

Operational Amplifiers

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Module: Semiconductor Electronics

(in two parts)

- Text: “Electronics,” Harry Kybett, Wiley, 1986, ISBN 0-471-00916-4
- References:
 - [Electronics Tutorial](#) (Thanks to Alex Pounds)
 - [Electronics Tutorial](#) (Thanks to Mark Sokos)
- 5 - Semiconductors, Diodes and Bipolar Transistors
 - 5 on-line sessions plus one lab
- 6 - FETs, SCRs, Other Devices and Amplifiers
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- Mastery Test part 3 follows this Module

Section 6: FETs, SCRs, Other Devices and Operational Amplifiers

- **OBJECTIVES:** This section reviews additional important semiconductor devices and their applications. The Operational Amplifier is also studied.

Section 6 Schedule:

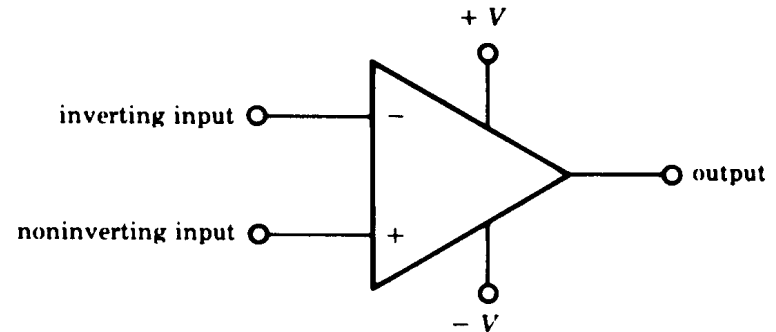
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Session 6b	01/20	Transistors as a switch	Kybett pp 78 –107
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Session 6d	01/27	Class A, B, and C Amplifiers	Notes
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Amplifier Summary

Class	Duty Cycle	Efficiency	Application
A	100%	Low	Linear small signal
B (AB)	50%	~ 50%	Linear power
C	< 50%	~ 80%	RF Power
D	High speed switching	~ 85%	DC power supplies and Low frequency linear power

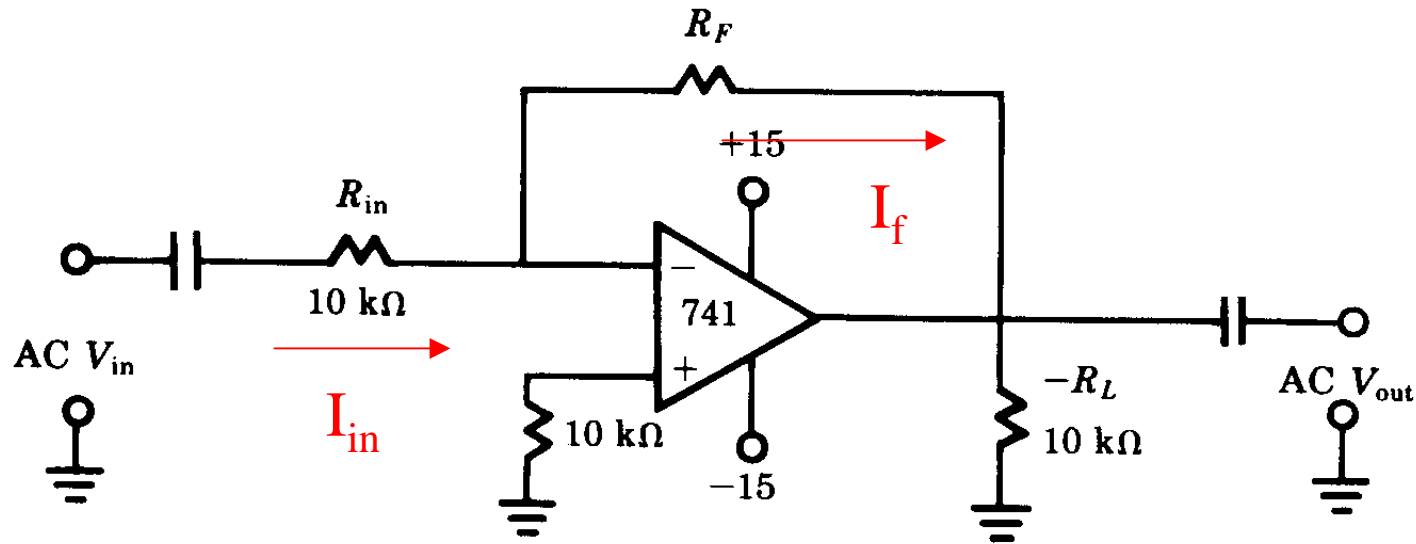
The Operational Amplifier

- Very high input impedance
- Very high “open-loop” gain (G)
- Very low output impedance
- Output can almost swing “rail-to-rail” without clipping and no distortion
- Almost an “ideal” amplifier



- Differential Input
 - $V_{out} = G*(V_+ - V_-)$
- Some have differential outputs
- Fast “slew” rate
 - Maximum rate of change in V_{out}

A “741” Amplifier



- Since “G”, the open circuit gain, is very high
 $V_- \sim V_+$ which is zero (otherwise the output would go to a rail)
- The current going into the V_- input is also zero so $I_{in} = I_f$
- But $I_{in} = V_{in}/R_{in}$ and $I_f = -V_{out}/R_f$ so $V_{in}/R_{in} = -V_{out}/R_f$ so:
 $V_{in}/V_{out} = A_f = -R_f/R_{in}$, the amplifier gain with feedback

Inside a 741 Op-Amp

- 20 transistors
- 11 resistors

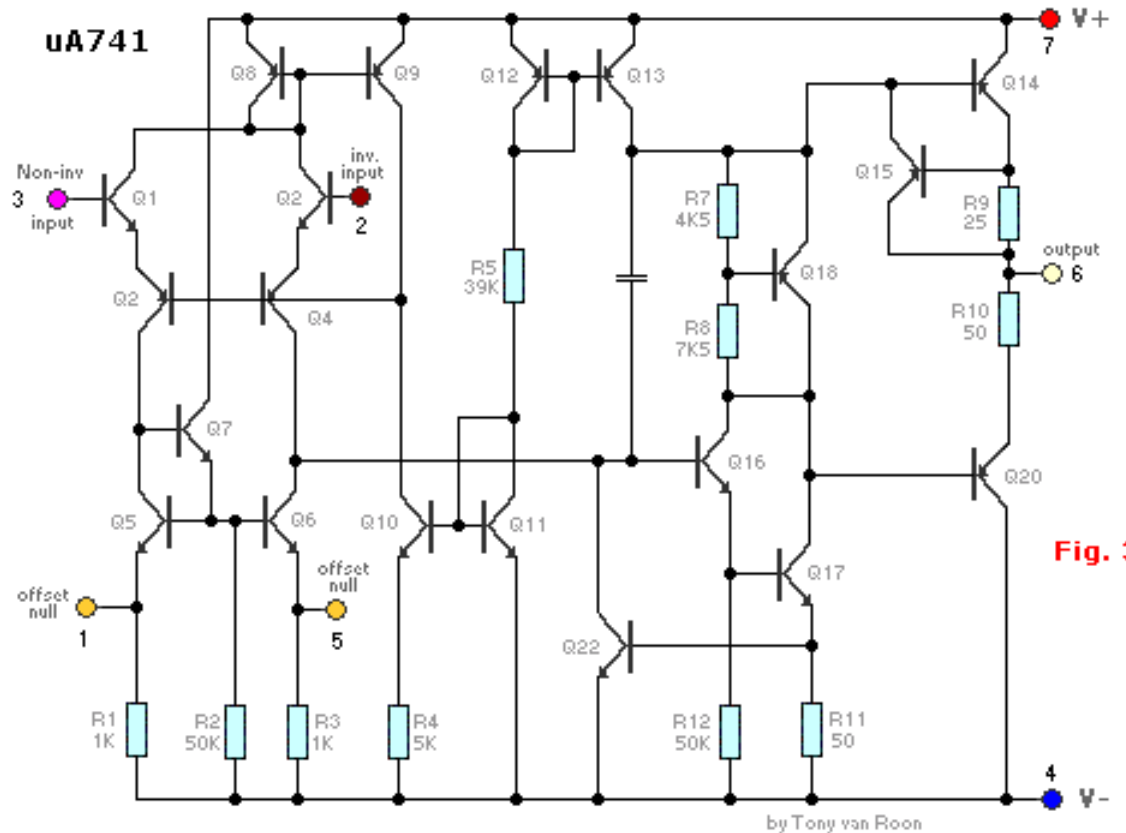


Fig. 3

The real 741

- Not the best Op-Amp
 - Limited speed / gain
 - 20kHz at a gain of 10
- Inexpensive and widely used

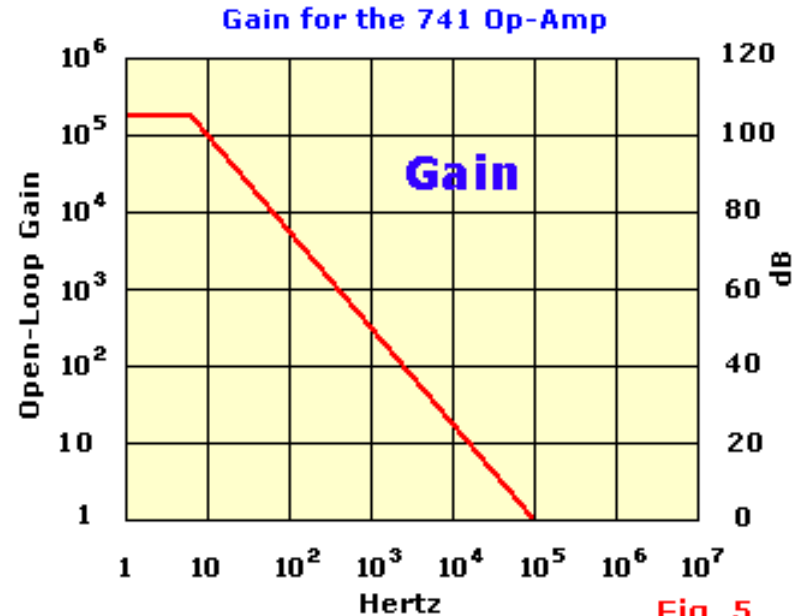


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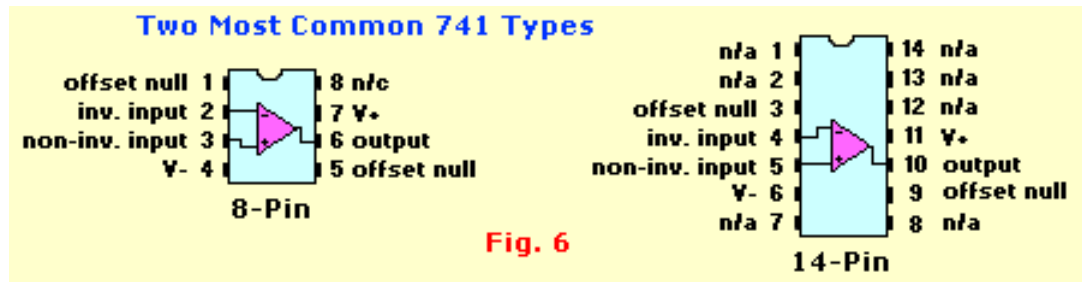


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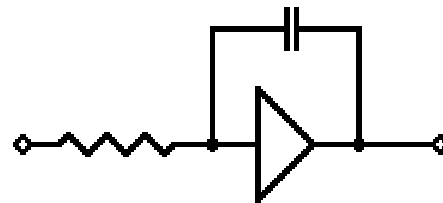
741 Maximum Ratings

- These are the manufacturer's ratings for the 741 IC

Max Ratings		Fig. 2
Supply voltage	± 18Volts	
Internal Power Dissipation	500mW	
Differential Input Voltage	± 30Volt	
Input voltage	± 15Volt	
Voltage Offset Null/V-	± 0.5Volt	
Operating Temperature Range	0° to +70°C	
Storage Temperature Range	-65° to +150°C	
Lead Temperature, Solder, 60sec.	300°C	
Output Short Circuit	Indefinite	

Op-Amp Applications

- Comparator: input is compared to a threshold and the output is either at one rail or at the other
- Small signal amplifier (class A)
- Instrumentation amplifier
- Integrator



Op-Amp Summary

- *Gain--infinite (for all practical purposes)*
 - $A_f = -R_f/R_{in}$ using the inverting input and feedback
- *Input impedance--infinite*
- *Output impedance--zero (short circuit protected)*
- *Bandwidth--infinite (not really, only in the ideal case)*
- *Voltage out--zero (when voltages into each input are equal)*

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