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## **Experiment 1: Inverter characteristics**

- 1) In the first part where you determine the characteristics of the inverter as a transconductor, you will need to choose RF and the opamp supplies correctly.
  - a) From the data sheet, find out the output swing limits of the opamp LM324 when  $\{V_{cc}, V_{ee}\} = \{6V, 0\}$ . The datasheet numbers maybe for different supplies, but assume that the overhead on the higher and lower sides are the same as what is given there.
  - b) If you have to measure up to  $\pm 2$ mA while keeping the opamp within the swing limits, what is the constraint on R<sub>F</sub>? (In the experiment, you should choose R<sub>F</sub> and the opamp supplies so that this measurement can be made properly)
- 2) What is the typical propagation delay of the inverter at a 6V supply? If this value is not given, interpolate between the given values.
- 3) In the last part, what is the constraint on  $C_{large}$  if the resistance to the right side of it is  $250\Omega$  and you use a 10kHz sinusoid?
- 4) If you use a polarized capacitor for  $C_{large}$ , which side should be the positive terminal? You have to decide this based on the total voltage across the capacitor.