### Saturation (also called active)

equations: 
$$\begin{cases} i_G = 0 \\ i_S = i_D = \frac{k'_n}{2} \cdot \frac{W}{L} \cdot (v_{GS} - V_{th_n})^2 \cdot (1 + \lambda \cdot v_{DS}) \\ v_{GS} \ge V_{th_n} \end{cases}$$

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 $\begin{cases} & v_{GS} \geq V_{th_n} \\ & v_{DS} \geq v_{GS} - V_{th_n} \quad \text{or equivalently } v_D \geq v_G - V_{th_n} \end{cases}$ 

# Triode (also called ohmic)

equations: 
$$\begin{cases} i_G = 0 \\ i_S = i_D = k'_n \cdot \frac{W}{L} \cdot \left[ (v_{GS} - V_{th_n}) \cdot v_{DS} - \frac{v_{DS}^2}{2} \right] \end{cases}$$

 $\begin{cases} v_{GS} \geq V_{th_n} \\ v_{DS} < v_{GS} - V_{th_n} \end{cases} \text{ or equivalently } v_D < v_G - V_{th_n}$ 

#### Cutoff

equations:  $i_G = i_S = i_D = 0$ 

 $v_{GS} < V_{th}$ check:

### Saturation (also called active)

equations: 
$$\begin{cases} i_G = 0 \\ i_S = i_D = \frac{k'_p}{2} \cdot \frac{W}{L} \cdot (v_{SG} - \left| V_{th_p} \right|)^2 \cdot (1 + \lambda \cdot v_{SD}) \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{cases} i_{G} = 0 \\ i_{S} = i_{D} = \frac{k'_{p}}{2} \cdot \frac{W}{L} \cdot (v_{SG} - |V_{th_{p}}|)^{2} \cdot (1 + \lambda \cdot v_{SD}) \end{cases}$$

$$check: \begin{cases} v_{SG} \geq -V_{th_{p}} = |V_{th_{p}}| \\ v_{D} \leq v_{G} + |V_{th_{p}}| \end{cases}$$

check: 
$$\begin{cases} v_{SG} \ge -V_{th_p} = \left| V_{th_p} \right| \\ v_{SD} \ge v_{SG} - \left| V_{th_p} \right| \text{ or equivalently } v_D \le v_G + \left| V_{th_p} \right| \end{cases}$$

# **Triode** (also called **ohmic**)

$$\begin{cases} i_G = 0 \\ i_S = i_D = k_p' \cdot \frac{W}{L} \cdot \left[ (v_{SG} - \left| V_{th_p} \right|) \cdot v_{SD} - \frac{v_{SD}^2}{2} \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_{SG} \ge -V_{th_p} = \left| V_{th_p} \right| \\ v_{SD} < v_{SG} - \left| V_{th_p} \right| \text{ or equivalently } v_D > v_G + \left| V_{th_p} \right| \end{cases}$$

#### Cutoff

equations:  $i_G = i_S = i_D = 0$ 

check:  $v_{SG} < -V_{th_p} = V_{th_p}$ 

- 7. MOSFETs: NMOS and PMOS regions of operation: For the following transistors, tell me what region of operation they are in. Let's randomly pick a VTN (threshold voltage for the NMOS) of 0.5V, VTP (threshold voltage for the PMOS) of -0.68V, and VDD=3.3V. Make sure to be careful of whether a transistor is a NMOS or a PMOS. The options are active, linear or cutoff.
  - a) Pmos, Vsg = 0, cut-off
  - b) Pmos, Vsg = -1.35V, cut-off
  - c) Nmos, Vgs = 0.55V, linear
  - d) Nmos, Vgs = 3.3V, active
  - e) Nmos, Vgs = 0.02V, cutoff
  - f) Nmos, Vgs = 1V, linear
  - g) Nmos, vg