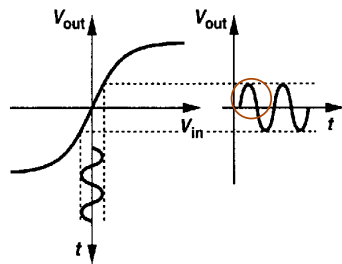
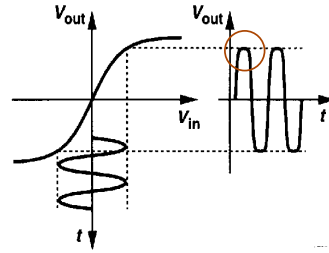




Non-Linearity Analysis



Small input amplitude



Large input amplitude

The nonlinearity of a circuit can be characterized by applying a sinusoid at the input and measuring the harmonic content at the output.

Non-Linearity Analysis

$$y(t) = a_0 + a_1 A \cos \omega t + a_2 A^2 \cos^2 \omega t + a_3 A^3 \cos^3 \omega t \dots$$

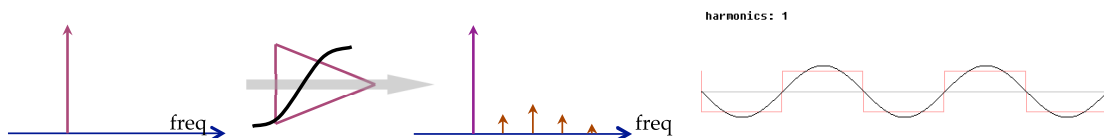
$$= a_0 + a_1 A \cos \omega t + \frac{a_2 A^2}{2} (1 + \cos 2\omega t)$$

$$+ \frac{a_3 A^3}{4} (3 \cos \omega t + \cos 3\omega t) \dots$$

$$= b_0 + b_1 \cos \omega t + b_2 \cos 2\omega t + b_3 \cos 3\omega t \dots$$

where $b_0 = a_0 + \frac{a_2 A^2}{2} + \dots$, $b_2 = \frac{a_2 A^2}{2} + \dots$,

$$b_1 = a_1 A + \frac{3 a_3 A^3}{4} + \dots$$
, $b_3 = \frac{a_3 A^3}{4} + \dots$



Non-Linearity Analysis

The second-order harmonic distortion

$$HD_2 = \left| \frac{b_2}{b_1} \right| \approx \frac{\frac{\alpha_2 A^2}{2}}{\left(\alpha_1 A + \frac{3}{4} \alpha_3 A^3 \right)}$$

The third-order harmonic distortion

$$HD_3 = \left| \frac{b_3}{b_1} \right| \approx \frac{\frac{\alpha_3 A^3}{4}}{\left(\alpha_1 A + \frac{3}{4} \alpha_3 A^3 \right)}$$

$$THD = \frac{\sum \text{harmonic powers}}{\text{fundamental frequency power}} = \frac{P_2 + P_3 + P_4 + \dots + P_n}{P_1}$$

$$THD = \sqrt{(b_2^2 + b_3^2 + b_4^2 + \dots)} / b_1$$

$$\approx \sqrt{\left(\frac{\alpha_2 A^2}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\alpha_3 A^3}{4} \right)^2} / \left(\alpha_1 A + \frac{3}{4} \alpha_3 A^3 \right)$$

算到 Third order即可~

SCP Non-linearity Analysis

The differential current of source-coupled pair

$$I_{d1} - I_{d2} = \frac{1}{2} \mu C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) V_{id} \sqrt{\frac{4 I_{SS}}{\mu C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)} - V_{id}^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mu C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) V_{id} \sqrt{4 (V_{GS} - V_t)^2 - V_{id}^2}$$

$$= \mu C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) V_{id} (V_{GS} - V_t) \sqrt{1 - \left[\frac{V_{id}}{2(V_{GS} - V_t)} \right]^2}$$

when $V_{id} = A \cos \omega t$ if $V_{id} \ll V_{GS} - V_t$.

$$I_{d1} - I_{d2} \approx \mu C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) V_{id} (V_{GS} - V_t) \left[1 - \frac{V_{id}^2}{8(V_{GS} - V_t)^2} \right]$$

$$= \mu C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) (V_{GS} - V_t) \left[A \cos \omega t - \frac{A^3 \cos^3 \omega t}{8(V_{GS} - V_t)^2} \right]$$

SCP Non-linearity Analysis

$$\cos^3 \omega t = \frac{3}{4} \cos \omega t + \frac{1}{4} \cos 3\omega t$$

$$I_{d1} - I_{d2} \cong g_m \left[\left(A - \frac{3A^3}{32(V_{GS} - V_t)^2} \right) \cos \omega t - \frac{A^3}{32(V_{GS} - V_t)^2} \cos 3\omega t \right]$$

$$\text{if } A \gg \frac{3A^3}{32(V_{GS} - V_t)^2}$$

Second Order Distortion

$$HD_2 = 0$$

Third Order Distortion

$$HD_3 = \frac{A^2}{32(V_{GS} - V_t)^2}$$

For rule of thumbs :

-60dB distortion, $A < 0.2 V_{ov}$

-40dB distortion, $A < 0.5 V_{ov}$