

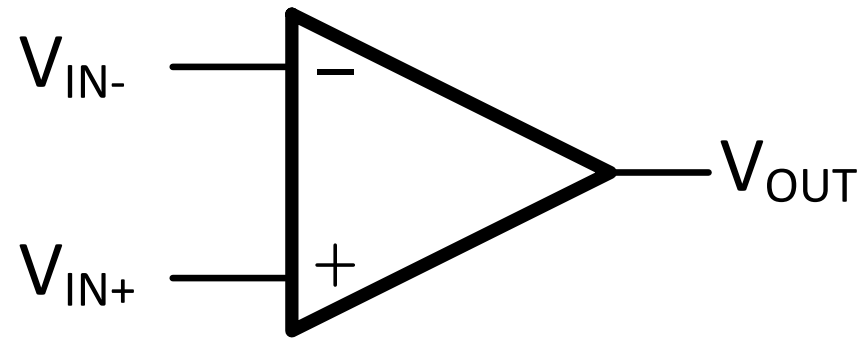
# Driving a SAR ADC with a Fully Differential Amplifier

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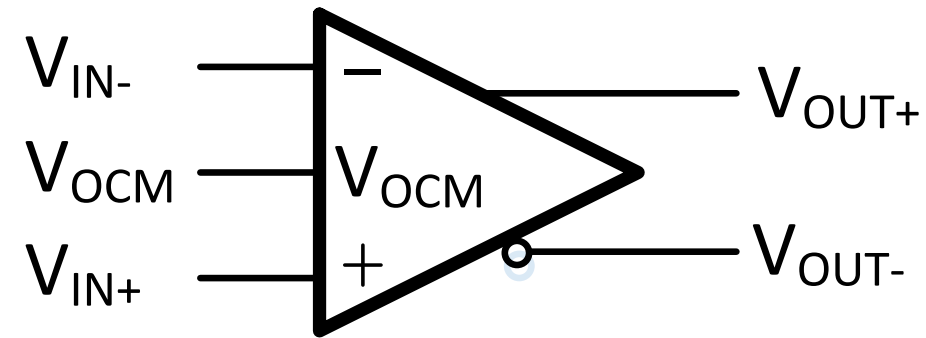
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# Fully Differential Amplifier or FDA



## Standard Operational Amplifier

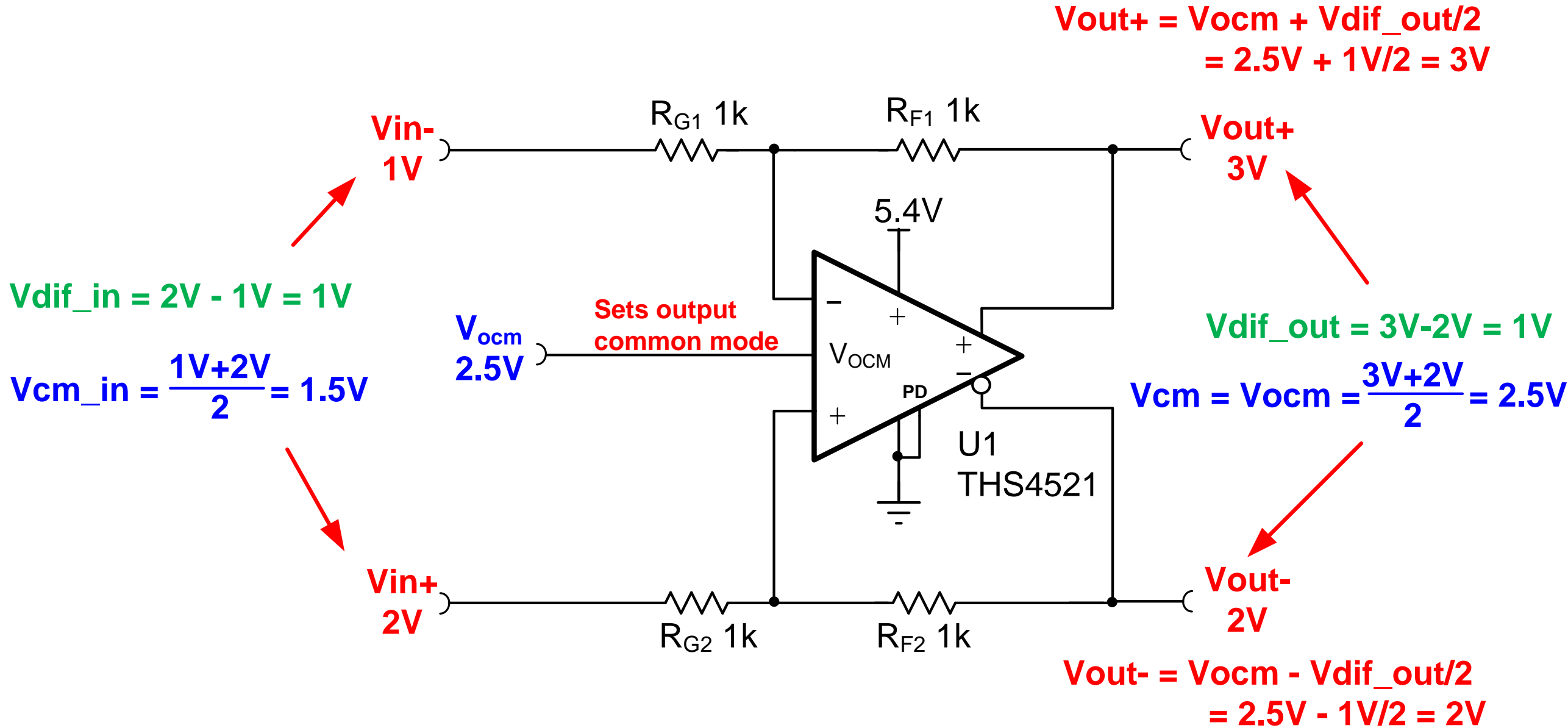
- Differential in
- Single-ended out
- Output Common Mode is  $V_{out}$
- Single feedback paths



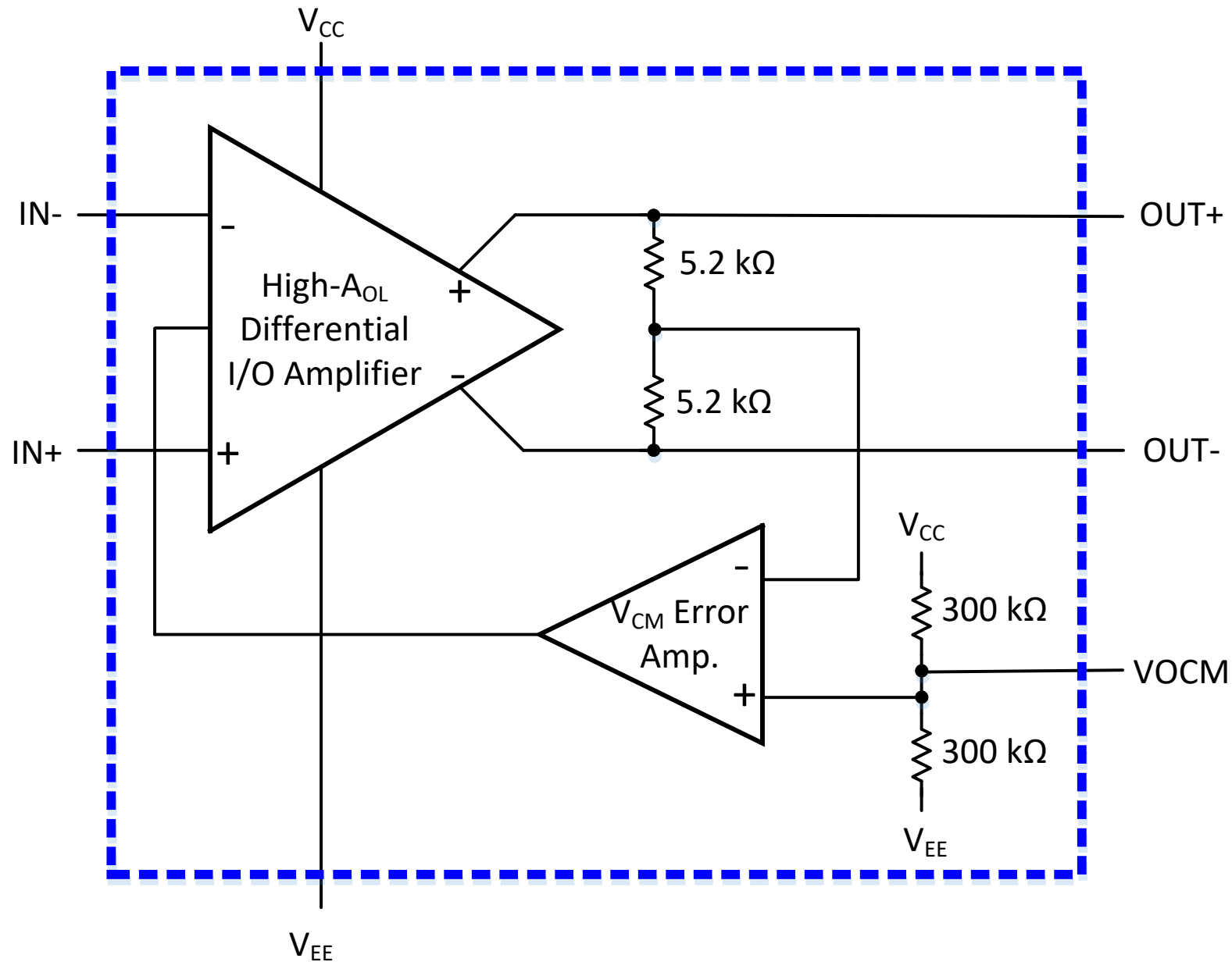
## Fully-Differential Amplifier

- Differential in
- Differential out
- Output Common-mode set by  $V_{ocm}$
- Multiple feedback paths
- Double the dynamic range of amplifier
- Even order harmonic distortion canceled

# Fully Differential Amplifier or FDA



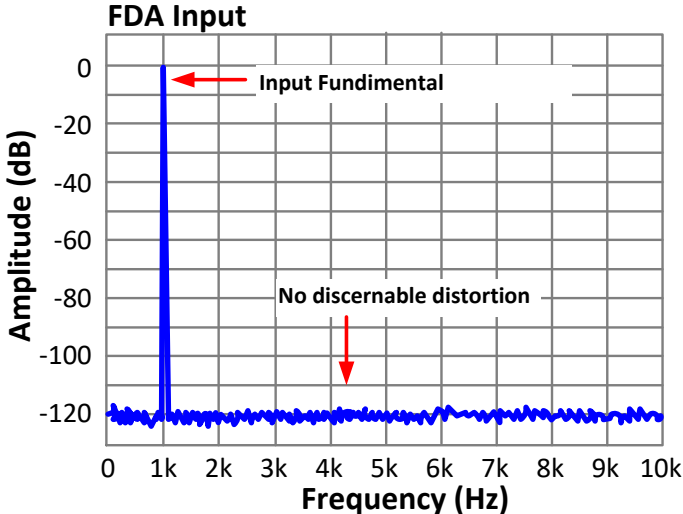
# Integrated FDA – THS4551 block diagram



- Integrated fully-differential, high A<sub>OL</sub> amplifier
- Integrated wide-bandwidth, common-mode feedback, error amplifier
- Integrated resistors to detect the average output common-mode voltage
- Integrated mid-supply, common mode setting resistors



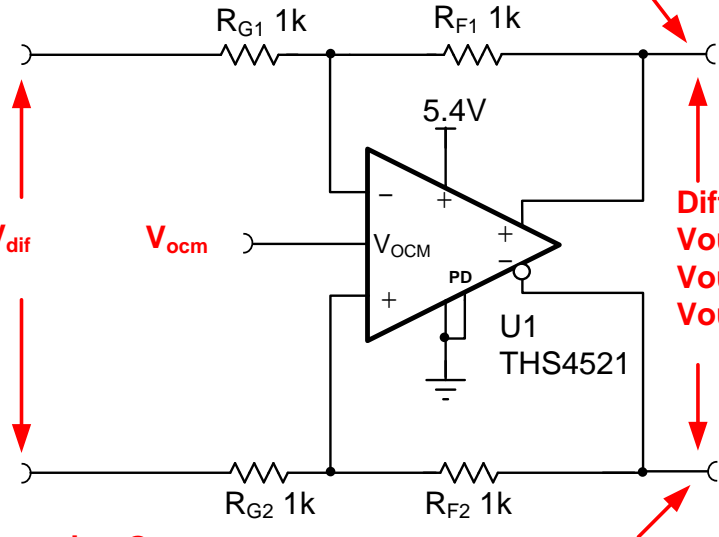
# FDA Distortion Considerations



**Non-Inverting Output**

$$g_a(x) = a_0 + a_1 \cdot x + a_2 \cdot x^2 + a_3 \cdot x^3 + a_4 \cdot x^4 + a_5 \cdot x^5 + \dots$$

$$V_{out\_pos} = a_0 + a_1 \cdot (V_{dif}) + a_2 \cdot (V_{dif})^2 + a_3 \cdot (V_{dif})^3 + a_4 \cdot (V_{dif})^4 + a_5 \cdot (V_{dif})^5 + \dots$$

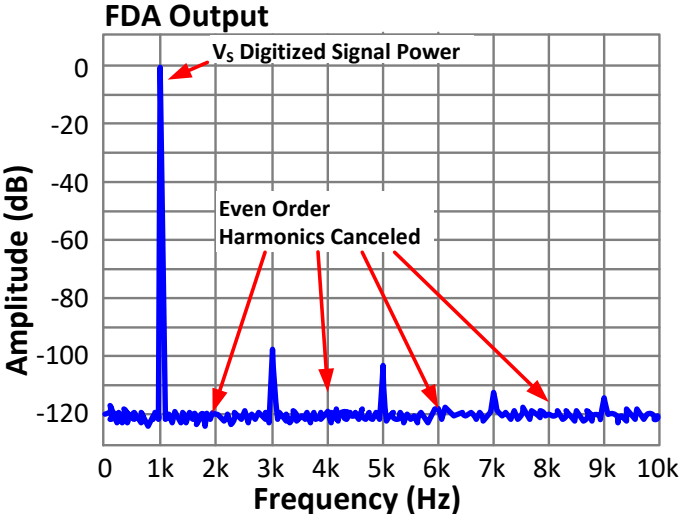


**Inverting Output**

$$g_b(x) = b_0 + b_1 \cdot x + b_2 \cdot x^2 + b_3 \cdot x^3 + b_4 \cdot x^4 + b_5 \cdot x^5 + \dots$$

$$V_{out\_neg} = b_0 + b_1 \cdot (-V_{dif}) + b_2 \cdot (-V_{dif})^2 + b_3 \cdot (-V_{dif})^3 + b_4 \cdot (-V_{dif})^4 + b_5 \cdot (-V_{dif})^5 + \dots$$

$$V_{out\_neg} = b_0 - b_1 \cdot (V_{dif}) + b_2 \cdot (V_{dif})^2 - b_3 \cdot (V_{dif})^3 + b_4 \cdot (V_{dif})^4 - b_5 \cdot (V_{dif})^5 + \dots$$



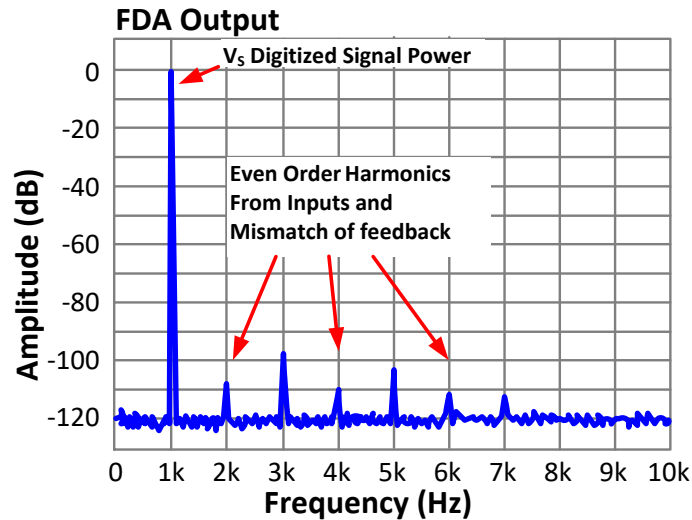
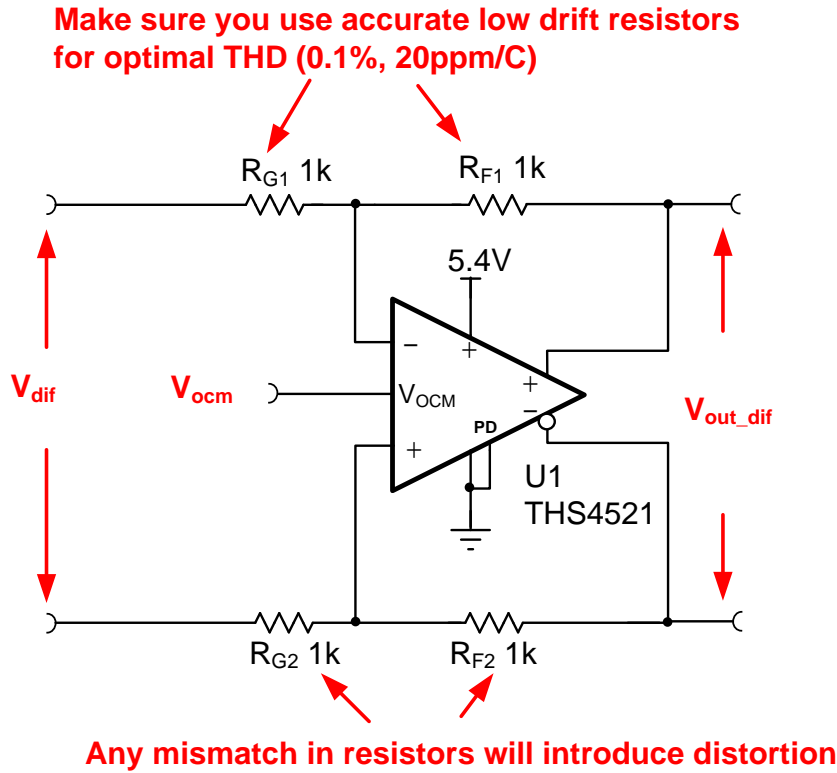
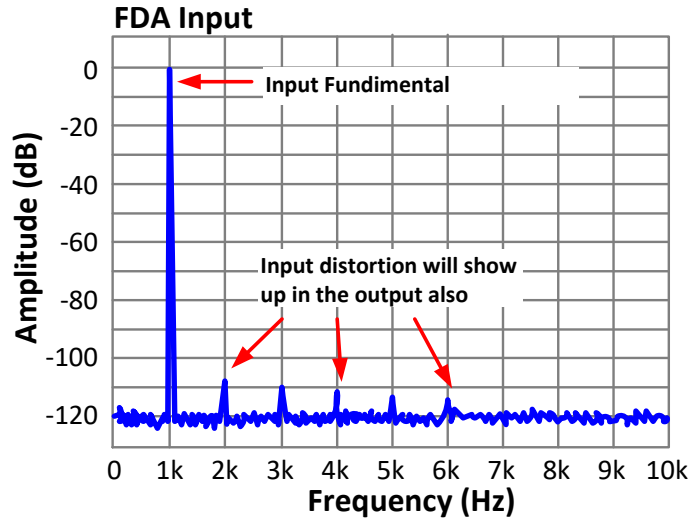
**Differential Output**

$$V_{out\_dif} = V_{out\_pos} - V_{out\_neg}$$

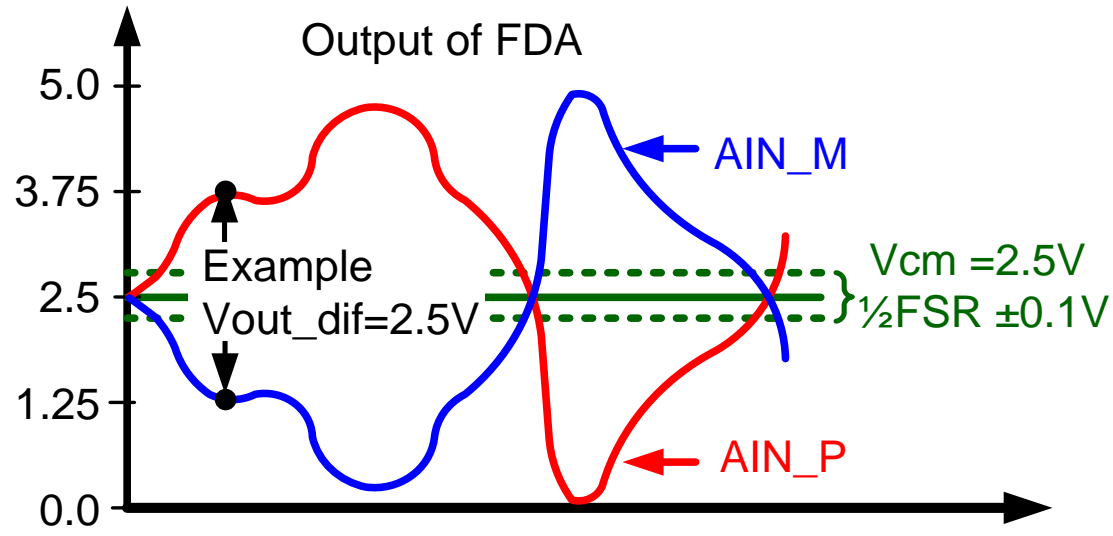
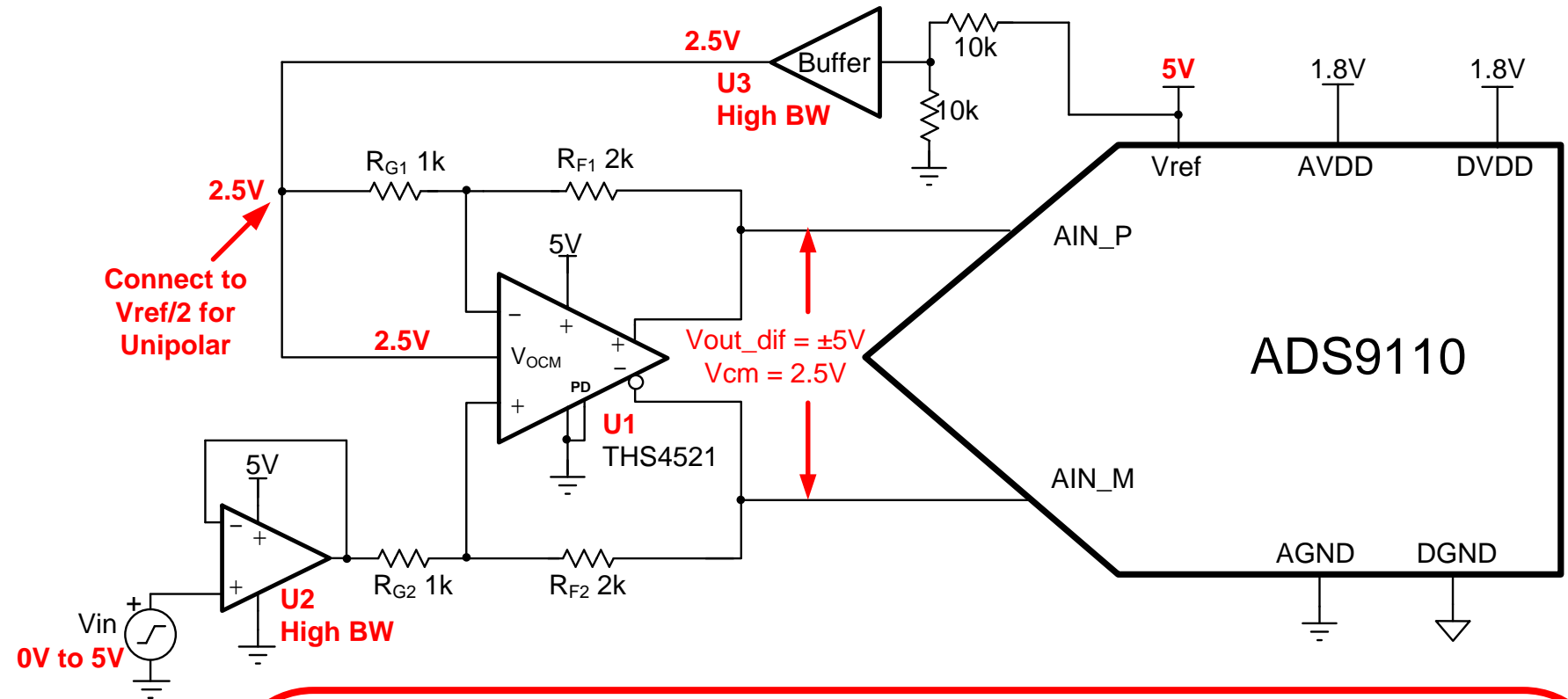
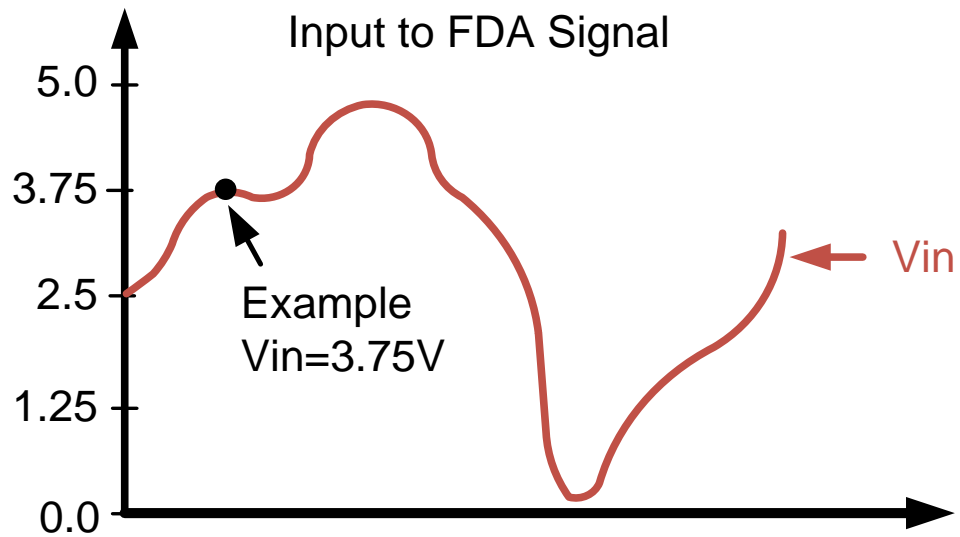
$$V_{out\_dif} = a_0 + b_0 + (a_1 + b_1) \cdot (V_{dif}) + (a_2 - b_2) \cdot (V_{dif})^2 + (a_3 + b_3) \cdot (V_{dif})^3 + (a_4 - b_4) \cdot (V_{dif})^4 + (a_5 + b_5) \cdot (V_{dif})^5 + \dots$$

$$V_{out\_dif} = a_0 + b_0 + (a_1 + b_1) \cdot (V_{dif}) + 0.0 + (a_3 + b_3) \cdot (V_{dif})^3 + 0.0 + (a_5 + b_5) \cdot (V_{dif})^5 + \dots$$

# FDA Distortion Considerations



# FDA – Single Ended Unipolar to Differential



Equations for this Configuration

$$A_{vdif} = \frac{R_F}{R_G}$$

$$V_{OutP} = \left(\frac{A_{vdif}}{2}\right) \cdot (V_{in} - V_{OCM}) + V_{OCM}$$

$$V_{OutN} = -\left(\frac{A_{vdif}}{2}\right) \cdot (V_{in} - V_{OCM}) + V_{OCM}$$

$$V_{OutDif} = A_{vdif} \cdot (V_{in} - V_{OCM})$$

Example Calculation:  $V_{in} = 3.75V$

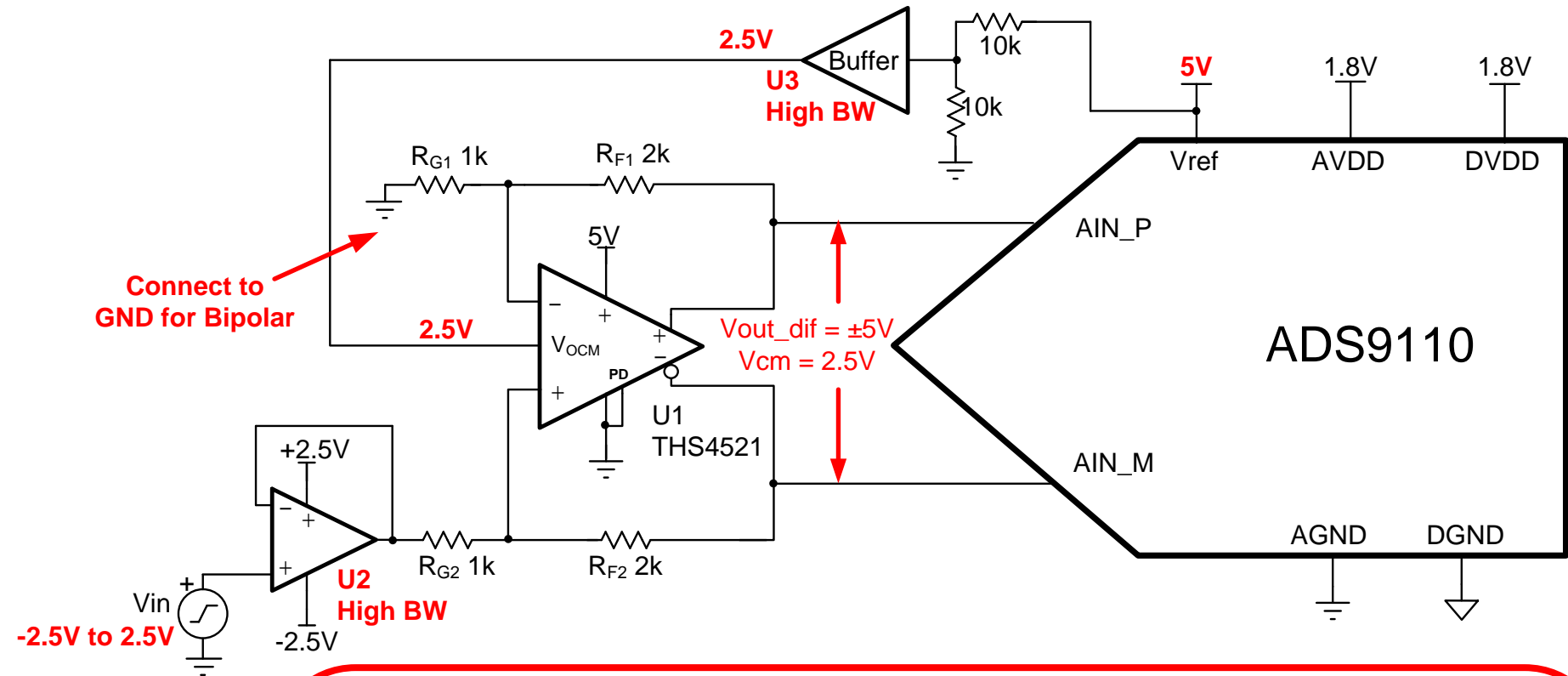
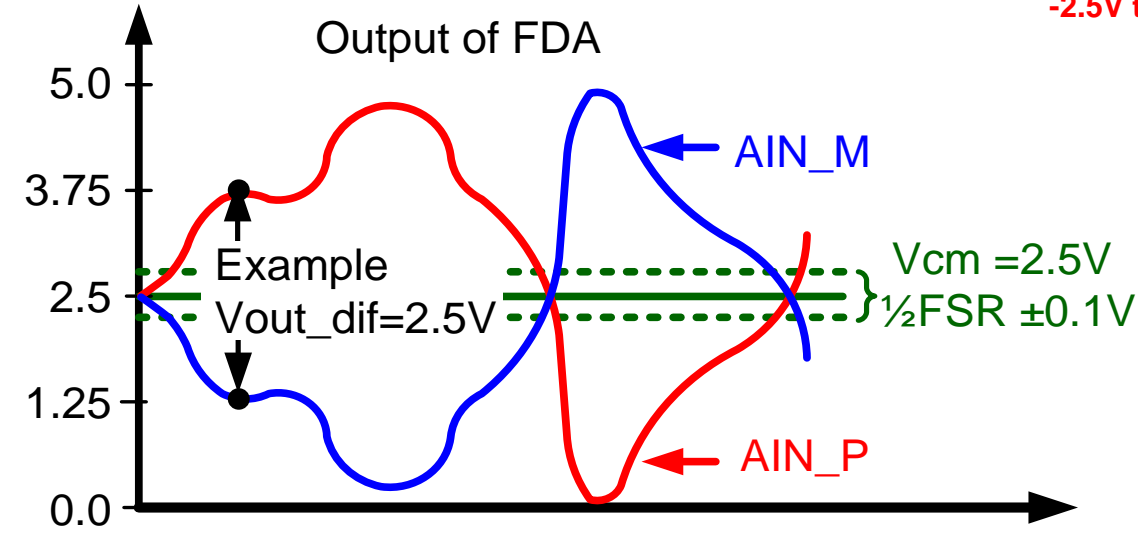
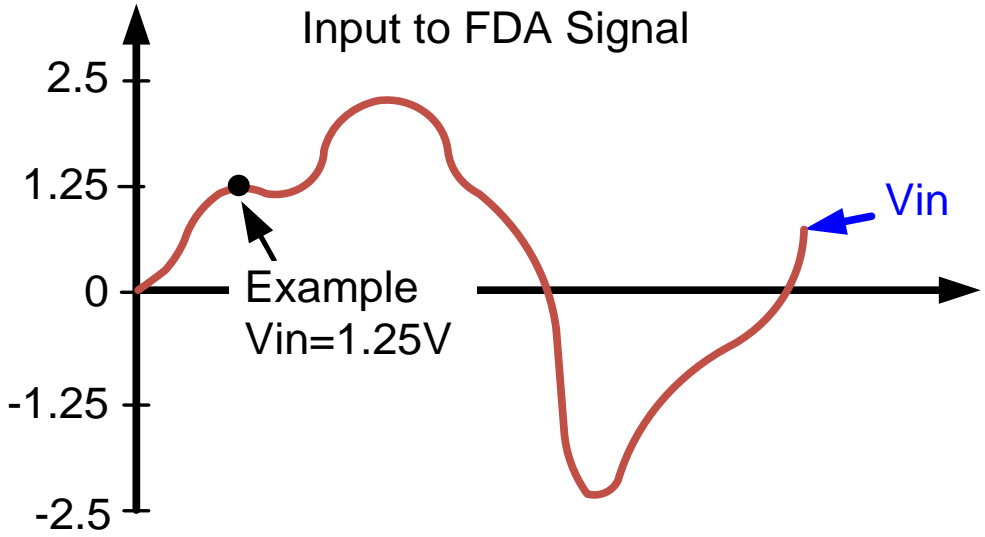
$$A_{vdif} = \frac{R_F}{R_G} = \frac{2k\Omega}{1k\Omega} = 2 V/V$$

$$V_{OutP} = \left(\frac{2}{2}\right) \cdot (3.75V - 2.5V) + 2.5V = 3.75V$$

$$V_{OutN} = -\left(\frac{2}{2}\right) \cdot (3.75V - 2.5V) + 2.5V = 1.25V$$

$$V_{OutDif} = 2 \cdot (3.75V - 2.5V) = 2.5V$$

# FDA – Single Ended Bipolar to Differential



**Equations for this Configuration**

$$A_{vdif} = \frac{R_F}{R_G}$$

$$V_{OutP} = \left(\frac{A_{vdif}}{2}\right) \cdot (V_{in}) + V_{OCM}$$

$$V_{OutN} = -\left(\frac{A_{vdif}}{2}\right) \cdot (V_{in}) + V_{OCM}$$

$$V_{OutDif} = A_{vdif} \cdot (V_{in})$$

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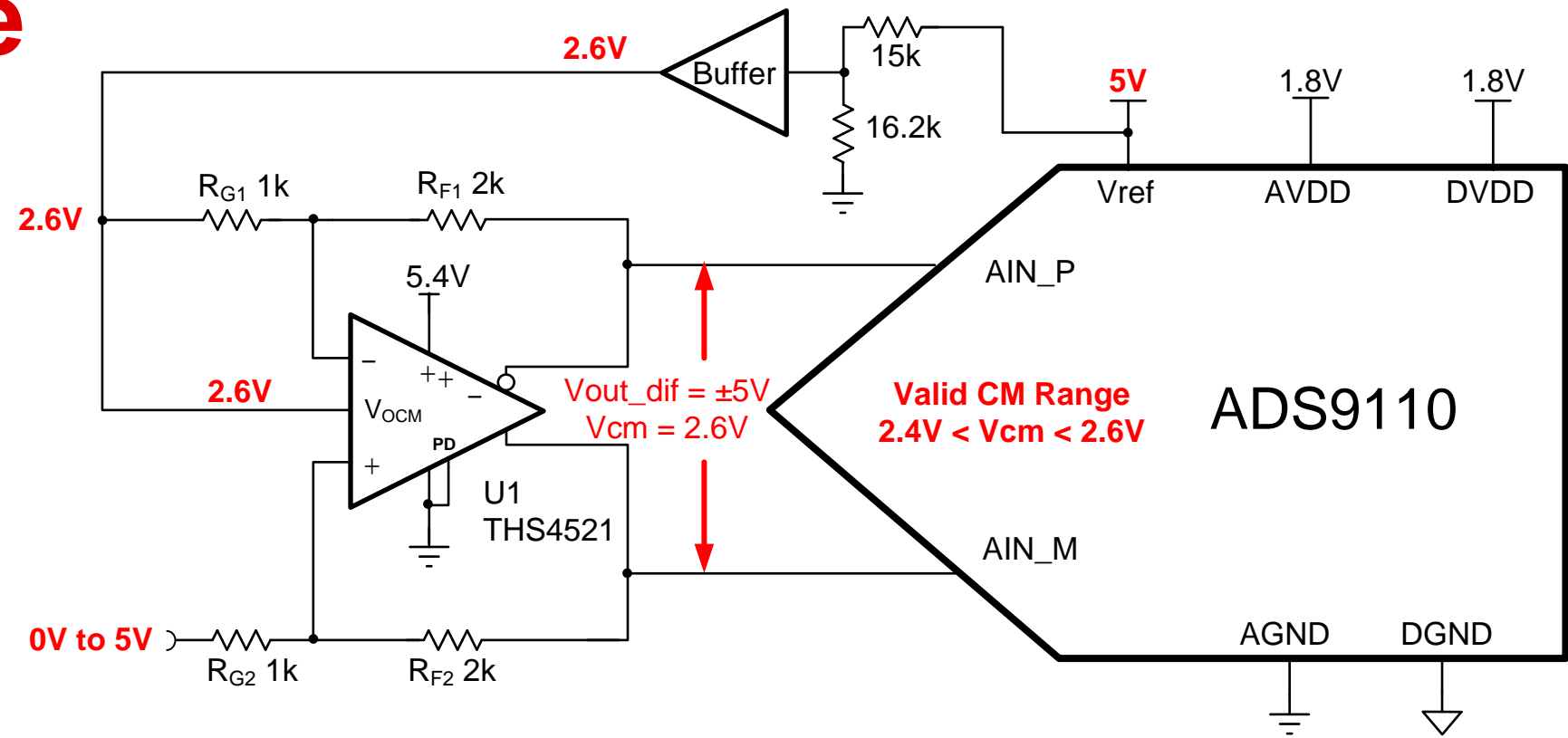
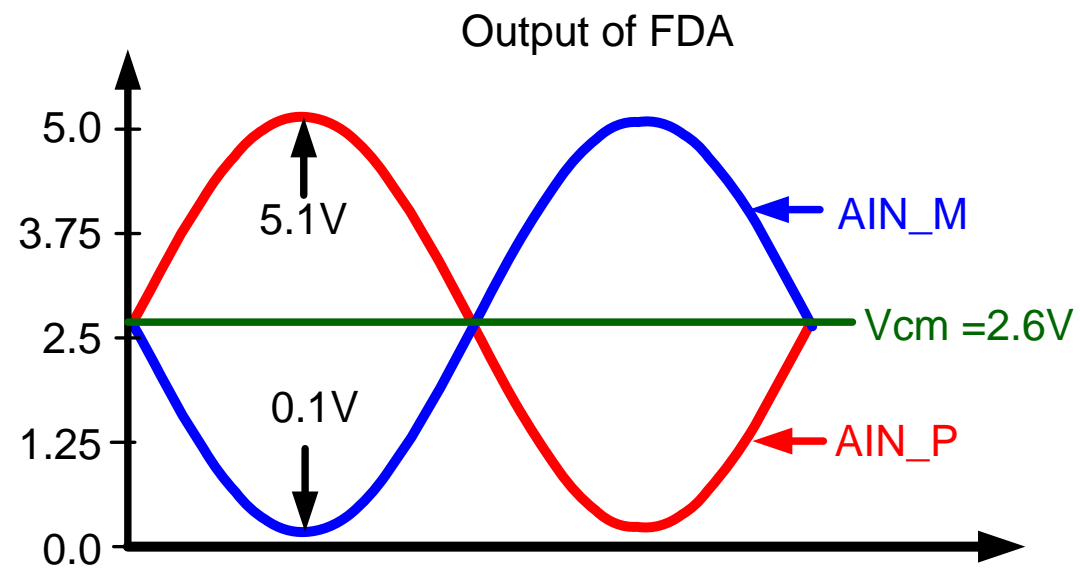
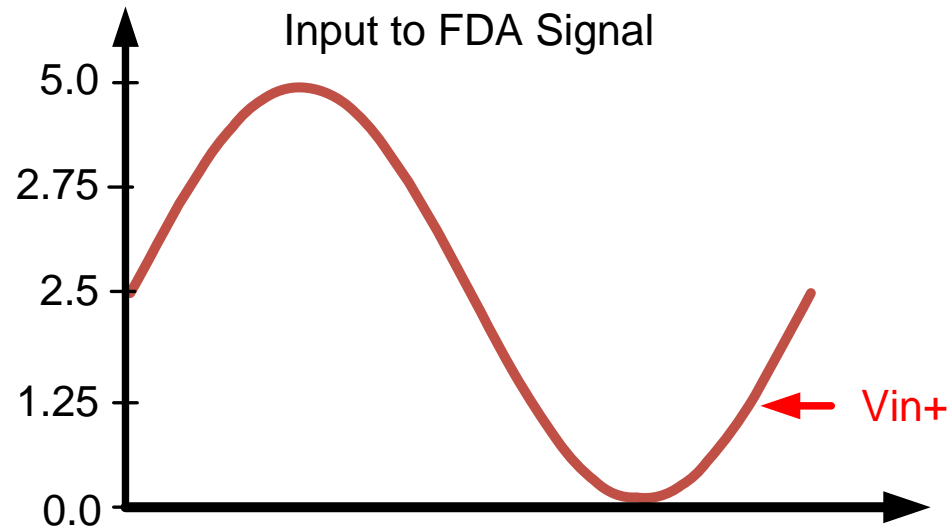
$$V_{OutP} = \left(\frac{2}{2}\right) \cdot (1.25V) + 2.5V = 3.75V$$

$$V_{OutN} = -\left(\frac{2}{2}\right) \cdot (1.25V) + 2.5V = 1.25V$$

$$V_{OutDif} = 2 \cdot (3.75V - 1.25V) = 2.5V$$



# Improve Linear Range



PARAMETER THS4521		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Output voltage low			(V-) + 0.1	(V-) + 0.15	V
Output voltage high		(V+) - 0.3	(V+) - 0.25		V

PARAMETER ADS9110		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Full-scale input voltage span		-Vref		Vref	V
Absolute Input voltage range	AIN to GND	-0.1		AVDD+0.1	V
Common-mode voltage range		(Vref/2)-0.1	Vref/2	(Vref/2)+0.1	V

**Thanks for your time!**  
**Please try the quiz.**

# Quiz: Driving a SAR ADC with a Fully Differential Amplifier

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# Quiz: Linear Range ADC + FDA

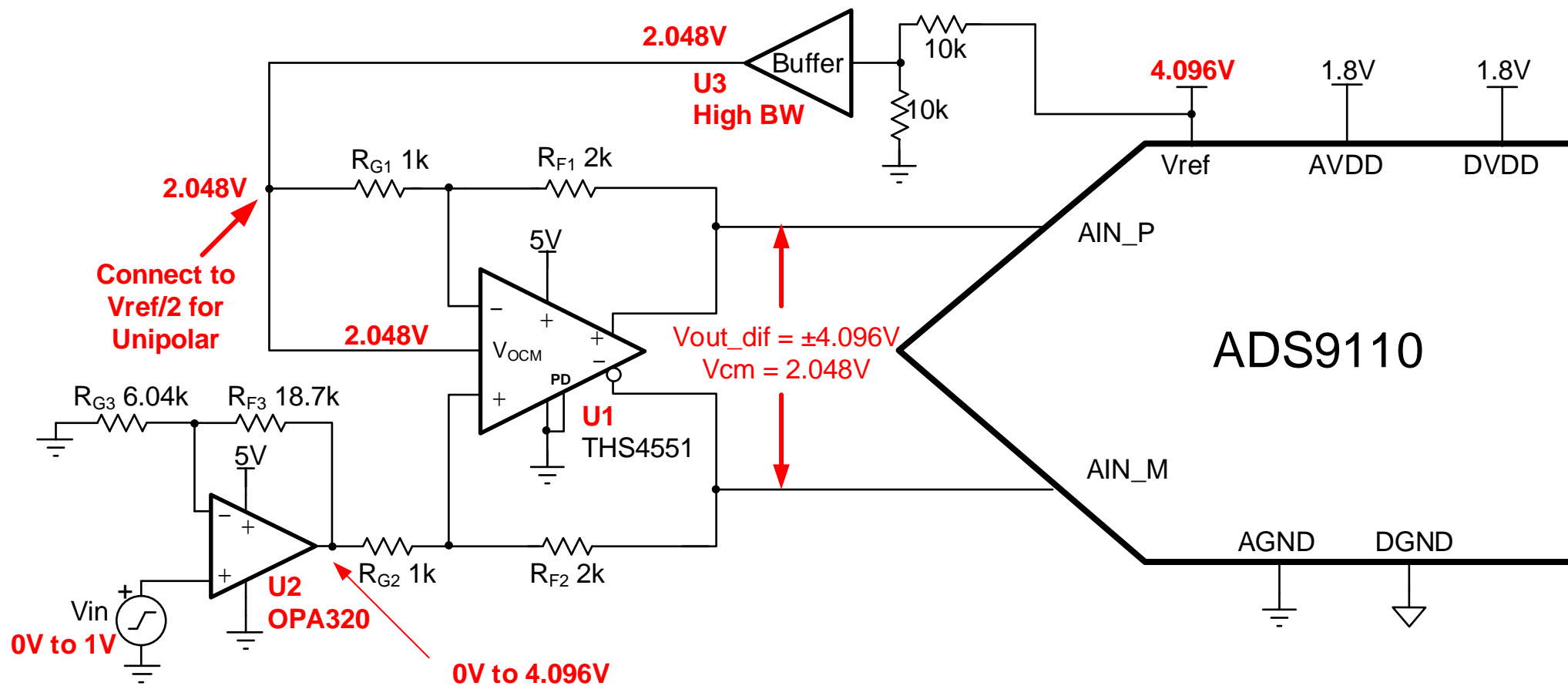
1. Design a FDA circuit topology to translate a single ended 0V to 1V, to 0V to 4V. Use THS4551, OPA320, and ADS9110 with a 4.096V reference. Will the output be linear over the full 0V to 1V signal range?
2. Design a FDA circuit topology to translate a single ended -0.1V to +0.1V, to 0V to 2.5V. Use THS4551, OPA320, and ADS9110 with a 2.5V reference. Will the output be linear over the full 0V to 1V signal range?
3. (T/F) Assume the input signal applied to an FDA has both even and odd order harmonics. The the FDA will cancel the even order harmonics.
4. (T/F) The Vocm pin can be directly connected to a voltage divider to set it's output common mode.

# Solutions



# Quiz: Linear Range ADC + FDA

- Design a FDA circuit topology to translate a single ended 0V to 1V, to 0V to 4V. Use THS4551, OPA320, and ADS9110 with a 4.096V reference. Will the output be linear over the full 0V to 1V signal range?



Type	Rf
Non-Inverting	1.87k
Target Gain (Rf/R1)	R1
4.096	604
Tolerance	Best Gain
0.1% E198	4.096
	Error(%)
	0.000647
OK	
Help	

**Analog engineer's calculator used to select U2 Feedback resistors**

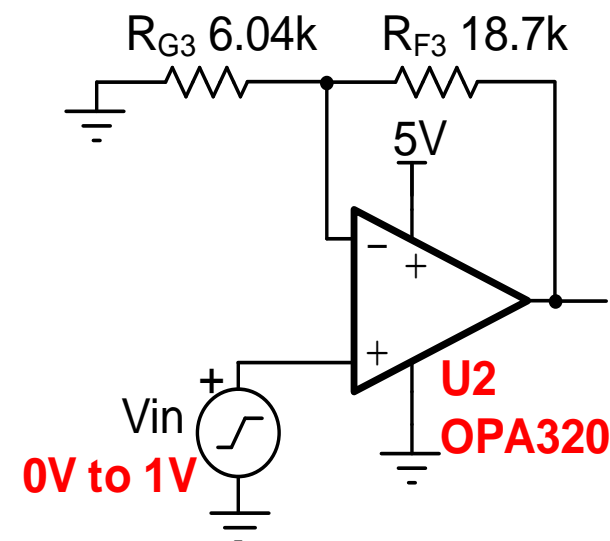


# Quiz: Linear Range ADC + FDA

## Problem 1: continued.

PARAMETER OPA320	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
<b>INPUT VOLTAGE</b>					
Common-mode voltage range	$V_{cm}$	$(V-) - 0.1$		$(V+) + 0.1$	V
<b>OUTPUT</b>					
Voltage swing from both rails	$V_o$	$R_L = 10k\Omega$		10	20
		$R_L = 2k\Omega$		25	35
<b>OPEN-LOOP GAIN</b>					
Open-loop gain	$A_{OL}$	$0.1 < V_o < (V+) - 0.1V, R_L = 10k\Omega$	114	132	
		$0.2 < V_o < (V+) - 0.2V, R_L = 2k\Omega$	108	123	

Amplifier input range	$-0.1V < V_{cm} < 5.1V$
Amplifier output range	$0.02 < V_o < 4.98V$
Amplifier Linear Range	$0.1 < V_o < 4.9V$
Worst Case Range	$0.1 < V_o < 4.9V$



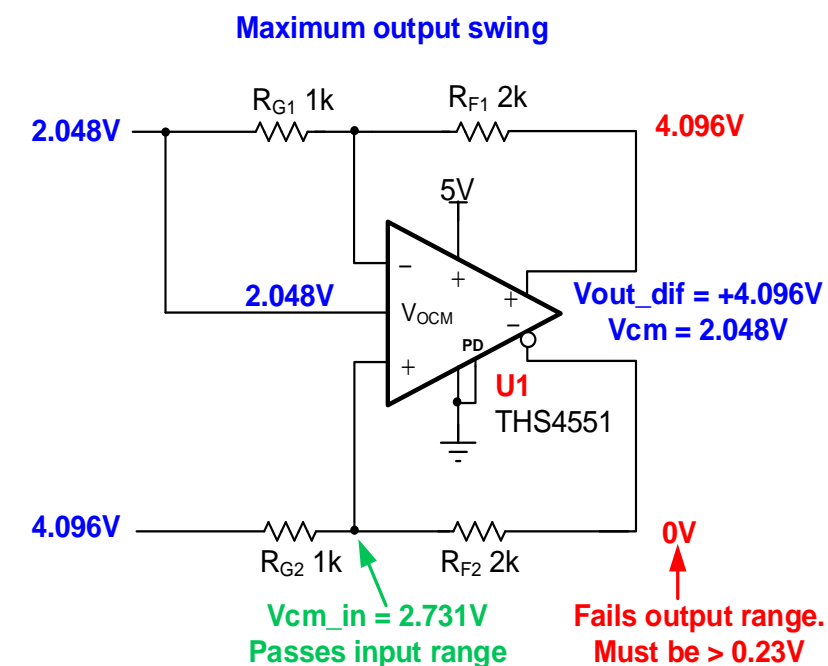
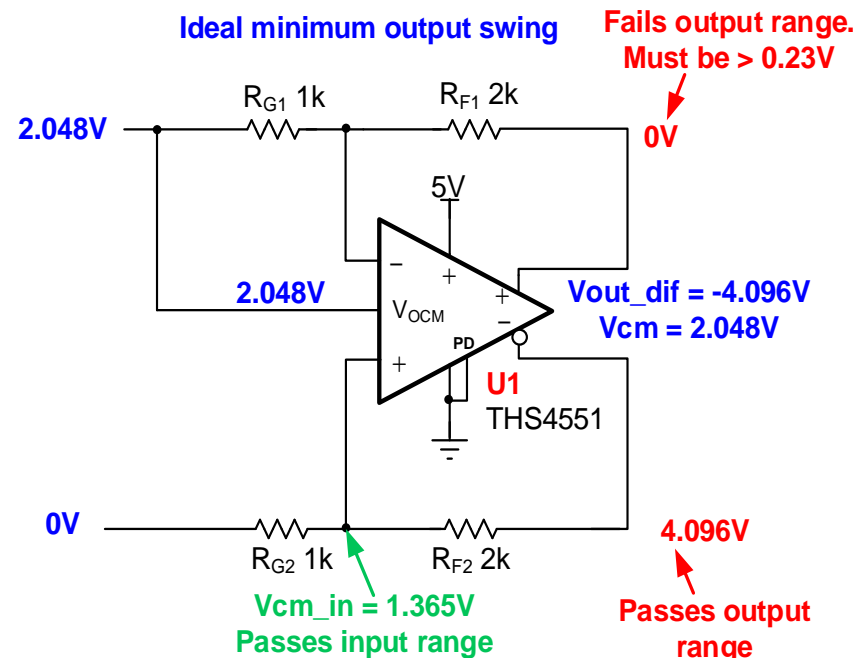
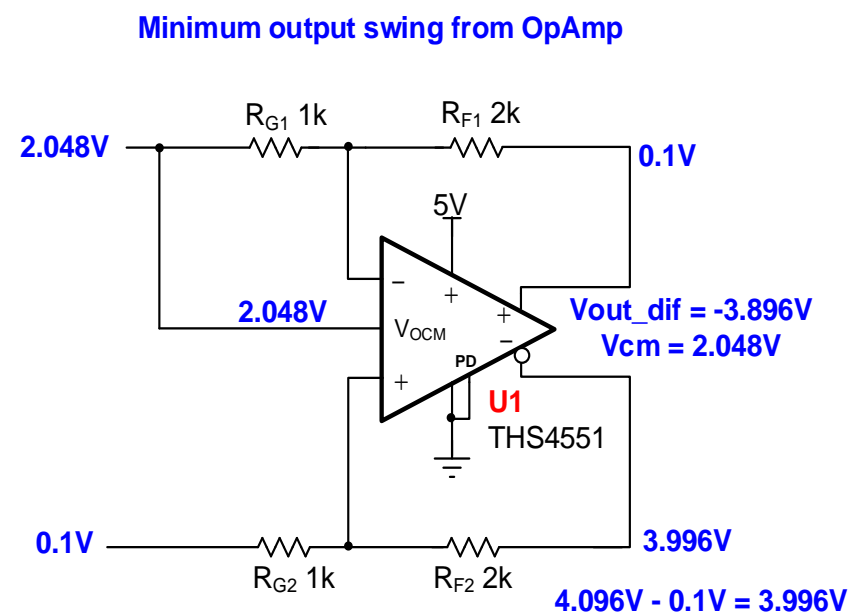
Target: 0V to 4.096V  
 Linear range: 0.1V to 4.096V

# Quiz: Linear Range ADC + FDA

## Problem 1: continued.

PARAMETER THS4551	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Output voltage low		(V-) + 0.2	<b>(V-) + 0.23</b>	V
Output voltage high	<b>(V+) - 0.23</b>	(V+) - 0.2		V
Common mode input voltage low		(V-) + 0.2	<b>(V-) - 0.1</b>	V
Common mode input voltage high	<b>(V+) - 1.2</b>	(V+) - 1.1		V

input range	$-0.1V < V_{cm} < 3.8V$
output range	$0.23 < V_O < 4.77V$

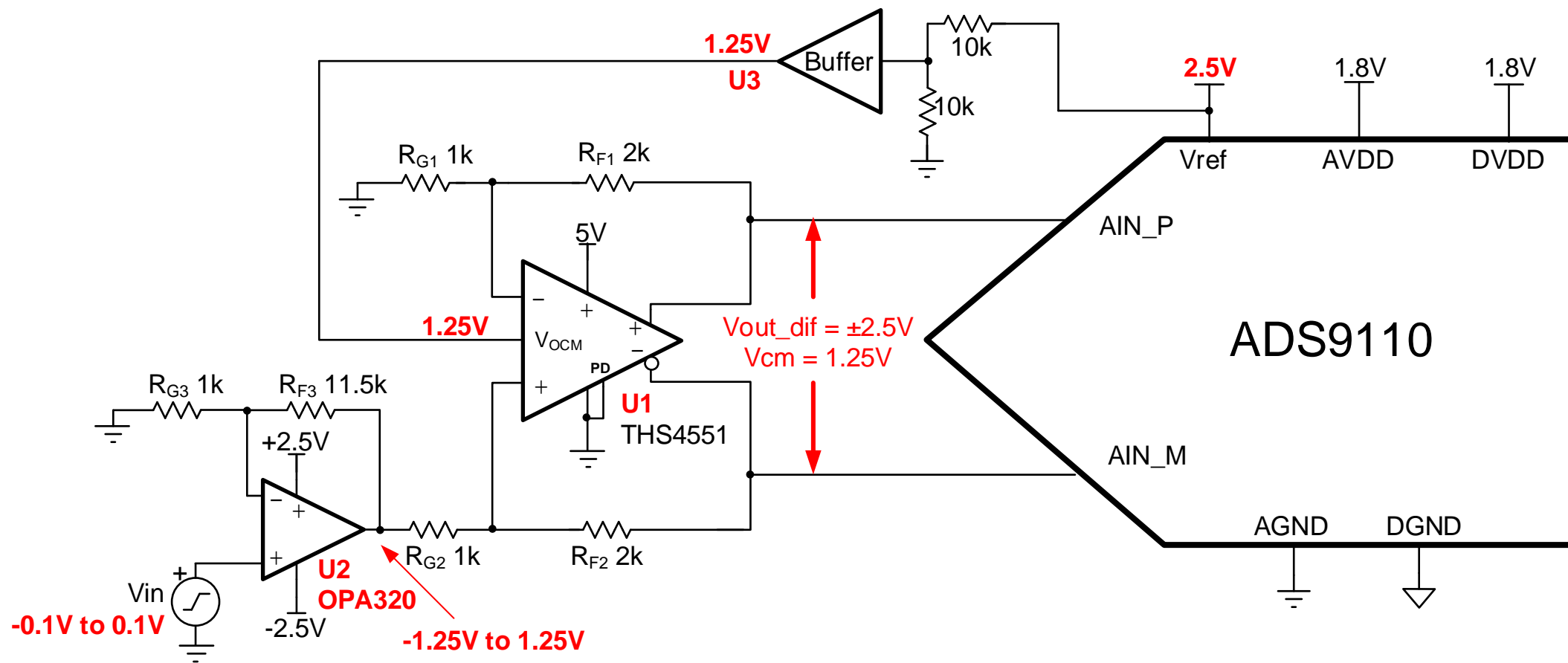


Note: The output swing low on the THS limits the range.



# Quiz: Linear Range ADC + FDA

2. Design a FDA circuit topology to translate a single ended -0.1V to +0.1V, to 0V to 2.5V. Use THS4551, OPA320, and ADS9110 with a 2.5V reference. Will the output be linear over the full 0V to 1V signal range?



Type	Rf
Non-Inverting	1.15k
Target Gain (Rf/R1)	R1
12.5	100
Tolerance	Best Gain
0.1% E198	12.5
	Error(%)
	0
OK	Help

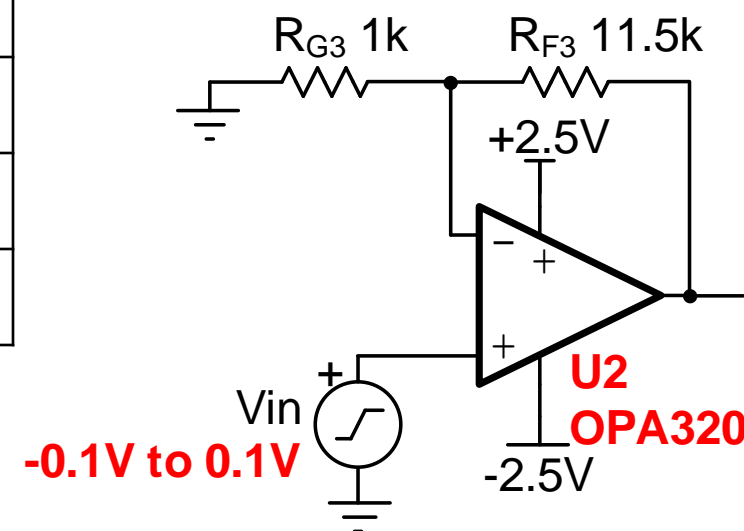
**Analog engineer's calculator used to select U2 Feedback resistors**

# Quiz: Linear Range ADC + FDA

## Problem 2: continued.

PARAMETER OPA320	TEST CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
<b>INPUT VOLTAGE</b>					
Common-mode voltage range	$V_{cm}$	$(V-) - 0.1$		$(V+) + 0.1$	V
<b>OUTPUT</b>					
Voltage swing from both rails	$V_o$	$R_L = 10k\Omega$		10	20
		$R_L = 2k\Omega$		25	35
<b>OPEN-LOOP GAIN</b>					
Open-loop gain	$A_{OL}$	$0.1 < V_o < (V+) - 0.1V, R_L = 10k\Omega$	114	132	
		$0.2 < V_o < (V+) - 0.2V, R_L = 2k\Omega$	108	123	

Amplifier input range	$-2.6V < V_{cm} < 2.6V$
Amplifier output range	$-2.48 < V_o < 2.48V$
Amplifier Linear Range	$-2.4 < V_o < 2.4V$
Worst Case Range	$-2.4 < V_o < 2.4V$



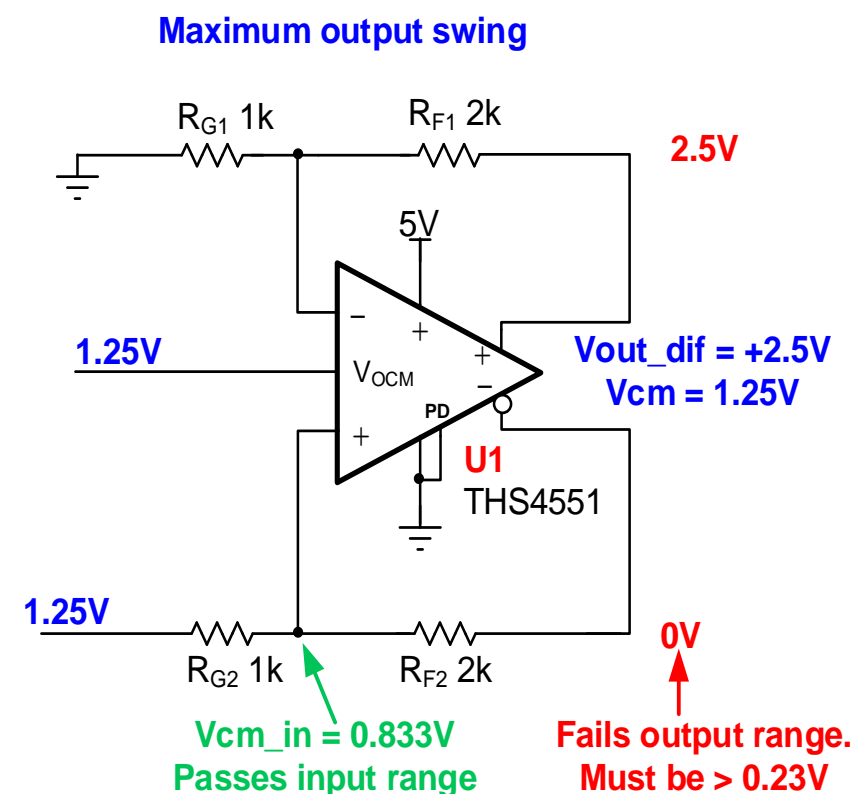
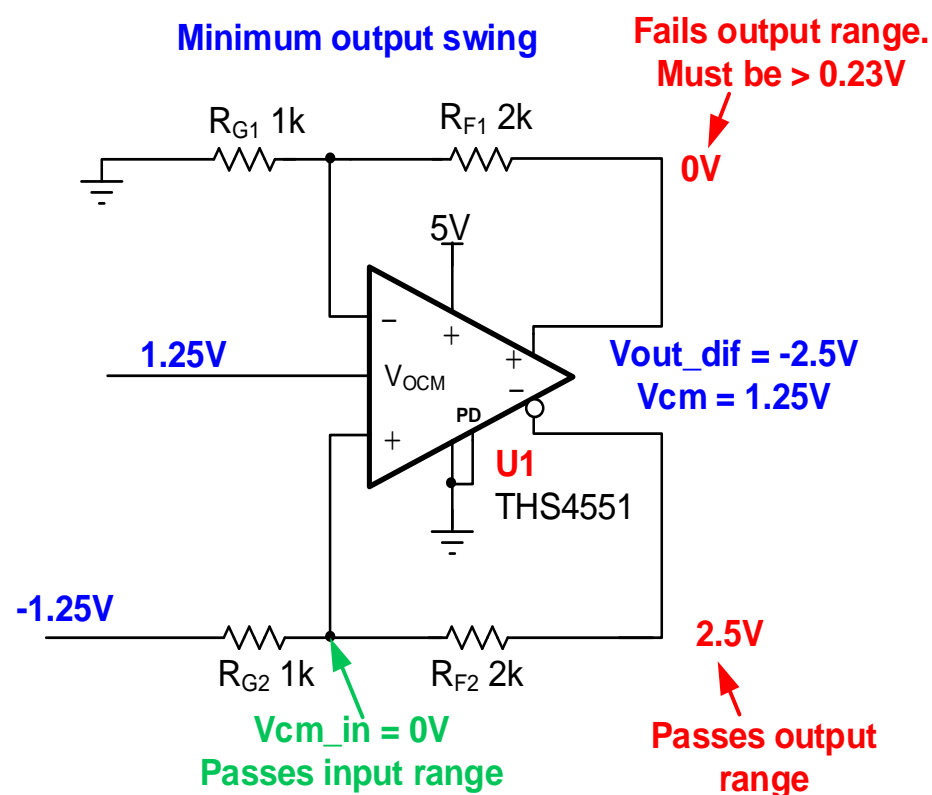
Target:  $-1.25V$  to  $+1.25V$   
 Worst Case range:  $-2.4V$  to  $+2.4V$   
 Not limited

# Quiz: Linear Range ADC + FDA

## Problem 2: continued.

PARAMETER THS4551	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Output voltage low		(V-) + 0.2	<b>(V-) + 0.23</b>	V
Output voltage high	<b>(V+) - 0.23</b>	(V+) - 0.2		V
Common mode input voltage low		(V-) + 0.2	<b>(V-) - 0.1</b>	V
Common mode input voltage high	<b>(V+) - 1.2</b>	(V+) - 1.1		V

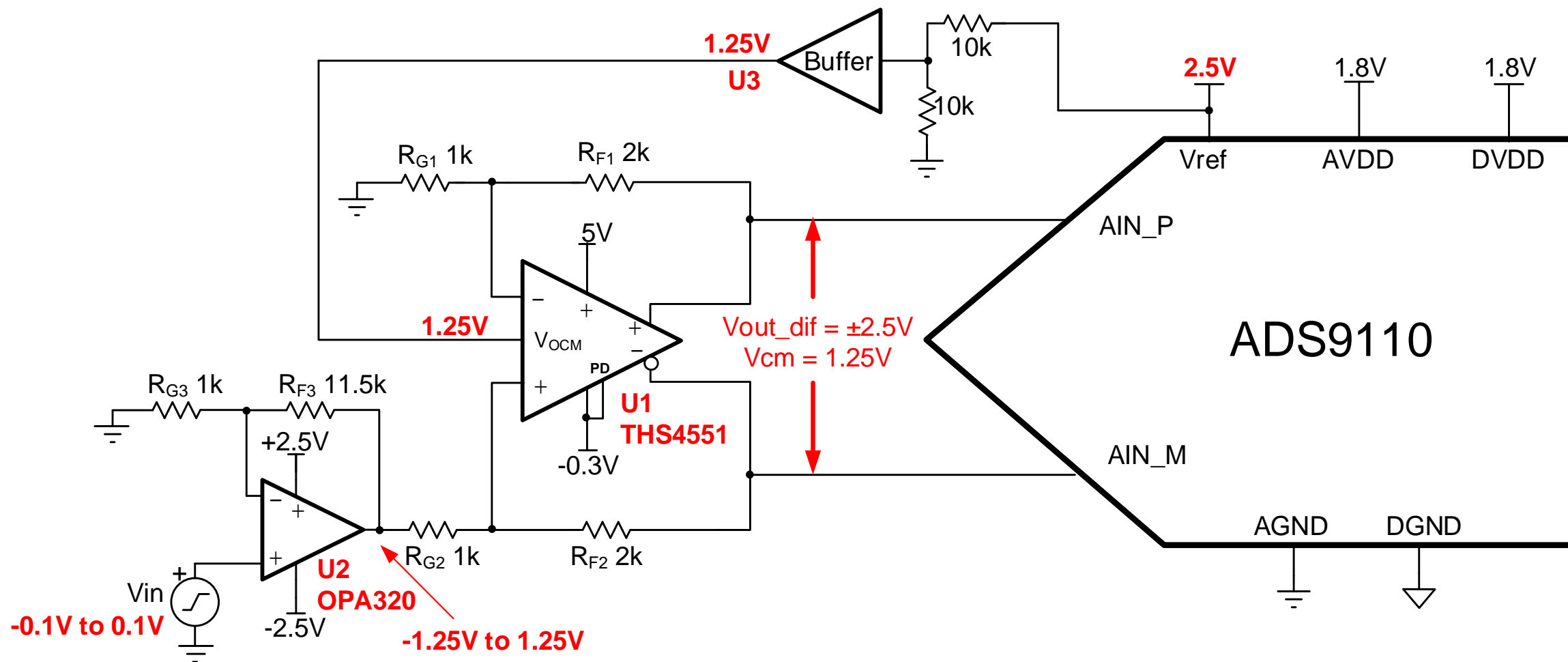
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output range	$0.23 < V_O < 4.77V$





# Quiz: Linear Range ADC + FDA

## Problem 2: continued.



Note: One approach to avoiding the output swing limitation is a  $-0.3V$  negative supply.

# Quiz: Linear Range ADC + FDA

3. (**False**) Assume the input signal applied to an FDA has both even and odd order harmonics. The the FDA will cancel the even order harmonics.
4. (**False**) The Vocm pin can be directly connected to a voltage divider to set it's output common mode.