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## EECS 42 Introduction to Electronics for Computer Science

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# Lecture # 14 Op-Amp Circuits and Comparators 4.3-4.4 (light on non-ideal)

- A) Cascade Op-Amps
- B) Integration/Differentiation Op-Amps
- C) I vs. V of Op-Amps – Source Limits
- D) Comparator Circuits
- E) D to A Converters

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### CASCADE OP-AMP CIRCUITS

How do you get started on finding  $V_0$ ?

**Hint: Identify Stages**  
**Hint:  $I_{IN}$  does not affect  $V_{O1}$**

See the further examples of op-amp circuits in the reader

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## Game Plan 03/19/03

**Monday 03/17/04**

- Monday: Circuit analysis with dependent sources (4.1-4.2)

**Wednesday 03/19/03:**

- Comparators and op-amps (Comparator handout)

**Next (10<sup>th</sup>) Week: After Spring Recess**

- Monday: 3/31/03 Logic with State Dependent Device 593-595, 604-605
- Wednesday: 4/02/03 Logic Static: Voltage Transfer Characteristic 606, Handout

**Problem set #8: Half-Set - out Monday 3/17 and due at 2:30 4/02 in box in 240 Cory – input/output impedance, comparators**

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### CASCADE OP-AMP SOLUTION

#### FIRST STAGE IS "SUMMING JUNCTION" AMPLIFIER

Solution:

$i_{IN} \cong 0$  and  $V_{(-)} \cong V_{+} = 0$

KCL:  $\frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2} + \frac{V_3}{R_3} + \frac{V_{O1}}{R_F} = 0$

$\Rightarrow V_{O1} = -\frac{R_F}{R_1} V_1 - \frac{R_F}{R_2} V_2 - \frac{R_F}{R_3} V_3$

#### SECOND STAGE IS "INVERTING" AMPLIFIER

$V_{O2} \cong -\frac{R_2}{R_1} V_{IN2}$

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### NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

Familiar examples of negative feedback:

- Thermostat controlling room temperature
- Driver controlling direction of automobile
- Photochromic lenses in eyeglasses

**Fundamentally pushes toward stability**

Familiar examples of positive feedback:

- Microphone "squawk" in room sound system
- Mechanical bi-stability in light switches
- Thermonuclear reaction in H-bomb

**Fundamentally pushes toward instability or bi-stability**

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### INTEGRATING OP-AMP

$i_{IN} \cong 0$  and  $V_{(-)} \cong V_{+} = 0$

How do you get started on finding  $V_0$ ?

**Hint:  $i_{IN} \cong 0$  and  $V_{(-)} \cong V_{+} = 0$**

**Hint: KCL at  $V_{-}$  node with  $I_{IN} = 0$**

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### INTEGRATING OP-AMP

$$\frac{0 - V_{IN}}{R_1} + C \frac{\partial(0 - V_O)}{\partial t} = 0$$

Integrate from  $t_0$  to  $t$  to get  $V_O(t)$

$$V_O(t) = \frac{-1}{R_1 C} \int_{t_0}^t V_{IN}(t) dt$$

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### SIMPLE A/D CONVERTER

I-V with equal X and Y axes

Note:

- (a) displays **linear amplifier behavior** ( $|V_{IN}| < 30 \mu\text{V}$ ) and stops at rails
- (b) shows **comparator decision function** (1 bit A/D converter centered at  $V_{IN} = 0$ ) where lower rail = logic "0" and upper rail = logic "1"

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### OP-AMP I-V CHARACTERISTICS WITH RAILS

- Circuit model (ideal op-amp) gives the essential linear part
- But  $V_O$  cannot rise above some physical voltage related to the positive power supply  $V_{CC}$  ("upper rail")  $V_O < V_{+RAIL}$
- And  $V_O$  cannot go below **most negative** power supply,  $V_{EE}$  i.e., limited by lower "rail"  $V_O > V_{-RAIL}$

Example: Amplifier with gain of  $10^5$ , with max  $V_O$  of 3V and min  $V_O$  of -3V.

(a) I-V near origin

(b) I-V over wider range

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### OP-AMP USE AS COMPARATOR (A/D) MODE

Simple comparator with threshold at 1V. Design lower rail at 0V and upper rail at 2V (logic "1").  $A = \text{large}$  (e.g.  $10^2$  to  $10^5$ )

NOTE: The actual diagram of a comparator would not show an amplifier with "offset" power supply as above. It would be a simple triangle, perhaps with the threshold level (here 1V) specified.

Comparator

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### OP-AMP I-V CHARACTERISTICS WITH RAILS (cont.)

Example: Amplifier with gain of  $10^5$ , with upper rail of 3V and lower rail of -3V. We plot the  $V_O$  vs  $V_{IN}$  characteristics on two different scales

(c) Same  $V_O$  vs  $V_{IN}$  over even wider range

(b) I-V over wide range

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### ONE-BIT A/D CONVERSION REQUIRED IN DIGITAL SYSTEMS

As we saw, we set comparator **threshold** at a suitable value (e.g., halfway between rails) and comparator output goes to +rail if  $V_{IN} > V_{THRESHOLD}$  and to -rail if  $V_{IN} < V_{THRESHOLD}$ .

What would this circuit do?

The **inverse** pulse shaped function is generated by applying the input voltage to V- and setting V+ to the threshold voltage.

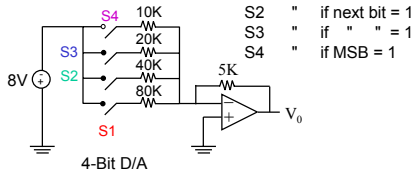
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**D/A CONVERSION**

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Example: Digital representation of sound to analog  
(so you can hear it!) → D/A conversion

The summing junction op-amp provides a simple means of D/A conversion via **weighted-adder D/A converter**



- S1 closed if LSB = 1
- S2 " if next bit = 1
- S3 " if " " = 1
- S4 " if MSB = 1

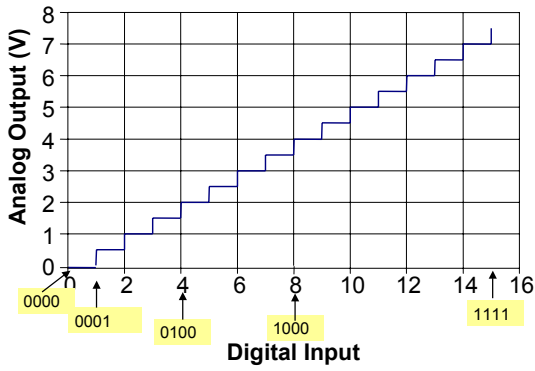
Binary number	Analog output (volts)
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0001	.5
0010	1
0011	1.5
0100	2
0101	2.5
0110	3
0111	3.5
1000	4
1001	4.5
1010	5
1011	5.5
1100	6
1101	6.5
1110	7
1111	7.5

Another way (not shown) is to sum **charges** instead of current with capacitor networks

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**CHARACTERISTIC OF A 4-BIT DAC**



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