

CMOS INVERTER

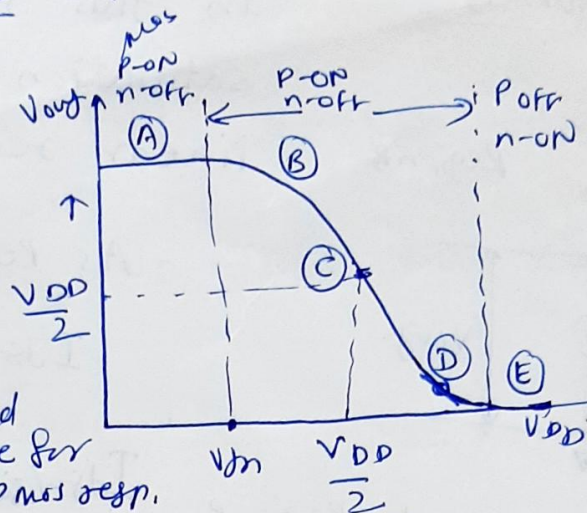
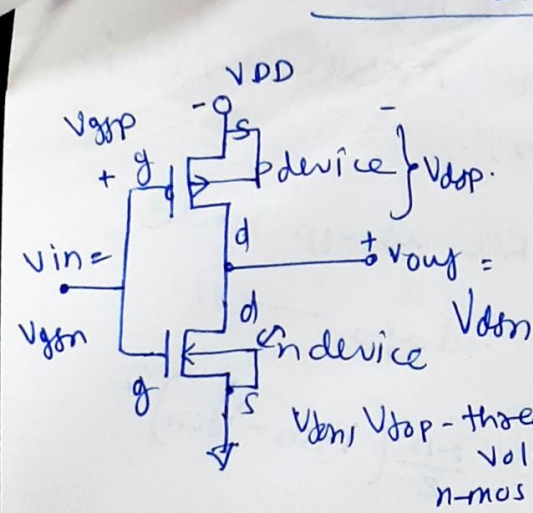


Fig ① CMOS inverter

Fig VTC for CMOS inverter

$V_{in}=0$, $V_{out}=V_{DDP}=V_{DD}$
 $V_{in}=1$, $V_{out}=V_{DDN}=0V$

(D.C transfer characteristic & operating region)

Region A.

Region A is defined as $0 \leq V_{in} \leq V_{thn}$ n-device is cut off $\therefore I_{dsn}=0$ & pdevice is in linear region. Since $I_{dsn} = -I_{dsp}$ $\therefore I_{dsp}=0$

From Fig ①

$$V_{dsp} = V_{out} - V_{DD} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

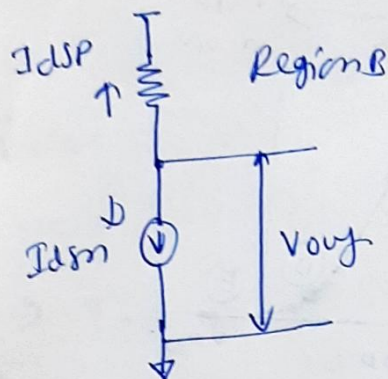
$$I_{dsp} = 0 \quad \therefore V_{dsp} = 0 \text{ put it in eqn ①}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V_s &= V_{DD} \\ \therefore V_d &= V_{out} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{eqn ①} \Rightarrow \boxed{V_{out} = V_{DD}} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

Region B

In this region n-device is in saturation & p-device is in linear region.



∴ As per KCL at o/p node

$$I_{dsn} = -I_{dsp} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$I_{dsn(sat)} = \frac{k_n}{2} (V_{gsn} - V_{thn})^2$$

Fig: Equivalent ckt for Region B

from fig ①

$$\therefore V_{gsn} = V_{gn} - V_{sn} = V_{in} - 0 = V_{in}$$

$$\therefore I_{dsn} = \frac{k_n}{2} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\& I_{dsp} = -\frac{k_p}{2} \left[2(V_{gsp} - V_{thp}) \cdot V_{dsp} - V_{dsp}^2 \right] \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$V_{gsp} = V_{gp} - V_{sp} = V_{in} - V_{DP} \quad \& \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$V_{dsp} = V_{dp} - V_{sp} = V_{out} - V_{DD} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

put eqn ⑥ & ⑦ in eqn ⑤

$$\therefore I_{dsp} = -\frac{k_p}{2} \left[2(V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp}) (V_{out} - V_{DD}) - (V_{out} - V_{DD})^2 \right] \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

∴ According to eqn ① equate eqn ④ & ⑧

$$\frac{k_n}{2} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2 = \frac{k_p}{2} \left[2(V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp}) (V_{out} - V_{DD}) - (V_{out} - V_{DD})^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2 = 2(V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp}) (V_{out} - V_{DD}) - (V_{out} - V_{DD})^2 \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$$\therefore (V_{out} - V_{DD})^2 - 2(V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})(V_{out} - V_{DD}) +$$

$$\frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

In above quadratic eqn

$$\therefore a = 1, \quad b = -2(V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp}) \quad \& \quad c = \frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$V_{out} - V_{DD} =$$

$$= \frac{2(V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp}) \pm \sqrt{4(V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2 - 4(1)\left(\frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2\right)}}{2}$$

$$\therefore V_{out} - V_{DD} = (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp}) + \sqrt{(V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2 - \frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2}$$

$$\therefore V_{out} = \cancel{V_{DD}} + V_{in} - \cancel{V_{DD}} - V_{thp} + \sqrt{\left[\frac{V_{in} - V_{thp}}{a} - \frac{V_{DD}}{b}\right]^2 - \frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2}$$

$$= (V_{in} - V_{thp}) + \sqrt{(V_{in} - V_{thp})^2 - 2(V_{in} - V_{thp})V_{DD} + V_{DD}^2 - \frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2}$$

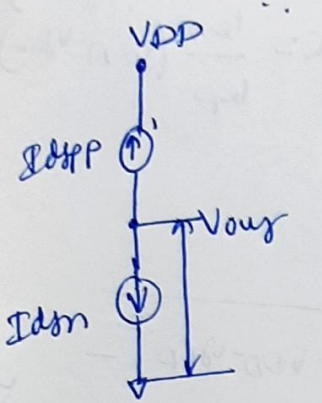
taking common

$$V_{out} = V_{in} - V_{thp} + \sqrt{(V_{in} - V_{thp})^2 - 2(V_{in} - V_{thp} - \frac{V_{DD}}{2})V_{DD} - \frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2}$$

$$\therefore V_{out} = V_{in} - V_{thp} + \sqrt{(V_{in} - V_{thp})^2 - 2(V_{in} - V_{thp} - \frac{V_{DD}}{2})V_{DD} - \frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2} \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

Region C

In this region both n-device & p-devices are in saturation.



$$\therefore I_{dsp} = -\frac{k_p}{2} (V_{gsp} - V_{thp})^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

By $V_{gsp} = V_{gp} - V_{sp} = V_{in} - V_{DD}$ in eqn (1)

$$\therefore I_{dsp} = -\frac{k_p}{2} (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$I_{dsn} = \frac{k_n}{2} (V_{gsn} - V_{thn})^2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Sig: Equivalence

Let for CMOS inverter in region C

By $V_{gsn} = V_{gn} - V_{sn} = V_{in} - 0 = V_{in}$ in eqn (3) \rightarrow eqn (1)

$$I_{dsn} = \frac{k_n}{2} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

By applying KCL at o/p node

$$I_{dsn} = -I_{dsp}$$

$$\frac{k_n}{2} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2 = \frac{k_p}{2} (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2$$

$$\frac{k_n}{k_p} (V_{in} - V_{thn})^2 = (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

taking square root of eqn (5) & neglecting +ve root

$$-\sqrt{\frac{k_n}{k_p}} (V_{in} - V_{thn}) = V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp} \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$(1 + \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{k_p}}) \cdot V_{in} = V_{DD} + V_{thp} + \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{k_p}} \cdot V_{thn}$

at $k_n = k_p$ & $V_{thn} = -V_{thp}$ eqn (6) \Rightarrow

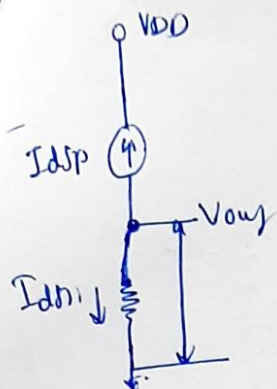
$$V_{in} = \frac{V_{DD} + V_{thp} + V_{thn} \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{k_p}}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{k_p}}} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

$V_{in} = V_{DD}/2$ & $V_{out} = V_{DD}/2$

Region D

In region D, $\frac{V_{DD}}{2} < V_{in} \leq V_{DD} + V_{thp}$

The p-device is in saturation & n-device is in linear region.



$$\therefore I_{dsp}(\text{sat}) = -\frac{k_p}{2} (V_{gsp} - V_{thp})^2 \quad (12)$$

Put $V_{gsp} = V_{gp} - V_{sp} = V_{in} - V_{DD}$ in

eqn (12)

Equivalent diagram of CMOS inverter in Region D

$$\therefore I_{dsp}(\text{sat}) = -\frac{k_p}{2} (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2 \quad (13)$$

$$I_{dsn} = \frac{k_n}{2} [2(V_{gsn} - V_{thn}) \cdot V_{dsn} - V_{dsn}^2] \quad (14)$$

Put $V_{gsn} = V_{in}$ in eqn (14) & $V_{dsn} = V_{out}$ in eqn (14)

$$\therefore I_{dsn} = \frac{k_n}{2} [2(V_{in} - V_{thn}) \cdot V_{out} - V_{out}^2] \quad (15)$$

As per KCL of o/p node

$$I_{dsn} = -I_{dsp}$$

equating eqn (13) & (15)

$$+\frac{k_p}{2} (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2 = \frac{k_n}{2} [2(V_{in} - V_{thn}) V_{out} - V_{out}^2] \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{k_p}{k_n} (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2 = 2(V_{in} - V_{thn}) V_{out} - V_{out}^2 \quad (17)$$

$$V_{out}^2 - 2(V_{in} - V_{thn}) V_{out} + \frac{k_p}{k_n} (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2 = 0 \quad (18)$$

Eqn (18) is quadratic equation having
 $a = 1$, $b = -2(V_{in} - V_{thn})$ & $c = \frac{k_p}{k_n} (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2$

$$\therefore V_{out} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{2(V_{in} - V_{thn}) \pm \sqrt{4(V_{in} - V_{thn})^2 - 4 \frac{k_p}{k_n} (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2}}{2}$$

$$V_{out} = (V_{in} - V_{thn}) - \sqrt{(V_{in} - V_{thn})^2 - \frac{k_p}{k_n} (V_{in} - V_{DD} - V_{thp})^2}$$

└ (19)

Region E

This region is defined by $V_{in} \geq V_{DD} - V_{thp}$
 In this region p-device is w_{off} $\therefore I_{dpp} = 0$ &
 the n-device is in linear mode.

Here, $V_{gsp} = V_{in} - V_{DD}$ which is more $> V_{thp}$
 than V_{thp} .

$$\therefore V_{out} = 0$$