



UESTC1008: Microelectronic Systems

PWM & CMOS Lecture 5

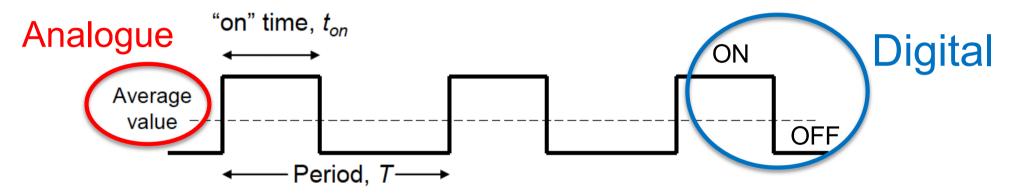
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Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)

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Simple method of using rectangular digital waveform to control an analogue variable

Used in a variety of applications, from communications to automatic control



Usually keep period constant, and vary the pulse width, or "on" time

The duty cycle is the proportion of time that the pulse is "on", expressed as a percentage

Duty cycle = (pulse on time) / (pulse period)

Mark to space ratio = (pulse on time) / (pulse off time)

Generating PWM

Could of course, just generate PWM from a digital output by switching it on and off, and changing the time for which the digital signal is "high" or "low", but that would take up the time and effort of the CPU.

The advantage of handling over responsibility of the PWM signal generation to the specific peripheral in the microcontroller chip, is that the CPU is then available to do other stuff.

This is one of the powerful aspects of a highly functionalised microcontroller — devolving responsibility for things like PWM, D/A and A/D to the peripherals frees up the time of the CPU.

Generating PWM on the mbed

Brute Force

- Use DigitalOut with appropriate wait commands
- Duty cycle not exact and may change during interrupts etc.
- Processor intensive
- Higher power consumption

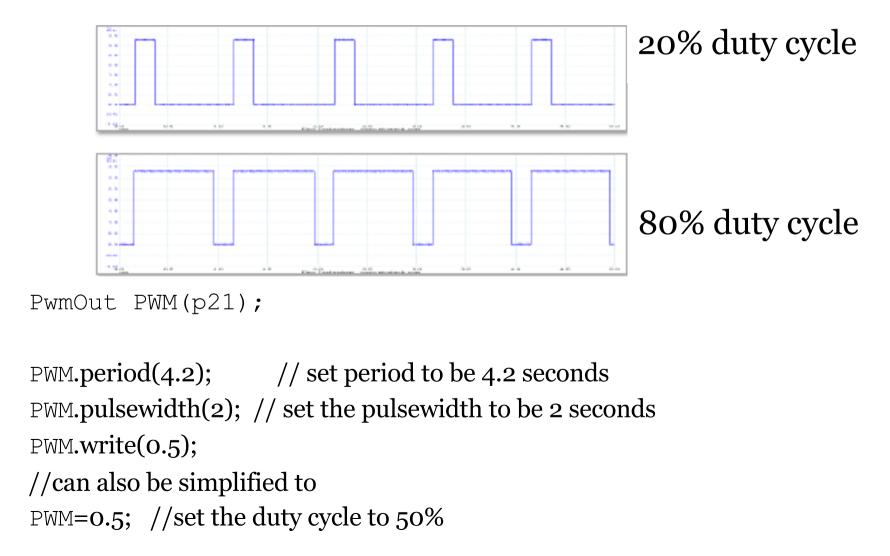
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- Or use PwmOut : a dedicated PWM circuit
- Timings are accurate
- Once started, the processor only needs to work if duty or period need changing
- Smaller circuit so lower power consumption

On the mbed

There are several PWM pins on the board e.g., pins 21-26

You can generate various PWM signals...



Diode Circuits

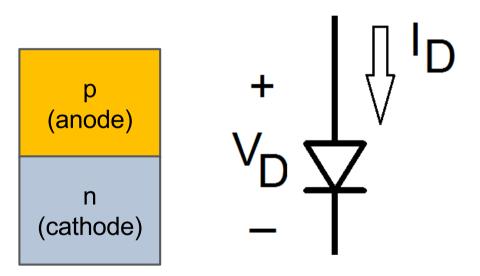
Definition of Diode Current and Voltage

Forward Bias

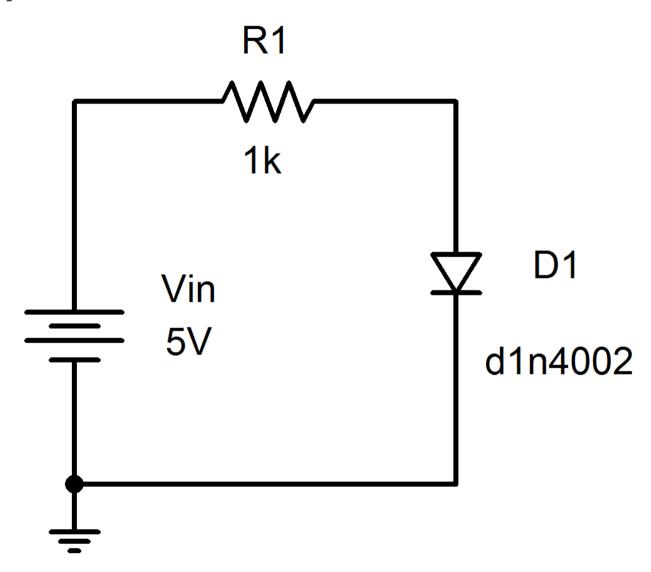
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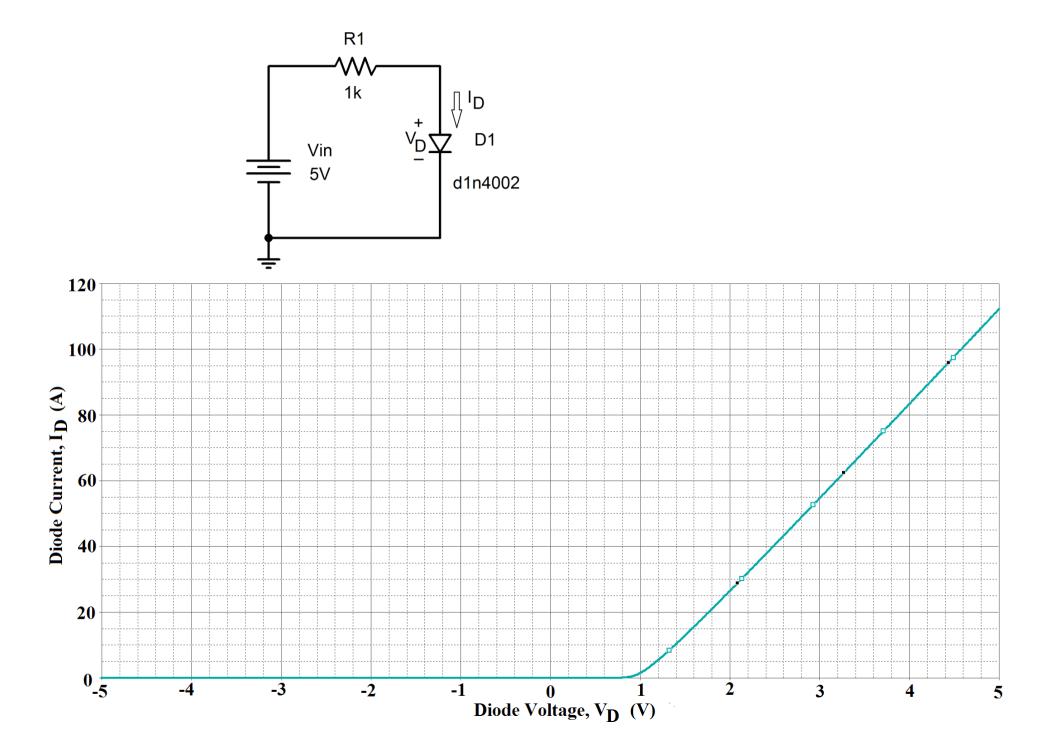
Reverse Bias

When I_D < omAand V_D < oV

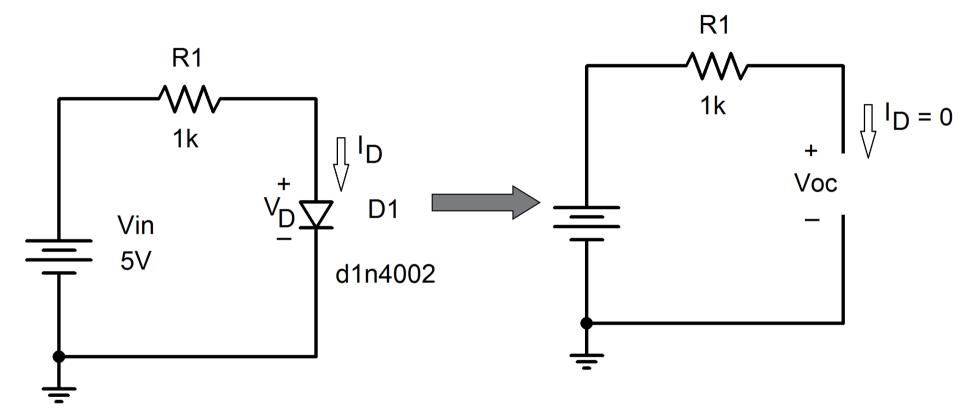


Example



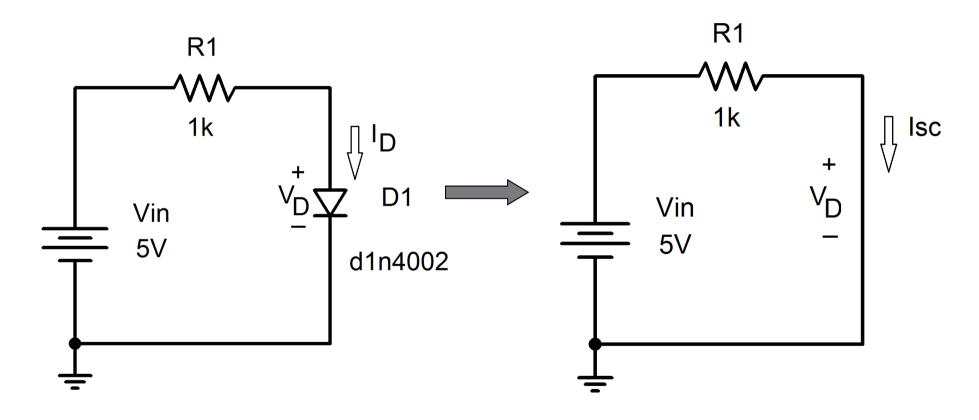


Open Circuit Voltage



$$V_{OC} = 5V$$

Short Circuit Current



$$I_{SC} = \frac{5V}{1k\Omega} = 5mA$$

"ON" Model

$$V_{D} \ge V_{on}$$

$$I_{D} \ge o \ mA$$

"OFF" Model

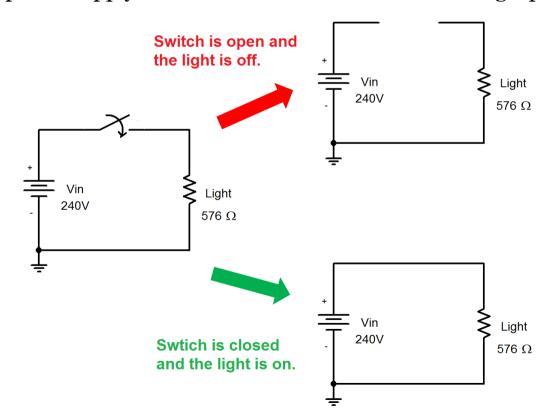
$$V_D < V_{on}$$

 $I_D = o mA$

Operation of a Switch

Typically, switches are used to connect and disconnect parts of one circuit with other parts of a circuit.

Here is a schematic for a circuit where the switch is used to connect a light bulb to the dc power supply. The switch used in this case is a single pole, single throw (SPST).



Questions:

What is the power dissipated by the Light?

Why would putting the switch between the Light and ground be dangerous when changing the light bulb?

MOSFET Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor

As switches

Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor: MOSFET



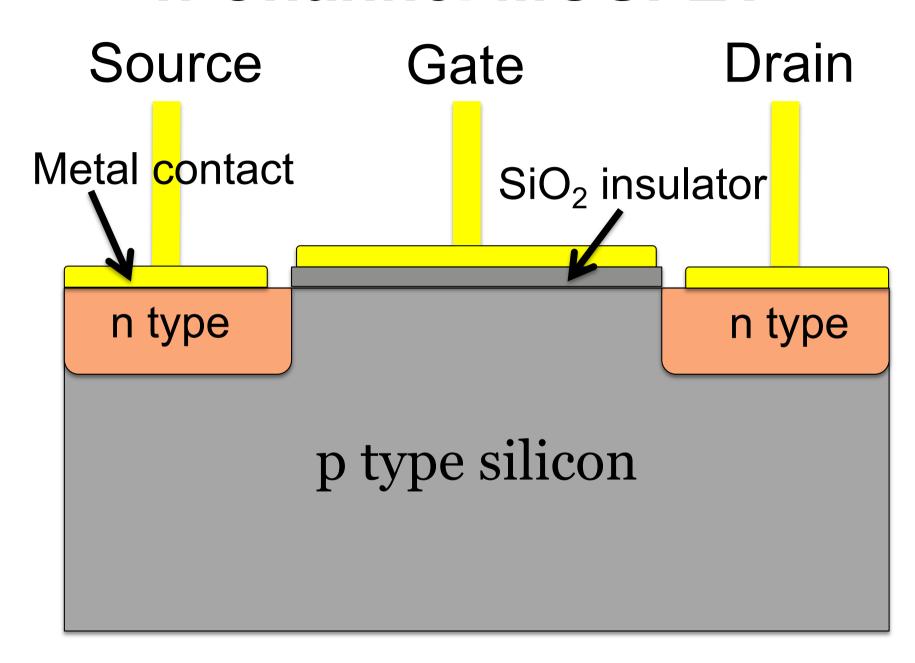


N-Channel

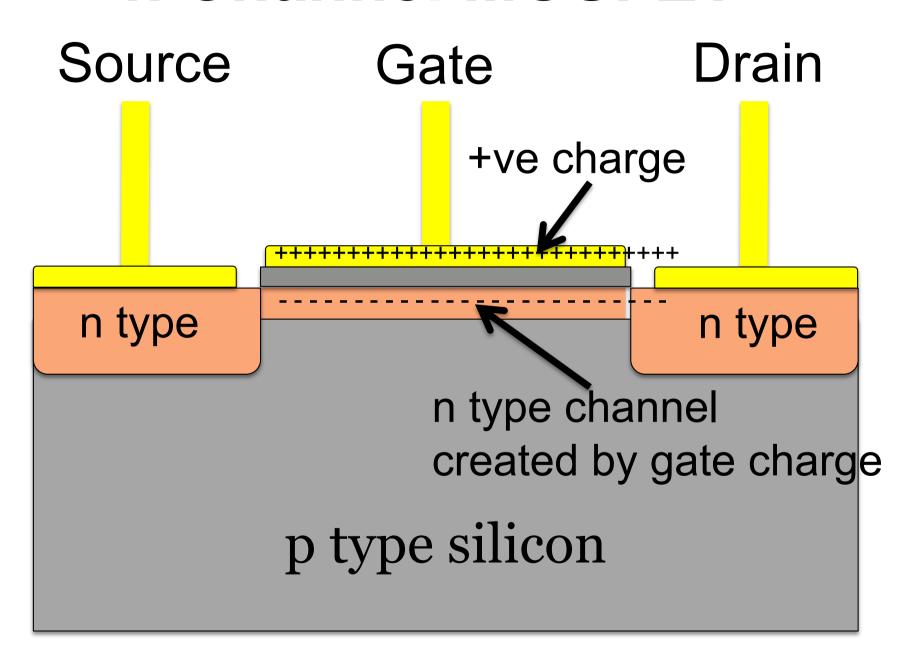
P-Channel

- n or p channel
- Enhancement or depletion mode
- Typical is the n channel enhancement FET
 - n type source and drain, p type channel
 - +ve voltage on gate relative to source causes negative charge in the channel and causes conduction
 - Gate isolated from conduction channel by dielectric just uses charge
 - Very low current to turn on ideal for scaling in ICs
- Very low on resistance
- Very high off resistance
- Only uses energy to charge/discharge the gate

n Channel MOSFET



n Channel MOSFET



Important Input Voltages ENH MODE

Vin	NMOS	PMOS
High	short	open
Low	open	shot

Enhancement Mode and Depletion Mode Switches

NMOS Enhancement Mode

- Normally OFF
 - $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bullet You have to apply a \\ voltage to make V_{GS} \\ more positive than the \\ threshold voltage for an \\ NMOSFET to turn it on. \\ \end{tabular}$

NMOS Depletion Mode

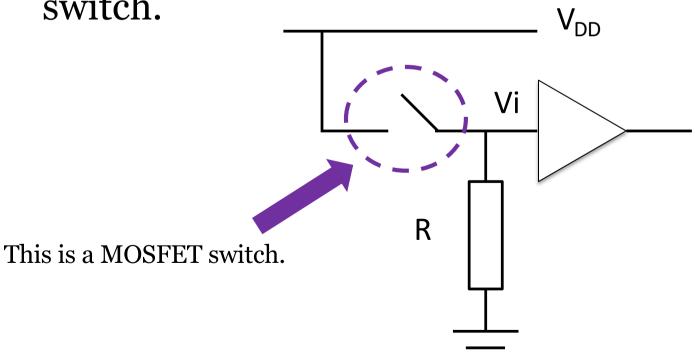
- Normally ON
 - $\begin{tabular}{lll} \hline & You have to apply a \\ & voltage to make V_{GS} \\ & more negative than the \\ & threshold voltage for an \\ & NMOSFET to turn it off. \\ \end{tabular}$

Types of Switches

- Two common ways to connect or disconnect one part of a circuit with another:
 - Mechanical physical movement is require to make or break the connection.
 - Debounce circuits may be needed if the switch makes intermittent contact as its position is changed.
 - Electrical the conductivity of a component is changed from insulating to conducting and back again (visa versa).
 - · Useful when switching is done remotely.
 - They are required in hazardous locations where sparks can ignite fires.
 - The lifetime and reliability of an electrical switch is typically better than a mechanical switch.
 - Usually their size is smaller than mechanical switch to allow the same amount of current to flow through the switch.

mbed

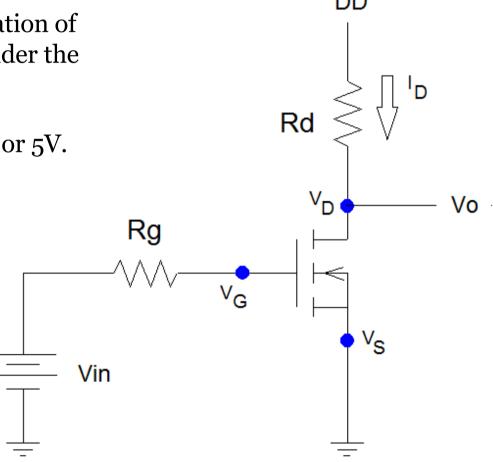
• When you assign a value to a pin on the mbed, it causes a voltage to be applied to the MOSFET switch.



NMOS Inverter

One way to analyse the operation of an NMOS inverter is to consider the MOSFET to be a switch.

Assume that Vin is either 0V or 5V.

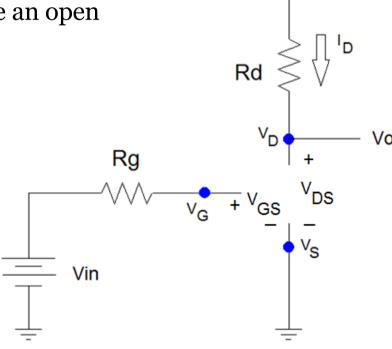


Cut-off Region

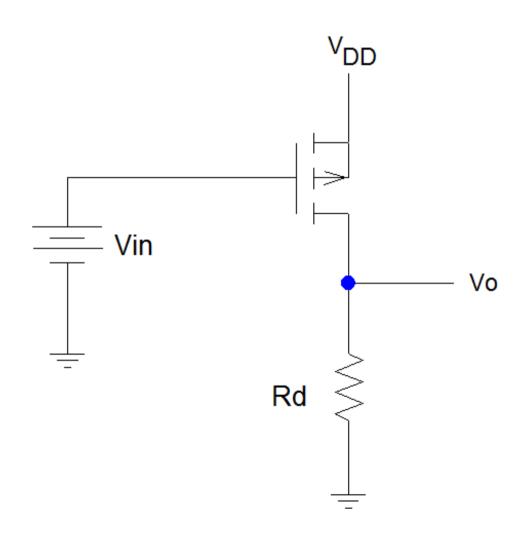
When Vin = 0V, which is equal to V_{GS} and is less than V_{T} , the MOSFET acts like an open circuit.

No current flows through R_D.

The output voltage $Vo = V_{DD}$.



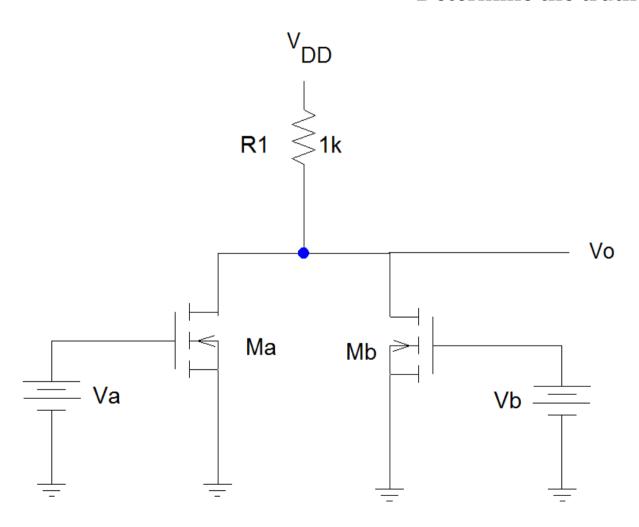
Enhancement Mode PMOS Switch

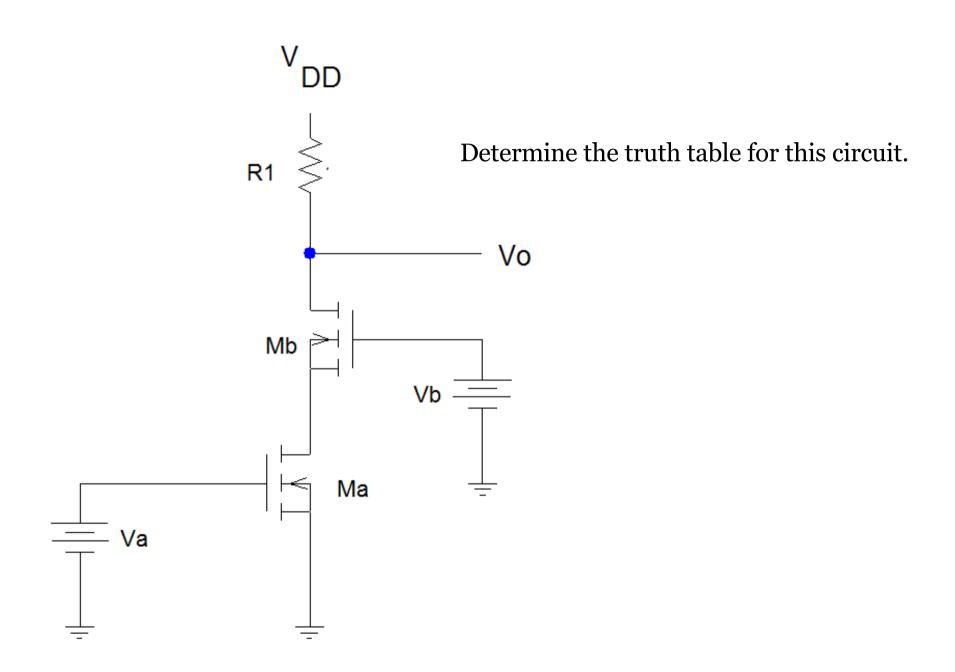


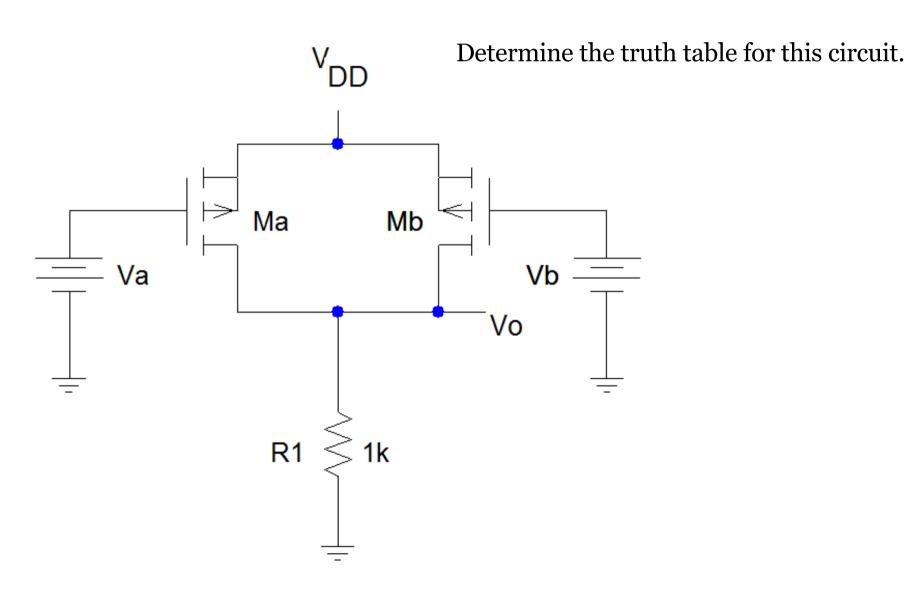
Does the switch allow current to flow when V_{in} is 0V or 5V?

NMOS Logic

Determine the truth table for this circuit.

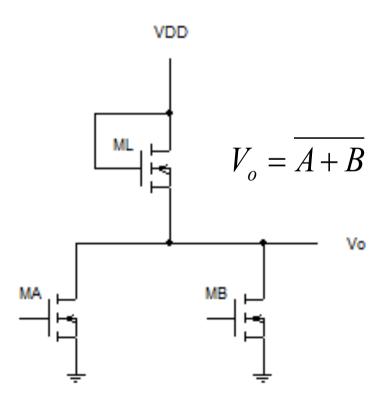




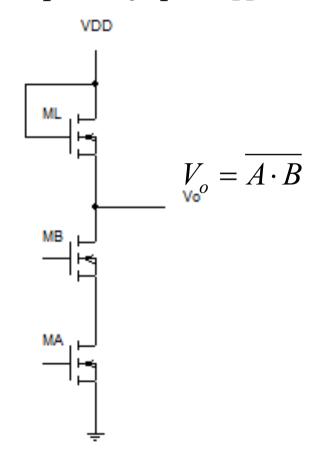


Logic Functions using NMOS

- When either MA or MB is turned on, V_o is pulled down towards ground.
- When both MA and MB are off, ML pulls V_o up to V_{DD} .

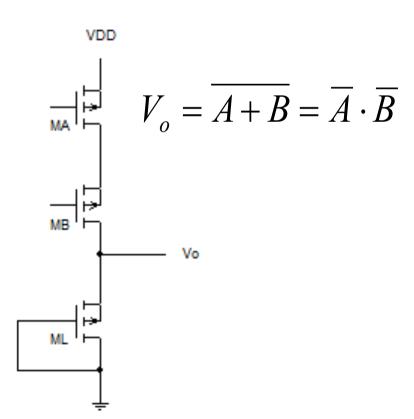


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