

Op Amp Problems

Sagi Perel

student name TA

For each of the circuits below, using op amps (not comparators) compute the voltages and currents indicated by letters. Show your work.

(1) • Since we assume an ideal op amp - no current flows from (c) to the (+) leg. So the voltage at (a) is a simple voltage divider:  $V_a = \frac{5v \cdot 2k}{8k+2k} = 1v$ .

• An ideal op amp in this configuration - would cause  $V_{(+)} = V_{(-)}$ , so  $V_b = V_a = 1v$

We know that d flows from (c) through (b) to ground - so looking @ the 1k:  $(V_b - 0) = d \cdot 1k \Rightarrow d = 1mA$

• Looking @ the 2k:  $V_c - V_b = d \cdot 2k \Rightarrow V_c = 3v$

$V_c = 1v + 1mA \cdot 2k$   
 $V_c = 3v$

• Here we start from a known voltages:  $V_{(+)} = V_{(-)} = V_b = 0$  and  $V_a = 1.2v$  because of the zener diode.

(2) • Now we know the voltage drop over the 10k:  $V_a - V_b = f \cdot 10k$   
 $1.2v - 0v = f \cdot 10k \Rightarrow f = 0.12mA$

• We also know the voltage drop over the 1k (left one):  
 $5v - V_a = d \cdot 1k$   
 $5v - 1.2v = d \cdot 1k \Rightarrow d = 3.8mA$

• We know:  $d = e + f \Rightarrow e = 3.68mA$

• Since no current flows into the (+) terminal then  $g = f = 0.12mA$

- By knowing  $V_b, g$  - we can find  $V_c$  (voltage drop over the 20k):  
 $V_b - V_c = g \cdot 20k \Rightarrow V_c = V_b - g \cdot 20k = 0 - 0.12mA \cdot 20k = -2.4v$
- To find  $i$ : look at the right 1k resistor:  $V_c - 0 = i \cdot 1k$   
 $-2.4v = i \cdot 1k \Rightarrow i = -2.4mA$
- We know:  $g + h = i$  so  $h = i - g = (-2.4mA) - 0.12mA = -2.52mA$

(3) • To find  $V_1$ :  $V_1 = 5v \cdot \frac{2k}{50k} = 0.2v$

Similarly,  $V_2 = 5v \cdot \frac{1k}{49k} = 0.1v$

• Because of the buffers:  $V_a = V_1 = 0.2v$   
 $V_b = V_2 = 0.1v$

•  $V_{(+)} = V_{(-)} = V_c = 0v$

• From voltage drops over the resistors & ohm's law

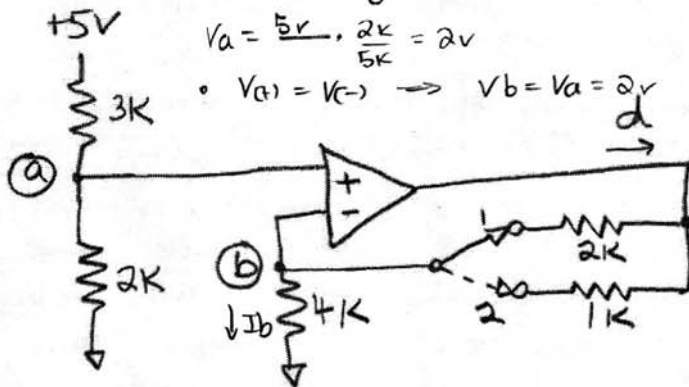
$V_a - V_c = e \cdot 1k \Rightarrow e = 0.2mA$   
 $V_b - V_c = f \cdot 1k \Rightarrow f = 0.1mA$

•  $g = e + f = 0.3mA$

• Voltage drop over 10k:  $V_c - V_d = g \cdot 10k$   
 $0 - V_d = 0.3mA \cdot 10k$   
 $V_d = -3v$

(4) Calculate voltages and currents with switch in each position.

• From voltage divider (since no current flows to the (+) terminal):



$$V_a = \frac{5V}{5k} \cdot 2k = 2V$$

$$V_{(+)} = V_{(-)} \Rightarrow V_b = V_a = 2V$$

• With switch @ 1: current  $d$  flows through (a) over the  $2k$ , through (b) to ground.

So from voltage drop over (b):

$$I_b = \frac{V_b - 0}{4k} = \frac{2V}{4k} = 0.5mA$$

$$d = I_b = 0.5mA$$

Now - from voltage drop over the  $2k$ :

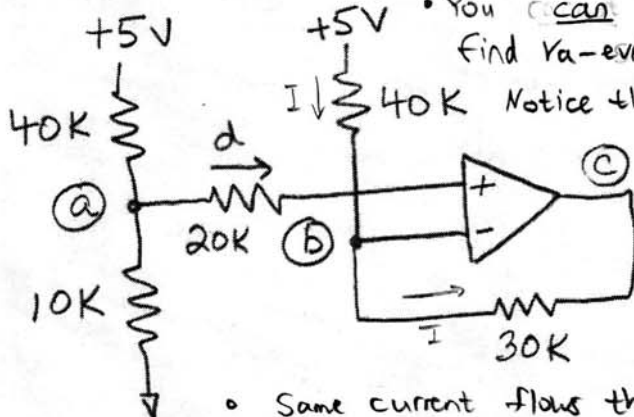
$$V_c - V_b = d \cdot 2k$$

$$V_c = 0.5mA \cdot 2k + 2V = 3V$$

• When the switch is in (2) state - then  $d$  remains the same (verify that!) and by doing a similar calculation:

$$V_c = 0.5mA \cdot 1k + 2V = 2.5V$$

(5)



• You can use a simple voltage divider here to find  $V_a$  - even though current splits there.

Notice that  $d$  flows to the (+) terminal - so

$$d = 0mA$$

$$V_a = \frac{5V \cdot 10k}{50k} = 1V$$

$$V_{(+)} = V_{(-)} \Rightarrow V_b = V_a = 1V$$

( $V_{(+)} = V_{(-)}$  since  $d = 0mA$ )

• Same current flows through the  $40k$  &  $30k$  (nothing flows into the (+) terminal) - so from  $40k$  we know:

$$5V - V_b = I \cdot 40k$$

$$5V - 1V = I \cdot 40k$$

$$I = \frac{4V}{40k} = 0.1mA \Rightarrow$$

from  $30k$ :

$$V_b - V_c = I \cdot 30k$$

$$V_c = V_b - I \cdot 30k = 1V - 0.1mA \cdot 30k = -2V$$

(6) An op amp actually has two separate gains, one for each of the inputs. In a perfect op amp  $A_1 = A_2$ . Find the Common Mode Rejection Ratio (CMRR) for a real op amp in which  $A_1 = 600,000$  and  $A_2 = 600,100$ . Express your answer in dB.

$$20 \log \left| \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{A_1 + A_2}{A_1 - A_2} \right| \hat{=} 76 \text{ dB}$$

(because it's  $V$ , and not  $P$  - use  $20 \log$  and not  $10 \log$ )

answers: (1)  $a=1V, b=1V, c=3V, d=1mA$ ; (2)  $a=1.2V, b=0V, -2.4V, d=3.8mA, e=3.68mA, f=0.12mA, g=0.12mA, h=-2.52mA, i=-2.4mA$ ; (3)  $a=0.2V, b=0.1V, c=0V, d=-3V, e=0.2mA, f=0.1mA, g=0.3mA$ ; (4)  $a=2V, b=2V, c=(3V \text{ or } 2.5V), d=0.5mA$ ; (5)  $a=1V, b=1V, c=-2V, d=0mA$ ; (6)  $76 \text{ dB}$  (voltage ratio=6000.5).