2.7 DC Imperfections

Reading Assignment: 98-104

In **addition** to saturation and slew-rate limiting, **another** non-linear behavior of amplifiers is a **DC output offset**!

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Amplifiers built with op-amps can/will exhibit this non-linear behavior, mainly for **two** separate reasons!

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EXAMPLE: THE INPUT OFFSET VOLTAGE

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The **second** reason for output offsets is there is a constant **bias current** flowing into the input terminals.

HO: THE INPUT BIAS CURRENT

EXAMPLE: THE INPUT BIAS CURRENT

Fortunately, we can **minimize** the DC output offset due the input bias current with **one simple design rule**.

HO: REDUCING THE EFFECT OF THE INPUT BIAS CURRENT

Finally, we find that real op-amps have **input** and **output** resistances that are not **quite** ideal!

HO: REAL OP-AMP INPUT AND OUTPUT RESISTANCES