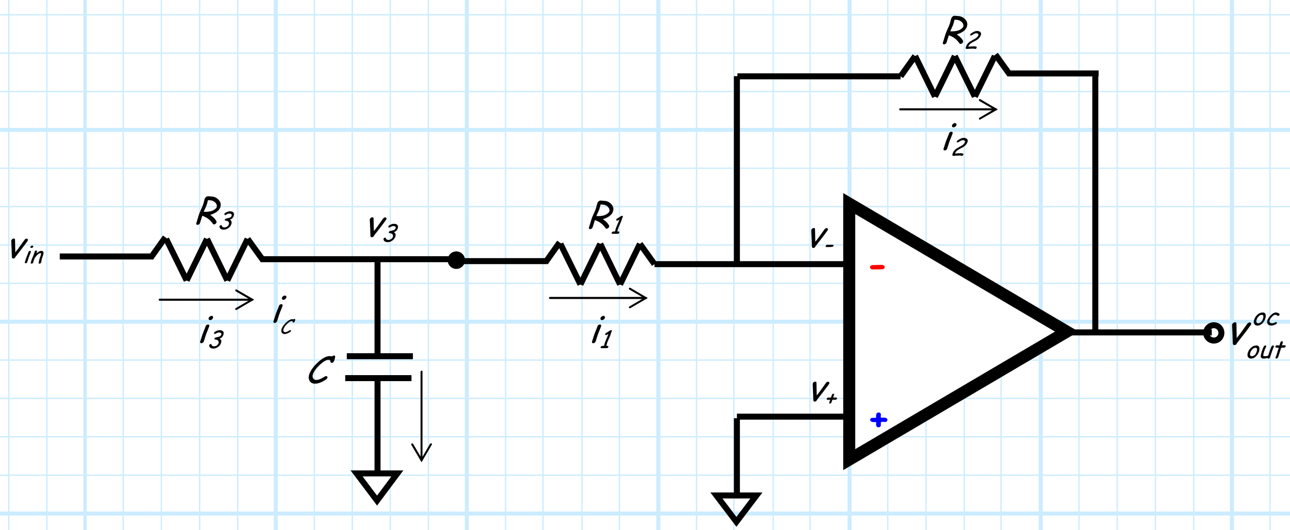
Example: Another Inverting Network

Consider now the transfer function of **this** circuit:

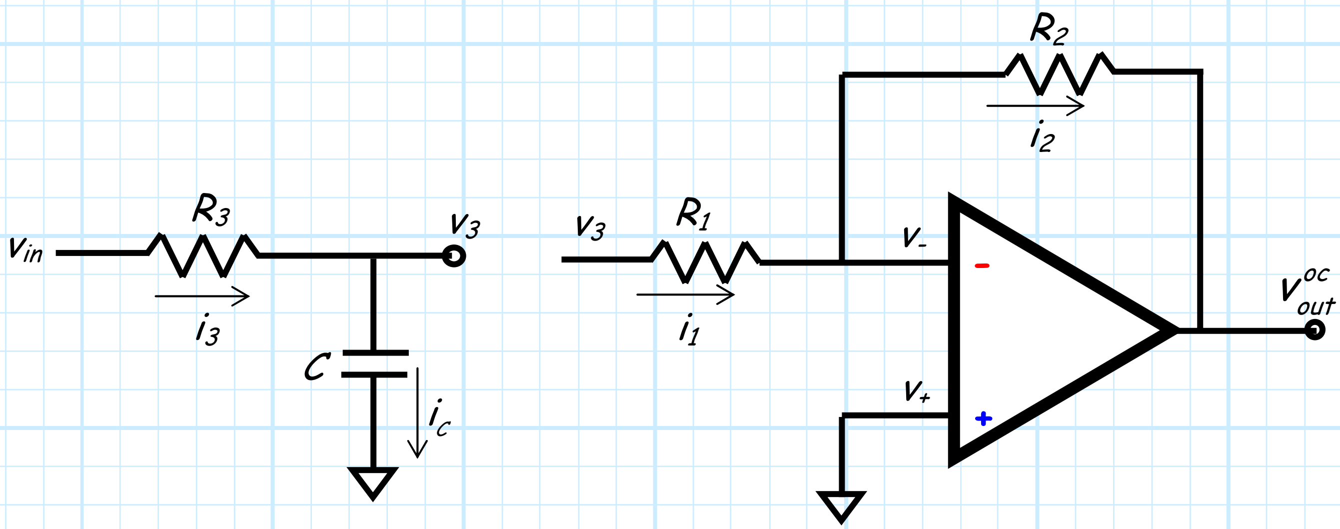


Some more enjoyable circuit analysis

To accomplish this analysis, we must first…

Wait! *You don't need to explain this to* ***me****.*

It is obvious that we can divide this is circuit into ***two*** *pieces—the first being a complex* ***voltage divider*** *and the second a* ***non-inverting*** *amplifier.*



Can we analyze the circuit this way?

The transfer function of the complex voltage divider is:

$$\frac{v_3(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = \frac{1/j\omega C}{R_3 + 1/j\omega C} = \frac{1}{1 + j\,\omega R_3 C}$$

and that of the inverting amplifier:

$$\frac{v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)}{v_3(\omega)} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

*And so of course **I** have correctly determined that the transfer function of this circuit is:*

$$\frac{v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)}{v_3(\omega)}\,\frac{v_3(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1}\,\frac{1}{1 + j\omega R_3 C}$$

No, we cannot

NO! This is **not** correct:

$$\frac{v_o(\omega)}{v_i(\omega)} \neq -\frac{R_2}{R_1}\frac{1}{1+j\omega R_3 C}$$

The problem with the above "analysis" is that we **cannot** apply **this** complex voltage divider equation to determine $v_3(\omega)$:

$$v_3(\omega) \neq \frac{1/j\omega C}{R_3 + 1/j\omega C} v_{in}(\omega)$$

The reason of course is that the output of this voltage divider is **not** open-circuited, and thus current $i_3(\omega) \neq i_C(\omega)$.

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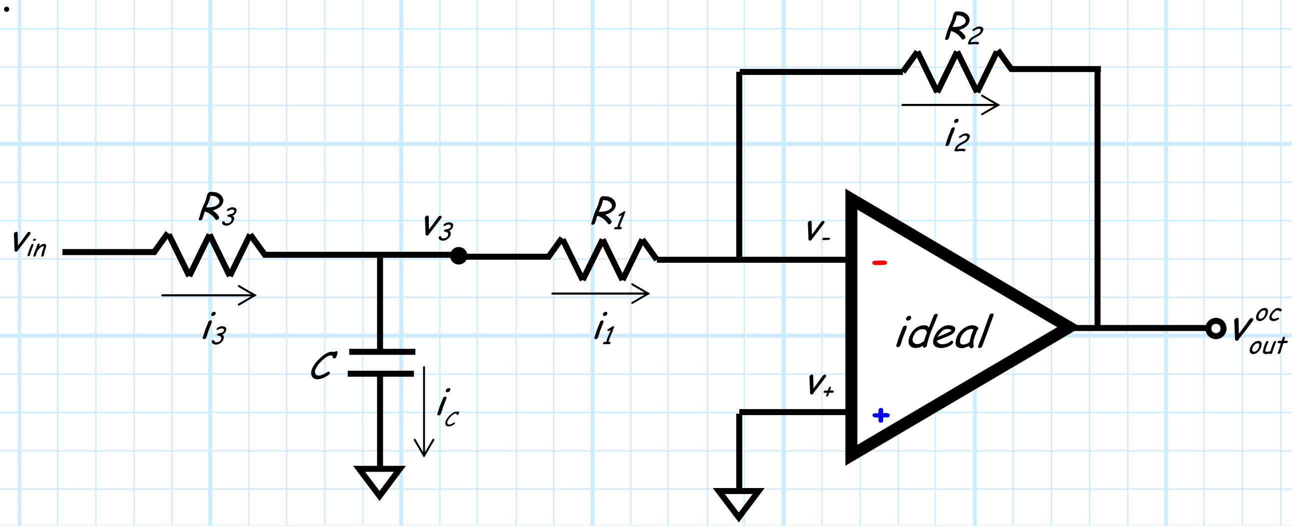
We **cannot** divide this circuit into two independent pieces, we must analyze it as **one** circuit.



*Of course what I **meant** to say was that we should determine the **impedance** Z_1 of input network, and **then** use the inverting configuration equation* $T(\omega) = -Z_2/Z_1$.

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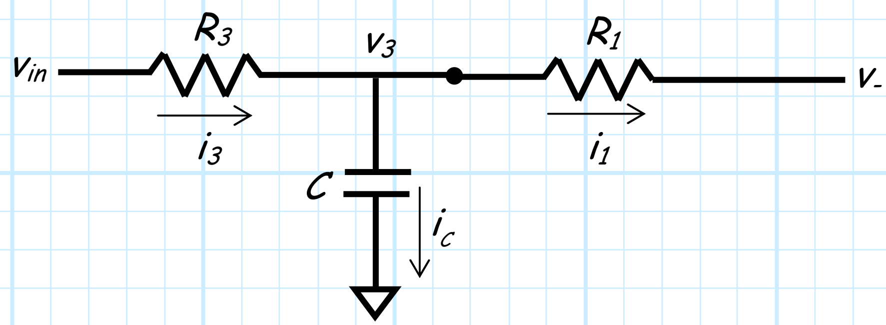
NO! This idea is as bad as the last one!

We **cannot** specify an impedance for the input network:



After all, would we define this impedance as:

$$Z_1 = \frac{v_{in} - v_-}{i_3} \quad \text{or} \quad Z_1 = \frac{v_{in} - v_-}{i_1} \quad ???$$

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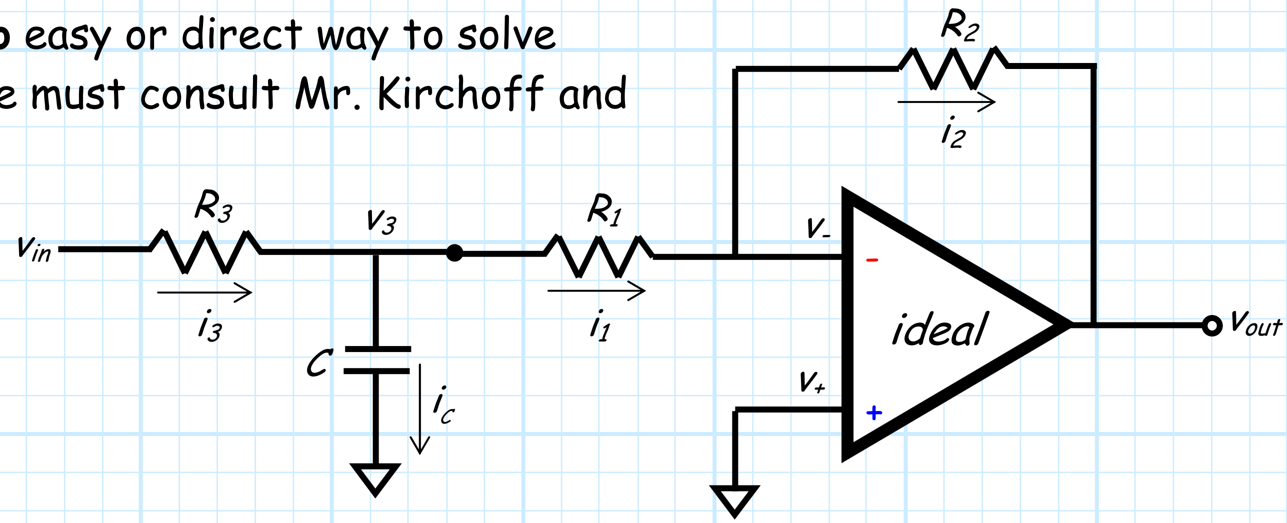
Don't look for templates: trust what you know

So, there is **no** easy or direct way to solve this circuit, we must consult Mr. Kirchoff and his laws!



We know that $i_1 = i_2$, where:

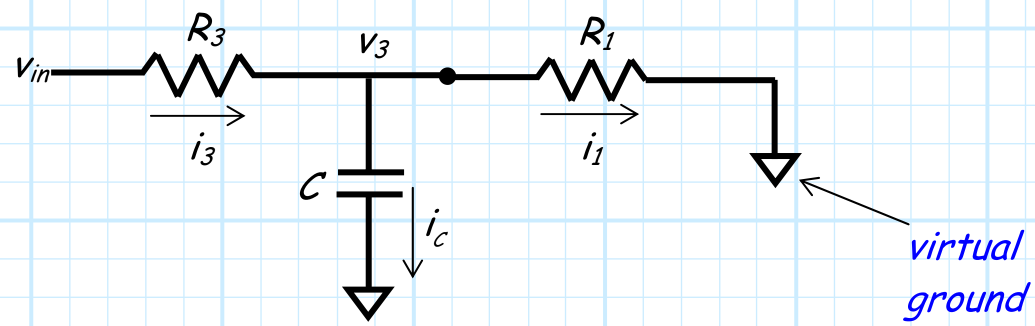
$$i_1 = \frac{v_3 - v_-}{R_1} = \frac{v_3}{R_1} \qquad \text{and} \qquad i_2 = \frac{v_+ - v_{out}}{R_2} = \frac{-v_{out}}{R_2}$$

Combining these equations, we get the **expected** result:

$$v_{out} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1} v_3$$

Don't forget virtual ground!

We must therefore determine v_3 in terms of v_i:



Note R_1 and C are connected in **parallel**!

Thus, from **voltage division**, we find:

$$v_3 = \frac{R_1 \parallel \frac{1}{j\omega C}}{R_3 + \left(R_1 \parallel \frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)} v_{in}$$

where:

$$R_1 \parallel \frac{1}{j\omega C} = \frac{R_1\left(\frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)}{R_1 + \frac{1}{j\omega C}} = \frac{R_1}{1 + j\omega R_1 C}$$

The Eigen value at last!

Performing some **algebra**, we find:

$$v_3 = \left(\frac{R_1}{(R_1 + R_3) + j\omega R_1 R_3 C} \right) v_{in}$$

and since:

$$v_{out} = \frac{-R_2}{R_1} v_3$$

we **finally** discover that:

$$G(\omega) = \frac{v_{out}(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = \left(\frac{-R_2}{(R_1 + R_3) + j\,\omega R_1 R_3 C} \right)$$

This again is a low-pass filter

We can rearrange this transfer function to find that this circuit is likewise a **low-pass filter** with **pass-band gain**:

$$G(\omega) = \frac{v_{out}(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = \frac{-R_2}{R_1 + R_3}\left(\frac{1}{1 + j\left(\omega/\omega_o\right)}\right)$$

where the **cutoff frequency** ω_0 is:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\left(\dfrac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_3}\right)C} = \frac{1}{\left(R_1 \| R_3\right)C}$$