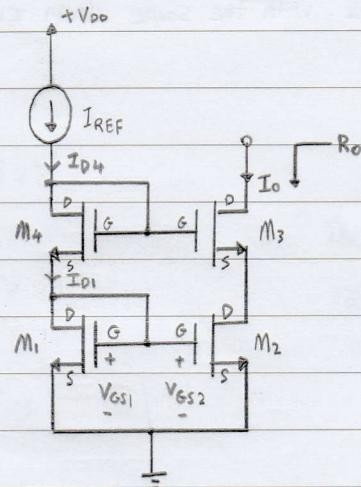


Esmund Lim

## A-E Tutorial 11

1)



All the transistor have the same  $\frac{W}{L}$ , no gate current

$$\therefore I_{REF} = I_{D4} = I_{D1}$$

$$\text{Since } V_{GS1} = V_{GS2}$$

$$\rightarrow I_D = \frac{1}{2} k_n' \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) (V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS})$$

same fabrication size

ignore early effect

$$\therefore I_{D2} = I_{D1}$$

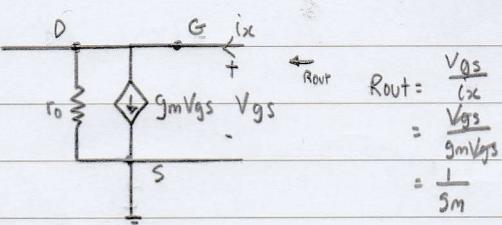
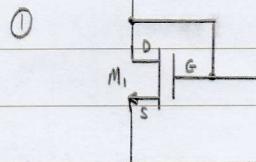
$$= I_O \quad \because \text{all of them have same } I_D$$

They must have same  $V_{GS}$

$M_4$  and  $M_1$  will always be in the saturation region due to diode connected

$M_2$ ,  $V_{DS} = V_{GS}$  due to the connection

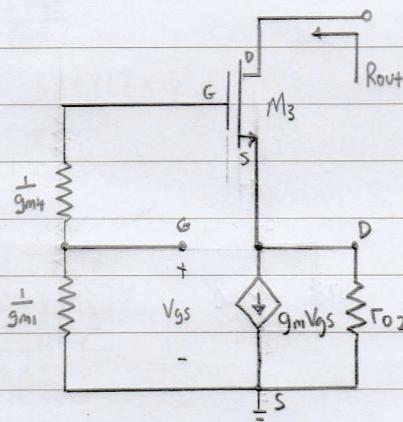
The only problem is  $M_3$ , it depend on  $V_o$ , if  $V_o$  is very low,  $V_{GS}$  could be lower than  $V_{TN}$ .  $\therefore$  might not be in saturation region  $\rightarrow$  current mirror fail



②

replace  $M_2$

With small signal

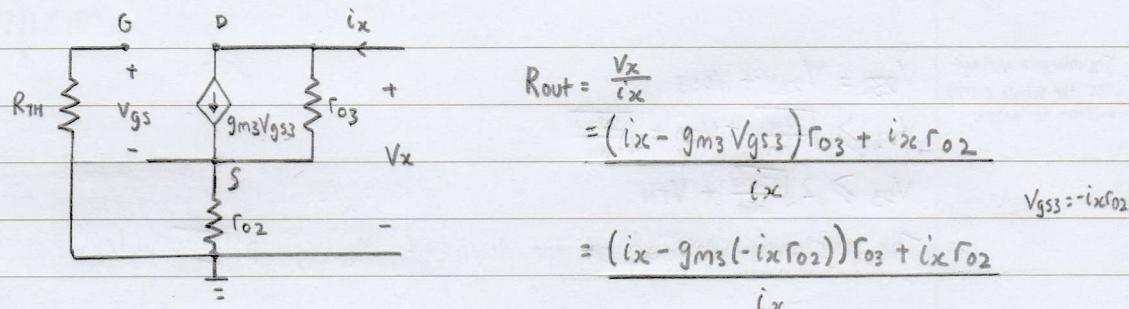


No gate current

$$V_{GS} = 0$$

$\therefore$  current source no value : 0/0

③



$$R_{TH} = \frac{1}{g_{m4}} + \frac{1}{g_{m1}}$$

$$= R_03 + g_{m3} R_02 R_03 + R_02$$

$$= R_03 (1 + g_{m3} R_02) + R_02$$

$$\approx g_{m3} R_02 R_03$$

b) Assuming all the transistors are of the same W/L with the same drain current

$$V_{GS1} = V_{GS2} = V_{GS}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{REF} &= \frac{1}{2} k_n \left( \frac{W}{L} \right)_4 (V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} k_n (V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{I_{REF}}{\frac{1}{2} k_n} = (V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{I_{REF}}{\frac{1}{2} k_n}} = V_{GS} - V_{TN}$$

$$V_{GS} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{REF}}{\frac{1}{2} k_n}} + V_{TN}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2I_{REF}}{k_n}} + V_{TN}$$

The gate voltage of  $M_3$  and  $M_4$ :

$$V_{G3} = V_{G4}$$

$$= V_{GS1} + V_{GS4}$$

$$= 2V_{GS}$$

The drain source voltage of  $M_2$ :

$$V_{DS2} = V_{G3} - V_{GS3}$$

$$= 2V_{GS} - V_{GS}$$

$$= V_{GS}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2I_{REF}}{k_n}} + V_{TN}$$

in the saturation region  
For  $M_3$  to remain in the saturation region

$$V_{DS3} \geq V_{GS3} - V_{TN}$$

$$V_{DS3} \geq \sqrt{\frac{2I_{REF}}{k_n}} + V_{TN} - V_{TN}$$

$$V_{DS3} \geq \sqrt{\frac{2I_{REF}}{k_n}}$$

The minimum voltage for the whole current mirror to work

$$V_{D3} = V_{DS2} + V_{DS3}$$

$$V_{D3} \geq \sqrt{\frac{2I_{REF}}{k_n}} + V_{TN} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_{REF}}{k_n}}$$

$$V_{D3} \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{2I_{REF}}{k_n}} + V_{TN}$$

The minimum voltage at the drain of  $M_3$  is  $2\sqrt{\frac{2I_{REF}}{k_n}} + V_{TN}$

c) Given

$$I_{REF} = 17.5 \mu A$$

$$V_{DD} = 5V$$

$$k_n = 75 \mu A/V^2$$

$$V_{TN} = 0.75V$$

$$\pi = 0.0125 V^{-1}$$

$$R_o \approx g_m r_o r_o - ①$$

$$R_o \approx 5.24 \times 10^{-5} \times 4.78 \times 10^6 \times 4.65 \times 10^6$$

$$= 1.163579054 \times 10^9 \Omega$$

$$\approx 1.16 G\Omega$$

The minimum voltage at drain  $M_3$  for all transistors to remain in saturation region:

$$V_{DS} \geq 2 \sqrt{\frac{2 I_{REF}}{k_n}} + V_{TN}$$

$$= 2(0.683130051) + 0.75$$

$$= 2.116260102V$$

$$\approx 2.12V$$

$$V_{DS2} = \sqrt{\frac{2 I_{REF}}{k_n}} + V_{TN}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2(17.5 \times 10^{-6})}{75 \times 10^{-6}}} + 0.75$$

$$= 1.433130051V$$

$$\approx 1.43V$$

$$r_o = \frac{1}{\pi} + V_{DS2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{0.0125} + 1.43$$

$$= 4.653321717 \times 10^6 \Omega$$

$$\approx 4.65 M\Omega$$

$$V_{DS3} = 5V - 1.43V$$

$$= 3.566869949V$$

$$\approx 3.57V$$

$$r_o = \frac{1}{\pi} + 3.57$$

$$= 4.775249711 \times 10^6 \Omega$$

$$\approx 4.78 M\Omega$$

$$g_m = \sqrt{2 k_n I_D (1 + \pi V_{DS3})}$$

$$= \sqrt{2(75 \times 10^{-6})(17.5 \times 10^{-6})(1 + 0.0125(3.57))}$$

$$= 5.236447193 \times 10^{-5} S$$

$$\approx 5.24 \times 10^{-5} S$$

2) Given transfer function

$$T(s) = \frac{10^{12} s^2}{(s+10)(s+10^3)(s+10^6)}$$

$$s = j\omega = j1 \quad \sqrt{1^2} = 1$$

$$j\omega + 10 = \sqrt{1^2 + 10^2} \approx 10$$

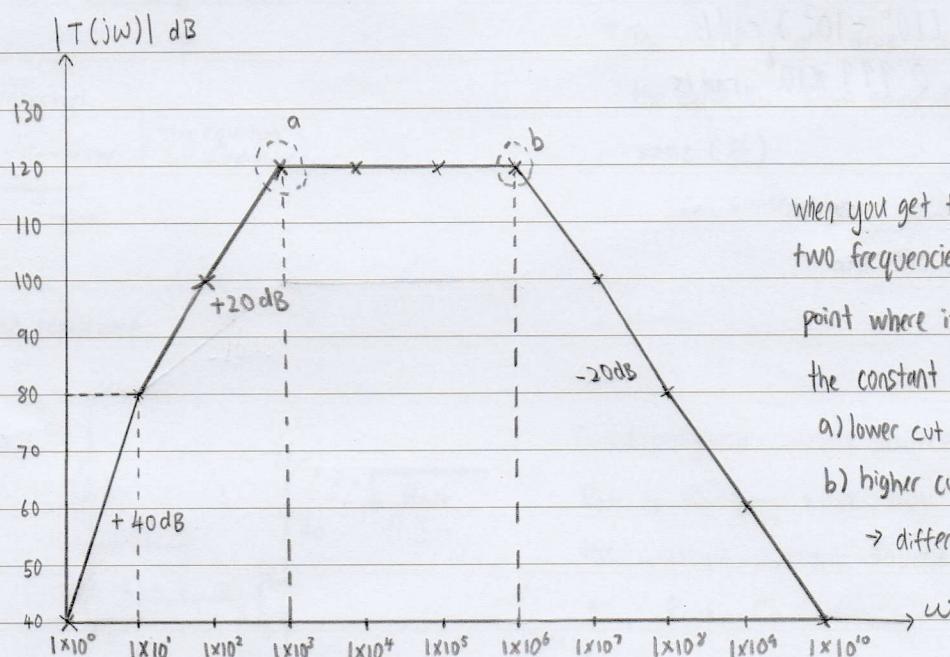
Note:  $|j\omega + a| = \sqrt{\omega^2 + a^2}$  if  $\omega \ll a$ , then  $|j\omega + a| \approx a$   
 if  $\omega \gg a$  or  $a \gg \omega$   
 $= \sqrt{2a^2} = \sqrt{2}a = 1.414a \approx a$   $\approx \sqrt{\omega^2 + a^2} \approx \sqrt{a^2} = a$

cannot start from 0 rad/s

→ impossible to use decades of 0

$$\text{At } \omega = 1 \text{ rad/s}, |T(j1)| \approx \frac{10^{12} \cdot 1}{10 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 10^6} \approx 100 = 20 \log 100 \text{ dB} = 40 \text{ dB}$$

Voltage gain = 20 log  
Power gain = 10 log



when you get the Bode plot, there are two frequencies point of interest, point where it starts to deviate from the constant

a) lower cut off frequency

b) higher cut off frequency

→ difference between a and b

= band width  
↳ How much frequency band you can work with the constant gain

2 zeros → poles → poles → poles  
 $(s+0)(s+0) \rightarrow \text{hit}(s+10) = -20 \text{ dB} \rightarrow \text{hit}(s+10^3) = -20 \text{ dB} \rightarrow \text{hit}(s+10^6) = -20 \text{ dB}$   
 $\underbrace{+20 \text{ dB}}_{10 \text{ rad/s}} \quad \underbrace{+20 \text{ dB}}_{10^3 \text{ rad/s}} \quad \underbrace{-20 \text{ dB}}_{10^6 \text{ rad/s}}$

Two zeros at  $s=0$

Three poles at  $s=-10, s=-10^3, s=-10^6$

Av estimation from calculation

(Note: If  $\omega \leq a$ , then  $|j\omega + a| \approx a$ , else  $|j\omega + a| \approx \omega$ )

Av estimation from Bode plot:

$$\text{Av}|_{10^3} = 120 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow \omega_L = 10^3 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\text{Av}|_{10^6} = 120 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow \omega_H = 10^6 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\text{Av}|_{10^3} \approx \frac{10^{12} (10^3)^2}{10^3 10^3 10^6} = 10^6 = 120 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow \omega_L = 10^3 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\text{Av}|_{10^6} \approx \frac{10^{12} (10^6)^2}{10^6 10^6 10^6} = 10^6 = 120 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow \omega_H = 10^6 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\frac{10^{12} (10^3)^2}{(10^3 + 10)(10^3 + 10^3)(10^3 + 10^6)}$$

Actual Gain at  $10^3 \text{ rad/s}$  or  $10^6 \text{ rad/s} = 117 \text{ dB}$  (Hence, the name -3dB frequency)

$$\begin{aligned}|T(j10^3)| &= 10^{12} \left( \frac{(10^3)^2}{\sqrt{[(10^3)^2 + (10)^2][(10^3)^2 + (10^3)^2][(10^3)^2 + (10^6)^2]}} \right) \\&= 707071.075 \\&= 20 \log(707071.075) \text{ dB} \\&= 116.9892614 \text{ dB} \\&\approx 117 \text{ dB}\end{aligned}$$

↳ 3 dB below from the approximate bode plot

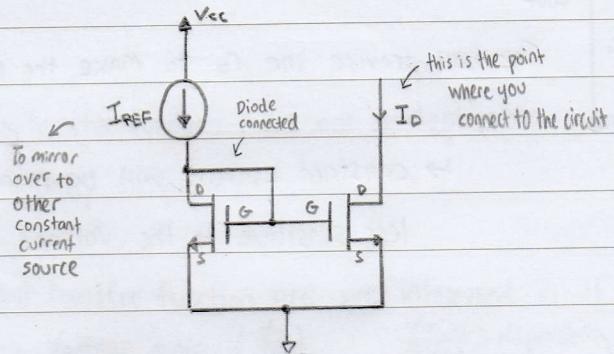
$$\begin{aligned}\text{BW} &= \omega_H - \omega_L \\&= (10^6 - 10^3) \text{ rad/s} \\&= 0.999 \times 10^6 \text{ rad/s}\end{aligned}$$

1.41428478  $\times 10^2$

Concept for this tutorial

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} k_n' \left(\frac{W}{L}\right) (V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS})$$

Simple current mirror circuit



if the two transistors had the same  $(\frac{W}{L})$ ,  
fabricated under the same process same  $k_n'$   
 $V_{GS}$  same, ignore early effect

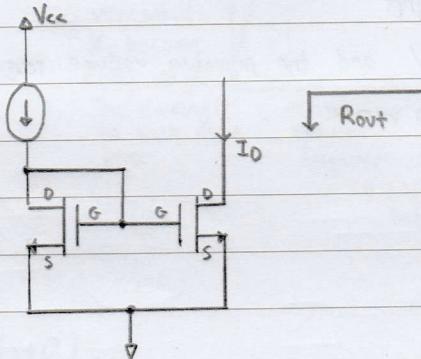
$$\therefore I_D = I_{REF}$$

mirror over

\* The reverse is also true, if two transistors had  
the same  $I_D$ , from same fabrication process  
same  $(\frac{W}{L})$   
 $\therefore$  same  $V_{GS}$

Diode connected  
 $V_{DS} \geq V_{GS} - V_{TN}$  } This equation  
will always be true  
Saturation region

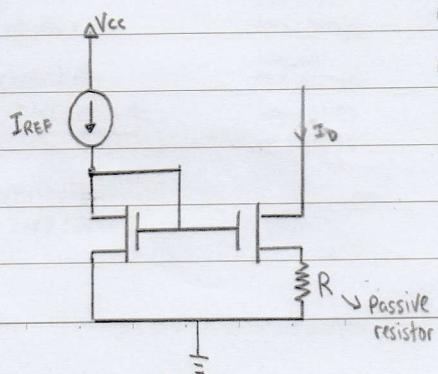
about output resistance



Good constant current source will require  
Rout to be very high, but if you implement  
the constant current source like the circuit  
 $\leftarrow$ ,  $Rout = r_o$   
so I need to increase it to make it a  
better constant source, if  $r_o$  is higher  
it means that the current  $I_D$  is more constant  
with respect to the change of voltage

How to increase output resistance

→ Widlar Current mirror

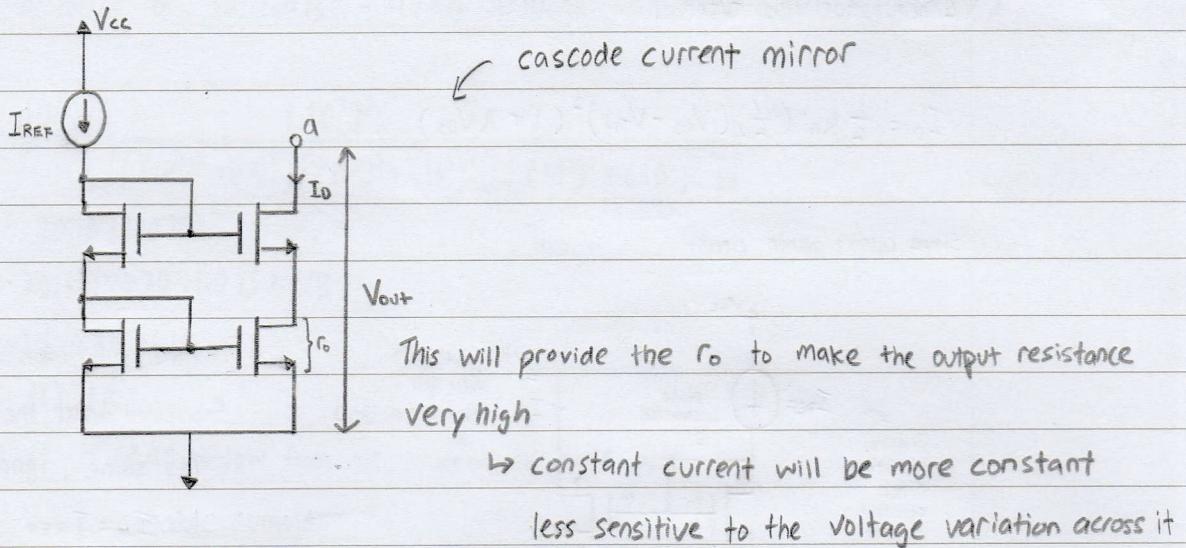


Make circuit in IC chips, the area is very costly, for the same amount  
of area, if I want a very high resistance, I have to  
make very high R, but that R will take up a lot of area and  
very costly

$\therefore$  Better way

=> use transistor (Cascode)

By making it into a passive resistor



But is there a price to pay?

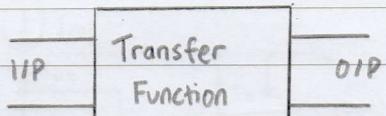
→ there must be a minimum voltage at point "a" so that all the transistors are in the saturation region, if any of the transistors not in the saturation region, the whole current mirror fail to function

The higher you stack, the higher is the output resistance and so the minimum voltage required is also higher

→ if a battery is 1.5V and the minimum voltage required is 2V

→ fail to work

## Concept for frequency response



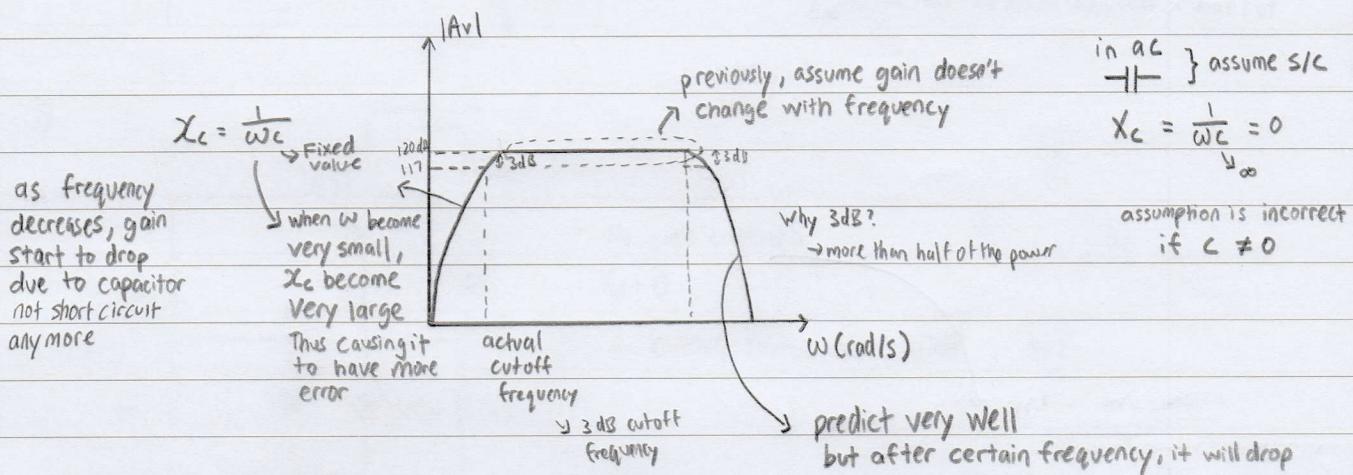
↳ Ratio of the quantity of interest  $\frac{OIP}{IIP}$

↳ Can be voltage / current

In transfer function, we are dealing with signal that have frequency and the circuit might have frequency component

What transfer function are we interested in if it is a amplifier?

$$\rightarrow \text{Voltage gain } \left( \frac{V_o}{V_i} \right) \xrightarrow{j\omega} \text{dependent on frequency}$$



Bode plot

$$S^2 = (S+0)(S+0)$$

$\downarrow j\omega$  → frequency = 0 rad/s

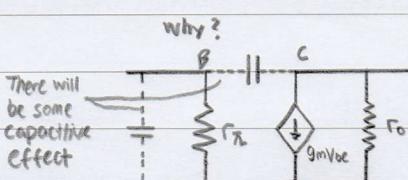
$$\begin{aligned} & (S+10) \quad (S+10^2) \\ & (j\omega+10) \quad (j\omega+10^2) \end{aligned} \xrightarrow{10^3 \text{ rad/s}} \text{turning point of frequency}$$

numerator → zeros  
denominator → poles

each zeros contribute a positive + 20dB/decade  
↓ To time

each poles contribute a negative - 20dB/decade

decade  
1 rad/s → 10 rad/s  
100 rad/s  
every decade it increase 20dB



but it will be very small  $< 10^{-15}$

There will be some signal, if their frequency is high enough, they will be able to pass through because of the capacitor

not completely open

$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C} \uparrow \text{reactance very high}$$

very small

very big

so given a transfer function

→ draw the frequency plot

bode plot