- 1. Reason 1: PMOSFET and NMOSFET should have the same rise and fall time, which is based on the effective resistance. The effective resistances are proportional to  $\mu^*W/L$ . Since  $\mu_n > \mu_p$  (mobility of electrons is greater than holes), the width of PMOSFET would have to be greater than the width of NMOSFET to have the same rise and fall time. Reason 2: When the input is 0, the PMOSFET is connected from source to drain. A wider structure allows the PMOSFET to carry more current and have a higher pull-up strength.
- 2. Set WL2 to high, read data from BL1, BL2, BL3..., set WL2 to low, then set WL2 to high and write the data back into the cells.

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3.1. delay is proportional to  $R_t$   $R_t = (10(V_{DD}-V_t) + 3V_t) / (6\beta(V_{DD}-V_t)^2)$  delay  $\propto V_{DD} / V_{DD}^2 \propto 1 / V_{DD}$  As  $V_{DD}$  increases, the delay decreases

 $P_{active} = C_L V_{DD} f$ As  $V_{DD}$  increases,  $P_{active}$  also increases

3.2. delay is proportional to  $R_t$   $R_t = (10(V_{DD}-V_t) + 3V_t) / (6\beta(V_{DD}-V_t)^2)$  delay  $\propto 1 / (1 - V_t)^2$ 

V₁ ∝ doping density

When doping density increases,  $V_{t}$  also increases, which means delay increases

 $P_{active}$  = E \* f = (q<sup>2</sup> N<sup>2</sup> x<sup>2</sup>) / 6 $\epsilon_o$  \* f When doping density increases,  $P_{active}$  also increases

3.3. To increase noise margin, the  $V_t$  has to increase  $V_t \propto$  doping density If doping density increases,  $V_t$  would increase, which means noise margin would also increase

4. Fanout is the number of logic inputs that a logic output can drive.

Reason 1: NMOSFETs have a natural advantage as pull-down devices, while PMOSFETs have a disadvantage as pull-up devices. Making the PMOSFET with a higher fanout will allow it to have similar strength for pull as an NMOSFET.

Reason 2: To decrease the leakage current from  $V_{\text{DD}}$  to GND, making the PMOSFET will increase the equivalent resistance, which decreases the leakage current when the device is static.