

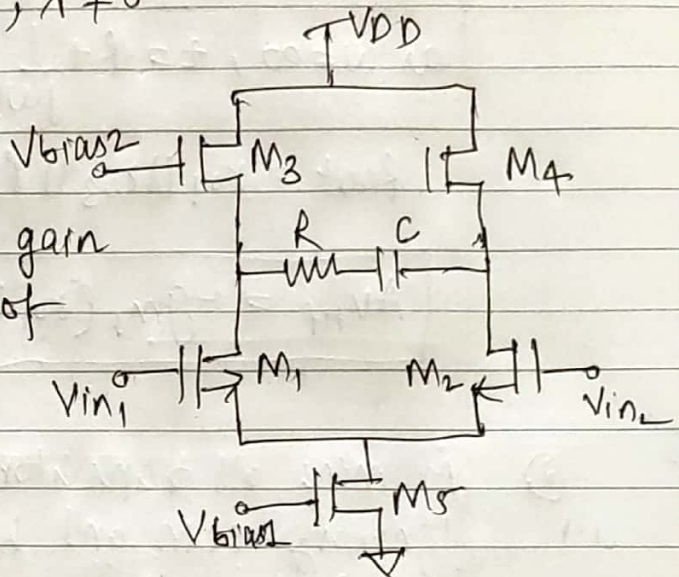
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Assignment-3

- ① In the following circuit assume transistors M_1 and M_2 , and transistors M_3 and M_4 are identical and $r_o \neq 0$, $\lambda \neq 0$

- ① Find the expression for the small signal differential voltage gain ($V_{out}/V_{in1} - V_{in2}$) of the circuit



let impedance Z

$$= R + \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$

as Z is parallel to M_3 and to M_1 , when AC ground is applied, R_{out} can be considered as $(r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel \frac{Z}{2})$ on one side

$$R_{out} = (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel \frac{Z}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow A_v = -g_{m1} (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel \frac{Z}{2})$$

- (ii) what is the gain of the circuit in very low frequencies?

At low frequencies $\omega \rightarrow 0$

$$Z = R + \frac{1}{j\omega C} = R + \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

as $Z = \infty$

$$A_{v,LF} = -g_{m1} (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3})$$

(11) what is the gain of the circuit at very high frequencies?

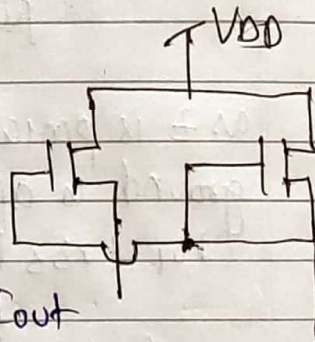
$$\text{as } \omega \rightarrow \infty, \tau \approx R + \frac{1}{j\omega C} \approx R + \frac{1}{\infty} = R$$

$$R_{out} = r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel R_L$$

$$A_{V_{HF}} = -g_{m1} (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel R_L)$$

(2) Assuming all transistors in saturation and ignoring cgm and body effect, Also, $(W/L)_3 = (W/L)_4$

(1) Find an expression for I_{out}



$$\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_3 = \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_4 \Rightarrow I_1 = I_3 = I_{out}$$

$$I_{out} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2 (V_{GS2} - V_{th})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{GS2} = V_{thn} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_{out}}{\mu_n C_{ox} (W/L)_2}}$$

$$\text{Similarly } V_{GS1} = V_{thn} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_{out}}{\mu_n C_{ox} (W/L)_1}}$$

Also,

$$V_{GS1} - V_{GS2} = I_{out} \times R$$

$$V_{GS1} - V_{GS2} = \left[V_{thn} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_{out}}{\mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1}} \right] - \left[V_{thn} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_{out}}{\mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2}} \right]$$

$$R_{out} = \sqrt{\frac{2I_{out}}{\mu_n C_{ox}}} \left[\sqrt{\left(\frac{L}{W}\right)_1} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{L}{W}\right)_2} \right]$$

$$R_{out} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\mu_n C_{ox}}} \left[\sqrt{\frac{L_1}{W_1}} - \sqrt{\frac{L_2}{W_2}} \right]$$

$$I_{out} = \frac{2}{\mu_n C_{ox} R^2} \left[\sqrt{\frac{L_1}{W_1}} - \sqrt{\frac{L_2}{W_2}} \right]^2$$

- (11) What would be the percentage change in I_{out} if V_{DD} is increased by 10%.

As all transistors are in saturation, the I_{out} is independent of V_{DD} . Hence, there will be no change in I_{out} .

- (12) How would the expression for I_{out} derived in part (11) change if $\gamma \neq 0$ and why?

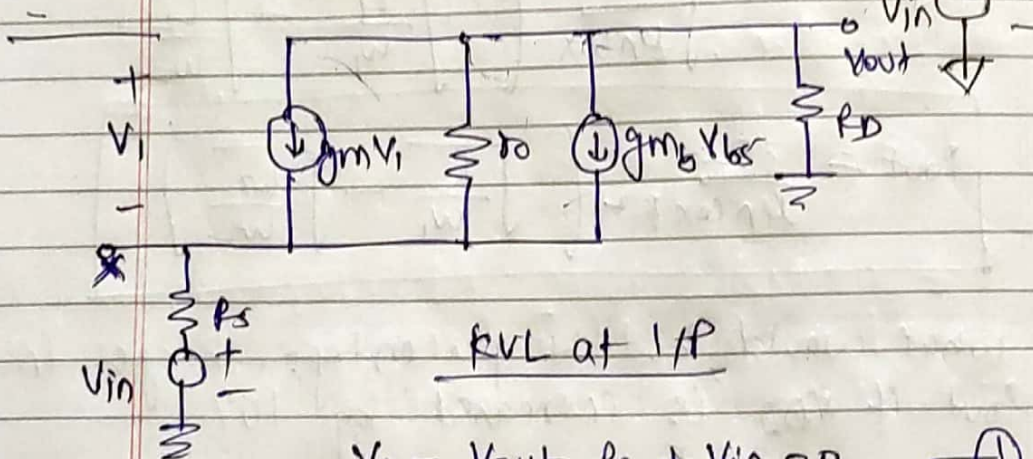
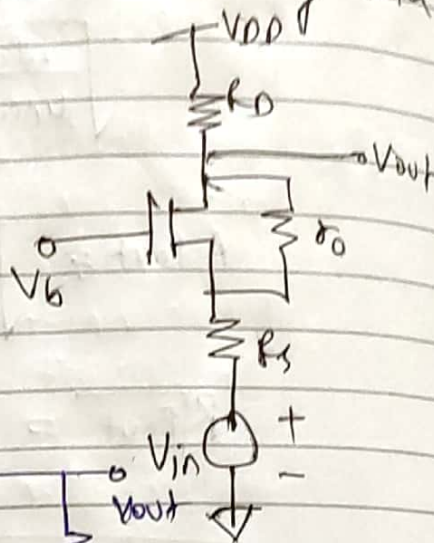
$$V_{SB1}, V_{SB2} > 0$$

Resultant body effect would not change the I_{out} .

- ③ Calculate the gain of the common gate amplifier as shown below considering both CLM and Body effect

Current through R_s is same as $-V_{out} / R_D$

Small signal



KVL at I/P

$$V_1 - \frac{V_{out}}{R_D} R_s + V_{in} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

KVL at O/P

$$r_o \left(\frac{-V_{out}}{R_D} - g_m V_1 - g_{mb} V_1 \right) - \frac{V_{out}}{R_D} R_s + V_{in} = V_{out} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (1)

$$V_1 = V_{out} \cdot \frac{R_s}{R_D} - V_{in}$$

Substituting value of V_1 in (2)

$$r_o \left(-\frac{V_{out}}{R_D} - (g_m + g_{m_b}) \left(V_{out} \frac{R_s}{R_D} - V_{in} \right) \right) - V_{out} \frac{R_s}{R_D}$$

$$+ V_{in} = V_{out}$$

$$\Rightarrow -V_{out} \cdot \frac{r_o}{R_D} - r_o (g_m + g_{m_b}) \cdot \frac{R_s}{R_D} V_{out} - V_{out} \frac{R_s}{R_D} -$$

$$V_{out} = -V_{in} - (g_m + g_{m_b}) r_o V_{in}$$

$$\Rightarrow -V_{in} - (g_m + g_{m_b}) r_o V_{in} = V_{out} \left(\frac{r_o + (g_m + g_{m_b}) r_o R_s}{r_o R_s + R_s + R_D} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{[(g_m + g_{m_b}) r_o + 1] R_D}{r_o + (g_m + g_{m_b}) r_o R_s + R_s + R_D}$$

- ④ Explain the working of folded cascode circuit using large-signal analysis.



Simple folded cascode

In order to bias M_1 and M_2 , a current source must be added. The small signal operation is as follow. If V_{in} becomes more positive, I_{D1} decreases forcing I_{D2} to increase, hence decreasing V_{out} to drop.

If V_{in} decreases from V_{DD} to zero, for

$V_{in} > V_{DD} - |V_{th1}|$, M_1 is off and M_2 carries all of I_2 , yielding $V_{out} = V_{DD} - I_2 R_D$. For $V_{in} < V_{DD} - |V_{th1}|$, M_1 turns on in saturation,

$$I_{D2} = I_1 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_p C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_1 (V_{DD} - V_{in} - |V_{th1}|)^2$$

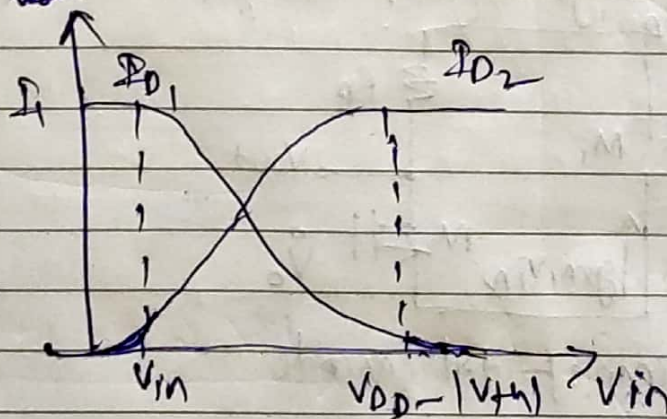
As V_{in} drops, I_{D2} decreases further, falling to zero, if $I_{D1} = I_1$

$$\frac{1}{2} \mu_p C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_1 (V_{DD} - V_{in1} - |V_{th1}|)^2 = I_1$$

Thus,

$$V_{in1} = V_{DD} - \sqrt{\frac{2I_1}{\mu_p C_{ox} (W/L)_1}} - |V_{th1}|$$

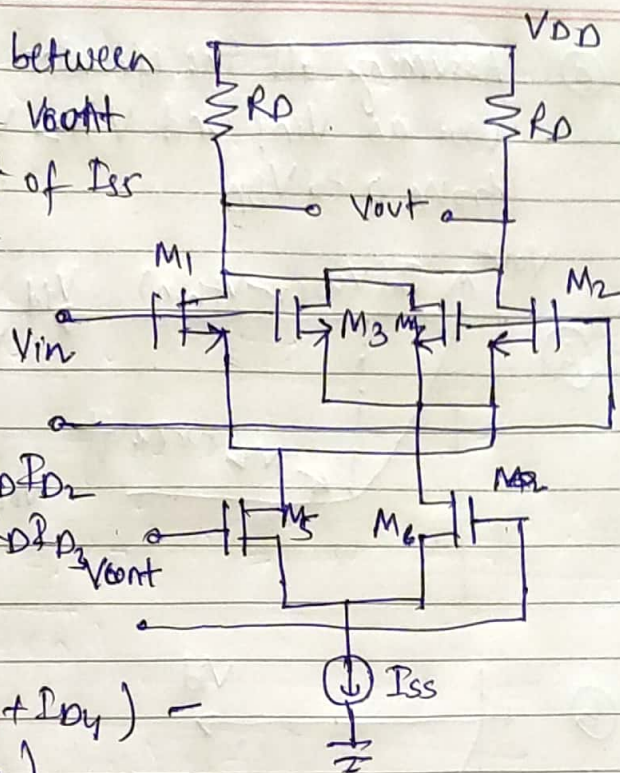
if V_{in} falls below this level, I_{D1} tends to be greater than I_1 and M_1 enters the triode region.



- ⑤ Explain the operation of Gilbert cell. Can Gilbert cell operation as an analog voltage multiplier?

The difference between 2 terminals of V_{out} steer a lot part of I_{ss} from V_{in} to V_{out}

Since,



$$V_{out} = R_D I_{D1} - R_D I_{D2}$$

$$V_{out2} = R_D I_{D4} - R_D I_{D3} \quad \text{at } V_{out2}$$

$$V_{out} = R_o (I_{D1} + I_{D4}) - R_o (I_{D2} + I_{D3})$$

where,

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = -g_m R_D$$

$$\frac{V_{out 2}}{V_{in}} = gm R_o$$

Analog voltage multiplier

Since gain of ckt is

$$V_{\text{cont}} = V_{\text{cont}1} - V_{\text{cont}2}$$

we have

$$V_{out} = V_{in} \cdot f(V_{out})$$

expand $f(v_{cont})$ in a Taylor series

we have,

$$Y_{out} = \alpha V_{in} Y_{out}$$

Thus the ckt can multiply voltages.

⑥ Assuming all the circuits to be symmetric, Plot V_{out} as V_{in1} and V_{in2} vary differentially from 0 to V_{DD}

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