

1 Algebra Review

1.1 Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

The eigenvector \vec{x} and its corresponding eigenvalue λ of matrix A satisfies the equation below:

$$A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$$

where $\vec{x} \neq \vec{0}$. This essentially means that if a matrix operates on its eigenvector, it will result in that same vector with only its magnitude changed.

1.2 Linear Independence

A list of vectors $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2 \dots \vec{x}_n$ are linearly independent if, for scalars $a_1, a_2 \dots a_n$

$$a_1\vec{x}_1 + a_2\vec{x}_2 + \dots + a_n\vec{x}_n = \vec{0}$$

only when all $a_1, a_2 \dots a_n = 0$. This also means that it is impossible to represent a vector \vec{x}_i as a linear combination of the other vectors in the list.

1.3 Inner Product

In \mathbb{R}^n , the inner product (also called dot product) $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle$ of two vectors is defined as

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + \dots + u_nv_n$$

and

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$$

1.4 Magnitude of Vector

The 2-norm, or magnitude, of a vector \vec{x} in \mathbb{R} is defined as

$$\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle}$$

1.5 Orthonormality

Two vectors \vec{u} and \vec{v} are orthonormal if

$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$$

and

$$\|\vec{u}\| = 1$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = 1$$

1. Ice-Breaker

Welcome back!

- 2. Who will win the election?** Candidates A, B, C are running for office. Currently, B is leading with 90% and A and C split the rest of the votes. However, the public's opinions change every day: 10% of A's supporters will revert to B; 20% and 10% of B's supporters will switch to favoring A and C, respectively; and 20% of C's supporters will switch to supporting A and another 20% will go for B.

- (a) How could we model this using the linear-algebraic tools that you have learned?
- (b) Given that the final election is very far from now, who will win this election assuming supporters keep changing in the described way? (Hint: remember that $A(t) = A(t + 1)$ very far in the future)

- 3. Orthonormal Vectors and Linear Independence** Let vector \vec{u} and \vec{v} be orthonormal vectors. Show that \vec{u} and \vec{v} are linearly independent.

4. Eigenspace

Suppose $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ are distinct eigenvalues of T and \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 are corresponding eigenvectors. Show that \vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 are linearly independent.

5. Op-Amp Review

In this review problem, you will apply the golden rules to derive something you need in lab.

Figure 1 shows the equivalent model of an op-amp. It is important to note that this is the general model of an op-amp, so our op-amp golden rules cannot be applied to this unless certain conditions are met.

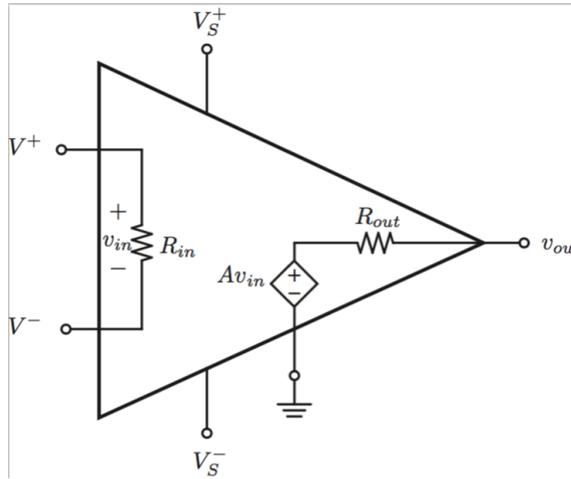


Figure 1: General Op-Amp Model

Conditions Required for Golden Rule:

- $R_{in} \rightarrow \infty$
- $R_{out} \rightarrow 0$
- $A_{v_{in}} \rightarrow \infty$
- The op-amp must be operated in negative feedback

When conditions 1-3 are met, the op-amp is considered ideal. Figure 2 shows an ideal op-amp in negative feedback, which can be analyzed using the golden rules.

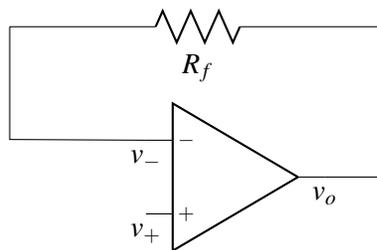
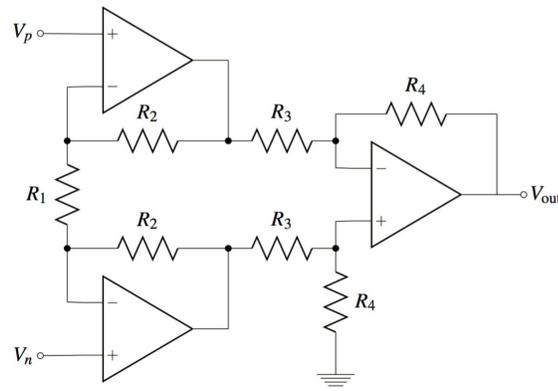


Figure 2: Ideal Op-Amp in Negative Feedback

Golden rules of ideal op-amps in negative feedback:

- No current can flow into the input terminals ($I_- = 0$ and $I_+ = 0$)
- The (+) and (-) terminals are at the same voltage ($V_+ = V_-$)

Now let's look at the circuit below:



- (a) Write down all the branch and node equations using the golden rules of Op-Amps.
- (b) Notice that there exists a symmetry between the two op-amps at the first stage of this circuit. What are the directions of the currents going through the two R_2 s? How do the currents of R_2 s influence the current through R_1 ?

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