

# Feedback



- Most important techniques in analog circuits
  - Principle
  - Circuit analysis with feedback
  - Features and pitfalls
- History
  - R. Goddard patent of 1912
    - Theoretical without any practical implication
  - Armstrong Regenerative amplifier paper (1915)
    - exploring positive feedback
  - Harold Black negative feedback
    - August 2, 1927

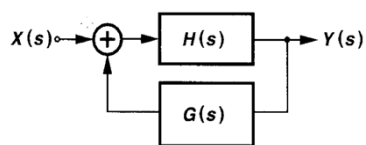
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## Feedback principle



- Formal definition



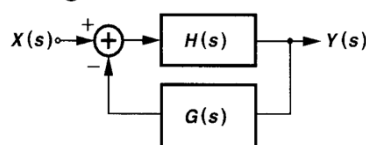
$$Y(s) = H(s)[X(s) + G(s)Y(s)]$$

$$\frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{H(s)}{1 - G(s)H(s)}$$

-- Closed-loop transfer function

$H(s)$  -- Open-loop transfer function

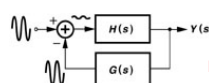
- Negative feedback



$$Y(s) = H(s)[X(s) - G(s)Y(s)]$$

$$\frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{H(s)}{1 + G(s)H(s)}$$

1. Feed forward amplifier
2. Output sensing
3. Feedback network
4. Finding feedback error



Minimizing error by correct feedback

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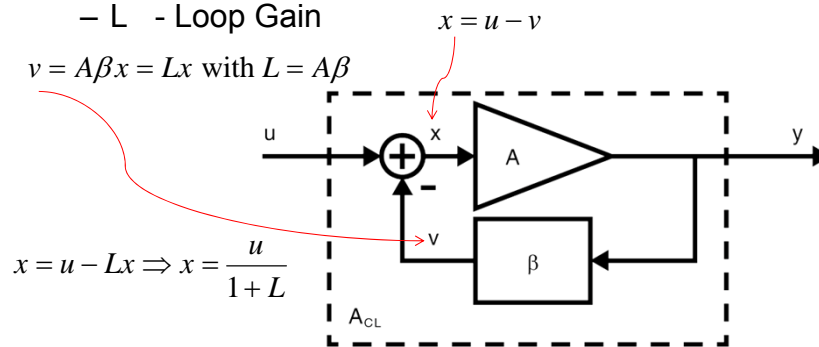
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# Feedback in amplifiers

- Negative feedback

- L - Loop Gain

$$v = A\beta x = Lx \text{ with } L = A\beta$$



$$x = u - Lx \Rightarrow x = \frac{u}{1 + L}$$

- Closed loop gain

$$A_{CL} = \frac{y}{u} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta} = \frac{A}{1 + L}$$

$$\text{substituting } A = \frac{L}{\beta} \Rightarrow A_{CL} = \frac{1}{\beta} \cdot \frac{L}{1 + L}$$

Assuming  $L \gg 1$   
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$$A_{CL} \approx \frac{1}{\beta}$$

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# Gain desensitization

- Assuming poor components

- Both transistor transconductance and resistors are imprecise
  - CS stage gain of  $g_m R_D$  both  $\pm 20\%$

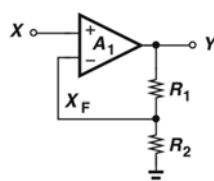
$$A_{CL} = \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta}$$

- May improve gain

- assuming  $A\beta \gg 1 \Rightarrow A_{CL} = \frac{Y}{X} \approx \frac{1}{\beta}$

- Imprecision in A does not affect overall gain  $\rightarrow$  reduced mismatch error

- Example:



$$A_1 R_2 / (R_1 + R_2) \gg 1$$

$$\frac{Y}{X} \approx \frac{1}{K} \approx 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}$$

Resistive dividers may be implemented quite accurate

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## Example: Active CS stage

- Gain desensitization

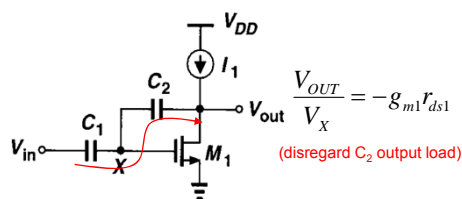
- CS example

$$A_V = g_{m1} r_{ds1}$$

- Gain poorly defined

- Temperature, mismatch

- CS with feedback



$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_X} = -g_{m1} r_{ds1}$$

(disregard  $C_2$  output load)

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} = - \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{g_{m1} r_{ds1}}\right) \frac{C_2}{C_1} + \frac{1}{g_{m1} r_{ds1}}} \approx - \frac{C_1}{C_2} \quad (1 / g_{m1} r_{ds1} \approx 0)$$

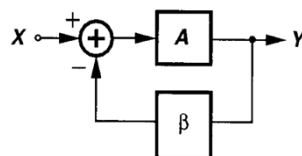
$$\text{KCL: } (V_{OUT} - V_X) C_2 s = (V_X - V_{in}) C_1 s$$

Gain determined by capacitive ratio  
- high precision devices

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## Gain desensitization

- Negative feedback major advantage



$$A_{CL} = \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta} = \frac{1}{\beta} \cdot \frac{A\beta}{1 + A\beta} \approx \frac{1}{\beta} \quad A\beta \gg 1$$

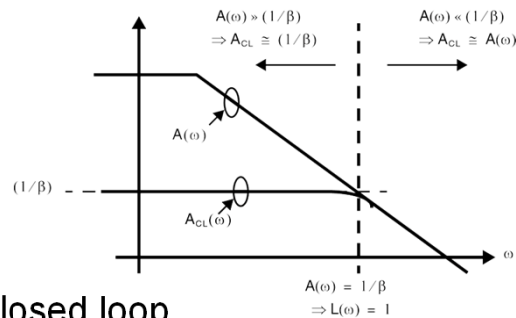
- Feedback factor  $\beta$  and  $\beta A$  is loop gain

- Major reduction of gain errors
  - Trading gain for precision

# Feedback and bandwidth



- Open loop
  - high gain and low frequency roll-off



- Closed loop
  - Reduced gain and increased bandwidth

$$\rightarrow A(s) = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

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# Amplifier linearity



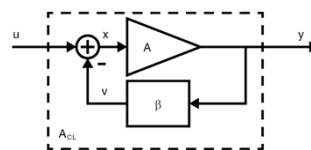
- Feedback equation is linear
  - Limited by transistor linearity
- Feedback improve linearity
  - Input signal to amp reduce by feedback factor

$$x \cong \frac{u}{L}$$

- Feed amp stage within smaller signals

## Summary

- Negative feedback has accurate gain, high bandwidth and high linearity
- The loop gain  $L=A\beta$  must be large
- The feedback loop is stable



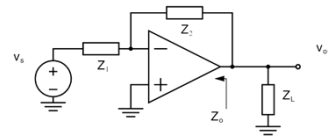
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# Gain of feedback circuits



- Open loop gain A
  - Hard to estimate/simulate/measure
  - Affected by load and feedback
- Feedback factor  $\beta$ 
  - Simply  $\beta = -\frac{Z_1}{Z_1}$
- Loop gain L
  - Controlled signal
    - If stable
  - Unstable circuits amplifier  $\rightarrow$  oscillator
  - Simulations and measurements are feasible
- Determining gain as



$$A \approx \frac{L}{\beta} \quad \text{Writing:} \quad A_{CL}(s) = \frac{1}{\beta} \cdot \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)}$$

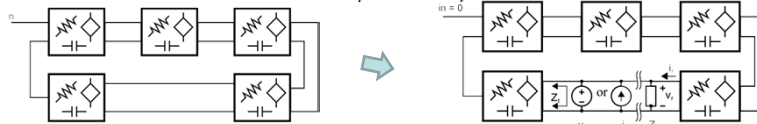
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## Determine L(s)



1. Set all independent sources to zero
    - Voltage source  $\rightarrow$  short circuit
    - Current sources  $\rightarrow$  open circuit
  2. Break the loop
    - Determine impedance  $Z_t$  at break point
    - Terminate with  $Z_t$  at breakpoint
  3. Insert some signal (voltage,  $v_t$  or current,  $i_t$ )
    - Determine signal over the added impedance  $Z_t$  ( $v_r$  or current,  $i_r$ )
- Loop gain given by:  $L = \frac{v_r}{v_t}$  or  $L = \frac{i_r}{i_t}$



- Valid only for small signal analysis
  - Simulations:

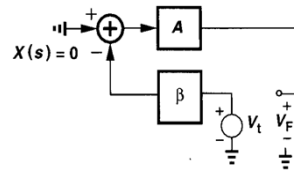
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# Finding feedback



- Split the loop
- Follow the signal to break point



$$V_t \beta (-1) A = V_F \Rightarrow \frac{V_F}{V_t} = -\beta A$$

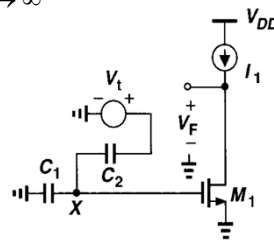
## • CS example

- Cs with ideal source  $r_{ds2} \rightarrow \infty$

$$A_V = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = -g_{m1} (r_{ds1} \parallel r_{ds2}) \approx -g_{m1} r_{ds1}$$

$$V_t \frac{C_2}{C_1 + C_2} (-g_{m1} r_{ds1}) = V_F \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{V_F}{V_t} = -\frac{C_2}{C_1 + C_2} g_{m1} r_{ds1}$$



Output loading is ignored!

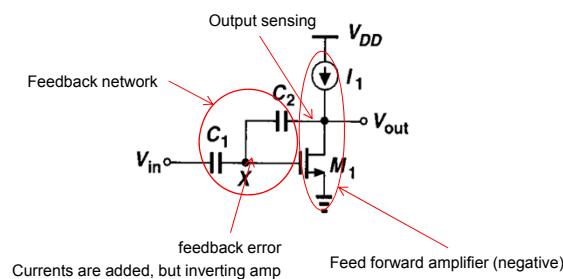
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# Identifying feedback elements



- Negative feedback circuits



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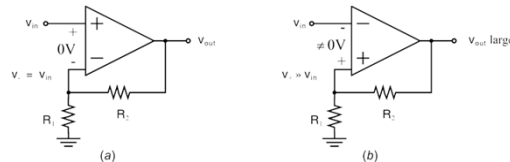
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# Dynamics of feedback amps



- Stability

- Sometimes hard to discover



$$v_{in} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) - \frac{v_{out}}{R_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

- a) and b) → same transfer function
- a) is popular and well known op-amp architecture
- b) just switched inputs, but is unstable
- Due to phase shifts, instability may occur at higher frequencies
  - Feedback make stable circuits unstable....

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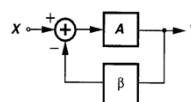
# Stability analysis techniques



- Barkhausen criterion

1.  $|A\beta| = 1$
2.  $\angle A\beta = 2\pi n \quad n \in (1, 2, \dots)$

- Must be satisfied for oscillation



- Avoiding this condition

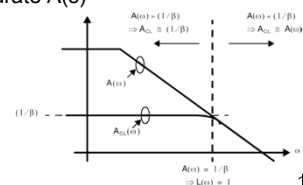
- analyzing poles of closed-loop system
  - Must be in left half-plane

$$A_{CL}(s) = \frac{A(s)}{1 + \beta A(s)}$$

- Quite some work to figure out due to inaccurate A(s)

- Amps have characteristic behavior

- Poles giving roll-off at HF
- Also give negative phase shift

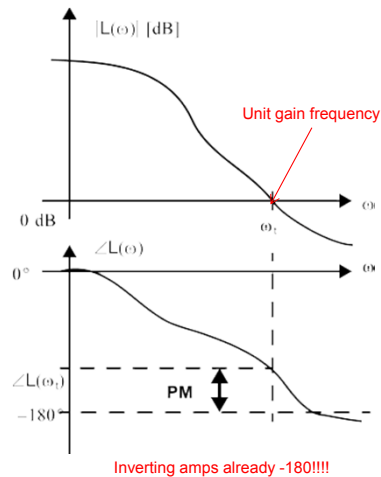


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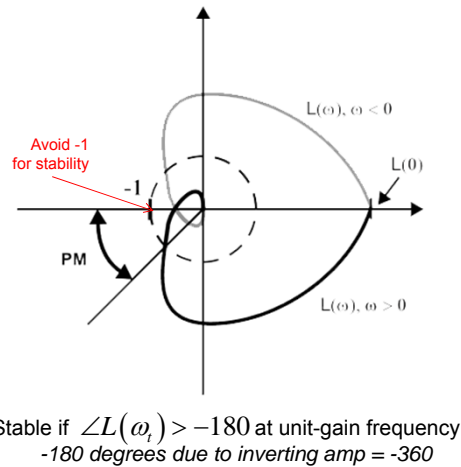
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# Typical feedback amp

- Bode plot



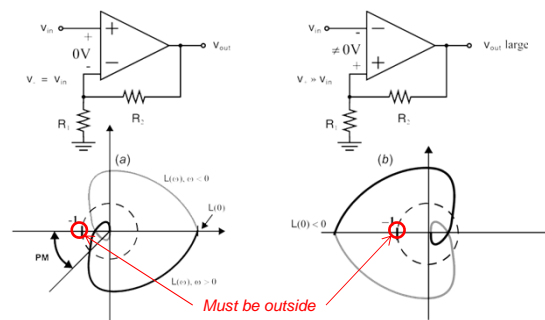
- Polar plot



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## Phase margins

- Measure of stability  $PM = \angle L(\omega_t) + 180$ 
  - Must account for variations and need margins
- Positive feedback:



- Never positive feedback in amps!
  - Fine in oscillators

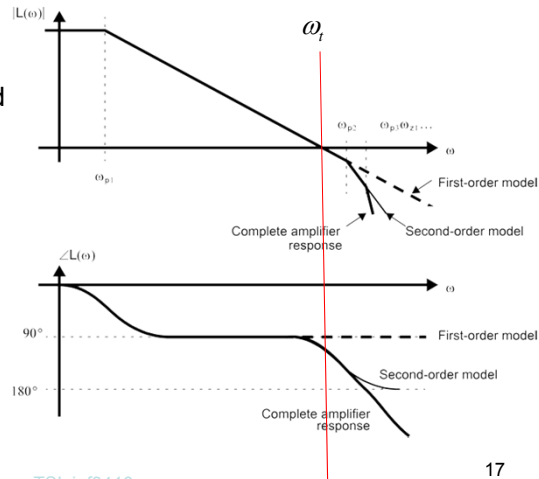
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## First and second order response



- Which poles to consider?
  - Those closest to signal band
  - $\omega_{p1}$  and maybe  $\omega_{p2}$
  - What happens beyond  $\omega_t$  really do not matter



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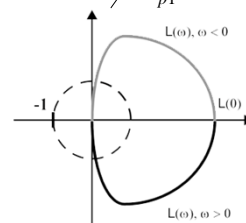
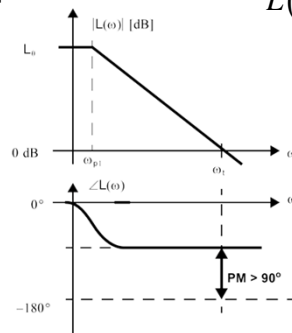
## First order system



- Transfer function
  - $L_0$  – DC gain
  - $\omega_{p1}$  – dominant pole

$$A_{CL}(s) = L(s) = \frac{L_0}{1 + s/\omega_{p1}}$$

$$L(\omega_t) = 1 \approx \frac{L_0}{1 + \frac{\omega_t}{\omega_{p1}}} \Rightarrow \omega_t \approx L_0 \omega_{p1}$$



$$\omega_{-3dB} \approx \omega_t$$

- Never more than  $-90^\circ$  phase shift
- Unconditionally stable

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# 1. order system



- Midband frequencies - roll off  $\omega \gg \omega_{p1}$

– Loop gain:

$$L(s) = \frac{\omega_t}{s}$$

– Closed loop amp transfer

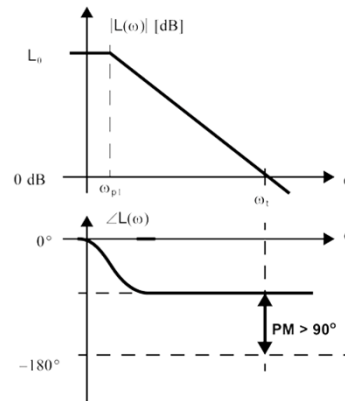
$$A_{CL}(s) \cong \frac{1}{\beta} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + s/\omega_t} \quad A_0 = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

• Giving ultimately

$$\omega_{-3dB} \cong \omega_t \quad \tau \approx \frac{1}{\omega_{-3dB}} = \frac{1}{\omega_t}$$

– Increased bandwidth

$$\omega_{-3dB} = \omega_{p1}(1 + \beta A_0)$$



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## Step input



- Settling time

• Time to a given goal (percentage) of steady state

$$v_{out}(t) = V_{step} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} \right)$$

– Assuming unlimited power we may find

• 1% of input step  $\rightarrow e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = 0.01$  giving  $t = 4.6\tau$

• 0.1%  $\rightarrow e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} = 0.001$  giving  $t = 7\tau$

– For slur-rate limited amps (always)

• Finite charging current of parasitics

– Distortion

– Longer settling time

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## Second order systems

- First order may not give sufficient performance
  - Insufficient gain
  - Multiple transistors required, but will give more poles...
  - Often second order (two pole) systems analysis sufficient

$$L(s) = \frac{L_0}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{eq}}\right)} \quad \omega_{eq} > \omega_{p1}$$

- For frequencies  $\omega \gg \omega_{p1}$  we have  $1 + \frac{j\omega}{\omega_{p1}} \cong \frac{j\omega}{\omega_{p1}}$  giving:

$$L(s) \cong \frac{\omega_t}{s\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{eq}}\right)}$$

- LF gain

$$L(s) \approx \beta A(s) \Rightarrow A_0 \approx L_0 / \beta$$

$$\omega_{ta} = A_0 \omega_{p1} \rightarrow \text{unit-gain approximation of } A(s) \text{ (not } L(s)) \text{ assuming a dominant pole}$$

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## Second order amp

- May write  $L(s) = \beta A(s) = \frac{\beta \omega_{ta}}{s\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{eq}}\right)}$   $\omega_{ta} = A_0 \omega_{p1}$

- Unit gain frequency  $\omega_t$  found:

$$L(j\omega_t) = \beta A(j\omega_t) = \frac{\beta \omega_{ta}}{s\left(1 + \frac{j\omega_t}{\omega_{eq}}\right)} \Rightarrow \beta \frac{\omega_{ta}}{\omega_{eq}} = \frac{\omega_t}{\omega_{eq}} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_t}{\omega_{eq}}\right)^2}$$

- For  $\omega_t \gg \omega_{eq}$  we may determine amp unit-gain freq  $\omega_{ta}$

$$\omega_{ta} = \frac{\omega_t}{\beta} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_t}{\omega_{eq}}\right)^2} \cong \frac{\omega_t}{\beta}$$

The amp overall unit-gain frequency is  $1/\beta$  fraction of the loop unit-gain frequency

- Phase response

$$\angle L(\omega) = -90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega}{\omega_{eq}}$$

- Phase margin at  $\omega_t$  :

$$PM = \angle L(\omega_t) - (-180^\circ) = 90^\circ - \tan^{-1} \frac{\omega_t}{\omega_{eq}} \Rightarrow \omega_t \cong \tan(90^\circ - PM) \omega_{eq}$$

Loop unit-gain frequency independent of feedback factor  $\beta$

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Designing amp for sufficient phase margin (PM)  
For proper  $\omega_t/\omega_{eq}$  is called COMPENSATION



## Second order, closed loop

- Combining  $L(s) = \frac{L_0}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}}\right)\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{eq}}\right)}$  and  $A_{CL}(s) = \frac{1}{\beta} \cdot \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)}$

– Closed loop response:

$$L(s) = \frac{A_{CL0}}{1 + \frac{s(1/\omega_{p1} + 1/\omega_{eq})}{1 + L_0} + \frac{s^2}{(1 + L_0)\omega_{p1} \cdot \omega_{eq}}} \quad A_{CL0} = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

– Closed loop response is also second order

- Rewriting to:

$$H(s) = \frac{K\omega_0^2}{\omega_0^2 + s\frac{\omega_0}{Q} + s^2} = \frac{K}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0 Q} + \frac{s^2}{\omega_0^2}}$$

- We find:

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{(1 + L_0)\omega_{p1} \cdot \omega_{eq}} \approx \sqrt{\omega_{p1}\omega_{eq}}$$

Approximation assuming:

$$Q = \frac{\sqrt{(1 + L_0)\omega_{p1}\omega_{eq}}}{1/\omega_{p1} + 1/\omega_{eq}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{L_0\omega_{p1}}{\omega_{eq}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\beta\omega_m}{\omega_{eq}}}$$

$$\omega_{p1} \ll \omega_{eq} \\ L_0 \gg 1$$

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## Q ↔ phase margin

- Specify PM and determine:  $\frac{\omega_l}{\omega_{eq}} = \tan(90^\circ - PM)$

- Substitute into:

$$\beta \frac{\omega_m}{\omega_{eq}} = \frac{\omega_l}{\omega_{eq}} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_l}{\omega_{eq}}\right)^2}$$

- Determine Q:

$$Q = \sqrt{\frac{\beta\omega_m}{\omega_{eq}}}$$

PM (Phase margin)	$\omega_l/\omega_{eq}$	Q factor	% overshoot
55°	0.700	0.925	13.3%
60°	0.580	0.817	8.7%
65°	0.470	0.717	4.7%
70°	0.360	0.622	1.4%
75°	0.270	0.527	0.008%
80°	0.175	0.421	
85°	0.087	0.284	

Often better than:

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

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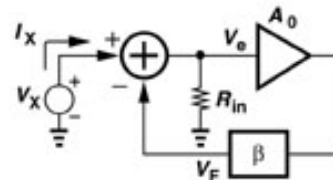
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- Input impedance

$$V_e = V_X - V_F = V_X - \beta A_0 I_X R_{in} = I_X R_{in}$$

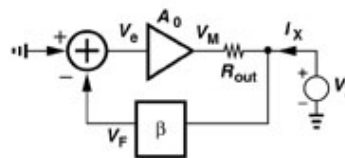
$$\frac{V_X}{I_X} = R_{in,CL} = R_{in}(1 + \beta A_0)$$



- Output impedance

$$I_X = \frac{V_X - V_M}{R_{out}} = \frac{V_X - (0 - \beta V_X) A_0}{R_{out}}$$

$$\frac{V_X}{I_X} = R_{out,CL} = \frac{R_{out}}{1 + \beta A_0}$$



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# Impedance modifications



- Determine input impedance

– Broken feedback  $\rightarrow R_{in,open} = \frac{1}{g_{m1} + g_{mb1}}$

Common-gate as example

- Closed loop

$$V_{OUT} = (g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) V_X R_D \text{ and } V_P = \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} V_{out} \Rightarrow$$

- Determine  $I_X$

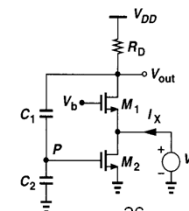
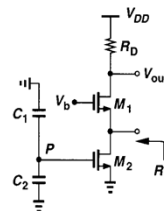
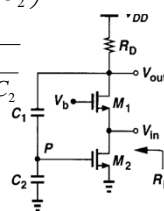
$$I_X = g_{m2}(g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) V_X + g_{m2}(g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} V_X R_D = (g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) V_X R_D \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2}$$

Gate voltage of  $M_2$

$$= (g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) \left( 1 + g_{m2} R_D \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} \right) V_X$$

$$R_{in,closed} = \frac{1}{(g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) \left( 1 + g_{m2} R_D \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} \right)}$$

- Input resistance reduced
- Four elements?



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Output resistance also reduced

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# Bandwidth modifications

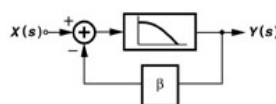
– Frequency response  $A = \frac{A_0}{\left(1 + j \omega / \omega_p\right)}$

- Gain with feedback

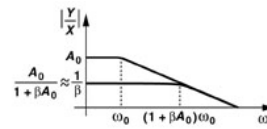
$$\frac{Y}{X} = \frac{A}{(1 + A\beta)} = \frac{\frac{A_0\beta}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_p}\right)}}{1 + \frac{A_0\beta}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0}\right)}} = \frac{A_0}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_0} + A_0\beta}$$

Increased bandwidth  
Trading in reduced gain

$$= \frac{\frac{A_0}{1 + \beta A_0}}{1 + \frac{s}{(1 + A_0\beta)\omega_0}}$$



- Numerator – closed loop gain at LF
- a pole at  $(1 + A_0\beta)\omega_0$
- The -3dB frequency increased by  $1 + A_0\beta$

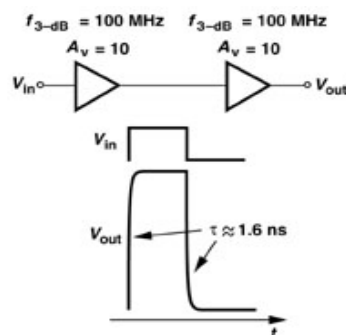
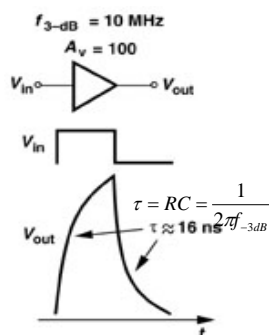
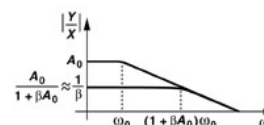


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# Gain•Bandwidth product

- Reduced gain → increased bandwidth
  - No magic
  - Moving corner frequency
  - Example:



- gaining speed
- more area
- more power

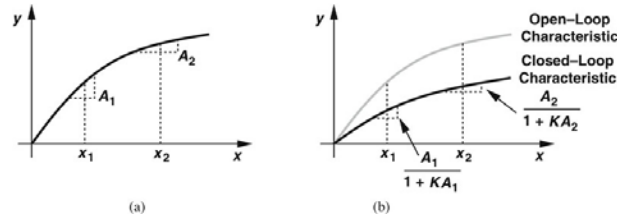
Gain•bandwidth: characteristic measure of performance

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# Linearity improvements

- Gain variations → distortion



- Less gain at  $x_2$  than at  $x_1$

- Improved with feedback

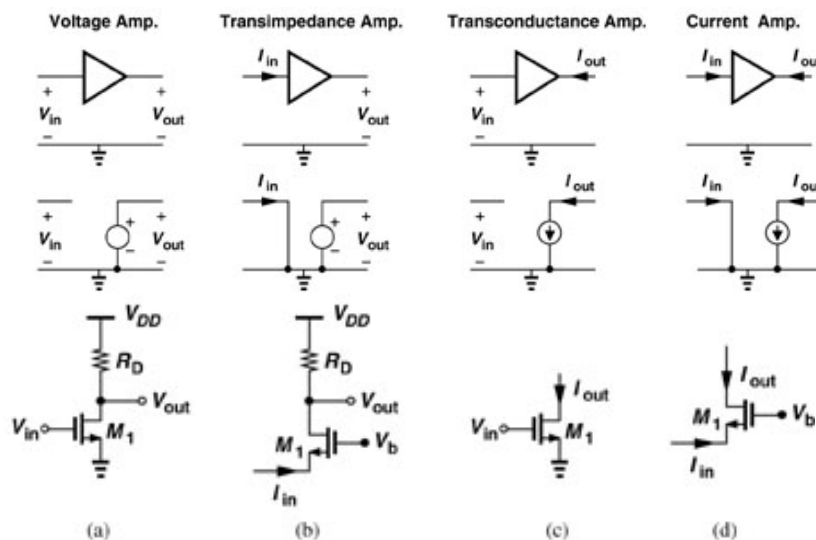
$$x_1 = \frac{A_1}{1 + KA_1} \approx \frac{1}{K} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{KA_1} \right) \quad x_2 = \frac{A_2}{1 + KA_2} \approx \frac{1}{K} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{KA_2} \right)$$

- When  $KA_1$  and  $KA_2$  is large, minor gain errors introduced

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# Amplifier types



Simple circuits may have limited performance TSL inf3410

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# Feedback topologies



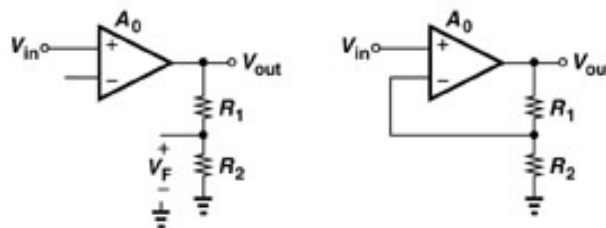
- Voltage-to-voltage

$$V_F = \beta V_{out}, V_e = V_{in} - V_F,$$

$$V_{out} = A_0(V_{in} - \beta V_{out}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{A_0}{1 + A_0\beta}$$

- Example:



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# Impedance changes



- Output load resistor

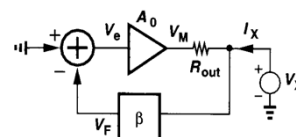
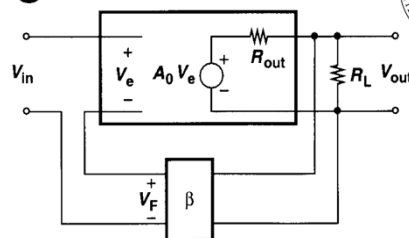
$$R_{out,CL} = \frac{R_L}{R_L + R_{out}}$$

- Analysis

$$V_F = \beta V_X, V_e = -\beta V_X, V_M = -A_0\beta V_X \Rightarrow$$

$$I_X = \frac{[V_X - (-A_0\beta V_X)]}{R_{out}}$$

$$\frac{V_X}{I_X} = \frac{R_{out}}{1 + \beta A_0}$$



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## Example

- Capacitive feedback

- Bias network not included
- Close loop gain?
- Output resistance?

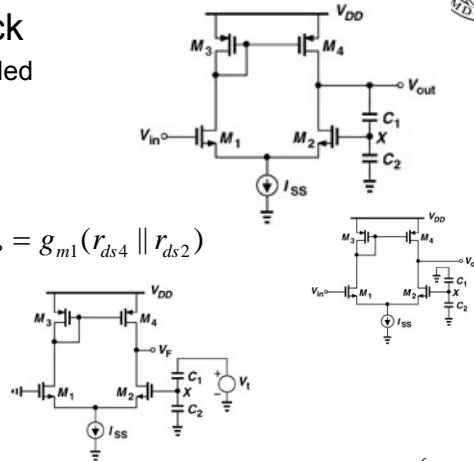
- Breaking the loop

- Open loop gain:  $A_{V,OP} = g_{m1}(r_{ds4} \parallel r_{ds2})$
- Closed loop gain

$$V_F = V_1 \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} g_{m1}(r_{ds4} \parallel r_{ds2})$$

$$\beta A_0 = \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} g_{m1}(r_{ds4} \parallel r_{ds2})$$

$$A_{CL} = \frac{g_{m1}(r_{ds4} \parallel r_{ds2})}{1 + \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} g_{m1}(r_{ds4} \parallel r_{ds2})}$$



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$$R_{out,closed} = \frac{(r_{ds4} \parallel r_{ds2})}{1 + \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} g_{m1}(r_{ds4} \parallel r_{ds2})} \approx \left(1 + \frac{C_2}{C_1}\right) \frac{1}{g_{m1}}$$

Output impedance independent of  $(r_{ds4} \parallel r_{ds2})$

## Current-voltage feedback

- Series-series feedback
- Resistor in series

$$V_F = R_F I_{out} \quad V_e = V_{in} - R_F I_{out}$$

$$I_{out} = G_m (V_{in} - R_F I_{out}) \quad \frac{I_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{G_m}{1 + G_m R_F}$$

- Output impedance

$$V_F = R_F I_X \quad G_m V_F = G_m R_F I_X = I_X - V_X / R_{out} \quad \frac{V_X}{I_X} = R_{out} (1 + G_m R_F)$$

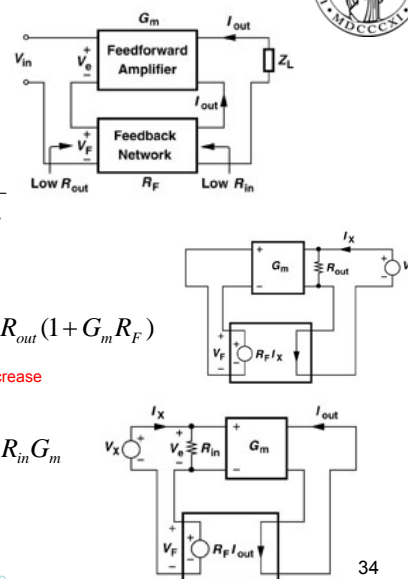
- Input impedance

$$I_X R_{in} G_m = I_{out} \quad V_e = I_X R_{in} = V_X - R_F I_X R_{in} G_m$$

$$\frac{V_X}{I_X} = R_{in} (1 + G_m R_F)$$

increase

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# Voltage-current feedback



- Shunt-shunt feedback

$$I_F = g_{mF} V_{out}, \quad I_e = I_{in} - I_F$$

$$V_{out} = R_0 I_e = R_0 (I_{in} - g_{mF} V_{out})$$

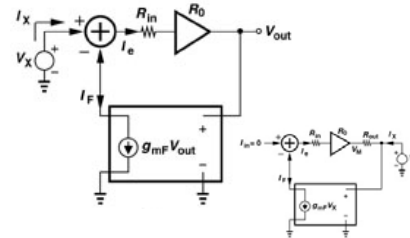
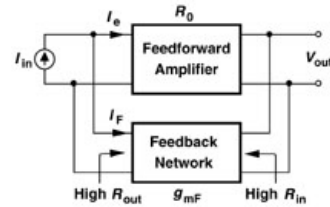
$$\frac{V_{out}}{I_{in}} = \frac{R_0}{1 + g_{mF} R_0}$$

## • Impedances

$$I_F = I_X - V_X / R_{in}, \quad (V_X / R_{in}) R_0 g_{mF} = I_F$$

$$\frac{V_X}{I_X} = \frac{R_{in}}{1 + g_{mF} R_0}$$

- Similar for output impedance



Decreasing both input and output impedance

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# Example



- Determine transimpedance

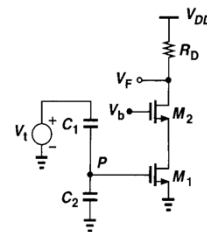
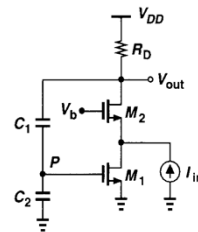
$$\frac{V_{out}}{I_{in}}$$

- Breaking the loop gives:

- CG open-loop transimpedance:  $R_D$
- Setting  $I_{in} = 0$  give loop gain:

$$-V_1 \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2} g_{m1} R_D = V_F$$

$$R_{tot} = \frac{R_D}{1 + g_{m1} R_D \frac{C_1}{C_1 + C_2}}$$



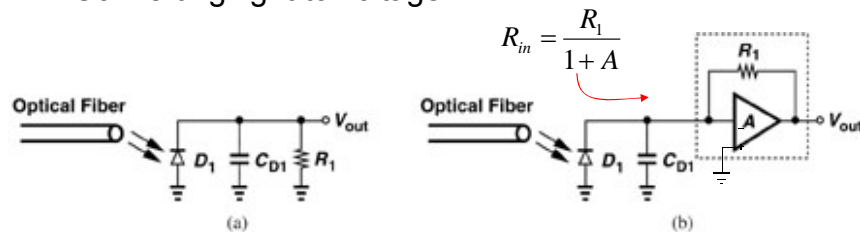
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## Transimpedance application



- Optical fiber sensor
  - Converting light to voltage



$$\omega_p = \frac{1}{R_1 C_{D1}}$$

$$V_{out} = -I_{D1} R_1$$

$$\omega_p = \frac{1}{\frac{R_1}{(1+A)} C_{D1}}$$

$$V_{out} = I_{D1} R_1$$

Improving signal bandwidth

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## Current-current feedback



- Shunt-series feedback

$$\frac{I_{out}}{I_{in}} = \frac{A_I}{1 + \beta A_I}$$

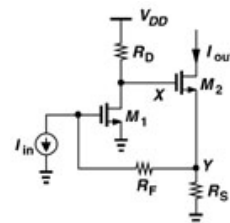
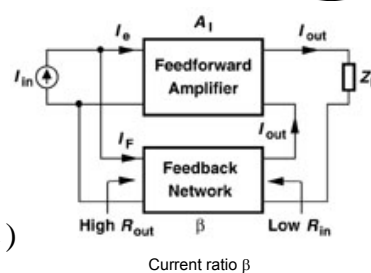
$$R_{in,CL} = \frac{R_{in}}{1 + \beta A_I}$$

$$R_{out,CL} = R_{out} (1 + \beta A_I)$$

- Example:

$$R_S \ll R_F$$

$$\beta = -\frac{R_S}{R_F}$$



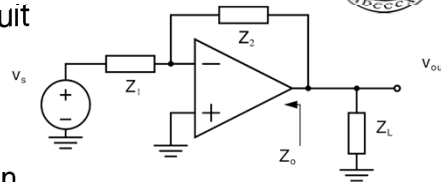
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# Common feedback systems



- Not easy to find in actual circuit
  - Both A and  $\beta$
  - Voltage or current?
  - Load impedance impact?
- Assuming high open-loop gain
  - Closed loop gain set by external components
  - Expecting:  $A_{desired} = -\frac{Z_2}{Z_1} = \frac{1}{\beta} \Rightarrow \beta = -\frac{Z_1}{Z_2}$
  - $\beta$  is inverse of the closed loop gain
  - L(s) may be determined by simple procedure (s. 10) and



$$A_{CL}(s) = \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)}$$

- Loop-gain “normalized” to the desired gain with  $1/\beta$

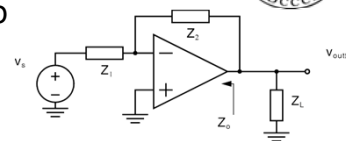
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## Loop-gain example



- Determine L(s) and  $A_{CL}(s)$  of inv amp
  - $Z_L$  – infinite
  - Set  $v_s = 0$
  - Break the loop at input
    - Input impedance of MOS is close enough to infinite
  - Testsignal,  $v_t$ , injected in new circuit



$$v_r = A_v(s) \frac{Z_1}{Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_o} v_t$$

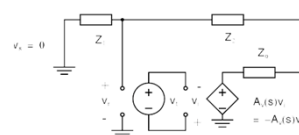
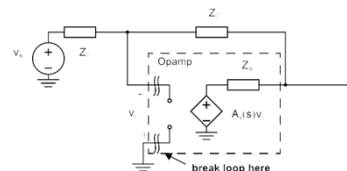
$$L(s) = -\frac{v_r}{v_t} = A_v(s) \frac{Z_1}{Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_o}$$

- Normalized closed-loop gain:

$$\frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)} = \frac{A_v(s) Z_1}{A_v(s) Z_1 + Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_o}$$

- giving

$$A_{CL}(s) = -\frac{Z_2}{Z_1} \frac{A_v(s) Z_1}{A_v(s) Z_1 + Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_o}$$



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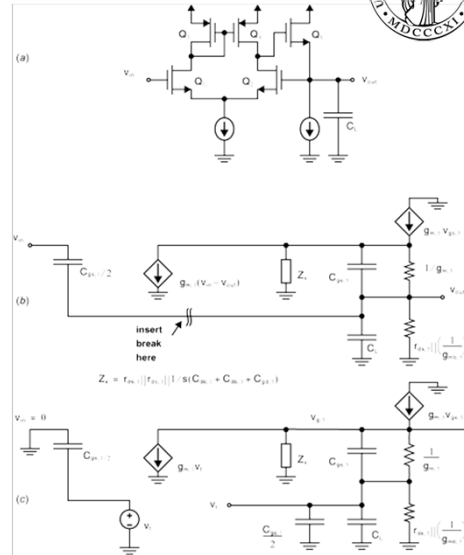
## Inv Amp example

- $V_{in}$  grounded
- Breaking at gate of M2
  - Terminating  $Z_1$
- Test source at break
- Determine  $L(s)$
- Returned voltage by voltage division
- combining to find

$$v_{g5} = -g_{m1}v_t(r_{ds1} \parallel r_{ds3})$$

$$v_r = v_{g5} \frac{g_{m1}(r_{ds1} \parallel r_{ds3})g_{m5}}{g_{m5} + 1/r_{ds5} + g_{mb5}}$$

$$L(s) = -\frac{v_r}{v_t} = \frac{g_{m1}(r_{ds1} \parallel r_{ds3})g_{m5}}{g_{m5} + 1/r_{ds5} + g_{mb5}}$$



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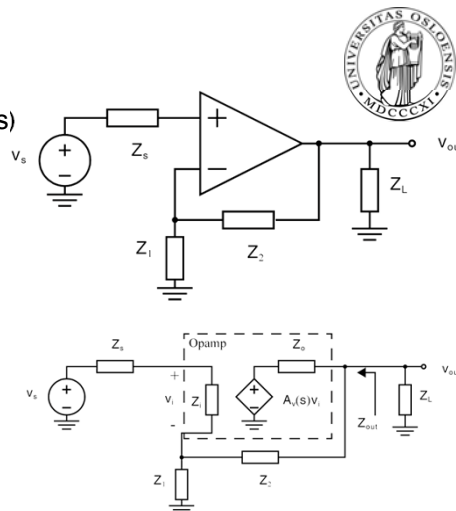
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## Non-inv amplifier

- Assuming high open-loop gain  $A(s)$ 
  - Frequency-dependent
- Ideal Op-amp gain

$$A_{desired} = \frac{Z_1 + Z_2}{Z_1} = \frac{1}{\beta} \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{Z_1}{Z_1 + Z_2}$$

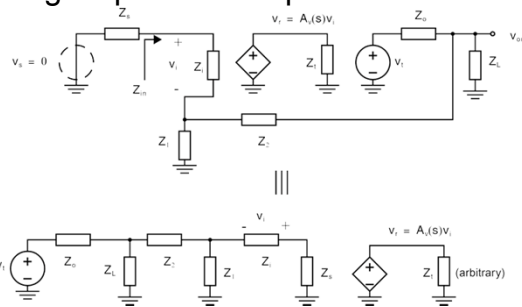
- Determine loop gain by breaking loop ----



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- Breaking loop before output load



- Finding

$$v_r = A_v(s)v_i = -A_v(s) \frac{Z_i}{Z_o} \frac{Z_L \parallel Z_o}{Z_L \parallel Z_o + Z_2 + Z_1 \parallel (Z_i + Z_s)} \frac{Z_1}{Z_i + Z_s + Z_1} v_i$$

- Giving

$$L(s) = A_v(s) \frac{Z_i}{Z_o} \frac{Z_L \parallel Z_o}{Z_L \parallel Z_o + Z_2 + Z_1 \parallel (Z_i + Z_s)} \frac{Z_1}{Z_i + Z_s + Z_1}$$

- Assuming

$Z_i \gg Z_s, Z_1$  High input-impedance

$Z_o \ll Z_L, Z_2$  Low output-impedance

$$L(s) \approx A_v(s) \frac{Z_1}{Z_1 + Z_2} = A_v(s)\beta$$

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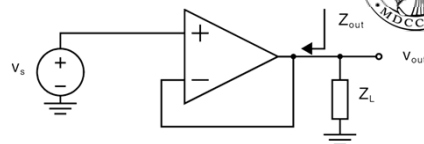
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## Voltage follower

- Non-inv amp

$$Z_1 = \infty, Z_2 = 0$$

$$Z_L \ll Z_i$$



$$L(s) = A_v(s) \frac{Z_i}{Z_o} \frac{Z_L \parallel Z_o}{Z_L \parallel Z_o + Z_2 + Z_1 \parallel (Z_i + Z_s)} \frac{Z_1}{Z_i + Z_s + Z_1}$$

$$L(s) = A_v(s) \frac{Z_L}{Z_L + Z_o} \frac{Z_i}{Z_L \parallel Z_o + Z_i + Z_s} \frac{Z_1}{Z_i + Z_s + Z_1} \approx A_v(s) \frac{Z_L}{Z_L + Z_o}$$

- Unit-gain  $\rightarrow 1/\beta = 1$

$$A_{CL} = \frac{L(s)}{1 + L(s)} = \frac{A_v(s)Z_L}{A_v(s)Z_L + Z_L + Z_o}$$

- Assuming  $\omega_{eq}$  to be large  $\rightarrow A_v \cong \omega_{ia}/s$

$$L(s) = \frac{A_{v0}}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{eq}}\right)} \frac{Z_L}{Z_L + Z_o} \quad A_{CL} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{Z_L}{Z_L + Z_o}\right) \frac{s}{\omega_{ia}}}$$

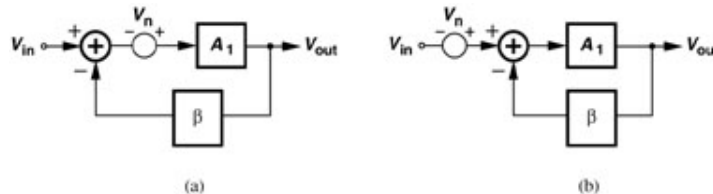
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## Feedback and noise



- No noise improvements
  - Assuming no feedback noise



$$(V_{in} - \beta V_{out} + V_n)A_1 = V_{out} \implies V_{out} = (V_{in} + V_n) \frac{A_1}{1 + \beta A_1}$$

- Overall input referred noise is unchanged

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## Chap 5 keypoints



- $L(s) \gg 1$ , large loop gain the amp gain is inverse proportional to the loop gain is insensitive to the open-loop gain  $A$ .
- Bandwidth estimate for  $|L(\omega)|=1$  improving  $A(\omega)$  bandwidth
- Reducing signal swing by a factor of  $L$
- Stability of higher order inverting amps may be checked with phase margins (PM)
- Not only stable but minimal overshoot as well
- 1. order systems unconditionally stable
- The closed-loop bandwidth is  $\omega_t$ , independent of the -3dB amp pole  $\omega_{p1}$
- Designing for proper phase margin is called compensation
- Analyzing amps with  $L(s)$ ,  $1/\beta$  and desired gain
- $L(s)$  estimated by loop breaking
- Reduced output impedance with feedback (approx by the loop gain)

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