## Homework #2

Due date: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## (1) Design of a rail-to-rail input amplifier with constant gm control

Consider the **rail-to-rail input amplifier** in Fig.1.  $V_{DD}$ =1.8V,  $V_{SS}$ =0V, and  $C_L$ =2pF. Please design  $I_{Bias}$  and the sizes of all transistors to satisfy the following specifications

	Specifications	Units
DC characteristics	$P_{diss} \leq 2$	mW
	$0 \le ICMR \le 1.8$	V
	$0.5 \leq V_{out}  \text{range} \leq 1.3$	V
	Δgm < 10%	%
AC characteristics	$A_{V} \geq 50 dB$	dB
	3dB-bandwidth≥ 80K	Hz
	PM ≥ 65	o

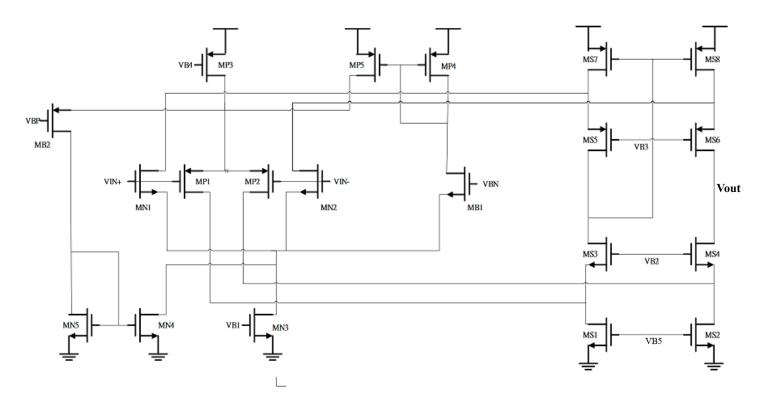


Fig1. rail-to-rail input amplifier

- (a) Design  $I_{Bias}$  and W/L of all transistors by hand calculation. (Use the Level 1 parameters derived in your HW1)
- (b) In this design you are allowed to use only one current reference (IR =  $20 \,\mu A$ ) and one voltage reference (VREF =  $0.9 \, V$ ). Please design the circuit to generate the biasing voltages VB1~VB5, VBP, and VBN. Please describe your design in the report.
- (c) Use **Spectre** to check whether all specifications are satisfied. If not, **redesign** your circuit to meet the specifications. **The following results must be included in your report:** 
  - (i) Use **Spectre** to calculate the operating modes,  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$  of all transistors when  $v_I = v_{REF} = 0.9$ V. Give the **summary of circuit operations** in your report.
  - (ii) Sweep the DC value of  $v_O$  with  $v_I$  sweeping from 0 to 1.8V. Give **the plot of**  $v_O$  **v.s.**  $v_I$  in your report, and **mark maximum gain value** and find the output dynamic range (hint: Slope(gain) at the Vout in the output dynamic range must all be larger than 50dB).
  - (iii) Plot the open-loop frequency response (both magnitude and phase) of the Op-amp. Mark explicitly Av, 3dB frequency, and PM in the plot.
  - (iv) Sweep the DC value of the input common mode voltage from 0 to 1.8V. Give the plot of gmn, gmp, gmt(=gmn+gmp) in your report. Please mark and calculate the ΔGm in your simulation result
- (d) Summarize the specifications of the Op-amp in a table of the following form

	Specifications	Simulations	Units
DC	$P_{diss} \leq 2$		mW
characteristics	$0 \le ICMR \le 1.8$		V
	$0.5 \le V_{out} \text{ range} \le 1.3$		V
	Δgm < 10%		%
AC	$A_{V} \ge 50 dB$		dB
characteristics	3dB-bandwidth≥ 80K		Hz
	PM ≥ 65		0

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