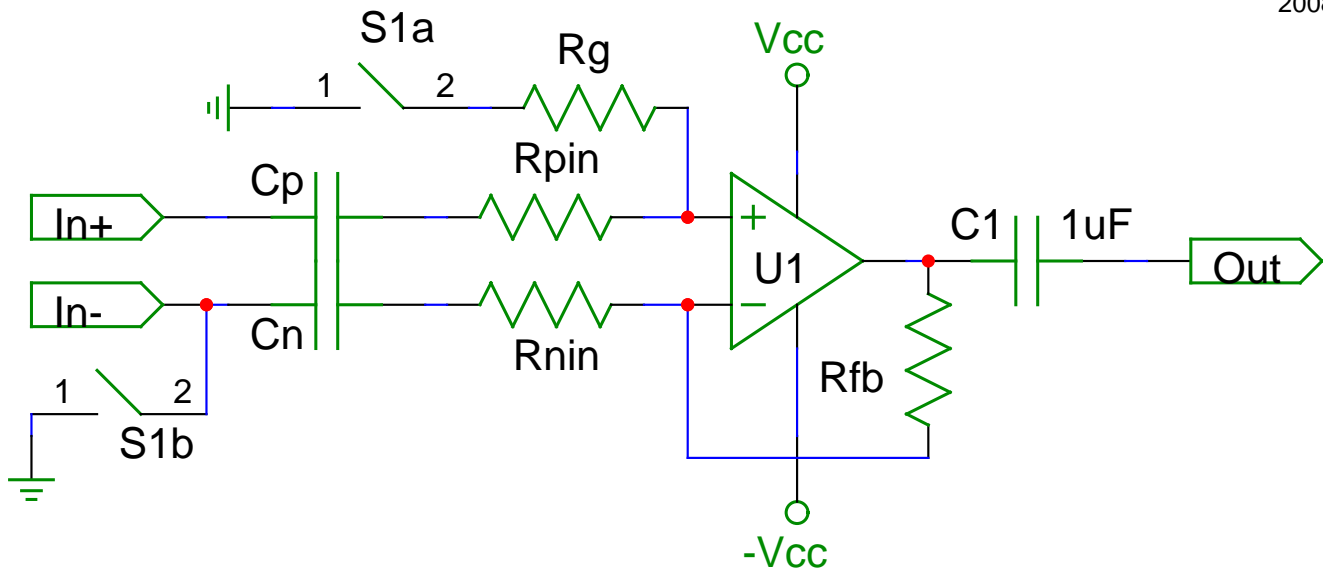


Single OpAmp Differential Input

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If all resistors are equal, then this is a buffer. R_g attenuates [In+] so its gain is unity on output. Impedance imbalances on inputs will make CMRR less. Worst case CMRR is usually at 6db. Meter and match resistors as carefully as possible.

When $R_{fb}=R_g$ and $R_{pin}=R_{nin}$: $gain = (R_{fb}/R_{nin}) * ([In+] - [In-])$

Chosen values for R_{fb} are usually 10-50k.

C_p+C_n are DC removal on input (>1uF if needed). C_1 is DC removal on output (if needed).

Warning: C_n+R_{nin} will form a high pass filter.

Warning: R_g bleeds off C_p and keeps it from floating. C_n and C_1 may need similar.

Option: S1 is SPDT and quick converts this to single input (non-differential) mode. S1a is closed and S1b is open for differential input mode. For a better setup, S1 should be DPDT and also change R_{pin} to $(R_{fb}||R_{nin})$. Switch wiring would be: [In-] Gnd [Amp+] and $(R_{fb}||R_{nin})$ [Amp+] R_{pin} .

Option: R_{pin} and R_{nin} can be split in the middle with a pF range capacitor each going to ground to block RF noise.

Option: Cable impedance balancing help. Connect a 1k resistor from each input to each other. At the mid point, connect a 50k resistor to ground.

Option: 2 sets of back to back (pointed at or away from each other) zener diodes from each input (between C_p+R_{pin} and C_n+R_{nin}) to ground can be used for over voltage protection (mandatory clamps when phantom power is used).

Manual Trimming. Change R_g to variable. Join the two inputs together. Connect a test signal or small battery to the inputs with both signal and op amp grounds tied together. Adjust R_g until the output voltage is zero. This should give >40db CMRR.