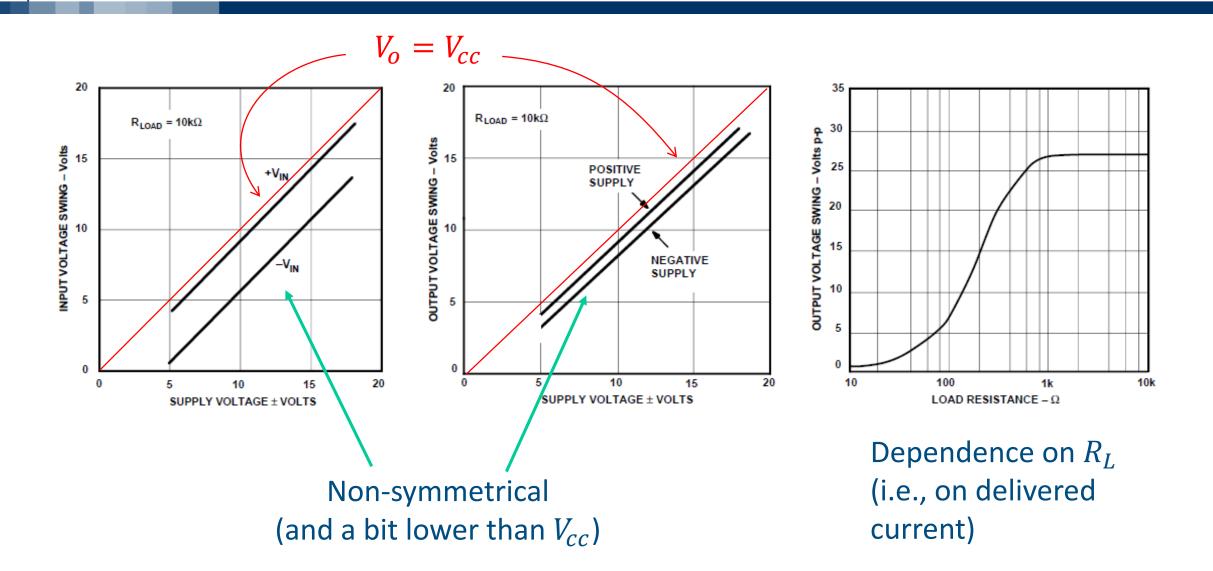


OA parameter: I/O voltage ranges/swings



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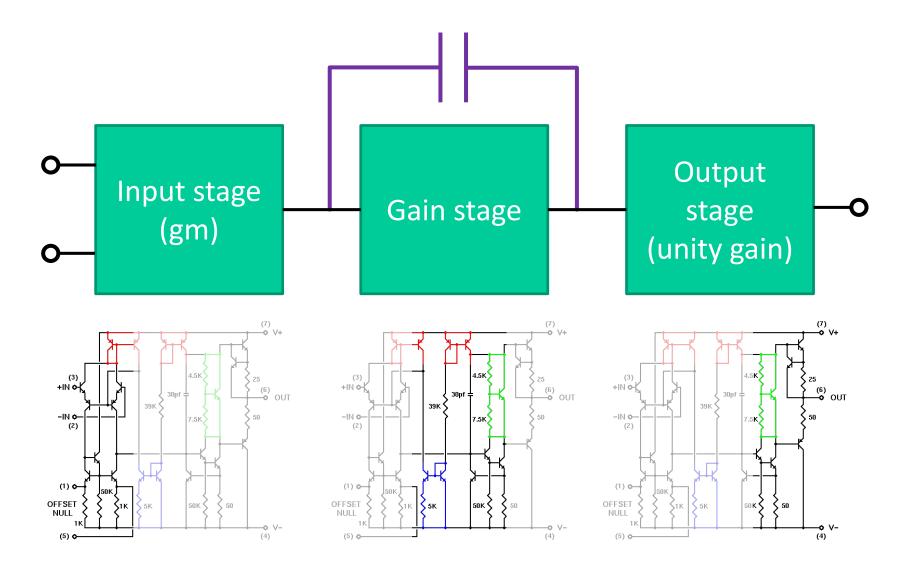
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Single-supply operation

- Up to here, we always implicitly considered dual power supply, $\pm V_{CC}$
- In reality, single-supply design $(+V_{CC}, 0)$ is often needed:
 - Adopt power sources already available (e.g., 5 V logic rail)
 - Can be powered with batteries
 - Reduce costs
- Circuits must be redesigned to work with single supply (see Appendix 1)

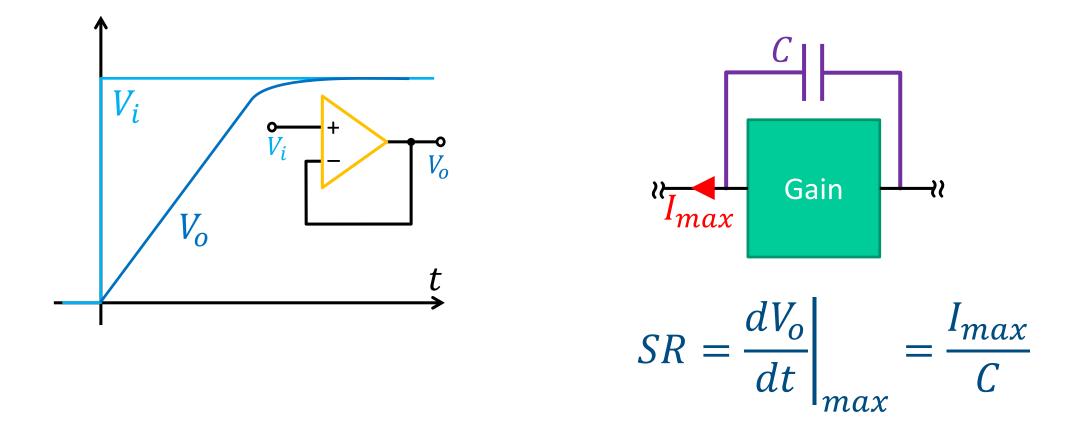
Internal circuit (block scheme)



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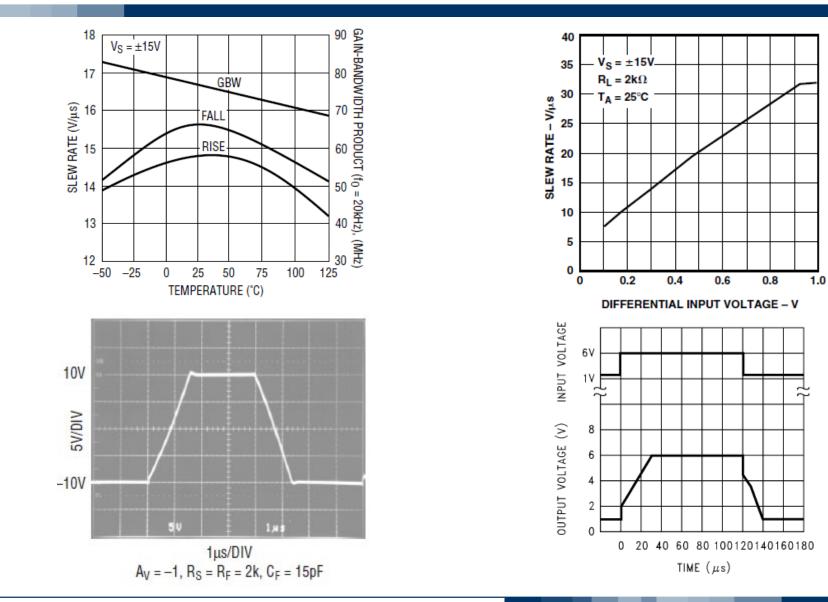




Typical values are $1 V/\mu s - 100 V/\mu s$ or more

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Slew rate (large signal response)



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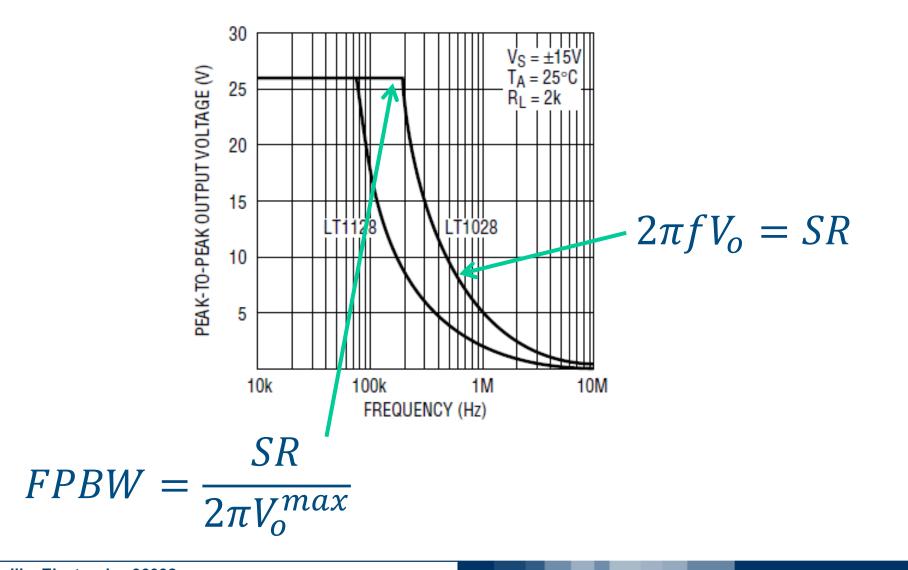
Full-power Bandwidth

$$\left. \frac{dV_o}{dt} \right|_{max} = \omega V_M < SR$$

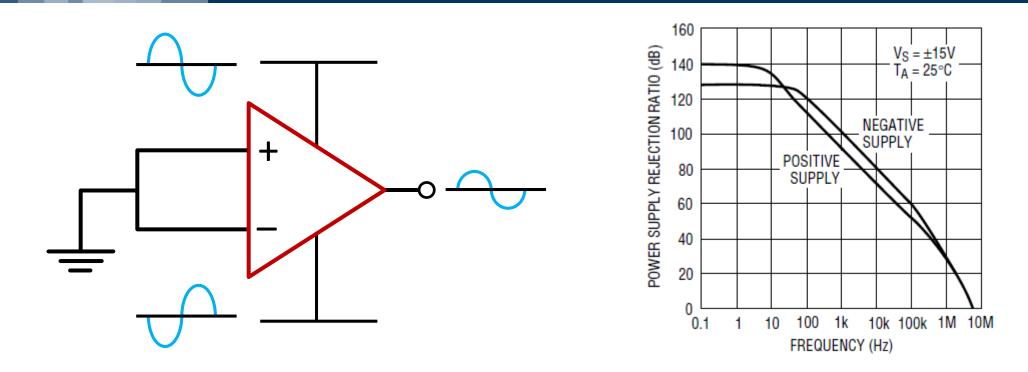
The OA can work at the maximum swing, V_o^{max} , without being limited by *SR* if

$$f \le \frac{SR}{2\pi V_o^{max}} = FPBW$$

Full-power bandwidth



Power supply rejection ratio



- PSRR is the ratio between the PS disturbs and the differential signal that gives the same output
- Typical values are 80 100 dB (decreasing at high frequency)



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Circuit simulation

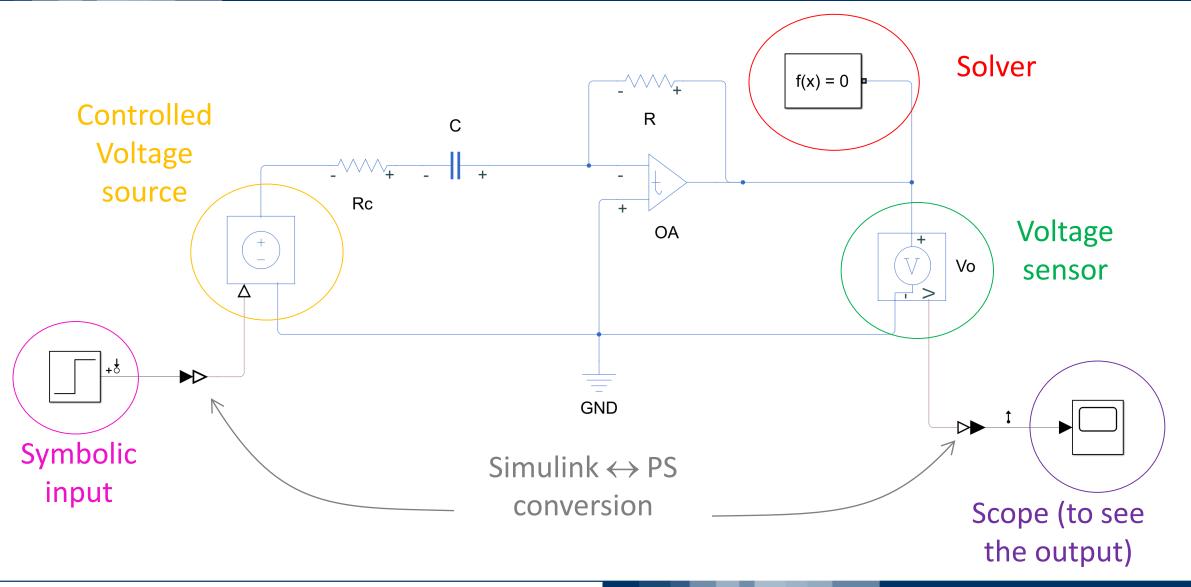
- Numerical simulation is always used to refine the initial draft project
- Many tools are available, supporting all stages of the design process for both ICs and discretes
- Here we will briefly discuss how to use Simulink (a Matlab tool) to simulate our circuits
 - Matlab is freely available to PoliMI students



- To start a new project:
 - Matlab \Rightarrow Simulink \Rightarrow New \Rightarrow From Template \Rightarrow Model \Rightarrow Simscape \Rightarrow Electrical
- To add a component:
 - Library Browser ⇒ Simscape
 - Foundation Library \Rightarrow Electrical
 - Electrical

Library	Main Submenu	Main Content		
	Electrical Sources	AC/DC V/I sources, controlled V/I sources		
Foundation Library \Rightarrow Electrical	Electrical Elements	R, L, C, ground, ideal OA		
	Electrical Sensors	V/I sensors		
	Sources	Positive/negative supply rails, piecewise linear V/I sources, pulse V/I sources		
Electrical	Passive	R, L, C, and more		
	Integrated Circuits	Band-limited OA, Fully-differential OA, logic		

Typical circuit (taken from Drill #2)



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Linear analysis

- Start the linearization tool:
 - APPS (or Linearization) \Rightarrow Model Linearizer \Rightarrow
 - Step
 - Bode
 - Impulse
- Note: this performs a linear analysis ⇒ non-linear effects such as those resulting from slew-rate, output voltage saturation and so on are NOT included

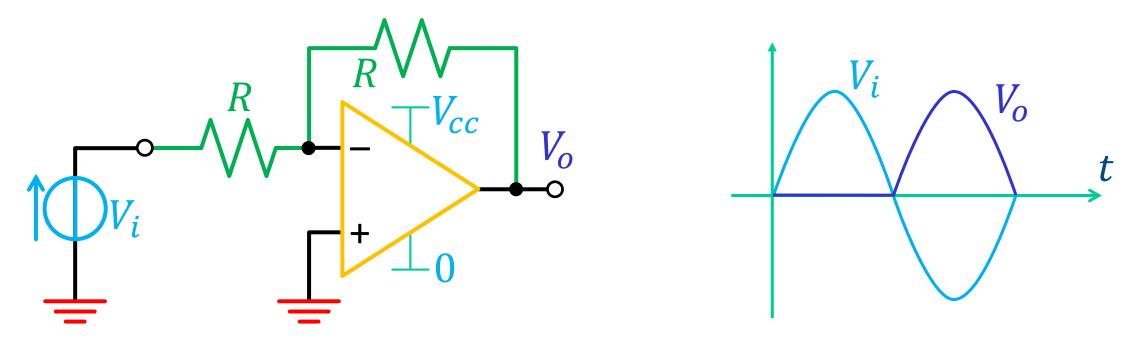
Non-linear analysis (transient)

- Replace the input with say a piecewise linear V/I source (no conversion needed) and set its parameters
- Set the simulation time and click Run
- Double-click on the Scope to see the output



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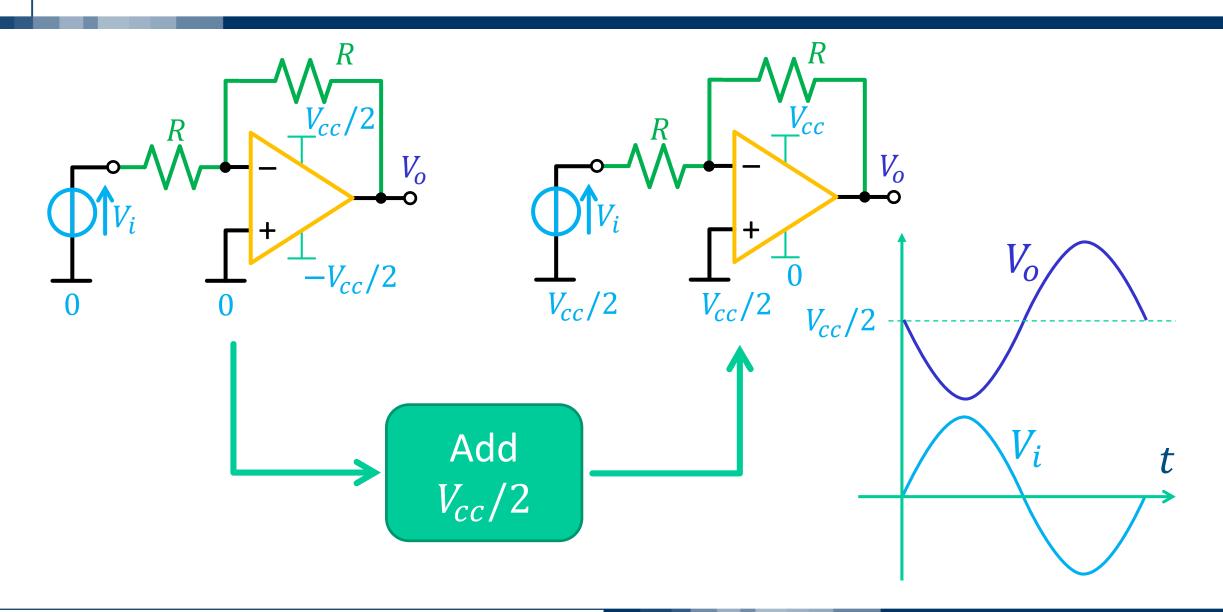
Example: inverting amplifier



- *V_o* cannot drop below the lower power supply
- Even negative values of V_i can undermine proper operation
- A new voltage reference point must be chosen for single-supply operation

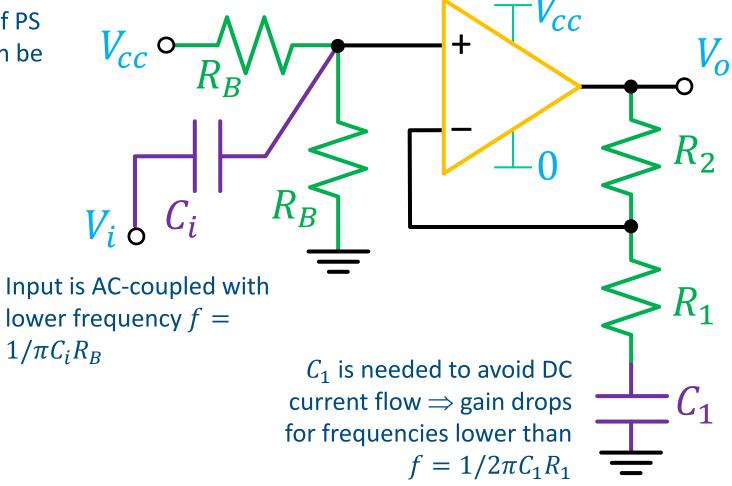
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Voltage reference point



Actual scheme (non-inverting amplifier)

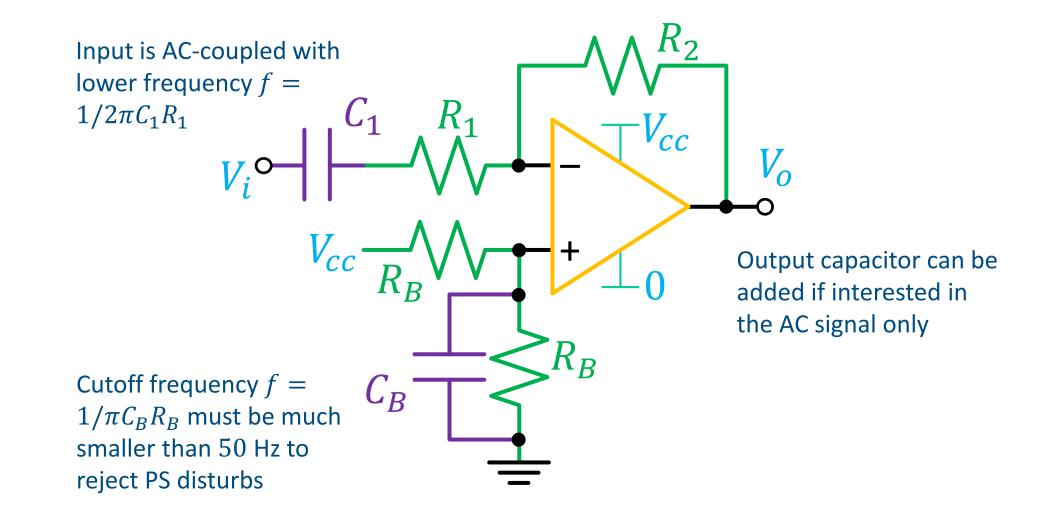
Rejection of PS disturbs can be an issue



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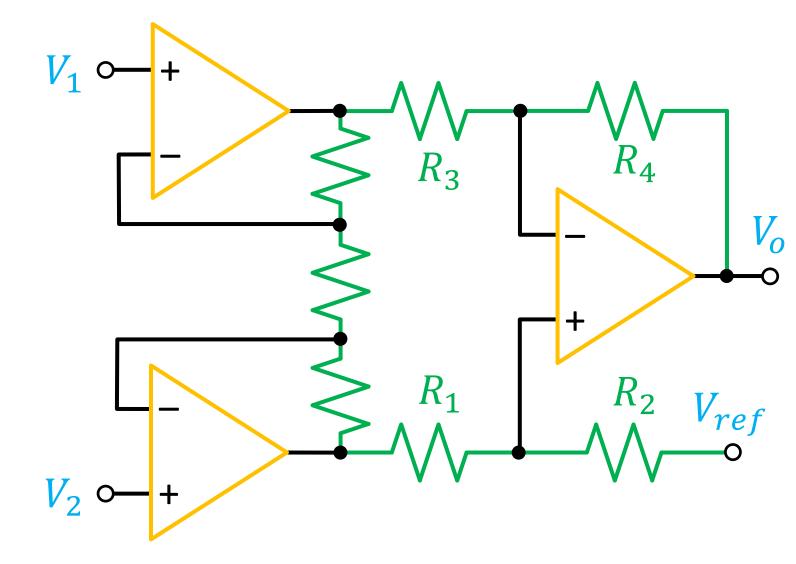
Actual scheme (inverting amplifier)





- *R_B* should minimize power dissipation (high values) and bias/offset current errors (low values)
- Zener-diode biasing or linear voltage regulators are often used to provide the $V_{cc}/2$ reference
- In the NI scheme, the input can be decoupled to the V_{cc}/2 reference via an additional resistor and capacitor (see [3] for discussion)

Single-supply INA

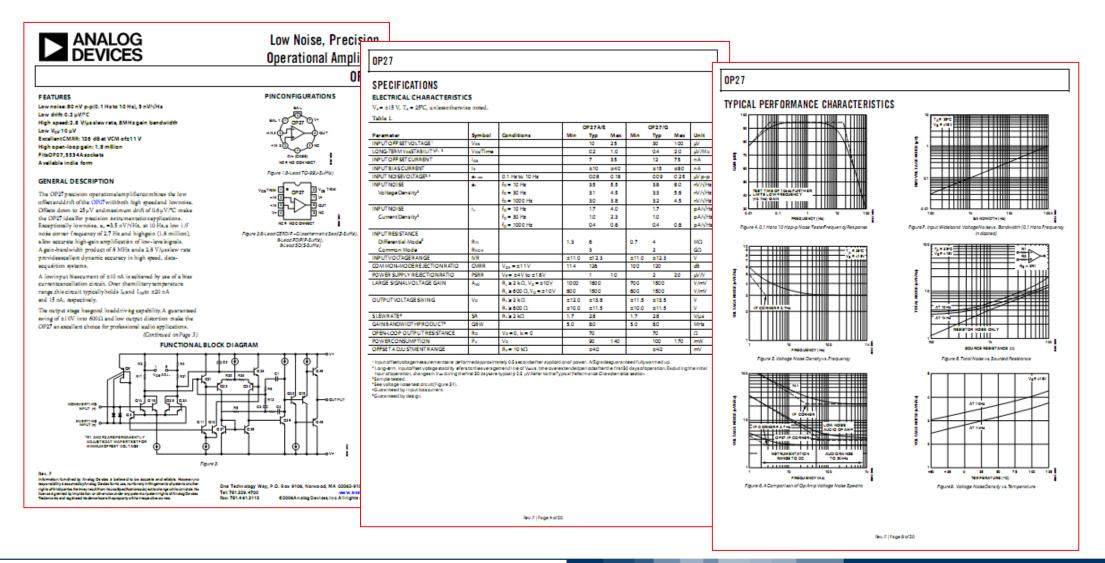


An additional input is provided, which sets the reference output voltage. This is usually grounded for dualsupply operation, but should be set at around $V_{cc}/2$ for single supply



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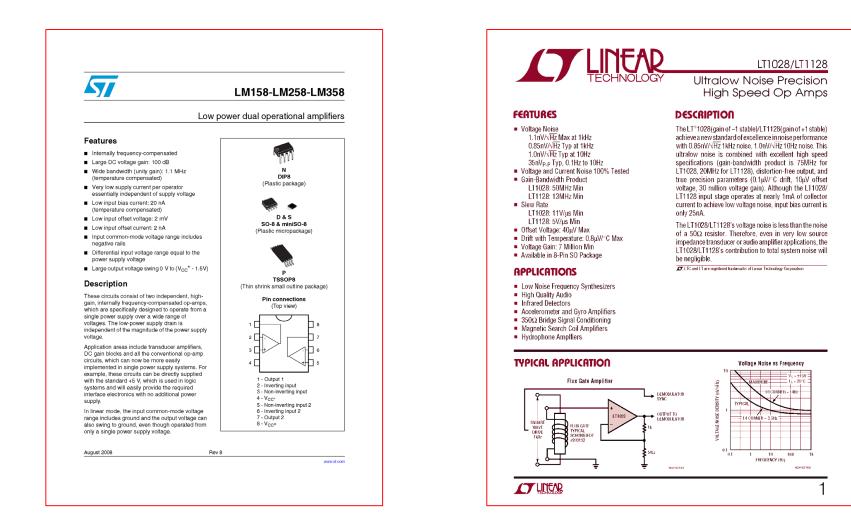
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- Features & General description (sometimes with Block diagram, Schematic and Applications)
- Absolute maximum ratings
- Electrical characteristics
- Typical performance characteristics
- Other info (dimensions, package and ordering info, etc.)

Features/Description



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- General purpose
- High speed
- Precision
- Low bias current
- Low noise
- Low power
- Other (zero drift, rail-to-rail, high voltage, high output current,...)

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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS¹

Package Type	0 ⁴	θ.o	IInit	
Lead Temperature Range (Soldering, 60 sec)				
P, S Packages				
Junction Temperature Range				
OP275G		· · · · · · · · -40°0	C to +85°C	
Operating Temperature R	0	100		
P, S Packages		65°C	to +150°C	
Storage Temperature Ran	0			
Output Short-Circuit Du		D^3	. Indefinite	
Differential Input Voltage	2		±7.5 V	
Input Voltage ²				
Supply Voltage				

Package Type	θ_{JA}^4	θ_{JC}	Unit
8-Lead Plastic DIP (P)	103	43	°C/W
8-Lead SOIC (S)	158	43	°C/W

NOTES

¹Absolute maximum ratings apply to packaged parts, unless otherwise noted.

 2 For supply voltages greater than ± 22 V, the absolute maximum input voltage is equal to the supply voltage.

³Shorts to either supply may destroy the device. See data sheet for full details.

 ${}^{4}\theta_{JA}$ is specified for the worst-case conditions, i.e., θ_{JA} is specified for device in socket for PDIP packages; θ_{JA} is specified for device soldered in circuit board for SOIC packages.

AMRs are the maximum values of few key parameters that the OA can safely tolerate. Operation beyond them leads to permanent damage

Power dissipation calculation

 $+V_{cc}$ $I_{L} + I_{Q}$ V_{o} I_{L} V_{o} I_{L} V_{o} R_{L}

$$P_{R_L} = V_o I_L$$

$$P_{OA} = 2V_{cc}I_Q + (V_{cc} - V_o)I_L$$
Example: $V_{cc} = 10 \text{ V}, V_o = 2 \text{ V}, R_L = 500 \ \Omega \Rightarrow I_L = 4 \text{ mA}$

$$P_{R_L} = 8 \text{ mW}, P_{OA} \approx 32 \text{ mW}$$

- I_Q is a quiescent current always flowing when the OA is powered. Indicative values are 0.5 μ A – 0.5 mA
- Do not confuse it with the supply current (its maximum value)

Power dissipation and temperature

• The increase in junction temperature limits the power dissipation

$$P_{max} = \frac{T_{Jmax} - T_A}{\theta_{JA}}$$

- Data from previous sheet: $T_{Jmax} = 150$ °C, $\theta_{JA} = 103$ °C/W. For $T_A = 25$ °C, $P_{max} = 1.2$ W
- Power OAs can reach several tens of W

Operating conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit
V _{CC}	Supply voltage	3 to 30	V
V _{icm}	Common mode input voltage range ⁽¹⁾	V_{CC}^{-} -0.3 to V_{CC}^{+} -1.5	V
T _{oper}	Operating free air temperature range LM158 LM258 LM358	-55 to +125 -40 to +105 0 to +70	°C

Table 2. Operating conditions

 When used in comparator, the functionality is guaranteed as long as at least one input remains within the operating common mode voltage range.

Simply, the intervals that guarantee that the OA works as specified

Electrical characteristics

- Show the most important properties of the OA
- Typical, maximum and minimum values at the operating conditions are usually reported



SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1U28AM/AC Lt1128AM/AC		LT1028M/C LT1128M/C			
			MIN TYP	MAX	MIN	ТҮР	MAX	UNITS
Vos	Input Offset Voltage	(Note 2)	10	40		20	80	μV
∆V _{OS} ∆Time	Long Term Input Offset Voltage Stability	(Note 3)	0.3			0.3		μV/Mo
l _{os}	Input Offset Current	$V_{CM} = 0V$	12	50		18	100	nA
I _B	Input Bias Current	$V_{CM} = 0V$	±25	±90		±30	±180	nA
e _n	Input Noise Voltage	0.1Hz to 10Hz (Note 4)	35	75		35	90	nV _{P-P}
	Input Noise Voltage Density	f _O = 10Hz (Note 5) f _O = 1000Hz, 100% tested	1.00 0.85	1.7 1.1		1.0 0.9	1.9 1.2	nV/√Hz nV/√Hz
In	Input Noise Current Density	$f_0 = 10$ Hz (Note 4 and 6) $f_0 = 1000$ Hz, 100% tested	4.7 1.0	10.0 1.6		4.7 1.0	12.0 1.8	pA/√Hz pA/√Hz
	Input Resistance Common Mode Differential Mode		300 20			300 20		MΩ kΩ
	Input Capacitance		5			5		pF
	Input Voltage Range		±11.0 ±12.2		±11.0	±12.2		V
CMRR	Common Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = \pm 11V$	114 126		110	126		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_{\rm S} = \pm 4 V \text{ to } \pm 18 V$	117 133		110	132		dB
A _{VOL}	Large-Signal Voltage Gain	$\begin{array}{l} R_L \geq 2k, V_O = \pm 12V \\ R_L \geq 1k, V_O = \pm 10V \\ R_I \geq 600\Omega, V_O = \pm 10V \end{array}$	7.0 30.0 5.0 20.0 3.0 15.0		5.0 3.5 2.0	30.0 20.0 15.0		V/μV V/μV V/μV
V _{OUT}	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	$\begin{array}{c} R_L \ge 2k \\ R_L \ge 600\Omega \end{array}$	±12.3 ±13.0 ±11.0 ±12.2		±12.0 ±10.5	±13.0 ±12.2		V
SR	Slew Rate	A _{VCL} = -1 LT1028 A _{VCL} = -1 LT1128	11.0 15.0 5.0 6.0		11.0 4.5	15.0 6.0		V/µs V/µs
GBW	Gain-Bandwidth Product		50 75 13 20		50 11	75 20		MHz MHz
Z ₀	Open-Loop Output Impedance	$V_0 = 0, I_0 = 0$	80			80		Ω
ls	Supply Current		7.4	9.5		7.6	10.5	mA

LT1028/LT1128

Voltage and temperature are usually specified



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