

## Summary so far --

"Small signal" "linear" applications  
of op amp.

We assumed it is ideal.

Negative feedback

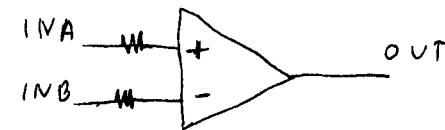
Virtual short-circuit applies.

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## Comparator



OUT is positive when  $IN_A > IN_B$   
negative when  $IN_A < IN_B$

Unknown when  $IN_A \approx IN_B$

## Today:

"Large signal" and "positive feedback"  
applications of op-amp.

Not ideal.

Positive feed back

Can't use virtual-short-circuit (Nullor)  
model,  
(but still,  $I_{in}=0$ )

Users:  
Analog to digital conversion  
digital buffers  
relay drivers.

Resistors limit current,  $I=0$  should still apply,  
but doesn't always  
Typical value  $\approx 10K$  — not critical.

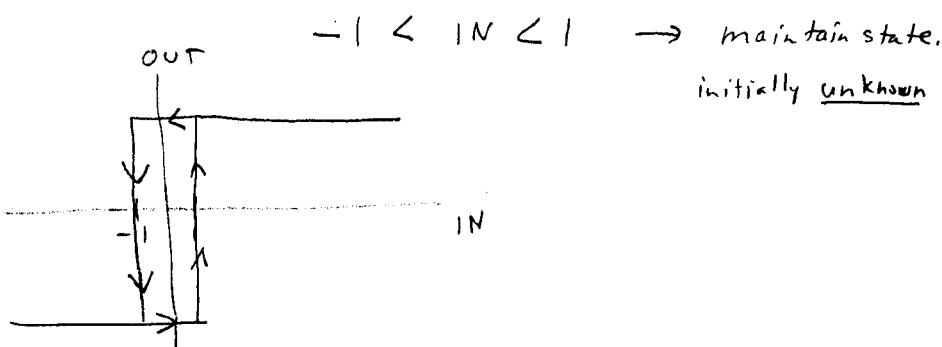
## Schmitt Trigger

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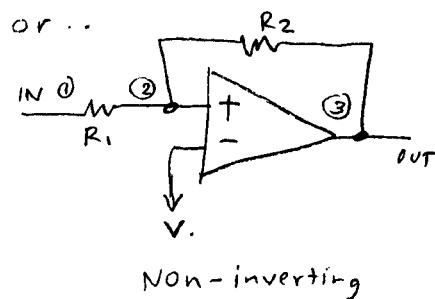
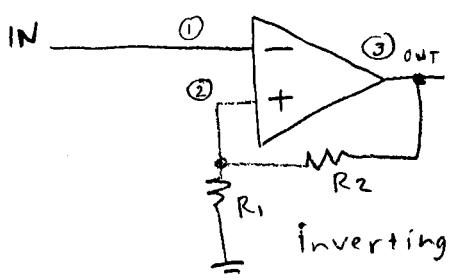
We want a window, where it doesn't change.  
"hysteresis".

Example:

$IN > 1 \text{ volt}$	$\rightarrow$	HIGH
$IN < -1 \text{ volt}$	$\rightarrow$	LOW



How? — Positive feedback



## Analysis of schmitt trigger

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Inverting:  $V_3 = \begin{cases} +14 & \text{in high state} \\ -14 & \text{in low state} \end{cases}$   
depends on power supply

Assume  $V_3 \dots$

$$\text{then } V_2 = V_3 \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

When output is high ...

when  $V_1 < V_2$  — will remain high

$V_1 > V_2$  — will change state.  
(go low)

When output is low ...

when  $V_1 > V_2$  — will remain low

$V_1 < V_2$  — will change state  
(go high)

— almost like comparator —

but  $V_2$  changes.

Example -- Suppose  $R_1 = R_2 = 10K$  (5) <sup>2A</sup>

$$V_{power} = \pm 15$$

$$V_3 = \begin{cases} +14 & \text{in high state} \\ -14 & \text{in low state} \end{cases}$$

Must analyze in each state:

$$\text{High state: } V_3 = 14 \Rightarrow V_2 = 7$$

When  $V_1 < 7$  — output remains high

$V_1 > 7$  — changes state  
(becomes low)

$$\text{Low state: } V_3 = -14 \Rightarrow V_2 = -7$$

When  $V_1 > -7$  — output remains low

$V_1 < -7$  — changes state  
(becomes high).

So ---

IN	OUT
$> 7$	LOW
$\rightarrow$ to $\rightarrow$	hold state.
$< -7$	HIGH

Designing it —

we want threshold  $\pm 1V$ .  $\rightarrow$

$$\text{power} = \pm 12V$$

$$\text{out} = \pm 11V$$

$$V_2 = V_3 \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$1 = 11 \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{1}{11} \rightarrow \frac{10K}{110K}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= 10K \\ R_2 &= 100K \end{aligned}$$

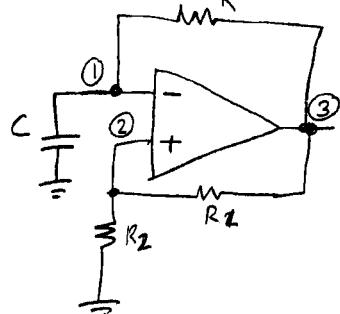
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IN	OUT
$> 1$	LOW
$-1 \rightarrow 1$	hold
$< -1$	HIGH

## Waveform generation

By adding an RC network to the Schmitt trigger, we can make an oscillator.

This one is called "relaxation oscillator"



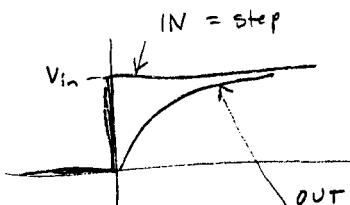
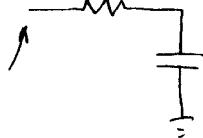
Positive feedback  
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makes it change state quickly, and hold it.

Negative feedback  
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determines timing.

Recall --- RC Network



$$out = V_{in} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}\right)$$

$t$	OUT (for $V_{in}=1$ )
0	0
$RC$	.632
$2RC$	.864

$$T = 2RC \ln \left(1 + 2 \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right)$$

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Example: Let  $R_2 = R_1$

$$\text{then } \ln \left(1 + 2 \frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) = \ln(3) \approx 1.1$$

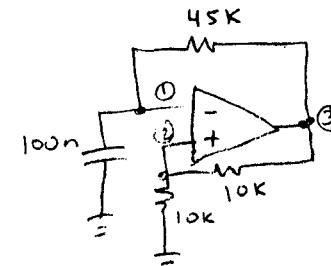
$$T = 2.2 RC$$

$$\text{For } 100 \text{ Hz}, T = .01$$

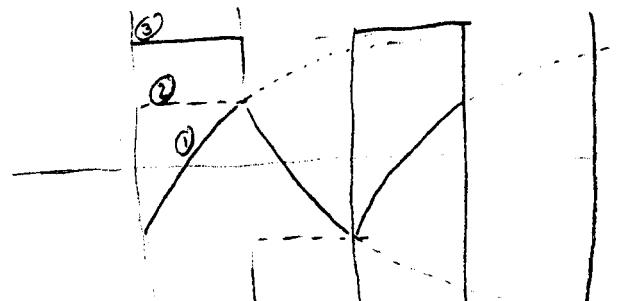
$$\text{Choose } C = 100 \text{ nF}$$

$$\text{Then } .01 = (2.2)(10^{-7})(R)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 4.5 \times 10^4 \\ &= 45 \text{ k} \end{aligned}$$



Waveforms:



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