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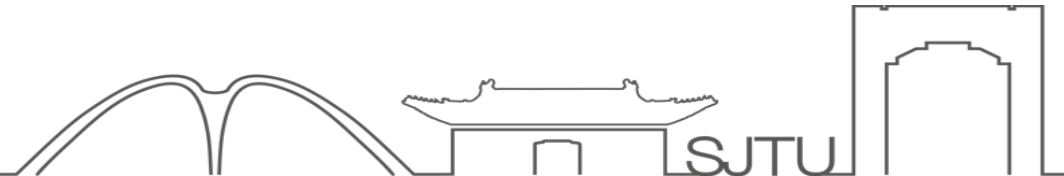
ECE3110J/VE311 Electronic Circuits

MOS Single-Stage Amplifiers

Design of Analog CMOS Integrated Circuits, Chapter 3

Fundamentals of Microelectronics, Chapter 7

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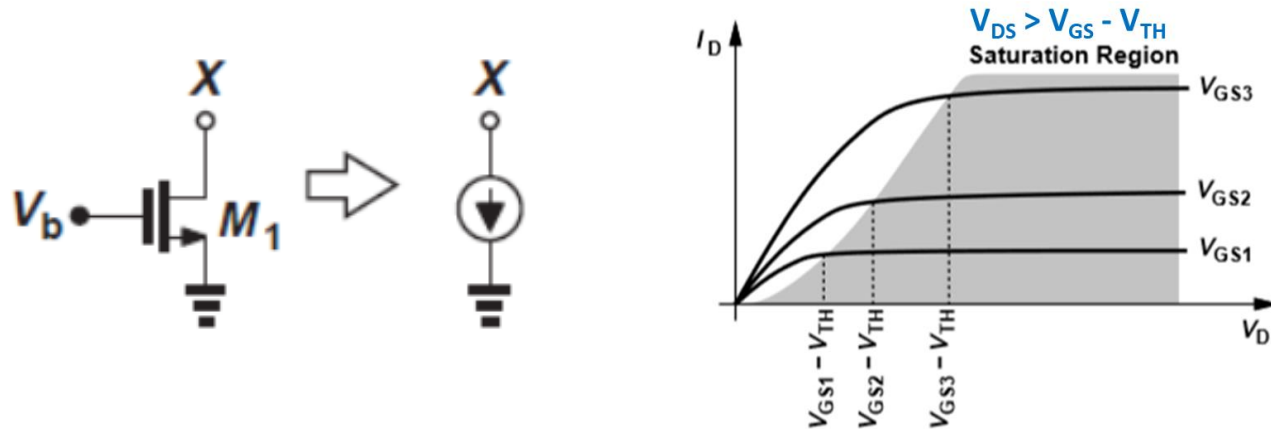
Amplification is an essential function in most analog and many digital circuits. We amplify an analog or digital signal because it may be too small to drive a load, overcome the noise of a subsequent stage, or provide logical levels to a digital circuit.

In this Chapter, we study the low-frequency behavior of single-stage MOS amplifiers. An important part of a designer's job is to **use proper approximations so as to create a simple mental picture of a complicated circuit.**

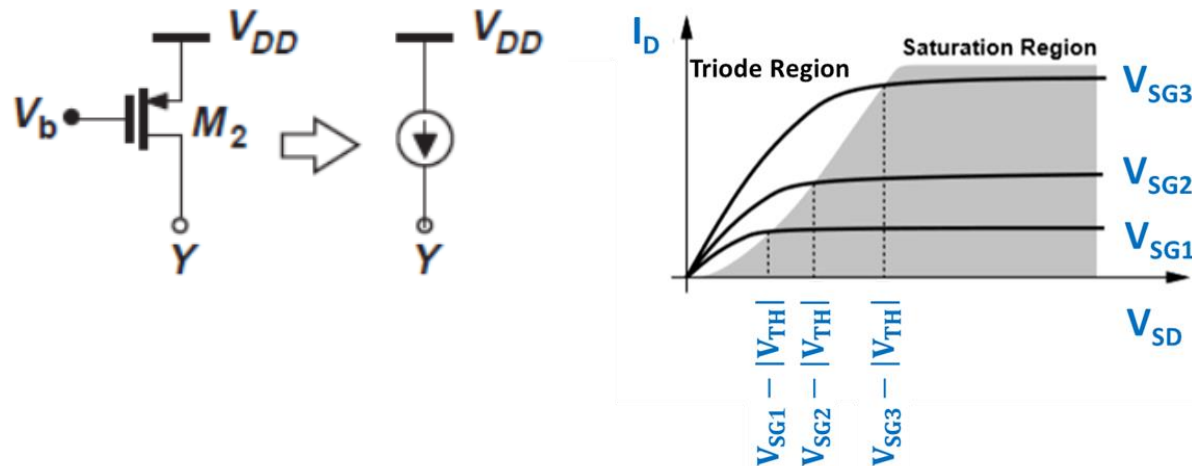
There are four types of amplifiers: (1) Common-source, (2) common-gate topology, (3) source follower, and (4) cascode configurations.

MOSFET Current Source

MOS transistors **operating in saturation** can act as current sources. If $\lambda = 0$, these currents remain **independent of V_X or V_Y** (so long as the transistors are in saturation).



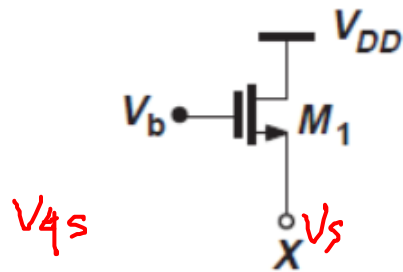
In saturation, I_D is constant and is independent of V_D (V_{DS})



In saturation, I_D is constant and is independent of V_D (V_{SD})

However, configurations below **do not operate as current sources** because **variation of V_X or V_Y directly changes the gate-source voltage** of each transistor, thus changing the drain current considerably.

NMOS

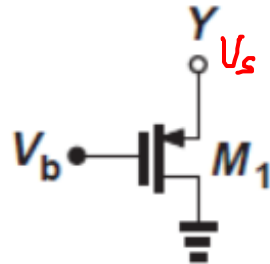


V_X changes $\rightarrow V_{GS}$ is affected \rightarrow changing I_D

$$I_{D(sat)} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2$$

up to V_{GS}

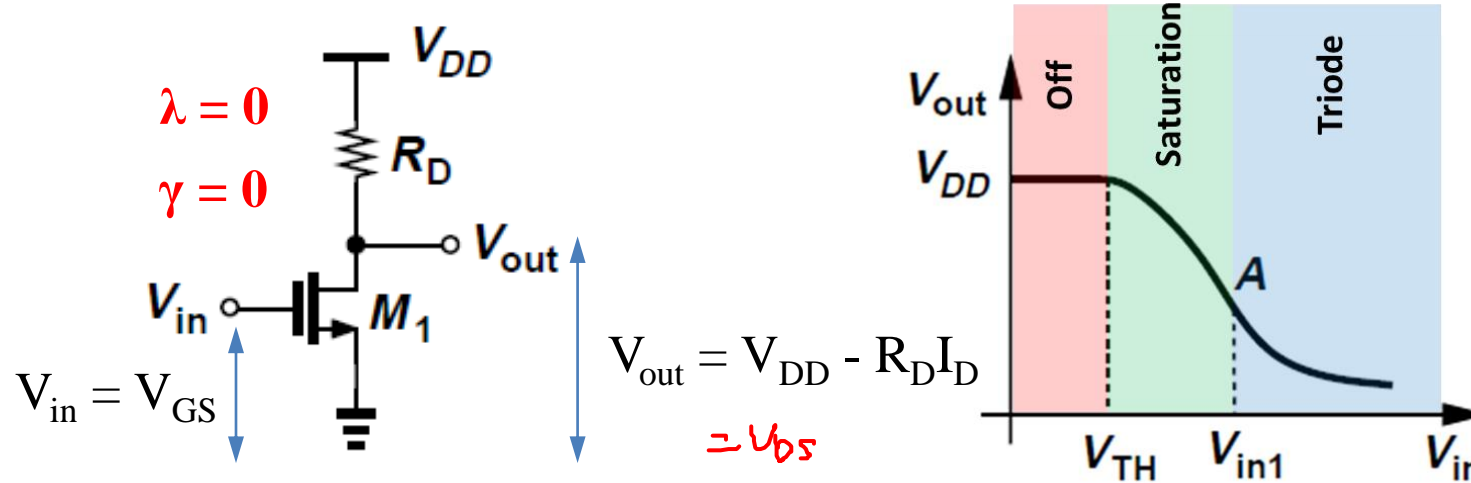
PMOS



V_Y changes $\rightarrow V_{SG}$ is affected \rightarrow changing I_D

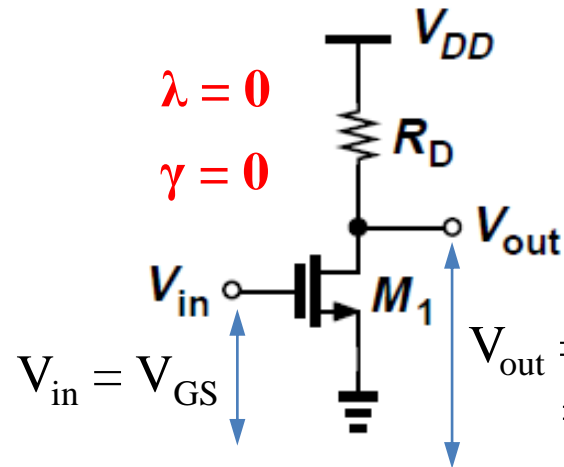
Common-Source with Resistive Load

By virtue of its transconductance, a MOSFET **converts variations in its V_{GS} to a small-signal I_D** , which can pass through a resistor to generate an output voltage.



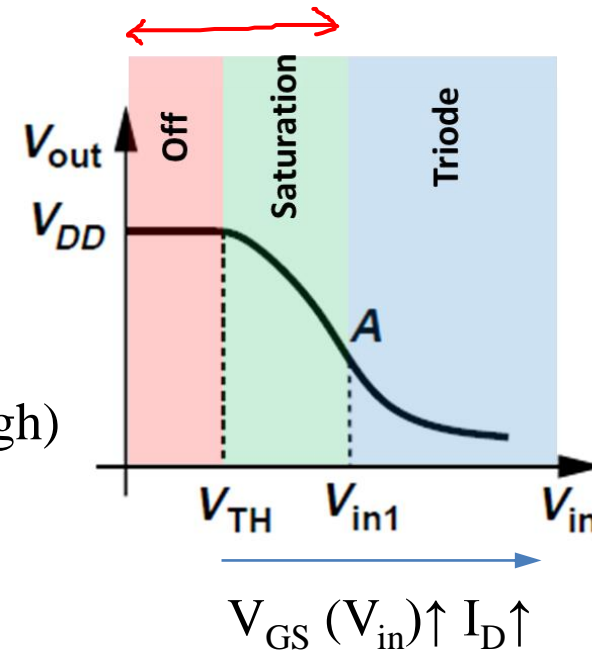
Large Signal Model

- (1) $V_{in} < V_{TH} \rightarrow M_1$ Off
 $V_{out} = V_{DD}$



$$V_{out} = V_{DD} - R_D I_D \quad (V_{DD} \text{ is large enough})$$

$$= V_{DS} > V_{GS} (V_{in}) - V_{TH}$$



$$V_{DS} = V_{GS} - V_{TH}$$

$$= V_{in} - V_{TH} \Rightarrow V_{in} = V_{DS} + V_{TH}$$

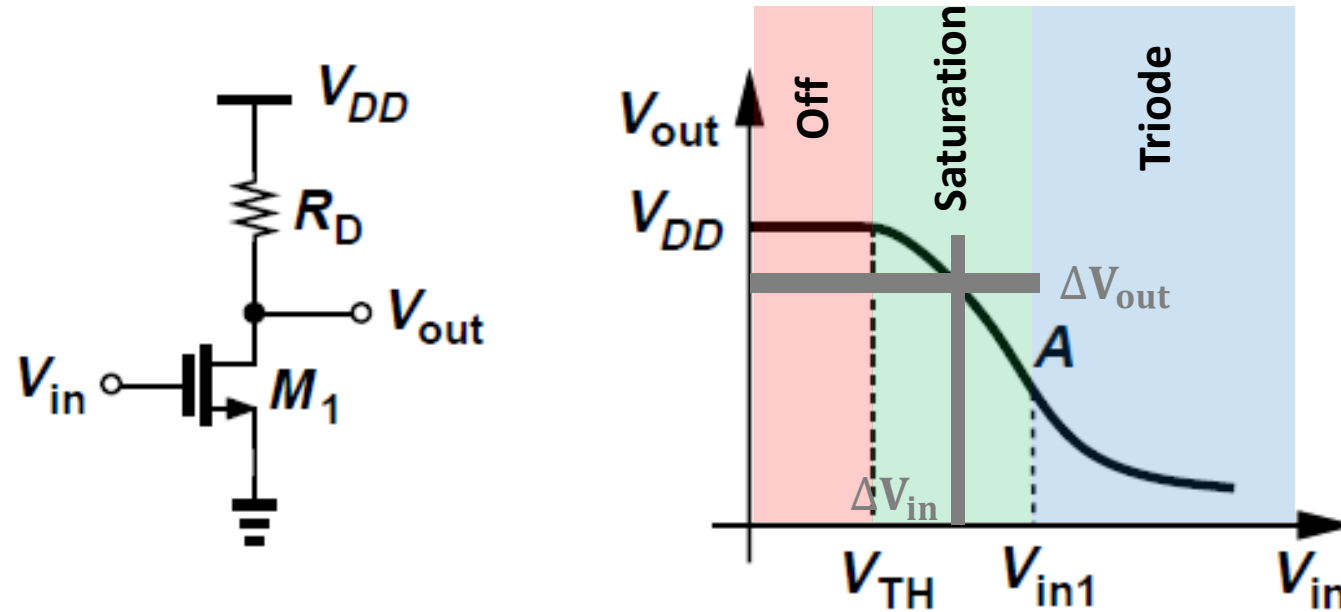
(2) $V_{in1} > V_{in} > V_{TH} \rightarrow M_1$ in Saturation until V_{in} (V_{GS}) exceeds V_{out} (V_{DS}) by V_{TH}

$$V_{out} = V_{DD} - R_D \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{TH})^2$$

$$V_{GS} = V_{in} \uparrow \Rightarrow I_D \uparrow$$

(3) $V_{in} > V_{in1}$, i.e. $V_{in} > V_{out} + V_{TH} \rightarrow M_1$ in Triode

$$V_{out} = V_{DD} - R_D \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} [(V_{in} - V_{TH}) V_{out} - \frac{1}{2} V_{out}^2]$$

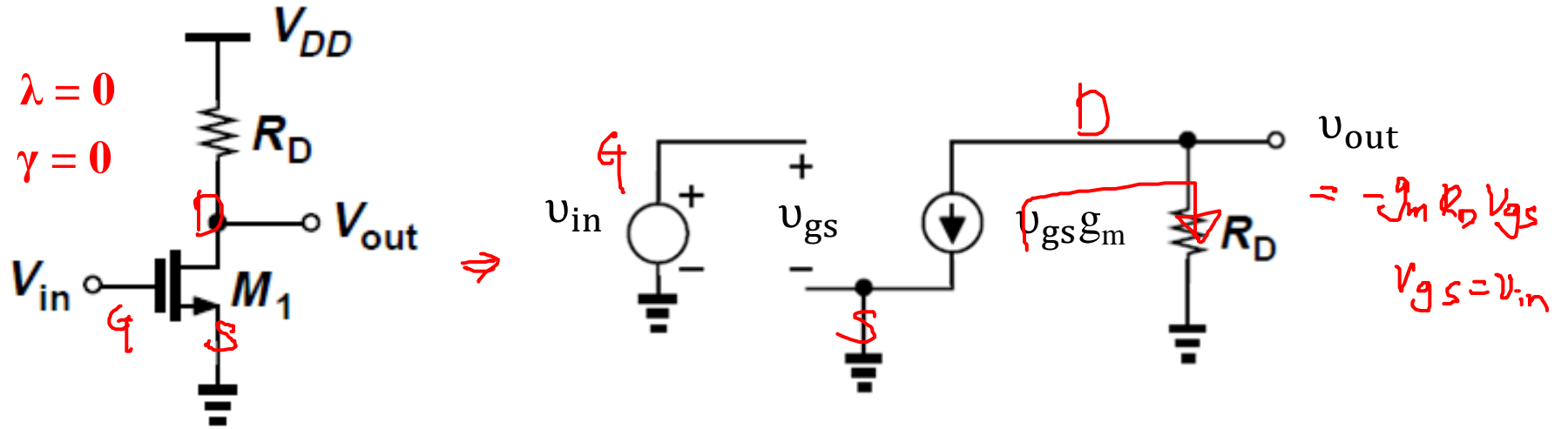


In Saturation, $V_{out} = V_{DD} - R_D \left(\frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{TH})^2 \right)$

$$A_v = \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}} = -R_D \left[\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{TH}) \right] = -g_m R_D$$

V_{gs} increases by $\Delta V_{in} \rightarrow \mathbf{I_d}$ increases by $\Delta V_{in} \cdot g_m \rightarrow \mathbf{V_{out}}$ decreases by $\Delta V_{in} \cdot (g_m \cdot R_D)$

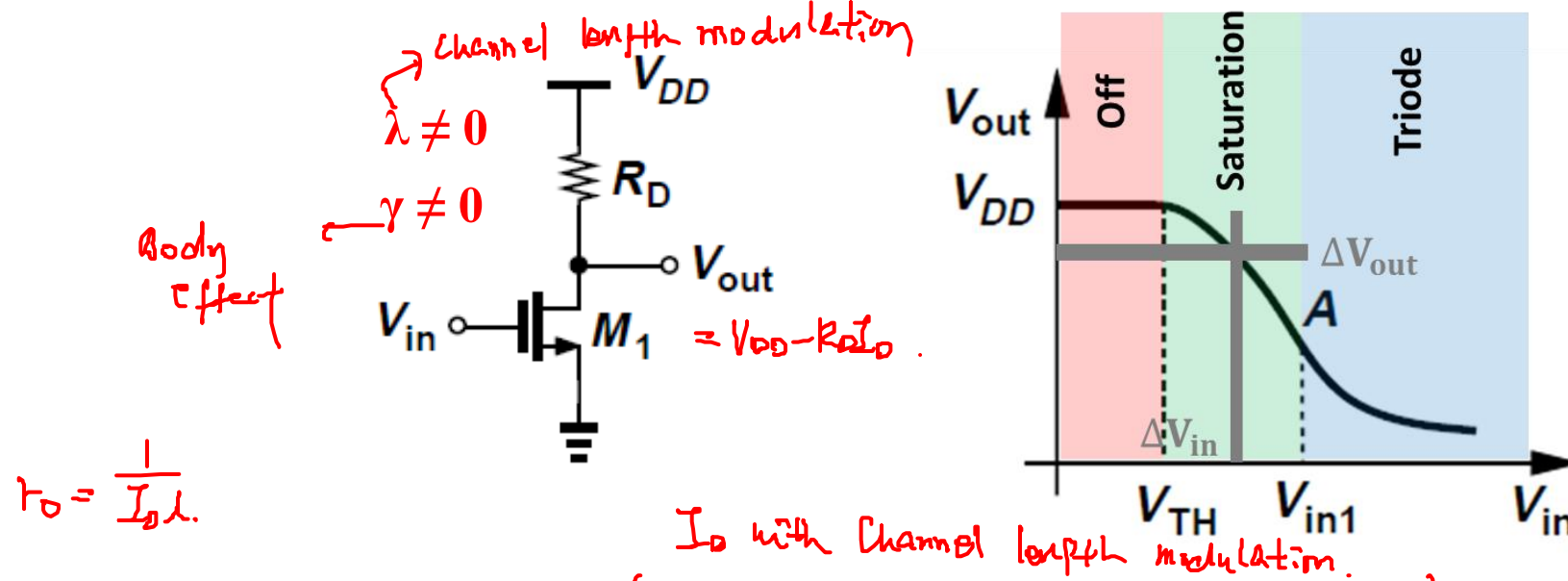
Small Signal Model



$$A_v = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = -g_m R_D$$

Small-signal analysis leads to the same result as DC analysis

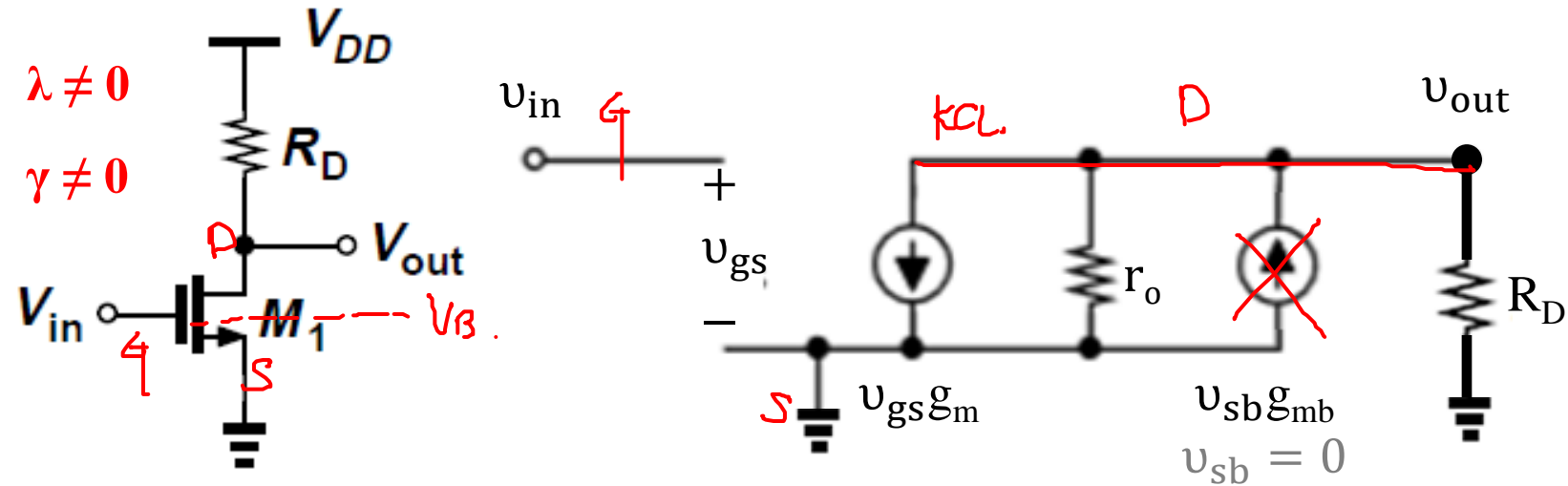
Large Signal Model with $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\gamma \neq 0$



$$r_o = \frac{1}{I_D \lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_v &= \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}} = \frac{\partial \left[V_{DD} - \left(R_D \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{TH})^2 (1 + \lambda V_{out}) \right) \right]}{\partial V_{in}} \\
 &= -R_D \underbrace{\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{TH}) (1 + \lambda V_{out})}_{= g_m} - R_D \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{TH})^2 \lambda}_{\approx I_D} \underbrace{\frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}}}_{= A_v} \\
 A_v &= \frac{-g_m R_D}{1 + R_D \underbrace{I_D \lambda}_{= 1/r_o}} = -g_m \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_D} + \frac{1}{r_o}} = -g_m (R_D \parallel r_o)
 \end{aligned}$$

Small Signal Model with $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\gamma \neq 0$



$$A_v = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = -g_m(R_D \parallel r_o)$$

by KCL.

$$v_{out} \left(\frac{1}{r_o} + \frac{1}{R_D} \right) = g_m v_{in}$$

$$g_m \frac{v_{in}}{v_{in}} + \frac{v_{out}}{r_o} + \frac{v_{out}}{R_D} = 0, \quad v_{gs} = v_{in}$$

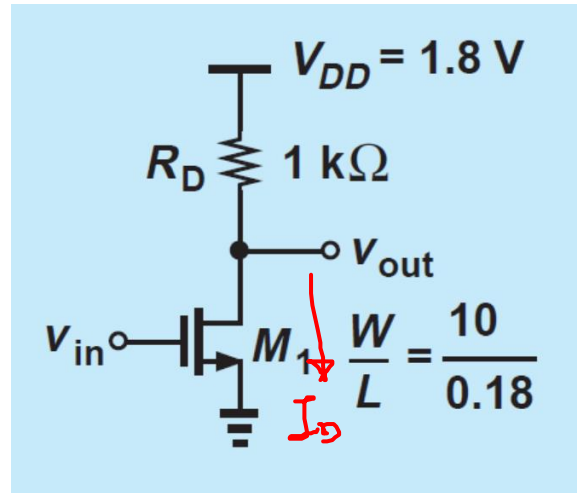
$$A_v = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = \frac{g_m}{\frac{1}{r_o} + \frac{1}{R_D}} = r_o \parallel R_D$$

Small-signal analysis leads to the same result as DC analysis.

Example 3.1 Calculate the small-signal voltage gain of the CS stage if $I_D = 1 \text{ mA}$, $\mu_n C_{ox} = 100 \text{ } \mu\text{A/V}^2$, $V_{TH} = 0.5 \text{ V}$, and $\lambda = 0$. Verify that M_1 operates in saturation.

$$A_v = -g_m R_D$$

$$= -3.33 \dots$$



$$I_D(\text{sat}) = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2$$

$$1 \text{ mA} = \frac{1}{2} 100 \times 10^{-6} \times \frac{10}{0.18} (V_{GS} - 0.5)^2$$

$$V_{GS} = 1.1 \text{ V}$$

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

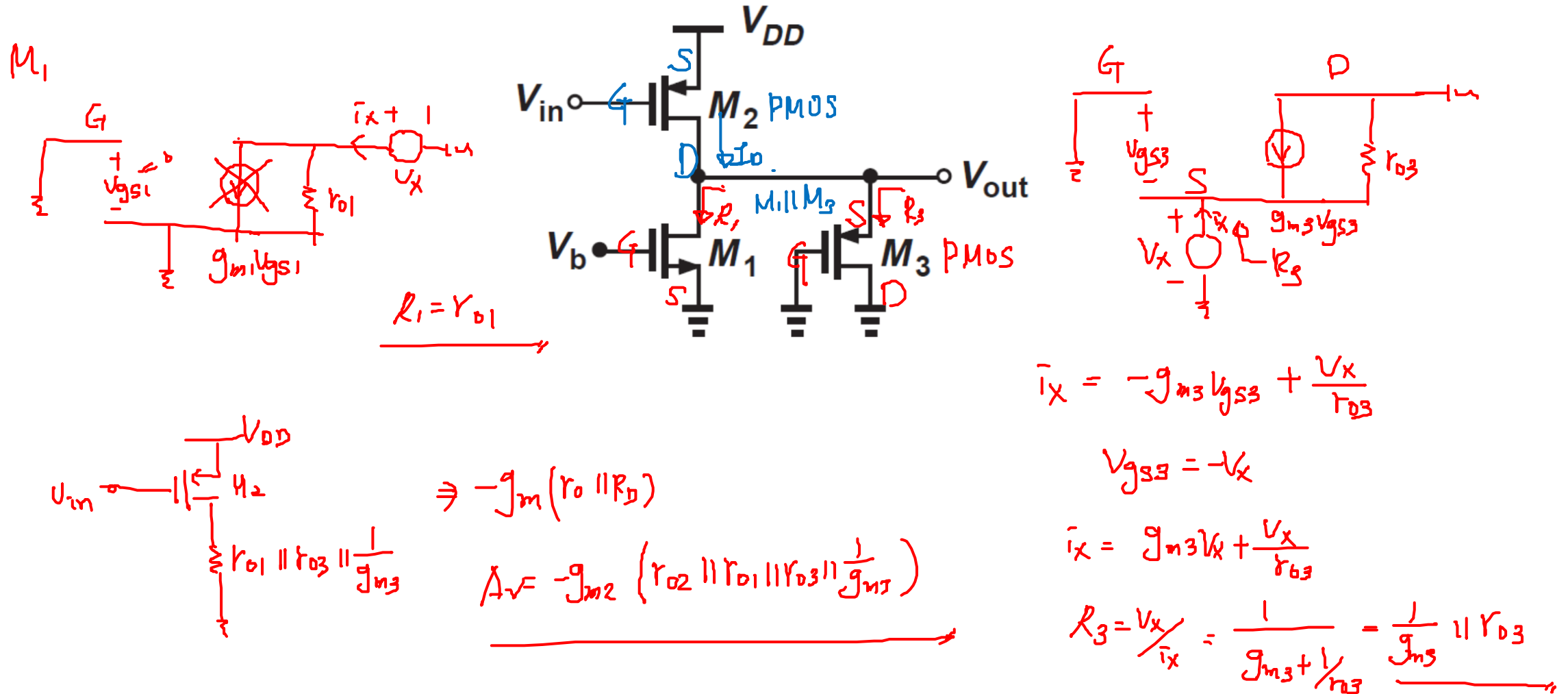
$$= 1.8 \text{ V} - 1 \text{ k} \times 1 \text{ mA} = 0.8 \text{ V} = V_{DS}$$

$$V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_{TH}$$

$$g_m = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}} = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) = \sqrt{2 \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} I_D} = \frac{2 I_D}{V_{GS} - V_{TH}}$$

$$= 0.0033 \dots$$

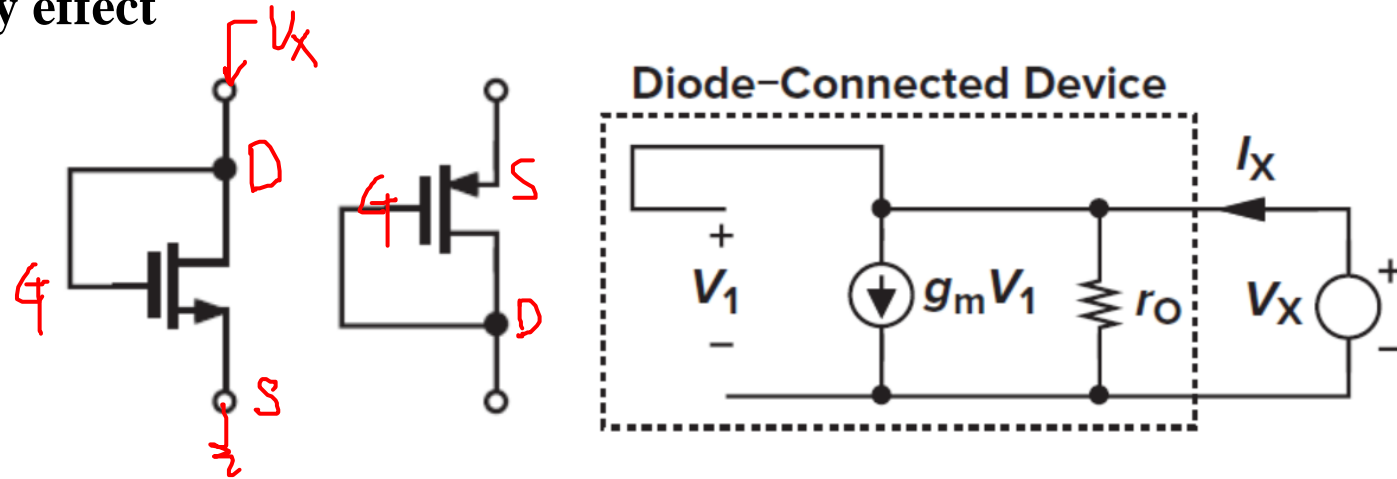
Example 3.2 If $\lambda \neq 0$, determine the voltage gain of the stages. No body effect.



Common-Source with Diode-Connected Load

In many CMOS technologies, it is difficult to fabricate resistors with tightly-controlled values or a reasonable physical size. A MOSFET can operate as a **small-signal resistor** if its gate and drain are shorted, called a **diode-connected** device.

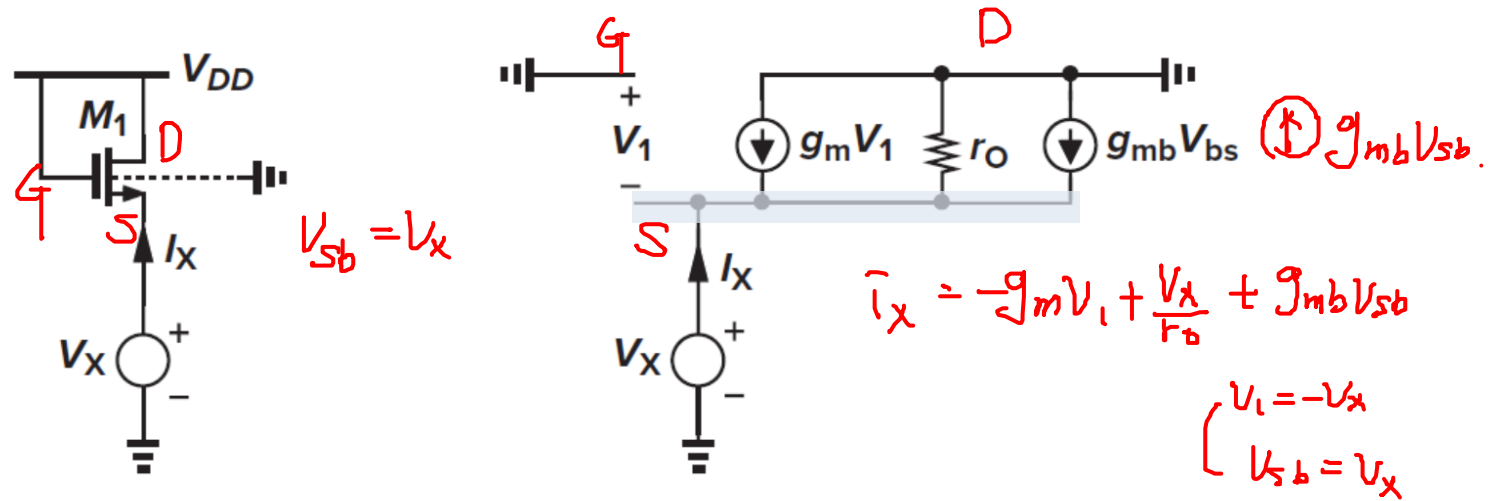
Without the body effect



From the small-signal model, **impedance of the diode-connected MOSFET** is

$$1/g_m \parallel r_o \approx 1/\cancel{g_m}$$

With the body effect

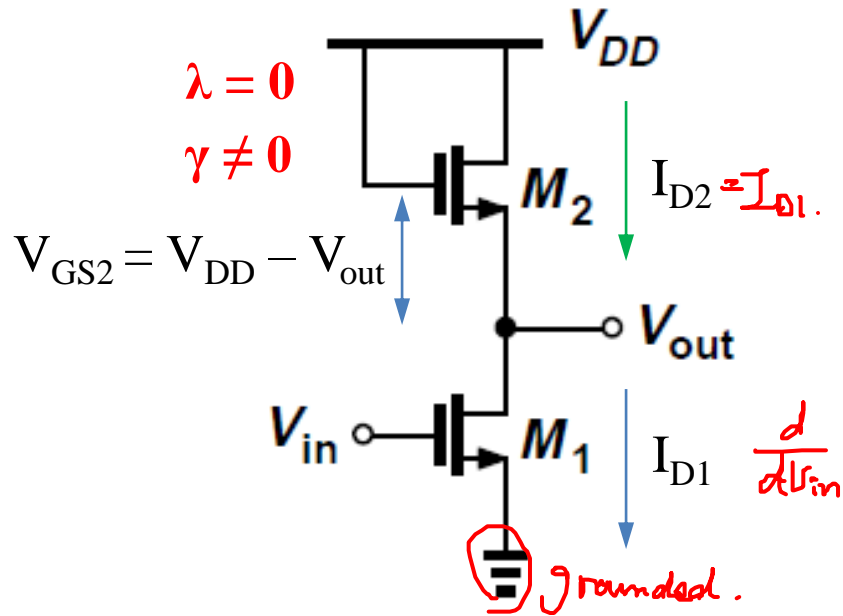


From the circuit above, $V_1 = -V_X$ and $V_{bs} = -V_X$ and $I_X = V_X/r_O + (g_m + g_{mb})V_X$

$$\text{Thus, } V_X/I_X = \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb} + r_O^{-1}} = \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \parallel r_O \approx \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}}$$

CS Stage with diode-connected load

(1) Large Signal Model



When M_1 is in saturation

$$\frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_1 \boxed{(V_{in} - V_{TH1})^2} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_2 \boxed{[V_{DD} - V_{out} - V_{TH2}]^2}$$

$= V_{GS1} - V_{TH1}$
 $= V_{GS2} - V_{TH2}$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_1} (V_{in} - V_{TH1}) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_2} (V_{DD} - V_{out} - V_{TH2})$$

Variable as V_{GS2} is dependent on V_{out}

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2} \left(-\frac{\partial V_{\text{out}}}{\partial V_{\text{in}}} - \frac{\partial V_{\text{TH2}}}{\partial V_{\text{in}}} \right)$$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2} \left(-\frac{\partial V_{\text{out}}}{\partial V_{\text{in}}} - \frac{\partial V_{\text{TH2}}}{\partial V_{\text{out}}} \frac{\partial V_{\text{out}}}{\partial V_{\text{in}}} \right)$$

$\eta = \frac{\gamma}{2\sqrt{2\Phi_F + V_{\text{SB}}}}$ (Part 2 Chapter 2)

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$$A_v = \frac{\partial V_{\text{out}}}{\partial V_{\text{in}}} = -\sqrt{\frac{(W/L)_1}{(W/L)_2}} \frac{1}{1 + \eta}$$

Recall: Modified threshold voltage with body effect

$$V_{TH} = V_{TH0} + \gamma(\sqrt{|2\Phi_F + V_{SB}|} - \sqrt{|2\Phi_F|})$$

$$\Phi_F = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{N_{sub}}{n_i} \quad \gamma = \frac{\sqrt{2q\epsilon_{Si}N_{sub}}}{C_{ox}}$$

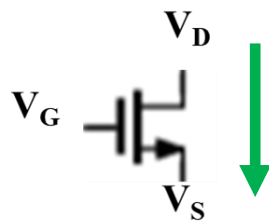
For the transconductance,

$$g_{mb} = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{BS}} (= -\frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{SB}}) = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{TH}} \cdot \frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{BS}}$$

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L'} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2$$

$$= \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L'} (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) \cdot \frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{BS}} = \left[\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L'} (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) \right] \cdot \left[\frac{\gamma}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\Phi_F + V_{SB}|}} \right]$$

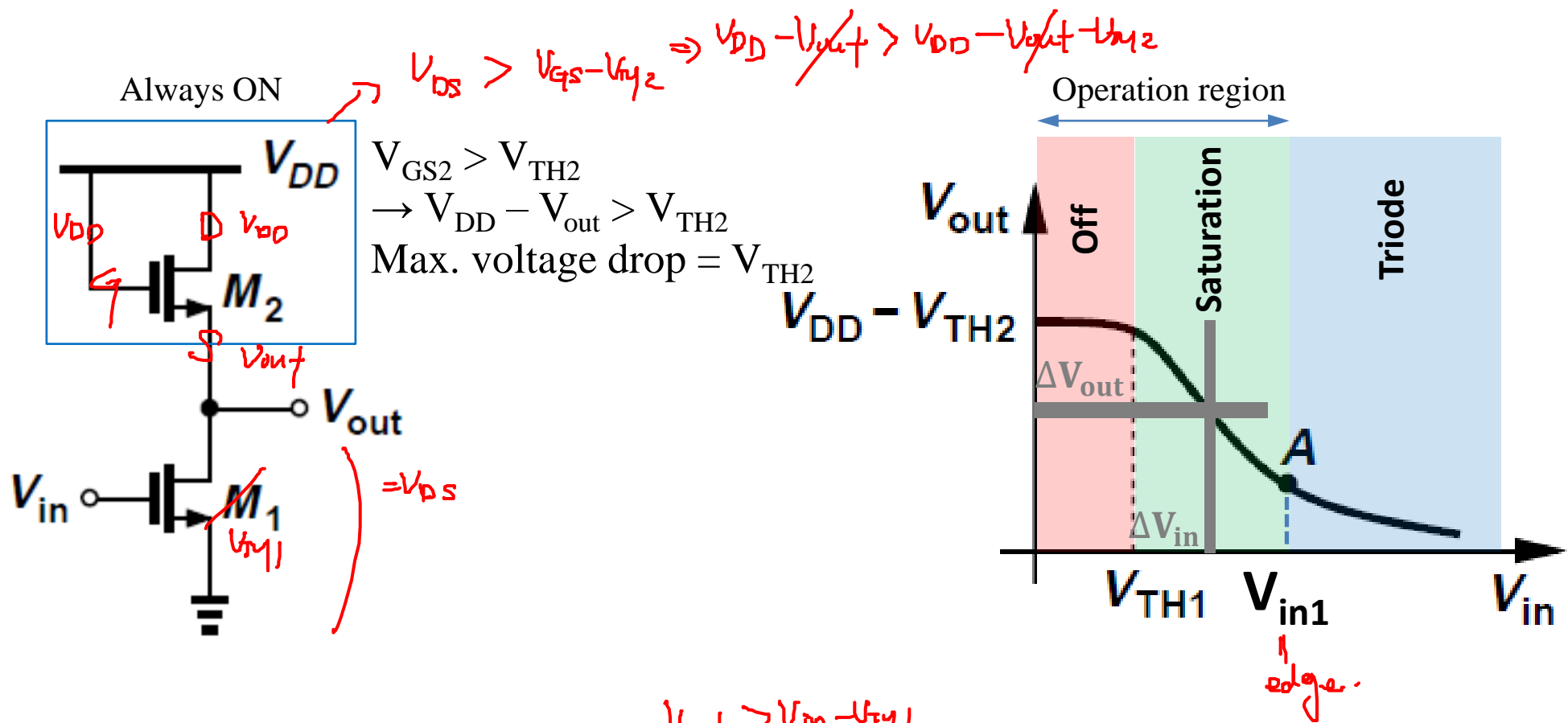
$$= g_m \cdot \eta \quad = \left[\frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{SB}} \right] = \eta \quad = g_m \quad = \eta$$



$$\Delta I_D = \Delta V_{GS} \times g_m$$

$$\Delta I_D = \Delta V_{BS} (> 0) \times g_{mb}$$

- V_{GS} positively increases, I_D increases.
- V_{BS} positively increases, i.e. V_{SB} negatively increases, V_{TH} decreases and thus I_D increases.
- Or, V_{SB} leads to changes in V_{TH} and thus I_D .



(1) $V_{in} < V_{TH1}$, i.e. M_1 is off

$$V_{out} = V_{DD} - V_{TH2}$$

(2) $V_{in1} > V_{in} > V_{TH1}$, i.e. M_1 in saturation

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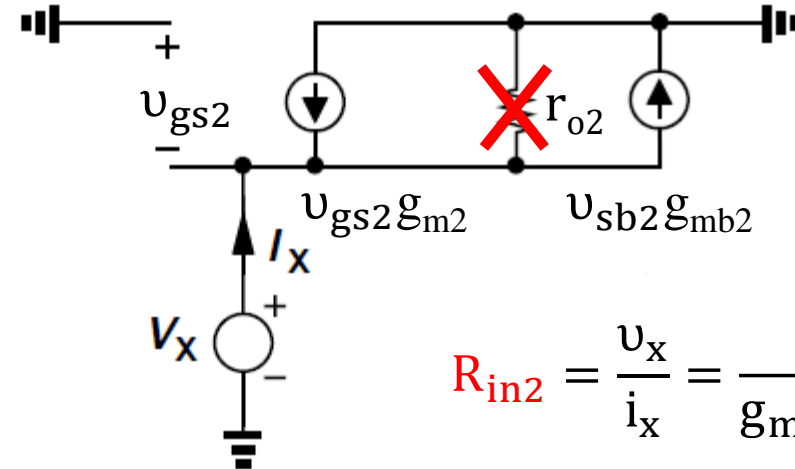
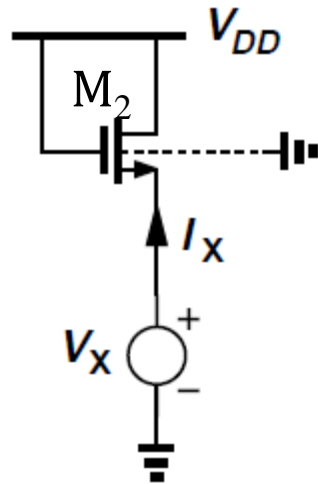
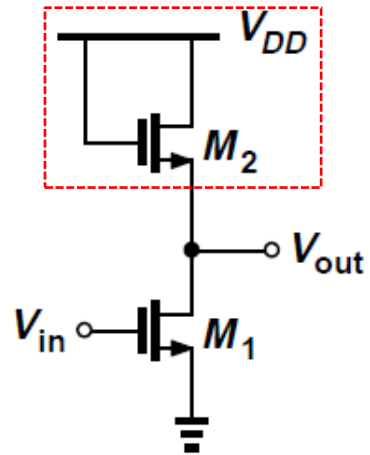
(3) $V_{in} > V_{out} + V_{TH1}$, i.e. M_1 in triode

V_{out} further drops as M_1 goes into the triode region ($V_{out} = V_{DS}$)

(2) Small-Signal Model

$$\lambda = 0$$

$$\gamma \neq 0$$

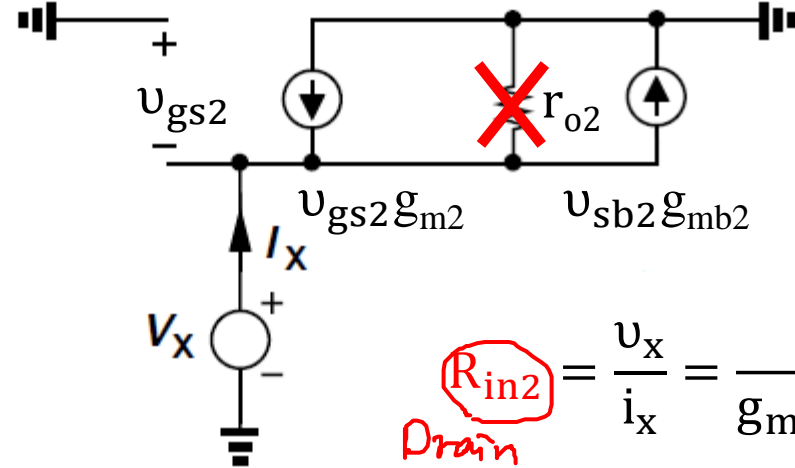
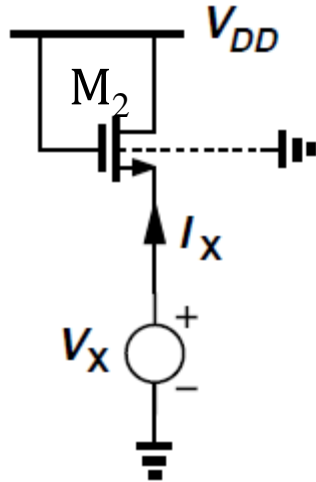
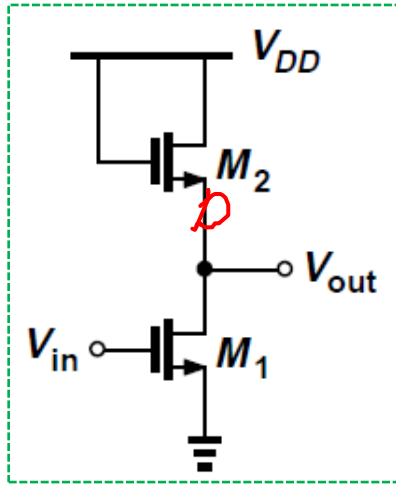


$$R_{in2} = \frac{v_x}{i_x} = \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}}$$

(2) Small-Signal Model

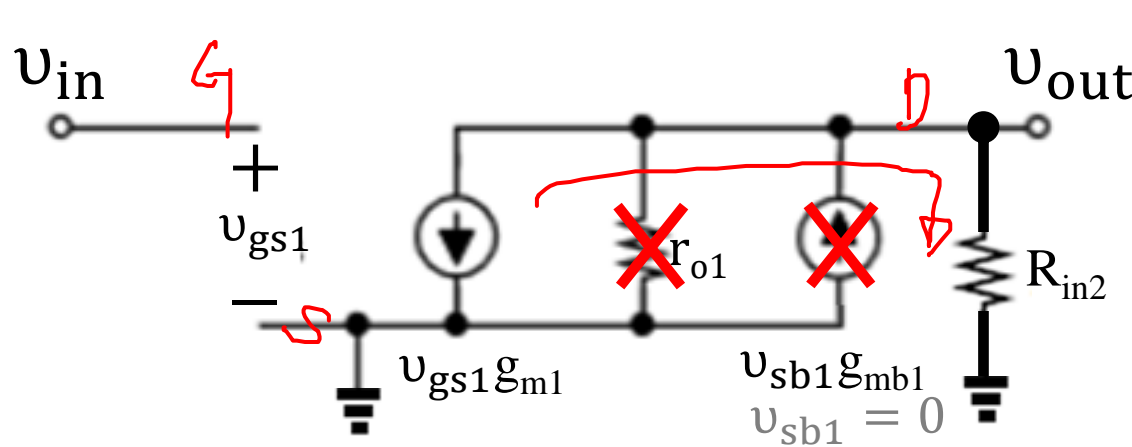
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Drain



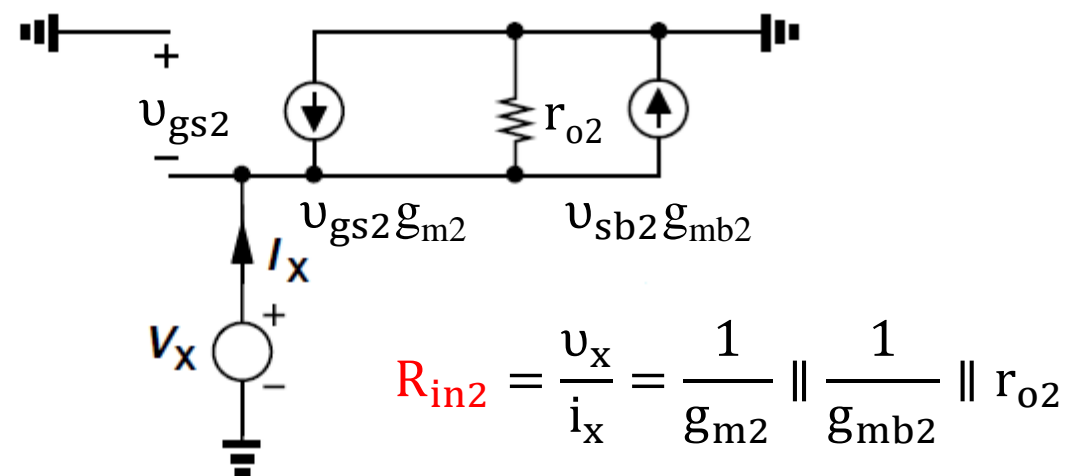
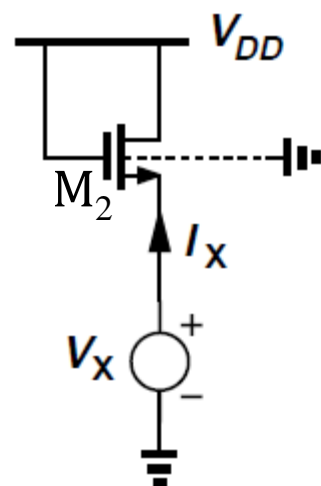
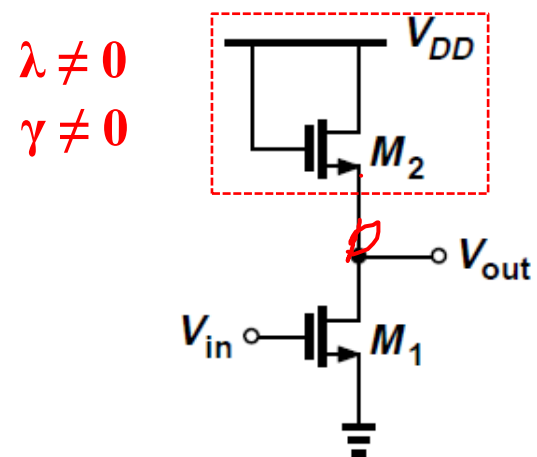
$$A_v = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = \frac{-g_{m1}}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} = - \frac{g_{m1}}{(1+\eta)g_{m2}}$$

$$= - \sqrt{\frac{(W/L)_1}{(W/L)_2}} \frac{1}{1+\eta}$$

" ηg_{m2}

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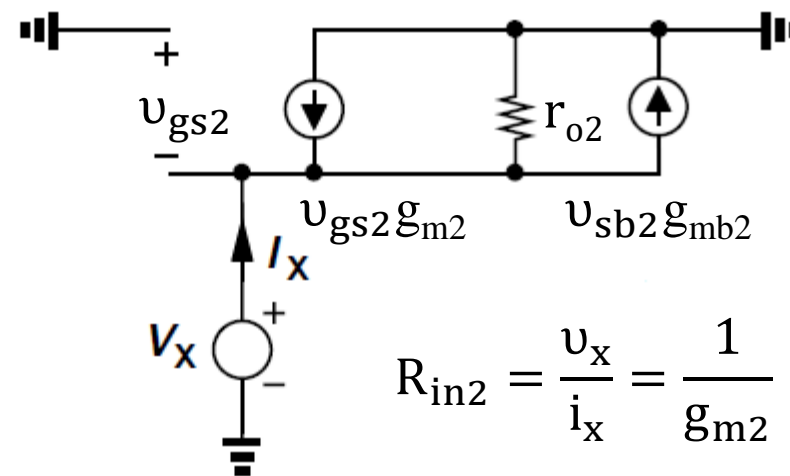
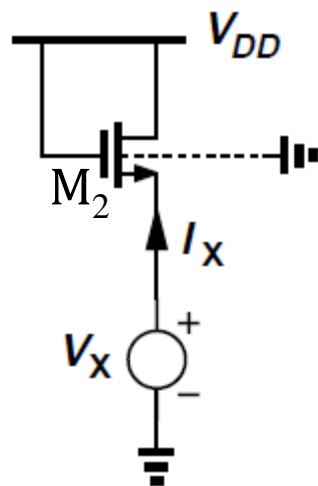
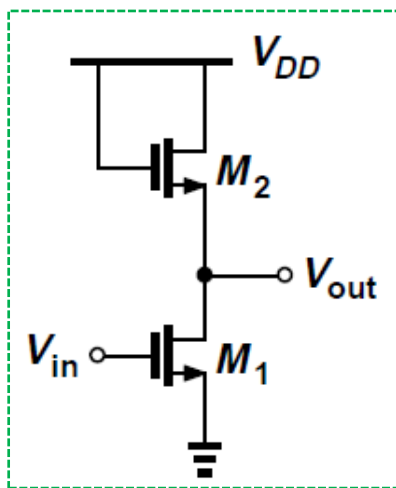
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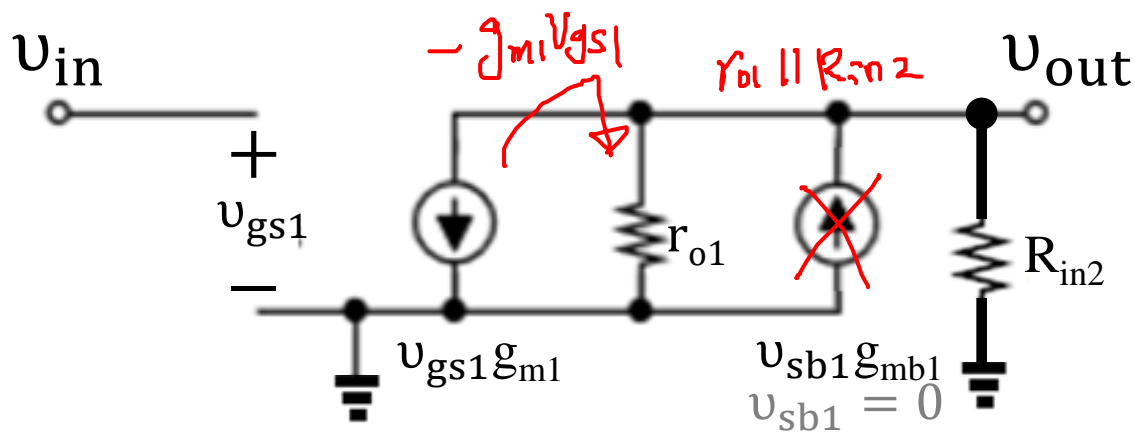
(2) Small-Signal Model

$\lambda \neq 0$

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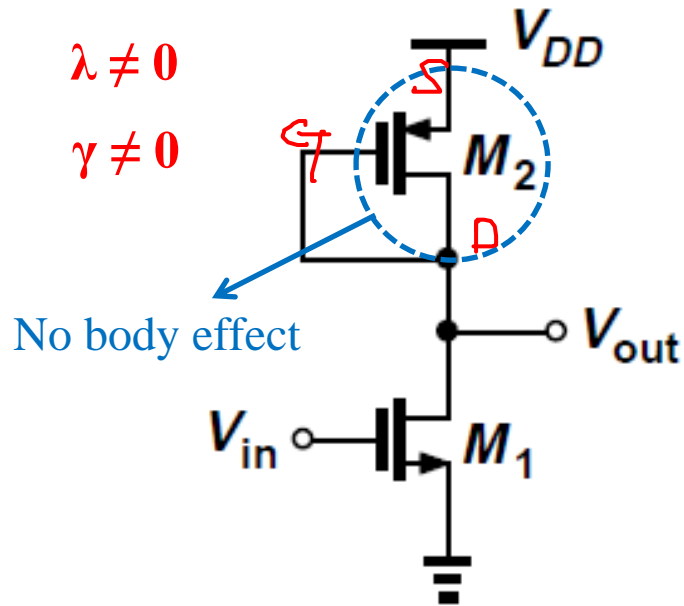
$$R_{in2} = \frac{v_X}{i_X} = \frac{1}{g_{m2}} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb2}} \parallel r_{o2}$$



$$A_v = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = -g_{m1} \left(\frac{1}{g_{m2}} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb2}} \parallel r_{o2} \parallel r_{o1} \right)$$

Handwritten red notes: R_{in2} and $r_{o2} \parallel r_{o1}$ are circled. A note $r_o \gg 1/g_m$ is written above the parallel combination.

CS Stage with diode-connected load – PMOS



$R_{eq} < 20$

$$A_v = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}}$$

$r_o \gg 1/g_m$

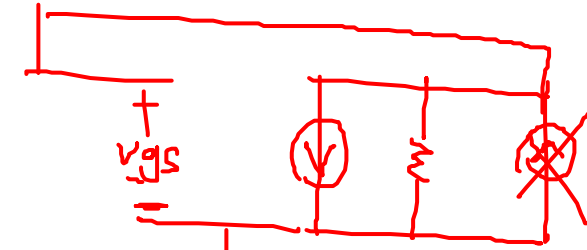
$$= -g_{m1} \left(\frac{1}{g_{m2}} \parallel r_{o2} \parallel r_{o1} \right)$$

$$\approx -\frac{g_{m1}}{g_{m2}}$$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{\mu_n (W/L)_1}{\mu_p (W/L)_2}}$$

$$= -\frac{V_{SG2} - V_{TH2}}{V_{GS1} - V_{TH1}}$$

$$g_m = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}} = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) = \sqrt{2\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} I_D}$$

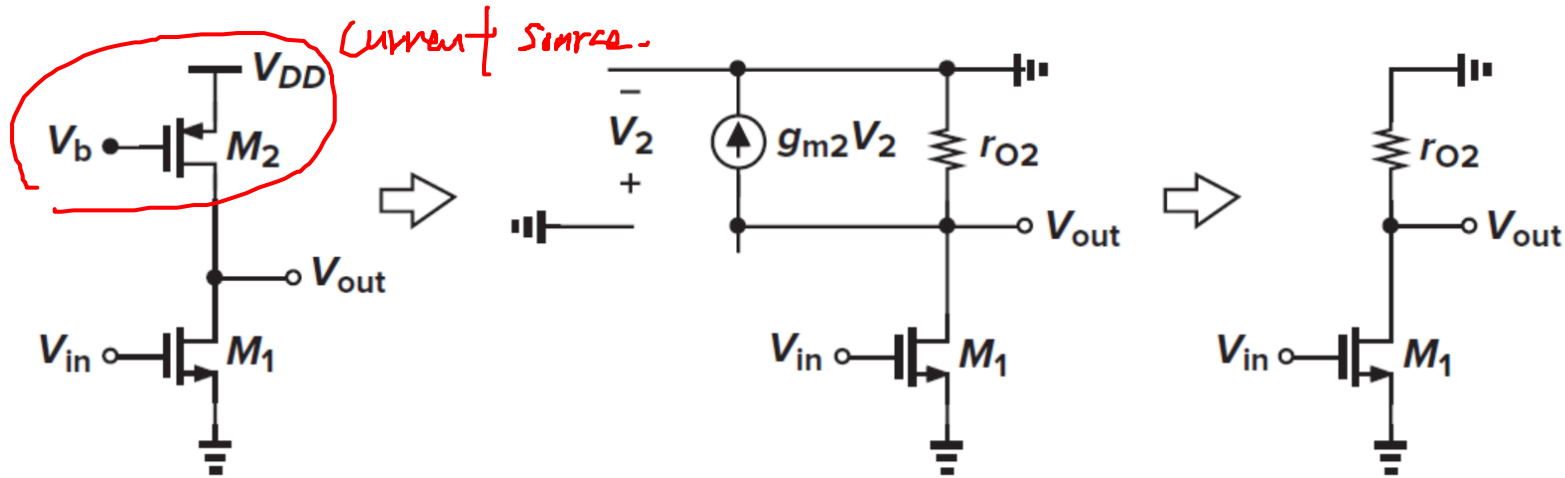


$v_g = 0$
 $v_{sg} = 0$

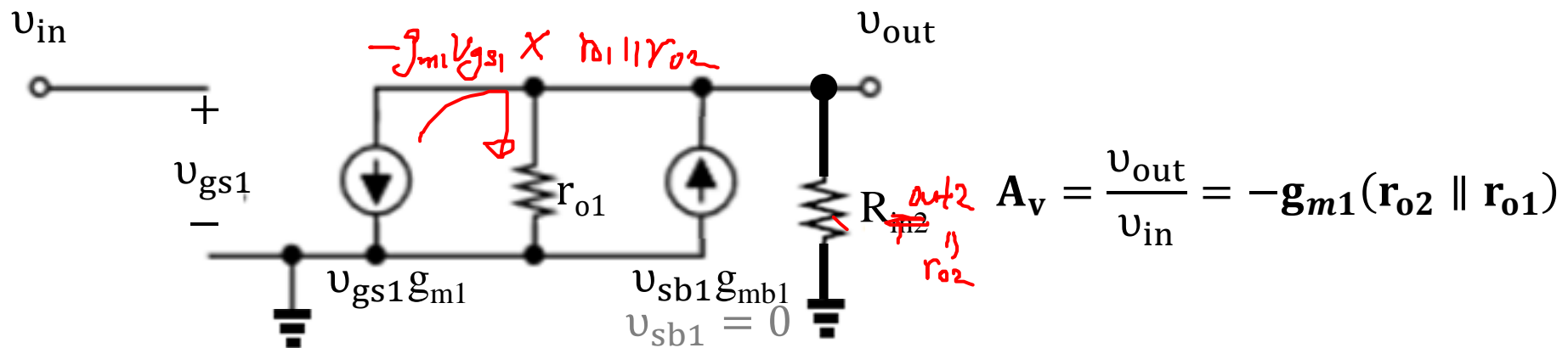
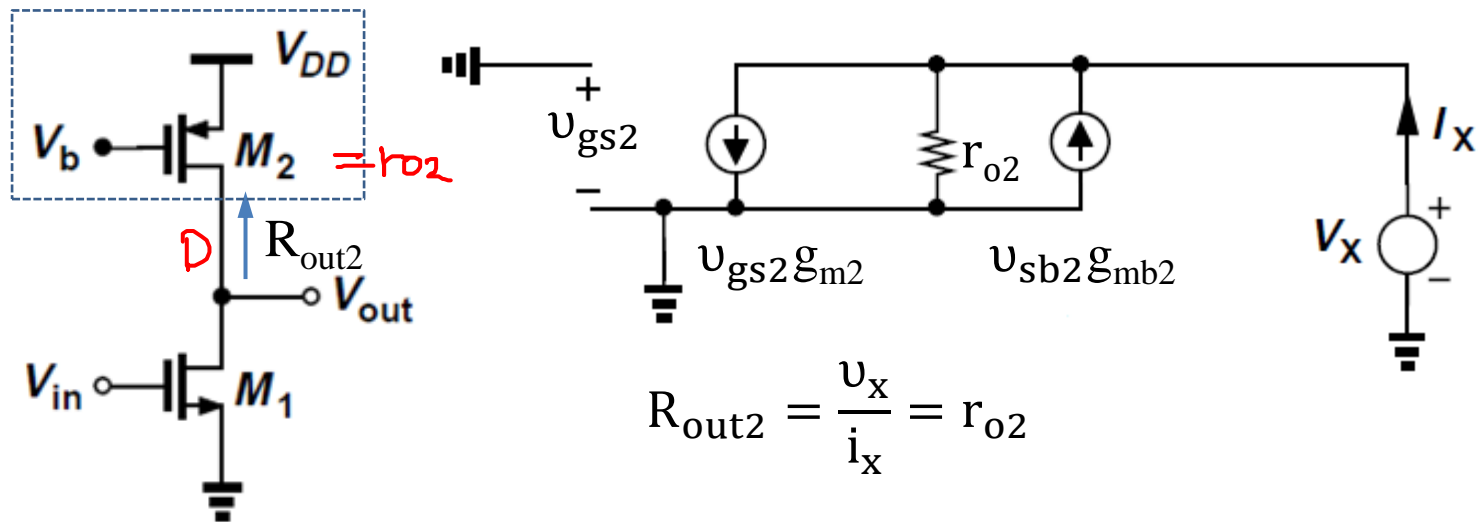
$\frac{1}{g_m}$, $\frac{1}{g_m} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb}}$, $\frac{1}{g_m} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb}} \parallel r_o$

- For $A_v = 10$, $(W/L)_1 \gg (W/L)_2 \rightarrow$ **Disproportionally large transistor**
- For $A_v = 10$, $(V_{SG2} - V_{TH2}) = 10 \times (V_{GS1} - V_{TH1}) \rightarrow$ **Limited output swing**

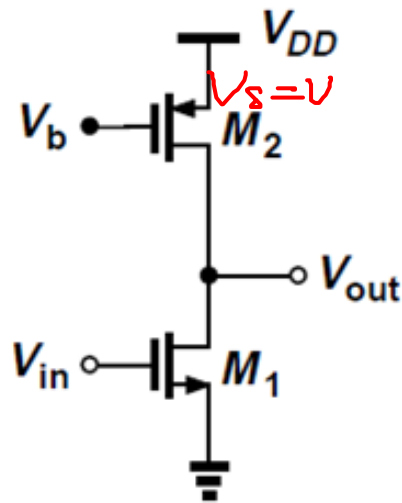
Common-Source with Current-Source Load



In applications requiring a **large voltage gain in a single stage**, the relationship $A_V = -g_m R_D$ suggests that we should increase the load impedance of the CS stage. With a resistor or diode-connected load, however, increasing the load resistance translates to a **large DC drop** across the load, thereby **limiting the output voltage swing**. A more practical approach is to **replace the load with a device that does not obey Ohm's law**, e.g., a current source.



- To achieve high A_v , the output swing is severely limited in the CS stages with resistive load and diode-connected load.
- Here $V_{out, max} = V_{DD} - (V_{SG2} - V_{TH2})$, which can be quite close to V_{DD} .



$$\begin{aligned} V_S &= V_{DD} \\ V_G &= V_b \\ V_D &= V_{out} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{SD} = V_{SG} - |V_{TH2}|$$

$$V_{DD} - V_{out} = V_{SG} - |V_{TH2}|$$

$$A_v = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}}$$

$$= -g_{m1}(r_{o2} \parallel r_{o1})$$

$$r_o \approx \frac{1}{\lambda I_D} \quad \lambda \propto \frac{1}{L}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sat. } V_{DS} &> V_{GS} - V_{TH1} & \text{+noise} & \quad V_{out} < V_{GS} - V_{TH1} \\ V_{out} &> V_{GS} - V_{TH1} \end{aligned}$$

M_1 is off

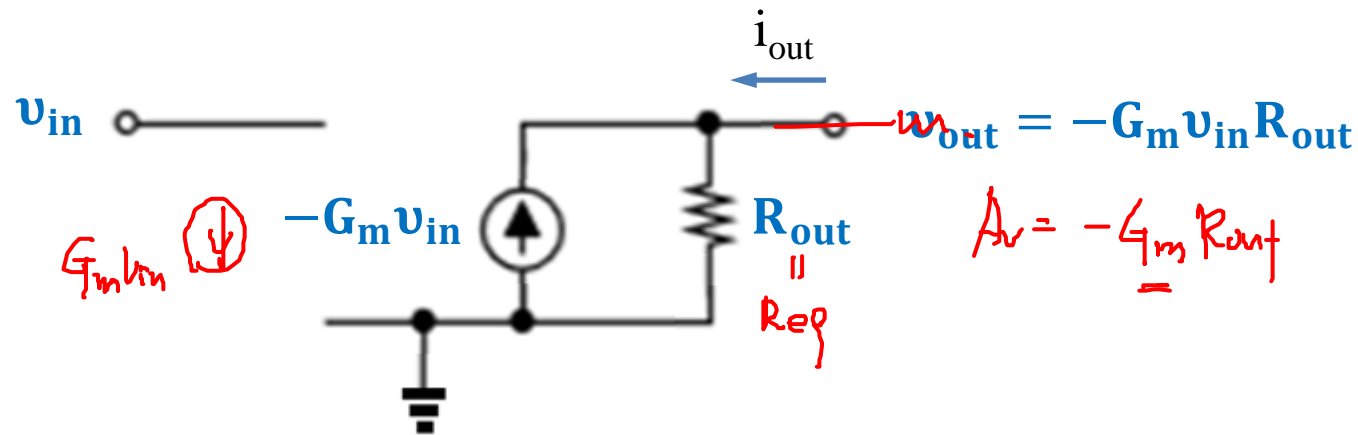
- $V_{out, \max} = V_{DD} - (V_{SG2} - |V_{TH2}|)$
- $V_{out, \min} = (V_{GS1} - V_{TH1})$
- For high g_{m1} and small $(V_{GS1} - V_{TH1})$, W of M_1 needs to be large.
- For high r_{o1} and r_{o2} , L of M_1 and M_2 need to be large and L of M_1 and M_2 needs to be increased proportionally. The cost is the **large parasitic drain junction capacitance** at the output.

Common-Source with Source Degeneration

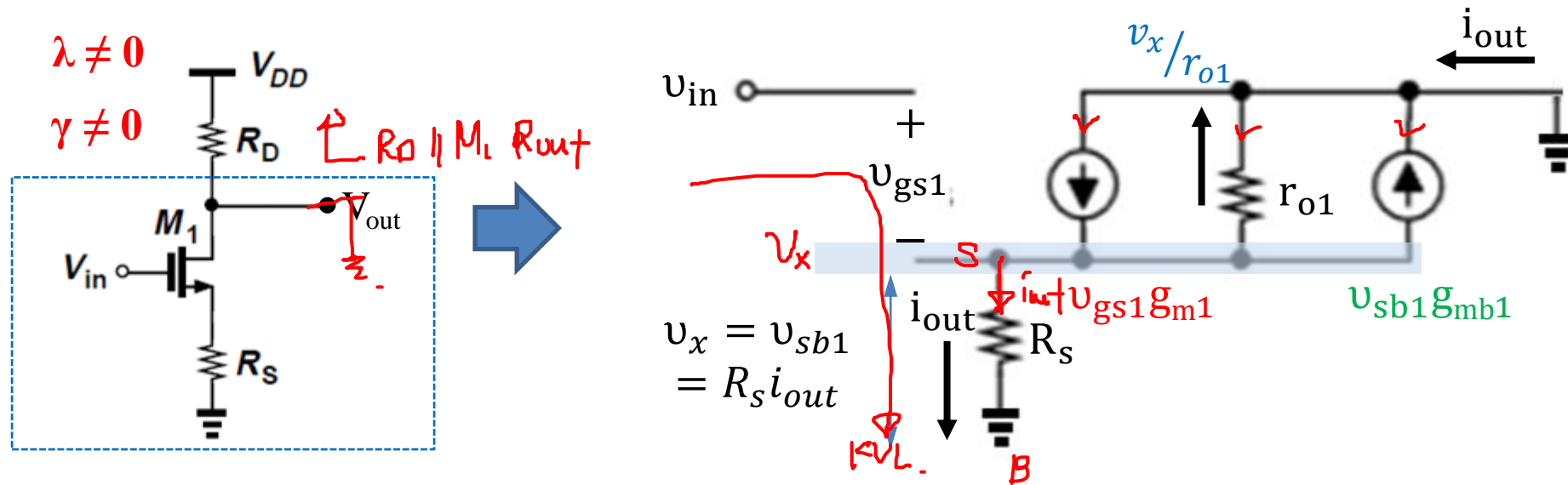
In some applications, the nonlinear dependence of the drain current upon the overdrive voltage introduces excessive nonlinearity, making it desirable to “soften” the device characteristics → Source degeneration.

Transconductance of circuit G_m g_m

We defined the transconductance of a transistor g_m . This concept can be generalized to circuits as well. The V_{out} is set to zero by shorting the output node to ground, and the “short circuit transconductance” of the circuit is defined as $G_m = i_{out}/v_{in}$



Equivalent transconductance



KCL $i_{out} = v_{gs1} g_{m1} - \frac{v_x}{r_{o1}} - v_{sb1} g_{mb1} \Rightarrow \text{eq with } i_{out} \text{ and } v_{in}$

KVL $-v_{in} + v_{gs1} + i_{out} R_S = 0 \rightarrow v_{gs1} = v_{in} - i_{out} R_S$

$$G_m = \frac{i_o}{v_{in}} = \frac{g_{m1} r_{o1}}{R_S + r_{o1} + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) r_{o1} R_S} \approx \frac{1}{R_S}$$

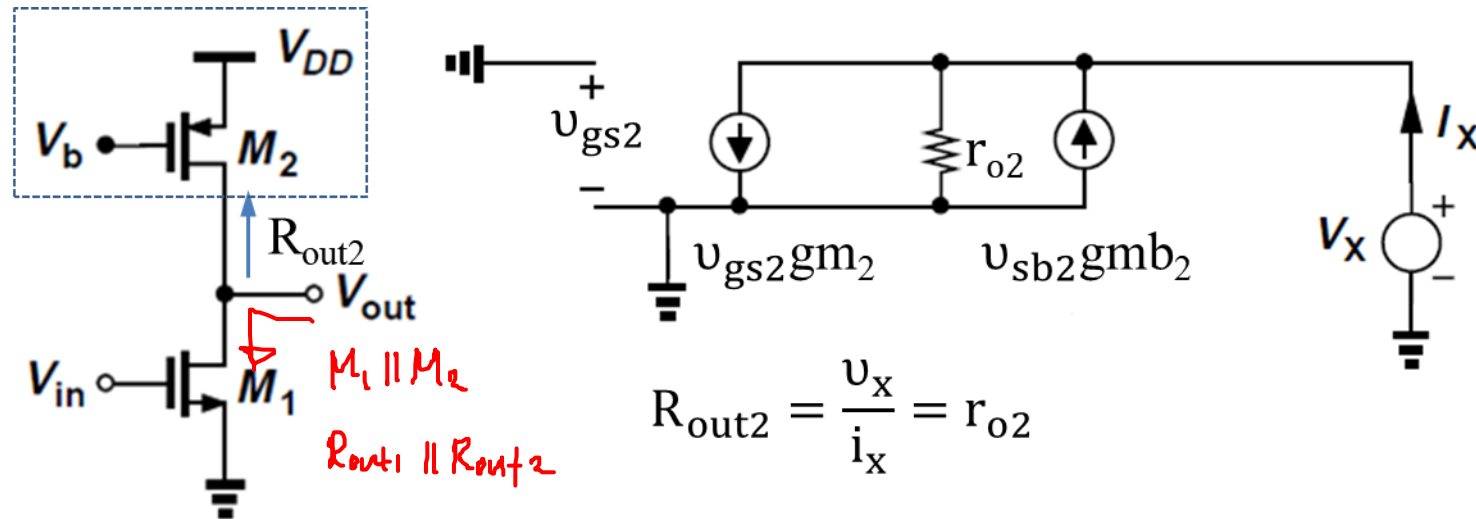
If $(g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) r_{o1} R_S \gg r_{o1}$ and R_S

Output Resistance

Another important consequence of source degeneration is the increase in the output resistance of the stage. How to calculate R_{out} ? v_{in} is grounded and v_{out} connected to v_{test} .

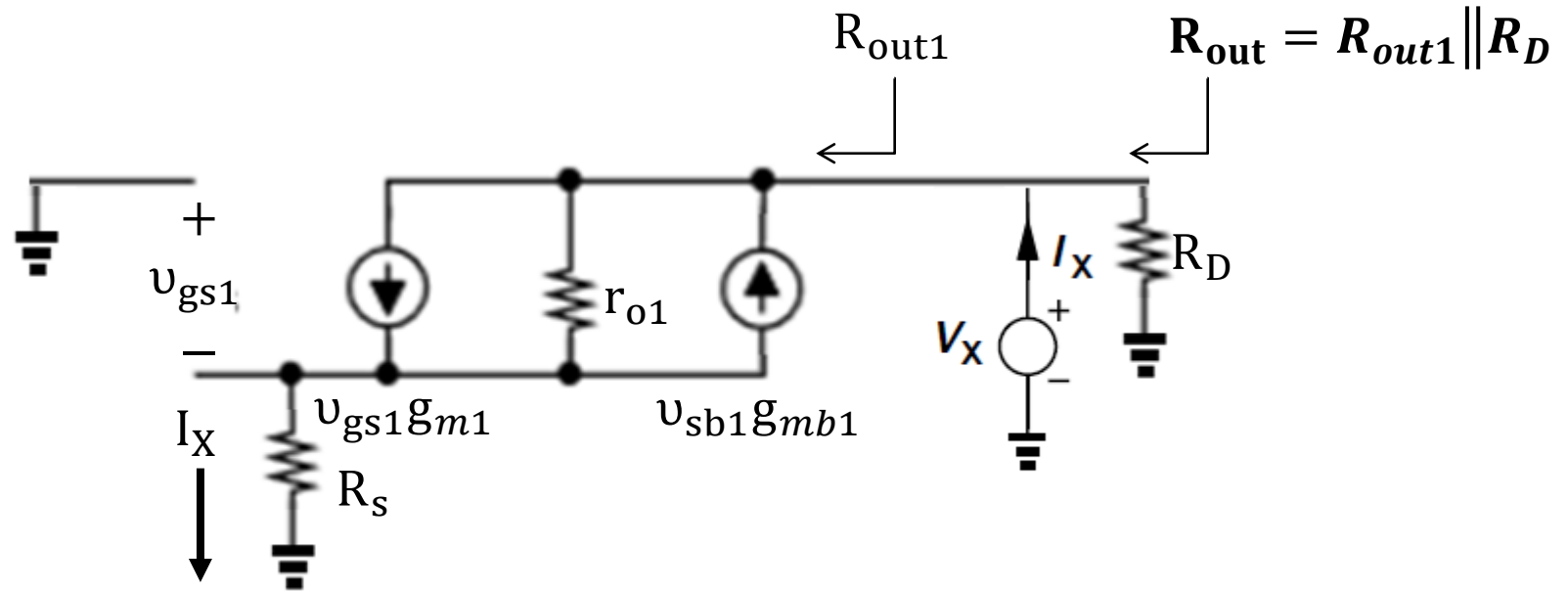
$$R_{out} = v_{test} / i_{test}$$

e.g.



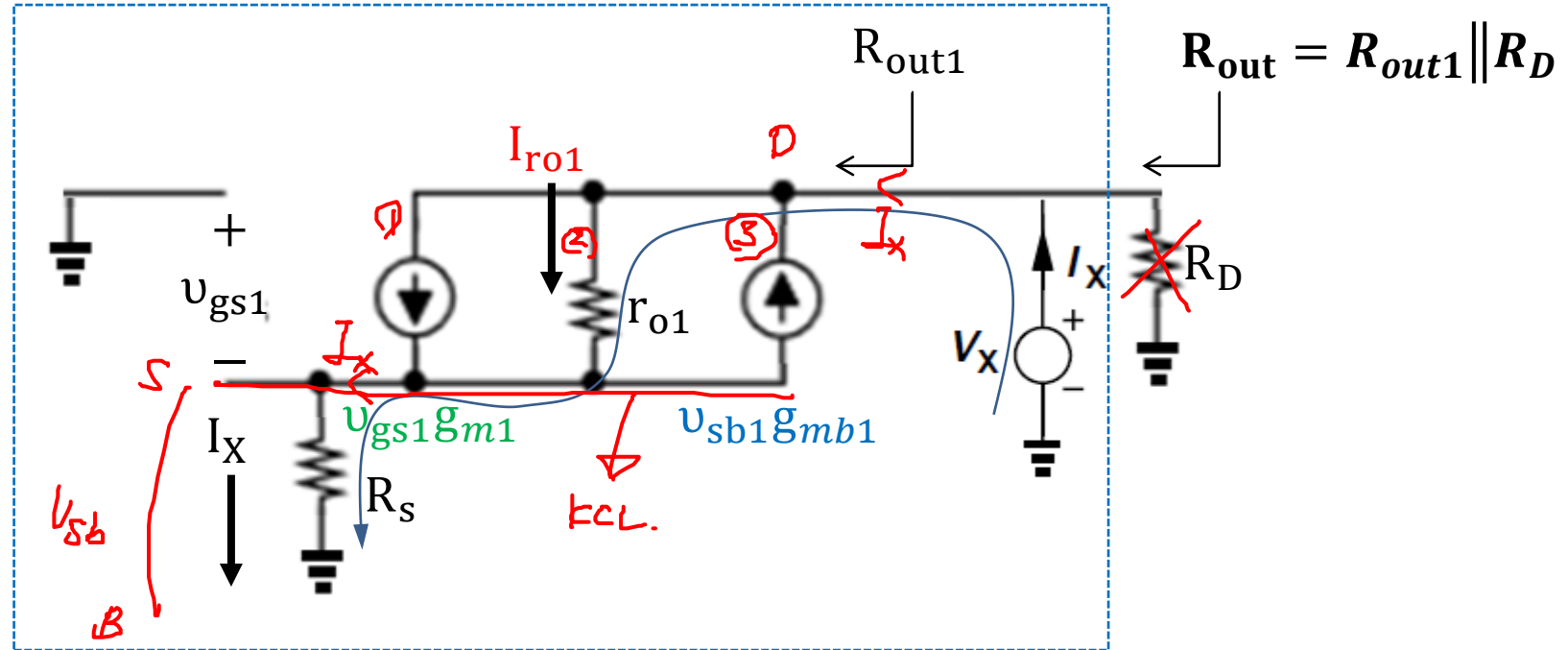
Output Resistance

$\lambda \neq 0$
 $\gamma \neq 0$



Output Resistance

$\lambda \neq 0$
 $\gamma \neq 0$



By KVL, $-V_x + I_{ro1}r_{o1} + I_xR_s = 0$

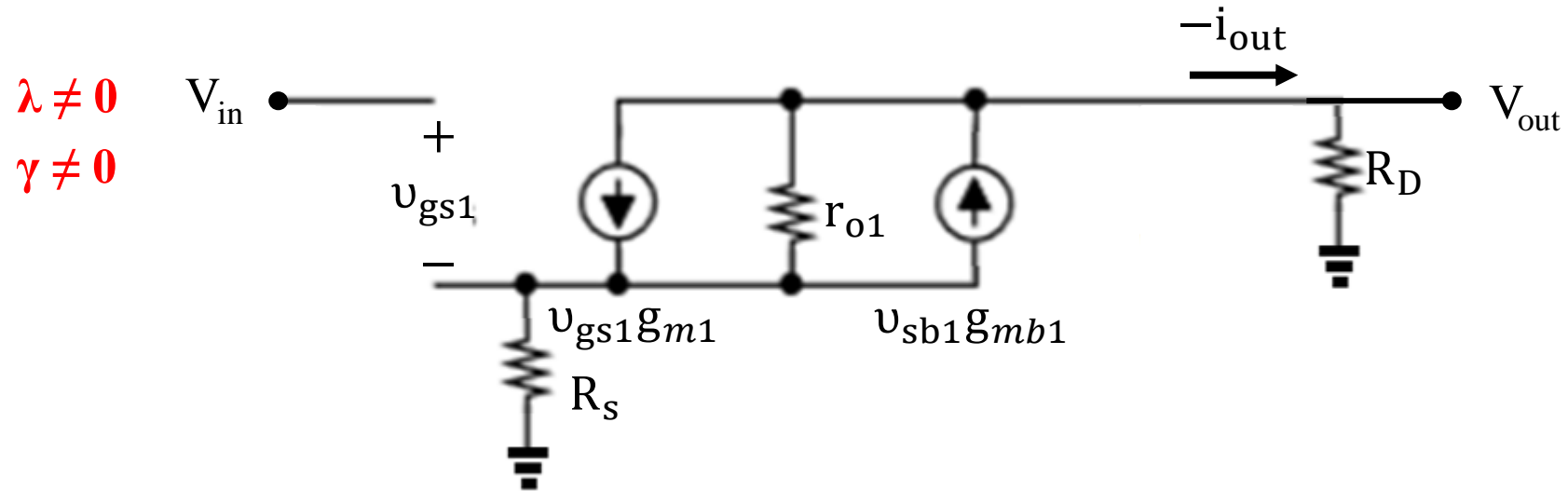
By KCL, $I_{ro1} = I_x + v_{sb1}g_{mb1} - v_{gs1}g_{m1}$ where $v_{sb} = -v_{gs1} = I_xR_s$

$$[r_{o1} + R_s + (g_{mb1} + g_{m1})r_{o1}R_s]I_x = V_x \rightarrow R_{out1} = r_{o1} + R_s + (g_{mb1} + g_{m1})r_{o1}R_s$$

$$R_{out} = R_{out1} \parallel R_D = [r_{o1} + R_s + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}R_s] \parallel R_D \approx R_D$$

If $(g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}R_s \gg R_D$

Gain of degenerated CS stage

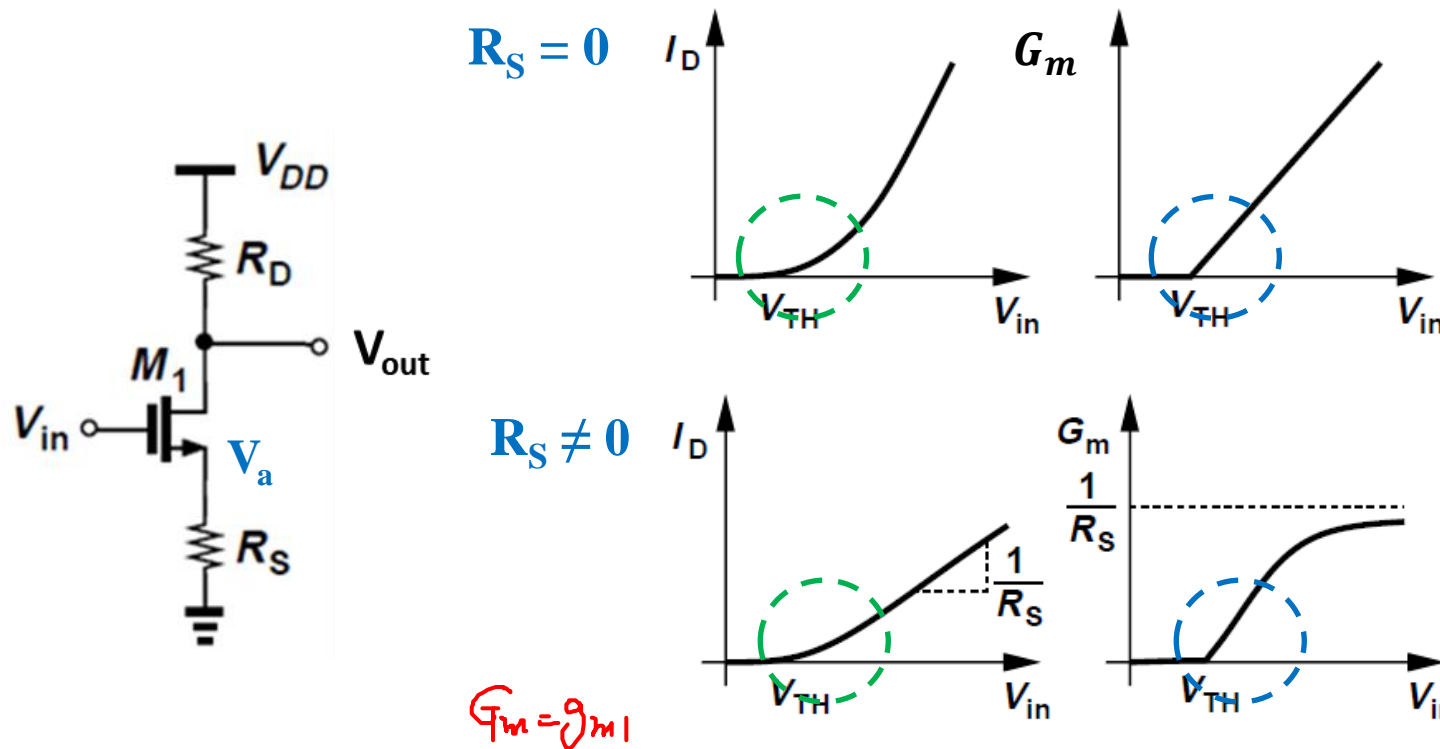


$$A_v = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = \frac{R_{out}(-i_{out})}{v_{in}} = -G_m R_{out}$$

$$= \frac{-g_{m1}r_{o1}}{\cancel{R_S + r_{o1} + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}R_S}} \cdot \frac{[\cancel{R_S + r_{o1} + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}R_S}]R_D}{[\cancel{R_S + r_{o1} + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}R_S}] + R_D}$$

$$\approx -\frac{R_D}{R_S} \quad \text{If } (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}, \text{ the intrinsic gain, is large.}$$

Large Signal Analysis



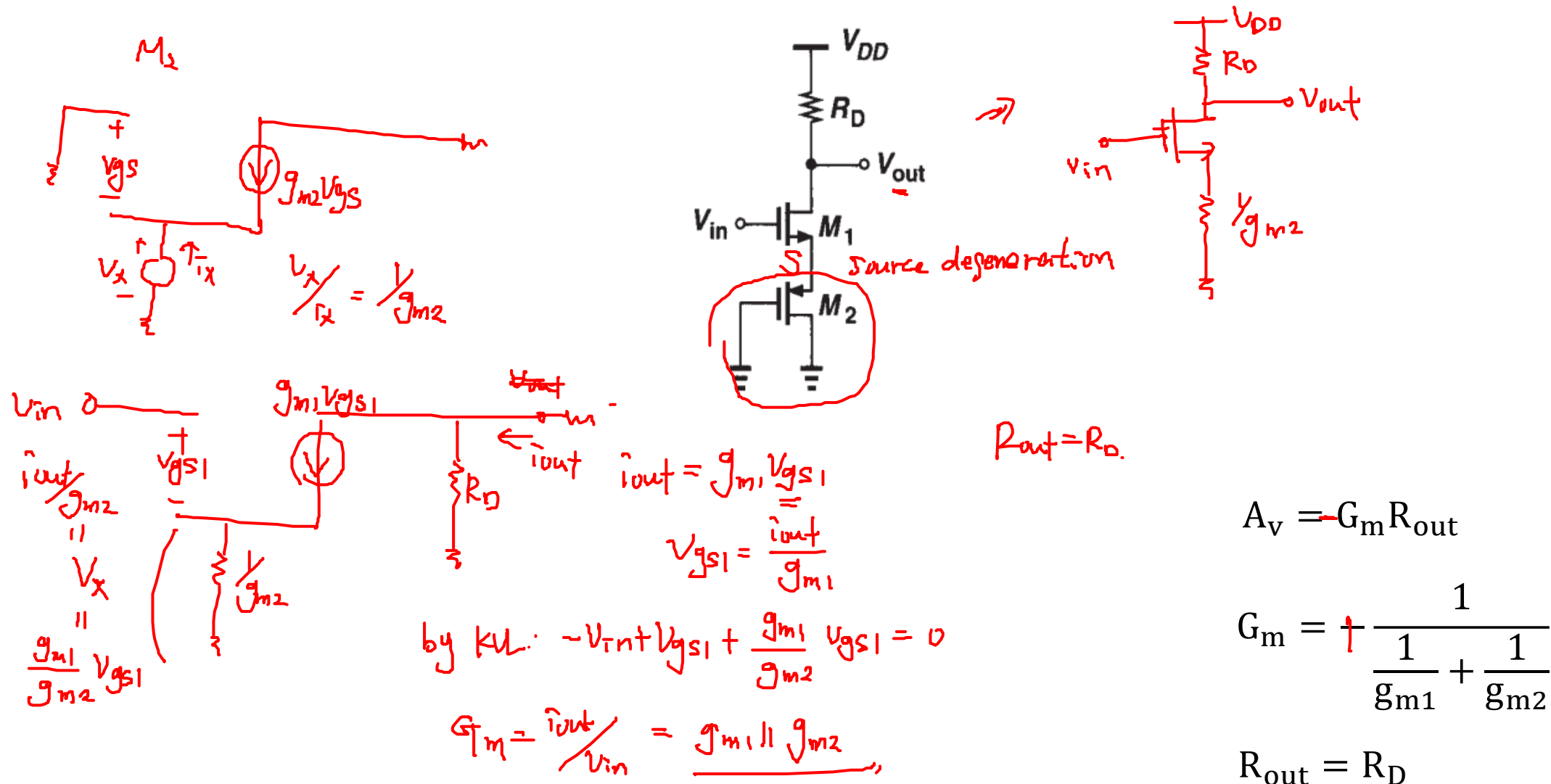
$$g_m = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}} = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L'} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})$$

$$g_{mb} = -g_m \cdot \eta$$

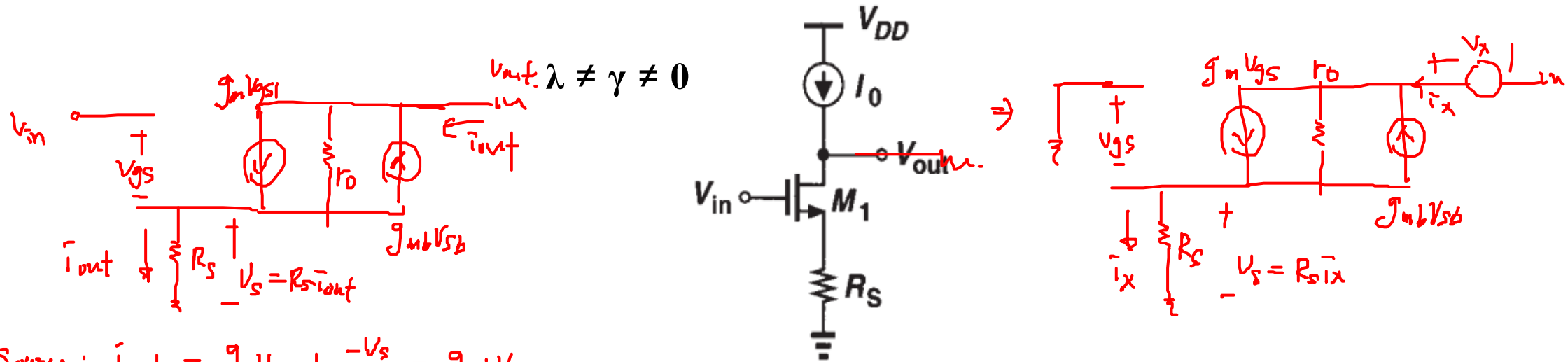
$$G_m = \frac{i_o}{v_{in}} = \frac{g_{m1} r_{o1}}{\cancel{R_S} + r_{o1} + (g_{m1} + \cancel{g_{mb1}}) r_{o1} \cancel{R_S}} \approx \frac{1}{R_S}$$

- At low V_{in} (g_m small), turn-on behavior of $R_S \neq 0$ is similar to that of $R_S = 0$.
- At large V_{in} (g_m large), the effect of R_S , i.e. degradation, becomes more significant.
- $V_{in} = 0 \text{ V} \rightarrow M_1$ off, no current flowing $\rightarrow V_a = 0 \text{ V}$ and $V_{out} = V_{DD}$

Example 3.3 Assuming $\lambda = \gamma = 0$, calculate the small signal voltage gain of the circuit below.



Example 3.4 Calculate the small signal voltage gain of the circuit below.



Source: $i_{out} = g_m V_{gs} + \frac{-V_s}{r_o} - g_{mb} V_{sb}$

KVL: $-V_{in} + V_{gs} + V_s = 0 \Rightarrow V_{gs} = V_{in} - R_S i_{out}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{i_{out}}{V_{in}} = G_m$

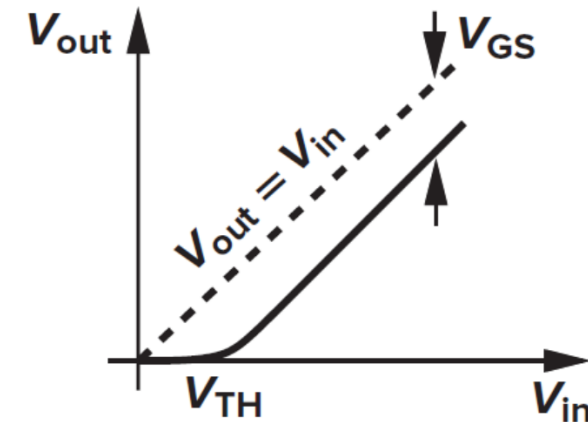
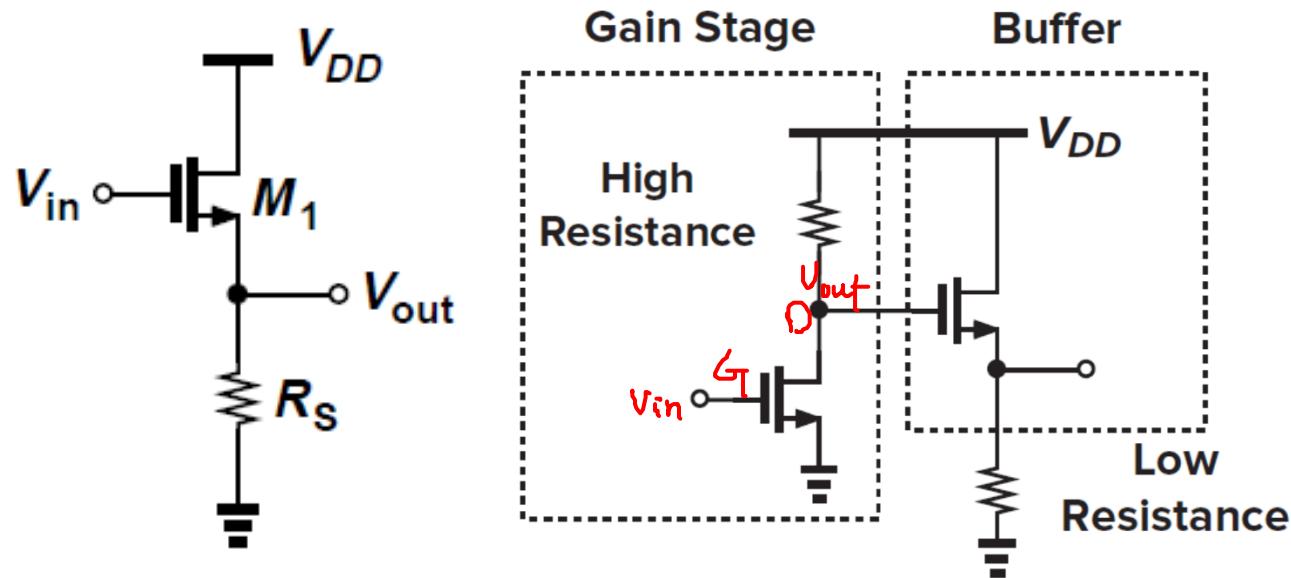
$$A_v = \ominus G_m R_{out} = -g_{m1} r_{o1}$$

$$G_m = \frac{\oplus g_{m1} r_{o1}}{r_{o1} + R_S + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) r_{o1} R_S}$$

$$R_{out} = r_{o1} + R_S + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) r_{o1} R_S$$

Source Follower

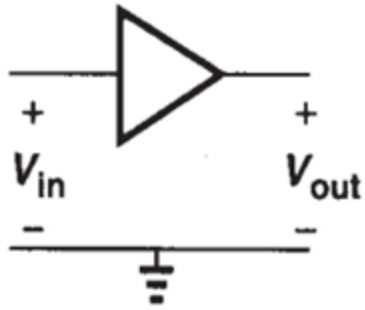
The source follower senses the signal at the gate, while **presenting a high input impedance**, and **drives the load at the source**, allowing the source potential to “**follow**” **the gate voltage**. The source follower can be used to drive a low resistance without degrading the voltage gain of a CS stage, i.e. buffer.



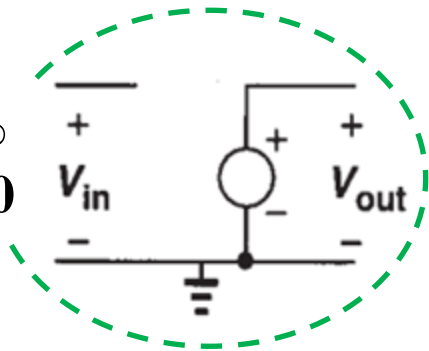
No gain, but V_{out} follows V_{in} (source)

*Ideal Amplifier

Voltage Amp.

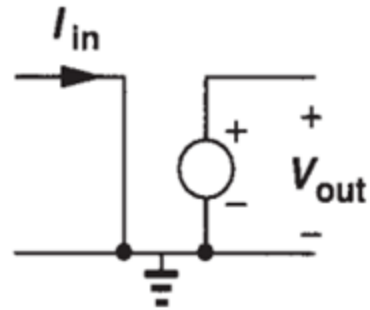
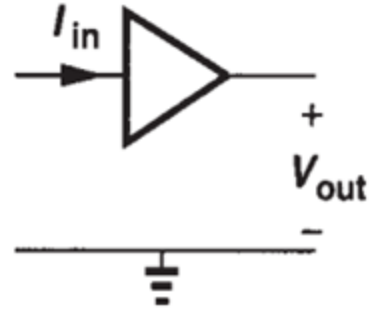


$$R_{in} = \infty$$
$$R_{out} = 0$$

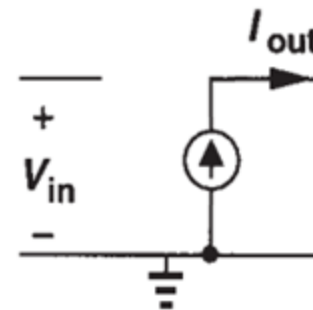
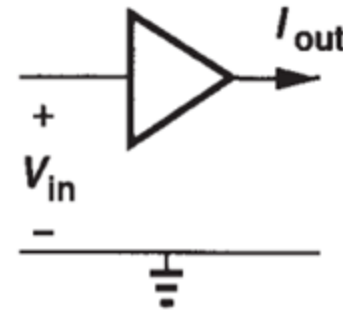


CS + Source Follower

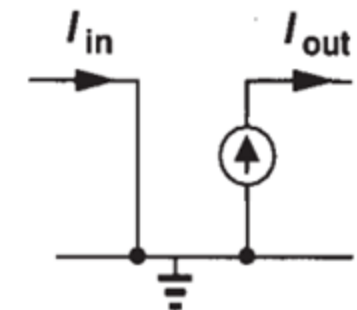
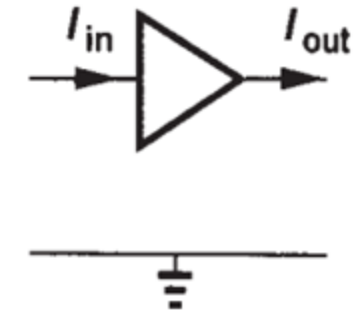
Transimpedance Amp.



Transconductance Amp.

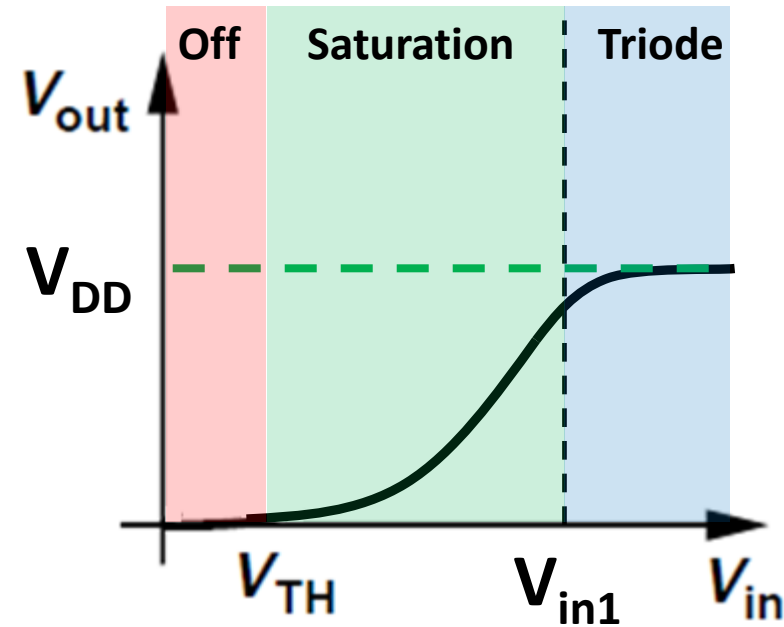
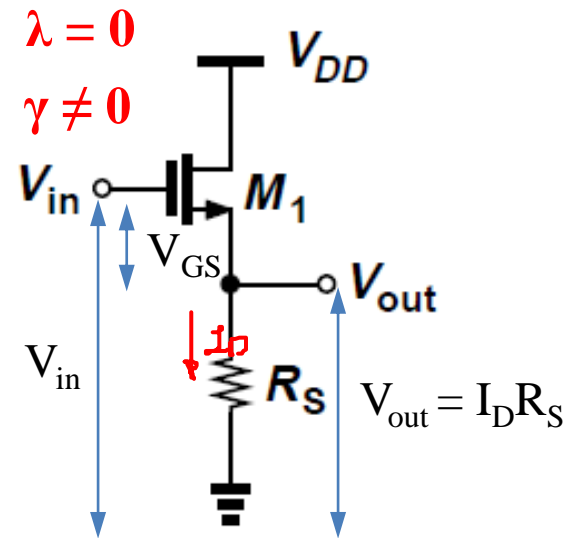


Current Amp.



For driving a low impedance load, source follower, as a buffer, provides **no gain** but **large input impedance** and **low output impedance**.

(1) Large Signal Analysis



(1) M_1 Off when $V_{in} < V_{TH}$

$$V_{out} = 0$$

$$V_{DS} < V_{GS} - V_{TH} \Rightarrow V_{DD} - V_{out} < V_{in1} - V_{out} - V_{TH}$$

(2) M_1 in Saturation when $V_{in1} > V_{in} > V_{TH}$

$$V_{in1} > V_{DD} + V_{TH}$$

$$R_S \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{out} - V_{TH})^2 = V_{out}$$

$$(V_{GS} - V_{TH} = V_{in} - V_{out} - V_{TH})$$

$V_{TH} - V_{out}$

(3) M_1 in Triode when $V_{in} > V_{in1}$

$$R_S \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \left[(V_{in} - V_{out} - V_{TH})(V_{DD} - V_{out}) - \frac{1}{2} (V_{DD} - V_{out})^2 \right] = V_{out} \quad (V_{DS} = V_{DD} - V_{out})$$

In Saturation

$$R_S \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{out} - V_{TH})^2 = V_{out}$$

$$\frac{d}{dV_{in}} R_S \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} 2(V_{in} - V_{out} - V_{TH}) \left(1 - \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}} - \frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{in}} \right) = \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}}$$

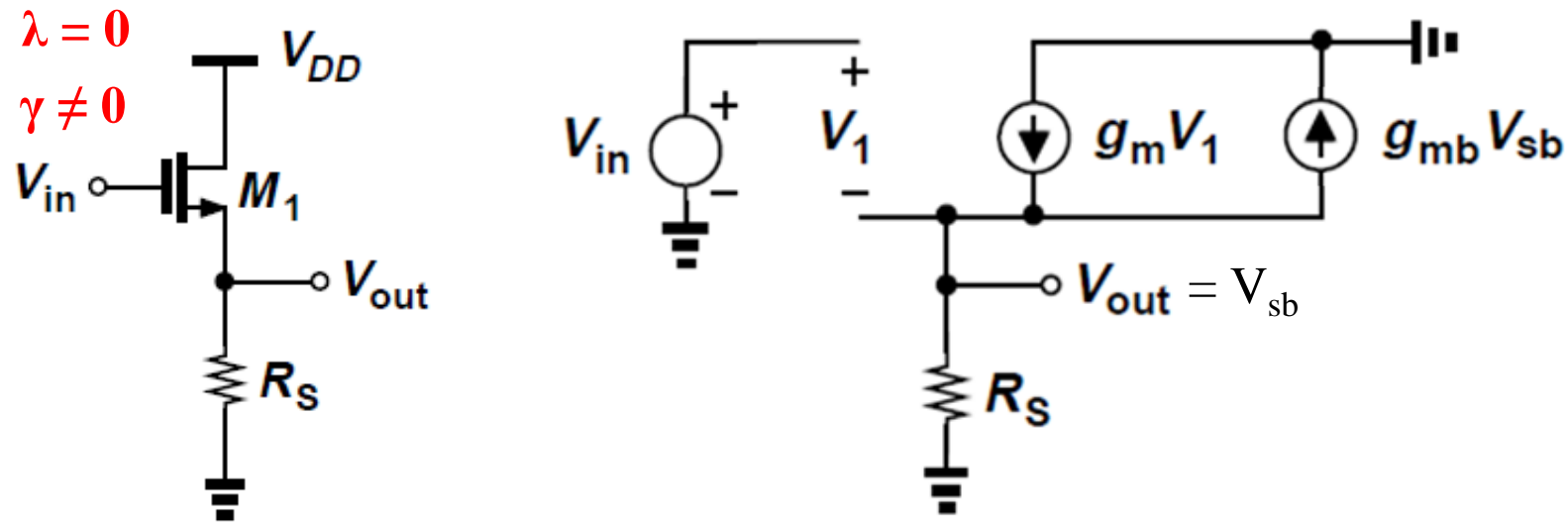
$$R_S \underbrace{\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{out} - V_{TH})}_{= g_m} \left(1 - \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{out}} \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}}}_{= \eta} \right) = \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{\gamma}{2\sqrt{2\Phi_F + V_{SB}}}$$

$$A_v = \frac{g_m R_S}{1 + g_m R_S (1 + \eta)} = \frac{g_m R_S}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb}) R_S} \approx \frac{1}{1 + \eta} \quad \text{If } (g_m + g_{mb}) R_S \gg 1$$

→ smaller than 1.

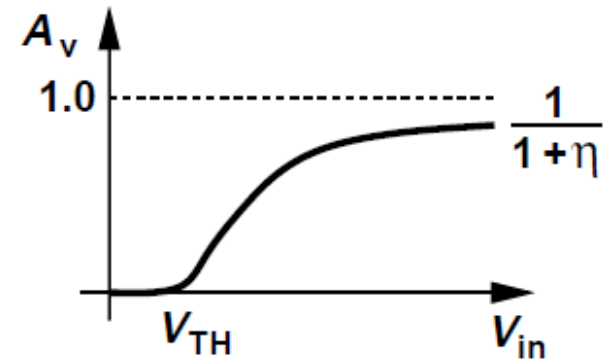
(2) Small Signal Analysis



By KVL, $-V_{in} + V_1 + V_{out} = 0 \rightarrow V_1 = V_{in} - V_{out}$

By KCL, $g_m V_1 - g_{mb} V_{sb} = V_{out} / R_S$

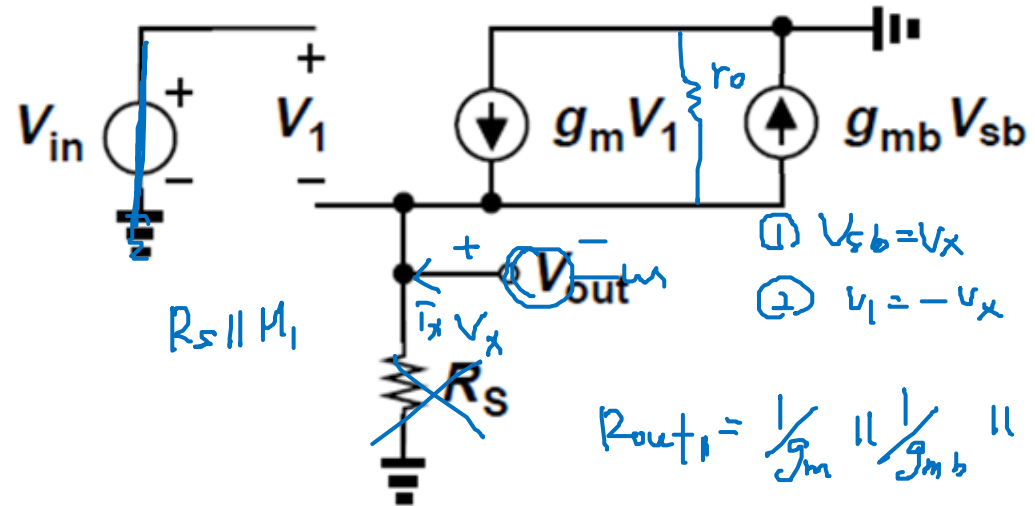
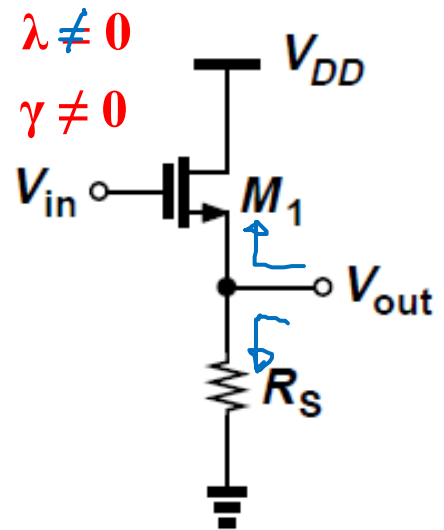
$$\rightarrow g_m (V_{in} - V_{out}) - g_{mb} V_{out} = V_{out} / R_S$$



We get $A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{g_m R_S}{1 + g_m R_S + g_{mb} R_S} = \frac{1}{1 + \eta}$ If $(g_m + g_{mb}) R_S \gg 1$

(2) Small Signal Analysis (Alternative) $\approx G_m$

$$\bar{i}_x + g_m v_i = \frac{v_x}{r_o} + g_m v_{sb}$$



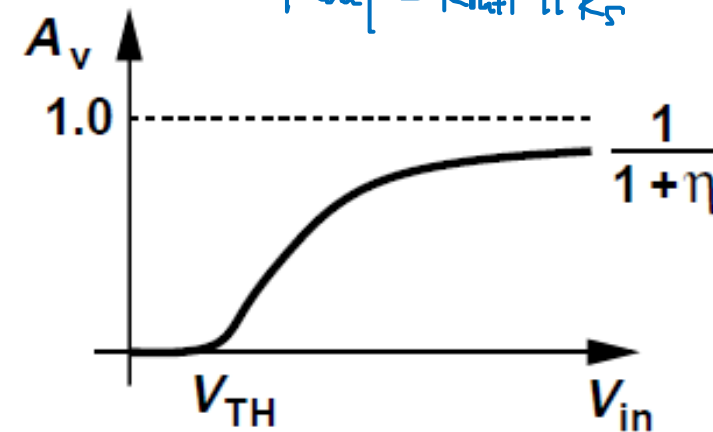
$$R_{out1} = \frac{1}{g_m} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb}} \parallel r_o$$

$$R_{out} = R_{out1} \parallel R_S$$

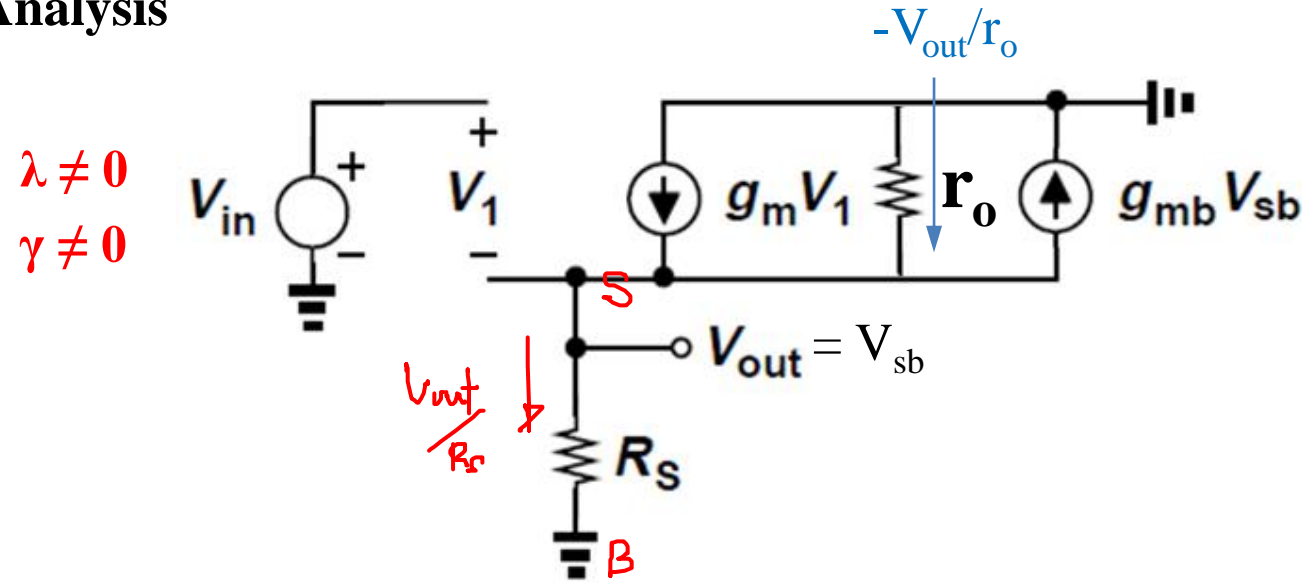
$$G_m = -g_m$$

$$R_{out} = R_S \parallel \left(\frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right)$$

$$A_v = \frac{g_m R_S}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb}) R_S} \approx \frac{1}{1 + \eta}$$



(2) Small Signal Analysis



By KVL, $-V_{in} + V_1 + V_{out} = 0 \rightarrow V_1 = V_{in} - V_{out}$

By KCL, $g_m V_1 - g_{mb} V_{sb} - \frac{V_{out}}{r_o} = \frac{V_{out}}{R_S}$

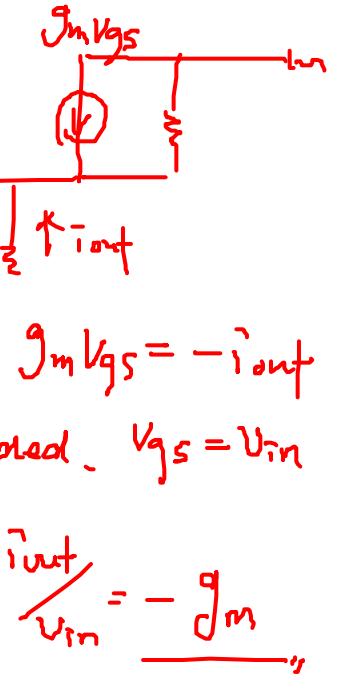
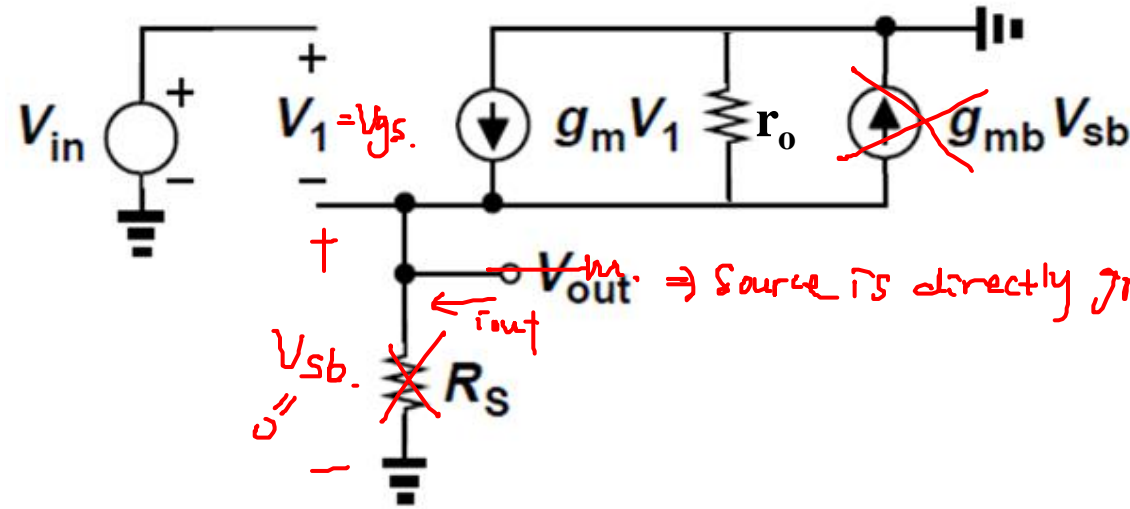
at S.

$$\rightarrow g_m (V_{in} - V_{out}) - g_{mb} V_{out} - \frac{1}{r_o} V_{out} = \frac{V_{out}}{R_S}$$

We get $A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb} + \frac{1}{R_S} + \frac{1}{r_o}} = \frac{1}{1 + \eta}$ If $(g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S \gg r_o$ and R_S

(2) Small Signal Analysis (Alternative)

$\lambda \neq 0$
 $\gamma \neq 0$



$$G_m = -g_m$$

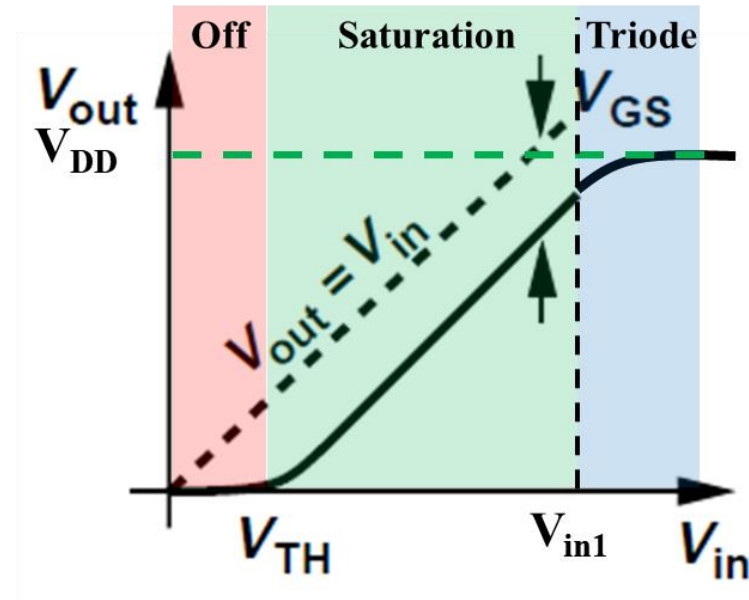
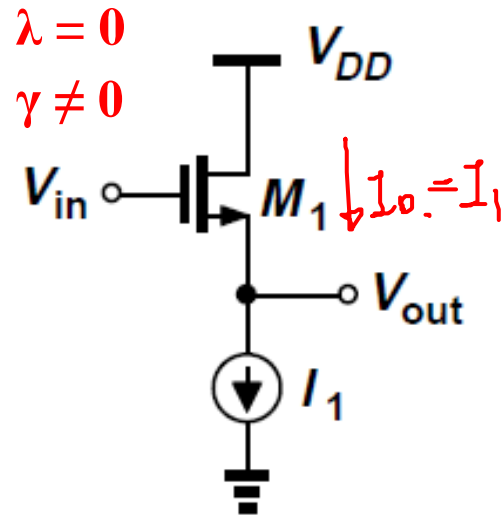
$$R_{out} = r_o \parallel R_S \parallel \left(\frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right) = \frac{1}{g_m} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb}}$$

$$a_{ab} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}}$$

$$A_v = \frac{g_m r_o R_S}{r_o + R_S + (g_m + g_{mb}) r_o R_S} \approx \frac{1}{1 + \eta} < 1 \text{ If } (g_m + g_{mb}) r_o R_S \gg r_o \text{ and } R_S$$

Source Follower with Current Source

(1) Large Signal Analysis

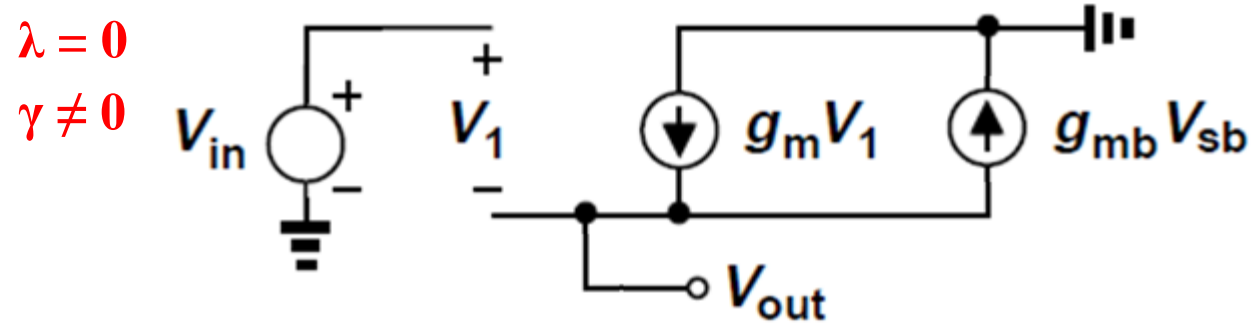


$$\frac{d}{dV_{in}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{out} - V_{TH})^2 = I_1 \right] \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} 2(V_{in} - V_{out} - V_{TH}) \left(1 - \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}} - \frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{in}} \right) = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{in} - V_{out} - V_{TH})}_{= g_m} \left(1 - \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{out}} \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}}}_{= \eta} \right) = 0$$

$$A_v = \frac{1}{1 + \eta} \quad \text{If } \gamma = 0, A_v = 1$$

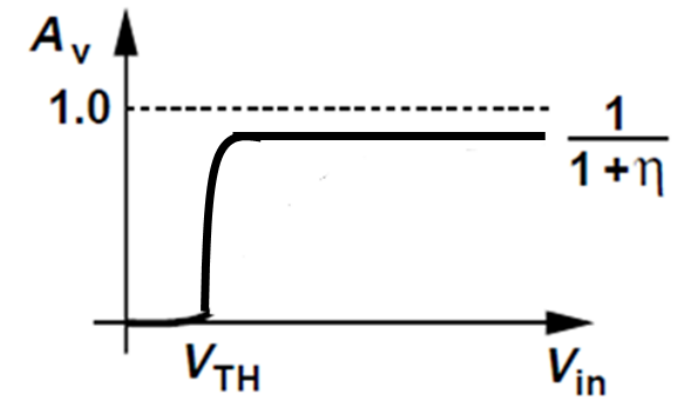
(2) Small Signal Analysis



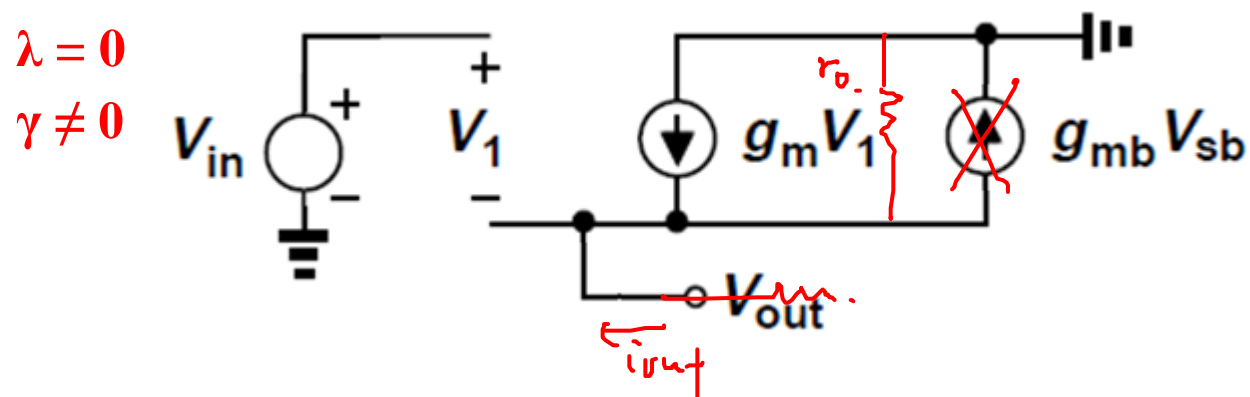
By KVL, $-V_{in} + V_1 + V_{out} = 0 \rightarrow V_1 = V_{in} - V_{out}$

By KCL, $g_m V_1 - g_{mb} V_{sb} = 0 \rightarrow g_m (V_{in} - V_{out}) - g_{mb} V_{out} = 0$

We get $A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}} = \frac{1}{1 + \eta}$



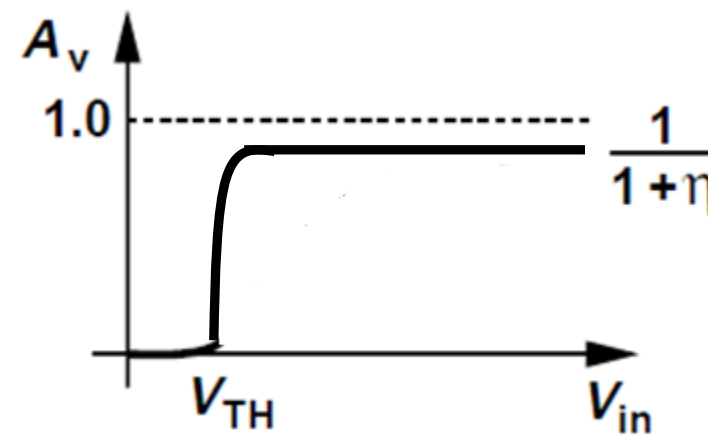
(2) Small Signal Analysis (Alternative)



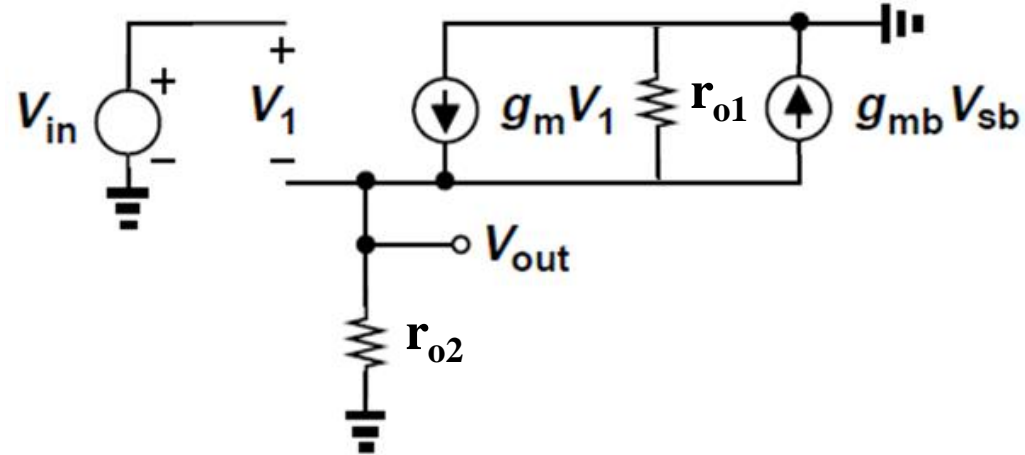
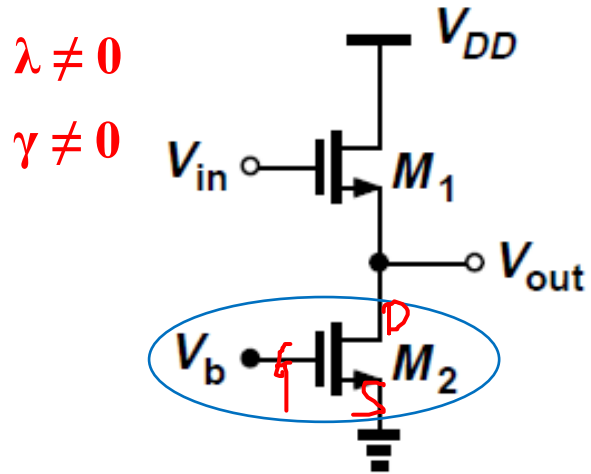
$$G_m = -g_m$$

$$R_{out} = \frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \parallel r_o$$

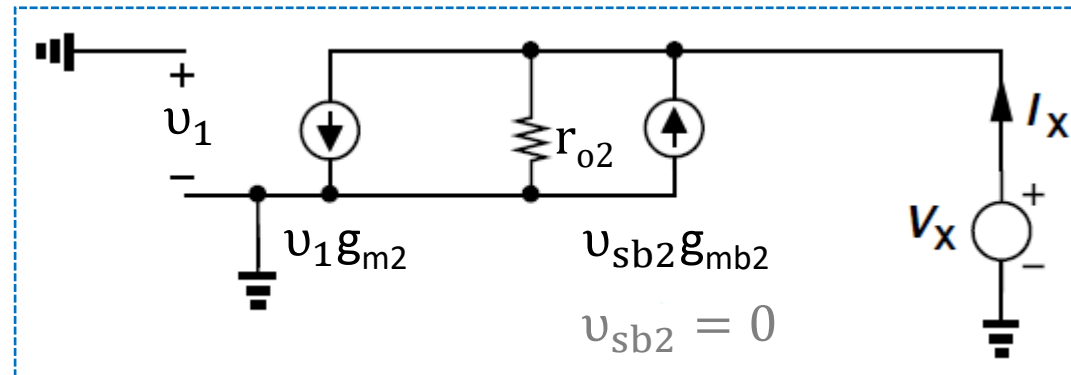
$$A_v = \frac{1}{1 + \eta} \quad \text{If } \gamma = 0, A_v = 1.$$



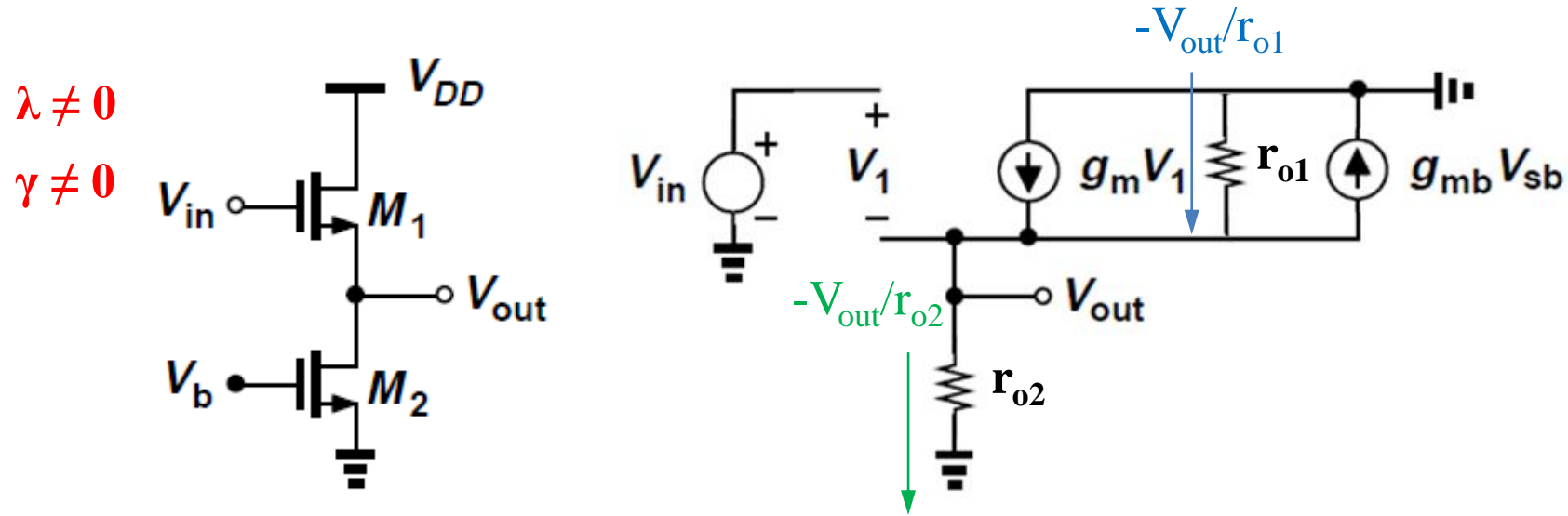
Source Follower with Current Source



Recall:



$$R_{in2} = \frac{u_x}{i_x} = r_{o2}$$



By KVL, $-V_{in} + V_1 + V_{out} = 0 \rightarrow V_1 = V_{in} - V_{out}$

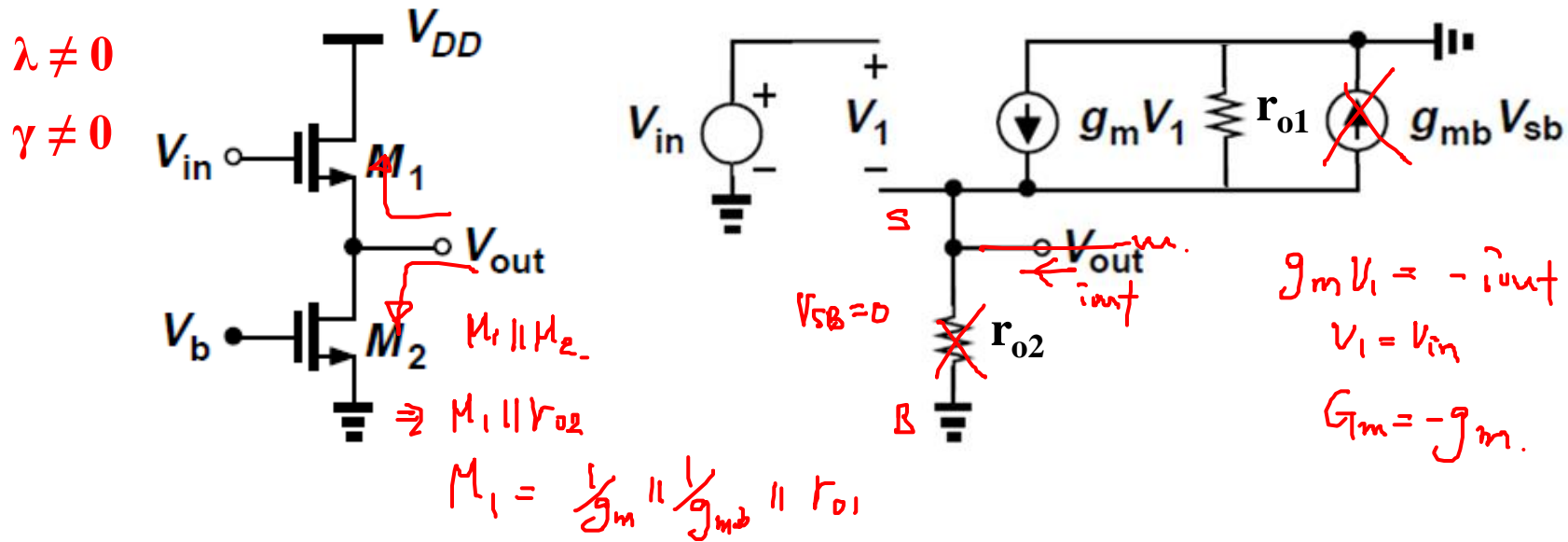
By KCL, $g_m V_1 - g_{mb} V_{sb} - \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o1}} = \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o2}}$

$$\rightarrow g_m (V_{in} - V_{out}) - g_{mb} V_{out} - \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o1}} = \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o2}}$$

We get $A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb} + \frac{1}{r_{o1}} + \frac{1}{r_{o2}}}$

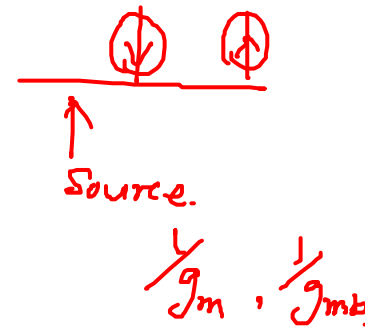
If r_{o1} and r_{o2} large, A_v is linear.

Alternative method



$$G_m = \cancel{g_{m1}} - g_m$$

$$R_{out} = r_{o1} \parallel r_{o2} \parallel \left(\frac{1}{g_{m1} + g_{mb1}} \right) = \frac{1}{g_{m1}} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb1}}$$



$$A_v = \frac{g_{m1} r_{o1} r_{o2}}{r_{o1} + r_{o2} + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1}) r_{o1} r_{o2}}$$

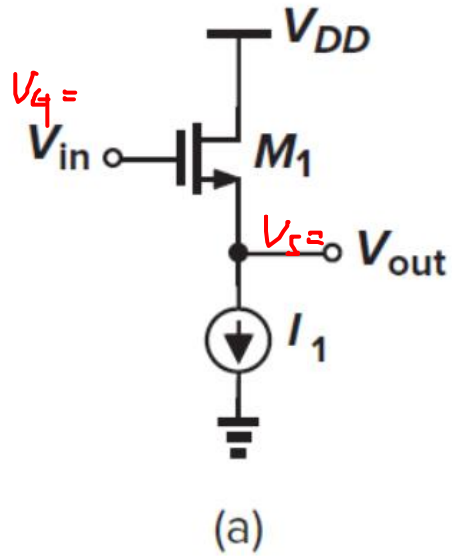
If r_{o1} and r_{o2} large, A_v is linear.

Example 3.5 Suppose that in the source follower of Fig. 3.37(a), $(W/L)_1 = 20/0.5$, $I_1 = 200 \mu\text{A}$, $V_{\text{TH}0} = 0.6 \text{ V}$, $2\phi_F = 0.7 \text{ V}$, $V_{\text{DD}} = 1.2 \text{ V}$, $\mu_n C_{\text{ox}} = 50 \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$, and $\gamma = 0.4 \text{ V}^{1/2}$.

$$V_{\text{TH}} = V_{\text{TH}0} + \gamma(\sqrt{|2\phi_F + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ V_{\text{out}}}}{V_{\text{SB}}|}} - \sqrt{|2\phi_F|})$$

$$I_D = I_1 = 200 \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{\text{ox}} \frac{W}{L} (V_{\text{GS}} - V_{\text{TH}})^2 = 200 \mu\text{A}$$



$$\frac{1}{2} \times 50 \times 10^{-6} \times \frac{20}{0.5} \times (V_{\text{in}} - V_{\text{out}} - 0.6)^2 = 200 \mu\text{A}$$

1.2 V

$\hookrightarrow V_{\text{out}} \text{ without body effect} = 0.153 \text{ V}$

$$V_{\text{TH}} = 0.6 + 0.4 \left(\sqrt{0.7 + 0.153} - \sqrt{0.7} \right) = 0.635 \text{ V}$$

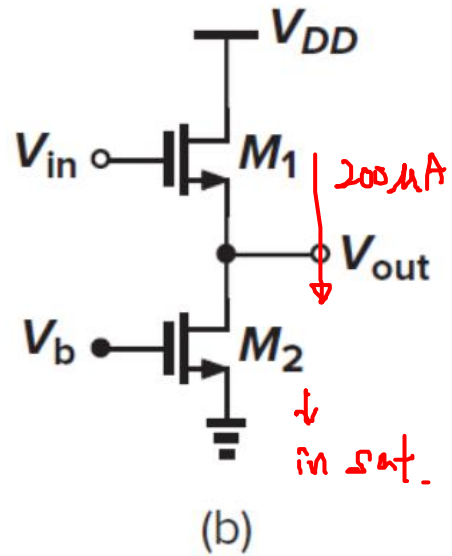
$$\text{re-calculate: } V_{\text{out}} = 0.119 \text{ V}$$

(a) Calculate V_{out} for $V_{\text{in}} = 1.2 \text{ V}$.

Example 3.5 Suppose that in the source follower of Fig. 3.37(a), $(W/L)_1 = 20/0.5$, $I_1 = 200 \mu\text{A}$, $V_{\text{TH}0} = 0.6 \text{ V}$, $2\Phi_F = 0.7 \text{ V}$, $V_{\text{DD}} = 1.2 \text{ V}$, $\mu_n C_{\text{ox}} = 50 \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$, and $\gamma = 0.4 \text{ V}^{1/2}$.

$$V_{\text{TH}} = V_{\text{TH}0} + \gamma(\sqrt{|2\Phi_F + V_{\text{SB}}|} - \sqrt{|2\Phi_F|})$$

$$V_{\text{out}} = 0.118 \text{ V}$$



$$I_{D-M2} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{\text{ox}} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_2 (V_{\text{GS}} - V_{\text{TH}})^2 = 200 \mu\text{A}$$

$= V_{\text{out}}$

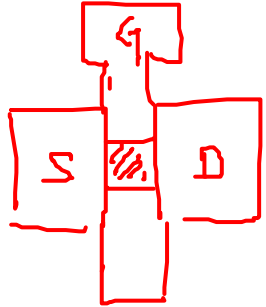
$$V_{\text{DS}} \geq V_{\text{b}} - V_{\text{TH}}$$

$$V_{\text{out}} \geq V_{\text{b}} - V_{\text{TH}} = V_{\text{GS}} - V_{\text{TH}}$$

$$\left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_2 = 514.54$$

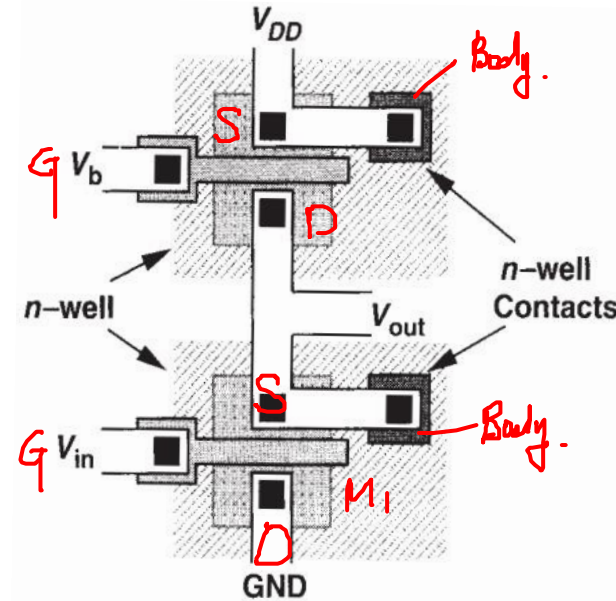
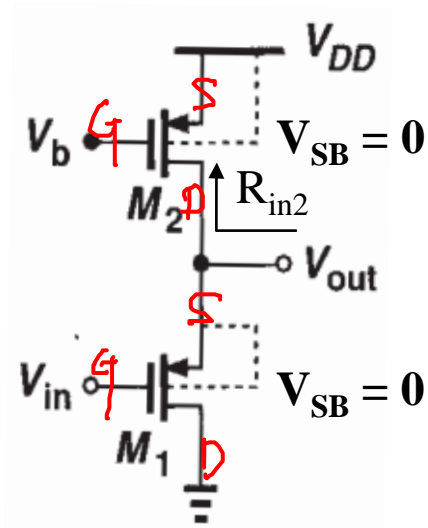
(b) If I_1 is implemented as M_2 in Fig. 3.37(b), find the minimum value of $(W/L)_2$ for which M_2 remains saturated when $V_{\text{in}} = 1.2 \text{ V}$.

PMOS Source Follower with Current Source ($V_{SB} = 0$)

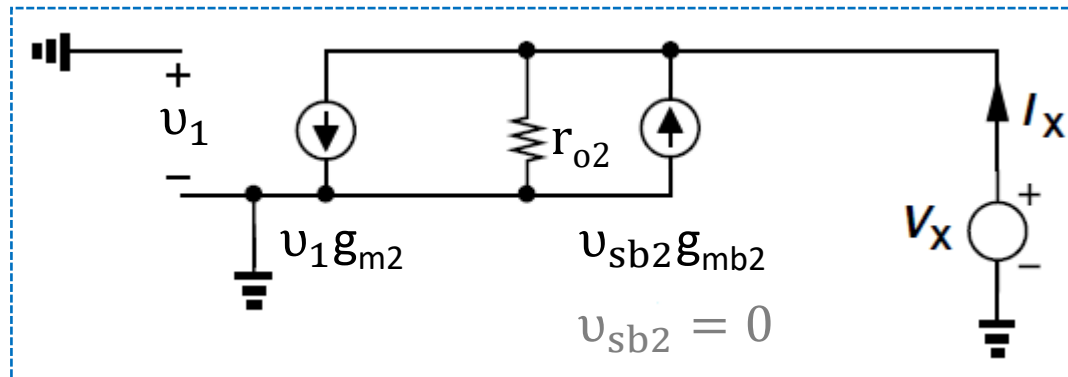


$$\lambda \neq 0$$

$$\gamma \neq 0$$



M_2 PMOS

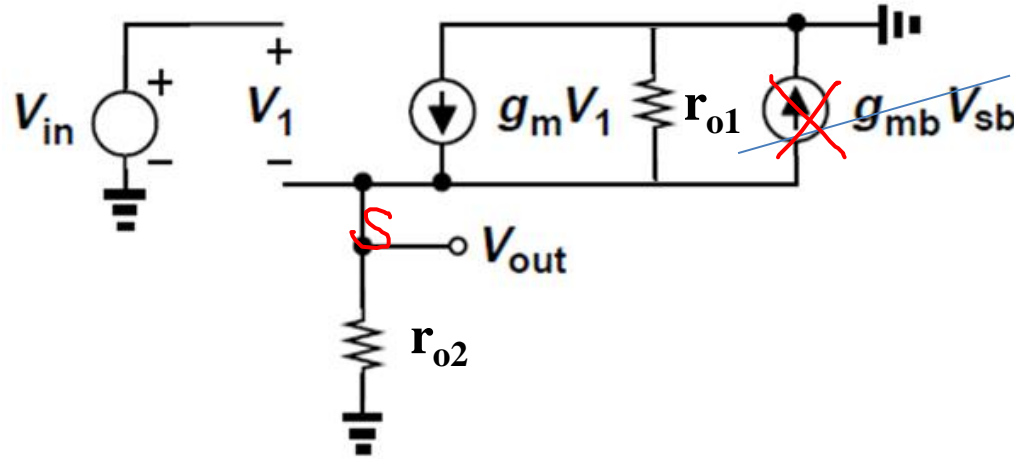
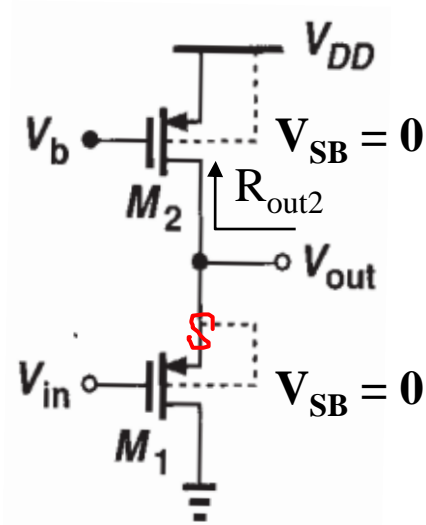


$$R_{in2} = \frac{v_x}{i_x} = r_{o2}$$

PMOS Source Follower with Current Source ($V_{SB} = 0$)

$\lambda \neq 0$

$\gamma \neq 0$



By KVL, $-V_{in} + V_1 + V_{out} = 0 \rightarrow V_1 = V_{in} - V_{out}$

By KCL, $g_m V_1 - \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o1}} = \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o2}}$

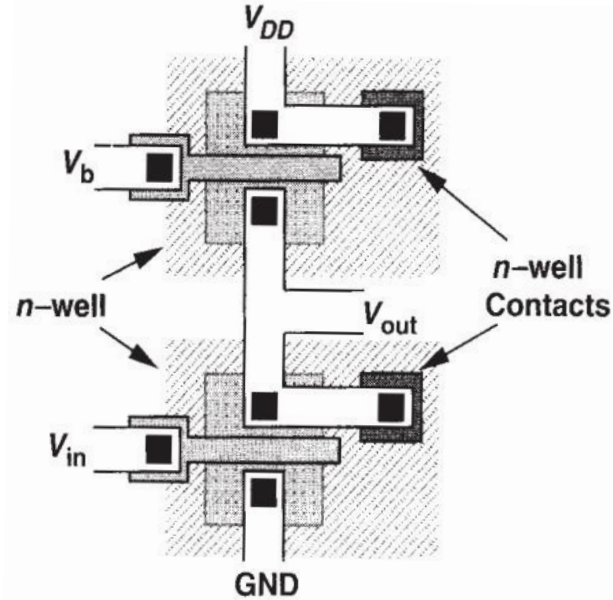
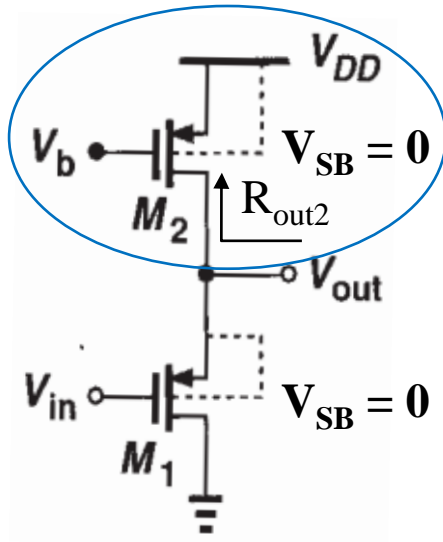
$$\rightarrow g_m (V_{in} - V_{out}) - \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o1}} = \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o2}}$$

We get $A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{g_m}{g_m + \frac{1}{r_{o1}} + \frac{1}{r_{o2}}}$

PMOS Source Follower with Current Source ($V_{SB} = 0$) (Alternative)

$\lambda \neq 0$

$\gamma \neq 0$



$$g_m = \mu_p C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{gs} - V_{TH})$$

r_{o1}

$$G_m = -g_{m1}$$

$$R_{out} = r_{o1} \parallel r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m1}}$$

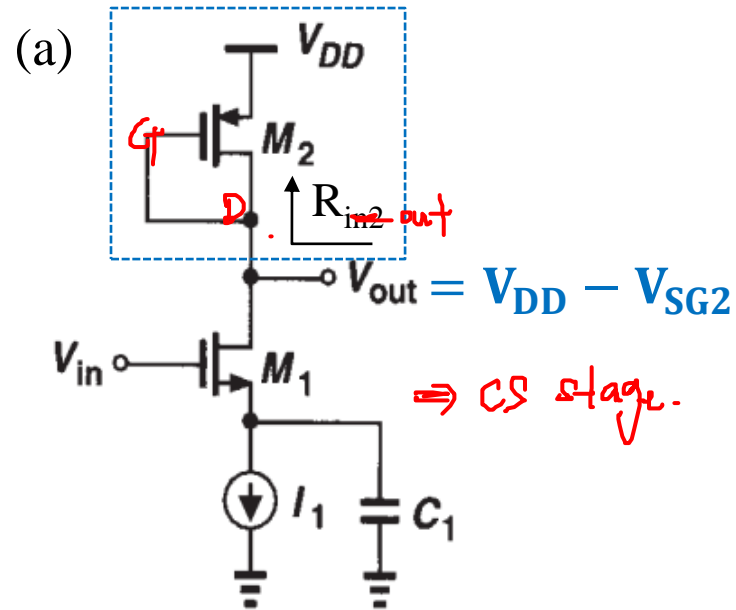
$$A_v = \frac{g_{m1} r_{o1} r_{o2}}{r_{o1} + r_{o2} + g_{m1} r_{o1} r_{o2}}$$

- The sacrifice here is the higher output impedance due to smaller mobility of holes relative to electrons.

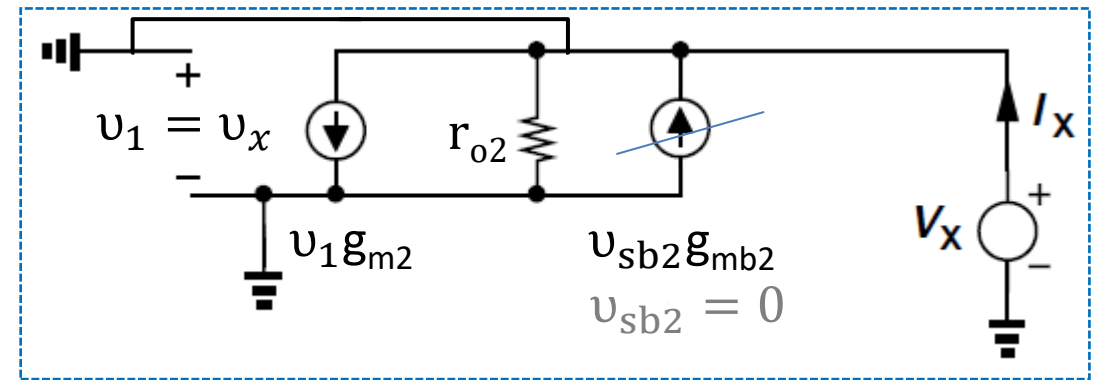
$$g_m = \mu_p C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{gs} - V_{TH})$$

$\mu_p < \mu_n, m_h > m_e$

Example 3.6 (a) Calculate the voltage gain if C_1 acts as an ac short. (b) What relationship among the V_{GS} of M_1 - M_3 guarantees that M_1 is saturated?



M_2 PMOS



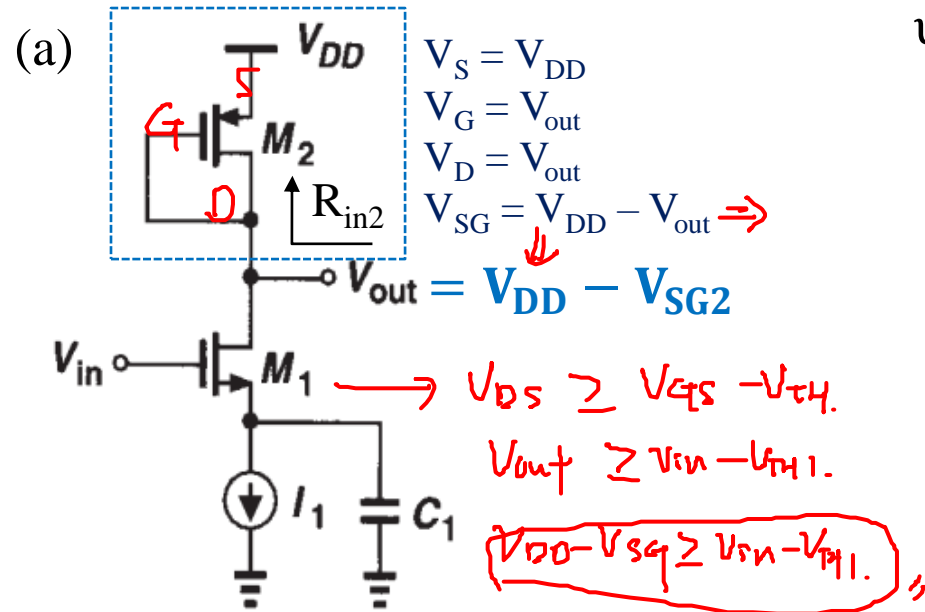
$$R_{in2} = \frac{v_x}{r_{o2}} + v_x g_{m2} = i_x \rightarrow \frac{v_x}{i_x} = r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2}}$$

$$V_{in} \leq V_{DD} - V_{SG2} + V_{TH1}$$

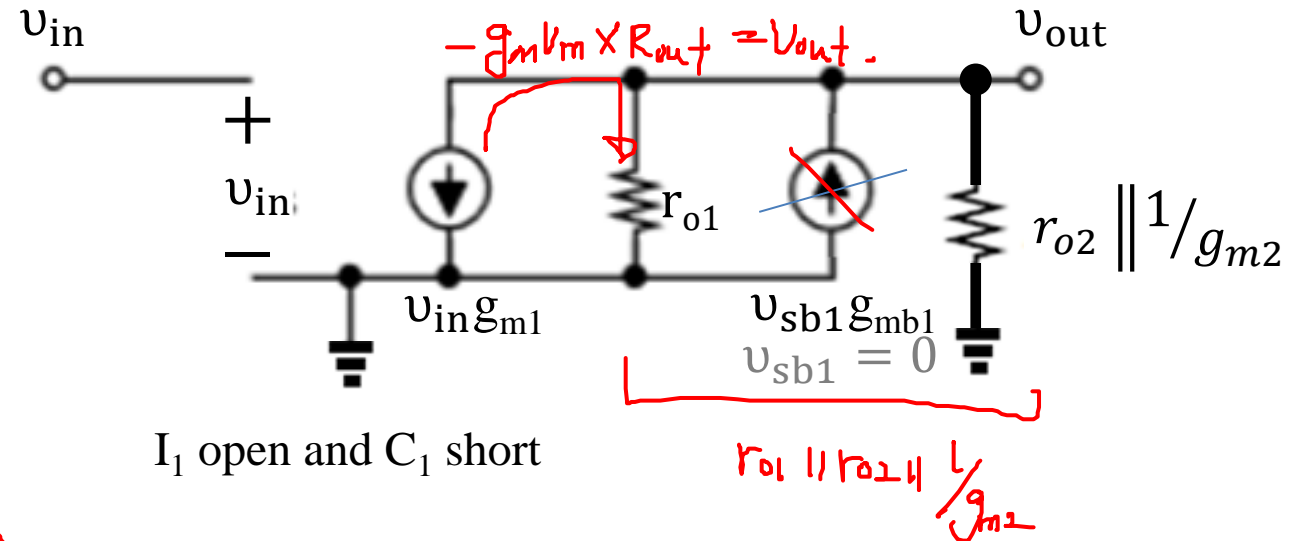
$$G_m = -g_{m1}$$

$$R_{out} = r_{o1} \parallel r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2}}$$

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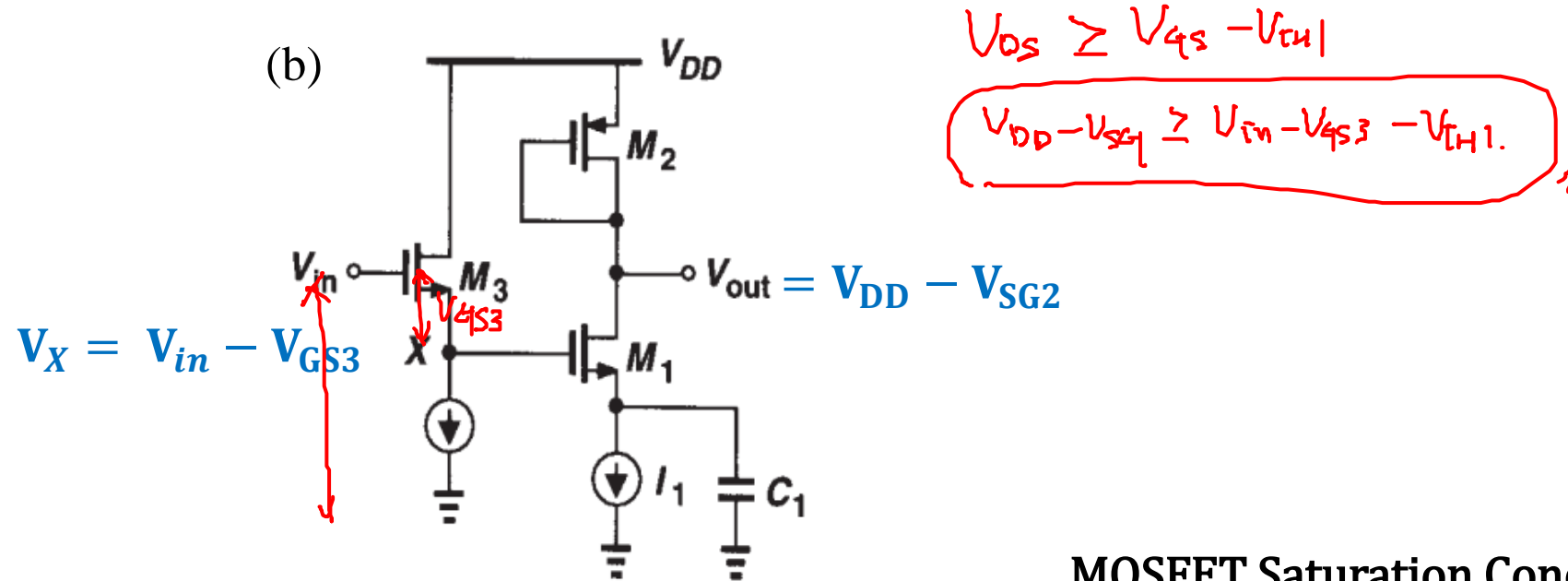
$$V_{in} \leq V_{DD} - V_{SG2} + V_{TH1}$$



$$\frac{v_{out}}{r_{in2}} + v_{in}g_{m1} + \frac{v_{out}}{r_{o1}} = 0 \rightarrow (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2}})V_{out} = -g_{m1}v_{in}$$

$$A_v = -g_{m1}(r_{o1} \parallel r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2}})$$

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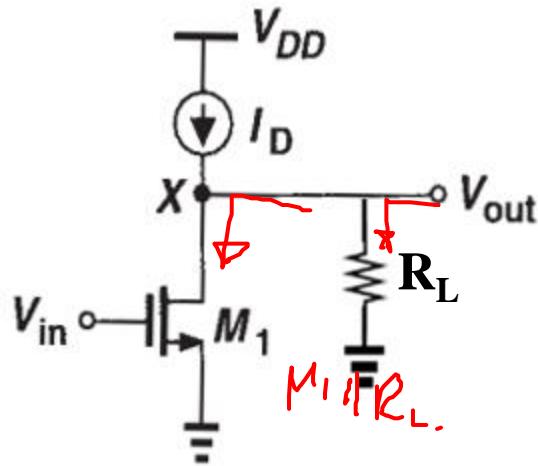
MOSFET Saturation Condition:

$$V_{out}(V_{DS}) \geq V_X(V_{GS}) - V_{TH1} \rightarrow$$

$$V_{DD} - V_{SG2} \geq V_{in} - V_{GS3} - V_{TH1}$$

$$V_{in} - V_{GS3} \leq V_{DD} - V_{SG2} + V_{TH1}$$

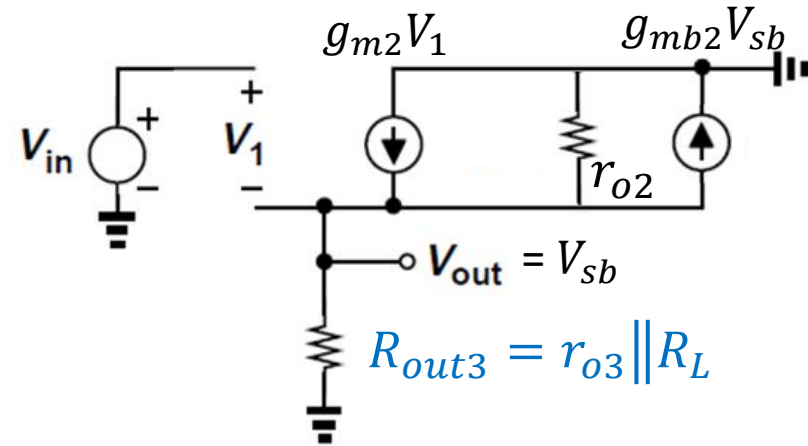
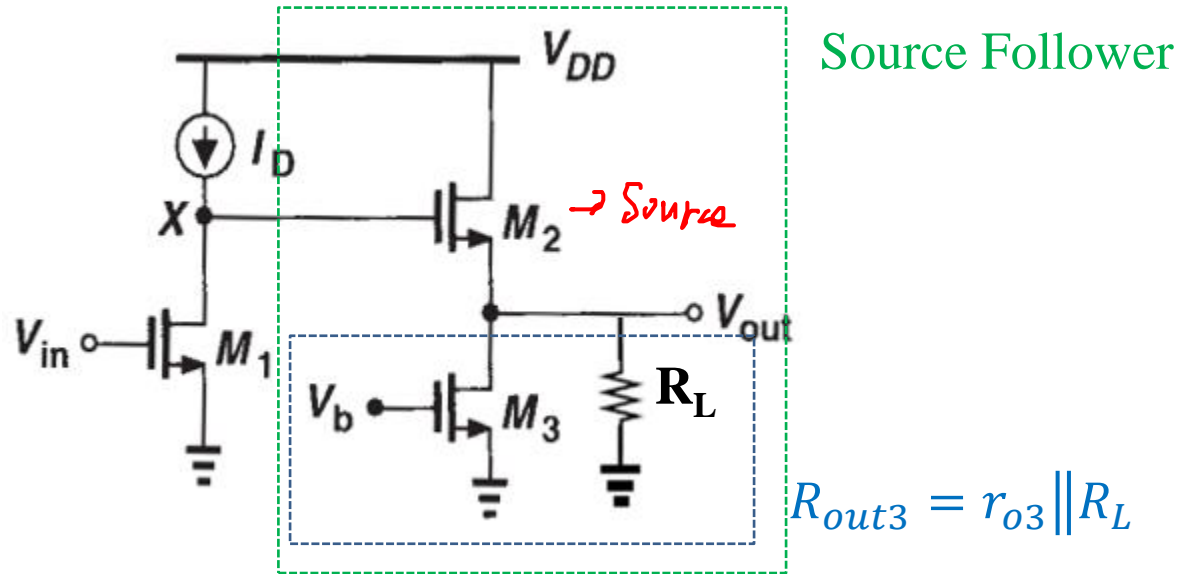
CS + Source Follower



Small-signal Model

The gain of the circuit above is $A_v = -g_{m1}(r_{o1} \parallel R_L)$

CS + Source Follower



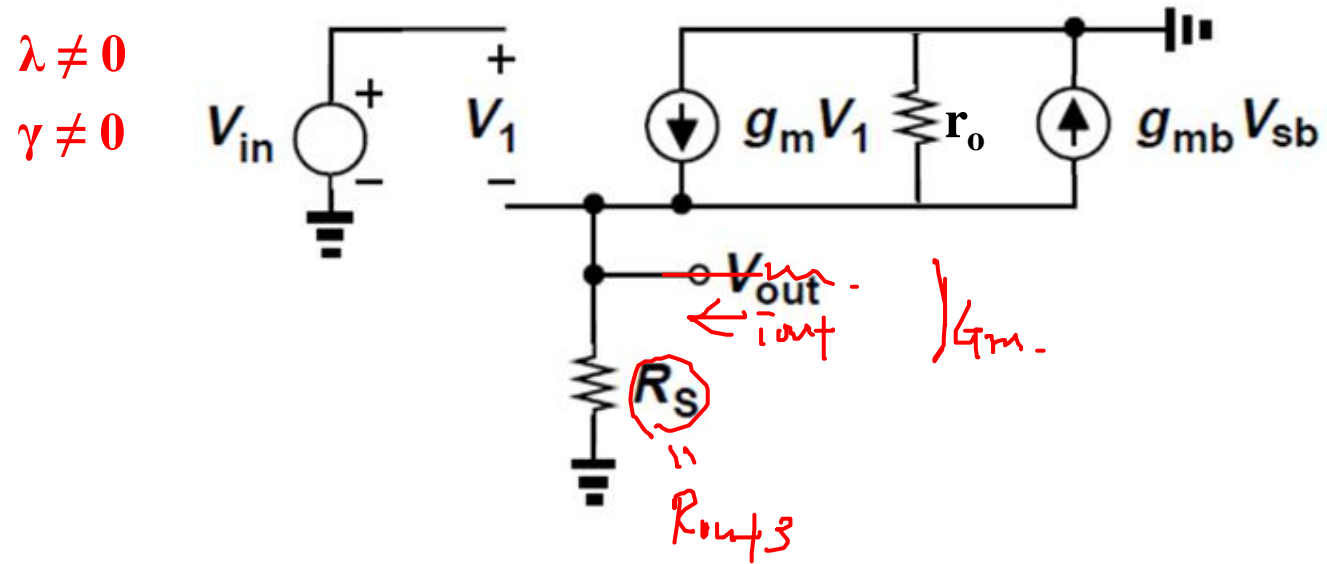
By KVL, $-V_{in} + V_1 + V_{out} = 0 \rightarrow V_1 = V_{in} - V_{out}$

By KCL, $g_{m2}V_1 - g_{mb2}V_{sb} - \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o2}} = \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o3} \parallel R_L}$

$$\rightarrow g_{m2}(V_{in} - V_{out}) - g_{mb2}V_{out} - \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o2}} = \frac{V_{out}}{r_{o3} \parallel R_L}$$

$$A_{v2} = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{g_{m2}}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2} + \frac{1}{r_{o2}} + \frac{1}{r_{o3} \parallel R_L}} = g_{m2} \left(r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel R_L \right)$$

Recall: Source follow small signal analysis

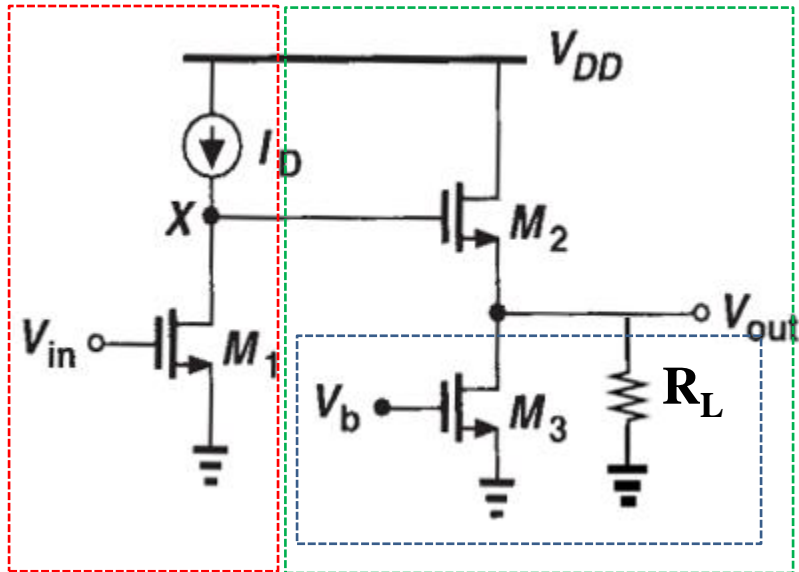


$$G_m = -g_m$$

$$R_{out} = r_o \parallel R_S \parallel \left(\frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right)$$

$$A_v = g_m (r_o \parallel R_S \parallel \left(\frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right))$$

CS + Source Follower

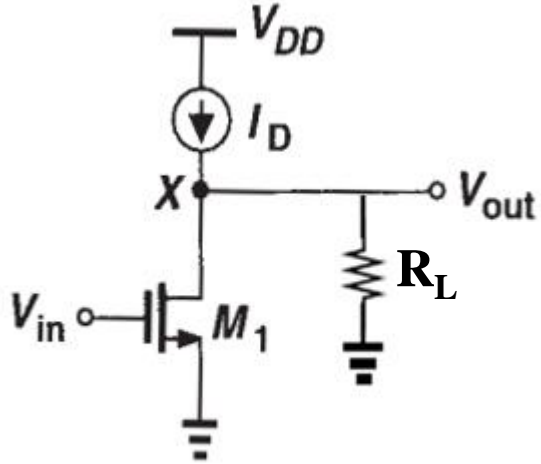


$$R_{out3} = r_{o3} \parallel R_L$$

Source Follower $A_{v2} = g_{m2} \left(r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel R_L \right)$

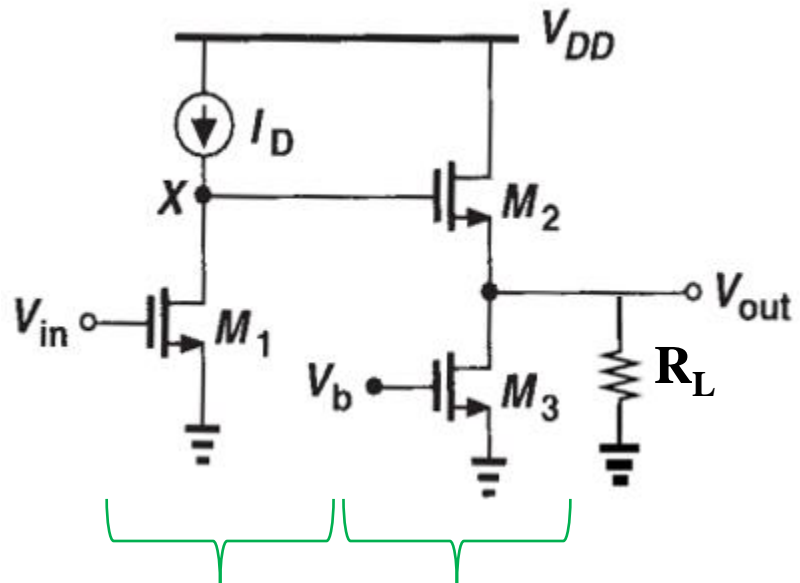
CS stage: $A_{v1} = -g_{m1}r_{o1}$

Total gain $A_v = A_{v1} \times A_{v2} = -g_{m1}r_{o1} \times g_{m2} \left(r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel R_L \right)$



$$A_v = -g_{m1}(r_{o1} \parallel R_L)$$

- Voltage gain severely reduced when R_L very small



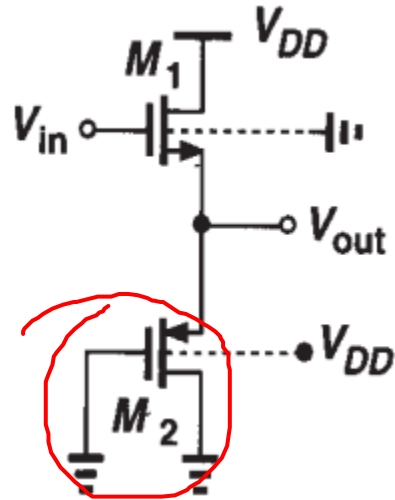
$$A_v = -g_{m1}r_{o1} \times$$

$$g_{m2} \left(r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel R_L \right)$$

- Voltage gain maintained when R_L very small

Voltage Gain Buffer

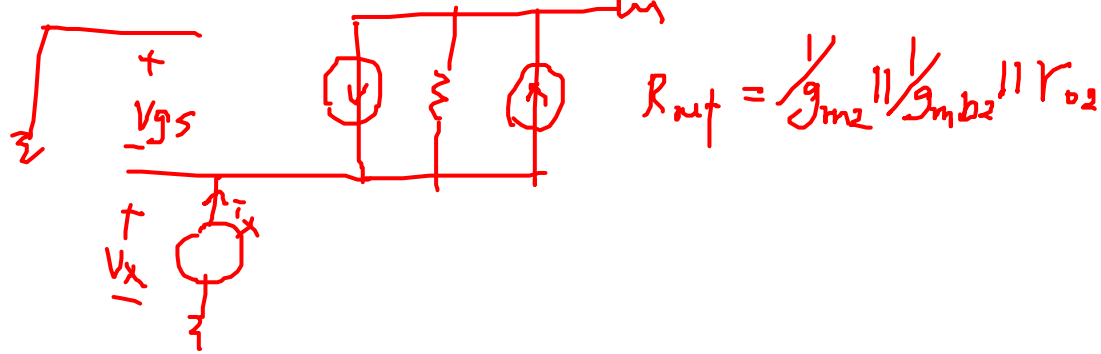
Example 3.7 Calculate the small signal voltage gain of the circuit below.



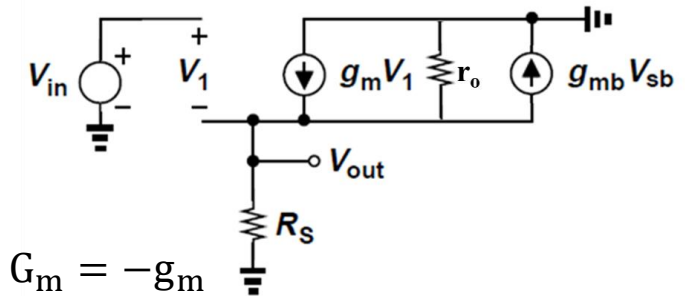
$$G_m = -g_{m1}$$

$$R_{out} = \frac{1}{g_{m1} + g_{mb1}} \parallel r_{o1} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} \parallel r_{o2}$$

$$A_v = -G_m R_{out}$$



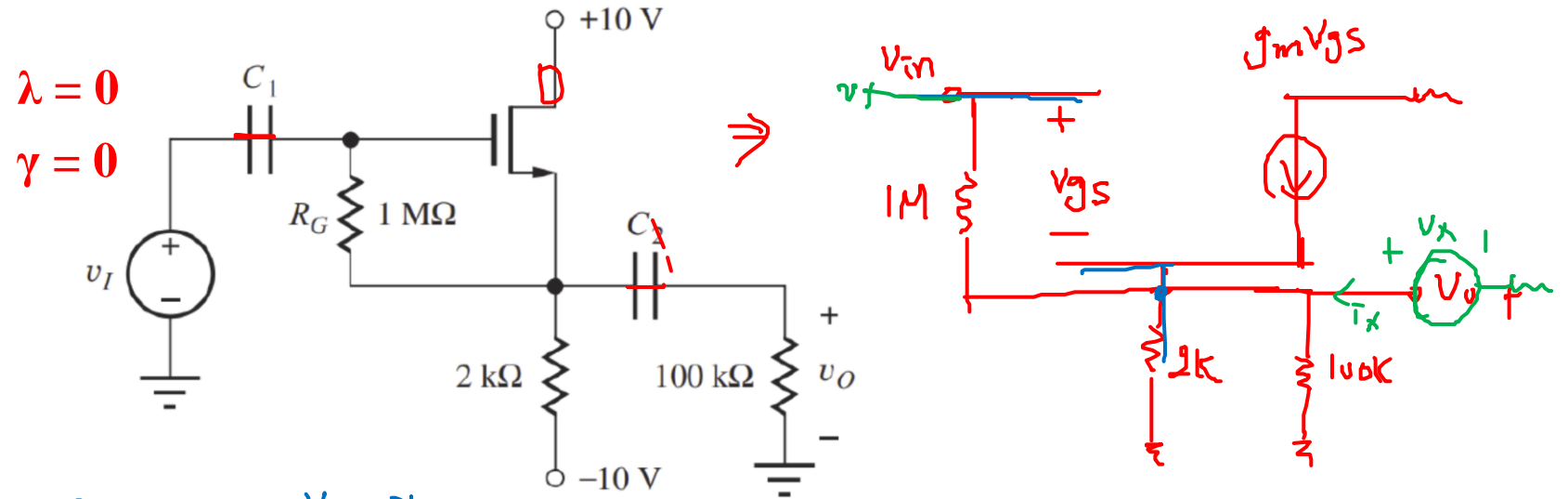
$\lambda \neq 0$
 $\gamma \neq 0$



$$R_{out} = r_o \parallel R_S \parallel \left(\frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right)$$

$$A_v = g_m (r_o \parallel \overset{R_{out}}{R_S} \parallel \left(\frac{1}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right))$$

Example 3.8 Assume that the FET is operating with $g_m = 3.54 \text{ mS}$. Draw the small-signal model and find A_v , R_{in} , and R_{out} for the amplifier.



G_m .

by KCL: $\frac{v_{in}}{1 \text{ M}} + g_m v_{gs} + i_{out} = 0$, $v_{gs} = v_{in}$

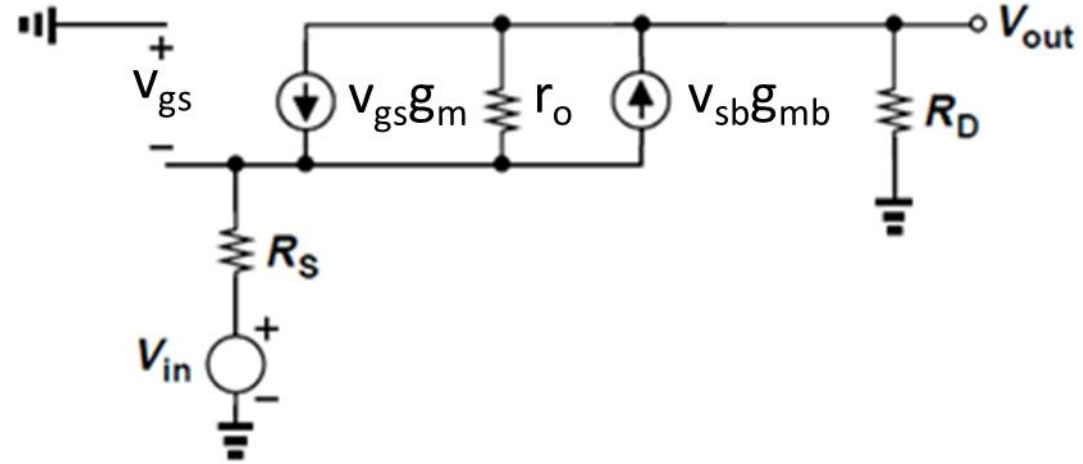
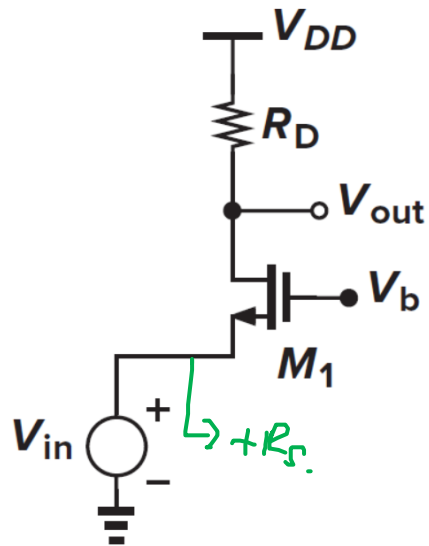
$$G_m = \frac{i_{out}}{v_{in}} = -\left(g_m + \frac{1}{1 \text{ M}}\right) = -0.003541$$

$$A_v = -0.874$$

$$R_{in} = 2.14 \text{ M}\Omega$$

$$R_{out} = 1 \text{ M} \parallel 2 \text{ k} \parallel 100 \text{ k} \parallel \frac{1}{g_m} = 246.85$$

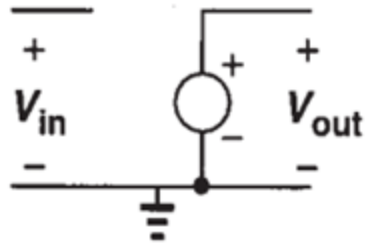
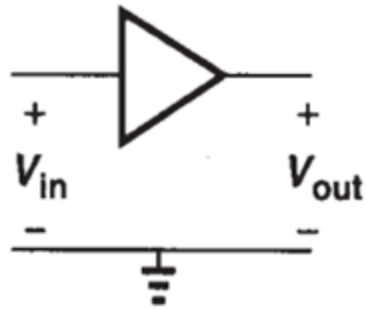
Common-Gate Stage



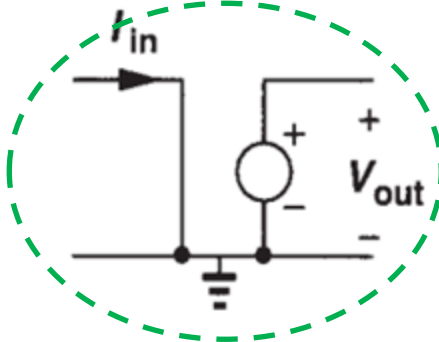
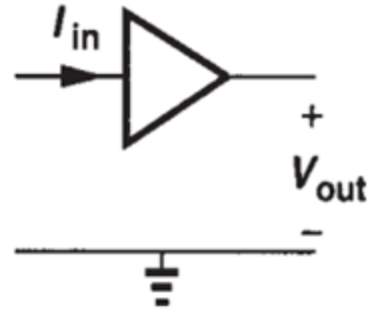
In common-source amplifiers and source followers, the input signal is applied to the gate of a MOSFET. It is also possible to **apply the signal to the source terminal**. A **common-gate (CG) stage** senses the input at the source and produces the output at the drain.

*Ideal Amplifier

Voltage Amp.

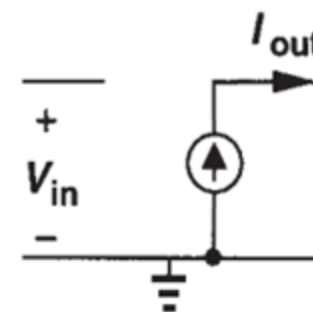
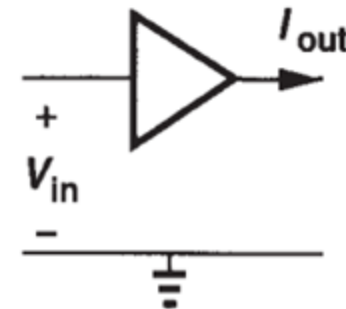


Transimpedance Amp.

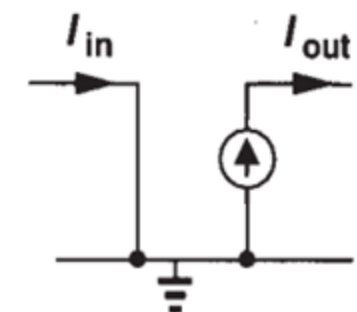
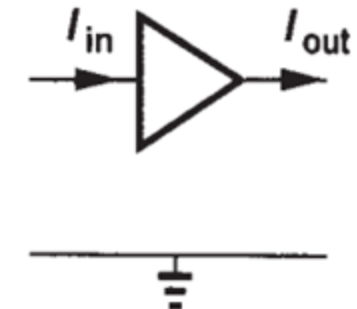


Common-Gate
+ Source Follower

Transconductance Amp.

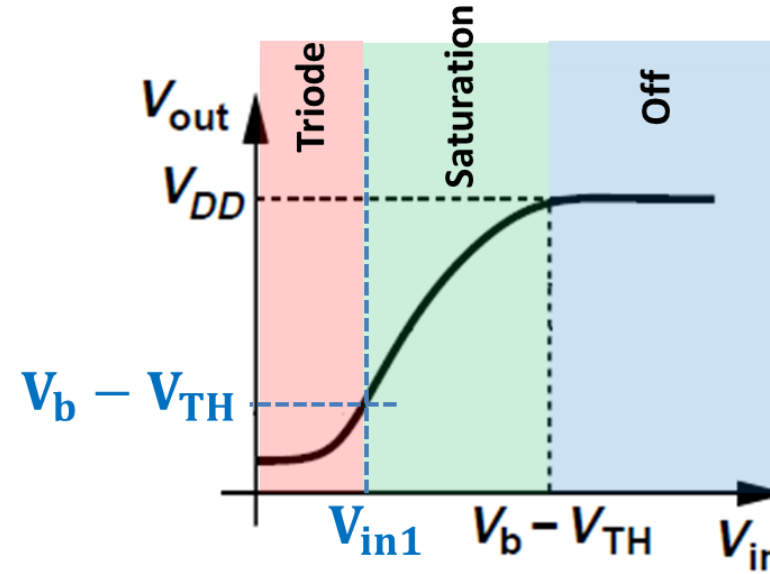
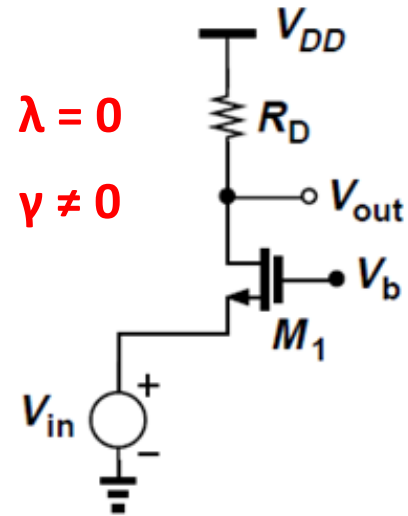


Current Amp.



- For converting and amplifying small-signal current to voltages, common-gate provides **low input impedance** and **moderate gain**, but relatively **large output impedance**.

(1) Large-Signal Analysis



(1) M_1 Off when $V_b - V_{in} (V_{GS}) < V_{TH}$

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

(2) M_1 in Saturation ($V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_{TH}$, or $V_{out} > V_b - V_{TH}$) if V_{in} decreases

$$V_{out} = V_{DD} - R_D I_D = V_{DD} - R_D \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_b - V_{in} - V_{TH})^2$$

M₁ in Saturation ($V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_{TH}$, or $V_{out} > V_b - V_{TH}$) if V_{in} decreases

$$V_{out} = V_{DD} - R_D \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_b - V_{in} - V_{TH})^2$$

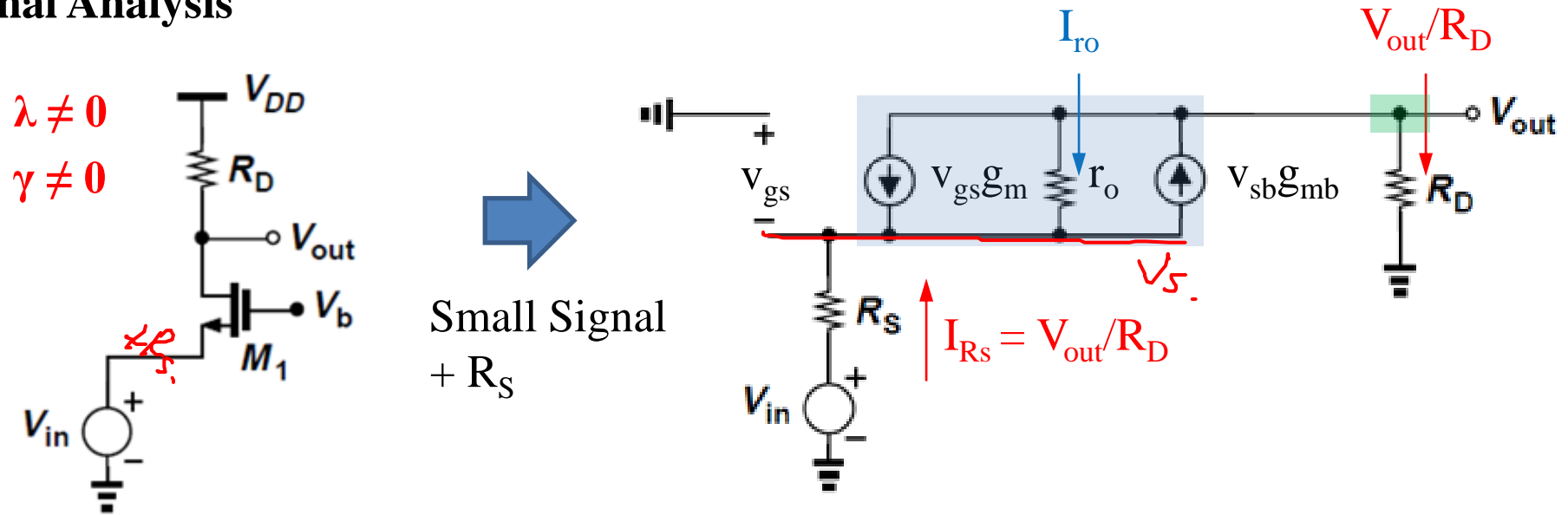
$$\frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}} = -R_D \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} 2(V_b - V_{in} - V_{TH}) \left(-1 - \frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{in}} \right)$$

$$= R_D \underbrace{\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_b - V_{in} - V_{TH})}_{= g_m} \left(1 + \underbrace{\frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{in}}}_{= \eta} \right) = \frac{\gamma}{2\sqrt{2\Phi_F + V_{SB}}}$$

$$A_v = \frac{\partial V_{out}}{\partial V_{in}} = R_D g_m (1 + \eta)$$

- g_m is a function of I_D and η is a function of V_{SB}
- A_v is not quite linear

(2) Small-Signal Analysis



By KVL, $V_{gs} - I_{RS}R_S + V_{in} = 0 \rightarrow v_{gs} = (V_{out}/R_D)R_S - V_{in}$

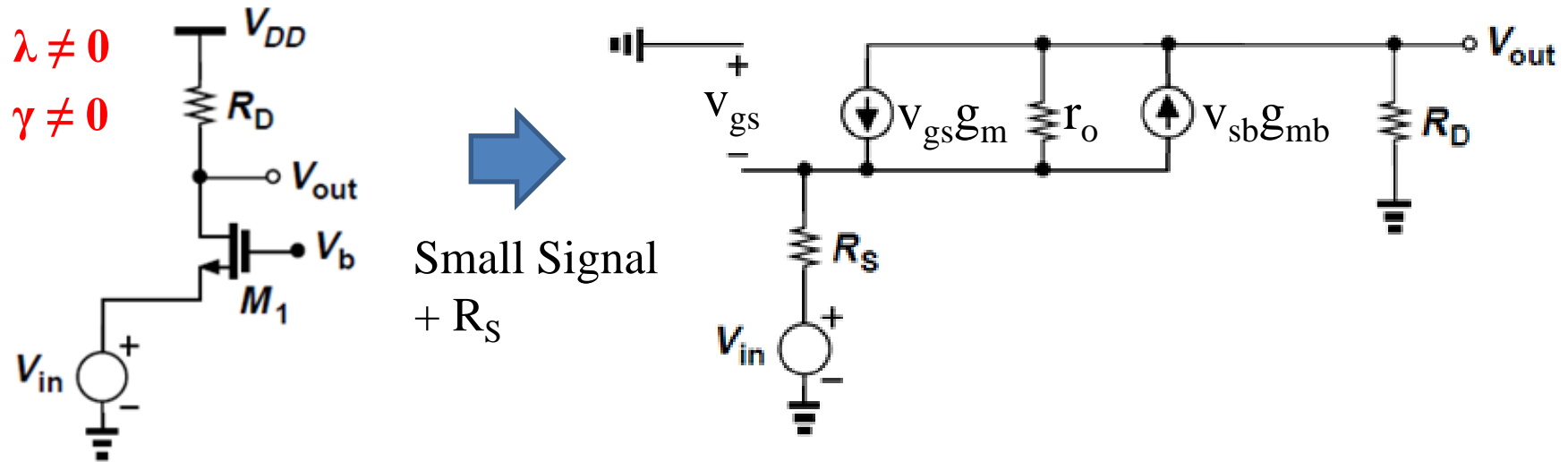
By KCL at the green node, $-v_{gs}g_m - I_{ro} + v_{sb}g_{mb} = V_{out}/R_D \rightarrow I_{ro} = -v_{gs}g_m + v_{sb}g_{mb} - V_{out}/R_D$

$$v_{sb} = -(V_{out}/R_D)R_S + V_{in} = -v_{gs}$$

By KVL, $-V_{out} + r_o * I_{ro} + v_{sb} = 0 \rightarrow -V_{out} + r_o(-v_{gs}g_m - v_{gs}g_{mb} - V_{out}/R_D) - v_{gs} = 0$

$$A_v = \frac{(g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_D + R_D}{r_o + R_S + R_D + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S} \approx R_D g_m (1 + \eta) \quad \text{If } R_S = 0 \text{ and } r_o = \infty$$

(2) Small-Signal Analysis

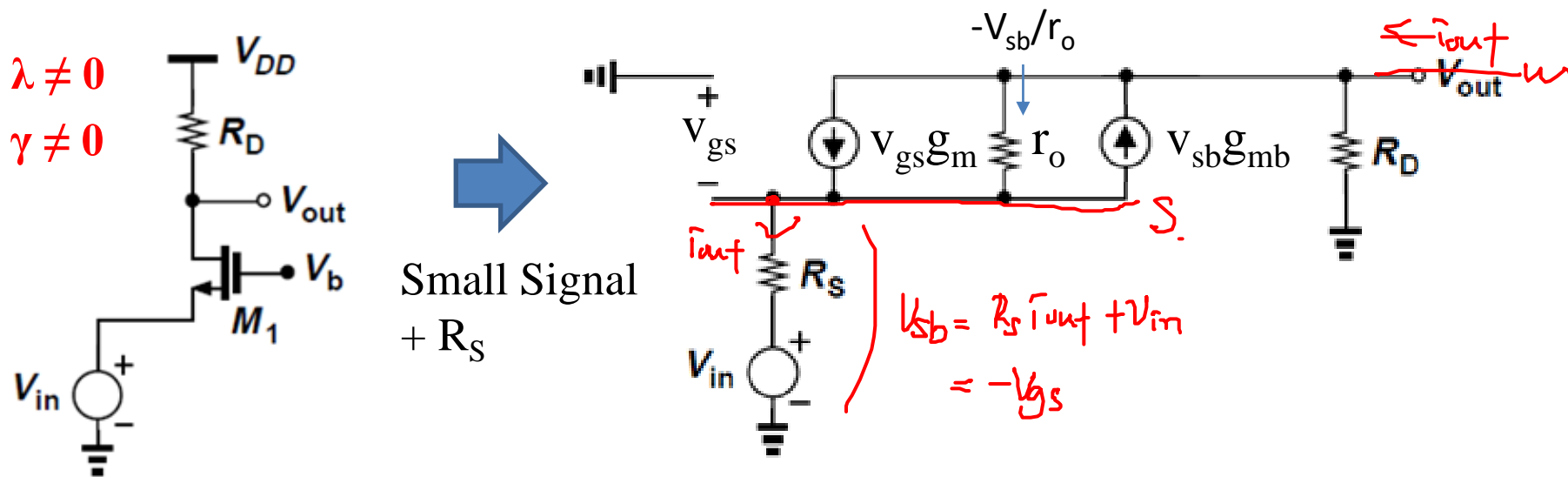


$$G_m = -\frac{(g_m + g_{mb})r_o + 1}{r_o + R_S + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S}$$

$$R_{out} = R_D \parallel [r_o + R_S + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S]$$

$$A_v = \frac{(g_m + g_{mb})r_o + 1}{r_o + R_S + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S + R_D} R_D \approx R_D g_m (1 + \eta) \quad \text{If } R_S = 0 \text{ and } r_o = \infty$$

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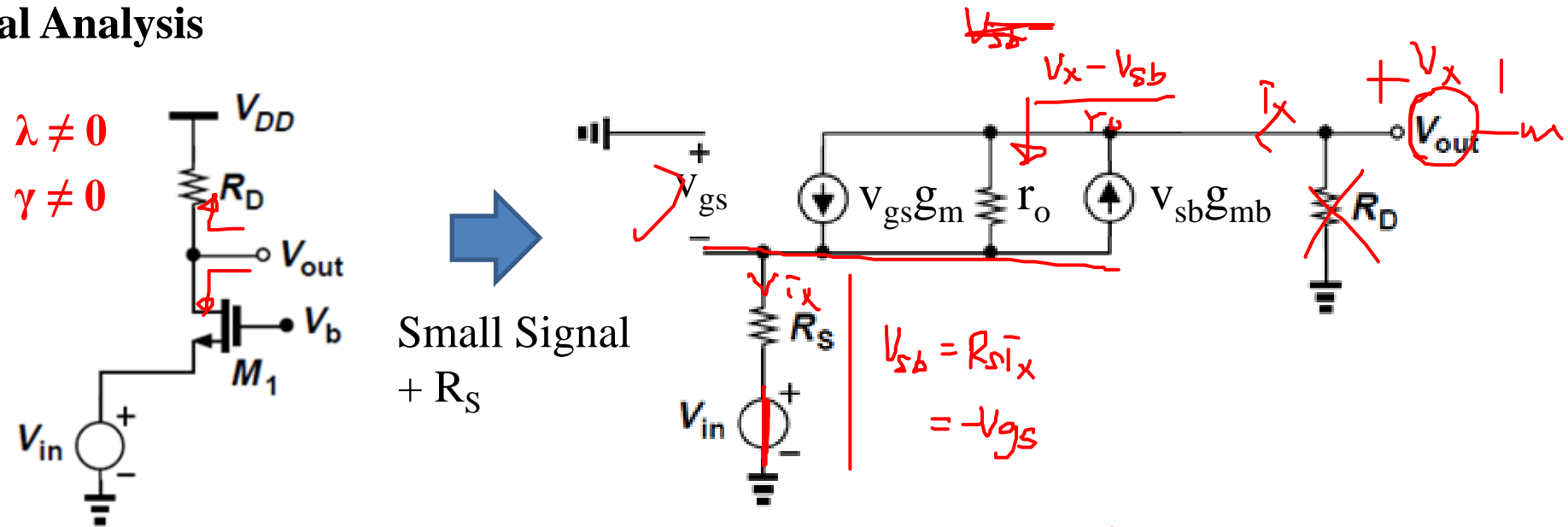


$$G_m = \frac{-(g_m + g_{mb})r_o + 1}{r_o + R_S + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S}$$

by KCL at S_1 , $i_{out} = V_{gs} g_m + \frac{-V_{sb}}{r_o} - V_{sb} g_{mb}$.

$$i_{out} [r_o + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S + R_S] = -[(g_m + g_{mb})r_o + 1] v_{in}$$

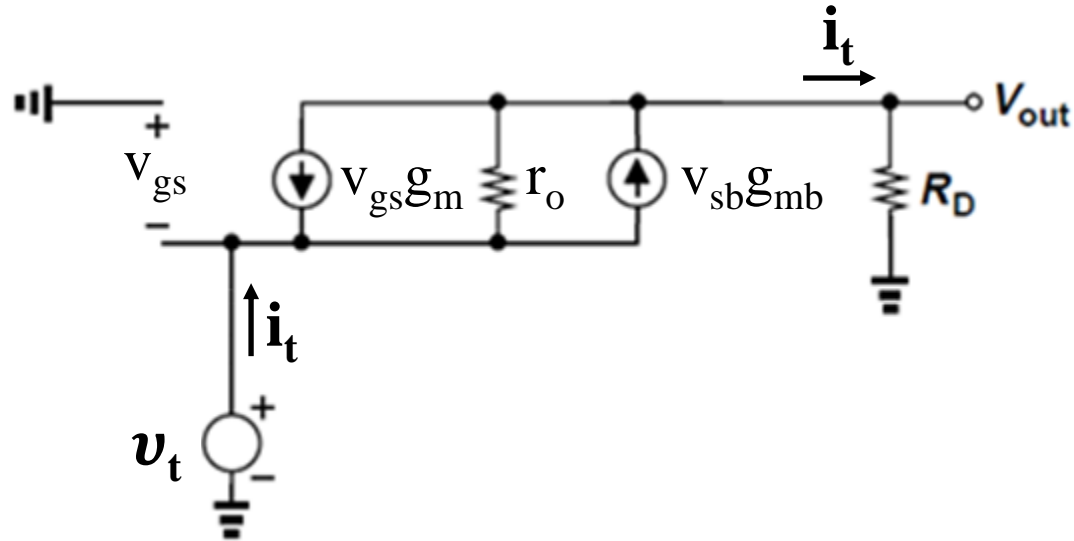
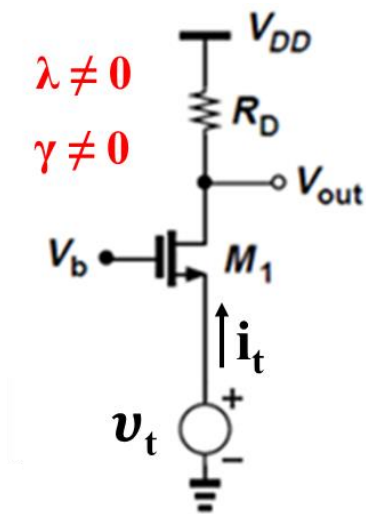
(2) Small-Signal Analysis



$$R_{out} = R_D \parallel [r_o + R_S + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S] \quad \text{by KCL: } \bar{i}_x = g_m v_{gs} + \frac{V_x - V_{sb}}{r_o} - g_{mb} V_{sb}$$

$$\frac{V_x}{\bar{i}_x} = (g_m + g_{mb})R_S r_o + r_o + R_S \parallel R_D.$$

Input Impedance of CG Stage



$$-V_{gs} = v_t = V_{sb}, \text{ and } v_{out} = R_D i_t$$

$$i_t = -v_{gs}g_m + v_{sb}g_{mb} - \frac{v_{out} - v_t}{r_o} \rightarrow i_t = v_t g_m + v_t g_{mb} - \frac{R_D i_t - v_t}{r_o}$$

$$R_{in} = \frac{R_D + r_o}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o}$$

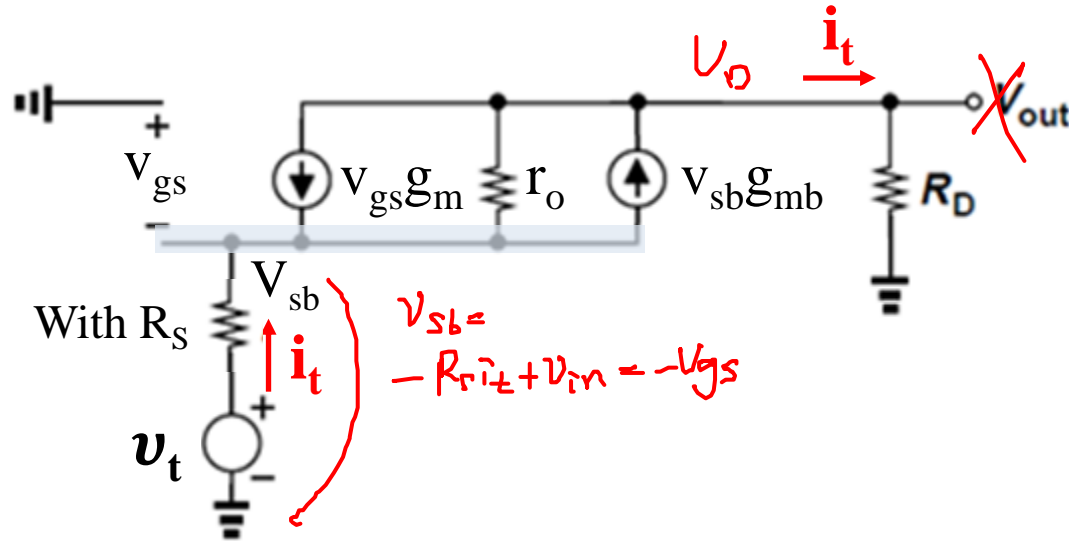
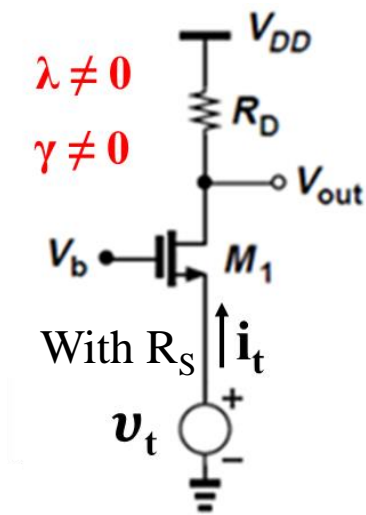
If $R_D = 0$

$$R_{in} = r_o \parallel \frac{1}{g_m} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb}}$$

If $R_D = \infty$

$$R_{in} = \infty$$

Input Impedance of CG Stage



$$-V_{gs} = V_{sb} = v_t - R_S i_t, \text{ and } v_{out} = R_D i_t$$

$$i_t = -v_{gs} g_m + v_{sb} g_{mb} - \frac{v_{out} - (v_t - R_S i_t)}{r_o} = V_{sb}$$

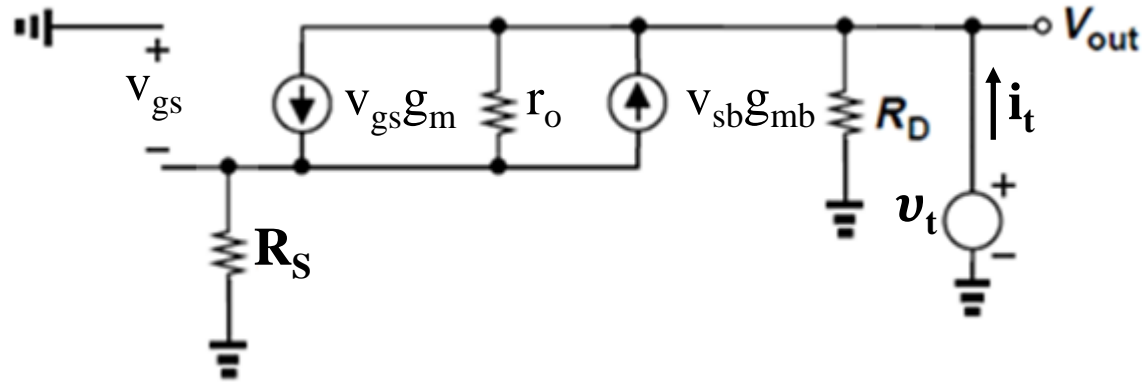
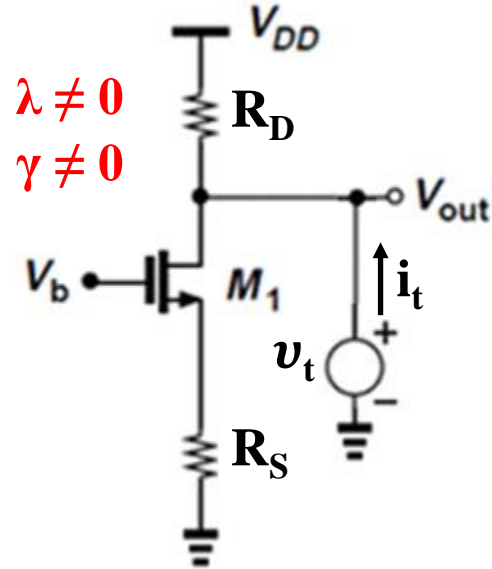
KCL at source.

$$\rightarrow i_t = (v_t - R_S i_t) g_m + (v_t - R_S i_t) g_{mb} - \frac{R_D i_t - (v_t - R_S i_t)}{r_o}$$

$$R_{in} = \frac{R_D + r_o + R_S + R_S r_o (g_m + g_{mb})}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb}) r_o}$$

If $R_S = 0$ $R_{in} = \frac{R_D + r_o}{1 + (g_m + g_{mb}) r_o}$

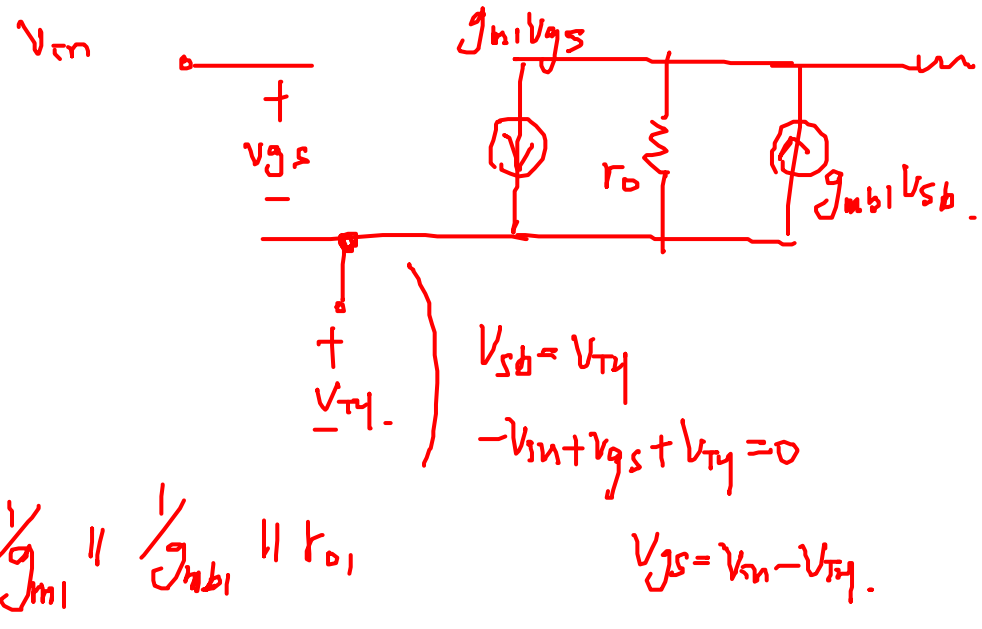
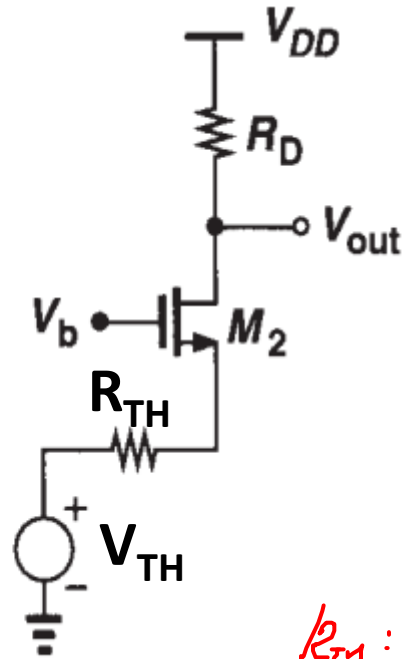
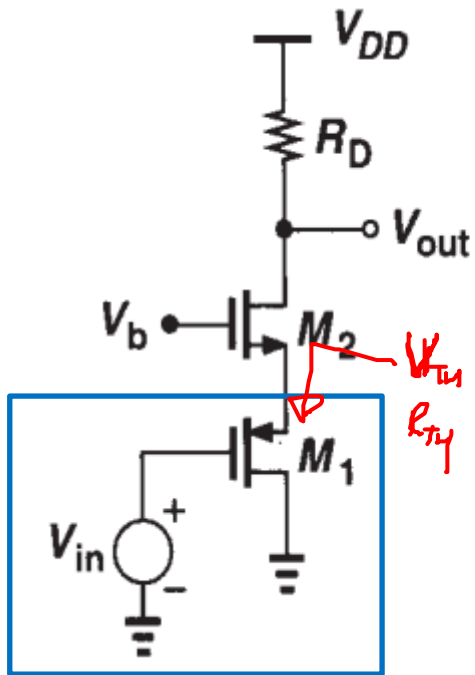
Output Impedance of CG Stage



*Small-signal model the same as CS with source degradation ([Slide 31](#))

$$R_{out} = [R_S + r_o + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S] \parallel R_D$$

Example 3.9 Calculate the small-signal voltage gain of the circuit below. ($\lambda \neq 0$, $\gamma \neq 0$)



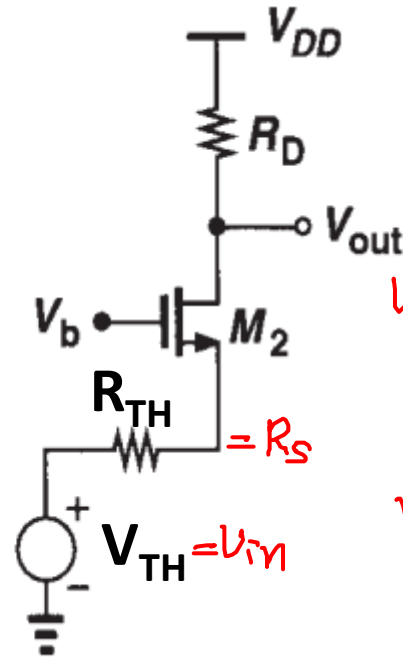
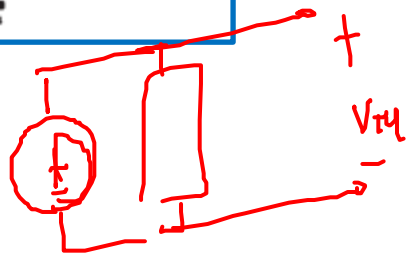
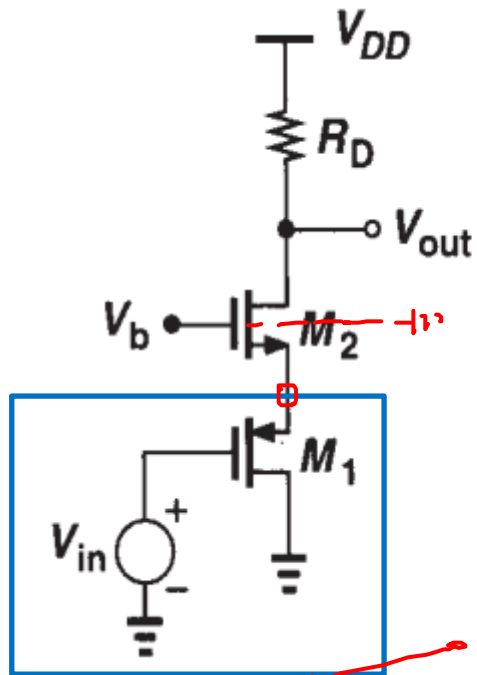
$$R_{TH} = \frac{1}{g_{m1}} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{mb1}} \parallel r_{o1}$$

by KCL at S: $g_{m1}v_{gs} + \frac{-V_{sb}}{r_{o1}} - g_{mb1}V_{sb} = 0$

$$V_{TH} = \left(\frac{g_{m1}}{g_{m1} + g_{mb1} + r_{o1}} \right) \times V_{in}$$

$$A_v = \frac{(g_m + g_{mb})r_o + 1}{r_o + R_S + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S + R_D} R_D$$

Example 3.9 Calculate the small-signal voltage gain of the circuit below. ($\lambda \neq 0$, $\gamma \neq 0$)



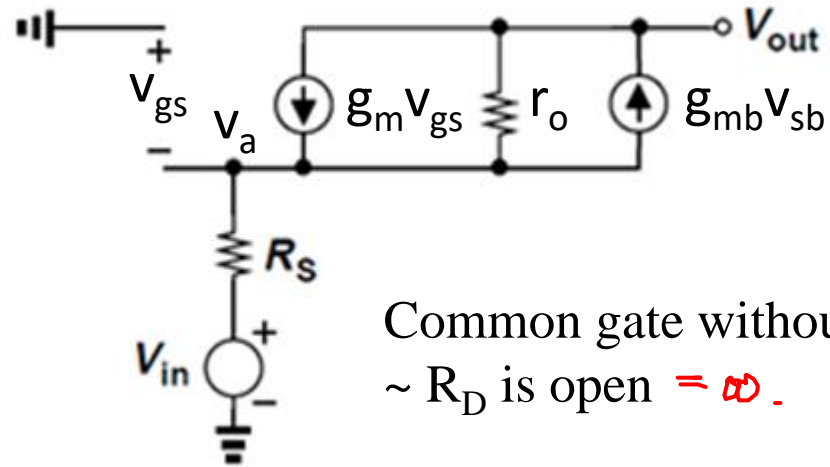
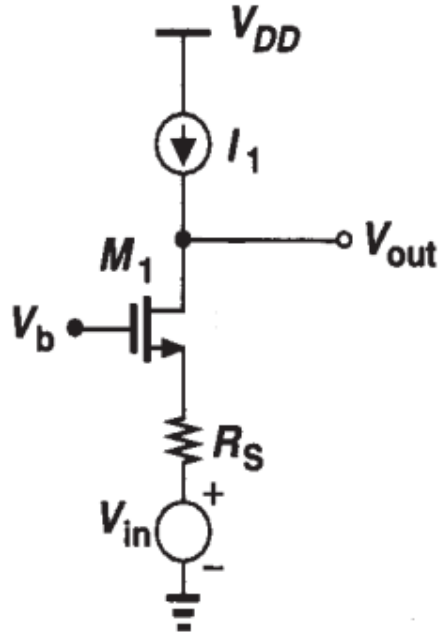
$$A_v = \frac{V_{out}}{v_{in}}$$

$$V_{out} = A_v \times \underline{V_{in}}$$

$$\cancel{V_{out}} = \frac{(g_m + g_{mb})r_o + 1}{r_o + R_{TH} + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_{TH} + R_D} \times R_D \times \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb} + 1/r_o} \times \cancel{V_{in}}$$

$$A_v = \frac{(g_m + g_{mb})r_o + 1}{r_o + \cancel{R_{TH}} + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o \cancel{R_{TH}} + R_D} R_D$$

Example 3.10 Calculate the small-signal voltage gain of the circuit below. ($\lambda \neq 0$, $\gamma \neq 0$)



Common gate without R_D
 $\sim R_D$ is open = ∞ .

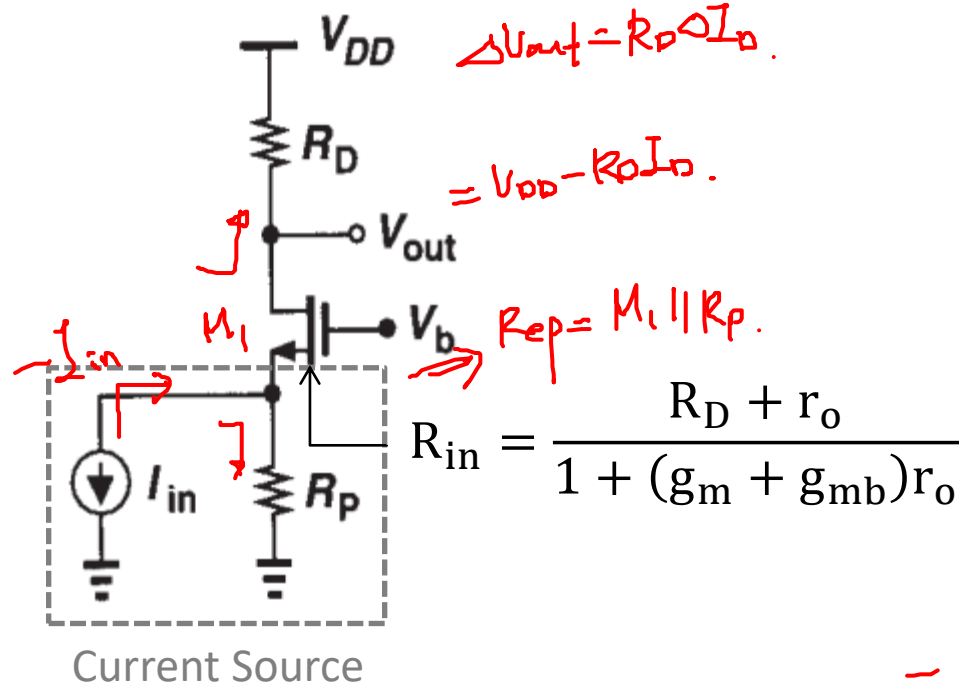
Common gate gain

$$A_v = \frac{[(g_m + g_{mb})r_o + 1] \cancel{R_D}}{r_o + R_S + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_S + \cancel{R_D}} \quad \text{--- } R_D \text{ is open}$$

Common gate gain

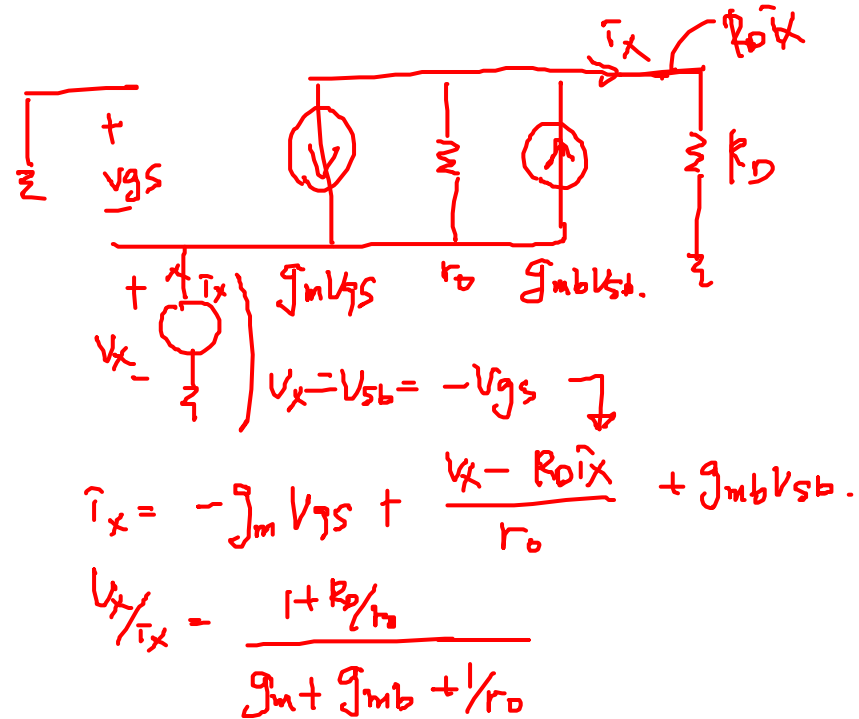
$$A_v = (g_m + g_{mb})r_o + 1$$

Example 3.11 Calculate the small-signal transimpedance (V_{out}/i_{in}) gain of the circuit below. ($\lambda \neq 0$, $\gamma \neq 0$)



$$-I_D = -i_{in} \frac{R_P}{R_{in} + R_P} \quad \text{Blue } R_D$$

$$\frac{v_{out}}{i_{in}} = + \frac{R_P}{R_{in} + R_P} R_D = \frac{+R_P R_D [1 + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o]}{R_D + r_o + R_P + (g_m + g_{mb})r_o R_P}$$

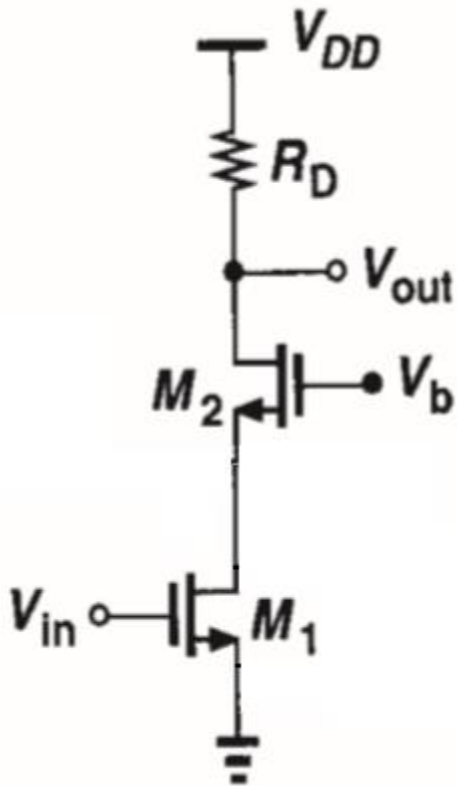


$$-I_D = -I_{in} \frac{R_P}{R_{in} + R_P}$$

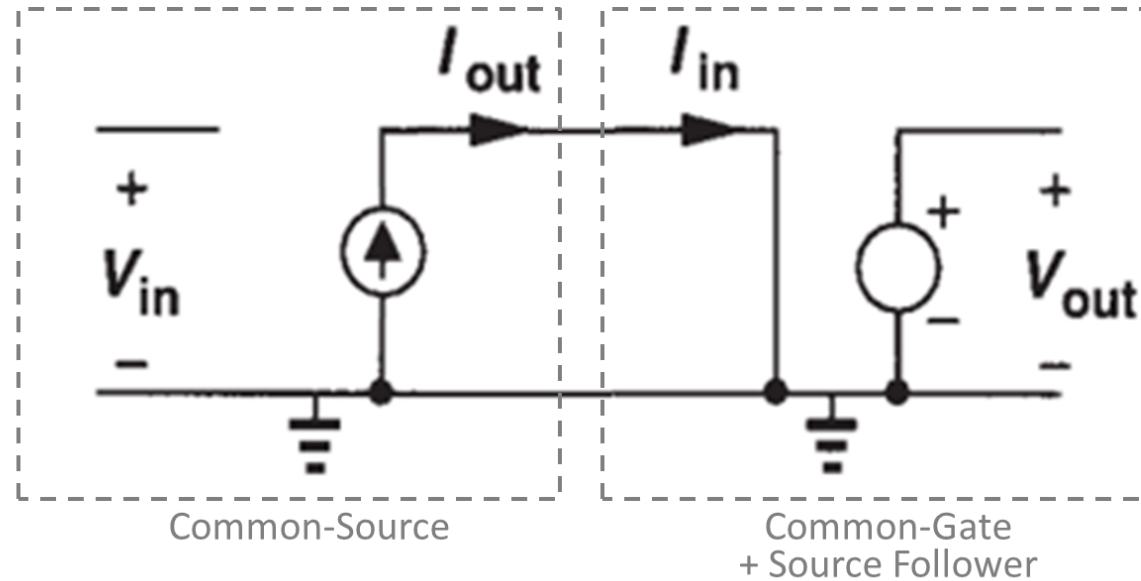
$$\Delta V_{out} = R_D \times \frac{R_P}{R_{in} + R_P} \Delta I_{in}$$

Cascode

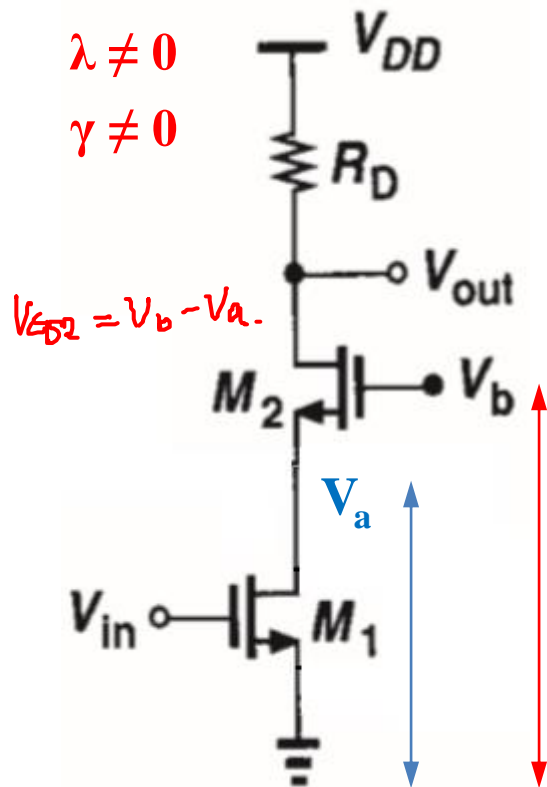
The input signal of a common-gate stage may be a current. We also know that a transistor in a common-source arrangement converts a voltage signal to a current signal. **The cascade of a CS stage and a CG stage is called a cascode topology**, providing many useful properties.



***Ideal Amplifier**



CS + CG with Resistive Load

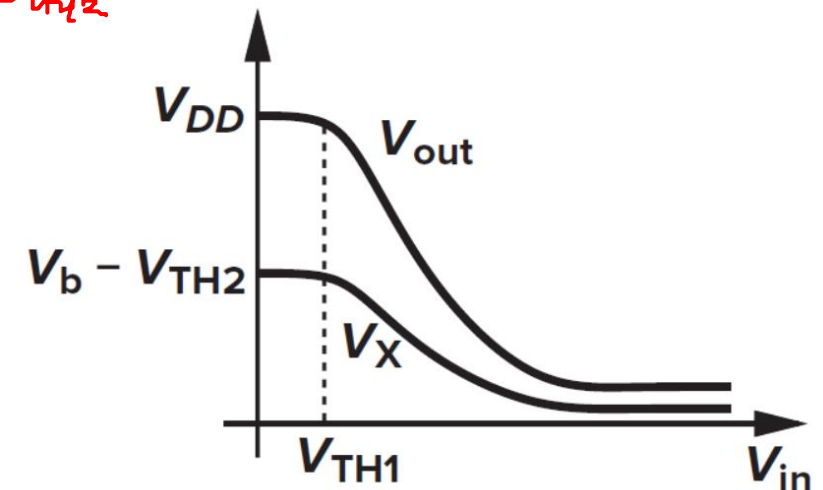


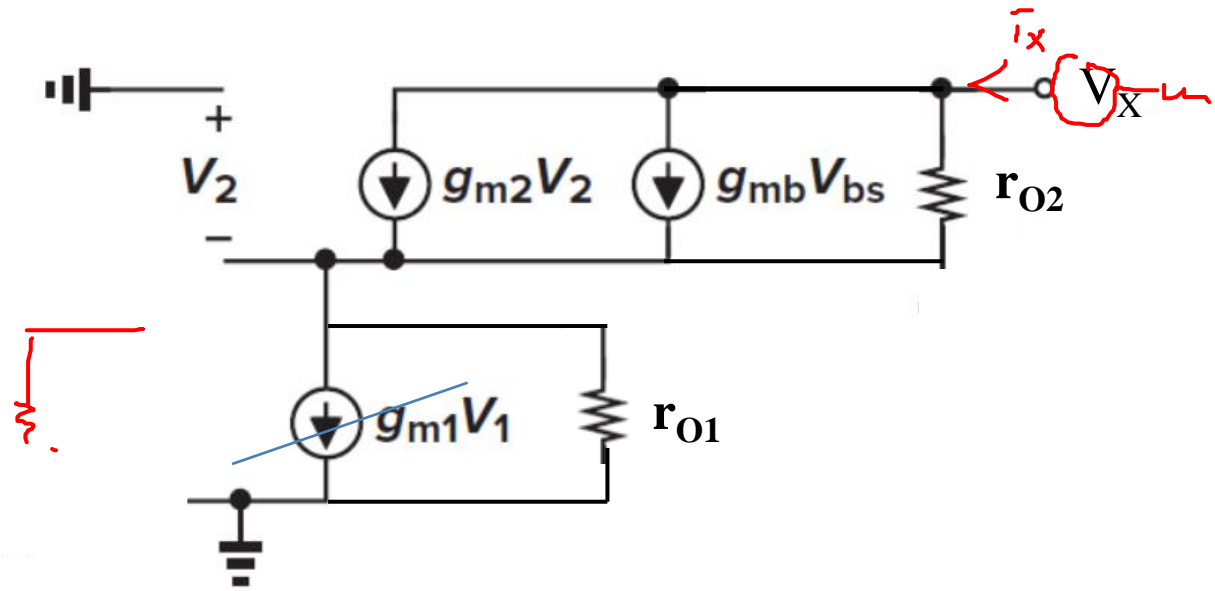
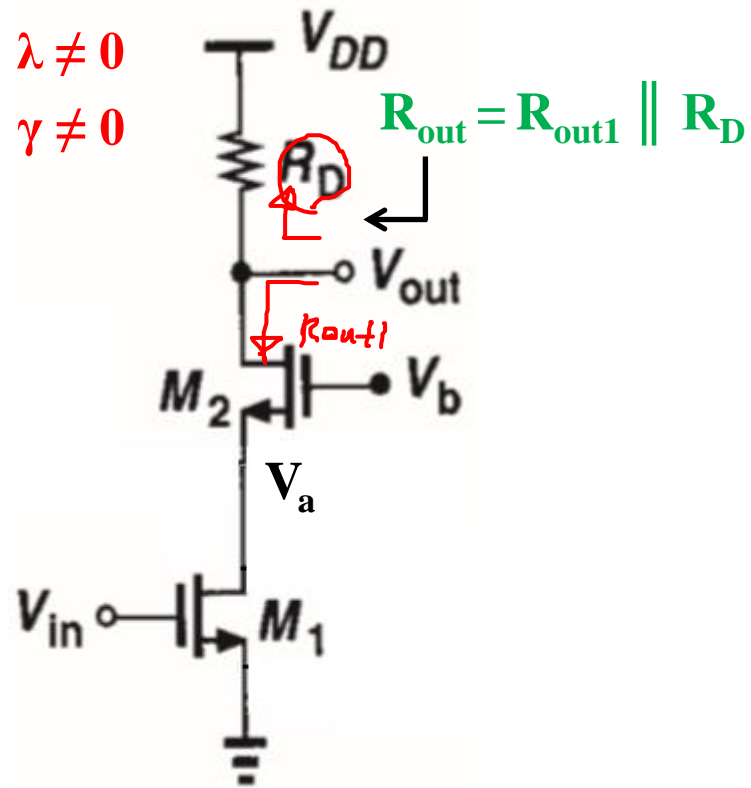
M_1 generates a small-signal drain current proportional to the small-signal input voltage, V_{in} , and M_2 simply routes the current to R_D . We call M_1 **the input device** and M_2 **the cascode device**.

For M_1 to be in Saturation, $V_a \geq V_{in} - V_{TH1} \rightarrow V_b - V_{GS2} \geq V_{in} - V_{TH1}$
Thus, $V_b \geq V_{in} - V_{TH1} + V_{GS2}$

For M_2 to be in Saturation, $V_{out} \geq V_b - V_{TH2} \geq (V_{in} - V_{TH1}) + (V_{GS2} - V_{TH2})$
overdrive voltage of M_1

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow V_{DD} \geq V_{out} \\ &\geq (V_{in} - V_{TH1}) + (V_{GS2} - V_{TH2}) \\ &\geq V_{ov1} + V_{ov2} \end{aligned}$$



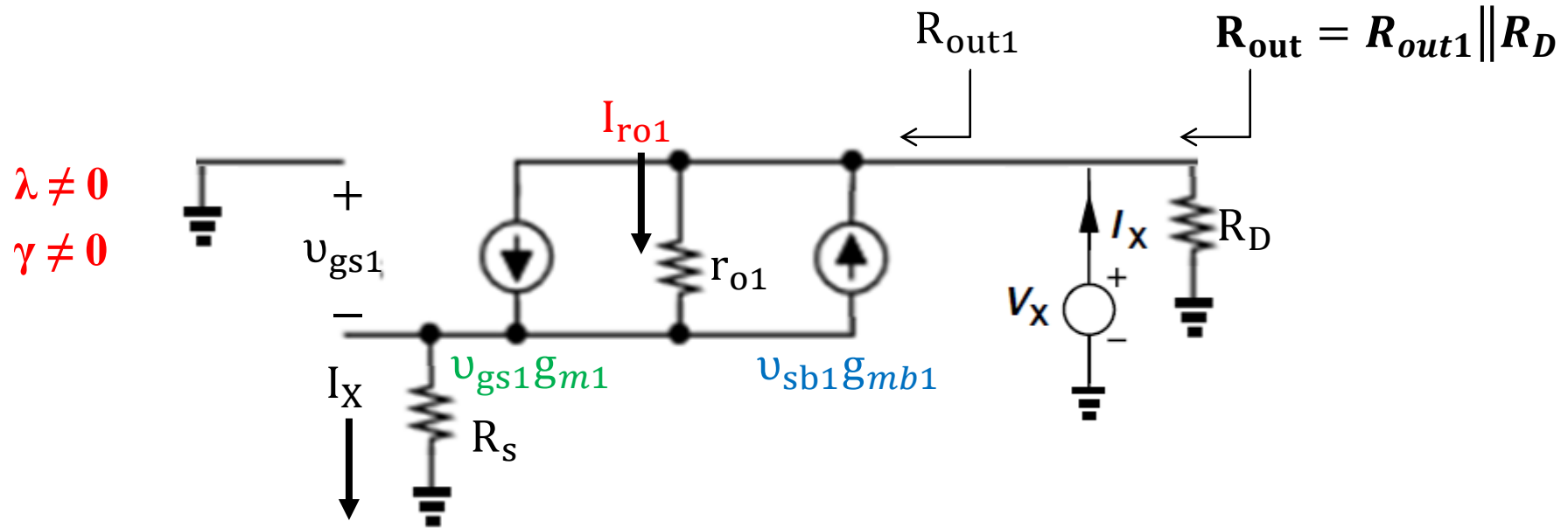


Small-Signal model for R_{out1} shows that the circuit can be viewed as a CS stage with a degeneration resistor of r_{o1} .

$$R_{out1} = [r_{o2} + r_{o1} + (g_{m2} + g_{mb})r_{o2}r_{o1}] \approx (g_{m2} + g_{mb})r_{o2}r_{o1}$$

$$R_{out} = R_{out1} \parallel R_D = (g_{m2} + g_{mb})r_{o2}r_{o1} \parallel R_D$$

Recall: Rout of CS with a source degeneration



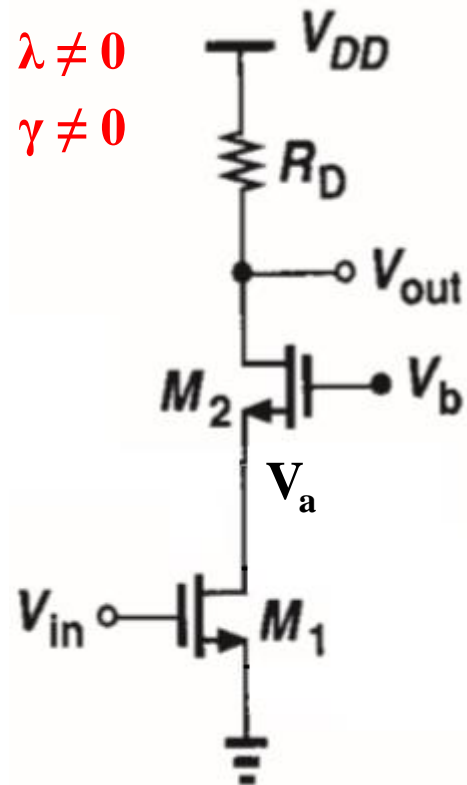
By KVL, $-V_X + I_{ro1}r_{o1} + I_xR_S = 0$

By KCL, $I_{ro1} = I_x + v_{sb1}g_{mb1} - v_{gs1}g_{m1}$ where $v_{sb} = -v_{gs1} = I_xR_S$

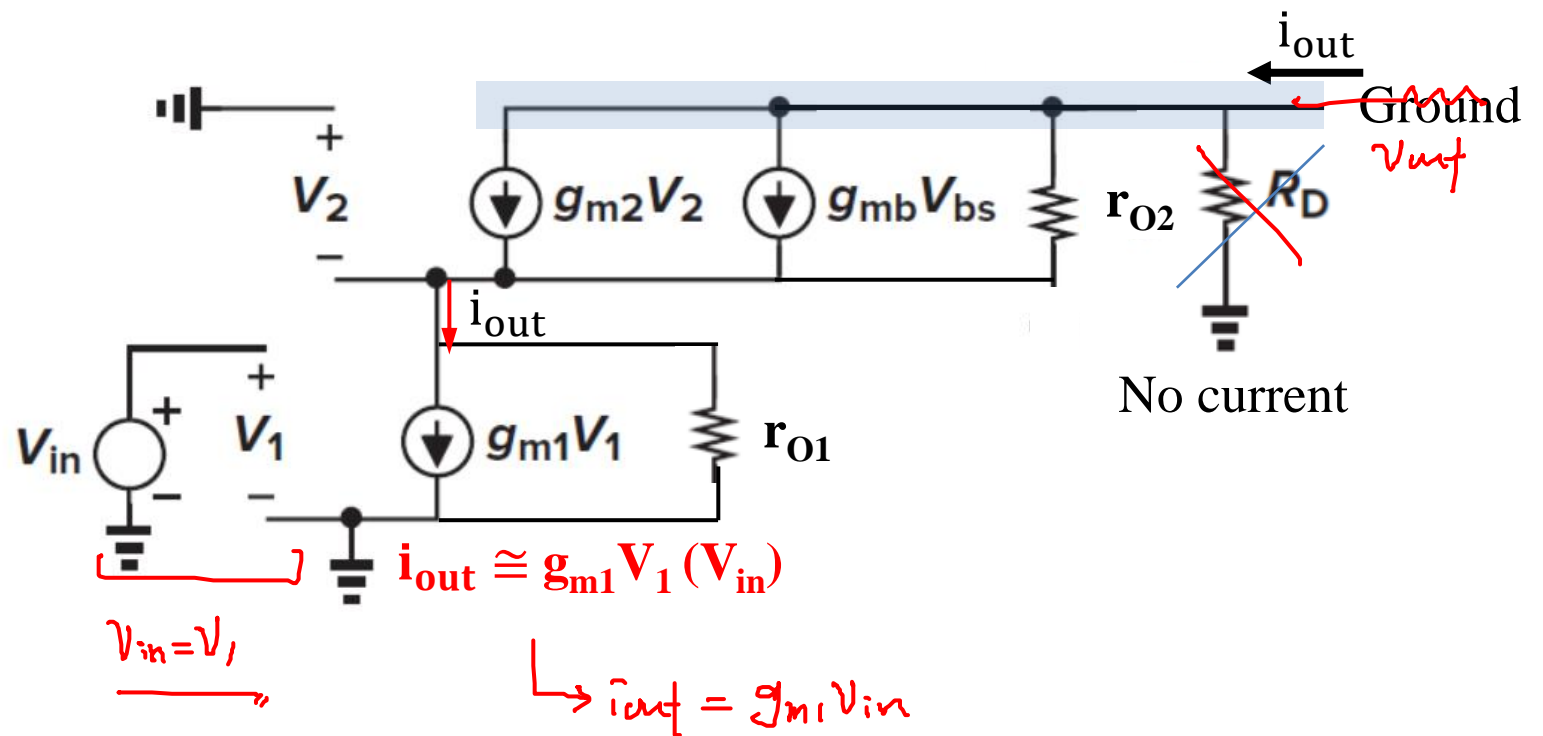
$$[r_{o1} + R_S + (g_{mb1} + g_{m1})r_{o1}R_S]I_x = V_x \rightarrow \boxed{R_{out1} = r_{o1} + R_S + (g_{mb1} + g_{m1})r_{o1}R_S}$$

$$R_{out} = R_{out1} \parallel R_D = [r_{o1} + R_S + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}R_S] \parallel R_D \approx R_D$$

If $(g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}R_S \gg R_D$

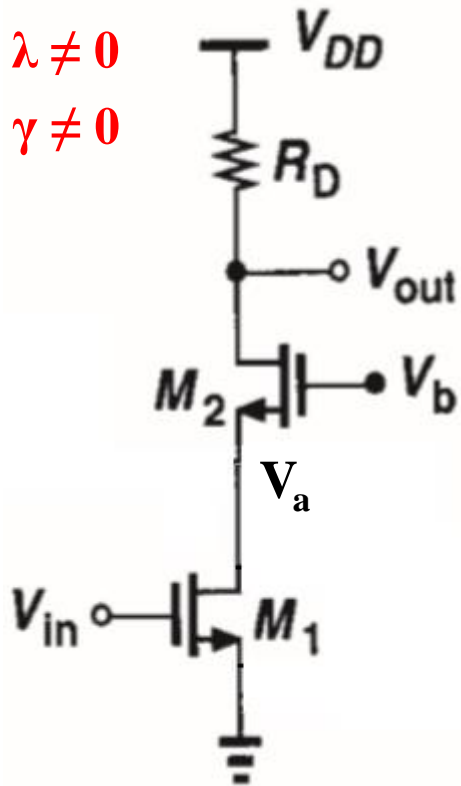


To calculate G_m , v_{out} is grounded and $G_m = i_{out}/v_{in}$

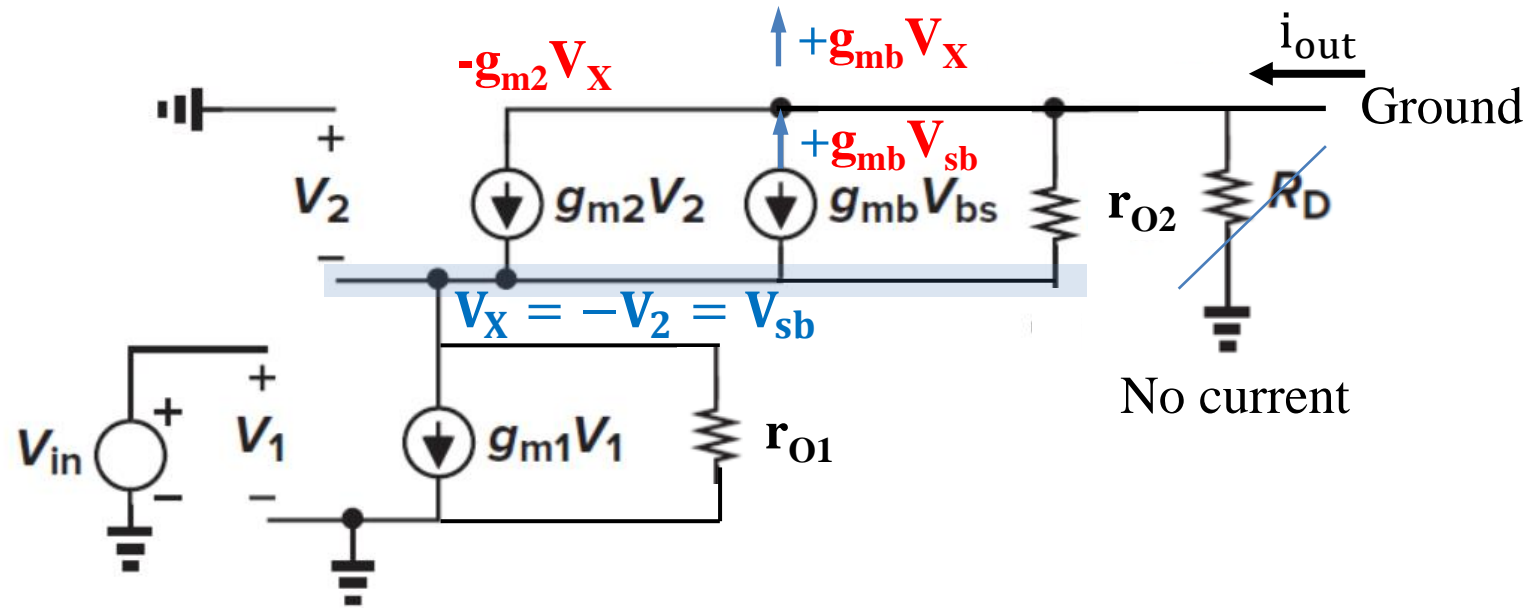


$$G_m \cong \text{approx. } g_{m1}$$

$$A_v = G_m R_{out1} = g_{m1} (g_{m2} + g_{mb}) r_{O2} r_{O1}$$



To calculate G_m , v_{out} is grounded and $G_m = i_{out}/v_{in}$



By KCL at the node V_X , $g_{m1}V_1 + \frac{V_X}{r_{O1}} = g_{m2}V_2 - g_{mb}V_{sb} - \frac{V_X}{r_{O2}} = 0$

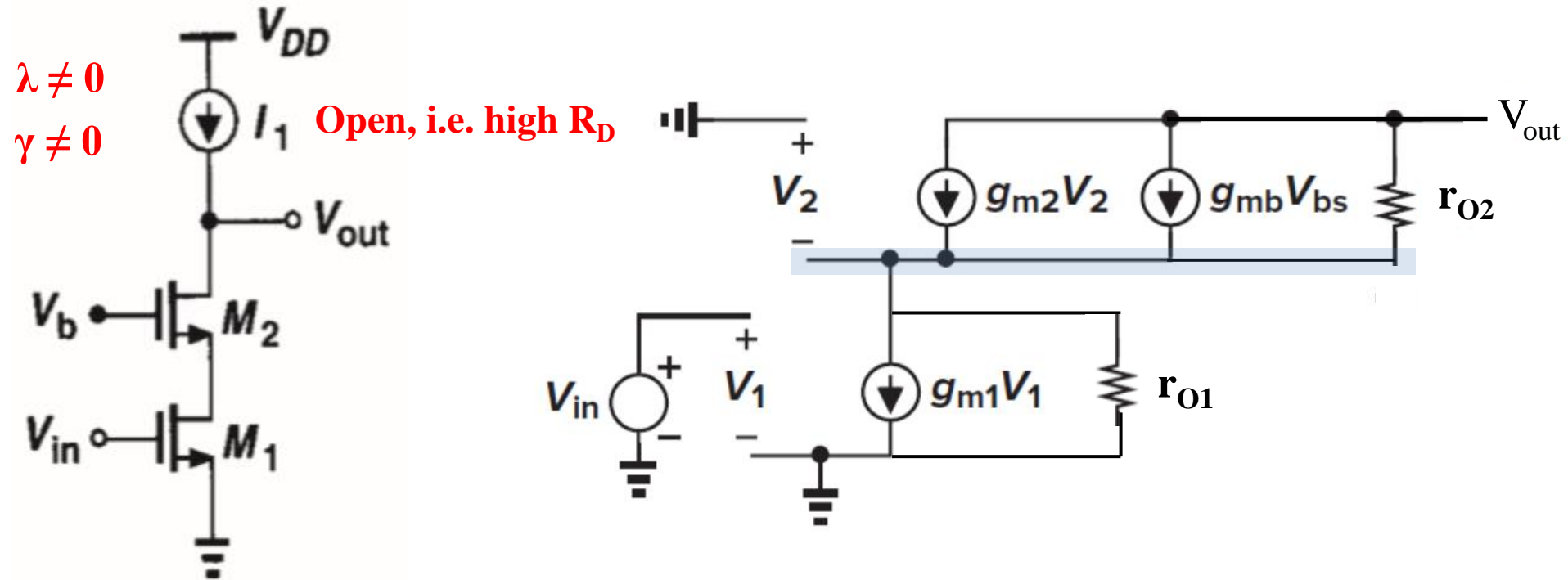
Since $V_X = -V_2 = V_{sb}$, we get $g_{m1}V_{in} + \frac{V_X}{r_{O1}} + g_{m2}V_X + g_{mb}V_X + \frac{V_X}{r_{O2}} = 0$ (1)

And, $i_{out} = g_{m2}V_2 - g_{mb}V_{sb} - \frac{V_X}{r_{O2}} = -g_{m2}V_X - g_{mb}V_X - \frac{V_X}{r_{O2}}$ (2)

From (1) and (2) $\frac{i_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{g_{m1}r_{O1}}{r_{O1} + 1/[(g_{m2} + g_{mb}) + 1/r_{O2}]} = \frac{g_{m1}r_{O1}}{r_{O1} + \left(r_{O2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb}} \right)} \cong g_{m1}$

Handwritten note: $\frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb}} > r_{O2}$

CS + CG with Ideal Current Source Load



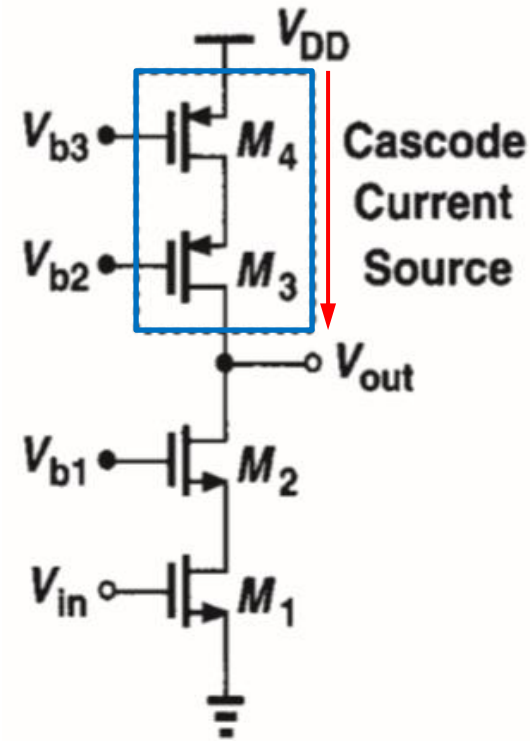
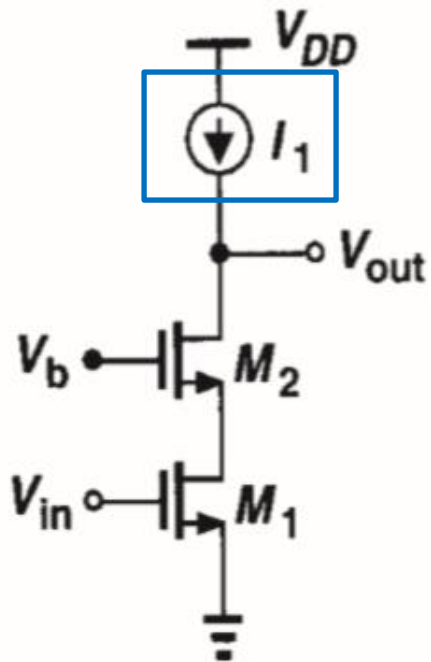
$$G_m = \frac{g_{m1} r_{o1}}{r_{o1} + \left(r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} \right)} \text{ or } \cong g_{m1}$$

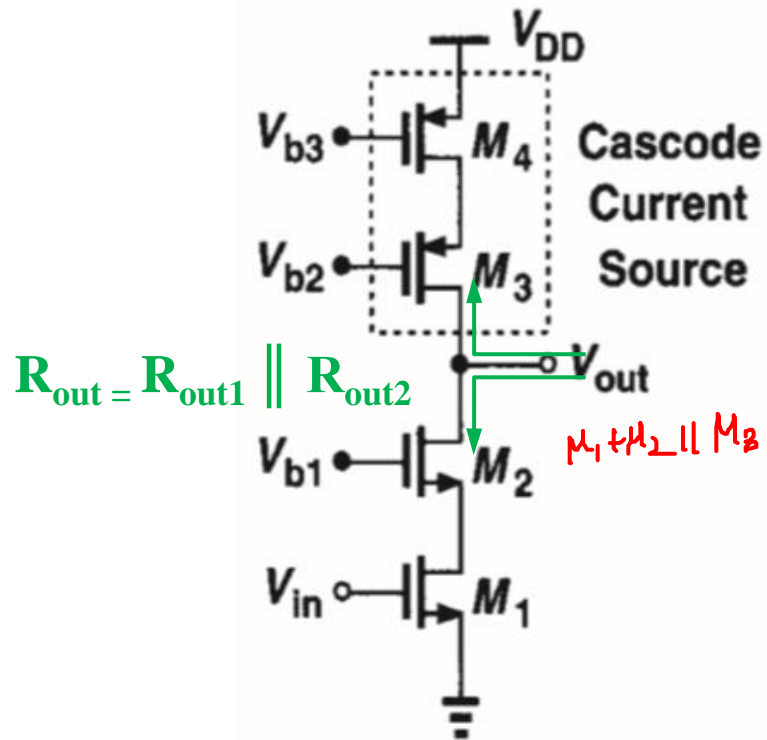
$$R_{out} = [r_{o2} + r_{o1} + (g_{m2} + g_{mb}) r_{o2} r_{o1}] \parallel \cancel{R_D} \approx (g_{m2} + g_{mb}) r_{o2} r_{o1} \text{ as } R_D \text{ is infinite.}$$

$$A_v = G_m R_{out}$$

CS + CG with Cascode Current Source Load

A cascode structure need not operate as an amplifier. Another popular application of this topology is in **building constant current sources**. The **high output impedance** yields a current source closer to the ideal.

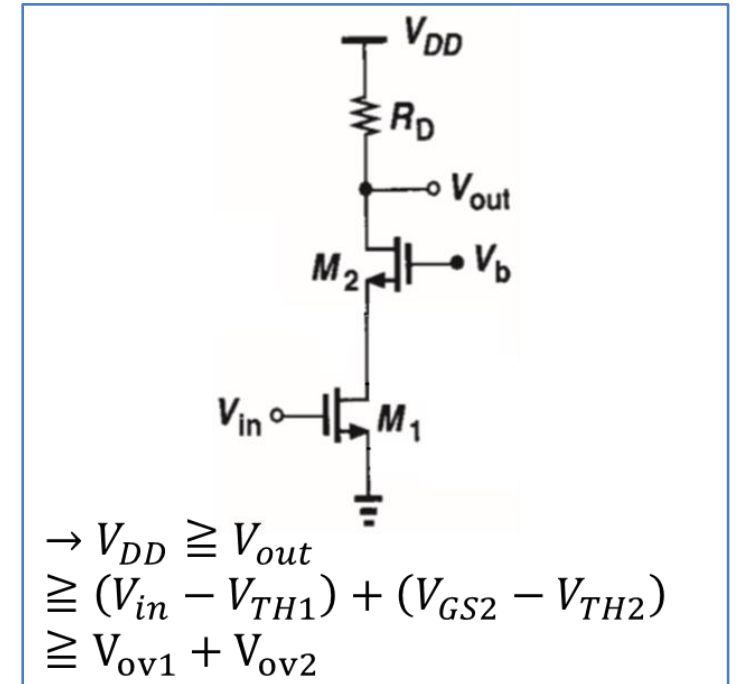




Output Voltage Swing is limited to

$$V_{DD} - V_{ov3} - V_{ov4} \geq V_{out}$$

$$V_{out} \geq V_{ov1} + V_{ov2}$$



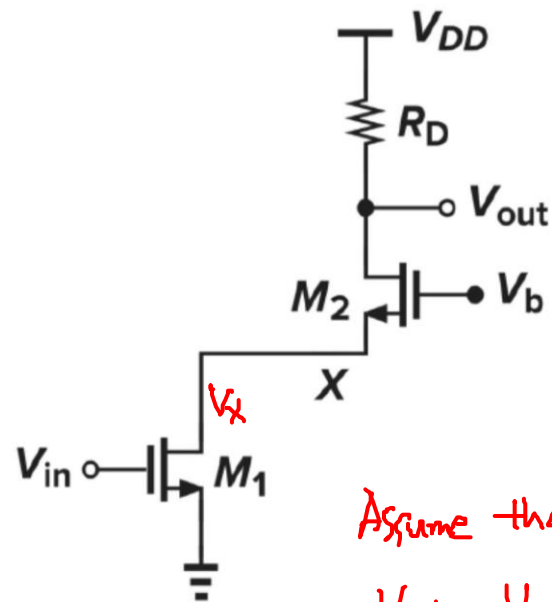
$$R_{out} = [r_{o1} + r_{o2} + (g_{m2} + g_{mb2})r_{o2}r_{o1}] \parallel [r_{o3} + r_{o4} + (g_{m3} + g_{mb3})r_{o3}r_{o4}]$$

$$G_m = g_{m1} \frac{r_{o1}}{r_{o1} + \left(r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} \right)} \cong g_{m1}$$

$$A_v = G_m R_{out}$$

Example 3.12 In the circuit below, assume $\mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1 = \mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2 = 1 \text{ mA/V}^2$, $I_{D1} = I_{D2} = 0.55 \text{ mA}$, $V_{DD} = 3.1 \text{ V}$, $V_{Th} = 1 \text{ V}$, $\lambda = 0.1$, and $R_D = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$. Neglect body effect.

- (a) Calculate V_b and V_{in} (DC) such that M_1 is exactly at saturation ($V_{DS} = V_{GS} - V_{Th}$)
 (b) Draw small signal model and calculate small signal gain A_v .



$$V_{DS} = V_{GS} - V_{Th} \Rightarrow \underline{V_X = V_{in} - V_{Th}}$$

$$V_D = V_X$$

$$V_G = V_{in}$$

$$I_{D1} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1 \left(\underbrace{V_{GS} - V_{Th}}_{= V_{DS} = V_X} \right)^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS}) \approx V_X = 0.55 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{put the values, solve } \boxed{V_X = 1 \text{ V}} \quad V_X = V_{in} - V_{Th}$$

$$\boxed{V_{in} = 2 \text{ V}}$$

Assume that M_2 in saturation.

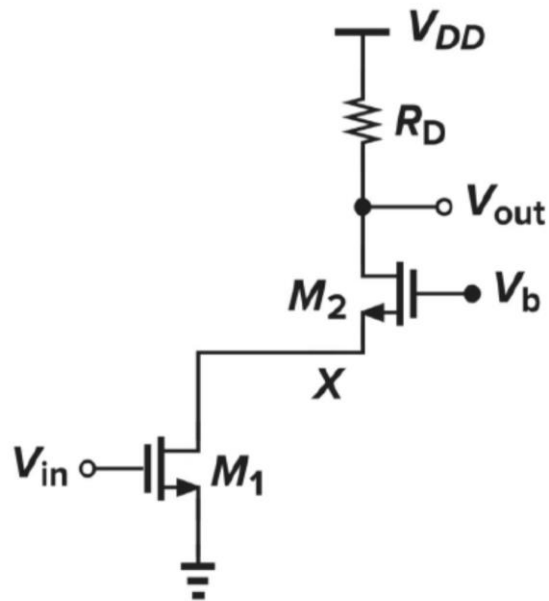
$$V_{out} = V_{DD} - R_D I_{D2} = 3.1 - 2 \text{ k} \times 0.55 \text{ mA} = 2 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{DS} \geq V_{GS} - V_{Th} \Rightarrow V_{out} - V_X \geq V_b - V_X - V_{Th} \Rightarrow \underline{V_b \leq 3 \text{ V}} \quad \boxed{V_b = 3 \text{ V}}$$

$$I_{D2(sat)} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2 (V_{GS} - V_{Th})^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS}) \Rightarrow 0.55 \text{ mA}$$

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 (b) Draw small signal model and calculate small signal gain A_v .



$$A_v = -G_m R_{out}$$

$$G_m \approx g_{m1}$$

$$R_{out} = [r_{o1} + r_{o2} + (g_{m2} + g_{m2}/2) r_{o1} r_{o2}] \parallel R_D \Rightarrow 4 \text{ M} \parallel 2 \text{ k} \approx 1890 \Omega.$$

$$g_{m1} = \frac{2I}{V_{GS1} - V_{Th}} = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS1} - V_{Th}) (1 + \lambda V_{DS}) = 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$$

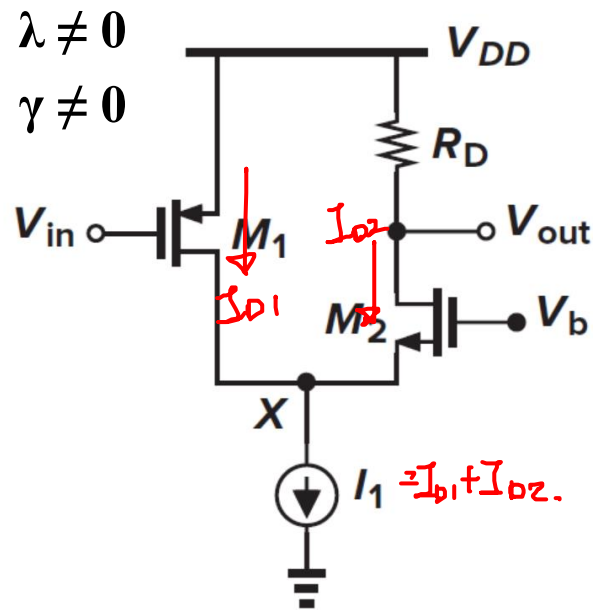
$$g_{m2} = 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$r_{o1} = r_{o2} = \frac{1}{I_{D1}} = 18.18 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$A_v = -G_m R_{out} = -2.2$$

Folded Cascode

The idea behind the cascode structure is to convert the input voltage to a current and apply the result to a common-gate stage. However, the input device and the cascode device need not be of the same type.



$|I_{D1}| + I_{D2}$ is equal to I_1 and is constant

If $V_{SG} < |V_{TH1}|$, i.e. $V_{DD} - V_{in} < |V_{TH1}|$, M_1 is off and M_2 carries I_1
 $V_{out} = V_{DD} - I_1 R_D$

$I_1 = I_{D2}$

If $V_{SG} > |V_{TH1}|$, i.e. $V_{DD} - V_{in} > |V_{TH1}|$, M_1 is on. $I_{D2} = I_1 - I_{D1}$.

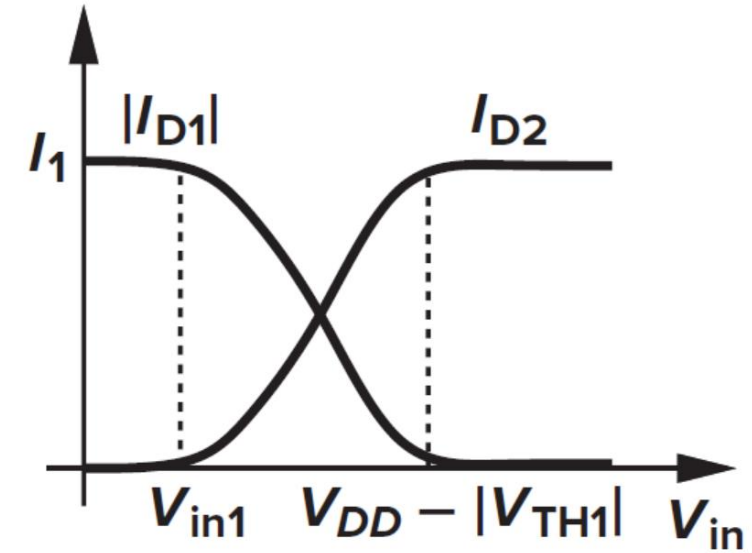
And if M_1 is in saturation. $I_{D2} = I_1 - \frac{1}{2} \mu_P C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) (V_{DD} - V_{in} - |V_{TH1}|)^2$

$I_{D2} \downarrow$ $I_{D1} \uparrow$

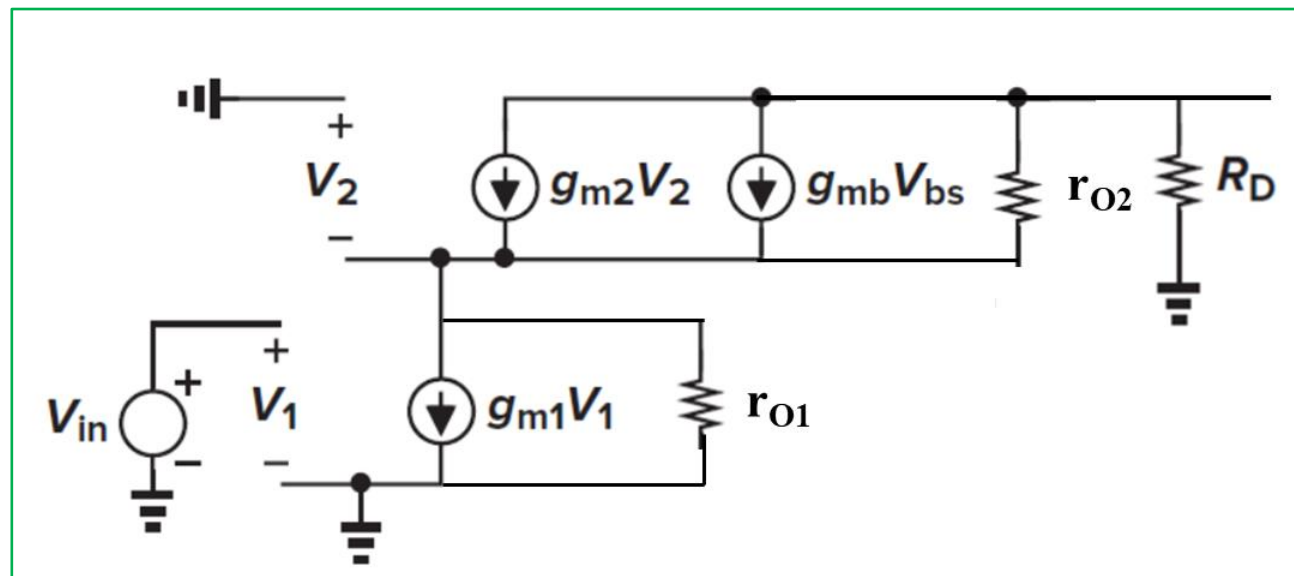
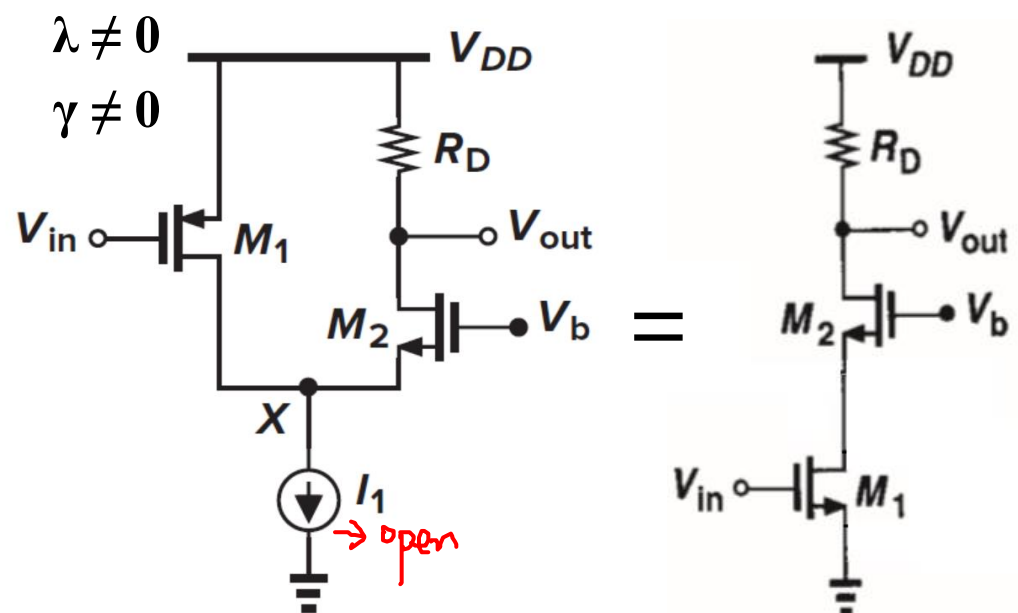
V_{in} drops and I_{D2} decreases further, and finally $I_{D1} = I_1 = \frac{1}{2} \mu_P C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) (V_{DD} - V_{in1} - |V_{TH1}|)^2$

$$I_{D1} = I_1 = \frac{1}{2} \mu_P C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) (V_{DD} - V_{in} - |V_{TH1}|)^2$$

$$\text{Thus, } V_{in1} = V_{DD} - \sqrt{\frac{2I_1}{\mu_P C_{ox} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)}} - |V_{TH1}|$$



As V_{in} decreases I_{D1} goes into the saturation

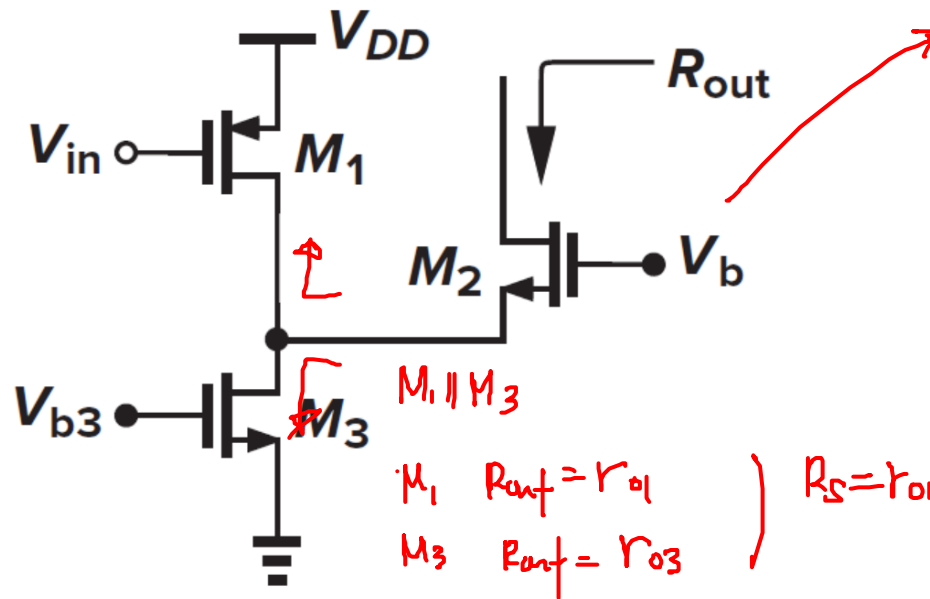


$$G_m = \frac{g_{m1}r_{o1}}{r_{o1} + \left(r_{o2} \parallel \frac{1}{g_{m2} + g_{mb2}} \right)} \text{ or } \cong g_{m1}$$

$$R_{out} = [r_{o2} + r_{o1} + (g_{m2} + g_{mb})r_{o2}r_{o1}] \parallel R_D \approx (g_{m2} + g_{mb})r_{o2}r_{o1} \parallel R_D$$

$$A_v = G_m R_{out}$$

Example 3.13 Calculate the output impedance of the folded cascode where M_3 operates as the bias current source.



CS stages with source degeneration.

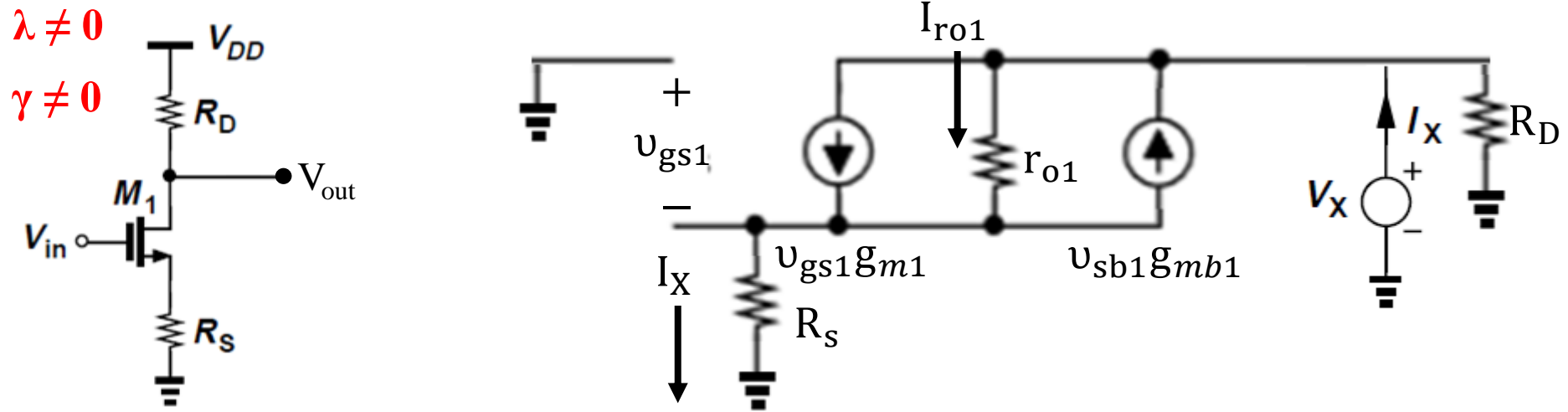
$$R_{out} = r_{o2} + (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3}) + (g_{m2} + g_{mb2})r_{o2}(r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3})$$

Recall: CS stage with source degeneration

$$R_{out} = R_{out1} \parallel R_D = [r_{o1} + R_S + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}R_S] \parallel R_D \approx R_D$$

$$R_{out} = [1 + (g_{m2} + g_{mb2})r_{o2}](r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3}) + r_{o2}$$

Recall: CS stage with source degeneration



$$\mathbf{R_{out}} = R_{out1} \parallel R_D = [r_{o1} + R_S + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}R_S] \parallel R_D \approx R_D$$