

- (a) All problems worth 10 points. Grading will be at three levels: 0, 5, or 10 on each problem
- (b) Please submit a pdf of your completed homework on Canvas- Scanning your handwritten homework is okay.
- (c) Snapshots of the output plots should be labelled as shown in the tutorial.
- (d) Homework file name should be <YourName>_HW_Sim_ECE422.pdf or <YourName>_HW_Sim_ECE522.pdf
- (e) Collaboration and discussion about problems is encouraged, but please write the solutions on your own.

Device parameters for simulations and calculations:

NMOS: $W = 25\mu m$, $L = 0.5\mu m$, $AS = AD = 0.6\mu m$, $PS = PD = 1.2\mu m + 2 * W$,
 $t_{ox} = 4.1nm$, $V_{t0} = 0.376V$.

PMOS: $W = 60\mu m$, $L = 0.5\mu m$, $AS = AD = 0.6\mu m$, $PS = PD = 1.2\mu m + 2 * W$,
 $t_{ox} = 4.1nm$, $V_{t0} = -0.404V$.

Calculating κ_n and κ_p :

$$\kappa = \mu_0 C_{ox}.$$

$\mu_0 = U0$ from the model file.

$$C_{ox} = \frac{4.1 * 8.854e-12}{t_{ox}} F/m^2$$

$t_{ox} = TOX$ from the model file.

Problem 1. Example Circuit : Common-source amplifier with resistive load

For the circuit shown in in Fig. 1: $V_{DD} = 1.8V$, $R_L = 1K\Omega$

- (a) Plot the I_{DS} vs V_{in} characteristics for V_{in} from 0V to 1.8V.
- (b) Plot the g_m vs V_{in} characteristics for V_{in} from 0V to 1.8V.
- (c) Plot the I_{DS} vs V_{in} characteristics for V_{in} from 0V to 1.8V.
- (d) Plot the small-signal gain of the circuit.

Fig. 2 shows the example circuit in LTspice. For more detailed usage of LTSpice options please refer to the tutorial posted on blackboard.

- To plot (a), (b) and (c) parts of the problem, use DC sweep analysis. Sweep V_{in} from 0 to 1.8 in steps of 0.01 V.
- To plot (d) use AC analysis. Sweep from 1Hz to 1GHz with 10 points per decade.
- The plots are shown in Fig. 3. Use the color preferences mentioned in the tutorial. For submission, label your snapshots as shown in the example plots.

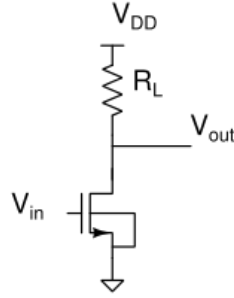


Figure 1: Example Circuit: CS amplifier with resistive load

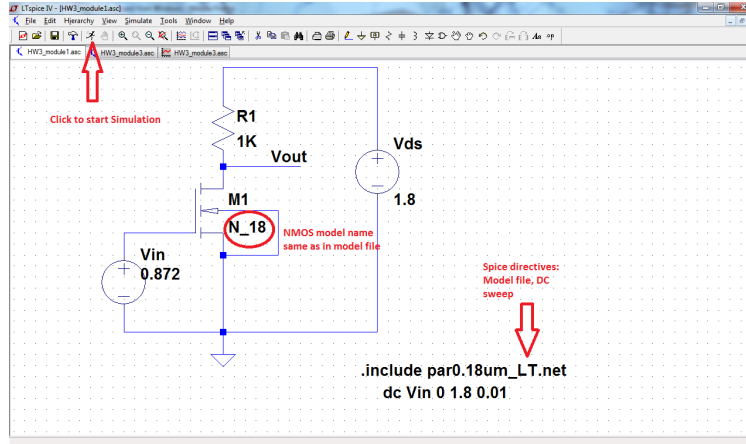


Figure 2: Example Circuit: LTspice

Problem 2. Common-source amplifier with PMOS transistor and resistive load

For the circuit in Fig. 4: $V_{DD} = 1.8V$, $R_L = 1K\Omega$

- Plot the I_{DS} vs V_{in} characteristics for V_{in} from 0V to 1.8V.
- Plot the g_m vs V_{in} characteristics for V_{in} from 0V to 1.8V.
- Plot the I_{DS} vs V_{in} characteristics for V_{in} from 0V to 1.8V.
- Plot the small signal gain of the circuit.

Problem 3. MOS output resistance

- For the circuit shown in Fig. 5a With $V_{in} = 0.872V$ Plot r_{DS} vs V_{DS}
- For the circuit shown in Fig. 5b With $V_{in} = 0.832V$ Plot r_{DS} vs V_D

Hint: $R_{ds} = dI_D/dV_{DS}$

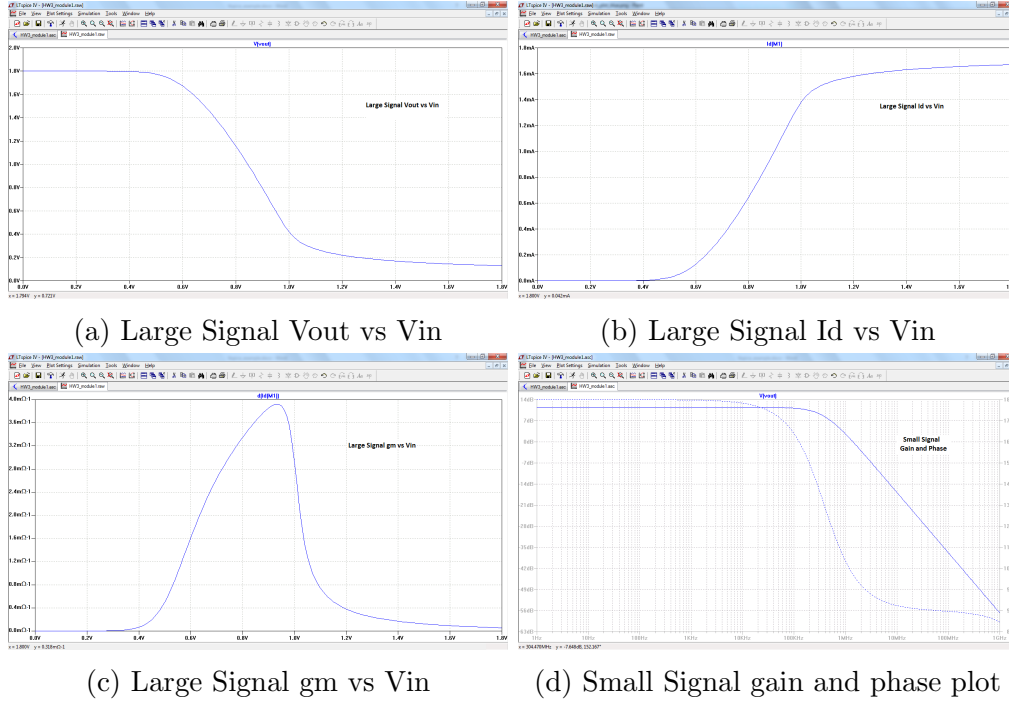


Figure 3: Plots for the Example circuit

Problem 4. Common-source amplifier with current-source load

For the circuit shown in Fig. 5, $V_{DD} = 1.8V$

- For $V_{in} = 0.872V$ Find V_{BIAS} such that $V_{out} = V_{DD}/2$ (Can do this by plotting V_{out} vs V_{BIAS})
- Estimate small signal gain $A_v = g_m * (rds_n || rds_p)$
 - Use Example circuit to calculate g_m
 - Use Problem 3a and 3b to calculate rds_n and rds_p
- Simulate AC gain, Compare $A_{v_{calc}}$ and $A_{v_{gain}}$
- Change V_{BIAS} to $V_{BIAS} + \delta$ and $V_{BIAS} - \delta$ for $\delta = 0.1V$ and $0.2V$. What happens to the AC gain in each case?

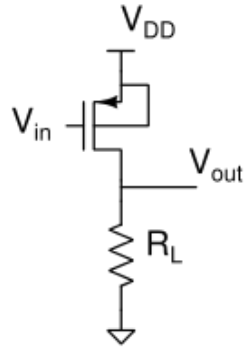


Figure 4: Problem 2: CS amplifier with PMOS transistor and resistive load

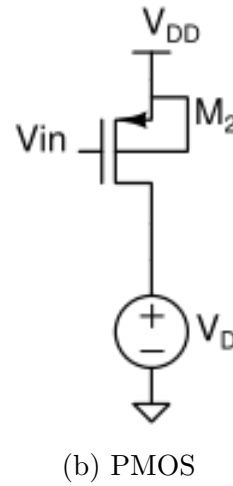
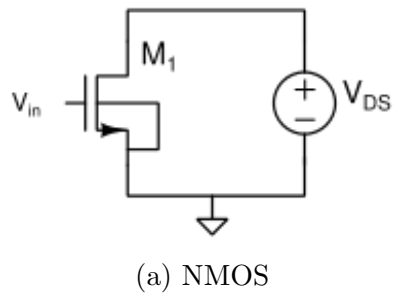


Figure 5: Problem 3: Output resistance

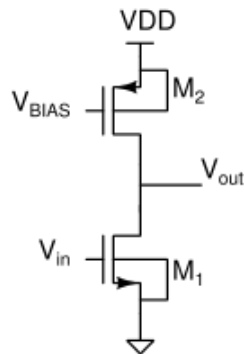


Figure 6: Problem 4: CS amplifier with current source load