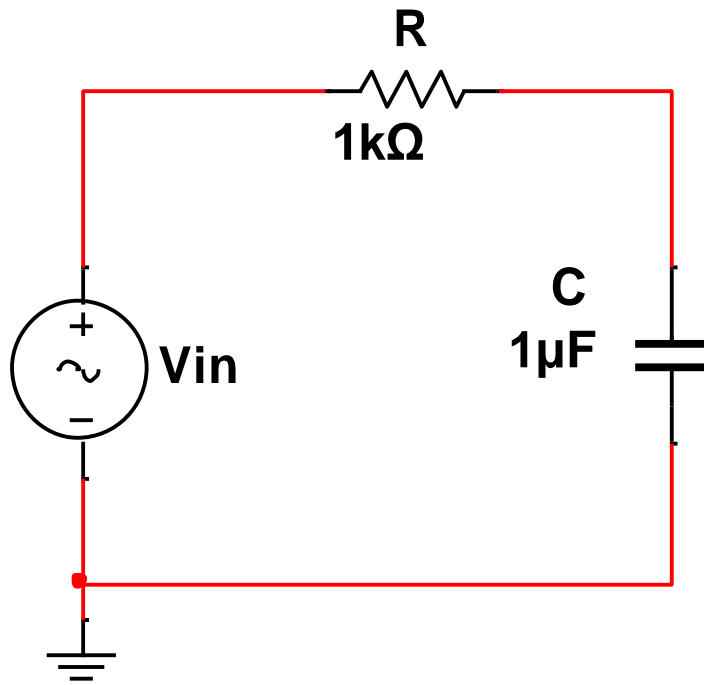


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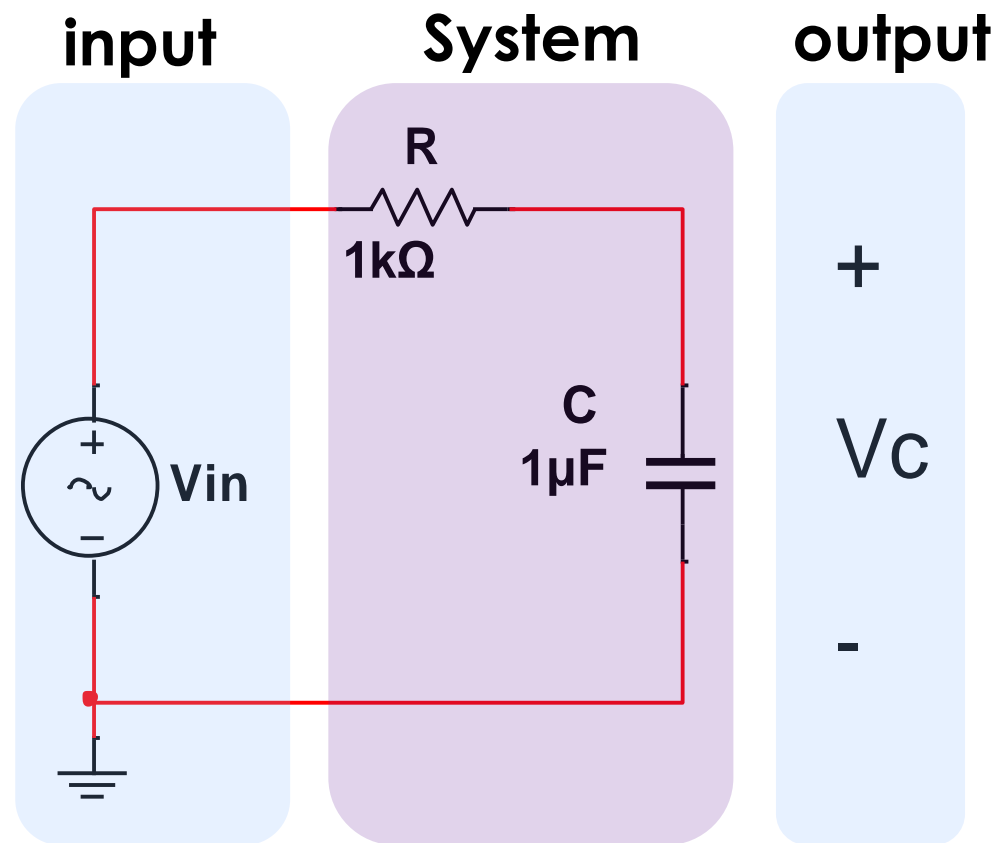
- Basic Electrical Measurements**
- Intro to OpAmp Characteristics**

# Example: first order system RC circuit



- How to present measurement results? (E59)
- What instruments to use?
- How to set up test?
- Any limit?

# Example: first order system RC circuit



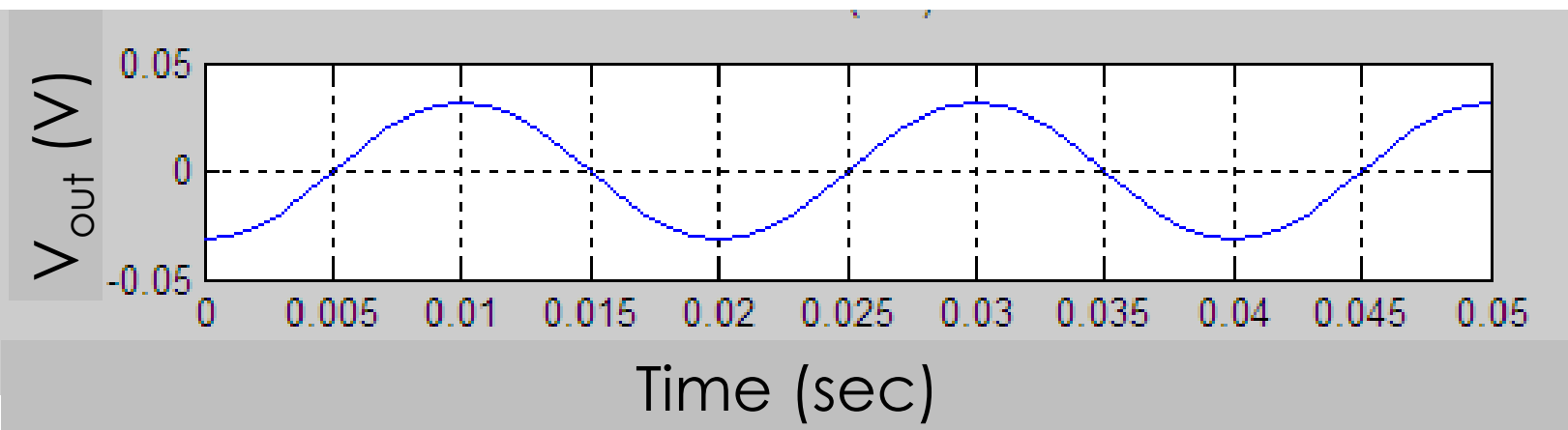
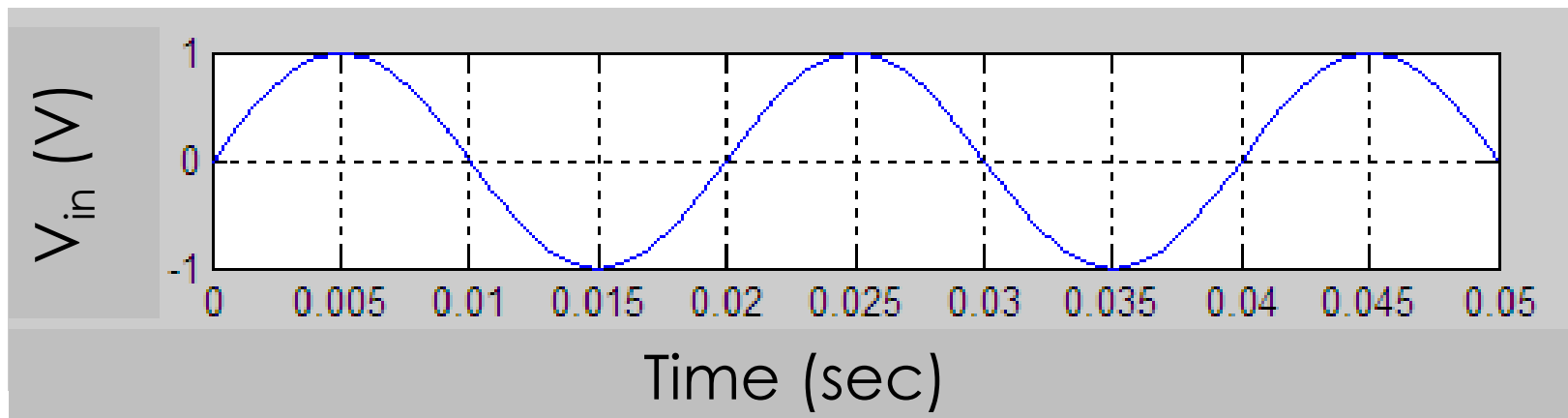
**Power supplies**  
**Function generators**

**Breadboard**

**Multimeters**  
**Oscilloscope**  
**DAQ**

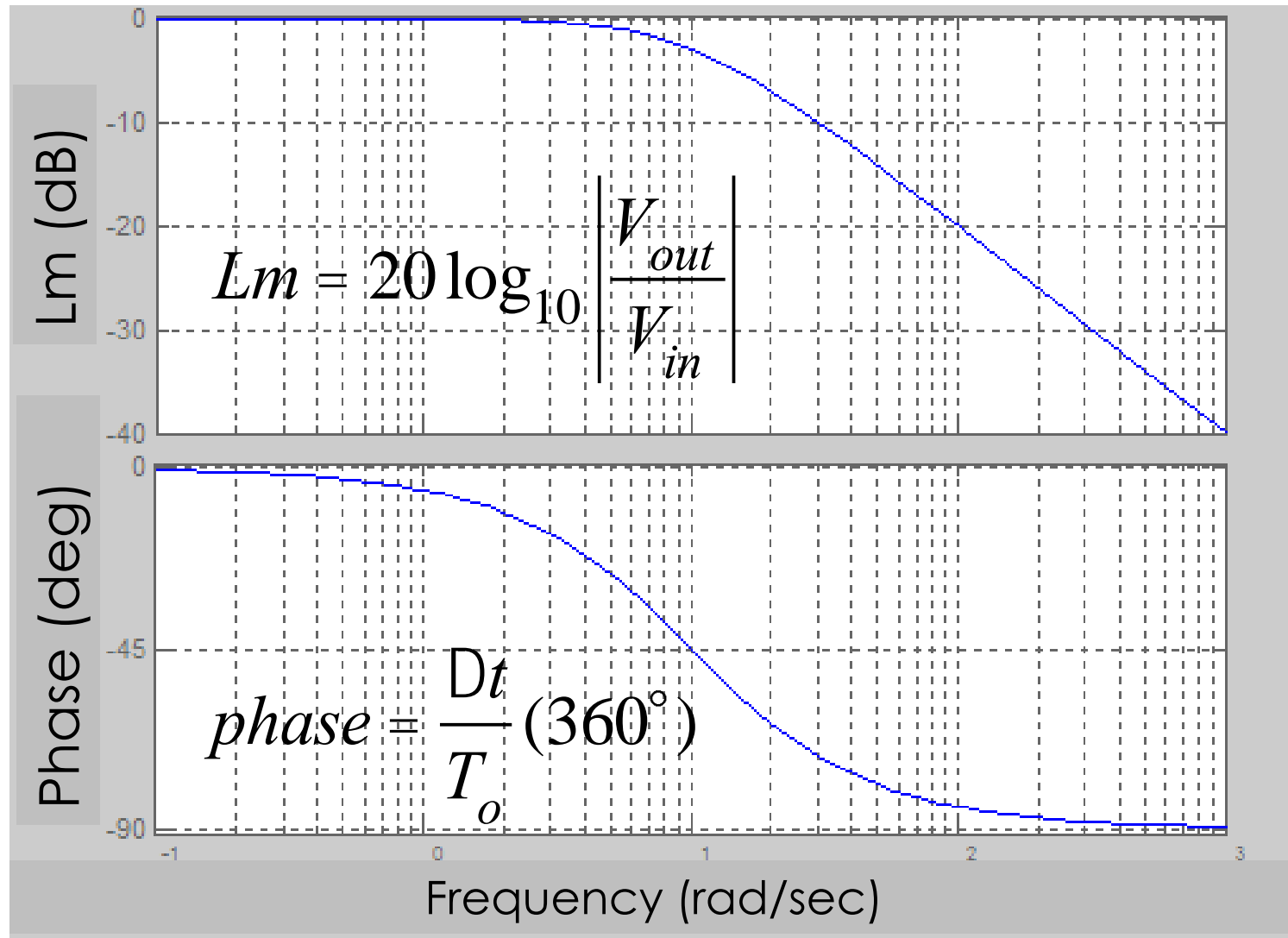
# How to present measurement results?

## Time-Domain Plots



# How to present measurement results?

## Frequency-Domain (Bode) Plots



# Instrumentation

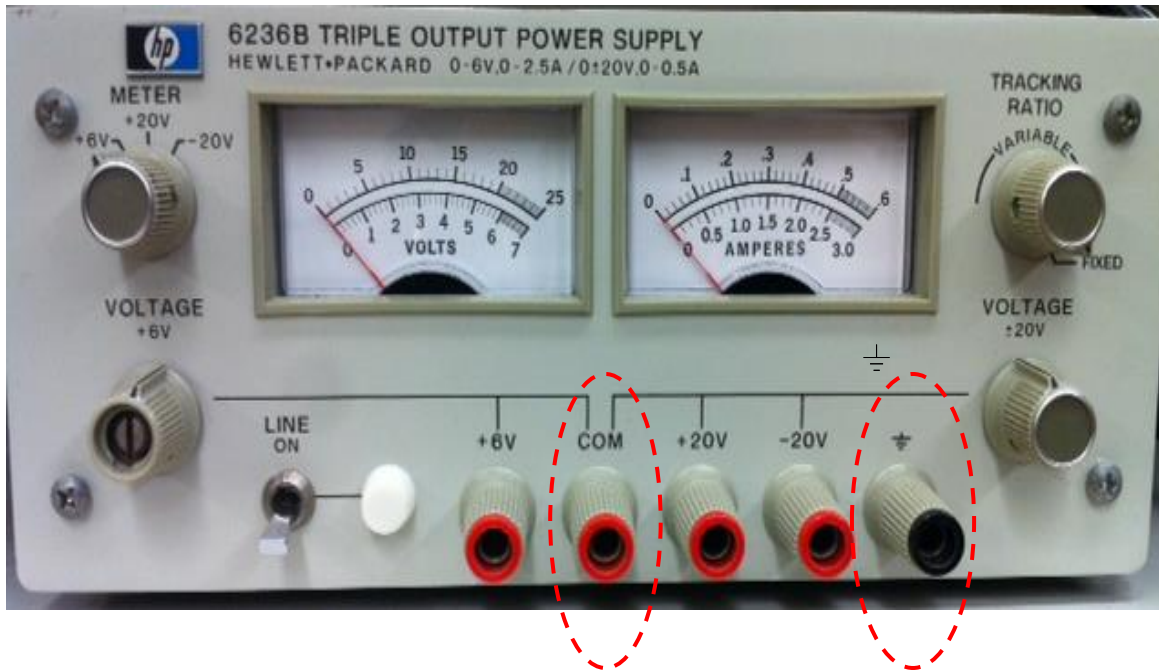
- Instruments that **GENERATE** signals
  - Signal generator (AC or DC)
  - Power supply (DC)
- Instruments that **MEASURE** signals
  - Multimeter (AC/DC voltage/current, resistance)
  - Oscilloscope (AC)
  - DAQ
- Wires and cables that **CONNECT** the instruments
- **BREADBOARD**

# Function Generator



- Waveforms: Sine, square, triangle, sawtooth
- AC signal
- Parameters: Amplitude ( $V_{pp}$ ), Frequency (Hz), Out Term (High-Z or  $50 \Omega$ )

# Power Supply

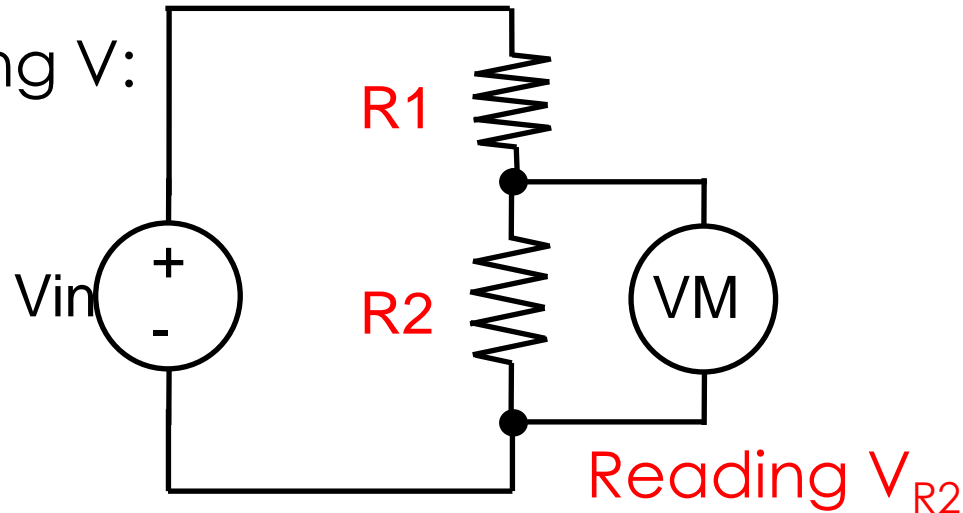


- DC
- COM = common reference node of circuit
- $\perp$  = chassis/earth ground



# Multimeter- Voltage

Measuring V:

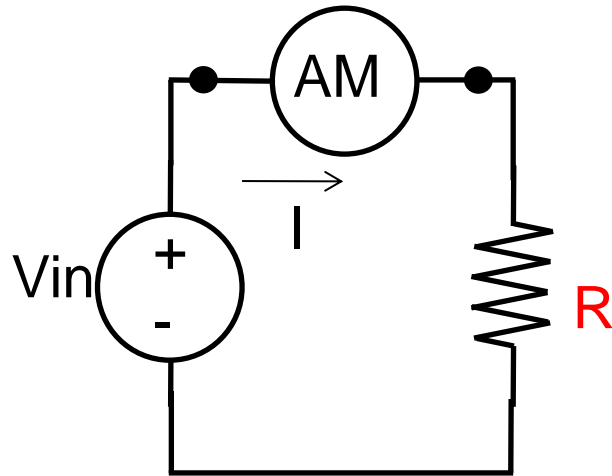


- Connect in parallel with C.U.T
- Internal resistance of VM should be large,  $10M\Omega$  for Elenco
- DC vs. AC (RMS for sinusoid)
- Range



# Multimeter- Current

Measuring I:

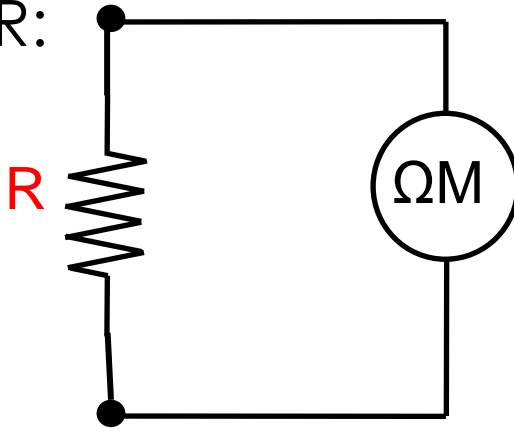


- Connect in series with the C.U.T.
- Internal resistance of AM must be very small, can be ignored.
- DC vs. AC (RMS for sinusoid)
- Range



# Multimeter -Resistance

Measuring R:



- Connect across R (isolated from other circuits)
- $\Omega M$  has internal battery, so should not connect to active circuits such as power supply



# Multimeter – Digital vs. Analog



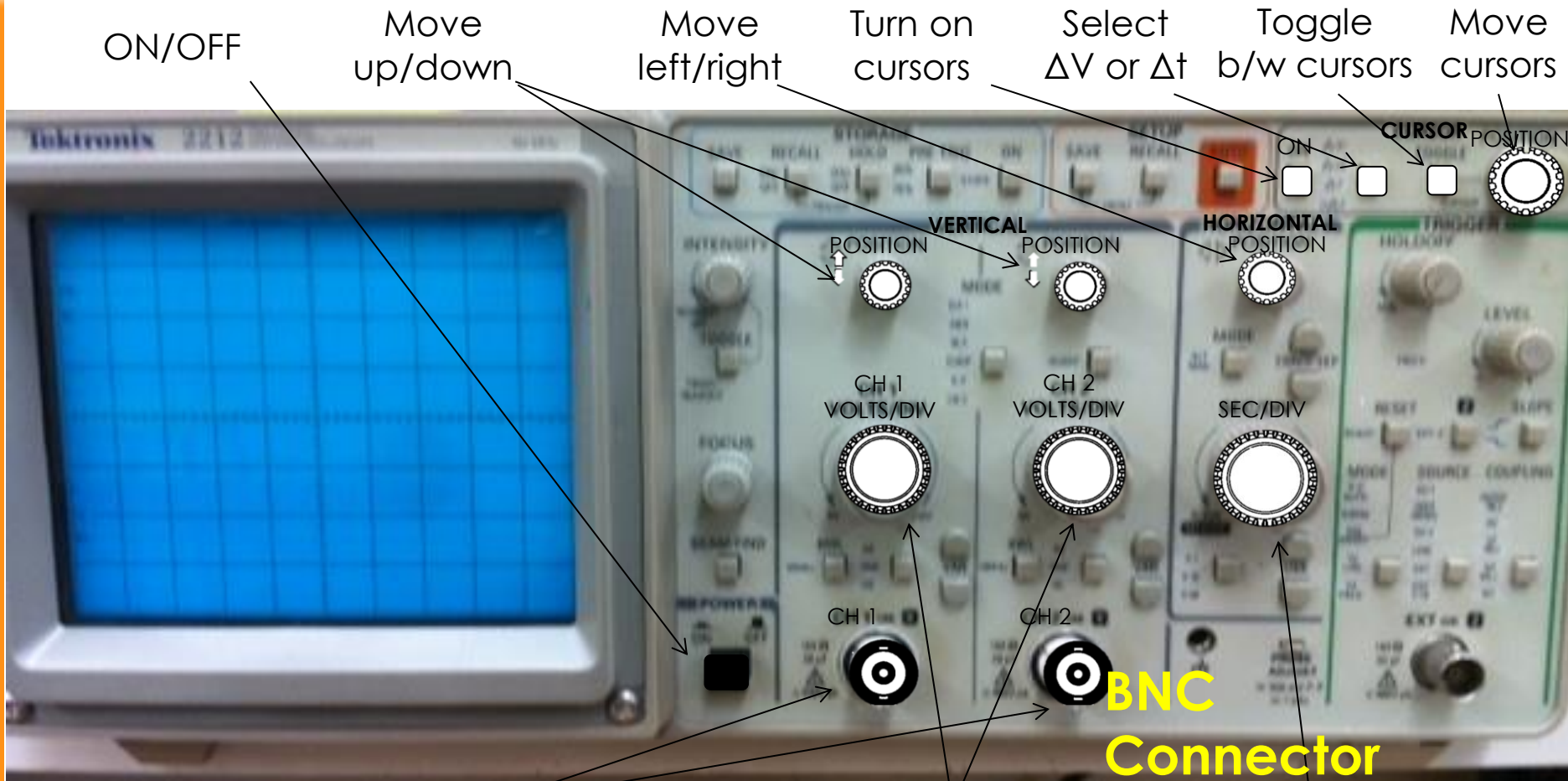
Simpson 260



HP34401A  
(in E80/VLSI lab)

- Analog meter (less precision in VM due to lower input resistance)
- Digits vs. needle position
- Higher performance: precision, true RMS reading

# Oscilloscope: Voltage Measurement (Time domain)



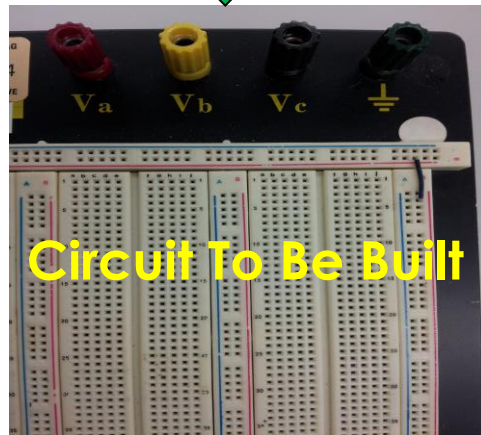
Inputs  
(Channels 1 and 2)

Change  
y-axis (voltage) scale

Change  
x-axis (time) scale



# Oscilloscope Probe



# Oscilloscope Probe

C.U.T



- Oscilloscope:  $1\text{M}\Omega$  input resistance,  $20\text{pF}$  capacitance
- Coax cable capacitance typically  $\sim 100\text{pF}$
- 10x probe:  $9\text{M}\Omega$ ,  $1/9 \cdot (120\text{pF})$ . **Improved input impedance by a factor of 10 not only for low frequency but also for high frequency**
- Oscilloscope bandwidth  $60\text{MHz}$
- Tuning of 10x probe (instruction see BEM guide)

## Use long busses for power and ground:

Don't use them for signals

## Color-code wires:

Red = V+ power

Black = V- power

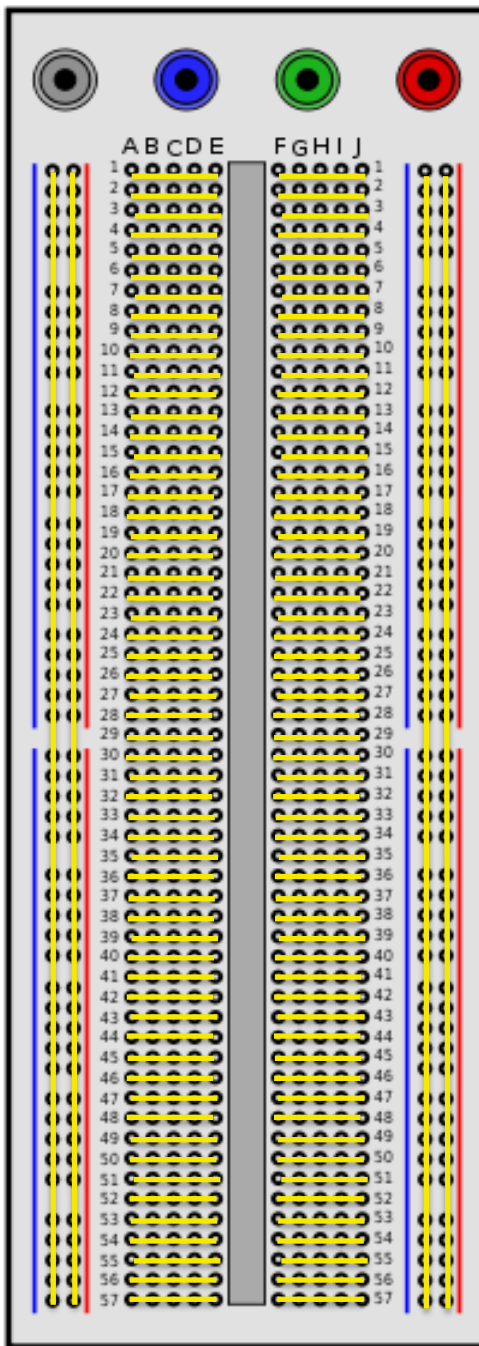
Green = ground

White or Blue = signal

## Keep components close to the board:

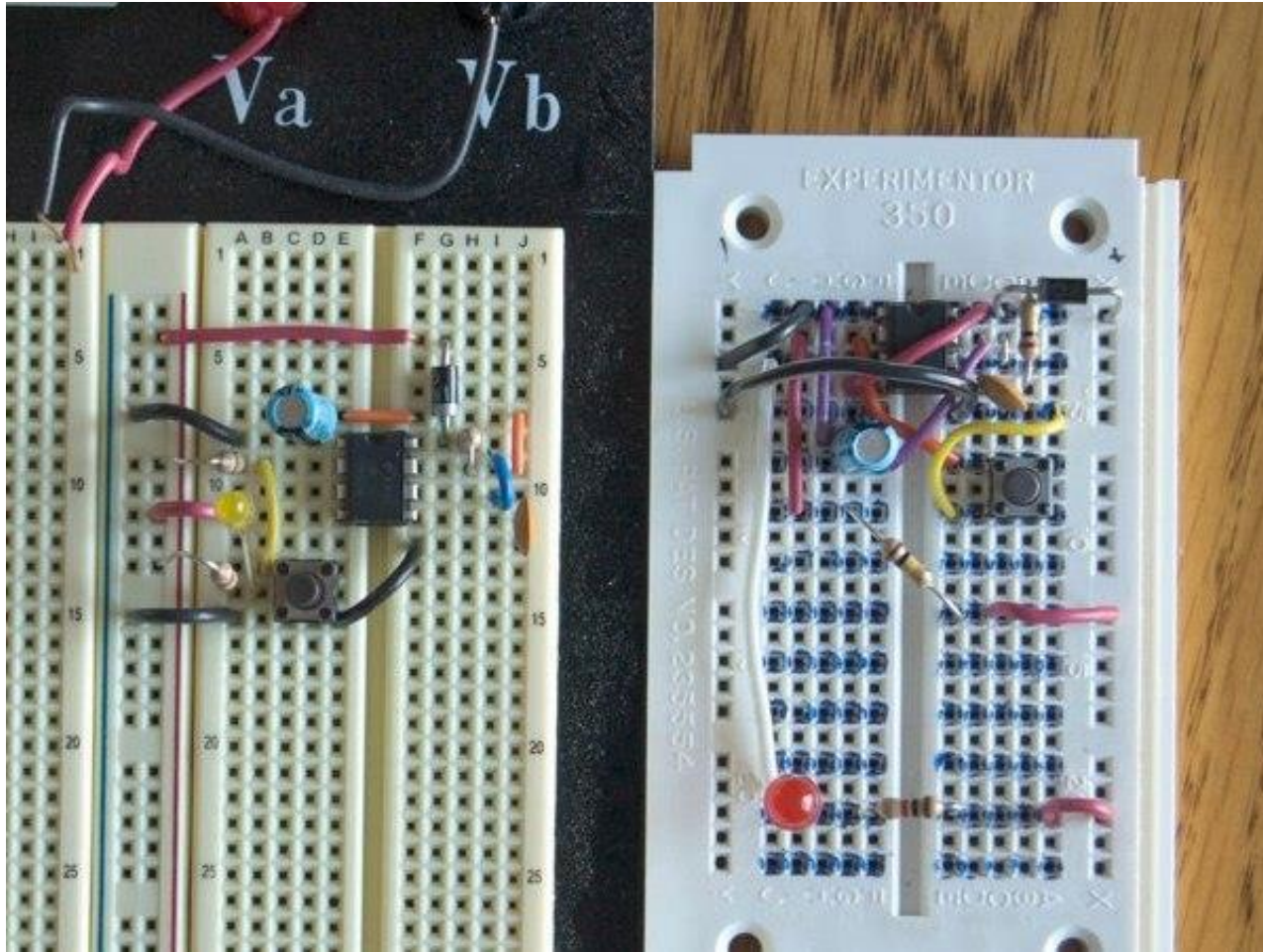
Trim resistors, capacitors, wires

**Check individual component**  
before constructing the whole  
circuit



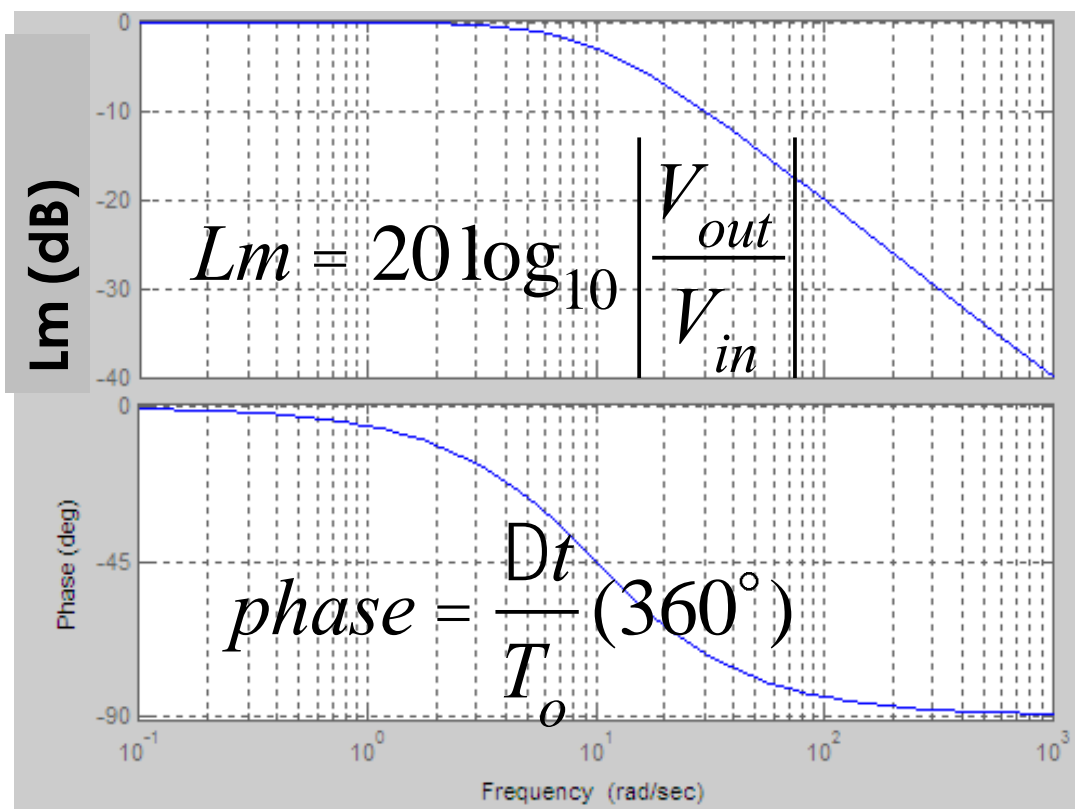
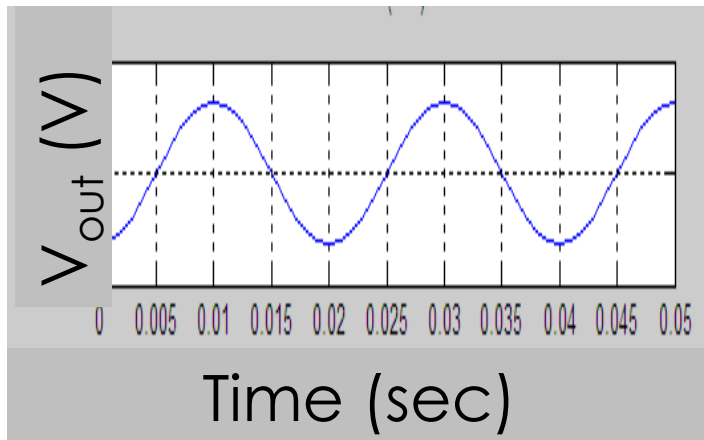
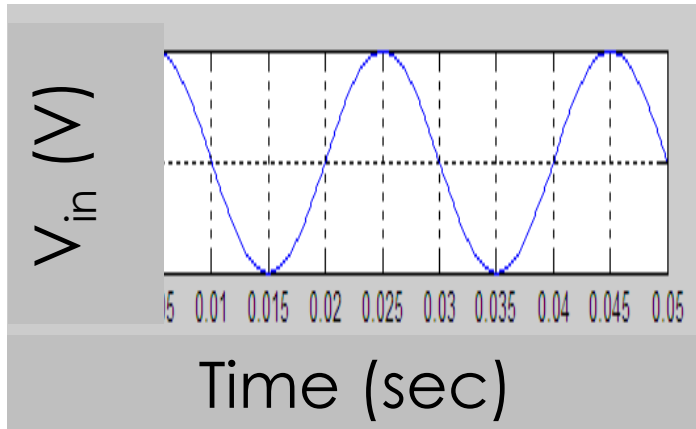


# Pay Attention to Details and Practice



<http://makezine.com/2010/03/22/improving-breadboard-layout-through/>

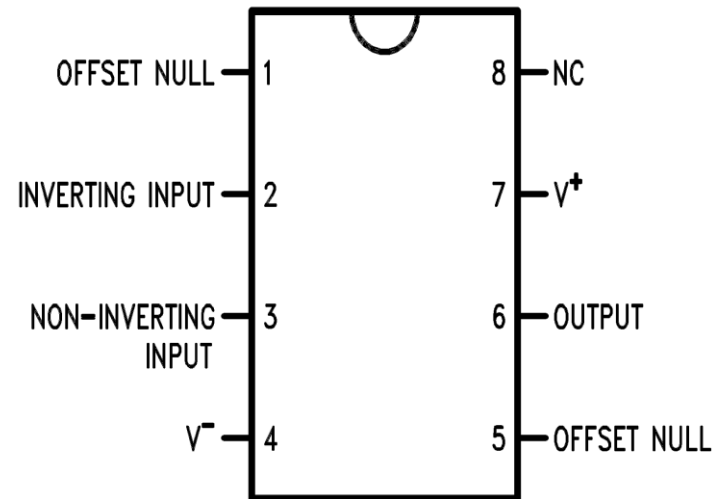
# Data Organization



How many data points to take?  
Useful data analysis tool?  
DAQ and LabVIEW (automation)?

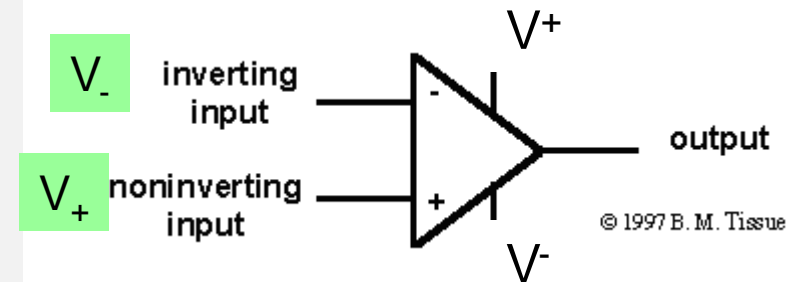
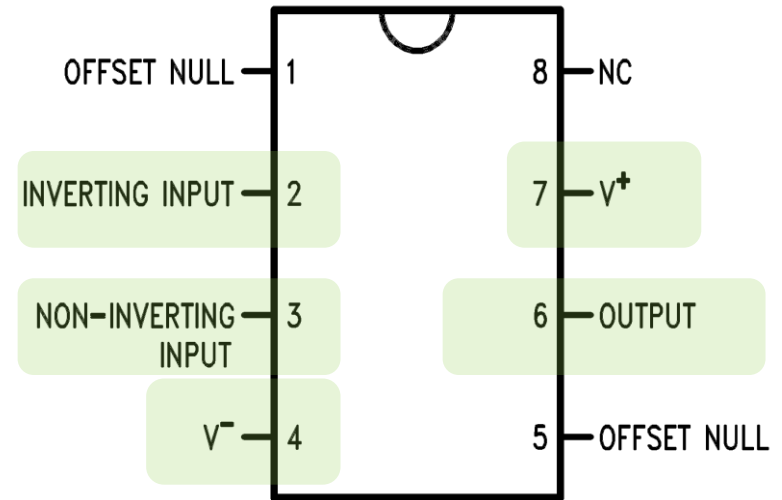
# Introduction to Opamp

- Characteristics
- Simple analysis procedure
- Construct unity-gain amplifier or buffer

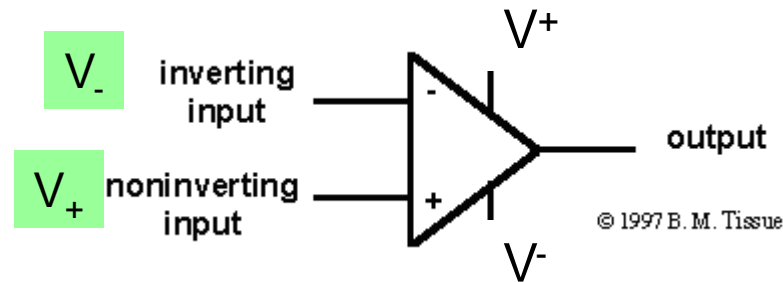


# Introduction to Opamp

- Active components → provide power gain, requires power supply  $V^+$  and  $V^-$
- Dual polarity vs. single polarity power supply
- $V_{out} = A(V_+ - V_-)$



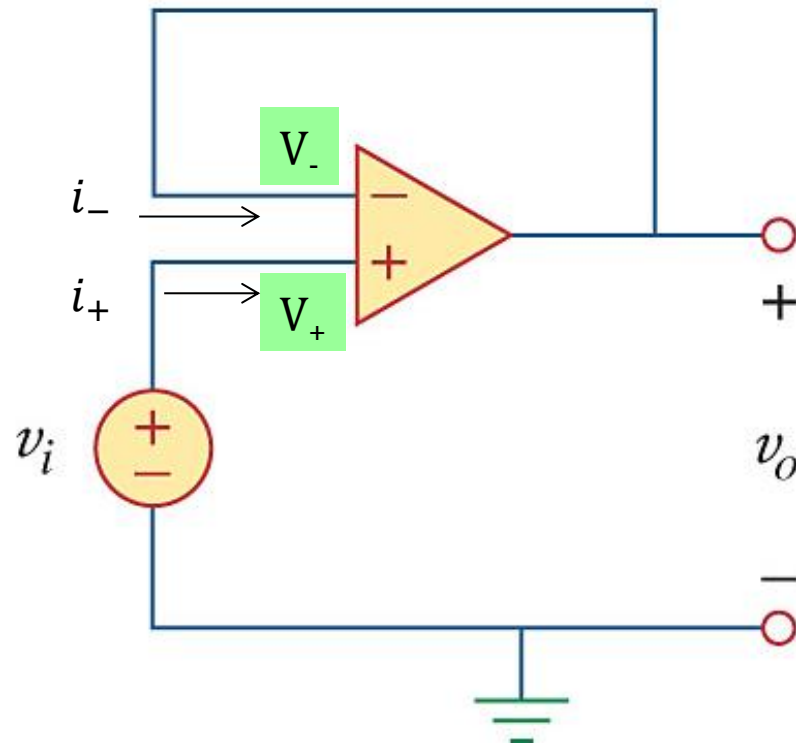
# Characteristics of Opamp



System response:  $V_{out} = A(V_+ - V_-)$

- Typical  $A = 10^5 \rightarrow V_+ \cong V_-$  (since  $V_{out}$  is some finite value  $<$  power supply)
- Typical  $R_{in} = \text{few } M\Omega \rightarrow \text{current into opamp} = i_- = i_+ \cong 0$

# Unity Gain Amplifier



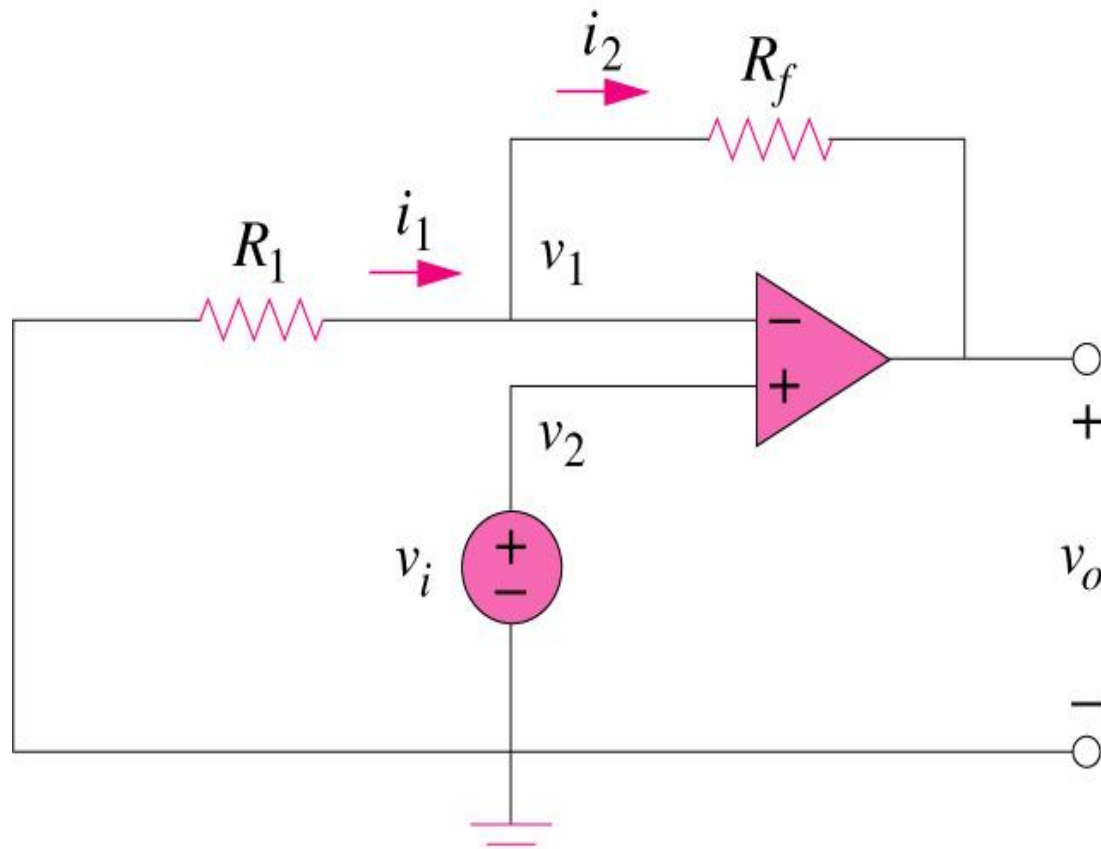
$$V_+ \cong V_-$$

$$i_- = i_+ \cong 0$$

$v_o = ?$

**What is the purpose of this buffer?**

# Non-inverting amplifier



$$\frac{v_o}{v_i} = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_1}$$

