

## 2.8 Integrators and Differentiators

**Reading Assignment:** 105-113

Op-amp circuits can also (and often do) implement reactive elements such as inductors and capacitors.

**HO: OP-AMP CIRCUITS WITH REACTIVE ELEMENTS**

One important op-amp circuit is the inverting differentiator.

**HO: THE INVERTING DIFFERENTIATOR**

Likewise the inverting integrator.

**HO: THE INVERTING INTEGRATOR**

**HO: AN APPLICATION OF THE INVERTING INTEGRATOR**

Let's do some examples of op-amp circuit analysis with reactive elements.

**EXAMPLE: A NON-INVERTING NETWORK**

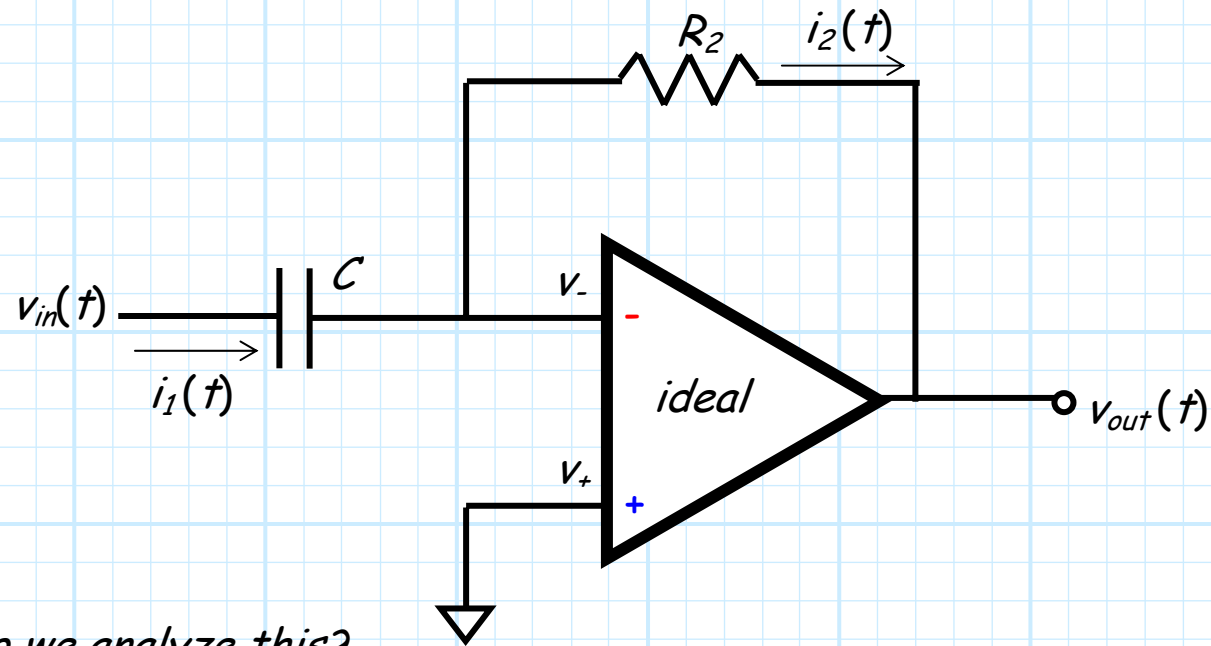
**EXAMPLE: AN INVERTING NETWORK**

**EXAMPLE: ANOTHER INVERTING NETWORK**

**EXAMPLE: A COMPLEX PROCESSING CIRCUIT**

# Op-Amp circuits with reactive elements

Now let's consider the case where the op-amp circuit includes **reactive elements**:



**Q:** *Yikes! How do we analyze this?*

**A:** Don't panic! Remember, the relationship between  $v_{out}$  and  $v_{in}$  is **linear**, so we can express the output as a **convolution**:

$$v_{out}(t) = \mathcal{L}[v_{in}(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^t g(t-t') v_{in}(t') dt'$$

## Just find the Eigen value

**Q:** *I'm still panicking—how do we determine the impulse response  $g(t)$  of this circuit?*

**A:** Say the input voltage  $v_{in}(t)$  is an **Eigen function** of linear, time-invariant systems:

$$v_{in}(t) = e^{st} = e^{(\sigma + j\omega)t} = e^{\sigma t} e^{j\omega t}$$

Then, the **output** voltage is just a **scaled** version of this **input**:

$$v_{out}(t) = \mathcal{L}\left[e^{-st}\right] = \int_{-\infty}^t g(t-t') e^{-st'} dt' = G(s) e^{-st}$$

where the "scaling factor"  $G(s)$  is the complex **Eigen value** of the linear operator  $\mathcal{L}$ .

## Express the input as a superposition of eigen values (i.e., the Laplace transform)

**Q:** First of all, how could the input (and output) be this **complex** function  $e^{st}$ ? Voltages are **real-valued**!

**A:** True, but the **real-valued** input and output functions can be expressed as a weighted superposition of these **complex** Eigen functions!

$$v_{in}(s) = \int_0^{+\infty} v_{in}(t) e^{-st} dt$$

The Laplace transform  $\rightarrow$

$$v_{out}(s) = \int_0^{+\infty} v_{out}(t) e^{-st} dt$$

Such that:

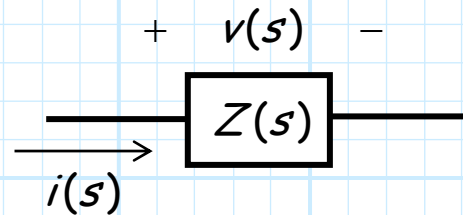
$$v_{out}(s) = G(s)v_{in}(s)$$

## Find the eigen value from circuit theory and impedance

**Q:** *Still, I don't know **how** to find the eigen value  $G(s)$ !*

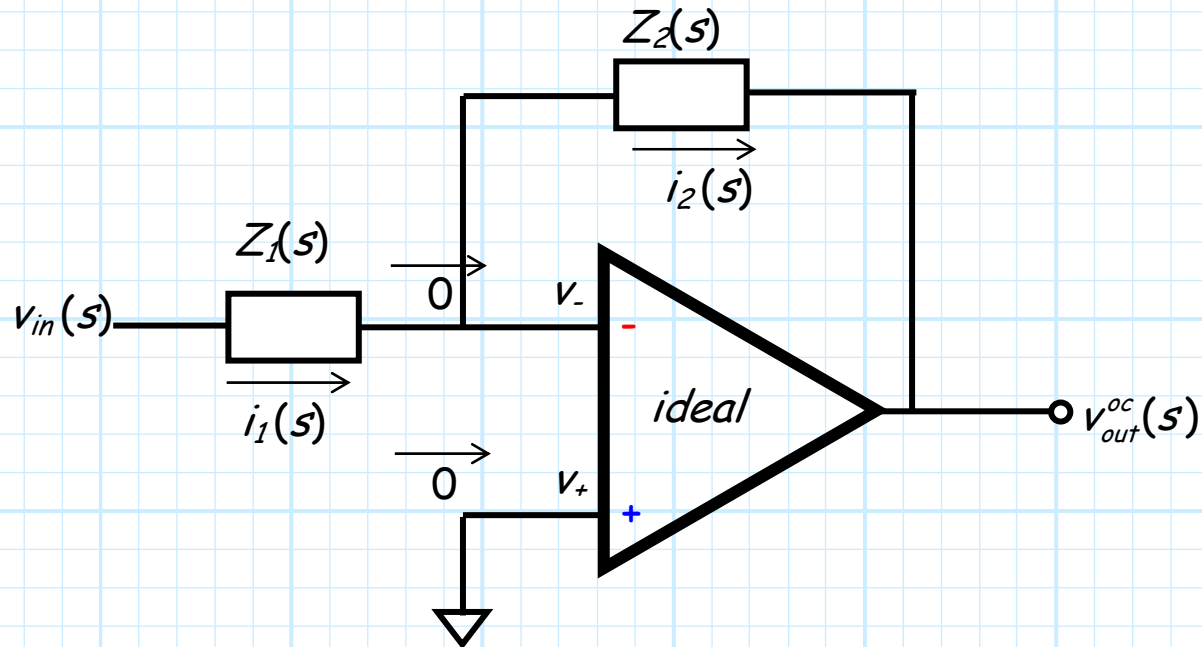
**A:** Remember, we can find  $G(s)$  by analyzing the circuit using the Eigen value of **each linear circuit element**—a value we know as **complex impedance**!

$$\frac{v(s)}{i(s)} = Z(s)$$



## For example

For **example**, consider this amplifier in with the **inverting configuration**, where the resistors have been **replaced** with complex impedances:



What is the open-circuit voltage gain  $A_{vo}(s) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(s)}{v_{in}(s)}$  ?

# The eigen value of this linear operator

From KCL:

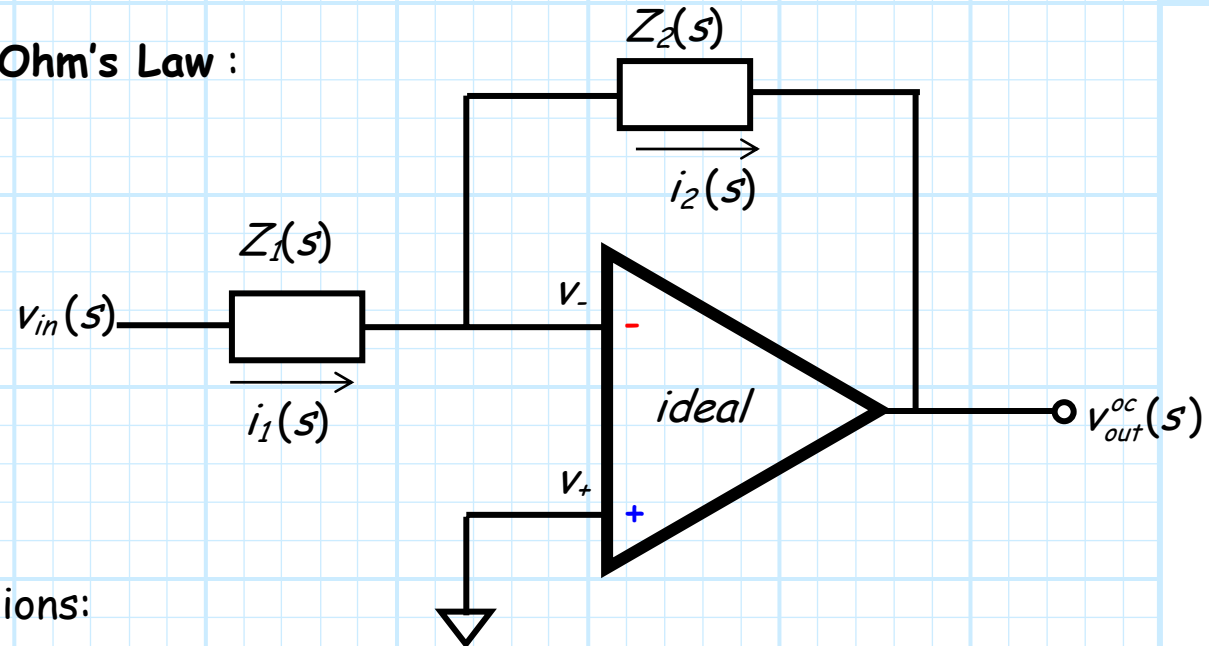
$$i_1(s) = i_2(s)$$

Since  $v_-(s) = 0$ , we find from Ohm's Law :

$$i_1(s) = \frac{v_{in}(s)}{Z_1(s)}$$

And also from Ohm's Law:

$$i_2(s) = \frac{-v_{out}^{oc}(s)}{Z_2(s)}$$



Equating the last two expressions:

$$\frac{v_{in}(s)}{Z_1(s)} = \frac{-v_{out}^{oc}(s)}{Z_2(s)}$$

Rearranging, we find the open-circuit voltage gain:

$$A_{vo}(s) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(s)}{v_{in}(s)} = -\frac{Z_2(s)}{Z_1(s)}$$



## The result passes the sanity check

Note that this complex voltage gain  $A_{vo}(s)$  is the **Eigen value**  $G(s)$  of the linear operator relating  $v_{in}(t)$  and  $v_{out}(t)$ :

$$v_{out}(t) = \mathcal{L}[v_{in}(t)]$$

Note also that if the impedances  $Z_1(s)$  and  $Z_2(s)$  are real valued (i.e., they're resistors!):

$$Z_1(s) = R_1 + j0 \quad \text{and} \quad Z_2(s) = R_2 + j0$$

Then the voltage gain simplifies to the **familiar**:

$$A_{vo}(s) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(s)}{v_{in}(s)} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1}$$

## Or, we can use the Fourier transform

Now, recall that the variable  $s$  is a **complex frequency**:

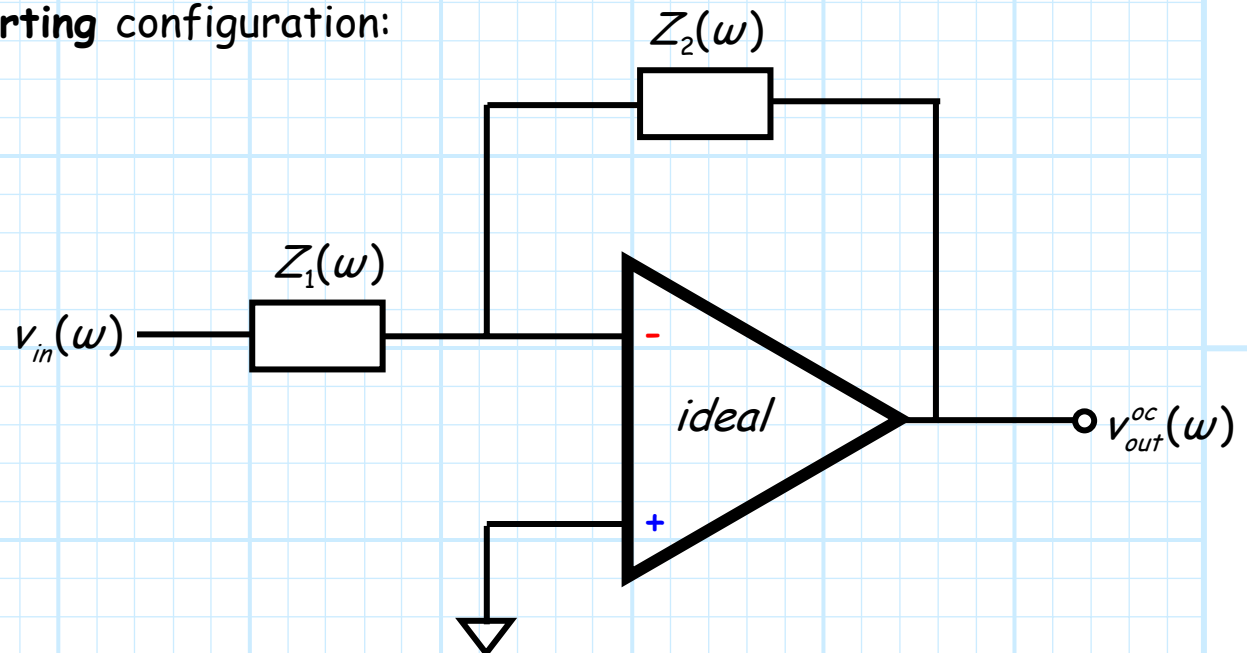
$$s = \sigma + j\omega.$$

If we set  $\sigma = 0$ , then  $s = j\omega$ , and the functions  $Z(s)$  and  $A_{vo}(s)$  in the Laplace domain can be written in the frequency (i.e., **Fourier**) domain!

$$A_{vo}(\omega) = A_{vo}(s)|_{\sigma=0}$$

And therefore, for the **inverting** configuration:

$$A_{vo}(\omega) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = -\frac{Z_2(\omega)}{Z_1(\omega)}$$

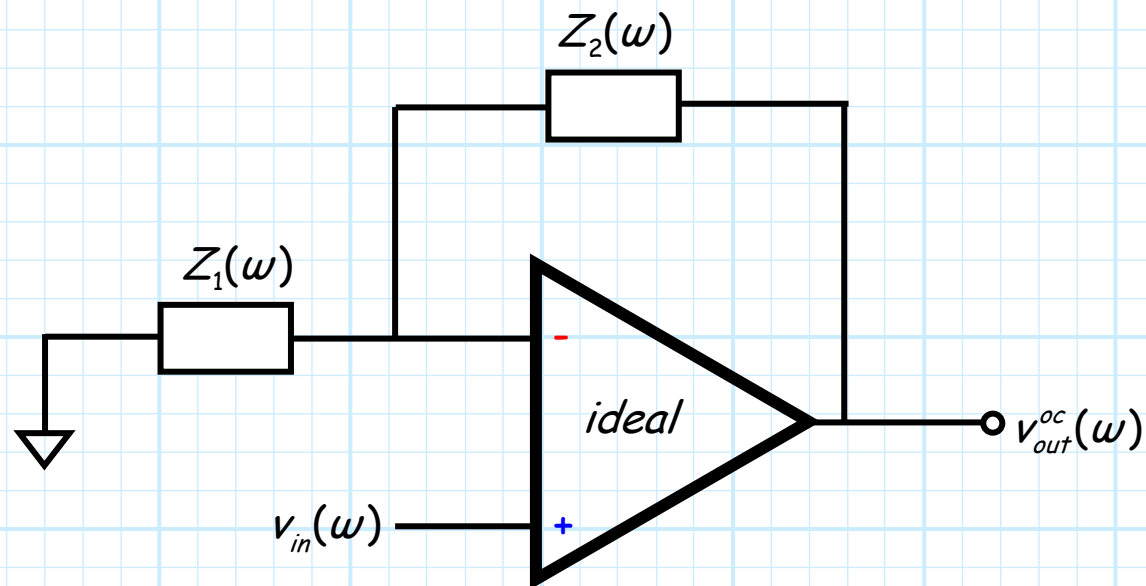


## For the non-inverting

Likewise, for the non-inverting configuration, we find:

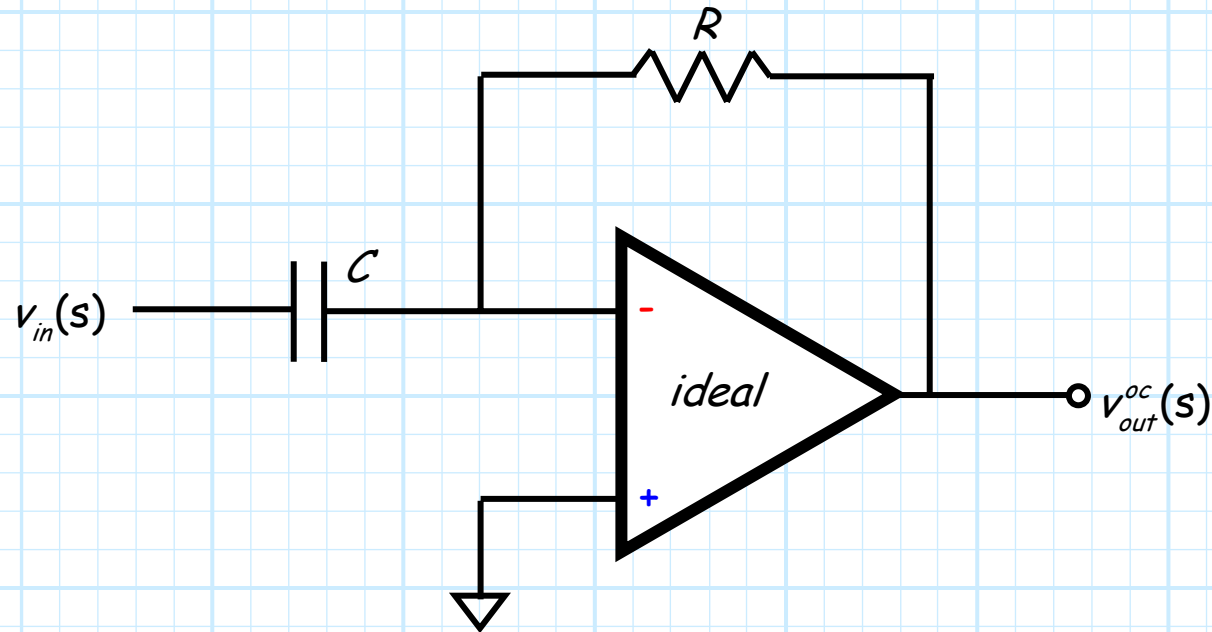
$$A_{vo}(\omega) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = 1 + \frac{Z_2(\omega)}{Z_1(\omega)}$$

$$A_{vo}(s) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(s)}{v_{in}(s)} = 1 + \frac{Z_2(s)}{Z_1(s)}$$



# The Inverting Differentiator

The circuit shown below is the inverting differentiator.



Since the circuit uses the **inverting** configuration, we can conclude that the circuit transfer function is:

$$G(s) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(s)}{v_{in}(s)} = -\frac{Z_2(s)}{Z_1(s)}$$

## Know the impedance; know the answer

For the **capacitor**, we know that its **complex impedance** is:

$$Z_1(s) = \frac{1}{sC}$$

And the complex impedance of the **resistor** is simply the real value:

$$Z_2(s) = R$$

Thus, the **eigen value** of the linear operator relating  $v_{in}(t)$  to  $v_{out}^{oc}(t)$  is:

$$G(s) = -\frac{Z_2(s)}{Z_1(s)} = -\frac{R}{\frac{1}{sC}} = -s RC$$

In other words, the (Laplace transformed) **output** signal is related to the (Laplace transformed) **input** signal as:

$$v_{out}^{oc}(s) = -s(RC) v_{in}(s)$$

From our knowledge of **Laplace Transforms**, we know this means that the output signal is proportional to the **derivative** of the input signal!

## Converting back to time domain

Taking the **inverse** Laplace Transform, we find:

$$v_{out}^{oc}(t) = -RC \frac{dv_{in}(t)}{dt}$$

For example, if the **input** is:

$$v_{in}(t) = \sin \omega t$$

then the **output** is:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{out}^{oc}(t) &= -RC \frac{dv_{in}(t)}{dt} \\ &= -RC \frac{d \sin \omega t}{dt} \\ &= -\omega RC \cos \omega t \end{aligned}$$

## Or, with Fourier analysis

We likewise could have determined this result using **Fourier analysis** (i.e., frequency domain):

$$G(\omega) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = -\frac{Z_2(\omega)}{Z_1(\omega)} = -\frac{R}{(1/j\omega C)} = -j\omega RC$$

Thus, the **magnitude** of the transfer function is:

$$\begin{aligned} |G(\omega)| &= |-j\omega RC| \\ &= \omega RC \end{aligned}$$

And since:

$$-j = e^{-j(\pi/2)} = \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + j\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

the **phase** of the transfer function is:

$$\begin{aligned} \angle G(\omega) &= -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ radians} \\ &= -90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

## Look at the magnitude and phase

So given that:

$$|v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)| = |G(\omega)| |v_{in}(\omega)|$$

and:

$$\angle v_{out}^{oc}(\omega) = \angle G(\omega) + \angle v_{in}(\omega)$$

we find for the input:

$$v_{in}(t) = \sin \omega t$$

where:

$$|v_{in}(\omega)| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \angle v_{in}(\omega) = 0$$

that the **output** of the inverting differentiator is:

$$|v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)| = |G(\omega)| |v_{in}(\omega)| = \omega RC$$

and:

$$\angle v_{out}^{oc}(\omega) = \angle G(\omega) + \angle v_{in}(\omega) = -90^\circ + 0 = -90^\circ$$



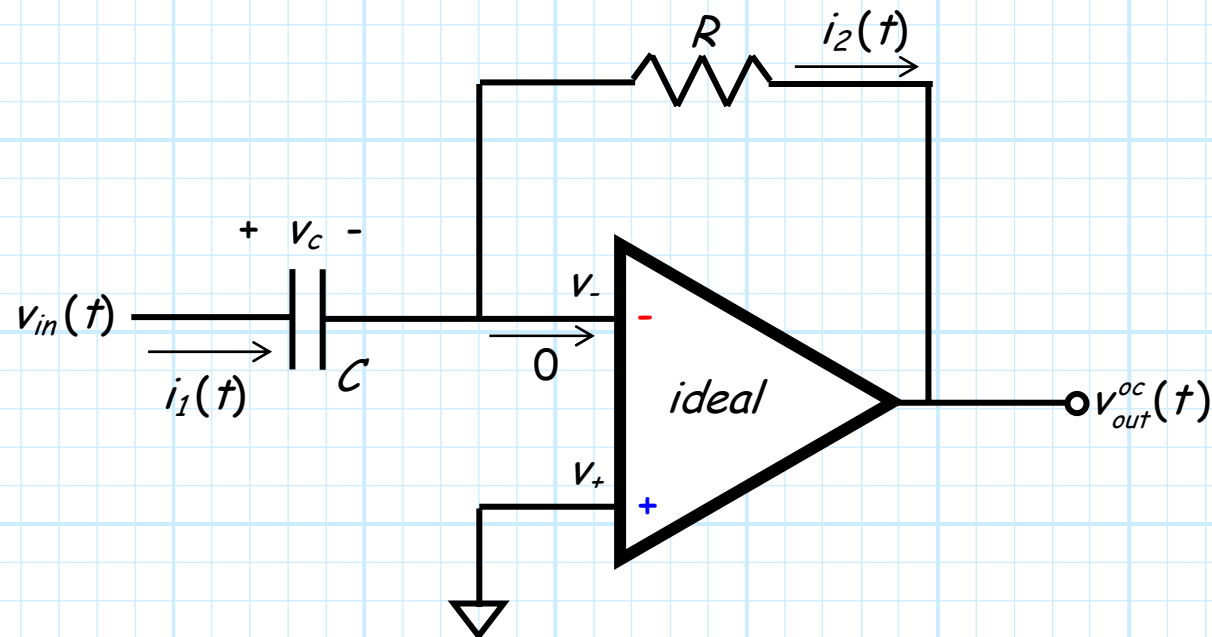
## The result is the same!

Therefore, the output is:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{out}^{oc}(t) &= \omega RC \sin(\omega t - 90^\circ) \\ &= -\omega RC \cos \omega t \end{aligned}$$

Exactly the **same result** as before (using Laplace transforms)!

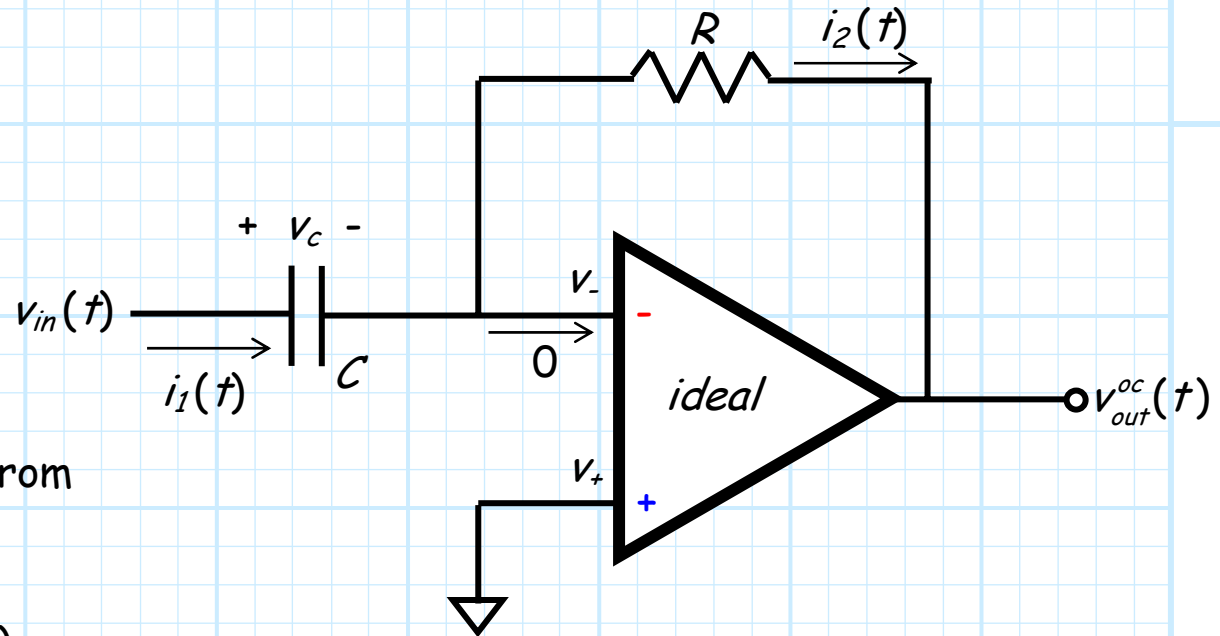
If you are still **unconvinced** that this circuit is a differentiator, consider this **time-domain** analysis.



## Let's do a time-domain analysis

From our elementary **circuits knowledge**, we know that the current through a capacitor ( $i_1(t)$ ) is:

$$i_1(t) = C \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt}$$



and from the circuit we see from KVL that:

$$v_c(t) = v_{in}(t) - v_-(t) = v_{in}(t)$$

therefore the **input current** is:

$$i_1(t) = C \frac{dv_{in}(t)}{dt}$$

# Laplace, Fourier, time-domain: the result is the same!

From KCL, we likewise know that:

$$i_1(t) = i_2(t)$$

and from Ohm's Law:

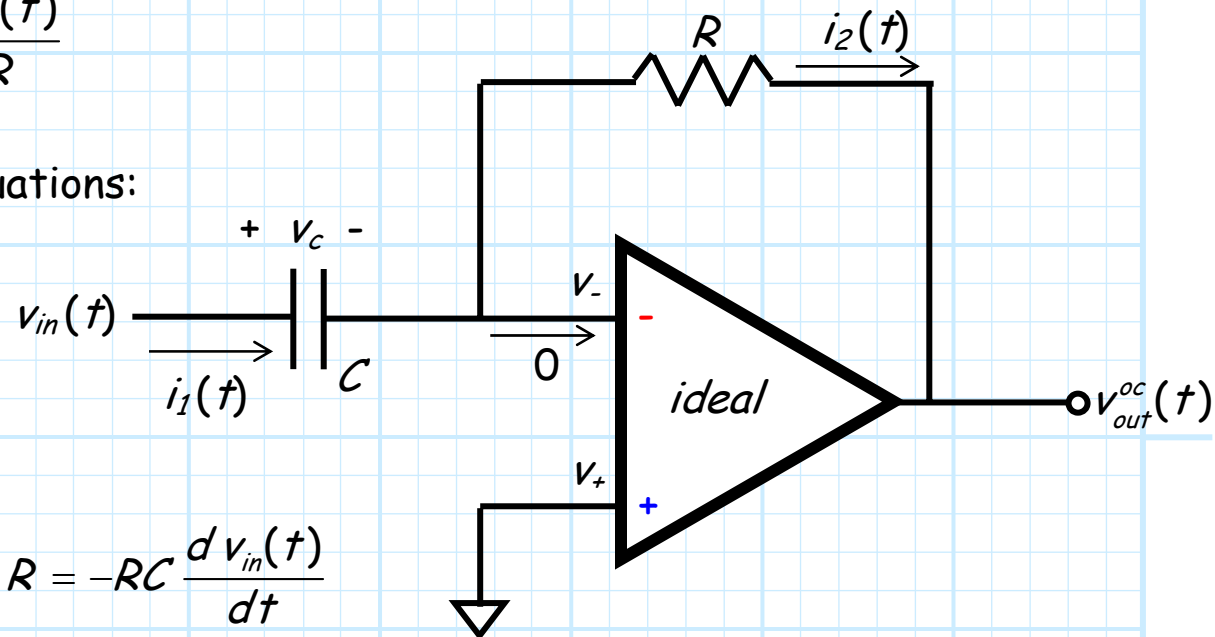
$$i_2(t) = \frac{v_1(t) - v_{out}^{oc}(t)}{R} = -\frac{v_{out}^{oc}(t)}{R}$$

Combining the two previous equations:

$$v_{out}^{oc}(t) = -i_1(t)R$$

and thus:

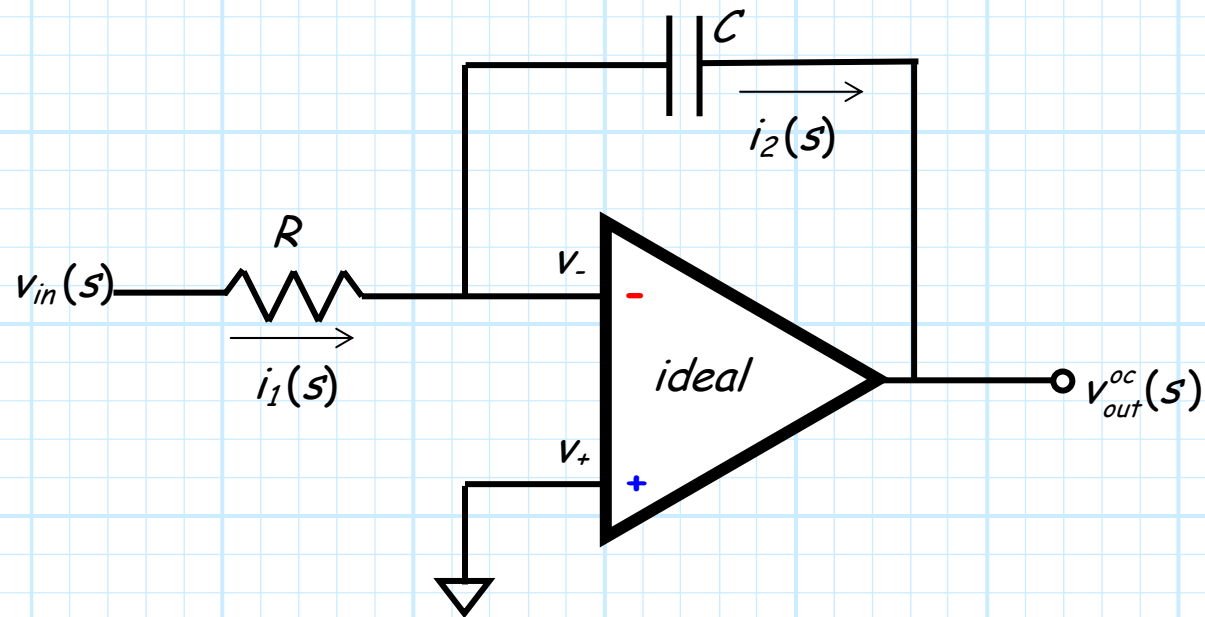
$$v_{out}^{oc}(t) = -i_1(t)R = -\left(C \frac{dv_{in}(t)}{dt}\right)R = -RC \frac{dv_{in}(t)}{dt}$$



The **same** result as before!

# The Inverting Integrator

The circuit shown below is the inverting integrator.



## It's the inverting configuration!

Since the circuit uses the **inverting** configuration, we can conclude that the circuit transfer function is:

$$G(s) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(s)}{v_{in}(s)} = -\frac{Z_2(s)}{Z_1(s)} = -\frac{(1/sC)}{R} = \frac{-1}{sRC}$$

In other words, the output signal is related to the input as:

$$v_{out}^{oc}(s) = \frac{-1}{RC} \frac{v_{in}(s)}{s}$$

From our knowledge of **Laplace Transforms**, we know this means that the output signal is proportional to the **integral** of the input signal!

# The circuit integrates the input

Taking the **inverse** Laplace Transform, we find:

$$v_{out}^{oc}(t) = \frac{-1}{RC} \int_0^t v_{in}(t') dt'$$

For example, if the **input** is:

$$v_{in}(t) = \sin \omega t$$

then the **output** is:

$$v_{out}^{oc}(t) = \frac{-1}{RC} \int_0^t \sin \omega t' dt' = \frac{-1}{RC} \frac{-1}{\omega} \cos \omega t = \frac{1}{\omega RC} \cos \omega t$$

## Or, in the Fourier domain

We likewise could have determined this result using **Fourier Analysis** (i.e., frequency domain):

$$G(\omega) = \frac{v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = -\frac{Z_2(\omega)}{Z_1(\omega)} = -\frac{(1/j\omega C)}{R} = \frac{j}{\omega RC}$$

Thus, the **magnitude** of the transfer function is:

$$|G(\omega)| = \left| \frac{j}{\omega RC} \right| = \frac{1}{\omega RC}$$

And since:

$$j = e^{j(\pi/2)} = \cos(\pi/2) + j \sin(\pi/2)$$

the **phase** of the transfer function is:

$$\angle G(\omega) = \pi/2 \text{ radians} = 90^\circ$$

## Magnitude and phase

Given that:

$$|v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)| = |G(\omega)| |v_{in}(\omega)|$$

and:

$$\angle v_{out}^{oc}(\omega) = \angle G(\omega) + \angle v_{in}(\omega)$$

we find for the input:

$$v_{in}(t) = \sin \omega t$$

where:

$$|v_{in}(\omega)| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \angle v_{in}(\omega) = 0$$

that the **output** of the inverting integrator is:

$$|v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)| = |G(\omega)| |v_{in}(\omega)| = \frac{1}{\omega RC}$$

and:

$$\angle v_{out}^{oc}(\omega) = \angle G(\omega) + \angle v_{in}(\omega) = 90^\circ + 0 = 90^\circ$$



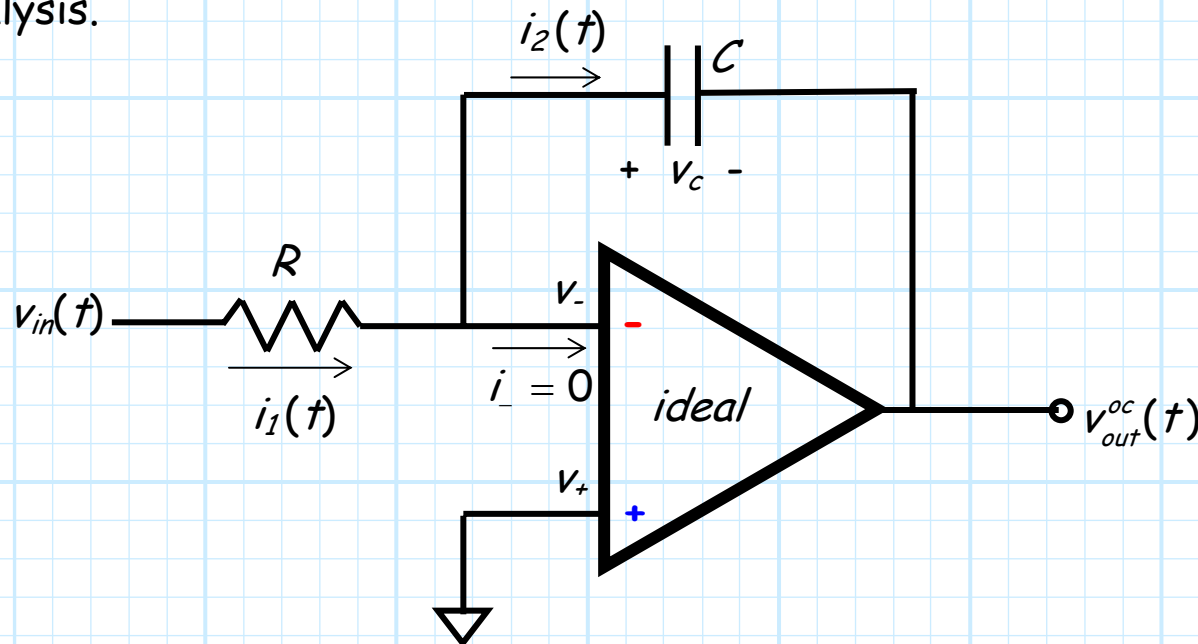
## See, it's an integrator

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{out}^{oc}(t) &= \frac{1}{\omega RC} \sin(\omega t + 90^\circ) \\ &= \frac{1}{\omega RC} \cos \omega t \end{aligned}$$

Exactly the **same result** as before!

If you are still **unconvinced** that this circuit is an integrator, consider this **time-domain analysis**.



## The time-domain solution

From our elementary **circuits knowledge**, we know that the voltage across a capacitor is:

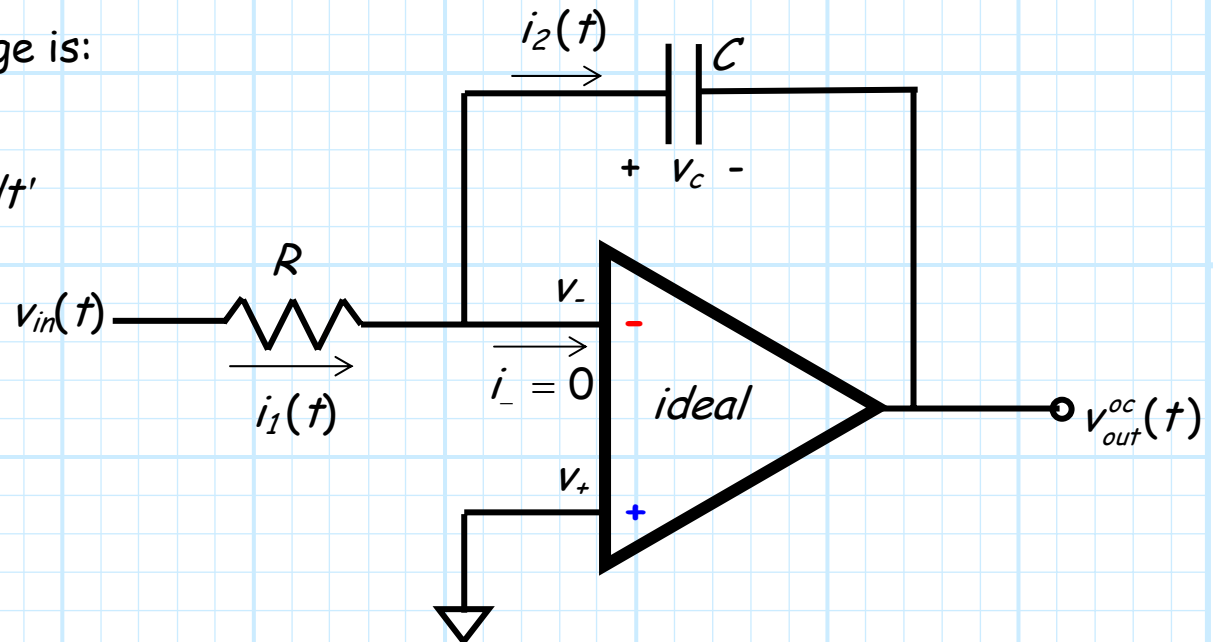
$$v_c(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i_2(t') dt'$$

and from the circuit we see that:

$$v_c(t) = v_-(t) - v_{out}^{oc}(t) = -v_{out}^{oc}(t)$$

therefore the **output** voltage is:

$$v_{out}^{oc}(t) = -\frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i_2(t') dt'$$



# The same result no matter how we do it!

From KCL, we likewise know that:

$$i_1(t) = i_2(t)$$

and from Ohm's Law:

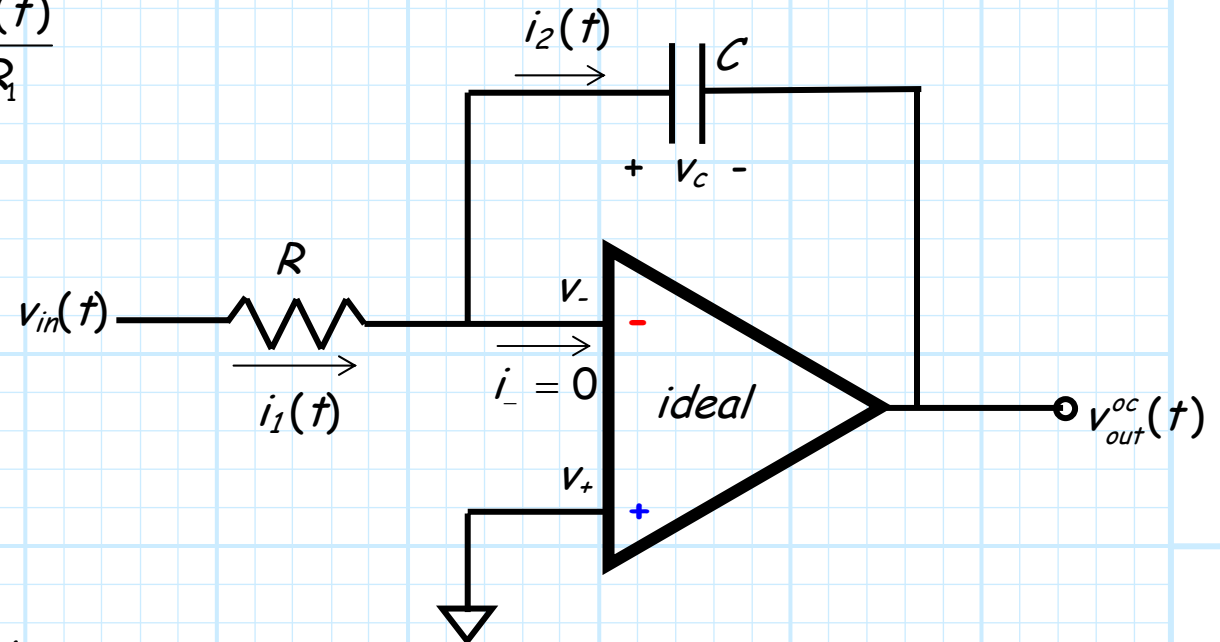
$$i_1(t) = \frac{v_{in}(t) - v_-(t)}{R_1} = \frac{v_{in}(t)}{R_1}$$

Therefore:

$$i_2(t) = \frac{v_{in}(t)}{R_1}$$

and thus:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{out}^{oc}(t) &= \frac{-1}{C} \int_0^t i_2(t') dt' \\ &= \frac{-1}{RC} \int_0^t v_{in}(t') dt' \end{aligned}$$



The **same** result as before!

# An Application of the Inverting Integrator

Note the time average of a signal  $v(t)$  over some arbitrary time  $T$  is mathematically stated as:

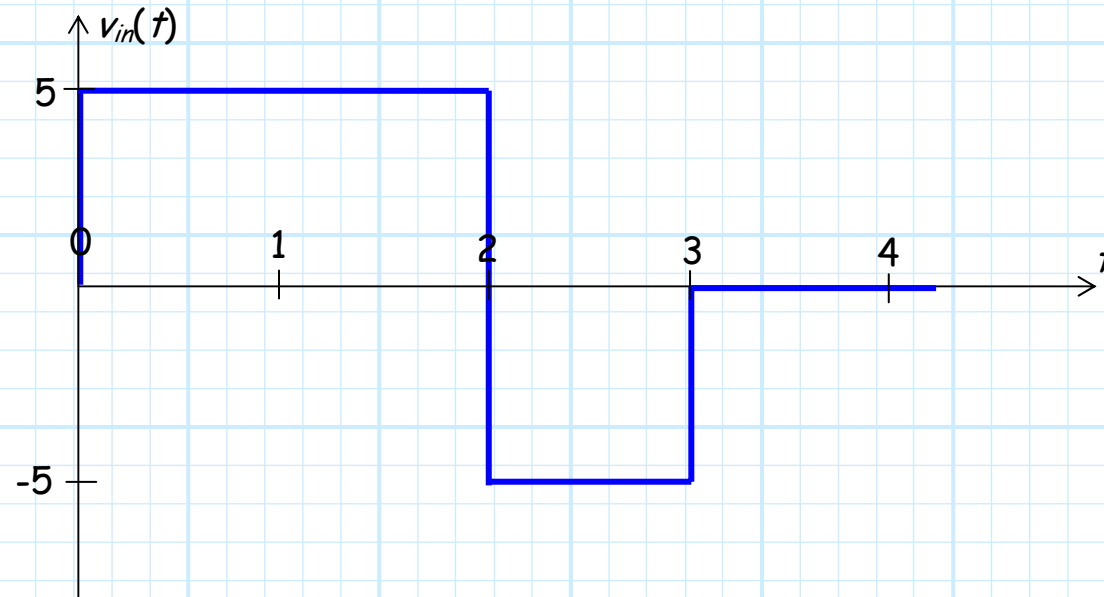
$$\text{average of } v(t) \doteq \overline{v(t)} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T v(t) dt$$

Note that this is **exactly** the form of the output of an op-amp **integrator**!

We can use the inverting integrator to determine the **time-averaged** value of some input signal  $v(t)$  over some arbitrary time  $T$ .

## Make sure you see this!

For **example**, say we wish to determine the time-averaged value of the input signal:



I.E.,

$$v_{in}(t) = \begin{cases} 5 & 0 < t < 2 \\ -5 & 2 < t < 3 \\ 0 & t > 3 \end{cases}$$

The **time average** of this function over a period from  $0 < t < T=3$  is therefore:

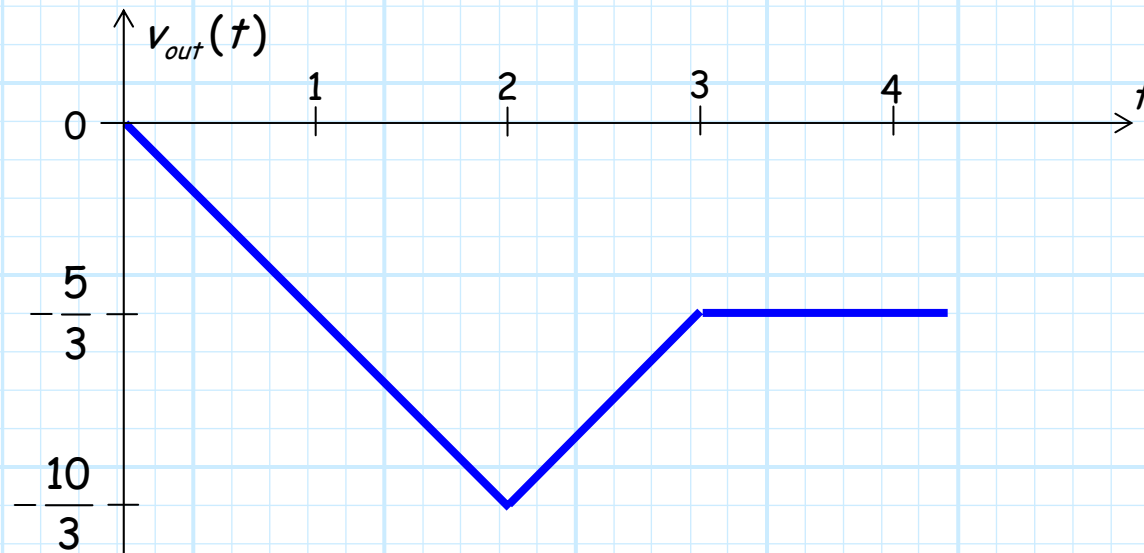
$$\overline{v_{in}(t)} = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 v_{in}(t) dt = \frac{5}{3}$$

## This better make sense to you!

We could likewise determine this average using an **inverting integrator**. We select a resistor  $R$  and a capacitor  $C$  such that the product  $RC = 3$  seconds.

The output of this integrator would be:

$$v_{out}(t) = \frac{-1}{3} \int_0^t v_{in}(t') dt' = \begin{cases} -\frac{5t}{3} & 0 < t < 2 \\ \frac{5t - 20}{3} & 2 < t < 3 \\ -\frac{5}{3} & t > 3 \end{cases}$$



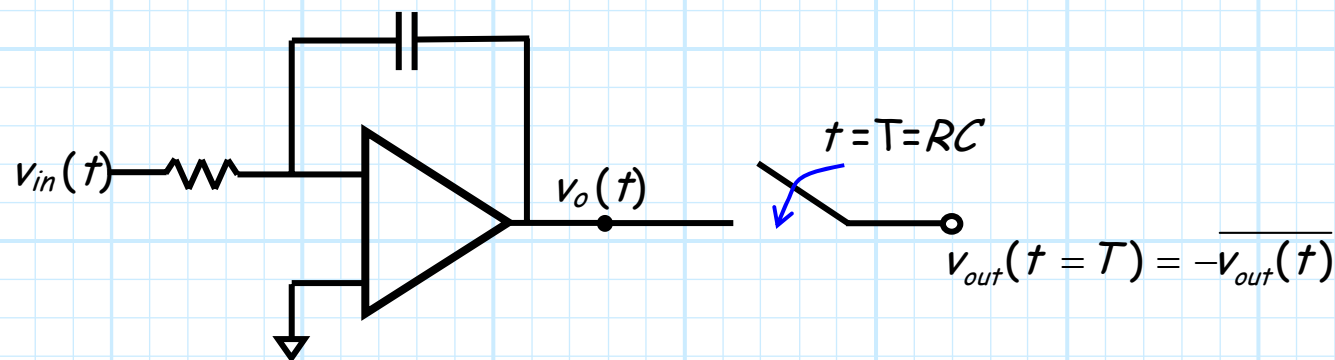
## We must sample at the correct time!

Note that the value of the output voltage at  $t = 3$  is:

$$v_{out}(t = 3) = -\frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 v_{in}(t') dt' = -\frac{5}{3}$$

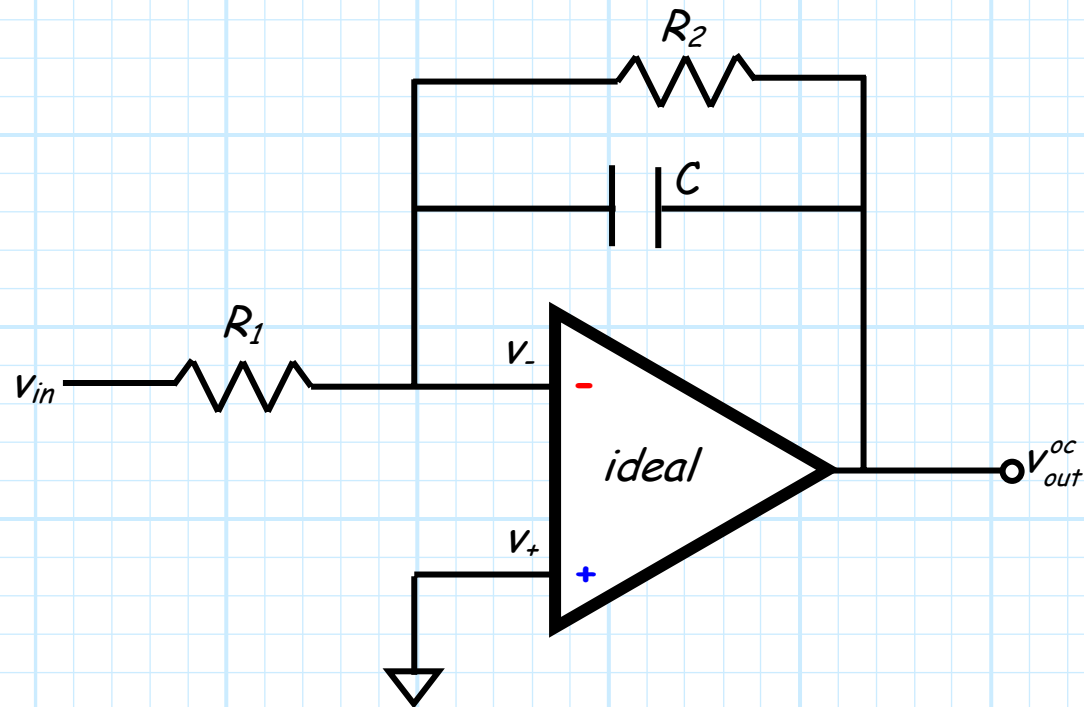
The **time-averaged** value (times -1)!

Thus, we can use the inverting integrator, along with a voltage sampler (e.g., A to D converter) to determine the **time-averaged** value of a function over some time period  $T$ .



# Example: An Inverting Network

Now let's determine the complex transfer function of this circuit:





## It's the inverting configuration!

Note this circuit uses the **inverting** configuration, so that:

$$G(\omega) = -\frac{Z_2(\omega)}{Z_1(\omega)}$$

where  $Z_1 = R_1$ , and:

$$Z_2 = R_2 \parallel \frac{1}{j\omega C} = \frac{R_2}{1 + j\omega R_2 C}$$

Therefore, the **transfer function** of this circuit is:

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

## Another low-pass filter

Thus, the transfer function **magnitude** is:

$$|G(\omega)|^2 = \left(-\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)^2 \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$

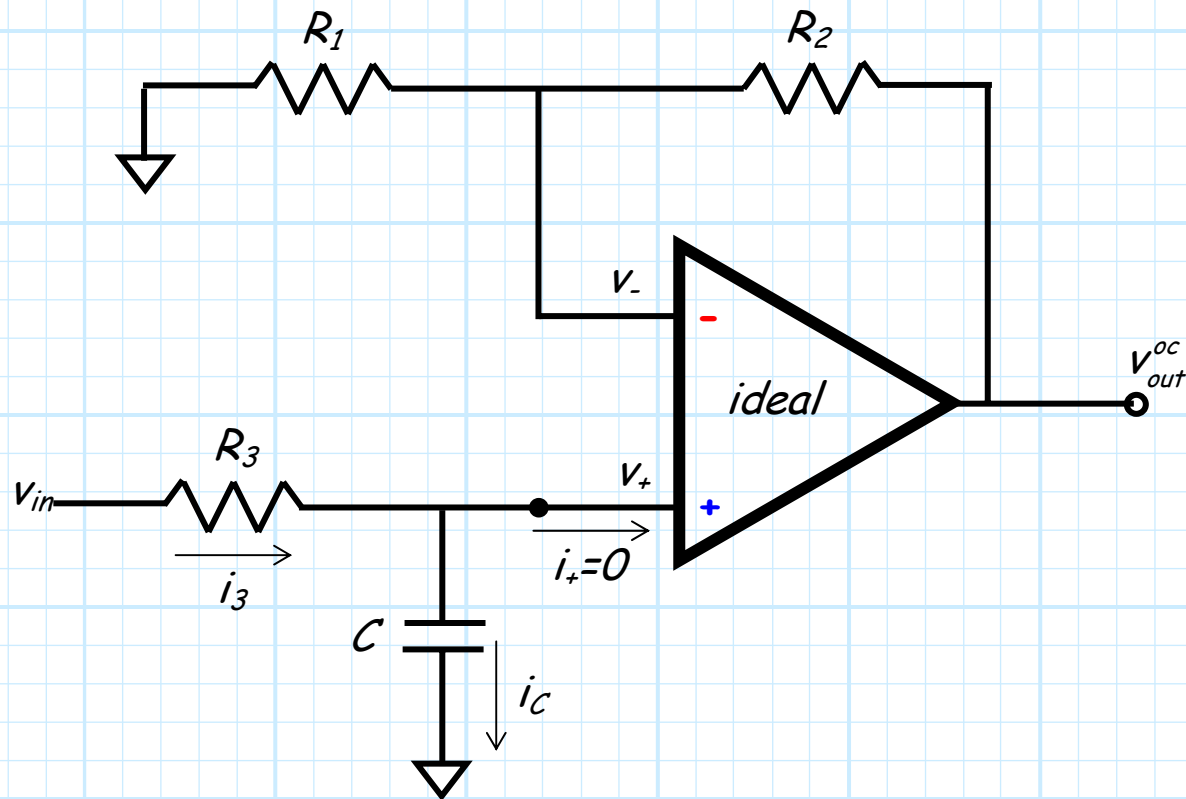
where:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{R_2 C}$$

Thus, just as with the previous example, this circuit is a **low-pass filter**, with **cutoff** frequency  $\omega_0$  and pass-band **gain**  $(R_2/R_1)^2$ .

# Example: A Non-Inverting Network

Let's determine the transfer function  $G(\omega) = v_{out}^{oc}(\omega)/v_{in}(\omega)$  for the following circuit:



## Some enjoyable circuit analysis

From KCL, we know:

$$i_3(\omega) = i_c(\omega) + i_+(\omega) = i_c(\omega) + 0 = i_c(\omega)$$

where:

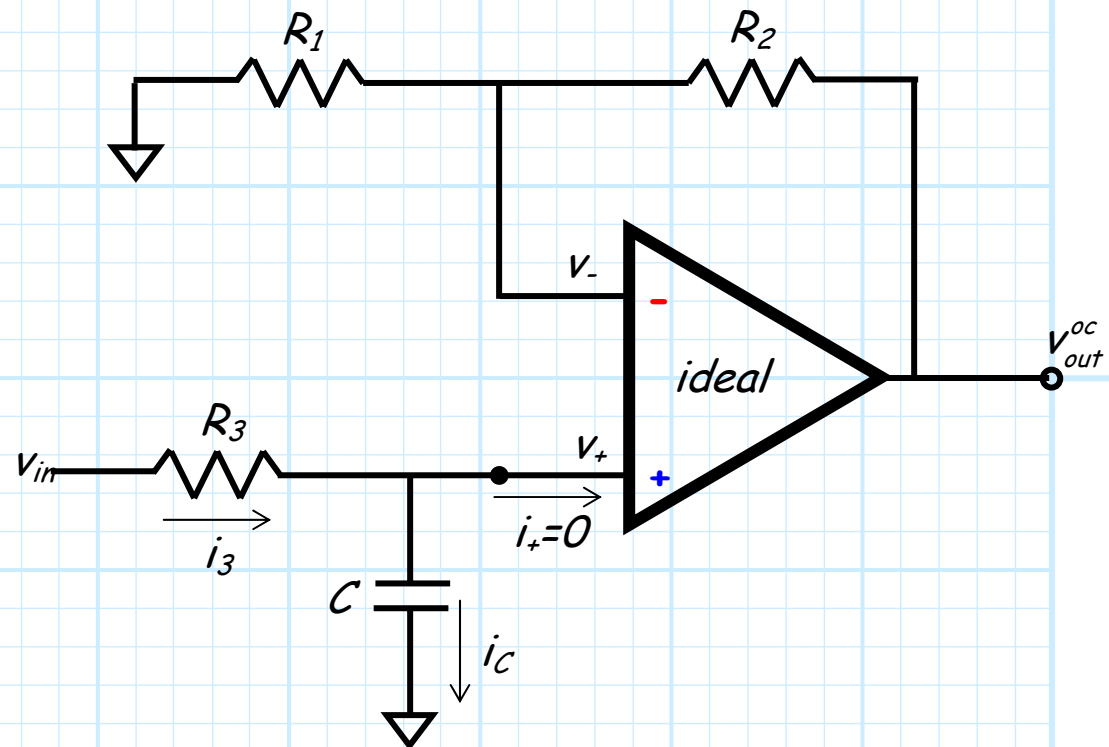
$$i_3(\omega) = \frac{v_{in}(\omega) - v_+(\omega)}{R_3} \quad \text{and} \quad i_c(\omega) = \frac{v_+(\omega) - 0}{\left(\frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)} = j\omega C v_+(\omega)$$

Equating, we find an expression involving  $v_{in}(\omega)$  and  $v_2(\omega)$  only:

$$\frac{v_{in}(\omega) - v_+(\omega)}{R_3} = j\omega C v_+(\omega)$$

and performing a little algebra, we find:

$$v_2(\omega) = \frac{v_{in}(\omega)}{1 + j\omega R_3 C}$$



## No need to go further: we have a template!

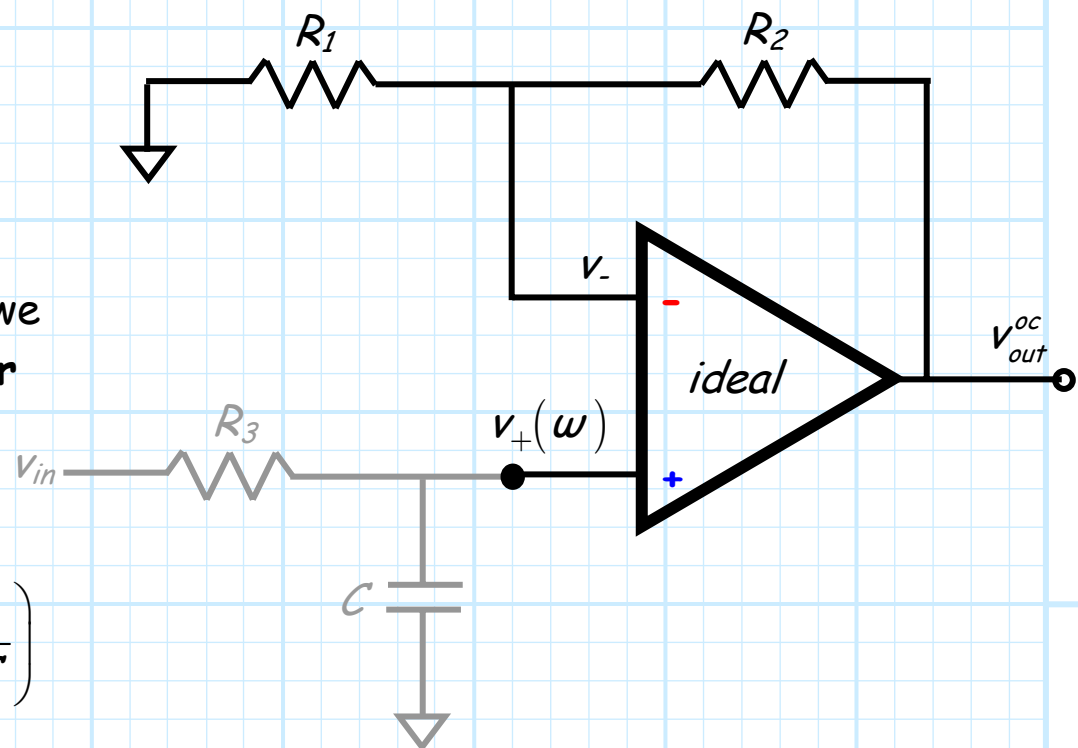
The remainder of the circuit is simply the **non-inverting amplifier** that we studied earlier.

We know that:

$$v_{out}^{oc}(\omega) = \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) v_+(\omega)$$

Combining these two relationships, we can determine the **complex transfer function** for this circuit:

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



# It's a low-pass filter!!

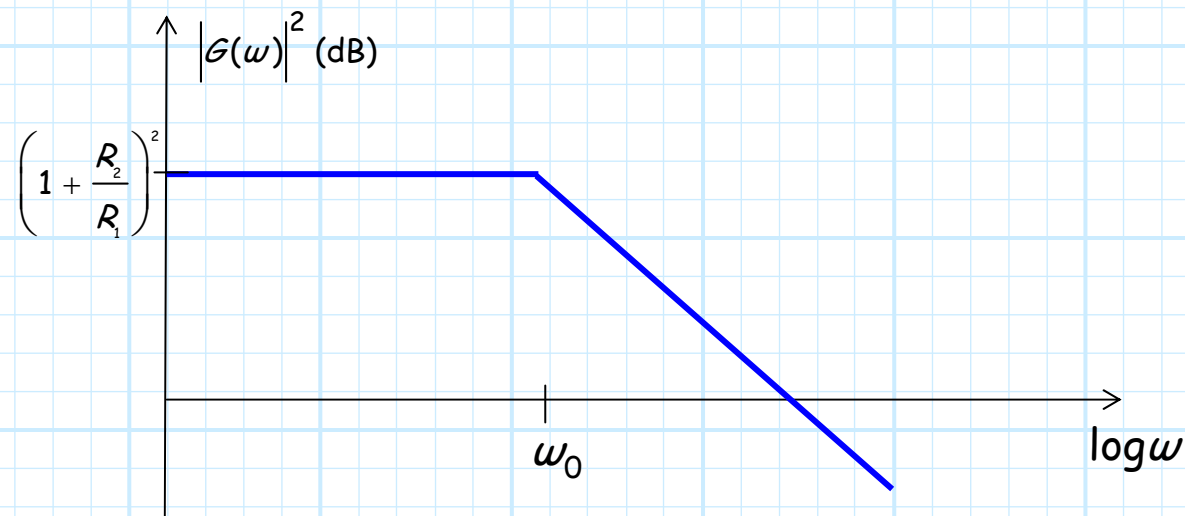
The **magnitude** of this transfer function is therefore:

$$|G(\omega)|^2 = \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)^2 \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$

where:

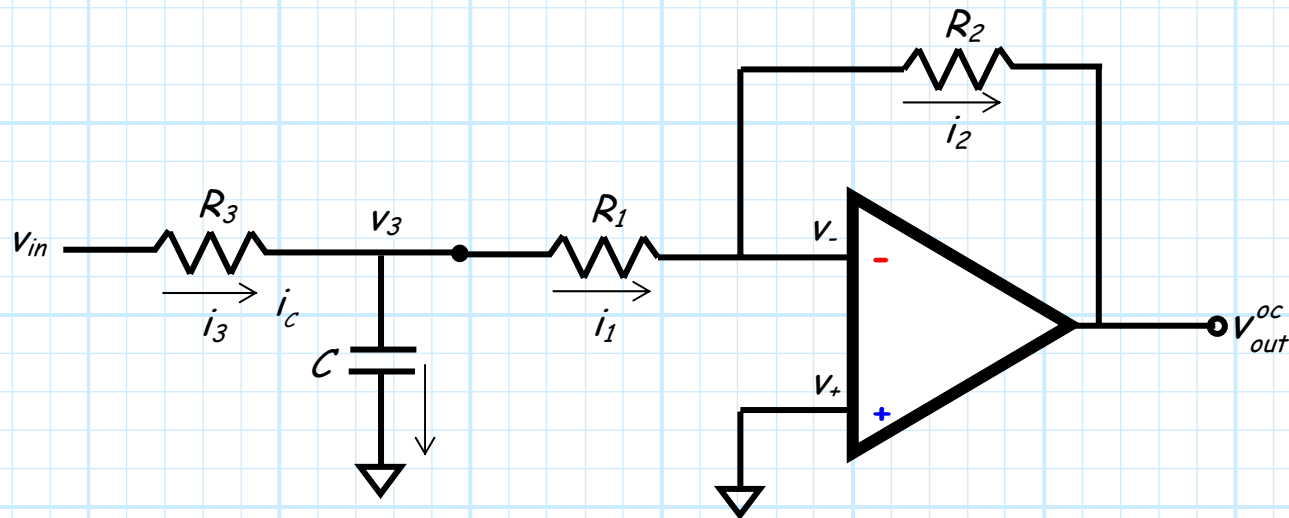
$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{R_3 C}$$

This is a **low-pass filter**—one with **pass-band gain!**



# Example: Another Inverting Network

Consider now the transfer function of this circuit:

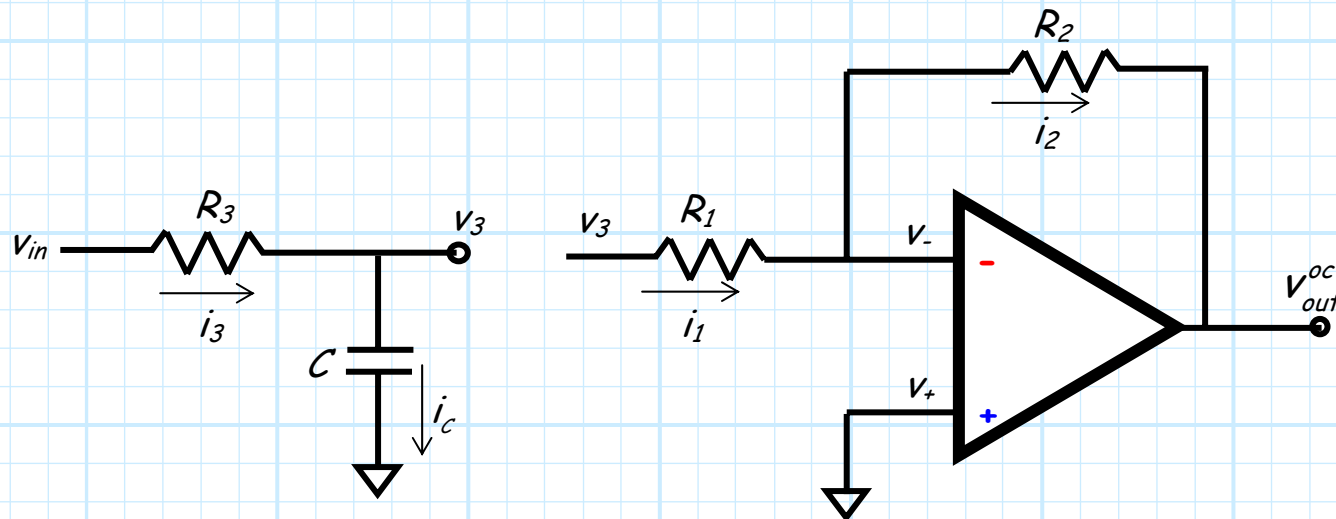


## Some more enjoyable circuit analysis

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:



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

## No, we cannot

**NO!** This is **not** correct:

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

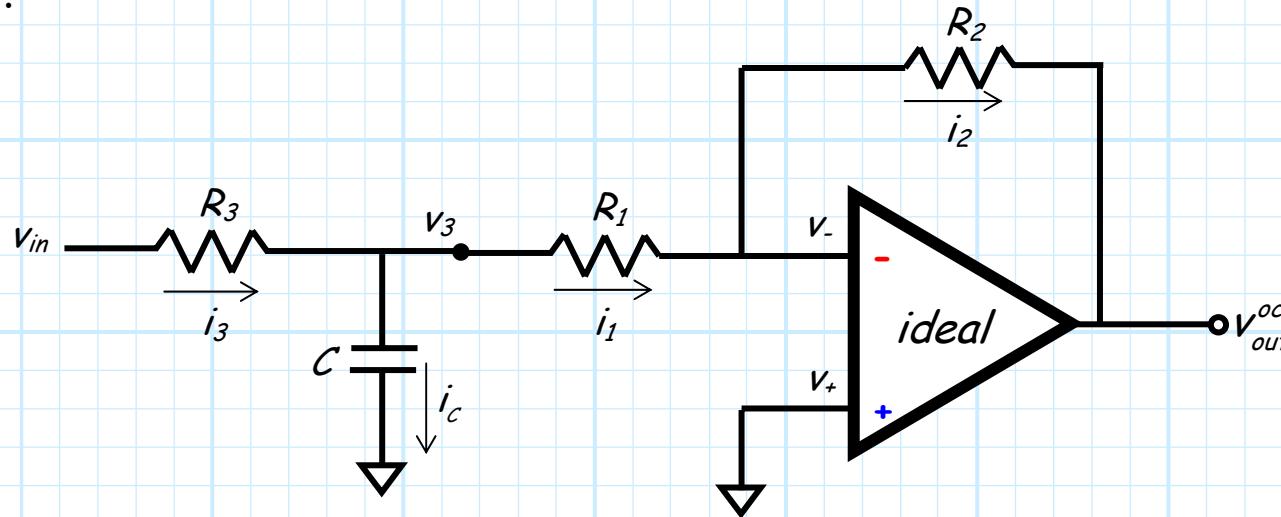
The problem with the above "analysis" is that we **cannot** apply **this** complex voltage divider equation to determine  $v_3(\omega)$ :

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

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

## My computer suspiciously crashed while writing this (really, it did!)

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

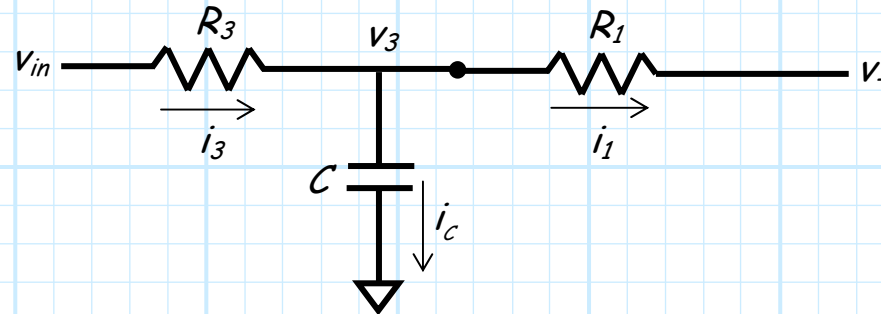


*Of course what I meant to say was that we should determine the **impedance**  $Z_1$  of input network, and **then** use the inverting configuration equation  $T(\omega) = -Z_2/Z_1$ .*

## An even worse idea than Vista

**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:

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

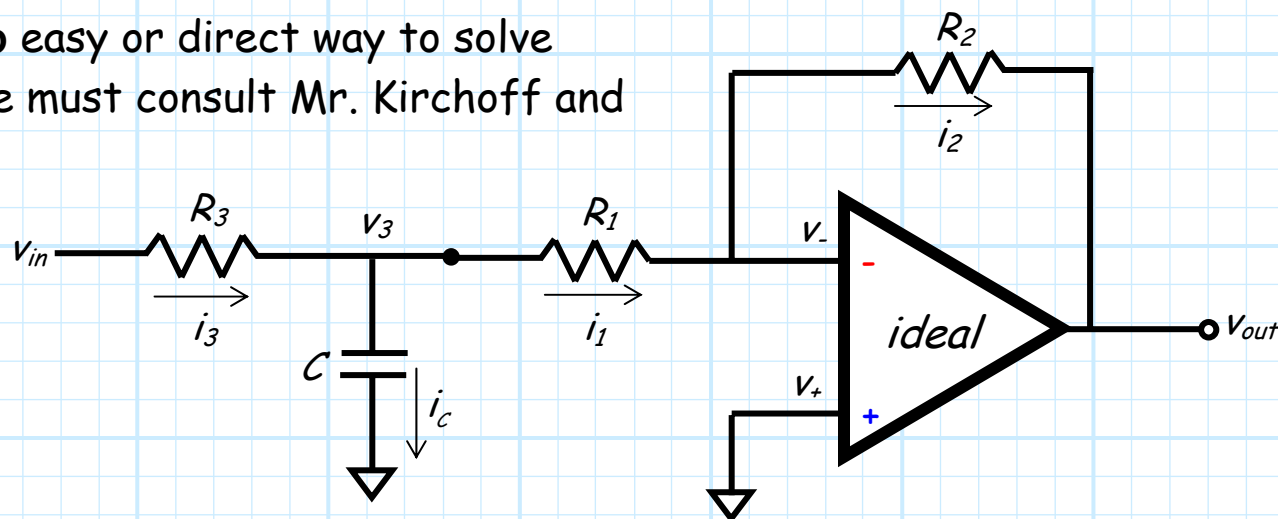


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## Don't look for templates: trust what you know



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:

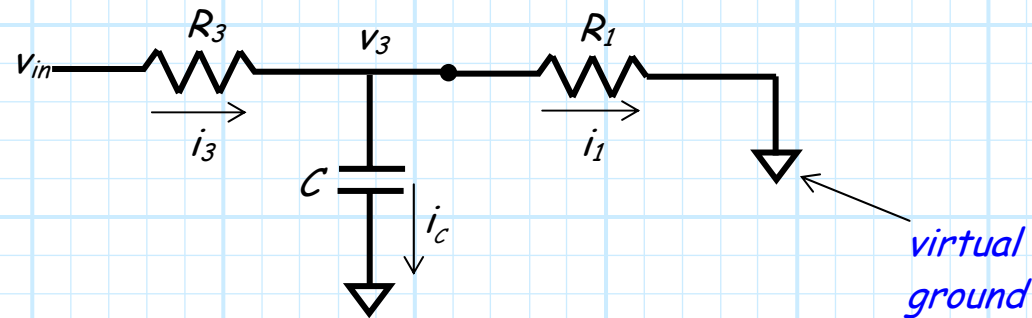
$$i_1 = \frac{V_3 - V_-}{R_1} = \frac{V_3}{R_1} \quad \text{and} \quad i_2 = \frac{V_+ - V_{out}}{R_2} = \frac{-V_{out}}{R_2}$$

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**:

$$G(\omega) = \frac{v_{out}(\omega)}{v_{in}(\omega)} = \frac{-R_2}{R_1 + R_3} \left( \frac{1}{1 + j(\omega/\omega_0)} \right)$$

where the **cutoff frequency**  $\omega_0$  is:

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

*I wish I had a nickel for every time my software has crashed—oh wait, I do!*





# Example: A Complex Processing Circuit using the Inverting Configuration

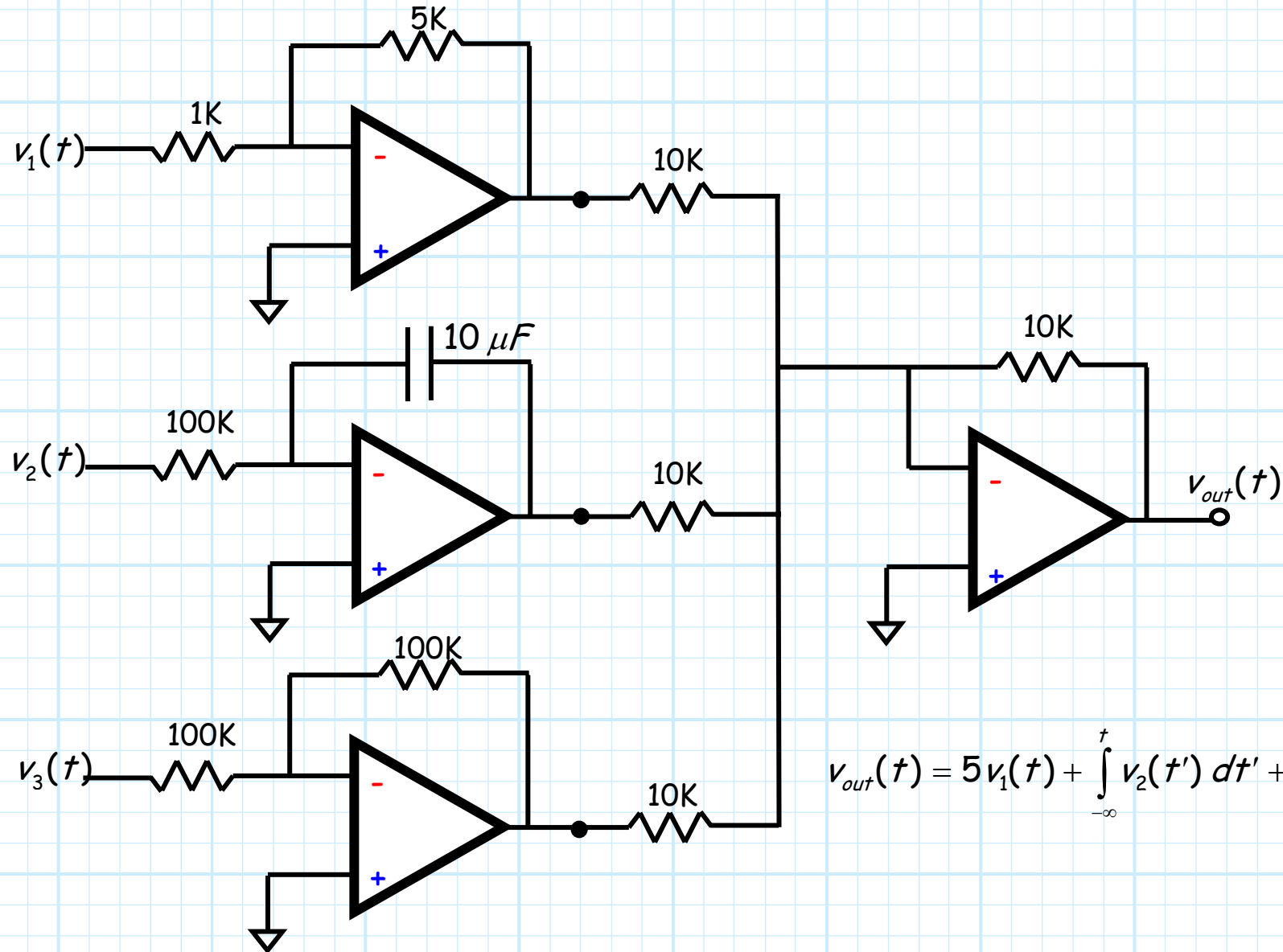
Note that we can combine inverting amplifiers to form a more **complex** processing system.

For **example**, say we wish to take **three** input signals  $v_1(t)$ ,  $v_2(t)$ , and  $v_3(t)$ , and process them such that the open-circuit output voltage is:

$$v_{out}(t) = 5v_1(t) + \int_{-\infty}^t v_2(t') dt' + \frac{dv_3(t)}{dt}$$

Assuming that we use **ideal** (or near ideal) op-amps, with an **output resistance equal to zero** (or at least very small), we can realize the above signal processor with the following circuit:

# This circuit performs this operation!



$$v_{out}(t) = 5v_1(t) + \int_{-\infty}^t v_2(t') dt' + \frac{dv_3(t)}{dt}$$