

$$\text{Thus } Z_{\text{inCL}} = -Z_{\text{in}} \left[1 + \beta A_{\text{OL}} \frac{Z_L}{Z_o + Z_L} \right] \quad (2.7)$$

Series voltage feedback increases input impedance to an extent determined by the loop gain βA_{OL} .

2.2.5 Effect on inverting amplifier

The effects of finite open-loop gain, finite input impedance and non-zero output impedance will be considered for the inverting amplifier. To analyse the effects, each parameter will have to be considered separately. First we must find a few general relationships for a non-inverting amplifier in terms of the non-infinite open-loop gain, A_{OL} .

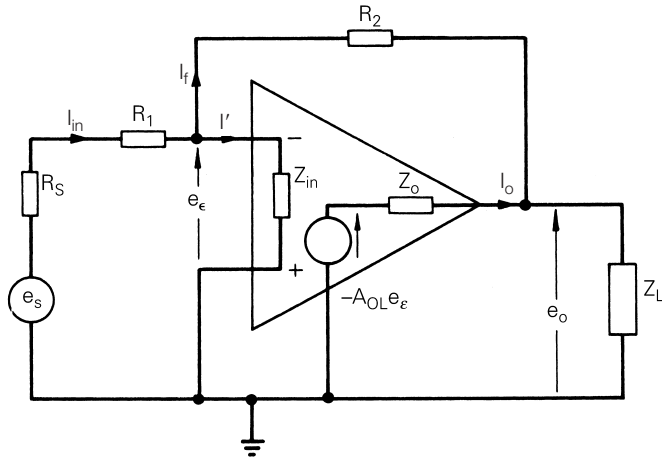


Figure 2.5 Shunt voltage feedback

In Figure 2.5, the externally applied input signal voltage e_s and the output voltage e_o are effectively applied in parallel to the op-amp's differential input. The signal e_ϵ , which drives the differential input, is a superposition of the effects of e_s and e_o .

$$e_\epsilon = e_s \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_s} + e_o \frac{R_1 + R_s}{R_1 + R_2 + R_s} \quad (2.8)$$

It is assumed that $Z_{\text{in}} \gg R_1 + R_s$ and that $Z_o \ll R_2$.

$$\text{The feedback fraction } \beta = \frac{R_1 + R_s}{R_1 + R_2 + R_s}$$

Let us now examine the effect of non-zero output impedance. The output voltage may be written as

$$e_o = -A_{\text{OL}} e_\epsilon - I_o Z_o$$

Substitution for e_s and rearrangement gives

$$e_o = -\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_s} \frac{A_{OL}}{1 + \beta A_{OL}} e_s - i_o \frac{Z_o}{1 + \beta A_{OL}}$$

The closed-loop signal gain of the circuit is thus

$$e_o = -\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_s} \frac{A_{OL}}{1 + \beta A_{OL}} = -\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_s} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\beta A_{OL}}} \right] \quad (2.9)$$

For large values of βA_{OL} , the term

$$\left[\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\beta A_{OL}}} \right]$$

is very close to unity and the closed-loop gain is

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_s}$$

The closed-loop output impedance is

$$Z_{oCL} = \frac{Z_o}{1 + \beta A_{OL}} \quad (2.10)$$

The closed-loop output impedance of an op-amp in many circuits is a tiny fraction of the open-loop impedance, typically less than 1 m Ω at low frequencies.

Compare equations 2.9 and 2.10 with equations 2.5 and 2.6. Again, notice the importance of the loop gain βA_{OL} . If the loop gain is sufficiently large the closed-loop performance is determined by the value of the components used to fix the feedback fraction β . If $R_1 \ll R_s$ and the loop gain is large, the closed-loop signal gain approximates to $A_{CL} = -R_2/R_1$.

Now let us consider the input impedance. In Figure 2.5

$$I_{in} = I' + I_f$$

Now $I' = e_s/Z_{in}$ and $I_f = (e_s - e_o)/R_2$.

$$\text{So } I_{in} = \frac{e_s}{Z_{in}} + \frac{e_s - e_o}{R_2}$$

If $Z_L > Z_o$, $e_o \cong -A_{OL}e_s$ i.e. assume that there is no voltage drop across the internal output impedance.

$$\text{By substitution, } I_{in} = e_s \left[\frac{1}{Z_{in}} + \frac{1 + A_{OL}}{R_2} \right]$$

In terms of input impedance, we have Z_{in} and additional shunt impedance $R_2/(1 + A_{OL})$. Thus the effect of the shunt feedback is to reduce the effective differential input impedance of the op-amp. And if A_{OL} is very large, the input impedance is very small (typically $< 1 \Omega$). The overall input impedance of the inverting op-amp circuit then effectively equals the value of the resistor R_1 .