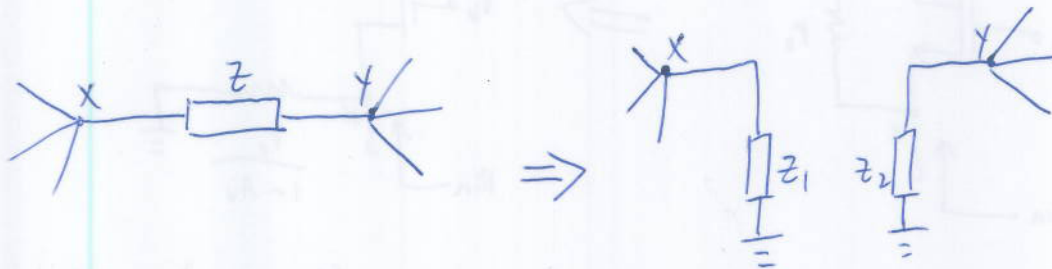


# Chapter 5 - Frequency Response of Amplifiers

Miller Effect (High frequency, useful where  $z$  parallel with main signal)

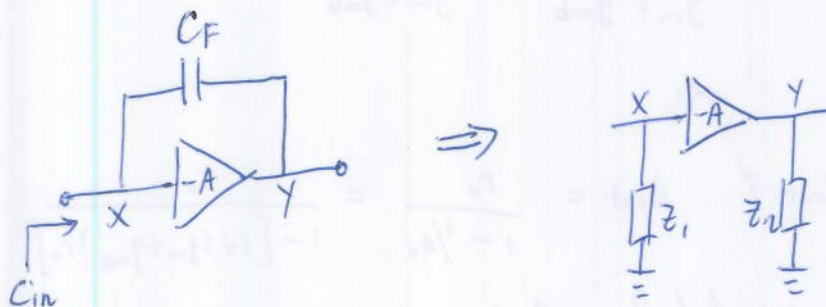
Miller's Theorem  $\rightarrow z_1 = \frac{z}{1-A_v}$ ,  $z_2 = \frac{z}{1-A_v^{-1}}$ ,  $A_v = \frac{V_y}{V_x}$



Proof: Current flowing through  $z$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  is  $(V_x - V_y)/z$ .  
For the two circuits to be equivalent, the same current must flow through  $z_1$ .

$$\therefore \frac{V_x - V_y}{z} = \frac{V_x}{z_1} \Rightarrow z_1 = \frac{z}{1 - \frac{V_y}{V_x}}, \quad z_2 = \frac{z}{1 - \frac{V_x}{V_y}}$$

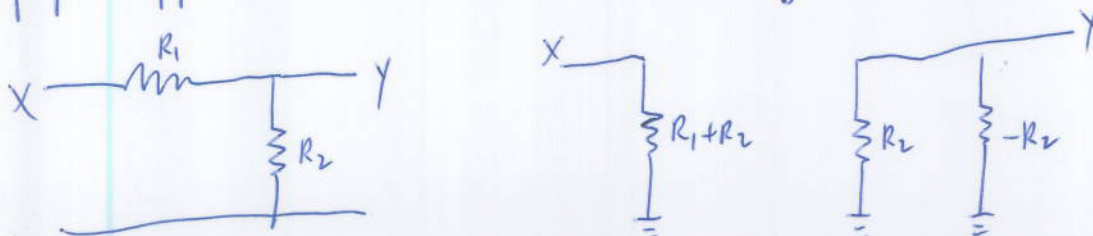
(E.g.) Consider the circuit below, where the voltage amplifier has a negative gain equal to  $-A$  and is otherwise ideal. Calculate the input capacitance of the circuit.



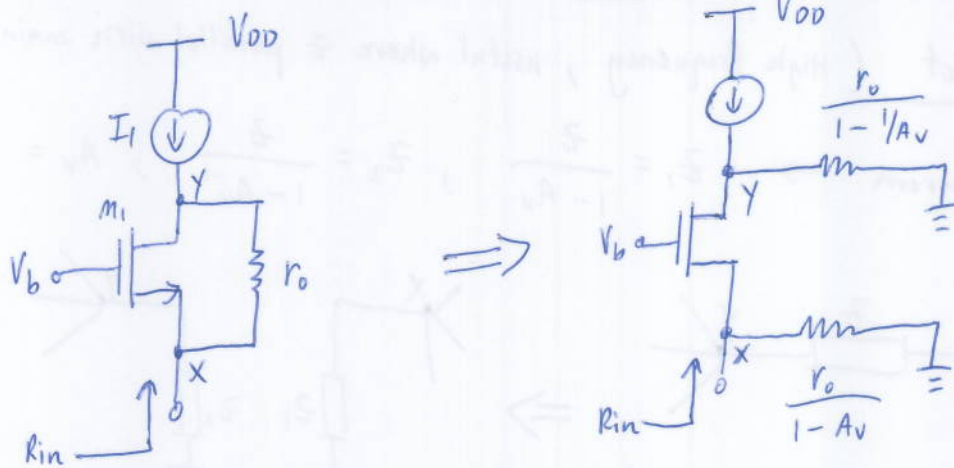
Using Miller's theorem to convert the circuit.

$$z = \frac{1}{sC_F} \quad \therefore z_1 = \frac{(1/sC_F)}{1+A} \Rightarrow \text{Input capacitance} = C_F(1+A)$$

Improper application of miller's theorem (input impedance correct but gain incorrect)



(E.g.) Calculate the input impedance resistance of the circuit.



C-G stage gain proven before :  $A_v = \frac{(g_m + g_{mb}) r_o + 1}{r_o + (g_m + g_{mb}) r_o R_s + R_s + R_D} R_D$

For this case,  $R_D \rightarrow \infty \therefore A_v = 1 + (g_m + g_{mb}) r_o$

$\therefore$  Input resistance :

$$R_{in} = \frac{r_o}{1 - [1 + (g_m + g_{mb}) r_o]} \parallel \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}}$$

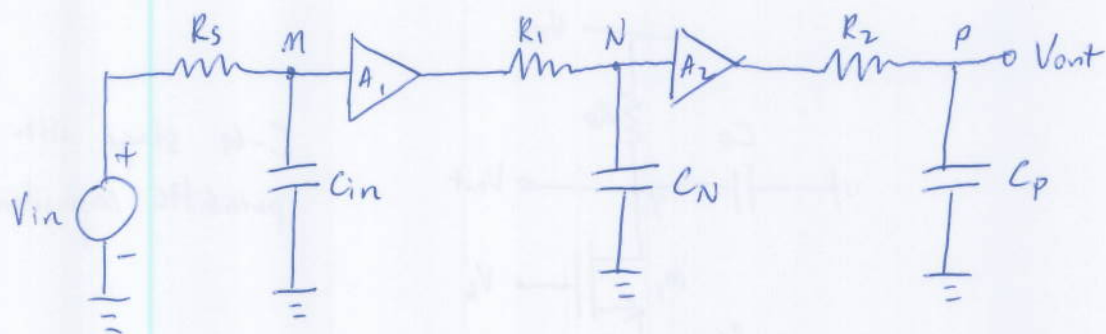
$$= \frac{-1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \parallel \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}}$$

$$= \infty$$

What about  $R_{out}$  ?  $R_{out} = \frac{r_o}{1 - 1/A_v} = \frac{r_o}{1 - [1 + (g_m + g_{mb}) r_o]} = \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} + r_o$

If  $x$  is grounded ?  $R_{out} = r_o$ .

## Association of Poles with Nodes



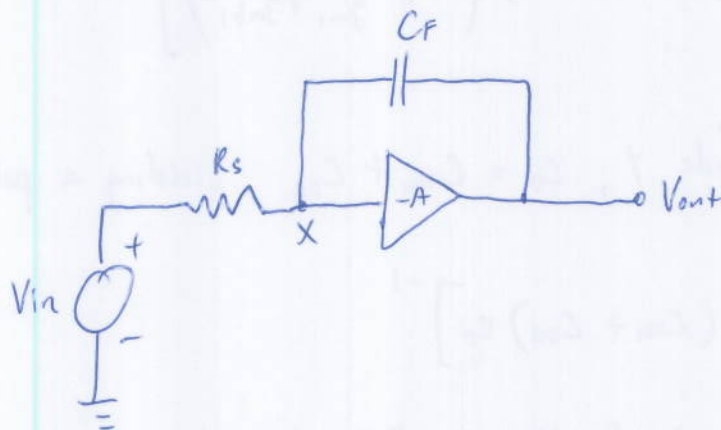
The overall transfer function can be written as

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}(s) = \frac{A_1}{1 + R_s C_{in} s} \cdot \frac{A_2}{1 + R_1 C_N s} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + R_2 C_p s}$$

Three poles

$$\omega = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{RC}$$

(E-g.) Calculate the pole associated with node X.



The total equivalent capacitance seen from X to ground is  $(1+A)C_F$

Since the capacitance is driven by  $R_s$ , the pole frequency is

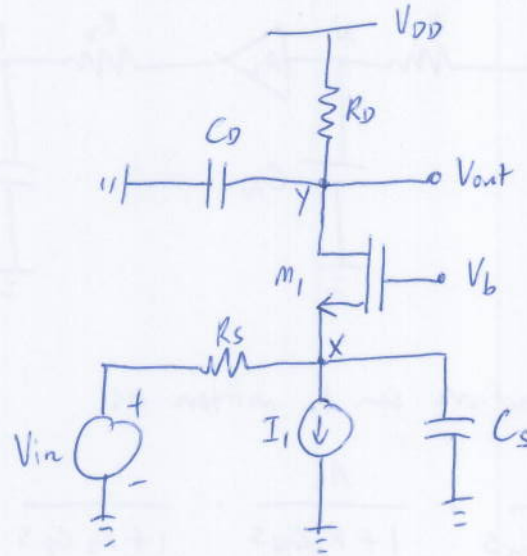
$$\frac{1}{R_s(1+A)C_F} \quad (\text{in rad/s})$$

↑  
input pole.



E.g.

Neglecting channel-length modulation, compute the transfer function of the common-gate stage shown in Fig. below.



C-G stage with parasitic capacitances.

The capacitances contributed by  $M_1$  are connected from input and output nodes to ground. At node X,  $C_s = C_{gs1} + C_{sb1}$ , giving a pole frequency

$$\omega_{in} = \left[ (C_{gs1} + C_{sb1}) \left( R_s \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m1} + g_{mb1}} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

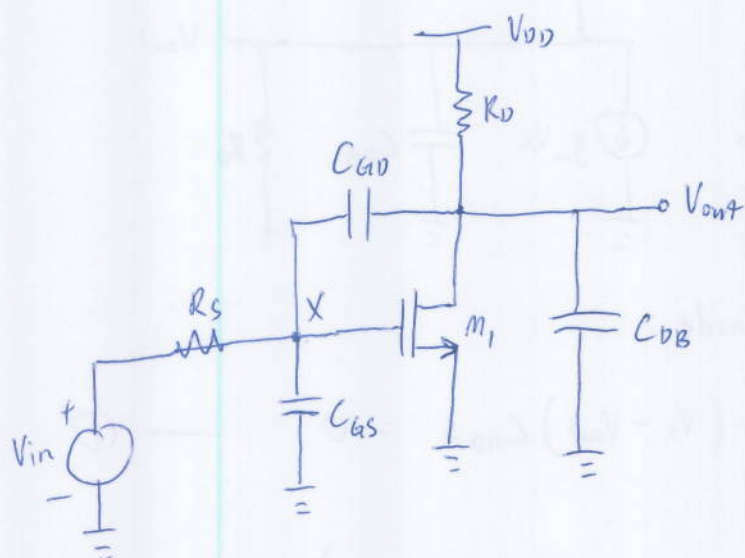
Similarly, at node Y,  $C_d = C_{gd1} + C_{db1}$ , yielding a pole frequency

$$\omega_{out} = \left[ (C_{gd1} + C_{db1}) R_D \right]^{-1}$$

The overall transfer function is thus given by

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}(s) = \underbrace{\frac{(g_m + g_{mb}) R_D}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb}) R_s}}_{\text{low-freq gain}} \cdot \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{in}} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{out}} \right)}$$

## Common-Source Stage



Assume  $\lambda = 0$  and  $M_1$  operates in saturation. Find/Estimate the transfer function by associating one pole with each node.

High-frequency model.

Total capacitance seen from X to ground is equal to  $C_{gs}$  plus miller multiplication of  $C_{GD}$ :  $C_{gs} + (1 - A_v)C_{GD}$ , where  $A_v = -g_m R_D$

The magnitude of the input pole is

$$\omega_{in} = \frac{1}{R_s [C_{gs} + (1 + g_m R_D) C_{GD}]}$$

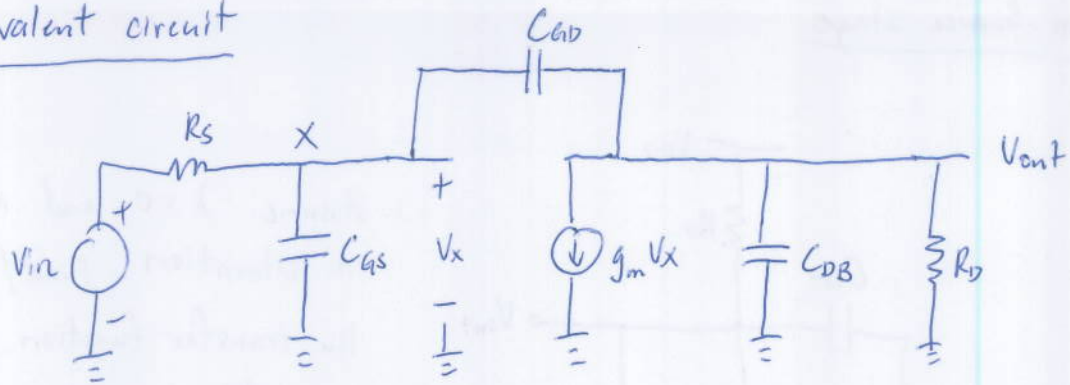
At the output node, the total capacitance seen to ground is equal to  $C_{DB}$  plus the miller effect of  $C_{GD}$ :  $C_{DB} + (1 - A_v^{-1})C_{GD} \approx C_{DB} + C_{GD}$

$$\therefore \omega_{out} = \frac{1}{R_D (C_{DB} + C_{GD})}$$

Transfer function is

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}(s) = \frac{-g_m R_D}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{in}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{out}}\right)}$$

# Equivalent circuit



Sum currents at each node:

$$\frac{V_x - V_{in}}{R_s} + V_x C_{GS} s + (V_x - V_{out}) C_{AD} s = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$(V_{out} - V_x) C_{AD} s + g_m V_x + V_{out} \left( \frac{1}{R_D} + C_{DB} s \right) = 0$$

$$V_x = - \frac{V_{out} (C_{AD} s + \frac{1}{R_D} + C_{DB} s)}{g_m - C_{AD} s} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Sub (2) into (1)

$$- V_{out} \frac{[R_s^{-1} + (C_{GS} + C_{AD})s][R_D^{-1} + (C_{AD} + C_{DB})s]}{g_m - C_{AD} s} - V_{out} C_{AD} s = \frac{V_{in}}{R_s}$$

$$\therefore \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}(s) = \frac{(C_{AD} - g_m) R_D}{R_s R_D \xi s^2 + [R_s (1 + g_m R_D) C_{AD} + R_s C_{GS} + R_D (C_{AD} + C_{DB})] s + 1}$$

$$\text{where } \xi = C_{GS} C_{AD} + C_{GS} C_{DB} + C_{AD} C_{DB}$$

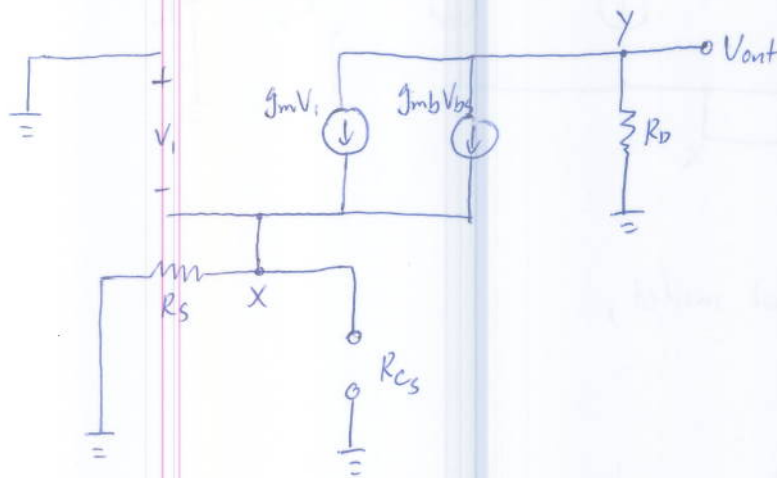
Note that the transfer function is of second-order even though the circuit contains three capacitors. This is because the capacitors form a "loop" allowing only two independent initial conditions in the circuit and hence yielding a second-order differential equation for the time response.

Can express two poles  $\omega_{p1}$  and  $\omega_{p2}$  by the denominator

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \left( \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{s}{\omega_{p2}} + 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{s^2}{\omega_{p1} \omega_{p2}} + \left( \frac{1}{\omega_{p1}} + \frac{1}{\omega_{p2}} \right) s + 1 \end{aligned}$$

## Common-gate stage

Input pole frequency,  $\omega_{in}$ , at node X,



From the small-signal model,

$$\frac{V_x}{R_s} - g_m V_i - g_{mb} V_{bs} - I_x = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$V_i = -V_x \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{V_x}{R_s} + g_m V_x + g_{mb} V_x - I_x = 0$$

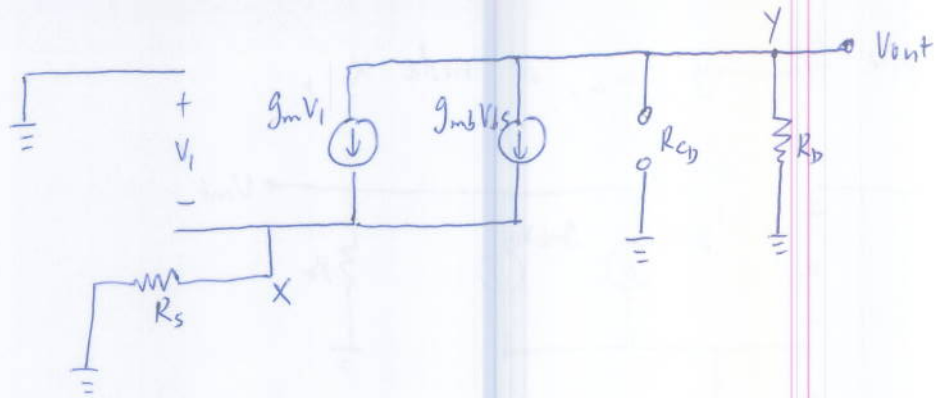
$$R_{cs} = \frac{V_x}{I_x} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_s} + g_m + g_{mb}}$$

$$\therefore \omega_{in} = \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{R_{cs} C_s}$$

$$\omega_{in} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_s} + g_m + g_{mb}} \cdot C_s} = \left[ (C_s) \cdot \left( R_s \parallel \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right) \right]^{-1}$$



Output pole frequency,  $\omega_{out}$ , at node Y,



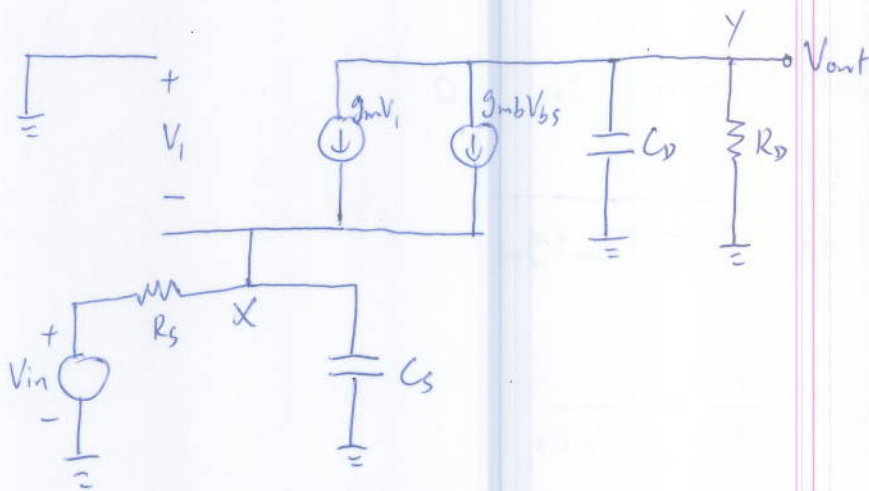
From small-signal model,

$$R_{CD} = R_D$$

$$\therefore \omega_{out} = \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{R_{CD} C_D}$$

$$\omega_{out} = \frac{1}{R_D C_D} = [R_D C_D]^{-1}$$

The overall transfer function,  $\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}(s)$



At node X,

$$\frac{V_X - V_{in}}{R_s} + \frac{V_X}{Z_{Cs}} - g_m V_i - g_{mb} V_i = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$V_i = -V_X \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



From (1) and (2),

$$\frac{V_x - V_{in}}{R_s} + \frac{V_x}{z_{cs}} + g_m V_x + g_{mb} V_x = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

At node Y,

$$\frac{V_{out}}{R_D} + \frac{V_{out}}{z_{cs}} - g_m V_x - g_{mb} V_x = 0$$

$$V_{out} \left( \frac{1}{R_D} + \frac{1}{z_{cs}} \right) = V_x (g_m + g_{mb})$$

$$V_x = \frac{V_{out} \left( \frac{1}{R_D} + \frac{1}{z_{cs}} \right)}{g_m + g_{mb}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Sub (4) into (3)

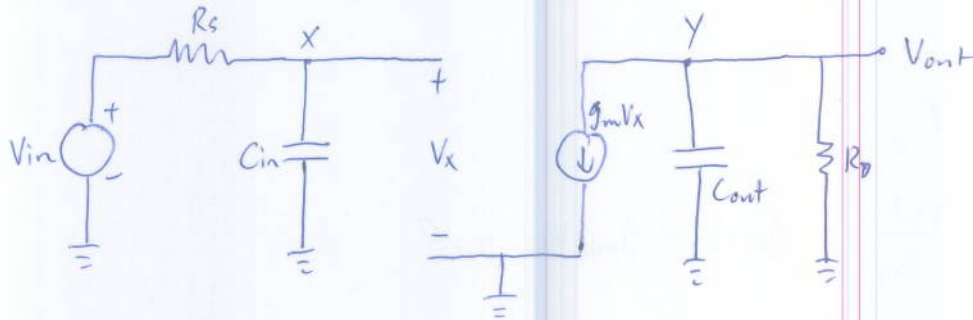
$$\frac{V_{out} \left( \frac{1}{R_D} + \frac{1}{z_{cs}} \right)}{g_m + g_{mb}} \left[ \frac{1}{R_s} + \frac{1}{z_{cs}} + g_m + g_{mb} \right] = \frac{V_{in}}{R_s}$$

$$V_{out} = V_{in} \left[ \frac{g_m + g_{mb}}{1 + \frac{R_s}{z_{cs}} + g_m R_s + g_{mb} R_s} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_D} + \frac{1}{z_{cs}}}$$

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}(s) = \left[ \frac{(g_m + g_{mb}) R_D}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb}) R_s} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{in}} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{out}} \right)}$$

## Common - Source Stage

Using Miller's Theorem,



From equivalent circuit,

$$A_v = -g_m R_D$$

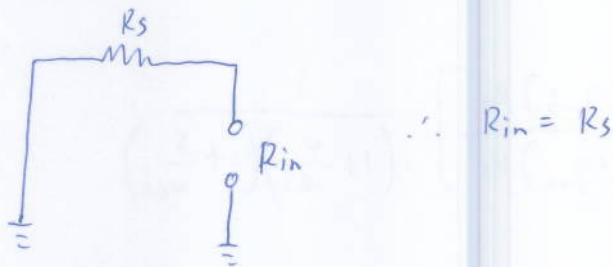
The total <sup>input</sup> capacitance is,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{in} &= C_{gs} + (1 - A_v) C_{gd} \\ &= C_{gs} + (1 + g_m R_D) C_{gd} \end{aligned}$$

The total output capacitance is,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{out} &= C_{DB} + (1 - A_v^{-1}) C_{gd} \\ &\approx C_{DB} + C_{gd} \end{aligned}$$

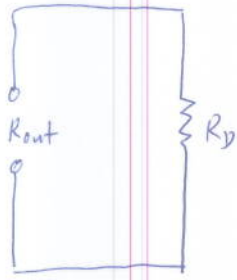
Using open circuit time-constant method, input pole freq  $\omega_{in}$  at node X,



$$\omega_{in} = \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{R_{in} C_{in}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{R_s \cdot [C_{gs} + (1 + g_m R_D) C_{gd}]}$$

Using open circuit time-constant method, output pole freq.  $\omega_{out}$  at node Y,



$$R_{out} = R_D$$

$$\omega_{out} = \frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{R_{out} C_{out}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{R_D \cdot (C_{DB} + C_{HD})}$$