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Sensitivity Concept

$$\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{f}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{f}}$$

This will be a metric to discuss effects of process variations on closed loop gain.

Let $f = A_{CL}$ and x = A, thus

$$S_{A}^{A_{CL}} = \frac{\partial A_{CL}}{\partial A} \frac{A}{A_{CL}}$$

$$\frac{\partial A_{CL}}{\partial A} = \frac{(1+\beta A) - A\beta}{(1+\beta A)^2} = \frac{1}{(1+\beta A)^2}$$

$$S_{A}^{A_{CL}} = \frac{1}{(1+\beta A)^{2}} \frac{A}{\frac{A}{1+\beta A}} = \frac{1}{1+\beta A} = \frac{1}{1+T}$$

We can write also as

$$\frac{\Delta A_{CL}}{A_{CL}} \cong S_A^{ACL} \frac{\Delta A}{A}$$

EXAMPLE: We want to know how much change in the closed loop gain will occur due to changes in the feedback component or/and in the open loop gain A.

$$\begin{split} A &= 10^5\\ \Delta A &= \pm 10\%\\ \beta &= 10^{-3}, \, T = A\beta = 10^2 \end{split}$$

Thus

$$\frac{\Delta A_{CL}}{A_{CL}} = \frac{1}{1+T} \left(\frac{\pm \Delta A}{A} \right) = \frac{\pm 1}{1+100} \times 10\% = \pm 0.099\%$$

Exercise. Try for $\beta = 4 \times 10^{-3}$, $A = 2 \times 10^{5}$ and $\Delta A = \pm 25\%$ What is

 $\Delta A_{\rm CL}$?

 $\boldsymbol{A}_{\text{CL}}$