

# Lecture 4

## MOSFET Circuits at DC

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## 1 The p-Channel MOSFET

To induce a channel for current flow between source and drain, a negative voltage is applied to the gate.

By increasing the magnitude of the negative  $v_{GS}$  beyond the magnitude of the threshold voltage  $V_{tp}$ , which by convention is **negative**, a  $p$  channel is established, the condition can be described as

$$v_{GS} \leq V_{tp} \quad (1)$$

therefore,  $v_{OV}$  can be calculated by

$$v_{OV} \equiv v_{GS} - V_{tp} \quad (2)$$

Saturation mode occurs when

$$v_{DS} \leq v_{OV} \quad (3)$$

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### 1. Q Compare between n-channel MOSFET and p-channel MOSFET

1. A

|                   | <i>n</i> -channel MOSFET   | <i>p</i> -channel MOSFET   |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Symbol            |  |  |
| polarity of $V_t$ | $V_{tn} \rightarrow$ positive  | $V_{tp} \rightarrow$ negative  |
| $v_{OV}$          | $\underbrace{v_{OV}}_{+ve} \equiv \underbrace{v_{GS}}_{+ve} - \underbrace{V_{tp}}_{+ve}$ | $\underbrace{v_{OV}}_{-ve} \equiv \underbrace{v_{GS}}_{-ve} - \underbrace{V_{tp}}_{-ve}$ |
| In Saturation     | $v_{DS} \geq v_{OV}$   | $v_{DS} \leq v_{OV}$   |

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**2. Q** for the following circuit , find the labeled node voltages. The NMOS transistors have  $V_t = 0.9 \text{ V}$  and  $k'_n(W/L) = 1.5 \text{ mA/V}^2$ .

**2. A**

For  $Q_2$  transistor

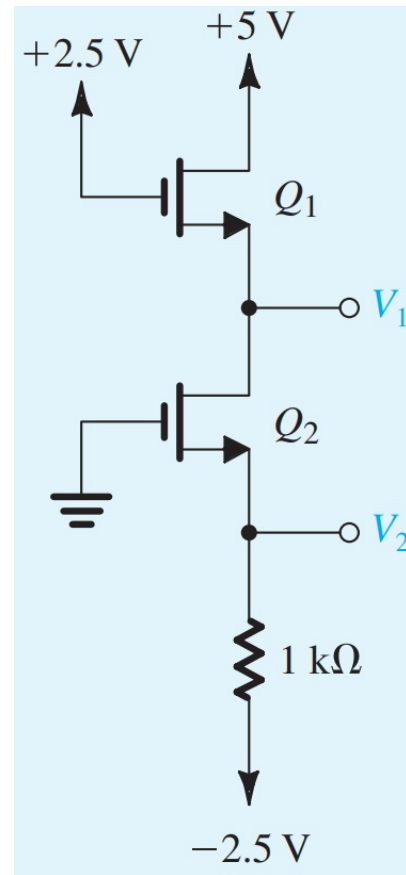
$$\begin{aligned} i_{D2} &= \frac{V_2 - (-2.5)}{1000} \\ &= V_2 + 2.5 \text{ mA} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

The gate source voltage  $V_{GS}$  is  $V_G - V_S$  and hence  $V_{GS}$  is equal to  $(2.5 - V_1)$

The drain current for NMOS  $Q_1$  transistor is.

$$\begin{aligned} i_{D1} &= \frac{1}{2} k'_n \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) (v_{GS} - V_t)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{A}}{\text{V}^2} \right) [(2.5 - V_1) - 0.9]^2 \\ &= 0.75 (1.6 - V_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, The drain current for NMOS  $Q_2$  transistor is.



$$\begin{aligned}
i_{D2} &= \frac{1}{2} k'_n \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) (v_{\sigma s} - V_t)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{A}}{\text{V}^2} \right) [(0 - V_2) - 0.9]^2 \\
&= 0.75 (-0.9 - V_2)^2
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$\because Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are in series

$$\therefore i_{D1} = i_{D2}$$

$$0.75 (-0.9 - V_2)^2 = 0.75 (1.6 - V_1)^2$$

$$-0.9 - V_2 = 1.6 - V_1$$

$$V_1 - V_2 = 2.5 \text{ V}$$

Equate (1) with (2) :

$$0.75 (-0.9 - V_2)^2 = V_2 + 2.5$$

$$0.75 (0.81 + V_2^2 + 1.8V_2) = V_2 + 2.5$$

$$0.6075 + 0.75V_2^2 + 1.35V_2 - V_2 - 2.5 = 0$$

$$0.75V_2^2 + 0.35V_2 - 1.8925 = 0$$

Solve the quadratic equation

$$\therefore V_2 = -1.877 \quad \text{or} \quad V_2 = 1.37 \text{ V (rejected)}$$

We rejected the positive value because  $v_{GS}$  should be greater than  $V_t$  for the MOSFET to operate

Thus, the voltage  $V_2$  is  $-1.877 \text{ V}$

From the equation  $V_1 - V_2 = 2.5 \text{ V}$

$$V_1 - V_2 = 2.5 \text{ V}$$

$$V_1 = 2.5 - 1.877$$

$$V_1 = 0.623 \text{ V}$$

Thus, the drain voltage  $V_1$  of  $Q_2$  NMOS transistor is 0.623 V

**3. Q** for the following circuit , find the labeled node voltages. The NMOS transistors have  $V_t = 0.9 \text{ V}$  and  $k'_n(W/L) = 1.5 \text{ mA/V}^2$ .

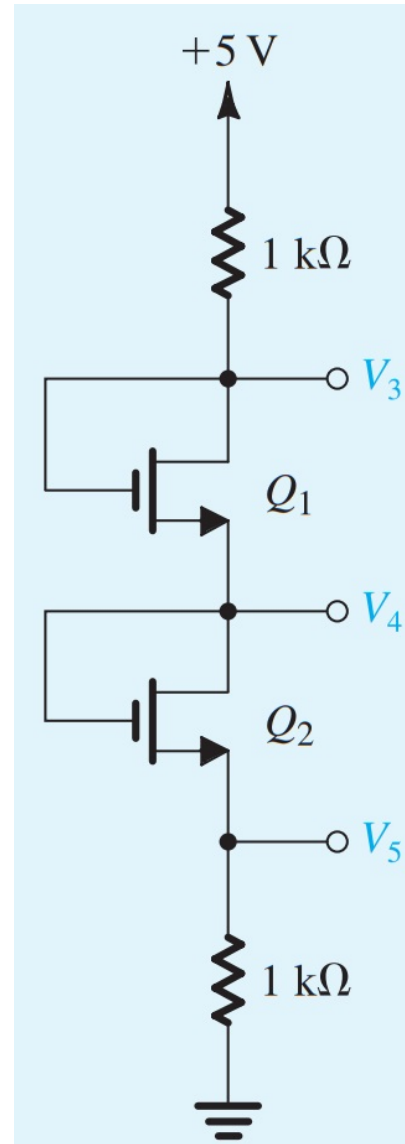
**3. A**

$$\begin{aligned} i_{D1} &= \frac{1}{2} k'_n \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) (v_{GS} - V_t)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{A}}{\text{V}^2} \right) [(V_3 - V_4) - 0.9]^2 \\ &= 0.75 (V_3 - V_4 - 0.9)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i_{D2} &= \frac{1}{2} k'_n \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) (v_{GS} - V_t)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{A}}{\text{V}^2} \right) [(V_4 - V_5) - 0.9]^2 \\ &= 0.75 (V_4 - V_3 - 0.9)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are in series

$\therefore$  drain current of  $Q_1$  is equal to the drain current of  $Q_2$



$$0.75 (V_3 - V_4 - 0.9)^2 = 0.75 (V_4 - V_5 - 0.9)^2$$

$$\frac{V_3 + V_5}{2} = V_4 \quad (1)$$

For  $Q_2$  transistor :

$$\begin{aligned} i_{D2} &= \frac{V_3 - (0)}{1000} \\ &= V_3 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i_{D1} &= \frac{5 - (V_3)}{1000} \\ &= 5 - V_3 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

$$\because i_{D1} = i_{D2}$$

$$\therefore 5 - V_3 = V_3$$

$$V_3 + V_3 = 5$$

Substitute  $V_3 + V_5 = 5$  in equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned} V_4 &= \frac{V_3 + V_5}{2} \\ &= \frac{5}{2} = 2.5 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the drain voltage  $V_4$  of  $Q_2$  NMOS transistor is 2.5 V

$$0.75 (V_3 - V_4 - 0.9)^2 \text{ mA} = V_3 \text{ mA}$$

$$0.75 (V_3 - 2.5 - 0.9)^2 = V_3$$

$$\text{Substitute } V_5 = 0.75 (V_3 - 3.4)^2 \text{ in } V_3 + V_5 = 5 \text{ V}$$

$$V_3 + V_5 = 5 \text{ V}$$

$$V_3 + 0.75 (V_3 - 3.4)^2 = 5$$

$$V_3 + 0.75 (V_3^2 + 11.56 - 6.8V_3) = 5$$

$$0.75V_3^2 - 5.1V_3 + V_3 + 8.67 - 5 = 0$$

$$0.75V_3^2 - 4.1V_3 + 3.67 = 0$$

Solve the equation  $0.75V_3^2 - 4.1V_3 + 3.67 = 0$  The drain voltage  $V_3$  of  $Q_1$  NMOS transistor is

$$1.13 \text{ V} \quad \text{or} \quad 4.33 \text{ V}$$

1.13 V is rejected because  $V_G > V_S$  for the MOSFET to be  $> V_t$  .

$$V_3 + V_5 = 5$$

$$V_5 = 5 - V_3$$

$$V_5 = 0.67 \text{ V}$$

Thus, the voltage  $V_5$  is 0.67 V

**4. Q** In the circuit of the following figure, transistors  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  have  $V_t = 0.5V$ , and the process transconductance parameter  $k'_n = 400\mu A/V^2$ . Find  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ , and  $V_3$  for each of the following cases:

a)  $(W/L)_1 = (W/L)_2 = 10$

b)  $(W/L)_1 = 1.5(W/L)_2 = 10$

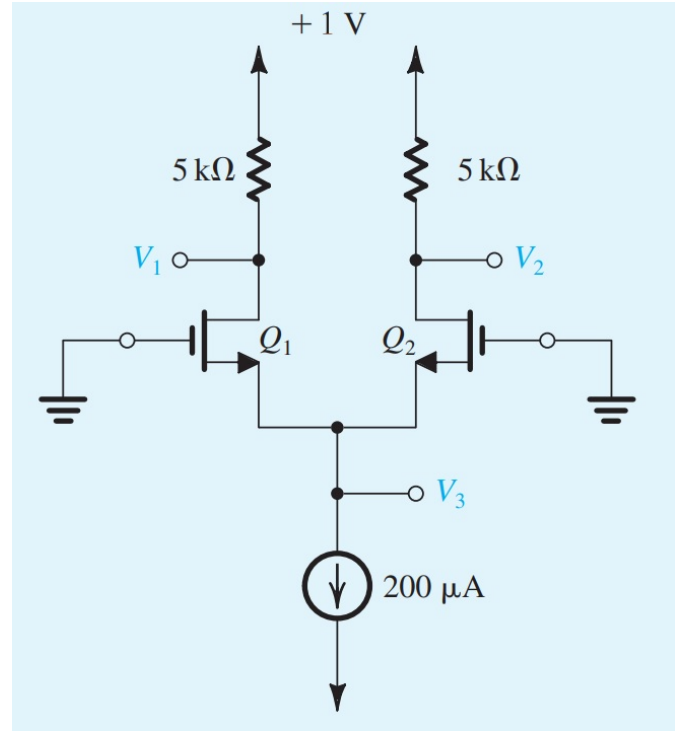
**4. A**

a)

Due to the similarity of the circuit :

$$i_{D1} + i_{D2} = 200\mu A$$

Therefore Drain current  $i_{D1} = i_{D2}$  is  $100\mu A$



$$i_{D1} = \frac{1 - V_1}{5 \times 10^3} \text{ A} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} i_{D1} &= \frac{1}{2} k'_n (W/L)_1 (v_G - V_t)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (400 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A/V}^2) (10) (0 - V_3 - 0.5)^2 \\ &= 2 (V_3 + 0.5)^2 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

substitute with  $i_{D1} = 100\mu A$  in (1)

$$100 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} = \frac{1 - V_1}{5 \times 10^3} \text{ A}$$

$$0.5 = 1 - V_1$$

$$V_1 = 0.5 \text{ V}$$

Drain voltage of  $Q_1$  NMOS transistor  $V_1$  is  $0.5V$

Similarly :

Drain voltage of  $Q_2$  NMOS transistor  $V_2$  is  $0.5V$



$$i_{D1} = 2 (V_3 + 0.5)^2 \text{ mA}$$

$$100 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} = 2 (V_3 + 0.5)^2 (10^{-3}) \text{ A}$$

$$(V_3 + 0.5)^2 = 0.05$$

$$V_3 = -0.276 \text{ V}$$

Source voltage  $V_3$  is  $-0.276 \text{ V}$

$$\text{b) } (W/L)_1 = 10$$

$$(W/L)_2 = 6.66$$

$$\begin{aligned} i_{D1} &= \frac{1}{2} k'_n (W/L)_1 (v_{GS} - V_t)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (400 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A/V}^2) (10) (0 - V_3 - 0.7)^2 \\ &= 2 (V_3 + 0.5)^2 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i_{D2} &= \frac{1}{2} k'_n (W/L)_2 (v_{GS} - V_t)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (400 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A/V}^2) (6.66) (0 - V_3 - 0.5)^2 \\ &= 1.33 (V_3 + 0.5)^2 \text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

Divide the two equations :

$$\frac{i_{D1}}{i_{D2}} = \frac{2 (V_3 + 0.5)^2 \text{ mA}}{1.33 (V_3 + 0.5)^2 \text{ mA}}$$

$$\frac{i_{D1}}{i_{D2}} = 1.5$$

Relation between  $i_{D1}$  and  $i_{D2}$  is  $i_{D1} = 1.5i_{D2}$

$$i_{D1} + i_{D2} = 200\mu\text{A}$$

$$1.5i_{D2} + i_{D2} = 200 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A}$$

$$2.5i_{D2} = 200 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A}$$

$$i_{D2} = 80\mu\text{A}$$

Drain current  $i_{D2}$  is  $80\mu\text{A}$

Therefore Drain current  $i_{D1}$  is  $120\mu\text{A}$

$$\text{We observed that } i_{D1} = \frac{1 - V_1}{5 \times 10^3} \text{ A}$$

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$$120 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} = \frac{1 - V_1}{5 \times 10^3} \text{ A}$$

$$0.6 = 1 - V_1$$

$$V_1 = 0.4 \text{ V}$$

Drain voltage of  $Q_2$  NMOS transistor  $V_1$  is  $0.4\text{V}$

$$\text{and } i_{D2} = \frac{1 - V_2}{5 \times 10^3} \text{ A}$$

$$i_{D2} = \frac{1 - V_2}{5 \times 10^3} \text{ A}$$

$$80 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} = \frac{1 - V_2}{5 \times 10^3} \text{ A}$$

$$0.4 = 1 - V_1$$

$$V_2 = 0.6 \text{ V}$$

Drain voltage of  $Q_1$  NMOS transistor  $V_1$  is  $0.6\text{V}$

$$i_{D1} = 2 (V_3 + 0.5)^2 \text{ mA}$$

$$120 \times 10^{-6} \text{ A} = 2 (V_3 + 0.5)^2 (10^{-3}) \text{ A}$$

$$(V_3 + 0.5)^2 = 0.06$$

$$V_3 = -0.255 \text{ V}$$

Source voltage  $V_3$  is  $-0.255 \text{ V}$