

# Lecture 07: Op Amp Speed

0. Review

1. Op Amp Speed

2. Gain Bandwidth

3. Slew Rate

Textbook reading:

14-1 Amplifier Freq Response

14-9 Rise Time - BW relationship

16-2 The 741 Op Amp  
(Slew rate sub-section)

• PreLab 3: Multisim schematic + AC sweep

• HW3 due next Fri (Oct 11)  
in box outside my office.

→ No class Oct 8 + 10

Finish Lab 3 on your own

• Quiz 3 (Oct 15) (see handout)

• Exam #1 (Oct 17)

→ HW1, 2, 3

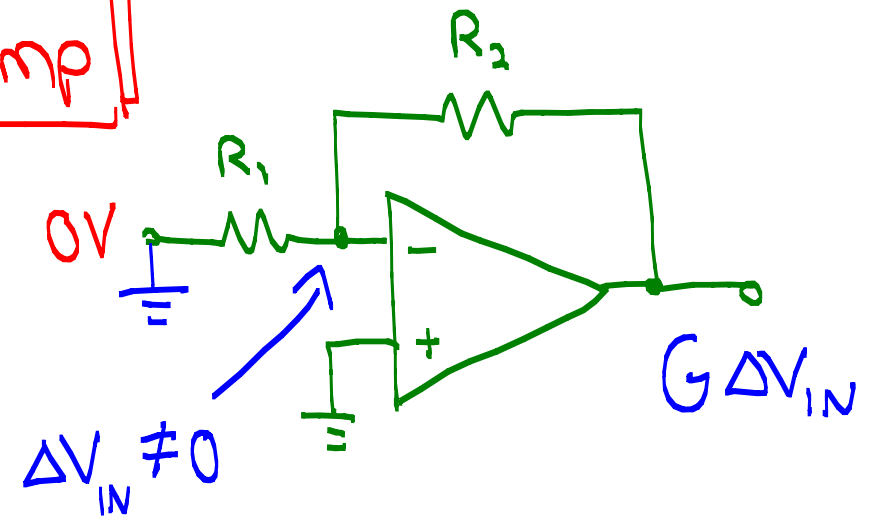
→ QZ1, 2, 3

→ Sample exam on  
course website

# 0. Review

## Output Voltage Error

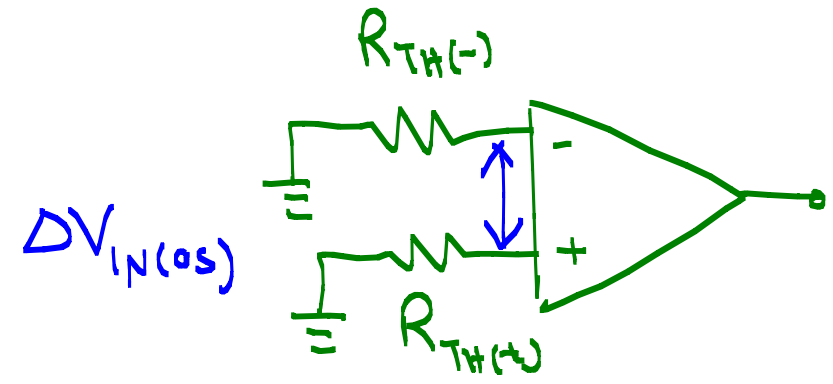
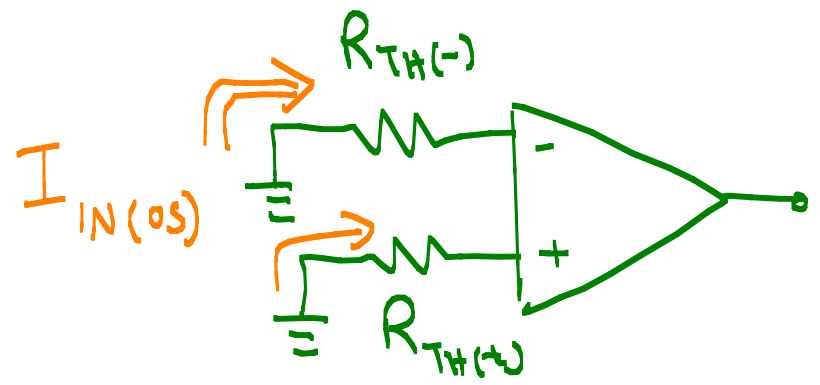
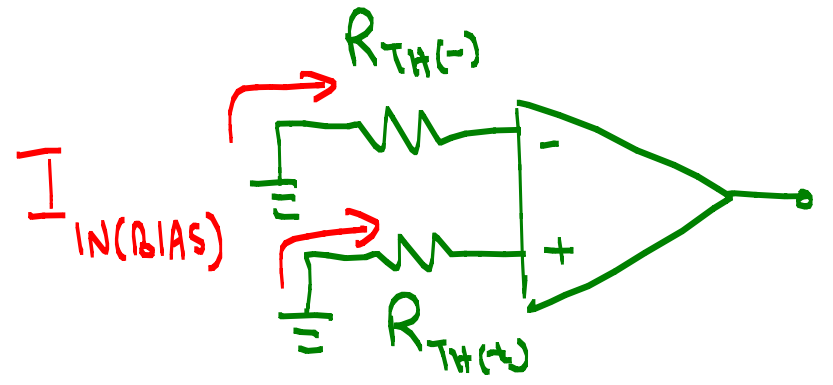
Real op Amp



① Input bias current :  $I_{IN(BIAS)} * [R_{TH(-)} - R_{TH(+)}]$

② Input offset current :  $I_{IN(OS)} * \frac{R_{TH(-)} + R_{TH(+)}}{2}$

③ Input offset voltage :  $V_{IN(OS)}$



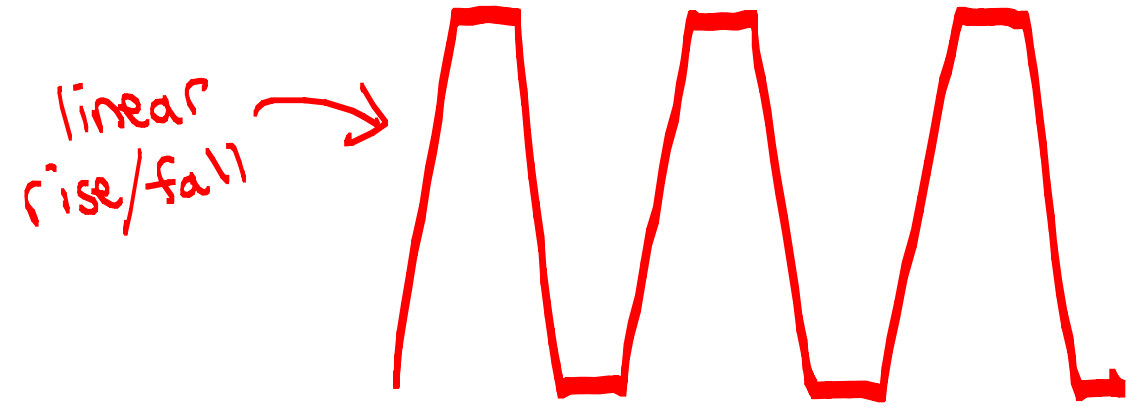
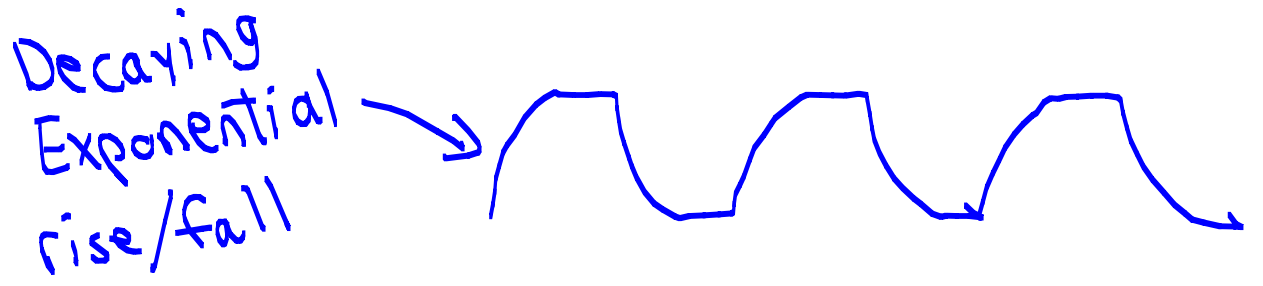
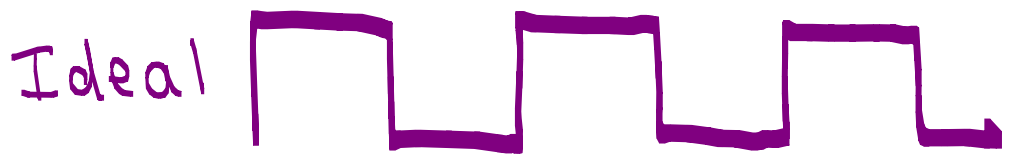
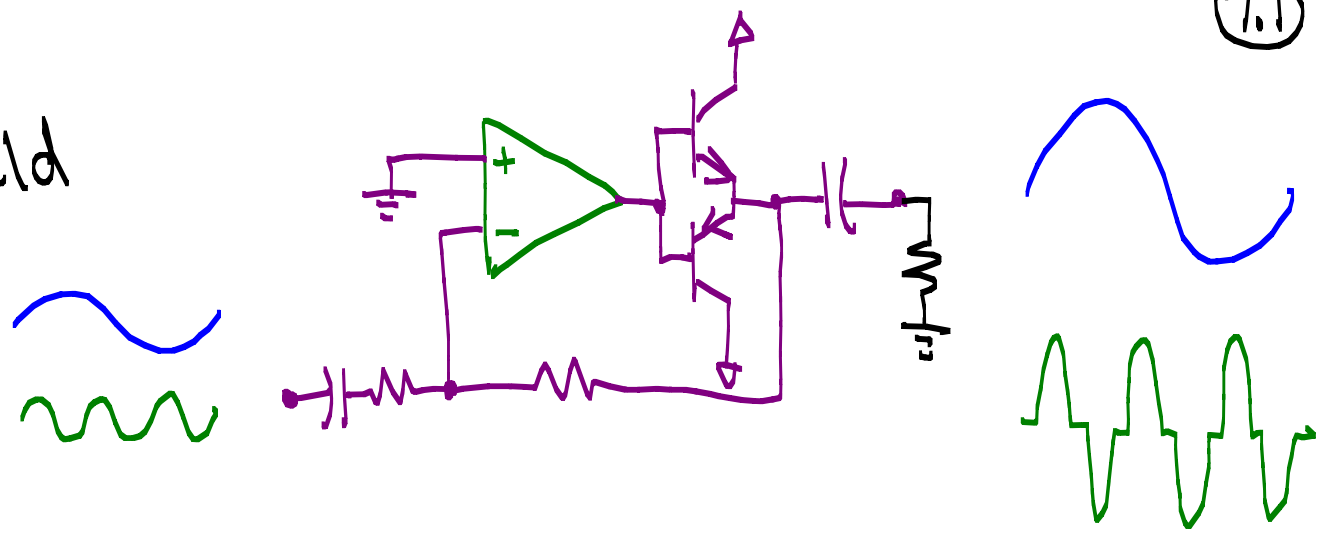
# 1. Op Amp Speed

- In Lab 2, crossover distortion would be much worse at MHz freq  
→ op amp couldn't provide enough  $dV/dt$ !

Q: What limits the op amp speed?

A: Depends on ...

- ① Gain-Bandwidth Product
- ② Slew Rate
- ③ Waveform Type  
(square, triangle, sine, etc.)



# 2. Gain-Bandwidth Product

Consider our non-inverting amplifier.

Q: What is its bandwidth?

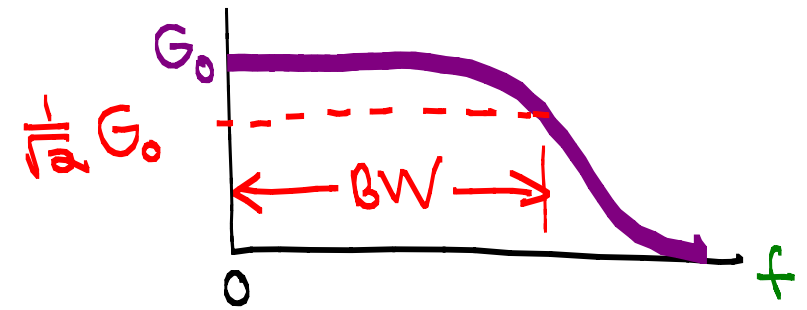
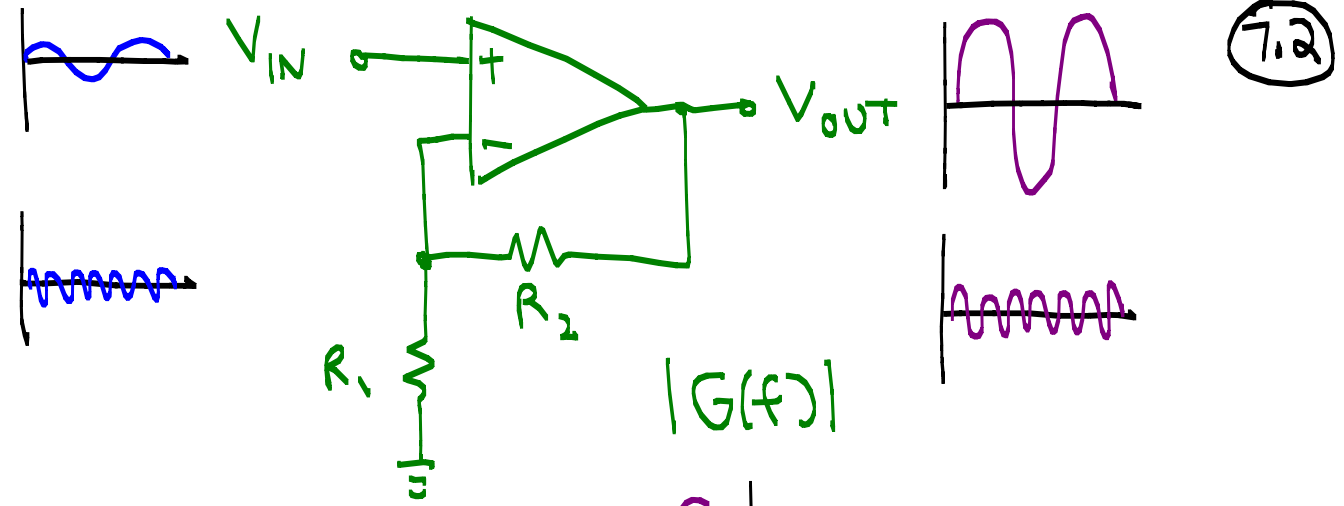
A: It depends on the voltage gain!

$$[\text{Gain}] \times [\text{Bandwidth}] = \text{constant}$$

Gain-bandwidth Product

$$G * BW = f_{\text{unity}}$$

We'll discuss this more when we cover negative feedback



Example:  $f_{\text{unity}} = 1 \text{ MHz}$

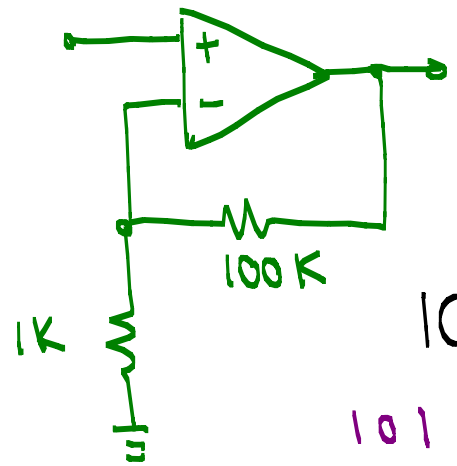
G	BW
1	1 MHz
10	0.1 MHz
100	0.01 MHz

Max signal freq for desired gain

• GBW product depends on the op amp!

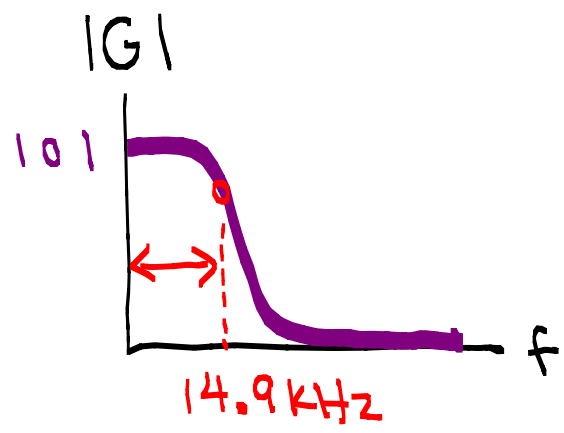
Example

741



$$G = 1 + \frac{100k}{1k} = 101$$

$$BW = \frac{1.5 \text{ MHz}}{101} = \boxed{14.9 \text{ kHz}}$$



"General Purpose" op amps

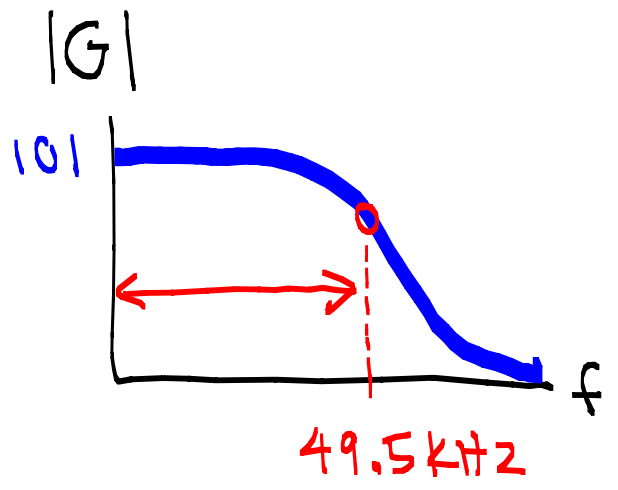
Op Amp	GBW
LM741	1.5 MHz
LF411	4 MHz
LF356	5 MHz
LT1128	20 MHz

(Other op amps have GBW > 100 MHz!)

LF356

$$G = 1 + \frac{100k}{1k} = 101$$

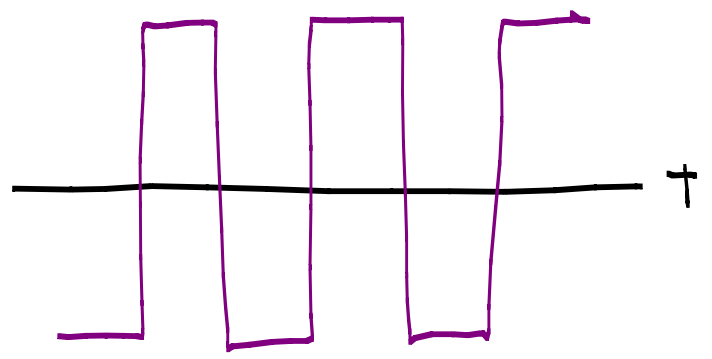
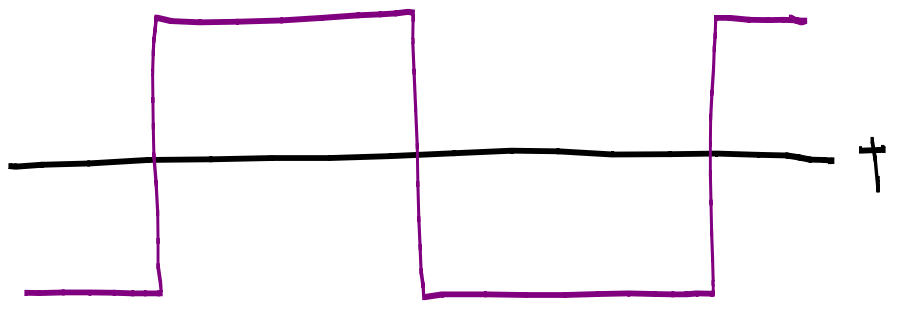
$$BW = \frac{5 \text{ MHz}}{101} = \boxed{49.5 \text{ kHz}}$$



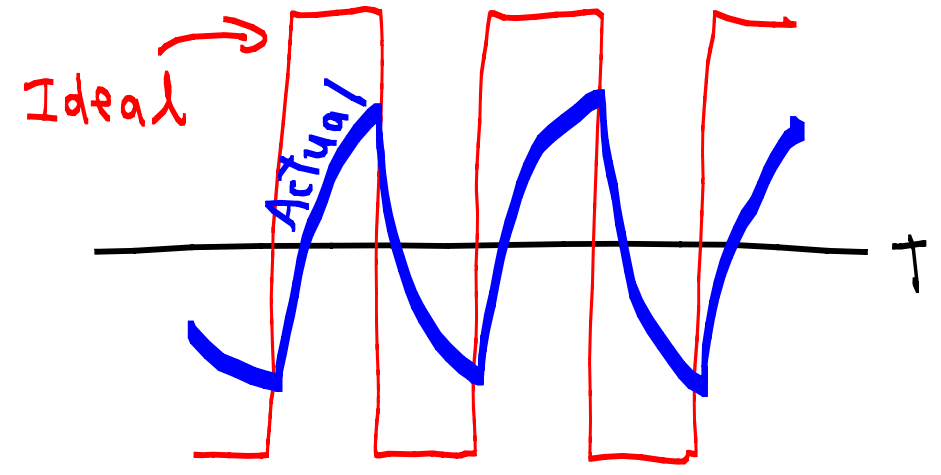
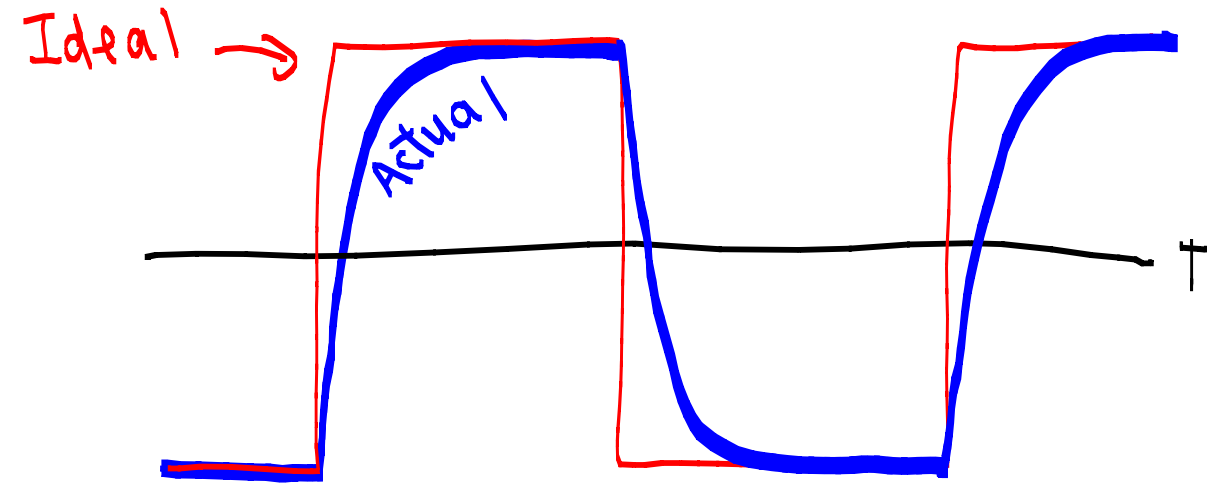
Tricky to use  
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 Need Careful PCB layout

- For many non-sinusoidal signals (e.g. square wave), time-domain response is more meaningful.

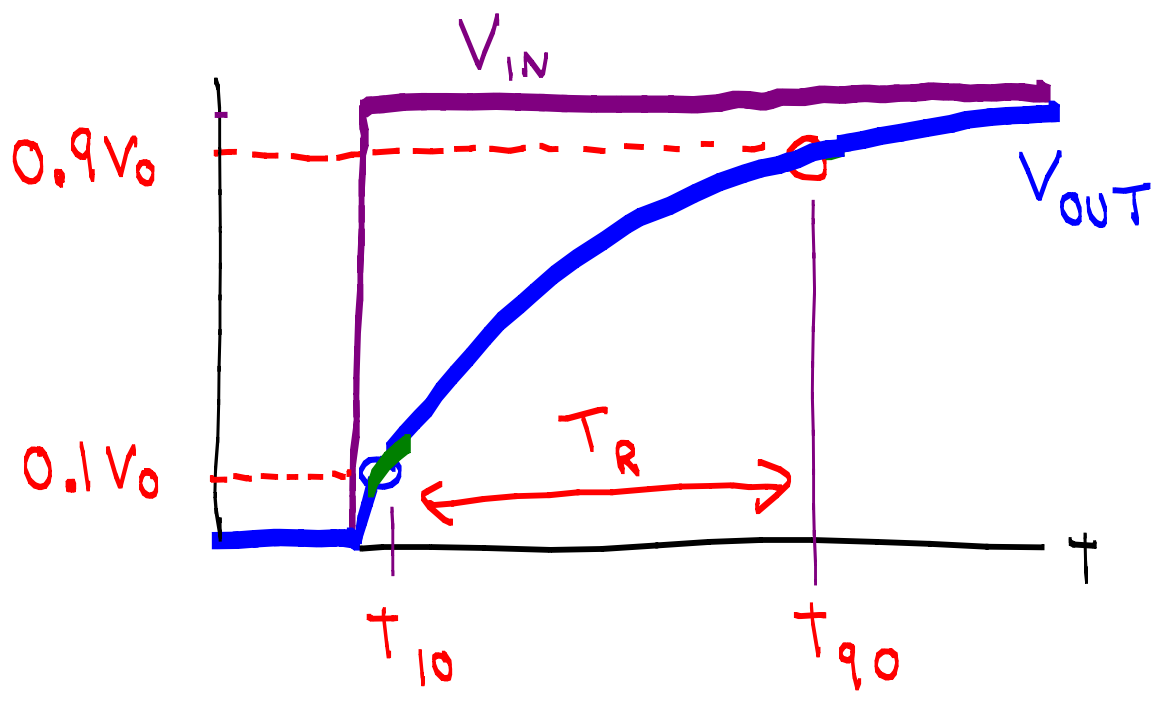
$V_{IN}$



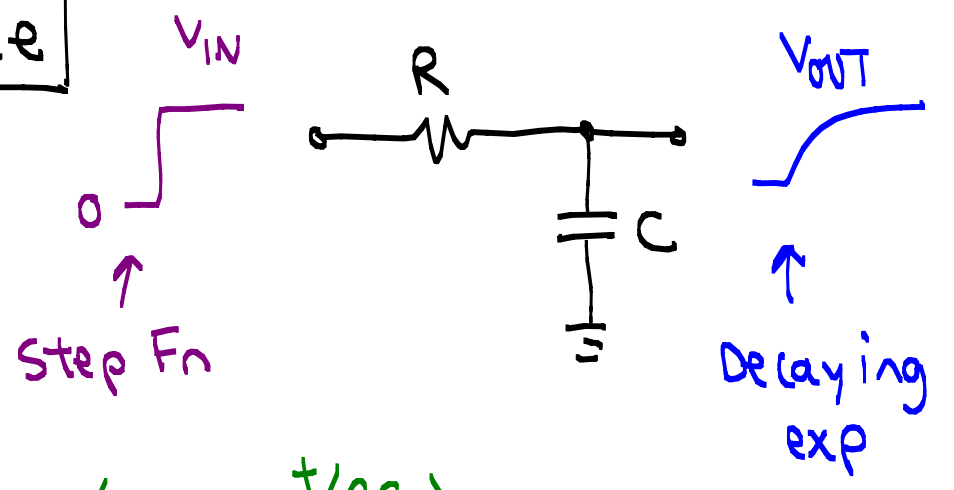
$V_{OUT}$



• Rise Time  $T_R = t_{90} - t_{10}$



**Example**



$\rightarrow V_{OUT} = V_{IN} * (1 - e^{-t/RC})$

Rise Time :  $T_R = t_{90} - t_{10} = RC \ln 9$

$f_c = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$

$\Rightarrow T_R = \frac{1}{2\pi f_c} * \ln 9 = 0.35 \frac{1}{f_c}$

$\star T_R = 0.35 / BW$

### 3. Slew Rate (SR)

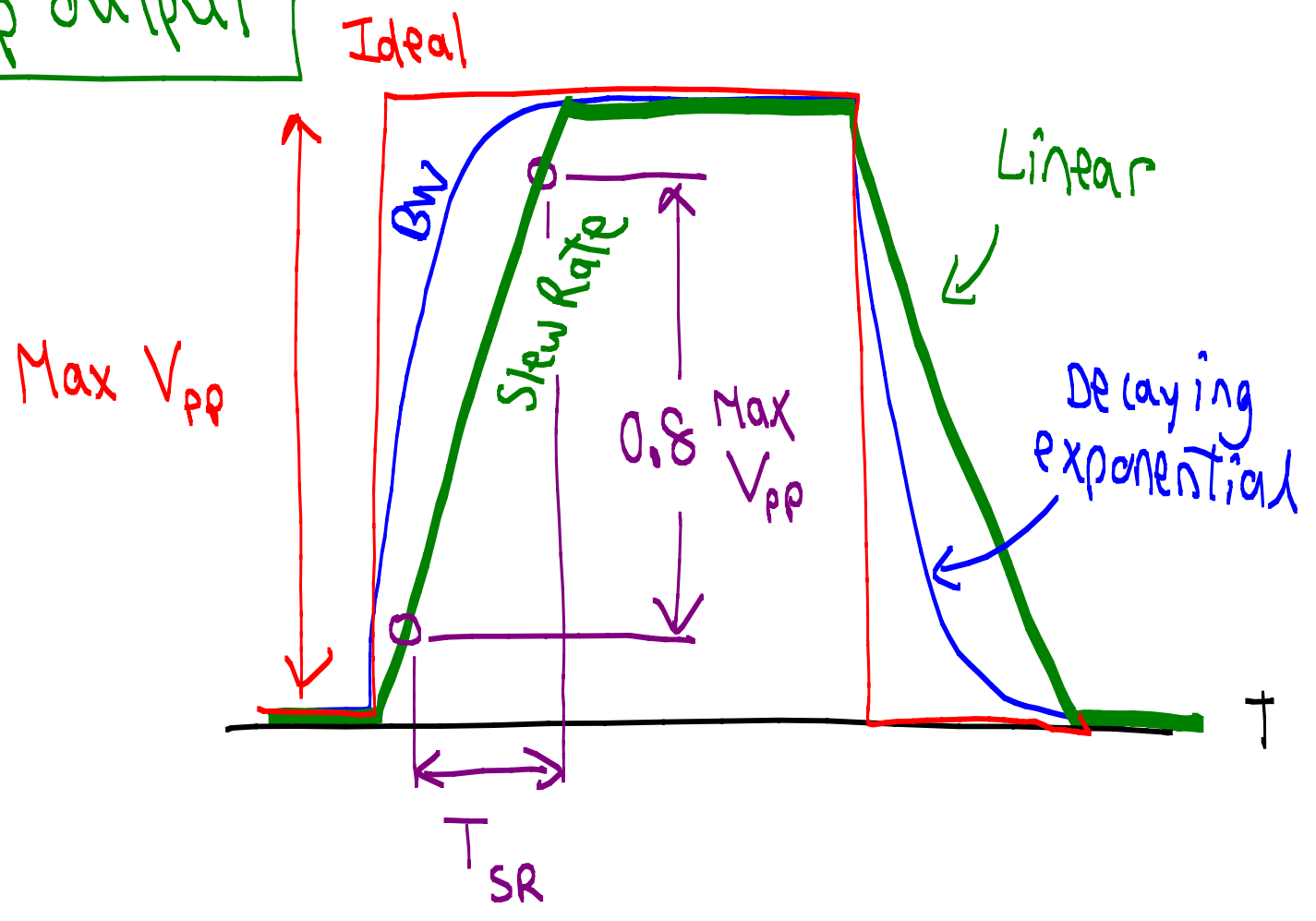
Slew Rate = Max Slope of op amp output

(V/μs)

$$\frac{dV_{out}}{dt}$$

If op amp is SR limited, then a square pulse has a trapezoidal shape.

$$T_{SR} = \frac{0.8 \text{ Max } V_{pp}}{SR}$$

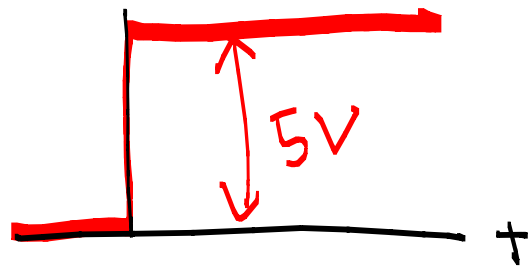




Example: Op amp: GBW = 2 MHz  
 $S_R = 1 \text{ V}/\mu\text{s}$

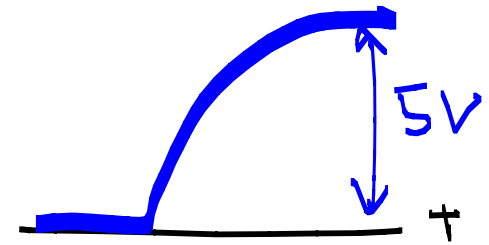
Input:  $V_{in} = 0.5 \times u(t) \leftarrow \text{step fn}$  7.7  
 $G = 10$

**Ideal**



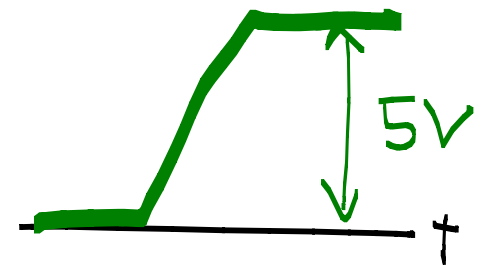
**Actual**  $V_{out}$  is limited by BW or SR

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ BW} = \frac{2 \text{ MHz}}{10} = 0.2 \text{ MHz}$$
$$\rightarrow T_R = \frac{0.35}{0.2 \text{ MHz}} = 1.75 \mu\text{s}$$



\* Longer time value determines op amp output!

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Max } V_{pp} = 5 \text{ V}$$
$$\rightarrow T_{SR} = \frac{0.8 \times 5 \text{ V}}{1 \text{ V}/\mu\text{s}} = \boxed{4 \mu\text{s}}$$



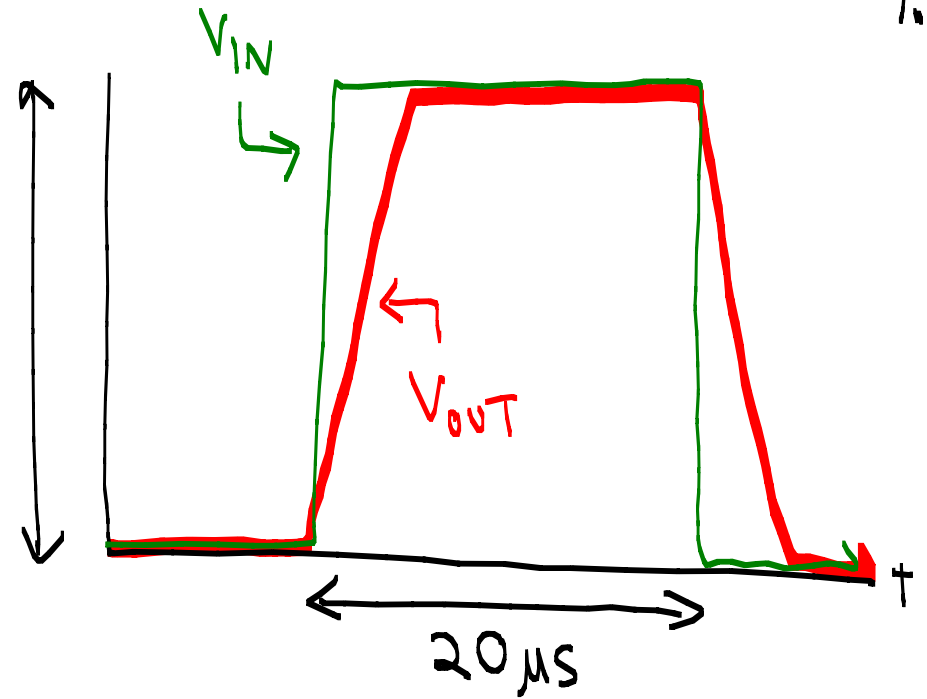
- Bandwidth vs. Slew Rate

Example

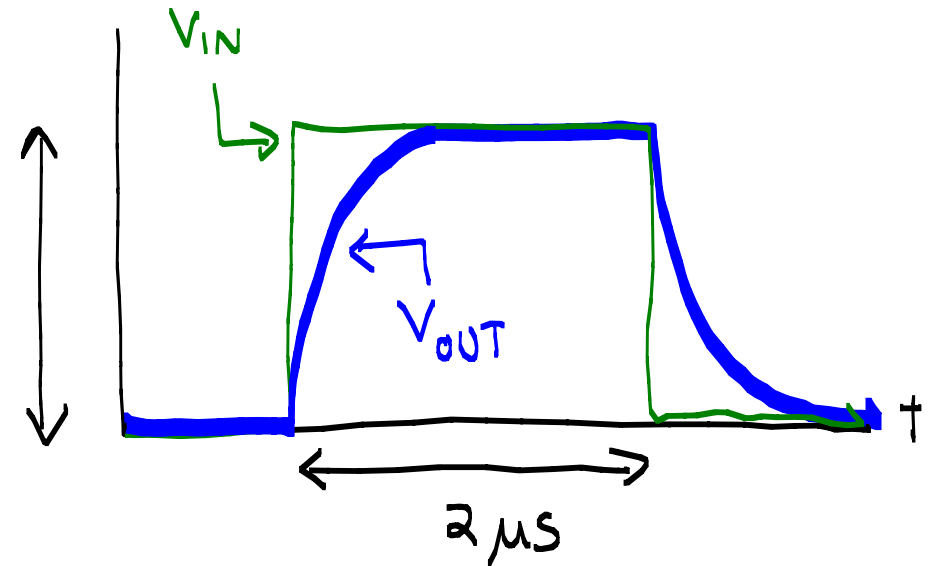
- ↳ • Typically involves large signals
- SR distortion has linear ramp

- ↳ • Typically involves small signals
- For pulsed signals, BW distortion has exponential decay

10V



0.1V



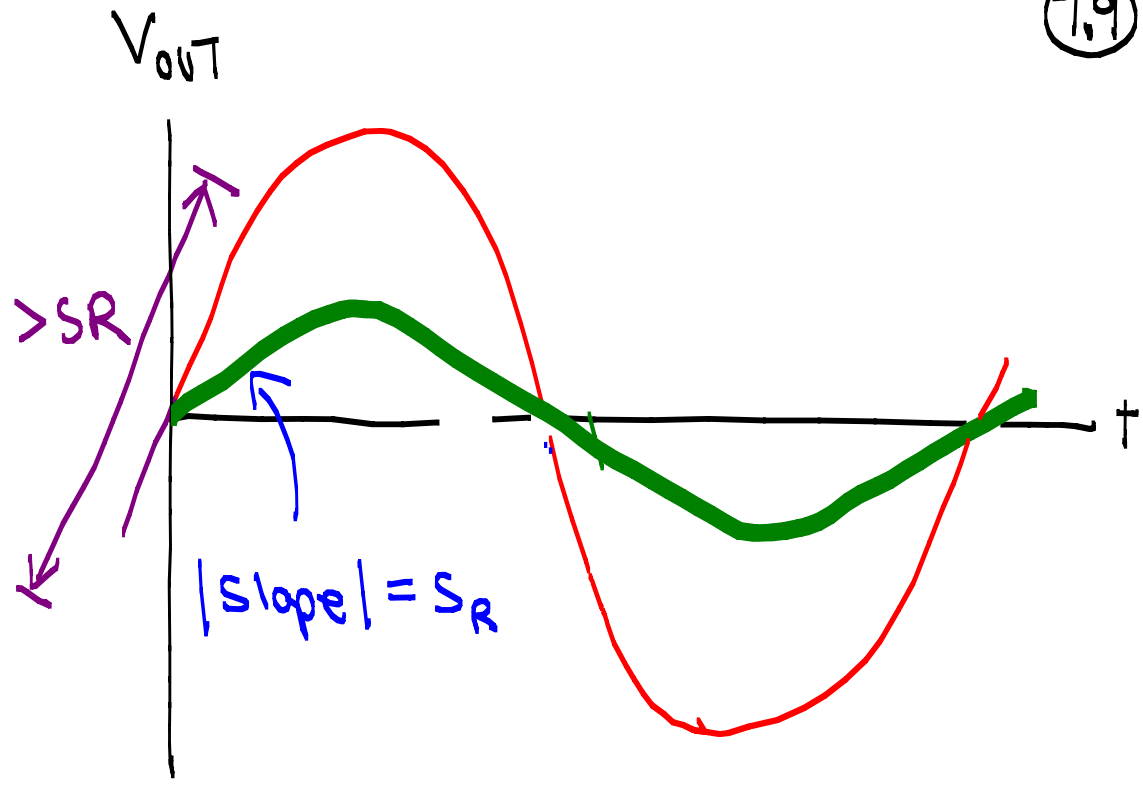
③ For sine waves, SR limitation

causes distortion. ← op amp's max  $\frac{dV}{dt}$  not high enough

$$V_{out} = V_p \sin 2\pi f_o t$$

$$\frac{dV_{out}}{dt} = 2\pi f_o V_p \cos 2\pi f_o t$$

Distortion occurs if  $SR < 2\pi f_o V_p$



(only valid for sine wave)

• Power Bandwidth:  $SR = 2\pi f_{max} V_p$

Also called "Large Signal" BW

$$f_{max} = \frac{SR}{2\pi V_p}$$

Larger  $V_p$  means smaller  $f_{max}$ !

Max sine wave freq without SR distortion.

Example

Op amp: GBW = 2 MHz  
SR = 1 V/μs

Signal:  $V_{in} = \sin 2\pi f_0 t$   
 $f_0 = 100 \text{ kHz}$   
 $G = 10$

① Check  $f_0$  vs. BW:

$$BW = \frac{2 \text{ MHz}}{10} = 200 \text{ kHz}$$

• Since  $f_0 = 100 \text{ kHz} < BW$ , we are not limited by BW!

② Check  $f_0$  vs. power bandwidth:

Formula →  
only valid  
for sine  
wave!

$$f_{\text{Power}} = \frac{SR}{2\pi V_p} = \frac{1 \text{ V}/\mu\text{s}}{2\pi (10\text{V})} = 0.016 \frac{1}{\mu\text{s}} = 0.016 \text{ MHz}$$
$$= 16 \text{ kHz} < f_0!$$

⇒ slew rate limited